



# K<sup>3</sup> Grapevine

DISTRICT #52 ♦ KANKAKEE AREA ♦ GV NEWSLETTER

## FROM YOUR GRAPEVINE REPRESENTATIVE

Starting in January 2026, I will be distributing the K3 Grapevine Newsletter bi-monthly. Taking certain measures for the future of the newsletter, my hope is for continuous attraction and easy transitions.

In reflecting on Step 12, Tradition 12 and Concept 12, I am uplifted and humbled with the continued spirituality of our program. Recently I gave a lead at a meeting and chose the topic "Spirituality". Out of our 36 principles, one really only asks us to surrender, the rest are a spiritual journey. Now, of course, that does depend on how well I work my program. We all sow our own oats. What I get from the program is the work I put into it. I am highly pleased in the direction my sober adventure is taking me.

The 'Keep Service Funshop' went as it says... Fun! Our speakers were all guests from our NIArea 20 level of service. It was inspiring for me to hear a little background of their story and how it landed them to the service roles at Area. I look forward to staying in touch with them and the many more my path will lead to.

I also attended the Illinois State Conference with a couple of other members from our district. A weekend packed with great speakers, many breakouts to choose from, a fun night of Jeopardy, an energetic sobriety countdown from Y.P.A.A. and most of all... the fellowship. We of AA are people who would not normally mix and here we were, all walks of life, coming together having a modest endurance.

I also chose to attend a Concepts breakout. My interest in service has led me to these principles. The leads given in these panels were very helpful and beneficial. Studying the concepts has brought on even more appreciation of AA and the consideration of the fellowship from Bill and Dr. Bob.

If you have interest in service, even a hint of it, please attend your district service meeting; and there is ALWAYS information available at [aa.org](http://aa.org). Check with your groups to see if they have a GSR. A Group

Service Representative (GSR) helps the voice of the group be heard—even in minority opinions. The AA members have the ultimate authority in our service structure (Concept 1). If a group has no GSR, then how would their voice be heard?

Let's be mindful of Tradition 7—self supporting. AA Grapevine is self supported through members purchases of subscriptions (digital and/or print), literature and other special items. At AA General Service Board, group contributions are down, significantly, compared to past years. A regional trustee mentioned at the State Conference, "...it would come out to \$13.67/year, per member, to contribute 7th Tradition to New York for AA to maintain operations and prudence." Now, of course, that would be the fellowship as a whole. Reading the quarterly GSO reports (found on [aa.org](http://aa.org)) have helped me understand how important my contributions are; I hope for the same in fellow members.

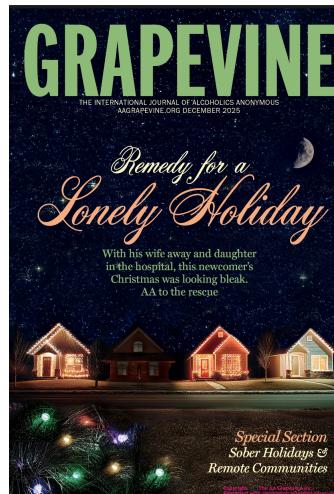
*Yours in Service*  
KARLI T.

\*\*\*AA Grapevine is seeking members support for help.\*\*\* Grapevine thrives **ONLY** on its members purchases of books and magazine subscriptions. Grapevine does not accept individual or group contributions. On the next page, there is information on different ways to be able to support AA Grapevine.

I wanted to make a note... if you obtain the GV Newsletter digitally: all of the underlined "SUBMIT"; the monthly issue; all of the GvR email's listed — ARE LINK ACCESSIBLE. You'll be able to click on those; they will redirect you to the corresponding linked page. Flyers, where GvR will be on hand, will also be included in the email distribution.

December 2025

## THIS MONTH'S ISSUE



## THE GRAPEVINE DAILY QUOTE BOOK : DECEMBER 5

*"The most important factor in eliminating resentments is to know you have them. You can't fix something if you don't know what's wrong"*

*"Caught in Hateland"*  
La Verne, California, December 1966  
*The Best of Grapevine, Volume I*



## SUBMIT A CAPTION



## WHAT MY FAMILY THINKS MY MEETINGS ARE LIKE



## HEARD IT AT AN OUTSIDE EVENT:

Share Opinion without persuasion.



You can't heal a sick mind with a sick mind.



## Congratulations to Bob L.! The 'Drop Box' Winner of November.

The Drop Box is a Raffle, made possible by members donations, for a chance to WIN a 1 year print subscription of Grapevine Magazine.

You may Just Donate or you may Just fill out a 'Chance to Win' card or **BOTH!** Non-winners' cards get recirculated. Looking forward to experiencing the continued growth of this combined effort on behalf of all members. **Let's keep it going!**

Keep an eye  to spot the GV 'Drop Box' :: for a chance to win a 1 year print subscription :: at

## The Alano Club!

When donations reach \$36, a card will be drawn to reveal WINNER!



# GRAPEVINE

DAILY QUOTE

December 5, 2025

"Until I understood and accepted my status as a human being, my effort toward seeking God was in vain."

Nanaimo, British Columbia, February 2003,  
**"My Name Is Gary and I'm a Human Being,"**  
 Spiritual Awakenings

If your interested in receiving the "Grapevine Daily Quote" visit [www.aagrapevine.org/get-involved](http://www.aagrapevine.org/get-involved) or select the icon.



*December Caption Winner*



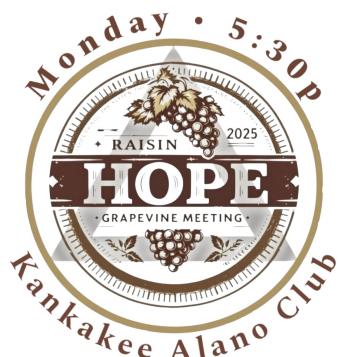
"You know our next speaker from his popular Fourth Step talk, 'Making a List and Checking it Twice.'"  
 - Lucas M., Philadelphia, PA.

## 'Prune' Trivia

Bill and Dr. Bob worked on building a world service structure in 1938. The envision of a uniformed AA literature, development of a sound public relations policy, and a means of handling the large numbers of pleas for help – ALL of these dreams came true by 1950!

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**DO YOU HAVE A STORY YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE IN THE AA GV MAGAZINE?**

You can [submit](#) them Online

### Sober Travel (Due January 1, 2026)

How do you stay sober while traveling on trains, planes and in faraway places? Vacations, business trips or moving away to another town. How did you find AA meetings? Tell us about them. Have you had any close calls? Share the tools that helped you stay sober on the road.

### Sponsorship (Due February 1, 2026)

Share your experiences of sponsoring others or of being sponsored. What are some of the things you learned? What things do you now pass on? Share your story.

**Victor E. has returned!** And showing off his 'jaywalking' style in New York. Check him out on AA Grapevine's Instagram page.

[https://www.instagram.com/reel/DR1JqgeiUdb/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link&igsh=MzRlODBiNWF1ZA==](https://www.instagram.com/reel/DR1JqgeiUdb/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRlODBiNWF1ZA==)

## NEW ITEMS & SPECIAL OFFERS

◆ Add the AA Grapevine Digital Edition to your print subscription for just **\$10**.

[www.aagrapevine.org/upgrade-10-complete-subscription](http://www.aagrapevine.org/upgrade-10-complete-subscription)

◆ Save 20% on a 1-year digital subscription to AA Grapevine.

[www.aagrapevine.org/save-20-digital-edition](http://www.aagrapevine.org/save-20-digital-edition)

**\*\*The underlined web pages are link accessible.\*\***



This fantastic offer will be available from November 1 to December 31

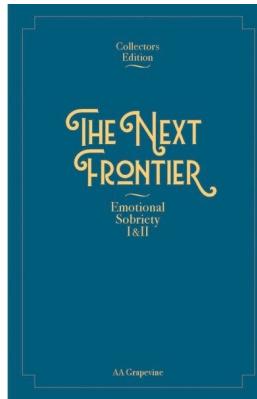
[www.aagrapevine.org/store](http://www.aagrapevine.org/store)



### AA GRAPEVINE NOW OFFERS GREETING CARDS

Each card is illustrated with humorous moments in sobriety. Perfect for an anniversary for a sponsor, sponsee or any occasion.

[link accessible](#)

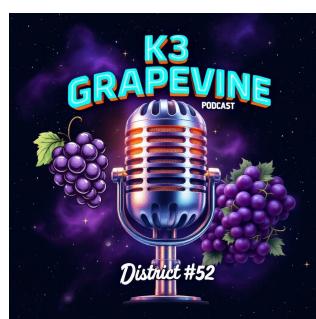


### Limited Time Book Bundle!

Save 39% when you buy both.

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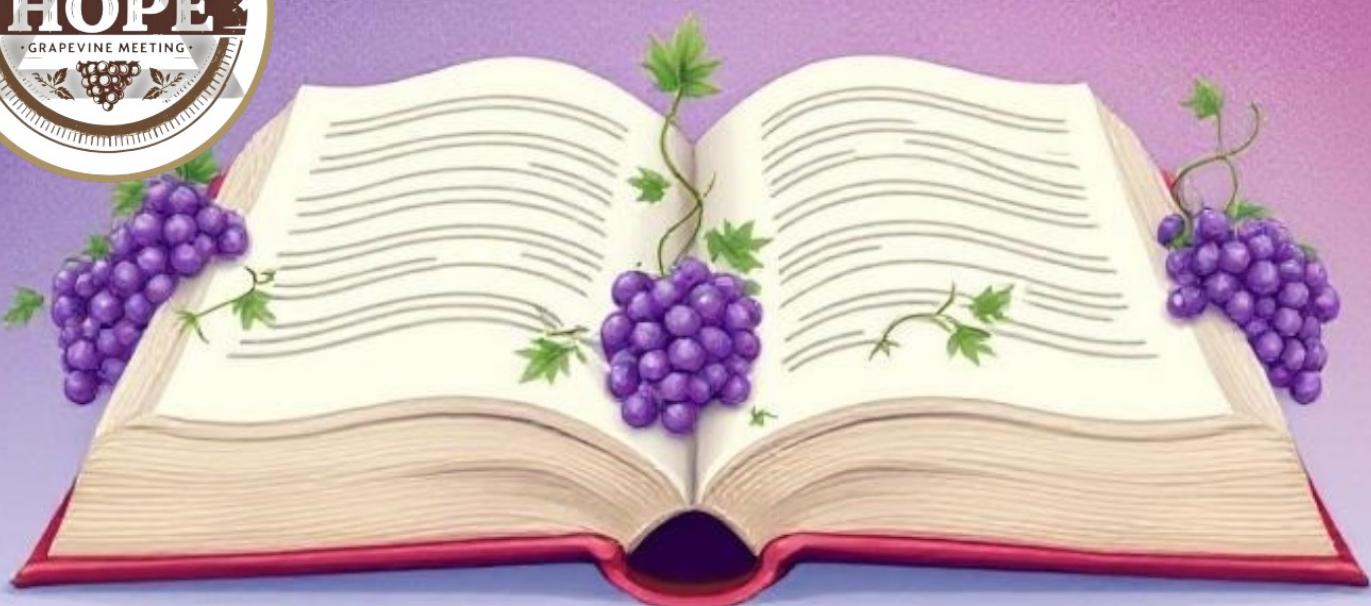


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# RAISIN HOPE

*Dive Into Grapevine Literature*

Monday Afternoons @ 5:30 pm



KANKAKEE ALANO CLUB

# WANT TO HELP ANOTHER ALCOHOLIC?

## Give a Gift Subscription

to an alcoholic who needs it.

Great for:

- Prisons • Detoxes • Newcomers • Sponsees
- Doctors' Offices • Group Celebrations
- District and Area Events • Giveaways!

**It's also a great way  
to support  
Grapevine & La Viña!**

Get your group, district, area or  
AA friends to join in. Carry the Message,  
it's easy!

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Go to [aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message](http://aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message) to  
get started and see our new Carry the Message  
video at [www.youtube.com/c/AAGrapevine](https://www.youtube.com/c/AAGrapevine)

2025  
**CARRY  
THE  
MESSAGE  
PROJECT**

# NOW ON



zoom!

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The monthly GSR  
District meeting is now  
accessible via Zoom!

**Zoom ID: 796 133 1200**

**Passcode: District52**

Scan the QR to join!  
6:30 p.m. on the  
3rd Thursday of every month



# Kankakee Area Mini Conference 2026

## Planning Committee Meeting

- lock in our monthly meetings
- generate our committees
- produce a "theme"

### ENLIST IN:

A service role that attracts you

A service role you want to do

Having Fun  
FELLOWSHIP



**Save the Date:**  
January 10, 2026 @ 1pm!



# Hinckley Big Book Study Group

*29th Anniversary*

## Pork Chop Dinner

And Speaker Meeting

Saturday, January 24th 2026

Hinckley First United Methodist Church 801 N Sycamore  
St, Hinckley, IL 60520

AA Speaker-Amanda B, Montgomery Al

Fellowship - 4pm / Serving - 4:30 pm / Kickoff - 6:00 pm

This is a free event that is run entirely on donations!

*Taping by AMOT*

For information, contact: Jo 630 414 0097 or Scott 630 917 3757

# 52nd Annual East Central Region

# CONFERENCE of DELEGATES PAST & PRESENT

Extremely Cordially Hosted by:  
Western Michigan Area 34

**FEBRUARY 13-15, 2026**



## Hotel Reservation:

Hilton Garden Inn  
1300 Cinema Way  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
Group Code: 52CDPP

Hilton Hotel phone: 269-926-5000  
Room Block Rate: K-\$109 Q-\$119 +tax  
Room block deadline 01/10/26



## Event Registration:

Register ON-LINE  
Deadline 01/31/26  
[area34aa.org/52cdpp/](http://area34aa.org/52cdpp/)

**Questions??** Call Jim H. 616-366-5143  
or Leslie L. 269-930-1172  
or email us: [52cdpp@gmail.com](mailto:52cdpp@gmail.com)

Mail in Registration - Make Checks payable to: 52CDPP

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_ phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Area \_\_\_\_\_ Panel \_\_\_\_\_

Conf Registration: \$35 \_\_\_\_\_

Seated Delegate \_\_\_\_\_

Sat.Nite Banquet: \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Past Delegate \_\_\_\_\_

Sat Breakfast: \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Delegate \_\_\_\_\_

Sun Breakfast: \$15 \_\_\_\_\_

DCM \_\_\_\_\_ GSR \_\_\_\_\_

Ice Cream Social: \$ 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Chair\_\_\_\_\_

Coffee Contrbution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Trustee \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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