



# SOBER TIMES

February 2024

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

**February 4<sup>th</sup>** – CMIA 32 Area Assembly. 9 AM coffee, donuts and fellowship at 9, Meeting begins at 9:30, Lunch at 12:30. Meeting concludes at 3 PM. The Z Hall, 1775 Owosso Avenue, Owosso.

**February 29<sup>th</sup>** – Grace on the Base Potluck and Speaker Meeting. Potluck 5:30, Speaker Larry J. at 6 PM. 6012 N. Skeel Avenue, Oscoda.

**March 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>** – March Roundup 2024. Motor City Casino, 2901 Grand River Ave., Detroit.

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** - District 26 Unity Council Meeting. 9:30 coffee, donuts and fellowship, 10 AM meeting. Primary Purpose Group, River Center, 211 N. Main St., Roscommon.

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Michigan Mock Conference. 9 AM to 4 PM. First United Methodist Church, 400 South Main St., Mount Pleasant.

**June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>** – 71<sup>st</sup> Michigan State Convention and ECR Conference. Calvin University 3201 Burton S.E., Grand Rapids.

All these flyers and more on [www.dist26aa.org](http://www.dist26aa.org)

**STEP TWO:** Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Therefore, Step Two is a rallying point for all of us. Whether agnostic, atheist, or former believer, we can stand together on this step. True humility and an open mind can lead us to faith, and every AA meeting is an assurance that God will restore us to sanity if we rightly relate ourselves to Him. **12&12 pg. 33**

**TRADITION TWO:** For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Where does AA get its direction? Who runs it? This too is a puzzler for every friend and new member. These practical folk then read Tradition Two and learn that the sole authority is a loving God as He may express Himself in the group conscience. they commence to watch us with speculative eyes, pick up a fragment of AA history, and soon have the solid facts. **12&12 pg. 132**

**CONCEPT TWO:** The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in world affairs.

But if the groups were to carry on their primary purpose, they would have to delegate their leadership role to a General Service Conference. They do this by electing a General Service Representative for each group. These GSRs meet regularly in area assemblies and every two years elect a delegate from among their number. Every April, the delegates from the 91 areas in the US and Canada meet for six days with the trustees of the General Service Board, the staffs of the General service Office and the A.A. Grapevine and other service workers. The General Service Conference of A.A. is “the actual voice and effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.”

*The 12 Concepts for World service illustrated*

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## **Stronger Together!**

These groups could use your support

**East Tawas;** Saturday 7 PM, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 401 Main Street, East Tawas.

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

**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; Early Birds!!!!** 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.

**Standish;** Monday 8 PM, Free Methodist Church, 495 N. Forest St., Standish.

**Sterling;** Sunday 8 PM, Wesleyan Church, 365 W. Jefferson St., Sterling.

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

**Zoom** – New Life Zoom – 12 Noon 7 days a week, 7PM on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. Zoom ID 460 390 181

If you have a group that could use a little extra support, or has a special event coming up, let us know so we can help support you, too, by sending an e-mail to; [hlc71014@gmail.com](mailto:hlc71014@gmail.com)

## **Service Opportunities**

**Speakers Needed** for the last Thursday of every month for the Grace on the Base Potluck / Open speaker meeting event. Larry J. will be the speaker on February 29<sup>th</sup>, but as of now the remainder of the year is wide open. If you or someone you know is willing to step up in service for this wonderful event. Call or email Dennis B. 247-736-5094

[dennisbrooks304@yahoo.com](mailto:dennisbrooks304@yahoo.com)

**Elections for Unity Council** are coming up in July for most positions.

**Workshop Event Committee** for District 26 is now formed! If you'd like to be involved in planning a workshop and be part of the committee, contact Bev at 517-512-9524.

**Community and Outreach** committees and people are something we could use some help with in our district. If you think that's something you'd be interested in, come to our next Unity Council meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> in Roscommon for information on how to get started.

## **Heard At A Meeting**

**Self sufficiency is a Godless Myth.**

**Don't fall into a stupor of self sufficiency.**

**There's no elevator; you have to take the steps.**

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God in his wisdom has selected this group of men and women to be the purveyors of His Goodness. In selecting them through whom to bring about this phenomenon, He went not to the proud, the mighty, the famous or the brilliant. He went to the humble, to the sick, to the unfortunate – He went right to the drunkard, the so-called weakling of the world.

Well might He have said to us – into your weak and feeble hands I have entrusted a power beyond estimate. To you has been given that which has been denied the most learned of your people. Not to scientists or statesmen, not to wives or mothers, not even to my priests or ministers have I given this gift of healing over alcoholics which I entrust to you.

It must be used unselfishly. It carries with it grave responsibility. No day can be too long, no demand upon your time can be too urgent, no case too pitiable, no task too hard, no effort too great. It must be used with tolerance for I have restricted its application to no sex, no race, no creed and no denomination. Personal criticism you must expect, lack of appreciation will be common, ridicule will be you lot – your motives will be misjudged. Success will not always attend your efforts in your work with other alcoholics. You must be prepared for adversity, for what people call adversity is the ladder you must use to ascend the rungs toward spiritual perfection. And remember, in the exercise of this power, I shall not exact of you beyond your capabilities.

You are not selected because of exceptional talents, and be careful always if success attends your efforts, not to ascribe it to personal

superiority, that to which you can lay claim only by virtue of My gift.

If I had wanted learned men and women to accomplish this mission, the power would have been entrusted to the physician and the scientist. If I wanted eloquent men and women, there would have been many anxious for the assignment, for talk is the easiest used of all talents which I have endowed people. If I had wanted scholarly men and women, the world is filled with better qualified men and women than you who would have been available.

You were selected because you have been the outcasts of the world, and your long experience as drunkards has made, or should make you humbly alert to the cries of distress that come from the lonely hearts of alcoholics everywhere. Keep ever in mind the admission you have made on the day of your entrance into A.A., namely, that you are powerless and that it was only with your willingness to turn your life and will into my keeping, that relief came to you.

## **Help Wanted!**

**Do you have a recovery story you'd like to share? Any recovery, step, tradition or experience you'd like to have printed here in the Sober Times? We'd also like more "Heard at a Meeting" quotes or if your group has a special event or needs support, please let us know! We hope to make this newsletter our own mini-Grapevine, but submissions are desperately needed! Send comments, suggestions and submissions to the editor, Holly C., at [hlc71014@gmail.com](mailto:hlc71014@gmail.com).**