



THE MESSENGER

May 2023 Edition

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An A.A. © Newsletter for District 2

Serving Hillsdale, Jackson, and Lenawee Counties

The May Messenger was not able to be distributed at the April District meeting. Please, if you are able, download and make copies for you group if requested, or direct them to this website to read on their own.

Step 5: Admitted to God, to ourselves, and another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Tradition 5: Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Concept 5: Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

A.A. Group Inventory

Many groups periodically hold a “group inventory meeting” to evaluate how well they are fulfilling their primary purpose: to help alcoholics recover through A.A.’s suggested Twelve Steps of recovery. Some groups take inventory by examining our Twelve Traditions, one at a time, to determine how well they are living up to these principles.

The following questions, compiled from A.A. shared experience, may be useful in arriving at an informed group conscience. Groups will probably wish to add questions of their own:

1. What is the basic purpose of our group?
2. What more can our group do to carry the message?
3. Is our group attracting alcoholics from different backgrounds? Are we seeing a good cross-section of our community, including those with accessibility issues?
4. Do new members stick with us, or does the turnover seem excessive? If so, why? What can we as a group do to retain members?
5. Do we emphasize the importance of sponsorship? How effectively? How can we do it better?
6. Are we careful to preserve the anonymity of our group members and other A.A.s outside the meeting rooms? Do we also leave what they share at meetings behind?
7. Does our group emphasize to all members the value of keeping up with the kitchen, set-up, clean-up, and other housekeeping chores that are essential for our Twelfth Step efforts?
8. Are all members given the opportunity to speak at meetings and to participate in other group activities?
9. Mindful that holding office is a great responsibility not to be viewed as the outcome of a popularity contest, are we choosing our officers with care?
10. Are we doing all we can to provide a safe, attractive, and accessible meeting place?
11. Does our group do its fair share toward participating in the purpose of A.A. — as it relates to our Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service?
12. What has our group done lately to bring the A.A. message to the attention of professionals in the community — the physicians, clergy, court officials, educators and others who are often the first to see alcoholics in need of help?
13. How is our group fulfilling its responsibility to the Seventh Tradition?



P-16 The best guide to understanding how our individual home groups can function; from beginning a new group or looking at how your group is working now.

You can buy copies of this pamphlet from Jen, the Lenawee Literature Rep, jjkandik34@gmail.com or download and print a copy off aa.org

District 2 & Area 32 Events

➔ The We are Not a Glum Lot has been cancelled indefinitely.

May 5th ➔ **Britton Primary Purpose Group is celebrating 32 years!** Doors open at 6:30, Potluck Dinner, Speaker at 8:30. Grace United Methodist Church, 9250 E. Monroe Rd, Britton.

May 6th ➔ **MI AI-Anon and Alateen Family Groups 51st Annual State Convention** being held at the Double Tree by Hilton, One Wenonah Park Place, Bay City MI opens at 8am - 3:30pm. For more info: MIAFGConvention2023@gmail.com

May 6th ➔ **Irish Hills Group is celebrating 48 years!** St. Mark's Church. 11151 US-12, Brooklyn.

Doors open at 6pm Dinner at 7pm, Lead at 8pm by Mark M. Chicken, sides, cake, and beverages. Feel free to bring food to pass, 50/50, door prizes, sobriety countdown.

May 6th ➔ **Serenity House is having a "Spring Fling"** Potluck, Dance and Karaoke! 3:30-10pm. 600 Gulf St., Adrian

May 6th ➔ **Jackson County Intergroup** meets @ 1:30 at Al Cameron 3828 E. Michigan Ave. All are welcome to come and see what Intergroup is all about. How can we bring unity between our groups?

May 12-14th ➔ **Recovering Maniacs Men's Retreat** Old Log Resort & Campground in Marion, MI. for more info contact: Eric E. at 517-605-8952 or Vince V. at 517-442-6201. Watch for flyer!

May 19-21st ➔ **Ladies in Recovery Canoe Trip!!!** Old Log Resort & Campground in Marion, MI. Cost includes: meals, canoe adventure & camping spot. (Cabins & kayaks are additional cost). Price is \$80 if paid by May 1st: \$100 if paid after May 1st. Space is limited. For more information: inc.giraffe@gmail.com

May 20th ➔ **District 2** will be meeting for the next 4 months @ 1:30 pm St. Mark's Church. Brooklyn from 10-2, 11151 US-12. GSR's are an important part of the AA service structure. Bring your group concerns.

May 21st ➔ **Lenawee Intergroup** meeting at 3:30 at Serenity House, 600 Gulf St., Adrian.

June 4th ➔ **CMIA (Area 32 Assembly):** hosted by District 26, Arenac Community Center, 583 E. Cedar St, Standish, MI 48658. Doors open at 9. Ends at 3:30. Lunch is served, all are welcome to attend. Also, you may participate on zoom ID 970-9209-4118 Passcode: area32.

June 9-11 ➔ **Founder's Day in Akron, Ohio.** Details can be found at <https://foundersday.org/>

Aug 11-13th ➔ **2023 AA Michigan State Convention** hosted by Area 32. **AA'S THREE LEGACIES: OUR COMMON SOLUTION** Go online to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-michigan-state-aa-convention-tickets-385220654347>

Show support for our Area 32! Register NOW

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Mtgs 3rd Sat for next 4 months at St. Mark's in Brooklyn

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