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THIS ISSUE COMPLETES SEVEN YEARS OF PUBLISHING THE F.A.U.C. NEWSLETTER, WITH INNUMERAL COMPILATIONS, SUBMISSIONS, PROOF READS, AND THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE F.A.U.C. OF WHICH DONATING GROUPS HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE PROVIDED SUPPORT AND GROUP MONEY IN THE HAT.

Have you wondered why an accidentally broken mirror gives you bad luck for SEVEN YEARS? It's a myth from ancient Rome. Legend says Rome was founded in 753 B.C. Over 50,000 road miles were built by 200 B.C. and several are still in use today. In September 476 A.D. the Germanic prince, Odovacar, deposed the last western emperor, Romulus Augustus. Odovacar's troops made him King of Italy, bringing an ignoble end, and the fall, of the long ancient history of Rome.

According to Israel Drazin, author of Maimonides and the Biblical Prophets, "the ancient Romans believed that when you looked in a mirror, the image you saw represented your soul." So if you broke a mirror, you also broke your soul.

The number seven was very special in ancient Rome. So special that the Romans believed that life "renewed itself every seven years. So if you broke a mirror, your soul was broken, but your luck would change after seven years." And while you probably won't actually get seven years' bad luck if you break a mirror...now you know! We of A.A. know it doesn't take that long to change your luck...



ODOVACAR

"Dressed to the nines" is a statement British in origin; meaning elaborately dressed to perfection.

That is something we of A.A. know to be near and likely impossible, that so called "perfection".

"We shall need to raise our eyes toward perfection, and be ready to walk in that direction."¹
"We shall look for progress, not for perfection."²

This issue will deal with the 'nines' of the program of recovery known as Alcoholics Anonymous. Specifically Step Nine, Tradition Nine, and Concept Nine. "As we work the first nine Steps, we prepare ourselves for the adventure of a new life."³ Step Nine says, "Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."⁴

"Good judgment, a careful sense of timing, courage, and prudence -- these are the qualities we shall need when we take Step Nine."⁵

The spiritual principle of Step Nine as defined by Bill W. is "DISCIPLINE – Training that corrects, molds, or perfects the mental faculties or moral character; to bring under control; to train or develop by instruction."⁶

"Great suffering and great love are A.A.'s disciplinarian..."⁷ Another is "Brotherly-Love".⁸ "It is known in the rooms of A.A. that the spiritual principles are the Twelve Steps. To be thorough, the 36 principles are the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts."⁶ *ibid*

Step Nine works the Step Eight willingness. As in Step Five, "The rule is we must be hard on ourself, but always considerate of others."⁹ "Their defects may be glaring, but the chances are that our own actions are partly responsible."¹⁰ It is said there are no rules in A.A., only suggestions. However, Bill W. did point out a few rules; "Live and let live is the rule."¹¹ "So our rule is not to avoid a place where there is drinking, if we have a legitimate reason for being there."¹² "Middleton Group #1, Rule #62...Don't take yourself to damn seriously."¹³

So are they rules or suggestions? "All of its Twelve Steps are but suggestions."¹⁴ Suggestions are means of advisement. Rules are an accepted procedure, custom, or habit. With the advisements to recover, there are certain things we do to achieve this normal new life.

⁷ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, TRADITION NINE, p. 174.

⁸ <https://sobertostay.com/aa-principles>

⁹ Alcoholics Anonymous, INTO ACTION, p. 74.

¹⁰ Alcoholics Anonymous, INTO ACTION, p. 83.

¹¹ Alcoholics Anonymous, TO WIVES, p. 118.

¹² Alcoholics Anonymous, WORKING WITH OTHERS, p. 101.

¹³ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, TRADITION FOUR, p. 149.

¹⁴ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP TWO, page 26.

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¹ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP SIX, p. 68.

² Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP TEN, p. 91.

³ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP TEN, p. 88.

⁴ Alcoholics Anonymous, HOW IT WORKS, p. 59.

⁵ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP NINE, p. 83.

⁶ <https://www.aacle.org/twelve-spiritual-principles/>

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TRADITION NINE

Short Form – “A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”¹⁵

Long Form – “Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our over-all public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principle newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.”¹⁶

This Tradition states that A.A. is not organized; however, there are service boards and committees to do work as trusted servants. The Trustee’s Service Committees report to the General Service Board (whence they come from), and to the A.A. World Services Board. See the illustration on page 6 of this Newsletter from “THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL combined with TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE by Bill W. (2021-2023 Edition). APPENDIX C, p. 104.

¹⁵ THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL combined with TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE by Bill W. (2021-2023 Edition), Appendix B, p. 101.

¹⁶ THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL combined with TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE by Bill W. (2021-2023 Edition), Appendix B, p. 102.

CONCEPT IX

Short Form: “Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.”¹⁷

Long Form: “Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.”¹⁸

Concept IX reiterates that the Trustees 1) are responsible for A.A. functioning at the General Service Board level; 2) Trustees are responsible for the primary world service.

Furthermore, good service leaders start at the group level as explained here; “Due to A.A.’s principle of rotation, furnishing our service structure with able and willing workers has to be a continuous effort. The base of the service structure — and the source of our leadership — is the General Service Representative. The G.S.R. is the service leader for his or her group, the indispensable link between the group and A.A. as-a-whole. Together the G.S.R.s are A.A.’s group conscience — and together, in their areas, they elect the area committee members and ultimately the delegates and the area’s candidates for trustee. Groups who have not named G.S.R.s should be encouraged to do so. And as the G.S.R.s meet in area assemblies, care and dedication are required. Personal ambitions should be cast aside; feuds and controversies forgotten. ‘Who are the best qualified people?’ should be the thought of all.”¹⁹

¹⁷ The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, by Bill W., 2021-2023 Edition, page IV.

¹⁸ SMF-195 Service Material from the General Service Office, p. 2.

¹⁹ P-8 TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE ILLUSTRATED, p. 18.

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 entire **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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STRESS AND RESPONSE

Start with this true recent story of experience.

I went to an amusement park with my daughter's youngest, a nine year old granddaughter for her birthday present from me. It was over 2 hours away, and after 6 pm at night when I got her back home.



We had a great day by the way, she really likes the go-carts! I stopped for gas in the car on the way home. Then packed clothes and meds as the next day I would be near forty miles away doing

Granddaddy daycare at my son's. Arriving at his house, I found my wallet missing. I called the gas station in Flint where I had stopped, and the fella on the phone said, "I can see the pumps from here, there is no wallet, nobody turned one in. Sorry for your loss bro." My son and his wife both searched my car, under the car, anywhere they could think of where I might have dropped it at their house, to no avail. I slept on and off that night and did wake up at my alarm at 5:45, but WOW, what a headache I had.



I called my wife later that morning. I told her what was going on and asked her to look in the garage on the floor, the last and only place it could be. She had me hold the phone and went to look. Sure enough, she found it!



Note to self: NEVER, EVER put your wallet in the pocket on the side of the door again. It comes out too easy, and the stress from a potential loss was a lesson learned.



Not only that, her words left me in a state of being very humbled. ~ Editor ~



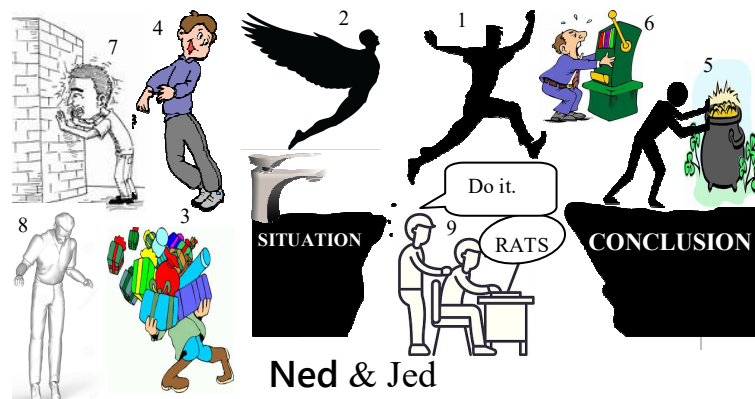
NO GLUM LOT HERE



Two men stay out late drinking, miss the last number 9 bus and have to walk home. As they pass the bus depot, one says, "I'll break in the gate and steal a bus to get us home; you stay here for a lookout," he tells his friend. Ten minutes later he comes to the gate and says, "It's no use, I can't find a number 9." "You idiot!" says his friend, "Just steal a 14, we'll get off at the corner and walk the rest of the way home."

My Top 9 Exercises that need working on:

1. Jumping to conclusions.
2. Flying off the handle.
3. Carrying things too far.
4. Dodging responsibilities.
5. Pushing my luck.
6. Going for broke.
7. Banging my head on the wall.
8. Keeping on the edge.
9. Delegating my current crisis for others to manage.



Hey Jed, is it true? You gave up on committee work?

Not really. I just let the others do all the work while I drink Coffee. I get a kick out of the groans and frowns.



Fella', how's that working out for ya?

Badly, nobody wants to get me a refill, they say I'm in the way, and some said take a hike.

What are ya going to do about it?

Had a thought that maybe I'd tell one of them to take a Coffee break and let me help out somewhat.

That's all part of no organization.

Each does their part, and the work gets done. Find out what needs to be done, do it, and get out of the way of the next worker. To many chefs in the pot spoils the chili y'know.

Righto, had some of Gordo's, Carl's and Pierre's chili before. It's gassy.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The August 2022 Newsletter went to 208 emails, with 84 Hits on the Website = 292 readers. If you would like a Newsletter via email, send Editor a request to farfromittoday@aol.com.

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

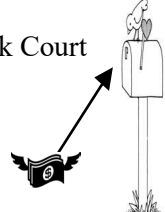
Next F.A.U.C. Meeting: Meetings are on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 12:30 pm for the General Assembly. **Host groups are encouraged to Host at their location** (but will meet at St. Mary's School if needed).

- ~~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: St. Mary's School, F.A.U.C.~~
- ~~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:

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The F.A.U.C. meets September 17 at 11:30 AM for Committee Meetings, 12:30 PM for General Assembly. Hosted by Men's Morning Group at the Fenton Alano Club, 800 North Rd., Fenton.

Flint Area Unity Council Service 101 Workshop follows the F.A.U.C. meeting Sept. 17. Food provided. *

Otisville A.A. is Hosting a Back to Basics Seminar starting Monday September 12th. *

A Responsibility Flyer with a QR code to the F.A.U.C. A.A. meetings is at the end of the Newsletter. This code will take you to the F.A.U.C. Meetings on the website. *
 2022 Mackinaw Island Fall Weekend Oct 14 – 16.*

* = Flyer at end of Newsletter.

The F.A.U.C. Newsletter is looking for Coeditors. Submit articles, ideas for articles (anyone can do the previous two) and proofread.

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

THESE MEETINGS ARE OPEN AND LISTED ON THE WEBSITE.
September 2022 Flint Area Open Speaker Meetings

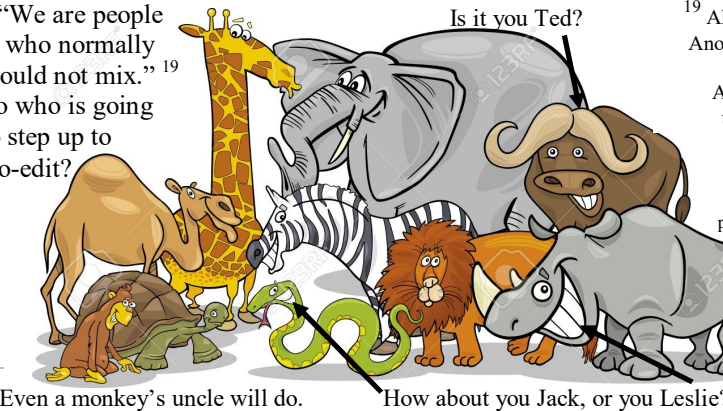
* = Addresses of Locations can be found in the 2022 Flint Area Groups Meeting Book or on the website www.geneseecountyaa.org under the Meetings Tab.

Thu 1	7:00 pm, Van Slyke.
Fri 2	12 noon, Eye Opener, Arid Club.
Sat 3	7:30 pm, East Side St. Mary's.
Sun 4	6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club.
Sat 10	7:30 pm, East Side St. Mary's.
Sun 11	6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club.
Sat 17	7:30 pm, East Side St. Mary's.
Sun 18	6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club.
Sat 24	7:00 pm, Thetford A.A. with a Potluck.
Sun 25	6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club.
Mon 26	7:00 pm, Montrose HOPE.

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

"We are people who normally would not mix." ¹⁹
 So who is going to step up to Co-edit?

Is it you Ted?
 How about you Jack, or you Leslie?



¹⁹ Alcoholics Anonymous, INTO ACTION, pp.84-85
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December 31, 2020



Lack of power, that was our dilemma. We had to find a power by which we could live, and it had to be a Power greater than ourselves. p. 45.

Then, like a thunderbolt, a great thought came. It crowded out all else:

“Who are you to say there is no God?” p. 56.

When we saw others solve their problems by a simple reliance upon the Spirit of the Universe, we had to stop doubting the power of God. Our ideas did not work. But the God idea did. p. 52.



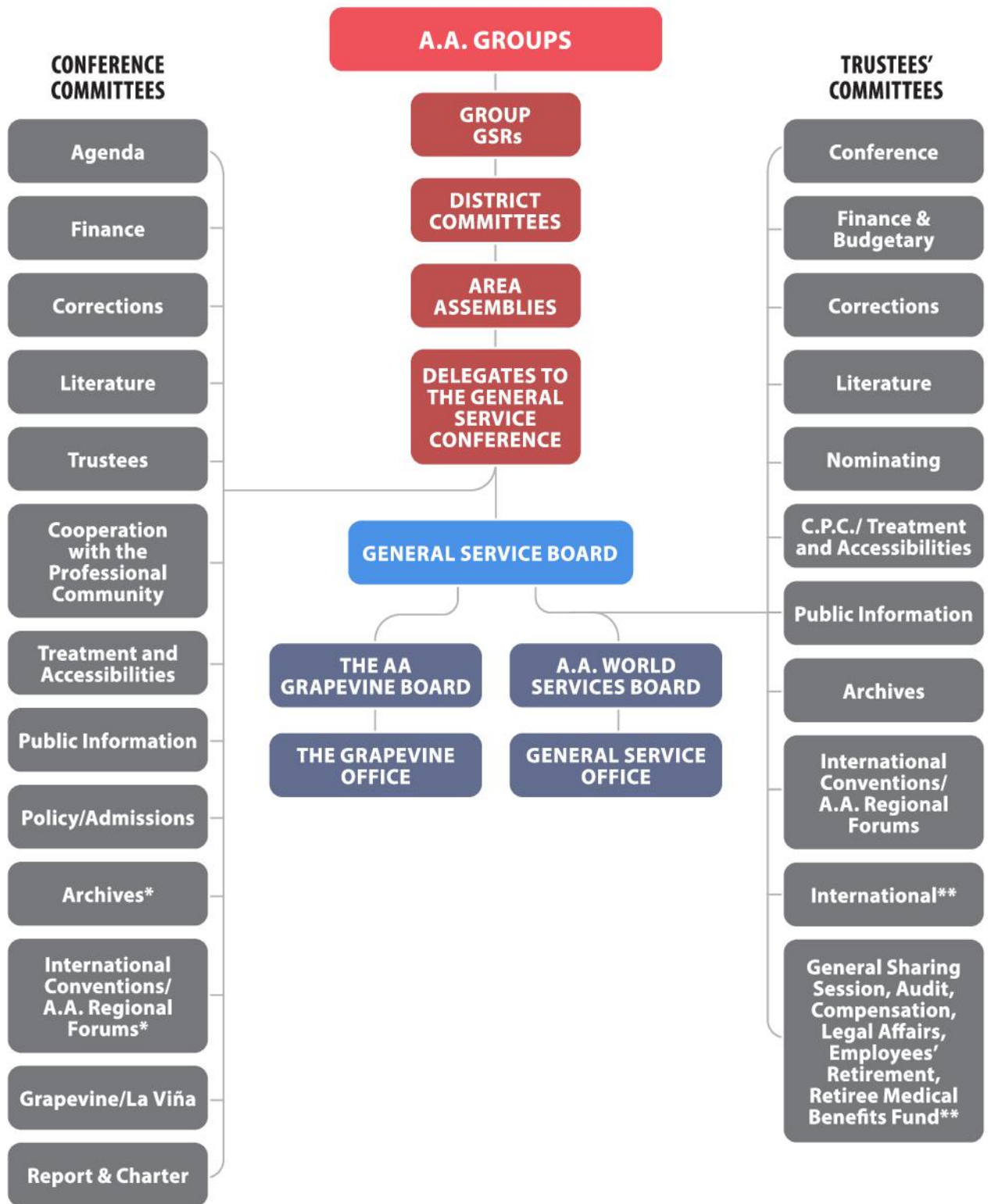
Otter Creek Nice Day...and a nice ending !!!

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THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE STRUCTURE *U.S. and Canada*

Appendix C



* Secondary committee
 ** No corresponding Conference committee.

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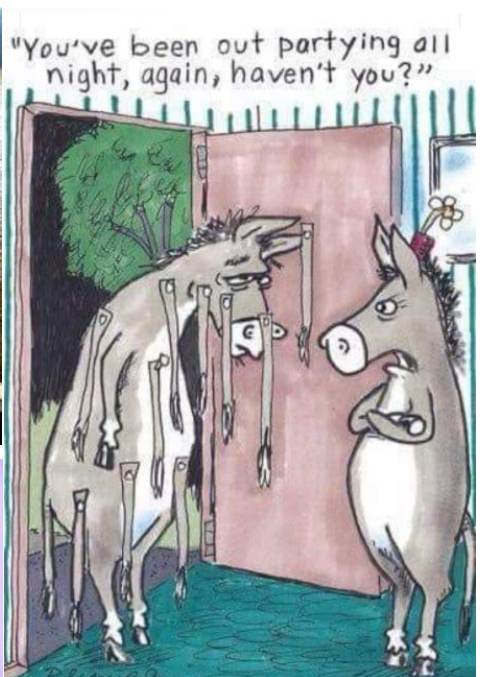
OUT OF MY CONTROL



@MINDFULENOUGH...



I don't think it's age that makes us forgetful. I just think there's too much stupid crap to remember.



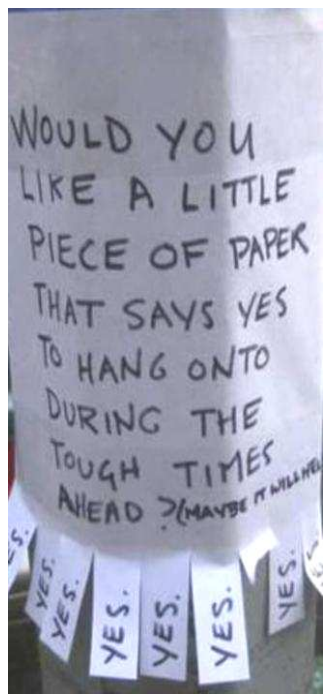
A policeman pulled me over, walked up to my window and said, "Papers." I said, "Scissors, I win!" and drove off. I think he wants a rematch; he's been chasing me for 5 miles!

That pain in my knee means rain is coming. And that pain in my neck means relatives are coming.



SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

- (1). Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
- (2). When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
- (3). Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
- (4). We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
- (5). We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
- (6). On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' That is attitude.



Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil; no point.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

I stopped believing for a while this morning. JOURNEY is going to be so pissed.

IF YOU BOIL
A FUNNY
BONE IT
BECOMES A
LAUGHING
STOCK...
THATS
HUMERUS

Thanks to GJDG

Stop asking
Why I'm Crazy







I Don't Ask
why you're so stupid

I LOVE THE SMELL OF
FRESHLY BREWED
COFFEE IN THE MORNING.
AND I LOVE THE SOUND
OF NO ONE TALKING TO
ME WHILE I DRINK IT.

PUT YOUR HEARING AIDS IN
DUMMY. SHE'S ASKING YOU,
"ARE YOU JUST GOING
TO SIT THERE ALL DAY?"

POSITIVE OUTCOMES

- 
 Improved
attention span
- 
 Boosted
memory
- 
 Reduces
mental stress
- 
 Increased
processing speed

FOUND: THIS BIRD



IS THIS YOURS?

- No nametag
- Yelled every name at it, doesn't respond to any
- Obeys no commands (very poorly trained)

NOT GOING TO HOLD ONTO
YOUR BIRD MUCH LONGER

- IT IS TERRORIZING MY •
- DOGS & DAUGHTER •

This is what I get for being nice for once

See pics of bird & contact me SOON:
CLAIMTHISBIRD.NET

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU STOP DRINKING.

**A weasel walks into a bar.
The bartender says,
"Wow, I've never served
a weasel before.
What can I get you?"
"Pop!" goes the Weasel.**

Thanks to Ted S.

**Love Them ALL.
I WILL SORT THEM
OUT LATER. GOD.**



Thank God it's Friday!!

August 1, 2022

Quote of the Week

"Faith is spelled a-c-t-i-o-n."

I did a lot of thinking when I was drinking. I'd think about how bad my life was and how things weren't going to get any better. As I kept drinking, I thought about all the things I could do, and after a few more drinks, I thought about how good I'd feel if I did them. After a while, I stopped thinking, couldn't remember where I was, and I entered oblivion. Finally, I had some peace from thinking—until I came to. Then it all started again.

When I got sober, I started to wear my sponsor out with all the things I was thinking. They say early recovery is a roller-coaster ride: first up with newfound hope and possibility, then down with regret and remorse. I took along for the ride anyone who would listen to me. After a while, my sponsor directed me into the Big Book and showed me there was a chapter called "Into Action," not "Into Thinking."

What I discovered about my thinking was that the majority of it was based on fear. My sponsor showed me that the way out of fear was through faith in a Higher Power, and the way to cultivate that was by taking action. "Fake it until you make it," I heard over and over again. "Do the things you would do if you had faith, and suddenly you will find that you do," was another. So I got into action, and my life changed. Even today, I remember to feel the fear, but to take the action anyway. And every time I do, things get better, opportunities open up, and my Higher Power shows me the way.

From: <http://www.thewisdomoftherooms.com>

"Now we need more action, without which we find that "Faith without works is dead."

Alcoholics Anonymous, INTO ACTION, p. 76.

"But we must go further and that means more action."

Alcoholics Anonymous, INTO ACTION, p. 85.

"Tell him you once felt as he does, but you doubt whether you would have made much progress had you not taken action."

Alcoholics Anonymous, WORKING WITH OTHERS, p. 94.

Once the Action is started
(the water over the wheel)
to power our intentions,
then it's just a matter
of forgive and forget
(Let Go and Let God!)
and just move on.
(After all; it's just water over the dam).





Heard it *‘Round the* *Rooms!*

During some
Big Book Studies.



“Our design for living is not a one way street.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, INTO ACTION, p. 81.

“And we have ceased fighting anything or anyone...”

Alcoholics Anonymous, INTO ACTION, p. 84.

“On awakening let us think about the 24 hours ahead. We consider our plans for the day. Before we begin, we ask God to direct our thinking...”

Alcoholics Anonymous, INTO ACTION, p. 86.

“Here we ask God for inspiration, an intuitive thought or decision. We relax and take it easy.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, INTO ACTION, p. 86.

“We usually conclude the period of meditation with a prayer that we be shown all through the day what our next step is to be... We ask especially for freedom from self will.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, INTO ACTION, p. 87.

“It works – it really does.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, INTO ACTION, p. 88.

“Life will take on new meaning.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, WORKING WIRH OTHERS, p. 89.

“To be vital faith, must be accompanied by self sacrifice and unselfish, constructive action.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, WORKING WIRH OTHERS, p. 93.

“Helping others is the foundation stone of your recovery.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, WORKING WIRH OTHERS, p. 97.

“Your job now is to be at the place where you may be of maximum helpfulness to others...”

Alcoholics Anonymous, WORKING WIRH OTHERS, p. 102.



Cheese has holes.
More cheese = more holes
More holes = less cheese
More cheese = less cheese

K.I.S.S.

Keep It Simple Stupid.

“But am I to be consigned to a life where I shall be stupid, boring and glum...?”

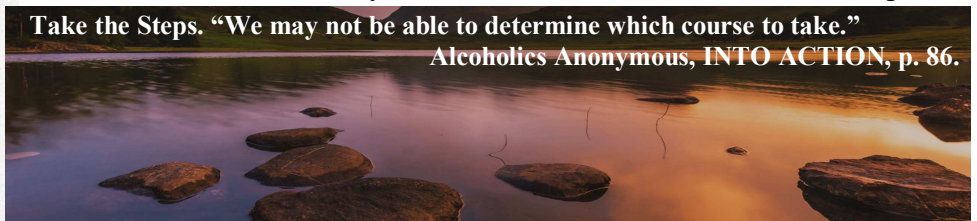
Alcoholics Anonymous, A VISION FOR YOU, p. 152.

“But we aren't a glum lot.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, THE FAMILY AFTERWARD, p. 132.

Take the Steps. “We may not be able to determine which course to take.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, INTO ACTION, p. 86.



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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_Big_Book_Study_Guide.pdf).

INTO ACTION

(Page 76 - continued)

Now we need more action, without which we find that "Faith without works is dead." Let's look at *Steps Eight and Nine*. We have a list of all persons we have harmed and to whom we are willing to make amends. We made it when we took inventory. We subjected ourselves to a drastic self-appraisal. Now we go out to our fellows and repair the damage done in the past. We attempt to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves. If we haven't the will to do this, we ask until it comes. Remember it was agreed at the beginning *we would go to any lengths for victory over alcohol.*

Alcoholics Anonymous, INTO ACTION, p. 76.

Comment: The following is the Eighth Step Prayer. Remember that we were promised we would be given some willingness as we did Step Four.

"If we haven't the will to do this, we ask until it comes."

Alcoholics Anonymous, INTO ACTION, p. 76.

Comment: Step Nine is the Step that lets us forgive those we have hated, feared, wished bad times toward, etc... Who, on your Fourth Step lists, did you not have ill feelings toward? If we want to be forgiven, we must forgive and then we are free!!!

Comment: From this point in Chapter 6 to the last paragraph on page 83, we will be told WHEN & HOW to "make direct amends to those we have harmed, except when to do so would hurt them or someone else" for specific situations and WHAT the results will be. Watch for them.

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 X: From the pamphlet "P-8 Twelve Concepts for World Service illustrated",

CONCEPT IX is on pages 20 & 21.

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Concept X

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority — the scope of such authority to be always well defined whether by tradition, by resolution, by specific job description or by appropriate charters and bylaws.

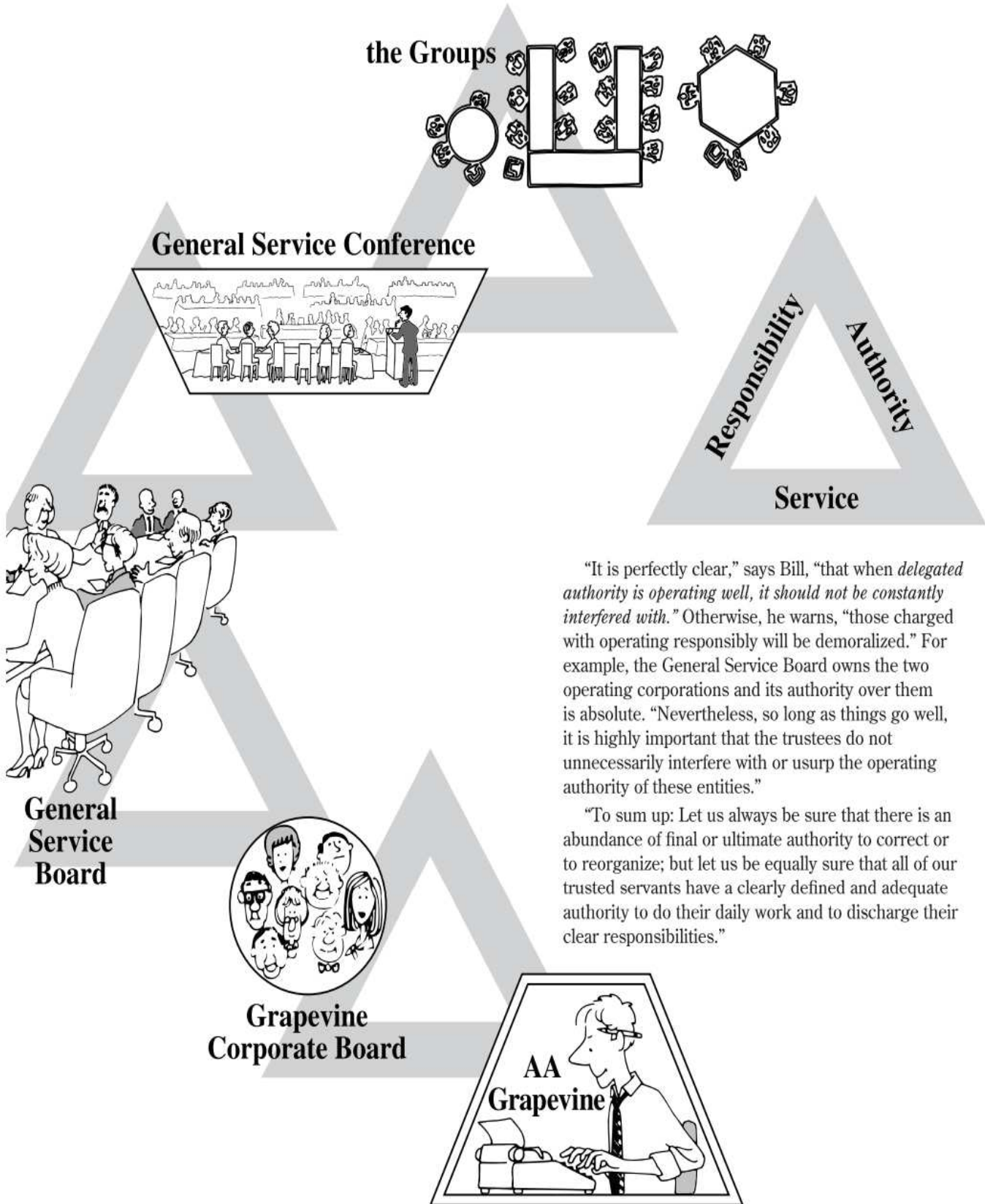
Our service structure cannot function effectively and harmoniously unless, at every level, each operational responsibility is matched by a corresponding authority to discharge it. This requires that authority must be *delegated* at every level — and that the responsibility and authority of every entity are well defined and clearly understood.

As we have seen (Concept I) "final responsibility and ultimate authority" reside with the A.A. groups, and they *delegate* this authority to the Conference (Concept II). The Conference, in turn, *delegates* to the General Service Board the authority to manage A.A.'s affairs (Concept VI) in its behalf. The board is in authority over its subsidiary operating corporations — A.A. World Services, Inc. and AA Grapevine, Inc. — but it *delegates* to the directors of those corporations the authority necessary to run these service entities. The directors are in authority over the executives of the corporations, but delegate to these officers the authority needed to carry out their administrative responsibilities. And finally, the executives *delegate* to the G.S.O. and Grapevine staff members and other employees the *authority* necessary to carry out their important service jobs.



**AA World
Services, Inc.**

Refer to page 6 of this Newsletter which is a reprint of page 104 of the 2021 – 2023 A.A. Service Manual, MANUAL combined with TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE by Bill W. That chart shows a different format from the page below, but it shows the same thing. The groups are the heart and life of A.A.




“It is perfectly clear,” says Bill, “that when *delegated authority is operating well, it should not be constantly interfered with.*” Otherwise, he warns, “those charged with operating responsibly will be demoralized.” For example, the General Service Board owns the two operating corporations and its authority over them is absolute. “Nevertheless, so long as things go well, it is highly important that the trustees do not unnecessarily interfere with or usurp the operating authority of these entities.”

“To sum up: Let us always be sure that there is an abundance of final or ultimate authority to correct or to reorganize; but let us be equally sure that all of our trusted servants have a clearly defined and adequate authority to do their daily work and to discharge their clear responsibilities.”

2022
Flint Area Unity Council
A.A. Groups



Alcoholics Anonymous
Meetings
 Meeting Guide



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LOOK, MA!
 Nothing to see here.

“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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The 2022 Flint Area Unity Council books are available for groups and individuals!
 James P. has done an outstanding job. , and yet meetings are changing all the time. If you know of a change, addition, discontinuation, etc., please let James P. the Literature Chair and Nick E. the Website Chair know of these or any other changes.

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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Call the F.A.U.C. Chair of the Literature Committee, James P. (313) 613-3703 to get yours.

<https://www.aa.org/resources/literature>

Go here to research which A.A. books, materials, or supplies you or your group may need, then call James P. 313-613-3703 to place an order. (Saves shipping costs!)

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Literature Listing

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
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This Flyer was produced by Gerri L.
Our great thanks for this tremendous portrayal of responsibility in action is greatly appreciated!

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GENESEE COUNTY**

**'WHEN ANYONE, ANYWHERE, REACHES OUT FOR HELP, I
WANT THE HAND OF AA ALWAYS TO BE THERE. AND FOR
THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE.'**

810-234-0815

24 HOUR ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS HELPLINE

WHY CALL?

- 1. CALL TO HELP YOU STAY SOBER**
 - 2. GET DIRECTED TO LOCAL AA MEETINGS**
 - 3. GET INFORMATION ABOUT LITERATURE**
 - 4. IF YOU ARE A FRIEND/ FAMILY OF AN ALCOHOLIC**
 - 5. IF YOU ARE AN AA MEMBER WHO HAS RELAPSED**
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THE FLINT AREA UNITY COUNCIL

A.A. “Back to Basics” Beginners Meeting

This seminar is a four-week workshop, where you will learn how to take all of AA’s Twelve Steps in one month, like the early A.A.’s!

The “Back to Basics” program is modeled on the original Beginners Meeting format that produced a **50-75% recovery rate** from alcoholism in the 1940s.

This program also serves as a historical
Study of the Fellowship and Big Book!

Starts: September 12th, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

At the Otisville AA group in Otisville.

Mondays closed meeting. A.A. Members Only

212 Center st. @ St. Francis Church

The registration for this workshop is FREE and includes coffee and seminar handouts. Full “Back to Basics” books by Wally P. and Big Books are available to purchase.

For more information contact: James 313-613-3703

F.A.U.C.

Flint Area Unity Council - District 12

(Presents)

SERVICE 101

This is not a workshop, But a Discovery Of A.A. through and through.

PRESENTATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

COMMITTEE CHAIRS GIVING A PRESENTATION, EXPLAINING HOW THEY
"CARRY THE MESSAGE OF HOPE"



Saturday September 17, 2022
after general meeting 2:30
FENTON ALANO CLUB
800 North rd. 48430

FOOD TO FOLLOW

Mackinac Island Fall Weekend

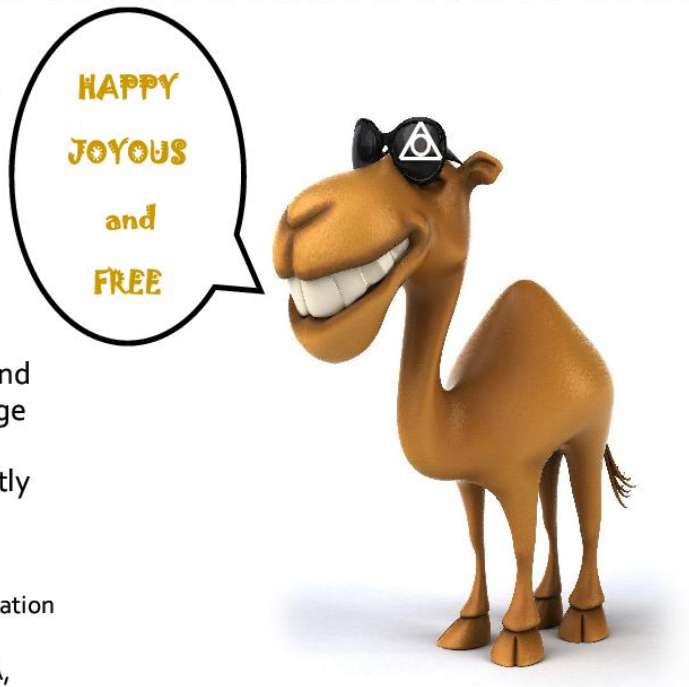
October 14-16, 2022

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Yes, I'm willing to be on a panel! (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> AA <input type="checkbox"/> Alanon <input type="checkbox"/> Either	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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