



SOBER TIMES

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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

April 7th – CMIA Area Assembly. Coffee and Donuts at 9 AM, Meeting Sessions begin at 9:30, Lunch at 12:20, Afternoon Sessions begin at 1. Conclusion at approximately 3 PM. Standish Community Center, 583 E. Cedar Street, Standish. To attend online; Virtual Zoom ID 970 9209 4118. Passcode: area32. Show up in person at 8:30 to help set up, or stay late to help clean up. Bring a desert if you wish to supplement the provided lunch.

April 16th – B Sober Group, Au Gres. Open Speaker Meeting and Potluck. Doors open 6:30, Food at 7. Speaker Holly C. at 8 PM. Full Gospel Lighthouse Church. 428 W. Michigan Ave., Au Gres.

April 25th – Grace on the Base. Open Speaker meeting and Potluck. Food and fellowship at 5:30, Speaker DCM Dave N. at 6. 6012 N. Skeel, Oscoda.

May 11th – Sponsorship Workshop. 11 AM to 3:30 PM. Hale United Methodist Church, 201 W. Main St., Hale.

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

All these flyers and more on www.dist26aa.org

STEP FOUR: *Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.*

Next, we launched out on a course of vigorous action, the first step of which is a personal housecleaning, which many of us had never attempted. Though our decision was vital and crucial step, it could have little permanent effect unless at once followed by a strenuous effort to face, and to be rid of, the things in ourselves which had been blocking us. Our liquor was but a symptom. So, we had to get down to causes and conditions.

Big Book pg. 63

TRADITION FOUR: *Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.*

"With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole, without conferring with the trustees of The Alcoholic Foundation. On such issues our common welfare is paramount."

AA Tradition

CONCEPT IV: *Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation" taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.*

Concepts Checklist

AA Service Manual

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.

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

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 your group or event could use some extra support let us know! E-mail Holly C. at 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. Our DCM, Dave N. will be the April speaker, and Rob Z. will be speaking in May. Who will be June? If you or someone you know is willing, please contact Dennis B at 247-736-5094 or email dennisbrooks304@yahoo.com.

Elections for Unity Council are coming up in September for most positions; DCM, Alternate DCM, Chair, Alternate Chair, Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer will all be up for voting. Nominations are starting now. Attend the May meeting in Au Gres to see where you may want to be of service.

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 Jenny P. at 616-366-8038. The Sponsorship Workshop is underway for May. Planning will soon be starting for what will probably be a Back to Basics workshop.

Public Information and the Professional Community 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, contact Joe through the district e-mail.

Looking for GSR's Does your home group have a GSR? Do you know what one is? For more information on what a GSR does and why they're such a valuable resource for the AA community, come to the Area Meeting in Standish on April 7th to find out how you could get involved. District 26 is growing and such a vibrant recovery community, we would love to see all of the meetings in the district represented at our next Unity Council meeting in May. Check it out!

Grapevine Magazines Wanted for the area corrections committee to bring into the jails. If you have extra magazines you could donate, bring them to the area meeting this April 7th or send them with someone who's going to pass on to the corrections chair. Either that or contact Joe through the website e-mail to find out how to get those magazines into the hands of those who could really use them.