

## Conferences/Events

### 2011 East Central Regional Forum

**November 11-13, 2011**

Holiday Inn Dayton Mall  
(soon to be Wyndham Garden)  
31 Prestige Plaza Drive  
Miamisburg, OH 45342

Forums are designed to enhance communication and participation among AA members, the General Service Board, and staff and directors from the General Service Office Staff and the AA Grapevine. Forums offer a meeting place to ask questions and spark new ideas to help carry the AA message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic.

This forum provides unique opportunities for AA members throughout the East Central Region to share their experience, strength and hope.

- Registration is free.
- You can register online at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Go to "Services for Members" and click on "Regional Forums" link. This link will also connect you to hotel reservation information.
- You do not have to register to attend, but, please register early to help us plan for setup.
- You are on your own for meals.
- All who register will receive a final report of all discussions at the Forum.

### 51st Tri-State Convention

**November 4, 5, and 6**

Holiday Inn Convention Center  
222 Potomac Blvd.  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

#### Speakers

Robert H.	Evansville, IN
Clement C.	St. Louis, MO
Sterling W.	Charleston, SC
Sister Ruth.	Anderson, IN
Lyri M. (AFG)	Belleville, IL

**Registration** \$25, **Banquet** \$25, **Alateen** free

Mail registration, by October 28 to  
2011 Tri-State Convention  
P.O. Box 132  
Carmi, IL 62821

#### Lodging

Holiday Inn, Mt. Vernon  
Ph: 800-243-7171 or 618-244-7100  
Room rates: \$79, includes full breakfast buffet  
Mention Tri-State Convention for this discounted rate.

#### Contact

Joe K. (812)-589-5353; Christie B. (618)384-0068;  
or, Joe F. (618)246-3613

## Anniversaries

Congratulations to all of those celebrating a recent anniversary!

<b>Melanie G.</b>	<b>August 1</b>	<b>10 years</b>
<b>Doris A.</b>	<b>August 4</b>	<b>1 year</b>
<b>Katrina R.</b>	<b>September 5</b>	<b>1 year</b>
<b>Jamie R.</b>	<b>September 17</b>	<b>1 year</b>

If you know of any anniversaries that you would like to put in the newsletter, send an e-mail to [newsletter@aa-eci.org](mailto:newsletter@aa-eci.org). Please get the person's consent!!!

## AA Trivia Question

**From September:** What are the first 3 words on page 112 of *Alcoholics Anonymous* Big Book, 4th edition?

**Answer:** "read this book"

**October's question:** What happened to the personal stories that were edited out of previous editions of *Alcoholics Anonymous* (the Big Book)?

Illinois Area 21

District 12



## Alcoholics Anonymous NEWSLETTER

October 2011

[www.aa-eci.org](http://www.aa-eci.org)

### In Loving Memory of Ernie M. District 12 AA member and former DCM

**Born May 14, 1946 Urbana, IL  
Died September 9, 2011 Urbana, IL**

The following is a poem that Jane, Ernie's wife, had printed on his memorial card and we'd like to give him tribute here:

*Do not criticize the person in whose honor the entertainment is given.*

*Make no remarks about his equipment. If the handles are plated, it is best to seem to not observe it.*

*If the odor of the flowers is too oppressive for your comfort, remember that they were not brought here for you and that the person for whom they were brought suffers no inconvenience from their presence.*

*Listen, with as intense an expression of attention as you can command, to the official statement of the character and history of the person in whose honor the entertainment is given; and if these statistics should seem to fail to tally with the facts in places, do not nudge your neighbor, or press your foot upon his toes, or manifest by any other sign, your awareness that taffy is being distributed.*

*If the official hopes expressed concerning the person in whose honor the entertainment is given are known by you to be oversized, let it pass — do not interrupt.*

*At the moving passages, be moved — but according to the degree of your intimacy with the parties giving the entertainment, or with the party in whose honor the entertainment is given. Where a blood relation sobs, an intimate friend should choke up, a distant friend sigh, a stranger should merely fumble sympathetically with his handkerchief. Where the occasion is military, the emotions should be graded according to military rank, the highest officer present taking precedence in emotional violence, and rest modifying their feelings according to their position in the service.*

*Do not bring your dog.*

Thank you Ernie for your friendship and years of dedicated service work. You will be missed.

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## Member News

### District 12 Officers and Committee Chairs

DCM	John C.
Alternate DCM	Melanie G.
Secretary	Kate M.
Treasurer	Steve B.
Corrections	Jay S.
Treatment Facilities	Bill B.
Meeting List	Mona M.
Answering Service	Scott S.
Newsletter	Tammy M.
Grapevine	Andy C.
PI-CPC	Linda B.
Website	Joe P.
Archives	Doris A.

District 12 holds its meetings on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 2:00 at 718 S. Randolph.

The *District 12 Newsletter* is published monthly and is distributed to meetings and members of Alcoholics Anonymous. The newsletter publishes member news, announcements, new meetings, events, and anniversaries.

#### Future news items:

If you have information you would like printed in the newsletter, please plan to attend the next meeting of District 12 **OR** send an e-mail to [newsletter@aa-eci.org](mailto:newsletter@aa-eci.org)

#### Deadline:

The 20th of each month

### District 12 News

- At the next District meeting (**October 16**), our Area Delegate, Fariba M. will be visiting us. There will be a potluck at 1:30 pm followed by Fariba's delegate report at 2:00.
- District 12 will be hosting the Area Assembly in June 2012. The chair is Mark G., co-chair is John C., and Melanie G. is a committee member. Contact any one of these people or come to a District 12 meeting to get involved.
- The SWAT Alligator/Fish Fry is going to be an annual event: next year's is set for September 2. This year more than 140 people attended for fun, food, and fellowship.
- There is growing interest in starting a morning meeting on campus. A day, exact location, and format have not yet been determined. We are hoping to gather a few more interested individuals to assist in planning. If you would like to be a part of this effort, please contact Grant at 217-819-1208, or Doris A. at [dorisandrechak@yahoo.com](mailto:dorisandrechak@yahoo.com)
- The Tuesday night 7pm Women's Phoenix meeting (McKinley Foundation, 5th and Daniel) and the Friday night 6:30 pm Women's Candlelight meeting (Fellowship Circle, hall) are needing help to bulk up attendance.
- Treatment Center committee is looking for volunteers, especially women, to carry the AA message to local facilities. Days and times are: Tuesdays at Pavilion, 6 pm to 7pm; first Saturday of the month at the Pavilion, noon to 1 pm; Tuesdays at Prairie Center, 8 pm to 9 pm; and, Sundays at Prairie Center, 10 am to 11 am.
- Grapevine — The *Grapevine* needs support and is encouraging each state to reach subscription goals. To do their part for Illinois, Area 21 and District 12 are striving for 100 new subscriptions.  
Grapevine  
P.O. Box 16867  
North Hollywood, CA 91615-6867  
[www.grapevine.org](http://www.grapevine.org)
- Answering service committee would like to let those that are on the contact list know that if you get a voicemail that means that a call back is needed.
- Archives committee has a new chair, Doris A. Thank you Ray M. for your service.
- Meeting list committee now has a new co-chair, Andy C. Thank you Tammy for your service.
- Newsletter committee would like to encourage GSR's to pass along anniversaries to the newsletter, but please be sure to have the individual's permission. Any and all submissions may be sent to [newsletter@aa-eci.org](mailto:newsletter@aa-eci.org). Suggestions are welcome.

## October Calendar

**Saturday, October 8, 8:00 pm**  
**As Bill Sees It Speaker Meeting**  
**Speaker: Shirley S.**  
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

**Monday, October 10, 8:00 pm**  
**Cellar Dwellers Speaker Meeting**  
**Speaker: TBA**  
First Presbyterian Church, 602 W. Green, Urbana

**Saturday, October 15, 6:30 pm**  
**Bottoms Up Speaker Meeting**  
**Speaker: Mike H. (Ohio)**  
Serenity Shack, 117 N. Ohio St., Rantoul

**Sunday, October 16**  
**District 12 Meeting**  
**1:30 Potluck; 2:00 Meeting**  
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

**Saturday, October 22 6:00 pm**  
**Working With Others**  
**Speaker: TBA**  
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

**Thursday, October 27, 8:00 pm**  
**H.O.W. Speaker Meeting**  
**Speaker: Mike C.**  
718 S. Randolph (Hall), Champaign

**Friday, October 28, 8:00 pm**  
**Charleston Friday Night Meeting**  
**Speaker: TBA**  
Madison & 7th, Charleston

**Friday, October 28, 8:00 pm**  
**Serenity Shack Halloween Party**  
There will be a DJ and costumes are welcome.  
Serenity Shack, 117 N. Ohio, Rantoul

**Sunday, October 30, 8:00 pm**  
**Grapevine Group**  
**Speaker: Cathy G.**  
Prairie Center, 122 W. Hill, Champaign

**Monday, October 31 8:00 pm**  
**Monday Meeting**  
**Speaker: Tara M.**  
40 Martyrs Fellowship Hall  
109 E. Van Allen, Tuscola

**Fall Picnic**  
(hosted by Cellar Dwellers and ISCYPAA)

**Sunday, October 2**  
**3:00 pm**

Crystal Lake Park Pavilion  
Urbana, IL

Speaker: TBA  
Meat and beverages provided. Bring a dish to share.

**Fall Fellowship Grill-Out and Potluck**  
(hosted by Monticello Thursday Night Group)

**Saturday, October 8**  
**3:00 to 6:30 pm**

Forest Preserve Park  
Monticello, IL

3:00 Fellowship  
4:00 Food  
5:30 Speaker (Fred from Decatur)

Meat provided, bring a dish to share.

### 2nd Annual Mahomet Recovery Celebration

**October 15, 2011**  
**5:30 pm**

Mahomet United Methodist Church  
1302 E. South Mahomet Road  
Mahomet, IL 61853

#### Speakers

AFG	Vi M
AA	PJ K

Music provided by John O.

Meat, table service and beverages provided.  
Please bring a dish to share.  
Donations appreciated.