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Since the 1940s ...

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

– *Carl Sandburg (from A.A. Archives Workbook)*

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Further information about how A.A. came to Chicago can be found at pages 179-182 of *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers* (© 1980, Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.). Those pages refer to the late 1930s' experiences of Earl T. ("Lonesome No. 1" in Luke H.'s article) and Sylvia K.

The personal stories of Earl T. and Sylvia K. appear in the "Pioneers of A.A." story section of *Alcoholics Anonymous* (4th Ed., © 2001, Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.). Earl's story, "He Sold Himself Short," is at pages 258-67, and Sylvia's story, "The Keys of the Kingdom," at pages 268-76.

A.A. Grows in Chicago

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Hello Everybody! We're Growing Up!

Hello everybody and "Here's How!" Draw up a chair and let's get acquainted for we hope to be seeing you for a long time. This is our introduction to the world, or more particularly to the Chicago area, for we were born to serve the needs of AA's in this district, your home beat.

The parent Chicago group hasn't, like Topsy, "just grown," since it started 10 years ago. It has zoomed into a huge family until now it has 175 children in the city and in the area immediately adjacent. We're getting so darned big and our family so numerous that we're having trouble keeping track of each other. In fact we're getting to be a bunch of statistics. And that isn't good. For statistics, rigid rules and formality have no place in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Can't Know Everybody

We can't get around and know everybody as we used to do. We can't share each others' problems and joys and triumphs. There are too many of us. So we have drifted off into little groups and larger sections which retain the early intimacy. But the groups on the north side are just as interested as they used to be in the south side groups. And the west side crowd wants to know what the others are doing and to have them know how they are getting along. Hence the birth of this little magazine, a small effort in itself but one we hope will be a mighty midget in keeping us informed of what is going on around the town.

We all want to know what the other groups are doing, where they're meeting, and how they're getting along. We want to know when this gang or that gets so big it has to split. What are the boys and girls doing on Saturdays and Sundays at their open houses and who has been the big winners at the poker table lately? Of course we'll get little information on this. Did you ever see a guy who hadn't lost or just broken even?

Who's Doing What

What groups are celebrating anniversaries? What sort of special programs do some groups enjoy? Maybe others want to know. We'll try to let a lot of down to

IOWA NIGHT

More than 200 Iowa AA's will arrive in Chicago Friday, May 6, for a three day visit to get acquainted with the Chicago group. A combined meeting of Chicago and Iowa AA's will be held that night, May 6, in the regular Chicago meeting hall at 32 W. Randolph St. at 8:15 p. m. The meeting will be conducted entirely by the visitors as they conduct their meetings at home. The next day, Saturday, Chicago AA's will be host at a coffee session in the Morrison hotel at which they can get acquainted with their guests. The visitors will attend various Saturday night open houses and Sunday morning breakfasts. Chicago AA's are invited and urgently requested to attend the Friday night meeting and Saturday Kaffeeklatsch.

earth AA seep in, too. Of that there can never be too much for this gregarious gang of ours.

Probably this has never happened to you, but we have attended one or two meetings where the discussion leader for the evening got off to a flying start with something like this: "I haven't had time to prepare anything to talk about so I thought that we'd just toss the ball around. Let's talk about the 12 steps. Bill, what do you think?"

Of course no one in your group ever did anything like this, but just in case it should happen sometime maybe we can dream up a few topics that might make for interesting discussion.

We can't all be members of the Rotating committee, or its advisory groups -- the Policy, Finance and Public Relations committees. But what these small groups do is of vital interest to all of us, for they represent us and work for us. So we'll keep you informed of what goes on.

There are a lot of things that occur in the central office, at 123 W. Madison st.,

in the suite at 1101, Telephone FIN 6-1475 (adv.) that you'll probably want to know about. We're going to keep you informed.

Many of you are going to get ideas for this magazine, ideas for news and feature articles and some good, inspirational AA talk. The editors will welcome your contributions. We won't promise to print everything, but we'll sift the lot and use the best. That's fair enough, isn't it?

To make this magazine go, we'll need help of all of you. So send in your ideas. Please address The Editor, "Here's How," suite 1101, 123 W. Madison st., Chicago 2, Ill. Dorothy, Ruth, Helen and the other gals will see that we get your brain children.

Some of you are probably saying all this is fine, but how much does it cost? Certainly it will cost money. But right now you're going to get "Here's How" for free, and here's why. The Rotating committee has approved the project. The cost of the first few issues has been underwritten to see how it goes. Several AA's are devoting their time in editing and preparing the copy and will continue to do so. But to keep it going do you want to kick in a dollar apiece for the next 12 issues.

You don't have to, you know, for you'll still get your issue each month -- for a while. But it will give the editors and backers some idea of where we are going if we get a quick response -- with a buck on the barrel head. Why not clip the coupon in this issue, pin a dollar to it, and see what happens.

And whether you want to back us financially or not, let us know how you like the magazine, and send along your ideas for improving it.

The AA Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept things I cannot change; courage to change things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.

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Humility

"Do we realize that the way of teaching humility is generally by humiliation?" asks Henry Drummond. "There is no other school for it."

Mr. Drummond could not have observed many alcoholics or he might have excluded them as a group which expects many benefits from the school of humiliation. We alcoholics hold high degrees from this school but even when terror and desperation finally drive us to the door of AA most of us enter in the company of arrogance and vanity. We are not humble people.

If we would seek humility it is suggested we first forget humility. This spiritual quality of the personality, the soul or the heart, cannot be had merely by the desire to get humility as such. Humility can no more be willed than can joy, or peace, or good health. False humility is like false laughter. It cannot be imitated. It cannot come as a gift. It cannot be wished for and found. Humility will come solely from a mental process: "Which of you by taking thought can add a cubit to his stature?" Humility will come indirectly as the natural result of a variety of causes.

Humility, like sobriety, is a result, an effect. The causes to bring about this effect are available to every AA.

The causes are the 12 steps. We need nothing more. Anything less is not enough. But knowledge of the 12 steps alone will never make us humble. There seems to be only one approach -- to work at the steps and, to the best of our abilities, live in accordance with the principles upon which the steps are based, every hour of every day. If we work, humility will follow.

Humility is a growth, a slow growth. It is not a reflection of character -- it is character. If we seek humility let us first forget humility and work at the 12 steps of recovery. The growth of humility then is inevitable. T.T.

Keep It Simple

Shorty was a serious chap -- serious in his thinking, serious in his drinking, serious in his efforts to crystallize the AA program in his mind. Early in his contact with AA he discovered there weren't answers to all questions, but Shorty felt he had to have the answers and set out to get them.

Particularly did he work on the spiritual phase. He talked for hours on end with his sponsor and

other AA's. He read avidly -- "Peace of Mind," "Varieties of Religious Experiences," and many other books. He argued with himself. An engineer by profession, he wasn't willing to accept anything unless he could prove it.

Three months went by. Shorty was still struggling with Shorty, and a mighty battle it was, to him. He gave himself all the arguments that there is a Power greater than he. But he could not prove it to his satisfaction. One night, wide awake in his bed in the dark, the old argument was going on, "It can't be," he told himself. "Why can't it?" "Well it just can't be." "But give me a reason," "There isn't any reason." "Then why not accept on faith and give it a whirl?" "I can't." "Why not?" "No reason I just can't --- say! That argument is about as stupid as the ones my wife gives me when she can't win any other way."

Shorty's load lifted that night. No blinding flash of light swept over him, no manifestations of spirit engulfed him, but the argument was over. He'd given in. His solution was as simple as that.

Happy Vacations

You'll be going on that vacation pretty soon if you weren't one of the lucky ones who enjoyed a winter trip south. Vacation times are happy times, but also times of danger to many of us. For here we come to that inevitable time when we're on our own, when the group isn't handy and nickel therapy is impossible. Why not pack the book along with your other things, and put it on top of the pile where you'll see it. Take along the address of the nearest group secretary where you'll be. (Dorothy can give it to you.) Don't forget the 24 hour plan. Drop a card or letter frequently to an AA friend. Take a new inventory during that long loaf. Remember, you didn't get sober by yourself and you maybe can't stay that way without help.

How long has it been since you read "The Book" all the way thru?

Lest We Forget

AA's are not out to dry up the world. As alcoholics we were sick people. Most people can take their whisky or leave alone. These people don't need AA and never will. Why not confine ourselves to living the 12 steps each day to the best of our abilities, and extending a helping hand to those who find that they, too, are powerless over alcohol and whose lives have become unmanageable.

The first three steps are aimed at the attainment of intellectual humility; the next six are designed to effect a mental and spiritual housecleaning and a polishing of conscience; the last three are the fundamentals of the way of life that leads to sobriety.

On Anonymity

Anonymity is of supreme importance to us all. It protects us, our families and our jobs from harmful gossip and criticism. More important, AA deals not with personalities but with ideas -- to think honestly, forget ourselves in service to others, to look with courage at our problems, and to cease being afraid of life.

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Central Office Mainspring of Chicago Area

The phones rang noisily in a suite on the 11th floor at 123 W. Madison St. Over the wire came a halting, shaking, voice, a voice tremulous with jitters.

"I'm calling for a friend, said the voice, "Can you tell me how to get in touch with Alcoholics Anonymous? He -- he thinks he'd like to sober up."

Courteously and quickly a young woman gave information. "Now let's forget the friend," she said. "Do you want help? Where are you? Have you been drinking today? All right, can you keep from having anymore until we can get someone to see you? Yes, we'll have someone over tonight."

Within a few minutes she flipped thru her files, contacted someone in the immediate vicinity of the prospect, and another alcoholic was started on his way to normalcy.

MANY REENACTMENTS

This scene is enacted with variations many times daily in suite 1101. For here is the central office of the Chicago group, the heart or the nerve center of AA activities in the area stretching roughly 50 miles north, east and west from the loop, an area roughly of 5,000 square miles.

Here is the service office and the clearing house, the open door to membership in AA. It is dedicated to helping others.

Most important of its activities is welcoming the new prospect. If he calls in person, no effort is made to explain the program to him, but the prospect is made to feel there is hope for a happy future and he is reassured that he is taking the right step in seeking AA help.

A map is consulted to see which group the prospect would fall in geographically. Sometimes because of special factors, a contact is made outside the geographical division. The information about the prospect is relayed to the secretary of the selected group. The relief and relaxation apparent in the faces of the visitors or in the voices of the phone callers, is immediate. Help is on the way.

EIGHT SEEK HELP DAILY

The central office is directed by Dorothy G. who is assisted by Ruth H. and Helen H. as a full time secretarial staff, and by Ramelle W. a part time worker. An average of eight personal or telephone calls daily or 200 monthly are received directly from individuals seeking help for themselves. A total of 60 contacts of all kinds are made each working day.

Each day will also see about five requests for literature which are answered

with packets containing an assortment, such as the "Impressions;" The Howard Vincent O'Brien reprint; "So You Can't Stop Drinking;" the Hygea magazine reprint; and others.

Approximately 1,200 copies of the big book, "Alcoholics Anonymous," are sold each year.

A lesser activity is the speakers bureau. Requests come constantly from non-alcoholic organizations, such as church groups, Lions, Rotary or Kiwanis groups, associations, and others with only an academic interest in the problem of beverage alcohol.

The central office supplies speakers to reputable organizations, altho no effort is made to seek these engagements. Certain groups outside the Chicago area, such as Milwaukee, Wis., and Elkhart, Ind., have standing requests for an AA speaker monthly. The office cooperates in this undertaking by sending capable Chicagoans.

STREAM OF VISITORS

Thru the office will stream thruout the day Chicago AA's who merely want to say hello, others with little problems, some who want information about other AA's. The office does not give out addresses or phone numbers of AA's even to other AA's, but it will get in touch with them for you and effect a contact. Out-of-town visitors immediately head for 123 W. Madison, for here they will make their contacts while in Chicago.

Groups organizing elsewhere thruout the country write in for information and many such requests are relayed here from the New York office.

"We like to think of our office as a service office for our Chicago AA's, altho welcoming the prospect is our most important function," the secretarial staff believes. "If we can obtain information for

any individual or be of help call FIN 6-1475. We'll do our best."

Much of the time is spent in clerical duties, checking group lists sent in by the secretaries, listing new prospects, keeping track of transfers, group splits and other similar activities. The records are extremely accurate altho improvement could be attained thru prompt notice of any changes, or new members by the individual group secretaries.

The central office is maintained thru our individual and group pledges and is intended for the use of every AA. It is not an arbiter of individual or infrequent group squabbles but it has on hand or can quickly obtain AA information or help of almost any kind.

BEGINNER'S CORNER

Do you want an insurance policy for a nickel? Don't laugh! It's one of the best bargains left in these fast spending days. It buys a policy against getting drunk. It's called the "Nickel Therapy" policy. No standard insurance company sells it. You sell it to yourself. All you do is put one nickel, even slightly worn or used, in a special pocket and keep it there. Then when the imp crawls out of the bottle and starts whispering in your ear, "You're not a rummie, why not try a couple," you reach for your nickel. Grasp it firmly in your hand, either right or left, and walk determinedly (run if you want to) to the nearest telephone. You take down the receiver and dial the number of your sponsor or any AA you know. When he answers you say, "How's tricks?" or "Did you see what the Cubs did today?" or anything else that comes to your mind. You don't have to talk AA. The imp gets bored and runs. You've passed another hurdle successively. Then you start right in saving up until you get another nickel to buy another insurance policy. Sounds pretty simple, doesn't it? It is. And it works. Just ask the other boys and girls.

The Book Nook

"THE PROBLEM DRINKER," by Joseph Hirsh, (Duell, Sloan & Pearce \$3).

Joseph Hirsh has turned out one of the best and most objective surveys on the problem of chronic alcoholism that has appeared for lay consumption in some time. As executive director of the Research Council on Problems of Alcohol he is in a position to know what he is talking about. And he proceeds to set forth a clear headed, penetrating, reliable and detailed account of what this nation faces in its annual billion dollar drunk bill.

Hirsh is not concerned with the morals of drinking. He confines himself to the alcoholic proper for whom liquor is an all consuming evil, in that it controls him. He tells what has been done and is being done to combat effects of the disease and sets

up an overall, long range program to focus national attention and action on the problem.

He explodes many myths and misconceptions regarding drinking. He tells what alcohol is and what it does, how most drinkers can handle it wisely, and how it works on the few who create the national problem.

This is not a temperance tract. There is no moralizing or sensationalizing. It is factual and honest, and points up the growing importance of chronic alcoholism not only as an individual but as a national social problem. While it has no direct bearing on the AA way of recovery, it is excellent collateral reading for AA's whose interest in alcoholism goes beyond that of the individual. W.W.Y.

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We're 4,000 Now! A Chicago History

The year 1949 marks the tenth anniversary of the Chicago group of Alcoholics Anonymous. From a lone individual who sought for two years to get the first group started, to 175 groups embracing 4,000 members, is an accomplishment our early members can look on with gratitude for the opportunity of "carrying this message" to others. The editors believe that all Chicago AA's are interested in the year-by-year growth of the group. Two to the earliest have prepared this history, and will sketch in subsequent installments the development of various separate group affairs during the decade. The authors would rather be referred to as "two early members." We think you should know they are Earl and Luke.

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Meetings there were informal. Tables were pushed against the walls and the leader cleared his own space. However, this period is memorable for being the scene of the first anniversary of a member.

In subsequent weeks, we moved to the LaSalle Hotel for a few meetings in the old Hamilton club quarters on the 18th floor; thence to a hall in the building on the northwest corner of Lake st. and Wabash ave., and then back to the Medical and Dental Arts building. It was there that the 1940 New Year's eve party was held, with a large assortment of sobered-up piano players.

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NEW MOVE NECESSITATED

AA simply outgrew the YMCA. By the spring of 1944, the janitor had shoved chairs together, forward and sideways, but a limit was reached. This time we moved to the hall on the second floor of the Engineering building, 205 W. Wacker dr., a lofty and pleasant chamber with a normal capacity of 800. Again, the first think we knew, the chairs were being pushed tighter together, and still they were standing in the rear.

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In that time, membership has grown from the six who attended the first meeting in Evanston to 4,000. By way of branching out, the city and suburban areas served from the Chicago central office have 175 neighborhood groups, and each of them at its Thursday or Friday night meeting is more than equal in numbers to the whole Chicago group when it moved downtown.

Group Discussion Topics

"Here's How" has no intention of figuring out material for group discussions. But if any member contends that he hasn't been able to think of a topic, here are a half dozen that will remove his alibi. We're sure they'll furnish the fuel for some arguments.

The 12th step alone will take care of three meetings. Break it up into three parts: 1 - Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps; 2 - we tried to carry this message to alcoholics; 3 - and practice these principles in all our affairs.

Or try a discussion on prayer, what we seek, how we pray, and how we are answered.

"Why did I come into AA" will carry you back to those early, confusing, delightful days and get us back to fundamentals.

Dry Rot

UNDER the spreading palms of this oasis, we'll split a loaf of bread, an atom, or hairs with Thou, but no jug of wine.

STATISTICS, being as dry as we hope our readers are, we quote from the American Business Mens Research foundation which may explain all those new members in your group: "The total consumption of alcoholic beverages has increased from 10.25 gals. per person in 1934 (the year of repeal) to 20.588 gals. per person in 1947."

THERE IS A NEW AA GROUP in Hollywood, dedicated to the removal of dark sun glasses from the glamour-pusses of the cinema colony. Anonymous, Anonymous.

LIQUOR, LIKE AGE, affects men and women differently. Men get sadder and wiser; women get sadder and wider.

GETTING ACQUAINTED in a new neighborhood when you own neither dog, child nor television set, is solved by sitting in with the local AA group. Mutual dislikes are more binding than shared loves. We recall our own entry. At least six gents whom we hadn't seen in years, stepped up with outstretched hands and the same greeting: "What detained you?"

WHAT'S IN A NAME? A member of the touring theatrical company, "The Drunkard", is the newest pigeon of a northside group.

WHILE MANY POETS have been inspired to compose verses in praise of wine, none has surpassed the blind Italian poet, Rudagi, who wrote a poem of 1,300,000 verses, which filled 100 volumes - each verse a tribute to wine. No wonder he was blind!

"ONE HORSE'S NECK" no longer needs explanation to the smarter bartenders in the swanker gin mills. They serve this AA libation without the bat of a pink eye. The horse's neck is a tall glass of ginger-ale enveloping a long curl of lemon peel

with the stem end flowering up through the ice to drape over the rim of the glass. It is so named after the opposite of what you once were!

COLUMBUS never discovered anything as beautiful as the newly sobered man discovering breakfast!

A LADY member of an all girl group once told us, primly and blushing, that she became interested in the organization when she heard the following jingle at a very wet party: "One martini I can take, two, at the very most. Three martinis, I'm under the table; four, and I'm under....has anybody seen the host?"

PEOPLE who insist upon driving after drinking, are putting the quart before the hearse. This is the same illogic that makes you want to get high when you're feeling low, and in the climb, you reach a new depth.

AA IS THE KIND OF GUIDANCE that proves it is better to be rescued by a lighthouse than by a lifeboat.

THERE IS NOTHING SO SMUG as the reformed drunk. The new-dry who looks upon his staggering fellow man with an unspoken: "There, but for the grace of God, go I", should remember that Skid Row is only two blocks southwest of the Pump room!

WE ONCE THOUGHT that our new found sobriety would make us an awfully dull fellow at parties. We've only recently learned how dull the other fellow was.

ONE THING THAT TROUBLES a lot of AA's after a sincere adherence to the program is the feeling that they are phonies - and that they never really liked the stuff anyhow!

AND AS OUR KEY FINDS THE LOCK the first time without trouble, we pause to hear floating down the midnight breeze as we let ourselves in, a sound from the near by corner: "Don't walk Mable, he got ya' dwunk, make him dwag ya!"

SUBSCRIPTION REQUEST

Certainly I want to keep "Here's How" coming every month. Inclosed is a dollar for another thump on the drum. Send the next 12 issues to:

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Washingtonian Home Aids AA Recovery Plan

One hundred ninety persons, 175 men and 15 women, have been restored to normalcy in the last six months thru the joint cooperation of Washingtonian Home at 2319 Belle Plaine Av., and the Chicago AA office. These are the folks whose drinking had carried them to such a low point physically that hospitalization was necessary before AA therapy could be applied.

The joint AA-Washingtonian project, started as an experiment, has proved so successful that directors of Martha Washington hospital, of which Washingtonian is a part, have given the green light to a considerable financial expenditure and are cooperating wholeheartedly in the effort.

NEED LONG DEBATED

The need for hospital facilities for Chicago AA prospects, long debated, crystallized several months ago when a few members induced Washingtonian to cooperate. The third floor of the home was set aside as an AA ward along the general lines of the ward in St. Thomas hospital, Akron, O., where success has been outstanding. The advice of Dr. Bob and several Chicago members who had had experience with hospitals before transferring here, was leaned on heavily.

A five day course was set up at a rate of \$55 for men and \$65 for women. This is less than half of the rate charged outsiders. For this the patient receives the best medical treatment available by an organization versed in treating alcoholics. Equally important is the great amount of AA philosophy infused into each patient by a steady stream of sponsors and visiting AA's who use the Home for 12th step work.

GAIN NEW KNOWLEDGE

Those new in AA gain in these five days a splendid working knowledge of the fellowship which readies them for immediate attendance at meetings on dismissal from the hospital. Those few AA's who have had temporary lapses gain renewed enthusiasm and a chance to analyze their mistakes. They re-enter their groups and make a go of it, having definitely proven to themselves they never again can drink like gentlemen.

The food is excellent. Even those who shudder the most at the mention of anything to eat, are downing great quantities of excellent chow within a matter of hours after admittance. Many of the fine nurses are from Martha Washington hospital, having been transferred to Washingtonian to give it as efficient an organization as the hospital proper.

FOUNDED TO AID ALKIES

Washingtonian Home was founded under a state charter in 1863 for "the help and

cure of inebriates," as the charter expressed the purpose.

It is operated "not for profit." Before their association with AA, their results were not too gratifying. But the new cooperative effort has resulted in great enthusiasm among the hospital's directors. Two of our members appeared before the board a short time ago and told in detail of the workings of AA and our ideas on alcoholism. As a result of this meeting the board approved a program to repair and rehabilitate the physical properties of the building and to decorate and refurbish the quarters, under the direction of Miss Fay Blanton, general superintendent, whose interest in the project has been intense since its inception.

The home has been used in the past by many alcoholics who merely wanted to dry out, then go off on a doozy again. These people, and all other entrants not affiliated with AA, are quartered on the second floor. AA's and AA prospects are on the third floor and no intermingling is allowed. To conform to general hospital practice and achieve the greatest rehabilitation, both physically thru medicine and mentally thru AA, the following general rules are being adhered to:

No phone calls in or out; all messages handled by sponsor. AA visitors only to avoid family complications. Ward visitors confined to third floor except for meals. Fee of \$55 payable on entrance; no credit.

Sponsor must bring in patient, help him get settled, and bring patient home on dismissal. The five day course is inflexible; no short cuts. Additional days beyond five, where necessary, \$10 daily. No repeaters in the AA ward.

There is at present capacity for 12 beds for men and a reception room for meetings and discussions. Visiting AA's are welcome at these meetings or to drop in and chat with the patients.

Women patients are not placed in the AA ward proper, but have attractive separate accommodations and better facilities are promised soon. The treatment they receive is the same as that for men.

All applications for entrance must clear thru the central office during the day, and thru a member of the hospital committee at night. The Home has the names of these committee members and their phone numbers. AA books and literature are available for reading.

The priest took down the telephone. "Hello," came a voice over the wire which the good father recognized as that of one of his parishioners. "Send around a couple of quarters of rye as soon as you can, Murphy." The priest, thinking to shame the caller, retorted: "This is not Murphy, this is Father Flynn," to which the phoner replied, "And pray, what are you doin' in Murphy's joint?"

Tuesday Night Programs To Shift Pattern

A change in format of the Tuesday night meetings at 32 W. Randolph st. went into effect April 19, following approval by the Rotating committee of a proposal submitted by the program committee, headed by Glenn D.

Under the plan the programs will consist largely of speakers of proven ability, discussing pre-assigned subjects selected by the program committee. In this way it is hoped integration of talks will be achieved. The old system of having three one-year men, whose talks have consisted largely of case histories, plus a windup speaker, will be abandoned. The committee felt that this type of program had outlived its usefulness.

The new programs will include one or two speakers, plus an occasional "curtain raiser" by a one year man. The round tables, which have been popular, will be continued with one about every six weeks.

The tentative schedule, subject to change, for the next three months follows: April 19, Clem L., subject to be selected; April 26, Bob A. on "Tolerance," and Elgar B. on "Let's Keep AA - AA;" May 3, John T., subject to be selected; May 10, round table; May 17, Charles C. on "Let's Keep the Program Simple," and Stacy T. on "Honesty of Purpose;" May 31, Andy A. and Jim W. on "Prayer;" June 7, Sylvia on "Her Story and Development After Nine Years," plus another one year woman speaker; June 14, Jack C., one year man, Leo R. on "Anonymity," and Duke W. on "Practice These Principles in All Our Affairs;" June 21, Helen F., and Jack G. on "Gratitude," June 28, round table; and July 7, Dick D. on "Good Works."

Night Workers

AA's who work at night and find the regular group meetings are impossible to get to, now have available three special meetings each week for their convenience.

North -- 4616 N. Clark st.,
4 p.m. every Thursday.

West -- 5511 Washington Blvd,
10 to 11:30 a.m. every Friday.

South -- 6211 Kimbark ave.,
12 noon, every Friday.

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AROUND THE TOWN! GROUP NEWS

Weekly meetings of the 175 individual groups in the Chicago area, supplemented by the Tuesday night meetings on the 14th floor at 32 W. Randolph st., are the heart and soul of AA activity. But many groups vary this procedure by combining periodically, selecting a speaker from some other group, and holding a little "extra night" of their own.

Experience has shown these meetings to be successful. No matter how well we practice our AA way of life, no matter how sincere or how honestly we try to live the program, no matter how much we respect our fellow AA's, we "just plain get tired of hearing them talk." So, the injection of the ideas by members outside our own immediate groups brings a new spark to our meetings. He may say the same things we tell each other. But somehow, he says it a little differently, or possibly he puts the emphasis on something we may have neglected. The result is a new infusion of ideas.

OUTGROWTH OF SPLITS

Of times, too, these meetings are the outgrowth of group splits. A group becomes unwieldy. It splits. But many persons hate to see many others in groups other than their own. So they agree to meet at fixed intervals, combining the original groups. Other splits occur, and they continue to meet with the parent subdivision.

On the north side on the last Thursday of every other month, starting in January, eleven groups gather for a "Family Night." This is pretty much their own affair. They gather in St. Peter's Parish house at 621 Belmont av. and the groups include Belmont, Lake View, Lincoln Park, Totem Pole, Parkway, Diversey, Wellington, Buckingham, Hawthorne, Lake Shore and Webster.

In the Ridge View Community house at Ridge av., and Seward st., Evanston, the contingent from this suburb meets on the first Thursday of each month. Members hold meetings on the first floor; wives conduct their own meetings on the second floor. Coffee and cake follow for the combined groups. There are nine groups participating.

SKOKIE AND GLENVIEW

Here gather also the Skokie and Glenview groups, on the first Friday of each month. These group are offshoots of Evanston and now consist of Skokie South, Skokie North, Glenview East and Glenview West. A program similar to the Evanston Plan is followed, altho frequently the wives

The 12 Steps Of Recovery

1 - We admitted we were powerless over alcohol -- that our lives had become unmanageable.

2 - Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

3 - Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understood Him.

4 - Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

5 - Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

6 - Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

7 - Humbly asked him to remove our short-comings.

8 - Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

9 - Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

10 - Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.

11 - Sought thru prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood him, praying only for knowledge of His will and the power to carry that out.

12 - Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and practice these principles in all our affairs.

are invited to sit in with AA's to hear some special speaker.

The Park Ridge, DesPlaines, Mount Prospect, Edison Park and Arlington Heights groups also gather on the first Friday of the month in Park Ridge in the Ross studio.

A new project of this sort is underway in Lake Forest on the first Thursday of each month in St. Mary's Parish house. Groups from Glencoe to Waukegan participate,

On the west side the recently split Glenbard group now meets monthly to bring together the three components -- Lombard, Glen Ellyn and Wheaton membership.

OAK PARK BIG AFFAIR

One of the largest affairs occurs in Oak Park on the last Thursday of the

HELP!

Despite the inevitable argument this statement will start, a lot of time and thought has gone into this, our first issue, of "Here's How." At present it represents the ideas of a few. The well is shallow and may run dry in a hurry. So send in your ideas for articles and stories, unusual personal experiences, or other items you think would be helpful to Chicago AA's as a whole.

We warn you we may rewrite your stuff, with identifying credit of course, because the limitations of space and other factors may make this necessary. Maybe we'll get so much copy (we hope) we won't be able to use it all. Your piece might not get in. But we'll try sincerely and honestly to pick what we think the most people will be interested in. And if your purpose is to pass along something that may help others, you may be disappointed at what happens to your ideas but you won't mind.

This job is no sinecure. Some of you are going to say the jokes are corny and old and don't belong in a serious publication anyway. If we leave them out others will ask why we don't pep up this magazine and stop preaching. If we editorialize on some subject you may say, "That's all right for you but is isn't the way I work it."

If we clip things from other AA publications we are going to be accused of being too lazy to think up things of our own. If we don't -- we blow our own horn. If we fail to print contributions we will be accused of not recognizing true genius. If we do print some for them there'll be demands for a new editorial staff.

Probably right now some of you are saying we swiped this idea from some other magazine. Well, o.k. We did.

month in Unity church, Kennilworth av., and Lake st. Here gather members of South Oak Park, Forest Park, Avenue, Marion, Riverside, Brookfield, La Grange, Berwyn, Cicero, Hinsdale, Villa Park, Downers Grove, Unity and groups 15, 15-A, 15-C, 15-D, 15-E and 15-F.

The last Thursday of the month will find members of Beverly, Foster Park, 1-A and Roseland gathered at the Roseland YMCA.

(Note to secretaries: If your group hasn't been mentioned here let the central office and the editor of "Here's How" know about it, for we have no information in the files.)

Two AA's were playing cards. "If you'll excuse the expression, remarked one, "Gin."

A.A. Grows Outside Chicago

Beginning in 1945, the Chicago-Suburban Intergroup reflected A.A. growth outside Chicago... Below are the Intergroup's By-Laws pamphlet & Members Services Directory (both c. 1961), and the Intergroup Meetings Directory (1962)



Following the trend in most big city set-ups, the AA Intergroup Association (in Chicago) was formed in 1945. A number of AA groups banded together to provide services and communication aimed at most efficient area handling of AA affairs.

There are at present about 60 groups thus affiliated. Intergroup provides these services:

Pays cost of 24 hour telephone answering services to receive 12th Step calls such calls being relayed to group near caller's residence.

Provides groups with printed booklets (without charge) which show current meeting dates and places in area.

Serves as a clearing house to relay information to and from member groups; to discuss problems any group may wish brought to the monthly meeting of Intergroup delegates.

Publishes Intergroup phone numbers in local papers, to help make AA available to those seeking it.

Lists Intergroup phone numbers in metropolitan and local phone directories.

Handles arrangements for group participation in AA work in institutions.

Assists groups in getting AA speakers.

Provides an opportunity for individuals and groups to relate themselves to and take part in local, regional and national AA affairs.

(Other services may be added when suggested and approved by Intergroup affiliates.)

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Chicago-Suburban Intergroup By-Laws pamphlet, continued ...

Any AA group in the service area may join Intergroup by indicating that it wishes to do so. Financial participation (to cover such services as must be paid for), is not a condition for membership.

Intergroup is governed by its member groups; control of Intergroup affairs remains with the groups solely. Proposals are discussed in a group and delegate instructed on action his group wishes taken at the monthly Intergroup meeting. Each group selects its own delegate.

Business affairs are handled by a Service Committee of unpaid AAs, elected by group delegates by the "Third Legacy" plan set forth by Dr. Bob and Bill. Committee members serve for one year and may not succeed themselves on the Committee. They are subject to recall by the delegates.

Intergroup is listed in the Secretary's Handbook published yearly by General Service Headquarters. Member groups are also listed in the Handbook but this is an elective choice of each group.

Intergroup does not contribute funds to GSO in the name of member groups, but encourages groups to make their own contributions to GSO direct, to support world-wide AA.

Each member group is registered with GSO in New York, and may place its representative on the Area Committee of the General Service Conference, and vote in the selection of Conference Delegates. This is not a function of Intergroup; each member group is responsible for taking its own part in the direction of national AA affairs.

Intergroup does not try to make AA policy; the Twelve Traditions provide a clear statement of AA policy and Intergroup is guided thereby.

INTERGROUP BY-LAWS

1. The sole purpose of the Intergroup Association is to provide services to all member groups in the area.
 2. Intergroup policy is determined by the Twelve Traditions.
 3. Any AA group in the area may join Intergroup; financial participation is voluntary.
 4. Each member group may send one voting representative to Intergroup meetings.
 5. These representatives shall elect a Service Committee to serve the groups.
 6. Service Committee members are elected according to the Third Legacy plan for non-successive, one-year terms, subject to recall.
 7. The size of the Service Committee shall be at a minimum, considering the service needs of affiliated groups.
 8. All items of Intergroup business shall be discussed at one meeting and acted upon at the next.
 9. In case of emergency, the Service Committee may take temporary action, subject to approval of the Intergroup.
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MEMBERS' SERVICE DIRECTORY

CHICAGO AND SUBURBAN INTERGROUPS

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CHICAGO AND SUBURBAN INTERGROUP MEETINGS (Refer to meeting list folder for location and time)

ADDISON-BROADWAY.....	THURS.	LA FOLLETTE PARK.....	FRI.
AURORA ALANO CLUB, MON. WED. THUR. SAT.		LA GRANGE THURSDAY.....	THUR:
AUSTIN TOWNHALL.....	THURS.	LAKEVIEW.....	MON.
BERWYN.....	FRI .	LAWDALE.....	TUES
BLACKHAWK WEDNESDAY.....	WED .	LOMBARD TUESDAY.....	TUES
16B BLACKHAWK PARK.....	THURS.	LOMBARD THURSDAY.....	THUR:
BROOKFIELD.....	THURS.	LOMBARD FRIDAY.....	FRI.
CHICAGO STATE HOSPITAL.....	TUES.	MIDWEST GROUPS, MON. TUES(AM), WED. SAT.	
(WOMEN'S MEETING)		NAPERVILLE.....	TUES
CHICAGO STATE HOSPITAL.....	WED.	NORTH AUSTIN.....	THUR:
(MEN'S MEETING)		NORTHLAKE.....	WED.
CICERO GROUP.....	FRI.	NO. RIVERSIDE MTB SAN.....	TUES...FRI.
DEARBORN CENTER.....	WED.	PALATINE GROUPS.....	MON. WED...FRI.
DOWNERS GROVE.....	WED.	RIVERSIDE.....	MON.
DOWNERS GROVE.....	FRI.	SANDWICH GROUP.....	FRI.
DU PAGE BEGINNERS.....	MON.	THE 666 N. RUSH ST. GROUP.....	WED.
DU PAGE NITWORKERS.....	TUES.	THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP.....	THUR:
DU PAGE GROUP.....	WED.	TIFFIN THEATRE.....	MON.
E. LA GRANGE INTERRACIAL.....	WED.	TIFFIN THEATRE.....	WED.
EAST ROGERS PARK.....	FRI.	TUESDAY YOUNG PEOPLES.....	TUES
ELMHURST 150.....	WED.	VILLA PARK BEGINNERS.....	MON.
ELMWOOD PARK.....	FRI	VILLA PARK.....	THUR:
FOREST PARK.....	MON.	WARRENVILLE.....	TUES
FOREST PARK NITWORKERS.....	TUES.	WEST SUBURBAN SAT. NITE.....	SAT.
GARFIELD PARK.....	WED.	WHEATON SOUTH.....	THUR:
GLEN ELLYN WEST.....	FRI.	WHEATON #2.....	TUES
GROUP 25.....	TUES.	WICKER PARK.....	FRI.
HARDHEADS GROUP.....	SAT.	WOODRIDGE.....	THUR:
HILLSIDE.....	MON.		
HINES HOSPITAL GROUP #1.....	TUES.		
HUMNER PARK YOUNG PEOPLES.....	MON.		

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Marge D WO 8 5545

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Ralph J MO 8 6910
Fred H MO 8 3477
Bill H HO 9 1718

WHEELING

Ben K LE 7 0613
Felix G CL 3 9543

WINFIELD

Fred H MO 8 3477
Don B MO 5 1636

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Roy D TE 2 6926, MA 7 0447
Barney S PO 6 2728

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Fred B WO 8 1178
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A "POSTSCRIPT" TO GROUP DELEGATES AND SECRETARIES:

This directory has been compiled to assist you and our telephone answering services to speed help to the person calling for it. May it serve you well.

People will move; phone numbers do change. It is a constant job keeping information current, and your help is earnestly requested on this. If you move, get a new phone number, when there's a change of Intergroup Delegate or Group Secretary, please let the Intergroup Secretary or Chairman have the corrected information. Writing it out is the sure way to get it properly on the mailing and phone lists. It is suggested that Delegates and Secretaries take the responsibility for doing this, when they move out of an assignment; (the new guy or gal may not yet know how to go about it.)

Use the post office mail address, if you wish. This is: P. O. Box 404, La Grange, Ill., you know. Or you may prefer to hand "change notices" to the Secretary or Chairman at an Intergroup business meeting. Group donations to Intergroup expenses may be sent to the post office box, too, or handed to the Treasurer, if you prefer.

Additions to or deletions from the telephone call referral lists must be made in writing by a member of the Intergroup Service Committee. Please do not ask the telephone girls to make such changes, by calling and telling them to do so.

A business meeting is held each month, on the second Wednesday. Delegates are reminded a few days in advance. The Fellowship Center, 407 S. Harlem Avenue, Forest Park, donates the use of its hall for Intergroup business meetings. When you cannot attend a particular meeting, please arrange for your alternate or another group member to make that meeting in your place. In matters affecting Intergroup AA, group conscience will be fully representative only if groups are represented fully.

Your Intergroup Chairman is always ready and willing to give you any further information you may want about Intergroup affairs.

CHICAGO AND SUBURBAN INTERGROUPS SERVICE COMMITTEE

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SATURDAY

AURORA GROUP, OPEN, 8:30 p.m., 13½ N. Broadway, Aurora. Phones: TW 6-0735, TW 6-4646.
CHICAGO ALCOHOLIC TREATMENT CENTER, Closed, 10:00 a.m., 3026 S. California, Chicago.
FELLOWSHIP CENTER, OPEN, 8:30 p.m., 407 S. Harlem Ave., Forest Park. Phone: FO 6-9889.
HARDHEADS GROUP, Closed, 10:30 a.m., Fellowship Center, 407 S. Harlem, Forest Park.
LATIN-AMERICAN GROUP, Closed, 8:00 p.m., St. Ephphata Mission, 635 S. Ashland.
MIDWEST GROUP, OPEN, 8:30 p.m., 5305 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago.
WEST LOOP GROUP, OPEN, 8:30 p.m., 11 N. Ashland, Chicago.
TIFFIN SATURDAY OPEN, 8:30 p.m., West Side Alano Club, 1551 N. Karlov Ave., Phone: EV 4-9244.
WEST SUBURBAN SATURDAY NITE, Closed, 8:30 p.m., 1503 St. Charles Road, Maywood.

SUNDAY

AUSTIN YMCA BREAKFAST, Closed, Breakfast 9:00 a.m., Meeting 10 a.m., 510 N. Central Ave., Chicago.
DE VILLE MOTOR COURT, Closed, Breakfast 9:00 a.m., Meeting 10 a.m., Robin Hood Restaurant, 1175 Lee St. (US 45) Des Plaines.
LA GRANGE YMCA BREAKFAST, Closed, Breakfast 9:00 a.m., Meeting 10 a.m., 31 E. Ogden Ave., La Grange.
CITYWIDE GROUP, Closed, 4:00 p.m., C.A.T.C., 3026 S. California, Third Floor, Chicago.
FELLOWSHIP CENTER, OPEN, 8:30 p.m., 407 S. Harlem Ave., Forest Park.
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH OPEN MEETING, 3 p.m., YMCA, 31 E. Ogden Ave., La Grange.
TIFFIN SUNDAY OPEN, 8:30 p.m., West Side Alano Club, 1551 N. Karlov, Chicago.
VILLA PARK SUNDAY GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., 420 S. Oakland, Villa Park, Phones: TE 4-7340, TE 4-0577.

CLUBS

AURORA ALANO CLUB, 13½ N. Broadway, Aurora. Phone: TW 6-0735.
FELLOWSHIP CENTER, 407 S. Harlem, Forest Park. Phone: FO 6-9889.
LOGAN SQUARE, 3317 Logan Blvd., Chicago.
POLICE FELLOWSHIP CLUB, 54 W. Hubbard, 5th Floor, Chicago. Phone: MI 2-5135.
SOUTHWEST ALANO CLUB, 1701 W. 43rd St., Chicago, 10:00 a.m. to Midnight. Phone: VI 7-8444.
WEST LOOP CLUB, 11 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago. Phone: HA 1-8874.
WEST SIDE ALANO CLUB, 1551 N. Karlov Chicago. Phone: EV 4-9244.

SOUTH INTERGROUP

MONDAY

CENTER GROUP SOUTH, Closed, 8:00 p.m., Grand Crossing Field House, 76th & Ellis. Phone: VI 6-5792.
HARVEY GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Ascension Recreation Hall, 153rd & Myrtle, Harvey. Phone: FT 8-5151

TUESDAY

OPEN MEETING, 8:30 p.m., Bethany Union Church, 103rd & Wood.

WEDNESDAY

BLUE ISLAND GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Centennial Park Field House, 1742 Vermont St., Blue Island. Phone: FU 5-3794.
CALUMET PARK GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., 11152 S. Talman, Chicago. Phone: HI 5-8563.
RIVERDALE GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., (OPEN last Wed. of month), St. Mary's Church, 310 E. 137th St. Phone: IN 8-9319.
SCOTTSDALE GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Homes. Phone: LU 5-5648.

THURSDAY

AVALON THREE GROUP, Closed, 8:00 p.m., Homes. Phone: RE 1-0568.
BEVERLY HILLS GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Ridge Fieldhouse, 96th & Longwood Drive. Phone: LU 5-6926.
CHICAGO RIDGE GROUP, Closed, 8:00 p.m., Our Lady of Ridge School, 109th & Ridgeland. Phone: RE 5-4036.
GREEN STREET GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Visitation Church, 843 W. Garfield Blvd. Phone: RA 3-1608.
LAKE EDGE GROUP, Closed, 8:00 a.m., Homes. Phone: SO 8-3173.
SOUTH SHORE THREE, Closed, 8:00 p.m., Homes. Phone: RE 4-0034.
SOUTH SUBURBAN GROUP, Closed, 10:00 a.m., Trinity Church, 97th & Brandt Ave., Oak Lawn. Phone: GA 4-5167.

FRIDAY

BEVERLY RIDGE GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., St. John Fischer Church, 10201 S. Washtenaw Ave. Phone: VI 6-9123.
BRAINARD GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Foster Park Field House, 84th & Loomis. Phone: HI 5-5856.
CHATHAM SIX, Closed, 8:00 p.m., Ogden Park Methodist Church, 68th & Loomis. Phone: HE 6-1713.
NORTH BEVERLY GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Ridge Field House, 96th & Longwood Drive. Phone: RA 3-4246.
SOUTHWEST ALANO CLUB, Midnight, Closed, 1701 W. 43rd St. Phone: VI 7-8444.
TWELVE STEP GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., 74th & Yates, (House South of Church). Phone: BU 8-2437.

SATURDAY

TRI-CITY GROUP, OPEN, 8:00 p.m., St. John's Pistol Range, 4832 Hohman St., Hammond, Indiana.

SUNDAY

BEVERLY BREAKFAST, Closed, Breakfast 9:00 a.m., Meeting 10:00 a.m., Ridge Park Fieldhouse, 96th & Longwood Drive.
SOUTHWEST ALANO CLUB, OPEN, 3:00 p.m., 1701 W. 43rd St.
SOUTHWEST ALANO CLUB, Closed, 7:30 p.m., 1701 W. 43rd St.

CHICAGO-SUBURBAN INTERGROUP

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INTERGROUP MEETINGS



Telephones:

KE 3-7924

HU 8-3933

West Suburban: VI 8-2121

Aurora: TW 6-4646

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EAST, NORTH, WEST AND SUBURBAN

MONDAY

DUPAGE GROUP, Closed, 8:00 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, West & Wesley, Wheaton.
FOREST PARK MONDAY NITE GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Fellowship Center, 407 S. Harlem, Forest Park.
HILLSIDE GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Taft & Ridge Sts., Hillside.
HUMNER PARK YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Humner Park Field House, Fairview & Franklin, Downers Grove.
LAKEVIEW GROUP, Closed, 8:15 p.m., St. Andrews School Basement, Addison & Paulina, Chicago.
MIDWEST GROUP, Closed, 8:15 p.m., 5305 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago.
PALATINE GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., St. Paul's E&R Church Basement, 144 E. Chicago Ave., Palatine.
RIVERSIDE GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., St. Pauls Church, Akenside & Longcommon, Riverside.
ROBERT BROOKS GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Robert Brooks Field House, 1300 S. Throop, Chicago.
ST. CHARLES FIREHOUSE GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., 20 N. First Ave., St. Charles.
TIFFIN MONDAY GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., West Side Alamo Club, 1551 N. Karlov, Chicago. Phone: EV 4-9244.
VILLA PARK BEGINNERS, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Homes. Phones: MA 7-0447, TE 2-9626, MA 7-9024, MO 5-1636.

TUESDAY

CHICAGO ALCOHOLIC TREATMENT CENTER, Closed, 10:30 a.m., 3026 S. California, Chicago.
CHICAGO STATE HOSPITAL WOMEN'S GROUP, Closed, 7:00 p.m., W. Irving Park & Narragansett, Chicago. (Inquire at desk).
FOREST PARK NITWORKERS GROUP, Closed, 10:30 a.m., Fellowship Center, 407 S. Harlem, Forest Park.
GROUP 25, Closed, 8:30 p.m., 4616 N. Clark St. (12 Step House), Chicago, SU 4-8778.
HINES HOSPITAL GROUP #1, Closed, 7:00 p.m., Main Floor Recreation Room, Bldg. 9, Hines. Phone: FI 4-4474.
LA GRANGE TUESDAY OPEN MEETING, 8:30 p.m., St. Francis Xavier School Basement, Waiola & Ogden, La Grange.
LAWNDALE GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Chicago Boys Club Bldg., 2800 S. Hamlin Ave., Chicago.
LOMBARD TUESDAY GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Homes. Phones: MA 9-2650, TE 4-7530, TE 3-8707.
NAPERVILLE GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., St. Peter & Paul School, Franklin & Ellsworth, Naperville.
NORTH RIVERSIDE MTB SANITARIUM, Closed, 7:00 p.m., 7501 W. Cermak Rd., No. Riverside.
TUESDAY YOUNG PEOPLES GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Fellowship Center, 407 S. Harlem, Forest Park.
WARRENVILLE GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Homes. Phone: TW 6-0735, EX 3-0121.
WHEATON SOUTH GROUP, Closed, 8:00 p.m., Homes. Phone: MO 8-2209.
WHEELING OPEN MEETING GROUP, 8:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, Route 45, (Just south of Route 68. Wheeling). (Wednesday Meeting)

WEDNESDAY

AURORA GROUP NITWORKERS, Closed, 10:30 a.m., 13½ N. Broadway, Aurora. Phones: TW 6-0735, TW 6-4646.
BLACKHAWK WEDNESDAY GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Blackhawk Field House, 2314 N. Laverne Ave., Chicago.
CHICAGO ALCOHOLIC TREATMENT CENTER, Closed, 10:30 a.m., 3026 S. California, Chicago.
CHICAGO ALCOHOLIC TREATMENT CENTER MONTHLY OPEN MEETING, Last Wed. of month, 8:00 p.m., 3026 S. California, Chicago.
CHICAGO STATE HOSPITAL, Closed, 7:00 p.m., W. Irving Park and Narragansett, Bldg. 23W — inquire at desk.
DOWNERS GROVE WEDNESDAY GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Humner Park Field House, Fairview & Franklin, Downers Grove.
DU PAGE GROUP, Closed, 8:00 p.m., Homes. Phone: 231-2270; MO 5-2376.
EAST LA GRANGE INTERRACIAL GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., A.M.E. Church Basement, 130 E. Calendar, La Grange.
ELMHURST 15C, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Homes. Phones: TE 4-4683, TE 4-9200, PO 6-2728.
GARFIELD PARK GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., St. Barnabas Church, 4241 Washington Blvd., Rear, Chicago.
MIDWEST GROUP, Closed, 8:15 p.m., 5305 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago.
NORTHLAKE GROUP, Closed, 8:00 p.m., Northlake Lutheran Church, 112 N. Wolf Road, Northlake.
PALATINE GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., St. Paul's E&R Church Basement, 144 E. Chicago Ave., Palatine.
TIFFIN WEDNESDAY, Closed, 8:30 p.m., West Side Alamo Club, 1551 N. Karlov, Chicago. Phone: EV 4-9244.
TIFFIN NITWORKERS GROUP, Closed, 10:30 a.m., West Side Alamo Club, 1551 N. Karlov, Chicago. Phone: EV 4-9244.

THURSDAY

ADDISON-BROADWAY GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Presbyterian Church, NW Corner Addison & Broadway, Chicago.
AURORA GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., 13½ N. Broadway, Aurora. Phones: TW 6-0735, TW 6-4646.
AUSTIN TOWNHALL GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., 5610 W. Lake St. (Townhall), Chicago.
16B BLACKHAWK PARK GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Blackhawk Field House, 2314 N. Laverne, Chicago.
BROOKFIELD GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., St. Barbara's Parish Hall, 4011 Prairie St., Brookfield.
CHICAGO ALCOHOLIC TREATMENT CENTER BEGINNER'S MEETING, Closed, 8:00 p.m., 3026 S. California, Chicago.
GLADSTONE GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Grace Evangelical Church, 2600 Budd St., River Grove.
LA GRANGE THURSDAY MEETING, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Emanuel Episcopal Church, 203 S. Kensington, La Grange. Last Thursday of the month OPEN.
LOMBARD THURSDAY GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Homes. Phone: MA 7-8599, TE 2-7363.

THURSDAY — Continued

NORTH AUSTIN GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., St. Angela's Church Rectory Basement, 1300 N. Menard, Chicago.
PALATINE GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., St. Paul's E&R Church Basement, 144 E. Chicago Ave., Palatine.
ST. CHARLES FIREHOUSE GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., 20 N. First Ave., St. Charles.
THURSDAY DISCUSSION GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Fellowship Center, 407 S. Harlem, Forest Park. Phone: FO 6-9889.
VILLA PARK GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Homes. Phone: TE 4-6464, BR 9-6754, TE 4-2286.
WESTMONT GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Church, Cass & Richmond, Westmont.
WHEATON #2 GROUP, Closed, 8:00 p.m., Homes. Phone: HO 9-1718.

FRIDAY

AURORA BEGINNERS GROUP, Closed, 8:30 — 9:30 p.m., 13½ N. Broadway, Aurora. Phones: TW 6-0735, TW 6-4646.
BERWYN GROUP, Closed, 8:00 p.m., Fellowship Center, 407 S. Harlem, Forest Park. Phone: FO 6-9889.
BRIDGEPORT GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., 3210 S. Union, St. David's Rectory (bsmt), Chicago. Phone: LA 3-1185. (last Fri. Open)
CENTER GROUP SOUTH, Closed, 8 p.m., Chicago Alcoholic Treatment Center, 3026 S. California, Chicago.
CICERO GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Cicero Welfare Center, 5341 W. Cermak Road, Cicero.
DOWNERS GROVE FRIDAY GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., St. Joseph's Church, Highland & Franklin, Downers Grove. Third Friday of month OPEN.
ELMWOOD PARK GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Church of the Good Shepherd, Palmer & Nordica, Chicago. Second Friday OPEN.
GLEN ELLYN WEST GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, West & Wesley, Wheaton. EXCEPT:
GLEN ELLYN AREA OPEN MEETING - last Friday of each month - Presbyterian Church Basement, Main & Anthony Sts., Glen Ellyn. 8:30 p.m.
GRATEFUL HOUSE, Open, 8:30 p.m., (Women Only), 4050 Maypole Ave., Chicago.
LA FOLLETTE PARK GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., 1333 N. Larmie Ave., Chicago
LOMBARD FRIDAY GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Homes. Phone: MA 7-7171, MA 9-1334, FI 5-4152.
NORTH RIVERSIDE MTB SANITARIUM, Closed, 7:00 p.m., 7501 W. Cermak Rd., No. Riverside.
PALATINE GROUP, Closed, 8:00 p.m., St. Paul's E&R Church Basement, 144 E. Chicago Ave., Palatine.
SANDWICH GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., St. Paul's Catholic Church, North Eddy St., Sandwich.
TWELFTH STEP GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., 4616 N. Clark St. Phone: SU 4-8778.
WASHINGTON PINE GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., 5501 W. Washington, Chicago. (Thurs. Meeting)
WESTCHESTER GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., Community Bldg., Westchester Blvd. & Bond Ave. (Board Rm.) Westchester.
WICKER PARK GROUP, Closed, 8:30 p.m., 1632 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago.