

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
OF CENTRAL KANE COUNTY**  
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Dear Prospective Newcomer,

Alcoholism is recognized as a major health problem. In the United States, it is the fourth-greatest preventable killer. It does not damage alcoholics alone: Others are hurt by its effects — in the home, on the job, on the highway. Millions of people in the United States suffer from alcoholism. According to the federal government's National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism,\* 28 million people -- about 1 in 9 -- in the United States who are 18 years old and older have alcoholism or alcohol use disorder, an impaired ability to stop or control alcohol use despite adverse social, occupational, or health consequences. Although roughly 1.3 million people in the United States are estimated by AA to be attending AA meetings to support their recovery from alcoholism and maintain a satisfying life without alcohol, we would very much like to share the solution we have found with the many others in our area who may benefit from our program of recovery from alcoholism.

Here in central Kane County, there are about 60 in-person AA meetings each week. Join us! The schedule is at [aadistrict61.org](http://aadistrict61.org) -- click on "directions" below the meeting name to see a map to the meeting. At meetings, we study the AA recovery program and share our experience, strength, and hope with each other to solve our common problem. The only requirement to attend closed meetings is a desire to stop drinking. Nonmembers may attend an open AA meeting as observers. In our area, there is a weekly open meeting at which speakers tell their personal stories:

- 10 a.m. Sundays at the Lodge at Laurelwood (formerly Batavia Boat Club/House) where Logan Street ends at the river (off Route 25, midway between Fabyan Parkway and Batavia's Wilson Street).

There is an open meeting, too, on Thursday nights in LaFox west of Geneva, and there's also an open meeting at the Batavia 12 step club on Sunday at 10 a.m. (see schedule). Our district also sponsors an answering service which has a current list of meetings and offers help between meetings to anyone; that number is [\(630\) 377-6610](tel:6303776610).

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.\*\* Especially because helping others is a specific element of the AA program, we welcome newcomers. We would thus be delighted to be of assistance to anyone interested in our recovery program.

We appreciate your time and consideration. Please visit the [aadistrict61.org](http://aadistrict61.org) website for a document listing resources for newcomers and a price list of basic and popular publications.

Thank you! Hope to see you around!

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