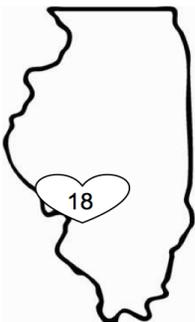


# District 18 Newsletter



# A Vision for Us

April 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

**There will be no District 18 meeting on Easter Sunday April 16th.**  
**The next meeting is April 23, 2017 at 2 p.m.**



## 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>
THU 4/6 @ 7:00pm	Dana B. Celebrates 11 years	4/6	Sisters in Sobriety	First Christian Church, 724 E Bethalto Blvd, HWY 140, Lower Level
TUE 4/18 @ 7:00pm	Ryan D. Celebrates 8 years	4/15	CSO Tuesday Night Newcomers	CSO 409 Broadway, South Roxanna Unit C-1
THU 4/20 @ 7:00pm	Amber O. Celebrates 6 months	4/20	Sisters in Sobriety	First Christian Church, 724 E Bethalto Blvd, HWY 140, Lower Level
SAT 4/22 @ 5:30pm	Kelsey W. Celebrates 6 months	4/22	Happy Hour Group	Church of Christ 6 <sup>th</sup> and Penning, Wood River
MON 4/24 @ 8:00pm	J.D.O. Celebrates 17 years	4/23	North Alton Group	101 West Elm St., Old Building (downstairs)
THU 5/4 @ 7:00pm	Gary G. Celebrates 29 years	4/28	Edwardsville Bulldogs	1st Christian Church (downstairs), 310 S. Main St.

## Cheerfulness and Laughter make for Usefulness

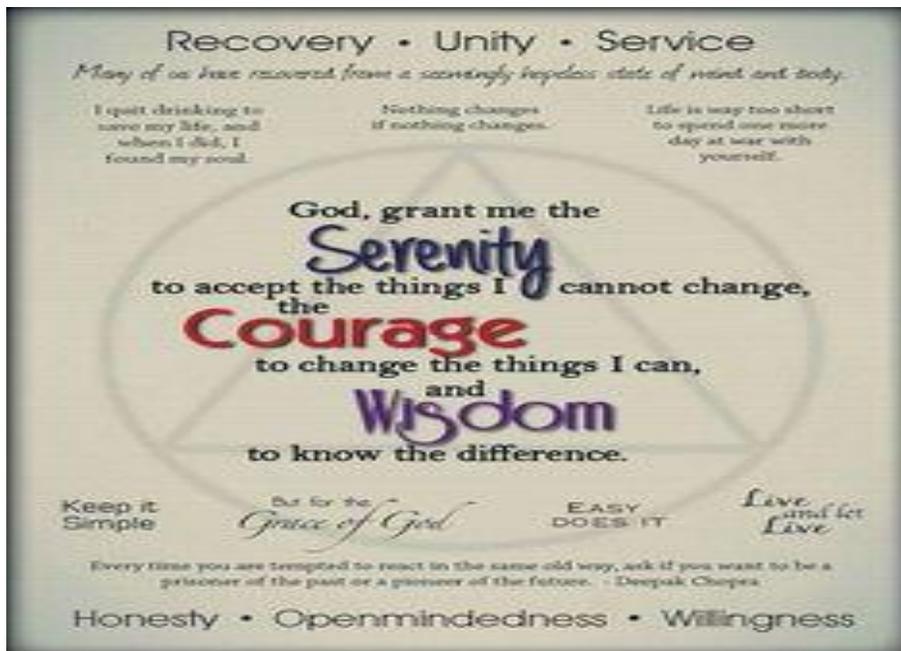
Dear Lord, so far today I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, and haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm really happy about that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help.

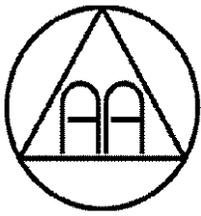


# SPEAKERS/ POTLUCKS

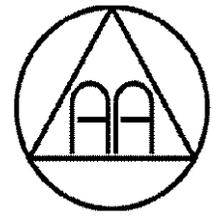


<u>Date</u>	<u>What's Happening</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
THU 4/6	Jack W. from Virden, IL Speaking @ 8:00pm	"Triangle Group"	1st Baptist Church on Van Buren Litchfield, IL
FRI 4/7	Open speaker meeting Alex T. from "North Alton Group" is speaking @ 8:00pm Free Pizza afterward.	"Friends of Bill W."	United Methodist Church on 1200 South Liberty St., Jerseyville, IL
MON 4/17	Potluck @ 6:30pm Scott N. Speaking @ 7:30pm	CSO "Primary Purpose Group"	CSO 409 Broadway, South Roxanna Unit C-1
THU 4/27	Easter Dinner @ 6:00pm Maggie O. Speaking @ 7:00pm	"Sisters in Sobriety"	First Christian Church, 724 E Bethalto Blvd, HWY 140, Lower Level
WED 5/3	Potluck @ 7:00pm Randy B. Speaking	Alton Wednesday Night Group	St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3rd and Market





# A.A. Historical Events in April



- April 1** 1939 – “Alcoholics Anonymous”, AA’s Big Book was published.  
1940 – Larry J. of Houston, wrote The Texas Preamble used to open AA meetings in Texas.  
1966 – Sister Ignatia died at the age of 77. She worked with Dr. Bob in treating many early AA members at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron.  
1984 – 12 Coconuts Group, Kapiolani Park, Waikiki, Hawaii, was founded.
- April 3** 1941 – First Florida AA meeting was held.
- April 4** 1960 – The Chicago Daily News reported that Fr. Ed D., a Jesuit priest who helped start the first AA group in St. Louis, had died at age 62.
- April 7** 1941 – Ruth Hock, Bill W.’s secretary, reported there were 1,500 letters asking for help, as a result of the Saturday Evening Post Article by Jack Alexander.
- April 10** 1939 – The first ten copies of the Big Book arrived at the office Bill shared with Hank P. in Newark, New Jersey.
- April 11** 1938 – Alcoholic Foundation held its first meeting.  
1939 – Marty M. attended her first meeting at the home of Bill and Lois W. in Brooklyn.  
1941 – Bill and Lois W. moved into their new home, Stepping Stones.
- April 12** 1942 – The Windsor Daily Star in Ontario, Canada, reported that over 400 AA’s attended a testimonial dinner for Dr. Bob.
- April 16** 1940 – A sober Rollie H. caught the only opening day no-hitter in baseball history since 1909.  
1973 – Dr. Jack Norris, non-alcoholic Chairman of the AA General Service Board, presented President Richard Nixon with the one-millionth copy of the Big Book at the White House.
- April 17** 1941 – 2nd group in Los Angeles, the “Hole in the Ground Group” was formed.
- April 19** 1940 – First AA group in Little Rock, Arkansas, was formed.
- April 22** 1940 Bill W. transferred his Works Publishing Stock to the Alcoholic Foundation. The date on which Hank P. transferred his stock is uncertain.
- April 23** 1940 – Dr. Bob wrote the Trustees to refuse Big Book royalties, but Bill W. insisted on them for Dr. Bob and Anne.
- April 24** 1989 – Dr. Leonard Strong died. He was Bill’s brother-in-law and a non-alcoholic AA Trustee.
- April 25** 1951 – AA’s first General Service Conference was held.
- April 26** 1939 – Bill & Lois W. moved in with Hank P. after the bank foreclosed on 182 Clinton St. This was the first of over 50 moves before they acquired Stepping Stones.
- April 30** 1989 – The film “My Name is Bill W.,” a Hallmark Hall of Fame presentation, was broadcast at 9 p.m. on ABC TV.

## **Other April events for which we have no specific dates:**

- 1940 – The “Texas Preamble” used to open meetings in Texas, was written by Larry J. of Houston.  
1940 – The first AA pamphlet was published, entitled simply “AA.”  
1958 – The word “honest” was dropped from “an honest desire to stop drinking,” in the AA Preamble.  
1960 – Bill W. refused to be on the cover of Time Magazine.  
1988 – Cybil C., the first woman member in Los Angeles and archivist, died.

# EVENTS / CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS



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

The flyer features a pink border and illustrations of purple cherry blossoms, a blue butterfly, a pink butterfly, and yellow butterflies.



## Potluck Speaker Meeting

7pm May 3rd

3rd & Market St Upstairs

Speaker:

Randy B



Come join us at Alton area's oldest AA meeting, meat will be provided, bring a covered dish

# 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 May by April 25<sup>th</sup> ☺ to  
[districteighreenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:districteighreenewsletter@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.