

Ch-Ch Changes ...

The Wednesday Set-ups group in Warrenville, meeting at Community Baptist Church, 28w444 Main Street at 7PM, is looking for support

The Thursday Night 8PM meeting at Anona West has ceased operations

The Saturday Night 8PM open speaker meeting at Central Dupage Hospital (The one that met in the hospital cafeteria) has also ceased operations.

Currently available service opportunities include:

LCMs; Anona West, North, Wheaton, and Winfield

Committee Chairs; Grapevine, PI, and Accessibility.

D40 Doings

April/May/June 2019

Step 4

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves

Tradition 4

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

Step 5

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs

Tradition 5

Each group has but one primary purpose- to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Step 6

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character

Tradition 6

An AA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Happy, Joyous, & Free!

46th Annual A.A. Illinois State Conference

August 9th, 10th & 11th 2019

Hosted by District 43 & Northern IL Area 20

Sheraton Lisle-Naperville Hotel

3000 Warrenville Rd. Lisle, IL 60532

ph. 630-505-1000

**Room rate starting at \$99.00 (King)
\$109.00 (Double) + Tax. Use Code
2019 Illinois State Conference for
phone reservations. Use "QR" code
for direct Web access.**



Hello Again ...

I've had the observation pulled out of me more than once that service work, like the fellowship, is a big tent. No matter what you happen to be good at, there's a good chance you'll encounter a need you can fill with your skill at some point. One hurdle I've had to get around is the fact that 'good' does not mean 'perfect'.

The role that I currently fill, putting together the newsletter you're currently reading, helps me to both feel useful and stay somewhere in the vicinity of right-sized. I've been 'voluntold' that I was going to be editing a newsletter on more than one occasion. I was 'voluntold' to put this newsletter together because someone remembered my work on a previous newsletter. There's something to be said for validation. On the other hand, I'm ADD enough that, when I meet deadlines, it's usually with a fair amount of work and nail-biting. I don't always meet them, so that also gives me occasion to be grateful for the tolerance I'm extended.

Hopefully, this isn't an excessively long prelude to the point that there are a fair number of service positions currently open in District 40, listed on the back page. For the most part, they break down into two separate categories; LCMs (Local Committee Members), and committee chairs. I've done some quick backgrounding on both types in previous issues of this newsletter, but there's also an area service manual available on the aa-nia website.

Big Book Conference Backgrounder

I suspect I'm not the only one who has had their curiosity piqued by the upcoming Big Book Conference. The questions that came to my mind include; when did this start, what inspired it at the beginning, and what brought it to the attention of the powers that be in District 40? The first NIA 20 Big Book Conference was held in October 1994. The final report, presented on November 22 of that year, gave an overview of the conference, stating:

The primary goal of this conference was to focus attention on the Big Book for the good of the Fellowship. As reported by GSO at the time, membership over the past several years had been increasing, while Big Book sales had been declining. This membership/Big Book factor was bothersome to many as the Big Book contains A.A.'s program for recovery – past, present, and future. What are newcomers (as well as others) reading? What program are they using? What is being told to the newest of newcomers? The Big Book is our A.A. program and the Twelve-step program that we use to recover and become useful members to God, society and ourselves. In other words, what happens to the future of A.A. if the Big Book loses its proper place in our fellowship?

With an eye on paying things forward, District 40 is co-hosting this year's Big Book Conference on November 2 in Glen Ellyn, in conjunction with District 23. The motivation for hosting it jointly, beyond the aphorism that many hands make light work, is that our districts have worked together on events in the past, with good results.

26: 6:30PM GSR Meeting First Presbyterian Church, 715 N. Carlton, Wheaton, IL 60187

11: 7PM Fox Valley Open, Fox Valley Presbyterian Church, 227 East Side Drive, Geneva, IL

31: GSR Meeting (See April 26)

8: 6PM WSFC 20th Anniversary Gala Naperville Country Club 25W570 Chicago Ave Naperville, IL. 60540 Tickets \$60

28: GSR Meeting (See April 26)

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