



**AA Help Line (810) 234-0815**

**Guest Columnist**

**WHAT IS THE POINT?**

I'm not a great reader tho I retain quite a bit of what I hear and what I have read. I'm mistrustful of people with strong convictions because of an incident when I was a lad attending what was called and what may still be called Boys State at Lansing. A fundamentalist preacher illustrated a memory aid to the types of prayer and mixed in it a gut wrenching guilt trip involving the flag, motherhood, blood patriotism, truth, deceit, love and lies in such a way as to bring many of us, juniors in high school, to quivering tears. For the first time in my life I recognized the power of propogandists to move great numbers of people to convictions against their will and against their "better judgment" I was moved by a sham, a deceit, an imposed conviction to align with someone's will. I was humiliated by my inability to resist and I felt unclean and angry. Incidentally the mnemonic was ACPIIT: Adoration, Confession, Petition, Intercession and Thanksgiving. Jim Morrison's "You cannot petition the lord with prayer" comes to mind.

As I embarked on my Alcoholic Life with experiment, variety and indulgence, I justified it by convincing myself of righteous behavior: Leaders were Liars, In Vino Veritas, Your Friends are just your enemies who have not yet declared their true intentions, Lets get drunk and be somebody! Put up or shut up. For 25 years I practiced alcoholism releasing my inhibitions and searching from bottle to bottle for a sense of well being, power, sex, omnibotence surcease from.



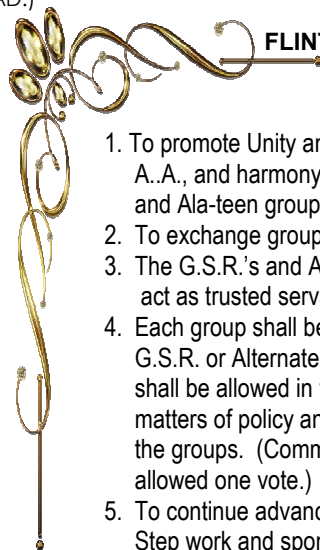
You were so unfaithful at times that some of your prayers went to God's spam folder...

sorrow, and all in vain. I had become my own worst enemy. I couldn't live this way anymore. I asked for help and found it In Alcoholics Anonymous. I found hope, I found a feeling of belonging in a special way to an unled group a fellowship of men and women whose words became my own Acceptance, Correction, Patience, Inquiry and Thanksgiving.

Our Fat Her Art Hal thy will be done earth day bread forgive, we forgive and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from ego kingdom power glory cha cha cha. Submitted by J.S.

(Editor's Note: The above prayer is not correct.

The prayer Our Father is in two gospels of the Bible, Matthew, 6:9-13, and Luke has a shorter form in 11:1-4. The present day prayer in use comes from the Common Book of Prayer editions in 1549 and 1552 AD.)



**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.

**Volunteers Needed**

Flint Area Unity Council Committee service work puts the group donations to work by helping the still suffering alcoholic. See the listing of FAUC Committees of which almost all of the committees need co chairs. Attend FAUC meetings to discover the committees & what you can do.

The Pass The Hat Association, Inc. still has openings that the Fellowship can fill.

The Corrections Committee needs help to serve the community also.

The Literature committee display is ready for your meeting. Please call 313-613-3703 for details. This traveling display is looking for a meeting like YOURS.

**FAUC Committees**

Al-Anon Liaison  
Joann G 810-845-5318  
Answering Service;  
Chair - Wayne T. 810-962-5036  
Co chair Doug G. 810-410-7458  
CPC- Cooperation with the Professional Community;  
Chair - Richard B 810-938-9755  
Co chair Bob W. 810-814-7988  
Corrections; Chair  
George W. 810 - 624 - 2772  
Grapevine: Chair  
Mark W 810-471-2155  
Literature/Meeting Books:  
Chair - James P. 313-613-3703  
Co chair; Doug G 810-410-7458  
PI-Public Information: Chair  
Jason 810-287-4622  
Special Needs: Chair  
Hannah R 810-471-0305  
Treatment: Chair  
Rachael 810-247-3393  
Young People: Chair  
Gregory G 810-730-3146  
Website: Chair  
Katrina H 810-347-2330

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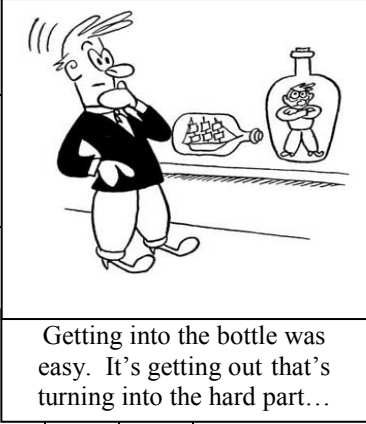


## Flint Area Open Speaker Meetings\* for the Month

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

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

### MARCH 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUES	WED	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 7 pm Van Slyke	4 12 noon Arid Club  8:30 pm Clover School Lapeer	5 7:30 pm Eastside St Mary's 8 pm St Jude's Fenton 8 pm Episcopal Church Durand
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13 7 pm St Andrews 7:30 pm Arid Club Gerald	14	 <p style="text-align: center;">Getting into the bottle was easy. It's getting out that's turning into the hard part...</p>			18 8:30 pm Clover School Lapeer	19 7:30 pm Eastside St Mary's  8 pm St Jude's Fenton 8 pm Episcopal Church Durand
20 <b>FAUC</b> 11:30 am; Committees 12 :30 pm General Assembly -Arid Club 7 pm St Andrews 7:30 pm Arid Club Clay C	21	25	26	27	28	29
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### A.A Treasurer's:



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From "How It Works"  
 "... We stood at the turning point." (Pg. 59, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Alcoholics Anonymous, reprinted with permission of A.A.W.S.)

From "Against All Enemies" Harold Coyle.  
 "The maximum effective range of an excuse is zero meters."



"...he must redouble his spiritual activities if he expects to survive." (Pg. 120, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Alcoholics Anonymous, reprinted with permission of A.A.W.S.)

From "Against All Enemies" Harold Coyle.  
 "We stand on the verge of achieving everything we have worked so hard for.

I therefore urge you to redouble your guard. "

"No Sir, it's not a prescription for your 'weird, dizzy turns where everything slows down and you have to go faster to compensate'."

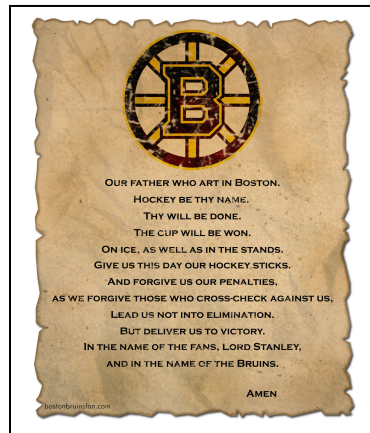


### From the Newsletter editor

Working through the suggested program of recovery leaves me no doubt of three intangibles that have grown in me, reflected and nurtured by the Fellowship around me. Courage, Trust and Faith.  
 "...courage to change the things I can..." (me).  
 "...trust infinite God rather than our finite selves." (Pg. 68, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Alcoholics Anonymous, reprinted with permission of A.A.W.S.).

"To be vital, faith must be accompanied by self sacrifice and unselfish, constructive action." (Pg. 93, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, Alcoholics Anonymous, reprinted with permission of A.A.W.S.).

So a program of being brave, having a power greater than myself, and being in action for others is saving my life.  
 By Douq G.



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