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District 16 & 20 Newsletter

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District Meeting

Location:

Clawson United Methodist
205 Main Street, Clawson
(1 block North of 14 Mile)

Meets in Conference Room Upstairs

Date:

3rd Wednesday of Month
Septmeber 18th, October 16th, etc

Time:

7:00 p.m.

Followed by the regular 8:00
Clawson Meeting.

District Attendance

✓ Clawson, Honest Desire,
First Things First, Southfield
Young People Can Too,
Women in Recovery, Foundation,
Steps & Traditions, Troy Womens,
Royal Oak Noontimers,
Thurs. Night Serenity,
Berkley Saturday Afternoon,
Joys of Recovery-Steps&Traditions,
Monday Night Afterglow,
Rochester Serenity, Women's A
New Beginning, Troy Noontimers,
Living Sober, Friendly Ferndale,
Sober Sat Night, Sat Morn Live
and Better Late Than Never

Responsibility Creed

When anyone, anywhere, reaches
out for help, I want the hand of A.A.
to always be there.

And for that,

I am responsible.

First Ever New Years Eve Eve Dance



Hosted by Districts 16 & 20 at the San Marino Club in Troy.

For More Info or Advance Ticket Purchases Contact: Ellen F. 248.586.1424.

Dinner * DJ Dancing * Speaker * Fellowship * Grab a Friend and Join the Ball!!!

Tri-County Conference

Troy Marriott on Big Beaver Rd just East of I-75 in Troy - Room Rates 800.777.4096

Pre Registration - \$10 or Pay at the Door \$15 - Banquet Sat Nt \$41.

Panels * Speaker * Alkathons * Alanon * Alateen * Dance Fri and Sat Nt

Spkrs:Fri-Otto M, Plano TX /Sat-Ed M. Bettendorf, IA /Sun-Sterling H. Omaha, NE

Monday Night Afterglow 16th Anniversary



St. Dennis Church on Stephenson @ 12 Mile Rd., Royal Oak All Welcome!!

Doors @ 6:30pm, Food @ 7pm, Speaker - Stephen S. @ 8pm Door Prizes

Main Dish, Beverages and Dessert Provided! Bring a Dish to Pass. Door Prizes!

Sterling Serenity's 20th Anniversary



St. Rene's Church 37000 Ryan Rd, North of 15 Mile, Sterling Heights

Doors @ 7pm * Dinner @ 8pm * Speaker Following - Sue K.

Bring a Dish / Desserts Always Welcome :) All Welcome!!

H.O.W. Groups 37th Anniversary



Bethlehem Lutheran 37000 Union Lake Road @ Metro Pkwy(16 Mile), Clinton Twsp.

Doors @ 6:30pm * Dinner @ 7pm * Speaker @ 8pm - Bill T., Area 33 Delegate

Bookstore Raffle * 50/50 Raffle * Bring a Dish if you Wish! All Welcome!!

Beginner Meeting in the "Back to the Basics" Format



Hosted by the Southfield Group-Starts 1st Tues of Each Mth for 4 Consecutive Wks

Although the format was intended for newcomers, it's beneficial for all.

St. Davids Church 16200 W Twelve Mile West of Greenfield, Southfield

Michigan HOG Rendezvous Update

This years Rendezvous was the first one with AA meetings and it went very well.

Interested in helping out next year(sober campsite)or want info? David P. 248.444.0005

Annual Michigan International Men's Banquet

Sinbad's Restaurant 100 St. Clair Ave, Detroit Tickets: \$30 Call Ken K. 248.354.1942

Doors @ 6:30 *Speaker-Arthur L. Young People Group *All Invited *Dinner *Dancing

Twelve and Twelve

"But it is from twisted relations with
family, friends, and society at large
that many of us have suffered the
most. We have been especially stupid
and stubborn about them. The primary
fact that we fail to recognize is our
total inability to form a true partnership
with another human being." pg.53
- Carolyn R., Honest Desire

"It is through repeated humiliations
that I learn humility"
-Carolyn R., Honest Desire

"The best thing between me and
another drink is my Higher Power."
"Principles Before Personalities"...the
good of A.A. comes first, even if it's
not comfortable for me."

"We have to face the fact that we have
to live on a spiritual basis -or else"
- Mike P., First Things First

Longtimer Slogans

"We've got a wrench to fit every nut
that walks through the door."
- Greg H., Friendly Ferndale

Live Easy But Think First

Live and Let Live
Easy Does It
But for the Grace of God
Think, Think, Think
First Things First
- Mark S., Nothing But the Book

Where is District 16?

It includes Southfield, Oak Park, Ferndale, Berkley, Royal Oak, Clawson, Birmingham
& parts of Hazel Park and Madison Heights.

Where is District 20?

It includes Troy, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills, Lakeville, Parts of Pontiac
and Parts of Bloomfield Hills.

Local A.A. Hotline

A.A. of Greater Detroit-Ferndale Office
380 Hilton Road Ferndale, MI 48220
248.541.6565

A.A. of Oakland County - 24 Hour Hotline
917 1/2 Orchard Lake Rd Pontiac, MI 48341
248.332.3521

Macomb County Intergroup Office
25743 Van Dyke, Ste B Centerline, MI 48015
800.316.2748

Area 33 Office

24225 W. Nine Mile Road, Ste 110
P.O. Box 2843 Southfield, MI 48034
More Info: Area Delegate - Bill T @
TD_thomson@msn.com 313.882.5790

Area 33 Website

www.aa-semi.org

World Svcs Website

www.aa.org

Notes from your D.C.M.

District 16 & District 20

"We had another successful District
picnic, and I would like to thank not
only the people that helped organize
it, but also the people that showed up.
I think everybody enjoyed themselves,
especially the wet volleyball players.
My time as DCM is winding down, and
we'll be electing somebody else very
soon. If anybody has the willingness,
or knows of somebody who might like
to be District 16 or District 20's next
DCM, please speak up. Remember,
there's no wrong way to do
service work."

- Pat R. and Dennis McD.

District Elections

We will be holding elections for a new
D.C.M., Alternate D.C.M. and
Newsletter Chairperson at the
November 2002 District Meeting.

Area Elections

The Area Election will be held at the
November Area Meeting. Positions
available include Delegate, Alternate
Delegate, Chairperson, Secretary
and Treasurer.

**GSR's please come to vote on
behalf of you group.**

**All AA members are welcome
to attend and stand for a
position.**

T w e n t y F o u r H o u r s a D a y

July 10 - We in Alcoholics Anonymous do not enter into theological discussions, but in carrying the message we attempt to explain the simple "how" of the spiritual life. How faith in a Higher Power can help you to overcome loneliness, fear, and anxiety. How it can help you get along with other people. How it can make it possible for you to rise above pain, sorrow, and despondency. How it can help you to overcome your desire for things that destroy.

Have I reached a simple, effective faith?

Meditation: Expect miracles of change in people's lives. Do not be held back by unbelief. People can be changed and they are often ready and waiting to be changed. We see changed people every day. Do you have the faith to make those changes possible? Modern miracles happen every day in the lives of people. All miracles are in the realm of personalities. Human nature can be changed and is always being changed. But we must have enough faith so that we can be channels for God's strength into the lives of others.

Prayer: I pray that I may have faith to expect miracles. I pray that I may be used by God to help change the lives of others.

AREA 33 NEWSBEAT

Area 33 Assembly Meeting 3rd Sunday of the Month @ Noon
Colony Hall, Evergreen Rd. between 8 & 9 Mile Rds. in Southfield

Treatment Facilities Workshop Hosted by District 1 Sat, Sept 21st @ 2pm
Christ Church 960 E Jefferson @ I-375 in Downtown Detroit

Find out how you or your group can help carry the message into Treatment Facilities!!
AA of Greater Detroit - Ferndale Office

Looking for Hotline Volunteers. If you're interested call Jim B. @ 248.743.0741
Want to know what they do? Call Gene K@248.342.7480 and he'll visit your group.

Treatment Facilities - Looking for 12 Step Opps? Carolyn R. 248.541.3160
Interested in helping schedule AA panels and provide follow-up info for patients seeking temporary contacts? Please call to get involved in this great 12th Step work.

Salvation Army, Pontiac Meeting on Saturday @ 1pm. Please help support it.
Northeast Guidance Center near 94 & Mac is starting a mtg on Wed @ 12:30pm

Correctional Facilities Committee Virginia C. 248.544.4637
Scott's Women Facility, Plymouth Tues evening and Sat afternoon.

Oakland Cnty Jail needs women volunteers. Contact Dominic @ 248.858.4999
March Round Up 2003 Don G. @ 248.310.2910

Meeting 2nd Sunday of the Month at Troy Marriott @ 2pm (YES! We've moved it!)
Archives Committee Diane McG. @ 734.374.2545 macdimcg@comcast.net

We're currently collecting photos and correspondences on Black History for the Archives. Please contact Diane if you'd like to help out.

Traditions Skit Bridget D. @ 313.565.8617
Have you thought about having the Traditions Skit at your next mtg or Anniversary?

Public Information **A New Public Announcement Coming** Kerry W. @ 313.532.3417
A new service announcement was released in July titled "Reach Out". If you've seen this piece we'd like to hear what you think about it and where/when you've seen it

Insisting on the Best

We deserve the best life and love have to offer, but we are each faced with the challenge of learning to identify what that means in our life. We must each come to grips with our understanding of what we believe we deserve, what we want, and whether we are receiving it.

There is only one place to start, and that is right where we are, in our current circumstances. What hurts? What makes us angry? Are we reluctant, for a variety of reasons, especially fear, to tackle the issues in our relationships that may be hurting us?

We can begin the journey from deprived to deserving. We can start it today. We can also be patient and gentle with ourselves, as we travel to knowing in our hearts we deserve the best.

Today, I will pay attention to how I allow people to treat me, and how I feel about that. I will also watch how I treat others. I will not overreact by taking their issues too personally and too seriously; I will not underreact by denying that certain behaviors are inappropriate and not acceptable to me.

Did you know...

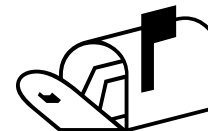
There are 740 Groups Registered with GSO-AA in New York for Area 33 (Southeastern Michigan).
The word resentment is used 29 Times in the First 11 Chapters of the Big Book, 7 Times in the Chapter "To Wives".

got Genius?

This is your newsletter and we need your input.
Please attend the next district meeting, write to us, call
Carolyn R @ 248.541.3160 or e-mail:

d16news@hotmail.com

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Big Book Quote

"This was our course: We realized that the people who wronged us were perhaps spiritually sick. Though we did not like their symptoms and the way they disturbed us, they, like ourselves, were sick too. We asked God to help us show them the same tolerance, pity and patience that we would cheerfully grant a sick friend. When a person offended we said to ourselves, "This is a sick man. How can I be helpful to him? God save me from being angry. Thy will be done." - pg.67

"Still another difficulty is that you may become jealous of the attention he bestows on other people, especially alcoholics." - pg.119

D I S T R I C T 1 6

West Side Group (Pontiac)	No GSR
Saints & Sinners, (Blmfld Hls)	No GSR
Troy Group	No GSR
Rochester Group(Friday Night)	No GSR
Auburn Heights Group	No GSR
St. Stephen's Group (Troy)	No GSR
Rochester Men's Group	GSR-Dan O.
Brookland Group	No GSR
Rochester West Group	No GSR
St. Philips (Mon, Wed AM)	No GSR
Day At A Time Womens (Troy)	No GSR
Surrender Group (Troy)	No GSR
Troy Sterling Group	No GSR
Roch Serenity (Thursdays)	No GSR
Troy Ford Group	GSR-Dave O.
Blmfld Kensington Sun Nt	No GSR
Roch Sat N (Crittenton)	No GSR
Troy Noontimers	GSR-Ian K.
Park Street Group (Troy)	No GSR
Thurs Night Serenity(Roch Hls)	GSR-Clyde G.
Troy Women's Group	GSR-Sandy C.
Saturday Morn Live Womens	GSR-Winnie H.
Saturday Morn Live (Roch)	No GSR
Pike & William AA (Pontiac)	No GSR
Rochester Tuesday A.M. #1	No GSR
Rochester West Group (Tues)	No GSR
AA On the Lake Grp (Laveville)	No GSR
Living Sober of A.A. Group	GSR-Richard K.
Rigorous Honesty(St. Philips)	No GSR
Foundation Group (Tuesday)	No GSR
Joys of Recovery-Stp&Trads	GSR-Paul H.
Women's A New Beginning	GSR-Jackie J.
Steps and Traditions Group	GSR-Adam H.
New Freedom Group (Troy)	GSR-Sue M.

District 16

Following is the list of groups registered with GSO-NY for District 16. Please contact us if you have any information so that we may update your records.

13 Mile Woodward	Royal Oak Unity
9 Mile Rd Lahser	Keep It Simple
Serenity Group	First Things First
Friendly Ferndale	Shrine
Madison Heights	Serenity at Peace
Greater North Woodward	Ferndale WOMens
Royal Oak	Primary Purpose
North Church	United in Sobriety
12 Mile Southfield	New Beginnings
Valley Woods	Clawson
Berkley Young Peoples	I Knew You
Priority	Go After Your Sobriety
Hazel Park North	Meeting in the Park
One More Hour of Sobriety	Monday Night Miracles
Surrender to Victory Womens	Berkley Saturday Afternoon
Royal Oak Township	Ferndale Serenity
Suburban Lambda	I am Responsible
Birmingham Stag	Renaissance
Love for Life	Serenity Womens
Love, Service and Stragglers	Two or More
Berkley Sun & Tues AM	Fox Hills
Unity Fellowship	Under the Alley
Huntington Woods Y/P's	Better Late Than Never
Saturday Afternoon Dr's	Brown Baggers
Monday Night After Glo	Destiny
New Life	Destiny II
Live and Let Live	Honest Desire
Franklin Night Cap	

Coffee Break



God's Best Gift

"Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another."

-Randy V.

Attitude Assessment

Attitude is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, an organization, a church, a home.

The remarkable thing is, we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is change what's inside of us, and that starts with our attitude.

- Mike P., *First Things First*

"Until now, our lives have been largely devoted to running from pain and problems. We fled from them as from a plague. We never wanted to deal with the fact of suffering. Escape via the bottle was always our solution. Character-building through suffering might be all right for saints, but it certainly didn't appeal to us. Then, in A.A., we looked and listened.

Everywhere we saw failure and misery transformed by humility into priceless assets. We heard story after story of how humility had brought strength out of weakness. In every case, pain had been the price of admission into a new life. But this admission price had purchased more than we expected. It brought a measure of humility, which we soon discovered to be a healer of pain. We began to fear pain less, and desire humility more than ever."

Paraphrased, Step 7 in 12 x 12

- Mike B., *Royal Oak Noontimers*

Overheard at a Meeting

A constant slipper went up to a 42-Year Longtimer in the program. With all the courage he could muster he asked the old sage how he would know when he hit his true bottom. The old sage, with years of wisdom, dryly replied: "When you quit digging the hole."

- Bill T., *Area 33*

As Bill Sees It

"Believe more deeply. Hold your face up to the Light, even though for the moment you do not see." pg. 3

- Jesse S., *Honest Desire*