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News from around District 26

Web site: <http://dist26aa.org>

AA Information: 866-227-001

"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 will be September 18. Starts at 10:00 am but come early for fellow -ship coffee and doughnuts.

Arenac Community Center
583 E Cedar Standish.

Followed by Service Workshop and lunch

Come to Standish Sept 18 and share how your Group and it's members feel about the change to the Preamble and many other aspects of service in the Group, District, Area, and the General Service Conference. Lunch included.

Sept 18 District 26/Workshop

Oct 1-3: Michigan State Convention

Oct 9: Speakers/Dinner Tawas

Oct 10: CMIA

Oct 15-17 Mackinaw Island Weekend

Oct 16: District 26 Houghton Lake

Nov 19-21 MCYPAA

All this and more at your District 26 website: dist26aa.org

In service *A. E. Newman*

Step Nine: Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

There may be some wrongs we can never fully right. We don't worry about them if we can honestly say to ourselves that we would right them if we could. Some people cannot be seen--we sent them an honest letter. And there may be a valid reason for postponement in some cases. But we don't delay if it can be avoided. We should be sensible, tactful, considerate and humble without being servile or scraping. As God's people we stand on our feet; we don't crawl before anyone.

Tradition Nine: A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. The words, "Keep it Simple" were the last words Bill W. heard from his fellow founder of A.A. shortly before Dr. Bob's death in 1950. Aware that "it" meant our recovery program, Bill later wrote, "we need to distinguish sharply between spiritual simplicity and functional simplicity,,,,, when we get into questions of actions by groups, by Areas and by AA as a whole, we find the we must to some extent organize to carry the message - or else face chaos, and chaos is not simplicity.

Concept Nine: Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

Good point. Many of us have a service sponsor, only because the Service part of the Recovery, Unity, and Service triangle can get skewed and out of balance at times. Recovery it's self is primary in early days and the unity we experience with other recovering friends is paramount. But the service can get out of balance, either over stressed or abandoned at times. A service sponsor can help keep us in check.