

SOBER TIMES April 2021

News from around District 26

Web site: <http://dist26aa.org> AA Information: 866-227-0015



"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 AA 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. We are a fellowship of alcoholics from different groups within the District that encourages participation and service"

The District 26 Unity Council meeting for April will be at the Houghton Lake Area Alano Club April 17 10:00 AM, come early 2410 N Markey Rd

April 3 Movie Night Fresh Start in ----- West Branch
April 11: CMIA on Zoom, see www.dist26aa.org
April 17: District 26 UC Houghton Lake Alano Club
May 21-23 the NMIA Spring Round Up --- Shanty Creek
June 6 CMIA in ----- Standish
June 12 – 14 Founders Day ----- Virtual
All of these and more are on www.dist26aa.org

Our District is hosting Area 32 Assembly June 6 in Standish. There are sign-up sheets on the website for Set-up, Clean-up, Servers, and dishes to bring.

Help us make this great, our first real in-person Assembly in many months. Bring forms to Unity Council or email to dist26aa@gmail.com

Great opportunity coming up this year. District 26 needs a new District Committee Member as well as District Chair. See District 26 Unity Council By-Laws on www.dist26aa.org Page 4.

Your Twisted Servant: A. E Newman S.P, K.I.A.

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. *This was Step Four.* *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: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation" allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge. *Concepts Checklist*

1. Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the "Right of Participation"?
2. What does "in reasonable proportion" mean?
3. Do we expect, that because we are AA members, we should be allowed at any group, even if we are not active members of that group?

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