

# November 2016

## WSFC Newsletter

*“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.” Twelve and Twelve pg 189*

*“Each AA group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. ....All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in AA are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.” Twelve and Twelve pg 191*

It's nomination and election time at the club.....the roles of Vice President, Meeting Coordinator, Literature Chair, Membership Coordinator and Treasurer are all up for elections. This is a great opportunity to serve and to ensure that the doors of the Club remain open for the next suffering alcoholic who needs help. We need your help. If you have 1 year of continuous sobriety as of 11/14/16 and 1 year of membership in good standing by 11/14/16 then you are qualified! If you are interested, and meet those criteria, please let someone know. We need your help! Nominations are being accepted from 11/18-12/14 and the elections will be held the week of 12/23-30. Nomination forms will be posted at the club and look for your ballots in the mail arriving before the 23<sup>rd</sup> (hopefully)!

Thank you to the board members – those exiting and those remaining on for another year. Grateful for your service and know that your efforts are helping others find the WSFC to be a safe place to find recovery.

### **ANNIVERSARIES – CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

#### **November**

<b>Bob F 43</b>	<b>Suzie L 18</b>	<b>Stefan C 8</b>	<b>Erin J 4</b>
<b>Jack K 39</b>	<b>Tom M 18</b>	<b>Greg G 7</b>	<b>Neil H 2</b>
<b>Barb K 38</b>	<b>John D 16</b>	<b>Donna P 5</b>	<b>Phillip J 1</b>
<b>Annette B 32</b>	<b>Nancy R-F 12</b>	<b>Tim R 4</b>	<b>Ruth D 1</b>
<b>John K 22</b>	<b>Bob O'M 9</b>	<b>Norm O 4</b>	<b>Tom L 1</b>

## Peg's Place

This is a special section dedicated to the people looking for something funny from the Club Newsletter, namely Peg. The opinions expressed are NOT Peg's but I think Peg will find them funny.



Sobriety is like pizza...

When it's good...

it's really really good.

But when it's bad...

it's still pretty damn good.

[AlkHallAnonymous.com](http://AlkHallAnonymous.com)

Your sobriety has truly demonstrated to me that people don't need alcohol to be annoying.



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## The President's Corner

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Greetings,

It has been quite a year at the WSFC and in many of our worlds. The financial picture at the club remains positive, with solid attendance at meetings and a membership roster as large as we have seen in a few years, now exceeding 200 members.

As many of you are aware, my family has been rocked by the loss of my son, Taylor, in a car accident. We appreciated the support of the AA community over the past several weeks. Jill and I have felt the community around us rally to our aid in this difficult time - and it has meant a great deal to us.

My current favorite slogan is "one day at a time". Each moment is different, some difficult and some very difficult, some moments near normal as life distracts us - then the stunning reality of this loss hits again and knocks me off center where I do not know which way is up, how I should act or what I should do. I fall back to the day I am in, and sometimes the part of the day, to ask, "what is the next right thing to do today?" Somehow, when I take it one day at a time, and then in the morning, do my morning tasks, in the evening, do my evening tasks, I get through those tough hours.

This past month has felt to me like the beginning of my journey - with no grounding and no foundation, no certainty and only intense feelings of loss and pain around me. As a result, I found myself digging into the basics, connections with others, new readings, and a focus on service and helping those around me. Right now, those most in need of help are my family - my wife and 3 kids who are reeling from this loss. So often, the next right thing is to focus on them and help where possible. To listen and give hope where hope is needed, to give courage and strength where needed and to just give a bit of understanding and compassion when all they need is a witness to their painful journey.

I have leaned on many friends, a pastor (or 2), acquaintances, family and colleagues at work for help - really anyone with a moment to lend an ear or provide some compassion has been of great help to me this fall. My biggest concern is a return of the familiar isolation and self-reliance. But so far, so good on my journey, I have stayed on the path I learned about at the WSFC.

Other trite slogans will also come to the rescue for us in coming weeks/months, but right now, it is "one breath, one hour, one day at a time" that helps me through. I hope your holiday season brings you some peace, joy and freedom.

Kind regards,

Greg G

Please share your feedback!! ( [wsfnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wsfnewsletter@gmail.com) )

**The 10:00 AM Weekday Meetings Need Your Support!  
The 3:00 PM Meetings Need Your Support! (M, W, F)**

**Just a reminder – all membership dues for 2017 will be due on 1/31/17**

**Look for a renewal notice in the mail in the coming weeks.**

### **NEW MEMBERS**

**Welcome to our family! Thank you for your support!**

Chris K	Mary C	Brian D
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It's a great time to invite a friend to join us on our journey!

There are a number of great reasons to both become a member and to keep your membership active. Meetings. Fellowship. Social events. Service. What are your reasons for being a member? I'd love to hear them, let me know at [wsfnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wsfnewsletter@gmail.com).

Join today, or renew your membership....your contributions are vital to keeping the doors open.

If you haven't heard already – Club Memberships are now \$25 for the rest of the year!

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE AREA

**McHenry Soberfest** - November 18-20 – Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, IL –

[www.soberfest.org](http://www.soberfest.org)

**Thanksgiving Dinner** – Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM – Suburban Fellowship Center 7438 Harrison St Forest Park, IL

**Saturday Night Dinner** – Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM – West Suburban Fellowship Club

**District 40 2016 Holiday Party** – Sunday December 11 from noon-4PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton on Carlson St

**We Are Not Saints Convention** – January 12-15, 2017 – Holiday Inn Chicago, Skokie, IL –

[www.wearenotsaints.com](http://www.wearenotsaints.com)

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual DuPage County Open** – Saturday February 18, 2017 Parkview Community Church in Glen Ellyn 7-8:30 PM

**NIA Spring Conference and Assembly** – March 24-26, 2017 – Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

The WSFC Newsletter welcomes all feedback and input. If you'd like to add, collaborate, participate, etc....let us know at [wsfcnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:wsfnewsletter@gmail.com)!