

Sober Times - March 2022



News from around District 26

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

AA Info-line: 866-227-0015

"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 19 at 10:00 am at St Helen Baptist Church 9785 Madison, St Helen. Come early for fellowship, coffee, and donuts!

Plenty going on in AA

March 19: District 26 Unity Council **St Helen**

March 26: Mock Conference **Mt Pleasant**

April 3: CMIA **Midland**

May 20 – 22: Northern Michigan Inter Area Spring RoundUp at Shanty Creek in **Bellaire**.

June 7: CMIA in **Hillman**

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>

The annual Mock Conference, March 26, in Mt Pleasant is your opportunity to meet Area 32, 33, and 34 Delegates, sit in on a committee and express your opinion on the Agenda Items that the delegates will be voting on in this year's General Service Conference. Register via link on your website, sit in, and do please go to the mic on any issue that is important to you. Your voice is needed and will be listened to. Lunch is provided.

Your Twisted Servant: A. E. Newman S.P. - K.I.A.

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. 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*