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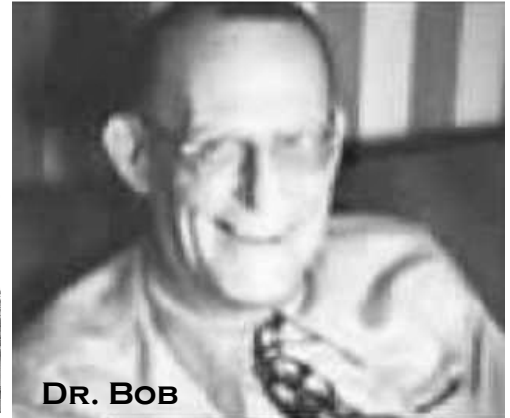
BILL W.



Dr. Bob and →
Anne's home;
1916 to 1949
when she died,
1950 when he
died. Akron, OH.



← Bill and Lois's
home; 1941 to
1971, when he
died, 1988 when
she died.
Katonah, NY.



DR. BOB

January 2020 Flint Area Open Speaker Meetings *

- * = Addresses of Locations can be found in the 2019 Flint Area Groups Meeting Book. (Page #).
- Thu 2 7 pm Van Slyke (19).
 - Fri 3 12 noon, Eye Opener, Arid Club (21).
8 pm, Fenton Alano.
8:00 pm Clover School Lapeer (22).
 - Sat 4 7:30 pm Eastside St Mary's (24).
8 pm St Jude's Fenton (23).
8 pm Episcopal Church Owosso (25).
 - Sun 5 7 pm St Andrews (6).
7:30 pm Torrey Road Grp Arid Club (6).
 - Fri 10 8 pm, Fenton Alano.
8:00 pm Clover School Lapeer (22).
 - Sat 11 7:30 pm Eastside St Mary's (24).
8 pm St Jude's Fenton (23).
8 pm Episcopal Church Owosso (25).
 - Sun 12 7 pm St Andrews (6).
7:30 pm Torrey Road Grp Arid Club (6).
 - Fri 17 8 pm, Fenton Alano.
8:00 pm Clover School Lapeer (22).
 - Sat 18 7:30 pm Eastside St Mary's (24).
8 pm St Jude's Fenton (23).
8 pm Episcopal Church Owosso (25).
 - Sun 19 6 pm Otter Lake (7).
7 pm St Andrews (6).
7:30 pm Torrey Road Grp Arid Club (6).
 - Fri 24 8 pm, Fenton Alano.
8:00 pm Clover School Lapeer (22).
 - Sat 25 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 26 7 pm St Andrews (6).
7:30 pm Torrey Road Grp Arid Club (6).
 - Mon 27 7 pm Montrose HOPE (11).
- To list a Speaker email farfromtoday@aol.com.

THE CONCEPTS

The "Third Legacy Manual" was written by Bill W. (November 26, 1895, Dorset, Vermont – January 24, 1971, en route to Miami, Florida) after the death of Dr. Bob S. (August 8, 1879, St. Johnsbury, Vermont – November 16, 1950, Akron, Ohio).

Adopted in 1962 by the Twelfth Annual General Service Conference, the Twelve Concepts for World Service provide a group of related principles to help ensure that various elements of A.A.'s service structure remain responsive and responsible to those they serve.

These principles of service emerged from A.A.'s service accomplishments and mistakes since its beginning—and are set forth by Bill W. The "short form" of the Concepts was approved by the 1971 General Service Conference.

An overall revision was approved by the 1999 General Service Conference.

Concepts are presented monthly in F.A.U.C. meetings, and recently discussed amongst the Fellowship in the regard as to if the Newsletter should disseminate this information as the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions have been done. There are opposing views for this endeavor for 2020, but the plurality is to have this discussion of A.A. service through the Concepts.

"Our Twelfth Step – carrying the message – is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die."

Quote from page S1, (by Bill W), in The A.A. Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, reprinted with A.A.W.S. permission.

- Doug G.

Concept I Short Form

“Final responsibility and ultimate authority of A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.” (Page S116 in The A.A. Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, reprinted with A.A.W.S. permission).

Concept I Long Form

“Final responsibility and ultimate authority of A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.” (Page 1, Pamphlet SMF-195, The Twelve Concepts for World Service, reprinted with A.A.W.S. permission).

“As Bill set them down, the Twelve Concepts are a potpourri: Concepts III through V, IX and XII deal with spiritual principles; the remainder, though they have spiritual overtones, are devoted to describing the relationship of the various service entities and how they work together.” Page 1, Pamphlet P-8, The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated. Used with A.A.W.S. permission.

Promises of Concept I

“...the direction taken by AA is that of the group conscience of the whole fellowship...”

<https://www.tapataalk.com/groups/recoveryinn/12-concepts-explained>

“...it is natural and even imperative that our service concepts be based on the system of “checks and balances.”

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“The principle behind the first concept is that we dedicate our sober lives to serving the group conscience.”

http://www.1212and12.org/homework/concepts/12and12_concept_1.pdf

“The A.A. groups are to be the final authority; their leaders are to be entrusted with delegated responsibilities only.”

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CONCEPTS CHECKLIST

(Service Material from the General Service Office).

Some of these discussion points were originally developed by an A.A. group and further developed by the trustees' Literature Committee to be distributed by the General Service Office. While this checklist is intended as a starting point for discussion by groups, districts or areas, individual A.A. members may find it useful along with our co-founder Bill W.'s writings, a service sponsor if you have one and reflection on your own service experience.

Additional information about the Concepts can be found in The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service and “The Twelve Concepts Illustrated” - pamphlet. (The Concepts stated here are in the short form.)

Concept I: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Does our group have a general service representative (G.S.R.)? Do we feel that our home group is part of A.A. as a whole and do our group's decisions and actions reflect that?

Do we hold regular group conscience meetings encouraging everyone to participate? Do we pass that conscience on to the district, area, or the local intergroup meetings?

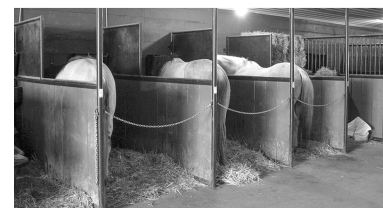
Is the “collective conscience” of Alcoholics Anonymous at work in my home group? In my area?

Where do we fit in the upside-down triangle of A.A.? (Editor's note; see page 3 for upside-down triangle of A.A.).

Are we willing to do what it takes to insure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions?

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All in all, you're
just another
Horse
in the stall.



FLINT AREA UNITY COUNCIL AIMS AND PURPOSES

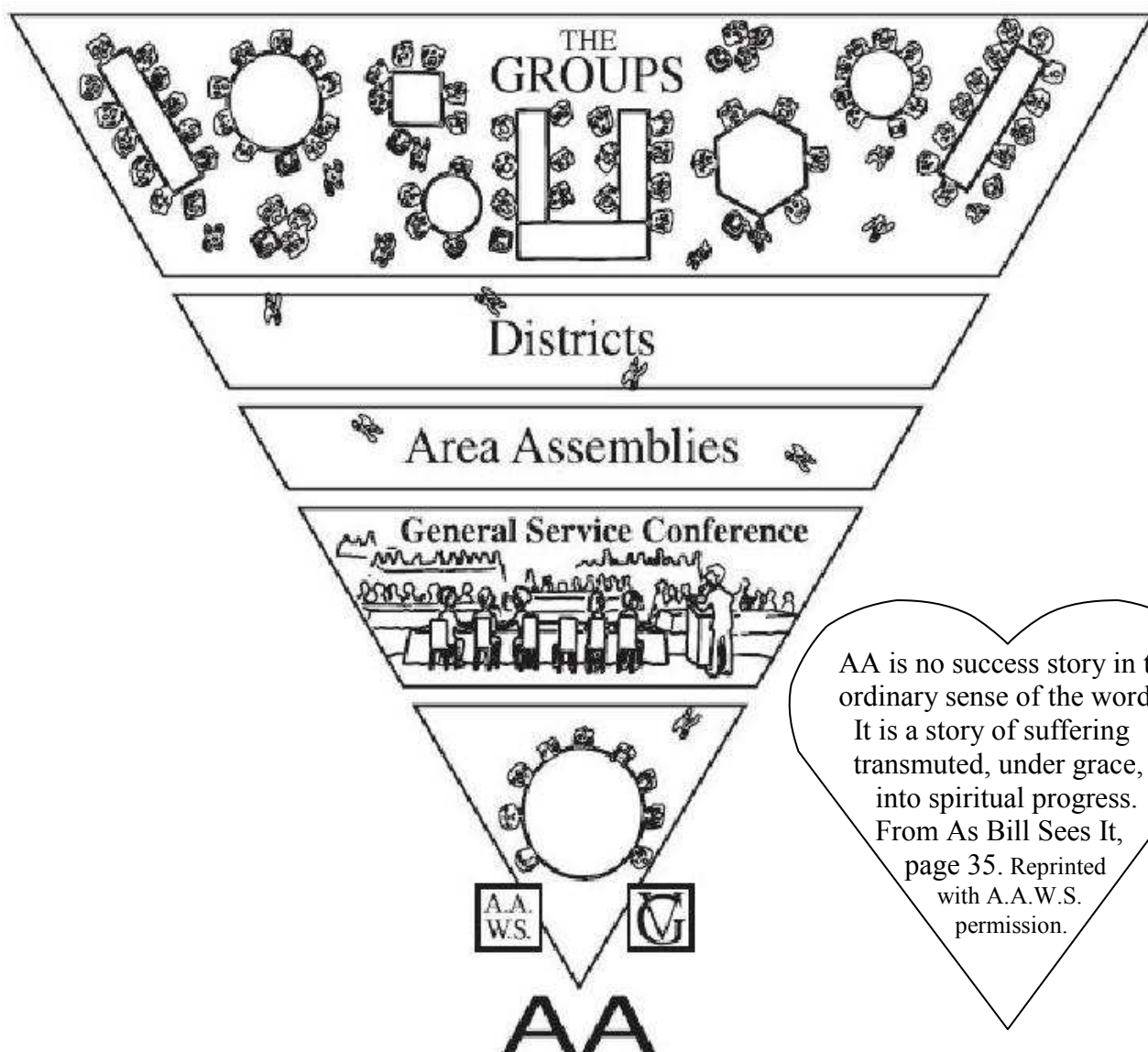
- 1) To promote Unity among Flint Area A.A., and harmony with Al-Anon and Ala-teen groups.
- 9) The Council will create service committees and be financially responsible for them.

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.

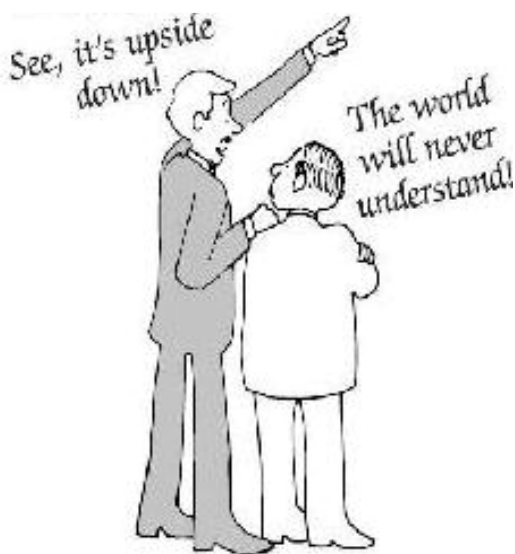
THE UPSIDE-DOWN TRIANGLE OF A.A. ORGANIZATION.



AA is no success story in the ordinary sense of the word. It is a story of suffering transmuted, under grace, into spiritual progress. From *As Bill Sees It*, page 35. Reprinted with A.A.W.S. permission.

Pamphlet P-8, Page 3, The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated. Reprinted with A.A.W.S. permission.

“Alcoholics Anonymous has been called an upside-down organization because the “ultimate responsibility and final authority for . . . world services” resides with the groups — rather than with the trustees of the General Service Board or the General Service Office in New York. In Concept I, Bill traces how this came to be. The first step in 1938 was “the creation of a trusteeship,” first called the Alcoholic Foundation, renamed in 1954 the General Service Board. Why? To perform the services the groups could not do for themselves: e.g., uniform literature, uniform public information about A.A., helping new groups get started, sharing with them the experience of established groups, handling pleas for help, publishing a national magazine, and carrying the message in other languages and in other countries. A service office was formed to carry on these functions under the board’s direction. Both the board and the office looked to the co-founders, Bill and Dr. Bob, for policy leadership.”



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F.A.U.C. Committees; Officers & Chairs.

Committee Chairs with names. (Visit the website www.geneseecountyaa.org to email the F.A.U.C.).

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The December 2019 Newsletter went to 210 Meetings & 81 emails. See note bottom left.

Ned & Jed



Jed, you got the chopper Concepts down now, right?

Having a hard time with the concept of group conscience.



To hear those guys tell it, they've done it all.

Do tell. The Fellowship of the chopper's has more understanding than any one of us alone.

Do tell... That's true. Service always works within the collective conscience of the many experiences.

2020 F.A.U.C. Meetings; Date: Place: Host 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.

January 18: Arid Club, Van Slyke Group

February 15: Courage to Change, Arid Club

March 21: Arid Club, Torrey Road Group,

April 18: Thetford Senior Center, Thetford

May 16: Arid Club, Eye Opener

June 20: OPEN

July 18: Clover School, Lapeer

August 15: OPEN

September 19: St John the Baptist Episcopal Church, Otter Lake Group

October 17: Arid Club, Women in A.A.

November 21: Arid Club, New Strength

December 19: Local 659, Van Slyke Group

Group NEWS

The F.A.U.C. nominations and elections for Officers and Committee Chairs is complete with the results listed top left on page 4 of the Newsletter.

A.A. International Convention, Detroit, MI, July 2 -5, 2020. Online registration on www.aa.org. Volunteers needed.

CMIA32 meets at Township Hall, 2770 W Ellsworth Rd, Perry, MI 48872, February 2, 2020, 9 AM.

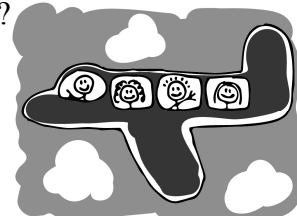
Oh, That Meeting is at 5:30 pm Sun and now on Wednesday; Woodside Church at 503 Garland, Flint.

The F.A.U.C. requested notice for the A.A.W.S. licensed Meeting Guide app be placed on the 2020 F.A.U.C. Meeting Book cover. In addition, the 2020 Meeting Book will change to a format of listing by day, and then all the Meetings by time on that day.

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

As a plane neared ready to board, it was announced the flight was overbooked. Were there willing volunteers sacrifice their seats?

In exchange, you'd receive a \$100 voucher and a first class seat on your next flight. Eight people ran up to the counter for this offer. Fifteen seconds later all of those people left the counter grumpily as the airline announced, "Is there anyone else OTHER than the flight crew who'd like to volunteer a sacrifice?"



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