

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>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>What's Happening</i>	<i>Group</i>	<i>Location</i>
11/1		Marynell E. Celebrates 19 Years		
11/6	7:00pm	Dave R. Celebrates 37 Years	Exp, Str & Hope	400 North Center St, East Alton
11/6	8:00pm	Arlin S. Celebrates 25 Years Don R. Celebrates 31 Years	Alton North	101 West Elm St, Alton
11/9		Denise L. Celebrates 35 Years		
11/15	7:30pm	Charles S. Celebrates 4years	BHBB	114 East Warren St., Bunker Hill
11/16	7:00pm	Kalli E. Celebrates 5 Years	Sisters in Sobriety	724 E Bethalto Blvd
11/20	7:00pm	Donny H. Celebrates 18 Years	Exp, Str & Hope	400 North Center St, East Alton
11/19		Bob H. Celebrates 23 Years		
11/29		Sally C. Celebrates 21 Years		
12/2	5:30pm	Kelsey W. Celebrates 6 Months	Happy Hour	6 th & Penning, Wood River



Please send in announcements for December by November 25th ☺ to districteighteennewsletter@gmail.com and please remember to include all groups, times, and locations for birthdays and speakers.

SPEAKERS/ POTLUCKS

<u>Date</u>	<u>What's Happening</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mon 11/6	Open Speaker Meeting @ 8:00pm Speaker Joe V. from Serenity Group	North Alton	101 West Elm St, Alton
Thu 11/16	Potluck @ 6:45pm (fried chicken, coffee and tea provided) Speaker Nancy J. @ 7:30pm	Open Group	186 Summit Ave, Glen Carbon
Wed 11/29	Speaker Kyle C. 7:00am	Morning Miracles	131 N Main St Glen Carbon
Thu 11/30	Potluck @ 6:00pm Speaker David T. @ 7:00pm	Sisters in Sobriety	724 E Bethalto Blvd

Cheerfulness and Laughter make for Usefulness

It was Friday afternoon and Joe was leaving work, when several of his friends invited him to stop at the tavern before he went home. Joe said, "Why not, I deserve it. I worked hard this week." So off they went. Well Joe quickly polished off three cold drafts and then ordered a shot and a beer. Soon he was feeling fine.

Time passed and Joe looked at his watch. "Oh man, I'm late for supper, the old lady's going to be mad." Joe thought for a minute and decided to order another shot and a beer while he thought of a good excuse. Soon Joe got caught up in all the excitement and forgot about going home. He just kept on drinking.

Late into the evening one of Joe's old High School party friends showed up. He motioned for Joe to follow and Joe hopped off his bar stool and followed his friend into the bathroom. Joe's friend opened his wallet and pulled out a small aluminum packet and said, "Got some great coke." Then Joe was off to the races. Three days passed before Joe finally returned home.

Joe's wife spent the better part of the next three hours yelling at him. She nagged and nagged. She cried and cried. Finally, hoping to elicit some guilt she said, "How would you like it if you didn't see me for three days. Joe thoughtfully responded, "What would be wrong with that?"

All day Tuesday went by and Joe didn't see his wife. Then Wednesday came and went, still he didn't even get a peak at his wife. Then all day Thursday passed and still no sight of his wife. Finally, Friday rolled around and the swelling around his eyes had gone down enough that he could just barely see his wife out of the corner of one eye.

November In AA's History

Nov 1

- 1947 – 1st AA Group in Anchorage, Alaska.
- 1963 – Reverend Sam Shoemaker dies.

Nov 3

- 2001 – J. P. Miller who wrote screenplay for “The Days of Wine and Roses” died.

Nov 9

- 1966 – President Johnson appoints Marty M to the 1st National Advisory Committee on Alcoholism.

Nov 10

- 1940 – First AA group formed in Minneapolis.
- 2001 – First of 400,000 4th Edition Big Books arrives in the mail.

Nov 11

- 1934 – Armistice Day; Bill started drinking after dry spell, beginning of Bill’s last drunk.

Nov 12

- 1940 – 1st AA meeting is held in Boston.

Nov 13

- 1939 – Bill wants to go to work at Towns Hsp, NY drunks want him to stay on as head of the movement.

Nov 14

- 1940 – Alcoholic Foundation publishes first AA Bulletin.

Nov 15

- 1949 – Bill W suggests that groups devote Thanksgiving week to dicussions of the 12 Traditions.

Nov 16

- 1950 – Dr. Bob died.

Nov 18

- 1946 – First Dublin Ireland group met.

Nov 21

- 1939 – AAs in San Francisco hold first California AA meeting in the Clift Hotel.
- 1952 – Willard Richardson, past Treasurer/Chairman of Alcoholic Foundation, dies.

Nov 26

- 1895 – Bill W. born in East Dorsett, VT.
- 1939 – Dilworth Lupton gave sermon “Mr. X and Alcoholics Anonymous”. Became one of first pamphlets on AA.

Nov 28

- 1939 – Hank P. writes Bill advocating autonomy for all AA groups.

Nov 28

- 1943 – Bill guest speaker San Quentin Penitentiary (sometimes dated Dec 2, 1943).

Events

Litchfield Triangle Group



55 years of Carrying the Message

Speaker Potluck

- **Date:** Thursday December 7, 2017
- **Time:** Eating at 6:30, Speaker at 7:30
- **Where:** 1st Baptist Church, [608 North Van Buren, Litchfield, IL](#) in the Fellowship Hall

Ham and drinks provided. Please bring a covered dish to share.

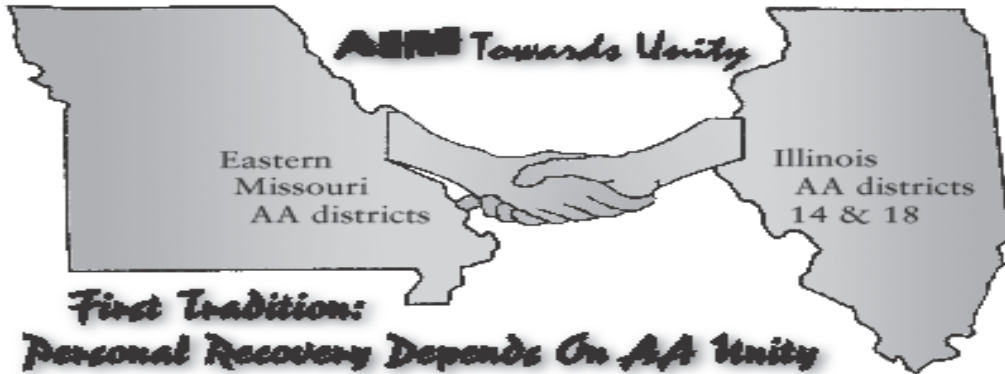
Marvin F. from Brownstown, IL will be the Main Speaker



Outside the District

20TH ANNUAL ILLINOIS MISSOURI MEN'S AA BREAKFAST

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**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

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

Purchase tickets by mail
by October 13, 2017

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

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.