

Early NIA Groups by Current District

The Alcoholic Foundation published United States Directories every six months during the 1940s. The 1941-1951 Directories listed only the information provided to the Alcoholic Foundation: the number of members in each group, the group contribution amounts, a secretary or contact name, and a postal address (more often than telephone numbers). The Directory formats changed over time, removing contact addresses, adding information concerning Area Delegates and Area Chairpersons and printing only once a year. The Directories repeatedly stated that the "information reflects that as provided to the General Service Office." In the 1940s each printing was labeled as "AA confidential."

Beginning with the 1942 Directory, the Chicago chapter of groups listed an estimated 450 members and was the only recorded site of AA meetings in Illinois. Each six-month listing of the chapters and groups showed growth of Alcoholics Anonymous in Illinois as well as across the United States.

An AA group's listing was usually published a few months after the start of its meetings. The Sterling Group and the Rockford chapter, the first meetings in the northern section of Illinois, were both included in the Directory published in June 1943. The following table is derived from the *Listing of AA Groups with the Alcoholic Foundation* for the period 1943-1951. It contains both the earliest groups formed in what became identified as Northern Illinois (Area 20) in 1952 and those groups that, when formed, originally associated with Chicago (Area 19), but later were incorporated into Northern Illinois.

<u>Current District</u>	<u>Formed by</u>	<u>City/Town</u>	<u>Group</u>
10	1950*	Round Lake	
11	1950*	Cary	
	1946*	Crystal Lake	
	1948*	Burton's Bridge	
	1948*	Woodstock	
	1949*	McHenry	
12	1951*	No. Chicago	Great Lakes Tues Night Grp
	1946*	Waukegan	Monday Night
	1951*		Monday Night
	1951*		Wednesday Night
	1951*		Friday Night
	1951*		Saturday Night
21	**	Palatine	Palatine Groups
22	1946*	Elgin	Group #1
	1950*		Fox Valley Alano Club
28	1948*	Barrington	
40	1947*	Glen Ellyn	Glen Ellyn West Group
	**	Warrenville	Warrenville Group
	1955**	Wheaton	DuPage Beginners Grp
	**	Wheaton	Wheaton South Group

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40	**	Wheaton	Wheaton #2 Group
	**	Addison	Hillside Group
	1959**	Lombard	Lombard Friday Group
41	1944*	Villa Park	Brandywine Group
	**		Villa Park Beginners Group
42	1952**	Hinsdale	
43	**	Lisle	Chicago St. Hosp./men
	1959**	Naperville	Naperville Group
51	1948*	Joliet	Steel City Group
	1949*	Kankakee	Triple K Group
61	1948*	Batavia	Batavia Group
	1950*		Depot Group
	1947	St. Charles	Firehouse Group
64	1946*	Aurora	Group #1
	1951*		Downtown Group
	1951*		Tower Group
70	1951*	Loves Park	
	1943	Rockford	Central Group
	1950*		Blackhawk Group
	1950*		West Side Group
71	1949	DeKalb	
	**	Sandwich	Sandwich Group
72	5/19/48	Freeport	48 Club Group
73	1950*	Dixon	
	1948*	Mt. Morris/Oregon	Ridge Runners
	1943	Sterling	
80	1951*	Princeton	Princeton Group
	1948*	Ottawa	
90	1948*	Rock Island	
	1948	Moline	Alano Group
91	1949*	Galesburg	
	1951*	Monmouth	

*The year of the formation of this group is based on the first year it appeared in the *United States Directory* published by the Alcoholic Foundation. More precise information is unavailable at this time.

**This group is referenced in the Members' Service Directory of Chicago and Suburban Intergroups dated September 1961. This group was later incorporated into Northern Illinois. More precise information concerning its date of formation is unavailable at this time.