



**From the Newsletter editor**

The New Year is here again. What a time to reflect on one day at a time. As one of our members says, "It's a brand new day! I don't care who cried, who lied, or who died, I get down on my knees every morning and thank God for a brand new day." (Francis)

One day at a time, one prayer at a time. That's all it takes for me to be joyful about, for again, the spiritual maintenance keeps me in a fit spiritual condition. The maintenance of a spiritual condition is up to me each and every day. It doesn't do to lean on one's past or even just yesterday, it takes my heart and my mind working together, my very soul to gather in the blessings of this new life. As Sister Ignatia, the angel of A.A. said, "Eternity is now. Right now. This very instant. Today is all you have."

It's been my honor to serve you as the chair of the FAUC since April 2014. It's filled me with gratitude to see the Fellowship workers that have guided me adhering to the primary purpose of A.A., help other alcoholics. I have retained co-chair of both the Answering Service and the Literature/Meeting Book committees, I'm not going anywhere. As one of my friends told me, "Doug, you're going to go far in A.A." "What makes you say that?", I ask. "Because you've a long way to go", was his reply. Do not hesitate to call if you have something to share, or would like to see in the newsletter. It is still fresh and new and could use your input. By Doug G.

**2016 FAUC**

**Meeting Schedule**

- January 17 - **Arid Club** - Young People
- February 21 - **Arid Club** - Rising Women
- March 20 - **Arid Club** - New Strength

## Volunteers Needed

Flint Area Unity Council Committee elections were on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> at Local 659. This service work of the FAUC puts the group donations to work by helping the still suffering alcoholic. Please see the listing on the right of FAUC Committees for new trusted servants of the FAUC Committees.

Almost all of the committees need co chairs, the committee chair picks these to help with service work and when the chair's unavailable.

The Pass The Hat Association, Inc. still has openings that the Fellowship of all groups are asked to fill.

These opportunities to do A.A. Service Work are a means of spiritual growth and harmony in A.A.

Attend the next FAUC meeting and find out what these committees and trustees are about. You will find that you really can do this Service Work with the rewarding sobriety it brings.

Our new FAUC chair, Deborah B welcomes you all and will have an article in the February Newsletter, stay tuned.

"The cave you fear to enter holds the treasure you seek". Joseph Cambell; 1904 - 1987.  
 "I want to be a procrastinator, but haven't got to it yet." Anonymous.

## FAUC Committees

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Treatment; Chair - Rachael  
Young People; Chair- Gregory G  
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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 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 a Fellowship Member:**

This article is anonymous from a Wisconsin A.A. Group.

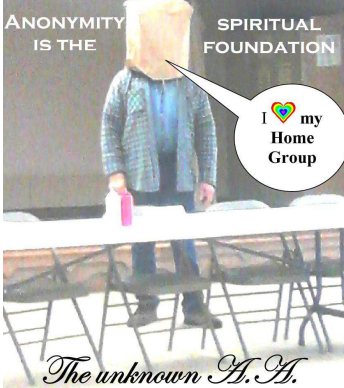
THE HOME GROUP

This is the group where I accept responsibility for being informed and available. My group cannot be in a contest designed for individuals, group rivalry, or competition to see which group is the biggest, or who stays sober the longest, which group contributes the most service, or who has the most sought-after speaker.

Part of my commitment is to show up at my 'Home Group' meetings, greet newcomers at the door, and to be available to the newcomer – not only for them, but also for me. These are the people who know me, who listen to me, and steer me straight when I am going off in left field. The 'Home Group' cares about me, thus I can care about newcomers that come to my group. When a newcomer walks in, I want them to have the very best that A.A. has to offer, just like I had.

If each of us stays active in our 'Home Group' by making coffee, rotating onto the steering committee, opening and closing up buildings, taking the Steps and following the Traditions – our 'Home Group' will not only survive, it will be there for days, months, and years to come offering all of us the loving joyful and free life that A.A. has to give not only to us, but to all who follow us in this life of giving.

Submitted by Bill D.



**Flint Area Open Speaker Meetings for the Month of January, 2016**

If you would like the Speaker at a meeting listed, please call 810-410-7458.

	Day/Date	Time	Location *	Speaker
1.	Saturday/Jan 2	8 PM	Episcopal Church, Owosso	
2.	Sunday/Jan 3	7 PM	St. Andrews, Flint	Tony H
3.	Sunday/Jan 3	7:30 PM	Arid Club, Flint	
4.	Thursday/Jan 7	7 PM	Van Slyke, Flint	Jim M
5.	Friday/Jan 8	12 noon	Arid Club, Flint	
6.	Friday/Jan 8	8:30 PM	Clover School, Lapeer	
7.	Saturday/Jan 9	7:30 PM	Eastside St. Mary's, Flint	
8.	Saturday/Jan 9	8 PM	St. Jude's, Fenton	
9.	Saturday/Jan 9	8 PM	Episcopal Church, Owosso	
10.	Sunday/Jan 10	7 PM	St. Andrews, Flint	Bill W
11.	Sunday/Jan 10	7:30 PM	Arid Club, Flint	
12.	Friday/Jan 15	8:30 PM	Clover School, Lapeer	
13.	Saturday/Jan 16	7:30 PM	Eastside St. Mary's, Flint	
14.	Saturday/Jan 16	8 PM	St. Jude's, Fenton	
15.	Saturday/Jan 16	8 PM	Episcopal Church, Owosso	
16.	Sunday/Jan 17	7 PM	St. Andrews, Flint	Rebecka T
17.	Sunday/Jan 18	7:30 PM	Arid Club, Flint	
18.	Friday/Jan 22	8:30 PM	Clover School, Lapeer	
19.	Friday/Jan 22	** 7 PM	Durand Group, Durand	
20.	Saturday/Jan 23	11 AM	Oak Park, Flint	
21.	Saturday/Jan 23	7 PM	Theftord	
22.	Saturday/Jan 23	7:30 PM	Eastside St. Mary's, Flint	
23.	Saturday/Jan 23	8 PM	St. Jude's, Fenton	
24.	Saturday/Jan 23	8 PM	Episcopal Church, Owosso	
25.	Sunday/Jan 24	7 PM	St. Andrews, Flint	Rex M
26.	Sunday/Jan 24	7:30 PM	Arid Club, Flint	
27.	Monday/Jan 25	7 PM	HOPE, Montrose	
28.	Friday/Jan 29	8:30 PM	Clover School, Lapeer	
29.	Saturday/Jan 30	7:30 PM	Eastside St. Mary's, Flint	
30.	Saturday/Jan 23	** 7 PM	Theftord	
31.	Sunday/Jan 31	7 PM	St. Andrews, Flint	Jerry S

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

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"Geez, I really have hit my bottom!"



"The good news is, when I get out, I can pick up a 60-day chip."



"I hit my knees every morning just like they said."

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