

Area 33

Welcome to District 15

Your Community – Your District

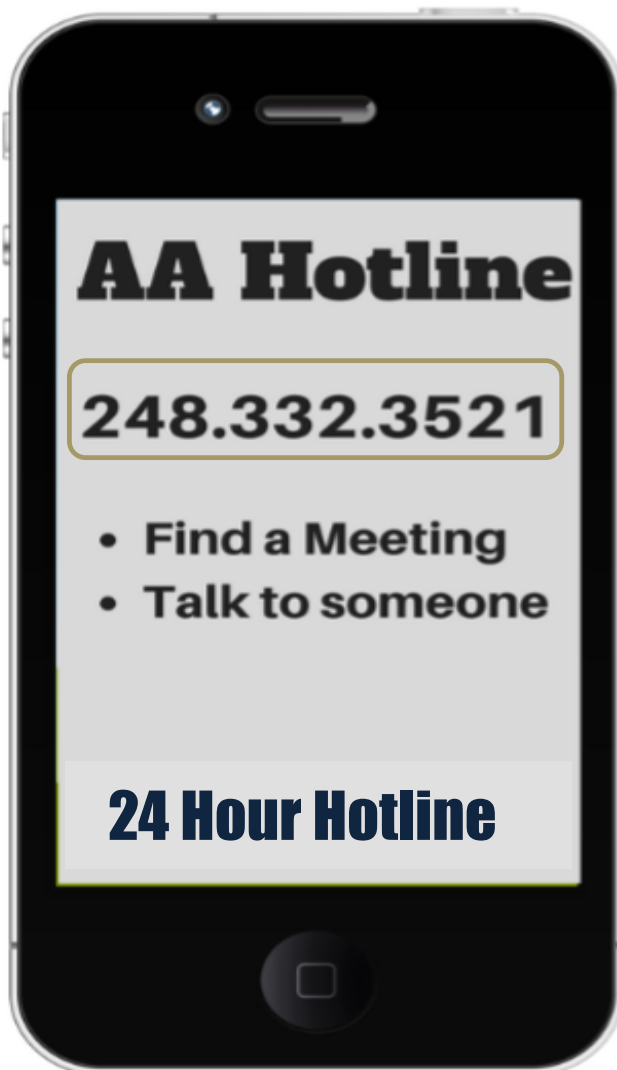


- *Information for the Newcomer*
- *Local Meeting Directory*

**District 15 is within Area 33 – Southeast Michigan
Part of the General Service Office of A.A. in the U.S.A.
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Get Connected, Stay Connected

- 24 hour hotline
- Area 33 website
- District 15 information



www.aa-semi.org

District 15
Monthly Meeting

2nd Thursday of each month
7 - 8:30 pm
United Methodist Church
41671 W. 10 Mile
Novi, MI. 48375
email: dcm15@aa-semi.org

Send Contributions To:
AA District 15,
24875 Novi Road
PO Box 7002 Novi, MI 48375

[Additional meeting directory available online](#)

Who Are We?

We in A.A. are men and women who have discovered, and admitted, that we cannot control alcohol. We have learned that we must live without it if we are to avoid disaster for ourselves and those close to us. For us, sobriety must always come first.

Sobriety, the magnificent obsession, is the most important thing in our life without exception. We may believe our job, our home life, or one of many other things comes first. But consider, if we do not get sober and stay sober, chances are we will not have a job, a family, sanity or even life.

We are united by our common problem, alcohol. Meeting, talking, and helping other alcoholics together, we are somehow able to stay sober and to lose the compulsion to drink, once a dominant force in our lives.

Our experience in A.A. has taught us two important things. First, all alcoholics face the same basic problems, whether they are panhandling for the price of a short beer or holding down an executive position in a big corporation. Second, we now appreciate that the A.A. recovery program works for almost any alcoholic who honestly wants it to work, no matter what the individual's background or particular drinking pattern may have been.

Only you can decide.

If you seem to be having trouble with your drinking, or if your drinking has reached the point where it worries you or others, you may be interested in knowing something about Alcoholics Anonymous and the AA program of recovery from alcoholism.

What is Alcoholics Anonymous?

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

- The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions.
- A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes.
- Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

The Twelve Steps of A.A.

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

The Twelve Traditions of A.A.

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. 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.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Staying Sober

✓ Go to Meetings

✓ Get phone numbers

✓ Call someone in the fellowship

✓ Call the hotline: 248-332-3521

✓ Get a Sponsor

Newcomers are encouraged to find an experienced fellow alcoholic to help them understand and follow the AA program.

To find a sponsor, simply ask someone at an AA meeting if they are willing to be your sponsor. A potential sponsor should:

- Have a sponsor themselves
- Have completed all twelve steps
- Be the same gender

✓ Get Involved

AA consists of 3 legacies:

- Unity - the fellowship and meetings
- Recovery - the twelve steps put into practice
- Service - being useful to others in need

✓ Live One Day at a Time

✓ **Read the Literature** – *see below recommendations*

Alcoholics Anonymous

Generally known as The Big Book, this is the basic text of A.A. Since the first edition appeared, in 1939, it has helped millions of men and women recover from alcoholism. Chapters describing the A.A. recovery program remain unchanged. New stories have been added to the personal histories.

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions

A co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous tells how members recover and how the society functions.

As Bill Sees It

This collection of Bill's writings is a daily source of comfort and inspiration.

Living Sober

This practical 90-page booklet demonstrates through simple example how A.A. members throughout the world live and stay sober one day at a time.

Daily Reflections

A.A.s reflect on favorite quotations from A.A. literature. A reading for each day of the year.

Grapevine

A.A. Grapevine is the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous in print, digital and audio. Written, edited, illustrated, and read by A.A. members and others interested in the A.A. program of recovery from alcoholism. Grapevine is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another.

Big Book References

How It Works: Pages 58-60

The Promises: Pages 83-84

A Vision for You: Page 164

Types of AA Meetings

What is an ‘Open’ meeting? (O)

An open meeting of A.A. is a group meeting that any member of the community, alcoholic or nonalcoholic, may attend. The only obligation is that of not disclosing the names of A.A. members outside the meeting.

A typical open meeting will usually have a “leader” and other speakers. The leader opens and closes the meeting and introduces each speaker. With rare exceptions, the speakers at an open meeting are A.A. members. Each, in turn, may review some individual drinking experiences that led to joining A.A. The speaker may also give his or her interpretation of the recovery program and suggest what sobriety has meant personally. All views expressed are purely personal, since all members of A.A. speak only for themselves.

What is a ‘Closed’ meeting? (C)

A closed meeting is for A.A. members only, or for those who have a drinking problem and have a desire to stop drinking. Closed meetings give members an opportunity to discuss particular phases of their alcoholic problem that can be understood best only by other alcoholics. These meetings are usually conducted with maximum informality, and all members are encouraged to participate in the discussions. The closed meetings are of particular value to the newcomer, since they provide an opportunity to ask questions that may trouble a beginner, and to get the benefit of “older” members’ experience with the recovery program.

Meeting List by City

Farmington, Farmington Hills		
Break Time	Sunday 4:00 PM (C)	St John's Lutheran Church 23225 Gill Road Farmington, MI 48335
Botsford	Sun, Tues 7:00 PM (C)	Botsford Hospital-Admin. Bldg. Room 2, East A 28050 Grand River Farmington Hills, MI 48336
Wake Up Monday Morning – Women's	Monday 10:00 AM (C)	Our Lady of Sorrows Church 23815 Power Rd Farmington, MI 48336
Young At Heart	Monday 11:00 AM (C)	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 28000 New Market Rd Farmington Hills, MI 48334
Ladies Choice	Monday 11:00 AM (C)	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 28000 New Market Rd Farmington Hills, MI 48334
New Beginnings Women's	M, T, W, Th, Fri 12 Noon (C)	Antioch Lutheran Church 33360 W Thirteen Mile Farmington Hills, MI 48331
Farmington Hills West	Monday 7:30 PM (C)	Antioch Lutheran Church 33360 W Thirteen Mile Farmington Hills, MI 48331
Suburban West Gay (LBGTQ) A.A.	Monday 8:00 PM (C)	Universal Unitarian Church of Farmington 25301 Halsted Farmington Hills, MI 48331
New Freedom - Farmington Hills	Tuesday 7:00 AM (C)	Antioch Lutheran Church 33360 W 13 Mile Road Farmington Hills, MI 48331
North Farmington AM	Tuesday 11:00 AM (C)	Orchard United Methodist Church 30450 Farmington Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Farmington, Farmington Hills (continued)

Serenity	Tuesday 7:30 PM (O)	Adat Shalom Synagogue 29901 Middlebelt Rd Farmington Hills, MI 48334
End Of The Road	Wednesday 7:30 PM (C)	Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 26880 La Muera Street Farmington Hills, MI 48334
Wednesday Night A.A.	Wednesday 7:30 PM (C)	Orchard United Methodist Church 30450 Farmington Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48334
New Way A.A.	Thursday 7:30 PM (C)	Our Lady of Sorrows 24040 Raphael Rd Farmington Hills, MI 48336
North Farmington P.M.	Thursday 7:30 PM (C) Open talk 3 rd week of the month	Orchard United Methodist Church 30450 Farmington Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48334
Discovery	Friday 10:00 AM (C)	Orchard United Methodist Church 30450 Farmington Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48334
Farmington New Hope	Friday 8:00 PM (C)	St. Gerald's Church 21300 Farmington Rd. Farmington, MI 48336
It Works	Friday 8:00 PM (C)	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 28000 New Market Rd Farmington, MI 48334
Novi		
Bottoms Up Novi	M, T, W, Th, F 12 Noon (C)	United Methodist Church 41671 W 10 Mile Road Novi, MI 48375
Novi	Monday, Friday 8:00 PM (C)	Church of the Holy Cross 40700 W. 10 Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48375

Novi (continued)		
Women's 12 Step	Monday 7:00 PM (C)	United Methodist Church 41671 W. 10 Mile Road Novi, MI 48375
Faith AA of Novi	Tuesday 7:30 PM (C)	Faith Presbyterian Church 44400 W. 10 Mile Road Novi, MI 48375
S.O.S.(Saving Our Sobriety)	Wednesday 8:00 PM (C) Open talk 1 st week of the month	Holy Family Catholic Church 24505 Meadowbrook Rd Novi, MI 48375
The Book (Big Book Study)	Thursday 12:00 PM (O)	St. James Catholic Church 46325 W. 10 Mile Road Novi, MI 48374
South Lyon – New Hudson		
Sunday Big Book Study	Sunday 2:00 PM (C)	Crossroads Community Church 28900 Pontiac Trail South Lyon, MI 48178
Sobriety Plus	Monday 8:00 PM (C)	1st United Methodist Church 640 South Lafayette South Lyon, MI 48178
Tuesday Night Men's Travelers (Big Book)	Tuesday 7:30 PM (C)	Crossroads Community Church 28900 Pontiac Trail South Lyon, MI 48178
South Lyon Wednesday A.M.	Wednesday 11:00 AM (C)	First Presbyterian Church 205 E Lake South Lyon, MI 48178
Step Into Sobriety	Wednesday 7:00 PM (O)	New Hudson United Methodist Church 56730 Grand River New Hudson MI 48165
South Lyon Thursday Night	Thursday 7:30 PM (C)	First Baptist Church 60820 Marjorie Ann Street South Lyon, MI 48178

South Lyon – New Hudson (continued)

South Lyon Friday Night	Friday 8:00 PM (C)	1st United Methodist Church 640 South Lafayette South Lyon, MI 48178
Saturday Morning South Lyon	Saturday 10:00 AM (C)	1st United Methodist Church 640 South Lafayette South Lyon, MI 48178
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The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the

Serenity

to accept the things I cannot change,

Courage

to change the things I can,

And the

Wisdom

to know the Difference.

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“Welcome to District 15”

