



Alcoholics Anonymous Area 33 - District 21 & 22

Sober Times

July 2024

I AM RESPONSIBLE ... When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.



The District 21 & 22 monthly newsletter's purpose is to share the AA message and inform members of upcoming events around our area and the needs and celebrations of our local AA groups. Supporting our members in unity, service and recovery. Please email district21.22aa@gmail.com with details of your group's upcoming celebrations, events and/or needs.

Did you know...

These quotes from Bill W.?

"In God's economy nothing is wasted. Through failure, we learn a lesson in humility which is probably needed, painful though it is."

"Pain is the touchstone of all growth."

"Indecision with the passing of time becomes decision."

"God is either everything or he is nothing."

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Upcoming Events

🍽️ = food will be served 🍰 = dessert provided

- Friends of Bill W. Fireside Gathering ~ July 4th
7:00 pm meeting ; fellowship 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Bring chairs, snacks, drinks
11110 Imlay City Road Emmett 48022
- District 21 & 22 Meeting ~ July 8th 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Grace Episcopal Church - 115 S. Main St. Mount Clemens 48043
- East China AA Group 49th Anniversary ~ July 20th 🍽️🍰
9:00 am breakfast; 10:00 am 4 person panel
Holy Family Episcopal Church - 115 N. 6th Street St. Clair 48079
- Area 33 Assembly Meeting ~ July 21st 🍽️🍰
10:00 am committee meetings; 11:00 am new GSR orientation
Madison High School -915 E. Eleven Mile Rd. Madison Hgts.
www.aa-semi.org

Looking Ahead 🗓️

You can plan...just not the outcome

- Aug. 4th ~ North Macomb Tri County AA Picnic in Almont
- Aug. 4th ~ Pathway to Peace Picnic at Brandenburg Park
- August 1-4th ~ 16th Annual Friends of Bill and Lois W. Canoe Trip
- Sept. 2nd ~ Where There's Hope Group 34th Anniversary at Dodge Park
- September 13-15th ~ Tri-County Conference
(special room rate through 08/30/24)
- Oct. 28th ~ District 21 & 22 Traditions Workshop

Seventh Step

Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

Seventh Tradition

Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Spiritual Principles

Step Seven ~ Humility: a modest or low view of one's own importance; freedom from pride or arrogance

Seventh Step Prayer

"My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do Your bidding. Amen" BB pg. 76

Concept VII

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board and legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness. BB pg. 575

AA GRAPEVINE

Defining humility

BY: Rick R. | POWAY, CALIFORNIA

STEP SEVEN: *Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.*

We hear much talk about humility in AA meetings, and for the life of me I've never heard anyone define it to my satisfaction. Our book, the "Twelve and Twelve," defines it as "a clear recognition of what and who we really are, followed by a sincere attempt to become what we could be." That still doesn't pin it down for me. It took me more than 20 years to come to an understanding of that word that would put my search to rest.

I remember being on the phone with a man once who was trying to draw me into an argument. When he realized I wasn't going to bite, he fired his last salvo by saying, "Well, I've heard stories about you, and you're no angel." I thought about what he said for a few seconds and then replied, "I've done a lot of things in my life that I'm not proud of, but I'm not ashamed of anything that I've done in the past 22 years." The phone call ended peacefully.

Several years later, in a Step-study meeting when the topic was humility, I remembered that phone call and realized that pride is not the opposite of humility; pride is the opposite of shame, and humility falls right in the middle of the two. When I boiled it all down, I concluded that I should not be proud of or ashamed of the things I do. I should be humbly in the middle somewhere.

I've learned to live by unselfish principles today, and if I am sure that my motives are selfless, I have nothing to be proud of or ashamed of—unless I have personally created that principle that I based my decision on.

And I can't remember one principle that I created myself. Humbly yours,

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