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Delegate's Corner

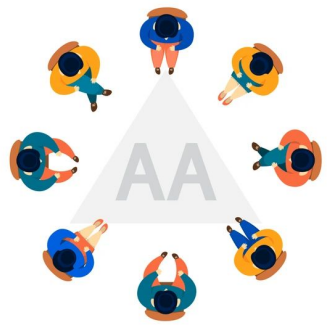
Theme: "Humility in Action" — 76th General Service Conference

The theme of the 76th General Service Conference was "Humility in Action" and this Conference theme was aptly named. As I have mentioned in sharing my experience during this year's General Service Conference, the spiritual principles of humility, integrity, willingness, and harmony were never more evident than in the way members of the Conference demonstrated all Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service.

The Twelve Steps teach us that humility begins with recognizing that we cannot do this alone. Step One asks us to admit our powerlessness. Step Two opens us to a Power greater than ourselves. Step Three asks us to turn our will and our lives over to God as we understand Him.

As I have moved through General Service within the Area, I have found that the same principles apply. I cannot do this work alone – I need the experience, wisdom, and perspective of other trusted servants. I am incredibly grateful to everyone who has selflessly shared these gifts with me.

The Twelve Traditions remind me that "our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern." That distinction has become particularly meaningful to me as a Delegate. I am entrusted with listening to our groups, districts, committees, and individual members.



Humility & Responsibility

"All A.A. progress can be reckoned in terms of just two words: humility and responsibility."

— Bill W.

Since returning from the Conference, I have spent much of this year learning that being a trusted servant is not about having the answers. It is about being willing to listen, learn, and carry the collective voice of those I serve.

The Twelve Concepts have also taken on new meaning for me this year. Concept IV, the Right of Participation, reminds me that everyone's voice matters. As a first-year Delegate, I have been continually reminded how much I have to learn from everyone around me. For Area 20 trusted servants, "Humility in Action" can become more than a Conference theme. It can become a practical guide for the way we serve one another.

Those words have become so true for me this year, and it is my hope that "Humility in Action" continues to be my guiding light throughout my service in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Lisa S.

Delegate | Panel 76

Area 20 Northern Illinois

The Role of the Past Delegate

by Larry S.

I was asked to do a presentation on the role of the past delegate earlier this year. So, I thought I would share some meandering thoughts.

I did multiple Google searches. I searched aa.org, *AA Comes of Age, Language of the Heart, Our Great Responsibility, As Bill Sees It,* and *The AA Service Manual.* The result was that no one has written much of anything on the role of the past delegate.

The only item of interest from the Google search was *"Institutional Memory: Past Delegates retain crucial knowledge about the history, decisions, and direction of the Area and the GSC, preventing repetition of mistakes and facilitating smoother transitions."*

I will come back to that.

A search of aa.org came up empty except for the A.A. Service Manual.

Sometimes past delegates are Area committee members, sometimes not; sometimes they vote, sometimes they don't, sometimes they have committee positions, and sometimes they don't, and they support the current delegate. It is about what I would expect, but there's no real insight into what is expected of past delegates. So, what should they be doing?

Early on, I was not a fan of past delegates. Sometimes it seemed that they came out in force specifically to object to some action that was being proposed. At the time I thought the past delegates were organizing to undermine the rest of us, and I was not the only one who felt that way.

At one area committee meeting, during a discussion that was being dominated by past delegates, a guy came to the mic and said, "You can't swing a dead cat around here without hitting a past delegate." A sentiment I wholeheartedly agreed with and only wished I had said to myself.

I have heard lots of remarks over the years along the same lines as the dead cat line. Most not as amusing but all sharing the same thought. I have also had folks tell me how much they appreciate my remarks at Area meetings. Still, I have wondered how many are put off by past delegate involvement in Area discussion, don't say anything, and maybe, just drift away.

I did find one piece in the 1966 Grapevine, J.M., who was then a Class B Regional Trustee from the Pacific Region, asks the question:

"Do past delegates to the General Service Conference (Conference) feel that it has been a real influence on the operation of AA's World Services and the Grapevine in New York? Do the delegates--first-year men and women, and second-year ones--feel that they carry any weight?"

Speaking of his own experience as a delegate, he says:

"As my term went on, and drew finally to a close, I had a feeling of not having done all that I should, of not having been sufficiently forward about stating my own thoughts on questions before the Conference, and about airing what I believed to be the feeling on them abroad, in the Area I represented."

He continues by describing the awe—and even intimidation—those first-year delegates may feel. He notes the pace of the Conference and acknowledges that too many delegates arrive unprepared.

His last question is: *"…does the Conference end up being nothing but a rubber stamp for the Trustees and Staff…"* I have asked similar questions myself.

The Role of the Past Delegate, continued

by Larry S.

He follows all that with a discussion of responsibility, saying that if any of these problems are real, it is up to the delegates to correct them and that the Trustees and staff both want and need direction from the conference.

If J.M.'s concerns are valid today, with a two-year term, we can hardly expect the new delegate to recognize the problem, let alone do something about it.

Which brings me to institutional knowledge.

The first G.S.R. school I attended was probably in the late nineties; Area 20 chair, Dale G. and past delegate Russ V. did the presentation, and they did an excellent job describing just what the A.A. Service Manual says about our structure and the role of the G.S.R. Even then, I was sure everything might not work as described in the real world.

When I was delegate, we were told directly not to meet or discuss anything between conferences, certainly not business. I am sure that was not in the service manual. I had also been taught that no conference action was binding at the next conference, also not in the service manual. Recently I was told that a conference was informed that it would be inappropriate to reverse the action of the previous conference. Not in the service manual.

There are nuances to the way things work.

Regional and At-Large Trustees serve four-year terms. General Service Trustees serve four-year terms but are selected from the pool of past Non-Trustee Directors on either the A.A.W.S. or A.A. Grapevine board. So essentially, they serve eight years unless they were also appointed committee members, which could bring them up to ten years. Class A Trustees serve six years. Staff members have served ten-plus years. The G.S.O. Manager and Grapevine executives have served at least as long as nine years.

Delegates rotate every two years.

The why is important.

Today I would rather share what I have learned about how our structure works beyond the service manual; talk about where authority and responsibility originate in our fellowship and why; discuss the second part of Concept III, the right of decision, which gets scant attention, or the importance of how we select board members, directors, and executives in Concept XI.

I would rather talk about how to read background material, the history of agenda items, and how we got to where we are today.

Most of all, past delegates need to help prepare new delegates and alternate delegates for the experience, emotionally and spiritually.

-Larry S.

The Role of the Past Delegate, continued

by Larry S.

A newcomer approached me once and said his sponsor had told him I was a past delegate and that he should listen to everything I say. Respect, influence, and even power are in part the result of time and title. The D.C.M. is more influential than the G.S.R., the Area Chair is more influential than the D.C.M., and the Delegate is perhaps more influential than them all. The same idea is true at the conference level and below, and I wonder if the Delegates are the most influential group at the conference.

There are nuances to the way things work.

At the very top of the upside-down triangle, somewhere among the A.A. Groups, the past delegate resides, with no more authority or responsibility than any other A.A. member. That is, except for their experience, except for all the accumulated institutional knowledge. So, what is the role of the past delegate?

When I was a new past delegate, I spent way too much time voicing my opinion at Area meetings. Today, every time I go to an assembly or committee meeting, my goal is to stay away from the mic. I have succeeded, but I fail most of the time. I try, but honestly, I just love the game.

Increasingly, I do not think my role today is to help decide whether we need a new pamphlet or video, or whether the Grapevine should accept contributions. Nor do I need to weigh in on whether an Area guideline should be changed or should two committees be combined. Rather, my role runs more along the lines of how to craft an effective motion that will not be shredded by some past delegate because it has too many words on how to accomplish a goal rather than simply describing an outcome. I have been that past delegate.

Today I would rather share what I have learned about how our structure works beyond the service manual. I would rather talk about where authority and responsibility originate in our fellowship and why. The why is important. I would rather discuss the second part of Concept III, the right of decision, which gets scant attention, or the importance of how we select board members, directors, and executives in Concept XI. I would rather talk about how to read background material, the history of agenda items, and how we got to where we are today. I think that past delegates in general have a lot of experience to share. So, if you are new to service or just have questions, past delegates can be a valuable resource.

Most of all, past delegates need to help prepare new delegates and alternate delegates for the experience, emotionally and spiritually. When I went to conference, I was prepared for agenda items, and I understood the process as described in the service manual. I was not prepared for what was about to happen to me. Nor did I understand that for delegates, continuity from rotation to rotation is sorely lacking.

Some of these are issues that past delegates cannot resolve directly. But sharing from past delegates can help prepare new delegates for the experience and navigating the business of the conference. Past delegates can offer insight and experience that can help new delegates and their alternates understand a changing conference landscape and the boundaries of non-delegate conference members.

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An Update on the 5th Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous

TO: GSRs, DCMs, Trustees, Officers, Committee Chairs, Delegates, Intergroups, GSO & Grapevine Employees
DATE: August 26, 2026

Publication Date
February 2027

List Price
$20.00 USD

Book Format
Hardcover with Removable Dust Jacket

New Content
26 New Stories of Recovery Included

Dear A.A. Friends:

We are writing to provide an update regarding the forthcoming publication of the much-anticipated fifth edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*. At the July 30 meeting of the A.A. World Services Board, the Publishing Committee recommended, and the full board approved, that the fifth edition hardcover be produced with a removable dust jacket and that a list price of $20 USD be adopted. We are on track with the production process to publish the hardcover of the fifth edition in February 2027.

We share the Fellowship's excitement about the fifth edition of our beloved Big Book—coming more than 25 years after the publication of the fourth edition. More information about the publication of the fifth edition will follow this fall.

Warmly,

John W.
Chair, AAWS Board
Bob W.
General Manager, G.S.O.

FOOD FOr THOUGHT...

"Pay attention to what you pay attention to."
— Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Grapevine Daily Quote

"AA has taught me that I'm the architect of my own success or happiness. The quality of my sobriety is up to me – it will be what I want it to be."

Keego Harbor, Mich., June 1998
From: "Paradoxes of Sobriety", Beginner's Book

"A mistake is only a mistake when I don't learn from it."
— Wisdom of the Rooms

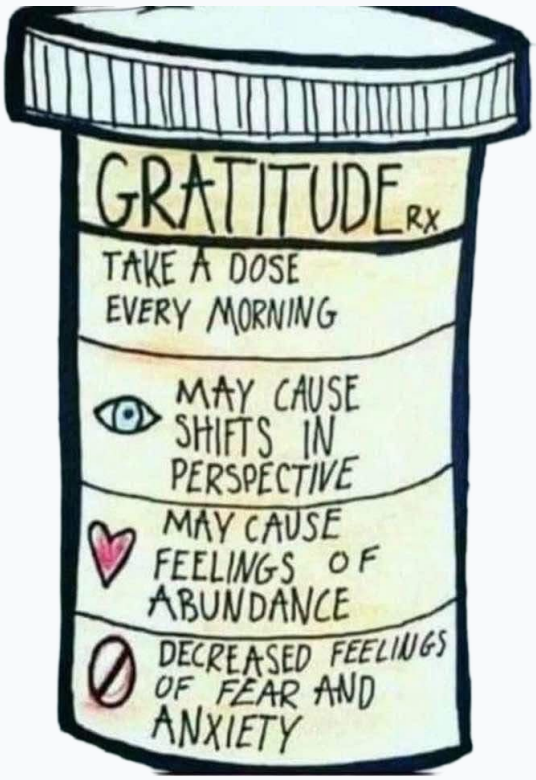
"Forgive yourself for not knowing earlier what only time could teach."
— BuddhismPageFB

"Recovery is the only place where you can walk into a room full of strangers and reminisce." - unknown

"The problem with isolating is that you get such bad advice."
— Wisdom of the Rooms

"The first rule is to keep an untroubled spirit. The second is to look things in the face and know them for what they are."

— Marcus Aurelius, Meditations



District News & Updates

Northern Illinois Area 20 — Active Reports & Local Announcements

District 10

Preparing for the 2027 Big Book Conference and encouraging committee chairs to assess progress. Elections are scheduled for October 28th. The Fall Breakfast with D12 is October 10th.

District 11

Their new meeting location in McHenry has been successful, with an average attendance of approximately forty members representing twenty groups. All chair positions for 2026-2027 are full, except for the interim position currently held by Dan P.

They are seeking alternates for Secretary, Corrections, Grapevine, GSR Orientation, and Treatment. There are also opportunities to carry the message by participating in meetings at Treatment and Corrections facilities and responding to 12-Step calls received through our Answering Service.

They are hosting the 2026 Big Book Conference on Saturday, October 17, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Wauconda from 9:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. We encourage everyone to register in advance and consider volunteering on the day of the event. Additional information and the event flyer are available on the NIA website.

District 12

Summer picnic was held June 28th. The Delegate visited the District Meeting on August 19th. The Corrections Chair position has been successfully filled.

District 22

They held a GSR School on July 11th. Despite no air conditioning and Wi-Fi issues, Dawn and Lorrie completed the session successfully. Attendance was about twenty-five, far exceeding expectations. They had an LCM for the past three weeks who did an excellent job; however, she is moving on, so we will be looking for a new LCM. Lisa S, our Delegate, gave her report at the district meeting in August, and the picnic was August 8th. They are hosting the Fall Committee Meeting and will be seeking volunteers.

District 40

Their picnic was a tremendous success. The district meeting was also well attended, with thirty-nine participants. Lisa, our Delegate, delivered an excellent presentation on the General Service Conference.

Several service positions remain open, including Bridging the Gap, Grapevine, Answering Service, and Public Information (PI). Efforts are ongoing to encourage members to step into these roles.

The district is currently running an advertisement in a Bloomingdale movie theater with the message: *"If you want to drink, that is your business. If you want to stop, that is our business."* The campaign has resulted in increased QR code activity, and the district is evaluating whether the response justifies the cost.

District 40 will host the Fall Assembly on September 13 in Glen Ellyn. A taco lunch will be available for $11.00, and members are looking forward to the event.

District 41

Our webmaster has completely redesigned their website. It will be completely rolled out soon. It will have a PO Box and a Zelle for Area contributions. They have a new Corrections Chair and Treatment Chair. They will have workshops on the horizon. More details to follow. They have talked about starting to use a PPR for our District which came out of the DCM zoom meeting. Thanks to those who were involved. The Delegate was at the August 20th meeting.

District 43

Highlights coming up. They had a table at the Food and Veggie fest in Naperville. The Luau was August 29th. They currently have eighty volunteers for the Treatment committee who visit Treatment Centers to carry the message. They need an Accessibilities Chair as well as a DCM alternate for the district. The DCM and LCM have committed to visiting the one hundred meetings in their district.

District 51

District 51 recently lost its secretary and currently has several other service positions that remain open. To strengthen outreach efforts, our CPC committee has developed and distributed informational packets to local physicians, encouraging them to refer patients to AA meetings within the district.

The district is also working to update and verify meeting information. Members are attending as many meetings as possible to ensure the information listed on the website is accurate and current.

District 52

District 52 recently hosted a Sponsorship Workshop, which was well attended and received. Upcoming events include a canoe trip, a golf outing, and a Labor Day picnic featuring a cornhole tournament. A mini conference is also planned for November. Both the Labor Day picnic and the mini conference are listed on the NIA website.

District News & Updates

Northern Illinois Area 20 — Active Reports & Local Announcements

District 61

The District is developing an agenda item for the next General Service Conference and hopes to present it at the September Assembly. The proposal concerns the Founders' Writings, and the committee is working to submit it before the September 30 deadline.

The district picnic was held in August. Attendees enjoyed barbecue and live music.

District 62

District 62 meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at 125 Boulder Hill Pass. Attendance averages about twenty members, including 10 GSRs, which is lower than desired. To increase participation, district members are visiting groups to explain the GSR role and encourage involvement.

A 10-minute sharing session has been incorporated into each meeting and is actively promoted by the DCM. This has generated meaningful discussions, practical solutions, and increased interest in General Service. The format also serves as a brief introduction to the GSR role, helping members better understand its purpose and responsibilities.

In Corrections, participation at the Kendall County Jail declined from one meeting per week to none, prompting the election of a new Corrections Chair. He has been visiting district meetings to educate members about the committee and recruit volunteers. Rather than simply announcing open positions, the district has found greater success by personally approaching members, explaining the role, and discussing how their skills can contribute. As a result, 8 to 9 new volunteers have been recruited and are currently in training. The goal is to restore at least two weekly men's meetings at the jail.

The district 62 vs. district 64 Softball Showdown was August 9th. The NIA GSR School, hosted by Districts 62 and 64, is September 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

District 73

The district currently has openings for Alternate Secretary and Alternate DCM. Increasing attendance at both District and NIA meetings remains a priority, and efforts are being made to encourage greater participation through regular announcements at local meetings. It was encouraging to see four members from the district attend last month's NIA Committee meeting.

Website engagement continues to grow, with 226 visitors recorded in June. In addition, the district's CPC and PI committees are collaborating with the Area CPC committee to explore hospital visits and other opportunities.

District 80

Their picnic was Aug 30th. The Delegate is visiting the District on Oct 4th. They will have a panel at the Big Book Conference.

Northern Illinois Area 20

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Upcoming Events

September

NIA 20 Fall Assembly September 12th @ 8:00 am to 3:30 pm; **Village Green Church** 200 S. Lambert Road, Glen Ellyn, IL

GSR School September 19th @ 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm; Westminster Presbyterian Church 10 N. Westlawn Dr., Aurora, IL

October

2026 NIA 20 Fall Committee Meeting October 3rd @ 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; **Lord of Life Church** 40W605 IL-38, Elburn, IL

D10 2026 Fall Breakfast October 11th @ 8:00 am to 10:00 am; **The Ten Hotel** 6161 Grand Ave, Grayslake, IL 60031

2026 NIA 20 Big Book Conference October 17th @ 9:00 to 5:00 pm; **Messiah Lutheran Church** 25225 Ivanhoe Rd., Wauconda, IL

November

2026 Kankakee Area Mini-Conference November 7th @ 9:00 am to 4 p.m.; **Manteno Church of the Nazarene** 698 North Locust St., Manteno, IL

McHenry's Soberfest, November 20th - 22nd; **The Grand Geneva Resort**, 7036 Grand Geneva Way, Lake Geneva, WI

December

2026 NIA 20 Winter Assembly December 12 @ 8:00 am to 3 p.m. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Venue TBA

District 10 Archives

The Complete History & Experience | Written by Dean, Archives Chair

Hi! I'm Dean, the District 10 Archives Chair in NIA. A little background for our district Archives committee follows:

The first record of our district's Archive committee occurred in April 1990, when John O. was listed as it's chair in the district newsletter. He continued to be listed as Archives through September of 1991. Then in October of 1991, the position was listed as vacant. I have no record that John ever made any kind of report to the district, though admittedly, records are rather scarce from that long ago.

After 1991, Archives is not listed as an existing committee until over seven years later, in February of 1999, when Tom S. assumed the post. In his first report to the district, Tom indicates that "the district's archives now consist of two (2) boxes of assorted materials ranging from computer disks to old directories." (I found the disks; they are mostly 31/2 and a few 51/4 inch floppies.) He goes on to describe his plan to organize the material, asks district AA members to search their "secret storage places" for "memorabilia" for potential inclusion in the archive and then expressed "hope that from now on careful maintenance of records (will) prevent our district's records from turning into sloppy archives." I wonder what Tom would think of the 8+ boxes that make up our district archives today. Much of it contains binders with documents (newsletters, meeting minutes, etc.) organized neatly into chronological order. Much of it, unfortunately, remains a "sloppy archive."

Since Tom's tenure expired in December of 2000, 16 trusted servants have occupied the district's Archives chair, including myself up to the present day. There have been gaps. The post was vacant for: 4 months in 2005 (June through September), 1 month (February) in 2013, almost the entire year of 2015 (January through November) and 1 month (August) in 2018.

It was on April 21 of 2018 that our District's Archives committee (Rick S. and Steve R.) hosted an event entitled "On Anvils of Experience." Fifty attendees received photocopies of the program for the First International Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous in Cleveland, listing Dr. Bob and Bill W. as the speakers of the "BIG MEETING." They heard presentations from two speakers (Sue M., District 28 Archives Chair and Ray M., Area 20 Archivist) and perused artifacts and display boards highlighting significant events in AA history.

These display boards, originally created for this one event, came to be used by the Archives committee for district and area events going forward, including breakfasts, conferences, and McHenry's Soberfest. By the time I inherited them, they were falling apart. I was having to glue text and pictures back onto the board during events. After the last event of the year in 2025, I took the boards to a print shop (Impressions Count) in Antioch, where text and images were scanned into graphics software, arranged against an attractive background and printed onto lightweight boards that can be easily transported and displayed for AA events going forward. These new boards were first displayed at this summer's Area Committee meeting to a strongly positive response.PDFs of the display boards have been saved to our district Archives repository and I have begun distributing them to any interested parties.

Meanwhile, the grunt work of digitizing our historical documents continues. Much progress has been made: a One Drive site has been established, a directory structure implemented, a naming convention for different types of documents determined and hundreds of documents have been scanned into our repository. After having done this, it feels like the surface has barely been scratched.

On the one hand, I would like to streamline the process, delegate some of the work, find faster scanners, etc. But on the other hand, part of the joy of doing this work is the wonderful material that I come across that cause me to stop, read and contemplate on some gem from the past. (I found the text of Henrietta Sieberling's description of her role in bringing Bill W. and Dr. Bob together, that her son presented to Congress while he was a member there.) And although I am not often conscious of the fact, I haven't thought of picking up a drink in a VERY long time. Do you suppose there is some connection between the work and sobriety?

I think SO!

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Streamlining Your District Data

A Guide for DCMs, Alt. DCMs, and Secretaries | NIA 20 Registrar's Office

Quarterly District Reports

Keeping accurate records ensures communication flows smoothly from GSO down to individual groups.

You will receive two primary Excel reports:

- **Group Contacts:** Lists all current GSRs.
- **Groups by District:** Lists all current meetings.

Understanding Group Statuses

Pay close attention to these indicators to verify record accuracy:

ACTIVE GSR is currently assigned to the group.

UNKNOWN Group is active, but lacks an assigned GSR.

INACTIVE The meeting is no longer active or available.

Who to Contact: Registrar vs. Alternate Registrar

Kim (Registrar)

630-917-9006 | registrar@aa-nia.org

Primary Responsibilities:

- Inputs and updates all data in **Fellowship Connect**.
- Receives all Group Change Forms & updated spreadsheets.

Dawn (Alt. Registrar)

847-863-4086 | alt-registrar@aa-nia.org

Primary Responsibilities:

- Pulls and distributes quarterly district reports.
- Tracks and updates **District Rosters** (send updates here).

Step-by-Step Instructions for Updates

1. Managing Group Contacts (GSRs)

For correcting GSR, Alt. GSR, or mail contact details:

- **Pro-Tip:** Print the report spreadsheet and bring it to your next district meeting for GSRs to review in person.
- Have members with updates fill out an official **Group Change Form** and return it to the DCM, Alt. DCM, or Secretary.
- Ensure all submitted forms are complete and accurate, then forward them directly to **Kim (Registrar)**.

2. Managing Meetings by District

For correcting meeting dates, names, or locations:

- Open the report spreadsheet and insert a new row directly **below** the inaccurate group line.
- Input the corrections into the new row and **highlight the entire row in yellow**.
- Save and email the highlighted spreadsheet to **Kim (Registrar)**.
- *If all report data is completely accurate, no action is required!*

Important Reminder: Always use the official **Group Number** when submitting forms and making 7th Tradition contributions to keep our financial and administrative records aligned.

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GVR District #52 Update

A Message of Recovery & Connection | Written by Karli T., GVR

Step 7 Reflection: "All of Me"

At one of the Raisin Hope Grapevine Meetings in July, we read the story “All of Me” (featured in the July 2026 issue). It was a story pertaining to Step 7. The experience, strength, and hope shared moved so many at the meeting that the floor discussion was unbroken. The thought of removing ALL my character defects, at once, was surreal - I, too, was guilty of thinking this. But over time, I have come to know that in the moment of recognizing my shortcomings is when I humbly ask God to remove them. It is in the ‘pray’ part of “pause, pray, proceed” for me. There is no humility in perfection, only pride and ego — or self-pity.

I also struggled with being willing to make amends to all the people that I had harmed. Some, I felt, did not deserve an amend. But as time passed, working on my program with a sponsor, reading amends stories from Grapevine, I soon started to understand. I could swallow my pride and be accountable, but the forgiveness part… I did not comprehend at first. I still struggled to understand that forgiveness was for me, not them. Huh? I prayed about it and the answers slowly came. I thought ‘forgiving’ someone was giving them a clean slate. Through patience and learning, I began to grasp that I did not have to discount the actions from others’ harms. Forgiving them helped me let go of the resentment.

I also had to learn how to accept forgiveness. We are often hardest on ourselves. I figured that I could never be forgiven for some of the harm that I had done. I had to be nice to myself and pick up on acceptance.

Grapevine Updates

Book of the Month

Grapevine is starting a "Book of the Month" program. Books are available for purchase directly or online via the AA Grapevine store.

Digital Access & Audio

Get a digital subscription or use the Grapevine app. It is perfect for listening to inspiring stories during daily drives, plus accessing 8–10 web-exclusive features.

Outreach & Easy Access

Digital copies of this newsletter include direct easy-access links. For paper readers, please refer to the new generated **QR Code Pages**.

- **Booth Displays:** Print out QR Easy Access sheets for Grapevine and La Viña to display at your local booth.
- **Carry the Message:** Share these resources to help reach the next alcoholic who still suffers. We can do this together! 🥰

Click the link ↓ for the full GVR newsletter, flyers and QR code pages mentioned by Karli!

District 52 GVR Newsletter

🍇 GVR District #52 Info

Contact: **Karli T.**
gvrdistrict52@gmail.com

Yours in Service
Karli T.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Districts 62 & 64

Northern Illinois Area 20

GSR School

NIA20

"the guardians of the traditions"

"join in... harmonious action"

come share some pizza, fellowship and D62's famous chocolate chip cookies

September 19, 2026

11:30am-Noon: Fellowship

Noon-1:30pm: GSR School

Westminster Presbyterian Church
10 N. Edgelawn Drive
Aurora, IL 60506

Questions Contact:
D62: Josh J. - josh151@me.com
D64: Kappie S. - kapswan@gmail.com

What GSR's Do

Why it Matters

How to Succeed

Earn Your Diploma Today!

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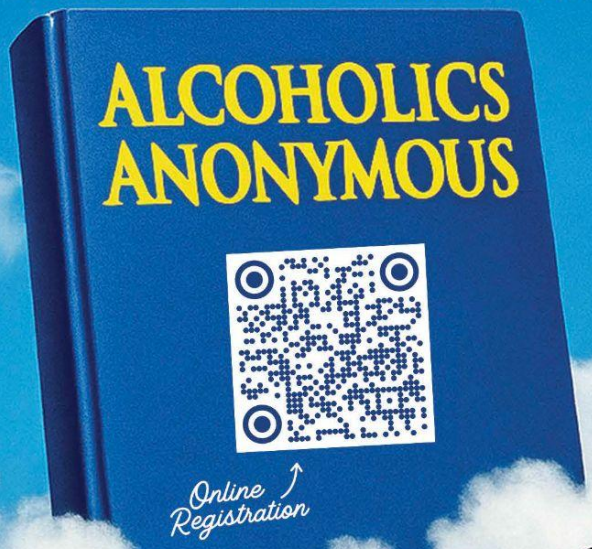
2026 BIG BOOK CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY DISTRICT 11



HAROLD L.
St. Louis, MO

JOSH A.
Nowata, OK

We Were Reborn

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th, 2026

Doors Open at 8AM | Speakers & Panels from 9AM-4:15PM

Messiah Lutheran Church · "Faith" Entrance #3
25225 W Ivanhoe Rd · Wauconda, IL 60084

For more information and to be of service:
E-mail: niabbc26@aa-nia-dist11.org
Website: aa-nia.org/bigbookconference

If ASL is needed, contact the NIA Accessibilities Chair at 224-605-1673

Registration Form — Cut or Tear Along Dotted Line

First Name
Last Name
Address
City State Zip

Make checks payable to:
Northern Illinois Area Ltd.
(Write *Big Book Conference* in Memo)

Mail completed form and check to:
NIA District 11
c/o 2026 Big Book Conference
PO Box 6, McHenry, IL 60051

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2026 Kankakee Area Mini-Conference

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November 7, 2026

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Michelle
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Alanon
Guest Speaker
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When anyone, anywhere reaches out
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