

Sober Times - March 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 next District 26 Unity Council meeting will be March 17th at 10:00 am at the 12 Step Club 236 1st Street at Ripley, West Branch.
Come early for fellowship, coffee, and donuts!

Plenty going on in AA

March 17: St Patty's Feast at **Houghton Lake Alano**

March 24: **Houghton Lake** Group Bonfire/Speaker

April 7: Mock Conference **Mt Pleasant**

April 8: **CMIA: Flint** see dist26aa.org for details

April 14 The Houghton Lake Group is putting on their **12 Step Workshop** following the District meeting at the **Houghton Lake** Area Alano Club. District 26 at 10 am and 12 Step workshop at 11:15. Bring a dish to pass if possible but please just come.

May 25-27 will be the *Northern Michigan Inter Area Spring RoundUp* at the Ramada Inn in **Graying**.

June 8-10 is **Founders Day** in **Akron, Ohio**.

The **Michigan State Convention** will be in Kalamazoo August 24-26 . Bring a sponsee and have a swell time.

All these events, an up to date AA meeting schedule, and more can be found at www.dist26aa.org
Area 32 events can be found at <http://www.cmia32.org/>
Area 33 events at <http://www.aa-semi.org/flyers.php>
Area 34 Events <https://www.wmaa34.org/events>

And while we are at it, why not just call up a few folks, get some baloney and crackers, root beer, or fast food coupons and jump in the car and go. Carpooling road trip AA meetings cuts the gas cost and doubles the fun. Bad jokes, old stories, serious sharing and all. I'm just sayin'.

*Your Twisted Servant: A. E Newman S.P - K.I A
(Smarty Pants - Know It All)*

STEP THREE: *Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.*

It is when we try to make our will conform with God's that we begin to use it rightly. To all of us, this was a wonderful revelation. Our whole trouble had been the misuse of willpower, we had tried to bombard our problems with it instead of attempting to bring it into agreement with God's intention for us. To make this increasingly possible is the purpose of A.A's 12 Steps, and Step Three opens the door. *12&12 pg. 40*

TRADITION THREE: *The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.*

"You are an A.A. member if you say so. You can declare yourself in; nobody can keep you out. No matter who you are, no matter how low you've gone, no matter how grave your emotional complications – even your crimes, we still can't deny you A.A. We don't want to keep you out – so you're an A.A member the minute you declare yourself."

12&12 pg. 139

Concept THREE: *To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. - the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives-with a traditional "Right of Decision."*

As background for this Concept, you should be familiar with the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board, both of which are found in the A.A. service Manual. For, except for the specific direction of these documents, every trusted servant and every A.A entity – at all levels of service – has the right "to decide ... how they will interpret their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises." That is, they can "decide which problems they will dispose of themselves and upon which matters they will report, consult, or ask specific directions." This is the essence of "The Right of Decision." *The 12 Concepts for World service, Illustrated pg.6*