



# Conscious Contact

Information and Inspiration from District 10, NIA

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- Next District Meeting/ Elections: Sunday, Sept. 23
- Submit content for the next issue no later than Sept. 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.”

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## Stand Up for District Service Roles on Sept. 23

On Sept. 23 at the next meeting of District 10 officers, chairs, alternates and General Service Representatives, you will have the opportunity to put more service into your program.

Elections for every District service position listed on page 4 of this newsletter will be held that evening. Between now and that election, please consider standing for one of the positions that we will fill that evening.

The magic number is 36—that is the number of positions available. We need “rank and file” A.A. members to serve on committees. Information on the responsibilities of each position is posted on the District 10 website: <http://district10nia.org/committees/>

Of course, you are welcome to contact any of the current volunteers to learn more about the roles and how volunteers help keep District 10 viable and available.

You don’t need prior experience to serve. We support each other! Many of us came into A.A. without knowing about the structures in-



place to help us carry the message of sobriety to others. Structures including the District 10 positions, the Area 20 opportunities to serve, and beyond. If you want to learn more, come to the Sept. 23 meeting. It will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23 at St. Gilbert’s Catholic Church, 301 E. Belvidere Rd, Grayslake, IL 60030.

## Support Open, Closed and Struggling Meetings

Occasionally we hear from members of meetings where attendance has dipped. Sometimes, as in the case of the 8 a.m. Saturday Big Book meeting at 595 N. Deerpath Drive in Vernon Hills, it could be due to a change to a different location that wasn’t regularly communicated.

We can’t always list meetings which need support, but we did, for example, publish an article earlier this year when all of the meetings formerly at Berger Hall moved to new locations.

While on the subject of meetings, we heard someone recently explaining to a newcomer the difference between “open” and “closed” A.A. meetings. In case someone new to the program reads this, here is a brief explanation of the difference.

Open meetings welcome anyone who wishes to learn more about the A.A. program and recovering from alcoholism. Open meetings within District 10 include the 11 a.m. Sunday morning speaker meeting at Serenity House in Libertyville and the 8 p.m. Saturday speaker meeting at the Round Lake Alano Club in Lake Villa.

Closed meetings are for people who have a desire to stop drinking.

Very occasionally we have been part of a closed A.A. meeting where the group voted to allow a nonalcoholic to attend the meeting. That requires a group conscience.

### Step Nine

“Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.”

### Tradition Nine

“A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

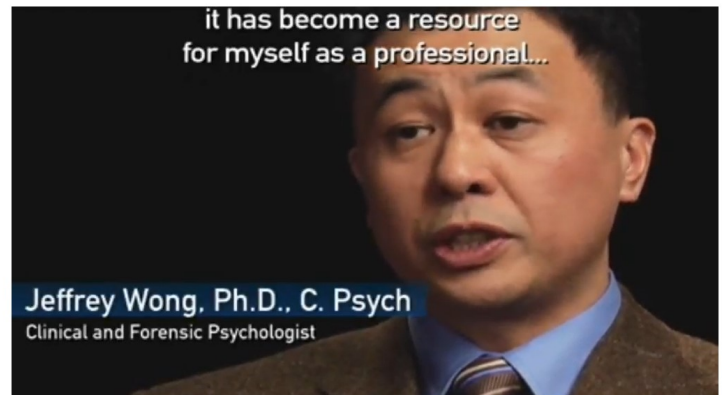
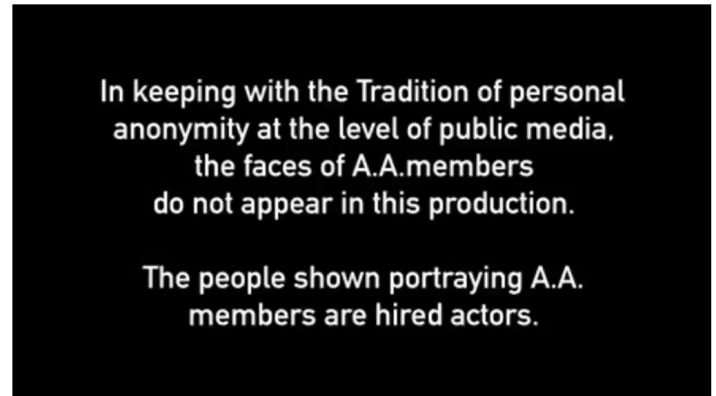
## Anonymity Intact, A.A. World Services Launches YouTube Channel

Balancing the desire to connect with people appropriately on social media while maintaining A.A. Traditions including those centered on anonymity, A.A. World Services has launched a YouTube Channel.

Reporting during the A.A. World Services Board meeting on Thursday, July 26 at the General Service Office in New York, members of the Technology/Communication/Services (TCS) Committee said subscriptions to the A.A.W.S. YouTube channel have increased to over 1,300—with new subscriptions daily. (At the time of this issue being printed, the number of subscribers had increased to more than 1,500.)

You can view the new Cooperation with the Professional Community video and all 15 A.A.W.S. videos by going to YouTube.com and entering A.A.W.S. in the YouTube search box.

The TCS Committee also provided an update regarding work on a new website design for A.A. The new website design continues toward a final site map, along with development of a creative brief and mood boards.



## Selected Highlights from the July A.A.W.S. Meeting in New York

Polling of General Service Conference members was undertaken to resolve a discrepancy with the scheduled dates for the 2019 Conference. The polling took place between July 9-22, with 100% participation. [The final dates for the 69th Conference are now confirmed for May 19–25, 2019.]

A site visit to Detroit for the 2020 International Convention will be held in September. Site selection for the 2030 International Convention continued with site visits to the two finalist cities by the committee. Convention consultant Gregg Talley reported spending significant time working with both Indianapolis and St. Louis in preparation for the 2030 site visits with the A.A.W.S. team.

Finance – Sales through the first six months of 2018 were below budget, while contributions were ahead of budget. Regarding variances between the 2018 budget and year-to-date results, the following areas were noted: **Revenue:** For the six months ended June 30, 2018 revenue was 0.91% higher than budgeted and 2.04% lower than the six months ended June 30, 2017. **Operating expenses** were 2.66% greater than budgeted and 11.87% more than last year. **Unit book and booklet sales** have decreased from 2017 by 18,815 pieces or (2.18%).

**Contributions:** Actual contributions for the six months ended June 30 were \$3,816,472, which is 3.77% higher than budget and 1.19% higher than the six months ended June 30, 2017.

**Online contributions** for the first six months of 2018 amounted to \$369,067. This compared with \$333,480 in 2017, \$212,908 in 2016, \$179,449 in 2015, and \$135,909 in 2014. Online contributions for the first six months of 2018 account for 9.80% of total contributions. **Expenses:** For the six months, salaries were \$77,921 (2.20%) more than budget and \$379,034 (11.70%) more than the six months ended June 30, 2017. Several more positions have been filled in the first six months of 2018 as compared to the same period last year.

International – Preparations are in high gear for the 25th World Service Meeting. Currently 69 delegates from 43 countries are expected to attend. Several countries have generously contributed additional funds to provide financial assistance to countries that have asked for help in funding their W.S.M. delegates.

### GSO Seeking a Literature Trustee

The General Service Board is looking for a person to become an Appointed Committee Member on the Trustees' Literature Committee.

You can see the info on the new "GSO/GSB Job Opportunities" page on the Northern Illinois Area 20 Website. <http://aa-nia.org/gso-gsb-job-openings/>

## Events

<b>Sept. 8, 2018</b> Noon to 3 p.m.	<b>Accessibilities Workshop</b> Learn how to carry the A.A. message to those who otherwise may not get it, including active military and veterans, people with disabilities such as the deaf, and residents in assisted living facilities. Service, Fun, Refreshments!	Serenity House 1103 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176) Libertyville, IL 60048 Contact Rachel B.
<b>Sept. 8, 2018</b> 5-11 p.m.	<b>29th Annual McHenry's Soberfest Al-Anon Fun Raiser</b> A.A. and Al-Anon Speakers Kevin C. and Kathy C. of McHenry. Good Food, Fun Raffles, DJ and Dancing! \$5 tickets available from any committee member.	McHenry Township Building 3703 N. Richmond Rd, Johnsburg, IL 60051
<b>Sept. 9, 2018</b> Noon to 3:30 p.m.	<b>Serenity House Picnic</b> Please bring a dish to pass!	Old School Forest Preserve 28285N St. Mary's Rd., Shelter A Libertyville, IL 60048
<b>Sept. 9, 2018</b> 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	<b>3rd Annual End of Summer Bash 'Bigger and Better'</b> Sponsored by Saturday Night "Live and Let Live" group of Waukegan Alano Club. Guest (nonalcoholic) Speaker: Lake County States Attorney Mike Nerheim, who co-founded the Lake County Opioid Initiative, a collaborative countywide, multi-agency effort to prevent opioid abuse, addiction, overdose and death. 50/50 raffle, Dunk A-Drunk, food, TWO bands, bring a dish to pass and chairs.	Bowen Park 39 Jack Benny Drive Waukegan, IL 60087 Bill B.
<b>Sept. 15, 2018</b> 8 a.m. registration 9 a.m. meeting begins	<b>NIA Area Fall Assembly</b> All group General Service Representatives should attend.	Lord Of Life Church 40W605 Rt. 38 Elburn, Il. 60119
<b>Sept. 15, 2018</b> 5:15 p.m.. Doors open 6 p.m. Speakers start	<b>The Monthly Social</b> Food and entertainment, \$5 donation suggested. Park at Martin School, 24750 W. Derring Lane, Lake Villa Shuttle bus provided from 6-9:30 p.m.	Gateway Lake Villa 25480 W. Cedar Crest Lane Lake Villa, IL 60046
<b>Sept. 23, 2018</b> 5:30 p.m. Traditions 6 p.m. GSR meeting	<b>District 10 GSR Meeting</b> Elections for all District positions listed on page 4 of this newsletter. Consider volunteering for a role!	St. Gilberts Church 301 W. Belvidere Rd. (Rt. 120), East Parking Lot Grayslake, IL 60030
<b>September 29, 2018</b> 6 p.m. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Speaker	<b>'A Way Out' 18th Anniversary Party</b> Fellowship, Food and Fun! Speaker Cookie S.	Libertyville Civic Center 135 W. Church St. Libertyville, IL 60048
<b>Oct. 7, 2018</b> Time TBA	<b>Districts 10 &amp; 12 Fall Breakfast</b>	Illinois Beach Resort and Conference Center 1 Lake Front Dr, Zion, IL 60099

### Words of Wisdom from the A.A. Grapevine & A.A. Literature

“The other Steps can keep most of us sober and somehow functioning. But Step Eleven can keep us growing, if we try hard and work at it continually.” — AA Co-Founder, Bill W., June 1958

“Take Step Eleven,” *The Language of the Heart*



<b>Answering Service (June 18 – July 16 Statistics)</b>		<b>Chair: Dave J.</b>	<b>Alternate: Victoria H.</b>
Total Calls	36	Meeting Info	16
Spanish	1	General Info	5
Solicitor	0	Treatment Facility Info	0
Hang-up	8	Halfway House Info	0
Will call back	0	Al-Anon	0
		Website	0

**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.

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**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. NOTE: We will have a combined November/December meeting on Dec. 9 at St. Gilbert’s. For more details, go to [www.district10nia.org](http://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.			Janet J.		
Accessibilities	Rachel B.			Bill J.		
Answering Service	Dave J.			Victoria H		
Archives	Steve R.			OPEN		
Bridging the Gap	Mike B.			Josh R.		
Corrections	Larry L.			OPEN		
C.P.C.	Terri G.			OPEN		
Directory	Dana T.			Andy H.		
Events	Carolyn G.			Mary A.		
Grapevine	Brandon B.			Angelina K.		
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	Charles K.			Sporty Rob S.		