

# SOBER TIMES

News from around District 26 February 2012

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The District 26 Unity Council meeting for February will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 100 E. Houghton Ave come early for coffee, donuts, and fellowship.

Items on the agenda are:

1. CMIA in August in Tawas
2. New website chair
3. Workshop in April.
4. 1<sup>st</sup> three step workshop.
5. DCM report from CMIA.

Come if you can and help us make this district fulfill its primary purpose and help others to recover.

There are plenty of events going on this year so please go to the website and print them out for your group. <http://www.dist26aa.org/index.html>

While you are on the website, check out the links on AA NEWS and LINKS page. There is some pretty interesting information to be had. Also please check out OTHER SOBER EVENTS as there are non AA events coming up which may interest the recovering community.

Founders Day is coming up in June and if you have never been there, please do, just once and see where AA started. I love it and it's always nice to spend a weekend with 10,000 of my closest friends. Careful tho, it could become a habit.

The March Roundup is in Dearborn March 2,3,4 and this is always fun. Flyer is on the website also.

Please print these events and those to follow and bring to your meeting for the folks who do not have access to the Internet.

My prayers go out to those in need and to those who have no "God as you understand Him" in your life. You may use mine, until you find your own. He has been so good to me. God Bless til next month.

**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 newcomer... 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... Then 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 certain other service workers. Thus, this 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*