

# APRIL 2022 DISTRICT 52 NEWSLETTER

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**From the Editor...** Welcome to the April edition. I can be reached at [Dist52News@Outlook.com](mailto:Dist52News@Outlook.com) or at (815) 351-0111 with any comments or suggestions. Thanks!

Scott....

**I Heard it at a Meeting – (reprinting one from awhile back)...** *Giving without expecting anything back - It doesn't make sense! I have heard a lot of times in meetings about one of the most confusing things people struggle with when they first come into AA. They cant believe the people there don't want anything from them and are doing this for nothing! Why would a person do that?!? You have to look through the lens of gratitude to see the truth.*

*If you ask those who are doing the giving, you will quickly realize that there is more going on than meets the eye. Those giving of themselves are getting in return something that money cannot buy...a chance to remain sober another day. "It is the great paradox of AA that we know we can seldom keep the precious gift of sobriety unless we give it away." 12&12, Tradition Five, p.151*

*Some thoughts that were expressed during the conversation;*

- *You can't give away what you don't have.*
- *It cant be taught, it must be caught*
- *Until a person is ready, they will not hear*
- *Sometimes the truth will make another angry*

Remember, this is from a group discussion and may not represent every perspective. Please feel free to send me ideas and comments. Thanks...

## DCM Letter:

Hi everybody,

I started making the rounds again of the District Meetings. I went to Momence for the Lost Sheep group, which is doing very well. The Monday night meeting is a Beginner's format, focusing on Steps 1, 2, and 3. The Akron Intergroup has a nice pamphlet on the Steps, which is what they read out of. It's a really nice group! A couple of the guys said make sure you mention this back in Kankakee, so I just did!

The International Convention Registration officially opens up next Tuesday. Registration is \$160, and finishing registration will prompt you towards hotel registration. You can either do hotel, Airbnb, or dormitory. Remember you need to have a passport to enter Canada! Here is the link....

<https://www.aa.org/international-convention>

Next District meeting is Thursday September 19 at 6:30 PM Riverside Hospital across from Cafeteria

In your service,

Steve K 815-214-7063 skelley13154@hotmail.com

## Carrying The Message...On Local Radio WKAN 1320 -

Personal anonymity is maintained!  
8-10 minute segment.

Question and answer format.  
We will do this every three months.

Schedule:

Submissions, questions, suggestions, ideas call Scott O. (815) 545-9397 or email [Dist52News@Outlook.com](mailto:Dist52News@Outlook.com)

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Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8 AM. - ...Tune in...More Volunteers Needed!

Questions contact Steve K 815.214.7063

**Opportunity to Serve** –The best way to get out of your own head is to serve others! District 52 has opportunities to serve and needs your help! There are many different opportunities;

*Come to the next District 52 meeting to see where you fit in!*

*Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month –Next: August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM*

*Riverside Hospital Conference Room (by cafeteria)*

Steve K (815) 214-7063 Terry W (815) 954-1199 Jodi S (708) 670-2783

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Banyan Treatment Center** – Volunteers needed to speak once or twice a month on Wednesday's at 8:15AM (Please note Time Change!). There continues to be a need for more women volunteers. 6 Months of sobriety is required to participate. Please contact Adria with any questions at (815) 401-3847.

**Picnic at Kankakee River State Park** – Presented by the Saturday Night Open meeting. Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> from 11 – 4. JR's Chicken provided. Please bring a dish to share. Contact Steve R (815) 263-0792 or Daniel D (815) 295-0745 with questions.

**Halloween Dance Party** –October 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 PM to Midnight at the Clubhouse at Tri-Star Estates – 43 5000 N, Bourbonnais. \$5 suggested donation – Pizza and Water served. Pop available for \$1. Live DDJ and Split the Pot. Costumes encouraged with prizes for the best costume. Contact Johnnie G (815) 662-8142 with questions.

**New /Need Support Meetings:** This is a critically important section. We need to support these meetings and keep them alive and vibrant. Many are as few as 2-3 people on some days and when new folks come into a weak meeting for the first time, they may not come back. We are blessed in this area with many meetings at different days/times and are lucky to have a building dedicated to sober support. We need to keep this tradition alive.

*Kankakee -* New Meeting: Alano 3:30 with Kody as chair...new chair...new perspective. Come support. This is an open meeting.

*Monday 5:30 12&12* Book study at Our Saviour Lutheran Church on Brookmont closed permanently.

*Manteno -* “Now what are you going to do about it?” Wednesday 5:30 meeting will meet at Henderson Park, 383 Lynn Dr. Weather permitting.

*“Can't wait til 8”* New topic/discussion meeting. 5:30 Monday's at Manteno Church of the Nazarene. 698 N. Locust St. Come support.

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District 52 Meeting Minutes - For August 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

## **District 52 Meeting Minutes**

**For August 15,2024**

In attendance were – Terry W, Steve B, Steve K, Ivan G, Jodi S, Dan P, Earl J, Lori A, Keith A, Sherri M, Johnnie G ,Kris S, and Lisa GK.

Secretary Report – Terry W, A motion was made to accept the secretary report as read. First by Dan P, second by Steve B motion passed.

Treasure Report – Jodi S, Reports an ending balance of \$3,345.18 minus the prudent reserve of \$2,000.00 leaving a total balance of \$1,345.18 A motion was made to accept the report as read first by Ivan G second by lori A

### **GSR reports**

Thursday night men's step study – Steve B, Attendance is good with newcomers staying around.

Women to Women - Lori A, Seeing newcomers, asking for \$150.00 for a February workshop.

911 – Dan P, Attendance is good.

BLT- Johnnie G, Both meetings going well.

Saturday Morning - Keith A, good attendance.

### **Committee Reports**

PI/CPC – Earl J, Needs literature to hand out.

Answering Service- Ivan G, 11 men's calls 5 unanswered. Women's calls 5 all answered.

Archives – Kris S, Digitizing records. Might contribute in the future to the newsletter.

Corrections- Steve K, No luck contacting anyone from the sheriff department.

Literature – Sherri M, Nothing new to report.

Treatment – Adria P Everything going well, meeting time at Bayon switched to 8:15 am on Wednesday.

Web Master – Lauren B. Everything going well.

### **New Business**

CPC/PI Lisa CKNIA20, came to talk about CPC/PI

Solicit ideas for District service to still suffering alcoholics. Make up business cards.

Voted to have Lisa S, NIA20 to come down and talk about service Ideas. First by Sherri M second by Lori A motion passed.

### **DCM Report**

NIA 20 Fall Assembly in person and zoom Saturday Sept 7.

International Conference 2025 in Vancouver BC. Registration starts September 10  
[aa.org/international-convention](http://aa.org/international-convention).

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**Happy August Birthdays!!!** Please send your sobriety birthday so we can recognize and celebrate your miracle!

Kris S 9/4/17

Monica T 9/4/21

Herb B 9/5/05

Aaron T 9/7/19

Tara 9/13/21

Phill L 9/11/95

Josh O 9/12/16

Ray M 9/13/95

Cory 9/13/20

Ted M 9/20/84

Ron R 9/26/12

Kenneth S 9/26/19

Karl H 9/27/93

Bob L 9/28/03

Terry 9/20/20

Don K 9/21/01

Laurie A 11/5/12



Funnies!!!