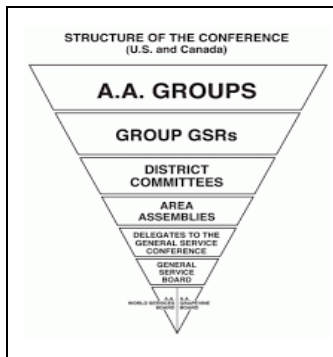




Alcoholics Anonymous Area 33 - District 21 & 22

Sober Times

February 2025

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...

OF THESE MEETINGS IN OUR AREA...

Show your support and check out one of these meetings in our area.

One for the Road

First Presbyterian Church
168 Cass Ave.
Mount Clemens 48043

Mondays at 6:00pm

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#### New Life

First Presbyterian Church  
168 Cass Ave.  
Mount Clemens 48043

**Thursdays at 7:30pm**

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Community of Tarsus

St. Paul of Tarsus
41300 Romeo Plank
Clinton Twp. 48038

Fridays at 7:00pm

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#### The Way

St. Michaels Church  
40501 Hayes Road  
Sterling Hgts. 48313

**Saturdays at 8:00pm**

(open meeting last Saturday of the month)

### Upcoming Events

🍷 = food will be served 🍰 = dessert provided

- District 21/22 Meeting - February 10th 7:00 pm  
Grace Episcopal Church - 115 S. Main St. Mount Clemens 48043
- Utica Tuesday Night ~ 65th Anniversary celebration 🍷 🍰  
February 11th 630pm doors open; 7pm dinner & dessert;  
8pm speaker (Rose H.)  
New Life Presbyterian Church - 11300 19 Mile Rd. Ster. Hgts. 48314
- Area 33 Assembly Meeting ~ February 16th at 12:00 pm 🍷  
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](http://www.aa-semi.org)
- Adair K.I.S.S. ~ 30th Anniversary celebration 🍷  
February 16th 6pm doors open, pizza provided; 7pm speaker  
(Martha B.)  
St. Mathews Church - 8052 Chapin St. Casco 48064

### Looking Ahead 🗓️

You can plan...just not the outcome

March 7-9, 2025 ~ March Roundup

~ AA Hotline ~

(877) 337-0611

~ Area 33 Accessibilities ~

(586) 335-2840

[Area33accessibilitieschair@aa-semi.org](mailto:Area33accessibilitieschair@aa-semi.org)

### Second Step

Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.

### Second Step Prayer

God, I'm standing at the turning point right now. Give me your protection and care as I abandon myself to you and give up my old ways and my old ideas just for today.

### Spiritual Principles

Step Two~ Hope: a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen; a feeling of trust.

### Second Tradition

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

### Concept Two

The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

## Tradition Two: When They Kept It Simple

BY: C.M. | PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Serenity was restored

I belonged to an Eleventh Step group in a small village out in the country during my first year of sobriety. We met on Sunday mornings in the village grange, and the meeting was quite popular. We regularly drew about sixty people who came for our ten-minute meditation, followed by a speaker/discussion meeting.

The village was small and parking was tight, especially during the summer when tourists came to visit the surrounding countryside.

Occasionally, the town's police officer would come in during the meeting to say we had to move such-and-such car away from a driveway, or that we were blocking some important access. The group realized that we had outgrown our space and discussions began on finding a larger space with better parking accommodations. This may sound like a simple proposition, but it became a volatile issue.

Many people loved the grange, and felt threatened by the prospect of moving. The meeting had been there for many years and some of us believed the spirituality of the meeting had infused the cinder block walls with a special feeling.

Our business meetings became difficult and more emotional as we discussed whether or not we should move. People interrupted one another to get their point across, and some ill will developed. I started to dread business meetings because I felt confused. The meeting itself could be so spiritual, nurturing, and loving, but the business meeting was governed more by insecurity, fear, and hurt feelings.

Then a member of the group with more than ten years of sobriety suggested that we begin our business meetings by reading the Second Tradition: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority--a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

The group chairperson followed the Second Tradition reading with a short statement that said, "We are holding this group conscience to discover our Higher Powers will about moving the meeting. We ask each member who participates in these discussions to do their best to leave their personal opinions out of their comments, to respect the comments of others, and to sincerely try to consider what's best for our group." This statement brought calm to our business meetings and returned civility and respect to our group conscience process.

Ultimately, the group conscience decided that we move the meeting to the local fire station where there was more parking and where our presence was less of a burden to the village. We got used to sitting among the fire trucks and now those walls, too, have been infused with the spirituality of our meditations, prayers, and discussions. I learned a valuable personal lesson during this process. The principles of our program can bring me back from my self-centered opinions to a sincere consideration of what is best for AA, and therefore what is best for me.

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