

Flint Area Unity Council Newsletter

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October 2019 Flint Area Open Speaker Meetings *

* = Addresses of Locations can be found in the
2019 Flint Area Groups Meeting Book. (Page #).

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| Thu 3 | 7 pm | Van Slyke (19). |
| Fri 4 | 12 noon | Eye Opener, Arid Club (21). |
| | 8 pm | Fenton Alano. |
| | 8:00 pm | Clover School Lapeer (22). |
| Sat 5 | 7:30 pm | Eastside St Mary's (24). |
| | 8 pm | St Jude's Fenton (23). |
| | 8 pm | Episcopal Church Owosso (25). |
| Sun 6 | 7 pm | St Andrews (6). |
| | 7:30 pm | Torrey Road Grp Arid Club (6). |
| Fri 11 | 8 pm | Fenton Alano. |
| | 8:00 pm | Clover School Lapeer (22). |
| Sat 12 | 7:30 pm | Eastside St Mary's (24). |
| | 8 pm | St Jude's Fenton (23). |
| | 8 pm | Episcopal Church Owosso (25). |
| Sun 13 | 7 pm | St Andrews (6). |
| | 7:30 pm | Torrey Road Grp Arid Club (6). |
| Fri 18 | 8 pm | Fenton Alano. |
| | 8:00 pm | Clover School Lapeer (22). |
| Sat 19 | 7:30 pm | Eastside St Mary's (24). |
| | 8 pm | St Jude's Fenton (23). |
| | 8 pm | Episcopal Church Owosso (25). |
| Sun 20 | 6 pm | Otter Lake (7). |
| | 7 pm | St Andrews (6). |
| | 7:30 pm | Torrey Road Grp Arid Club (6). |
| Fri 25 | 8 pm | Fenton Alano. |
| | 8:00 pm | Clover School Lapeer (22). |
| Sat 26 | 11 am | Oak Park (24). |
| | ** 7 pm | Thetford (25). With a POTLUCK. |
| | 7:30 pm | Eastside St Mary's (24). |
| | 7:30 pm | Episcopal Church Owosso (25). |
| | 8 pm | St Jude's Fenton (23). |
| Sun 27 | 7 pm | St Andrews (6). |
| | 7:30 pm | Torrey Road Grp Arid Club (6). |
| Mon 28 | 7 pm | Montrose HOPE (11). |

Group wants the Speaker listed? email to
farfromtoday@aol.com the details.

Not an outside, or an inside opinion or issue... Just some fun and information on numbers.

Most common lucky numbers: 1, 3, 7, 9, 13, 15, 21, 25, 31, 33, 37, 43, 49, 51, 63, 67, 69, 73, 75, 79, 87, 93, 99, ...

Five is an interesting number as it occurs a lot in nature. Humans have five senses (sight, smell, taste, touch and hearing) and five fingers and five toes. A starfish has five-fold symmetry, meaning you can rotate them five times and they will still look the same.

Seven's another fascination. There were seven wonders of the ancient world, amazing man-made structures of which only one survives today – the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt. There are seven natural colors present in light, seven skies, Seven Seas, seven days in a week.

Number 8 is lucky in Chinese culture because the Chinese word for “eight” sounds like the word for “wealth”.

Nine is considered a good number in Chinese culture because it sounds the same as the word “long-lasting”.

Number 1 has become my favorite number.

“...having shared in a common peril is one element in the powerful cement which binds us.” (17).

“But there is One who has all power...” (58).

“...that One is God, may you find Him now.” (58).

“You can help when no one else can.” (89).

“Most emphatically we wish to say that any alcoholic capable of hONEstly facing his problems in the light of our experience can recover provided he does not close his mind to all spiritual concepts. He can only be defeated by an attitude of intolerance or belligerent denial.” (567).

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**Tradition Ten
Tradition Short Form**

“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.” (561).

Tradition Ten Long Form

“No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues— particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatsoever.” (564).

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Promises of the Tenth Tradition

“Nor has our Fellowship ever publicly taken sides on any question in an embattled world. (176)

“...we A.A.'s have known from the very beginning that we must never, no matter what the provocation, publicly take sides in any fight, even a worthy one.” (176)

“...we do not enter into public controversy, because we know that our Society will perish if it does.” “...recovery from alcoholism is life itself ...” (177).

“early A.A. members resolved to keep our Society out of public controversy. Thus was laid the cornerstone for Tradition Ten...” (178 & 179).

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Let's compromise – I'll admit I'm wrong if you'll admit I'm right.
You ready to start over?



**Tenth Tradition Principle
NEUTRALITY**

“Here, I began to understand that as an AA member, I owed certain disciplines, obligations, and responsibilities to AA as a whole. I could speak out as an individual on any matter with which I was concerned; but as an AA member, I had to operate within certain limits, try to "engage the mind before opening the mouth." From the website; http://silkworth.net/downloads/pdf/spiritual_principles_of_the_12_traditions.pdf

**TRADITIONS CHECKLIST
from the A.A. Grapevine**

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion. Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an “AA opinion” on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the “AA opinion”?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA? Reprinted with A.A.W.S. permission from the Pamphlet SMF-131.

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.
- 9) The Council will create service committees and be financially responsible for them.

The **F.A.U.C. Aims and Purposes with Election Procedures** is on the website www.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.

The Tenth Step and the Tenth Tradition

“Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.” (59).

“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.” (561).

“And we have ceased fighting anything or anyone...” (84).

“That is how we react so long as we keep in fit spiritual condition.” (85).

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“Practically never have I heard a heated religious, political, or reform argument among A.A. members. So long as we don't argue these matters privately, it's a cinch we never shall publicly.” (176).

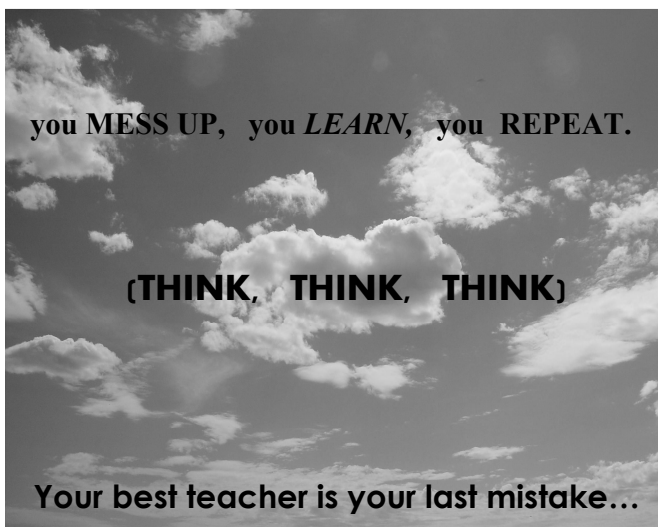
“Let us reemphasize that this reluctance to fight one another or anybody else is not counted as some special virtue which makes us feel superior to other people.” (177).

“Let it be noted, too, that they were almost always concerned with ways to make A.A. more effective, how to do the most good for the most alcoholics.” (178).

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“How can I best serve Thee – Thy will (not mine) be done.” The Tenth Step Prayer, page 85 from Alcoholics Anonymous, reprinted with A.A.W.S. permission.

Easy to understand that prayer guides both Step 10 and Tradition 10 as the individual and the group takes inventory.



A partial sample of:

Homework: Writing Inventory on the Tenth Tradition

By Dennis F.

Read pp. 176-179 of the “12 & 12”.

The tenth tradition is rather clear as it applies to A.A. A.A. has prospered by having no opinion on outside matters and not being drawn into controversy. For instance, A.A. has avoided the outside issues that tore apart the Washingtonians. A.A. has never become a temperance crusader or taken stands on important but outside issues, “particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion”. (See the long form of this tradition on p. 567 of the “Big Book”.)

How do the principles of the tenth tradition apply to our home and business life? Can the same principles apply there and to A.A.?

Bill Wilson differentiates the responsibilities of the A.A. member and the A.A. group in this tradition by saying on p. 177 of the “12 & 12” that the tenth tradition does not “mean that the members of Alcoholics Anonymous, now restored as citizens of the world, are going to back away from their individual responsibilities to act as they see the right upon issues of our time. But when it comes to A.A. as a whole, that’s quite a different matter. In this respect, we do not enter into public controversy because we know that our society will perish if it does.”

Let us examine the principles behind this tradition. What is an outside issue to me? An outside issue is anything outside of my relationship with God through sobriety. Another way of stating the same idea is to say that I engage in outside issues when I take your inventory.

The tenth step and tenth tradition clarify each other: I take my own inventory and not yours. The relationship is even stronger than I have indicated: if I do not take my own inventory on a regular basis, I will end up taking your inventory!

To summarize: The relationship of the tenth tradition to the tenth step for me is this: I can be at peace and avoid outside issues by taking my inventory and not yours. I avoid controversy by taking stands with the attitude of a peacemaker. The tenth concept of service takes the process one step further and specifies what kind of inventory I should be writing about: The responsibilities for which God has given me authority.

http://1212and12.org/homework/traditions/1212and12_tradition_10.pdf

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Ned & Jed



Jed, you know I like you a lot better since you've started chopping.

Makes us even.



I liked you a lot better before I started chopping.

Do tell...



Do tell. What's it about me you like?

2019 F.A.U.C. Meetings; Date: Place: Group.

Next F.A.U.C. Meeting: Meetings are on the 3rd Saturdays of the month; 11:30 am Committee Meetings with a 12:30 pm General Assembly.

October 19: Women in A.A., Arid Club.

November 16: Fenton Alano, 800 North Rd. Fenton

December 21: Van Slyke Group, Local 659, 4549 Van Slyke Rd, Flint.

Group NEWS

The 2020 Michigan Mock Conference will be Saturday March 28, 2020 at the First Presbyterian Church, 400 South Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858. Pre-Registration begins November 2019.

A.A. International Convention, Detroit, MI, July 2 -5, 2020. Advanced Registration Deadline is April 15, 2020. 3 ways to register: Inline at www.aa.org, Fax: (508) 743-3605 or Mail to 2020 International Convention, ICAA0720, C/O Convention Data Services, 7 Technolgy Park Drive, Borne, MA 02532. Volunteers needed. The Volunteers Kickoff meeting will be on **Saturday, February 8, 2020 at TCF Center** (formerly COBO Convention Center). All those interested in volunteering to be greeters for the Welcome Committee are encouraged to attend this Kickoff event. The "Volunteer-Hub" website will be live at that time, and all interested parties will be able to sign up right then and going forward.

A map of Michigan Central Offices and Districts is at https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/find-local-aa.

Oh, That Meeting is at the Woodside Church, 503 Garland in the Aux Room, Wed & Sun at 7:30 pm.

Group wants a Newsletter announcement? Email farfromtoday@aol.com by the 20th of the month.

One should look at who he sidles up to.

A bear wandered into a saloon and sat at the bar. A glassy-eyed man sat down on the stool beside the bear. Putting his arm around the bear (not knowing this was a bear), the bear knocked him flat on the floor. Sitting up groggily, the drunk muttered "

"Wow! ... give some women a fur coat and they think they own the world".



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