

July 14—Anona West Anniversary BBQ
starting at 1PM at 129 Fremont St, West
Chicago, IL 60185

July 26—Monthly GSR Meeting from 6:30-
7:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church , 715 N.
Carlton, Wheaton, IL 60187

July 28—District 40 Annual Picnic, 10AM-
3PM at Herrick Lake Forest Preserve

August 23-25—Illinois State/East Regional
Conference at Northfield Inn and Suites, 3280
Northfield Dr., Springfield IL 62702 More
information at <http://aa-nia.org/state>
Also - Women’s “The Key is Willingness”
retreat—Lorado Taft Field Campus, 1414 N.
River Rd., Oregon, IL 61061

August 30—Monthly GSR meeting at First
Presbyterian Church—see July 26

September 27 - Monthly GSR Meeting at First
Presbyterian Church—See July 26

July 2024						
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August 2024						
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September 2024						
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D40 Doings

July/August/September 2024

Step 7

Humbly asked him to remove
our shortcomings.

Tradition 7

Every AA group ought to be
self-supporting, declining
outside contributions.

Step 8

Made a list of all persons we had harmed,
and became willing to make amends to
them all.

Tradition 8

Alcoholics Anonymous should
remain forever nonprofessional, but
our service centers may employ
special workers.

Step 9

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

Tradition 9

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

Hello Again ...

Illinois is not necessarily a small state, but it's small enough that any statewide functions within the fellowship will happen in this neck of the woods on a fairly regular basis. That's not the case this year, as the state conference will be taking place August 23-25 in Springfield, as you can see on the calendar.

In news of volunteer-powered events, the District 40 picnic will be taking place on July 28. It's a free event, but you would still be correct in imagining that donations (\$5 suggested) and the proverbial dish-to-pass are still encouraged. Dave F, at 630.660.1590, is the volunteer contact, and you are also encouraged to bring any talent, such as facepainting and/or playing a musical instrument. Ideally, this newsletter is a group project. If you've got an idea you'd like to see explored further, feel free to contact me at news@aa-nia-il-dist40.org. You're also welcome to submit contributions at the same address.

This time around, someone who's been active in service in district 40 for awhile has done a writeup on the East Central Regional forum, which took place in Grand Rapids Michigan this year. Regional forums have taken place four times a year since 1975, and provide a way for members to interact and exchange information with representatives of GSO, The Grapevine, and World Services. As there are eight regions in the US and Canada, each region gets a forum every two years.

East Central Regional Forum

The 2024 East Central Region Conference was combined with the 71st Michigan State Conference and held at Calvin University in Grand Rapids, MI during the weekend of June 7 - 9. The theme for this year's ECR was "Connecting with Love, Unity, and Service."

The Friday night speaker was Northern Illinois Area 20's very own Rich H., Panel 62 Past Delegate from Hebron, IL. Other A.A. speakers included Madonna V. from Auburn Hills, MI and Barefoot Scott from Hersey, MI. There were informative and interactive panel discussions, with topics which included "Sharing Behind the Walls", "Emotional Sobriety", and Service topics which included "Treatment and Accessibilities" and "Sponsorship." In addition, area Alanon was well represented with speakers and panels.

Hundreds of A.A. members from Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Ohio heard from our ECR Trustee., Cathi C. as she provided a Trustee's report and update. Cathi shared about the recent General Service Conference, the upcoming 2025 International Convention taking place in Vancouver, British Columbia, and closed by reminding members that ECR can also stand for "Extremely Cordial Region."

Ch-Ch Changes ...

Currently open service positions include: Anona West LCM and Public Information

District 40 has a new website with a slightly different URL: <https://www.aa-nia-il-dist40.org/>

The Monday Satisfied customers meeting (Monday nights at 7PM) is continuing childcare service through the summer

The Thursday Winfield Winners group (7PM) is looking for support



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630 660-1590**



**7/28/24
10 am -
3 - pm**

**Suggested
Donation
\$5**

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dish to
pass!**