

# Flint Area Unity Council

## ~ Newsletter ~

F.A.U.C. Website: [www.geneseecountyaa.org](http://www.geneseecountyaa.org)

The A.A.W.S. licensed Smart Phone Meeting Guide app has all Flint Area A.A. Meetings on it and is available for free.



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A.A. Help Line

(810) 234-0815

Zoom Meetings on Website Home Page.

### 1958 - First International Conference of Young People in A.A.

In late April 1958, the first conference for A.A.'s younger members (then defined as those under age 40) is held at Hotel Niagara in Niagara Falls, New York. "The A.A. Exchange Bulletin" (the precursor to the newsletter Box 4-5-9) reports that the purpose of the International Conference of Young People in A.A. (ICYPAA) is "to provide delegates with a thorough rundown of the application of our A.A. program to the individual difficulties encountered by young people in dealing not only with alcoholism but also with the other problems peculiar to their generation." ICYPAA is held annually. This year's slogan is "Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler."

## Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler

**Translation:  
Let the good times roll.**

**62nd ICYPAA,  
New Orleans,  
Louisiana.**

**September 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Info at <https://www.icypaa.org/>**



### A FEW A.A. WAYS OF DELEGATION

#### THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER

"The district committee member (D.C.M.) is an essential link between the group G.S.R. and the area delegate to the General Service Conference. As leader of the district committee, made up of all G.S.R.s in the district, the D.C.M. is exposed to the group conscience of that district. As a member of the area committee, he or she is able to pass on the district's thinking to the delegate and the committee.

"FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Current experience indicates that many districts provide financial support for their D.C.M.s to attend service functions. Invariably, this pays off in increased activity, interest, and group participation."<sup>1</sup>

"Anonymity breaks: Upon learning that an A.A. member's anonymity has been broken in the media, G.S.O. communicates with the area delegate, who can either remind the member of the anonymity Tradition or ask G.S.O. to send a reminder."<sup>2</sup>



Delegating works; I haven't done a thing since 2003.

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<sup>1</sup> Page S31.

<sup>2</sup> Page S83.

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### PRINCIPLE OF CONCEPT VIII

The principle of Concept VIII is Delegation.

Definitions of Delegation: 1) entrust (a task or responsibility) to another person, or entity, 2) the act or process of delegating or being delegated.



**Bless Freedom Lord  
and Guide me home...  
Keep troubles out of sight.  
I'll take the bumps  
the bugs and all...  
Just keep my bike upright.**

*In Memory of Richard Frank Buschur  
A Spirit Rider plank member.*

#### How To Delegate Tasks Effectively

1. Choose the right person for the job.
2. Explain why you're delegating the person
3. Provide the right instructions. ...

#### How To Be A Good Delegate

Research - Study the topic, review previous resolution strengths to get to solutions.

Public Speaking - Focus on knowing what to say, then on how to say it.

Team Building - It's important to ask others what they think and get their input.

Writing - Start with the most important issue to get to the relevant solutions.

Debating - Be ready to defend a resolution against criticism. Point out the strengths in a resolution and weaknesses in opposing resolutions.

Any system or program, however complicated, if looked at in exactly the right way, will become even more complicated.

~ Anderson's Law.

### CONCEPT VIII SHORT FORM

"The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities." <sup>3</sup>

### CONCEPT VIII LONG FORM

"The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities." <sup>4</sup>

### CONCEPT VIII EXPLAINED

"This concept continues the defining of responsibilities and authority begun in the earlier concepts. It limits the role of the Trustees in the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. and A.A. World Services, Inc. to the kind of oversight achieved by electing the directors of those independent entities, but essentially discouraging them from playing day-to-day roles as active administrators or executives of those companies." <sup>5</sup>



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<sup>3</sup> Page S116.

<sup>4</sup> Page 31.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.tapataalk.com/groups/recoveryinn/12-concepts-explained-t4286.html>.

### CONCEPT VIII CHECKLIST

#### (Service Material from the General Service Office).

- "Do we understand the relationship between the two corporate service entities (A.A. World Services, Inc., the A.A. Grapevine) and the General Service Board?"
- "How can the business term 'custodial oversight' apply to the trustees' relationship to the two corporate service entities?"
- "Does my home group subscribe to G.S.O.'s bimonthly newsletter Box 4-5-9? The A.A.Grapevine? Do I?" <sup>6</sup>

#### HANDLING A.A. SERVICES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

"Central/Intergroup offices provide vital local services and Twelfth Step opportunities. All areas function independently and handle local A.A. services in the manner best suited to local needs. While G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s, area committees, area assemblies, and the General Service Conference are concerned with matters affecting A.A. as a whole, Central/Intergroup offices and answering services fill a different need. They handle local services only — such as coordinating local Twelfth Step calls, providing meeting lists, and in some places furnishing public information speakers for non-A.A. groups and for A.A. meetings in institutions.

"Central offices and general service area committees are complementary, rather than competitive, A.A. operations. They exist to help insure A.A. unity and to fulfill A.A.'s primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

"In 1990 the General Service Conference stressed the importance of communication and recommended that delegates establish and maintain contact with offices in their areas to share Conference information and assure that Central/Intergroup offices have a voice in the Fellowship through their existing service structure."

Pamphlet P-45, Circles of Love and Service. Reprinted with A.A.W.S. permission.

#### 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.

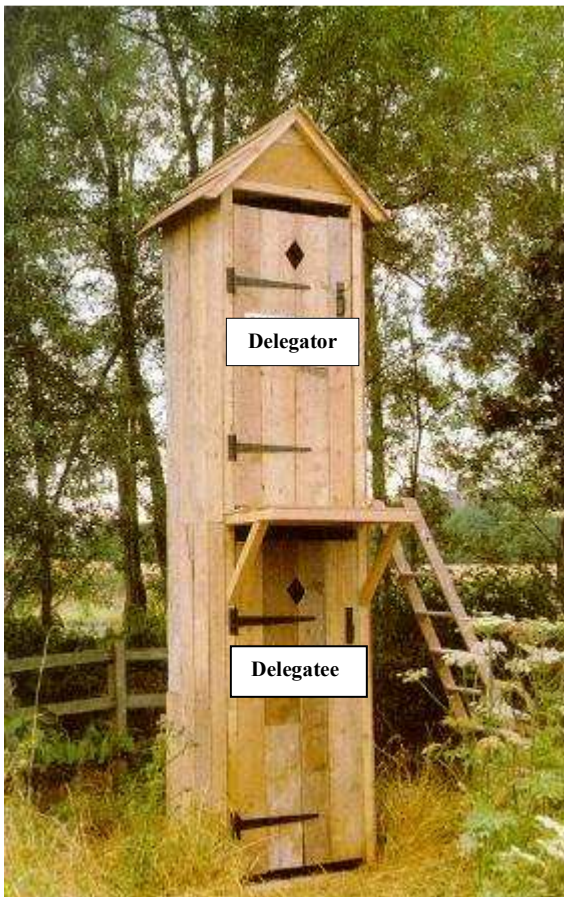
The **F.A.U.C. Aims and Purposes with Election Procedures** is on the website [www.geneseecountyaa.org](http://www.geneseecountyaa.org).

"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."

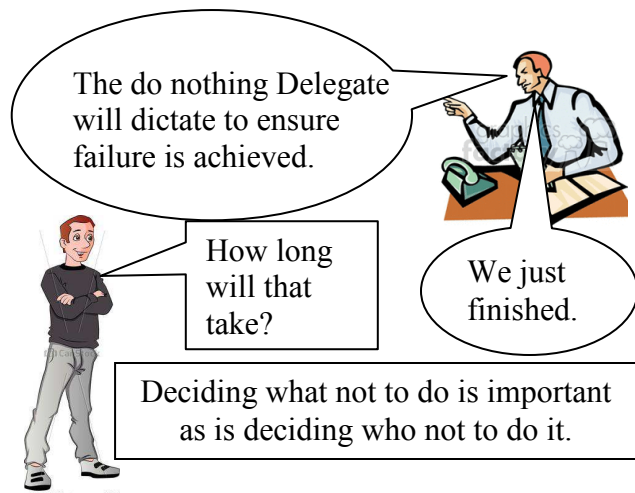
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**Structure in Delegation can be a messy business.**



I'm currently working on a book focused on the delegation of tasks. "I'll have my secretary tell you when my intern finishes writing it."



Trust is powerful. It is also fast as it can be lost quickly. Trust is two way. When you sow trust, it will grow back to you. Therefore, successful delegation is a result of this trust.

Delegating work works, provided the one delegating works, too.



**NO GLUM LOT HERE**



"...have lost the power of choice..." Page 24.  
 "What was our choice to be?" Page 48.  
 "But we believed in life - of course we did." Page 54.  
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**Ned & Jed**



**Say Jed, you delegated to the old time chopper oversight in election?**

Well sure, we can't all go, those trees won't fell themselves.



**And that is the way it is, from policy to finance.**

"No situation is so bad that overreacting and doing something stupid cannot make it worse."

**You're getting a handle on that sure enough. Now go grab the handle of your axe and fell a tree fella.**

**Do tell, and you trust a trustee to incorporate directors of services?**

Put that way means they know to work together.

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

Committee Chairs with names. (Visit the website [www.geneseecountyaa.org](http://www.geneseecountyaa.org) to email the F.A.U.C.).

**F.A.U.C. Chair:** Gordon G.

**F.A.U.C. Secretary:** Aaron B.

**Pass The Hat Assoc. Treasurer (PTHA):** George W.

**Accessibility for All Alcoholics:** Ruth H.

**A.A. Answering Service:** Wayne T.

**CPC- Cooperation with the Professional Community:** Gordon G.

**Corrections:** Chris R.

**Grapevine:** Greg S.

**Literature/Meeting Books/Newsletter:** James P.

**PI-Public Information:** OPEN

**Treatment:** Kamesha M. **Website:** Doug G.

**Young People:** OPEN

**F.A.U.C. Newsletter**

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The July 2020 Newsletter went to 116 emails. If you would like a Newsletter via email, send Editor a request at [farfromtoday@aol.com](mailto:farfromtoday@aol.com).

**2020 F.A.U.C. Meetings:** Date: Place: Host Group.

**Next F.A.U.C. Meeting:** Meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month at 1:15 pm for the General Assembly.

**August 15:** Clover School, Lapeer

**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

The previous Chair of the F.A.U.C., Michelle A. has resigned due to personal constraints. We would like to Thank her for her Service and Dedication.

The Pass The Hat Association, Inc. is in need of Trustees. Fill out the application and mail in Please.

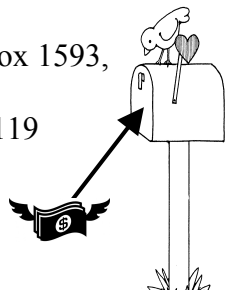
**A.A Treasurer's addresses:**

A.A.W.S., Inc., P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

C.M.I.A. 32, % kdonoghue PO Box 1593, Midland MI 48641

F.A.U.C. 4225 Miller Rd. Suite 119 Flint, MI 48507

Please make checks payable to **Pass The Hat Association, Inc.**



**Group NEWS**

The Annual August Oak Park Picnic is Cancelled. ICYPAA 62, September 3-6, New Orleans, LA. MCYPAA 41, November 22-24, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Detroit, MI.

With condolences to the family, friends and Fellowship of Richard Frank Buschur who passed away July 5, 2020; Richard was active in A.A. for decades. From CMIA32 in the early 2000's to the F.A.U.C. as the Secretary (Dec 2014-Dec 2016), Cooperating with the Professional Community (2015-16), Treatment Facilities at the Odyssey House (2012-2020). A past Treasurer and active, donating member of Arid Club for many years.

Does the Group want a Newsletter announcement? Email [farfromtoday@aol.com](mailto:farfromtoday@aol.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE TO SEE IF MEETINGS ARE OPEN.**

**August 2020 Flint Area Open Speaker Meetings \***

\* = Addresses of Locations can be found in the 2020 Flint Area Groups Meeting Book. (Page #).

- Thu 6 7 pm Van Slyke (16).
- Fri 7 12 noon, Eye Opener, Arid Club (18).  
8 pm, Fenton Alano (19).  
8:00 pm Clover School Lapeer (19).
- Sat 8 7:30 pm Eastside St. Mary's (21).  
7:30 pm Episcopal Church Owosso (21).  
8 pm St. Jude's Fenton (21).
- Sun 5 7 pm St. Andrew's (6).  
7:30 pm Torrey Road Grp Arid Club (6).
- Fri 14 8 pm Fenton Alano (19).  
8:00 pm Clover School Lapeer (19).
- Sat 15 7:30 pm Eastside St. Mary's (21).  
7:30 pm Episcopal Church Owosso (21).  
8 pm St. Jude's Fenton (21).
- Sun 16 7 pm St. Andrew's (6).  
7:30 pm Torrey Road Grp Arid Club (6).
- Fri 21 8 pm Fenton Alano (19).  
8:00 pm Clover School Lapeer (19).
- Sat 22 7:30 pm Eastside St. Mary's (21).  
7:30 pm Episcopal Church Owosso (21).  
8 pm St. Jude's Fenton (21).
- Sun 23 6 pm Otter Lake (6).  
7 pm St. Andrew's (6).  
7:30 pm Torrey Road Grp Arid Club (6).
- Fri 28 8 pm Fenton Alano (19).  
8:00 pm Clover School Lapeer (19).
- Sat 29 11 am Oak Park (20).  
\*\* 7 pm Thetford (21). With a POTLUCK  
7:30 pm Eastside St. Mary's (21).  
7:30 pm Episcopal Church Owosso (21).  
8 pm St. Jude's Fenton (21).
- Sun 30 7 pm St. Andrew's (6).  
7:30 pm Torrey Road Grp Arid Club (6).
- Mon 31 7 pm Montrose HOPE (9).

Life is like the subway, when a door opens, you have to go for it! ~ Fabrice Bensoussa.

**Website and Announcement to be emailed for Pass The Hat Association, Inc. application for Trustees.**

The Pass The Hat Association, Inc. (PTHA) is the financial arm of the Flint Area Unity Council (FAUC). It has the I.R.S. status of being a 501 (C) non-profit organization.

The PTHA is composed of six members, all receiving no salary or compensation. The Terms of Office are for three years. The executive officers shall be, Chairman, Registered Agent/Secretary, and a Treasurer. The FAUC is an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees.

There are four Trustee positions to stand for terms at this time.

Each Trustee shall one vote and serve at-large, without representing any fractional jurisdiction, interest, or constituency.

The PTHA Treasurer serves the FAUC with monthly reports, shall have custody of the FAUC funds with full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements for the FAUC. The PTHA is responsible for any and all I.R.S. filings and accuracy.

The Board of Trustees oversees as a check and balance the workings of the Treasurer with each Trustee having one vote upon matters of consideration and electives of new Board Trustees.

The PTHA is accepting applications for consideration of joining the PTHA as a Trustee.

Pass The Hat Association, Inc.  
4225 Miller Road , B-9  
Ste. #119  
Flint, MI 48507

There is an opening as a Trustee of PTHA, Inc. If you are interested in this 3 year, non-paid Trustee position, please fill out and mail this form to Pass the Hat Association, Inc. to the above address.

Requirements for consideration are the same as for a GSR. (Please see the AA Service Manual)

Name (first and last): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of AA how long: \_\_\_\_\_ Active in Area/District Service? \_\_\_\_\_

What service positions have you held? (Member, GSR, DCM, Officer, or Committee/Alt. Chair)

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Other information about you to consider:

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