



Conscious Contact

Information and Inspiration from District 10, NIA

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- Next District Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 28
- Submit content for the next issue no later than Jan. 15

Any member of AA may contribute content for this newsletter. Page 4 includes information on how to submit content for publication.

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"I am responsible . . .

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

Northern Illinois Area 20

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www.district10nia.org

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www.aagrapevine.org

Answering Service

847-362-1811

Page 4 of this newsletter contains the contact information for A.A. members who have volunteered to serve in a position at the district level. You'll see that the word "OPEN" appears after some of the officer and committee roles.



Please consider helping us to fill the open positions. This article provides information on the process of becoming a District 10 officer, a committee chair or a committee alternate.

Anyone who volunteers will serve through December 2018. Towards the end of the year, the District will hold elections to fill all roles for a two-year term beginning in January 2019.

District 10 is served by six officers, 15 committee chairs and 15 committee alternate chairs. The six officer roles are: District Committee Member (DCM) and Alternate DCM; Secretary and Alternate Secretary; and Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer.

In addition to the six officers and 30 committee chairs and alternate chairs, District 10 business is conducted with the participation of

General Service Representatives (GSRs) and Alternate GSRs. Every A.A. meeting held within District 10 is encouraged to select a GSR and Alternate GSR to represent the group at District 10 and Area 20 meetings and events.

While GSRs are selected by individual A.A. groups, the District 10 officer and committee roles are approved through a process conducted at monthly District Meetings.

During each monthly District Meeting, the DCM or Alternate DCM states each open position, one at a time, and asks if anyone present would like to either "stand" for the role, or nominate another A.A. member for the role. Based on feedback recently received regarding the District 10 process, the DCM or Alternate DCM now also will provide information about the focus and responsibilities of each open role. This information is also available on the District 10 website: www.district10nia.org.

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District Answering Service Volunteer Training Set



A training and discussion workshop for Answering Service volunteers is scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14 at the Serenity House in Libertyville.

Please come for some valuable training, discussion and resource guides (printed copies) about topics including but not limited to:

- How can I be most effective/helpful when I get calls?
- What are the "best practices" and lessons learned?

- What should I avoid doing?
- What are the most common questions/issues callers have?
- Should I ever offer transportation?
- Who do I call if I need help?

All new, current and prospective volunteers are welcome. Snacks and beverages will be served and as always, we'll have some fun sharing war stories, meeting new people, etc.

We look forward to seeing you then! Please call Dave J. or Victoria H. with any questions.

Step One

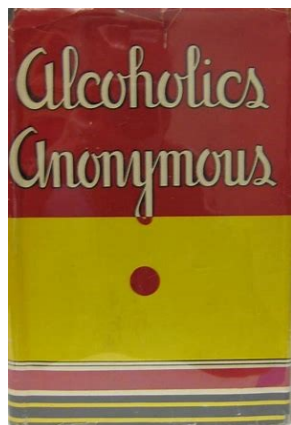
"We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable."

Tradition One

"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity."

Opinions expressed herein are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the thinking of Alcoholics Anonymous, NIA, District 10 or other Conscious Contact volunteers.

Update on Litigation Regarding Printer's Copy of the Big Book



Many A.A. members are not aware of litigation involving an early printer's manuscript of the Big Book.

Here is recent information sent by Greg T. to General Service Conference members.

I'm writing to inform you of recent actions taken by the General Service Board and the A.A. World Services, Inc. Board of Directors to secure the 1939 Printer's Copy of the manuscript of Alcoholics Anonymous, our Big Book. The Printer's Copy (also called the working manuscript) has handwritten notes from Bill W. and others and shows the evolution of what became the first published edition of the Big Book.

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The manuscript was gifted to A.A.W.S. by Barry L., an A.A. member, who had received the manuscript from Lois Wilson, the widow of Bill W., a co-founder of our Fellowship. Although A.A.W.S. possessed the letter in its files at the time of Barry L.'s death in 1985, no one within the organization was aware of the gift or of our right to ownership until the letter was found in our archives in 2007.

We recently learned that the manuscript was going to appear at public auction in June. Because the manuscript undeniably belongs in the G.S.O. Archives, we have requested and were granted a temporary restraining order by New York State Supreme Court to prevent the manuscript from being sold.

On Nov. 27, 2017, legal counsel for A.A. World Services, Inc. and the General Service Board moved on behalf of the boards in the legal matter of the Printer's Copy Manuscript:

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Survey Says: Your Input is Important and Needed by Area 20

Northern Illinois Area 20, which includes our District 10, has occasionally conducted an Area Inventory Survey of itself, with input from our groups, to see where we can improve, make necessary changes, and better understand how to serve our members.

You are asked to complete this survey as soon as possible, but no later than March 24. You can complete the survey by clicking the link available on both the Area 20 and District 10 website homepages, or print the survey, complete it by hand and mail it to the address printed at the end of the survey. You also may send the completed survey to the Area 20 Secretary, Bonnie P.; Area 20 Delegate Rich H.; or District 10 D.C.M. Bob P. See page 1 for the web address of District 10 and Northern Illinois Area 20.

"Our hope is that this inventory process will result in more groups being represented and heard in our Area 20 business meetings," Rich H. said. "AA works better when we have the

participation from as many of our members as possible. We know through our AA experience that 'Participation is the Key to Harmony.'"

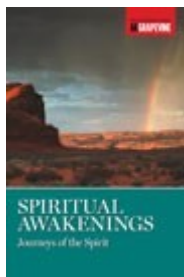
Rich will answer questions about the Area Inventory Survey at the Jan. 28 District 10 Meeting. The meeting is open to all interested A.A. members. See page 4 for information regarding the time and location of the District Meeting.

The survey should only take about 10 minutes to complete. You may find it beneficial to review as a group in your next business meeting. We welcome as much input as possible from our Fellowship so that our Northern Illinois Area 20 business meetings can represent all of A.A. in Northern Illinois and we can 'join together in brotherly and harmonious action' to make sure our fellowship is preserved for alcoholics now and in the future.

GRAPEVINE Daily Quote

"The realization that I had experienced something spiritual was in itself a spiritual experience, and I am only slowly understanding its implications. What happened in the past, without my knowledge, is probably continuing now. And in the future, when tomorrow becomes today, it can go on and on. All that is required is a desire to stop drinking, and to stay stopped." York, Pa., January 1977

"So That's a Spiritual Experience!" Spiritual Awakenings



How to Volunteer (Continued from page 1)

When someone then stands or nominates someone for a role, the person standing or being nominated, assuming they are interested in serving, provides background information on their A.A. program, such as their sobriety date and whether they have a sponsor and/or sponsor others.

The District officers and GSRs present then vote whether to approve the person for the District role. A simple majority is needed for approval.

Anyone interested in learning more about the various roles within the District and/or Area may also attend a Service Workshop at the Northern Illinois Area 20 Winter Committee Meeting on Jan. 13 at:

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
40W605 IL Rt. 38, Elburn, IL 60119.

Big Book Litigation (Continued from page 2)

A.A. World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) has applied to the New York State Supreme Court to voluntarily dismiss its case related to the 1939 Printer's Copy Manuscript of Alcoholics Anonymous, our Big Book. A.A.W.S. maintained, and continues to maintain, that the manuscript rightfully belongs to A.A.W.S., pursuant to a specific, irrevocable gift that was conveyed by Barry L. In addition, for all of the reasons given by A.A.W.S. in its initial papers in May, temporary restraints were fully appropriate and supported by law, given (among other things) A.A.W.S.'s superior claim to title, the singular nature of the Manuscript, and the impending auction and anticipated removal of the Manuscript from New York.

Since the time that this action was filed, A.A.W.S. has decided that it is no longer in our best interests to pursue this litigation, despite the uniqueness of the document and A.A.W.S.'s clear ownership right. The time and expense of engaging in protracted litigation has become too significant a distraction from A.A.W.S.'s and the General Service Board's responsibility as the organized service structure of our Fellowship, whose primary purpose is assisting recovering alcoholics.

We understand that, in this day of instant communication, many interested members of the Fellowship have already received notification of the court filing, and we apologize for that. The office is committed to sharing information with Conference members as soon as we responsibly can.

Events

Dec. 31, 2017 7:30 p.m.-doors open 8 p.m. Speaker 9:15 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dancing	Lakeyapaa New Years Eve Bash Party DJ:dj2z, Drinks will be sold, snacks provided. \$5 suggested donation	Serenity House 1103 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176) Libertyville, IL.60048
Dec. 31, 2017 8 p.m. Open 9 p.m. Speaker	New Years Eve Open Speaker and Celebration Refreshments, Dance, Fellowship	Antioch Recovery Club 311 W Depot Street, Suite C Antioch, IL 60002
Jan. 12-14 2018 5:30 p.m. On-site registration	26th "Annual We Are Not Saints" Convention Free Parking, Hospitality Suite, Child Care, Panels, Dance Convention only \$25 Convention and Banquet \$70 www.wearenotsaints.com	5300 W. Touhy Ave. Skokie, IL. 60077 www.hiskokie.com/werenotsaints
Jan. 14, 2018 2-4 p.m.	District 10 Answering Service Training Workshop All new, current and prospective volunteers are welcome. Snacks and beverages, fun sharing war stories!	Serenity House 1103 W. Park Ave.(Rt. 176) Libertyville, IL. 60048
Jan. 27, 2018 5 p.m. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Dinner served	7th Annual "Choose Recovery" Banquet Recovery Comedian Mark Lundholm Music by DJ Scarecro, Raffles and Door prizes Members get 2 tickets, otherwise \$50 each	Maravela's-Fox Lake 4 Washington St. Fox Lake, IL 60020
Jan. 27, 2018 4 p.m.—Fellowship 4:30 p.m. Serving 6 p.m. Kickoff	21st Anniversary Pork Chop Dinner A.A. Speaker Bob D., Las Vegas. A free event run entirely on donations	Hinckley First United Church 801 N Sycamore St. Hinckley, IL 60502
Feb. 9-11, 2017	44th Annual East Central Region Conference of Delegates Past and Present	Embassy Suites by Hilton Indianapolis North 3912 Vincennes Road Indianapolis, IN. 46268 317-872-7700
March 10, 2018 8 a.m. Registration 9 a.m. Kickoff	Tri-County Spring Conference	UAW Union Hall 3615 Washington St.. Kenosha, WI. 53144



Answering Service (Oct 16–Dec. 4 Statistics)		Chair: Dave J.	Alternate: Victoria H.		
Total Calls	81	Meeting Info	34	General Info	15
Spanish	0	12-Step	3	Treatment Facility Info	0
Solicitor	0	Wrong Number	9	Halfway House Info	0
Hang-up	10	Other Districts	8	Al-Anon	0
Will call back	1	Website	1		

How to Submit Content to the *Conscious Contact* newsletter

1. Go to <http://district10nia.org/>
2. Hover over the “District Services and Committees” menu, and then click on the “Newsletter” submenu
3. Provide your name and either a phone number or email so that we can contact you if we have questions. Then type your content and click the “Submit” button.

District 10: PO Box 854, Libertyville, IL 60048**Northern Illinois Area:** PO Box 1056, Yorkville, IL 60560**General Service Office:** PO Box 459 Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163**District 10 answering service:** 847-362-1811**2017 District 10 Officers (Confidential—this information is for A. A. use only.)**

Every member of AA is welcome at District 10 meetings. The meetings typically are held on the fourth Sunday of every month at St. Gilbert’s Catholic Church, 301 E. Belvidere Rd, Grayslake. 5:30 p.m. Tradition Meeting, followed at 6 p.m. by the District meeting. For more details, go to www.district10nia.org.

If the word, “OPEN,” appears after a District position, we are looking for someone to volunteer to serve. Learn more about each position and the volunteer commitment at an upcoming District meeting, or by contacting a District committee member.

Position	Chair	Phone	Email	Alternate	Phone	Email
DCM	Bob P.			Kevin A.		
Secretary	Steve B.			OPEN		
Treasurer	Cori S.			Cindy W.		
Accessibilities	OPEN			OPEN		
Answering Service	Dave J.			Victoria H		
Archives	Rick S.			Steve R.		
Bridging the Gap	Mike B.			Josh R.		
Corrections	Larry L.			OPEN		
C.P.C.	Dee E.			Terri G.		
Directory	Dana T.			Andy H.		
Events	Mike K.			Carolyn G.		
Grapevine	Brandon B.			Mike W.		
GSR Contact	Kim T.			Earl N.		
Literature	Gaza D.			OPEN		
Newsletter	Tom K.			Mark H.		
Public Info.	Michael L.			Peter S.		
Treatment	Carl S.			Dave H.		
Website	Dawn O.			Charles K.		