



# Carry the Message January, 2008

The Huron Valley Area Intergroup Newsletter

Serving the Recovery Community since 1979

## Upcoming Events

**Jan 4-6, 2008:** 14th annual Winter gathering in Columbus, Ohio (614) 846-0300 for rooms. or [www.wintergathering.com](http://www.wintergathering.com)

**January 6, 2007 (1st Sunday):**

Area 32 CMIA meeting

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Info: [www.cmia32.org](http://www.cmia32.org)

For GSRs and DCMs, all are welcome.

**Jan 12, 2008: (2nd Saturday):**

"Sponsor Tips" Woman's discussion group about sponsorship issues. Classic Cup Cafe, 4389 Jackson Rd. between Wagner & Zeeb @ 12 noon

**Jan 19, 2008 (3rd Saturday):** 4pm

Huron Valley Area Intergroup Meeting, 101 S. Huron St. Ypsi. [www.hvai.org](http://www.hvai.org)

**January 19, 2007: Sat. Nite at St. Joe's**

Anniversary meeting 8:30 p.m.

Education Center St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ypsilanti, MI

Open talk, Burns B. from Kentucky  
Cake and coffee beginning at 8 PM

**Jan 19, 2008:** The Monroe MCYPAA

Host Committee iDANCE & SPEAKER.

Doors open at 7:30pm at the Monroe

Alano Club, 148 N. Monroe St. Info:

[mcypaaac@comcast.net](mailto:mcypaaac@comcast.net)

**Jan 21, 2008 (3rd Mon) District 4: 7PM**

AA Conference Service Structure Meet-

ing Community Center, 625 North Main ,  
Ann Arbor

**Jan. 25-27th, 2008 :** Weekend for Women in

AA & Al-Anon at Colombiere Center in

Clarkston, Mi, Kathy 248)-219-5610 or Steffi

248)-887-1703

**Jan. 17, 2008: (3rd Thurs.):** District 8

Conference Service Structure Meeting:

Brighton <http://www.aalivcomi.org>

## Send Your Voluntary 7th Tradition Contributions To:

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## 2008 District 4 Service Workshop /A.A. in Washtenaw County Anniversary Celebration Event Planning Committee Meeting, HVAI Office, January 16, 6 p.m.

## Thank You for your recent contributions to the HVAI!

**Ann Arbor:**

Fri. Wed. 1130a.m. 12 Any Length  
Fri. 7:30p.m. Fri. Night Gay/Lesbian  
Fr.. 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Solution  
Fri. 8:30 p.m. Laughing in Sobriety  
8 p.m. Ann Arbor OS  
Mo-We-Fr. 6:30 a.m. Flim Flam Brkft  
Mon.12nn T.G.I.M.  
Mon. 7:30 p.m. We Are Not Saints BB  
Mon. 8 p.m. Young People on the Move  
Mon. 9:30 a.m. Stadium 12/12  
8:30 a.m. Sat. .Morning Men's Mtg  
Sat. 8 p.m. S.N.O.W.  
7 30 p.m. Friendly Group  
Thu. 7:30 p.m. There is a Solution

Thu. 8 p.m. 1,2,3 Steps  
Thu. 9:30 a.m. Stadium Big Book  
Tu,Th,Fri. nn Singleness of Purpose  
Tue. 6 p.m. Beginner's,7:30 p.m. No  
Smoking  
Wed.7 30 p.m. A Vision for You  
Wed. 8 p.m. Came 2 Believe  
Wed. 9:30 a.m. AA at Westside

**Chelsea:**

Sun. 7 p.m., Mon. 8:30 p.m., Thu. 8  
p.m., Sat. 7 p.m.

**Dexter:**

Tue. 8 p.m. Dexter Group

**Pinckney:**

Tue. 7:30 p.m. Solutions

**Saline:**

Sat. Sunrise 7 a.m.  
Thu. 7:30 p.m. Last Chance

**Ypsilanti:**

Mon-Fri. Clean & Sober on Park  
Mon. 7 p.m. Sisters in Serenity  
Sat. 8 p.m. Weekend By the Book  
Tue. 8 p.m. Attitude Adjustment  
Wed. 11 a.m. Work The Steps or Die

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## Area Meeting Updates

**NEW: Monday 7:00 p.m.** Monday 12&12, Holy Faith Church, 6299 Ann Arbor Saline Road, **Saline**.

**CANCELLED: Monday 7:30 p.m.** By the Way, Carrot Way Community Center, **Ann Arbor**.

**NEW: Wednesday 9:30 a.m.** Westside United Methodist, 900 S. Seventh between Pauline and Liberty, **Ann Arbor**. Library in basement.

**NEW LOCATION: Wednesday 7:30 p.m.** A Vision for You, moved back to **Zion Lutheran Church 1501 West Liberty Street, Ann Arbor**. Enter in rear of church, meeting upstairs. No food or drink allowed.

**CANCELLED: Friday 9:30 a.m.** Temple Beth Israel, **Ann Arbor**.

**NEW: Friday 1:00 p.m.** Attitude of Gratitude, First Church of the Nazarene, 2780 Packard Rd., **Ann Arbor**.

**NEW TIME: Friday 1:00 p.m.** Another 2nd Chance, Rachel Upjohn Center, E. Medical Center on Plymouth and Earhart, **Ann Arbor**.

**NEW: Saturday 10:00 a.m.** Living the Steps, 1st Methodist Church, 120 S. State and Huron, **Ann Arbor**.

## Announcements

56th Michigan State Convention donations are needed. The Convention will be August 8-10, 2008 in Midland Michigan. <http://snipurl.com/1v1o7>

The Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 (CMIA) monthly business meeting will be hosted by District 4 in March. It will be Sunday March 2, 2008. All G.S.R.s are encouraged to attend, all A.A.s are welcome.

## P.I./C.P.C. Committees Share Ways to Reach Alcoholics and the Professionals Who Help Them

Reprinted from: *Box 459 @ General Service Office, Alcoholics Anonymous*

Service committees across the U.S. and Canada share their successes (and failures too) with each other through the General Service Office. Their collective experience has proved to be good for A.A. unity and for the alcoholics who need our help.

Following are reports from some area committees on Public Information and Cooperation With the Professional Community, which in some areas are merged:

**Connecticut.** From Danbury Greg R., immediate past co-chair of the District 9 C.P.C. committee reports that members, working with health-care professionals at a local hospital, have developed a way for A.A.s to visit alcoholic patients as official volunteers. The way it works: Individual A.A. members go through an orientation process to officially become hospital volunteers—one that grounds them, among other things, in the privacy rules of the hospital.

Before being visited by an A.A. member, a patient is asked to sign a consent form. The consenting patient's health-care representative then contacts a hospital liaison responsible for coordinating A.A. activities.

Within a day or two an assigned A.A. volunteer, armed with a copy of the Big Book and a local meeting schedule, makes an initial Twelfth Step call.

"Over the past three years, and thanks to the cooperation of professionals at the hospital, we have experienced great success with this system," Greg reports. "Also, what started primarily as a C.P.C. service

has evolved into a combined commitment of all our service committees—including P.I., Special Needs, and Corrections & Treatment.

The program has expanded to utilize volunteers in the inpatient psychiatry unit, as well as establishing a weekly A.A. meeting for patients and staff alike. And as the program continues to evolve and grow, the doctors and hospital liaisons will be working on a way to use A.A. volunteers in the emergency room. "To me, this success proves that the old-fashioned hospital Twelfth Step call can exist in today's complex healthcare system. It has the potential to exist all over simply because A.A. members everywhere are committed to carrying the message to the still-suffering alcoholics they have yet to meet."

**New York.** Sally Ann C., immediate past Western New York P.I. chair, now Area secretary, reports that for last summer's two-week-long annual Erie County Fair, held on the sprawling Hamburg Fairgrounds just south of Buffalo, "we had 44 A.A. volunteers from groups in surrounding areas, with two at a time working three four-hour shifts a day." Flying a blue-and-white A.A. banner, the booth carried A.A. literature, including the pamphlets "Is A.A. for You?" and "Young People and A.A.," meeting lists, and more.

Sally Ann, who has volunteered at the fair for three years running, says that reactions to the booth were mixed: "Some just glanced at the banner and the A.A.s sitting there, others gave a sidewise glance and hurried by; and many of those who stopped to chat or ask for literature almost invariably said it was for a cousin or brother or friend—rarely, if ever, for themselves. What's exciting is that we never know if what we offer will touch them, or plant the seed that tells them millions of alcoholics have found sober, happy lives in A.A., and so can they."

**Florida.** In the Sarasota area, the familiar words "IS ALCOHOL A PROBLEM?"

CALL ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS TO GET INFORMATION OR A MEETING SCHEDULE . . .,” followed by the local intergroup phone number, are appearing on four billboards. Says David S., chairman of Sarasota’s combined P.I./C.P.C. committee (District 4, Area 15): “The idea germinated a little over a year ago, after a fellow member saw a message about A.A. on a billboard in Louisiana. First we consulted G.S.O.’s Public Information Workbook, which says that ‘cards and signs [about A.A.] have been placed in telephone offices, police stations, sheriffs’ offices, hospitals. . . . Signs may be in the form of car cards (in buses or subway trains) or of road signs.’ Upon further investigation, we found that over the years billboards have been used to carry the A.A. message in some places in the U.S. and Canada.”

With interest mounting, Dave says, we found that in A.A. we had individuals with the expertise to get the job done. A proposal to the entity that owned the billboards in our area was drafted—and six months later a contract between A.A. and the sign company was sealed. The cost: \$1,600 in total for four billboards, for one year’s time; we were able to pay for them with District funds. The billboards went up just after July 4th, and our committee is happy that we’ve unearthed a reliable tool to carry the message.”

**Michigan.** Bill D., past co-chair of the Detroit area P.I. committee in Southeast Michigan, is presently the editor of the online PI-CPC News Exchange, which he explains in each issue “is for the exclusive use of A.A. members [in the U.S./Canada] who wish to exchange information about P.I. and C.P.C. work.” Initially published in 2002 as the CPC News Exchange, this labor of love has found homes so far in Alaska, Iowa and now Michigan. First it was edited by Judy R., of the Alaska area C.P.C. committee, who without a road map took on the task of gathering, editing and distributing the newsletter. Commented Judy in the June 2003 issue, just before turning her service job over to Iowa C.P.C. chair Sarah H.: “We don’t do deadlines

here. We publish when we have six pages of articles.”

Sarah took over, publishing the newsletter on a quarterly basis for two years, and, after a hiatus, Bill succeeded her about a year ago. “Most of all it was fun, and I stayed sober,” Sarah recalls. Since then she has compiled a list of nearly a hundred “Suggested Project Ideas,” compiled from issues of the News Exchange, which are available to any and all service committees for the asking.

Bill recently contacted G.S.O. to say that he has had “trouble getting through to all the people on my e-mail list, possibly because of a lot of spam blocking.” He notes that his personal e-mail address “has to be recognized and accepted by P.I. and C.P.C. committee recipients in order for them to receive the News Exchange (picochair@aa-semi.org).” At present Bill is “looking for someone to take over the newsletter in the spirit of rotation. If any of you are looking for a unique and wonderful way to expand your service horizons, this would be perfect for you.”

## District 4 Corner

*The HVAI provides this space as a courtesy to District 4 in the spirit of cooperation in carrying the message. Please direct all questions and comments to your Home Group GSR or DCM or attend a District 4 meeting.*

### **November 1, 2007 — November 31, 2007**

**Beginning Balance:** **\$880.65**

**Income:**  
7th Tradition and  
Group Donations 267.50

**Subtotal** **1148.15**

**Expenses:**  
Corrections Lit 100.00  
Rent: 20.00  
Website 21.00  
Sign Language Interpreter 20.00

**Total Expenses:** **\$161.00**

**Closing Balance:** **\$987.15**

Solvent Treasury: 250.00  
Petty Cash: 25.00

**Total Assets:** **\$1262.15**

**Thanks to the following groups for recent contributions to District 4:**

Attitude Adjustment  
Came to Believe

Clean and Sober  
Flim-Flam  
Primary Purpose  
Sober Today  
Stadium Big Book  
Sunshine Group  
Tuesday Night at the Barn

**I**t is easy to let up on the spiritual program of action and rest on our laurels. We are headed for trouble if we do, for alcohol is a subtle foe. We are not cured of alcoholism. What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of our spiritual condition.

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