



## The 12<sup>th</sup> Step

*“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”* Page 59.

Let’s start with “spiritual awakening”. “On awakening let us think about the twenty four hours ahead.” Page 86. “and the awful awakening to oblivion...” Page 151. Neither of these is a spiritual awakening, although the former is closest.

“The terms ‘spiritual experience’ and ‘spiritual awakening’ are used many times in this book which, upon careful reading, shows that the personality change sufficient to bring about recovery from alcoholism has manifested itself among us in many different forms.” Page 567.

There it is then, a personality change sufficient for recovery.

We carry the message in numerous ways; attending meetings and sharing our experience, strength and hope; sponsoring a newcomer; helping another alcoholic; getting involved in A.A. Service Work. Other examples are exemplified by steadfast members.

The principles we practice can be as follows; the different lists are innumerable!

1. Acceptance. 2. Hope.
3. Trust. 4. Integrity.
5. Courage. 6. Willingness.
7. Humility. 8. Forgiveness.
9. Freedom. 10. Perseverance.
11. Patience. 12. Love.

So we’ve changed to help others and live a life of morals that we can stick to.

“...their ideals must be grounded in a power greater than themselves, if they are to re-create their lives.” Page XXV.

Page 59, 86, 151, 567, and XXV Big Book quotes reprinted by permission of A.A.W.S.

## Announcements

The December 17th, 2017 F.A.U.C. meeting will be hosted by the Van Slyke Group at Local 659, 4549 Van Slyke Rd, Flint.

**Flint Area Unity Council Nominations** have taken place but there still many openings for volunteers to Step forward.

**Answering Service:** OPEN.

**Cooperation With the Professional Community (CPC):** Nomination accepted.

**Corrections:** Nomination accepted.

**Grapevine:** OPEN.

**Literature:** Nomination accepted.

**Public Information (PI):** Nomination accepted.

**Special Needs:** OPEN.

**Treatment:** OPEN

**Young People:** OPEN.

**Website:** OPEN.

In meditation YOU can find the need that YOU can fill. Many before YOU have, and now is the time for YOU to Step forward and Service the still suffering alcoholic by carrying the message through committee work of YOUR local Flint Area Unity Council. It’s a WE program.

**Thank YOU!** Final nominations and elections will be at the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## The F.A.U.C. New Year’s Eve Dinner/Dance

committee invites you to spend a Sober evening bringing in the New Year. It will be held at the Faith Lutheran Church, 12534 Holly Rd, Grand Blanc from 7:00 pm until 12 midnight. Doors OPEN at 6:00 pm. There will be a Catered Dinner and more Desserts than ever before; OPEN SPEAKERS for both A.A. and Al-Anon; Door Prizes and Basket Raffles; a Photo Station; Disc Jockey with time for Karaoke also. The Balloon Drop is fun at midnight and many balloons are filled with ‘rewards’ for being there.

All that for just \$15.00 and no charge for the friends, laughter, and dances. Early bird tickets, bought before December 8<sup>th</sup> are just \$12.50 each.

So come on out and make some noise, laugh at the funny faces and times to be had by all!

Call 810-845-9953 to get your tickets today.



## AA Help Line (810) 234-0815

### F.A.U.C. Committees

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Chair - Wayne T. 810-962-5036  
Co chair Doug G. 810-410-7458  
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Chair - Richard B 810-938-9755  
Co chair Bob W. 810-814-7988  
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George W. 810 – 624 - 2772  
Grapevine: Chair  
Kamesha M. 810-449-5242  
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PI-Public Information: Chair  
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Treatment: Chair  
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Young People: Chair OPEN  
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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.

Note: F.A.U.C. Aims and Purposes in the entirety may be read on the website [geneseecountyaa.org](http://geneseecountyaa.org).  
“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 \***

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

**December 2017**

- Fri 1 12 noon Arid Club  
8:30 pm Clover School Lapeer
- Sat 2 7:30 pm Eastside St Mary's  
8 pm St Jude's Fenton  
8 pm Episcopal Church Owosso
- Sun 3 7 pm St Andrews  
7:30 pm Arid Club
- Thu 7 7 pm Van Slyke
- Fri 8 8:30 pm Clover School Lapeer
- Sat 9 7:30 pm Eastside St Mary's  
8 pm St Jude's Fenton  
8 pm Episcopal Church Owosso
- Sun 10 7 pm St Andrews  
7:30 pm Arid Club
- Fri 15 8:30 pm Clover School Lapeer
- Sat 16 7:30 pm Eastside St Mary's  
8 pm St Jude's Fenton  
8 pm Episcopal Church Owosso
- Sun 17 6 pm Otter Lake  
7 pm St Andrews  
7:30 pm Arid Club
- Wed 20 7:30 pm Thump Day!
- Fri 22 8:30 pm Clover School Lapeer
- Sat 23 7:30 pm Eastside St Mary's  
8 pm St Jude's Fenton  
8 pm Episcopal Church Owosso
- Sun 24 **FAUC Meeting**  
**11:30 am; Committees**  
**12 :30 pm General Assembly –Arid Club**  
7 pm St Andrews  
7:30 pm Arid Club
- Mon 25 7 pm Montrose HOPE
- Fri 29 \*\* 7 pm Durand Group, Durand  
8:30 pm Clover School Lapeer
- Sat 30 \*\* 7 pm Thetford  
7:30 pm Eastside St Mary's  
8 pm St Jude's Fenton  
8 pm Episcopal Church Owosso
- Sun 31 7 pm St Andrews  
7:30 pm Arid Club  
8 pm F.A.U.C. New Year's Dinner/Dance

**F.A.U.C. Meetings; Date: Place: Group**

Dec. 17: Local 659: Van Slyke Group.

**F.A.U.C. MOTION**

**Should the Flint Area Unity Council meetings be moved from Sundays to Saturdays in 2018? Also, please state a time you would prefer the F.A.U.C. Committee meetings to begin one hour prior to the General Assembly of the Flint Area Unity Council.**

**This motion was voted on by the F.A.U.C. and passed. Meetings will be on the 3rd Saturday of the month beginning at 11:30 am for Committees, and the General Assembly at 12:30 pm.**

**The first Saturday F.A.U.C. meeting will be Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

**LOAD UP ON THE HOLIDAY CHEER!**



I love when they drop the ball in Times Square. It's a nice reminder of what I did all year.



**"So our rule is not to avoid a place where there is drinking, if we have a legitimate reason for being there."**  
 Alcoholics Anonymous, page 101, reprinted by permission of A.A.W.S.

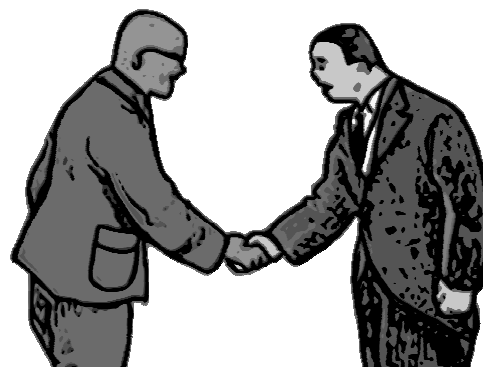
**Principle? Integrity.**

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**HOW NOT TO GREET NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome. And Congratulations! You've just been nominated for Greeter, Coffee Maker and Host, Meeting Set-up and Clean-up a-a-a-and official Time Keeper!!!