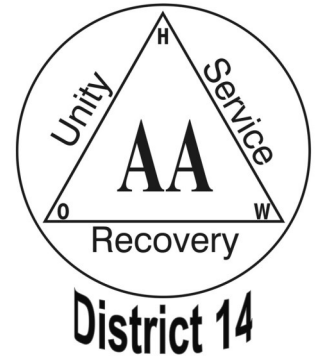


DISTRICT 14 NEWS

January 2021 Volume #1



Personal Protection
District 14 has
P.P.E. Grants for
your meeting



It seemed overnight in late March life changed. AAs around the state immediately adjusted to a new way of life, service and alternative meeting attendance. We moved from tables filled with face-to-face communication, hugs and fellowship. In the last few months attendance at virtual meetings exploded, attendance at in person meetings declined and we donned essential P.P.E. (personal protection equipment) when we left the house on essential trips. Covid-19 has modified how we maintain our sobriety. As social media and personal interaction seem to focus on the funny moments of day-drinking, early evening drinks and virtual happy hours our disease of alcoholism used this opportunity to solidify addiction in thousands. But in this time thousands of members (including myself) gained the gift of sobriety.

The District 14 has approved reimbursement funding grants to support safer in person meetings. The seventh tradition states "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole." Covid-19 has brought us the first pandemic in a century. The long incubation while infected time period and asymptomatic sufferers helps this disease spread. Your district wants you to be able to meet safer when attending live meetings.

The P.P.E. reimbursement grants are for all registered A.A. meetings within District 14 within Area 33 in S.E. Michigan. This grant will reimburse an in person meeting for equipment including masks, hand sanitizer, cleaning chemicals, attendance tracking papers and other needed materials.

To access the reimbursement simply contact your G.S.R. or Email [PAUL K. dcm14@aa-semi.org](mailto:PAUL.K.dcm14@aa-semi.org)

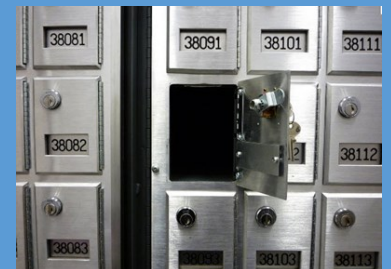


Our AA door stands wide open, (We) sign nothing, agree to nothing, and promise nothing. We demand nothing. (We) join on our own say-so... We do not wish to deny anyone the chance to recover from alcoholism.

Bill Wilson Letter, 1946

Post Office Box

P.O. Box for District 14
renewed for 2021



In the December GSR meeting a vote was passed to pay the 2021 fees for our Garden City post office box. There was an option to pay six months, but the decision was made to pay the upcoming year in full.

*To utilize the P.O. Box simply contact your G.S.R. or write
PO Box 1452, Garden City, MI 48135.*

This can be used for meeting AA business within District 14.

PC Alano Club

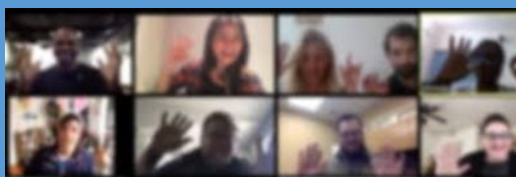
Focus on safer in person meetings



In these unprecedented times a local Alano Club has stepped up to keep the doors open, membership safer and meetings convening.

In January and February, the PC Alano Club in Canton enjoyed over five thousand visitors monthly. In March and April, the club was shuttered due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The club leadership and employees worked tirelessly to use the downtime to repaint, reorganize, clean and sanitize the building.

One permanent addition was an ultraviolet sanitizing system installed in the HVAC system. This system now sanitizes the air every 10 times an hour by utilizing ultraviolet lights in the ductworks. At the same time chairs were recovered, P.P.E. supplies were purchased and employee and volunteer training on Covid safety was undertaken. In a recent conversation **Club Manager Eric T. said "We want this club to be a safe place. People are at risk; people are suffering, and we want this to be a safe place to find sobriety"**.



District 14 has recently purchased a Zoom account. This account is being utilized for monthly district meetings that are open to all members.

A.A. attendance at online meetings has expanded exponentially in 2020. Meeting attendance in online meetings has been embraced around the world and in our homes. On a meeting I attend regularly online there are commonly visitors from across the country. One theme stays true. We all suffer from the same disease. The District 14 Zoom account is available without charge to district 14 members who want to start an online meeting, add an online component to a meeting and broadcast open meetings.

For more information on how to utilize the District 14 Zoom account reach out to Paul K. dcm14@aa-semi.org

Each year since 1951 the A.A. General Service Conference meeting has been held in New York state in April or May. The Conference is comprised of twenty one trustees, ninety three delegates, staff from the General Service Office, Grapevine, and General Service Board chairmen emeriti. The Conference officially begins on Sunday and ends on Friday.

The Michigan Mock Conference is intended to aid both newly seated delegate (s) and members of the Fellowship in their understanding of Conference atmosphere and Conference procedures.

The Michigan Mock Conference is held in March each year prior to the GSC. The Mock Conference day begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes after 4:00 p.m.

For info and to register
Michiganmockconference.com

PC Alano Club

8669 N Lilley Rd, Canton (734)335-7042

www.PCAlano.org

Every visitor begins with a onetime read on Covid-19 safety, ways to maintain safety and contact tracing information in case a notification is needed. On every visit the members and meeting attendees have their temperature taken VIA a touchless thermometer, sign in on a contact tracing form, are required to wear a mask properly (both above the nose and under the chin) and use sanitizer spray to clean their chair after use. Gel hand sanitizer is also always sprinkled throughout the rooms and at each meeting table.

Recently the club has been able to open for fellowship use in addition to the set meeting times. The club has two separate rooms available to utilize for startup meetings, business meetings and sponsorship connection. For information on the club please stop by or call. *Andy R. GSR Just Three Pages*



Step of the Month

Step 1

Who cares to admit complete defeat? Practically no one, of course. Every natural instinct cries out against the idea of personal powerlessness. It is truly awful to admit that, glass in hand, we have warped our minds into such an obsession for destructive drinking that only an act of Providence can remove it from us. No other kind of bankruptcy is like this one. Alcohol, now become the rapacious creditor, bleeds us of all self-sufficiency and all will to resist its demands. *Reprinted from www.aaharrisburg.org*



Our admissions of personal powerlessness finally turn out to be firm bedrock upon which happy and purposeful lives may be built. We know that little good can come to any alcoholic who joins A.A. unless he has first accepted his devastating weakness and all its consequences. Until he so humbles himself, his sobriety—if any—will be precarious. Of real happiness, he will find none at all. Proved beyond doubt by an immense experience, this is one of the facts of A.A. life. The principle that we shall find no enduring strength until we first admit complete defeat is the main taproot from which our whole Society has sprung and flowered.

Alcoholics Anonymous World Service Inc. Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions (pp. 21-22). AA World Services, Inc.

Tradition of the Month

Tradition 1

TRADITION One
Our Common Welfare Should Come First,
Personal Recovery Depends Upon AA Unity.

As a new member to AA I have been expanding my sobriety and experiences by joining as many different meetings as possible. We are lucky to have such a large pool of places to go and share with the relative size and population of District Fourteen. One fact that has become clear to me are the similarities and differences of meeting style and structure. Tradition one adds a level of clarity and cohesiveness to this.

We can all remember that shaky first meeting. We see new AAs walking in wide eyed and scared. Our founding members realized that to have a sustainable future AA needed to be bound by the guiding principles that were set forth. We could not get wrapped up in sourcing funds for the church to buy a new roof, sending money to one meeting group over another or to have different groups compete with each others for members, media or religious focus. We must be unified on our program.

Andy R, GSR Just Three Pages group

“...if as a movement, we remain a spiritual entity concerned only with carrying our message to fellow sufferers without charge or obligation; then only can we most effectively complete our mission...Unity is so vital to us AA’s that we cannot risk those attitudes and practices which have sometimes demoralized other forms of human society.”

*A.A. Traditions Booklet, Forward
by Bill Wilson, 1955*

Meeting of the Month

In person and Online

In a recent conversation with my sponsor, we discussed meetings. He mentioned that he often attends a new meeting to "shake it up and meet new people". In a follow up conversation with my service sponsor he suggested that anytime I am traveling out of town (I'm in regional sales) I should visit a local meeting and/or A.A. club. In a recent online meeting a fellow member discussed an issue we had both been struggling with and I gained a lot of perspective from her story. In short there are a lot of options. Our district is one of the oldest and largest in the country.

Just Three Pages in person

P.C. Alano Club 8669 N Lilley Rd, Canton

Wednesday 7am

This new meeting meets in person weekly. They begin the meeting with shortened readings and then read from about three pages of the Big Book. After that, the group shares "as they see fit" in a large social distant circle. For more information



please feel free to contact Andy R. at

AndyDetroitAA@yahoo.com

Sunday Serenity at the Westland Mall on Zoom

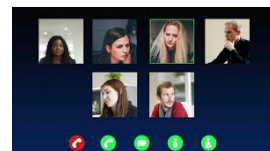
Sunday mornings 10 AM

Zoom ID: 516 620 408

Password: 922179

For more information please contact Marty B. at

martin.boyer0713@gmail.com





March Roundup 2021

"A.A. In A Time Of Change"

March 5th - 7th, 2021

Detroit, MI (Times in EST)

ZOOM Virtual Meetings

Friday, March 5th		
6:30pm - 7:45pm	Area 33 Welcoming Panel	MRU Panel
8:00pm - 9:00pm	Gabriel M., Sterling Heights, MI	Michigan Speaker
Saturday, March 6th		
10:00am - 11:00am	Guided Meditation with Tara L.	
11:00am - 12:00pm	A Longtimer's Perspective on Change	MRU Panel
12:15pm - 1:15pm	A Change in Perspective for All	Alateen Panel
1:30pm - 2:30pm	Anthony G. (Vallejo, CA)	A.A. Main Speaker
2:45pm - 4:45pm	John E. & Renee E. (Frederick, MD)	Main Speaker
	"Traditions & Relationships"	Workshop
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Michele B., Milford, PA	Al-Anon Speaker
6:15pm - 7:30pm	Anthony G. & Lee B. (Vallejo, CA)	Main Speaker
	"The Language of the Heart"	Workshop
7:30pm - 8:00pm	Sobriety Countdown	
8:00pm - 9:00pm	John E. (Frederick, MD)	A.A. Main Speaker
9:15pm - 10:30pm	"Not A Glum Lot" - Comedy Show	Entertainment
Sunday, March 7th		
9:30am - 10:45am	Stepping Stones Presentation	A.A. Archives
11:00am - 12:00pm	Renee E. (Frederick, MD)	A.A. Main Speaker

To register, please visit

aa-semi.org/

march-roundup-2021

March Roundup 2021

P.O. Box 380

Southfield, MI 48037-0380

Questions? Call 248-496-5924

or email mruchalr@aa-semi.org

Meeting ID:

742 8494 9684

Passcode: MRU

March Roundup 2021



For information and to register

<https://aa-semi.org/march-roundup-2021/>

We need your service, support and feedback. Please send any requests, additions and questions to

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