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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Area 34 - District 11
coverage area includes:
Antrim (part), Benzie,
Grand Traverse,
Kalkaska, & Leelanau
counties.

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A.A.'s SCHOOL OF LIFE

Within A.A., I suppose, we shall always quarrel a good bit. Mostly, I think, about how to do the greatest good for the greatest number of drunks. We shall have our childish spats and snits over small questions of money management and who is going to run our groups for the next six months. Any bunch of growing children (and that is what we are) would hardly be in character if they did less.

These are the growing pains of infancy, and we actually thrive on them. Surmounting such problems, in A.A.'s rather rugged school of life, is a healthy exercise.

SOURCE: *A.A Comes of Age*, Page 233

Calendar of Events - AUGUST 2016

August 6, 13, 20, 27 Open Talk Speaker Meeting at Munson Hospital basement, 1105 Sixth Street, Traverse City, 8:00pm. If you would like to be a Speaker in the upcoming months, please contact Shannon H. at (231) 649-3294, or email: tho2936992@hotmail.com .

August 9 District 11 Meeting - now held on the **SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 7:00pm-8:30pm** – located at various venues throughout the District. The next meeting will be held at Stone House (419 S. Coral Street) in Kalkaska. For More Information: Email area34.district11@gmail.com .

August 10 Central AA Office Board Meeting, 3291 Racquet Club Drive – Suite B, Traverse City at 5:30pm. All AA and Al-Anon/Alateen members are welcome. For More Information: Call (231) 946-8823, email district11centraloffice@yahoo.com or view their website: <http://www.district11-aa.org>

August 12 - 14 Illinois State Conference & East Central Regional Conference of AA. For More Information: <http://www.aailcon.org/>

August 21 Western Michigan Area 34 Assembly – meeting starts at 10:30am. Hosted by District 13. For More Information: Email area34.district11@gmail.com or check out <http://wmaa34.com> .

August 26 – 28 64th Michigan State AA Convention, Dearborn, MI - Hosted by Area 33, For More Information: http://www.aa-semi.org/flyers/MI_AACon64th_1.jpg

Future 2016 AA Events

September 1 – 4 58th International Convention of Young People in A.A., Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. For More Information: <http://58th.icypaa.org/>

September 17 Road Trip to Dr. Bob's House – Sponsored by District 17. Bus departs from Roseville, MI. For More Information: http://www.aa-semi.org/flyers/dr_bob_flyer_Sept_2016.pdf

September 17 Celebrating A.A. In Detroit - Presented by Area 33. Sts. Peter & Paul Jesuit Church (438 St. Antoine St.) in Detroit - starts at 10:30AM. For More Information: http://www.aa-semi.org/flyers/2016_Celebrating_Detroit.pdf

October 7 - 9 12th Annual Michigan Women's Conference, Garland Resort in Lewiston, MI. For More Information: <http://miwcaa.com/>

October 7 - 9 29th Annual Tri-County Conference. Located at the Renaissance Unity Church, 11200 E. 11 Mile Road in Warren, MI. For More Information: <http://tri-countyconference.org/>

October 14 - 16 28th Annual Fall Weekend, The Island House Hotel in Mackinac Island, MI. For More Information: http://www.aa-semi.org/flyers/2016_Mackinac_Registration_Form.pdf

November 4 - 6 Traverse City Fall RoundUp 2016. Park Place Hotel in Traverse City, MI.. For More Information: tcru@gmail.com

November 5 Michigan Statewide Corrections Workshop – Hosted by Area 33. Located at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30003 Ryan Road in Warren, MI. For More Information: http://www.aa-semi.org/flyers/Corrections_Workshop_Flyer_1.pdf

November 11 - 13 We Agnostics, Atheists and Free Thinkers (WAAFT) International AA convention in Austin, Texas. For More Information: <http://www.waafiaac.org/>

November 25 - 27 Michigan Convention of Young People in A.A. #38, Ann Arbor Marriott at Eagle Crest Resort in Ypsilanti, MI. For More Information: <http://mccypaa.org/host/>

Traverse City Central Office's Website

www.district11-aa.org

Our site has the most up-to-date area AA Meetings List (printable); Al-Anon and Alateen Meetings; District 11 information; AA Links; as well as current and archived issues of our monthly newsletter - the *Camel Courier*; . . . and much more.

WE CELEBRATE RECOVERY



TRAVERSE CITY, 4TH ANNUAL FALL ROUND UP 2016

PARK PLACE HOTEL, . NOVEMBER 4TH, 5TH, 6TH

TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49684

tcru@gmail.com

DISTRICT 11 MEETING CHANGES

District 11 has voted to move its day and time to accommodate more groups in the district. It will now be held on the **SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 7:00PM-8:30PM.**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 9 at Stone House (419 S. Coral Street) in Kalkaska.

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Phil S.

Ted K.

Office Manager

Scott S.

FROM SCOTT S. – CENTRAL OFFICE MANAGER

The Central Office would like to thank these folks for their time volunteering this month. Edwina, Lisa, Butch, Tamara, Peter, James, Susan V, Jennifer, Daniel, Adam, Ruthann, Brian, Linda, Bill, Shelle, Kristen, Liz, Diane, Amber, Nancy, for without these wonderful people the Central Office would have a real tough time going so smoothly. Thank You!

We are always looking for help with volunteers and welcome any new volunteers or perhaps its time again to step up your service game? Stop in and spend a few short minutes with us and you'll be sure to find yourself joining with a fine list of folks willing to take recovery to the next level. Don't forget that Central Office is a great place to bring the newcomer or a sponsee to see how this service is vital in our recovery.

Please contact me at the District 11 Central Office with questions and to sign up for your chance to join our team! It will help your recovery as well as our local community. Visit our website at www.district11-aa.org then click the "volunteer page" for more information.

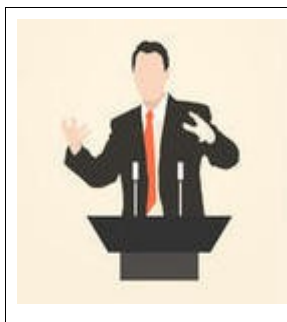
PLEASE CONTACT

Scott S. (our Office Manager)

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OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

at Munson Hospital Conference Room in Basement

Every Saturday (8:00pm)

✦ Upcoming Speakers ✦

AUGUST 6 **Amber J.** from Williamsburg Group

AUGUST 13 **Brian J.** from Williamsburg Group

AUGUST 20 **Krista S.** from Westside

AUGUST 27 **Gery**

** Speakers Subject to Change **

If you're interested in being the main speaker, please contact: **Shannon H.**

at (231) 649-3294, or email: tho2936992@hotmail.com

**Sound and visual media
help to carry the
message of recovery of
Alcoholics Anonymous
and to inform the
public and professionals
about A.A.**

Please check these out:

http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/videos-and-audios

CENTRAL OFFICE

Always Needs Volunteers

Whether you can help — in the OFFICE, handle
AFTER HOURS CALLS,
be on the 12 STEP CALL or RIDES LIST ...

PLEASE WE NEED YOU!!!

For More Information,
call our Office Manager,

Scott S. at (231) 946-8823.

T H A N K Y O U

JULY 2016 Central Office Volunteers:

Adam	Edwina	Nancy
Amber	James	Peter
Bill	Jennifer	RuthAnn
Brian	Kristen	Shelle
Butch	Linda	Susan V.
Daniel	Lisa	Tamara
Diane	Liz	

Northern Michigan Corrections Committee (NMCC)
Carrying the AA Message into Jails and Corrections Facilities



For information on volunteering to help with meetings or for donations towards
purchasing literature, please contact: Dan S. @ 231-633-0860, or email

nmcc2011nmia@gmail.com, or mail donations to:

Northern Michigan Corrections Committee, PO Box 5712, Traverse City, MI 49696

**AL-ANON HELPS ME
DEAL WITH THE FAMILY DISEASE
OF ALCOHOLISM.**



AL-ANON/ALATEEN - District 39 (MI)
coverage area includes the following counties:
Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska,
Leelanau & Manistee.

Al-Anon/Alateen - Family Groups - D39
PO Box 5132 - Traverse City, MI 49696

Information Line - (231) 938-7399
Response within 24 Hours

Website - www.alanon-d39.org

DISTRICT 11 MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2016

The meeting was opened by Mel H. at 7:05 with the Serenity Prayer. District 11 Statement of Purpose: Phil S. Tradition of the Month: Mel H. Concept of the Month: Dean J. Declaration of Unity: Deanna D. Role Call:

Officer Reports

*Secretary: Deb R. pointed out that Antrim County needs to be taken out of the statement of purpose. Minutes were then accepted.

*Treasurer: Reported that donations are way down. \$600 prudent reserve did not make it on the Treasurer's report as it was printed. The report was accepted as corrected. The corrected report is included separately.

*Chair: DCMC July Report: Hi everyone. I've been encouraged from the last few District meetings. Been feeling positive energy toward improving District interaction with our groups. I hope we can get more positive activities going.

I attended 3 meetings in Leelanau County last month trying to inform them of what we are trying to do and also if they had ideas for a District 11 meeting place in their county. The Northport Group said their meeting place would be a good venue and should be available. I plan on attending more meetings this month. The other groups I attended were the Suttons Bay Living Sober Group and the Maple City Victoria Creek Group at the Lions Club.

I understand that NA has withdrawn from the Fall Roundup. That should impact our support. We can discuss that under old business.

WMAA 34 report: I did not attend the Area meeting in June due to the Fife Lake Father's Day Picnic. The bids for the 2018 Michigan State / ECR convention are due at the July Meeting. I tried to follow up with the Grand Traverse Resort. I have not received a response. If I get one this week, I'll take it with me to Brimley. Due to the distance to Brimley, I will be staying at a hotel overnight. That's all I have for now. Thankful to be serving, Mel H.

Committee Reports

*PI/CPC: No chair

*Corrections: Jerry H. (temporary chair) Liz is still interested in serving, but is not at this meeting. She says she will be at the next meeting of Northern Michigan Corrections Committee.

*Grapevine: Phil S. is willing to serve as Grapevine chair. Motion by Art H. to accept Phil S. as Grapevine Chair Second by Deanna D. Motion passed. Thank you Phil.

*Treatment: No chair.

*Special Needs: No report, chair absent. GSO and Area 34 have adopted the term "Accessibility" rather than "Special Needs."

*Central Office Liaison: Scott S. reports things are going well. Three new volunteers are coming on board, but the shift on Wed. and Thurs. from 2-5 every other week needs volunteers. Grassshopper now has reduced the number of missed calls. If there is a missed call, after three rings it goes to Scott's phone. Scott related that two calls he has taken have helped people who were either drinking or planning to drink, and he cited these as examples of how the program works if we take it seriously.

DCM Reports

*Grand Traverse: I will add this as a separate document as there are three pages to it.

*Kalkaska: DCM not present. No report.

*Leelanau: No DCM as yet.

*Benzie No DCM as yet.

Area 34

See DCMC report above. Bids for 2018 East Central Conference ave been presented but no response has not come back from Grand Traverse Resort. Mel will be at the Brimly meeting and will spend the night, and so will be reimbursed for that expense.

Group Information, Announcements, and Concerns

Evidently there were none this month.

Old Business

*Discussion of bullet points. This discussion will happen after all the relevant positions have been filled.

*Support for Fall Roundup. Deanna reported that she had asked for a donation three months ago, and that NA is no longer a part of the event. We will take this information back to the groups to see if groups now want to contribute to the Roundup.

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*Discussion of other possible events Deb R. suggested perhaps a service workshop would help. Deb said that we could use the Williamsburg Methodist Church. Scott said that the Tribe has a place on Three Mile that could be used. Deb R. suggested September 24. Marc M. offered to help.

*Fifth Saturday at Munson will be devoted to service. Scott S. and Marc M. have agreed to speak at the Munson open talk. Thanks to both of them.

New Business

*Determination of next month’s meeting site. Jerry H. has agreed to try to secure a venue. After the meeting, Jerry H. was able to procure the Stone House in Kalkaska as our next meeting site. Further details will follow. Marc M. will investigate a venue for September.

*Motion by Deanna D. to reimburse Mel. H. for his overnight stay at Area Deb seconded. Motion passed.

*Motion to close at 8:03. Passed. The meeting closed at 8:03PM with the Responsibility Statement.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday August 9, 2016 at 7:30 PM at the Stone House in Kalkaska.

- Art H., District 11 Secretary



DISTRICT 11 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE (7:00PM)

- August 9, 2016 – Kalkaska County - Stone House (419 S. Coral Street) in Kalkaska.
- September 13, 2016 – Leelanau County
- October 11, 2016 – Grand Traverse County – Alano Club, 4125 Cedar Run Road
- November 8, 2016 – Benzie County
- December 13, 2016 - Kalkaska County
- January 10, 2017 – Leelanau County
- February 14, 2017 – Grand Traverse County – Alano Club, 4125 Cedar Run Road
- March 14, 2017 – Benzie County
- April 11, 2017 – Kalkaska County
- May 9, 2017 – Leelanau County
- June 13, 2017 – Grand Traverse County – Alano Club, 4125 Cedar Run Road
- July 11, 2017 – Benzie County -
- August 8, 2017 – Kalkaska County
- September 12, 2017 – Leelanau County
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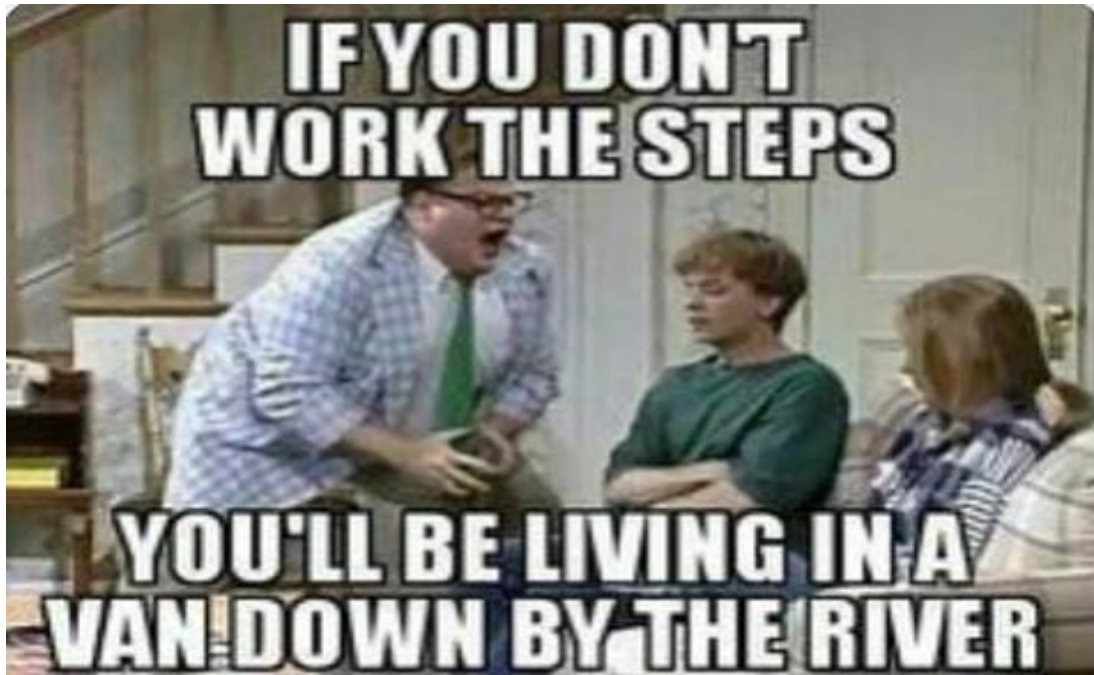
Name that Theme for the 2020 International Convention

Deadline Oct. 3, 2016

Believe it or not, it’s time to start thinking about a theme for the 2020 International Convention celebration of A.A.’s 85th Anniversary in **Detroit, Michigan, July 2-5, 2020**. We invite you to send in suggestions for a theme, which will be selected by the trustees’ International Conventions/Regional Forums Committee. Please let us hear from you by October 3, 2016.

To spark your thinking, the themes of past A.A. International Conventions have been: 1965 “I Am Responsible”; 1970 “Unity”; 1975 “Let It Begin With Me”; 1980 “The Joy of Living”; 1985 “Fifty Years With Gratitude”; 1990 “Fifty-Five Years–One Day At a Time”; 1995 “A.A. Everywhere–Anywhere”; 2000 “Pass It On–Into the 21st Century”; 2005 “I Am Responsible”; 2010 “A Vision for You;” and in 2015 “80 Years — Happy, Joyous and Free.”

Send your ideas to: International Conventions Assignment, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.



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