

NOVEMBER 2020 DISTRICT 52 NEWSLETTER

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MORE STUFF FROM THE AA ARCHIVES...our timeline continues.

1952 The arrival of Al-Anon

In loosely organized Family Groups, loved ones of A.A. members had gathered together and shared their experiences since the Fellowship's earliest days. At Bill W.'s urging, his wife Lois moves to create a separate fellowship that will formalize these meetings. With Anne B., who had initiated a Family Group in Westchester County, New York, Lois sends a letter to 87 such groups suggesting that they unite under the name of Al-Anon. The response is positive, and Al-Anon Family Groups is born. In January 1952 Lois and Anne shift the growing organization's office from Stepping Stones to the 24th Street Clubhouse in Manhattan.

1955 First Convention

The St. Louis Convention of 1955 affirms the Fellowship's maturity as Bill W. passes to the members the responsibility for A.A.'s Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service. The Convention signals a decade of change—one that sees the consolidation of family groups under the name of Al-Anon, a separate fellowship that, like Alcoholics Anonymous, has spread to almost every corner of the world.

1957 North American hospital groups

By the beginning of 1957, the General Service Office in New York is maintaining contact with more than 230 hospital groups in the United States and Canada — the legacy of the pioneering A.A. groups formed two decades earlier at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron, and Towns Hospital and Knickerbocker Hospital in New York.

1961 Bill writes to Carl Jung

In a 1961 letter to Swiss-German psychoanalyst Dr. Carl Jung, Bill expresses his gratitude for Jung's long-ago message to Rowland H., who was treated by Jung and who would later lead friend Ebby T. to the Oxford Group. Bill wrote, "You frankly told [Rowland] of the hopelessness of further medical or psychiatric treatment," [and also of the possibility of] "a spiritual awakening or religious experience — in short, a genuine conversion." Bill described these statements as "beyond doubt the first foundation stone upon which [A.A.] has been built." Jung responds with a gracious letter (right) confirming that the most appropriate antidote to alcoholism is spirituality, which is emphasized in the Twelve Steps.

1962 Twelve Concepts for World Service published

In 1962, the General Service Conference accepts Bill's long-awaited manuscript for *Twelve Concepts for World Service*. In the introduction, Bill writes that his aim is "...to record the 'why' of our service structure in such a fashion that the highly valuable experience of the past, and the lessons we have drawn from that experience, can never be forgotten or lost."

IN PERSON MEETINGS (go to website www.kankakee-AA.org or paper meeting list for additional info) Meetings will be designated with CDC next to them that are following CDC guidelines (wearing masks, socially distancing, disinfecting), so that those concerned with this have the best information possible. Let's be unified in our singleness of purpose, and respect other's right to be safe, so that anyone that wants to attend AA may attend! Unity is one of our legacies. Let's uphold that legacy. If any of the listed information is not accurate, plus help me keep it as up to date as possible. Thanks

- Sunday: New Hope Speaker Meeting (CDC), Alano Club, Sunday Night Action Group, Big Book Study Ashkum.
- Monday: Alano Club, 911 at Our Savior Lutheran Church (CDC)
- Tuesday: Alano Club 7 PM, Lost Sheep Noon (CDC), SOS, Women's Meeting (CDC), Manteno HELP (CDC)
- Wednesday: 911 Group at Our Savior Lutheran (CDC), Alano Club, Manteno New Hope, Anonymous Anonymous (CDC/ part zoom, part in person), Now What Are You Going To Do About It? Meeting at First United Methodist Church Manteno

Submissions, questions, suggestions, ideas call Steve Kelley (815)214-7063 or email skelley13154@hotmail.com

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- Thursday: Alano Club, Lost Sheep Noon (CDC), As Bill Sees It Gilman (CDC), SOS, Men's Step Study Bradley, Living Sober Essex, Manteno Sober Sisters
- Friday: Alano Club, Lost Sheep 6 PM (CDC), Peotone Pathfinders, 7 PM 1st and Crawford (CDC) ·
- Saturday: Alano Club, Primary Purpose (CDC), Saturday Night Open

OUTDOOR MEETINGS (CDC)

- 911 Group MWF at 11 AM moved indoor to Our Savior Lutheran at same times as before
- Beckman Park Open Air Kankakee Sat, Sun 11 AM (Steve 815.214.7063) ·
- Manteno Heritage Park Pavilion Wednesday 5:30 moved back inside to First United Methodist Manteno

ZOOM MEETINGS (CDC)

- Monday Momence 7 PM contact Mike B 815.614.8606
- Tuesday Manteno 8 PM #409 016 8057, Women's Meeting Tues 7 PM ID 391 487 0536 contact Mary B
- Wednesday 8 PM Anonymous Anonymous Meeting ID 801 900 091 contact Mike B 815.614.8606
- Saturday Primary Purpose 904 598 156 Password 149 645 Contact Ann Lane 815.922.1770
- Other AA meetings online: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/options-for-meeting-online

YOU'VE GOTTA CHECK THIS OUT !



This app, called Meeting Guide, came out at the beginning of 2020, and is a free phone download. When you open it, it will bring up whatever meetings are closest to you wherever you are, and will give you directions on getting to the meeting and estimated travel time. Wherever you may be in the world there is now no excuse to not go to a meeting! Here is what the app looks like.

Grapevine and La Viña are here to help Free access to all of our 2020 Grapevine and La Viña issues. To enter, visit: www.aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help

District 52 Committee Vacancies! You can be of service to the members of your district! Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at the Alano Club. Many service positions open and in need of help.

Corrections Meetings: We still need volunteers. Meetings suspended for time being. Call Laurie E (815)505-3906

Meetings Needing Support Alano Club morning and evening meetings. Beckman Park Open Air Sat, Sun 11 AM

Upcoming Events in District 52 District 52 GSR Service Meeting at Riverside Hospital Board Room A. Thursday November 19 at 6:30 PM. Masks are required

Happy Birthday!!! Tony C 11/1/95 Paul Tallone 11/2/10 Mary T 11/3/Walter W 11/3/ Spike 11/5/69
Laurie E 11/5/12 Jon L 11/8/18 Lynn T 11/17/14 Steve Kelley 11/27/86

Please let me know when your birthday is so we can celebrate the miracle of sobriety.