

# THE LINK



## DISTRICT 52 & YOU

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### On Cultivating Tolerance

By: Dr. Bob

From the editorial column of the July 1944 AA Grapevine

During nine years in AA, I have observed that those who follow the Alcoholics Anonymous program with the greatest earnestness and zeal not only maintain sobriety but often acquire finer characteristics and attitudes as well. One of these is tolerance. Tolerance expresses itself in a variety of ways: in kindness and consideration toward the man or woman who is just beginning the march along the spiritual path; in the understanding of those who perhaps have been less fortunate in education advantages; and in sympathy toward those whose religious ideas may seem to be at great variance with our own.

I am reminded in this connection of the picture of a hub with its radiating spokes. We all start at the outer circumference and approach our destination by one of many routes. To say that one spoke is much better than all the other spokes is true only in the sense of its being best suited to you as an individual. Human nature is such that without some degree of tolerance,

each one of us might be inclined to believe that we have found the best or perhaps the shortest spoke. Without some tolerance, we might tend to become a bit smug or superior - which, of course, is not helpful to the person we are trying to help and may be quite painful or obnoxious to others. No one of us wishes to do anything that might act as a deterrent to the advancement of another - and a patronizing attitude can readily slow up this process.

Tolerance furnishes, as a by-product, a greater freedom from the tendency to cling to preconceived ideas and stubbornly adhered-to opinions. In other words, it often promotes an open-mindedness that is vastly important - is, in fact, a prerequisite to the successful termination of any line of search, whether it be scientific or spiritual.

These, then, are a few of the reasons why an attempt to acquire tolerance should be made by each one of us.

### 911 Group "Feed Your Face Occurrence"



Sunday, September 11th



11 a.m. until ? at Lil's Park in Bradley

(on North Street, just East of Route 50)

Please bring your lawn chairs and a dish to share.

#### The Link needs YOU!!

Share your experience, strength and hope with the newcomer and/or still suffering alcoholic. Give it to one of the newsletter committee members listed on the back, or mail it to:

District 52, PO Box 265, Bradley IL 60915

Answering Service: 1-815-939-4996

District 52 AA Website: [www.aa-kankakee.org](http://www.aa-kankakee.org)

NIA AA Website: [www.aa-nia.org](http://www.aa-nia.org)

E-mail the Editor Steve R. : [d52-thelink@aa-kankakee.org](mailto:d52-thelink@aa-kankakee.org)

## K3 AREA MIND CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Registration 8 a.m., program begins 9 a.m. (ends around 4 p.m.)

The Civic Auditorium at Gov. Small Park, 803 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Kankakee, IL

AA Speaker - Donna H. from Huntley

Al-Anon Speaker - Liz M. from Arlington Hts.

Panels, Door Prizes, Lunch / Coffee / Refreshments

## ~ Sorry To See you Go ~

John and Diane's Excellent Adventure has taken us to Plain, Wisconsin. We are unpacked, settled in, and have been exploring the countryside. AA is alive and well in this neck of the woods-We've met some wonderful AA members and are quickly becoming a part of the fellowship.

However, we miss you all and would love to hear from all our friends in the District 52 area.

Please feel free to email us at [djmunsch@aol.com](mailto:djmunsch@aol.com).

(And take note our cell phone numbers have remained the same including the 815 area code.)

Finally, our thought for today,

May God guide your personal journey of recovery and may you willingly walk the path.

Your Partners in Recovery,

John and Diane M.



*Thank you for allowing me to serve as Editor of the District 52 Link newsletter these past few years. Your input and comments have been instrumental in helping keep me in line and up to date. It is now time to turn over this service work to Steve R., giving him an opportunity to test his creativity. I'm sure he will do a terrific job. Please offer him the support that I received. It truly has been an enjoyable experience serving in this capacity.*

*Dawn M.*

## Thought to Consider . . .

**What does it benefit me to not like another human being?**

## **BREAKING NEWS!**

- The **Saturday As Bill Sees It** group has changed its meeting to 8:00 p.m. They meet at the United Methodist Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Manteno.
- The **Tuesday Back on Track** meeting (4:15pm at Mt. Olive MB Church) has been temporarily suspended.

## September Anniversaries

Tony S.—29 years	Herb B.—5 years
Frank C.—27 years	Brian L.—5 years
Paul N.—22 years	Randy W.C.—5 years
Matt W.—8 years	Brian W.—4 years
Jackie H.—8 years	Lynn J.—4 years
Karl H.—7 years	

\* Please email the Steve R. at [d52-thelink@aa-kankakee.org](mailto:d52-thelink@aa-kankakee.org) with your sobriety month/year so we can congratulate you on your accomplishment.

## Alcoholics Anonymous



**Step 9:** Made direct mends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

**Tradition 9:** AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards committees directly responsible to those they serve.

**Concept 9:** Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

## Quotes to Ponder...

“The highest result of education is tolerance.” -- Helen Keller

“In the practice of tolerance, one's enemy is the best teacher” -- Dalai Lama

“Tolerance implies no lack of commitment to one's own beliefs. Rather it condemns the oppression or persecution of others” -- John F. Kennedy

## District 52 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition

### District Finances as of Aug. 18, 2011:

Account Balance	\$ 2952.80
Prudent Reserve	\$2000.00
Above Prudent Reserve	\$ 952.80
7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition from groups*	\$ 535.50
Monthly Expenses	\$ 443.06
Cash flow/month	\$ 92.44
Ending balance	\$3045.24

**\*Thanks to:** Better Living Today, First Things First, New Hope Sunday AM, St. Anne Promises, and Wednesday PM Resolve Center

**Thank you for your support!!!**



I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

### Not a Glum Lot

There are only 10 kinds of people in the world: those who know binary and those who do not.

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One night an AA got a call from a pigeon, who said in agonized tones that he was on the verge of taking a drink. "Don't do it until I get there!" the AA commanded, and then drove like mad to the chap's home and rang the bell. The door opened and the quivering drunk gasped, "Thank God you're here." Then he gulped down the drink he'd been holding in his hand. -- Pat O., Canada, from Grapevine 12/78

## Help Wanted

The Kankakee Area Mini-Conference needs more volunteers; the next planning meeting is Sept. 18th at 5:00 pm at the Alano Club.

We need donations or gift items for the auction, contact Michele L. @ [815 530-1844](tel:8155301844).

We also need groups to donate money or tickets for people who can't afford conference tickets, contact Steve K @ [815 214-7063](tel:8152147063) or Tonya @ [815 932-4989](tel:8159324989).

More women and men are needed for corrections, who are willing to go attend meetings at the correction centers. If you are willing to help out, please call Andrea at 708-262-9879.

### **DISTRICT LEVEL POSITIONS THAT ARE OPEN:**

**ALTERNATE CORRECTIONS CHAIR**

**ALTERNATE GRAPEVINE CHAIR**

**ALTERNATE TREATMENT CHAIR**

**COME TO THE** District 52 GSR & Trustee Meeting **EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AND VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OF THESE OR OTHER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES! OR CONTACT YOUR HOME GROUP'S GSR OR THE DCM BRIAN L. @ (815) 685-5283**

# Service IS the Secret

## Tolerance

**"Honesty with ourselves and others gets us sober, but it is tolerance that keeps us that way.**

**"Experience shows that few alcoholics will long stay away from a group because they don't like the way it is run. Most return and adjust themselves to whatever conditions they must. Some go to a different group, or form a new one.**

**"In other words, once an alcoholic fully realizes that he cannot get well alone, he will somehow find a way to get well and stay well in the company of others. It has been that way from the beginning of AA and probably always will be so."**

**Bill W., Letter, 1943, ©1967 AAWS, As Bill Sees It, p. 312**

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## Announcements

**Saturday Euchre Club** at the Alano Club be there before 3:30 pm \$6.00 per person.

**Fri. 9/9-9/11 West Central Regional Forum**, Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, Davenport, IA. No registration fee. Register online at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org), go to "Services for Members," then click on Forums.

**Sat. 9/10 Spring Conference Planning Meeting**, 12:30 p.m. at the Alano club.

**Sun. 9/11 -911 Feed Your Face Occurrence**, Lil's Park, 11 a.m. until ?

**Thu. 9/15 District 52 GSR & Trustee Meeting** 6:30 p.m., Johnson Lecture Hall, Riverside Hospital. Call Brian L. at 815-685-5283 for more details.

**Sat. 9/17 Fall Assembly**, Faith Walk Outreach Center, Silvis, District 90 hosting.

**Sat. 9/17 All Chicago Open**, UIC Pavilion, Racine and Harrison, Chicago, IL. Doors open at 6 pm. Meeting at 8.

**Sun. 9/18 Mini-Conference Planning Meeting**, 5 p.m. at the Alano Club.

## Future Events

**Sat. 10/22 Fall Committee Meeting**, Lord of Life Church, La Fox, IL, District 79 hosting.

**Sat. . 10/29 A Common Solution Big Book Conference**, Hickory Grove Banquet and Conference Center, 1133 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Rochelle, IL. More info: email [2011bigbookconf@gmail.com](mailto:2011bigbookconf@gmail.com) or call Debe B. (815) 501-1542 or Tracy F. (815) 739- 5412

**Sat. 11/ 5 Kankakee Area Mini-Conference**, Civic Auditorium at Gov. Small Park, Kankakee. Tickets \$10.00. Registrations 8 a.m., program starts 9 a.m.

**Fri. Nov. 11-13<sup>th</sup> East Central Regional Forum**, Holiday Inn Dayton Hotel, Miamisburg, OH. No registration fee. Register online at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org), go to "Services for Members," then click on Forums.

**Thu. Jan. 12-15<sup>th</sup> 2012 We Are Not Saints Convention**, Holiday Inn Chicago North Shore, 5300 W. Touhy Avenue, Skokie, IL. More info email: [wearenotsaints@wearenotsaints.com](mailto:wearenotsaints@wearenotsaints.com) or call Eric B. at (312) 523-3477

For more information go to [www.aa-nia.org/events.html](http://www.aa-nia.org/events.html)

**The Kankakee AA Website has events, meetings and other information listed at:**

<http://aa-kankakee.org/calendar.html>

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## Meetings that need you:

- **Monday Living Sober Group**, 8:00 p.m. at the Alano Club, 1245 E. River St., Kankakee.
- **Tuesday and Thursday Lost Sheep Group** 12 noon at Church of Good Shepherd, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Locust, Momence.
- **Wednesday New Hope Group** 8pm at The Resolve Center, 411 Division St., in Manteno.
- **Thursday Big Book Study**, 8 p.m. Alano Club, 1245 E. River St., Kankakee.
- **Saturday As Bill Sees It**, 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Manteno.
- **Sunday (every other: 9/4, 9/18)** Kankakee Terrace Disc. Mtg, 6:30 p.m., call Dale S.
- **Sunday Night Action** 6:30 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Harrison & Station St., Kankakee.
- **Sunday Sunday Night Open**, 8 p.m. Discussion, Alano Club, 1245 E. River St., Kankakee

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