

# INTO ACTION

## *~ Closed Meeting ~ A Brain-Storming Session*

"TONIGHT, we are going to try something a little different. It is called 'brain storming,'" said the leader of the closed meeting.

"No relation to 'brain washing,' I hope, though maybe I could stand a little brain washing of the right type," said Eddie in the front row.

"No relation to 'brain washing.' This is 'brain storming.' It is used by Madison Avenue ad agencies and big corporations to apply the benefit of group thinking to specific problems. Something like we do here, only the pace is quicker, the technique more mechanical," continued the leader.

"Here is how it works. A group sits around a table, just like this, with a chairman and a secretary. Then everyone makes suggestions as rapidly as possible, no matter how impractical they may be. There is to be no evaluation or criticism of any suggestion at the brain storming session. Everyone must feel free to spiel forth any idea, even if it is silly. If even two or three per cent of the suggestions are worth further consideration, that is all we can hope for.

"Our question tonight is, 'What more can our group do to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers?' That's what the Fifth Tradition calls for, you know. Edna, here, will act as secretary and will take down all the suggestions. She will make a list to be considered by a committee to consist of Joe, Harry, Freddie, Marie, and Edna as secretary. We'll expect the committee to report back in a couple of weeks with recommendations.

"Are you ready to start? Let's make the suggestions brief, snappy, without elaboration. One suggestion should lead to another, which is the basic purpose of the whole technique. 'What more can our group do to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers?' Eddie, will you start?" asked the leader.

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**Brainstorming** - (Continued from Page 1)

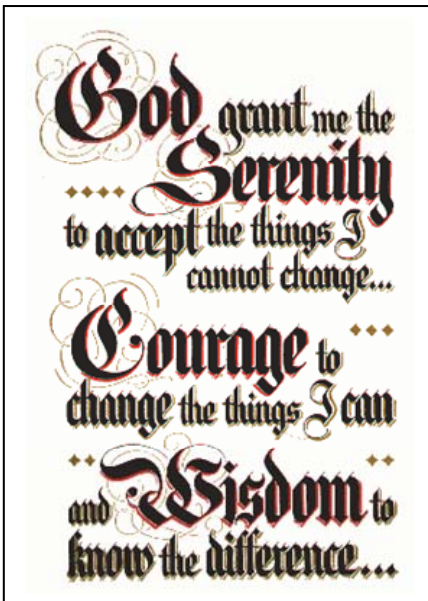
"Let's run an ad in the newspaper," said Eddie.

"O.K.," said the leader, "Let's keep it rolling. What does 'newspaper ad' suggest to you, Susie?"

"Let's run an ad every week telling about our open meeting and offering free literature," said Susie.

"Why not call on the editor see about an article on AA?" added Joe.

"Maybe a series of articles. You can't tell enough in one issue," said another voice.



"Yes, George here is good at that sort of thing. He could do one installment on group therapy, one on public health and even one from the woman's angle," said another contributor.

"Actually our members come from all over and there are quite a few newspapers in the county. Some one should look into that."

"There are also several magazines and lots of churches have little publications that could take shorter pieces."

"Get more publicity for special events. Our group anniversary is coming up soon. Write it up from the reporter's angle and send it in."

"Have a countywide meeting. That would serve two purposes. You could get good publicity for it and some new prospects might show up."

"Start a speakers' bureau," said another voice.

"Some one could speak to the Kiwanis Club at a club luncheon and tell them about AA."

"Don't forget the Rotary, Lions, University Club, and the men's clubs in the churches."

"Why not the PTA and the woman's club? Most of us were pushed in here by women," added the group cynic.

"Does the library have our books? Have someone check all the libraries in the county."

"Maybe we can donate the AA books if the library will catalogue them."

"Perhaps the library will make a display of our books in the reference room with a big colored poster drawing attention to them."

"Don't overlook the high school library."

"Yes, some high school students are old enough to understand about alcoholism."

"All of them are old enough, and some of them have had adequate personal experience," added another.

"No comments on the suggestions," said the leader.

"Let's do something for the physicians," said Louie, changing the subject.

**Brainstorming** (Continued on page 8)

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**District 11 G.S.R. Meetings Are Held On 1st Thursday of the Month at the First United Methodist Church, 236 W. Crystal Lake Avenue; Northeast Corner of Dole & Crystal Lake Avenue in Crystal Lake**

**District Meeting 7:30 PM**

All are welcome. Get involved, join a committee, voice your groups opinion, spread the word, carry the message back to your group and get involved with a committee to carry the AA message to the alcoholic that is still suffering. Out of over 150 registered meetings in District 11, less than 30 G.S.R.'s have been attending the District Meeting. Was someone there for you?

**Are your IN or AROUND A.A.?**

Public Information, Corrections, Grapevine, Hospitals and Treatment, INTOACTION Newsletter, Answering Service, Archives, CPC, Bridge The Gap, Workshops, LCM...and More.

**DISTRICT 11's WEB SITE:**

<http://www.dist11-aa-nia.org/>

**SoberFest Web Site**

<http://www.soberfest.org/>

**\*SCHEDULE INFO CHANGES MUST GO THROUGH DISTRICT 11'S SECRETARY\***

From Group (name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Group #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dist. #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meeting City: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Group Contributions ~ Mail To:**



Panel 58

**Post-General  
Service  
Conference  
*Delegate Report***

***For NIA***

Section 2

(Districts 10, 11, 12, 20, 21, & 28)

***Saturday***

***August 9***

**Huntley Park District**

12015 Mill Street

Huntley, IL 60142

Doors open at 8 AM

Report and Q&A from 9 to noon

For any special needs, contact

Dan Michel at (815) 206-5016

**District 11 DCM  
Report August 2008**

Hello fellowship in District Eleven!

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer weather. The July District business meeting was sparsely attended due to the date falling right before Independence Day. No problems associated with that – everyone seems to be going about their service work with the zeal I have come to expect from such a great bunch of recovering alcoholics.

Frank Spaulding. announced that he will be moving out of state soon and stepped down as District 11 webmaster. A genuine appreciation is extended to Frank for all the work he has done for District 11 over the years. Good luck with your business adventure out West, Frank; you will be missed around here. Fortunately for District 11, another able and willing AA has already stepped up to the plate. The new webmaster is Chuck Thill. He informed me that he will be away on vacation when we meet in August, so you will have to wait until September to meet him in person. Rest assured that he is highly qualified for this appointed position. I would tell you more about him, but I want the record straight. It would be better to let him tell you about himself in person. I still need to facilitate the exchange of access information from Frank to Chuck, so he won't be making any changes to the website until after the District meeting in August. I am sure that he will be open to suggestion from the fellowship regarding changes.

I will distribute an updated District 11 roster at the business meeting August 7 in print and e-mail copies before then. The position of Alternate Secretary is open as of July 27<sup>th</sup>, but I am pretty sure it will be filled on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

The NIA Committee meeting is on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, so I don't have anything to report on that yet.

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**DCM Report** (Continued from Page 5)

Stay tuned – I will have info at the business meeting and your GSR’s should get any important information to you after the 7<sup>th</sup>.

District 11 is hosting a Delegate report for NIA section 2 (Districts 10, 11, 12, 20, 21, and 28) on Saturday August 9 at the Huntley Park District. Our Panel 58 Delegate to the General Service Conference will report on actions taken and discussions that took place at the GSC in New York this spring. This is a great opportunity to find out about business decisions in AA that affect the fellowship as a whole. Doors open at 8 AM and the report/Q & A will go from 9 to Noon.

Anyone willing to help with hosting responsibilities is welcome to show up early! I hope to see many of you there. Until we meet again (or the first time for those of you reading this in the newsletter), take good care of yourselves. May you be Happy, Joyous, and Free.

Dan Michel  
District 11 DCM

# Upcoming Events

1. Panel 58 Post-General Service Conference Delegate report for NIA section 2 (Districts 10, 11, 12, 20,21, & 28) August 9 @ Huntley Park District
2. From The Book anniversary dinner August 17 at McHenry Township
3. 35<sup>th</sup> Illinois State Conference September 5-7 @ Crown Plaza Rosemont
4. NIA Fall Assembly September 13 @ Bethel Baptist Church 1196 N. Academy Street Galesburg, IL 61401
5. NIA Big Book Conference November 1 @ Nazarene Church(Manteno)
6. 19<sup>th</sup> Annual McHenry Soberfest; Grand Geneva Resort, NOVEMBER 21, 22, 23

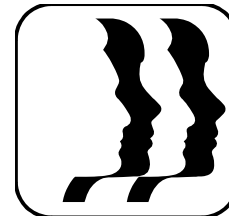
## Minutes~July District 11 Business Meeting

(Editors Note: Dates and times contained in the following minutes are a reflection from the minutes taken in July , not the date of this publication. )

- ❖ The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer at 7:30 PM as usual.
- ❖ There were 2 visitors and a few anniversaries announced.
- ❖ The 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition and 7<sup>th</sup> Concept were read aloud.
- **Officer reports were as follows:**
- **Secretary** – no report,
- **Treasurer** – group contributions were \$563.69 and expenses paid out (including rent for 6 months) were \$755.88 leaving a balance of \$3,743.43.
- **DCM** – United Methodist has been secured as our meeting place for another year starting July 1 and a new District Webmaster has been appointed (Chuck T.) as Frank S. is planning a move to Seattle in September.

The position of Alternate Secretary is open. Please consider filling this position or spread the word to others who may be interested in service work.

All the old and new business conducted has been reported above under DCM COMMITTEE REPORTS



- **Public Information** (Submitted by Brandon L.) – I received the literature that I ordered for the libraries. Still need to distribute the books. The PI committee is working on getting District 11 AA listed in several phone books.

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- **Corrections** (Reported by Chuck L.) – The quarterly meeting for Corrections is coming up before the next District business meeting. Chuck will phone committee members in advance.
- **Hospital & Treatment** (Submitted by Mike R.) – Attended NIA Summer Assembly, discussed literature and workshops in committee meeting there, and got a contact for counseling center. No Bridge the Gap calls this month. Family services has BTG meetings, most recently on June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- **Cooperation with Professional Community** – No report

**Attention!**

MEETING CHANGE

Tue/Thurs. Meeting at Viscount Hall In Island Lake that meets at 7:00 pm is not a Men Only Meeting; It is a Discussion Meeting and EVERYONE is welcome.

NEW LOCATION IN AUGUST:

Messiah Lutheran Church  
25225 W. Ivanhoe  
Wauconda

- **Answering Service** (Submitted by Jim M. and Tom F.) – Total of 142 calls in June. 77 meeting info, 11 needs help call out, 19 hang ups, 5 wrong numbers, 6 refused to give call back number, 1 for open meeting info, 1 for NA or CA, 7 al-anon, 1 alateen, 8 solicitors, 2 Spanish info, 4 needs ride, 11 calls from out of district. 67 calls were returned within 10 minutes, 17 under 20 minutes, 7 under 30 minutes, and 10 over 30 minutes.

**Updated by ed:**

- **Newsletter** (Submitted by Dave G.) – Deadline for the October/November issue is September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Archives** – No report

- **Grapevine** – No report
- **Special Needs** – No report
- **LCM** (submitted by Linda S.) – went to 6 new meetings and received 4 change forms filled out, e-mailed webmaster to put Open meeting schedule and group change forms on web site, e-mailed NIA registrar to find out what meeting have registered, called Chicago directory on how to update meetings in suburb directory, would like help from anyone interested in doing some of the LCM committee work.
- **Workshop** – No report
- **Webmaster** (Submitted by Frank S.) – Updated Bridge the Gap info, District 11 newsletter and schedule on the website. I am stepping down as Webmaster as of August due to move out of state for business reasons. I will provide account access info at next business meeting. Please send Hospital & Treatment info for website to fspaulding@hostingcon.com

- **Schedule Maker** – See LCM report

**The Next District Meeting Will Be Held On September 4<sup>th</sup> 2008 ...Same Place....Same Time:**

At the First United Methodist Church, 236 W. Crystal Lake Avenue; Northeast Corner of Dole & Crystal Lake Avenue in Crystal Lake

**District Meeting 7:30 PM**

Submitted by Dan Michel

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**Obedience**

"We of AA obey spiritual principles,  
at first because we must,  
then because we ought to,  
and ultimately because we love the kind of life  
such obedience brings.

Great suffering and great love  
are AA's disciplinarians;  
we need no others."

**1967AAWS, As Bill Sees It, p. 27**

# On Line Registration: 19th Annual McHenry Soberfest

- 1) Go to **www.soberfest.org** and navigate to the online registration page.
- 2) Select which Conference package you want to purchase by clicking the "Add To Cart" button located adjacent to it. This will take you to PayPal where you can either proceed to checkout, or return to the Menu (online) page and select another package option.
- 3) Complete the payment with PayPal. A PayPal account is NOT necessary; your credit or debit card will suffice. If you use an existing PayPal account or set up one, after you complete the transaction, you will be redirected to our Form Page. If you choose to pay without a PayPal account, you will need to click on the "Return to Merchant" button.
- 4) Once your transaction is completed, you will need to fill in the form on the Registration Form Page.

**This will need to be done for each person who is registering via the PayPal transaction (if you paid for 6 registrations, you will need to fill out 6 forms, just like the mail-in registration but without the envelope and postage!).**

**To reiterate, you need only make one PayPal transaction for 6 (for instance) registration /banquet seats, but you will need to fill out the form for each guest. This includes minors under the age of 8years (they're free, but must register anyway).** When you click the "Submit" button, you will see a "thank-you" page. This means that your information has been sent to Registration, which will match it up with the transaction from PayPal and assign you seating. **On the thank-you page there is a link back to the form page if you need to fill out multiple forms.** On the form there is a block which asks for the last name of the payor...this is how multiple guests will be linked and seated at the banquet. **Perhaps to further ensure this, you could place a note in the "special needs" box to Registration to remind them.**

5) Just as your canceled check is your receipt from mail-in registration, the confirmation email from PayPal will be your receipt with the online registration. **We are thinking that, at least for this year, you should bring a copy of that email just in case there's any confusion at Check in.**

**NOTE:** On the **Form Page**, included are instructions, to indicate if **the registrant wanted to be seated with someone who paid separately for the banquet.**

**Also:** there will be an email, from the committee, upon completion of the form...**use this as your confirmation along with the receipt from PayPal.**

**Doug W.**  
Chair -Technical  
Comm.  
19<sup>th</sup> AMS.  
1-847-525-3326



**The Hospitality Committee** for the 19 annual McHenry Soberfest **is in need of volunteers to be greeters and also for groups to sponsor hospitality rooms.** The Greeter positions will be for one hour. The Hospitality Rooms will be for two hours. You can e-mail us at **hospitality@soberfest.org**. Thank you for your service.  
Tom C & Rich B

**Brainstorming** (Continued from page 2)

"Every member should go to his physician, explain about AA, and offer to help with other patients suffering from alcoholism, when they're interested."

"Let's write a letter to every doctor in our area telling them about AA in one typewritten page which they can file for reference."

"And include some literature for the doctor and his best prospects."

"Include the names of some members whom the doctors can call for further information and for future help with patients."

"Be sure you have the permission of the members for use of their names."

"Why not write to the dentists also? They may have opportunities to pass on the message."

"Nurses, too," said a feminine voice.

"The local hospitals could stand a little briefing but I don't know how you could get the story across or to whom."

"Maybe one of the doctors would know, but in any event we can find out."

"Can something more be done with the local prison? Why not talk to the warden?"

"General Service Headquarters has had a lot of experience working with prisons and other institutions. Why not write them for advice?"

"There are quite a few big corporations in our area. They must have alcoholic problems. Can we visit the personnel managers?"

"Chiefs of Police and judges can be helpful. Maybe we should have a committee to work with them."

"Let's not forget the personal approach. Many of us have friends who are alcoholics. Have we done our best to get our message across to them?"

"One of our best ads is personal example. Practicing the AA program 100 per cent is something we can all try to do."

"Who said there is not enough Twelfth Step work to go around!" said the leader.

"If we were really serious about carrying the message; if we would take these many fine suggestions, and everyone help a little, the results would be spectacular.

"Our committee is going to take these suggestions, discard those which are impractical, and back with recommendations on those that merit further attention. Perhaps the committee will work out a well-rounded program with a little assignment for each one of us who is willing to help.

"I notice that there are quite a few members here from other groups. Perhaps, if they liked our meeting tonight, they will try a 'brain storming' session in their own groups on the question of doing a better job of carrying the message.

"Shall we close the meeting in the usual way?"  
*Grapevine: August 1956: Vol. 13 No. 3*  
Submitted by Dean G.

**HELP WANTED**



**Does anyone  
really know what  
time it is?  
IT'S NOW**

Contact Dist. 11's LCM:  
**Linda S. 815-678-4129**

**Someone who  
enjoys Service  
work with no real  
big commitment;  
that is willing to  
Help the District  
and Area verify  
meetings in the  
Crystal Lake &  
Woodstock Area.**



**2008 Illinois State Conference**



Northern IL. Area 20  
15<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**BIG BOOK CONFERENCE**  
Hosted by District 52  
**NOVEMBER 1, 2008**

**"THERE IS A SOLUTION"**  
8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Manteno Church  
Of The Nazarene  
698 N. Locust (Rt. 50) Manteno, IL.  
(Exit 322 on I57)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Dr. Burns B.  
From Louisville, KY  
BIG BOOK SPEAKER – Ron S. – Joliet  
Restaurants within walking Distance

Registration Fee: \$10.00 (Make  
checks Payable to Area 20 Big  
Book Conference)



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CONTACTS: Brian L. 815-686-5283  
Or Russ K. 815-401-2244

**September 5-7**

*35<sup>th</sup> Annual*

**“Communication  
And Participation-  
The Key to Unity  
& Self-Support”**



**SPEAKERS**

**Friday Evening**  
David S.; South Carolina –AA

**Sat. Afternoon**  
Jessie W.; Schaumburg, IL-AFG

**Sat. Evening**  
Frank J.; Sherman Oaks, CA-AA  
Banquet & Dance

**Sunday Morning**  
GSO Speaker  
**Alcathons\*Panels\*Al-anon\*  
Hospitality Room\*Archives  
Literature\*Childcare**  
Crowne Plaza Hotel\*\$119./nt  
Chicago O’Hare  
5440 N. River Rd., Rosemont  
1-800-465-4329

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**  
llstateconference2008@gmail.com  
Raymond H. 773-375-1062  
George K. 773-218-5512  
Deadline for Mail-In Registration is August 22, 2008

## Heard Around The Tables

### District 11's Wisdom and Witticisms

- Only an alcoholic knows the definition of Sobriety because an alcoholic is the one who lost it.
- Repetition is the mother of learning.
- I accept what I can't change, and change what I can. This week, I will practice knowing when to take action and when to let go and accept.
- If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading
- The words "our," "we," and "us" are used a total of 18 times in our 12 Steps.
- Only as high as I reach can I grow,  
Only as far as I seek can I go,  
Only as deep as I look can I see,  
Only as much as I dream can I be
- Clinging to the past is the problem.  
Embracing change is the answer.
- First of all, we had to quit playing God. It didn't work." (BB; pg. 62)
- E.G.O.: Easing God Out
- Prayers will become powerful when we allow God to change our desires so that they correspond to His will for us.
- A alcoholic returns to alcoholism because he did nothing or not enough to prevent a return, he didn't thoroughly follow our path.

## Trippin' Over Your Tongue?

A short collection of tongue twisters heard at meetings.

- Step Six: Were entirely ready to have God remove these defective characters.
- Step Seven: "Humbly asked him to restore our shortcomings"
- Tradition Two: Our lovers are but busted servants; they do not govern.



A drunk came across a magazine article about the horrors of disease and other damage that drinking can do to one's body. He found what he read frightening, so he told his drinking buddies that he'd had enough.

"That's it!" he said. "After today, no more reading."

# HARTLAND'S FROM THE BOOK MEETING CELEBRATES THEIR 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



**SUNDAY**  
**AUGUST 17**  
Doors Open at 4:30  
Dinner at 5:00  
Speaker to Follow at 6:00

## Cookin' from the Book Anniversary Dinner

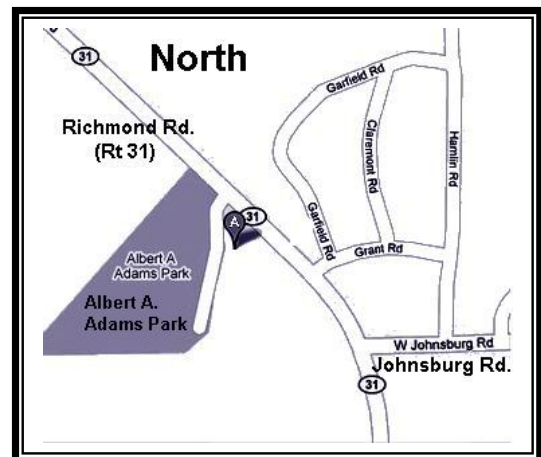
Our speaker will be Theodore W.  
From Geneva, IL.

### Spaghetti Dinner & Open Speaker Meeting

This Even is FREE  
Donations will be Gratefully Accepted at the door but seating is limited!

**MCHENRY TOWNSHIP BUILDING**  
**3703 N. RICHMOND RD.**

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO  
CONTACT BRANDON L.  
1-815-219-1667





**THUMPER Say's...  
Brainstorm...**

**Big Book, pg 66:**

"The grouch and the brainstorm were not for us."

**Big Book, pg 65:**

"So we were sore.

We were "burned up."

**Big Book; Pg 64:**

"Resentment is the "number one" offender. It destroys more alcoholics than anything else."

Back in the day...when the Big Book was being written, if one would look up the word "Brainstorm", in the dictionary of the time, it would read:

**Brainstorm: A sudden, violent disturbance of the mind; rage.**

The "grouch" is the "slow-burn" and brainstorm is the "severe-burn".

When harboring resentments, we eventually get "burned up. This causes more fear and tension and unless addressed at once, we seek ways to relieve that tension and we drink again. Steps 10, 11 & 12 keep our resentment machine manageable for today.

One anecdote reflects that during a planning meeting held by Walt Disney, in the late 1930's, at the end of a list on initiatives, he wrote "Brainstorming; and the term took on another meaning:

**"A sudden clever plan or idea."**

Northern Illinois Area 20

**Fall Assembly**

**Saturday**

**September 13**

Hosted by District 91

**Bethel Baptist Church**

**1196 N. Academy St.**

**Galesburg, Il. 61401**



Registration starts @ 8:00am

Meeting begins @ 9:00am

Lunch - \$8.00

**Contacts:**

Pat W. 309-337-8219

Steve H. 309-335-2984

**Do You Remember**

(Prayer from the DYR, Dinner Dance)

AT THE RISING SUN AND AT IT'S GOING DOWN'  
WE REMEMBER THEM.

AT THE BLOWING OF THE WIND AND IN THE  
CHILL OF WINTER,  
WE REMEMBER THEM.

AT THE OPENING OF BUDS AND THE REBIRTH  
OF SPRING,  
WE REMEMBER THEM.

AT THE SHINING OF THE SUN AND THE WARMTH  
OF SUMMER,  
WE REMEMBER THEM.

AT THE RUSTLING OF THE LEAVES AND IN THE  
BEAUTY OF FALL,  
WE REMEMBER THEM.

WHEN WE ARE WEARY AND IN NEED OF  
STRENGTH,  
WE REMEMBER THEM.

WHEN WE ARE LOST AND SICK AT HEART,  
WE REMEMBER THEM.

WHEN WE HAVE JOY WE WANT TO SHARE,  
WE REMEMBER THEM.

WHEN WE HAVE ACHIEVEMENTS THAT ARE  
BASED ON THEIRS,  
WE REMEMBER THEM.

**AS LONG AS WE LIVE, THEY TOO WILL LIVE;  
FOR THEY ARE NOW A PART OF US,  
AS WE REMEMBER THEM**

We stood at the turning point



# 19th Annual McHenry's Soberfest

[www.soberfest.org](http://www.soberfest.org)

November 21-22-23, 2008

## Grand Geneva Resort

## Lake Geneva, WI

AA Conference \* Banquet \* Dance \* Alcathons \* Panels \* Step Workshop \* Literature \* Archives

### GUEST SPEAKERS

#### AL-ANON

Zelda R. Lincoln, NE  
Ellie H. Minnesota

#### A.A.

Jeff V. – Jamestown, ND  
Chris R. – Hunt, TX  
Danny B. – Lago Vista, TX  
Beth G. – Brecksville, OH

#### ALATEEN

Cassie M.  
Inverness, IL.

\*Signing (ASL) will be provided during Main Speakers\*

### **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY PART OF THE CONVERENCE**

For Hotel Information or Room Reservations,

**CALL TOLL FREE: GRAND GENEVA RESORT \* 888-392-8000**

Rooms are \$105. to \$180. Per night

There will be a FREE shuttle bus service throughout the resort grounds between the hours of 6:00am – 2:00am \* EVERY 15 minutes.

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