



SOBER TIMES



News from around District 26, Area 32
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The purpose of the District 26 Unity Council is to educate AA Groups and the public on AA principles and to promote harmony among AA groups through the practice of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts. We are a fellowship of alcoholics from different groups within the district that encourages participation and service.

Responsibility Statement

I am responsible when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there, and for that: I am responsible.

Schedule of Events

January 1st – New Year’s Brunch. Roscommon River Center. 3 PM fellowship and Games. 4 PM Open Meeting. 5 PM Lasagna Potluck. (Bring a dish to pass). 211 N. Main St., Roscommon.

January 18th – District 26 Unity Council Meeting. Coffee and Donuts at 9:30, Meeting at 10 AM. Full Gospel Lighthouse Church. 428 W. Michigan Ave., Au Gres.

January 21st– B Sober Group Quarterly Potluck and Speaker Meeting. Doors Open at 6:30, 7 PM Dinner - pulled pork provided (Bring a dish to pass). 8 PM Open Speaker Meeting; Amy S., District 26’s new DCM.. Full Gospel Lighthouse Church. 428 W. Michigan Ave., Au Gres.

January 30th – Grace on the Base, Chili Cook off / Potluck and Open Speaker meeting. Bring your best chili for the cook off. The winning chili gets a prize! If not chili, bring a friend and / or a dish to pass. Doors open at 5, Dinner at 5:30, Speaker; Double Trouble at 6 PM. (Show up to find out who the duo is!) 6012 North Skeel Avenue, Oscoda.

March 22nd – Spirituality A.A. Workshop. 10AM to 3PM. Lunch and Workshop Materials will be provided. RSVP online at Dist26aa.org or phone Nick T. at 810-730-3829. Hale Methodist Church, 201 W. Main Street, Hale.

July 3-6 2025 – 2025 A.A. International Convention, Vancouver, BC, Canada. AA.org/International-Convention

All these flyers and more on www.dist26aa.org

STEP ONE: We admitted that we were powerless over alcohol and that our lives had become unmanageable.

Most of us have believed that if we remained sober for a long stretch, we could thereafter drink normally... We have seen the truth demonstrated again and again: “Once an alcoholic, always and alcoholic.” ... If we are planning to stop drinking, there must be no reservation of any kind, nor any lurking notion that someday we will be immune to alcohol.

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TRADITION ONE: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

The unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our society has. Our lives, the lives of all to come, depend squarely upon it. WE stay whole or AA dies. Without unity the heart of A.A. would cease to beat; our world arteries would no longer carry the life-giving grace of God; His gift to us would be spent aimlessly. Back again in their caves, alcoholics would reproach us and say “What a great thing AA might have been”.

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CONCEPT ONE: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. World Service should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Heard at a Meeting

If I could drink like a normal drinker, I’d drink all day, every day.

God can make all things new, even you.

You can’t always see the top of the stair case so just look for the first step. – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year. – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Stronger Together

These Groups Could Use Your Support

Clare; Tuesday 8 PM, Friday 8 PM and Saturday Noon;
United Methodist Church, 105 E. 7th Street, Clare.

East Tawas; Tuesday 7 PM, Holy Family Catholic Church,
516 West Lincoln Street, East Tawas.

East Tawas; Friday 7 PM, Christ Episcopal Church, 202
West Westover Street, East Tawas.

Harrisville; Saturday 7 PM, Alcona County EMS, 2600
Michigan 72, Harrisville.

Houghton Lake; Wednesday Noon at The Northern
Center, 7784 Stone School Rd., Houghton Lake.

Mikado; Sunday 7 PM, Mikado Community of Christ, 3155
East Mikado Rd., Mikado.

Oscoda; Thursday 12 Noon Big Book, Church of Christ,
5726 Cedar Lake Rd., Oscoda.

Oscoda; Thursday 6 PM Big Book Meeting, Grace
Community Church, 6012 N. Skeel Avenue, Oscoda.

Roscommon; Morning Gratitude, Mondays and Fridays, 7
AM, River Center, 211 N. Main St., Roscommon.

Roscommon; Women's Meeting; Serenity Sisters,
Mondays at 7 PM, Study Meeting, contact Amy at 989-273-
9382 for location and details.

Roscommon; Thursday 7 PM, HOW Group, Methodist
Church, 1515 N. M-18, Roscommon.

Whittemore; Monday 8 PM 12 & 12, United Methodist
Church, 110 North St., Whittemore.

If you have a group that could use some extra support or would like to announce a special event, let us know and we'd be happy to include your group in the Sober Times. E-mail Holly at HLC71014@gmail.com, at the district website or come to the next Unity Council Meeting in Au Gres on January 18th and let us know what we can do to help out.

New Year, New Eyes

My hope for this new year is that I remember to ask God to help me see things in a new way. I left a noon meeting this New Year's Eve Day feeling pretty good. It was a good meeting; it had been a good morning. But the skies were gray. The snow that remained was just those random piles of dirty ice. The grass that was showing was brown and dead. I felt the heaviness of winter; that long period of time after the hustle and bustle of the holidays that just seems to go on forever with darkness and gloom stretching out before me. I could feel that overwhelming blah wanting to take over my mood and spirit. I had a talk with God, "Help me to see with new eyes. Help me to see something beautiful, something new and fresh and bright."

We took our drive by Oscoda Beach. The waves were rolling, the lake was surely still alive. We commented on how in the summer the beach is always packed. Here we were and it was like our own private beach. "A plus to winter," I ventured, trying hard to see the positive, "a time when we can have our own private beach." I was trying hard to feel uplifted about that, but it still felt a little empty. Then... it started to snow. Light beautiful snowflakes drifted down. I laughed. "Thank you, God." Bright fluffy snowflakes were definitely more of what I had in mind.

Then, being the alcoholic I am, where one is never enough and I always want more, I thought, maybe something bright, maybe someone could have some Christmas lights on. Then, as we turned out of the beach and onto the road, what did I see but the bright red of the façade that the Oscoda theater had put over their building, and, low and behold, someone had their Christmas lights on. We drove a little further down the road, God decided to give me even more than what I had asked for, and the sun peaked out. For a few minutes there were blue skies. I couldn't help but laugh with God, complete joy that he cares enough about me to humor me when I ask for something, and give me even more than what I'd asked for.

I was uplifted. When I ask, God provides. When I am determined to see the good, the silver lining, and I ask God for help, my Higher Power comes through and opens my eyes. I have hope that this 2025 will be a great year. I only have to remember to keep my eyes open, to cooperate with my Higher Power by doing the next right thing, stay sober and to continue to ask Him for help to see things in a new way.