



Alcoholics Anonymous Area 33 - District 21 & 22

# Sober Times

October 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](mailto:district21.22aa@gmail.com) with details of your group's upcoming celebrations, events and/or needs.

## Did you know...

District 21 & 22 Area 33 Fall Workshop

### The Core of AA:

#### “What It Is and What It Isn’t”

Questions? Myths? Realities? Rules or not?  
Learn AA realities...and things that are truly folklore or myths!

#### Morning Panel:

Cheryl B. - Area 33 Alt Delegate  
Jean C. - Area 33 Treasurer  
Jim M. - Area 33 CPC Chair

#### Afternoon Keynote Speaker:

Bill T. - Area 33 Archivist

See details under upcoming events ➡

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## Upcoming Events

🍽️ = food will be served 🍰 = dessert provided

- 41st Annual Christmas Day Alkathon & New Year's Eve Dance Planning Committee ~ Sundays at 7:00 pm  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church - 37000 Union Lake Rd. Harrison Twp.
- Area 33 Inventory ~ Oct. 6th 12:00 pm-4:00 pm 🍽️  
Madison High School - 915 E. Eleven Mile Rd. Madison Hgts.
- Area 33 Assembly Meeting ~ Oct. 13th 🍽️  
10:00 am committee meetings; 11:00 am business; 12:00 pm assembly meeting ~ [www.aa-semi.org](http://www.aa-semi.org)  
Madison High School - 915 E. Eleven Mile Rd. Madison Hgts.
- District 21 & 22 Meeting ~ Oct. 14th 7:00 pm-8:00 pm  
Grace Episcopal Church - 115 S. Main St. Mount Clemens 48043
- Twelve Ways Anniversary Celebration ~ Oct. 15th 🍽️  
Doors open 6:30 pm; Dinner 7:00 pm; Speaker 8:00 pm Jeff D.  
First Congregational Church - 36223 Alfred St. New Baltimore
- Church Gratiot Anniversary Celebration ~ Oct. 16th 🍽️  
Doors open 6:30 pm; Dinner 7:00 pm; Speaker 8:00 pm Jen P.  
Grace Episcopal Church - 115 South Main Street Mount Clemens
- District 21&22 Area 33 Fall Workshop ~ Oct. 19th 10:00 am-2:00 pm  
Grace Episcopal Church - 115 S. Main St. Mount Clemens 48043 🍽️

### Tenth Step

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

### Tenth Tradition

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

### Spiritual Principles

Step Ten ~ Perseverance: “persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.”

### Tenth Step Prayer

God, remove the selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear that has cropped up in my life right now. Help me to discuss this with someone immediately and make amends quickly if I have harmed anyone. Help me to cease fighting anything and anyone. Show me where I may be helpful to someone else. Help me react sanely; not cocky or afraid. How can I best serve You - Your will, not mine be done. Amen

### Concept X

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined. BB pg. 575

## AA GRAPEVINE

# Continued to Take Personal Inventory...

BY: M.W. | New Canaan, Connecticut

### Step Ten Reads

THERE is a guy in our group, a little older than I am, who'd been a regular in AA for about three years when I first started going to meetings a year and a half ago. I'd been to a few meetings in neighboring towns before I met him, and at my very first meeting with him he made me good and mad by saying that he didn't think anybody could get anywhere in AA who had ever been to a psychiatrist. That's what I thought he said. He claimed he'd only said that psychiatry makes it more difficult.

He and I have made Twelfth Step calls together and visited each other's homes. We get along pretty well. People in our group ride him some about his argumentative manner in meetings, but everybody enjoys him. He irritates me by getting a meeting off the track and bogged down into an argument over the meaning of a word. I think of him as the eternal collegian, because that's the way college kids acted when I was in college.

A few weeks ago, I shocked myself by telling him right out in meeting that what he said was the stupidest thing I'd ever heard and when he answered, I ended my contribution with, "Aw nuts!" In connection with a discussion of the twenty-four hour plan, there had been a lot of talk about planning and whether it was all right to plan so long as it was constructive planning, not just worry. Everybody seemed agreed that it was all right and I was already tired of this discussion when my friend said, "There's no such thing as planning anyway. All anybody ever did was just to schedule things." It was then that I let go my blast.

The discussion passed to other things and nobody seemed any the worse for my outburst. . .nobody but me. I was really upset by my own behavior. That's why I'm writing this. This same man has accused me of taking other people's moral inventory for them and I'm beginning to see that he's right.

Take the fellow who gets me so all-fired mad because he talks as if he invented AA, He preaches, pontificates and acts as though he thinks he's God Almighty, but then, this is just my opinion and my reaction and what he says may be very helpful to others.

Then there are those two guys who have had a number of slips since I came into AA and who like to talk about their slips in meeting and what they've learned from their slips. They irritate me and my excuse is that this talk is no good for newcomers and that they should be quiet and maybe learn how not to slip by listening to some other people. I don't know what the effect of their stories is on newcomers. I'm just bored with it myself. I think what I'd better do is figure out some way of being a little humble and tolerant. Maybe my own contributions will be a cut or two above what they have been if I can keep from getting mad at what other people say. And if I can listen with an open mind, perhaps I'll learn something.

Thanks for the opportunity to take a short moral inventory.

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