

# APRIL 2022 DISTRICT 52 NEWSLETTER

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## From the Editor...

Welcome to the May edition. I can be reached at [Dist52News@Outlook.com](mailto:Dist52News@Outlook.com) or at (815) 545-9397 (please feel free to leave a message) with any comments or suggestions. Thanks!

Scott....

**I Heard it at a Meeting...** *Humility...A precious thing without which, being sober might be possible, but happy may elude. Not the easiest thing to understand.*

- *It is not Humiliation...too very different things.*
- *Opposite of Pride*
- *Difficult to possess when judgmental*
- *Key to Acceptance – Humility REQUIRES Truth!*
- *Realizing “I” am not the center of the universe*
- *Everyone else is just as important as you! Even the ones you don't think could/should be!*
- *Must care for others and consider their needs as much or more than your own*

Remember, this is from a group discussion and may not represent every perspective. Please feel free to send me ideas and comments. Thanks...

**This is My Story....**I am looking for content...If you would like share your story to be included in a future newsletter, please forward to me.

*What AA Means to Me (Anonymous): I didn't really want to quit drinking...just to be able to control it. As time went on, my drinking of course got worse until I drank to blackout nearly every time and woke up lost and feeling horrible. I never thought I could be an alcoholic. How could i?...I was successful... married with kids....a house...nice things and cars...hadn't lost my job...didn't have DUIs...but I was miserable on the inside. I looked for help from a therapist who referred me to AA. At the first meeting I went to, I almost immediately felt a sense of relief from the feelings of depression and self loathing. People at AA knew what I was talking about and had the same feelings. I wasn't the only one. It wasn't an immediate cure for my drinking, but now I had hope and began to listen. Today I can proudly say I have nearly 5 years sober because of the people like me in AA.*

## District 52 Monthly Meeting Summary (from April 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting)

In attendance were Adria P., Jon A., Ricki R., Heather S., Steve F., Laurie A., Keith A., Daniel D., Gabriel H., Jessica, Steve K., and Scott O.

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The meeting started with a quiet time followed by the Serenity Prayer. Adria recited the Traditions.

The minutes were reviewed and unanimously accepted

The treasurer's report was reviewed and unanimously accepted. There was \$36 in contributions. There was \$66.49 in expenses. The district balance less the prudent reserve is \$2458.05

## Group reports

911 – Steve K. – 10-20 people. The meeting is going well

Saturday night Open – Daniel D. – 20+ people attending the meeting. Everything is good

Women's meeting – Jessica – 20 people at the last meeting. There is a question as to whether or not they are going to have the women's dinner.

S.O.S. – Ricki R. – Ivan will be taking over for Terry. 10-20 people attending. The meeting is going well

Saturday morning open – Keith A. – 30 people attending. Doing well

BLT – Steve F. – 8-10 people showing up for the 8pm. More sobriety is needed in that meeting.

Primary Purpose – Gabriel H. – Need speakers.

Sunday New Hope – Gabriel H. – It is returning to pre-pandemic levels of attendance.

## Committee reports

Accessibilities – open

Answering service – Cory was not in attendance and has missed the last two meetings. If he misses next month he will be removed from the position

Corrections – Laurie A. – The administration at the jail had a meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> to see if we could go back into the jail. Laurie has not heard what the results were of the meeting. The Area sent out a letter asking for pink can money. Laurie brought the books to the administration building. Questioned the treasurer's report on the pink can money. The year to date total is different from the monthly total. The books totaled \$202.50 and that has not been paid because no receipt has been submitted. Steve K. thinks there should be Spanish literature for the men. The Area has asked for money. The proposition of sending pink can funds to the Area was tabled until the discrepancy can be straightened out.

Literature – Ann was not in attendance but sent a report through Laurie. Manteno, Watseka, and Momence had Big Books. She wants to order 7 books. Kankakee, Bradley, Limestone and Clifton didn't have Big Books. It was a unanimous vote to let her buy the books.

Newsletter – Scott O. – He is looking for personal stories. There will be no more game night. He will print more for distribution at the district meeting.

PI/CPC – Steve K. – took a packet with the district schedules to 5 counselling offices. Next he is going to contact the High school counselors. Churches will be the next group after that. He hasn't ordered the kits. Classified ads are a little more than \$15-20. Those ads

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should be run around the holidays. There was the question of what do we have at the courthouse?

Treatment – Adria P. – Banyon has 2-4 people going. Need more people, especially women. Adria has not heard from any other treatment center. Steve C. runs the speaker program for Brandon House and they are now in person.

Webmaster – Gabriel H. – the newsletter is on the website. Can put events on the district website. Gabriel asked what was going on with the outdoor meeting. Most of the time they are still meeting on Saturday and Sunday at 11am.

Old Business – There is an Assembly planning meeting at Life compass Church on April 30 at 2pm.

New Business – Jon got a message from the Manteno Veterans Home. They want to start having meetings there again. They did not say what day or time. Jon will follow up to find out the preference. Please put the word out.

The Grapevine committee is looking for help for the Illinois State conference.

Nkypaa is hosting Big Book Bingo Saturday May 14. At the club at 9pm.

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Game Night 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 5 PM - 7 PM at the Alano Club.** Due to no attendance for several months, Game night will be cancelled until further notice.

**Founders Day Celebration:** Scheduled for June 10-12. This gathering in Akron, OH celebrates the Co-founding of AA in 1935. FoundersDay.org for more information.

**Catered Dinner and a Meeting!!!** Last Sunday of Every Month at 330 PM at the Alano Club 1245 E River St Kankakee! Next Dinner May 29<sup>th</sup>. This meeting is brought to you by *The First 164 pages* and 12 & 12 Groups.

**Banyan Treatment Center** – Volunteers are needed to speak once or twice a month on Wednesday's at 6:30 PM. There continues to be a need for more women volunteers. 6 Months of sobriety is required to participate. Please contact Adria with any questions at (815) 401-3847

### **New /Need Support Meetings:**

Fairbury - IL. Rt 24 west of town at Trinity Lutheran Church. Monday's @ 7:00 PM. Support is needed. Call (815) 573-2372 for more information.

Kankakee – Beckman Park Open Air Meeting is restarting. Every Saturday and Sunday at 11AM under the Open Air Pavilion. Questions, contact Steve K. at (815) 214-7063.

Ashkum Sunday 700 meeting at United Methodist Church is in jeopardy due to low attendance. Please support.

SOS (5:30 PM Tuesday) and 911 (11:00AM M W F) now at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Bradley

Friday BLT Meeting at 8:00 needs sober support.

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**Happy Birthday!!!** Please send your sobriety birthday so we can recognize and celebrate your miracle!

Ron S 5/2/85  
5/14/13

Pat M 5/9/18

Annette F 5/13/17

Hampton R

Annette 5/16/17

Adria P 5/16/19

Ann Lane 5/16/18

Cindy O 5/20/85

Kathleen M 5/22/18

Tim E 5/28/18

Adrian H 5/30/20

## Funnies!!!

