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From the Newsletter editor

The firefly hovers about, seeing the moth in the evening dusk sky. The stars were just coming out with no clouds, a very pleasant evening to be out and about. The firefly and the moth each have parts to play in attraction and promotion.

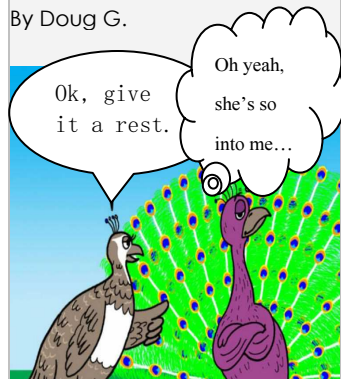
In the darkening sky the firefly flashes to attract others. Life in harmony with like minded others through attraction. Peacocks and roosters all act the same way with attraction.

To the firefly, moth says, "See the bright light and many others flying around it? Let's go be in that crowd." The firefly said to the moth, "No, I think I will just enjoy the evening and let my friends find me as I am."

The moth was caught in the promotion of a light designed to bring him to it, and then zap! The bug was no more. The promotion of that appealing light means doom, destruction, and death to those under its spell. (The 3-D's)

So it is that we of A.A. see the promotion of alcohol as a harbinger of our demise should we fall under its spell. Our attraction to the light of A.A. Fellowship comes from our friends, not in promoting self. Tradition 11 humbles us so.

By Doug G.



FAUC Meeting Schedule

Dec 20 - **Local 659**

Van Slyke Group

Jan 17, 2016 - **Arid**

Club Young People

Volunteers Needed

Flint Area Unity Council Committee nominations began on Nov. 15th, and will continue on Dec. 20th at Local 659. This service work of the FAUC puts the group donations to work by helping the still suffering alcoholic.

The FAUC asked; You! listened. The New Years Eve Dinner/Dance at the Faith Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc on December 31st now has some volunteers for committees on set-up, kitchen, clean up, tickets, flyers, decoration. There's still a need for help. Please call Doug G. 810-410-7458 or Gordon G. 810-845-9953 for information.

"Treatment Committees are formed to coordinate the work of individual A.A. members and groups who are interested in carrying our message of recovery to alcoholics in treatment and outpatient settings, and to set up means of "bridging the gap" from the facility to an A.A. group in the individual's community." Treatment Committees GSO guideline MG-14, page 1. Reprinted by permission of A.A.W.S. Contact Wayne T. 810-962-5039 for more information.

Pass The Hat Association, Inc. is accepting nominations for two Trustee positions. Call 810-410-7458 for details/application.

Committees

- Al-Anon Liaison
Joann G
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- Answering; Chair - Wayne T.
810-962-5036
- CPC- Cooperation with the Professional Community;
Chair - Richard B
810-938-9755
- Corrections; Chair - Orvil T.
810-516-0166
- Grapevine: Chair - Mark W
810-471-2155
- Literature/Meeting Books:
Chair - Debbie G
810-577-0473
- PI-Public Information:
Chair - James P
313-613-3703
- Special Needs: Chair - Bob W
810-814-7988
- Treatment: Chair - Wayne T
810-962-5039
- Young People: Chair- Gregory G
810-730-3146
- Website Chair - Katrina H
810-347-2330
- FAUC Secretary; Richard B
PTHA, Inc. Treasurer: Gordon G
FAUC Chair: Doug G
*Newsletter Editor -Doug G,
Any/all comments welcome,
810-410-7458*

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 matters 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.

From the PTHA, Inc Treasurer

From its earliest beginnings, A.A. has always incurred expenses- whether it was the cost of a pot of coffee or the price of a place to meet. Bill W. and some of the early members thought to survive it would be necessary to solicit contributions from wealthy intuitions or philanthropic individuals outside A.A.

Surprisingly it was John D. Rockefeller that said "I am afraid that money will spoil this thing"; this was the impetuous of our seventh tradition.

Twelfth Step work is A.A.'s lifeblood - carrying the message to the next suffering alcoholic. At this level it involves time and money investments.

Yet even in its simplest level this involves an investment of time and money. Money has never been a requirement for A.A. membership, and to keep it that way all of A.A.'s trusted servants have an obligation to inform groups the value of self support and for the need of voluntary contributions throughout the fellowship. Personally, as Treasurer I believe in transparency and complete accountability.

I welcome any questions or concerns about the state of our finances. Self support is more than just putting a dollar or two in the basket. It involves donations to pay for a number of expenses. The consolidated financial report from the General Service Board showed expenses for 2014 was \$16,431,541 of which contributions made was \$6,983,221 and the bulk of income came from literature sales and investment income.

Thank You for letting me be of A.A. service.
by Gordon G.

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Dec. 2015


Flint Area Open Speaker Meetings for the Month of December, 2015

	Day/Date	Time	Location *	Speaker
1.	Thursday/Dec 3	7 PM	Van Slyke, Flint	Doug G
2.	Saturday/Dec 5	8 PM	Episcopal Church, Owosso	Charlie
3.	Sunday/Dec 6	7 PM	St. Andrews, Flint	Fthr Jay
4.	Sunday/Dec 6	7:30 PM	Arid Club, Flint	
5.	Friday/Dec 11	12 noon	Arid Club, Flint	
6.	Friday/Dec 11	8:30 PM	Clover School, Lapeer	
7.	Saturday/Dec 12	7:30 PM	Eastside St. Mary's, Flint	
8.	Saturday/Dec 12	8 PM	St. Jude's, Fenton	
9.	Saturday/Dec 12	8 PM	Episcopal Church, Owosso	Dan
10.	Sunday/Dec 13	7 PM	St. Andrews, Flint	Tom M
11.	Sunday/Dec 13	7:30 PM	Arid Club, Flint	
12.	Friday/Dec 18	8:30 PM	Clover School, Lapeer	
13.	Saturday/Dec 19	7:30 PM	Eastside St. Mary's, Flint	
14.	Saturday/Dec 19	8 PM	St. Jude's, Fenton	
15.	Saturday/Dec 19	8 PM	Episcopal Church, Owosso	John S
16.	Sunday/Dec 20	7 PM	St. Andrews, Flint	Nick C
17.	Sunday/Dec 20	7:30 PM	Arid Club, Flint	
18.	Friday/Dec 25	8:30 PM	Clover School, Lapeer	
19.	Friday/Dec 25	**7 PM	Durand Group, Durand	
20.	Saturday/ Dec 26	11 AM	Oak Park, Flint	
21.	Saturday/ Dec 26	** 7 PM	Thetford	
22.	Saturday/Dec 26	7:30 PM	Eastside St. Mary's, Flint	
23.	Saturday/Dec 26	8 PM	St. Jude's, Fenton	
24.	Saturday/Dec 26	8 PM	Episcopal Church, Owosso	John S
25.	Sunday/Dec 27	7 PM	St. Andrews, Flint	
26.	Sunday/Dec 27	7:30 PM	Arid Club, Flint	
27.	Monday/Dec 28	7 PM	HOPE, Montrose	

NOTES: * = All addresses of Locations can be found in the FAUC Meeting Book.
** = With a Potluck Dinner.

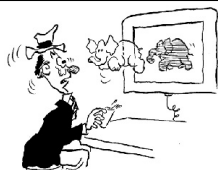
"If you know the enemy and know yourself, your victory will not stand in doubt; if you know heaven and earth, you may make your victory complete."
The Art of War by Sun Tzu (544-496 BC), pg 46.

"It is harder to go to an enemy than to a friend, but we find it much more beneficial..." "We have come to believe He would like us to keep our heads in the clouds with Him, but that our feet ought to be firmly planted on the earth. That is where our fellow travelers are, and that is where our work must be done." "...it was agreed at the beginning we would go to any lengths for victory..."
Big Book, 4th edition, pages 77, 130, 76. Reprinted with permission of A.A.W.S.

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I must've gone right past the D.T.sstraight to the 3-D's.



"I seem to be powerless over my coffee intake. Can coffee be a Higher Power?"



There's no "Happy Hour" at these bars!



"You don't say dear! They wrote a book all about you?"