



Carry the Message February 2008

The Huron Valley Area Intergroup Newsletter

Serving the Recovery Community since 1979

Upcoming Events

February 3, 2008 (1st Sunday):

Area 32 CMIA meeting

For GSRs and DCMs, all are welcome.

Rives Junction Banquet Facility

355 S. Railroad St, Rives Junction

www.cmia32.org

February 9, 2008 (2nd Saturday):

Sponsor Tips

Women's discussion group about sponsorship issues, 12 PM.

Classic Cup Café, 4389 Jackson Road, between Wagner and Zeeb.

February 16, 2008 (3rd Saturday):

Huron Valley Area Intergroup Meeting

Local AA Group Service Center, 4 PM.

101 S. Huron Street, Ypsilanti

www.hvai.org

February 18, 2008 (3rd Monday):

District 4 meeting

Local AA Conference Service Structure, 7 PM. For G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s, all are welcome.

Ann Arbor Community Center, lower level
625 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor

February 19, 2008 (Tuesday):

Intervention Workshop by Jeff & Debra Jay

Free, part of Dawn Farm Education Series, 7:30-9 PM.

St. Joe's Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti.

www.dawnfarm.org/edseries.html

February 21, 2008 (3rd Thursday):

District 8 meeting

Local AA Conference Service Structure, 7 PM.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

200 St. Paul Street, Brighton

www.aalivcomi.org

February 22-24, 2008 (Friday-Sunday):

2008 March Round Up

Hosted by Area 33 General Services of Southeastern Michigan. \$102 per night. Convention registration on site \$20. Banquet \$35 w/reserved seating for Sat. Main Speaker.

Hyatt Regency

600 Town Center Drive, Dearborn 48126

For rooms: (313) 593.1234 or

www.dearborn.hyatt.com

For info: Bob M (734) 728.2330 or Laura B. (313) 909.9690

February 26, 2008 (Tuesday):

Cultures of Addiction & Recovery

Free, part of Dawn Farm Education Series, 7:30-9 PM.

St. Joe's Education Center, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti.

www.dawnfarm.org/edseries.html

HVAI Contributions

Huron Valley Area Intergroup wishes to thank the following groups for their generous support of the Intergroup office and outreach in January:

Ann Arbor

Fri. 1p Another Second Chance

Mon. 930a Stadium 12&12

Sa. 830a Sa.Morning Men's Mtg

Sun. 730p Friendly Group

Tu/Th/Fri. nn Singleness of Purpose

Wed. 730p Open AA Study

Wed. 8p Came To Believe

Belleville

Sat. 8p Sat. Night Live

Sun. 11a Eleventh Step

Th. 10a/8p 12 Step Group

Tu. 12 noon 449ers

Chelsea

Chelsea Hospital. Su/Mo/Th/Sa.

Dexter

Th. 630p Women of Substance

Pinckney

Wed. 8p House of Miracles

Saline

Sat. 7am

Ypsilanti

Mon. 8p Mo. Nighters Group

Tu. 8p Attitude Adjustment

Send Your Voluntary 7th Tradition Contributions To:

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Ypsilanti, MI 48197

District 4
Washtenaw County Treasurer
Box 971502
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32
C.M.I.A. Area 32 Treasurer
P. O. Box 283
Saline, Mi 48176

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Grand Central Station
P.O. Box 459 New York, NY 10164-0423

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Area Meeting Updates

UPDATES to the Printed 2007 AA/Al-Anon Directory

Check the web: HVAI.ORG for current meeting information. Please send corrections & updates to: office@hvai.org

ANN ARBOR

Sun. 9am, Fathers in Recovery is NEW
Flim Flam Restaurant Plymouth & Nixon

Sun. 1pm New Beginnings MOVED & Changed time

Sun. 2pm New Beginnings NEW
Calvary Presbyterian, 2727 Fernwood

Sun. 7:30pm Friendly Group MOVED
St. Luke's, 4205 Washtenaw E. of Carpenter

Mon. 7:30pm Al-A, ACOA King o Kings CANCELLED

Mon. 7:30pm, By the Way CANCELLED

Mon. 8pm, Young People on the Move NEW
First Baptist, 512 East Huron (basement)

Mon. 8:30p Monday Night on Main MOVED, NEW NAME, NEW TIME
7:30pm, Jimmy's Group Saint Paul's
Missionary Baptist Church, 3630 Platt 1/2 south of Packard

Mon. 8p NEW Ann Arbor Community Center, 625 North Main Street, basement

Wed. 9:30am AA at Westside NEW
Westside United Methodist, 900 South 7th

Wed. 7:30pm Vision for You MOVED
Zion Lutheran, 1501 West Liberty

Wed./Thurs. Traveler's Anon. CANCELLED

Thurs. noon, Crazy Wisdom is NEW
Crazy Wisdom Book Store, 114 S. Main

Thurs. 7:30pm First Things First MOVED 1st Church of the Nazarene, 2780 Packard

Thurs. 7:30p There is a Solution MOVED Delonis Center, 312 W. Huron
"the shelter"

Fri 1pm AA NEW
1st Church of the Nazarene, 2780 Packard

Fri 7:30pm Primary Purpose MOVED
Church of the Good Shepherd
2145 Independence Blvd.

Fri 7:30pm AA Coming Soon
Scio Community Church, 1293 N. Zeeb Rd. Call Robert C. 395-3990

Sat. 10am, Living the Steps NEW
1st Methodist Church, 120 South State St. & Huron

Sat. 12pm, Saturday Step NEW
Lighthouse, 2755 Carpenter Rd

Sat. 1pm Second Chance CANCELLED

Sat. 1pm New Beginnings NEW
Calvary Presbyterian, 2727 Fernwood

BELLEVILLE

Sun. 11am 11 Step MOVED

Wed. 10am & 7 pm Big Book NEW

Wed. 8:30p, 11th Step Meditation MOVED

Sat.. 8 pm, Sat. Night Live MOVED

All moved to St. Anthony's, 373 W. Columbia next to HighSchool

CHELSEA

Fri. 7:30 pm Woman's Book Study NEW, Chelsea Community Hospital, 775 S. Main, Room 2 of Dinning Rm. Main Hospital

MANCHESTER

Tue.7:00 Serenity in Action NEW
United Methodist Church, 501 Ann Arbor St., (M-52) near Klager School

PINCKNEY

Wed. 8 pm: House of Miracles NEW
Christian House of Prayer, 9949 McGregor Rd.

ROMULUS

Western Wayne Co. Alano Club.,
36572 Goddard Rd, Wayne

SALINE

Mon. 7pm 12 &12 NEW
Holy Faith Church, 6299 Ann Arbor Saline Road

YPSILANTI

Sun. 7:30pm The Promises Group MOVED
1st Presbyterian, 300 N. Washington, enter on side Emmet

Sun. 8 pm Changing Directions, now every Sun.

Mon.-Fri. 1pm-2pm, Towne Center NEW
Community Room, Mich. Ave. & Hamilton

Tues. 8pm Attitude Adjustment MOVED
1st Presbyterian, 300 N. Washington enter on side Emmet

Sat. 9:30am Big Book Step Study NEW
1st Presbyterian, 300 N. Washington enter on side Emmet

Step Two

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

Tradition Two

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

Tradition Two: Long Form

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.

Bill W. on the Second Tradition

January, 1948

Sooner or later, every AA comes to depend upon a Power greater than himself. He finds that the God of his understanding is not only a source of strength, but also a source of positive direction. Realizing that some fraction of that infinite resource is now available, his life takes on an entirely different complexion. He experiences a new inner security together with such a sense of destiny and purpose as he has never known before. As each day passes, our AA reviews his mistakes and vicissitudes. He learns from daily experience what his remaining character defects are and

becomes ever more willing that they be removed. In this fashion he improves his conscious contact with God.

Every AA group follows this same cycle of development. We are coming to realize that each group, as well as each individual, is a special entity, not quite like any other. Though AA groups are basically the same, each group does have its own special atmosphere, its own peculiar state of development. We believe that every AA group has a conscience. It is the collective conscience of its own membership. Daily experience informs and instructs this conscience. The group begins to recognize its own defects of character and, one by one, these are removed or lessened. As this process continues, the group becomes better able to receive right direction for its own affairs. Trial and error produces group experience, and out of corrected experience comes custom. When a customary way of doing things is definitely proved to be best, then that custom forms into AA Tradition. The Greater Power is then working through a clear group conscience.

We humbly hope and believe that our growing AA Tradition will prove to be the will of God for us.

Many people are coming to think that Alcoholics Anonymous is, to some extent, a new form of human society. In our discussion of the First Tradition, it was emphasized that we have, in AA, no coercive human authority. Because each AA, of necessity, has a sensitive and responsible conscience, and because alcohol will discipline him severely if he backslides, we

are finding we have little need for manmade rules or regulations. Despite the fact that we do veer off at times on tangents, we are becoming more able to depend absolutely on the long-term stability of the AA group itself. With respect to its own affairs, the collective conscience of the group will, in the end, prove a far more infallible guide for group affairs than the decision of any individual member, however good or wise he may be. This is a striking and almost unbelievable fact about Alcoholics Anonymous. Hence we can safely dispense with those exhortations and punishments seemingly so necessary to other societies. And we need not depend overmuch on inspired leaders. Because our active leadership of service can be truly rotating, we enjoy a kind of democracy rarely possible elsewhere. In this respect we may be, to a large degree, unique.

Therefore we of Alcoholics Anonymous are certain that there is but one ultimate authority, "a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience."

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Lack of power, that was our dilemma. We had to find a power by which we could live, and it had to be a Power greater than ourselves. Obviously. But where and how were we to find this Power?

Well, that's exactly what this book is about. Its main object is to enable you to find a Power greater than yourself which will solve your problem.

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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.

Announcements

56th Michigan State Convention donations are needed. The Convention will be August 8-10, 2008 in Midland Michigan. Donations are needed for coffee and hospitality rooms. Volunteers are also needed. For a donation form visit this weblink: <http://snipurl.com/1v1o7>

2008 Anniversary Event: Help plan & celebrate the birth of AA in Washtenaw County. The all day event is planned for April 19 at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor. Planning Meeting at 4pm on 2/2/08 at the HVAI office and at 5:30 PM on 2/18/08 at Pioneer High School (meet at the flagpole entrance).

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

District 4 News

District 4 monthly meeting is held at 7 PM on the third Monday of each month in the lower level of the Ann Arbor Community Center, 625 North Main Street, Ann Arbor. The meeting is primarily for G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s and all AAs are welcome to attend.

Central Michigan Intra-Area 32 (CMIA) monthly business meeting will be hosted by District 4 in March. It will be Sunday March 2, 2008 at the U.A.W. hall in Saline. All G.S.R.s are encouraged to attend, all A.A.s are welcome. Volunteers are needed. Contact your homegroup G.S.R. or attend the next District 4 meeting.

Congratulations to Patrick H. who was elected as District co-chair and Lyle T. who was elected as Corrections Committee chairperson.

I Am Responsible...

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want to hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

District 4 Finances

December 1, 2007 — December 31, 2007

Beginning Balance: \$987.15

Income:

7th Tradition and Group Contributions* 0.00

Total Income: \$0.00
Subtotal 987.15

Expenses:

CMIA Host: 300.00
Rent: 20.00
HVAI Website 21.00
Sign Language Interpreter 20.00

Total Expenses: \$361.00

Closing Balance: \$626.15

Solvent Treasury: 250.00
Petty Cash: 25.00

Total Assets: \$901.15

*NOTE: In December there was no money to deposit prior to the December 17, 2007 District 4 meeting.

What is District Four?

A district is a geographical unit containing the right number of groups—right in terms of the committee member's ability to keep in frequent touch with them, to learn their problems, and to find ways to contribute to their growth and well-being.

The number of groups per district varies widely, from as few as five in a

rural district to 90 or more in a metropolitan district. Population density and the geographic size of the district, which will affect the ability of the D.C.M. to communicate with the groups, would be key factors determining the number of groups a district will have. (A.A. Service Manual, 2007-8 Edition, pp. S30)

District Four serves Washtenaw County.