

CONFIDENTIAL
February/March
2010

INTO ACTION



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I Came...

F.E.A.R.

Forget Everything And Run

I Came To...

F.E.A.R.

False Evidence Appearing Real

I Came To Believe

F.E.A.R.

Face Everything and Recover



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DISTRICT 11 SHARES ON STEPS 1 & 2

Step 1 -

We admitted that our lives had become unmanageable...

Somewhere in the dark recesses of my mind I always knew I had a problem with drinking, but I didn't have a clue how to do anything about it. I was extremely selfish and self-centered. What use would you be to me? "Hey man, buy me a beer? Let me get a hit? Do you have any work for me?" I always thought that as long as I had a job that everything was going to be all right; for the moment anyway, until I lost another one. I picked a line of work that was always available and had a high turnover rate. If I couldn't get along with the boss or just got bored with it I'd quit. I'd tell myself "That's o.k., I'll find another one." Most of the time though, I would lose jobs due staying out all night drinking and then not being able to get up the next morning. I would try to rationalize it by telling myself maybe I'll have to give up smoking pot or

drinking. I knew that I couldn't do both anymore. I was sleeping through my alarm or would just reach over and turn it off. I decided that I would quit smoking pot. That would fix the problem right? Wrong, I still couldn't see the real problem. I was in denial.

A pattern started to form. Not only could I not hold down a job but also the same went for relationships. It stands to reason that if you don't have a job you have no money, a place to live or the confidence needed to find someone. If that wasn't enough, I would just end up getting belligerent, saying something stupid or just get downright mean and that would usually end it. Somehow I was always able to sweet talk someone into feeling sorry for me or convincing them that I was in love with them just so I would have a place to stay for awhile. You know, just until I can get back on my feet.

That was fine with me while I was still in my twenties but as I got older I started to ask myself why I couldn't find that certain someone, settle down and raise a family. These were things that I had always wanted.

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Years later I finally found someone that I wanted to spend the rest of my life with. Although I quit smoking pot about ten years ago I was still drinking and she took notice. At first it was “Maybe you shouldn’t drink so much after work,” to “How about you only drink on the weekends?” to “I’ve done some research and I think you might be an alcoholic.” WHAT! An ALCOHOLIC! Not me, you’ve got the wrong guy. This started a resentment. I knew that she could have a couple of drinks and walk away and as much as I wanted to be like that, I knew I would never be. “I’ll show her I told myself. I told her I was only drinking non-alcoholic beer and that’s why she smelled it on my breath. I could look her in the eyes and talk to her without her knowing I’d been drinking. If I stayed out late enough she would be asleep when I got home. I would tell her I fell asleep on the couch. This worked for about a year and a half. Then it finally came time to face the music.

I was driving home from a poker tournament so drunk that I blacked out behind the wheel, lost control of my car and totaled it. This was the day my life changed. The people whose yard I destroyed helped me out of the car and invited me into their home to sober up a bit. They said not to worry about the police; they weren’t going to be called. If that wasn’t enough they asked me if I wanted to leave my car next to their barn and they would give a ride home. I accepted. There was only one problem with this; it was only about 9:30pm. and I knew that I would have to face my wife when I got home. There would be no getting out of this one.

We decided that counseling was the only option. It was the best-case scenario for me. At least we weren’t talking divorce. Later, she told me this was an option but I couldn’t blame her. For the first time in my life I was starting to learn what love was but if I couldn’t even love myself, how was I going to love someone else? I was ready to do whatever it would take to save our relationship. It was only our first visit and about half way through the caseworker stopped us. He said, the problem wasn’t our marriage, it was my drinking. It took a complete stranger to tell me that I was an alcoholic! With this I broke down. I was ready to surrender. I found out later that he was also in the program and been sober

for 28 years. I signed myself up for outpatient treatment and few days later I walked through the doors of A.A. I was powerless over alcohol!

A power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity...

I choose to call him God. None of this could even be possible for me without Him. My accident that night brought me to the program and the program brought me to God. Funny how life works huh? This all brought me to believe that there aren’t coincidences only the way my Higher Power thinks it should be. When I started to believe that, my life got better. What He has done for me is immeasurable. He has giving me the ability to communicate my thoughts and feelings. To take that step back and think things though before I act out. These things were never possible for me because I would always be two steps ahead trying to control outcomes. I would jump in and deal with the consequences later. The sanity was restored for me when God allows me to stay out of my own head. I know that every time I ask for His help it is given to me. Calmness comes over me and I know everything is going to be all right.

I think I am finally starting to understand what this program is all about. Don’t ever be embarrassed or ashamed to ask of your Higher Power (or anyone in the fellowship) for help. You will always receive what you need to hear, as long as you are honest, open and willing. If you take it one day at a time, remembering to do the footwork, with the help of the fellowship and your higher power, life will continue to improve and your sanity will be restored. GODSPEED! Submitted by Anonymous

ACT AS IF...

It is my job to act and behave like the change has occurred.

- ⊕ Act as if: I was following instructions
- ⊕ Act as if: I was trusting in the Program
- ⊕ Act as if: I was listening to my sponsor
- ⊕ Act as if: I was coming to believe in a Power Greater
- ⊕ Act as if: I must act as if He has provided guidance.

and soon I was doing all these things.

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District 11 G.S.R.
**Meetings Are Held
 On 1st Thursday of
 the Month at the
 McHenry Alano Club;
 409 Front Street-Unit D
 (route 31)
 McHenry, IL**



District Meeting 7:30 PM

Twelve Traditions an Explanation

"The Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous are a distillate of our experience of living and working together.

They apply the spirit of the Twelve recovery Steps to our group life and security.

They deal with the world outside and with each other; they state our attitudes toward power and prestige, toward property and money.

They would save us from tempting alliances and major controversies; They would elevate principles far above personal ambitions.

And as a token of this last, they request that we Maintain personal anonymity before the open public as a protection to AA and as proof of the fact that our society intends to practice true humility."

Bill W., The Language of the Heart, pg. 96

DISTRICT 11's WEB SITE:

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

District 11 Secretary

aadistrict11sec@yahoo.com

SOBERFEST WEB SITE

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

NIA 20 *EVENTS* WEB SITE:

<http://www.aa-nia.org/events.html>

Live Links

****SCHEDULE INFO CHANGES: PLEASE CALL**

LINDA S., 815-678-4129 OR EMAIL AT:

schedulemaker@ymail.com

From Group (Name) _____

Group #: _____

Dist. #: _____

Meeting City: _____

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Live Well ♥ Laugh Often ♥ Love Much

**THEME FOR THE APRIL - MAY
 ISSUE OF INTO ACTION IS STEP 3
 or anything you wish to submit.**

INTO Action: District 11's Newsletter
 Editor: David Gilbert 815-344-6523
 **E-mail: Soulsurgery@comcast.net

Monthly Meeting Minutes for District 11 January, 7th, 2010

(Editor's Note: Dates and times contained in the following minutes are a reflection from the minutes taken on January 7, 2001, not the date of this publication.)

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

Attendance: 37

Committee Members: 6

Groups Represented: 22

Anniversaries: Steve-10yrs, Lynn-15yrs,
Christie-3yrs

CONGRATULATIONS ON ALL ANNIVERSARIES!

Secretary's Report...Glen R (alt Mary F)

Written committee report forms must be submitted to the secretary to be included in the minutes. The new E-Mail for the secretary is aadistrict11sec@yahoo.com Special thanks to Christine for her work as secretary .

Treasurer's Report: Linda l (alt open)

Starting Balance	\$3101.14
Expenses	\$ 911.81
Income	<u>\$3278.27</u>
Ending Balance	\$5467.60

Tradition 7 gratitude contributions to area 20 \$730.56, GSO \$487.04 leaving \$4250.00 in the prudent reserve.

DCM Report Brandon L (alt Frank G)

Thanked everyone for opportunity to serve as DCM for district 11, Attended NIA Winter assembly on Dec 12, tentatively offered District 11 to host Pre-General Service Conference Workshop on April 10th 2010; Opted to serve on the Area Operating Committee.

Winter Committee meeting being held January 23rd at the Lord of life church in La Fox and would like some representation from District 11

On Jan 15th our delegate Ray Mengler and his alternate Rich Heales, will be receiving the Preliminary Agenda for this year's General Service Conference.

Date	Group (Contributions)	Amount
08/21/09	Thur. Night St Paul #119600	120.00
09/04/09	Flying Geese	34.00
09/01/09	Wed Men's K.I.S.#678873020	600.00
09/08/09	Mon BB #657521	50.00
09/05/09	Design For Living #654091	300.00
09/06/09	Unknown #125619	180.00
10/15/09	St Mary's Att.Adj #675712	360.00
10/10/09	Fri Night Chance Sobriety	120.00
10/10/09	Sat Speakers Choice#137304	57.00
10/10/09	Thur. Men's BB #672942	75.00
10/02/09	Winners Beginners #614507	491.87
10/01/09	Mon BB #657321	25.00
11/05/09	BB Desiderata #104182	60.00
11/02/09	Sun Night Begin #135243	60.00
11/28/09	Sun am McHenry BB#658742	90.00
11/30/09	From the Book #646950	111.00
11/16/09	NIA PPM-11 Forum Grant	200.00
12/21/09	Thur. Night St Paul #119600	120.00
12/17/09	Mon.BB #657321	50.00
10/30/09	Thur./Sat Enchanted Cottage	54.00
11/10/09	Group 0-14-00470	600.00
11/09/09	Mon Night BB #689268	45.00
10/18/09	Design For Living #654091	300.00
10/20/09	Tue/Thur. Huntley #657318	25.00
10/17/09	Wed Clean Air #150979-0201	240.00
10/20/09	St Mary's Att. Adj. #675712	1075.00
10/27/09	Fri 12&12 #657318	45.00
11/02/09	Tue Riverside #659638	120.00
11/05/09	Mon BB ???	50.00



Public Information Report Nick (alt Brian B)
no report

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Hospital & Treatment Report Mike R (alt Dave R)
1 bridge the gap call filled. Have a list of all DUI treatment centers organized and on file and plan to contact all the centers and hand out AA literature.

Corrections Report: Chuck L, (alt Julie Z)
No Report

CPC Report: John S: (alt Nate P)
Attended the NIA winter assembly, Met with other CPC people in the area , got some ideas working on.

Answering Service Report: Fred G' (alt Justin K)
Need volunteers from 7pm to & am
Re3ceived 101 calls total as followed: 77 meeting info, 2 open meetings 9 hang-up, 4 wrong numbers, 10 refused to give call back numbers, 2 wanted to talk to AA, 2 al-anon, 1 intervention, 1 NA/CA, 2 treatment info, 2 solicitors, 2 Spanish info, 3 needed a ride

Archives Report: Clarence J, (alt open)
Old timers brunch Feb 21st at the American Legion in Wauconda

OLD TIMERS BRUNCH
Food
And
Fellowship

When: Sunday, February 21, 2010

**Where: American Legion Hall,
Wauconda -**

(Main St., 2 blocks south of Rte. 176)

DOORS OPEN - 9:00 AM

BRUNCH FROM - 9:30-11:00 AM

SPEAKERS START - 11:00 AM

CONTRIBUTIONS - \$6.00



**SPEAKERS - KANDEE N.
DICK E.**

Special Needs Report: Pat C, (alt open)

LCM Report: Steve S, (alt open)
no report

Workshop Report: Craig C, (alt Sue C)
no report

Newsletter Report: UP-DATED BY EDITOR
Dave G,; (Alt Ric J; Justin K.)
The next dead line for the April/May Issue is MARCH 21, 2010.

The Theme is Step 3 or You or Your groups News, Experience, Strength and Hope.

Webmaster Report: Chuck T
no report

Schedule Maker Report:
Linda S
no report



District 11's meeting Schedule
<http://www.aa-nia-dist11.org/D11Sched/D11Sched.htm>

Old Business:

- Elections results
- Secretary Glen R
- Alternate Sec Mary F
- Public Information Chair Nick
- Alt P.I. Brian B
- LCM...Steve S

alternate treasure and alt special needs are still open

2010 Budget was approved

New Business:

Primary purpose Finance for District 11 has been implemented by the treasure

The 2010 Spring Conference hosted by District 28 has requested district 11 participation.

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Upcoming Events

- Old Timers Brunch Feb. 21st
- ISCPAA – State Conference, Feb. 12,13,14, Rockford, IL. Registrations Printed
- Jan 23 Winter Committee Meeting/Service workshop
- March 26-28 , NIA 35th Spring Conference ,Marriot **UPDATED BY EDITOR;**
NEW LOCATION FOR SPRING CONF.
601 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Wheeling, IL 60090
- April 10th Pre General Service Conference hosted by District 11

Open Misc.

- Soberfest will have meeting every other Wednesday at the township hall- Info call David G. 1-815-344-6523-**March Mtgs. 3, 17, 31; April Mtgs. - 14, 28.** ~7:30 PM~
- last chance house in crystal lake has 3 beds open
- new 1200 noon meetings Tuesday and Thursday at the McHenry Alano
- AA bowling Jan 31st at west lane bowling Alley Crystal lake 1pm to 4 pm \$10.00 covers 3 games and shoes.

UP-DATED BY EDITOR

**** The next district meeting will be held on Thursday, March 4, 2010*

1st Thursday of the Month at the
McHenry Alano Club; 409 Front Street-Unit D
(Route 31), McHenry, IL

Respectfully Submitted, Glen Reid, Secretary, Mary
F alternate secretary

Northern Illinois Area (NIA) 20 Spring Assembly

Hosted by Districts 10 and 12

This Assembly will be held inside the 2010 Spring Conference!!

Westin Chicago North Shore
601 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Wheeling, IL 60090

DATE/TIME: Saturday, March 27
Registration begins: 8 am
Assembly begins: 9 am



Info & map: <http://www.aa-nia.org/events.html>

Spring Conference 2010 March 26-28

Without UNITY the HEART
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WHERE:

The Westin North Shore

601 North Milwaukee Ave.

Wheeling, IL 60090

847-777-6500

Conf. &
Banquet
\$55.00

Conf. \$20.00

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Dist. 28



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SPEAKERS:

FRIDAY: Paul McQ. Oceanside NY.

SATURDAY MORNING: Pat D. Orland Park IL.

FEATURED BANQUET SPEAKER:

Donna H. Huntley MT.

SUNDAY MORNING: Michael E. Evans GA. &

Doug R. G.S.O. NY.

FOR MORE INFO: Carl A 847-867-4589 or

Jim C 847-727-1101

ONLINE REGISTRATION & MORE INFO:

www.niaspringconference.com

Cut off for mail in Registration is Feb 22, 2010

(More District 11 Shares on Steps 1 & 2)

The Search for Power

When I was drinking, I knew my life was unmanageable and I blamed the world for my problems. I went to great lengths to try and "fix" the external aspects of my life – getting in and out of relationships, geographic moves, changing jobs, diet and exercise, etc. None of the external changes had much effect on how I felt on the inside and my disease continued to progress.

I was brought up to use will power to solve problems and to follow the motto "if at first you don't succeed, try and try again". I tried every method I could imagine to control my drinking and was devastated by my failures. I believed that I was worthless and that life was a continuing succession of pain. The only relief I could find came in a bottle or pill. I maintenance drank during the day, binge drank at night, and drank myself back to sleep when I woke before morning.

I came to Alcoholics Anonymous in a bad mood! I read the steps, imagined in my mind what they were about, and decided which ones were necessary for me. I was willing to accept the second half of Step 1, "that our lives had become unmanageable" but didn't think the remainder of the Steps applied to me. I had special and unique problems requiring a special and unique solution.

My special and unique solutions at sobriety failed as badly as my attempts to control my drinking. I gradually realized that the people I met in AA knew the same feelings of fear, self loathing, helplessness, and anger that were ruling my life but that they had found ways to deal with those issues. I finally admitted the first half of Step 1 was as true as the second half. I didn't have the power to cure my disease but I continually associated with other alcoholics that had been restored to sanity by following a path I had yet to try. I came to believe a power greater than myself could restore me to sanity. I eventually began working the steps of Alcoholics Anonymous with a sponsor and have benefited greatly from working with people who have the qualities in life that I seek.

Submitted by - Anonymous

Heard Around the Tables

District 11's Wisdom and Witticisms

- ⊕ "A positive attitude may not solve all my problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort!"
- ⊕ "AA works if you work it. And it works if you don't --- just not for you."
- ⊕ "Just when I got used to yesterday, along came TODAY!"
- ⊕ "All of our social problems arise out of doing the wrong thing righter. The more efficient I am at doing the wrong thing, the wronger I become. It is much better to do the right thing wronger than the wrong thing righter! If I do the right thing wrong and correct it, I get better."
- ⊕ **Complacency**
Don't think there are no crocodiles because the water's calm.
- ⊕ Take what you can use, and leave the rest for others.
- ⊕ The key to my serenity is acceptance. But "acceptance" does not mean that I have to like it, condone it, or even ignore it. What it does mean is I am powerless to do anything about it... and I have to accept that fact.
- ⊕ Sponsee: "I've never done anything in moderation."
Sponsor: "Except maybe the steps."
- ⊕ All wisdom is plagiarized but stupidity is always original!
- ⊕ "I used to 'drink up!' and throw up. Today I suit up and show up!"
- ⊕ If it is to be, it is up to me.

On Rule 62

Stink'in Think'in

If you want to know who loves you the most, between your spouse and your dog, here is a great experiment.

Take your spouse and your dog and put them in the trunk of your car and shut the lid.

Go back in a half an hour, open the trunk and see who is really glad to see you?

(God, please make me the kind of person my dog thinks I am.)

(More District 11 Shares on Steps 1 & 2)

Step One - Powerlessness & Unmanageability:

To admit I was powerless over alcohol meant I was weak; I had a fault, that something dominated me. I couldn't do it...for so long...for years. I stuffed that thought so far down in me. How was I going to say I can't drink anymore, which meant my life as I knew it was over. It was too much. It was too overwhelming. It frightened me more than anything I have ever been asked to do before in my life. But something happened, I had hit my bottom, a place I pray I don't ever have to go back to; A place that is always waiting for me if I put a drink to my lips. I finally came to a point in 2006 where I made a phone call to an AA member, a stranger. All I heard was "Are you ready", "Are you willing" and somehow (I now know it was a power bigger than me), I heard the words "Yes" come out of my mouth. That is the day I'll never forget nor will I never stop being thankful for. It is the only part of my AA program to date that I feel I have done 100%....

"And that our lives had become unmanageable", when I heard that for the first time, I (like any other "unique alcoholic"), thought I had some room not to really dig so deep. I had a "normal" life; 10-yr relationship, roof over my head, 2.5 cars in the garage, went on vacations, had a job, etc. Now let me dissect that.... My relationship was never deep & meaningful, the roof was not mine, the car payments were way overdue, never paid for the vacations, and oh yeah, and I just got fired for doing drugs & alcohol at my job. Yes, it took me working my sponsor, going to meetings, and working this step to redefine in my delusional mind what the definition of manageable meant and what it means to me today. To me today, it not entirely wrapped up in all the material day to day stuff, it's the manageability of my life inside myself.

Step 2 – Came to believe in a Power that could restore me to sanity...

This step was both easy and difficult. My first response was that this preconceived dogma "God" that I was raised on, needed to enter my life again. I resisted this with all I had, with all due respect to that religion. But thru going to meetings, keeping my mind and thoughts open, I felt this surrender inside of me, wanting so much for my life to change, and again something started to happen. This "sanity" that I was hearing about, this "Higher Power greater than myself", this restoration, did start happening to me. It was and is amazing to this day. It is no longer all up to me. There was a pressure relieved, a weight lifted that I really didn't know I had been carrying around with me until it was gone.



FEBRUARY 12-14, 2010
**CLOCK TOWER RESORT &
 CONFERENCE CENTER**
7801 E. State St. Rockford, IL 61108

Registration (>1/20/2010) \$20.00
 Dinner Buffet \$25.00
 Breakfast Buffet \$12.00

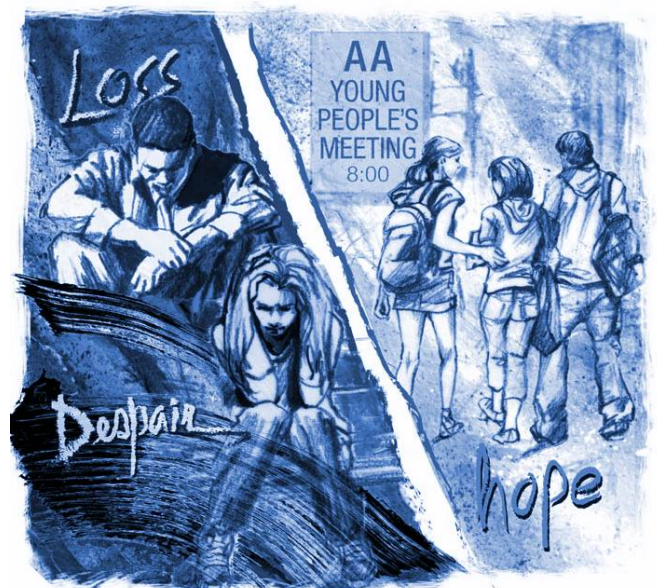
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Hotels Chair Bill W.815-229-3295

Contact Information
Danielle W. 815 543 5166 or
Robert S. 815 509 8567

Map and Info: (Live Link)

<http://www.aa-nia.org/events.html>



"Young" refers to Young at Heart

2010 CALENDAR

Northern Illinois Area 20

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION and HOST
Winter Committee Meeting/ Orientation Workshop	Jan 23	Lord of Life Church, La Fox 60119 Panel 58 Officers, Host
37 th Annual Conference of Delegates Past and Present	Feb 12-14	Kalamazoo MI Area 34, Host
36 th NIA Spring Conference	Mar 26-28	Westin North Shore, Wheeling District 28, Host
Spring Assembly	Mar 27	Westin North Shore, Wheeling District 10 & 12, Host
Pre-General Service Conference Workshop	Apr 10	Lord of Life Church, La Fox Dist 11, Host
60 th General Service Conference	Apr 18-24	Rye Town Hilton Hotel Rye, NY
Spring Committee Meeting	May 1	Lord of Life Church, La Fox District 62, Host
Summer Assembly/Post-GSC Panel 60 Delegate Report	Jun 12	TBA District 51 & 52, Host
2010 AA Int'l Convention "A Vision for You"	Jul 1-4	San Antonio TX
Summer Committee Meeting	Aug 7	Lord of Life Church, La Fox District 23, Host
37 th Illinois State Conference	Aug 20-22	Wyndham Lisle Hotel Area 20, Host
Fall Assembly	Sep 18	TBA District 43, Host
Fall Committee Meeting	Oct 23	Lord of Life Church, La Fox District 71, Host
17 th NIA Big Book Conference	Nov 13	Lord of Life Church, La Fox Districts 61, Host
Winter Assembly	Dec 11	TBA District ____, Host

Lord of Life Church, La Fox, IL 60119 is located at the southeast corner of IL Rte 38 & La Fox Rd.,
3 ½ miles west of Randall Rd. and 3 ½ miles east of IL Rte 47
(Approved at the Winter Assembly 12/12/09)

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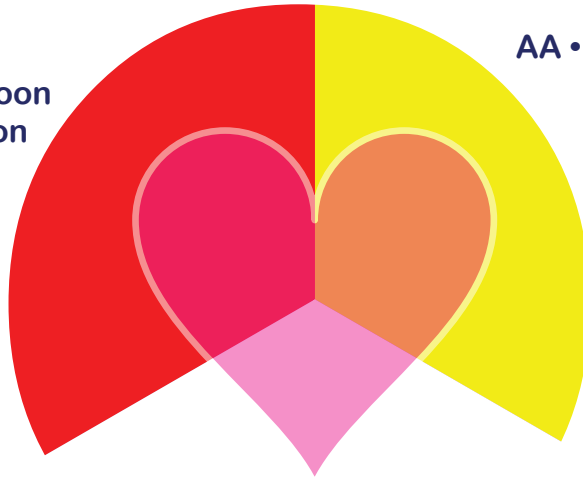
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Alcathon from Friday afternoon until Sunday morning. Al-Anon and Alateen program.

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

FOR MORE INFO. CONTACT:

Carl A 847-867-4589 or Jim C 847-727-1101



AA • Al-Anon • Alateen • Alcathons
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Main Speakers • Signed for
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GROUPS THAT WISH TO SIT TOGETHER MUST REGISTER TOGETHER

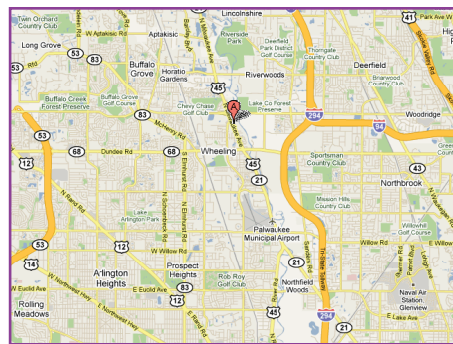
FEATURE SPECIAL EVENT:

Service Carnival at Pirates Pier. Come up the Pier and get yer service information materials and meet yer fellow Ship-mates. Many a landlubber learnt a thing or two about ye opportunities to service there fellows in AA by visitin this waystation. There always be a few hoodwinkers, and scally wags about, plus try yer hand at them games o chance. We'll be about all day Saturday. But remember this be a Grog free event!

ONLINE REGISTRATION: www.niaspringconference.com
For hotel registration, alternative accommodations, detailed directions, special meals, volunteer and more.

Directions from O'Hare:

Head west on Access Rd 1.6 miles.
Slight left at I-190 E 0.7 miles. Take the
US-12 S/US-45 S/Manheim Rd ramp 0.3
miles. Merge onto Mannheim Rd/US-12 W/
US-45 N. Continue to follow US-45 N.
Destination will be on the right
11.0 miles.



MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 2010 NIA Spring Conference
SEND CHECKS TO: 2010 NIA Spring Conference
PO Box 235
Fox River Grove, IL 60021-0235
CUT OFF DATE for mail in registration IS FEBRUARY 22, 2010



Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ e-mail _____

- () CONFERENCE \$20.00 () CONFERENCE AND BANQUET \$55 () TOTAL ENCLOSED \$
CHECK APPROPRIATE: () AA () Al-Anon () Alateen () Guest
() Banquet () Hearing Impaired () Español () Fun

Northern Illinois Area (NIA) 20 Spring Assembly



Hosted by Districts 10 and 12

*This Assembly will be held inside the 2010
Spring Conference!!*

LOCATION: Westin Chicago North Shore
601 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Wheeling, IL 60090

DATE/TIME: Saturday, March 27th
Registration begins: 8 am
Assembly begins: 9 am

(Directions to assembly location will be provided once inside hotel)

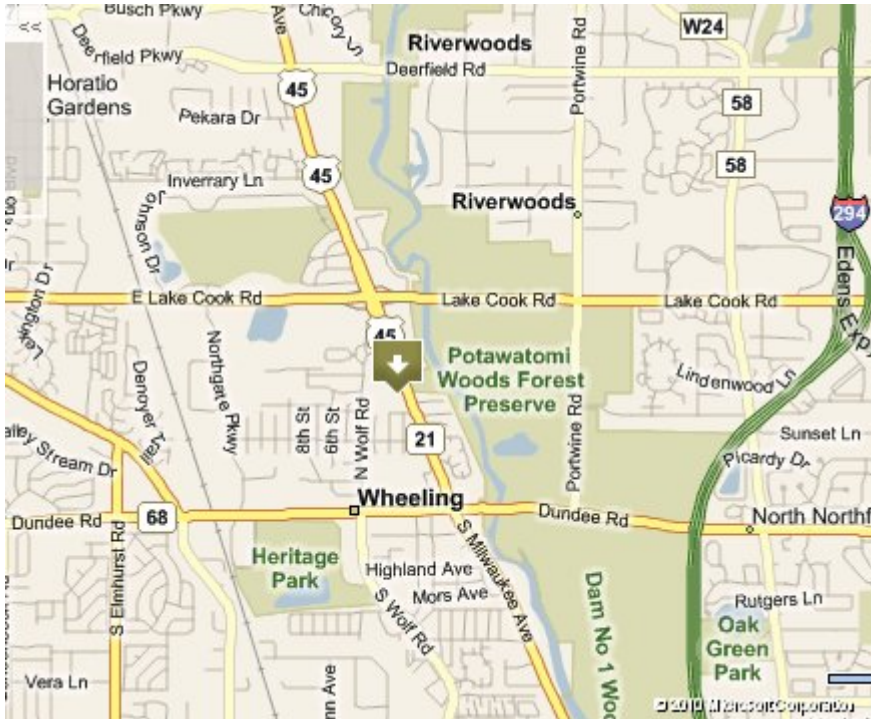
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From Downtown Chicago

Take Interstate 90 West to 294 North towards Milwaukee
 Take the Lake Cook exit and turn left on Lake Cook
 Proceed west
 Stay to the right and exit at Milwaukee Avenue
 Turn left at US 45/Illinois 21/Milwaukee Avenue
 Turn left at Wolf Road and proceed to the hotel

From North

Take Interstate 94 East/294 South towards Chicago
 Exit west at Lake Cook Road
 Turn right on Lake Cook
 Proceed west
 Stay to the right and exit Milwaukee Avenue
 Turn left on US45/Illinois 21/Milwaukee Avenue
 Turn left at Wolf Road and proceed to the hotel

From South

Take interstate 294 North towards Milwaukee/Wisconsin
 Exit at Lake Cook Road and turn left (head west)
 Stay to the right and exit Milwaukee Avenue
 Turn left onto US 45/Illinois 21/Milwaukee Avenue
 Turn left at Wolf road and proceed to the hotel

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