



Carry the Message December 2007

The Huron Valley Area Intergroup Newsletter

Serving the Recovery Community since 1979

YOU ARE NEEDED!

Sponsor Holiday Alkathons at Washtenaw Alano Club

The Huron Valley Area Intergroup is looking for a few more groups to sponsor the Christmas Alkathon and the New Years Alkathon in two-hour time slots at the Washtenaw Alano Club. Your group contribution pays the rent of \$15 for the room. A few group members willing to facilitate a meeting and remain available for the two hours guarantees that no alcoholic need to be alone on the holidays.

- What is an Alkathon?
It is an AA meeting 24-hours a day.
- What is sponsoring an Alkathon?
A group:
 1. chooses a 2-hour timeslot to sponsor starting at 10 pm until 10 am,
 2. pays for the rent (\$15 to HVAI, paid to the Washtenaw Alano Club after the event),
 3. provides at least 2 people for a meeting during your time slot, and
 4. collects the money from the baskets and cleans up the area before the next group takes over.

Call Linda at HVAI (734) 482-0707 to make arrangements for your Homegroup.

Upcoming Events

December 2, 2007 (1st Sunday):

Area 32 CMIA meeting

Campus of Lenawee Vo Tech & JCC

2345 North Adrian Hwy. (M-52) Adrian

Info: www.cmia32.org

For GSRs and DCMs, all are welcome.

December 2, 2007 (Sunday):

Changing Directions AA and Al-Anon Family Groups anniversary dinner 6 PM

Speakers Bud & Ceci from Adrian 7 PM

UAW Local 898

8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti

December 15, 2007 (3rd Saturday):

No HVAI Board meeting in December, will meet in January. www.hvai.org

December 17, 2007 (3rd Monday):

District 4 meeting 7 PM

Ann Arbor Community Center, lower level

625 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor

For GSRs and DCMs, all are welcome.

December 20, 2007 (3rd Thursday):

District 8 meeting

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

200 St. Paul Street, Brighton

www.aalivcomi.org

January 6, 2007 (1st Sunday):

Area 32 CMIA meeting

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Info: www.cmia32.org

For GSRs and DCMs, all are welcome.

January 19, 2007: Sat. Nite at St. Joe's anniversary meeting 8:30 PM

Education Center St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Ypsilanti, MI

Open talk, Burns B. from Kentucky

Send Your Voluntary 7th Tradition Contributions To:

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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

Thank You for your recent contributions to the HVAI!

Ann Arbor:

Mo. 8p Young People on the Move

Tu. 930a More Sunshine

Th. 930a Stadium Big Book

Th. 8p 1,2,3 Steps Group

Fr. 730p Primary Purpose

Manchester:

Fri. Manchester

Saline:

Th. 730p Last Chance Group

Ypsilanti:

Mo-Fri. Clean & Sober on Park

Mo. 8p Ypsilanti Candlelight

Tu. 8p Attitude Adjustment

Su. 7p Su. New Beginners

Su. 730p Promises Group

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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.

Step Twelve

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

Tradition Twelve

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all of our principles, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Tradition Twelve: Long Form

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 he who presides over us all.

Thank You

Huron Valley Area Intergroup could not exist without the support of our many AA Groups and our generous recovering personal contributions. Your volunteerism and financial help keeps the price of literature very low while all of our expenses continue to grow. We rely on your contributions to keep our doors open and to help the still suffering, and those who care for them in our community. Thank you for providing another year of service.

In thinking about our day we may face indecision. We may not be able to determine which course to take. Here we ask God for inspiration, an intuitive thought or a decision. We relax and take it easy. We don't struggle. We are often surprised how the right answers come after we have tried this for a while. What used to be the hunch or the occasional inspiration gradually becomes a working part of the mind. Being still inexperienced and having just made conscious contact with God, it is not probable that we are going to be inspired at all times. We might pay for this presumption in all sorts of absurd actions and ideas. Nevertheless, we find that our thinking will, as time passes, be more and more on the place of inspiration. We come to rely upon it.

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Alcoholics Anonymous

Washtenaw Alano Club

WAC New Year's Eve Extravaganza
7920 Jackson Rd.
(0.4 of m. west of Baker Rd.)

Live Music: A-PAK Band

Dinner Menu: Appetizers, Prime Rib, Smoky Mountain Chicken, Vegetable Primavera, Red Skins, Mashed Potatoes, Salads, Beverages & Desserts: Cheese Cakes, Cake, & Pie

After Dinner Speaker

Pete P. : Begins at 8PM
Dinner: \$35 each or 2 for \$60
Dance: \$15 each or 2 for \$25

call 668-8138 for reservations

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 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.

Elections for District 4 committee chairs will take place at the December 2007 meeting. The open positions are Public Information (PI), Special Needs, Grapevine. The current committee chairs for Corrections, Treatment Facilities, and Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) are running for re-election. All commitments are 2 years in length. If you are interested in doing this important Twelfth Step work please attend the December meeting.

There is also an open District Committee Member (D.C.M.) position. A D.C.M. is an essential link between the group G.S.R. and the area delegate to the General Service Conference. As leader of the district committee, made up of all G.S.R.s in the district, the D.C.M. is exposed to the group conscience of that

district. As a member of the area committee, he or she is able to pass on the district's thinking to the delegate and the committee. (The pamphlet "Your D.C.M.," available from the General Service Office, provides basic information on this service job.

Qualifications include:

1. The D.C.M. has usually served as a G.S.R. and is elected by other G.S.R.s to take responsibility for district activities. If the person chosen is a current G.S.R., a new G.S.R. should be elected to fill their position;
2. A D.C.M. should have enough sobriety to be eligible for election as delegate (generally four or five years); and,
3. the time and energy to serve the district well. (A.A. Service Manual, 2007-8 edition, pp. S30-31).

Election will occur at December 17th District 4 meeting or until the opening is filled. All AAs are welcome to attend.

What is District 4?

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 4 serves Washtenaw County.

District 4 Finances

October 1, 2007 — October 31, 2007

Beginning Balance: \$668.65

Income:

7th Tradition and Group
Contributions 273.00

Total Income: \$273.00

Subtotal 941.65

Expenses:

Rent: 20.00
Website 21.00
Sign Language Interpreter 20.00

Total Expenses: \$61.00

Closing Balance: \$880.65

Solvent Treasury: 250.00

Petty Cash: 25.00

Total Assets: \$1,155.65

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

Chelsea Medical Center Group
Saline Women's Group
Spiritual Solutions Group
Stadium 12 & 12 Group
Working With Others Group

Responsibility Pledge

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