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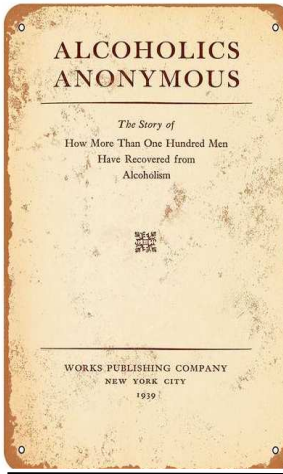
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Meetings Opened and
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The F.A.U.C. Website is www.genesecountyaa.org
Meetings Opened & Zoom Meetings on Website Home Page.

The A.A.W.S. licensed Smart Phone Meeting Guide app has
Flint Area A.A. Meetings on it and is free at the app store.



The Experience, Strength, and Hope of the co-founders of Alcoholics Anonymous, Bill W. and Dr. Bob, led to the fellowship and subsequent authorship of the Big Book. In 1947 Tom Y authored the Preamble; which was revised and adopted at the 1958 International Convention.

PREAMBLE

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any cause. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.¹

Alcoholics Anonymous Slogans Symbol.

It began as just another repeated

What comes out of the

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'Big Book' as we read

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Concept XII reviews the Warranties.

Concept XII Long Form:

“General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the Conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that, though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.”²

“Warranty One

The Conference shall never become the seat of perilous wealth or power.

Warranty Two

Sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, should be its prudent financial principle.

Warranty Three

None of the Conference members should ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others.

Warranty Four

That all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity.

Warranty Five

That no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy.

Warranty Six

That though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in action and in spirit.”³

CONCEPT XII CHECKLIST

(General Service Office Service Material).

- How do we guard against becoming a “seat of perilous wealth or power”?
- How do we practice prudent use of our Seventh Tradition contributions and literature revenue?
- Do we insure the spiritual liberties of all A.A. members by not placing any member in the position of absolute authority over others?
- Do we try to reach important decisions by thorough discussion, vote and, where possible, substantial unanimity?
- As guardians of A.A.’s traditions, are we ever justified in being personally punitive?
- Are we careful to avoid public controversy?
- Do we always try to treat each other with mutual respect and love?⁴

It’s interesting when looking at the General Service Office Service Material how the checklist for Concept XII directly mirrors the six Warranties put forth at the end of Concept XII in the Service Manual.

“The Concept considered here consists of Article 12 of the Conference Charter. There are good reasons for placing it in this context. Taken as a whole, our Conference Charter is the substance of an informal agreement which was made between the A.A. groups and their Trustees in 1955. It is the agreed basis upon which the General Service Conference operates. In part, the Charter is an elastic document; its first eleven Articles can be readily amended by the Conference itself at any time.”⁵

“Although changes in the Warranties of Article 12 thus have been made difficult, they have not been made impossible.”⁶

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² Page VI.

³ Pages 61 - 73.

⁴ https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/smf-91_en.pdf.

⁵ Service Manual, page 60.

⁶ Service Manual, page 60.

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.

“We're in the money, 'cmon my honey
 Let's spend it, let's lend it
 Let's spend it, lend it, send it, rollin' along.”⁷

The song's lyrics reflect a positive financial turnaround; a fantasized end to the Great Depression, which in the U.S. began around early 1933 but didn't end until the late 1930s.

Understanding the era of time that A.A. grew up in, it is not only easy to see how the lure of alcohol was, but now also to see how protective and organized A.A. became to ensure longevity.

Critical issues were addressed in the Warranties to guard against perilous wealth or power, ensure the prudent use of contributions and revenue, to have no member with absolute authority, reaching decisions through votes, preferably unanimous, with traditions not subject to personal punitive actions, to avoid public controversy and treat each other with respect and love.

In practicing the Warranties, it brings us back to Step One. “We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.”⁸

“To show other alcoholics *precisely how we have recovered* is the main purpose of this book.”⁹

In the “Doctor's Opinion” are a couple of statements that help us. The Doctor classifies different types of alcoholics, and then says, “All these, and many others, have one symptom in common: they can not start drinking without developing the phenomenon of craving.”¹⁰

“It has never been, by any treatment with which we are familiar, permanently eradicated. The only relief we have to suggest is complete abstinence.”¹¹

“...the man agreed that no amount of willpower he could muster could stop his drinking for long.”¹²

“We learned that we had to fully concede to our innermost selves that we were alcoholics.”¹³

“...we have discovered a common solution. We have a way out...”¹⁴

“I don't ask for much, I only want your trust, And you know it don't come easy.”¹⁵

⁷ “We're in the Money”, GOLDDIGGERS, 1933. Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, reprinted with A.A.W.S. permission.

⁸ “HOW IT WORKS”, Page 59.

⁹ “FORWARD TO FIRST EDITION”, Page xiii.

¹⁰ “DOCTOR'S OPINION”, Page xxx, xxxi.

¹¹ “DOCTOR'S OPINION”, Page xxxi.

¹² “A VISION FOR YOU”, Page 155.

¹³ “MORE ABOUT ALCOHOLISM” Page 30.

¹⁴ “THERE IS A SOLUTION”, Page 17.

¹⁵ “It Don't Come Easy”, The Beatles, 1971.



My Mom's sister got Covid-19 so I bought her a new computer. The warranty said it came with free “Aunty-virus” protection software.

A guy walks into a jewelry store and says, “I've finally realized that I should never have given Rolex my real email address when I filled out my warranty card,” he complains to the jeweler. “Now it looks like I'm on some sort of a watch list.”

A quality engineer married the girl of his dreams. After a tough two years, his patience ended and he emailed to his father in law...

“Your Product Not Meeting my requirements”.

The smart father in law responded, “Warranty Expired.... Manufacturer not responsible”.

Why does a chicken coop have two doors?

Because if it had four it would be a sedan.



The dealer says the warranty is good for the life of the car but he's not responsible for how long it lives.

Ned & Jed



Say Jed, you understand the chopper Warranties?

Well, duh, your axe warranty is for a lifetime with no abuse.



Do tell, not what we're talking about here. Chopper Warranties protect us from wealth and power and give us prudence, spiritual liberties, discussion and votes, traditions with no controversy in our actions.

I can dig that!

Tis true. Taking Warranties seriously prolongs the life of the choppers.

So you say future choppers have a chance too by us sticking to the Warranties?

Do tell, this new way of life can be around awhile if we watch our chips and words.

Fer sure, that's a good thing. Going to keep it going now.

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

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

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

F.A.U.C. Secretary: OPEN

Pass The Hat Assoc. Treasurer (PTHA): OPEN

Accessibility for All Alcoholics: Ruth H.

A.A. Answering Service: Wayne T.

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F.A.U.C. Newsletter

Editor: Doug G. Co-Editors: Mike J, Drew K.

There's had been no hard copy distribution of the Newsletter since March 2020 due to closing of meetings as to Corona Virus precautions. In December, 30 copies went to the Arid Club.

The December 2020 Newsletter went to 134 emails. If you would like a Newsletter via email, send Editor a request to farfromittoday@aol.com.

2021 F.A.U.C. Meetings: Date: Place: Host Group.

Next F.A.U.C. Meeting: Meetings are on the 3rd Saturdays of the month at 1:15 pm for the General Assembly. **2021 Schedule!**

January 16: Arid Club, Van Slyke Group.

The rest of the monthly meetings will be scheduled at the January F.A.U.C. Meeting.

There were two people waiting for a bus. One of them said "Why do we need a schedule if the buses are always running late?"

The other replied "How would you know they're late if there was no schedule?"

A patient schedules a doctor's appointment.

Doctor: "So what brings you in today?"

The patient shows a fully formed mouth on his upper arm. Suddenly, the mouth begins to speak...

Mouth: "Hey Doc, give me some money."

Doctor: "Oh, I see. Your arm's broke."

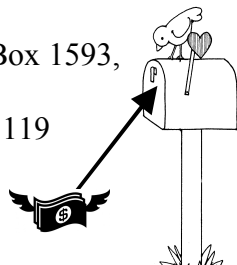
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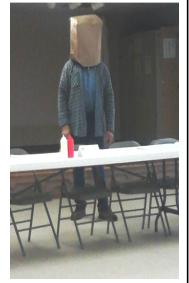
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Group NEWS

From last month's Newsletter, three groups responded to the request to review meetings and notify the Meeting Book Chair (farfromittoday@aol.com) of any changes needed. The Lapeer Clover School and Fenton Alano Club and Thetford – Thank You. Time is running out for all others. If there is a change, addition, or correction needed, please notify the Chair to get the 2021 Meeting Book entries correct. Please check the address, day, time, Open or Closed, Handicap assessable and type of Meeting.

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



Sure will be glad when all the meetings start up again.

THESE MEETINGS ARE OPEN AND LISTED ON THE WEBSITE.

January 2021 Flint Area Open Speaker Meetings *

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

- Thu 7 7 pm Van Slyke (16).
- Fri 8 12 noon, Eye Opener, Arid Club (18).
- Sun 10 7:30 pm Torrey Road Group Arid Club (6).
- Sun 17 7:30 pm Torrey Road Group Arid Club (6).
- Sun 24 7:30 pm Torrey Road Group Arid Club (6).
- Mon 25 7 pm Montrose HOPE (9).
- Sat 30 ** 7 pm Thetford With a POTLUCK (21).
- Sun 31 7:30 pm Torrey Road Group Arid Club (6).

If your meeting is now opened for attendance with an Open Speaker, please contact the editor at farfromittoday@aol.com so it can be listed.

A woman said the customer is never out of warranty, even if his product is. Anyway, he's gone, which is how she likes her men.

I choose the road less traveled – now where am I?

An alcoholic on a plane to Detroit sits in first class, but has an economy ticket. A short while into the flight an air hostess notices she's in the wrong section and asks her to return to her seat. She simply said "No". Shocked, the hostess asked again that she move, but she refuses again. The hostess goes to get help from another attendant. Multiple times they try their best at getting her to move. Eventually, they ask the Captain for help.

"She's alcoholic, you say?" asked the Captain. The hostess' nod. "No problem, my wife's an alkie."

The Captain gets up and talks to the woman - the hostess' watch from a distance. After a few seconds the alcoholic quickly gathers her drink and things and heads back to her rightful seat. The Captain returns to the cockpit. Amazed, the hostess' asked how he did it. "It's simple, really" he said, "I just told her first class wasn't flying to Detroit"