



The Steps We Take Toward a Better Life

The Villa Desiderata welcomes friends to a weekend of reflection, renewal and fellowship

April 28, 29 & 30, 2017

Join us for a retreat to a place of recovery and explore the 12 steps of ACA in the spirit of the traditions.

This second annual retreat includes two very special guest speakers;

- ◆ Bill D. ACA World Service Organization Trustee, from Florida. Bill was a featured speaker at the First Annual ACA Convention in April 2016. He will be sharing his insight and wisdom from his own process with the steps thru recovery work in both AA and ACA.
- ◆ Dave S. experienced presenter of 'Ready, Set, Go' Step Workshop from Wisconsin. Dave will share from this consolidated preview of the 12 steps, which helps us to release anxiety and fearfulness surrounding the steps. He will also lead an activity connecting the loving parent and inner child.

New this year I have recruited a planning assistant, Laura F. from Libertyville who comes with some great ideas. I've asked her to assist in facilitation for this retreat. She is putting together a welcoming registration table including literature for purchase.

I am excited to have the opportunity to facilitate this retreat with two dynamic speakers. After seeing both Bill D. and Dave S. present at the Fifth Annual Fall West Great Lakes Intergroup Conference in October, my first thought was how great it would be to have more time to digest their wisdom and understanding of the steps and ACA recovery. Please join us this weekend to enjoy their message, grow in your personal recovery journey, and rest and recharge in this beautiful setting.

Bob Schwantz

Villa Desiderata Retreat Facilitator

- ◆ Optional end of the day Walk and Talks
- ◆ The weekend fee of **\$140.00** includes dormitory lodging, meals & program for 3 days and 2 nights. Please consider an additional contribution towards a scholarship attendee.
- ◆ Space is limited! Only your check holds your reservation (please post date your check to 4/28/17).
- ◆ If you have questions, please contact Bob at **847-800-3137**
- ◆ This Weekend Retreat requires your commitment to the program and the group, and is best supported by your full attendance. Please plan to arrive Friday eve with departures at noon on Sunday. Guest Speaker and Workshop segments will be available only to full retreat attendees. Day passes will not be offered.



This retreat is endorsed and sponsored
by the 5:30 Barrington ACA Group.

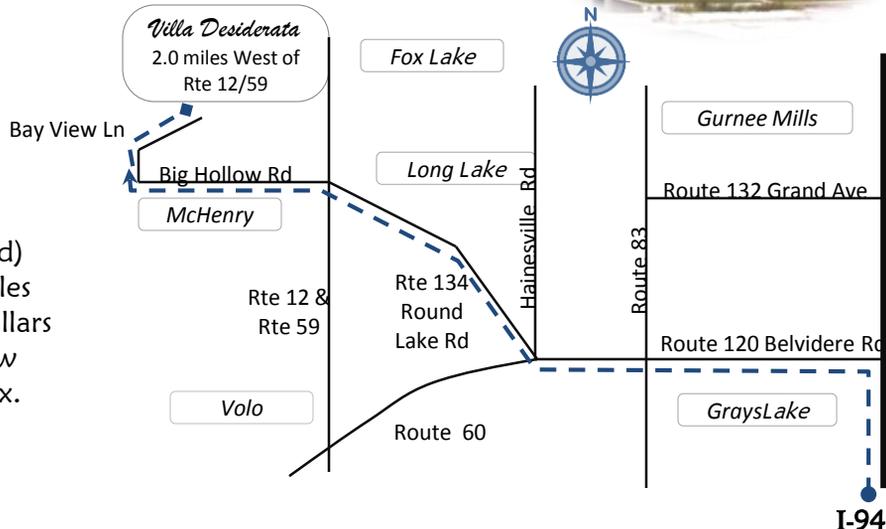
Villa Desiderata

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The Villa is located appx 35 miles NW of Chicago O'Hare Airport; appx 55 miles SW of Milwaukee.

DIRECTIONS

From the Fox Lake intersection of Route 12 & Route 34 (Big Hollow Rd) turn West and continue appx 2.5 miles to Bay View Lane (you'll see brick pillars on your right). Turn right and follow the curving road to the 3015 mailbox. The driveway is on your left.



The Steps We Take ♦ Weekend at Villa Desiderata April 28, 29 & 30, 2017

- ♦ The weekend fee of \$140.00 includes dormitory lodging, meals & program for 3 days and 2 nights.
- ♦ Three catered, family-style meals are served on Saturday, plus continental breakfast on Sunday.
- ♦ Please contribute snacks, fruit, pop or bottled water for our Hospitality Table.
- ♦ Check in at Registration with Laura F from 2–7pm on Friday, Laura will see that you are settled in comfortably to ensure the best possible retreat experience. Come early to enjoy the lake and area fishing if you'd like!
- ♦ Welcome BBQ dinner on Friday from 4:30-6:00 pm.
- ♦ The event concludes at about 2:00 pm on Sunday. We are self-cleaning, your participation is important.
- ♦ 50/50 Raffle at the retreat - tickets will be sold Fri & Sat am; drawing on Saturday at lunchtime. Two ways to win: one winning raffle ticket will receive 50%; the other winner of 50% will be pulled from names who have their checks in by April 1st!
- ♦ Bring your Big Red Book, journals & writing materials, meditation materials that you use to support your recovery.

This is a Safe & Sober Event!

Weekend Fee: \$140.00

(This retreat includes more than average expenses)

Make check payable to:

Villa Desiderata

Postdate your check to 4/28/17

Non-refundable after 4/21/17

Detach & Mail this completed form along with your check to:

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Emergency Contact name & phone:			

Check if interested: I'd like to help out with the program