

January 26: GSR Meeting, First Presbyterian Church, 715 North Carlton, Wheaton, 6:30 PM

January 2024

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February 3: Hinckley Big Book Study group
Pork Chop Dinner

February 17: DuPage Open (See Flyer next page)

February 23: GSR Meeting (see January 26)

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March 1-3: NIA Spring Conference
Hyatt Regency Schaumburg
1800 E. Golf Rd Schaumburg
IL 60173 More details at:
www.niaspringconference.com

March 21: Legacy of Service Concepts Study
on Zoom: ID 97004991067
password: 639187

March 29: GSR Meeting (see January 26)

March 29-31: ISCYPAA 41, O’Fallon IL
more details at iscypaa.org

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D40 Doings

January/February/March 2024

Step 1

We admitted we were powerless over
alcohol, that our lives had
become unmanageable

Tradition 1

Our common welfare should come first.
Personal recovery depends upon
AA unity

Step 2

Came to believe that a power greater than
ourselves could restore us to sanity

Tradition 2

For our group purpose, there is but one
authority—a loving god as he may
express himself in the group conscience

Step 3

Made a decision to turn our will and our
lives over to the care of god as we
understood him

Tradition 3

The only requirement for AA
membership is a desire to stop drinking

Hello Again ...

There's a fair bit of activity in and around District 40 these days. The usual fixtures like the Hinckley pork chop dinner and the DuPage Open are happening, respectively, on February 3 and 17, with more details on the calendar. To volunteer at the open, or for more information, contact dupagecountyopen@gmail.com

New printed schedules have been published for the DuPage County Districts. The new schedules acknowledge the current state of technology while accommodating several levels of comfort with it, including a QR code, a website URL, and answering service number for each of the four respective districts.

Although the Spring conference is not taking place in District 40 this year, it's still taking place fairly close, at the Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, in March (see calendar)

Something to Read

Publisher : Central Recovery Press
ISBN : 978-1949481280

At this time last year, I was talking about reading William Schaberg's *Writing the Big Book: The Creation of AA*. During the ensuing year, I've managed to actually do it.

One of my favorite people among the first 100

has long been Jimmy Burwell, whose story appears in the big book as "The Vicious Circle". His efforts to make the program and fellowship a bigger tent for those of us less religiously inclined, as well as his observations about the patience wives and mothers have with alcoholics, have long endeared him to me.

Having read this book, I still appreciate Mr. Burwell, and I've also acquired an appreciation for Hank Parkhurst, known in some circles as 'the forgotten man of AA', for his involvement in bringing the Big Book to fruition, as well as his work alongside Jim Burwell to embiggen the tent of AA, to borrow from *The Simpsons*.

The most common observations I've read from other reviews of this book are that it humanizes the founders, and underscores the financial straits they were in during the creation of the big book. I can't really disagree with either of these, and I would also say that a lot of the history recounted here foreshadows the traditions.

As befits a history of the big book, this book is large in its own right (800 pages). If you find the physical size of the book daunting, know that a search on the library database worldcat.org indicates that the book is available to download to e-reader in addition to physical form. I've included the International Standard Book Number, or ISBN, to make it easier to find. The ISBN is somewhat like the social security number for a book.

Ch-Ch Changes ...

Meetings in District 40 that need our support!					
Day of Week	Time	Meeting Name	Meeting Place	Street Address	City
Sunday	7:30 PM	Sunday Nite H.O.W.	Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church	328 George St.	West Chicago
Monday	1:00 PM	Anona Monday Afternoon	Anona West	129 Fremont St.	West Chicago
Monday	8:00 PM	Monday Night Big Book	St. James Catholic Church	480 S. Park Blvd.	Glen Ellyn
Monday	8:00 PM	Wheaton Beginner's	Trinity Episcopal Church	130 N. West St.	Wheaton
Tuesday	8:00 PM	Snippets of the Big Book	Anona West	129 Fremont St.	West Chicago
Wednesday	1:00 PM	Anona Wednesday Afternoon	Anona West	129 Fremont St.	West Chicago
Thursday	8:00 PM	Glen Ellyn Thursday	St. Petronille Catholic School	425 Prospect Ave.	Glen Ellyn
Friday	6:00 AM	Literature from Big Book and Grapevine	Anona West (Online only)	Zoom Meeting ID: 894 5738 8674 Passcode: 559	West Chicago (on Zoom only)
Friday	7:00 PM	Dual Recovery Anonymous (substance & mental health)	Anona West	129 Fremont St.	West Chicago
Friday	7:30 PM	Glen Ellyn South Friday Night	St. Luke's Lutheran Church	23W080 Butterfield Rd.	Glen Ellyn
Saturday	7:00 PM	Anona Saturday Night Discussion	Anona West	129 Fremont St.	West Chicago
Saturday	8:30 PM	Saturday Night Butterfield	St. Luke's Lutheran Church	23W080 Butterfield Rd.	Glen Ellyn
Tradition 1 states, "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity." Please visit a few of these meetings! We all need to support each other.					

SAVE THE DATE - 13TH ANNUAL
DUPAGE COUNTY OPEN
Saturday, February 17th, 2024



Parkview Community Church
764 St. Charles Road
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
Doors open at 6pm
Open Speaker Meeting 7 to 8:30 pm

THERE WILL BE THREE SPEAKERS:

1 - 5 Years 6 - 19 Years 20 + Years

This Event Sponsored by
Districts 40, 41, 42 & 43
For information or to volunteer contact:
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