Alcoholics Anonymous Area 33
District 21 & 22

Sober Times

November 2026

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

AA Hotlines

Port Huron: 810-987-8884 **Ferndale:** 877-337-0611 **AA Main:** 877-337-0611

Area 33 Accessibilities: 586-335-2840 - **Area33accessibilitieschair@aa-semi.org**

The District 21 & 22 monthly newsletter's purpose is to share the AA message and inform members of upcoming events around our area and the needs and celebrations of our local AA groups. Supporting our members in unity, service and recovery. Please email district21.22aa@gmail.com with details of your group's upcoming celebrations, events and/or needs.

Did You Know?

About Area 33's Service Fair…
ASK AN OFFICER
Learn more about AA general service,
the role of officers and committees
and how they serve the community.
COMMITTEES ~ LUNCH ~ TRIVIA
Sunday, September 21st 10:30 am - 2:30 pm
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Upcoming Events

- **Where There's Hope Group 35th Anniversary Picnic ~ Sept. 1st ?**
  12:00pm - 5:00pm Speaker Derrick D.
  Dodge Park - Pavilion 2 - 40620 Utica Rd. Sterling Hgts.
- **District 21 & 22 Meeting ~ Sept. 8th 7:00pm - 8:00pm**
  Grace Episcopal Church - 115 S. Main St. Mount Clemens
- **38th Tri-County Conference ~ Sept. 12-14th**
  Auburn Hills Marriott Pontiac
  3600 Centerpoint Pkwy Pontiac 48341
  https://www.tricountyconference.org/
- **AAA Group 7th Anniversary - Sept. 20th ?**
  Doors open at 830am; Breakfast at 900am. Speaker at 10:00am
  Bring a dish if you wish.
  West Berlin United Methodist Church - 905 Holmes Rd. Allenton
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- **23rd Annual Sobriety Harvest ~ Sept. 20th 11:00am - 5:00pm ?**
  Lunch at noon; Speaker at 1:30pm Michelle P. T..
  East China Park - Pavilion 2 - 701 Recor Rd. East China
- **Area 33 Service Fair ~ Sept. 21st 10:30am - 2:30pm ?**
  Madison High School - 915 E. Eleven Mile Rd. Madison Hgts.
- **Armada Ridge Group 44th Anniversary ~ Sept. 26th ?**
  Doors open at 6:00pm; Speaker at 7:00pm - Speaker: John J.
  Desserts will be served. Bring a dish if you wish.
  Armada Methodist Church - 23200 E. Main St. Armada

Looking Ahead

You can plan…just not the outcome
July 31-August 3rd
17th Annual Friends of Bill and Lois W. Canoe Trip

Step Eleven
Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood him, praying only for his will for us and the power to carry that out.

Tradition Eleven
Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.
Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

Virtue: Awareness
Alive and alert; vigilance in observing.

Step Prayer:
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As we go through the day, we pause when agitated or doubtful, and ask for the right thought or action. We constantly remind ourselves we are no longer running the show, humbly saying to ourselves many times each day, "Thy will be done."

Concept XI
The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

Long Form:
While the Trustees hold final responsibility for A.A.’s world service administration, they should always have the assistance of the best possible standing committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Therefore the composition of these underlying committees and service boards, the personal qualifications of their members, the manner of their induction into service, the systems of their rotation, the way in which they are related to each other, the special rights and duties of our executives, staffs, and consultants, together with a proper basis for the financial compensation of these special workers, will always be matters for serious care and concern.

Article

Tradition 8: Paper Jam
BY: WOODY R. | STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

A Tradition that keeps us in the clear

I want to share with you about the Eighth Tradition. This Tradition, in its simplest terms, says AA should not become professionalized and that our Twelfth Step work ought never be paid for. Yet, sometimes well-meaning AAs look for loopholes in the spirit of this Tradition. A recent example involved the purchase of an industrial copier by an AA service body, in order to produce copies of its newsletter. The vendor, an AA member, offered to save the service body money. He said members could choose not to purchase a maintenance service agreement, and he would perform the required servicing as a personal contribution. The service body agreed and all went well for a while. However, the copier began to have problems and the AA member became increasingly difficult to contact, much less perform the maintenance. The end result was that the copier became inoperative and had to be scrapped at the expense of the service body. The purchase of a service agreement, though an additional expense up front, would have prevented the unexpected expenses involved when thecopier broke down.

In my personal life, I need to be reminded that I am not a professional in AA. My service to AA is my ability to transmit a message of hope. That means I ought not play doctor, marriage counselor, banker, lawyer, or pharmacist.

District, Area, G.S.O. and Central Office are common service entities groups donate to.
Below is how to make contributions for those in our area.

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Area 33 aa-semi.org/contribution-page/	**AA of Greater Detroit** 380 Hilton Rd Ferndale, MI 48220 or online www.aaferndale.org/how-you-can-help