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The Hope & Possibility Open Meeting is asking for support

This meeting is intended to expose PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) clients who might be interested to AA. This meeting takes place within one of the DuPage PADS office spaces and can't take place without the participation of outside AA members. The meetings generally range from 2-12 participants and tend towards a step/discussion format. As with many meetings like this, the more involved outside AA gets, the better the experience tends to be for the PADS clients who attend.

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.



D40 Doings

July/August/September 2019

Step 7

Humbly asked him to remove
our shortcomings

Tradition 7

Every AA group ought to be
self-supporting, declining
outside contributions

Step 8

Made a list of all persons we had harmed,
and became willing to make amends to
them all

Tradition 8

Alcoholics Anonymous should
remain forever nonprofessional, but
our service centers may employ
special workers.

Step 9

Made direct amends to such people
whenever possible, except when to do so
would injure them or others

Tradition 9

A.A. as such, ought never be
organized; but we may create
service boards or committees
directly responsible to those they
serve.

Hello Again ...

Illinois is not necessarily a small state, but it's small enough that any statewide functions within the fellowship will happen in this neck of the woods on a fairly regular basis. Such is the case with the state conference, which is rolling into Lisle on the second weekend in August (August 9, 10, and 11).

The state conference is, of course, powered by volunteers. Although the volunteer contacts are listed on the flyer, which should be available on both the area and district sites, I can tell you that they happen to be George C at 630.224.5570 and Erik L at 630.809.7789. From what I'm told, which is reinforced by experience with past conferences, there is a special need for night-owl types to chair the overnight sessions of the alkathon.

In other news of volunteer-powered events, the District 40 picnic was made a free event last year, a change that proved successful enough that it's free again this year. That being said, you would still be correct in imagining that donations and the proverbial dish-to-pass are still encouraged. Dave F, at 630.660.1590, is the volunteer contact, and you are also encouraged to bring any talent, such as facepainting and/or playing a musical instrument.

place for recovering alcohol and drug addicted individuals and their families, as well as a social club.

In 1998 and early 1999 Joe T, Rich S and Mike L. shared an idea to start a club in the Naperville area. All three of them were members of the Acorn Group in River Forest and they became the original officers of the corporation. This group had a strong affiliation to the SFC of Forest Park, and the club was supportive of the idea. The support came in the form of sharing their own experiences, successes, and much needed financial support from many of the members of the SFC. Other members gave their time in the form of labor helping with the construction. It wasn't uncommon to walk in and hear power saws cutting and hammering while a meeting was going on in another room. The original articles of incorporation were modeled after those of the SFC, Westmont, and Villa Park Clubs.

In the early days there were growing pains, both financial and philosophical. In spite of this, the doors stayed open. Meetings sometimes numbered 2 attendees, but one of those attending had a key to open the door.

March 15 was the inaugural meeting, at 1001 Chicago Ave., the club's original location. It was a speaker meeting, followed by a dance to help raise money for rent. Dues paying membership was at around forty. The first month had a schedule on weekdays of 7am, 5pm's, 7pm's and 8:30pm's and two Noon, Wednesday and Friday. The weekend had two open speaker meetings, Sat at 8pm and Sunday 9am. Each meeting had a person assigned to ensure that the door was open for a meeting. There was little furniture, but there was coffee pot and a big book.

The paid membership reached 135 in August and an election of officers was planned for December. In January 2000 the club had an elected Board of Directors. In March of '99 there were 48 meetings in the District. (35 in Naperville). There are now over 47 AA meetings at the club. The number of meetings has doubled in District 43 since it opened its doors.

July 12-14: East Central Regional Forum , Sheraton Detroit Metro 8000 Merriman Road Romulus MI 48174

July 21: Anonapalooza, Good Templar Park, 528 Eastside drive, Geneva, IL

July 26: District 40 GSR Meeting, 6:30-7:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church, 715 N. Carlton St., Wheaton, IL 60187

July 28: D40 Picnic, 12PM-5PM, Herrick Lake Forrest Preserve, Warrenville

August 2-4: PAASTOCK sober music and camping festival, Bradford, IL www.paastock.com

August 9-11: Illinois State August 17-19: Illinois State Conference, Sheraton Lisle-Naperville 3000 Warrenville Road Lisle

August 30: District 40 GSR Meeting, 6:30-7:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church, 715 N. Carlton St., Wheaton, IL 60187

September 27: District 40 GSR Meeting, 6:30-7:30 PM, First Presbyterian Church, 715 N. Carlton St., Wheaton, IL 60187

July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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WSFC 20th Anniversary

(Parts Adapted from the WSFC website, and used by permission)

Next door to us, in District 43, the WSFC recently celebrated its 20th anniversary, which makes this a good time to provide some background information.

The WSFC was established to provide a safe secure meeting