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News from around District 26, Area 32

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"The purpose of District 26 Unity Council is to educate AA Groups and the public on AA Principles and promote harmony among AA Groups thru the practice of A.A.'s 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts. We are a fellowship of alcoholics from different Groups within the District that encourage participation and service."

District 26 Unity Council will next meet Saturday
February 17 at 10:00 am at 12 Step House
236 S. First St. Corner of Ripley

CMIA will be in Flint April 8 and there is plenty on the agenda plus great fellowship and food. And you can get your AA literature.

Attending Central Michigan Intra-Area is strongly suggested for GSRs as a means of communicating with other GSRs, DCMs, and you current Delegate.

See www.dist26aa.org for upcoming events.

Feb 17 there will be a Valentine's dinner and BONFIRE MEETING in Houghton Lake at the Alano.

The March Roundup is coming March 2 - 4 in Dearborn. Always worth the drive.

April 7 is the Mock Conference in Mt Pleasant. April 14 is the District 26 Unity Council meeting followed by the Houghton Lake Group's annual 12 Step Workshop.

Memorial Day weekend, May 25-27 the NMIA Roundup will be in Grayling. Several panelists and Chairpersons will be there from our own local area.

And, of course Founders Day in Akron June 8 -10 is always a hoot. You must go at least once. Sunday morning at the cemetery and the service at Dr. Bob's gravesite is worth the trip.

The Michigan State Convention is coming up August 24 - 26 and there are so many other things to do this year. House parties, dances, workshops, dinners, speakers.

Yours in service *A E Newman*

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. 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