



Carry the Message April 2008

The Huron Valley Area Intergroup Newsletter

Serving the Recovery Community since 1979

Upcoming Events

63RD ANNIVERSARY

AA in Washtenaw County

CELEBRATION!



1935-2008



Saturday April 19, 2008

Ann Arbor Pioneer High School
1:30 p.m. — 11:30 p.m.

Co-hosted by HVAI and District 4

AA Archives

Panels

Traditions Skit

Service Fair

Literature

Dance

Dinner

D. J. Speede from the House of Rehab

AA Open Talk

Dinner & Dance Tickets:

\$10 in Advance, \$12 at Door

Contact HVAI or your GSR or

Intergroup Rep for tickets



April 5, 2008 (Saturday):

Spring Seminar: "Carrying the Message"

10 AM to 3 PM, doors open at 9 AM for fellowship, donuts, and coffee. Panels, Q&A session, Coney dog lunch. Groups are asked to donate chips, dessert, snacks, etc. to pass.

Corunna United Methodist Church
200 W. McArthur St., Corunna MI

Hosted by ShiaCoAA District 10.

April 6, 2008 (1st Sunday):

Area 32 CMIA meeting

For GSRs and DCMs, all are welcome.

District 8 hosts in Pinckney

www.cmia32.org

April 17, 2008 (3rd Thursday):

District 8 meeting

Local AA Conf. Service Structure, 7 PM.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

200 St. Paul Street, Brighton

www.aalivcomi.org

April 19, 2008 (Saturday):

63rd Anniversary Celebration of A.A. in Washtenaw County

Hosted by HVAI and District 4

1:30—11:30 PM (see ad to left)

Pioneer High School, Ann Arbor

Donations of money, coffee, supplies, or snack items are needed. Please contact Sean O. at (734) 834-7187 or Linda at the Huron Valley Area Intergroup, (734) 482-0707 to make a donation.

www.hvai.org

April 19, 2008 (3rd Saturday):

Huron Valley Area Intergroup meeting

Local AA Group Service Center, 4 PM.

Pioneer High School this month.

www.hvai.org

April 21, 2008 (3rd Monday):

District 4 meeting

Local AA Conf. Service Structure, 7 PM.

For G.S.R.s & L.C.M.s, all welcome.

Ann Arbor Community Center, lower level

625 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor

April 26, 2008 (Saturday):

Chelsea Group 's Anniv. Spring Fling

Doors open at 5 PM, dinner at 6 PM, main dishes of lasagna & ham provided, please bring a dish to pass. Suggested donation of \$5. Door prizes & 50/50.

Speaker at 7 PM, Bob F., fellowship time to follow. All are welcome—family, friends, sponsees—please come help us celebrate.

Chelsea Fairground, W Old US-12 at Old Manchester Road.

Note: the regular 7 PM Saturday Night Meeting at Chelsea Hospital will not be held. Please plan to attend the Group Anniversary Meeting.

April 26, 2008 (Saturday):

MCYPAA Game Night

Fun and fellowship. Suggested \$5 donation. Doors open at 6:30 PM, speaker at 7 PM Aaron D. from Ann Arbor. Games, snacks & fellowship 8 PM to ?. Northside Presbyterian Church 1679 Broadway. For more info call James G. 734.323.9913, Emily S. 810.357.1054, and Amanda A. 248.302.9372.

May 2-4, 2008 (Friday-Sunday):

Men's Recovering Maniacs Canoe & Kayak Weekend

Old Log Resort, Marion MI
231.743.2775

\$60 per person, deadline April 25, 2008 includes: camping, food, canoe rentals Kayaks extra cost: \$12 for single; \$16 for double. Enjoy a weekend of Fellowship, Fun, Campfire meetings, Countdowns, etc. Contact Rick 734.686.6264 or Brent G. 734.368.7970.

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Milford Groups

Pinckney

House of Miracles

Saline

Lifesavers

Ypsilanti

Thursday Night Steps
Clean & Sober on Park

Grapevine: Call for Articles

The AA Grapevine is our meeting in print. Please feel free to share your experience.

If you would like to share a story, please keep in mind that the Grapevine needs to receive it at least three months prior to publication. The Grapevine welcomes articles on every aspect of recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Stories are especially needed for upcoming themes for 2008:

July - AA in Prison

August - Adventures in AA (We absolutely insist on having fun.)

September - Hardest Amends I Ever Made

October - Getting Sober Over 60

The Grapevine is always glad to get stories about helping others and working with professionals.

In addition, they always welcome articles about the Traditions and the Twelve Steps.

Suggested manuscript length is three to seven double-spaced pages. Include your full name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. Please keep a copy of your work because manuscripts cannot be returned.

Refer to the [Grapevine Submission Guidelines](#) for more information, online at

www.aagrapevine.org.

Mail to:

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475 Riverside Drive, New York,
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Saline, MI 48176

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

HVAI News

Our meeting updates are now available online at www.hvai.org.

New to the HVAI website is a searchable meeting directory! Check it out, let us know what you think, and help us to spread the word. You can search by day, time, location, and type of meeting to name a few options.

The Spring 2008 meeting directory will printed soon.

So our troubles, we think, are basically of our own making. They arise out of ourselves, and the alcoholic is an extreme example of self-will run riot, though he usually doesn't think so. Above everything, we alcoholics must be ride of this selfishness. We must, or it kills us! God makes that possible.

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Alcoholics Anonymous

Step Four

Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.

“So when A.A. suggests a fearless moral inventory, it must seem to every newcomer that more is being asked of him than he can do. Both his pride and his fear beat him back every time he tries to look within himself. Pride says, ‘You need not pass this way,’ and Fear says, ‘You dare not look!’ But the testimony of A.A.’s who have really tried a moral inventory is that pride and fear of this sort turn out to be bogeymen, nothing else. Once we have a complete willingness to take inventory, and exert ourselves to do the job thoroughly, a wonderful light falls upon this foggy scene. As we persist, a brand-new kind of confidence is born, and the sense of relief at finally facing ourselves is indescribable. These are the first Fruits of Step Four.”

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pages 49-50

Tradition Four: Long Form

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.

Traditions Checklist:

Tradition Four

From the AA Grapevine

These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

Practice These Principles. . .

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

1. Do I insist that there are only a few *right* ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists 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 AA, 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 AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

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.

District 4 News

Coming soon to your group: Local Committee Members will be carrying the message from and to all of the AA groups in Washtenaw County in the coming months. We are trying to update all group records in the District for the GSO database. This is a *huge* undertaking. Volunteers to help in this effort are urgently needed. Please contact Sean O. at (734) 837-7187.

The 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>

The 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 L.C.M.s and all AAs are welcome to attend.

Seeking Trusted Servant: District 4 will be electing a new alternate treasurer to complete an unfinished term which ends in December 2008. If you are interested in the position or the election come to the April District meeting on Monday 4/23/08.

Grapevine: Looking for volunteers to serve on Grapevine Committee for District 4. Contact Daryl A. at 517.851.8255.

Share your Story: A.A.s willing to give a talk to clients in local treatment facilities needed. Contact Shannon T. at 734.678.2478 or district4treatment@gmail.com

Young People's Video Project: A.A. General Service Office invites A.A. members residing in the U.S. and Canada service structure to submit videos that focus on the experience of getting sober between the ages of 12 and 25. Submissions are accepted until September 1, 2008.

www.org/recoveryinaa/videoupload

District 4 Finances

February 1, 2008 — February 29, 2008

Beginning Balance: \$1,065.11

Income:

7th Tradition and Group
Contributions \$141.50

Total Income: \$141.50
Subtotal \$1,206.61

Expenses:

CMIA Host (rent): \$200.00
Ann Arbor Community Center
(rent): \$20.00
HVAI Website: \$21.00
ASL Interpreter: \$20.00
Treasurers expenses: \$37.99

Total Expenses: \$298.99

Closing Balance: \$907.62

Solvent Treasury: 250.00
Petty Cash: 25.00
Total Assets: \$1,182.62

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.

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.