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News from around District 26

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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 **July 16** will be at **Clare Congregational Church** 110 W. Fifth St. 10 AM
Come early for doughnuts and sharing.

July 4 – **Oscoda** - Pig Roast

July 16 - **Clare** - Unity Council Meeting

July 17 - **West Branch** - New Life Group Cook Out

August 4 -7th - **Irons** - Friends of Bill W. Canoe trip

August 6 - **Alger Oasis Lake** - Friends of Bill W. Picnic

August 7 - **Standish** - CMIA

All of these fliers and more on www.dist26aa.org

But there are two or three things that flashed into my mind on which it would be fitting to lay a little emphasis; one is the simplicity of our Program. Let's not louse it all up with Freudian complexes and things that are interesting to the scientific mind, but have very little to do with our actual AA work. Our 12 Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the words love and service. We understand what love is and we understand what service is. So let's bear those two things in mind.

Let us also remember to guard that erring member – the tongue, and if we must use it, let's use it with kindness and consideration and tolerance.

And one more thing; none of us would be here today if somebody hadn't taken time to explain things to us, to give us a little pat on the back, to take us to a meeting or two, to have done numerous little kind and thoughtful acts in our behalf. So let us never get the degree of smug complacency so that we're not willing to extend or attempt to, that help which has been so beneficial to us, to our less fortunate brothers. **Bob Smith** 1950.

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NOTE: The proposed bylaw changes are being voted on at the Clare Unity Council Meeting July 16, 2022

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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.

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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.

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CONCEPT SEVEN: The Conference Recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

The A.A Service Manual P. C21