



District 43 “Groupvine”

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Please help us distribute this Newsletter. The “Groupvine” is intended for A.A. District 43 which includes Bolingbrook, Naperville, Woodridge, and Lisle. Please take copies to your home group. There are extra copies at the West Suburban Fellowship Club (WSFC)
710 E. Ogden Ave., Suite 430. Mailing address is PO Box 143 Naperville, IL 60566

“Sisters in Sobriety Group” by Patti D.

This name could not be more perfect for us. We are Sisters to each other and we are there through the good and bad times. We attend groups and parties outside of our meetings and go to retreats and AA Conferences. Our group also has a yearly Luncheon that we can all be involved with. Members arrive early and stay after. Breakfast after the meetings with anyone joining is another great way to get to know one another.

The group started on Sept. of 2002 and this month we celebrate 15 years! Its first meeting began at the the original WSFC on Chicago Ave. Susie L. was responsible for starting it. This meeting has been my home group since the beginning and has always provided courage and strength to all who attend. On any Sat. morning starting at 8:30 you will find 15—25 women in attendance. We have a greeter and everyone gets a smile and a hug. We also pass out reading cards if you choose to take one. When a new women attends we hold a first step meeting with 4 volunteers. We present them with a newcomers packet and a small book containing the first 164 pages of the Big Book. The rest of the group reads from the book, “Women’s Way Through the 12 Steps”. We break into small groups and comment on what we read, or anything a women needs to share pertaining to recovery.

Although this book is not Conference approved AA literature, it has helped many women including myself to find a better understanding of the 12 Steps. We also offer Sponsorship to anyone in need. All someone needs to do is raise a hand. After the meeting they can get the individual help they need. Many come in shy, scared and alone and we find this personal attention helps and is comforting. Our format also stipulates that ANYONE who has a desire to stop drinking is welcome. Even though this is a women’s meeting if a man attends they are welcomed. We usually have some of us split into two groups so that those wanting to attend a women’s only meeting will still be able to do that.

On a personal note, this meeting in SO many ways has saved my life. I invite any women out there who feels hopeless, scared, lost and alone to join us on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the WSFC 710 E. Ogden Ave. Suite 430 Naperville, and I will guarantee from my experience that you will never have to feel that way again. My first meeting I heard the phrase, “We will love you, until you can love yourself”. How true that statement is for me today. With the God of my understanding, the 12 Steps, and all my sisters, I found the Hope, Love, Courage and Strength to keep coming back one day at a time. So I say thanks you to Susie for starting the meeting, and giving me a safe place to go.

And to all my Sisters, thank you for being there and continue to be there to walk with me and others as we all trudge the road to happy destiny.

A.A. members in District 43 of Northern Illinois publish this newsletter. Its mission is to keep members informed of local events and service activities, to share experience, strength and in recovery from alcoholism and its impact on our families. Opinions expressed in **Groupvine** are those of their authors only and not necessarily those of A.A. Send articles, ideas or questions to: d43groupvine@hotmail.com Your comments are most welcome and encouraged. Editor

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Things We Hear....."The Voice"

1. People who fly into a rage always make a bad landing.
2. Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.
3. When I hear someone sigh that life is hard, I am tempted to ask, compared to what?'
4. When you're out of willpower you call on stubbornness, that's the trick.
5. If you let your head get too big, it'll break your neck.

Upcoming Events.

For Updated information please check Our Website. <https://aa-nia-dist43.org> is a wealth of information for those of you on line.

—Big Book Conference Sat. November 4th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 801 N. Sycamore St. Hinkley, IL 1st United

More Service Opportunities—Bridging the Gap "AA's Welcome Wagon" A 12th Step Opportunity. (30 to 40) volunteers wanted to ease the transition of recovering alcoholics being released from treatment facilities and other places of confinement into the A.A. Community. Involves taking newcomers to an A.A. meeting after their release, and introducing them to members of the group. Contact: Janine or Dan at this email d43groupvine@hotmail.com

Just—of DuPage is still in need of women volunteers to bring the AA meetings into the jail. This is a one year commitment for those with at least one year of sobriety. Please check out the website for more info on this service work. justofdupage.org For info contact Lindsay M. at this email address: d43groupvine@hotmail.com For a list of other Services opportunities available please refer to our Mobile Web <https://aa-nia-dist43.org> and look under **SERVICE**

Meetings in Need of Your Help

"As Bill Sees It Meeting" is an Open meeting that needs support. It meets on Sunday nights at 5:00 p.m. and is located at the Friendship United Methodist Church, 305 E. Boughton Rd. in Bolingbrook. All are Welcome.

"Today is What Matters" is a Closed meeting in need of your support. It meets at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 21 E. Franklin (basement classroom 4) Naperville. This meeting is on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome, hope to see you there.

September Group Anniversaries—

09-10-86 Wednesday A.M. Step Group, 09-13-02 Sisters In Sobriety Group is the FEATURE GROUP ON FRONT PAGE

Individual RECENT Anniversaries—

JoAnne 19 years, Paulette 8 years, Kevin 31 years, Richard 7 years, Beth C.

AUDIO files of RECOVERY

There is a Link of selected Audio files on our District 43 A.A. Web Page <https://aa-nia-dist43.org>

Go to Groupvine and then under "Audio Readings" (Many Voices)

NEW VOICES for SEPTEMBER Feature "MANY VOICES" includes recordings of our own Dist. 43 members reading highlights from our literature.

Check out our ON-Line Website for the "Groupvine" . This month is the preview of the STAND ALONE pages of "DIST. 43 MEDIA". Pictures, Poetry, Prose and other ON LINE only news and events are featured. <https://aa-nia-dist43.org> go to "Groupvine" or "Many Voices" for Audio or "Dist. 43 Media" ENJOY

9th Month: September. 9th Step: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others. 9th Tradition: A A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. 9th Concept: Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees. 9th Promise: Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change.