

HVAI NEWLETTER - APRIL/MAY 2019

HURON VALLEY AREA INTER-GROUP NEWSLETTER

Your Story Wanted Here!

Looking for stories of experience, strength and hope.

Has Service Work Saved Your Life?

Have you found hope in AA?

Did someone go out of their way to get you the help you needed?

Are you amazed by How the Twelve Steps have helped you grow?

Have you struggled with mental illness, chronic illness or other malady's, but have been able to stay sober through Alcoholics Anonymous?

Did a specific step or tradition help you in a special way?

We would love to share your experience, strength, and hope through the HVAI Newsletter. Please submit a three to five paragraph story of your hope to HVAI at office@hvai.org

*We ask that you have a year or more of sobriety, that you have worked the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, and that you have a sponsor. Submission will be reviewed by a committee. All names will be kept anonymous. First names may be used only with your permission. There will be no last names or initials for the sake of anonymity.

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies!

Prison Volunteer Speakers Needed

Volunteers need to bring the AA message into Michigan's only women's prison.

"I am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help. I want the hand of AA always to be there. And, for that I am responsible."

Requirements:

- 18 months sober
- Lien clearance
- Once a year commitment

Orientation not needed, but available upon request

Contact Cindy S for more information

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Step, Tradition, and Concept of the month of April

Step Four: Made a searching and fearless inventory of ourselves

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

Concept Four: Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional "Right of Participation", taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

Tradition Four Checklist from the AA Grapevine

(Literature SMF-131)

Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA? •

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? • Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it? • 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? • Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths—his lengths, not mine—to stay sober? • Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard

Concept Four Checklist

(Literature SMF-91)

Do we understand the spiritual principles underlying the "Right of Participation"? • What does "in reasonable proportion" mean? • Do we understand when it is appropriate for A.A. paid staff to have a vote at the General Service Conference or in our local service structure? • Do we expect that, because we are A.A. members, we should be allowed to vote at any group, even if we are not active members of that group?

Step, Tradition, and Concept of the month of May

Step Five: Admitted to God, to ourselves, and another human being the exact natures of our wrongs

Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to alcoholic who stills suffers

Concept Five: Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration

Tradition Five Checklist from the AA Grapevine

(Literature SMF-131)

Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"? • Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan? • Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic? • Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me? • Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose? • Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

Concept Five Checklist

(Literature SMF-91)

Do we encourage the minority opinion, the "Right of Appeal," to be heard at our home group, district committee meetings, area assemblies and the Conference? • What does our group accept as "substantial unanimity"? • Has our group experienced the "tyranny of the majority" or the "tyranny of the minority"? • Does our group understand the importance of all points of view being heard before

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 20

10:30am

Corrections Committee Meets

1:00pm

HVAI Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 24

6:00pm

Anniversary of New Directions

Friday, April 26-28

11th Annual Spring Convention St. Louis

IAAMC 32nd Annual Men's Conference

Saturday, April 27

Lenawee County Intergroup 33rd Mini Conference

10:00am

WORKSHOP: "SERVICE IN A.A." presented by
District 4 of Area 32 & Saline Last Chance Group

7:00pm

Friends Little House

4th Saturday Open Speaker Night

Sunday, April 28

11:00am

Michigan State Wide Committees Meet (4th
Sundays in Jan., April, July, and Oct.)

Thursday, May 16

6:00pm

Ypsilanti Step Study 18th Anniversary Dinner &
Speaker

Saturday, May 18

10:30am

Corrections Committee Meets

1:00pm

HVAI Business Meeting

Monday, May 20

7:00pm

District 4 General Service Meeting

Tuesday, May 21

9:30am

Anniversary of the Today Group of Chelsea
(since 2015)

Friday, May 24

1:30pm

Norther Michigan Spring Round-Up

Saturday, May 25

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7:00pm

4th Saturday Open Speaker Night – Friends of
Little House

Sunday, May 26

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Norther Michigan Spring Round-Up

6:30pm

Fruits of Recovery Anniversary (since 2002)

Friday, June 7

Founders Day 1935 - 2019 Save the Date

Saturday, June 8

Founders Day 1935 - 2019 Save the Date

Sunday, June 9

Founders Day 1935 - 2019 Save the Date

Tuesday, June 11

7:30pm

Teens Using Drugs or Alcohol

Friday, June 14

5:30pm

Cook Out - Camp Out at Marks

Saturday, June 15

Cook Out - Camp Out at Marks

10:30am

Corrections Committee Meets (3rd Sat.s)

11:00am

TWC presents: Rocketed into a 4th Dimension

1:00pm

HVAI Business Meeting (3rd Sat.s)

For more information see the calendar at HVAI.org

In AA News at AA.org

[Quarterly Report from G.S.O.](#) – is now available at aa.org

Activities of the General Service Board including A.A. World Services, Inc., A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

[Mini Catalog of New and Forthcoming Items of A.A. Literature from A.A.W.S., Inc.](#) –

We are pleased to announce the digital publication of a handy reference “Mini Catalog” designed to help folks discover what is new and revised in our A.A. literature and other items. Please note that information on “How to Order,” via our customary distribution sources, is included. We plan to update this resource as warranted, to help share information on new items as they become available.

[25th World Service Meeting Final Report](#) –

Delegates representing 45 countries from around the world gathered in Durban, South Africa in October 2018 for the World Service Meeting (W.S.M.). Since its inauguration in 1969, this biennial meeting has provided an ongoing international forum for shared experience and ideas on carrying the A.A. message of recovery from alcoholism.

[Opening for A.A.W.S. Nontrustee Director](#) –

A.A. World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) has started its search to fill the vacancy for one nontrustee director, which will open following the 2020 General Service Conference. Interested A.A. members are encouraged to submit a résumé.

[Opening for AA Grapevine Nontrustee Director](#) –

AA Grapevine’s Corporate Board has started its search to fill the vacancy for one nontrustee director, which will open following the 2020 General Service Conference. Interested A.A. members are encouraged to submit a résumé.

Statement of Purpose

The Huron Valley Area Intergroup is a service group organized in accordance with the Twelve Traditions and the AA Service Manual. Its purpose is to provide communication among AA groups and to provide services that are beyond the capabilities of any single group.

Among its responsibilities are the publication of a local group directory, maintaining an answering service, keeping in contact with local institutional meetings, coordinating area-wide events in the AA community, providing AA speakers for community events and in assisting groups in obtaining AA literature.

The Intergroup is composed of representatives from Alcoholics Anonymous groups in Washtenaw County, Michigan. We meet at 1:00 PM on the third (3rd) Saturday of the month at a pre-determined location to conduct business. Our standing committees may meet at other times.

Thank you to all the meetings that donated during the month of March 2019

Friday's As Bill Sees It	Sobriety with Grace
Stadium 12/12	TWC
Living the Steps	BB-StJohn
S.N.O.W.	It's a Lifeboat
Saturday Morning Men's Meeting	Other's Directions Group
Men's Travelers	Saturday Nite at St. Joe

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