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The 9th Step

“Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.” Page 59.

“We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven’t the will to do this, we ask until it comes.” Page 76. “The only condition is that he trust in God and clean house.” Page 98.

What’s happening here is that we must do the work to clear the actions and deeds of our past. We are encouraged to pray (ask) for guidance to have the will to do so. We never go backwards, as in, if this Step is too hard, go back and do the previous one again. We continue to move forward, and ask for guidance to make it happen within our willingness. Spiritual progress does not happen in reverse, but again we are reminded on page 84 of our need for patience, “They are being fulfilled among us – sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly.”

This is more than making true amends. “We must lose our fear...” Page 78. The 3 R’s of this Step are Recovery, Restitution, and Relationships. In our Recovery, we are putting others first. In Restitution, we are repaying past debts, mere apologies do not replace that which would right a wrong. Relationships require ‘living amends’ where our present actions provide healing to others, although helpful, they are not done solely to soothe our guilty conscience.

Pages 59, 76, 78, 84 & 96
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Announcements

The September 17th, 2017 F.A.U.C. meeting will be hosted by the Burton Group at the Arid Club, 715 East Street, Flint.

The Four Absolutes

Honesty.....
Unselfishness.....
Love.....
Purity.....

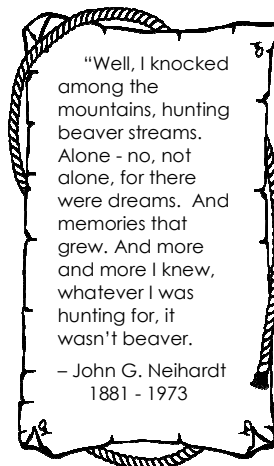
Spelled out as such, the Four Absolutes are not a formal part of our AA philosophy of life. Since this is true, some may claim the Absolutes should be ignored. This premise is approximately as sound as it would be to suggest that the Bible should be scuttled.

When we take action, either concrete towards restitution or by truthful admission, we know our amends follow the Four Absolutes and are sincere and binding.

Need Volunteer Action

The Special Needs Committee needs a Chair. Call Deborah B, 810-493-5312 for details
Volunteers needed for the Corrections Committee. Call George W, 810-624-2772 for details.

The Literature Traveling Display will come to your group for information and sales. Please contact James P. at 313-616-3703 to schedule your group today.



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FLINT AREA UNITY COUNCIL AIMS AND PURPOSES

1. To promote Unity among Flint Area A.A., and harmony with Al-Anon and Ala-teen groups
2. To exchange group ideas.
3. The G.S.R.’s and Alternates shall act as trusted servants of their groups.
4. Each group shall be represented by a G.S.R. or Alternate. One vote per Group shall be allowed in the determining matter of policy and action affecting the groups. (Committee persons are allowed one vote.)
5. To continue advancement of Twelve Step work and sponsorship.
6. To help financially any member group of this Council who needs help. A two-thirds majority vote will pass on any such loans which shall not be in excess of sixty days.
7. The Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of A.A. shall prevail at all times.
8. No monies will be spent or sent out of the Council area without a two-thirds majority vote of the groups that have paid into the council in the last three months. If they are not present they will be contacted for a vote on the issue within one week.
9. The Council will create service committees and be financially responsible for them.

“Any group or district of the Fellowship is free to use the symbol of a circle and triangle on newsletters, meeting schedules or other A.A. material.” From “The A.A. SERVICE MANUAL Combined With the TWELVE CONCEPTS for WORLD SERVICE by Bill W. page S41, reprinted by permission of A.A.W.S.



Flint Area Open Speaker Meetings* for the Month

NOTES: * = Addresses of Locations can be found in the F.A.U.C. Meeting Book.
 ** = With a Potluck Dinner.

September 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUES	WED	THURS DAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FAUC Meetings: Date: Place: Group Sep. 17: Arid Club; Burton Group. Oct. 16 / Nov. 19: OPEN for Hosting Group. Dec. 17: Local 659: Van Slyke Group.					1 12 noon Arid Club 8:30 pm Clover School Lapeer	2 7:30 pm Eastside St Mary's 8 pm St Jude's Fenton 8 pm Episcopal Church Owosso
3 7 pm St Andrews 7:30 pm Arid Club	29th Annual Mackinac Island Fall Weekend October 13 – 15, 2017. Info at www.AALansingMI.org .			7 7 pm Van Slyke	8 8:30 pm Clover School Lapeer	9 7:30 pm Eastside St Mary's 8 pm St Jude's Fenton 8 pm Episcopal Church Owosso
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17 FAUC Meeting 11:30 am; Committees 12:30 pm General Assembly –Arid Club 7 pm St Andrews 7:30 pm Arid Club	MCYPAA 39 2017 Michigan Convention of Young People November 24/26, 2017. Info at: www.geneseecountyaa.org http://mccypaa.org			22 8:30 pm Clover School Lapeer		23 7:30 pm Eastside St Mary's 8 pm St Jude's Fenton 8 pm Episcopal Church Owosso
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From the Newsletter Editor:

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"Let everyone sweep in front of his own door and the whole world will be clean." ~Goethe 1749 - 1832

When I was a kid, I used to pray every night to God for a horse. Then I realized He doesn't work that way. So I stole one and asked Him for forgiveness.

A Marine overseas got a "Dear John" letter from back home. It read as follows:

Dear Blue, I'm sorry, I can't continue our relationship. The distance between us is so great; I'm so sorry to tell you I cheated on you a bunch of times, and it's not fair to either of us. I'm so, so sorry. Please return the picture of me that I sent to you. I'm so, so, so sorry. Love, Blooey

With hurt feelings, he asked fellow Marines for snapshots they could spare of sisters, aunts, cousins, girlfriends, etc. In addition to the picture of Blooey, Blue sent all the pictures of the pretty women he'd collected. There were 73 photos Blue sent to Blooey....with this explanation:

Dear Blooey, Who are you? I can't quite remember who you are. Please take your picture from the pile, and send the rest back to me. Take Care, Blue.

"But a man who discovered the richness in every new day he was granted...the sort of man who gave thanks at every sunset- to a way of thinking that was a man doubly blessed." Terry C. Johnston 1947 - 2001

