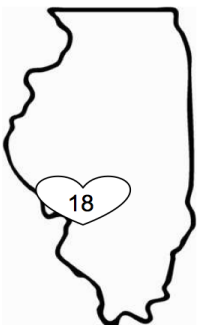


District 18 Newsletter



A Vision for Us

August 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



| <i>Celebration Date</i> | <i>What's Happening</i> | <i>Birthday</i> | <i>Group</i> | <i>Location</i> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--|
| WED 8/2 8:00pm | Shawn M. Celebrates 2 Years | Aug 2 nd | Alton Wednesday Night | St. Paul's Episcopal Church 10 E 3rd St, Alton, IL |
| MON 8/7 8:00pm | Ron E. Celebrates 3 Years | Aug 7th | North Alton | 101 West Elm Street Alton, IL |
| MON 8/14 8:00pm | Jeremy K. Celebrates 6 Years | Aug 14th | Greenville | 1001 East Harris Ave Greenville, IL |
| MON 8/21 8:00pm | Rachel R. Celebrates 3 Years | Aug 21st | Greenville | 1001 East Harris Ave Greenville, IL |
| THU 8/24 7:00pm | Nicole F. Celebrates 6 Months | Aug 24th | Sisters in Sobriety | First Christian Church 724 E Bethalto Blvd. Bethalto, IL |
| MON 8/28 7:30pm | Karla H. Celebrates 5 Years | Aug 28th | Primary Purpose CSO | 409 Broadway South Roxana, IL |
| FRI 9/1 8:00pm | Bob P. Celebrates 6 Years | SEP 1st | Friends of Bill W. | 1200 S Liberty St Jerseyville, IL |



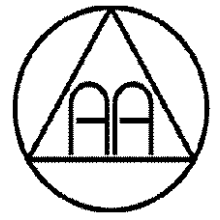
SPEAKERS/ POTLUCKS



| <u>Date</u> | <u>What's Happening</u> | <u>Group</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|-------------|---|---|---|
| Sun 8/6 | 7 th Annual Picnic by the Lake | Greenville | Patriots Park Route 140 & 127 Greenville, IL |
| M on 8/7 | Open Speaker Meeting Tommy T. Speaking @ 8:00pm | North Alton | 101 West Elm Street Alton, IL |
| Sun 8/27 | District 18 Annual Picnic | District 18 | DAD's Park in South Roxana |
| Thu 8/31 | Open Night Speaker Meeting | Al-Anon Family | First Christian Church 310 South Main Street Edwardsville, IL |
| Thu 8/31 | Potluck @ 6:00pm/Speaker Dave D. @7:00 (Mexican Food) | Sisters in Sobriety | First Christian Church 724 E Bethalto Blvd. Bethalto, IL |
| Fri 9/1 | Bob P. Speaking @ 8:00pm Pizza Afterward | Friends of Bill W. | 1200 S Liberty St Jerseyville, IL |
| THU 9/28 | Potluck @ 6:00pm/Speaker Bill P. @7:00 | Sisters in Sobriety | First Christian Church 724 E Bethalto Blvd. Bethalto, IL |
| Sat 9/30 | Potluck/Speaker | Edwardsville Saturday Night Library | St. Mary's Church Basement 1802 Madison Avenue Edwardsville, IL |



A.A. Historical Events in August



Aug 1

1943 – Washington Times-Herald (DC) reports on AA clubhouse, to protect anonymity withholds address.

Aug 3

1954 – Brinkley S. gets sober at Towns Hospital after 50th detox.

Aug 8

1879 – Dr. Bob born in St. Johnsbury, VT.

Aug 9

1943 – LA groups announce 1000 members in 11 groups.

Aug 11

1938 – Akron & NY members begin writing stories for Big Book.

Aug 15

1890 – E. M. Jellinek is born, author of “The Disease Concept of Alcoholism” and the “Jellinek Curve”.

Aug 16

1939 – Dr Bob and Sister Ignatia admit first alcoholic to St. Thomas Hospital, Akron, Ohio.

Aug 18

1988 – 1st Canadian National AA Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Aug 19

1941 – 1st AA Meeting in Colorado is held in Denver.

Aug 25

1943 – AA group donates Big Book to public library in Quincy, MA.

Aug 26

1941 – Bill writes Dr Bob to tell him Works Publishing has been incorporated.

Aug 28

1954 – 24 Hours a Day is published by Richmond W.

Other significant events in August for which we do not have a specific date:

1934: Rowland H and Cebra persuade court to parole Ebby T. to them.

1939: Dr. Bob wrote & may have signed article for Faith magazine.

1941: 1st meeting in Orange County, California held in Anaheim.

1981: Sales of the Big Book passes 3 million.

Cheerfulness and Laughter make for Usefulness

One night at Cheers, Cliff Calvin explained the "Buffalo Theory" to his buddy Norm:

"Well, ya see, Norm, it's like this. A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members! In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine! That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers."

EVENTS / CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS

Greenville Groups invite you to the
7th annual **PICNIC BY THE LAKE** on
Sunday, August 6th, 2017

Fellowship at 11:00 am
Lunch @ Noon
Speaker Meeting @ 1:00 pm

Grilled meats, chips, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee provided...
Please bring a covered dish to share if you can

Speakers will be Kat M. & Faith E. from Vandalia

Patriot's Park / Route 127 at Route 140 / Greenville, IL



Fun for the family, hike the lake path, playground equipment and swings,
bring lawnchairs, fishing poles and stay the day!



DISTRICT 18 ANNUAL PICNIC

AUGUST 27TH, 2017
DAD'S PARK IN SOUTH ROXANA
FOOD AT 12 NOON

MEAT AND DRINKS PROVIDED BY DISTRICT 18
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH

FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE
GAMES AND ACTIVITIES! RAFFLE AND 50/50 DRAWING!
MONETARY AND RAFFLE ITEM DONATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED AND MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CSO OR
BROUGHT TO THE PICNIC

DONATION QUESTION/INFO CONTACTS:
JJ C. 618-792-4186
SHARON S. 618-709-6032



The Thursday Night
Al-Anon Family Group
Cordially invites you to their 5th Thursday
Speaker Meeting

When

August 31, 2017, 7:00-8:00 pm

Speakers

Annie K. (AA)

Cynthia S. (Al-Anon) Belleville, IL

Where

**First Christian Church
310 S. Main St., Edwardsville, IL.
Rear parking lot entrance**

Followed by Refreshments

WHERE

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH BASEMENT
NOTRE DAME & MADISON, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS**

***EDWARDSVILLE SATURDAY NIGHT
LIBRARY GROUP***

POTLUCK

DINNER: 7:00 P.M..

SPEAKER: 8:00 P.M..

DATE

**September 30,
2017**

**SPEAKER: : JULIA D.
ST. LOUIS, MO.**

Please Bring A Covered Dish

Outside the District

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 – epenguin68@gmail.com

20TH ANNUAL ILLINOIS MISSOURI MEN'S AA BREAKFAST

NOTICE
TICKETS
SOLD
AT
DOOR

AIM Towards Unity

Eastern Missouri AA districts

Illinois AA districts 14 & 18

*First Tradition:
Personal Recovery Depends On AA Unity*

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY OCTOBER 13TH

WHEN: Sunday, November 5, 2017

WHERE: Orlando Gardens (Handicapped Accessible)
2050 Dorsett Village - Maryland Hts. 63043

WHAT: 9:00 am - Buffet Breakfast
10:00 am - Speaker: Dennis H. Belleville, IL
11:30 am - Adjournment

COST: \$22.00

Purchase tickets by mail by October 13, 2017

Directions: 270 North/South
Exit Dorsett Rd west to Dorsett Village Plaza

FOR INFORMATION CALL: Adam W. @ (618)-520-1344
Bill F. @ (314)-968-5299

Complete this form to order tickets by mail \$22.00
(Please Print)

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
of People _____ @ \$22.00
Total Enclosed \$ _____

NOTE: tickets ordered by mail will be available for pick up at the door the morning of the breakfast

MAIL CHECK & FORM TO:

"AIM Unity Breakfast"
P.O. Box 430093
St. Louis MO 63143 - 0093

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AIM Unity Breakfast



Please send in announcements for September by August 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 meetings@aa-district18.org

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