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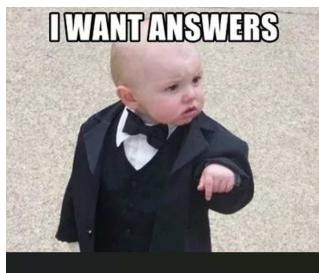
With our modern understanding of the electromagnetic spectrum we know that visible light is any light with wavelengths between about 390 and 700 nm (nanometer). This means that light comes in a continuum, with smooth transitions between colors. Furthermore, the human eye is capable of distinguishing hundreds of colors!

The “Seven Colors of the Rainbow” is completely arbitrary.
 Himasikta Singh - An I.S.C. grade 12 MPC Student.



The discussion of the seven primary colors from a scientific point of view shows us one thing; the variability of the human eye to see between the primary colors is part of our being. We in A.A. do not see the seventh part of the Steps, Traditions, or Concepts as an absolute. Each of them varies according to the alcoholic applying them. That comes from the fact that we are all different with needing different solutions to different problems. Ah, but our commonality makes working the three 7’s alike in their application.

Let’s start with Step Seven as to how this is. “Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.”¹



The answer to this is no conundrum. It is no problem this far into the program of recovery of A.A. We understand that as we petition God through our prayers, and with thoughtful

meditation that we understand our defects of character, how they affect us and the relationships about us. Our thoughts and prayers are different for sure, but in every instance, we ask our God as we understood Him to help us (again) with our lives. Very often, meditation gives us no result other than

relaxation. And yet, this pause while we contemplate “the wrong-doing of others, fancied or real...”² helps us understand ‘what was my part in it.’ From that we gain the impetus to look at ourselves and our problems and understand in full what we could have done different, and even, how we can correct it in the future, thereby removing one of our shortcomings. Facing blame head-on, we can admit it isn’t always another other than ourselves that created an atmosphere, an environment, or a situation where things spiraled out of normal relations and behavior.

We are not always at fault. To say that is to say it’s not a perfect world out there. We can’t be trapped in our own guilt feelings. It is an imperfect world, we are an imperfect being. Our attempt at living humbly leads us to many times avoid people, places and things were we know from previous experience that it is hopeless to try to get along with some others. In this we are right to remain away, and not exacerbate the situation just through our presence, which gives others their self appointed right to tie us to the whipping post yet again. And the guilt by association they foster on our loved ones is to be held at bay at all times. We have gained a history of sobriety, of being changed, of trying to live a right life. We became our willingness to humbly ask for help. So to our innermost child seeking answers, we are not alone and have learned the answer through humility.

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² Alcoholics Anonymous, HOW IT WORKS, page 66. Reprinted with A.A.W.S. permission.

TRADITION SEVEN

The Seventh Tradition suggests humility and the care of others through our action(s). "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self supporting, declining outside contributions."³ By our being generous to the Group, District, Area, and the G.S.O. we make it possible for the Service Work of each of these entities. It is a fact at times that any group may need our generosity just to continue to keep the doors open. Bill W. addresses this in particular in part of his essay on the Seventh Tradition, and it is as true today as the day it was written.

"The meeting night was at New York's old 24th Street Clubhouse. During the intermission, the treasurer gave a timid talk on how broke the club was. (That was in the period when you couldn't mix money and A.A.) But finally he said it – the landlord would put us out if we didn't pay up. He concluded his remarks by saying, 'Now boys, please go heavier on the hat tonight, will you?'

"I heard all this quite plainly, as I was piously trying to convert a newcomer who sat next to me. The hat came in my direction, and I reached into my pocket. Still working on my prospect, I fumbled and came up with a fifty-cent piece. Somehow it looked like a very big coin. Hastily, I dropped it back and fished out a dime, which clinked thinly as I dropped it in the hat. Hats never got folding money in those days.

"Then I woke up. I who had boasted my generosity that morning was treating my own club worse than the distant alcoholics who had forgotten to send the Foundation their dollars. I realized that my five-dollar gift to the slipee was an ego-feeding proposition, bad for him and bad for me. There was a place in A.A. where spirituality and money would mix, and that was in the hat!"⁴

³ Alcoholics Anonymous, APPENDICES I, page 562.

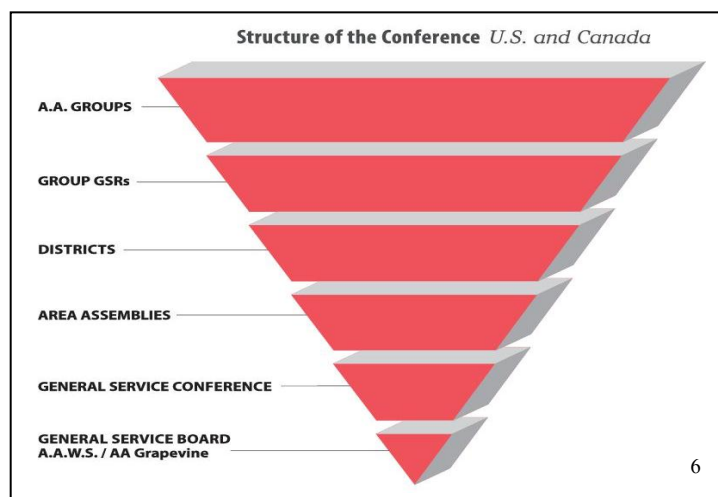
⁴ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, TRADITION SEVEN, page 163.

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CONCEPT SEVEN

"The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness."⁵

As discussed in the study of Tradition Seven, the members are relied upon for their contributions to keep A.A. Service Work effective. Concept Seven takes it much further, by stating the Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board as being legal instruments; it directs the trustees to have responsibility of world service affairs. Refer again to the "upside down triangle" which is the diagram of the A.A. Conference Structure.



So as the trustees manage the daily operation of Alcoholic Anonymous World Services, they are also overseen by the entire General Service Board. Page three of this Newsletter has a write up from aa.org on how the General Service Office operates with the oversight of the General Service Board which includes all the committees of Service Work for Alcoholic Anonymous World Services.

^{5,6} The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, by Bill W., 2021-2023 Edition, ⁵ page IV, ⁶ page 3. 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.

The circle/triangle symbol of A.A. that was used for many years has been removed from this Newsletter in accordance with the following statement by A.A. "In 1993, Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. announced that official use of all of the several circle/triangle trademarks and service marks was being discontinued."

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GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE & GENERAL SERVICE BOARD

“How G.S.O. Serves A.A.

“The General Service Office in New York City serves all A.A. groups in the United States and Canada. G.S.O also offers services to A.A. overseas, especially in countries where there is no service structure. Many other countries have their own general service offices as well. The U.S./Canada office works with committees of A.A.’s General Service Board and the General Service Conference (U.S. and Canada). G.S.O. has broad responsibilities to its member groups, including the following:

- To collect and organize shared experience on group challenges and solutions, and to pass this information along to A.A. groups and members throughout the U.S. and Canada when asked.
- To work with alcoholics overseas and in the armed forces; with those living in areas with no meetings; with housebound and seagoing A.A.s; and with members in treatment and correctional facilities.
- To respond to letters requesting information about A.A. and the help it provides for alcoholics.
- To publish the A.A. newsletter, Box 4-5-9, and other bulletins; to publish and distribute A.A. books and pamphlets approved by the General Service Conference; and to provide a sampling of complimentary literature and service materials to each new group.
- To disseminate public information at the national and international levels for A.A. as a whole, in cooperation with print and electronic media as well as with organizations concerned with the treatment of alcoholism.
- To coordinate and support the work of General Service Conference committees.
- To maintain the G.S.O. Archives.
- To operate and maintain the aa.org website and the Meeting Guide app.”⁷



NO GLUM LOT HERE



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Commit one of the 7 Deadly sins? You may be punished. Commit all of them? You may be a alcoholic.

In a confession booth...

ME: I committed all seven deadly sins in 30 minutes.

PRIEST: Wow I gotta hear this.

ME: I was angry and envious at my neighbor so I lazily seduced his wife and ate all his groceries - no sharing.

PRIEST: You forgot pride.

ME: No, I’m pretty proud of this. That’s why I’m here.

“Wait a minute! You’ve been cheating on me all this time!” my wife yelled at me as she found all the letters I had been hiding. I was cornered, prepared to face her fury, as she got red with anger and started walking towards me. She looked straight into my eyes and gave me a killer look I could never forget. Talk about wrath!

And kids, that’s the last time I played scrabble!

“Envy is Pride's infection on inspiration...while Angered then Eaten by the Greed of a Lazy Lust.”

~ Criss Jami (born Christopher James Gilbert ; May 29, 1987) Author of several books, poetry and philosophy, is also a musician for the metal project Crymson Gryphon. Jami studied philosophy at George Mason University.



Ned & Jed

Hey Jed, I notice you let the hat pass without putting anything in every time.

I see fella’s put in more than I can afford. So I don’t try to “Keep Up With The Joneses.”



We are self-supporting, it takes everyone, y’see money and spirituality mix in the hat. Never thought about it that way.

To continue on with what I was saying; we follow the Traditions, and then the Concepts make us effective.

So effectiveness comes out of and from the hat?

That’s true. And we all play a part in that by making it possible to donate from the group for the district, area, and world services to do the service work that they do on our behalf.



I think I get it now. The purse, the Traditions, no matter what I put in the hat, helps other still suffering choppers.

⁷ <https://www.aa.org/node/83>
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pass The Hat Assoc. Treasurer (P.T.H.A.): Steve C

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2022 F.A.U.C. Meetings; Date: Place: Host Group.

Next F.A.U.C. Meeting: Meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 12:30 pm for the General Assembly. **Host groups are encouraged to Host at their location** (but will meet at St. Mary's School if needed).

~~January 15: St. Mary's School; Eastside~~

~~February 19: Arid Club, Torrey Rd. Group.~~

~~March 19: St. Bartholomew's; Swartz Creek Group~~

~~April 16: Thetford Senior Center; Thetford A.A.~~

~~May 21: St. Mary's School. FAUC.~~

June 18 St. John's Out Reach Building, 425

Genesee St., Davison, Davison Friday Night Grp.

July 16:

August 20: St. Francis Ch. 212 Center St. Otisville, Otisville A.A.

September 17: Fenton Alano Club, 800 North Rd., Fenton, Men's Morning Group.

October 22: H.O.P.E. Family Worship Center, 9453 Vienna Rd. Montrose, Montrose HOPE A.A.

November 19:

December 17: Local 659, 4549 Van Slyke Rd. Van

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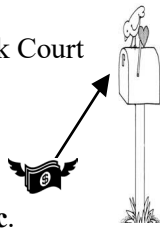
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Group NEWS

The F.A.U.C. meets July 16 at 11:30 AM for Committee Meetings, 12:30 PM for General Assembly. Hosted by the Davison Friday Night Group at St John's Parish Outreach Building, 425 Genesee St. Davison.

We'd like to ask, and offer to list our **Oh That Meeting's** private Face book page: Asking for <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FlintsGayAAOhThatMeeting> to be listed in the newsletter, Daily readings, other online AA resources, and of course the monthly F.A.U.C. Newsletter are posted. Keep connected nicely to people virtually!

The next C.M.I.A.32 meeting is on August 7, Dist. 26 in Standish.

SOBERFEST is July 17th. *

Several new people are sitting in as Chairs of Committees of the F.A.U.C. **Thanks to all of you** for your Service Work! See listings left of ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Alano House 2nd Annual Golf Outing. August 5th *.

Eye Opener Picnic August 20th. *

2022 Mackinaw Island Fall Weekend Oct 14 – 16.*

* Flyer at end of Newsletter.

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

THESE MEETINGS ARE OPEN AND LISTED ON THE WEBSITE.

July 2022 Flint Area Open Speaker Meetings *

* = Addresses of Locations can be found in the 2021 Flint Area Groups Meeting Book or on the website www.geneseecountyaa.org under the Meetings Tab.

- Fri 1 12 noon, Eye Opener, Arid Club (8).
- Sat 2 7:30 pm, East Side St. Mary's (6)
- Sun 3 6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club (8).
- Thur 7 7:00 pm, Van Slyke (17).
- Sat 9 7:30 pm, East Side St. Mary's (6)
- Sun 10 6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club (8).
- Sat 15 7:30 pm, East Side St. Mary's (6)
- Sun 16 6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club (8).
- Sat 23 7:00 pm Thetford A,A, with a Potluck.
- Sun 24 6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club (8).
- Mon 25 7:00 pm, Montrose HOPE (10).
- Sat 30 7:30 pm, East Side St. Mary's (6)
- Sun 31 6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club (8).

If your meeting opened for attendance with an Open Speaker, please contact farfromittoday@aol.com to list it.



THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

“To avoid falling into confusion over the names these defects should be called, let's take a universally recognized list of major human failings -- the Seven Deadly Sins of pride, greed, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, and sloth.”

The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP FOUR, page 48.

“The **bold** type presents definitions from Webster's Unabridged Dictionary.

“**PRIDE: An over high opinion of oneself; exaggerated self-esteem; conceit, arrogance, vanity, self-satisfaction.**

“**GREED: Excessive desire for acquiring or having; desire for more than one needs or deserves.**

“**LUST: To feel an intense desire, especially sexual desire; to long: after or for.**

“**ANGER: A strong feeling excited by a real or supposed injury; often accompanied by a desire to take vengeance, or to obtain satisfaction from the offending party; resentment; wrath.**

“**GLUTTONY: One who eats too much. One with a great capacity for something; as, a glutton for work.**

“**ENVY: To resent another for excellence or superiority in any way, and to be desirous of acquiring it.**

“**SLOTH: Disinclination to action or labor; sluggishness; habitual indolence; laziness, idleness; slowness; delay.”**

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Seven Deadly Sins and how to find in the Bible

1. Pride is an excessive view of one's self without regard for others. Jeremiah 9:23-24.
2. Greed is an excessive pursuit of material goods. Hebrews 13:5.
3. Lust is a strong passion or longing, especially for sexual desires. 2 Timothy 2:22.
4. Wrath is a strong anger and hate towards another person. Romans 12:19.
5. Gluttony is an excessive and ongoing eating of food or drink. 1 Corinthians 10:31.
6. Envy is the intense desire to have an item that someone else possesses. Proverbs 14:30.
7. Sloth is an excessive laziness or the failure to act and utilize one's talents. Proverbs 6:6.

“There are many helpful books also.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, INTO ACTION, page 87.

As the Bible was written nearly 2,000 years before the book Alcoholics Anonymous, it is considered a primary source for many different thoughts and writings. It is the best selling book of all time with over 5 billions copies having been sold. But it is not alone in its helpfulness to one trying to understand human nature and frailties of the mind and behaviors. One of the things it talks about, and is about, is God. Well, so is the Big Book. “And it means, of course, that we are going to talk about God.” Alcoholics Anonymous, WE AGNOSTICS, page 45.

In the program of recovery, Alcoholics Anonymous, it is suggested to use a Higher Power, a God as we understood Him in the care of our lives. What are some definitions of God that may be helpful? First, before we ask Him humbly to remove our shortcomings in Step Seven, we need to have an understanding of who/what this petition of our life is going to. In the case of atheists and agnostics, I can't say what their approach would be, but I do know that many have the ability to be honest with themselves, and grasp a lifestyle of rigorous honesty which is a tenet to change. We all have had to let go of old ideas and be fearless from the very start. As we stood at the turning point, we all recognized the change that had to be a part of us in order to facilitate the needed change. So next is a discussion of God, then interpret it any way you see fit (or not) to gain sanity, sobriety, and serenity. Remember when we said we were willing to go any length to get it.

WHAT or WHO is GOD?

First it must be stated that I am a Roman Catholic and have my own ideas about God since being in a parochial school for eleven years. There were periods in my life where I took myself away from my own ideals and God. The Big Book states who I was in this passage, "But soon the sense of His presence had been blotted out by worldly clamors, mostly those within myself."⁸

So this article is in no way a sense of trying to convert, or explain to anyone how or what they should understand.

"In monotheistic thought, God is usually viewed as the supreme being, creator, and principal object of faith. God is usually conceived of as being omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent and omnibenevolent as well as having an eternal and necessary existence. God is most often held to be incorporeal, with said characteristic being related to conceptions of transcendence or immanence.

"Some religions describe God without reference to gender, while others use terminology that is gender-specific and gender-biased. God has been conceived as either personal or impersonal. In theism, God is the creator and sustainer of the universe, while in deism, God is the creator, but not the sustainer, of the universe. In pantheism, God is the universe itself. Atheism is an absence of belief in any God or deity, while agnosticism deems the existence of God unknown or unknowable. God has also been conceived as the source of all moral obligation, and the 'greatest conceivable existent'. Many notable philosophers have developed arguments for and against the existence of God."⁹

The Seven Deadly Sins mentioned in the Bible have been a source of curiosity, inspiration and reflection throughout history. One of the most famous works on them is Dante Alighieri's DIVINE COMEDY written in 1314 A.D. It is not a true story; it is a work of fiction. As hell cannot be proved, it stands to reason it is a work of imagination.

"Inferno (Italian: [inj'fɛrno]; Italian for "Hell") is the first part of DIVINE COMEDY. Purgatorio and Paradiso follow the Inferno. "The Inferno describes Dante's journey through Hell, guided by the ancient Roman poet Virgil. In the poem, Hell is depicted as nine concentric circles

of torment located within the Earth; it is the "realm ... of those who have rejected spiritual values by yielding to bestial appetites or violence, or by perverting their human intellect to fraud or malice against their fellowmen."¹⁰ Dante added two components pass the deadly sins. They are Treachery (Fraud) and Violence .

Before an illustration of Dante's Hell is presented, it is time to bring out what the corrections can we make in our lives to avoid the Seven Deadly Sins. Not that the sins themselves may kill you; but maybe someone you offended and hurt and violated by practicing them might! Certainly anything is possible in this world we live in; the days of "an honorable duel" are gone. (Well, gluttony has a good chance of doing you in. Like alcoholism, it's self inflicted and as seen below, requires the same action and thought behavior to achieve success over the defect).

The Seven Contrary Virtues which are specific opposites to the Seven Deadly Sins: Liberality (the quality of giving) against greed, Patience against anger, Kindness against envy, Abstinence against gluttony, Chastity against lust, Humility against pride, and Diligence against sloth.¹¹



**Virtues
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⁸ Alcoholics Anonymous, BILL'S STORY, pages 12-13.

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⁹ Wikipedia, GOD.

¹⁰ Wikipedia, Inferno (Dante).

¹¹ Adapted (reordered) from: <http://changingminds.org>

As an allegory, (a story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning), the Divine Comedy represents the journey of the soul toward God, with the Inferno describing the recognition and rejection of sin.

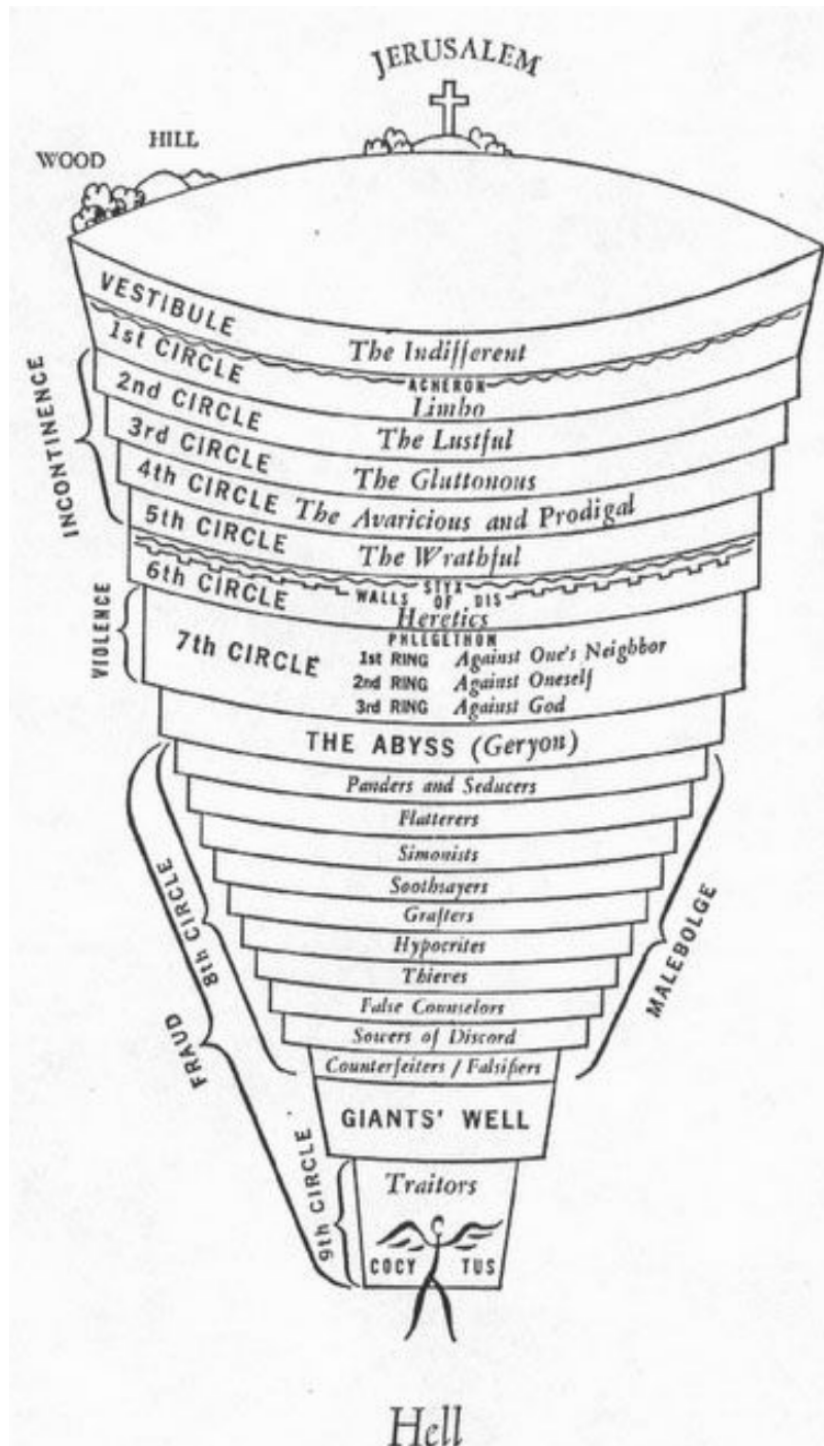


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June 13, 2022

Quote of the Week

"Half measures do avail us something—it's just the half we don't want."

Before sobriety, I was a master of “half measuring” in my life, and what I got was the half I didn't want. At work I arrived late, did just enough to get by, and was the first to leave. The result was that I was fired a lot. In relationships, I paid attention just enough to get what I wanted and wasn't very interested in doing what she wanted to do. The result was that my relationships didn't last very long. I half measured my way through school, my family, and my health, and the results I got were always the half I didn't want.

In the beginning of the program, I was half measuring it as well. I showed up late, sat in the back, didn't help clean up, and wouldn't go to fellowship. After complaining to my sponsor that the program wasn't working, he quickly pointed to my half-measure attempts and the half-measure results I was getting. If I wanted to be happy, joyous, and free, he told me, then I would have to give the program everything I had.

Once I became willing to do whatever it took to get and maintain sobriety, things did begin to change. When I arrived early and greeted people, I became known and felt a part of. When I started sharing what was really going on, I felt better. And when I really worked the Steps, I began to recover, and the desire to drink and use lessened and finally left me. Today, I no longer half measure my way through life, and because of that, I get to enjoy the full benefits of everything I do.

As the person above talks about, our attitude had to change, our sense of humility must be cultivated; we had to go to work. Over and over he is reminded that “...have to give everything...”, “...to do whatever it took...” That was not the half measures he had been living. We were no different at all if we didn't follow the suggestions of not only the Steps, but the Traditions as well where the first one talks about our common welfare and unity. We had to belong to become willing to follow the suggestions that could lead us to a new style, one of a spiritual existence rather than a material one. Even the Big Book reminds to go all in, for good reason too.

“...willing to go to any length to get it...”¹²

“...go to any extreme...”¹³

¹² Alcoholics Anonymous, HOW IT WORKS, page 58.

¹³ Alcoholics Anonymous, WORKING WITH OTHERS, page 90.

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Heard it *'Round the Rooms!*



Just got..."recovery-shamed"?

I don't know what else to call it. I have a tendency to make little jokes at my own expense to kinda normalize recovery. I happened to be somewhere in public and was offered a drink so I made a self deprecating joke about being an alcoholic, singing the Lays jingle but about booze "no one can drink just one.." Etc. You get it. Some rando behind me started berating me about not taking recovery seriously and how they are also in recovery and "it's not some f*cking joke" and so on. I tried to smooth it over and be supportive but I just ended up leaving the place because they had just wouldn't stop.

Seriously, y'all, be kind to each other and remember that everyone's journey is different. The world would be a boring place if we were all the same.

It's crazy to hear someone else tell your story after so many years of feeling isolated.

Today marks my 5th day sober, and my first meeting was completed. I've been struggling with alcohol for 15 years, and never thought AA would help, because I am not a religious person. I'm still not sure how I will handle that, but I'm still on step 1. More importantly, I didn't drink today.

"The more you sweat in peace, the less you bleed in war." Is your program a crisis management tool or a preventative maintenance plan?

I used to look for the chapter "why it works" and never found it. I am baffled but pleased too.

Me: My name is Matt, and I'm an alcoholic.

AAA: This is AAA, not AA.

Me: Yeah, I was just explaining how my car got in the lake.

I once made an apathetic club.

No one cared enough to attend the meetings, though.

Phil, James, and Doug were at an A.A. convention together sharing a large suite at the top of the hotel. After a long day of meetings, they were shocked to hear the elevators were broken, and they now had to climb 12 flights of stairs.

Phil said to Jim and John," Let's break the monotony of this unpleasant task by concentrating on something more interesting. Hmm, I'll tell jokes the first 4 floors, Jim, you can sing songs the next 4 floors and Doug you can say your collection of sad stories the last 4 floors."

The others agreed and they started the climb for their hotel room. At the 26th floor Phil stopped with his jokes and Jim started his songs. At the 51st floor songs stopped and John's sad stories started.

"I guess I'll begin with my saddest story first. I forgot the room key in the car. And that's a lot of Steps"

"We Are Not A Glum Lot." – Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book – The Family Afterward, Page 152.
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THE
PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP
BIG
BOOK STUDY GUIDE

A Study of the Basic Text for Alcoholics Anonymous

The Big Book Study Guide was developed by the Primary Purpose Group of Dallas -- the group that inspired OAPP. The purpose of the Study Guide is to enable the student to better understand the information the authors of the book, Alcoholics Anonymous, intended to impart to each of us based on their experience and knowledge of alcoholism and their Program of Recovery. Read this Study Guide in it's entirety at [https://www.aastudy.org/ bbsg/The Big Book Study Guide.pdf](https://www.aastudy.org/bbsg/The%20Big%20Book%20Study%20Guide.pdf).

INTO ACTION

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11. What more do we do with Step Seven?

- (P) 12-a. What do we now need? (The WHEN)
12-b. Why do we need it?

Comment: Again, we are reminded that this is a Program of action, not just going to meetings.

14. What Steps will we look at now?

15. What do we have?

16. Where did it come from?

17. What do we now do?

18. Why do we go to see our family, friends, and neighbors?
(The HOW)

19. What do we really try to do? (The WHAT)

The Twelve Concepts for World Service

How Bill W. explained the spiritual principles that undergird A.A.'s structure and how the parts work together.

Title and CONCEPT V: From the pamphlet "P-8 Twelve Concepts for World Service illustrated",

CONCEPT VII is on pages 14 & 15.

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Concept VII

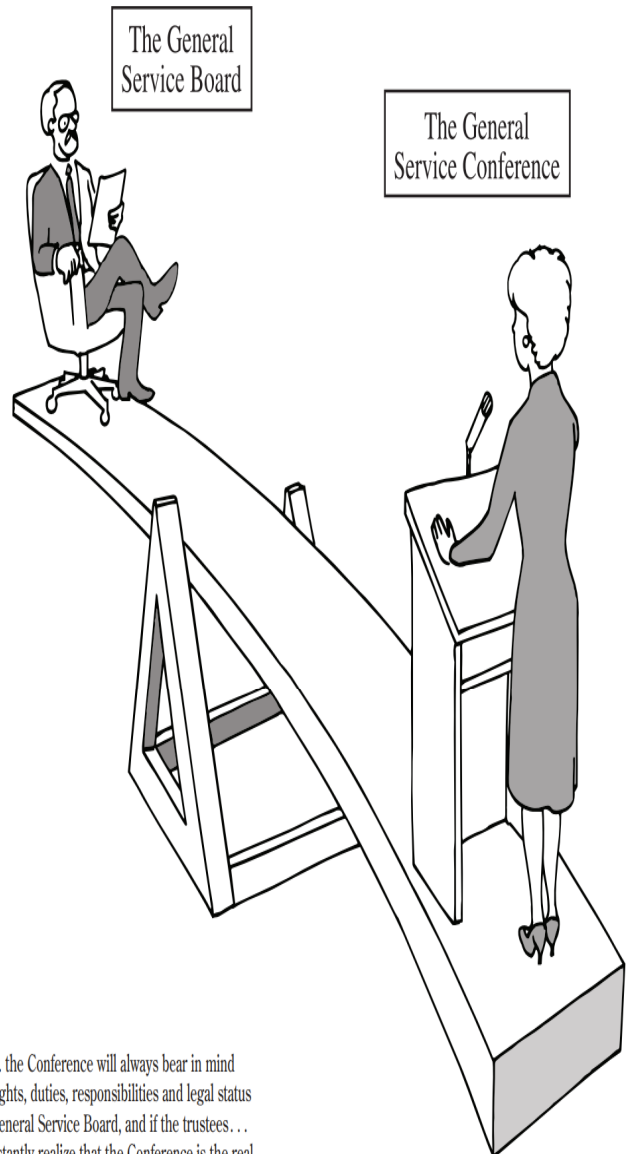
The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.



This Concept attempts to clarify the relationship and "balance of powers" between the Conference and the General Service Board. "This . . . may look like the collision of an irresistible force with an immovable object." On the one hand, "the board is invested with complete legal power over A.A.'s funds and services; on the other hand the Conference is clothed with such great influence and financial power it could overcome the legal rights of the board.


"Thus, the practical power of the Conference is, in the final analysis, superior to the legal power of the board. This superior power derives from the traditional influence of the Conference Charter itself; from the fact that the delegates chosen by the groups always constitute more than two-thirds of the Conference members"; and finally from the ability of the delegates to cut off financial support by the groups. "Theoretically, the Conference is an advisory body only; but practically speaking, it has all the ultimate power it may ever need."

The Conference "recommends" — though its recommendations have the force of directives to the board. The board executes these recommendations. The board does have the legal authority to veto a Conference recommendation — but in actual practice, it never has done so. As Bill tactfully puts it, the trustees "simply refrain from using their legal right to say 'no' when it would be much wiser, all things considered, to say 'yes.'"



"If . . . the Conference will always bear in mind actual rights, duties, responsibilities and legal status of the General Service Board, and if the trustees . . . will constantly realize that the Conference is the real seat of ultimate service authority . . . neither will be seriously tempted to make a 'rubber stamp' out of the other. . . . In this way, grave issues will always be resolved and harmonious cooperation will be the general rule."

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| <p>2022 Flint Area Unity Council A.A. Groups</p>  <p>Alcoholics Anonymous</p> <p>Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings Meeting Guide</p>  <p>The Meeting Guide app licensed by A.A.W.S. is a free-of-charge meeting finder app. Available at www.aa.org or the app store.</p> | <p>Donation Addresses: Flint Area Unity Council: P.T.H.A, Inc. 4225 Miller Rd. Suite 119, Flint, MI 48507 G.S.O. P.O. Box 2407, James A. Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407 C.M.I.A. 32, c/o Sherri L. 635 Woodcreek Court Saline, MI 48176</p> <hr/> <p>F.A.U.C. A.A. 24 Hour Help Line 810-234-0815 F.A.U.C. (District 12) Website: www.geneseecountyaa.org Flint Area Al-Anon Telephone 810-234-1460 Flint Area Al-Anon Website www.gaais.webs.com</p> |
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“He is like the farmer who came up out of his cyclone cellar to find his house ruined. To his wife, he remarked, “Don’t see anything the matter here, Ma. Ain’t it grand the wind stopped blowin’?”

Big Book, INTO ACTION, page 82.
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Call the F.A.U.C. Chair of the Literature Committee, James P. (313) 613-3703 to get yours.

The 2022 Flint Area Unity Council books are available for groups and individuals!

James P. has done an outstanding job in finding a printing company to handle the print job. In the last few years, many printing companies have closed up shop, including the one last used in 2021. Printing costs have gone up tremendously also. The company went with had the lowest costs, but is not an all-in-one company so locally out-sourced portions of the book were done, (cutting, folding, stapling). This added to the printing time, and the costs.

In 2021, the printing costs were \$ 0.295 per book. For the 2022 version, printing costs have gone up to \$ 0.60 per book. The F.A.U.C. is selling to individual books (up to a count of 20) for \$ 0.75 per book, and to groups at a pack of twenty for \$ 0.65 per book (+tax) unless the group is a non-profit.

That equates to \$ 13.00 for twenty books plus a tax of \$ 0.78 for a total of \$ 13.78 per pack of twenty. The extra charge is to cover future increases and also in this statement from the G.S.O. Guideline MG-02.

“3) Sale of Literature. Many service offices publish their own meeting lists; others also produce introductory pamphlets explaining A.A. These can be sold at a slight profit to help defray office expenses. It is also possible to buy books from G.S.O. for resale at the retail price, the profit going to support the central office. The Conference approved literature catalog describes various discounts.”

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Thank You!





Alano Club Marlene Lennon 2nd Annual Golf Outing

Kearsley Lake Golf Course

Flint, MI

Friday August 5, 2022

9:00 AM SHOTGUN Start



Golf package per person \$50.00 or \$200 per team

Names of Golfers:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____

- Yes, I would like to volunteer for set-up.
- Yes, I would like to donate promotional items (golf towels, shirts, hats, giveaways, etc.)

Please remit to:

Alano House of Flint

Contacts: Randy 810-577-1602 or Gem 810-955-1571

2608 Maplewood Ave

Flint, MI 48506

Email jpeg with logo to mimgch2000@gmail.com

Proceeds to benefit Alano House of Flint.



Alano Club Marlene Lennon 2nd Annual Golf Outing

Kearsley Lake Golf Course

Flint, MI

Friday August 5, 2022

Sponsorship for 1st Annual Golf Outing

Sponsor Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Golf package per person \$50.00 or \$200 per team

Hole Sponsor \$ 200.00

1. _____ Golf package per person \$50.00 or \$200 per team _____

2. _____ Names of Golfers: _____

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____

All Sponsorships must be received by *Friday, July 15, 2022*

Yes, I would like to volunteer for set-up

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Mackinac Island Fall Weekend

October 14-16, 2022

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| Name: _____ Phone: () _____ Address: _____ _____ Email: _____ Rooming With: _____ Saturday Evening Menu Selection: (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Piccata <input type="checkbox"/> Seared Salmon <input type="checkbox"/> Pork Ribeye <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Napoleon Yes, I'm willing to be on a panel! (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> AA <input type="checkbox"/> Alanon <input type="checkbox"/> Either | Weekend Registration \$45 Each (add \$10 after September 15) | Quantity | Total \$ |
| | | 1 | |
| | Zip Hoodie - \$45 Circle one: S M L XL 2X 3X add \$3 for 2X/3X | | |
| | Baseball T - \$30 Circle one: S M L XL 2X 3X add \$3 for 2X/3X | | |
| | Long Sleeve T-Shirt- \$25 Circle one: S M L XL 2X 3X add \$3 for 2X/3X | | |
| | Total: | | |

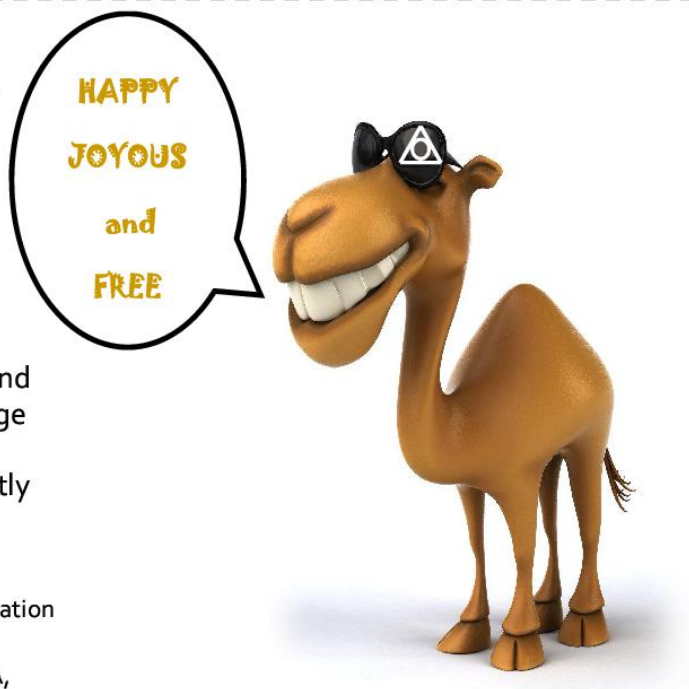
Check out the merchandise designs at AALansingMI.org or on our Facebook page!

Method of Payment: Cash _____ Check # _____
 Make checks payable to Lansing Central AA
 1915 E. Michigan Ave. Ste D, Lansing, MI 48912

Join us at Mission Point for the 33rd Annual Mackinac Island Fall Weekend as we come together to celebrate a sober and more joyful life. Here, we will be surrounded by others fulfilling the promise of living happy, joyous and free in AA and Alanon.

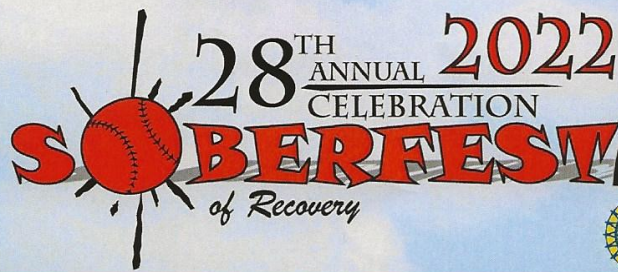
Rates are \$296 per person for double occupancy or \$460 for single occupancy, plus \$45 registration fee (\$55 after Sept. 15), and include two nights lodging; breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday; breakfast Sunday and luggage transfer to and from the ferry. Arrive early or stay late and take advantage of a special nightly rate of \$139!

1. Fill out the form above (**one per attendee**)
2. Mail or hand deliver it to LCAA along with your registration fee and merchandise payment
3. When you receive your confirmation email from LCAA, call Mission Point to reserve your room



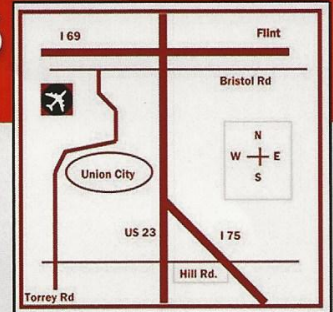
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SUNDAY, JULY 17TH

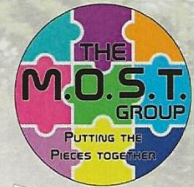


Union City Ball Fields

4151 Torrey Road Flint, MI



- M.O.S.T. Softball Tournament
- Open Talk Tent - 10:00AM - 4:00PM
- Union City Duck Pond - 11:00AM 
- Horseshoes - 12:00PM 
- Magic & Escapes Entertainment - 1:00PM
- Cornhole Tournament - 2:00PM 
- Kreature of the Night face painting



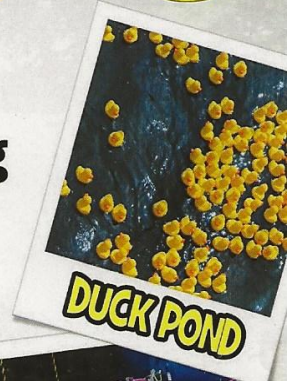
Box lunches, raffles, dancing and much, much more!

8AM TO 5PM

JULY 17th RAIN OR SHINE

CLEAN SOBER FUN!

For more info please contact:
(810) 236-6834



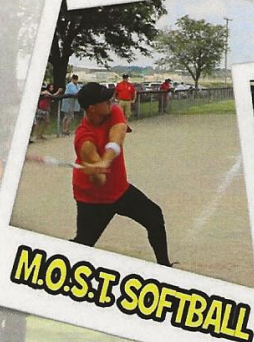
DUCK POND



FREE BIKE RAFFLES



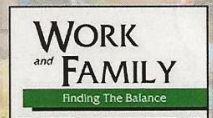
MAGIC & ESCAPES ENTERTAINMENT



M.O.S.T. SOFTBALL



FACE PAINTING





UAW Local 598 Flint Soberfest

New event at the Soberfest! Contact [Gordon Gardner](#) for more information



Singles Corn Hole Tournament July 17, 2022

Sign up and practice begins 1:30 P.M.

Start 2:00 P.M until finish - Officiated [Chas Tower](#)

\$3.00 entry fee Double Elimination

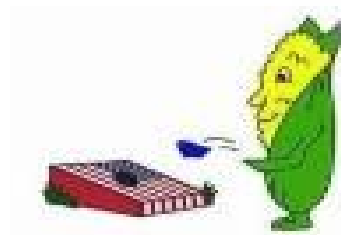
First place Grand Prize SOBERFEST Corn Hole Boards

Second place Trophy

UNION CITY BALLFIELDS

4151 TORREY RD

FLINT, MI 48502



For Information Contact [Gordon Gardner](#) 810-845-9953



EYE OPENER A.A. GROUP 2022 PICNIC!!!

AUGUST 20TH, 2022

**Picnic starts after the
12 pm (noon) meeting.**

Picnic starts at 1:00 pm.

**ALL A.A. and FAMILY and
FRIENDS are WELCOME!!!**



**FOOD, BEVERAGES, and
GAMES!!!**



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**FUN for ALL
BRING
THE KIDS!!!**



At the ARID CLUB:

715 East St., Flint 48503

Phone number: 810-232-7691

