

# ARCHIVES CORNER

Spring 2023

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## Recent archives activities

*(DuPage County Open display – “couple hours service”  
workshop – archives panel at NIA20 spring conference)*

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*From District 43 Archives <sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> This month (March 2023) represents the first Archives Corner “Seasonal” edition based on the Committee’s plan to publish four (4) Archives Corners per year (Spring-Summer-Fall-Winter) instead of one (1) every month.

# DuPage County Open – February 18, 2023

SAVE THE DATE - 12TH ANNUAL

## DUPAGE COUNTY OPEN

Saturday, February 18th, 2023

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*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**

**Mike D.**

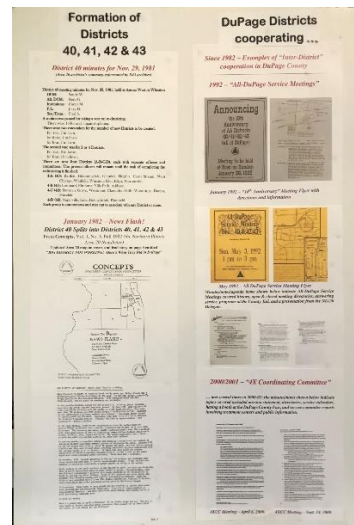
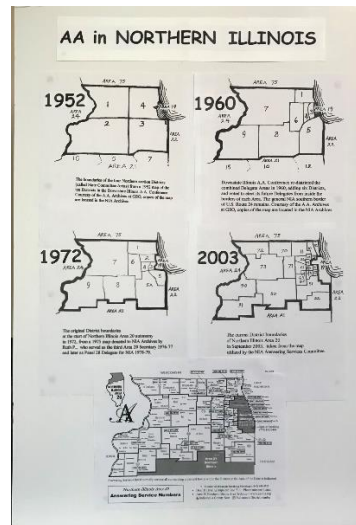
**Mary Ellen G.**

**Lisa S.**

This Event Sponsored by  
Districts 40, 41, 42 & 43

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# DuPage County Open – Archives Display (overview)



# DuPage County Open Archives Display (detail 1/6)

## 1930-34

### ORIGINS

The origins of Alcoholics Anonymous can be traced to the Oxford Group, a religious movement popular in the United States and Europe in the early 20th century. Members of the Oxford Group practiced a formula of self-improvement by performing self-inventory, admitting wrongs, making amends, using prayer and meditation, and carrying the message to others.

In the early 1930s, a well-to-do Rhode Islander, Rowland H., visited the noted Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung for help with his alcoholism. Jung determined that Rowland's case was medically hopeless, and that he could only find relief through a vital spiritual experience. Jung directed him to the Oxford Group.

Rowland later introduced fellow Vermont Edwin ("Ebb") T. to the group, and the two men along with several others were finally able to keep from drinking by practicing the Oxford Group principles.

One of Ebb's schoolmate friends from Vermont, and a drinking buddy, was Bill W. Ebb sought out his old friend at his home at 182 Clinton Street in Brooklyn, New York, to carry the message of hope.

Bill W. had been a golden boy on Wall Street, enjoying success and power as a stockbroker, but his promising career had been ruined by continuous and chronic alcoholism. Now, approaching 39 years of age, he was learning that his problem was hopeless, progressive, and irreversible. He had sought medical treatment at Towns Hospital in Manhattan, but he was still drinking.

Bill was, at first, unconvinced by Ebb's story of transformation and the claims of the Oxford Group. But in December 1934, after again landing in Towns hospital for treatment, Bill underwent a powerful spiritual experience unlike any he had ever known. His depression and despair were lifted, and he felt free and at peace. Bill stopped drinking and worked the rest of his life to bring that freedom and peace to other alcoholics. The roots of Alcoholics Anonymous were planted.

## 1935

### BILL AND LOIS JOIN THE OXFORD GROUP

Following Bill W.'s spiritual awakening at Towns Hospital (late 1934), he and wife Lois join the Oxford Group—a non-denominational movement whose tenets are based on the "Four Absolutes" of Honesty, purity, usefulness, and love—and begin to attend meetings at Calvary House, behind Manhattan's Calvary Episcopal Church there. Bill is inspired by charismatic recter Rev. Dr. Samuel Shoemaker (below), who espouses one-on-one sharing and guidance.



### BILL'S GROUP WITHIN A GROUP

Bill is asked to speak at a large Oxford Group meeting at Calvary House. His subject is alcoholism, and after the meeting Bill is approached by a man who says he desperately wants to get sober. Bill invites the man to join him and a small group of alcoholics who meet at nearby Stewart's cafeteria after the meetings. Bill is unsuccessful in his efforts to reach these alcoholics. Eventually his ability to help alcoholics grows, after he seeks counsel from Dr. William Silkworth of Towns Hospital. Dr. Silkworth suggests he do less preaching and speak more about alcoholism as an illness.

### A BUSINESS TRIP TO AKRON

A short-term job opportunity takes Bill to Akron, Ohio.



In the lobby of his hotel, he finds himself fighting the urge to join the conviviality in the bar. He consults a church directory posted on the wall with the aim of finding someone who might lead him to an alcoholic with whom he could talk. A phone call to Episcopal minister Rev. Walter Tunka results in a referral to Henrietta Schelling, a committed Oxford Group adherent who has tried for two years to bring a fellow group member, a prominent Akron surgeon, to sobriety.



### THE MEETING AT THE GATEHOUSE

Henrietta Schelling, daughter-in-law of the founder of the Goodover Rubber Company, invites Bill to the Schelling estate, where she lives in the gatehouse (below). She tells him of the struggle of Dr. Robert S., and the meeting of the men (taken place the next day—Mother's Day, May 12, 1935). In the privacy of the library, Bill spills out his story, inspiring "Dr. Bob" to share his own. At the meeting ends hours later, Dr. Bob realizes how much spiritual support can come as the result of one alcoholic talking to another alcoholic.



## 1930s AA TIMELINE (GSO Archives)

### FORGING FRIENDSHIPS IN AKRON

Bill joins the Smiths at the weekly Oxford Group meetings held in the home of T. Henry Williams and his wife Clara; both masculinity opponents in the plight of alcoholics. Soon, at the suggestion of Dr. Bob's wife Anne, Bill moves to their home at 835 Adelphi Avenue (below).



### WIN ON A WISDOM

Dr. Bob hopes into thinking again he quickly recovers. The day widely known as the date of Dr. Bob's last drink, June 10, 1935, is celebrated as the founding date of Alcoholics Anonymous. Dr. Bob and Bill spend hours working at the best approach to alcoholism, a group known to be prone to angry situations. Realizing the futility of sobriety for a day at a time makes a new sense: sobriety through living a lifetime of sobriety, they try the very-very-long career.

### "THE MAN ON THE BEAT"

Eager to carry the message, Bill and Dr. Bob search for another person to help. After a slow start, they end up at Akron City Hospital (below) in a private room. Bill, Dr. Bob, and Lois, who have their message to bring and presence even so drunk again—a new he looks for life. Now remembered as the "man on the beat" below, as depicted in a portrait by an A.A. member, Bill D. became the first member of what will eventually be called Alcoholics Anonymous.



### BILL'S RETURN TO NEW YORK

Bill returns home to New York to seek a job, but he needs to help other alcoholics to do less urgent. He begins to look for prospects at Towns Hospital, where he finds Hank P., an ambitious businessman who becomes a new success from Towns (below) and then M., a Southerner and Dr. Bob's ally.

### WEEKLY MEETINGS AT 182 CLINTON

In an effort to strengthen his program, Bill returns to alcoholics to his home at 182 Clinton Street in Brooklyn. The Tuesday night meetings soon give way to temporary sobriety for some prospects—an idea of "dry parties" arrangement that Dr. Bob and he work. Anne later presumes in Akron.

## 1936

### AN OFFER SPURS "GROUP CONSCIENCE"

Charles B. Towns, owner of Towns Hospital, suggests that Bill move his work to the hospital, where he could reach alcoholics, contain his meetings, and direct to the establishment's profits. At the Towns Street meeting the very evening, Bill tells his group of the offer—and his members object, fearing the opening of a lawsuit for money would violate its integrity. Hence, Bill's admission slip to Towns.



## 1937

### THE OFFICE THAT WILL GO DOWN IN A.A. HISTORY

Bill begins to organize a small office at 17 William Street, Newark, New Jersey (below), paying Hank P. to raise money for a new business center—Horse Doodle, an attempt to create a cooperative program for gasoline dealers in northern New Jersey. The office necessary to a group whose name would be A.A.



### PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

In late 1937, Bill plans another visit to Dr. Bob in Akron. Compelling him, they are intended to feel free at least 60 of the more alcoholics with whom they've worked here until now for two years. This document leads to meeting possibilities: Bill and Lois discuss developing a chain of hospitals devoted to the treatment of alcoholics, employing salaried workers who would spread the word and literature—especially a book, meant to carry the message far and wide.

### ACTION IN AKRON

Oxford Group meetings for alcoholics continue at the large home of T. Henry and Clara Williams (below), with Dr. Bob acquiring joining Dr. Williams to lead meetings. The recurring alcoholics of the group refer to themselves as the "alcoholic squanders of the Oxford Group."



### BILL AND LOIS MOVE 182 CLINTON STREET

As the Great Depression smears and property values rise, the company that owns the mortgage on 182 Clinton Street (below) sells the building, forcing Bill and Lois to move out. They begin the couple's two-year period of temporary residency in the homes of Hank P. and other A.A. families. Bill and Lois continue carrying the program's message for the duration of the specified period.



### DR. BOB SERVES WITH SISTER KATHIA

In the spring of 1938, Dr. Bob suggests to Sister Kathia Gertz (below), with whom he had worked at Akron's St. Thomas Hospital since 1934, that they start meeting alcoholics. The group and over the years James Hagan and Dr. Bob will bring comfort and aid to almost 5,000 hospitalized patients.



### A MOMENTOUS MEETING

Bill's attempts to raise money for his and Lois's vision prove unavailing. In 1937, the wealthy Dr. Dr. Leonard Stone, Jr., is able to set up a meeting with one connected to the philanthropist of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. (below). At a December meeting attended by Bill, Dr. Bob, Dr. Silkworth, and a few group members from New York and Akron, the potential becomes an actual and inspired by the Fellowship's work. However, when it is pointed out that money could open the movement's purpose, the meeting ends with one disillusioned and mental support, but no funds.



## 1938

### ROCKEFELLER'S STANCE

Frank Aron (below), who attended the December meeting, told it is a close friend of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., agrees to assist the Akron group and explore the possibility of opening a central hospital for alcoholics. In February 1938 he spends several days in the city, impressed by the recovery rate of Akron group members. By proposal a cooperative facility in the city by Dr. Bob, the Rockefeller he recommends a sum of \$50,000 for the very work, while Rockefeller thinks the Fellowship should be self-supporting. The philanthropist does, however, contribute \$5,000 toward Bill and Dr. Bob's book needs.



### THE ALCOHOLIC FOUNDATION

Frank Aron and others who had attended the December meeting offer to conduct with Bill, Leonard Stone, and various sponsors of the New York group to establish the foundation to be given an organizational framework. As a result, the Alcoholic Foundation is formally established on August 1, 1938, with Dr. Bob as a trustee and Bill as the advisory committee.

### THE TWELVE STEPS

As he begins to work for A.A., Bill, Dr. Bob, and Lois make plans to meet and outline an initial program for the recovery alcoholics to follow. Emerging on the manuscript of Ben Steiner, "William James" The Recovery of Religious Experience, and the Oxford Group inspired one-step program used by Bill and Dr. Bob as they carry the message. The steps grow to 12 and the A.A. Twelve Step program is born.

### THE BIG BOOK GETS STARTED

Bill writes a book meant to aid the alcoholics who are unable to attend meetings or find fellow alcoholics with whom to talk. At the Newark office, by alcoholics his handwriting system to Ruth Reich (below) as the types, reviews and revising drafts all the while. These abstract are re-organized and mailed by postpaid French business, as well as in England Street, the religious since a Harper & Row's publication.



### WORKS PUBLISHING: A FARSIGHTED PLAN

Harper & Brothers offers to publish the Big Book, much to the delight of Bill and the trustees. But the same businessmen, Hank P., convinces Bill to sell shares in their own company and to publish the volume themselves. Hank works up a prospectus for what will become Works Publishing Company, with 600 shares of stock selling at \$25 per share (below).



## 1939

### THE BIG BOOK TESTS THE WATERS

Four hand-drawn mimeographed copies of the Big Book manuscript are sent out for comments and evaluation by members, friends, and other allies. Among these making valuable contributions are a Baltimore doctor who suggests having a physician write the introduction to the job taken on by Dr. Silkworth and Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick (below), the highly respected minister of Manhattan's Riverside Church, who warmly approves of the book and requests with a positive review to be used as the following witness.



### AN OFFSHOOT — AND NEW NAME — IN CLEVELAND

Charles N., a Cleveland resident who attends Oxford Group meetings in Akron, announces that he and other Clevelanders will start a group open only to alcoholics and their families. Like some other breakaway groups, they will also adopt the name of the Big Book manuscript to now circulating in Akron—"Alcoholics Anonymous." In May 1939, the first A.A. meeting in Cleveland is held at the home of Al G. (also known as Alby G.), a paid lawyer.



### PUBLICATION AND DISAPPOINTMENT

In April 1939, some 5,000 copies of the Big Book—typed Alcoholics Anonymous—will off the press. After an assigned Reader's Digest article fails to materialize and a radio broadcast results in no orders, sales are slow and far between. This disappointment forebodes a bleak summer for the New York Fellowship.



### A FIRST FOR WOMEN

After making the Big Book available to a minimum point in Greenwich, Connecticut, Mary M. starts starting meetings at 182 Clinton Street. She will become the first woman in Alcoholics Anonymous to achieve lasting sobriety.

### A LIFT FROM LIBERTY

Seeking publicity for A.A., Charles Towns recounts his history to writer Morris Markley, who will submit the article "Alcoholics and God" (a title with which Bill was understandably) to John O'Connell, editor of the popular weekly Liberty. After the article's publication on September 30, 1939, sales of the Big Book increase by several hundred and the Newark office receives 800 pieces for help from alcoholics and their loved ones.



### ANOTHER SPLIT FROM THE OXFORD GROUP

In the fall, tensions grow in the Akron Oxford Group, with the alcoholic members wanting more independence. The alcoholics decide to meet at Dr. Bob's home, though Bob remains loyal to T. Henry and Clara Williams. As this fledgling group grows, it shifts its meeting to King School, an elementary school in Akron.

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# DuPage County Open Archives Display (detail 2/6)



Rev. Dr. Samuel M. Shonemaker, Jr. (1872-1962) - Rev. Dr. Shonemaker was the leader of the Oxford Group Movement in the United States (1921-1928). His teachings inspired Bill W. and the early A.A. members.

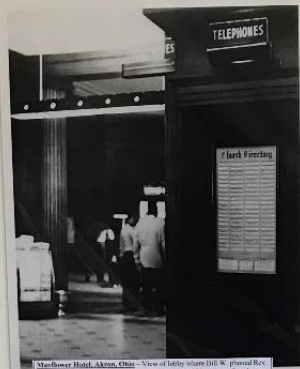


William "Bill" W. Silkworth, M.D. (1874-1958) - Trained Hospital Physician for over 20 years. He was the person who was one of A.A.'s earliest supporters in the medical profession.



Chicago Lakeside Hospital - 201 Cottage Park Blvd., N.Y.C. Bill W. was a member here from 1918 and Bill was the location of his spiritual experience in December 1918.

## EARLY AA - PHOTOS



Westmore Hotel, Akron, Ohio - View of baby rooms Bill W. shared. Rev. Walter F. Tarkenton, D.D., which resulted in a meeting with A.A. co-founder to be, Dr. Robert "Bob" Smith (1874-1958).



Sister Mary Ignatia (1885-1964) - Of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. Dr. Bob's partner in treating alcoholics - St. Thomas Hospital, Akron, from 1939-1952.



Former Emory Lutheran, Akron, Ohio - When Bill W. and Dr. Bob were introduced to Alex. Brewster Schering (1886-1970) in 1935.



St. Thomas Hospital, Akron, Ohio - In 1939 Sister Mary Ignatia, Regina, and Dr. Bob established an alcoholic ward there.



Bill W. and Dr. Bob at Strapping Service - early 1940s. (Bill image from the film)



Bill W. and Dr. Bob (1940s) - A.A. co-founders, Bill W. and Dr. Bob. Bill W. (1896-1991) and Dr. Bob (1874-1958) 1941. Early meeting for Oxford Group Movement arranged by Bill.



Dr. Bob sitting against his car.



Bill W. playing violin at Strapping Service.



Bill and Edna in garden at Strapping Service - 1940s.





# DuPage County Open Archives Display (detail 5/6)

... to help carry the message

## Ongoing - DuPage County Service Workshops

**Sunday November 7 Workshop**  
**Spreading the Three Legged City Recovery & Service**

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
 DuPage County Corrections Workshop

**2015**

**DuPage County Corrections Workshop**

**2016**

## Ongoing - DuPage County Open Every February since 2012

**1st Annual DuPage County Open**

**2012**

**DuPage County Open**

**2015**

**DuPage County Open**

**2019**

## 1995 - "How to Contact Alcoholics Anonymous in DuPage County" (With directory of open meetings)

**HOW TO CONTACT ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS IN DuPAGE COUNTY**

**2015**

## Directory of AA Meetings in DuPage County

**DuPage AA Meetings January 2020**

**2020**

First Edition (January 1988) Latest (38th) Edition (January 2020)

## 2022 - How to Find an AA Meeting in DuPage County (meeting rack cards with info and links)

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

**2022**

## Formation of Districts 40, 41, 42 & 43

District 40 minutes for Nov. 29, 1981 (Area 20 archivist's summary, reformatted by D43 archives)

District 40 meeting minutes for Nov. 29, 1981, held at Anona West in Wheaton

DCM: Sandy W.  
 AB DCM: Barb G.  
 Institutions: Carter M.  
 P.L.: Jerry D.  
 Sec.-Treas.: Fred S.

A motion was passed for taking a vote on re-districting.

There were 10 for and 1 against splitting.

There were two votes taken for the number of new Districts to be created.

For two, 7 in favor;  
 for three, 4 in favor;  
 for four, 7 in favor.

The second vote was for 2 or 4 Districts.

For two, 8 in favor;  
 for four, 10 in favor.

There are now four Districts (A-B-C-D), each with separate officers and committees. The present officers will remain until the task of completing the re-districting is finished.

4-A (40): Barden, Bloomington, Glenlake, Heights, Carol Stream, West Chicago, Winfield, Wheaton, Glen Elgin, Warrenville.  
 4-B (41): Lombard, Elmhurst, Villa Park, Addison.  
 4-C (42): Downers Grove, Westmont, Clarendon Hills, Woodridge, Danes, Hinsdale.  
 4-D (43): Naperville, Oak, Bolingbrook, Plainfield.

Each group is autonomous and may opt to associate with any District or none.

January 1982 - News Flash!  
 District 40 Splits into Districts 40, 41, 42 & 43  
 From Concepts, Vol. 1, No. 3, Fall 1982 (the Northern Illinois Area 20 Newsletter)

Updated Area 20 map on cover, and lead story on page 3 entitled "BIG DISTRICT NOT WORKING? Here's What They Did in DuPage"

**CONCEPTS**  
 NORTHERN ILLINOIS AREA NEWSLETTER

**2012**

## DuPage Districts cooperating ...

Since 1982 - Examples of "Inter-District" cooperation in DuPage County

### 1992 - "All-DuPage Service Meetings"

**Announcing**  
 the 10th Anniversary of AA Districts 40/41/42/43 (all of DuPage)

Meeting to be held at Noon on Sunday, January 26, 1992

January 1992 - "10th Anniversary" Meeting Flyer with directions and information

**All-DuPage Service Meeting Dist. 40/41/42/43**

Sun. May 3, 1992  
 1 pm to 3 pm

May 1992 - All DuPage Service Meeting Flyer  
 Minutes/notes/agenda items shown below indicate All-DuPage Service Meetings covered history, open & closed meeting directories, answering service, programs at the County Jail, and a presentation from the NIA20 Delegate.

**2000/2001 - "4X Coordinating Committee"**

### 2000/2001 - "4X Coordinating Committee"

... met several times in 2000-01; the minutes/notes shown below indicate topics covered included mission statement, directories, service calendars, having a booth at the DuPage County Fair, and service committee reports involving treatment centers and public information.

**4XCC Meeting - April 6, 2000.**

**4XCC Meeting - Sept. 14, 2000.**





# “Couple hours service work” – February 25, 2023



District 43 Archives

## A Couple of hours Service work with Archives



The Archives Committee needs some help sorting and inventorying the Districts archives collection.

An excellent opportunity for some lightweight service work followed afterwards by some

# Pizza

Saturday 1:30 p.m.  
February 25<sup>th</sup> 2023  
at WSFC



*Whenever a Society or Civilization Perishes There Is Always One Condition Present:  
They Forgot Where They Came From.*

– Carl Sandburg

# NIA20 Spring Conference – March 10-12, 2023



**NORTHERN ILLINOIS AREA 20 - 2023 SPRING CONFERENCE**  
**IN THE SPIRIT OF LOVE AND SERVICE**  
**~MARCH 10-12, 2023~**  
 Co-Hosted by Districts 22 and 23  
 HYATT REGENCY SCHAUMBURG - 1800 EAST GOLF ROAD, SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173 - (847) 605 1234

**ONLINE REGISTRATION**  
[bit.ly/sprcon2023](http://bit.ly/sprcon2023)  
 ENDS ON FEBRUARY 10, 2023



**AA SPEAKERS**  
 SLOAN B. FROM WAUKESHA, WI  
 JEFF V. FROM FARGO, ND

**ON SITE REGISTRATION**  
 BEGINS AT 3PM ON MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**RESERVE A ROOM**  
[bit.ly/nia20spring2023](http://bit.ly/nia20spring2023)  
 \$119.00 PER NIGHT



**AL-ANON SPEAKER**  
 NORA FROM CHICAGO, IL

**PANELS**  
 ALCAHOL  
 LITERATURE  
 ARCHIVES  
 BANQUET  
 DANCE  
 FELLOWSHIP

**QUESTIONS/VOLUNTEERING**  
 MIKE B - 224-575-0879  
 ANA Z - 773-653-0119



**REGIÓN DEL NORTE DE ILLINOIS 20 - 2023 CONFERENCIA DE PRIMAVERA**  
**EN EL ESPÍRITU DEL AMOR Y SERVICIO**  
**~10-12 DE MARZO, 2023~**  
 ORGANIZADA CONJUNTAMENTE POR DISTRITOS 22 Y 23  
 HYATT REGENCY SCHAUMBURG - 1800 EAST GOLF ROAD, SCHAUMBURG, IL 60173 - (847) 605 1234

**INSCRIPCIÓN EN LÍNEA**  
[bit.ly/sprcon2023](http://bit.ly/sprcon2023)  
 FINALIZA EL 10 DE FEBRERO



**ORADORES DE AA**  
 SLOAN B. DE WAUKESHA, WI  
 JEFF V. DE FARGO, ND

**INSCRIPCIÓN EN EL SITIO**  
 COMIENZA A LAS 3PM EL 10 DE MARZO, 2023

**RESERVAR UNA HABITACIÓN**  
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 \$119.00 POR NOCHE



**ORADOR DE AL-ANON**  
 NORA DE CHICAGO, IL

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 MARATÓNICA  
 LITERATURA  
 ARCHIVOS  
 BANQUETE  
 BAILE  
 COMPANERISMO

**PREGUNTAS/VOLUNTARIADO**  
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First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please Specify:  AA  Al-Anon  Alateen  Guest  
 Registration \$30  Saturday Boxed Lunch \$15  
 Banquet Dinner \$52 (Choose One)  Chicken  Vegetarian  
 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_


Mailing Address: 2023 Northern Illinois Area Spring Conference, PO Box 681491,  
 Schaumburg, IL 60168  
 Make Checks Payable to: 2023 Spring Conference

 Special Needs/Accessibility Services (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

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 Dirección \_\_\_\_\_ Ciudad/Estado \_\_\_\_\_ Código Postal \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_ Numero de teléfono \_\_\_\_\_

Sírvanse especificar:  AA  Al-Anon  Alateen  Invitado  
 Inscrpción \$30  Almuerzo preparado en caja el sabado \$15  
 Cena banquete \$52 (Elige uno)  Pollo  Vegetarian  
 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# NIA20 Spring Conference – agenda detail



**WELCOME to the 2023  
NIA Spring Conference &  
Assembly**  
Hosted by  
**NIA20 Districts 22 & 23**

## Key Events

### Friday

Time	Event	Location
7:00pm	Conference Opening Announcements, Readings	Mahogany Ballroom
7:30pm	Al-Anon Speaker: Nora W. Chicago, IL	
9:00pm	A.A. Speaker: Sloan B. Waukesha, WI	
10:30pm	Game Night	Hospitality Suite – Slate Room

### Saturday

Time	Event	Location
8:00am	Assembly Registration	Hallway Outside Mahogany Ballroom
9:00am	Assembly Begins	Mahogany Ballroom
9-12pm	12-Step Workshop	Sienna III
1:00pm	Spanish Speakers (translated live) – Mahogany Name / Topic	
Ends at	1. Laura M. / The Legacy of Recovery	
2:30pm	2. Diana V. / The Legacy of Unity	
	3. Santiago S. / The Legacy of Service	
6:00pm	Doors Open for Banquet	Mahogany Ballroom
6:30pm	Invocation / Banquet	
8:00pm	A.A. Speaker – Jeff V. Fargo, ND	
9:30pm	Dance	Mahogany Ballroom

### Sunday

Time	Event	Location
9:00am	GSO Report; Irene D. Literature Desk Past Editor of La Viña	Mahogany Ballroom
10:00am	Open Speaker – Irene D. GSO Staff Member	

## HOURS OF OPERATION

TYPE	ROOM	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Registration	Rear Hallway	3pm-10pm	8am-6pm
Hospitality	Slate Room	Opens 2pm	Opens 5am
Archives	Sage Room	3pm-7pm	8am-6pm
Literature	Cyan Room	3pm-7pm	8am-5pm

## Saturday's Panels (Sienna I - IV)

TIME	TOPIC	RM
1:00pm	Carrying the Message to Treatment Centers	<b>I</b>
2:00pm	Corrections	
3:00pm	Bridging the Gap	
4:00pm	The Family Afterward	
1:00pm	Service Sponsorship	<b>II</b>
2:00pm	PI/CPC Carrying the Message Beyond the Fellowship	
3:00pm	Inclusion In A.A.	
4:00pm	Spanish Track – English translation up to (20) – La Vina	
9:00am	12-Step Workshop	<b>III</b>
1:00pm	Grapevine / Literature	
2:00pm	Traditions / Concepts	
3:00pm	Accessibilities / Answering Service	
4:00pm	Starting Archives in Your District	
1:00pm	We Know You Will Not Want to Miss It	<b>IV</b>
2:00pm	The A.A. Group – Where it all Begins	
3:00pm	The Other Promises	
4:00pm	Ask It Basket	

## A.A. Alcathon (Copper Room)

Friday	Topic
4:00pm	A Common Solution, Page 17
5:00pm	Suit Up and Show Up
6:00pm	When someone returns, remember: But for The Grace of God
7pm-10pm	Alcathon adjourned during speakers
10:00pm	A Useful Program
11:00pm	Some Say the Program is for those that will work it

Saturday	Topic
12:00am	Step 1
1:00am	There are 12 steps not just 2.
3:00am	Resentments
4:00am	Remorse and Guilt are wasted emotions
5:00am	Daily Reflection
6:00am	As Bill Sees It
7:00am	The Promises, Pages 83 & 84
8:00am	Delusion

Saturday	Topic
9:00am	Humility – Not Humiliation or Humble Pie but thinking of others first
10:00am	Step 6
11:00am	A Common Solution
12:00pm	12 Steps saves the alcoholic from alcohol; 12 Traditions save A.A. from the alcoholic
1:00pm	How & Why Group
2:00pm	3 Legacies workshop sponsored by Dist. 11
3:00pm	3 Legacies (cont'd)
4:00pm	Step 7
5:00pm	Page xxvi, Commentary after the doctor's opinion
6pm-9pm	Alcathon adjourned during evening speaker
10:00pm	Lots, Few, No: Meetings & Chances
11:00pm	Stop Drinking, Start Somewhere, Don't Pick up that 1 <sup>st</sup> drink
Sunday	Topic
12:00am	Sponsorship
1:00am	It's a Selfish Program
2:00am	Let Go and Let God
3:00am	Step 2
4:00am	If you want to keep it, you have to give it away
5:00am	Step 3
6:00am	Step 4
7:00am	Step 5
8:00am	Pause

## Al-Anonathon (Maize Room)

Friday	Topic
6:00pm	How Al-Anon Works
Saturday	Topic
11:00am	Unconditional Love
1:00pm	Service and detachment
2:00pm	You're worth it, self-esteem and boundaries
3:00pm	Peace and Serenity

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*Presents*

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# In Conclusion . . .

*Why*

**“We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian... It is highly important that the factual material be placed in our files in such a way that there can be no substantial distortion... We want to keep enlarging on this idea for the sake of the full-length history to come....”**

**– Bill W, 1957**

**... and finally**

*Please keep in mind the words of  
Carl Sandburg:*

*“Whenever a society or civilization  
perishes there is always one  
condition present; they forgot  
where they came from.”*