



DISTRICT 18 NEWSLETTER
June Issue, 2019

District Website Link: <https://aa-district18.org/>

District Email: info@aa-district18.org

Next District meeting will be: Sunday, July 21st at 2pm.

Meeting Location: 409 Broadway, Unit C-1, South Roxana, IL.

Area 21 Website Link: <https://area21aa.org/> AA Website Link: <http://www.aa.org/>

Notes from the June District meeting:

- 2019 District picnic will be held at Hartford Park in Hartford, Illinois.
- Picnic Committee is still *in need of volunteers*. Contact Rachel T. for more information.

May's Approved DISTRICT 18 MINUTES

Mickie G opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Rae T read the First Tradition. Ernst read the GSR preamble. Eight GSRs attended the meeting. The GSR attendance & announcement sheets were distributed. The 4/13/19 minutes were read by David H. Kyle W & Denise L motioned to accept the minutes & motion carried. There were no new GSR's in attendance.

Committee Chairperson Reports

Treasurers Report: Gretchen H read the Treasurer's report. Beginning balance \$6,850.88 minus \$120 rentplus donations of \$623.55 = \$7,474.43. Prudent Reserves = \$1000. Available funds = \$5,693.79. Activity Fund = \$780.64. Ben D and Annie K motion to accept the 4/14/19 Treasurer's Report and motion carried.

Website: Forrest reported 14 emails to the website. The next Website Committee meeting will be on 06/10/19 at 6 pm. A website visitor's report is available upon request. Discussions were held regarding separate email addresses for District 18 Committee Chairpersons. At this time,

separate email addresses will not be arranged. Any emails to the website which need Committee Chairperson input will be forwarded to Committee Chairperson.

Bob S & Forrest M –Thank You for keeping the website available to all the local alcoholics & those that don't want to drink!

Public Information: David H reported contacting The Edwardsville Intelligencer, Belleville News

Democrat, & Alton Telegraph newspapers regarding community announcement and AA contact information. Also trying to reach the local community newspapers.

Cooperation with the Professional Community: Annie K attended the Alton Mental Health Fair and offered AA information. Seems to be a shortage of rehabilitation beds in the area. Primary focus is on drug abusers, not alcohol abusers. Annie – Thank you for your concern for the still suffering alcoholics and drug abusers who are reaching out for help!

Corrections: Ricky K was absent due to work schedules.

Grapevine: Butch B was absent.

Treatment and Bridging the Gap: Peter & Patrick were absent.

Workshops: Kyle W. has initiated contact with the Area 21 Workshop Chair for workshop ideas. Pat K. could also conduct another New GSR Workshop if needed.

Activities: Rae T. reported the May 4 Game Night went well but attendance was light considering the number of announcements made and meetings by Rae to promote the event. Need volunteers to support, set up, organize, and break down for game nights. Game nights are family friendly. Next Game Night date – June 1 at CSO. The annual District 18 Picnic will be held 09/22/19 at the Hartford Park. Please ask your Home Groups to sponsor a Raffle Basket – be creative! If anyone has access to Public Address System, please contact Rae T. Thank you – Rae for your extra efforts!

Newsletter: Ben D. reported four more people have signed up for the District 18 newsletter mailing list. There are sign-up sheets available if people want to receive the newsletter. Please send any group announcements to Ben D. in a pdf. This makes it easier to upload into the newsletter. The newsletter will include District 18 group announcements but will not include Missouri or STL announcements.

Sharing Session: David H shared on Drinking Dreams from a Grapevine Article.

Local Committee Members

Zone 1, 2, 5, 6 & 7 representatives were absent.

Zone 3 – Larry H reported meetings have good attendance.

Zone 4 – Jason F sent a report indicating the New Horizons Meetings could use additional alcoholics.

Several people indicated they will contact the missing LCMs.

Central Service Report:

Annie K indicated the attendance at the CSO Board meeting was limited to five people. Rich B has two new CSO volunteers and needs additional volunteers as back-up personnel. Volunteers need to have one year of sobriety. Typical CSO work schedule is one four-hour session every two weeks. CSO donations are decreasing. Please review the pie chart provided by AA for proper disbursement of group funds for districts with a local group office. There were some door and key issues discussed. Please lock up, turn out the lights, and don't steal the Febreeze

containers from the bathroom – you can steal it from the Dollar General Stores – but not from the CSO!

There have been some price increases for literature due to increased literature prices by GSO. Thank you CSO Board for all you do and for providing monthly Where and When's!

Old and New Business: None to report.

Next GSR Meeting: June 23, 2019 – 4 th Sunday in June.

Micki G closed the meeting at 300 pm with the group reciting the Responsibility Statement followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Gratefully Submitted – David H for Rachel R – District 18 Secretary.



Group Meeting Announcements

Group Name	Location	Date / Time	Announcement
Happy Hour Group	228 North 6th Street Wood River	Saturday 6/29	Deirdra C. 19 years Bruce P. 31 years
Sunday Grace Group Potluck / Speaker	Grace Baptist Church Hwy. 111 Pontoon Bch	Sunday 6/30 5:50 Eat / 6:30 Spk	Becky V. Speaker Bring a side dish.
Exp. Strength Hope	400 North Center St. East Alton	Monday 7/8 7pm	Ralph M. 42 years

Please send Flyers (.pdf) and group announcements for **July and August** to:

newsletter@aa-district18.org

for the July issue; ***Due by July 12th***

For a calendar of events, please visit the [District 18 Website](#).

If someone has forwarded this email to you, and you would like to be included to receive it monthly, please email request to newsletter@aa-district18.org

Road to Detroit



WHAT IS IT?

Road to Detroit is a traveling conference designed to raise awareness and enthusiasm for the world conference that's held every 5 years. In 2020 it will be in Detroit, so RTD is traveling the route to Detroit each year until the world conference. Next stop is...

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THE BIRTHPLACE OF AA FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY NOT KNOW

**FIRESTONE HIGH SCHOOL
470 CASTLE BLVD. AKRON, OH**

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE?

Friday Night – Marti R. Buda, TX

Saturday Morning – Madeleine P. Happy Valley, OR

Saturday Afternoon – 4th Step Workshop

Saturday Evening – Chris R. Ingram, TX

Sunday Morning – Mike M. Chicago, IL

FOR MORE SCHEDULE DETAILS PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE
WWW.ROADTODETROIT.ORG

CONTACT INFO

For more information regarding admission, travel, lodging and volunteering, please email RoadtoDetroit2020@gmail.com

CONFERENCE TICKETS

[\$20 General Admission]

[\$35 VIP—includes RTD Swag]

See website for more details.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Road trips are being organized, plane flights are being researched. We have our own travel coordinator for all your travel needs. Email RoadtoDetroit2020@gmail.com for assistance.

LODGING

The Courtyard by Marriott has agreed to be our host. Rooms are limited so make your reservations early. Mention Road To Detroit to receive the conference discount. Hotel information can be found on the website.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Local outreach and coordinating groups for "road trips" are a huge help to us, but we also need help with set up/ breakdown, coffee, decorations and transportation just to name a few. So please go to our website and sign up to help.



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46th Annual **A.A. Illinois State Conference**
August 9th, 10th & 11th 2019

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 Contact:
 Erik L. 630-809-7789
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MAIN SPEAKERS:

Friday: Linda O'D—Chicago, IL
 Friday: Tim R.—Hinsdale, IL
 Saturday: Sharon C.—Los Angeles, CA
 Sunday: Mark E.—Chesapeake, OH
 Sunday: Rick W.—New York GSO

Conference Start:
 Friday August 9th 2:00 PM

Registration Desk Hours:
 Friday 2:00—8:00 pm
 Saturday 7:00 am—8:00 PM
 Sunday 7:00 am



For any accessibility needs please let us know by July 1st 2019

Our email is: conference@aa-nia-dist43.org

(Every effort will be made to accommodate special requests).



Conference Registration by mail, no later than 08/01/2019

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

phone _____

Registration: \$25.00 ___ Banquet: \$40.00 ___ Total: \$ _____

Banquet choices circle one. 1.Thyme Chicken 2. Vegan 3. Gluten free options

Please Specify (all that apply): AA ___ Area: _____, District: _____,

Delegate: _____, Panel: _____, Guest: _____, Al-Anon: _____,

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