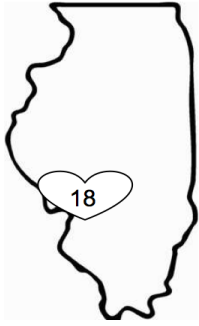


District 18 Newsletter

A Vision for Us

June 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



Volunteers needed for office work (answering phone, selling books, collecting rent, etc.)
 Volunteers work a four-hour shift every other week. The day shift is 10 am to 2 pm. The afternoon shift is 2 pm to 6pm. Currently 2 day shifts and 1 evening shift are open. Please call Becky at [618-581-0004](tel:618-581-0004) if you are interested.
 District 18 GSR Meeting June 25 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Next District 18 meeting will be held June 25th @ 2:00pm-3:00pm



Birthdays/Anniversaries

<i>Celebration Date</i>	<i>What's Happening</i>	<i>Birthday</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Location</i>
MON 6/12 @8:00pm	John G. celebrates 10 years	6/12	Greenville Group	
MON 6/12 @8:00pm	Becky B. celebrates 5 years	6/12	Experience, Strength, and Hope	Tri County Church of Christ, 120 West 1 st St, Roxana, IL
SUN 6/18	Rich B. celebrates 18 years	6/18		

Cheerfulness and Laughter make for Usefulness

A scientist runs into an AA meeting and exclaims "we did it! We found a medical cure for alcoholism! All you have to do is take this one pill daily and you are cured." Slowly a hand rises in the back and a man says "what happens if you take two?"

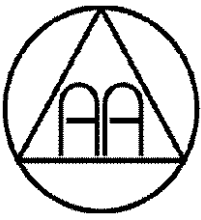


SPEAKERS/ POTLUCKS

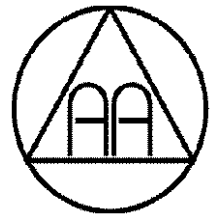


<u>Date</u>	<u>What's Happening</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
THU 6/1	Tom G. from Girard Speaking @ 8:00pm. Desserts will be served.	Triangle Group	1 st Baptist Church Basement 608 N. Van Buren Street Litchfield, IL
SUN 6/4	Downtown Granite City Group Annual Potluck Picnic Setup and fellowship begins at 10:00am.	*Flyer Attached	Wilson Park, Pavilion #5
SAT 6/10	2 nd Annual Founder's Day Celebration BBQ, Sides, and Desert @ 12:00pm Speakers @ 1:00pm	*Flyer Attached	Zion Lutheran Church 107 West Elm Street Gillespie, IL 62033
SAT 6/10	7 th Annual Highland Picnic Starts @ 11:00am, Eat @ 12:00pm, Speaker @ 1:00pm	*Flyer Attached	Silver Lake Park Main Pavilion





A.A. Historical Events in June



June 1

1949 – Anne S., Dr. Bob's wife, died.

June 4

2002- Caroline K., author of "Drinking: A Love Story" died sober of lung cancer.

June 5

1940 – Ebby T. took a job at the NY Worlds Fair.

June 6

1940 – The first AA Group in Richmond, VA, was formed.

1979 – AA gave the two-millionth copy of the Big Book to Joseph Califano, then Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. It was presented by Lois W., Bill's wife, in New York.

June 7

1939 – Bill and Lois W. had an argument, the first of two times Bill almost slipped.

1941 – The first AA Group in St. Paul, Minnesota, was formed.

June 8

1941 – Three AA's started a group in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

June 10

1935 – The date that is celebrated as Dr. Bob's last drink and the official founding date of AA. There is some evidence that the founders, in trying to reconstruct the history, got the date wrong and it was actually June 17.

June 11

1945 – Twenty-five hundred attend AA's 10th Anniversary in Cleveland, Ohio.

1969 – Dr. Bob's granddaughter, Bonna, daughter of Sue S. and Ernie G. (The Seven Month Slip in the First Edition) killed herself after first killing her six-year-old child.

1971 – Ernie G. died.

June 13

1945 – Morgan R. gave a radio appearance for AA with large audience. He was kept under surveillance to make sure he didn't drink.

June 15

1940 – First AA Group in Baltimore, MD, was formed.

June 16

1938 – Jim B., "The Vicious Cycle" in Big Book, had his last drink.

June 17

1942 – New York AA groups sponsored the first annual NY area meeting. Four hundred and twenty-four heard Dr. Silkworth and AA speakers.

June 18

1940 – One hundred attended the first meeting in the first AA clubhouse at 334-1/2 West 24th St., New York City.

June 19

1942 – Columnist Earl Wilson reported that NYC Police Chief Valentine sent six policemen to AA and they sobered up. "There are fewer suicides in my files," he commented.

June 21

1944 – The first Issue of the AA Grapevine was published.

June 24

1938 – Two Rockefeller associates told the press about the Big Book “Not to bear any author’s name but to be by ‘Alcoholics Anonymous.’”

June 25

1939 – The New York Times reviewer wrote that the Big Book is “more soundly based psychologically than any other treatment I have ever come upon.”

June 26

1935 – Bill D. (AA #3) entered Akron’s City Hospital for his last detox and his first day of sobriety.

June 28

1935 – Dr. Bob and Bill W. visited Bill Dotson at Akron’s City Hospital.

June 30

1941 – Ruth Hock showed Bill W. the Serenity Prayer and it was adopted readily by AA.

2000 – More than 47,000 from 87 countries attended the opening meeting of the 65th AA Anniversary in Minneapolis, MN.

Other significant events in June for which we have no specific date:

1948 – A subscription to the AA Grapevine was donated to the Beloit, Wisconsin, Public Library by a local AA member.

1981 – AA in Switzerland held its 25th Anniversary Convention with Lois W. and Nell Wing in attendance.

EVENTS / CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS

The Downtown Granite City Group invites you to our

Annual Potluck Picnic

Setup and fellowship begins at 10 AM.

Lunch server around Noon, please bring a side dish.

Meat and soda provided.

Attendance prizes, 50/50 and fellowship

Sunday, June 4, 2017

Wilson Park, Pavilion #5 (shelter by playground)

Parking available at Niedringhaus School

2nd Annual Founders Day Celebration

Saturday, June 10th

Zion Lutheran Church

107 W. Elm St. Gillespie, IL 62033

(In the Gymnasium)

BBQ, sides and dessert @ noon

Bill W. (AA) and Mary W. (Al-Anon) from

Edwardsville will be speaking @ 1:00

\$7 suggested donation



7TH ANNUAL

HIGHLAND PICNIC

SATURDAY JUNE 10, 2017

SILVER LAKE PARK MAIN PAVILION

FELLOWSHIP STARTS AT 11:00

EAT AT 12:00

SPEAKER AT 1:00

MEAT PROVIDED

BRING A DISH

BRING THE KIDS

FUN / GAMES / MUSIC / 50/50

Outside the District

Southern Illinois Area 21 Assembly Sunday June 11, 2017

Registration begins at 8:00 am. Assembly begins at 9:00 am. Registration Fee: \$5.00

Hosted by District 11 and held at: Taylorville Memorial Hospital Auditorium 600 Block of N. Pawnee St. Taylorville, IL 62568

Lunch catered by Angelo's : \$9 per person. Menu: Mostaccioli, Fried Chicken, Vegetable Medley, Salad, (Ranch, Italian, Bleu Cheese & French) Dinner Rolls w/butter.

Lodging: Rooms are available for a special rate of \$58.00+ tax/night single. Room must be booked before 05/15/2017 to get the special rate. Mention "SIA21" to get the special rate. Super 8 Taylorville IL 400 Abes Way Taylorville, IL 62568 US 1-217-287-7211 Or: 29 West Motel (no special rate) Route 29 & 104 709 Springfield Road Taylorville, IL 62568 1-217-824-2216

Join us Saturday evening for a potluck (7:00 pm.) and open speaker meeting (8:00 pm.): 1st Presbyterian Church (Rear / Basement) 116 E. Franklin St. Taylorville, IL 62568 Fried chicken and beverages will be provided Speaker: Ann C. (Springfield, IL)

See the district 11 meeting schedule and get more copies of this flyer on our website: <http://www.aaci11.org> Contacts Tim C.: 217-825-7595 Steve S.: 217-827-7952

1st ANNUAL METRO-EAST BANQUET Saturday August 5th, 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 or

Adam W. (618)520-1344 – epenquin68@gmail.com



Please send in announcements for July by June 25th ☺ to 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. The subject line in the email should have "where and when".
- District website meeting changes need to be emailed to 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.