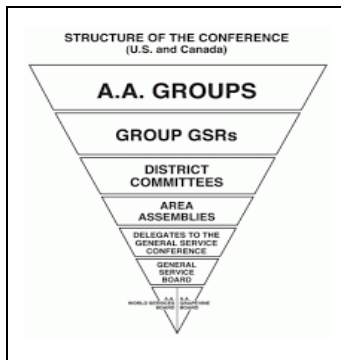




Alcoholics Anonymous Area 33 – District 21 & 22

Sober Times

August 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...

ABOUT THIS MEETING IN OUR AREA...

A Vision for You

Tuesday & Thursday
at 7:00 am

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church
48115 Schoenherr
Shelby Twp. 48315

****COME OUT AND SHOW THEM SUPPORT****

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~ District Boundaries ~

District 21

Macomb County north of Metro Pkwy.

District 22

All of St. Clair County except Port Huron and  
Port Huron Township

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~ AA Hotline ~

(877) 337-0611

~ Area 33 Accessibilities ~

(586) 335-2840

Area33accessibilitieschair@aa-semi.org

Upcoming Events

🍷 = food will be served 🍰 = dessert provided

- North Macomb Tri County AA Picnic ~ Aug. 10th 8:00 am-4:00 pm
On Water St. and Van Dyke at the picnic pavilion in Almont 🍷
AA & Alanon meeting at 9am; food; games; door prizes;
entertainment; bring a dish if you wish
- District 21 & 22 Meeting ~ Aug. 11th 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Grace Episcopal Church - 115 S. Main St. Mount Clemens 48043
- Area 33 Assembly Meeting ~ Aug. 17th 🍷
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
- Pathway to Peace Anniversary Picnic ~ Aug. 23rd 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
Brandenburg Park - 50050 Jefferson Ave. Chesterfield 48047 🍷
Pavilion A (\$5 parking); Speaker - Martha B.; volleyball; splashpad;
fishing pier; bring a dish if you wish and a chair
- The Way Group 26th Anniversary ~ Aug. 23rd 🍷
Doors open 6:00 pm; Dinner 6:30 pm; Speaker 8:00 pm -Carlyle W.
St. Michaels Church - 40501 Hayes Rd. Sterling Hgts. 48313
Bring a dish if you wish

Looking Ahead 🗓

You can plan...just not the outcome

September 12-14th ~ Tri-County Conference

Sept. 20th - 23rd Annual Sobriety Harvest at East China Park

Eighth Step

Made a list of all persons we have harmed, and became willing
to make amends to them all.

Eighth Tradition

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional,
but our service centers may employ special workers.

Eighth Step Prayer

Help me to become willing to sweep away the debris of self will
and self reliant living. Thy will be done for this person as well
as for me.

Spiritual Principles

Step Eight ~ Love: “the unselfish deep concern for others; we
practice love by taking responsibility for the harm we have done
to others and cultivating the willingness to make it right.”

Concept VIII

The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of
overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the
separately incorporated and constantly active services,
exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of
these entities. BB pg. 575

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Tradition 8: Paper Jam

BY: WOODY R. | STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

A Tradition that keeps us in the clear

I want to share with you about the Eighth Tradition. This Tradition, in its simplest terms, says AA should not become professionalized and that our Twelfth Step work ought never be paid for.

Yet, sometimes well-meaning AAs look for loopholes in the spirit of this Tradition. A recent example involved the purchase of an industrial copier by an AA service body, in order to produce copies of its newsletter. The vendor, an AA member, offered to save the service body money. He said members could choose not to purchase a maintenance service agreement, and he would perform the required servicing as a personal contribution. The service body agreed and all went well for a while. However, the copier began to have problems and the AA member became increasingly difficult to contact, much less perform the maintenance. The end result was that the copier became inoperative and had to be scrapped at the expense of the service body. The purchase of a service agreement, though an additional expense up front, would have prevented the unexpected expenses involved when the copier broke down.

In my personal life, I need to be reminded that I am not a professional in AA. My service to AA is my ability to transmit a message of hope. That means I ought not play doctor, marriage counselor, banker, lawyer, or pharmacist.

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Area 33 aa-semi.org/contribution-page/	AA of Greater Detroit 380 Hilton Rd Ferndale, MI 48220 or online www.aaferndale.org/how-you-can-help

✈️ Area 33 - Treatment Committee Needs YOU On Board!		Boarding Pass
	Scan This Code Volunteer To: • Help patients get to their first meeting after treatment. • Bring an AA meeting to a treatment center.	
www.aa-semi.org		