



SPORTS BETTING IN ILLINOIS ADDING UP AT \$156 A SECOND

Illinois is considered one of the nation's top four sports betting markets, with gamblers plunking down an average of \$156 every second.

*Chicago Sun Times, March 4, 2022,
by Mitchell Armentrout*

**Just
Pray
NO**



32nd Annual "Just Pray NO!" to Drugs Worldwide Weekend of Prayer and Fasting for the Addicted and their Families

Individuals, churches, and ministries are asked to pray weekly on behalf of the addicted and their families and to join with others in the annual Worldwide Weekend of Prayer and Fasting on April 23-24, 2022.

Since April 7, 1991, "Just Pray No!" has united millions of Christians from 150 nations and territories around the world in intercessory prayer on behalf of the addicted and their families.

**May God Bless your prayers
and commitment to the cause
to help the addicted.**

ILCAAAP Board of Trustees & ICIA Announces Rev. Shane Hartman as Executive Director



The Board of Trustees of ILCAAAP and ICIA is proud to announce Rev. Shane Hartman has been named as the new Executive Director.



Anita Bedell retired on January 29, 2022. She served ILCAAAP and ICIA for over 27 years as the longest-serving Executive Director.

Affectionately known as the "Church Lady," she worked tirelessly to oppose legalized gambling and marijuana in Illinois. She worked for people who don't have a voice in politics. She fought the good fight imploring governors and legislators to lower the blood-alcohol limit for motorists.

Rev. Shane Hartman led a successful Financial Assistance program for the last eight years in Central Illinois before joining

ILCAAAP in December.

Shane pastors a Christian Church in Mechanicsburg and maintains a mini-farm in rural Illiopolis. He is married, and his children attend Sangamon Valley Schools.

ILCAAAP, Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems, is still fighting the battle against addiction. ICIA, Illinois Churches in Action, is providing education outreach to youth, churches, schools, and community groups. We are also working with other groups to stop predatory gambling ads targeted at our youth.

Shane is looking forward to meeting with people across the state of Illinois. He appreciates the work of those who came before him. He is thankful for the financial support of so many individuals and organizations.

Whom Shall I Send?

Reflection by Rev. Shane Hartman

In life we often have choices before us. Should I stay or should I go?
Anita Bedell worked diligently here for many years with a staff of one.
She stood up against very powerful and financially strong lobbies.
Anita worked very hard for the organization and ultimately for our God.
I would be remiss if I did not tell you again of her heroic efforts.
Thank you, Anita, for doing a wonderful job. I hope to lead as you did.
Send me.

Staff Activities

In order to give our readers an idea of how and where their donations are allocated, some of our activities are listed on this page.

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

— Jeremiah 17:7-8

**Who is he, this King of glory?
The LORD Almighty —
he is the King of glory.**

— Psalm 24:10

**Please Remember
ILCAAAP and
Churches in Action
when you plan your
estate and donations.**

*May God
bless your
generous heart!*

Memorial Gifts to help the living

In Memory of

Ken Darnell

by

John & JoAnn Stob
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(Jerry & Pat Prosapio)

Willis Simpson

by Todd and Robin Pancake

Sara Wells

by John & Maureen Keithley

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by Mary J. Jackson

In Honor of

Curt Taras

by Glenn Taras

Anita Bedell

by

Foundation for Alcohol
Education, Inc.
Janice Gintzler
Norma Walters
Pat Kornfeld

Per-Hugo Kristensson

Jerry & Mary Jane Jackson

Stanley Campbell

John & Janet Boryk

*Thank you for your generous
support in honor or in memory
of your loved one.*

**Entries are
coming in
for our annual
poster contest!**



POSTER CONTEST

**Winners will be
announced
soon!**

**DON'T DO DRUGS,
ALCOHOL IS A DRUG**

Thank you for your generosity

**Churches Giving to
ILCAAAP/Illinois Churches in Action**
November 20, 2021 – March 15, 2022

College Heights Baptist
Lakewood – Lakewood United Methodist
Mattoon – First Southern Baptist
Fairview Heights –
Fairview Heights Prospect Park UMC

Century Churches

Donations of \$100 or more

Arlington Heights – First United Methodist
Church

Athens – United Methodist

Eldorado - First United Methodist

Libertyville – United Methodist

Channahon – United Methodist

Morris – First United Methodist Women

Naperville – Grace United Methodist Women

Stewardson – United Methodist Women
Stonington – United Methodist

**Church Conferences & Church
Organizations Giving to ILCAAAP /
Illinois Churches in Action**

Springfield - Illinois Great Rivers Conference
of the United Methodist Church

The Chicago Temple Fund, A Trust of the First
United Methodist Church of Chicago

Northern Illinois Conference of the United
Methodist Church

Other Organizations

Foundation for Alcohol Education, Inc.

Normal Women's Christian Temperance Union

Please prayerfully
consider remembering
ILCAAAP and
Illinois Churches In Action
in your will.

Legislative Highlights



The Illinois primary election is June 28, 2022. Try to keep informed of the various candidates and their positions on important issues.

Marijuana Bills

HB 0715 – Bring your own Cannabis (in Rules Committee)

HB 3306 – Larger Marijuana Grow operations located side by side (in Rules Committee)

HB 4195 – 3 Marijuana Businesses located on one Location (in Rules Committee)

HB 4799 – Marijuana Home Grows (in Rules Committee)

HB 5523 – Local Licensing of Marijuana Clubs, tours, events where marijuana is sold and consumed on-site (in Rules Committee)

HB 4116 – Get high on the way to work, no consequences (Referred to assignments)

Gambling Bills

HB 0050 – Gambling Data Collection (referred to Rules Committee)

HB 5376 – Sports Betting at Illinois universities (re-referred to Rules Committee)

The Legislative Session was scheduled to end on April 8, 2022. Masks are no longer required at the capitol. Covid testing is still required on the Senate side of the building.

Join ILCAAAP's Action Alert Network

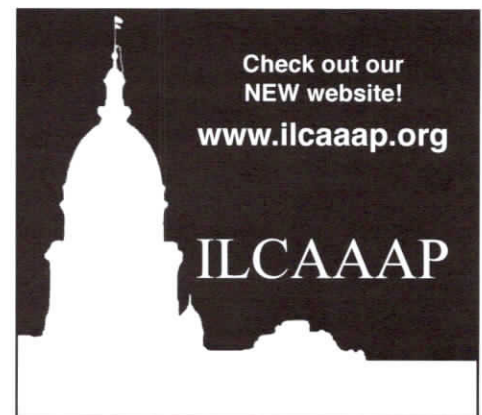
ILCAAAP sends e-mail alerts on gambling, alcohol, and other drug issues to keep you informed so you can contact legislators and the governor to voice concerns. The network is asked to share alerts with their faith community and others. Join the action by e-mailing ilcaaap@sbcglobal.net or call 866-940-6871.

**STAY INVOLVED!
LET YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS
KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!**

Lottery Update *Does It Fund Education?*

The lottery generated nearly \$2 billion in revenue from July 2021 to January 2022, according to lottery data. As of January 2022, the Illinois Lottery transferred \$420.86 million to the Common School Fund. Approximately 21% went to Education.

*Better Government Association,
March 10, 2022, by Poonam Narotam*



May is National Mental Health Awareness Month

Many individuals who develop substance use disorders are also diagnosed with mental disorders, and vice versa. Multiple national population surveys have found that about half of those who experience a mental illness during their lives will also experience a substance use disorder and vice versa

NIDA. 2021, April 13. Part 1:

The Connection Between Substance Use Disorders and Mental Illness.

It's Official:

**WHO Classifies
Gaming Addiction
as a Disease**

*GAMERANT, May 25, 2019,
by Patrick Kirk*



Alcohol Consumption and Availability Have a Startling Ripple Effect on Societal Issues

Violence, roadway fatalities, and cancer have links to alcohol. Studies have shown areas that have an abundance of alcohol outlets have higher rates of violence. Despite fewer miles traveled due to the pandemic, roadway fatalities in Illinois have been at their highest since 2005. In 2021, motor vehicle crashes claimed 1,361 lives. According to the 2020 Illinois Highway Safety Plan Annual Report, in 2019, 30.7% of fatalities were alcohol-related. The National Cancer Institute states, "There is a strong scientific consensus that alcohol drinking can cause several types of cancer."

APRC Alcohol Policy Resource Center, March 2022, Monthly Newsletter, by Kellie Henrichs



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(deceased) or **in honor** of _____ (living).

- ___ I would like to volunteer.
___ I will contact my legislators.
___ I will pray for your ministry.

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We will use your donation to distribute materials to churches, teenagers and elected officials.
Please enclose your donation with this form and mail it in the envelope provided.

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Thank you AND may God bless you! *Churches in Action donations are tax deductible.



Donor Pledges Dollar-for-Dollar Match for Donations!

One of our donors has pledged a dollar-for-dollar Matching Challenge to help in the battles at the State Capitol and with educational efforts to prevent addiction and harm from alcohol, marijuana, and gambling. For every \$1 you contribute, ILCAAAP/Illinois Churches In Action will receive a MATCH equal to your gift up to \$10,000. Will you help us reach this goal?

Alcohol has been identified as a risk factor for six kinds of cancer—mouth and throat, larynx, esophagus, colon and rectum, liver, breast (women)—and contributed to 5.8% of cancer deaths in 2012.