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The September 2017 Newsletter of **Overeaters Anonymous** for Chicago Western Intergroup Far-Out CHI-WIF. http:// www.chiwifoa.org This literature has been locally produced by CHI-WIF IG. The content reflects the experience, strength and hope of our local members. It is not OA Conference- or board-approved and does not represent OA as a whole.

> PROGRAM BASICS The Twelve Traditions

In order for Overeaters Anonymous to run smoothly and effectively, there are guidelines for the organization and its members. These Twelve Traditions are essentially the bylaws for meetings and members: explaining how the meetings can help those people with eating dis-orders and behaviors that are acceptable (and not acceptable) for OA members. The Traditions are listed here and then an explanation taken from an out-of-print OA booklet called The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.....A Kid's View, #749 printed in 1992.

1. Our common welfare should come first: personal recovery depends upon OA unity. To be happier, we need to work together in OA.

2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. In our group, God is in charge & helps us help each other: There is no boss.

3. The only requirement for OA membership is a desire to stop eating compulsively. To be an OA member, all you have to do is want to stop hurting yourself with food.

4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or OA as a whole. Every OA group makes its own decisions, but our decisions must not hurt other OA groups.

5. Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the compulsive overeater who still suffers. Our main reason for being a group is to tell others how OA has helped us.

6. An OA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the OA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose. We never let the OA be used with anything that is not a part of OA.

7. Every OA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions .OA groups don't take money from someone not in OA. We support ourselves by taking a collection at the meeting.

8. OA should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers. Ordinary people run OA, but we can hire special workers to help us.

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Helping Others By NJ

An OA buddy recently reminded me of my visit to Dr. Bob's home in 2013, bringing back a DVD and handouts to share with our home group. Trust God, clean house, and help others was a prescription of Dr. Bob that summarizes the Alcoholics Anonymous program. Nearing the end of his life, he told an assembly not to complicate the program, but to "Keep It Simple."

We have specific instructions in Chapter 12 of the Big Book, "Working With Others." It has been several decades since my first Step 12 call, but I remember reading this chapter again and again before speaking with my uncle. Here are some pointers important to me.

Helping others is the foundation of my recovery, my insurance against relapse. I was told by my first sponsor that I should be eating 3 times a day, so make 3 phone calls every day. I remember making 6 calls one day, but the only program contact had been a 6 A.M. call from a sponsee. Maybe one of the messages left did help someone, but my action of humility to reach out did support my recovery.

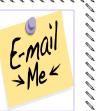
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Gerri M, Editor

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Addresses	OA World Service Office (505) 891-2664 Region 5 Website www.region5oa.org OA Website www.oa.org Chi-Wif Website www.chiwifoa.org Addresses CHI-WIF—PO Box 4419, Lisle, IL 60532	 Flyers for upcoming OA events Wallet cards, bookmarks, or other items with 12 Step slogans List of books and pamphlets focused on recovery from relapse including : Members in Relapse; A new Beginning: Stories of Recovery from Relapse; and Welcome Back We Care! Packet KEEP COMING BACK, IT WORKS WHEN YOU WORK IT

If you are interested in using the tools of writing and service by contributing an article on the monthly topic, an anecdote, a poem or just simply how program has helped & is helping to improve your quality of life, please email me at: MSBUTTERFLYER@YAHOO.COM or send by regular mail to: CHI-WIF IG PO Box 4419 Articles should be received by the third week of the month.

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PROGRAM BASICS—THE TWELVE STEPS (CONTINUED)

9. OA, as such, ought never be organized; but we can create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. In OA we do not have lots of rules. We can work together to help each other.

10. OA has no opinion on outside issues; hence the OA name out never by drawn into public controversy. Our group takes no side on anything outside OA.

11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, films, television, and other public media of communication. When people see how much better our lives get, they will come to our group. We don't have to push them or brag.

12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all these traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities. We can talk about our feelings and ideas, but not about other people.

These Twelve Traditions relate directly to OA meetings and OA members. However, the application of these guidelines is very relevant to any organization or group, such as a benevolent society, family or co-workers. Many of us find that using The Twelve Traditions to determine our behavior or our groups' behavior helps us mind our own business and avoid many unnecessary disagreements.

HELPING OTHERS By NJ (CONTINUED)

I still find it amazing that food behavior of the yesterdays, bringing so much pain and shame, is helpful to others and even humorous. Because I have walked the path of addiction, I can help when no one else can. I must not leave out the details, but tell the struggling person exactly what happened to me - my personal experience.

One-on-one is best, if that is possible. Without family, there is freedom to share the deepest secrets as we exchange stories. The disease concept was important to me, illness of body and obsession of mind, while healing came through a spiritual remedy. There will be many concerns of the individual because addictive behaviors have consequences, but I can state emphatically that recovery is not dependent on any job, person, or relationship. God assures me that if I stay close to Him and do my best to follow the directions of the Twelve Steps, I can live free of mind chatter and compulsive food behaviors.

I often volunteer for Newcomer role. Besides supporting my recovery, it is fun meeting new people and seeing the hope on their faces. I felt like a failure when arriving at my first meeting, but the welcome, stories, sharing, and handouts all gave me hope. I want to return that hope and share the joy of recovery.

ASK MS BUTTERFLYER

Question: A visitor came to our meeting. Our meeting is listed on the OA.org website as closed. We took a group conscience and since it was not unanimous, the visitor was turned away. It was a small group and the majority of the members left and have since gone to other meetings leaving only the dissenters behind and feeling guilty. How should this have been handled?

Answer: This, I am sure, was a troubling event for all concerned. Here are some suggestions for the future:

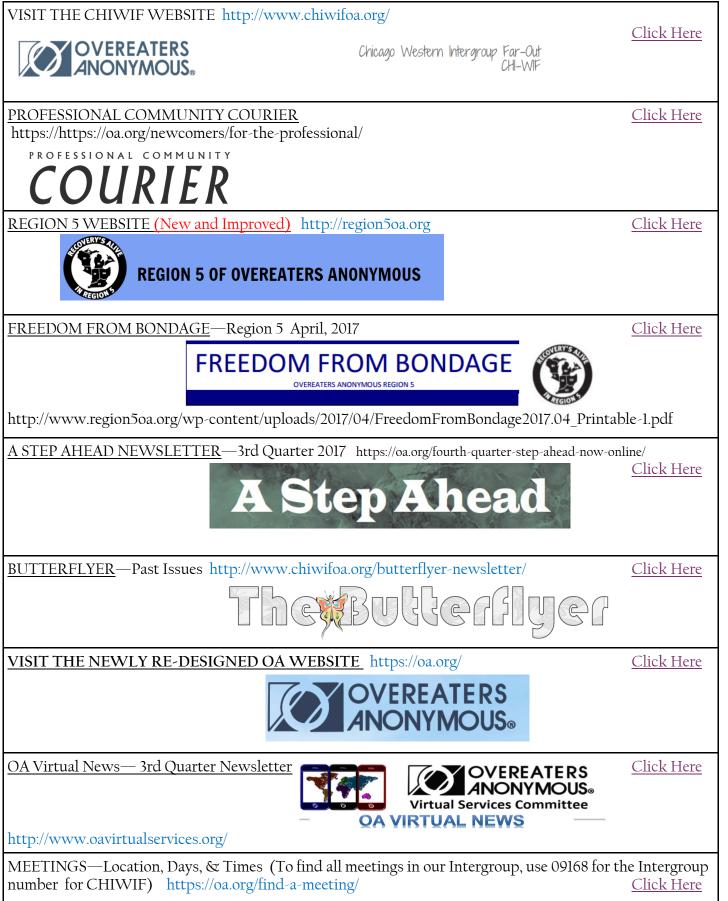


- 1. In advance, take a group conscience and determine how visitors will be addressed.
- 2. If you will take a vote each time, then determine if it must be a unanimous or a majority vote.
- 3. Look at how your group is listed on OA.org. If it is listed as Open, then you are an Open meeting and should not turn visitors away. Change your listing if it is wrong.
- 4. If yours is a Closed meeting, then you can refer the visitor to the OA.org website to find one listed as open.
- 5. Some meetings are Closed but offer an open meeting at specific times. Invite the visitor to return during one of your open meetings.

Submit your questions to MSButterflyer@yahoo.com

OA COMPUTER LINKS







OPEN/CLOSED MEETING DESIGNATIONs—Please review the Butterflyer meeting list and make sure the open/closed designations are up to date. We have added the Open/Closed designation based on the oa.org website.

Let us know at both the MSButterflyer@Yahoo.com and OA World service. <u>Click Here</u> or go to https://oa.org/groupsservice-bodies/meeting-changes/edit-a-meeting/



We will be making a lunch stop on the way. You may bring your lunch or purchase it.

I'm hoping to be to the convention hotel around 5 pm Eastern Time (4 pm Central Time), so we can get settled, have supper, and go to the Grand Opening Keynote Speaker.

Please encourage our fellows from near the route to take the bus and to get their reservations in soon. The sooner we receive enough reservations to pay for the bus, the sooner we know the bus will be going and can plan the rest of the stops! Thank you for spreading the word!

Packet C, which only contains the minutes of our first Summer Conference Call, has been posted. Here is a link to that page: <u>http://www.region5oa.org/assemblies/</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, September 16 10:00 am—11:30 am	CHIWIF INTERGROUP MEETING All are welcome! See How Your Intergroup Works	Click Here
Friday, September 22— Sunday, September 24	A WEEKEND WALK THROUGH THE STEPS For more information, Ellen 815-462-9184 or email oaretreat2017@g	gmail.com <u>Click Here</u>
Friday, September 22— Sunday, September 24	JUST FOR TODAY—I WILL NOT BE IN CHARGE OA Milwaukee Intergroup hosting retreat at Siena Retreat Center For information email retreat@oamilwaukee.org or call/text Mary	
Saturday, October 7 1:00 pm— 4:00 pm	BREAKING THE CHAINS OF COMPULSIVE EATING: - FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE Suburban North Intergroup— Vernon Township Building 2900 N Main St. Buffalo Grove For info: Contact Deanna B 224-639-0899 ddhope12@aol.com	<u>Click Here</u>
Saturday, October 14 10:00 am—11:30 am	CHIWIF INTERGROUP MEETING NOTE: Second Saturday due to Region 5 Convention All are welcome! See How Your Intergroup Works	<u>Click Here</u>
Friday, October 20— Sunday, October 22	REGION 5 CONVENTION See Flyers here or Website for more info	<u>Click Here</u>
Saturday, November 18 1:00 pm—4:00 PM	COPING THROUGHOUT THE HOLIDAY SEASON Presented by Burr Ridge Saturday 8 am Meeting Edwards Elmhurst Hospital 155 E. Brush Hill Rd, Elmhurst, IL Oak Room—lower level—park in Green parking Lot For Information call Chris K. 708-479-0656	<u>Click Here</u>
Saturday, November 18 All Day	IDEA DAY (International Day Experiencing Abstinence) Celebrated the third Saturday in November, this day encourages O worldwide to begin or reaffirm their abstinence from compulsive o	

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Service Opportunities:

YES I am interested in being a Second Pair of Hands for Setting Up/Cleaning Up Activities.

YES I am interested in being a Buddy Friend to reach out my OA Hand so everyone feels included

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BREAKING THE CHAINS OF COMPULSIVE EATING: FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7, 2017 1-4 PM

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 OA Region 5 website: www.region5oa.org

 Suburban North Intergroup phone: 855-632-6039

 The Suburban North Intergroup (SNI) meets monthly. Visitors are welcome

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When	City	Where	Type of Meeting	Contact	Group ∦
Sunday 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Batavia	Fox Valley Unity Church— 230 Webster Street at Van Buren St	Literature Meeting (Closed)	Marla (630) 202-4545	(013-30514)
Sunday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	LaGrange	First Congregational Church— 100 South 6th Avenue at Cossitt	Big Book Study (Closed)	Sheila S. (630) 747-1001	(013-50044)
Sunday 7:00PM—8:00 PM	Oak Park 🎔	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 611 Randolph Street (New Listing)	OA 12&12 (Closed) Candlelight Meeting	Sara S. (708) 204-8893	(013-40019)
Monday 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	DeKalb	Senior Center 409 S Grove	Format Varies (Closed)	Joan (815) 899-8960	(013-45133)
Monday 7pm-8pm	Wheaton	St Paul Church 515 South Wheaton Ave	OA Literature (Closed)	Kim (630) 858-6295	(013-50466)
Monday 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Naperville	The Community Church (Yellow Box) 1635 Emerson Lane	Format Varies (Closed) <i>Open Mtg on the 3rd Mon.</i>	Julie O. (630) 234-1655	(013-04500)
Tuesday Noon - 1:00 PM	Naperville	Compass Church, 1551 Hobson Road at College/Wehrli Room S101	Varies (Closed) — <i>Open Mtg on the 5th Tues.</i>	Marilyn (630) 416-3723	(013-39620)
Tuesday 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Darien	Lord of Life Lutheran Church 725 75 th St.	Step Study (Closed)	Sindee (630) 968-6328	(013-35752)
Tuesday 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Darien	Lord of Life Lutheran Church 725 75 th St.	Open to All Back to Basics	Belle S. (630) 747-7669	(013-51048)
Tuesday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Riverside 🎔	Sts Peter & Paul Lutheran Evangelical Church 250 Woodside Rd. (Enter off 31st—Upstairs)		Katie H. (630) 864-7419	(013-52223)
Tuesday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	St. Charles	Hosanna Lutheran Church Red Gate Rd & Randall Rd	Format Varies (Closed)	Debbie (847) 695-2181	(013-21464)
Wednesday 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Aurora	Our Lady of Good Counsel St. Francis Center, 620 S. Fifth Street	Format Varies (Closed)	Diane K. (630) 816.2288	(013-08909)
Thursday 10:00 - 11:00 AM	Wheaton	St. Paul Lutheran Church 515 S Wheaton Avenue at Evergreen Street	Format Varies (Closed)	Kim S. (630) 858-6295	(013-00804)
Thursday Noon - 1:00 PM	Downers Grove	St. Luke's Presbyterian Church 3910 Highland Avenue at 39th Street	OA 12 & 12 (Closed)		(013-47257)
Thursday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Aurora	Mercy Center Hospital, McDermott Room 1325 N Highland, Aurora	Format Varies (Closed)	Jim M. (708) 309-4661	(013-35368)
Thursday 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Downers Grove	St. Luke's United Presbyterian Church 910 Highland Avenue at 39th Street	Format Varies—(Closed) <i>Open Mtg on the 5th Thurs- day.</i>	Ken (630)434-8438	(013-04530)
Friday 7:00AM - 8:00AM	Oak Park 🎔	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church—Back Door 611 Randolph (3 blocks E of Oak Park Ave)	Format Varies (Closed)	Mary Lou (708) 343-8360	(013-46432)
Friday 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	LaGrange	First Congregational Church 100 South 6th Avenue at Cossitt	Format Varies (Closed)	Jane K. at (708) 579-1785	(013-20655)
Friday 5:30 PM-6:30 PM	Darien	Lord of Life Lutheran Church 725 75 th St.	Big Book (Closed) Speaker 4th Fri of the Month	Sindee (630) 968-6328	(013-00937)
Friday 5:45 PM—6:45 PM	Naperville	Unity In Naperville 1600 Shore Rd Unit C	Big Book & Step 11 Prayer and Meditation Focus (Closed)	Sharon (630)404-5882	(013 - 54526)

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Saturday 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Burr Ridge	Burr Ridge United Church of Christ NW Corner of County Line & Plainfield Roads	Format varies (Closed)	Chris K. (708) 579-0656	(013- 38938)
Saturday 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Roselle	Trinity Lutheran Church 405 W Rush Street,Conference Room 119	Big Book, Steps (Open)	Liz B. (636) 346-3829	(013- 36157)
Saturday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Winfield	St. John the Baptist Church 0S233 Church Street Building in Back of Church	Format Varies (Closed) Open Mtg. 5th Sat.	Dan V. (630) 244-2415	(013- 39585)
Saturday 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Ríver Forest	Grace Lutheran Church 7401 West Division (Learning Center)	OA 12 & 12 (Closed)	Kathleen (708) 408-5702	(013- 35325)
Saturday 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Darien	Lord of Life Lutheran Church 725 75th Street	Format Varies (Closed) — <i>Open Mtg 5th Sat.</i>	Amber M (312)-929-6408	(013- 24782)
Saturday 10:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Elmhurst	Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church 314 W Vallette St (Spring & Vallette) 1st Room from Parking lot	Format Varies (Closed — <i>Open Mtg on the</i> <i>5th Sat.</i>	Laura W (708) 284-6247	(013- 32222)
Saturday 11:00 AM-12:00 PM NEW MEETING	Dekalb	Alamo Club 312 E. Taylor St	Literature Study (Closed)	Scot (407) 913-1902	(013- 54618)



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10%	Region*	Region 5 Treasurer PO Box 1087 Lombard, IL 60148-2375 (New	v Address)

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