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DISTRICT 11 & 12

Informing The SE Michigan AA Community One Day At A Time

DIST. 11 & 12 NEWS

Take it easy, this too shall pass...

Friends, do you feel like since the pandemic started that things will never get back to normal? Are the feelings of isolation or loneliness still a problem for you? Do you look for signs that the tide has turned and there is a light on the horizon?

Today I was with my cousin as she laid her husband to rest. 39 years old and his life ended unexpectedly and without warning, but she is left to go on. As I sat through the service I realized that no matter what, life never stops. Time ticks by no matter what's happening, seconds to minutes, minutes to hours and so on. With each passing day we draw closer to the world we long for. We have been meeting again in person (with masks), churches are starting to open and spring is in the air! I truly believe we are on the other side of this struggle and things are starting to change for the better. Sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly indeed!

If you need a meeting, go to one, [Zoom](#) if you're not ready to attend in person, but the time is now to try. For the fellowship survives in us united and we need to be ready. The courts will send the struggling our way and the newcomer will find their way to us. I plan to be the hand that AA reaches out when someone needs help. I am responsible to give back for the gift I have been given. Tomorrow is a new day and life will move forward with or without you, personally, I'm looking forward to seeing you again! God bless, Sean A.

NEWS FROM GSO

The Virtual 26th World Service Meeting Separated Physically, Connected Spiritually

First time the World Service Meeting was held by videoconferencing with 69 delegates from 44 countries. The positives were less expense and more delegates could attend during a pandemic. Nur L. a 2nd time delegate from Turkey stated, "This was proof to the world that A.A. has no borders, no limits". Trish L. a 1st-time delegate said, "It reinforced the beautiful, universal application of the spiritual principles underpinning A.A." See more from delegates at https://aa.org/newsletters/en_US/en_box459_spring21.pdf

1st Virtual 57th International Women's Conference

Amazing was the word a first-time attender described the Women's conference. On Feb. 18-21, 2021 over 19,000 women attended the conference from all over 74 countries. The original registration was for only 3000. The technology was amazing and there were rarely any full rooms for each topic. Next years will be Feb. 2022 in Santa Fe, New Mexico both virtual and in person. For more information- <https://internationalwomensconference.org>

Announcement for Upcoming Events

Area 33 Assembly Meeting
May 16, 2021 12 Noon

Zoom Meeting ID: 812 8504 9124
Join at 11am for
GSR Orientation and Service Manual Study

Founders' Day 2021

June 12 & 13 2021

Founders' Day 2021 will be a virtual event. Registration is required, but there is no fee to register, although donations are greatly appreciated.

The Founders' Day Committee encourages you to check back for schedules and details.

<https://foundersday.org/>

Save the date October 1st—3rd 2021

68th Michigan State AA Convention

Shanty Creek Resort
5780 Shanty Creek Road