

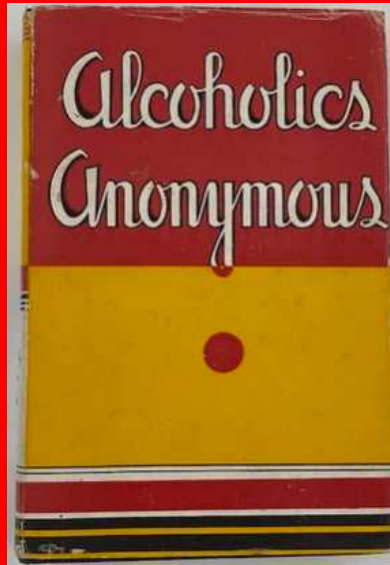


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Newsletter at <https://geneseecountyaa.org/f-a-u-c-newsletter>

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

“The first edition appeared in April 1939, and in the following sixteen years, more than 300,000 copies went into circulation. The second edition, published in 1955, reached a total of more than 1,150,500 copies. The third edition, which came off press in 1976, achieved a circulation of 19,550,000 in all formats.” (The 4th Edition was first printed in October 2001).
Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, *Preface*, p. xi, para 1.



“Nevertheless, the infant Society determined to set down its experience in a book which finally reached the public in April 1939... the pioneering period ended and a prodigious chain reaction set in as recovered alcoholics carried their message to still others.”

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, 1981, *Foreword*, p. 17, para 2 & 3.

“All changes made over the years in the Big Book (A.A. members’ fond nickname for this volume) have had the same purpose: to represent the current membership of Alcoholics Anonymous more accurately, and thereby to reach more alcoholics.”¹

“This book is a first edition ninth printing big book from 1946 with an original dust jacket. The book has been inscribed by Dr. Bob & Anne and also Bill Wilson at a later date (5/2/58).

The inscriptions read:

”Best wishes for continued success in A.A. - Dr. Bob Smith & Anne

”This in gratitude for your recovery and your fine example. - Ever Bill” - “NY / 5/2/58”

This book is in excellent condition with minimal wear. The dust jacket has light edge wear and chipping. Other than the inscriptions, there is no writing or markings in the book² (Along with image).

“WE, of Alcoholics Anonymous, are more than 100 men and women who have recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. To show other alcoholics *precisely how we recovered* is the main purpose of this book”³

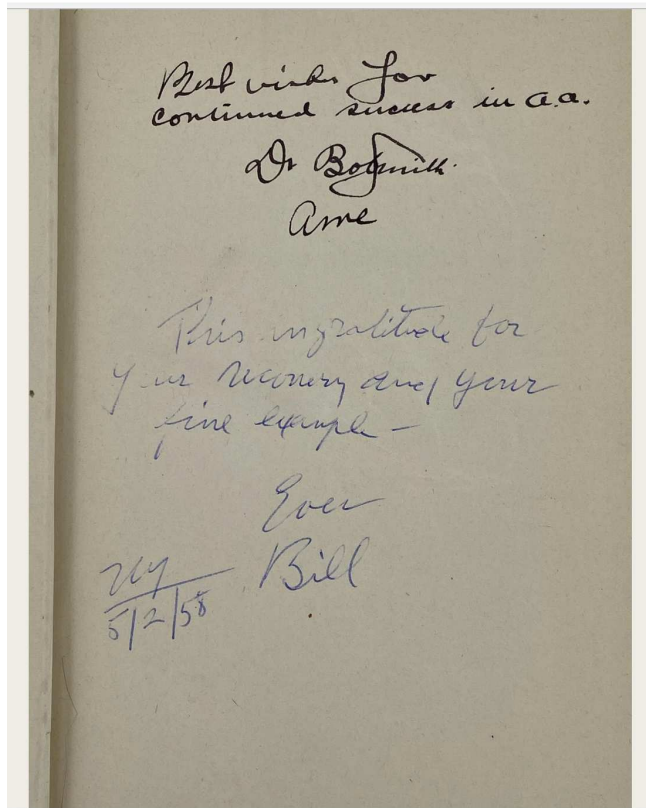
On pages 10 and 11 of this Newsletter is a listing of the members of Alcoholics Anonymous when the volume was first printed in April 1939. It explains how the phrase “100 men and women” came about.

¹ Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, PREFACE, p. 2.

² From: <https://recoverycollectibles.com/collections/alcoholics-anonymous-first-edition-big-books/products/signed-by-dr-bob-smith-bill-wilson-1st-edition-9th-printing-1946-odj>

³ Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, FOREWORD TO THE FIRST EDITION, p. 3.

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Signed by Dr. Bob & Anne Smith plus Bill Wilson – 1st Edition 9th Printing – 1946 ODJ. \$36,000.

STEP FOUR

The first three Steps of the A.A. program of recovery are referred to as The Foundation of our recovery. This, in part, is due to the writing of "Willingness, honesty and open mindedness are the essentials of recovery."⁴ Honesty comes about in the first Step, where our being honest leads us to admit our "...powerlessness over alcohol..."⁵ Openmindedness comes in the second Step where we accept there is a "...Power greater than ourselves..."⁶ So then, Willingness is in the third Step where we "...turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him."⁷

So then the Foundation is laid, and "...this concept was the keystone of the new and triumphant arch through which we passed to freedom."⁸

"Therefore, we started upon a personal inventory. *This was Step Four.*"⁹

This is where the action of the program begins my sponsor told me. Right or wrong about that does not matter, what matters is through guidance and my asking questions, I was able to complete an honest and thorough inventory of my past.

"The benefits of completing Step Four are strengthened sobriety, spiritual growth and movement towards mending your relationships to your HP, yourself and other human beings. What's the biggest requirement for this action step? Be honest! You and the people around you will benefit from this crucial step. In case you didn't know, keeping secrets is threatening to our recovery, and we have all had secrets that nearly killed us. Our secrets, in and out of sobriety, keep us sick.

"The inventory you will do in Step Four of AA will help you to identify negative thoughts, emotions, and actions that have ruled your life. In the past you probably justified bad behavior and blamed other people, places, or things for the problems you had created. Now you will begin to take responsibility for all your past and current actions. This may mean even acknowledging

"painful, embarrassing, or difficult events, thoughts, emotions, or actions. But that's cool, it's all good, because your thoughts, feelings, and beliefs are actually the roots of your addictive behaviors.

"Most of the people you will be relying on to guide you through Step Four probably believe there is no exact right or wrong way to practice this step. I think that what is important, is that we follow the general principle of self-honesty, and that we are willing to be "searching and fearless" in the pursuit of truth (By the way, when we say "fearless," we do not mean you will have no feelings of fear; fearless means you will not let your fears stop you from being thorough in your inventory process. With Step Four, it means you commit to rigorous honesty as you focus on events in your life, including your own weaknesses, and specifically not on anyone else's weaknesses).

"If the thought of making that searching and fearless inventory of yourself feels overwhelming, know you are not alone. My heart goes out to you as I remember my struggles to find the willingness to complete this step. The key is to put pen to paper and just start.

"Even though remembering the past may be painful, it can propel you into a new life of peace, as you learn how to look back without staring. Ask someone who has completed this step how it helped him or her, and how the hope of recovery can help you through the pain of remorse to the joy of forgiveness."¹⁰

Some of the best advice in the missive above on the fourth step is to use someone in recovery that has completed the steps as a resource to see how it helped. Go to page 13 to see the Promises of the Fourth Step.

⁴ Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th edition, APPENDIX II, SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE, p. 568.

^{5, 6, 7} Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th edition, HOW IT WORKS, p. 59.

⁸ Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th edition, HOW IT WORKS, p. 62.

⁹ Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th edition, HOW IT WORKS, p. 64. Reprinted with A.A.W.S. permission.

¹⁰ From: <https://www.jasonwahler.com/12-steps-of-aa/step-four-of-aa-alcoholics-anonymous>

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.

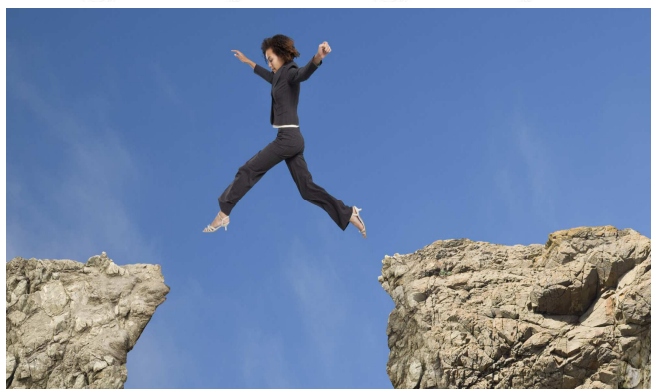
The circle/triangle symbol of A.A. that was used for many years has been removed from this Newsletter in accordance with the following statement by A.A. "In 1993, Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. announced that official use of all of the several circle/triangle trademarks and service marks was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

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The Key is to be fearless.

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FEARLESS



Have NO FEAR,
your Sponsor
is here!



NO GLUM LOT HERE



A treasure ship on its way back to port; about halfway there, it was approached by a pirate sloop, skull & crossbones waving!

"Captain, captain, what we do?" asked the first mate.

"First mate," said the captain, "go to my cabin, open my sea chest, and bring me my **red shirt**." The first mate did so.

Wearing his bright **red shirt**, the captain exhorted his crew to fight. So inspiring was he, in fact, that the pirate ship was repelled without casualties.

A few days later, the ship was again approached, this time by two pirate sloops!

"Captain, captain, what should we do?"

"First mate, bring me my **red shirt**!"

The crew, emboldened by their fearless captain, fought heroically, and managed to defeat both boarding parties, though they took many casualties. That night, the survivors had a great celebration. The first mate asked the captain the secret of his bright **red shirt**.

"It's simple, first mate. If I am wounded, the blood does not show, and the crew continues to fight without fear."

A week passed, and they were nearing their home port, when suddenly the lookout cried that five sloops of the enemy's armada were approaching!

"Captain, Captain! We are in terrible trouble; do you need your **red shirt**???" as the first mate looked expectantly at the miracle worker.

Pale with fear, the captain commanded, "First mate.... bring me my **brown pants**!" **Ned & Jed**

Hey Jed, how do ya feel about the Right of Decision?

Well, everybody seems to have it but me. I get told I make wrong decisions all the time.



Not so fast here, it is our trusted servants that have it, not us. We can all be wrong by our self, but we trust them to decide right thru deliberation.

This consult or asking for specific directions helps them decide whether to pass it on, report it, or do something about it. That's the Right of Decision.



Oh I see, so when they tell me to go see the site team, they then can turn it over maybe and give it to the logger detail. That's right, they need to know all the facts before they can decide. Then knowing them, they can say, hey, it'd be better to hear from somebody else, or just tell you they will take care of it as they are qualified.

Oh, I get it. We trust them then to do the thinking just like they trust us to do the doing. **Yer gettin' close...**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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F.A.U.C. Newsletter

Editor: Doug G. Coeditors: Jenny C., Randy H.

The March 2023 Newsletter went to 215 emails, February had 90 Website Hits = 305 readers.

2023 F.A.U.C. Meetings; Listed by; Date; Place;

Host. 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 21: St. Mary's School; Eastside A.A. Grp

February 18: St. Mary's school, F.A.U.C.

March 18: St Johns 435 Genesee St. Davidson, Davison Fellowship Friday Night Group.

April 15: Thetford Senior Center, G-11495 N. Center Rd. Clio; Thetford A.A.

May 20: St. Bartholomew, 9252 Miller Rd. Swartz Creek, Swartz Creek A.A.

July 15:

June 17:

September 16: Fenton Alano Club, 800 North Rd. New Horizons

October 21: St Mary's school, 2600 N, Franklin, Flint, Women in A.A.

November 18: St. Francis; Quaderer Hall, 212 Center St, Otisville, Otisville A.A.

December 16:

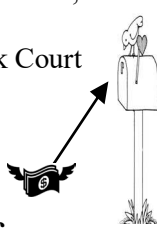
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Group NEWS

The F.A.U.C. meets April 15, 2023 at 11:30 AM for Committee Meetings, 12:30 PM for General Assembly at Thetford Senior Center, G-11495 N. Center Rd. Clio; Thetford A.A. hosting.

The Downtown Davison Group at 217 Shoppers Alley, Davison has 2 meetings. Tues 6:30 PM is a Women's meeting, Thursday 6:30 PM is a Big Book Study.

THE SOLUTION at Catholic Charities, 501 Chippewa St. will be reopening on Tuesday, April 11th, 2023.

* CMIA 32 Area Assembly – Sunday April 2, 2023, Hosted by District 28, at ReMax Office in Brighton.

* F.A.U.C. A.A. Founder's Day Bus Trip, June 9-11, 2023. At Akron, OH; stay at Akron University.

* Michigan State Convention, August 11 – 13, 2023.

* NEW MEETINGS: A Drug Is A Drug Meeting; an AA/NA/CA meeting. Arid Club 715 East St, Flint, Closed Meeting; Tuesday and Thursday 10 – 11 AM,

* STREET SMART SOBRIETY; Calvary Community Church, 1201 W. 12th Street, Flint. Thursday 7 PM.

* RECOVERING MANIAC'S Canoe trip. May 12-14.

* = Flyer at end of Newsletter.

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

The F.A.U.C. Newsletter is looking for the Fellowship

THESE MEETINGS ARE OPEN AND LISTED ON THE WEBSITE.

April 2023 Flint Area Open Speaker Meetings

* = Addresses of Locations can be found in the 2023 Flint Area Groups Meeting Book or on the website www.geneseecountyaa.org under the Meetings Tab.

- Sat 2 7:30 pm, East Side St. Mary's.
- Sun 3 6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club.
- Thu 6 7:00 pm, Van Slyke.
- Fri 7 12 noon, Eye Opener, Arid Club.
- Sat 8 7:30 pm, East Side St. Mary's.
- Sun 9 6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club.
- Sat 15 7:30 pm, East Side St. Mary's.
- Sun 16 6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club.
- Thu 20 7:30 pm, Swartz Creek Group, St. Bartholomew.
- Sat 22 7:30 pm, East Side St. Mary's.
- Sun 23 6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club.
- Mon 24 7:00 pm, Montrose HOPE.
- Sat 29 7:30 pm, East Side St. Mary's.
- Sun 30 6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club.

Email farfromittoday@aol.com for Open Speaker meeting.



"Ok, how's this?" HE said. →



TRADITION FOUR

Short version: “Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.”¹¹

Long version: “With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the Trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.”¹²

Have you ever heard, Don’t take yourself too damn seriously? Or what about this one: Everyone has a right to be wrong?

Both are foundational to and baked into Tradition Four.

In the early days of A.A., many groups were forming. In one town (known as Middleton in the 12 & 12), a certain group’s elders began dreaming about building an “alcoholic center” with a club on the ground floor, a sober-up second floor that would provide alcoholics money to pay debts, and a third floor dedicated to education.

Though there were skeptics, money flowed into the project, and the freshly painted center soon opened its doors. In fact, the “gleaming center” was to be a prototype for other such centers.

The main promoter of the deal organized three corporations, and became president of them all. “To insure foolproof, continuous operation, sixty-one rules and regulations were adopted.” (12 & 12, p. 228).

But the new center was not destined to glitter long. “Confusion soon replaced serenity.” (12 & 12, p. 228). Some trying to get into the center wanted education, but doubted they were alcoholics. Others simply wanted a loan. Still others started at the top floor and worked their way down to the bottom floor. Yet others started in the club, went on a binge, were hospitalized, and then went for education on the third floor. And others tried to get assistance from all three floors. “It was a beehive of activity, all right, but unlike a beehive, it was confusion compounded. An A.A. group, as such, simply couldn’t handle this sort of project.” (12 & 12, p. 229)

Eventually, the main project promoter wrote the Foundation office (now known as the General Service Office), saying he wished he would have

paid more attention to A.A. experience before embarking on the project. He then included the following on a small piece of paper. The cover said: “Middleton Group #1, Rule #62”. Once the card was unfolded a single pungent sentence leaped to the eye: ‘Don’t take yourself too damn seriously.’

So it was under Tradition Four that an A.A. group “had exercised its right to be wrong.” Organizers dusted themselves off, learned from their mistakes, and the “chief architect, standing in the ruins of his dream” laughed at himself, and in doing so, demonstrated great humility.

This story is full of lessons for us today. From it we learn that “every A.A. group can manage its affairs exactly as it pleases, except when A.A. as a whole is threatened.” Each A.A. group has the freedom to be and do its own thing, according to group conscience, as long as its actions do not “greatly injure A.A. as a whole” or cause it to “affiliate itself with anything or anybody else” (12 & 12, p. 226). Sobriety has to be a group’s “sole objective.” In all other respects, there is “perfect freedom of will and action” (12 & 12, p. 227).

And then there is the ultimate freedom encapsulated on p. 227 of the Twelve and Twelve: every group has the “right to be wrong.”

As an individual A.A., if you disagree with a rule passed by group conscience in one meeting, you are free to go to another meeting in Genesee or any other county. Or you can go to one of the group’s business meetings and share your opinion, experience, strength, and hope. You are always free to do service work and give back to the group in another way—even when you disagree with a rule voted on by group conscience. Alternatively, you can meditate on Rule 62, how it applies to the situation, pray for the group and its elders, practice patience and tolerance, keep coming back, and be a Big Book walking around.

All the tools are walking around with you in your AA toolbox. It’s up to you to open it and use the tools. Just keep coming back. It works if YOU work it.

*Submitted by the Husband and Wife Team of
Jenny C. and Francis St.-P.*

¹¹ Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, **The Twelve Traditions**, The Short Form, p. 561.

¹² Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, **The Twelve Traditions**, The Long Form, p. 562.

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An oldie:

Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year, and every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter." Esther always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

One year when Esther and Morris went to the fair Morris said, "Esther, I'm 85 years old. This might be my last chance to ride that helicopter." Esther replied, "That helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and \$50 is \$50". The pilot overheard them and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take both of you for a ride. If you stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny! If you say one word it's fifty dollars."

Morris and Esther agreed. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers and daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word.

When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Morris replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, \$50 is \$50!"

submitted by Ted S.



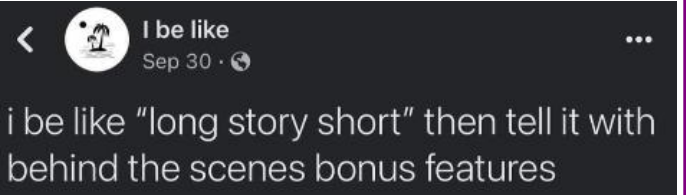
I should've listened to Morris a long time ago!

**I want to fly like an eagle
To the sea
Fly like an eagle
Let my spirit carry me!**

Steve Miller Band, 1977,



Another Oldie, but Goodie from Ted S.



As we may have been told, "Take the cotton out of your ears and put it in your mouth!"

Submitted by Stormi J.

CONCEPT IV

"At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional 'Right of Participation,' allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge." (Short Form).¹¹

"Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional 'Right of Participation,' taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge." (Long Form).¹²

AA provides that all groups within AA should be given a right to participate in the affairs of AA. This Concept provides not only that groups of alcoholics be permitted to participate, but also that staffs that include nonalcoholic's should also be permitted the right to vote in proportion to the responsibility they discharge. This insures that every skilled element needed to make informed decision have a right to participate and provides a voice for people with knowledge of how things operate day-to-day.

Yet, it goes much deeper than that. As the groups are on the top of the inverted triangle of A.A.'s structure, in accordance with the Second Tradition, the group puts forth its ideas and own structure through a group conscience, which has but one ultimate authority. The leaders are trusted servants, they do not govern. This Fourth Concept then ensures each individual member of A.A. a voice, and more importantly, a vote in the group conscience.

"Everyone, both inside and outside of AA, has a desire to find their rightful place in the world. Bill saw the program as something that would give recovering alcoholics a chance to find a fellowship in which they felt they truly belonged. Concept IV may seem like it is primarily concerned with enforcing the Second Tradition, but it is about much more than ensuring the lack of an ultimate authority. It is about ensuring that AA members understand how vital they are to the survival of the program. If we are to share equal rights, then it only follows that we should all share equal respect as well."¹³

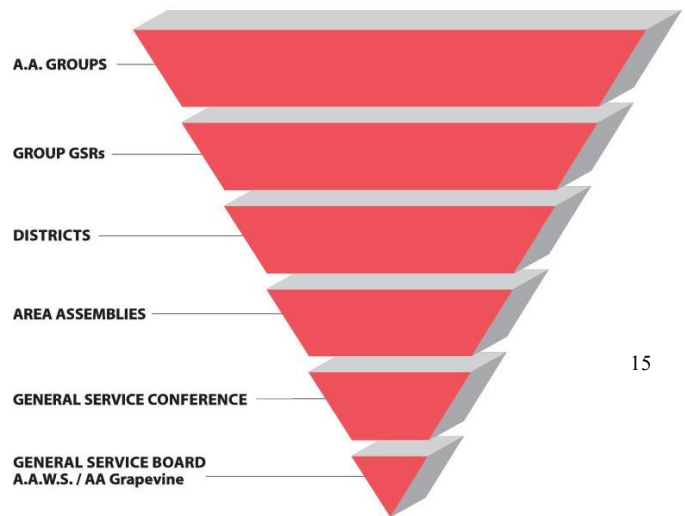


**IT'S YOUR
VOTE.
USE IT!!!**

"The 'Right of Participation' is therefore a corrective of ultimate authority because it mitigates its harshness or misuse. It also encourages us who serve A.A. to accept the necessary disciplines that our several tasks require. We can do this when we are sure that we belong, then the fact of our 'participation' assures us that we are truly the 'trusted servants' described in A.A.'s Tradition Two."¹⁴



Structure of the Conference U.S. and Canada



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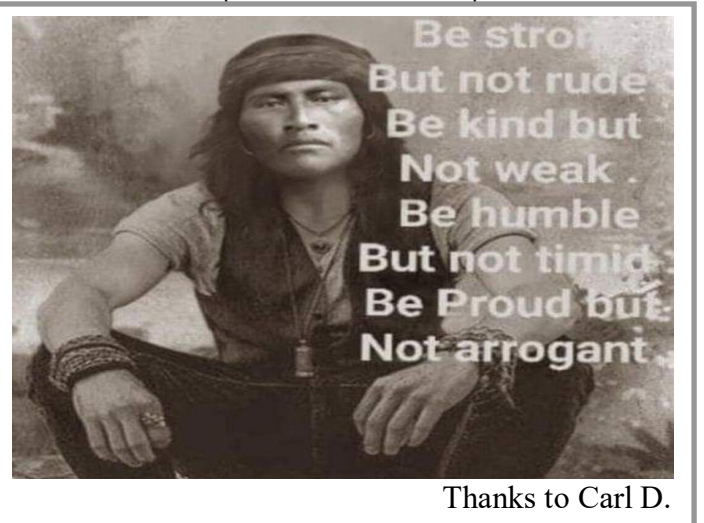
^{11, 12} The A.A. Service Manual, Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, by Bill W., 2021-23 Ed., Short Form, p. IV Long Form, p. C12.

¹³ <https://www.amethystrecovery.org/the-twelve-concepts-for-world-service-concept-iv/>

¹⁴ The A.A. Service Manual, Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, by Bill W., 2021-23 Ed., p. C15.

¹⁵ The A.A. Service Manual, Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, by Bill W., 2021-23 Ed., p. 3.

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Thanks to Carl D.

TRADITION FOUR CHECKLIST

“Tradition Four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

1. Do I insist there are only a few ways of doing things in A.A.?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of A.A.? Or nearby groups? Or Loners in Alaska? Or Internationals miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in A.A., I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths – his lengths, not mine – to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of A.A. tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

From Pamphlet SMF-131, p. 2.

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CONCEPT FOUR CHECKLIST

“Concept IV: At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional ‘Right of Participation’ allowing a voting representative in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

- Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the “Right of Participation?”
- What does “in responsible proportion” mean? Do we understand when it is appropriate for A.A. paid staff to have a vote at the General Service Conference or in our local service structure?
- Do we expect that, because we are A.A. members, we should be allowed to vote at any group, even if we are not active members of that group?”

From SMF-91- Concepts Checklist, p.2.

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What does the A.A. Service Manual say in regards to an A.A. Service member not doing their responsibility(s) and/or violating Traditions and Concepts of A.A.?

Warranty Five: “That no Conference action be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy.”

The A.A. Service Manual, Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, by Bill W., 2021-23 Ed., Warranty Five, p. C54.

Area committee chairs – generally appointed by the area chair or elected by the general assembly.

The A.A. Service Manual, Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, by Bill W., 2021-23 Ed., CHAPTER 3, p. 19.

Because our General Service Conference represents us all, this body is especially charged with the duty of setting the highest possible standard with respect to these attitudes of no punishments and no public controversy. The Conference will have to do more than just represent these principles; it will frequently have to apply them to specific situations. And, at times, the Conference will need to take certain protective actions, especially in the area of Tradition violations. This action, however, never need be punitively or aggressively controversial at the public level.

The A.A. Service Manual, Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, by Bill W., 2021-23 Ed., Warranty Five, p. C55.

Therefore it becomes clear that ultimate authority is something which cannot be used indiscriminately. Indeed ultimate authority should practically never be used in full, *except in an emergency*. That *emergency* usually arises when delegated authority has gone wrong, when it must be reorganized because it is ineffective, or because it constantly exceeds its defined scope and purpose. For example, if the groups are dissatisfied with the Conference, they can elect better Delegates or withhold funds. If the Delegates must, they can censure or reorganize the Trustees. The Trustees can do the same with the service corporations. If a corporation does not approve of the operations of its executives or staff, any or all of them can be fired.

The A.A. Service Manual, Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, by Bill W., 2021-23 Ed., Concept X, p. C34.

Therefore we expect that our Conferences will always try to act in the spirit of mutual respect and love – one member for another. In turn, this sign signifies that mutual trust should prevail; that no action ought to be taken in anger, haste, or recklessness; that care will be observed to respect and protect all minorities; that no action should ever be personally punitive; that whenever possible, important actions will be taken in substantial unanimity; and that our Conference will ever be prudently on guard against tyrannies, great or small, whether these be found in the majority or in the minority.

The A.A. Service Manual, Combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, by Bill W., 2021-23 Ed., Warranty Six, p. C58.

There are provisions in the Service Manual for the stated purpose of protective actions. Ultimate Authority can be used *in an emergency*. This emergency action is stated in the F.A.U.C. Aims and Purposes under Election Procedures numbers 11 and 12. And as stated in item 7 of the Aims and Purposes, “The Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of A.A. shall prevail at all times.” This then gives the F.A.U.C. the Right of Participation with votes on the conduct unbecoming the Traditions and Concepts of an A.A. member participating in the F.A.U.C.. The circumstances called out in the Service Manual are areas of Traditions violations; because it is ineffective; or to act in the spirit of mutual respect and love. Love is not an emotion, which creates feelings, feelings don't act. It is a willful act, which may be based on feelings.

Quote of the Week

"Welcome to A.A., the place where you grow up in public."

After a few months in the program, I began hearing people share that their emotional development stopped at the age they started drinking. They said they felt as if they had the coping skills, and the emotional responses to situations and people, that they had when they were teenagers—or younger. I was seventeen when I started drinking, and I, too, felt baffled by how to deal with people, places, and things. Many of my reactions were that of a selfish and self-centered adolescent.

When I started working the Steps, I heard another saying that people also felt as if they had missed that day at school when they handed out the instruction manual to life. I really related to that. The good news, my sponsor assured me, was that the Twelve Steps would provide the best instruction ever, and that I only had to be rigorously honest and willing throughout the process. As I uncovered, discovered, and discarded my old self, and built a relationship with my Higher Power, I began to grow up. But it wasn't always pretty.

I made a lot of mistakes as I evolved and changed over the years. It was often embarrassing, and sometimes even a little humiliating, to admit my mistakes and some of my ongoing selfish thoughts and behaviors during meetings with other people. But the acceptance I found, the identification and support I received, made it safe to discover myself and grow into the man I am today. And the laughter! When I learned to laugh at myself, I learned to forgive myself. And that's what made growing up in public possible, and even enjoyable at times.

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

"Our first objective will be the development of self-restraint."

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

"It is a step in the development of that kind of humility that makes it possible for us to receive God's help." Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP ELEVEN, p.98.

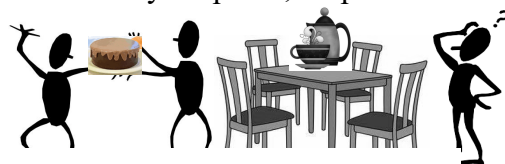
"If we are painstaking about this phase of our development, we will be amazed before we are half way through." Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, INTO ACTION, p.83.

"First result is emotional balance." Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, CONTENTS – STEP ELEVEN, p.8.

"Then comes the acid test: can we stay sober, keep in emotional balance, and live to good purpose under all conditions?" Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP TEN, p.88.

"But there is another kind of hangover which we all experience whether we are drinking or not. That is the emotional hangover, the direct result of yesterday's and sometimes today's excesses of negative emotion -- anger, fear, jealousy, and the like. If we would live serenely today and tomorrow, we certainly need to eliminate these hangovers." Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP TEN, p.88.

"We can be the ones who take on the unspectacular but important tasks that make good Twelfth Step work possible, perhaps arranging for the coffee and cake after the meetings, where so many skeptical, suspicious newcomers have found confidence and comfort in the laughter and talk." Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP TWELVE, p.110.





Heard it *'Round the* *Rooms!*



“It is what it is, but it will become what you make it.”

“If you don’t go within, you go without.”

If you worry, why pray? If you pray, why worry?

If you’re looking for good soul food, this A.A. program is the best soul food you’ll ever get.

I used to get beat up because I let my alligator mouth overtake my canary behind.

I was making movies in my head. Found out I have to surrender to that.

The sound of despair; it’s easier to give up than reach out for help.

**This is a WE program, “No man is an island,” y’all heard that before?
(Originally the quote was by John Donne, in the year 1624).**

**No prayer, No power.
Some prayer, Some power.
A lot of prayer, A lot of power.**

**From a discussion meeting on the Serenity Prayer and the Third Step.
Define Providence: the protective care of God or of nature as a spiritual power, (Noun).**

ORIGIN OF PROVIDENCE

1300–50; Middle English from the Latin word prōvidentia, meaning foresight or forethought.

Paraphrased from: <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/providence>

**“Our stories disclose in a general way what we were like, what happened, and what we are like now.”
Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, HOW IT WORKS, p. 58.**

**“What happened” to me is a clue of providence.
It’s a simple program for complicated people.**

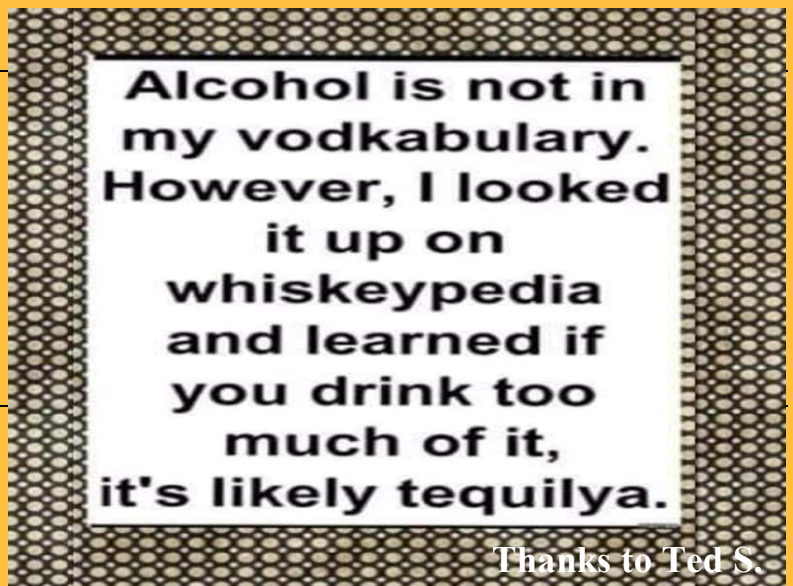
**A simplified approach to the Fourth Step,
bringing out our
Honesty, Openmindedness, and Willingness.**

DEBITS	v/s.	ASSETS
INSANITY	v/s.	SANITY

**List your character traits that
define you in each column.**

**Isn’t it funny how day by day, nothing changes,
but when you look back, everything’s different?**

**You might have a problem if...
IT’S RUSH HOUR ALL DAY LONG!**



Thanks to Ted S.

List of Original A.A. Members.

By 1939 it is thought that the number was actually in the low seventies and A.A.'s pioneers were using "puffery" when they decided to round the figure up to the nearest one-hundred. An A.A. related web page has a list of the members that had joined our fellowship up to 1939, when the Big Book's publication. You will see when you read this list many of the original members are alleged either to have failed to achieve long term sobriety or it is still unknown if they managed to continue to stay sober.

1934

(1) Dec 11 Bill Wilson New York Co-Founder of AA – Bill's Story

1935

(2) Jun 10 Dr. Bob Smith Akron Co-Founder of AA – Dr. Bob's Nightmare

(3) June Eddie Reilly Akron Sobered in 1949

(4) June Dr. McK. Akron Failed to gain long term sobriety

(5) June Bill Dotson Akron, Story: Alcoholics Anonymous Number Three – 2nd Ed

(6) July Ernie Gailbraith Akron The Seven Month Slip – (An In-and-Out Slipper)

(7) Aug Wes Wyman Akron Sobered in 1949

(8) Sept Hank Parkhurst, New York The Unbeliever – 4 yrs. Sober, Drunk Sept 1939

(9) Sept Phil Smith Akron

(10) Oct John Henry "Fitz" Mayo New York, founder AA Washington DC metro area, story: Our Southern Friend

(11) 1935 Freddie B. New York Failed to gain long term sobriety

(12) 1935 Brooke B. New York Failed to gain long term sobriety

(13) 1935 Bill R. New York Failed to gain long term sobriety

(14) 1935 Ernest M. New York Failed to gain long term sobriety

(15) 1935 Herb D. New York Failed to gain long term sobriety

(16) 1935 Alec New York Failed to gain long term sobriety

(17) 1935 Russ R. New York, Original account, Failed, see footnote.[1]

(18) 1935 Bill C. New York, Committed suicide after living at the Clinton Street house for a year.[2]

(19) 1935 Victor New York Failed to gain long term sobriety

(20) 1935 Lil New York Failed to gain long term sobriety

1936

(21) Jan Harold Grisinger Akron

(22) Feb Walter Bray Akron The Back-Slider Marie Bray, Story: AN ALCOHOLIC'S WIFE

(23) Apr Joe Doeppler Akron, Story: The European Drinker

(24) Apr Myron Williams New York Story: Hindsight

(25) July Paul Stanley Akron, Story: Truth Freed Me

(26) Sept J. D. Holmes Akron, co-founder, AA Evansville, first AA group in Indiana.

(27) Sept Holland Spencer Akron

(28) Dec Bob Oviatt Akron, Story: The Salesman

1937

(20) Feb Dick Stanley Akron, Story: The Car Smasher

(30) Feb Don McLean New York

(31) Feb Bill Rudell New York, Story: A Business Man's Recovery

(32) Feb Lloyd Tate Akron, Story: The Rolling Stone

(33) Feb Bill Van Horn Akron, Story: Ward Of The Probate Court

(34) Mar Harry Zoellers Akron A Close Shave

(35) Mar Florence Rankin New York, Story: A Feminine Victory - Returned to drinking & suicide 1939[3]

(36) Apr Earl Treat, Akron, Story: He Sold Himself Short, Second through Fourth Edition

(37) Apr[Feb] Bob Evans, Akron[4]

(38) May Wally Gillam Akron, Story: Fired Again

(39) May Charlie Simondsord, Alt spelling: Charlie Simonson Akron, Story: Riding The Rods

(40) July Jim Scott Akron, Story: Traveler, Editor, Scholar

(41) July Paul Kellogg New York Failed to gain long term sobriety

(42) Sept Bill Jones Cleveland

List of Original A.A. Members. (Continued).

1937 continued.

- (43) Oct Jack Williams New York
- (44) Nov Tom Lucas Akron, Story: My Wife And I
- (45) Dec Ned Poynter New York Continued Sobriety Unknown
- (46) 1937 Jane S. Cleveland Sober a few months, Failed to gain long term sobriety

1938

- (47) Jan. Jim Burwell NY, Founder, AA Philadelphia & Harrisburg PA. Slipped, DOS Jun 15, 1938, The Vicious Cycle – 2nd to 4th Ed.
- (48) Feb: Clarence Snyder, Cleveland. Story: Home Brewmeister
- (49) Feb Charlie Jones Akron
- (50) Feb Ray Campbell New York, Story: An Artist's Concept
- (51) Feb Van Wagner New York Continued Sobriety Unknown
- (52) Feb Jack Darrow New York Continued Sobriety Unknown[5]
- (53) Feb Norman Hunt New York / Darien, CT, Story: Educated Agnostic
- (54) Feb Harold Sears New York, Story: Smile With Me, At Me
- (55) Apr Capt. Coxe New York Continued Sobriety Unknown
- (56) May Abby Goldrick Akron, Story: He Thought He Could Drink Like A Gentleman, 2nd & 3rd Ed.
- (57) May Bert Taylor New York Continued Sobriety Unknown
- (58) May Bob Taylor New York Continued Sobriety Unknown
- (59) June George Williams New York Continued Sobriety Unknown
- (60) June Joseph Taylor New York Continued Sobriety Unknown
- (61) June Harry Brick New York, Story: A Different Slant
- (62) June Ralph Furlong New York, Springfield, MA, Story: Another Prodigal Story
- (63) July Bud Emerson New York Continued Sobriety Unknown
- (64) Sept Archie Trowbridge Akron and Founder, AA Detroit. Story: The Fearful One, The Man Who Mastered Fear
- (65) Sept Horace Maher New York, Story: On His Way
- (66) Oct John Dolan Akron
- (67) Dec Vaughn Phelps Akron
- (68) Dec Horace Crystal New York Continued Sobriety Unknown
- (69) 1938 Bill H. Cleveland failed, later permanent sobriety
- 1939** (70) Jan Pat Cooper Calif., Story The Lone Endeavor
- September 13, 1939: Sylvia Kaufman, Chicago. Story: The Keys of the Kingdom, 2nd to 4th Ed, Unknown Sobriety Dates
- (71) Delmar Tyron Akron Aces Full, Seven-Eleven
- (72) Doc Moran Akron Continued Sobriety Unknown
- (73) Harold Grissom Akron Continued Sobriety Unknown
- (74) Dr. Howard S. Akron Continued Sobriety Unknown



“We, of Alcoholics Anonymous, are more one hundred men and women who have recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. To show other alcoholics *precisely how we recovered* is the main purpose of this book.”

Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, FOREWORD TO THE FIRST EDITION, p. 4.

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AS BILL SEES IT,
The A.A. Way of Life
(selected writings of A.A.'s co-founder)
1967
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□ Conviction and Compromise

One qualification for a useful life is give-and-take, the ability to compromise cheerfully. Compromise comes hard to us "all or nothing" drunks. Nevertheless, we must never lose sight of the fact that progress is nearly always characterized by a series of improving compromises.

Of course, we cannot always compromise. There are circumstances in As Bill See's It which it is necessary to stick flat-footed to one's convictions until the issue is resolved.

Deciding when to compromise and when not to compromise always calls for the most careful discrimination.

TWELVE CONCEPTS, PP. 42-43

An analogy of compromises and convictions here; compromises are our values while convictions are our absolutes.

If your car needs gas, the only thing one can put in it to make it run is, you guessed it, gas! That is an absolute. You cannot put any other liquid in it, say; vinegar, milk, diesel fuel, shampoo, laundry detergent, urine, orange juice, alcohol, or you name it. If you do all you've done is the wrong thing, because it was not the absolute, the only thing that will make the engine work.

However, if you drive down the street past different gas stations, the price varies from station to station. That is the compromise; the value of the absolute we are willing to pay, or maybe required to obtain at any price.

Convictions guide our thoughts, behaviors, and they may affect other people also.

Compromise gives us tolerance, patience, kindness and love by not forcing our conviction upon others.

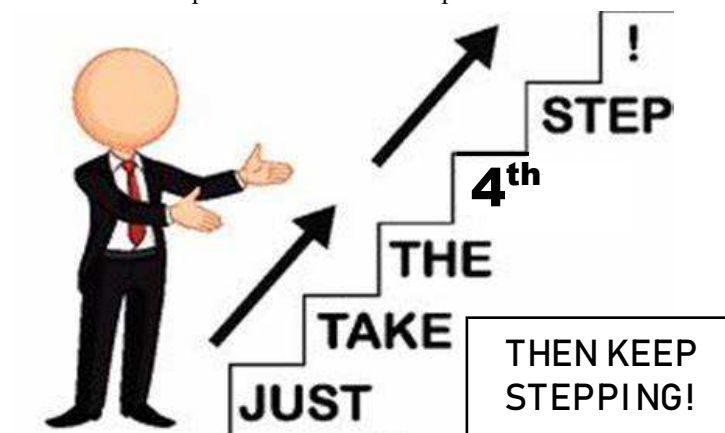


PROMISES ASSOCIATED WITH STEP FOUR

1. "When the spiritual malady is overcome, we start to straighten out mentally and physically." (64).
2. "We cannot be helpful to all people but at least God will show us how to take a kindly and tolerant view of each and every one." (67).
3. "Just to the extent that we do what we think He would have of us and humbly rely on Him, does He enable us to match calamity with serenity." (68).
4. "We ask him to remove our fear and direct our attention to what he would have us be. At once, we commence to outgrow fear." (68).
5. "In meditation, we ask God what we should do about each specific matter. The right answer will come, if we want it." (69).
6. "If we are sorry for what we have done, and have the honest desire to let God take us to better things, we believe we will be forgiven and will have learned our lesson." (70).
7. "We have begun to comprehend their futility and their fatality." (70).
8. "We have commenced to see their terrible destructiveness." (70).
9. "We have begun to learn tolerance, patience and good will toward all men, even our enemies, for we look on them as sick people." (70).
10. "We hope you are convinced now that God can remove whatever self-will has blocked you off from Him." (70).

Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, HOW IT WORKS, page numbers in parentheses for each promise.

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KEEP READING;

THE PROMISES OF THE BIG BOOK



JUST KEEP COMING AND COMING THRU THE STEPS!

Text or Facebook Messages FROM DAYS OF YOUR YESTER YORE, PRESENT, or FUTURE?

Ok, but how will I know you?

Look out for a guy with wizened eyes and a melancholy expression.

You'll be drunk, then?

Yup.

My grandmother always said...

- Don't go where you're not invited.
- Don't talk about what you don't know
- Don't interfere with things that are none of your business
- Do not open the fridge in someone else's house
- Don't call after 10pm
- Don't go see someone at lunchtime
- Don't enter other people's bedrooms without permission

They were the rules of good manners and they still are, because manners never go out of fashion!

wow only spent \$32 at the bar last night, thats some sort of miracle

Go me

you *do* remember it was dollar margarita night at [redacted]'s right...?

no I do not

That answers my next five questions

Hey dave

Dont talk to me

Why what did I do

Last night you were so drunk you got my ipad and put in the blender

Really?????

Yea and you said you were making apple juice

I found a kitten!

By 'kitten' I mean beer... and by 'found' I mean drank.

I have found a lot of kittens tonight

you need help

You remind me of the sun

Because ur pretty hot

Oh I thought it's because I will literally kill you if you come too close to me

The old proverbial warning shot!

I am a kind of paranoid in reverse. I suspect people of plotting to make me happy.

~J.D.Salinger

Thanks to Ted S.

Do you have a dream?

Yes.

What is it?

I want to quit drinking.

Then go ahead and do it!

Oh yeah? And what will my life be without a dream?!

Delivered a set of car keys from 38 miles away. When getting home got this text: "Do not show up unannounced and without permission. 'I can not be any plainer than that.' No need for further conversation. Good day."

When doing someone a favor was the wrong thing to do from their perspective. Did not bother trying to get to the bottom of this at the time. I hope their stew was good.

I just threw up in front of a customer into the trash. I told her I was pregnant and I had morning sickness. I could cry. I feel so awful

10:36AM

It's a low point when you tell someone you're pregnant so they WONT judge

I wasn't that drunk

Dude you asked your girlfriend if she was single

Dude I wasn't THAT drunk..

Dude, you gave a mushroom to a midget and kept yelling "GROW MARIO GROW"



WHEN YOU KNOW YOU'VE GOT YOUR SH*T TOGETHER.

Bull Shit

Scoville Heat Units (SHU): 1,000 – 10,000

My nephew says I'm missing the best one. (That's debatable).
Thanks to Eric M.



OPEN TO ALL – BRING A FRIEND

**CMIA 32 Area Assembly
Hosted by District 8
Sunday, April 2, 2023**

**At – RE/MAX Office
6870 Grand River Ave. Brighton 48114
(2 story building, w. American Flag)**

Lot in back, use middle doors, (w. Pillars). Handicapped ramp to left

Directions

From South – US 23 N. to I 96 W. to exit 145. Turn Right, (W), 2 Miles, on Left

From North – US 23 S. and to I 96 W. to exit 145. Turn Right, (W), 2 Miles on Left

From East – I 96 W to exit 145. Turn Right, (W), 2 Miles on Left

From West – I 96 E to exit 140, turn left, go Approx. 2/3 mile to Grand River.
Turn Right. 3 Miles on Right

Coffee and Donuts at 9am – Morning Session Begins at 9:30 – Lunch 12:30
See cmia32.org for full agenda

**The FLINT AREA UNITY COUNCIL
invites you to come along on a bus trip to the
A.A. FOUNDER'S DAY on June 10th, 2023 in Akron, OH.**



The bus will depart on Friday June 9th at 7:00 AM and return on Sunday June 11th. Cost for the bus is \$110 roundtrip, (If all 50 seats are filled). Pick-up/Drop-off at Walmart Supercenter, 11493 N Linden Rd, Clio, MI 48420. Please arrive 15 minutes early before departure.

**Lodging and food is through the Akron University.
Registration for all A.A. meetings, events and a historical
A.A. bus tour with food and lodging included is \$275.
Events schedule is on-line at <https://foundersday.org/>,
also to be given out at check-in.**

**FOUNDER'S DAY highlights include visits to Dr. Bob's
house on Friday June 9th and a motorcycle motorcade to view at Dr.
Bob's gravesite on Sunday June 11th at 7:30 am.**

**To reserve your spot on the 50 seat bus, contact James P. for
details. 313-613-3703 and pay by check by February 28th.**

Some History of Founders' Day

- 1941 Bill W. and Dr. Bob were the featured speakers.**
- 1945 Dr. Bob and Bill W. spoke at a dinner at the Mayflower Ballroom.**
- 1957 The first "Play" was introduced and a Sunday morning breakfast was held at The University of Akron's Memorial Hall.**
- 1965 The "Modern" Era of Founders' Day begins with the first Friday-Sunday Weekend.**

Friday June 9th, 2023

A.A. FOUNDER'S DAY EVENTS

A.A. Events marked * will have an American Sign Language interpreter present.

- 7:00 AM - Leave for Akron, OH. (Bus at Walmart Supercenter, 11493 N. Linden Rd, Clio – arrive 15 minutes early).
9:10 AM - Arrive at Ohio I-80/90 Turnpike Rossford Oasis for breakfast.
11:30 AM – Arrive Dr. Bob's house, 855 Ardmore Ave, Akron, OH 44302.
1:45 PM - Arrive 183 Aqueduct St Mount Peace Cemetery, Akron, OH 44303, Dr. Bob's gravesite.
2:45 PM – Arrive University of Akron, 302 Buchtel Common, Akron, OH 44325 for Registration/Rooms.
3:00 PM - A.A. Early Bird Meeting*. Sandra S. – Cleveland, OH – She Faced a Hostile Universe Alone Until A.A. Found Her, Chaired by Jerry C.
5:00 PM – Bus leaves for Cracker Barrel, 76 Rothrock Loop, Copley, OH for dinner.
5:00 PM - Actors Guild Play, Love and Tolerance.
7:00 PM - A.A. Speaker Meeting*.
Christina G. – Brecksville, OH – Watch Well, Your Beginnings – The Results Will Reveal Themselves.
Chaired by Mary K.
8:00 PM - Actors Guild Play, Love and Tolerance.
9:00 PM - A.A. Speaker Meeting*. Michael D. – Sioux Falls, SD – We Work on Broken Souls in A.A., God Can fix a Broken Soul. Chaired by Scott T.
9:00 – 11:00 PM - Junta en Español.
Presentado por el grupo de AA: Hay Una Solución de Painesville, OH.
11:30 PM – 2:00 AM - A.A. Alkathon.

Saturday June 10th, 2023. (Bus Tour Group is on their own today, A.A. Events as follows);

- 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM - A.A. Historic Sites Bus Tours, 2 buses continuously leaving from Bierce Circle on campus.
Includes a stop at the Akron Area Archives at the Akron Intergroup.
9:00 AM - The Twelve Traditions, Debbie D. – Concord, CA – Practicing Them in All My Affairs, Chair; Aaron K.
10:30 AM - A.A. Old Timers' Panel*, Acceptance is the Key, Bob C. – Cleveland, OH, Chris H. – Parma, OH,
Joe L. – Edmond, OK, Chaired by Aaron K.
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM - Reunión en Español – El Coordinador Raymundo L. and Alegria de Vivir Group.
12:00 PM - A.A. & Al-Anon Speaker Meeting*, Mike & Diane A. – Family Disease, Family Miracles.
Chair: Tracy C.
12:00 PM - Actors Guild Play, Love and Tolerance.
2:00 PM - A.A. Speaker Meeting*, Dick D. – Hamilton, Ontario, Canada – Ain't it Great to be Sober.
Chair: Woody W.
2:30 PM - Actors Guild Play, Love and Tolerance.
4:00 PM - The History of Our Big Book, Gail L. – The Villages, FL, Chaired by Jerry C.
8:00 PM - A.A. Speaker Meeting*, Jay A. – Scarborough, Ontario, Canada – Optimistic. Chair: Matt H.
10:00 PM – 1:00 AM - Dance! Dance! Dance!

Sunday June 11th, 2023. (Bus Tour Group is on their own today, A.A. Events as follows);

- 7:30 AM – Tour Bus will go to the Cemetery for the Motorcade to Dr. Bob's Grave*. Motorcycle procession and Graveside tribute to Dr. Bob and Anne S. Speaker: Dolly A. Chair: Mary K. OPTIONAL: Tour Bus will take attendees to Cemetery, AND LEAVES IMMEDIATELY FOR HOME – ALL MUST BE ON BUS FROM DORMITORY TO GO TO CEMETERY AND THEN DEPART FOR HOME.

10:00 AM – Bus Departs.

1:00 PM – Arrive Greektown Casino, 660 Macomb St., Detroit, MI 48226. (Have dinner and games if you wish).

3:15 PM - Bus Departs for home.

NOTES: A.A. Literature prizes to Tour Guides Games on Bus Friday.

Water provided for all bus attendees.

Snacks Friday and Sunday on Bus.

Cracker Barrel dinner (pay your own) Friday evening. Anyone can stay behind to attend A.A. events – you won't miss the Friday 5 PM A.A. play as it is repeated on Saturday at 12 PM (Noon).



Don't compare your life
to others. There's no
comparison between the
sun and the moon. They
shine when it's
their time.



Thanks to Patrick R.

I remember when I was
broke. I'm still
broke, that's why I
remember so well

Thanks to John P.

"Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets.

So, love the people who treat you right, forgive the ones who don't and believe that everything happens for a reason.

If you get the chance, take it.

If it changes your life, let it.

Nobody said it would be easy, they just promised it would be worth it,"

Little did I know (and how!) when my sponsor told me,
"I didn't say it'd be easy, I said it'd be worth it!" ~ Editor

~ Dr. Seuss

This is part of what a meeting is; as much as any thing else.



"Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation."

Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, THE TWELVE TRADITIONS, (Long Form), Tradition Three, p. 563.

Some may need more comfort and settling down than others...



New Meeting

A Drug Is a Drug

Here to help anyone

All Addictions are welcome

It's all about recovery

Tuesdays and Thursdays

10 to 11am @ Arid Club

HEY!

THERE IS A NEW AA MEETING IN TOWN!

***STREET SMART
SOBRIETY***

EVERY THURSDAY AT 7PM

**CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH
1201 W. 12TH ST • FLINT, MI 48507**

COME & JOIN US!



Recovering Maniacs 2023

Men's Spring Canoe & Kayak Retreat – May 12-14

The Old Log Resort – 12062 M-115 Marion, MI 49665

Cost is \$80/person and includes all meals, campground fee and canoe rental. **PAYMENT DEADLINE IS MAY 2ND.** Kayaks are available to rent for an additional \$20/person with fee paid at the retreat. **NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED IN CABINS** Your \$80 only covers Friday-Sunday. If you are planning on arriving before Friday, contact Heather at the Old Log 231.743.2775 to make arrangements

FRIDAY – Steak dinner at 6:00 p.m

SATURDAY – 7:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Long Trip Departs – Lunch provided

11:00 a.m. Short Trip Departs – Lunch provided

6:00 p.m. Dinner

SUNDAY – 7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

Friday and Saturday nights there will be campfire meetings after dark. **SUNDAY AFTER BREAKFAST IS TEAR DOWN & CLEAN UP OF CAMP. PLEASE DO YOUR PART AND HELP OUT!**

Contact/Payment info – If not paying cash, you may pay Arnold Fox, Eric Ehinger or Vincent Vescelius on Venmo **PLEASE SELECT FAMILY & FRIENDS UNDER THE PAYMENT OPTION AND NOT GOODS & SERVICES TO AVOID ADDITIONAL CHARGES**

Adrian: Arnold F. 517.202.6765; Jerimiah H-J. 517-920-2745; Eric E. 517-605-8952

Tecumseh: Vince V. 517.442.6201 **Monroe/Dundee:** Grant G. 734.497.5220

Ann Arbor/Ypsi: Mike C. 248.535.2942 **Chelsea:** Al H. 734.320.7737

Flint: Tom B. 810.223.5622 **Battle Creek/Kalamazoo/Jackson:** Howard J. 269.491.3230

70TH ANNUAL MICHIGAN STATE CONVENTION

AA's Three Legacies: Our Common Solution

August 11-13, 2023



*Alkathon / Archives Display / Committee Displays
Entertainment / Hospitality Room / Open Speakers
Panels Discussions / Sobriety Countdown / Workshops*

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Friday 8:00 PM: Holly D. - Jacksonville, FL
Saturday 8:30 PM: Kent C. - Sandusky, OH
Sunday 11:15 AM: Clinton C. - Okemos, MI

Al-Anon Speaker - TBD

HOTEL GROUP RATE

Comfort Inn and Suites
2424 S Mission Street
Mt Pleasant, MI 48858
(989) 772-4000

CODE: SP26Z8



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2023 Michigan State Convention:
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