



# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## MICHIANA CENTRAL SERVICE OFFICE

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## MICHIANA AREA NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2011

NOTE: The CSO will be closed from  
Monday, December 26th, 2011  
until  
Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012  
for inventory and the Holidays.

*IN MEMORY...*

**ED E.**

SEPTEMBER 1, 1935 - NOVEMBER 1, 2011

### THE CSO CORNER

Thanks, Deb W. and Mary J. for helping put the inserts in our schedules. Also, thanks to Mari, for winterizing the window in the office- now, whomever sits on the couch won't freeze this winter! Hugs to Nils L. and Tom E. for sitting in for me while I had to be away from the office due to some family health issues. I would like to take this time to thank all the volunteers that have helped me over the past year. I don't know what I would have done without you all.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
to all!!

*Mable*

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## A.A. ANNIVERSARIES

NAME	YEARS	GROUP
NOVEMBER 2011		
PAT Mc.	15 Years	Primary Purpose—Area Hall
<i>Revised November total = 427 years of Sobriety!!!</i>		

DECEMBER 2011		
DAVID W.	10 Years	Auggies
CHARLES B.	17 Years	Back to Basics-Brownies
SHARON K.	19 Years	Birds of a Feather
HEATHER R.	9 Years	Birds of a Feather
BECKY K.	2 Years	Birds of a Feather
DAVE J.	6 Years	Cleveland Group
TONY K.	2 Years	Cleveland Group
BOB R.	22 Years	Portage Group
LARRY S.	3 Years	Sunday Reflections—Brownies
CELESTE M.	9 Years	Willow Creek Step-Wed. Night

*December = 99 years of sobriety represented by the above!*

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

**WHEN:** December 17th, 12:00 pm -2:00 pm

**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall

**WHO:** All children through age 12

**INFO:** Doug R. 299-9634

Mike F. 239-3820

Mike A. 299-0022

## STEP TWELVE

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

## TRADITION TWELVE

ANONYMITY IS THE SPIRITUAL FOUNDATION OF ALL OUR TRADITIONS, EVER REMINDING US TO PLACE PRINCIPLES BEFORE PERSONALITIES.

Bill W., writing in the November, 1948 A.A. Grapevine, says that the 12th Tradition "*in its mood of humble anonymity, plainly enough comprehends the preceding eleven.*" Tradition 1 asks us to place the common good ahead of personal desire, Tradition 2 asks us to listen to God as he may speak in the group conscience, Tradition 3 requires that we exclude no alcoholic from AA membership, Tradition 4 implies that we abandon all idea of centralized human authority or government, but each group is enjoined to consult widely in matters affecting us all, Tradition 5 restricts the AA group to a single purpose, carrying our message to other alcoholics, Tradition 6 points at the corroding influence of money, property and personal authority; it begs that we keep these influences at a minimum by separate incorporation and management of our special services, Tradition 7 states that we had best pay our own bill, Tradition 8 foreswears professionalizing our 12th step work, Tradition 9 asks that we give up all idea of expensive and expansive organization, Tradition 10 is an emphatic restraint of serious controversy, Tradition 11 asks, in our public relations that we be alert against sensationalism and it declares there is never need to praise ourselves. Personal anonymity is urgently required at all levels. The 12 Traditions are little else than a specific application of the spirit of the 12 Steps of Recovery to our group life and to our relations with society in general."

### What is a G.S.R. ?

General Service Representatives are trusted servants who carry their groups' conscience to the **District level** and gives an accounting back to their groups of district events and concerns. GSRs are elected by their home groups to carry their wishes and concerns to the district by attending the monthly District meetings.

### What is a D.C.M.?

District Committee Members are elected by the **GSRs** in a district. They provide 2-way communication between the District and the Area Committee. They talk to groups about the responsibilities of general service work. They are the link from the District to the Area and vice versa.

### What is an I.G.R.?

The Intergroup (CSO) has limited AA authority on its own. The Intergroup derives its authority from the participating groups. InterGroup Representatives are elected by the various groups to represent the group at monthly Intergroup (CSO) meetings. IGRs keep the Intergroup informed of their groups' activities and also keep their groups informed of Intergroup events. They are the **voice of the group** at the monthly Intergroup meetings. They also ensure that their group's information is up to date and accurate. The IGR is the group's link to those elected to operate and maintain the Intergroup Office (CSO).

## 28th Annual AA New Years Dinner Dance

**AT THE FIRE HOUSE—17646 CLEVELAND ROAD, SOUTH BEND, IN**  
*(AT CLEVELAND ROAD & SWANSON DRIVE)*

- 6:30**     **DINNER (POLISH STYLE) - \$25.00 PER PERSON**  
**7:45**     **SPEAKER    -\$10.00 PER PERSON FOR SPEAKER & DANCE**  
**9:00**     **DANCE WITH BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS**  
**RAFFLE—42 INCH LCD TV & BLUE RAY PLAYER & 50/50**

**NOTE: TICKETS FOR DINNER DANCE CUT-OFF IS DECEMBER 26TH, 2011**

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS, SEE YOUR GSR OR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

**DOUG R.—299-9634     MARK U.—253-4740**  
**TED K.—233-4504     MABLE V.—234-7007**

**ADULTS ONLY ..... OUTSIDE SMOKING TENT PROVIDED**

# CSO Treasurer's Report

for the month ended November 30, 2011

Beginning Checkbook Balance	\$720.85
Plus: Gross Revenue	\$2,419.73
Less: Expenses	(\$2,334.75)
Transfers In/(Out)	(\$300.00)
<b>Ending Checkbook Balance</b>	<b>\$505.83</b>

<b>Total Funds Available</b>	
Checkbook Balance	\$505.83
Prudent Reserve	\$99.54
Prudent Reserve-MM	\$8,517.72
Social Activity Fund	\$409.76
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$9,532.87</b>

<b>Group Donations</b>	
Auglie's Group	98.40
CSO Basket	34.43
Michiana Conference	100.00
Moose Group	200.00
New Freedom-LF	182.09
Portage Group	350.00
Ruts	153.51
Saturday Night Live	120.00
Scott's Fireside	330.00
Serenity Group - LF	50.00
Sunday Reflections	50.00
Sunshine Group-AH	16.00
Willow Creek Steps	25.00
Other Groups	0.00
<b>Total Group Donations</b>	<b>\$1,709.43</b>

<b>Other Revenue</b>	
Birthday Club	\$0.00
Coffee Can Fund	\$0.00
Literature Sales	\$876.30
Memorial Contributions	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0.00
Personal Contributions	\$34.00
Social Activity Committee	\$0.00
Subscriptions/Newsletter	\$0.00
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$710.30</b>

<b>Total Gross Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,419.73</b>
Interest Income (Money Market)	\$5.24
Interest Income (Social Activty)	\$0.05

<b>Expenses</b>	
Accounting Fees	\$75.00
Advertising	\$37.00
Answering Service	\$176.00
Bank Service Charge	\$0.00
Literature	\$106.35
Miscellaneous Expense	\$150.00
Office Supplies	\$201.73
Payroll	\$879.80
Payroll Taxes	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00
Printing and Copying	\$188.00
Property Insurance	\$0.00
Rent	\$325.00
Security	\$0.00
Social Activities	\$66.82
Telephone	\$128.95
Travel & Seminars	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,334.75</b>

## Office Committee

<b>Chair</b>	Glen G
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sue L.
<b>Secretary</b>	Carla M.
<b>Member</b>	Tom E.
<b>Member</b>	Ann N.
<b>Member</b>	Doug R.
<b>Office Manager</b>	Mable V.

<b>Correction Facilities:</b>	Wayne N.
<b>Grapevine:</b>	—Open—
<b>Newsletter:</b>	Scott K.
<b>Profess. Committee:</b>	Doug R.
<b>Public Information:</b>	—Open—
<b>Social:</b>	Glen G.
<b>Website:</b>	Mitch F.



Better not drink