

NAMI Illinois History – from the NAMI Illinois Notebook – The Start-Up Years – 1983 – 1986

Selections about the affiliates in the early years.

Prologue: It is nearly impossible to tell a selected history of NAMI in Illinois without acknowledging the shared history of Vi Orr in influencing the NAMI Family Movement.

The NAMI Illinois Notebook was a 231-page, 3-ring notebook that includes the early newsletters and the history of NAMI Illinois as collected by the **NAMI Illinois Founder Vi Orr**.

Vi Orr was the president of The Society of Schizophrenia and Related Illnesses (SSRI) begun in Highland Park in 1976.

SSRI was renamed AMI Illinois after Vi heard and liked the name of the original AMI group in Madison Wisconsin. This was the first time the AMI name was used in Illinois, and the name change occurred before the first AMI convention. Vi had already been collecting information about family advocacy organizations nationally and noted the ideas of the original AMI group.

Vi, interested in expanding AMI and advocacy, met with the Chicago group composed of 5 families affiliated with the patient support group at Thresholds in Chicago called **VOICES (Voices of Interested Citizens for Emotional Stability) led by their Board President, Shirley Starr**.

By mutual agreement, the two groups merged to become AMI VOICES. The group met in Skokie and later Evanston. Shirley Starr became the combined group's President.

During the first national convention, Shirley Starr would play a pivotal role in the national convention representing AMI VOICES of Illinois. She would go on to be named the newly formed NAMI Board Chair and host the NAMI's Second National Convention at the Bismark in Chicago.

While there was a fight to create a national office in various locations with Chicago as a leading candidate, Chicagoan Shirley Starr felt that the organization needed to be based in Washington DC to influence federal policy. She facilitated that conversation, which would continue the move toward creating a national advocacy force. Shirley rented a second studio apartment in DC to research and establish the first office as detailed in the national history written by Harriet Shetler (who had training as a journalist).

Meanwhile, Vi Orr left AMI Voices to form a statewide coalition called AMI Illinois in 1983. Her documents talked about that transition.

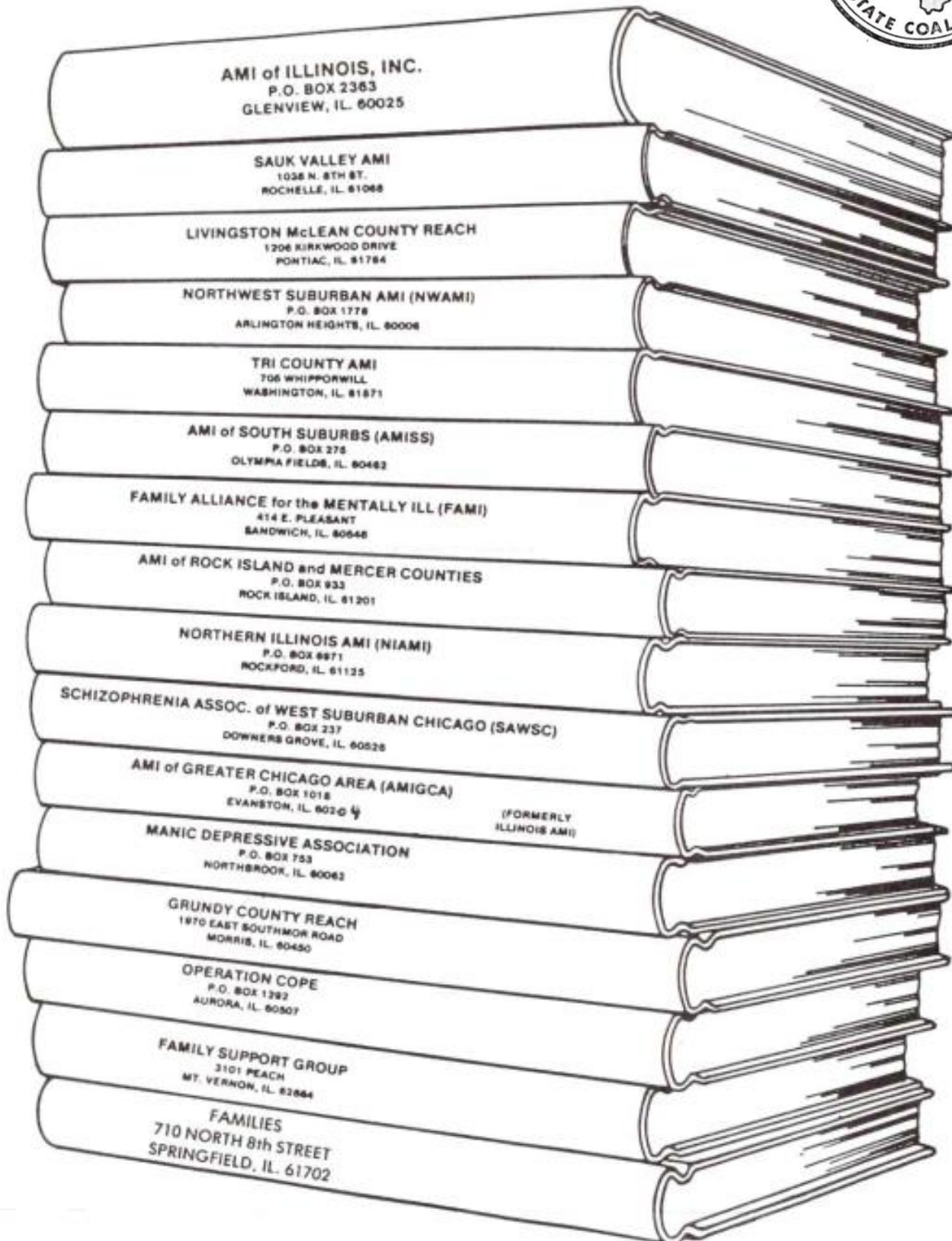
AMI Voices was renamed AMI of Greater Chicago. About 3 decades later, NAMI Greater Chicago would be renamed NAMI Chicago as additional affiliates now ringed the City.

This document provides information about the growth of individual affiliates from the early years.

In 1984, here are the Affiliates that formed the Statewide Coalition.



At right is the official logo.



ILLINOIS AFFILIATES & ORGANIZATIONS

From Tri-County AMI: In an innovative program, Governor Thompson has appointed a committee of volunteers to visit, observe, and report on any condition that needs remodeling in treatment and care at state facilities. Imelda Smith, President of Tri-County AMI and Secretary of State Coalition, Barbara Runyon, Executive Director of Mental Health Ass'n. of Illinois Valley, Inc., and Joyce Sutton of Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy, will visit Singer, Dixon, Galesburg (until closure), and Zeller. These visits will be unannounced and not necessarily on the 8-5 time shift, in order to be sure that there are no instances of patient abuse at any time.

In another program, initiated by the Mental Health Ass'n. of Illinois Valley in the 1970's, five members of Tri-County (serving Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties) are presently serving as patient advocates for the mentally ill being treated at Zeller Zone Center in Peoria. All volunteers participate in a 3-hour training program before serving. They offer a 24-hour response to any complaint or question of a client, in areas that include legal rights, relationships with other patients and staff, general health, human rights, visitors' rights, and miscellaneous privileges.

Southern Illinois AMI (Belleville): Chairperson, Marian Satterfield, sent a check to the state coalition of monies collected at their local meetings. She stressed idea that loose change collected would at least pay for the postage involved in mailings from state coalition. Members found it painless to pass around a small coffee can for donations beyond money needed for refreshments. Nice idea.

For a new group, SLAMI members are rapidly gaining information through their monthly programs. They had an attorney speak on setting up Trust Funds for ill family members, a lawyer with Land of Lincoln attorneys give tips on getting and keeping SSI and SSDI, and a speaker from Demolays who explained what happened each year to the thousands of dollars that this organization donates to research for the mentally ill. A program by newly-elected Ron Stevens, is slated for a future meeting.

DuPage Chapter Forming: After several months of sharing common problems and feelings, many families of DuPage are organizing to affiliate with AMI of IL, State Coalition. Meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday at College of DuPage, 22nd and Lambert Road, Glen Ellyn, Building K, Room 157. Interested persons are welcome to come and help shape the aims and priorities of this new organization. For information call 657-0122.

Supportive Families of the MI (Champaign): At one of their meetings, a judge of the circuit court and an attorney from the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation gave a presentation regarding guardianship, trusts, wills, executors, protective payee, estate planning, Social Security, SSI, etc. This protective payee, estate planning, Social Security, SSI, etc. It was an excellent presentation and to a roomful of people (They advertised on TV, newspaper, and by letter, in some instances.

Champaign County Ass'n. for MH is giving an award with a Plaque to SFAMI for the Organization of the Year. This association makes this award at its annual banquet to the local organization that they feel has made a large contribution to the alleviation of problems connected with mental illness.

AMI of Lake County: AMI was represented at a Legislative Breakfast recently by President Dorothy Kelly, and Vice President Louis Redmond. Sponsored by Lake County Advisory Board and Coordinating Council for Mental Health, Substance Abuse and DD Services (ABC Council), the aim of the breakfast was to let the Legislators know that help given to citizens was appreciated, and make them aware of continued need for m... programs.

AMI - South Suburban (AMISS): Recently several members of AMISS visited their state legislator. Representative John McNamara was cordial and receptive to the position of the mentally ill. Discussion focused on the 1978 federal definition of Developmentally Disabled, which includes the mentally ill. This compares with the State of Illinois definition, which ~~excludes~~ the mentally ill. Many benefits accrue to the MI through the Developmental Disabilities Act Renewal - HR 5603 (enacted by the 98th Congress), which in turn depends on acceptance of the federal definition of Developmentally Disabled. The state of Illinois should accept the federal definition. You are urged to visit your Springfield representative and request that he/she vote for the acceptance of the federal definition.

"Helping People Help Themselves"

Get to Know You Affiliates – 1984

Northwest Suburban Alliance for the Mentally Ill

Get Acquainted With Your Affiliates

When Dee Beaubien of the Northwest Mental Health Center, Arlington Heights, began conducting support meetings for small groups of family members of the mentally ill some five or six years ago, neither she nor the center fully realized the desperate need in Chicago's Northwest suburbs for such a service.

One series followed another, with participants reluctantly concluding their affiliation until a handful of "graduates" decided to turn their mutual support into positive action.

In March 1980, ten people formed the nucleus of the Northwest Suburban Alliance for the Mentally Ill, with Beaubien, M.S., as advisor, and by the end of 1980 the organization was formally organized and had its first set of officers. Membership grew by leaps and bounds as its programs were publicized - programs by physicians, legislators, lawyers, paramedics, ex-patients, siblings of the ill, representatives of government agencies, and many more. We meet six times a year and have six board meetings - all at Arlington Heights Memorial Library.

Goals of AMI-Northwest are to advocate for the mentally ill in the areas of housing, employment, public education, financial help, legislation and research while still providing a strong support system for family members through rap sessions and a hot line.

At the end of 1984, our membership numbered 69 persons, encompassing 45 families, with an additional 64 families on our mailing list. Supplementing the generosity of one of our families, we were able to donate a van to Northwest Center for the transportation of clients.

Several members were instrumental in forming the STATE Coalition, and also hosted the July meeting at Elgin Mental Health Center. More recently the group voted to donate \$100 to the State Coalition and also three prizes for use in a raffle to be held at the second birthday celebration of "Access," the Social/Vocational Rehabilitation facility established by Northwest Mental Health Center for day treatment.

Need information or help with government red-tape? Call 1-800-252-6584 (Lt. Gov. George Ryan's office) or 1-800-382-3000 (Neil Hartigan's office).

Social Security Disability - SSI?
Call 1-800-637-8856

Hot-Line for Illinois Legislative Information? Call League of Women Voters. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 1-800-252-8959

Use your Congressmen to help with problems on the federal level. Give clear information and permission to look at records for you. Copies of particular laws or bills are free.



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AMI Rock Island / Mercer

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AMI of Rock Island and Mercer counties was founded in 1981 through the help of the Franciscan Mental Health Center. Mary Jane McCorkle and several family members went to Dane County Wisconsin to attend a meeting which turned out to be the birth of NAMI.

AMI of Rock Island & Mercer Counties were encouraged to develop a grant for a residential program by Franciscan Mental Health Center. When that grant was approved in 1981 by IL Dept. of Mental Health and Developmental Dis. for \$110,000 AMI of Rock Island and Mercer Cty. took on the additional role of provider.

We realize that many persons believe the AMI groups should be advisory only and that the group loses some of its advocacy power by becoming providers. We respect that opinion but feel that each group needs to decide this issue for themselves. It is our opinion that one of the reasons the mentally ill in our area have a wide array of services today is because we stepped in to fill the gaps that other providers were not able, and in the case of our employment program, were unwilling to provide. As we say in Rock Island, "Viva La Difference."

The following is a brief description of the program we operate;

AMI RESIDENTIAL:

The AMI residential program has been operating at an agency owned building since 3/1983. The ultimate goal of this program is to assist the individual in acquiring an independent living situation equal to his/her needs and capabilities.

AMI SCATTERED SITES:

In 1984, the Scattered Sites Program moved to an agency owned building. The purpose of the program is to assist persons to transition into independent living within the community; and to provide a continuum of services that

that encourage and support independent living. This is accomplished through individualized planning, utilization of a wide range of community resources, flexible scheduling, home visits, participants input, assistance in the development or enhancement of those skills necessary to independent living, and program advocacy for a series of self-help groups.

AMI JOBS PROGRAM:

The AMI Job's Program provides an array of employment services. At the Jobs Program a person learns their capabilities, receives supervision and guidance, and becomes involved with others who want to work.

Home Helpers provides working opportunities in a variety of domestic and yard care jobs. Mes Amis Ice Cream and Deli, centered in downtown shopping mall, opened since May, 1984, is the newest AMI program and provides experience in such areas as food preparation, waiter/waitress and working with the public.

Of course family support is still of major importance. Les and Marge Mayes, along with other active AMI members, hold monthly "Family Together Meetings" and the families receive additional information at our monthly "Educational Meetings." Marge and Les Mayes are also leaders in the AMI-IL STATE Coalition Movement as well as Frank Ware (Executive Dir.) who serves the State Coalition as honorary professional advisor.

We were very pleased to host the State Coalition Regional Meeting in April, 1986 and to share with others the excitement we feel about advocating for and promoting improved care for the mentally ill.

Bon Jour Mes Amis.




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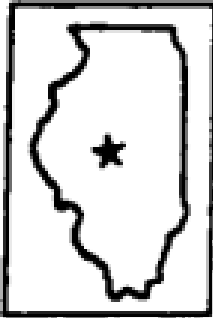
Mes Amis, "My Friends" in French, was launched June 19, 1984. Its premise is simple - give the chronically mentally ill work experience in their own ice cream parlor and deli. It started with six employees, paid minimum hour wages, now has 35, working at alternate times, with a waiting list of 70 clamoring for a chance to work.

There were scoffers, but the clients who buy are satisfied and the young employees have raised their heads up and are getting downright cocky at running a restaurant. Groups from as far as Chicago come to see it tick.

Frank Ware, the Alliance executive director, the members of his board, and Dave Prew, architect and former owner of an ice cream store, who became manager, planned carefully. While a state grant paid initial rent, equipment and supplies, Mes Amis is designed to be self-supporting. Its atmosphere is clean and made charming with hanging plants and pictures by native artists. Its honey and mustard salad dressing is so popular, Manager Prew may bottle it to sell. Some of the staff has been hired by other restaurants. "We aren't stopping here" Prew promises, "we'll keep looking for new directions and if they look good, we'll go with them!"

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Families of Springfield



A new star has been added.

WELCOME
TO
"FAMILIES"

our new Springfield affiliate.

Our new affiliate has offered to host our next regional meeting in Springfield with a tentative date set for May 3 and 4, 1985.

Plans are in the making but we hope for a day and half educational and training workshop for all affiliates and their members.

The program will be on legislation. Workshops may include how a bill is passed; meeting and working with your local legislators. We will keep you informed as plans become finalized. Please mark your calendar May 3 & 4, 1985.

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AMI South Suburbs (AMISS)

Get Acquainted With Your Affiliates

AMISS, the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of the South Suburbs, had two beginnings. In 1980 Kenneth Schmitt of the Family Service & Mental Health Center in Harvey, IL, brought 3 couples together to work on mutual problems of living with their ill relative and to consider how their own lives were going. They did a lot of talking, some role playing and took some steps toward a social life for themselves. Then in 1982 Ken brought those couples together plus other parents and the group numbered around 14 people. Ken introduced us to AMI-Illinois (now Greater Chicago) which we eagerly joined. We traveled up north to their meetings but soon realized that we needed a local group.

We got together a brochure, stationary, by-laws, a not-for-profit charter and our name. AMISS now has 56 family memberships, a large mailing list, and serves 33 south suburban communities. We meet twice a month (1st and 3rd Thursdays) at the Olympia Fields Osteopathic Hospital. One of those evenings is devoted entirely to support, listening to one another, sharing information about doctors, hospitals, medication, housing, financial resources, whatever is needed. The other evening (and some Sundays) we have a speaker, run a video tape, handle advocacy, educate ourselves and conduct the business of AMISS. In addition our board meets once a month.

AMISS has grown in numbers, in activities and in accomplishments. We were active participants in

forming AMI of Illinois, State Coalition, having 2 people on the steering committee. We hosted the State Coalition meeting at Tinley Park State Hospital. We have members presently serving the State Coalition as a delegate, a board director and as its secretary. We also have an AMISS member on the boards of Region 6's Abuse and Neglect Project, the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission and the Human Rights Authority.

We now have our own newsletter published every month offering, along with news of AMISS, information on agencies and services available in our area. We have 4-5 speakers each year (mostly from the mental health field) and we have had a few legislators. We have an active library, a newly-formed and promising Housing Committee. Our Finance Committee has raised funds by having a dinner and raffle, and has succeeded in obtaining some money from local townships participating in Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. We are giving new AMISS members, and persons in crisis, a copy of Agnes Hatfield's booklet "Coping with Mental Illness in the Family: A Family Guide".

In addition to educating ourselves we attempt to educate the public by giving talks on Schizophrenia and AMISS to local groups. In December three of us will participate as a panel in a class at Governor State University, in University Park, IL. We will be giving psychiatric nursing students our perspective of what the mentally ill and their families experience and what they need.

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Family Alliance for the Mentally Ill Dekalb, Lasalle, Kendall, Kane (FAMI)

Get Acquainted With Your Affiliates

Family Alliance for the Mentally Ill (FAMI), is probably the biggest little chapter in the state. We cover all or parts of DeKalb, LaSalle, Kendall, and Kane. Our first meeting was in November, 1983, so we are almost two years old now.

We are primarily a support group with a strong accent on education. Our beginning has elements of an all too familiar story - what do you do upon the discharge of a family member? Several years ago when there was no state organization and no circularizing of mental health providers or referrals to agencies, we were advised by a psychiatrist to find a local group and seek help from them. After many phone calls, we got a lead to the Huxely Institute, New York, and through them made contact with SAWSC, the Schizophrenia Association of West Suburban Chicago, who eventually put us in touch with Vi Orr and Dorothea Gieske. Dorothea came to our first meeting and told us about the formation of other groups and the State Coalition to-be. How did we do it? After securing a place to meet, we contacted the county mental health center (they had been urging the formation of a group) who then publicized the meetings. We also put an article in the paper. We have been most fortunate in having a local person who submits articles to several area newspapers. She has done a terrific job of getting our articles printed.

Our meetings are held on the last Sunday of each month at Salem Lutheran Church, Sandwich, Illinois. Usually they begin with a chance for each member attending to say something about how things are going. We have had someone new at each meeting, so that this sharing lets him/her know of our common problems - often giving an insight different from hospital or office. Usually we have a special guest, also, with whom we can relate directly, and in the real world of the family as a care provider - often the major provider. We have talked about: nutrition, the "P & A Board", medications (with a pharmacist), legal aspects, genetics, annual NAMI Conventions, similarities to AA. We have met with the chairman of the 708 board, and watched a video-tape of the PBS program on the Brain.

NOW the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Illinois, Inc. State Coalition, has an official brochure available. For copies, write to: AMI of IL, Inc., State Coalition, P.O. Box 863, Glenview II 60025.

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Northern Illinois AMI

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NORTHERN ILLINOIS AMI held it's first meeting October 1983. It was attended by 16 people. It has grown steadily since. At the last meeting April 1986, 86 people were present.

Our local organization evolved from small group meetings started by a few parents and relatives of mentally ill persons. These meetings were suggested by a counselor from the Janet Wattles Mental Health Center and were eventually held in the private homes of family members.

There are now 6 small groups of about 10 or 12 people per group meeting each month. This is where the real support comes from. We can be very candid about our problems. We share our crises and also share relief when a crisis is passed and our loved ones are once more stabilized.

Each month after the business meeting we have a guest speaker or a panel. These well informed people cover all phases of mental illness. We also have repeat lectures for new members and to refresh the older members.

As we learn more about mental illness we try to familiarize the public about our

problems. We have had cooperation from the local media-radio, newspaper and television.

We are receiving more and more inquiries about our organization. We listen, give support and information. The key to support in the beginning is to listen. As callers become members-we in turn receive support from them in our struggle to eliminate the stigma of mental illness.

Along with other affiliates in the State Coalition we are working to raise funds to promote a better life for the mentally ill.

We are active participants of the State Coalition and try to attend all the regional workshops and educational meetings. Bob Willey, our delegate to the State Coalition, serves as parliamentarian. We have recently been host to the State Coalition Officers and Directors all day business meeting.

We are educators who are willing to speak to any group interested about mental illness and it's impact on the individual, family and on the community.

The Northern Illinois AMI public meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at the Home Federal Savings Bank at 1107 E. State St. in Rockford at 7:00 P.M. Contact number for more information: 815-226-8955

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The Schizophrenia Association of West Suburban Chicago (SAWSC)

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THE SCHIZOPHRENIA ASSOCIATION OF WEST SUBURBAN CHICAGO (SAWSC) was ten years old in April, 1985. It is the oldest mental health self-help group for families in Illinois. SAWSC's history began at Argonne National Laboratory in the early 1970's. A group called Concerned Argonne Scientists met at luncheons to discuss a variety of topics and it was at these meetings that people with mental illness in the family, were drawn together. Eventually they formed a sub-committee on mental dysfunction and held meetings whenever the luncheon time was available. Several of these people also attended meetings on mental illness coordinated in Chicago by a prominent attorney. These people and their family members, through personal tragedy and a quest for information, formed SAWSC in Downers Grove.

Aside from being affiliated with NAMI and the AMI of ILLINOIS, STATE COALITION, SAWSC is also affiliated with the HUXLEY INSTITUTE for BIOSOCIAL RESEARCH, New York which was founded in 1971. The Huxley Institute includes as a division, THE AMERICAN SCHIZOPHRENIA ASSOCIATION (founded in 1964) and affiliates of the Institute include Schizophrenia Association in their name. The Huxley Institute promotes the identification of biochemical research and the practice of orthomolecular medicine in dealing with mental illness. Orthomolecular ("correct molecule") doctors do use the quick acting psychotropic drugs and other prescription medication, but they also look for underlying illnesses which might exacerbate or cause the mental disorder.

SAWSC has monthly meetings featuring speakers although two meetings a year are designated as rap sessions at which time members discuss personal issues. During the past year speakers have included; director of a day treatment center, director of DuPage County's transitional services speaking on housing, a prominent psychiatrist speaking on research and an attorney and savings and loan trust department director speaking on estate planning.

SAWSC has a Board of Directors who contact future speakers, answer our crisis and information phone, write the monthly newsletter which is sent to 220 members and organizations, publicize meetings, handle finances, update a referral list for our members, distribute our brochure and manage our library of books.

SAWSC meets at the Downers Grove Public Library on the fourth Friday of the month. Between 30 and 70 people are usually in attendance. About half of SAWSC's members reside in DuPage County with the rest residing in Cook and other surrounding counties.

The Schizophrenia Association of West Suburban Chicago has two delegates working on the AMI of IL, STATE Coalition board; Andrea Woyt is chairman of the Anti-Stigma Campaign and is preparing an informational kit for the STATE Affiliates. Jan Cerny is a parent mental health professional serving on Education Committee and is also on NAMI Training and Curriculum Board (see page 6 this newsletter.)



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Tri-County NAMI

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The Tri-County AMI, serving residents of Peoria, Tazwell, and Woodford Counties, grew from a nucleus of five families working with the help of a former employee of the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission. We are incorporated as a not-for-profit organization and have been an affiliate of NAMI since 1981.

In 1983 we were one of the founding members of the State Coalition. Our first President, Pat Mooney, and our current President, Imelda Smith, are both officers of the Coalition. Tri-County AMI will host the big two-day general meeting featuring Dr. Bert Pepper, in November.

We presently have 25 active families involved. In a large part, Tri-County AMI was formed because of a need felt by families to talk over common problems and concerns. An equally important task was promoting the development of quality care in the community. Professionals in the mental health field have helped us from the beginning and are always welcome to become members and attend meetings.

Meetings are held the first and third Thursday of each month at the Arcadia Presbyterian Church in Peoria. The first meeting centers around educational programs to gain insight into factors precipitating illness and to reduce the stigma associated with the disease. The second session allows alliance members to bring up problems they are experiencing. The two meetings allow our members to gain knowledge and to share common problems and feelings in seeking to alleviate the suffering of our mentally ill.

Introducing NAMI Tri-County

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SAUK VALLEY AMI hosting Voter Education

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Sauk Valley AMI, which was the name chosen by the Sinnissippi Parents' Group, became an AMI affiliate in ^May, 1982, but it had its beginnings in November, 1981.

Three sets of concerned parents from Sterling, Dixon and Rochelle joined to share some of their problems and feelings about mental illness which they were experiencing in dealing with ill family members. Meetings were arranged through the Sinnissippi Mental Health Center, with two of the staff making the contacts so as to preserve the confidentiality of the clients.

Meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. at the SMHC, Sterling-Dixon Freeway. The four counties of Lee, Whiteside, Carroll and Ogle are represented.

Attendance is usually about 15. Clients range in age from 24 to 41 and include six men and one girl.

In the notebook, here is the final Contact List from 1986:

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ALTON	NORTHERN MADISON COUNTY/PARENT SUPPORT GROUP	618-465-2921
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS	AMI OF NORTHWEST SUBURBAN	312-991-1773
AURORA	OPERATION COPE	Not available present
BELLEVILLE	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AMI	618-234-2173
CHAMPAIGN	SUPPORTIVE FAMILIES OF THE MENTALLY ILL	217-356-3140
CHICAGO	AMI OF GREATER CHICAGO	312-642-3338
CLAREDON HILLS	AMI OF DUPAGE COUNTY	312-655-0122
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EFFINGHAM	AMI OF EFFINGHAM	217-739-2254
DOWNERS GROVE	SCHIZOPHRENIA ASSOC. OF WEST SUBURBAN CHICAGO	312-971-3588
EDWARDSVILLE	AMI OF MADISON COUNTY	618-656-8721
HOMETOWN	SOUTHWEST ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL	312- 425-0925
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LIBERTYVILLE	AMI OF LAKE COUNTY	312-566-8136
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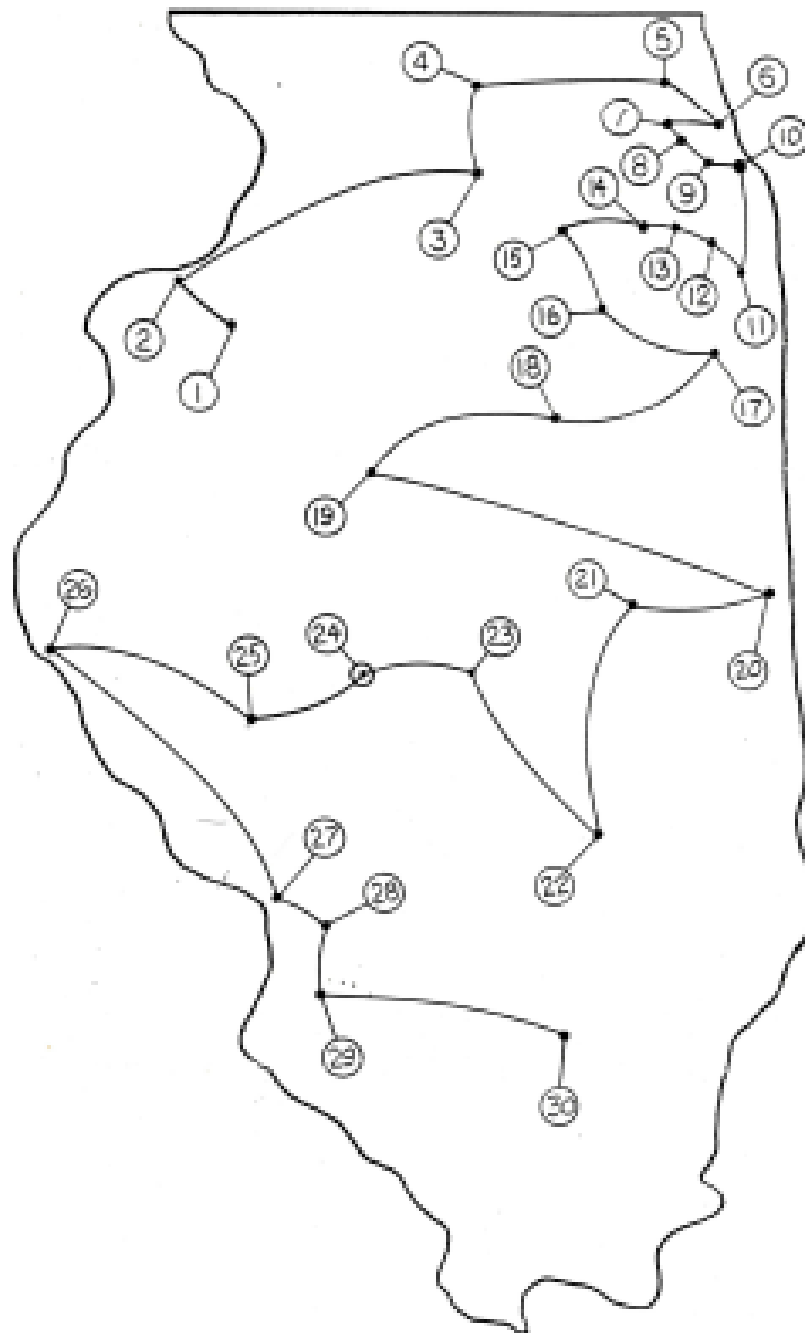
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LIST OF THOSE ATTENDING NAMI CONFERENCE IN ST. LOUIS, MO
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DATE: AUGUST, 1983

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

THE STATEWIDE MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL, AS PROPOSED DURING THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ST. LOUIS, WILL BE HELD.....

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1983

10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

in the meeting hall of

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

1822 E. Lincoln
(off Veterans Parkway)

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

- AGENDA
- * Developing a State Coalition
 - * A "Call to Arms" on the closing of State Institutions

Please notify your members that All interested parties are welcome!

There will be a break for lunch. Either brown bag it or take advantage of Fast Food Restaurants near-by.....

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WITH YOUR AFFILIATES

Seuk Valley AMI, which was the name chosen by the Mississippi Parents' Group, became an AMI affiliate in May, 1982, but it had its beginnings in November, 1981.

Three sets of concerned parents from Sterling, Dixon and Rochelle joined to share some of their problems and feelings about mental illness which they were experiencing in dealing with ill family members. Meetings were arranged through the Mississippi Mental Health Center, with two of the staff making the contacts so as to preserve the confidentiality of the clients.

Meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. at the SMHC, Sterling-Dixon Freeway. The four counties of Lee, Whiteside, Carroll and Ogle are represented.

Attendance is usually about 15. Clients range in age from 24 to 41 and include six men and one girl.



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