

JULY 2020 DISTRICT 52 NEWSLETTER

COVID-19 AND ITS IMPACT ON OUR 7TH TRADITION

Thank you to our DCM Heather for forwarding this from Marilyn, our Northern Illinois Area 20 Delegate, who forwarded it from GSO in New York.

June 19, 2020

Dear A.A. friends,

We in A.A. – here at G.S.O., along with the rest of the world – continue to experience an unprecedented situation. Without question, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our Fellowship, including our organized service structure, is facing enormous challenges, locally and globally. For many of us, the most prominent example is that, for the first time in the 85-year history of our Fellowship, we are navigating the lack of face-to-face meetings. While we have found creative ways to allow for the vital interaction between one alcoholic and another, and welcoming newcomers daily, it is clear that the health crisis has other far-reaching consequences.

As we all adapt to the present reality of digital meetings, the question now is, “How do we responsibly practice self-support, our Seventh Tradition?” As we can no longer pass a physical basket, we are working to find ways to support the Fellowship at all levels, from our groups to Intergroups and Central Offices, from our Districts and Areas to the General Service Office itself.

The reality is that even though meetings, Twelfth Step services and operations have shifted to a virtual environment, expenses continue to accumulate during this crisis, which underscores the importance of practicing the Seventh Tradition. Through this crisis, however, we have witnessed the many ways in which the entire A.A. Fellowship has come together to provide ongoing support. Among them

- Many home groups are still paying rent even though their meetings cannot convene. They are also providing online meetings on platforms that may have associated costs.

Intergroup/Central Offices are still stocking needed literature and fielding Twelfth Step calls, redirecting A.A. members and those looking for recovery to online meetings.

- Area-level committees are working to keep channels open between the Fellowship and the delegates and board members that make up our General Service Conference, as well as to do public information, corrections and other service.
- G.S.O. in New York is continuing to support all levels of service. Literature still needs to be published and distributed, calls need to be answered, online platforms still need to be updated, and support operations sustained.

We would like to share a brief three-minute video update from Leslie Backus, the Class A (nonalcoholic) treasurer of our General Service Board. [\[https://vimeo.com/430834698\]](https://vimeo.com/430834698)

WE ARE OPENING UP AGAIN! Let's be cautious and mindful of other's safety as well as our own. Hand washing, masks, and social distancing are the three proven ways of slowing the spread of this awful virus. No one has the right to tell you what to do, but you don't have the right to possibly endanger others.

EXISTING MEETINGS THAT HAVE RE-OPENED (go to website www.kankakee-AA.org or paper meeting list for additional info)

- Sunday: New Hope Speaker Meeting, Alano Club, Sunday Night Action Group, Big Book Study Ashkum, Sunday Nite Open at Alano Club 6 PM
- Monday: Alano Club
- Tuesday: Alano Club, Lost Sheep Noon, Manteno HELP
- Wednesday: Alano Club, Manteno New Hope

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

OUTDOOR MEETINGS

- 911 Group is at Perry Farm Pavilion Mon, Wed, Fri at 11 AM.
- Beckman Park Open Air Kankakee Tue, Thur, Sat, Sun 11 AM (Steve 815.214.7063). Now a permanent group.
- Manteno Heritage Park Pavilion Wednesday 5:30 (Moria 815.401.6695 or Adam 815.212.9183)

ZOOM MEETINGS (not sure which ones are still going on)

- Manteno Tues 8 PM #409 016 8057
- Wednesday 8 PM Anonymous Anonymous Meeting ID 801 900 091
- Women's Meeting Tues 7 PM ID 391 487 0536
- Saturday Primary Purpose 904 598 156 Password 149 645
- Options for meetings online: https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/options-for-meeting-online

Grapevine and La Viña are here to help

Due to Corona virus, AA is giving everyone 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

Corrections Meetings: We still need volunteers. Call Larry Crouch (214)263-2575

Meetings Needing Support

Alano Club morning and evening meetings.

Upcoming Events in District 52

Sunday July 12 2 PM Mini Conference Planning Meeting at Alano Club Call Jon A at (815) 905-5217 for more info.

Thursday July 16 6:30 PM District 52 GSR and Service Meeting at Alano Club

Game Day at Alano Club. Postponed till further notice. Call Steve 815.214.7063 if you are interested in taking over.

Every Friday starting June 12 6 PM, Alano Club, Card Night.

Happy Birthday! ! !

Luke S 7/5/16 Pat D 7/14/83 Lauren 7/18/19 Jeff Guindon 7/23/18

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

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