

14: USA/Canada Accessibilities Committee Meeting 6-7:30 PM
Zoom ID: 811 7204 2624
Passcode: AAC2024

25: GSR Meeting 6:30PM First Presbyterian Church, 715 N. Carlton St., Wheaton, 60187

27: Fox Valley Area Women’s Luncheon 1PM
Aurora Country Club, 1548 Prairie Street
Aurora, Illinois \$42

13: AA USA & Canada All Accessibilities Committee Meeting (See April 14)

17: 29th Annual Fox Valley Open 7-10PM
Lord of Life Church 40W605 IL-38
Elburn IL 60119

30 GSR Meeting (See April 25)

9: AA USA & Canada All Accessibilities Committee Meeting (See April 14)

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April 2025						
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D40 Doings

April/May/June 2025

Step 4

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves

Tradition 4

Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

Step 5

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs

Tradition 5

Each group has but one primary purpose- to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Step 6

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character

Tradition 6

An AA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

Hello Again ...

The old website had archived versions of this newsletter in pdf form. It appears they didn't migrate over, so we're working to fix that. You will hopefully start to see back issues appearing there shortly, so if there's a book review, history or other article you wouldn't mind reading again, they should soon be available.

As always, this is your newsletter, and short (3-5 paragraph) articles are welcome. I know the Plain Language Big Book has piqued my curiosity, so if you have experience with it or know someone who has, feel free to submit a quick review.

The idea of an expanded 12 and 12, to include the 12 concepts has also come up. Again, if you know anything about this, feel free to submit an article.

Sort of a book review

Think this through with me

Let me know your mind

Robert Hunter

I've sat in many a meeting where the chair solicits a topic by asking "Does anyone

have anything that is threatening or enhancing their sobriety that they'd like to discuss?". I think I have something that's at least a tangent to that. The Trib recently gave a glowing write up to a book called *Open Socrates: The Case For A Philosophical Life* and its author, a philosophy professor named Agnes Callard. I checked the book out of the library and got about three-quarters of the way through it. Ms. Callard's take on Socrates and the idea of pondering serious questions in the company of someone else made me view the book as a mashup of the "Think Think Think" signs I've sometimes seen in the rooms and the we, us and ours of the steps.

A passage at the beginning of the book crystallized this idea for me:

"Socrates overturned the conventional wisdom that thinking is something that each of us can do, on our own, without much effort. Instead, he found that it was a communal feat – and he showed us how to pull it off."

I don't think I entirely agree, but the case she makes for it made me think it's true at least some of the time – that the idea of many

Ch-Ch Changes ...

There is a need for LCMs for:
Anona West

We have a new CPC chair

We are in need of an archives chair

Also at Anona West, there's a new Sunday night meeting at 7PM "AA for Atheists, Agnostics, and Everyone", which is asking for support

The Glen Oak Hospital meetings on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 6:15 are looking for support. For more information, contact Rich, at either 630.469.7739 or 630.903.3799

hands making light work can also apply to cognitive tasks.

The philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre, in his play *No Exit*, raised the idea that hell is other people. I found a contrasting perspective to this in a plaque which used to hang on the wall at Anona West:

Sought my soul and could not see

Sought my god who eluded me

Sought my brother and found all three

Open Socrates makes a compelling case for something in the middle, but closer to the latter.