



# Carry the Message June 2008

The Huron Valley Area Intergroup Newsletter

Serving the Recovery Community since 1979

## Step Six

Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.



Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they

can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.-and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.

## Tradition Six: Long Form

### Traditions Checklist—from the A.A. Grapevine

Service Material from the General Service Office

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 Six:** An AA group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

1. Should my fellow group members and I go out and raise money to endow several AA beds in our local hospital?
2. Is it good for a group to lease a small building?
3. Are all the officers and members of our local club for AAs familiar with "Guidelines on Clubs" (which is available free from GSO)?
4. Should the secretary of our group serve on the mayor's advisory committee on alcoholism?
5. Some alcoholics will stay around AA only if we have a TV and card room. If this is what is required to carry the message to them, should we have these facilities?

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## HVAI Contributions

Huron Valley Area Intergroup could not exist without the support of our many Groups and generous contributions from individual members. We rely on your contributions to keep our doors open to the still suffering alcoholics, and those who care for them. We wish to thank the following contributors:

**Stadium Big Book**

**More Sunshine**

**S.N.O.W.**

**Singleness of Purpose**

**We Are Not Saints**

**Flim Flam Breakfast**

**Open AA Study**

**Crazy Wisdom**

**Manchester Group**

**Unity**

**Working With Others**

**There is A Solution**

**Clean & Sober on Park**

## Winning Raffle Ticket

**63rd Anniversary Event**

**Ticket Number: 256**

**You have won the Big  
Book on CD!**

**Contact Linda at HVAI  
to claim your prize.**

**(734) 482-0707**

## Meeting Updates

Our meeting updates are now available online at [www.hvai.org](http://www.hvai.org).

New to the HVAI website is a searchable meeting directory! heck 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 is now available. Get one at a local meeting or stop into the HVAI office at 31 South Huron Street, Ypsilanti MI.

### ANN ARBOR

9:00am Sun.: Fathers in Recovery (CD)  
(M) MOVED to  
Dawn Farm: 343 Beakes Street

### BELLEVILLE

8:30pm Fri.: 11th Step Meditation (CD)  
NEW DAY  
St. Anthony's 373 W. Columbia



### YPSILANTI

8:30am The St. Joe's AM Meeting  
(CD)  
St. Joseph Church (Maria Hall entrance)  
9425 Whittaker (S. of Willis)

9:30am By the Book (CD) (B)  
1st Presbyterian, CANCELLED

8:00pm Weekend By the Book (CD)  
Dawn Farm (Basement): 6633 Stony  
Creek

8:30pm Sat. Night St. Joe's (OS)  
**Sign Language Interpreter** 1st Sat.  
Catherine McAuley Education Center  
5301 East Huron River

## Sober Fest 2008

Thank you to the District 4 and HVAI Public Information Committees and all the volunteers who helped maintain booths at SoberFest. It was a fabulous day of sun, fun, music, food and outreach.

Keep coming back!

## Send Your Voluntary 7th Tradition Contributions To:

Huron Valley Area Intergroup  
31 South Huron Street  
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

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

## Upcoming Events

### JUNE 2008

June 16, 2008 3rd Mon. District 4: 7PM of AA Conference Service Structure Mtg: *NEW TEMPORARY LOCATION!* First Congregational Church 608 E. William Street, Ann Arbor. Business meeting for G.S.R.s and L.C.M.s, all AAs are welcome to attend.

June 20-22, 2008: VSCYPAA 2008 Virginia State Conference of Young People in AA, \$25 registration fee, rooms \$89/night Crowne Plaza Hotel Dulles Airport, 2200 Centreville Rd, Herndon VA 20170 703-471-6700. Call the hotel directly to book a room 1-800-227-6963. Questions? Call Brian 703-499-1968 or email [info@vscypaa2008.org](mailto:info@vscypaa2008.org) June 20-22, 2008: 8th Annual Midwest Motorcycle Alcoholics Anonymous Convention, sponsored by Freedom, Faith & Fellowship AA Group. Emerald Acres Campground, Pearl City IL. [www.MMAAC.org](http://www.MMAAC.org)

June 21, 2008: 3rd Sat. Local AA Group Service Center: 4pm Huron Valley Area Intergroup Mtg, 101 S. Huron St. Ypsi. [www.hvai.org](http://www.hvai.org)

June 28, 2008: Karaoke at Washtenaw Alano Club, every other Saturday evening 6 PM- midnight FREE. 995 N. Maple Rd, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103 [www.washtenawalano.org](http://www.washtenawalano.org) 734-668-8138

June 28, 2008: Sat. MCYPAA 30 Second Chance Prom, MCYPAA 30 fundraising event. \$18/person or \$30/couple. St. Roch's Catholic Church, 25022 Gibraltar Road, Flat Rock, MI. door opens at 6:30, dinner at 7:30, speaker at 9:00. 50/50 raffle, pictures to be taken, free beverages all night. All proceeds go towards hosting the 30th Michigan Convention of Young People in AA, Thanksgiving weekend at the Crown Plaza in Romulus. [mcypaa30@yahoo.com](mailto:mcypaa30@yahoo.com)

### JULY 2008

July 3rd-6th, 2008: 50th ICYPAA, International Conference of Young People in AA presents: 'Smashing the Delusion' in Oklahoma City. [www.50thICYPAA.org](http://www.50thICYPAA.org)

July 12, 2008: Karaoke at Washtenaw Alano Club, every other Saturday evening 6 PM- midnight FREE. 995 N. Maple Rd, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103 [www.washtenawalano.org](http://www.washtenawalano.org) 734-668-8138

July 13, 2008: 1st Sun. (July exception) Central Michigan Intra-Area Meeting Conference Service Structure: Skidway Lake Chamber of Commerce Senior Center, 2777 Greenwood Rd., Skidway Lake, MI (near Alger) [www.cmia32.org](http://www.cmia32.org)

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July 18-20, 2008: 15th Annual MCYPAA Advisory & Host campout. Speaker meetings both nights around a bonfire! River Park Campground and Trout Pond, Grayling MI. Call Chris S. (616) 308-8226.

July 25-27, 2008: AA East Central Regional Convention, Westlake, OH info: [www.cmia32.org](http://www.cmia32.org)

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Much to our relief, we discovered we did not need to consider another's conception of God. Our own conception, however inadequate, was sufficient to make the approach and to effect a contact with Him. Page 46 *Alcoholics Anonymous*

## 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

**District 4 monthly meeting** is held at 7 PM on the third Monday of each month. The meeting is primarily for G.S.R.s and L.C.M.s and all AAs are welcome to attend.

The June 2008 District meeting will take place on Monday June 16, 2008 at the *First Congregational Church*, 608 East William Street, Ann Arbor, at the intersection of William and State Streets.

**District 4** is looking for a new meeting location. Please contact [Stephan](#) with any ideas.

**Our Delegate Larry S.** will be visiting the District in the next few months. Time and location to be announced when available.

**Grapevine:** Looking for volunteers to serve on Grapevine Committee for District 4 and ideas on how to share the Grapevine message. Contact Daryl A. at 517.851.8255.

**Share your Story:** A.A.s willing to share story in local treatment facilities contact Shannon T. at 734.678.2478 or [district4treatment@gmail.com](mailto:district4treatment@gmail.com)

**Carry the Message:** join the Public Information Committee! Matt O. [mobrien9@emich.edu](mailto:mobrien9@emich.edu)

**Service Work opportunity:** Local Committee Members need to be assigned for all of the AA groups in Washtenaw County to update info. This is a *huge* undertaking. Please contact Sean O. at (734) 837-7187 if you are able to help.

### District 4 Finances

The April 2008 report will be in the July newsletter.

-District 4 Treasurer

### I Am Responsible...

**When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want to be there. And for that: I am responsible.**



### A.A. at Large News

**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: <http://snipurl.com/1v1o7>

**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](http://www.org/recoveryinaa/videoupload)

**58th General Service Conference**  
The 134 members who make up this

year's General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous in the United States and Canada convened in New York City, April 27-May 3, for the 58th annual meeting of what many consider A.A.'s business meeting.

The theme of this year's conference was "Communication and Participation—The Key to Unity and Self-Support." Conference members were the delegates from the 93 service areas of the U.S. and Canada, Class A (nonalcoholic) and Class B (alcoholic) trustees, and directors and staff members of the two corporate boards—A.A. World Services, Inc. and The Grapevine, Inc.

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### 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.**