

13: Monthly Grapevine Workshop  
 Online from 7-8PM Zoom  
 ID:8385322292, password grapevine

20: Legacy of Service: Concepts Study  
 Online from 7:30-8:30 PM Zoom ID  
 970 0499 1067 Passcode 639187

28: Monthly GSR meeting 6:30-7:30  
 PM at First Presbyterian Church, 715  
 N. Carlton, Wheaton, IL 60187

29: NIA Big Book Conference 8AM-  
 3PM Parkview Community Church 764  
 St. Charles Rd., Glen Ellyn IL 60137  
 More information online at :  
 bigbookconference.aa-nia.org

10: Monthly Grapevine Workshop  
 Online from 7-8PM Zoom  
 ID:8385322292, password grapevine

17: Legacy of Service: Concepts Study  
 Online from 7:30-8:30 PM Zoom ID 970  
 0499 1067 Passcode 639187

22: Annual gratitude speaker meeting at  
 7:15PM at St. Marks' Episcopal Church,  
 393 N. Main St., Glen Ellyn 60137

2: Monthly GSR meeting 6:30-7:30 PM  
 at First Presbyterian Church, 715 N.  
 Carlton, Wheaton, IL 60187

8: Monthly Grapevine Workshop  
 Online from 7-8PM Zoom  
 ID:8385322292, password grapevine

15: Legacy of Service: Concepts Study  
 Online from 7:30-8:30 PM Zoom ID  
 970 0499 1067 Passcode 639187

October 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# D40 Doings

October/November/December 2022

## Step 10

Continued to take personal inventory,  
 and when we were wrong, promptly  
 admitted it

## Step 11

Sought through prayer and meditation to  
 improve our conscious contact with God  
 as we understood him, praying only for  
 knowledge of his will for us and the  
 power to carry it out

## Step 12

Having had a spiritual awakening as the  
 result of these steps, we attempted to  
 carry this message to alcoholics, and to  
 practice these principles in all our affairs

## Tradition 10

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion  
 on outside issues; hence the A.A.  
 name ought never be drawn into  
 public controversy.

## Tradition 11

Our public relations policy is based on  
 attraction rather than promotion; we  
 need always maintain personal anonymity  
 at the level of press, radio, and films.

## Tradition 12

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of  
 all our traditions, ever reminding us to  
 place principles before personalities.

## Hello Again ...

As we get ready to put this issue out, the Northern Illinois Big Book Conference is wending its way to this neck of the woods again on October 29(see also the calendar). If anyone has read William Schaberg's *Writing the Big Book*, and is interested in submitting a review, feel free to do so. It's been suggested before at the District level that anyone who has found a particular online meeting helpful could submit a write-up on it. I've done so in this issue with the OMAGOD group, based out of Florida, with an online presence at [omagod.org](http://omagod.org).

## OMAGOD (Online Group)

A lot of people have a problem with "the God thing" when they seek recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous. Problems with their previous experience with religion, the way they were brought up, the way God seems to treat them - these are all things a potential member must face when they first reach the doors of A.A. However, a potential member who has an unconventional view of a power greater than themselves has an even tougher time. Will my views be accepted? What if I don't believe in the supernatural? What if I'm a Buddhist? Or a Humanist? Or an Atheist? What's all this talk about God? Can I recover in A.A. too? Yes, you CAN. There are many that have

gone before you that have successfully maintained continuous sobriety, no matter what their beliefs or non-beliefs were. For some of us, choosing to work the 12 Step Program of Alcoholics Anonymous as a non-believer made the Program more practical and more effective as a tool to change our lives for the better. Being completely honest with ourselves has given us a new freedom and a new happiness.

Our group was founded by members of various fellowships to provide a safe place for people to get sober and to stay sober. We have found that the A.A. 12 Step Program really does work for our group of drunks. We may interpret things a bit differently than traditional AA members do, but we're still members of the same club. If you have a problem with alcohol, and you can't seem to solve that problem by yourself, we know a way out. If you have a problem with "the God thing" and would like to recover, you may find what you need here. One of our members found a quote from Bill Wilson that sums it up for us:

*"so long as there is the slightest interest in sobriety, the most immoral, the most anti-social, the most critical alcoholic may gather about him a few kindred spirits and announce to us that a new Alcoholics Anonymous Group has been formed. Anti-God, anti-medicine, anti-our recovery program, even anti-each other—these rampant individuals are still an AA group if they think so!"* - Bill W Grapevine 1946..

## Ch-Ch Changes ...

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

The Friday Night meeting (7:30 PM) at St. Luke's in Glen Ellyn, next to Glenbard South HS on Butterfield, is looking for Support.

Tuesday 12 pm meeting at Hope Presbyterian Church in Wheaton recently started back up. It is an Open Big Book meeting and could really use more support. Check it out if you can.

The Glen Ellyn Thursday night meeting at 8 pm at St. Pet's is a Big Book meeting. It can also use more support. Give it a try if you can. The 12:05 pm Snippets from the Big Book meeting at Cornerstone Church in Bloomingdale on Fridays is in need of more support. Check it out.

It is with great pleasure that District 40 can announce some new meetings in our district that are opening back up—back by popular demand! Terry has been working with other members to bring back some meetings at the Behavioral Health Service center for Central DuPage Hospital. At this time, patients are not allowed to attend these yet, but hopefully clearance will be granted for them in the near future. Attendees to these meetings must also wear a mask due to hospital rules. The following 3 meetings are now open for us to attend:

Sunday morning BHS meeting will be starting this Sunday, August 7 at 9:00 am. It will be a hybrid meeting with an In-Person meeting in the gym along with a Zoom meeting for those who would like to attend online. This is a beginner's step meeting (steps 1-3) with a speaker and break-out discussion groups. Note: we will need people to come early to help set it up in the gym. If you can help set up, please arrive 15 minutes early.

Wednesday night Men's ATC meeting at BHS started several weeks ago. It meets at 7:30 pm and is a hybrid meeting. Please see the website for more information about this meeting.

Wednesday night Women's Discussion meeting at BHS started on August 3 at 7pm. This is an in-person meeting only.

Friday ATC meeting at 8pm