



From the FAUC Chair

Is there a difference between 12th Step Work and Service Work?

Let's look at a Soup Kitchen for a practical example. Donations to the kitchen are from one to the needful with no involvement of the work being done. This in no way diminishes the importance of the donation. One who works in the kitchen, in what ever way, is involved, and working with others to serve the needful. These are the two types of help to the needful.

Service (the worker) is an extension of the 12th Step (the donator). A.A. suggests that "the 12th Step Call of visiting an alcoholic may be the beginning of a sponsorship, but by itself is not necessarily the needed sponsorship." (P-15, Questions and Answers on Sponsorship, page 8, reprinted with permission of A.A.W.S.).

So let's be mindful to reach out and work with others who work with others in our recovery to fulfill our own Service Work needs.

Working at a Treatment Center, a Jail, or being on a District Committee fulfills this. By Doug G.

FAUC Meeting Schedule

Nov 15 - **Arid Club**

New Strength

Dec 20 - **Local 659**

Van Slyke Group

"When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves."

William Arthur Ward
1921 – 1994.

Volunteers Needed

Flint Area Unity Council Committee nominations open up at the November 15th meeting at the Arid Club. This service work of the FAUC puts the group donations to work by helping the still suffering alcoholic.

The FAUC will be hosting the New Years Eve Dinner/Dance at the Faith Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc on December 31st. Volunteers are needed for set-up, kitchen help, and clean up afterwards. There are other committees that work this event also that will need help. This is an open event for all; A.A., Al-Anon, family, friends, whomever

would enjoy a clean sober evening of dinner, music and dance, a good time is had by all. Please call Doug G. 810-410-7458 for questions and details.

Part of Bridging the Gap between a treatment program and A.A. is the Temporary Contact Program, designed to help the alcoholic in a treatment program make that transition. Please call Wayne T. 810-962-5036 to become a part of this Service Work.

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
810-845-5318
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
810-962-5036
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

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 FAUC
Answering Service Chair**

The FAUC A.A. Answering Service has served the Community in and around Flint for many, many years. It is my pleasure to be your current Chair of this much needed service to the still suffering alcoholic.

The G.S.O. guidelines for this committee answers the question "WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ANSWERING SERVICE? ...the answering service may be the responsibility of the district or area general service committee."
"WHO ANSWERS THE PHONES — A.A. MEMBERS OR COMMERCIAL ANSWERING SERVICE PERSONNEL? Some answering services rely on A.A. members exclusively. Many answering services hire a commercial service which answers the phone and connects callers to an A.A. group or A.A. contact."

The FAUC is the District 12 Unity Council and uses a commercial answering service to relay calls via computer switchboard to an A.A. member. No person talks to the caller until they are connected to A.A.
"The importance of keeping the list of volunteer Twelfth-Step workers up to date and on a rotating basis cannot be over-emphasized."
(MG-12; A.A. Guidelines, reprinted with permission of A.A.W.S.)

There are currently 21 volunteers on the "Helpline" who are rotated monthly.

New volunteers are always welcome to this Service Work.
A.A. Answering Service is at **810 - 234 - 0815** Call Wayne T. for more info, 810-962-5036

By Wayne T.

Flint Area Unity Council



Nov. 2015

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

| | Day/Date | Time | Location * | Speaker |
|-----|------------------|---------|---|-------------|
| 1. | Sunday/Nov 1 | 7 PM | St. Andrews, Flint | Christina B |
| 2. | Sunday/Nov 1 | 7:30 PM | Arid Club, Flint | George P |
| 3. | Thursday/Nov 5 | 7 PM | Van Slyke, Flint | Bo |
| 4. | Friday/Nov 6 | 12 noon | Arid Club | Elexis |
| 5. | Friday/Nov 6 | 8:30 PM | Clover School, Lapeer | |
| 6. | Saturday/Nov 7 | 5 PM | Alano House, Flint | Dean M |
| 7. | Saturday/Nov 7 | 7:30 PM | Eastside St. Mary's, Flint | Jenna P |
| 8. | Saturday/Nov 7 | 8 PM | St.Judes, Fenton | Patrick |
| 9. | Saturday/Nov 7 | 8 PM | Episcopal Church, Owosso | |
| 10. | Sunday/Nov 8 | 7 PM | St. Andrews, Flint | Marlene |
| 11. | Sunday/Nov 8 | 7:30 PM | Arid Club, Flint | Wesley Q |
| 12. | Friday/Nov 13 | 8:30 PM | Clover School, Lapeer | |
| 13. | Saturday/Nov 14 | 5 PM | Alano House, Flint | Russ H |
| 14. | Saturday/Nov 14 | 7:30 PM | Eastside St. Mary's, Flint | |
| 15. | Saturday/Nov 14 | 8 PM | St.Judes, Fenton | Richard |
| 16. | Saturday/Nov 14 | 8 PM | Episcopal Church, Owosso | |
| 17. | Sunday/Nov 15 | 7 PM | St. Andrews, Flint | Jack B |
| 18. | Sunday/Nov 15 | 7:30 PM | Arid Club, Flint | James S |
| 19. | Wednesday/Nov 19 | **6 PM | St. John's, Fenton | |
| 20. | Friday/Nov 20 | 8:30 PM | Clover School, Lapeer | |
| 21. | Saturday/Nov 21 | 5 PM | Alano House, Flint | Doug G |
| 22. | Saturday/Nov 21 | ** 6 PM | <u>Gratitude Meeting</u> ; 1 st Presbyterian, Lapeer | |
| 23. | Saturday/Nov 21 | 7:30 PM | Eastside St. Mary's, Flint | |
| 24. | Saturday/Nov 21 | 8 PM | St.Judes, Fenton | Mary Reta |
| 25. | Saturday/Nov 21 | 8 PM | Episcopal Church, Owosso | |
| 26. | Sunday/Nov 22 | 7 PM | St. Andrews, Flint | Big Jeff |
| 27. | Sunday/Nov 22 | 7:30 PM | Arid Club, Flint | DeLois G |
| 28. | Wednesday/Nov 25 | 6:15 PM | <u>Gratitude Meeting</u> ; Holy Redeemer, Burton | |
| 29. | Friday/Nov 27 | ** 7 PM | Durand Group, Durand | |
| 30. | Friday/Nov 27 | 8:30 PM | Clover School, Lapeer | |
| 31. | Saturday/Nov 28 | 11 AM | Oak Park, Flint | Otis A |
| 32. | Saturday/Nov 28 | 5 PM | Alano House, Flint | |
| 33. | Saturday/Nov 28 | ** 7 PM | Thetford | |
| 34. | Saturday/Nov 28 | 7:30 PM | Eastside St. Mary's, Flint | Indy/Kathy |
| 35. | Saturday/Nov 28 | 8 PM | St.Judes, Fenton | |
| 36. | Saturday/Nov 28 | 8 PM | Episcopal Church, Owosso | Doug G |
| 37. | Sunday/Nov 29 | 7 PM | St. Andrews, Flint | Gordon F |
| 38. | Sunday/Nov 29 | 7:30 PM | Arid Club, Flint | Nicole Z |
| 39. | Monday/Nov 30 | 7 PM | HOPE, Montrose | Jeremy C |

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

** = With a Potluck Dinner.

