

# SOBER TIMES July 2018



## News from around District 26

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

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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 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 July will be the 21<sup>st</sup> at Oscoda Grace Community Church . Starts at 10:00 am but come early for fellow –ship coffee and doughnuts.

**July 18 - 22:** District 14 Canoe Campout

**July 20 - 22:** Roscommon Friends of Bill Canoe Campout

**July 20-22:** Roscom MCYPAA Advisory Canoe/Camp

**July 22:** Flint Unity Council Picnic

**July 28-30** Mt Pleasant Mich State Convention

**August 4:** Houghton Lake Sober Saturday & Speaker

**August 5:** Houghton Lake CMIA

**August 12:** Alger – Friends of Bill Picnic

**August 18:** Houghton Lk District 26

**Aug 24-26:** Kalamazoo Mich State/ ECR Conference

All of these events, an up to date AA meeting schedule, and more can be found on the District 26 website ---- [www.dist26aa.org](http://www.dist26aa.org)

Hoping that the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and all the festivities do not distract us from the gratitude for the freedom that we have in AA. Freedom for the alcoholic, like the freedom that we enjoy in this country was hard earned and requires steady maintenance. God, please guide us in this journey.

July is the seventh month and that brings me to the seventh Tradition. Passing the basket at meetings is our way of meeting our responsibility for the work of AA. Our own contributions support the Group, the General Service Office and all AA activities. As sober, useful, and productive citizens we are likely in a better position financially than we would have been as a drunk. Just sayin'.

A.E Newman

### **Step Seven: Humbly asked Him to remove our Shortcomings;**

"My Creator, I am now willing that You should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that You now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to You and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do Your bidding. Amen." We have then completed Step Seven.

### **TRADITION SEVEN: Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.**

The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies, that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

**CONCEPT SEVEN: The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purpose for final effectiveness.**