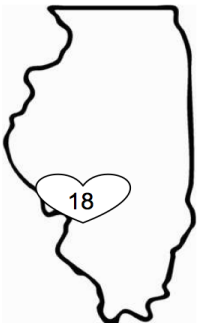


# District 18 Newsletter



# A Vision for Us

March 2017

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS DISTRICT 18  
 CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE AND BOOKSTORE  
 MON - FRI 10 am - 6 pm SAT 10 am - 12 pm  
 Address: 409 Broadway, Unit C-1, South Roxana, IL Phone: (618) 251-4000  
 District Meeting: Held the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm



## Birthdays/Anniversaries



| <b><i>Celebration Date</i></b> | <b><i>What's Happening</i></b> | <b><i>Birthday</i></b> | <b><i>Group</i></b>                  | <b><i>Location</i></b>   |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| WED 3/1 @ 7:30pm               | Brian W. Celebrates 3 years    | 2/22                   | Bunker Hill Big Book Group           | History Museum (rear entrance) 114 E. Warren St., Bunker Hill, IL                  |
| MON 3/6 @ 7:00pm               | John B. Celebrates 2 years     | 3/6                    | Experience, Strength, and Hope Group | Tri County Church of Christ<br>120 West 1 <sup>st</sup> Street<br>Roxana, IL 62084 |
| WED 3/8 @ 7:30pm               | Drew R. Celebrates 23 years    | 3/4                    | Bunker Hill Big Book Group           | History Museum (rear entrance) 114 E. Warren St., Bunker Hill, IL                  |
| WED 3/8 @ 7:00pm               | Denny T. Celebrates 8 years    | 3/5                    | Friends of Bill W. Group             | Jerseyville Hospital, 400 Maple Summit Rd., Jerseyville, IL                        |
| SAT 3/11 @ 5:30pm              | Ken F. Celebrates 22 years     | 3/11                   | Happy Hour Group                     | Church of Christ<br>6 <sup>th</sup> and Penning                                    |
| MON 3/20 @ 7:00pm              | Angie K. Celebrates 4 years    | 3/20                   | Experience, Strength, and Hope Group | Tri County Church of Christ<br>120 West 1 <sup>st</sup> Street<br>Roxana, IL 62084 |
| WED 3/22 @ 7:30pm              | Scott N. Celebrates 2 years    | 3/20                   | Bunker Hill Big Book Group           | History Museum (rear entrance) 114 E. Warren St., Bunker Hill, IL                  |
| MON 3/27 @ 7:00pm              | Ray R. Celebrates 21 years     | 3/27                   | Friends of Bill W. Group             | United Methodist Church on 1200 South Liberty St., Jerseyville, IL                 |
| TUE 3/28 @ 7:00pm              | Rose M. Celebrates 28 years    | 3/26                   |                                      | First Baptist Church, US 51 Ramsey, IL   |
| WED 3/29 @ 7:30pm              | Darrell M. Celebrates 1 years  | 3/23                   | Bunker Hill Big Book Group           | History Museum (rear entrance) 114 E. Warren St., Bunker Hill, IL                  |



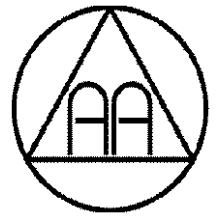
# SPEAKERS/ POTLUCKS



| <u>Date</u>                    | <u>What's Happening</u>   | <u>Group</u>          | <u>Location</u>   |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| FRI<br>3/3                     | Open speaker meeting Ray R. from "Friends of Bill W. Group" is speaking @ 8:00pm<br>Free Pizza afterward. | "Friends of Bill W."  | United Methodist Church on<br>1200 South Liberty St.,<br>Jerseyville, IL            |
| FRI,<br>SAT,<br>SUN<br>3/3,4,5 | Great River Round up  | (Flyer Below)         | Pere Marquette Lodge &<br>Conference Ctr  |
| SAT<br>3/11                    | Annual Corned Beef N' Cabbage 5:00pm Potluck<br>Dinner. Speaker @ 7:00pm                                  | (Flyer Below)         | Cathedral Grade School<br>Cafeteria 200 South 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.<br>Belleville, IL |
| SAT<br>3/18                    | St. Patrick's Day Party<br>Opens @ 4:30pm<br>Dinner @ 5:00pm<br>Speakers @ 7:00pm                         | (Flyer Below)         | 202 West Central<br>Irving, IL 62051  |
| THU<br>3/30                    | Keesa P. Speaking @ 7:00pm<br>Potluck @ 6:00pm  | "Sisters in Sobriety" | First Christian Church, 724 E<br>Bethalto Blvd, HWY 140, Lower<br>Level             |
| SUN<br>4/2                     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Women in Recovery<br>Brunch 9:00am to 12:00pm                                      | (Flyer Below)         | Shrine Banquet Hall 442 South<br>DeMazenod Drive, Belleville, IL<br>62223           |
| FRI<br>4/7                     | Open speaker meeting Alex T. from "North Alton Group" is speaking @ 8:00pm<br>Free Pizza afterward.       | "Friends of Bill W."  | United Methodist Church on<br>1200 South Liberty St.,<br>Jerseyville, IL            |



# A.A. Historical Events in February



## March 1

1939 — Readers Digest declined to write article on AA.

1941 – Jack Alexander’s Saturday Evening Post article was published and membership jumped from 2,000 to 8,000 by year’s end.

## March 3

1947 — Nell Wing started work at Alcoholic Foundation, 415 Lexington Avenue, NYC.

## March 4

1891 — Lois W. was born.

1947 — Nell Wing met Bill W. for the first time.

## March 5

1945 — Time Magazine reported first of a series of Detroit radio broadcasts by AA members.

## March 7

1940 — Bill and Lois W. visited Philadelphia AA group.

1941 — Boston newspaper reported that any drunk who wanted to get well was more than welcome at the AA meeting at 115 Newbury St., at 8 PM Wednesdays.

## March 9

1941 — Wichita Beacon reported on an AA member from NY who wanted to form a group in Wichita, KS.

## March 10

1944 — New York Intergroup was established.

## March 11

1949 — The Calix Society, an association of Roman Catholic alcoholics who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in Alcoholics Anonymous, was formed in Minneapolis by five Catholic AA members.

## March 14

South Orange, NJ, AA group held an anniversary dinner with Bill W. as guest speaker.

## March 15

1941 — First AA group in New Haven, CN, was formed.

## March 16

1940 — Alcoholic Foundation and Works Publishing moved from Newark to 30 Vesey St. in lower Manhattan.

## March 21

1881 — Dr. Bob’s wife, Anne, was born.

1966 — Ebby T., whom Bill W. called his sponsor, died sober.

## March 22

1951 — William Duncan Silkworth, MD, died at Towns Hospital. He helped more than 40,000 alcoholics during his lifetime.

1984 — Clarence S., “Home Brewmeister,” died at 81.

## March 23

1936 — Bill & Lois W. visited Fitz M., “Our Southern Friend,” in Maryland.

1940 — Lois W. paid her first visit to the office on Vesey Street in NYC.

## March 25

1898 — Jim B. (“The Vicious Cycle”) was born.

## March 29

1943 — The Charleston Mail, WV, reported on Bill W.’s talk at St. John’s Parish House.

## March 31

1947 — 1st AA group formed in London, England.

### Other March happenings with no specific date:

1936 – AA had 10 members staying sober. At end of 1936 AA had 15 members.

1940 – Mort J. arrived in LA from Denver and helped faltering group; started custom of reading Chapter 5 Big Book at Cecil group.

1941 – 1st Prison AA Group was formed at San Quentin.

1941 – Second printing of Big Book appeared.

1946 – The March of Time film on AA was produced.

1949 – Dr. Bob considers idea of AA conference premature.

1951 – American Weekly publishes memorial article for Dr. Bob.

## *Cheerfulness and Laughter make for Usefulness*

A wino was staggering down the beach hung-over and sick. His mouth was dry, and he wanted a drink badly. He was checking all the empty cans and bottles he found. He pulled the cork out of one bottle, and out popped a genie.

Genie said, “great I’m free, I have been in there for 3500 yrs. You get 2 free wishes!”

The wino thought about it for a minute and said, “I want a bottle of wine that will never run dry”

POOF!!!

There in his hands was a fresh bottle of wine. He pulled the cork and took a slug, the bottle refilled itself. The genie said, “Hurry up, I have got some catching up to do. What is your second wish?”

The wino thought for a minute and asked the genie, “You got one more bottle like this?”

## EVENTS / CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS



# 2017 GREAT RIVER ROUNDUP

*It Works,  
It Really Does*

*March 3rd, 4th, and 5<sup>th</sup>*

Register by visiting <http://www.greatriverroundup.com/>



Lodge reservations are independent of the Great River Roundup Reservations.

COME ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP AT THE.....

# Annual Corned Beef N' Cabbage

Hosted by District 14

Saturday, March 11, 2017

Cathedral Grade School Cafeteria  
200 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Belleville, IL (Park in Rear)



5:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner (Please bring a side dish)

7:00 p.m. Speaker Meeting

Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day



Free Dance  
Immediately  
Following

Come Jig the Night Away!



PLEASE JOIN CRC FOR OUR 2017

# St. Patrick's Day Party

Saturday, March 18, 2017

Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m.

*Corned Beef & Cabbage*

*Spaghetti & Garlic Bread*

Speakers begin at 7:00 p.m.

*AA Speaker: DuWayne B. from  
Monmouth, IL*

*AA Speaker: Betty P. from  
Decatur, IL*

CRC

202 West Central  
Irving, IL 62051  
Ph. (217) 533-4441

DONATIONS: \$7.00  
PER PERSON





3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL  
**WOMEN IN RECOVERY BRUNCH**  
 "Blossoms and Butterflies"

APRIL 2, 2017  
 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

SHRINE BANQUET HALL  
 442 S. DEMAZENOD DR.  
 BELLEVILLE, IL 62223

\$20.00 Per Person Early Bird Special By March 22, 2017  
 \$25.00 Per Person At the Door

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: LISA H. @ 618-567-2347

## *Outside The District*

### *Looking for Volunteers for Spring Fling 2017 Convention!*

All Committee Meeting will be held at:  
 Central Service Office  
 #14 Sunnen Drive  
 St. Louis, MO. 63143

These Meetings are Open to Everyone!  
 Below is a Schedule of Dates and Times

- July 14, 2016 at 1:00 PM.
- August 21, 2016 at 1:00 PM.
- September 24, 2016 at 4:00 PM. (Trivia Nite)
- October 23, 2016 at 1:00 PM.
- November 20, 2016 at 1:00 PM.
- December 18, 2016 at 1:00 PM.
- January 22, 2017 at 1:00 PM.
- February 26, 2017 at 1:00 PM.
- March 11, 2017 at 1:00 PM. (Comedy Nite)
- April 23, 2017 at 1:00 PM.
- May 26 – 28, 2017 (Spring Fling)

For More Info. Contact: Dawn S. (314) 243-3192  
 Mike M. (314) 835-8731

*We Hope to See You There!*

## 30<sup>TH</sup> IAAMC-GATEWAY TO THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DIMENSION

APRIL 21, 22, & 23<sup>RD</sup> 2017

Holiday Inn Downtown: 811 N 9<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Louis, MO

For Reservations Call: 1-800-439-4745

Room: \$109.00 per night

Conference Registration: \$35.00

Banquet Dinner (Saturday Night) \$50.00

For More Information Contact: Jerry G. (314)606-0303

<http://www.iaamc2017.org>

## 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL METRO-EAST BANQUET

Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Fischer's Restaurant: 2100 W. Main St, Belleville, IL 62226

Fellowship @ 5:30pm

Dinner @ 6:30pm

Speaker – Peter M. (Boca Raton, FL) @ 8pm

Tickets: \$34 per person. You may purchase a table 10 for \$340

For additional information please contact:

Gordon N. (618)580-1118 – [gtn0417@gmail.com](mailto:gtn0417@gmail.com) or

Adam W. (618)520-1344 – [epenguin68@gmail.com](mailto:epenguin68@gmail.com)



Please send in announcements for December by November 25<sup>th</sup> ☺ to [districteighteennewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:districteighteennewsletter@gmail.com) And please remember to include all groups, times, and locations for birthdays and speakers.

### MEETING CHANGES?

Who do we inform to ensure that meeting listings in the where and when and the district website are up to date and accurate?

- Where and when changes and additions need to be emailed to: [Roblando38@aol.com](mailto:Roblando38@aol.com). The subject line in the email should have “where and when”.
- District website meeting changes need to be emailed to [info@aa-sil18.org](mailto:info@aa-sil18.org)

We thank these gentlemen for their service as our meetings are constantly changing, so there is a lot to keep up with.