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“THE seventeenth Christmas for Alcoholics Anonymous is here. Considering all that has happened since AA's first Christmas in 1935, no words can portray the meaning of Christmas 1952. The only thing of which we're really sure is that we have given of ourselves, and have received gifts that no imagination can fully describe. Guided, we are sure, by an all generous and wise Providence, AA's message of hope has been carried into nearly every corner of the earth. The Christmas drama of giving and receiving has been re-enacted everywhere and still goes on.”

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/magazine/1952/dec/every-day-christmas> (by Bill W.)

The eighty-eighth Christmas for Alcoholics Anonymous is here!!!

It's the end of the world as we know it.
(And I feel fine).¹

“At the hospital I was separated from alcohol for the last time. Treatment seemed wise, for I showed signs of delirious tremens.

“There I humbly offered myself to God, as I then understood Him, to do with me as He would. I placed myself unreservedly under His care and direction. I admitted for the first time that of myself I was nothing; that without Him I was lost. I ruthlessly faced my sins and became willing to have my new-found Friend take them away, root and branch. I have not had a drink since.”²

Bill W. took his last drink at 39 years of age on December 11, 1934. Imagine exactly two weeks later was Christmas. What a wonderful gift for himself and family and friends.

Let's look at the quoted paragraph above. Which future A.A. Steps did Bill W. go through in that interim of a hospital stay?

Step Three: “There I humbly offered myself to God, as I then understood Him, to do with me as He would. I placed myself unreservedly under His care and direction.”

Step Four: “I admitted for the first time that of myself I was nothing; that without Him I was lost.”

Steps Four and Six: “I ruthlessly faced my sins (4) and became willing to have my new-found Friend take them away, root and branch.” (6).

Step 1: I have not had a drink since.” Why did Bill proclaim “root and branch”. A simple explanation is that if the root isn't taken out, it will return with more branches. Bill saw he needed to eliminate the offending violations of His (*God - as he then understood Him*), will in Bill's life.

Bill W. further explains, “I was to test my thinking by the new God-conscious within. Common sense would thus become uncommon sense. I was to sit quietly when in doubt, asking only for direction and strength to meet my problems as He would have me.”³

A visit from a schoolmate brought forth the future Steps of A.A. being formulated by Bill's thoughts of what he had to do. “We made a list of people I had hurt or toward I felt resentment. (4) I expressed my entire willingness to approach these individuals (8), admitting my wrong (9).”⁴

It is true that Bill W. had no idea of the A.A. program of recovery that was to come to fruition through these early efforts to recover. The Foundation of his thoughts on helping others was taking shape.

A blessed Christmas indeed.

¹ It's The End of the World as we Know It, R.E.M., 1987, (Remastered 2009).

^{2,3,4} Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th ED, BILL'S STORY, p. 13.

“Against the wind
I’m still runnin” against the wind
I’m older now but still runnin”
Against the wind.”⁵

STEP TWELVE

“Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.”⁶

The twelve steps are called the first twelve principles of A.A., followed by the Traditions as another twelve principles, and then the Concepts as the last twelve principles. The three tenets of A.A., Honesty, Openmindedness, and Willingness, (HOW), allow the individual, the group, and, the General Service Office, (GSO), to grow and attain the three Legacies of A.A., Unity, Service, and Recovery.

HOW is repeated in order through the twelve steps, but is not necessarily the spiritual principle of the step. (Editor’s perspective in *italics*).

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol – that our lives had become unmanageable.
Honesty – Self admission of powerlessness and unmanageability.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
Openmindedness – Believing the Power greater than our self could help us turn away from the 1st drink and be returned to sanity of proven past insanity of thoughts and actions.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
Willingness – The action of relying on God’s will instead of our own.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
Honesty – To be able to look at our self with no reservations.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being, the exact nature of our wrongs.
Openmindedness - to know it is not how many times we wronged, but that we wronged at all.

6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
Willingness – the essence of being entirely ready.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
Honesty – accepting help from a Higher Power.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them.
Openmindedness – to determine in the past any and all that are amendable due to ourselves.
9. Made direct amends to such people where ever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
Willingness – to be able to go to another with amends due from our actions and/or deeds.
10. Continue to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
Honesty – “...cast up a balance sheet, crediting ourselves with things well done, and chalking up debits where due.”⁶
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
Openmindedness – knowing that change for us is His will, attainable by prayer and meditation.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.⁷
Willingness – our perspective and personality has changed to allow us to help others in knowing, practicing, and living recovery.

⁵ Runnin’ Against the Wind, Bob Seger, 1980.

⁶ The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP TEN, p.89.

⁷ The Twelve Steps, Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th ED, HOW IT WORKS, pp. 59 – 60.

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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."

From "THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL combined with TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE" 2021- 2023 by Bill W. page 64, reprinted by permission of A.A.W.S. Please read paragraph seven on page 64 to understand this change.

“It's never 'bout the money (ohh, ohhhh)
 There's principles involved
 These rules apply to all (all)
 It's never 'bout the money
 It's never 'bout the money.”⁸

TRADITION TWELVE

“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all of our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.” (Short Form),⁹

“And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.” (Long Form).¹⁰

Tradition Twelve brings the Unity of the First Tradition, the Ultimate Authority of the Second. The Third comes out as humility to have the desire to quit drinking, the Fourth as sticking to our own group contingencies and not affecting A.A. as a whole. The Fifth Tradition has us only following our primary purpose, spiritual in nature when we help other alcoholics.

The Sixth Tradition is portrayed as a principle of the first reiterated as our common welfare. The Seventh is where spirituality and money mix, keeping personalities out of the principle. The Eighth Tradition reminds us that through our paid workers we have great blessings.

The Ninth Tradition is one of delegation that may never spoil us. Tradition Ten brings thankful contemplation on issues to avoid public controversy.

Tradition Eleven is of utmost importance: attraction rather than promotion our A.A. program of recovery through living, not boasting, with Him who presides over us all.

The Twelve Tradition brings all the Traditions together in harmonious action by suggesting principles, not personalities, bringing Anonymity as a spiritual foundation of our society.

⁸ Fabolous & Jadakiss, FRIDAY ON ELM STREET, 2017.

⁹ Alcoholics Anonymous, APPENDICES I, The Twelve Traditions, p. 561.

¹⁰ Alcoholics Anonymous, APPENDICES I, The Twelve Traditions, (Long Form), p. 565.

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NO GLUM LOT HERE



The Steps were too much for the lady, while drinking, she passes out, falls down some stairs, and she is almost 9 months pregnant...

When she wakes up, she's in a hospital. Doctor: "We had to deliver your fraternal twins while you slept, but they are completely healthy. Also, your brother stopped by and named them for you" New Mother: "My brother named them? But he's an idiot! What are their names?" Doctor: "Well, the little girl is named DeNiece." New Mother: "Well, that's pretty good. And my son?" Doctor: "DeNephew."



Ned & Jed

Is that right? Jed, I heard you were promoting our meeting for the coffee and donuts you make so well? Well sure, been Voted #1 three years running! Ok, I get that, yeah but, that doesn't mean you promote the choppers because of donuts.



When you promote donuts to choppers, you are losing the Anonymity of the Fellowship in public. Never considered that. We place Anonymity as a spiritual foundation.

You're saying that donuts are breaking Anonymity?



No, Jed. If you're saying come to a chopper meeting, it implies you are one. What if you fell off of donuts and went back to Grog? Would not others think the choppers are unstable, unable to keep their axes sharp? Oh I see. Quit making donuts then. C'mon Jed, see the bigger picture. We love your donuts, we just don't feel a need to promote choppers because we like donuts. It is about the Fellowship where we know each other and bring in newcomers by our living habits and peace of mind. Very cool. DONUTS for all!!!

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

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

F.A.U.C. Chair: Jim M.

F.A.U.C. Secretary: Sandra C.

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

Al-Anon Liaison: OPEN.

Accessibility for All Alcoholics: Brad S.

A.A. Answering Service: Gordon G.

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F.A.U.C. Newsletter

Editor: Doug G. Coeditor: Randy H.

The November 2023 Newsletter went to 233 emails, November had 139 Website Hits = readers.

2023 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 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.

June 17: St. Mary's School, 2600 N. Franklin, Flint, Oak Park.

July 15: St. Mary's School, 2600 N. Franklin, Flint, Eye Opener.

August 19: Van Slyke Group.

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.

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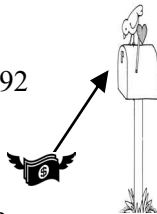
December 16: St. Mary's School; 2600 N, Franklin, Flint, Eastside A.A. Grp.

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Hear Ye, Hear Ye!!!

Group NEWS

The F.A.U.C. meets December 16, 2023 at 11:30 AM for Committee Meetings, 12:30 PM General Assembly, St. Mary's School, 2600 N. Franklin, Flint, Hosted by Eastside Flint A.A.

- * F.A.U.C. will host the CMIA32 meeting on 12/3/23. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. See Flyer for Details.
- * FA.U.C. NYE Dinner/Dance Flyer is out. 12/31/23.
- * OH, THAT MEETING INVITE/ANNOUNCEMENT!!!
- * New District 12 DCM Nominations & Election.
- * GSO Literature Committee (2023-2024) Attachment: Suggested Questions. Forwarded by DCM James P.

* = Flyer at end of Newsletter.

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

The F.A.U.C. Newsletter is looking for articles & ideas. Request a Newsletter by email: farfromittoday@aol.com

THESE MEETINGS ARE OPEN AND LISTED ON THE WEBSITE. December 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 7 7:00 pm, Van Slyke.
- Fri 8 12 noon, Eye Opener, Arid Club.
- Sat 9 7:30 pm, East Side St. Mary's.
- Sun 10 6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club.
- Sat 16 7:30 pm, East Side St. Mary's.
- Sun 17 6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club.
- Sat 23 7:30 pm, East Side St. Mary's.
- Sat 23 7:00 pm, Thetford
- Sun 24 6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club.
- Sun 24 6:00 pm, Otter Lake, St. John's the Baptist Ch.
- Mon 25 7:00 pm, Montrose HOPE.
- Thu 30 7:30 pm, Swartz Creek Group, St. Bartholomew.
- Sat 30 7:30 pm, East Side St. Mary's.
- Sat 30 7:00 pm, Thetford
- Sun 31 6:00 pm, Torrey Rd. Group, Arid Club.
- Sun 31 6:00 pm, Otter Lake, St. John's the Baptist Ch.
- Sun 31 7:00 pm, FAUC NYE Dinner/Dance

Meeting has an Open Speaker? Email farfromittoday@aol.com.



**Not a Ripley's BELIEVE IT OR NOT,
However, BELIEVE IT OR NOT!!!**

“The afterlife is a place where we await heaven and God shows us what we could have been on earth.”

Fr. Joe.

*Am I walking,
slip sliding
away, on
Thin Ice
Here?*



Dead Penguins – Where Do They Go?

It is a known fact that the Penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex live.

The Penguin is very committed to its family and will mate for life, as well as maintain a form of compassionate contact with its offspring throughout its life.

If a Penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into, and buried with the ice chips.

The male Penguins than gather in a circle around the fresh grave and sing:

(Wait for it...).

“Freeze a jolly good fellow,
Freeze a jolly good fellow,
Freeze a jolly good feeelloooow,
Which nob'dy can deny!!!”(Thanks Mike M.)

**Not In Good Standing Anymore.
HONORED BY THE VOCALIZATIONS!!!**



“His only chance for sobriety would be some place like the Greenland Ice Cap, and even there an Eskimo might turn up with a bottle of scotch and ruin everything!”

Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th ED.,
WORKING WITH OTHERS, p. 101.

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I don't know where I'm going, but I sure know where I've been...

Here I go again on my own, going down the only road I've ever known.

Whitesnake, Saints & Sinners, 1987.

“We don't regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.”¹¹

¹¹ Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th ED, INTO ACTION, p. 83.

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810-234-0815; Flint Area A.A. 24/7 Helpline.

To find a meeting, scan this QR Code into your phone for immediate information on meetings, days, and, times in this area.



com·pli·ance [kəm'plaiəns]
 NOUN
 compliance (noun) · compliancy (noun)
 the action or fact of complying with a wish or command:
 "the ways in which the state maintains order and compliance"
 excessive acquiescence:
 "the appalling compliance with government views shown by the commission"
 the state or fact of according with or meeting rules or standards:
 "all imports of timber are in compliance with regulations" · "this paper estimates the compliance costs of such a policy change"

Thanks Ted S.



"All of its Twelve Steps are but suggestions."¹²
 "This doesn't mean an A.A. won't take advice or suggestions from more experienced members, but he surely won't take orders."¹³

Not once does the Big Book or 12 X 12 use the words comply or compliance but the word compel and complained is used.

"No A.A. can compel another to do anything; nobody can be punished or expelled."¹⁴

"We were depressed and complained we felt bad, when in fact we were mainly asking for sympathy and attention."¹⁵

Whether or not some one follows the suggestions to the best of their ability is the biggest reason for the A.A. program of recovery not to work.

"Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our path."¹⁶

"To acquire it, I had only to stop fighting and practice the rest of A.A.'s program as enthusiastically as I could."¹⁷

To all of us, do as you will, and

"Follow the dictates of a Higher Power and you will presently live in a new and wonderful world, no matter what your present circumstances!"¹⁸



¹² Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP TWO, p. 26.

¹³ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, TRADITION NINE, p. 173.

¹⁴ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, TRADITION ONE, p. 129.

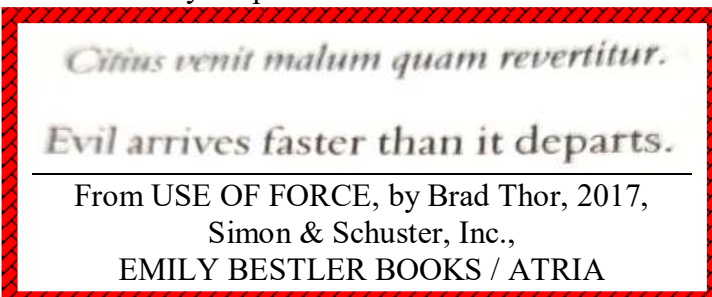
¹⁵ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP TWEN, p. 94.

¹⁶ Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th ED, HOW IT WORKS, p. 58.

¹⁷ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP TWO, p. 27.

¹⁸ Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th ED, WORKING WITH OTHERS, p. 100.

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“I can see clearly now, the rain is gone.
 I can see all obstacles in my way.
 Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind
 It's gonna be a bright, bright sun shiny day,
 It's gonna be a bright, bright sun shiny day.
 I think I can make it now the pain is gone
 All of the bad feelings have disappeared
 Here is that rainbow I've been praying for
 It's gonna be a bright (Bright),
 bright sun shiny day.”¹⁹

CONCEPT TWELVE

“The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualification, induction procedures, and the rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.”²⁰

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

“This concept recognizes that the trusted servants who work for the various AA entities need to be carefully selected because they will have the most day-to-day contact with members and others interested in AA. The Twelve Concepts of World Service specifically mentions the nominating, budgetary, public information, literature and general policy committees as requiring people with very specific skills and outlooks.”

From: <https://www.tapatalk.com/groups/recoveryinn/12-concepts-explained-t4286.html>

“...no organization structure can fully guarantee our Headquarters against the depredations of clashing personalities, that only the sustained willingness to practice spiritual principles in all our affair can accomplish this, and we should never need to have any fear for our future harmony.”¹⁹

“It is the duty of the good executive officer therefore to learn discrimination of when he, (or she), should act on his, (or her), own and limited or wide consultation is proper, and when he, (or she), should ask for specific definitions and directions. This discrimination is really up to him, (or her). His, (or her), privilege of making these choices is structurally guaranteed by the ‘Right of Decision’. He, (or she), can always be censured after his, (or her), acts, but seldom before.”²⁰

¹⁹ “I Can See Clearly Now”, Johnny Nash, 1972.
^{20, 21, 22} The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service by Bill W., 2021 2023 Edition, page IV²⁰, C47,²¹, p. C44,²².

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CONCEPT TWELVE CHECKLIST

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Concept XII: The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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

As explained below, Concept XII is broken into Warranties that the A.A. member, Group, District, Area and G.S.O., A.A.W.S., and The Grapevine are suggested to follow.

Taken as a whole, our Conference Charter is the substance of an informal agreement which was made between the A.A. groups and their Trustees in 1955. It is the agreed basis upon which the General Service Conference operates. In part, the Charter is an elastic document; its first eleven Articles can be readily amended by the Conference itself at any time.

But Article 12 of the Charter stands in a class by itself. An amendment or a cancellation of any of its vital Warranties would require the written consent of three-quarters of all the directory-listed A.A. groups who would actually vote on any such proposals, and the considerable time of six months is allowed for careful deliberation. Although changes in the Warranties of Article 12 thus have been made difficult, they have not been made impossible.

It is clear that all of these Warranties have a high and permanent importance to A.A.'s general welfare. This is why we believe we should permit change in them only upon positive evidence of their defectiveness and then only by common consent of the A.A. groups themselves. We have ranked them therefore with A.A.'s Twelve Traditions, feeling that they are quite as important to A.A.'s world services as the Traditions are to A.A. as a whole.

The Warranties of Article 12 are a series of solemn undertakings which guarantee that the Conference itself will conform to A.A.'s Twelve Traditions; that the Conference can never become the seat of great wealth or government; that its fiscal policy shall ever be prudent; that it will never create any absolute authority; that the principle of substantial unanimity will be observed; that it will never take any punitive action; that it never will incite public controversy; that it can serve A.A. only; and that it shall always remain democratic in spirit. These Warranties indicate the qualities of prudence and spirituality which our General Service Conference should always possess. Barring any unforeseen defects, these are the permanent bonds that hold the Conference fast to the movement it serves.²³

The Six Warranties of Concept XII.

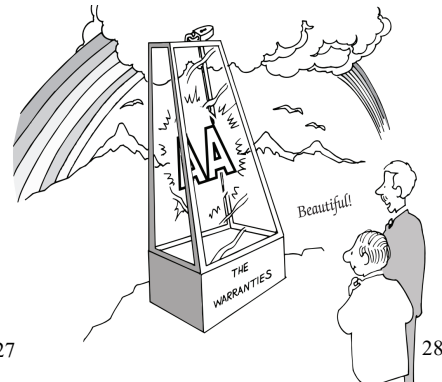
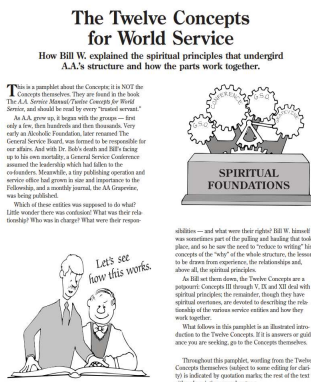
1. Shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power;
2. That sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle;
3. That it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others;
4. That it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity;
5. That its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy;
6. That it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.²⁴

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²³ THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL combined with TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE by Bill W., 2021 – 2023 ED, Revised and Updated, p. C48. (Book BM-31).

²⁴ THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL combined with TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE by Bill W., 2021 – 2023 ED, Revised and Updated, pp, C49 – C59 in their entirety.

²⁵ CONCEPTS CHECKLIST, p. 4. (Pamphlet SMF-91).

^{26, 27, 28} The Twelve Concepts Illustrated, pp. 28²⁶, 1²⁷, 25²⁸. (Pamphlet P-8).

DISTRACTED FROM THE FOCUS OF RECOVERY

An A.A. member went to the chairperson and said, "I won't be attending meetings anymore. The chairperson asked, "May I ask why?"

The member stated, "I see people on their cell phones, some just gossip, others just ain't living right. They are all hypocrites!"

The Chairperson got silent, and then said. "OK, but can I ask you something for me before you make your final decision?"

"Sure, what do want?"

The chairperson said, "Please take a glass of water and walk around the meeting tables two times without spilling a drop from the glass."

"Sure, I can do that." He came back and, "I'm done."

The chairperson asked three questions:

1. Did you see anybody on their pines?
2. Did you see anybody gossiping?
3. Was anybody living wrong?

"I didn't see any of that being so focused on carrying the glass of water."

The chairperson said, "When you come to an A.A. meeting, focus on the program, not on the members. This will help keep you from a slip or relapse, and give you the experience, strength, and hope of the sharing from other members.

Don't let your relationship with the A.A. program be determined by how others relate with the program. Let it be determined by how focused you are with the program of A.A. recovery.



**FOCUS.
Did not
spill
a drop!**

**DEVIL GOING BALD
THERE'S GOING TO
BE HELL TOUPEE**

UNDERSTANDING RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUESTS AND DEMANDS

Daughter's text to Dad:

Daddy, I'm coming home to get married soon, so get your checkbook ready. LOL! As you know, I'm in Australia and he's in the US. We met on a dating site, became friends on Facebook, and had long chats on Whatsapp. He proposed to me on Skype and now we've had a 2 month relationship through Viber. Dad, I need your blessing, good wishes, and a really big wedding. Lots of love, Lilly.

Dad's reply:

My dear Lilly, Like Wow! Really? Cool! Whatever... I suggest you two get married on Twitter, have fun on Tango, register for your stuff on Amazon, and pay for it all through Paypal. And when you get fed up with this new husband, sell him on Ebay. Lots of love, Dad.



**WHAT COMING OUT OF AN ALCOHOLIC FOG COULD
LOOK LIKE. Thanks, Tena A.**

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.

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!!

Thanks, Lisa M-T.

TAKE A SNIFF AND YOU TELL ME?

A hillbilly went hunting one day in West Virginia and bagged three ducks, then put them in the bed of the pickup truck. Was about to drive home, was confronted by an ornery game warden who didn't like hillbillies. The game warden ordered to the hillbilly to show a hunting license, and the hillbilly pulled out a valid West Virginia hunting license. The game warden looked at the license, then reached over and picked up one of the ducks, sniffed it's butt, and said, "This duck ain't from West Virginia. This is a Kentucky duck. You got a Kentucky hunting license?" The hillbilly reached into a wallet and produced a Kentucky hunting license.

The game warden looked at it, then reached over and grabbed the second duck, sniffed it's butt, and said, "This ain't no Kentucky duck. This duck's from Tennessee. You got a Tennessee license?" The hillbilly reached into another wallet and produced a Tennessee license. The warden then reached over and picked up the third duck. "This duck's from Virginia. You got a Virginia hunting license?"

Again the hillbilly reached into yet another wallet and brought out a Virginia hunting license. The game warden was extremely frustrated at this point, and he yelled at the hillbilly, "Just where the heck are you from?"

The hillbilly turned around, bent over, dropped the bib coveralls, and said, "You tell me, you're the expert!"

Do we take other's inventory and become an expert of recovery in doing so?

AND THESE ARE JUST THE *SOBER* ONES!!!

Why I Like Retirement!

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Two hours after falling asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.



Bet you thought it would be a Corn Cob pipe puffin', crotch scratchin', sniffin' Hillbilly, didn't you? Think agin'. Not all is as it seems in the Field!!!



Heard it *'Round the Rooms!*



The Steps are in order for my mental disorder.

At the door of an A.A. meeting,
you are given the key so you can be whomever you choose to be.
Anonymity is a condition you have to get used to.

“There is only one key, and it is called willingness.”²⁹

“Once we have placed the key of willingness in the lock
and have the door ever so slightly open,
we find we can always open it some more.”³⁰

On an 11 year anniversary: I could only do it with the rooms and my sponsor.

How many alcoholics does it take to change a light bulb?
Just one, but it may take all day.

Hurt people hurt people.

Coming out the obsession was spiritual progress, not spiritual perfection.

On the St. Francis prayer of “Make me a channel of your peace...”

I need humility to obtain these ideals.

My thinking is my dilemma, it has caused me many humility problems.

“Lack of power, that was our dilemma.”³¹

Humility equals to act with HIMility through honesty.

“That basic ingredient of all humility, a desire to seek and do God's will...”³²



²⁹ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP THREE, p. 34.

³⁰ Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP THREE, p. 35.

³¹ Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th ED, WE AGNOSTICS, p. 45.

³² Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, STEP SEVEN, p. 72.

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The Wisdom of the Rooms

12 Months of Reflections for People in Recovery

December 11, 2023

Quote of the Week

"You may be the only Big Book anyone ever reads."

As I was leaving a meeting at a church near my home the other night, I saw one of our members bring his cigarette onto the church parking lot (smoking is not allowed on church property) and then throw it on the ground as he got into his car and drove away. This made me angry as I thought about how this would reflect on the rest of us, and I wondered how he could be so self-centered and insensitive.

About a week later, I found myself at my bank dealing with an online banking error. I was resentful I had to take the time out of my day, indignant they hadn't been able to fix it over the phone, and I was generally a pain in the ass to the guy who was trying to help me. After he resolved the issue and I calmed down, I thought about the kind of example I was setting and quickly made amends to him for my behavior.

On the way home, I thought about Step Twelve and the importance of practicing these principles in all our affairs. I realized how easy it is for me to still be self-centered and insensitive, and how the Tenth Step helps me guard against these character defects. I also realized that I have a responsibility to the program because I am an example of us all. Today, I work all the Steps to the best of my ability because I know that I may be the only Big Book anyone ever reads.

One of my Sponsors told me over and over, "You must read this Big Book, Understand this Big Book, and, Live this Big Book for you may be the only Big Book someone ever reads, but needs the Big Book." RIP Sarge.

SPECIAL FLINT AREA UNITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

**Attention all GSR's in District 12.
Time to elect a new DCM (District Committee Member).
Nominations and election Will Take Place January 20, 2024
The time is 11:30 AM sharp.
The place will be St. Mary's School, 2600 N. Franklin Flint, Michigan.**

*Urging all groups to send some type of representation to
Flint Area Unity Council monthly meeting.*

TERM OF OFFICE

DCMs serve a term of two years. Alternate DCMs also serve two years. In many areas DCM terms coincide with those of the "panel" covering the area delegate's term of service. (See Glossary for a definition of "Panel.")

▶ DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Every district is different, but the following are relatively common service activities undertaken by DCMs:

1. Regularly hold district meetings. DCMs are asked to give reports to the GSRs on news, issues, proposals and future events from the area and G.S.O. It is also important for DCMs to keep the GSRs informed about Conference activities, perhaps even assisting the delegate in reporting the proceedings of the General Service Conference, either by organizing report-backs or delivering the reports to their districts in lieu of the delegate. GSRs are typically asked to report on what's happening in their groups, and DCMs can make sure that GSRs have what they need in order to assure good communication across the service structure. (See the section titled "Making Reports" in Chapter 1 for a list of publications that can be helpful to DCMs in making reports to the district.)
2. Regularly attend area assemblies. The number of assemblies during the year varies by area. All DCMs (and GSRs) from around the area are asked to attend. DCMs (and GSRs) are voting members of these assemblies. (See Chapter 3 for more information on the area and assemblies.)
3. Reach out to groups in the district that do not have GSRs. Some groups may have little or no history of electing GSRs. Some may have had active GSRs in the past, but no longer. The DCM is asked to open a line of communication with these groups. The purpose is not to badger them into electing GSRs, but to begin to connect them to A.A. as a whole.
4. Organize workshops and/or sharing sessions on service activities.
5. Bring Traditions problems to the attention of the delegate.
6. Help GSRs become acquainted with *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*. DCMs can also be helpful by introducing the GSRs to *Box 4-5-9* and service material from G.S.O., which includes workbooks and guidelines on an array of topics.
7. Alert the district's GSRs to new literature, service materials and technology applications from G.S.O. and Grapevine. This includes new books published by A.A. World Services and the Grapevine. The literature catalogs of the two corporations are an excellent resource. DCMs often hear about new literature before it appears in the catalog, and it can be helpful to alert GSRs on what's coming. The groups may have questions and comments on these. The DCM can help the GSRs address these while also passing them along to the area and the delegate.
8. Assist the delegate in obtaining group contact information for A.A. Regional Directories. These directories are used for A.A. purposes only. They include information on individual groups by city within each province or territory, with contact information on group contacts.
9. In many areas, DCMs attend area committee meetings in addition to area assemblies. The purpose and scheduling of these meetings varies by area. (For more information, see Chapter 4 of this manual on the area committee.)

November 13, 2023

Dear Trusted Servants:

A.A.'s Co-Founder, Bill W., in his 1953 address to the General Service Conference, stated that he did not consider himself the author of Alcoholics Anonymous, the Big Book (Our Great Responsibility, p. 92). He also alluded to the fact that in the various A.A. literature published prior to his passing, he borrowed heavily from other sources, and that other A.A. members made significant contributions.

On the other hand, addressing the historical context of some of the writings of our Founders, many members in our Fellowship have expressed strong sentiment against any changes in the first 164 pages of Alcoholics Anonymous, the Big Book, as well as the Preface, the Forewords, The Doctor's Opinion, Doctor Bob's Nightmare, and the Appendices. In fact, as early as 1995 and most recently in 2022, Advisory Actions designed to protect the above-referenced contents have been passed by the General Service Conference.

In response to a Committee Consideration from the 73rd General Service Conference suggesting that trustees' Literature Committee seek input from the Fellowship (including but not limited to Area delegate feedback) regarding any possible future changes to literature written by A.A.'s Founders, the trustees' Literature committee agreed it would be beneficial to gather shared experience from the Fellowship regarding this topic.

We would like to hear from you – the top of the triangle! While we hope that the suggested questions will help to spark thoughtful sharing and discussion, please feel free to add questions that we may not have thought of that you feel may best inform the discussion. Most of all, we are grateful for and thank you for your participation.

**In fellowship,
The trustees' Literature Committee (2023-2024)**

Attachment: Suggested Questions

**HOW SHOULD WE TREAT A.A. FOUNDERS' WRITINGS
SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

- 1. Do you think that A.A. Founders would object to or embrace revisions to their writings? If yes, why? If not, why?**
- 2. Do you think the Founders' writings are effective in reaching new members? If not, what measures do you think can be taken to resolve this issue?**
- 3. What reasons would you consider for changing our Founders' writings?**
- 4. How do you feel about changing A.A. Founders' writings to replace outdated references?**
- 5. What suggestions do you have for preserving the Founders' writings, along with keeping pace with our current A.A. Society and its future?**
- 6. Should there be a special Conference process for approval of changes to our Founders' writings? (e.g., super, or qualified majority – 75%, and/or 2-year consideration process.)**
- 7. What additional ideas, thoughts or suggestions can you share about changing or not changing the Founders' writings?**

Note: Please be as concise as possible in your responses to the questions.

Stephen Todd, 134 West Center Street, Kingsport, TN 37660, United States

Flint Area Unity Council

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Open Meetings and "Non-Smoking": Committee Meeting: 11:30 AM: **General Meeting: 12:30 PM**

Minutes for November 18th, 2023: Hosted By: Women In AA

Call to order: 12:32pm; Meeting Chaired by Jim M. *Moment of Silence followed by Serenity Prayer*

Please silence your cell phones to not disturb the meeting. Thank you

Aims & Purposes (read)

FLINT AREA UNITY COUNCIL AIMS AND PURPOSES

1. To promote Unity among Flint Area A.A., and harmony with Al-anon and Al-Ateen groups.
2. To exchange group ideas.
3. The G.S.R.'s and Alternates shall act as trusted servants of their groups.
4. Each group shall be represented by a G.S.R. or Alternate. One vote per group shall be allowed in determining matters of policy and action affecting the groups. (Committee Chairs are allowed one vote.)
5. To continue advancement of Twelve Step work and sponsorship.
6. To help financially any member group of this Council who needs help. A two-thirds majority vote will pass on any such loans which shall not be in excess of sixty days.
7. The Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts of A.A. shall prevail at all times.
8. No monies will be spent or sent out of the Council area without a two-thirds majority vote of the groups that have paid into the council in the last three months. If they are not present they will be contacted for a vote on the issue within one week.
9. The Council will create Service Committees and be financially responsible for them.
- 9a. Each Service Committee shall receive \$50.00 seed money reimbursable upon submission of receipt for less than \$50.00 Amounts over that must be pre-approved by the F.A.U.C.
- 9b. D.C.M.'s are to receive \$50.00 seed money under the same terms as Service Committees.
- 9c. D.C.M.'s can submit mileage to be paid for attending the CMIA32 meetings.
This was approved by the F.A.U.C. during the June 18th, 2022, F.A.U.C. meeting. Mileage to be paid at I.R.S. reimbursement rate. (2023 standard mileage rate is \$0.65.5 per mile – Revised 6/17/23).

ELECTION PROCEDURES

1. Nominations will be held at the November meeting for the following offices and committee chairs: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Answering Service, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Corrections, Public Information, Grapevine, Literature/Meeting Books, Special Needs, Treatment Facilities, Website, and Young People.
2. The Election will be held at the December meeting.
3. Election by written ballot and plurality (majority) rule.
4. One vote per group, D.C.M.'s are allowed one vote. Past and Present Delegates that are presently active in the Council Area have one vote.
5. On any tie vote, a drawing will take place to determine the winner.
6. No requirements will be placed upon the G.S.R. as to length of sobriety or donation to the Council.
7. The groups voting must be registered in the New York Office.
8. Terms of office will be for two years; January to December.
9. Office holders must be members of Unity Council.
10. Alternates will be the choice of the office holder.
11. After a second consecutive absence from the FAUC meeting, with neither an alternate nor a report submitted by a committee chair, the FAUC chair shall try to notify that committee chair of action pending upon their third consecutive absence.
12. Office holders shall be removed from any position if failing to attend three consecutive FAUC meetings and have neither an alternate nor a report submitted. Upon removal the FAUC chair will ask the removed committee chair that the committee seed money and any FAUC materials provided to do that service work be returned. (Revisions voted and passed from June 2022 FAUC meeting).

Minutes Submitted By: Sandy C – Secretary [REDACTED]

Persons in Attendance

- Jim F.- GSR Fenton Alano Club [REDACTED]
- Jerry S. – GSR Bethany Clio [REDACTED]
- Doug G. - GSR Otisville [REDACTED]
- Daniel M. GSR Gaines [REDACTED]
- Steve C. = GSR Davison Fellowship (FAUC Treasurer) [REDACTED]
- Nick E.- GSR Main St. Sobriety [REDACTED]
- Jim M. – Chair of FAUC Swartz Creek [REDACTED]
- Gerri L. – GSR Women in AA
- Tom D. - GSR Maple Group [REDACTED]
- Dennis S. - GSR Flushing Group [REDACTED]
- Bob W. - Eye Opener [REDACTED]
- Jason Z. - Alt GSR Torry Road Group [REDACTED]
- James P. - DCM
- Guy H. - GSR Thetford Group [REDACTED]
- Gordon G. - GSR Van Slyke [REDACTED]
- Tom R. - GSR Linden Group [REDACTED]
- Esther H. - GSR Swartz Creek Group [REDACTED]
- Moe -
- Wes S. - GSR Victory Today Flushing [REDACTED]
- Jason J. - GSR Flint Area Young Peoples [REDACTED]

Visitors: Janet D-B AA Group and Ezell G. Oak Park AA Group.

Read Aims and Purposes.

Motioned to forgo last business meeting minutes: Second, no opposed, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasure: Steve Curtis [REDACTED]

Treasure Report P.T.H.A., Inc. Treasurer’s Report for October 2023

Beginning Balance		\$5,299.58
Hosting Comm Deposit		\$1,300.00
Literature Sales		\$2,294.72
Total Deposits		\$3,594.72
Expenses is as follows:		
ACH Bennet		(\$75.00)
CK 725 James M		(\$334.50)
ATT		(\$81.32)
CK 730 James P (Literature)		(\$2,068.98)
Ck 794 Faith Lutheran		(\$175.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES		(\$2,426.30)
Ending Balance		\$6,468.00

The UPS store has lost our contact information and has given away box 119. Being as it was their mistake, they are willing to allow us to keep that address in the interim, until Box 119 becomes available or until the group decides to take another option. (change box number) PTHA is need of 2 more trustees. I have applications.

Accessibility Comm: Brad S. [REDACTED]

Absent, No Report.

Answering Service: Gordon G. [REDACTED]

Answering report is as follows for Oct 1st to Oct 30, 2023

	Female Wheel 711207	Male Wheel 711206	Totals	Average per day	Average Time (Minutes)	Calls For Information 711202*
IN	10	1	11	0.16	0.36	5
Out	20	5	25	2.7	2.16	
Dropped	3					
Total	33	6	36	2.86	2.52	

Cooperation with the Professional Community: Gerri L. [REDACTED]

Nothing to report at this time.

Corrections Committee: Daniel Margis [REDACTED]

We'd like to welcome our newest corrections committee member Troy U. We have placed a literature order for corrections and anyone interested in the purchase can see Doug G. Doug is the corrections treasurer and has a list of literature and the balance on the jail pail.

Grapevine: [REDACTED]

Grapevine end of year savings where everything is 20% off, Free shipping until Dec 31, 2023. In participation in the New Years Eve dance the Grapevine committee would like to ask for October, November, and December stipend of \$50.00 to create raffle baskets this year; equaling \$150.00 total. All proceeds will go to the winner, any excess goes back to FAUC, as per usual. Please and thank you.

DCM and Literature: James P. [REDACTED]

DCM- Month ago New York sent a report for District 12, noticed report donations were incorrect. Members can donate to New York and you have the choice to give your group to be acknowledged.

Literature - The Big Book of AA is being looked at to maybe have a BB with plain language. Area32 is looking for a inventory survey-any member can take a survey. Hosting Area 32 next month. Next international will be in 2025 Van Cover.

Newsletter: Doug G. given by Nick E.

November Newsletter distribution by email = 233, website hits 50 to total 283.

The newsletter comm has provided pens at each sent. Feel free to keep it. Would someone please submit an article or idea of what they would like to see in the newsletter?

Need meeting locations for 2024 if we know them. I am (Nick) is drafting an instruction document to help the next chair for the website. I hope it helps towards a seamless transition to a new chair.

Website hits for month were 2,400 and Year 26,000.

Public Information: Randy R. [REDACTED]

Absent, no report sent as of 12-11-23

Treatment Facilities: Moe- [REDACTED]

Treatment facilities are hard to get into. Jason and Bob will help.

Young People: Jason J. [REDACTED]

Absent, no report

Internet (Website): Nick E. [REDACTED]

Website hits

Last month - 2,400

Year - 26,000

Al-Anon Liaison: OPEN

No old Business from previous October meeting.

THIS MEETINGS NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion to take treasurer name from election procedures #1 Motion Passed.
2. Sandy to try and get Jail information is possible again for corrections chair.
3. Doug G asked if FAUC can spend money to outside areas. Answer No.
4. Doug asked if FAUC minutes can be added to newsletter. Motion to take contact information out of FAUC minutes before posting in newsletter. Motion passed.
5. Motion to wait 6 months before discussing the Post Box. Motion passed.

6. Nominations were as follows:

- Chairperson- Gerri L.
- Secretary- Sandy H.
- Answering Service - Jason Z.
- Corrections- Dan M.
- CPC- Jim F.
- Grapevine- Open
- Literature- James P.
- Newsletter- Doug G.
- Public Information- Open
- Treatment Facility- Moe M.
- Young People- Open
- Website- Open

Next month tradition 12 to be presented Sandy Concept 12 to be presented by Moe

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- New Years Eve Party- Faith Lutheran Church @ 6:00pm. \$20.00 per person.
- Gratitude Meeting- UAW Local 659 @ 5.30pm
- March Roundup 2024- March 13, doors open March 1 at 3:00pm. Program will be available 10 prior to the convention online at: <https://aa-semi.org/mru2024>

Motion to close. No opposed Closed with Our Father @ 2:30pm

**2023 F.A.U.C. Meeting Schedule; all on 3rd Saturday of month at 12:30 pm.
at Eastside St. Mary's School, 2600 Franklin, Flint, unless location is otherwise noted below.**

DATE	HOSTING GROUP	LOCATION
January 21st	St. Mary's Flint	St. Mary's School, 2600 N. Franklin, Flint
February 18 th	Torry Road Group	St. Mary's School, 2600 N. Franklin Flint
March 18 th	Davison Fellowship Night Group	St Johns 435 Genesee street , Davidson
April 15 th	Thetford AA Group	Thetford at 12:30 PM
May 20 th	Swartz Creek Group	St. Bartolomeu 9252 Miller Rd
June 17 th	Oak Park	St. Marys School Franklin Street
July 15 th	Eye Opener	St. Marys School Franklin Street
August 19 th	Possible Van Slyke Group	St. Marys School Franklin Street
September 16 th	New Horizon	Fenton Alano Club North Road Church
October 21 st	Women in AA	St Marys School Franklin Street
November 18 th	Otisville AA	St Francis Church
December 16 th	Eastside	St Marys School Franklin Street

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January 19 th		
Feb 17 th		
March 16 th		
Apr 20 th		
May 18 th		
June 15 th		
July 20 th		
August 17 th		
September 21 st		
October 19 th		
November 16 th		
December 21 st		

Attendance Chart. (Under Flint Unity Council Aims and Purpose- Election Procedures Item 11. After a second consecutive absence from the FAUC meeting, with neither an alternate nor a report submitted by a committee chair, the FAUC chair shall try to notify that committee chair of action pending up on their consecutive absence.)

2023

Committee Name	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	August	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Com Chair												
Treasure												
Accessibility	X				X				X		X	
Answering Service												
Cooperation W/Prof					X				X			
Corrections												
Grapevine					X							
Literature												
Newsletter												
Public Info					X						X	
Treatment Cent												
Young People	X										X	
Internet						X						
Al-Alon Lia												

**Featuring DJ George
B-Jammin**

**FLINT AREA UNITY
COUNCIL ANNUAL**

New Year's Eve

**Sober Dinner & Dance
December 31, 2023**

**TICKETS: \$20 EACH OR
\$35 PER COUPLE**

- *Doors open at 6:00pm*
- *Dinner, Noisemakers, Hat, and Photobooth Included*
- *Raffles, fellowship and a Grand Ole Time!*

For tickets and Questions

Matt: (810)444-9212

Jacqueline: (810)513-8645

Moe: (810)908-3449

Jan: (947)414-1679

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
12534 E. HOLLY RD. HOLLY, MI
BEHIND GRAND BLANC HIGH
SCHOOL**



OH, that Meeting

a AA - LGBTQIA+ Group For Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime aka a Queer, GayAA that meets virtually every **Sunday & Wednesday** @ 5:30pm via 

HERE'S OUR ZOOM MEETING ID:

863 8344 1512

and if you want, try this direct Zoom link;
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86383441512>

[note; we open/start Zoom at **5:00pm** to have an open chat, to catch-up & hangout before the 5:30pm EST meeting begins]



please join our PRIVATE Facebook group
www.facebook.com/groups/gayaaohthatmeeting

O.T.M. post, and share daily readings;
AA's - Twenty-Four Hours A Day, 'Thought, Meditation & Prayer for the Day', and Just For Today, 'Daily Recovery Readings'

We are affiliated with AA's -
Flint Area Unity Council (F.A.U.C.)

'**Oh That Meeting**' was established; on the 12th of April 1982 for Flint, and the greater Genesee County's Gay & Lesbian, and allies community, but switched virtually in early 2020 due to the pandemic, and has stayed virtual only

CMIA 32 Area Assembly

December Area Assembly

Sunday December 03, 2023

Location: St. Michael's Conference Center
609 E. Fifth Ave.
Flint, MI 48503



AGENDA FOR AREA ASSEMBLIES:

Morning Session

- 8:30 – 9:30 Fellowship and Coffee
- 9:30 – 9:45 Opening and Group Concerns
- 9:45 – 10:30 Finance Committee
- 10:00 – 11:30 General Service Meeting
- 10:30 – 11:30 DCM Meeting
- 11:15 – 12:00 Officers and Delegates Meeting
- 11:30 – 12:30 Standing Committees
- 12:30 – 1:00 LUNCH BREAK!

Afternoon Session

- 1:00 – 3:00 General Assembly Session Open Meeting.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
CONTACT
Moe M. 810-908-3449 or
Jim M. 810-252-7932 or
Doug G. 810-410-7458
THANK YOU!!!

Note: All CMIA 32 Assemblies are held in a hybrid format

Zoom login information can be found here:

https://www.cmia32.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Virtual_CMIA32.pdf

FAUC Corrections Committee Jail Pail Contributions and Expenditures. Contact farfromittoday@aol.com for detailed info.

NOV TOTALS						
3-Nov	F	-392.80	Corrections Committee	392.80	\$392.80	Literature Committee
13-Nov	M	30.00		0.07	30.07	
14-Nov	Tu	1.00		0.02	1.02	
15-Nov	W	23.00		3.20	26.20	
16-Nov	Th	32.00		3.20	35.20	
18-Nov	Sa	7.00		1.33	8.33	
18-Nov	Sa	26.00		2.10	28.10	
18-Nov	Sa	23.00		10.00	33.00	
18-Nov	Sa	-250.00	New Paths Corrections	-250.00	-19.12	
NOV TOTAL	7	CASH	COIN	ASSETS	\$161.92	
				DEBITS	\$642.80	
				Month TOTAL	\$480.88	
YTD TOTAL	52		Assets (YTD)	1106.94		
		Donations	Debits (YTD)	\$973.80	Balance \$133.14	

11/21/2023		
Denomination	# of	Total
\$20.00	2	\$40.00
\$10.00	2	\$20.00
\$5.00	8	\$40.00
\$1.00	28	\$28.00
\$0.10	34	\$3.40
\$0.05	22	\$1.10
\$0.01	60	\$0.60
		\$133.10

\$128.00

\$5.10

2023	ASSETS	DEBITS	BALANCE TOTAL
JUN	\$167.84	\$0.00	\$167.84
JUL	\$233.24	\$296.00	-\$62.76
AUG	\$170.15	\$35.00	\$135.15
SEP	\$173.93	\$0.00	\$173.93
OCT	\$199.86	\$0.00	\$199.86
NOV	\$161.92	\$642.80	-\$480.88
DEC			
TOTALS	\$1,106.94	\$973.80	\$133.14

The FAUC Corrections Committee THANKS all groups for their contributions in efforts to bring FREE A.A. Literature to inmates in both the Genesee County Jail and the Corrections Side of NEW PATHS, INC.

The Corrections Committee Literature Order Placed on 11/04/23 has been received.

The Literature has been Stamped with

“Please Return to the GENESEE COUNTY JAIL LIBRARY”

and is awaiting delivery to the Jail upon

Approval (pending) from the Jail Chaplain

as head of the FORGOTTEN MINISTRIES Department.

Many Big Books and Pamphlets are free to inmates

and do not need to be returned in hope that will make good use of them.

That has been approved by the Chaplain.

The Jail Meetings are fruitful in planting the seed, Carrying the Message,

and doing the utmost of Service Work in the 12th Step practice and following Traditions 5 & 12.

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CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE LITERATURE ORDER SUMMARY					DATE	ORDER NUMBER	917	Order Total
A.A. Literature/Supplies	A.A. #	Description	Price Each	Quantity Ordered	11/4/2023 Total			
A.A. Big Book	B-16	Soft Cover /Large Print	\$12.00	10	\$120.00			\$120.00
A.A. Big Book	B-35	Pocket Soft Cover	\$6.00	10	\$60.00			\$180.00
Daily Relections	B-12	Soft Cover	\$12.50	2	\$25.00			\$205.00
As Bill Sees It	B-18	Soft Cover	\$11.00	2	\$22.00			\$227.00
Came To Believe	B-06	Soft Cover	\$6.00	2	\$12.00			\$239.00
Living Sober	B-07	Soft Cover	\$6.00	2	\$12.00			\$251.00
A.A. in Prison	B-13	Soft Cover	\$2.50	6	\$15.00			\$266.00
Experience,Strength, & Hope	B-20	Soft Cover	\$6.00	2	\$12.00			\$278.00
A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous	B-85	Soft Cover	\$12.00	2	\$24.00			\$302.00
Welcome Wallet	FAUC		\$2.00	10	\$20.00	Book		\$322.00
Meeting Books	FAUC		\$0.70	20	\$14.00	Total	\$336.00	\$336.00
Lierature Rack	M-8	For Pamphlets	\$30.00	1	\$30.00			\$366.00
This is A.A.	P-01	Pamphlet/Staple	\$0.30	8	\$2.40			\$368.40
44 Questions	P-02	Pamphlet/Staple	\$0.35	8				\$368.40
Is AA for You	P-03	Pamphlet/Staple	\$0.15	8	\$1.20			\$369.60
Young People in A.A.	P-04	Pamphlet/Staple	\$0.40	8				\$369.60
Women in A.A.	P-05	Pamphlet/Staple	\$0.35	8	\$2.80			\$372.40
Memo to an Inmate who may be Alcoholic	P-09	Pamphlet/Staple	\$0.25	8	\$2.00			\$374.40
How It Works	P-10	Pamphlet/Staple	\$0.25	8	\$2.00			\$376.40
The A.A. Member - Meds & Other Drugs	P-11	Pamphlet/Staple	\$0.30	8	\$2.40			\$378.80
Questions & Answers on Sponsorship	P-15	Pamphlet/Staple	\$0.30	8	\$2.40			\$381.20
The A.A. Group - Where it all begins	P-16	Pamphlet/Glue	\$0.50	8	\$4.00			\$385.20
Inside A.A.	P-18	Pamphlet/Staple	\$0.10	8	\$0.80			\$386.00
A Newcomer Asks	P-24	Pamphlet/Staple	\$0.15	8	\$1.20			\$387.20
Alcoholics Anonymous in your Community	P-31	Pamphlet/Staple	\$0.20	8	\$1.60			\$388.80
It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell	P-33	Pamphlet/Staple	\$0.30	8	\$2.40			\$391.20
Problems Other Than Alcohol	P-35	Pamphlet/Staple	\$0.20	8	\$1.60	Pamphlet		\$392.80
A Brief Guide to Alcoholic Anonymous	P-42	Pamphlet/Staple	\$0.35	8		Total	\$56.80	\$392.80

NOTE: NO MATERIALS GOING INTO THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MAY BE STAPLED. THE HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS CAN NOT BE ORDERED AS THEY ARE STAPLED AND NOT GLUED PAMPHLETS. OTHER ITEMS ARE BEING INVESTIGATED TO REPLACE THESE THREE ITEMS.

Wednesday, December 13



MMS 12:46 PM

Jamie, fantastic!

The full video with Jamie's voice of the Christmas Song he sings to us all is attached to the Newsletter email.

Service Work is not confined to A.A.
This is a Public Service Announcement.



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