

January 2026 DISTRICT 52 NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor... Welcome to the January edition.... I can be reached at Dist52News@Outlook.com or at (815) 351-0111 with any comments or suggestions. Thanks!

Scott....

I Heard it at a Meeting – *Miracle in the New Year...* A 'Old Timer' celebrated 42 years of sobriety. Looking around the room, I wondered how many years total were represented there. It got the group thinking....Q: How did you do it?...Answer: One Day at a time. Well, 42 years is 15,288 days in a row...that is a LOT of days. So really, how do you do it? Ask 100 people and you might get 100 different answers, maybe your answer is simply to choose every day not to drink or maybe it is a power higher than yourself who has removed the desire to drink and then filled the hole remaining with something better. I choose to believe the later, call that power God and believe the hole that I was trying to fill was a God-shaped all along. Is it a miracle? I looked around the room at the 25 or so people who were happy and smiling and looked like any other upstanding member of society whom you might see on the street...then I tried to imagine what this room would look like if we could somehow bring the same people together, but with each of them at their personal 'bottoms'...Chaos is the most kind work I think could be applied to that image. However, I think if you can compare the first and second image in your mind, you will no doubt come to believe in Miracles.

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

Carrying The Message...On Local Radio WKAN 1320 -

Personal anonymity is maintained!
8-10 minute segment.

Question and answer format.
We will do this every three months.

Schedule:
April

Opportunity to Serve—The best way to get out of your own head is to serve others! District 52 has opportunities to serve and needs your help! District Board positions and support chairs available;

Come to the next District 52 meeting to see where you fit in!

Meet 3rd Thursday of the month—Next: January 15th at 6:30 PM

Riverside Hospital Meeting Room (by cafeteria)

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Banyan Treatment Center— Volunteers needed to speak once or twice a month on Wednesday's at 6:00 PM (Please note Time Change...Again!). 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.

Big Books/12 & 12 Books: The district has a number of copies of the Big Book and the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions to provide to groups in need. Please contact Steve K or Sherri M or email the district webmaster at d52webmaster@gmail.com with requests.

Seminar Topics: Seminars and workshops are put on throughout the year by various groups with strong sober experience to help both the newcomer and the veteran of AA. One of the most challenging aspects of this process is defining a topic for exploration during these workshops and so we are asking for suggestions to build a list for groups to consider. Please provide your thoughts to any district 52 board member, GSR or to Dist52news@outlook.com.

Submissions, questions, suggestions, ideas call Scott O. (815) 351-0111 or email Dist52News@Outlook.com

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New /Need Support Meetings:

Manteno:

- *New Hope Meeting.* Wednesday 8:00 PM at Christian Church of Manteno is in need of sober support. 401 E 3rd Street
- *Jolly Time Meeting* – Monday 7:00 PM at Veterans Home in Manteno. Meeting is in the Hall – Use North side entrance. Meeting is in need of support.

Kankakee:

- *Raisin Hope* – Monday at 5:30 PM at Kankakee Alano Club. Grapevine literature study meeting
- *Came to Believe.* Monday 11:00 AM at Alano Club is in need of sober support.

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- *Friday Night Open* – Friday 7:00 PM at Alano Club is in need of sober support.
- 3:30 PM Saturday Meeting – Saturday 3:30PM at Alano Club is in need of sober support.
- *Citadel Nursing Home* – Sunday at 3:00. New meeting starting June 8th. Citadel Nursing Home, 900 W River Place

Happy January Birthdays!!! Please send your sobriety birthday so we can recognize and celebrate your miracle!

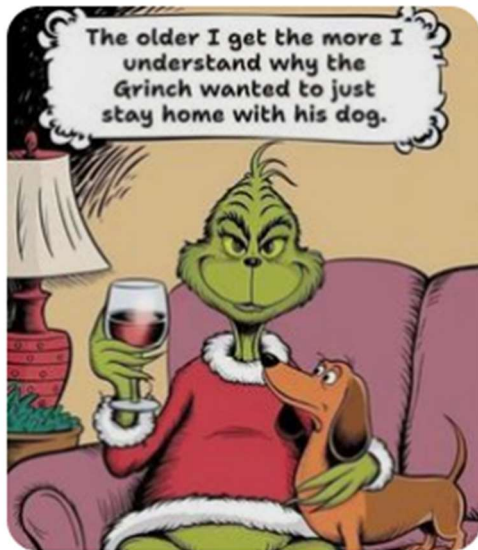
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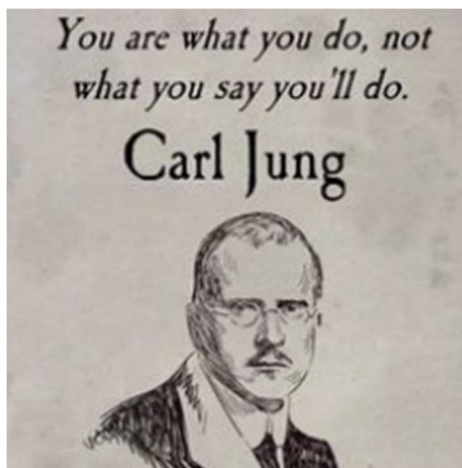
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Funnies!!!



Inspiration...



Something to Think About:

Those who do not try to move, won't notice the chains on their ankles.

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