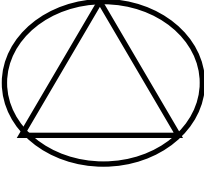


# The Sober Times



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## DISTRICT 11 & 12

Informing The SE Michigan AA Community One Day At A Time

72nd Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference (GSC) Final Report 9/2/2022

### Estimates of A.A. Groups and Members as of December 31, 2021 <sup>1</sup>

	Groups	Members
United States	64,541	1,350,415
Canada	5,074	86,036
<b>Sub-Total</b> <sup>2</sup>	69,615	1,436,451
Correctional facilities	1,522	38,299
Loners, Internationalist, Homers	1	208
<b>U.S. &amp; Canada Total:</b>	71,138	1,474,958
Outside U.S. Canada	49,317	492,655
<b>Worldwide Total:</b> <sup>3</sup>	120,455	1,967,613

1. The General Service Office does not keep membership records. The information shown here is based on reports given by groups listed with GSO, and does not represent an actual count of those who consider themselves A.A. members. The decrease in groups and members is not reflective of the pandemic, it is due to a more accurate database.

2. In April of 2021, at the 71st General Service Conference, it was recommended that the U.S./Canada General Service Structure recognize online groups and encourage their participation, listing those groups who ask to be listed within the group's preferred district and area, with the default option being the location of the group's primary contact. This supersedes the 1997 Advisory Action that designated online groups as "International Correspondence Meetings." We currently have 309 Virtual Groups in the U.S. and Canada listed with the GSO.

3. We are aware of A.A. activity in approximately 180 countries, including 66 autonomous general service offices beyond the U.S. and Canada. Annually we attempt to contact those GSOs and groups that request to be listed in our records. Where current data is lacking we use an earlier year's figures.

**Taken from "A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service" Final Report** Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., 2022, Pg 108

District Meeting is 3rd Monday of every month, 10/17, 11/21 & 12/19/22 at 6:30  
*Northline Church located at 8070 Roosevelt Street off of Champaign in Taylor.*  
*Food served.*

### Treasurer's Report from the General Service Board 72nd GSC Kevin P. Class A Trustee

Seventh Tradition Self-Support reached \$10.78 million in 2021 compared to \$10.26 million in 2020.

Interestingly, 48,255 contributions were \$100 or less, and only 44 were at the maximum of \$5000.

Publishing Gross Profits down from \$6.58 million to \$6.30 million.

Operating expense declined to \$15.28 million down 31.6% from \$22.34 million in 2020, which included a one-time voluntary retirement incentive program costs of \$4.9 million.

Grapevine paid print subscriptions decreased 11.5% in 2021, but subscriptions for the online and mobile app magazine increased 73.3%.

# Announcement for Upcoming Events



## Statewide Corrections Workshop

A Hybrid Event  
Presented by Area 32  
October 8, 2022  
Start time: 9:30 am-3 pm  
Coffee/Doughnuts/ Lunch Provided

LOCATION: RE/MAX Office  
6870 Grand River Ave  
Brighton, MI

Zoom info for Hybrid: Code: 517 414 7992 passcode: area32

\*We will have Correction Professionals share on how and why they utilize both the court system and A.A.

\*Sharing from members who carry the message "inside" - why they got involved in this service

\*Corrections service-More than taking an A.A. meeting "inside"

\*From Prisoner to Freedom-One members experience and hope.

\*Other information about Corrections and A.A. -Cooperation not affiliation

Join the next Area Assembly Meeting  
October 9th at 12 noon  
Join at 11 am for  
GSR Orientation and Service Manual  
Study  
Clawson Troy Elks Lodge  
2549 Elliot Ave.  
Troy MI 48083  
Lunch Provided

## Celebrating A.A. in Detroit A.A. Beyond the Group

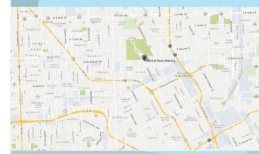
presented by  
General Service of Southeast Michigan - Area 33

Saturday - October 22, 2022  
11 am - 3 pm

A.A. is here for you... District Highlights  
How can we help?

- An opportunity to share and spark ideas to re-energize your district
- Hear from representatives of a formerly inactive district about what they did to become active and viable
- Q & A - Open Discussion

Lunch Provided • Archives Presentation



### Event Location

Word of Power Ministry  
17400 Manderson Rd.  
Detroit, MI 48203

Ample free parking on the church lot. Handicap accessible.  
Questions? Contact Edgar L. at [area33chairperson@aa-semi.org](mailto:area33chairperson@aa-semi.org)



AA Fall Festival Hosted by Districts  
7, 8, & 13

Oct. 16th 12noon- 4 pm

Dearborn Ford Field South Shelter

Hot Dogs, Cider, Coffee, Donuts -  
Bring a dish to pass  
50/50 AA Fellowship

Complete this survey so we can better serve you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KGSP2WS>

Sean A DCM wants to hear from You about suggestions at [dcm1112@aa-semi.org](mailto:dcm1112@aa-semi.org)



## 69TH MICHIGAN STATE CONVENTION

• THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION WILL BE  
HOSTED BY AREA 33

• THIS YEAR'S CONVENTION THEME IS  
"AA COMES OF AGE 2.0 - UNIFIED IN  
LOVE AND SERVICE"

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**DECEMBER 16-18, 2022**

Join us in service and help put on this important event. Find out how you can help by attending State Convention Planning meetings. Info on [aa-semi.org](http://aa-semi.org)