

PASS IT ON...

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"Perfect" Humility

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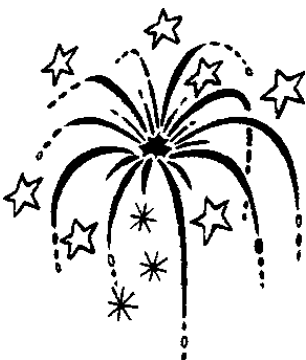
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For myself, I try to seek out the truest definition of humility that I can. This will not be the perfect definition, because I shall always be imperfect. At this writing, I would choose one like this: "Absolute humility would consist of a state of complete freedom from myself, freedom from all the claims that my defects of character now lay so heavily upon me. Perfect humility would be a full willingness, in all times and places, to find and to do the will of God."

When I mediate upon such vision, I need not be dismayed because I shall never attain it, nor need I swell with presumption that one of these days its virtues shall be mine. I only need to dwell on the vision itself, letting it grow and evermore fill my heart. This done, I can compare it with my last-taken personal inventory. Then I get a sane and healthy idea of where I stand on the highway to humility. I see that my journey toward God has scarce begun.

As I thus get down to my right size and stature, my self-concern and importance become amusing.

As Bill Sees It, pg. 51



We need your submissions for future editions of "Pass It On..."

We are looking for personal stories about the steps, traditions, or experience, strength & hope in recovery.

All submissions should be approximately 350-400 words in length
and are subject to editing of grammar and/or content.

Click here to submit by e-mail to newsletter@hvai.org OR drop your submission by the HVAI office anytime
(mail slot available 24 hours a day).

Step Seven

"Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."

Tradition Seven

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

Tradition Seven - Long Form:

"The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of outside gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority."

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Traditions Checklist

These questions were originally published in the Grapevine in conjunction with a series of articles on the Twelve Traditions that ran from November 1969 to September 1971. While they were originally intended as suggestions for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

Tradition Seven:

1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?
3. Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
4. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?
5. How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

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HVAI News

HVAI is now accepting credit cards for literature and merchandise in the office

2014 Meeting Directories are out! Buy for \$0.75, with proceeds to treatment and correctional groups

HVAI Contributions were down this winter. Please support HVAI and AA in Washtenaw County

District 4 News

Upcoming District 4 Workshop

Sponsorship and Home Group - 7/19

Location: Big Red Barn, Dawn Farm

9AM - 4PM

Home Group
Q&A

Step-by-Step
Instructions

Lunch Served

Coffee and Danish
Breakfast

Featuring Guest Presenter Todd Rakes from FL.

AA Smokers and their Friends

Recently, HVAI has been receiving word that many of the churches and institutions where we have our meetings have been complaining about cigarette butts and refuse. Remember that the 12th step asks us to practice these principles in all of our affairs. Our relationships with those outside the community are important to us being able to carry this message to all those that suffer.

You can help whether you are a smoker or not. If you are a smoker, please use butt cans provided or deposit your butts inside in the appropriate trashcans. For those of you who do not smoke, kindly remind your fellow AAs of our collective duty. Finally, if your group does not have a service position dedicated to butt cleanup, consider adding it in order to assist us in this task.

Thank You!

[New HVAI Meeting Directories Out Now](#)

Covers meetings in Washtenaw, Lenawee, Livingston, Oakland, Wayne County

\$0.75/ea | Proceeds support AAs in Treatment and Correctional facilities

Can be purchased at the HVAI Office, or through your local groups

[Recovery Movie Night!](#)

Friends of Little House 802 River St Ypsilanti

1st Saturday of every month @ 7:00pm

Having trouble finding something to do on a Saturday night? Come join us for fun, fellowship, and a movie !

For info contact: (734) 219-5051 or go to FOLH.net/movienight.

Announcements (Visit www.hvai.org/announcements for additional details & upcoming events)

July 2014

July 2nd-5th, 2015: 80th Anniversary A.A. International Convention

- 80 Years - Happy, Joyous and Free
- Atlanta, GA
- Info: www.atlantaaa.org or (404) 525-3178

July 17, 2014: First Cleveland Woman's Group in 1941

July 26, 2014: [A2WG presents](#): The Lake Picnic.

- Ann Arbor Women's Group
- Info: info@a2womensgroup.org

July 26, 2014: STATEWIDE SERVICE MEETINGS:

- 3 Delegate Areas meet jointly. Everyone is welcome.
- DCM's & Committee Chairpersons coordinate the State Convention & the annual Mock Conference.
- 10:30am Statewide Corrections Committee Meeting
- Noon Statewide Committee Meeting

August 2014

August 8-10, 2014: [A2WG presents](#): Eleventh Step: Healing Together Retreat.

- Registration begins June 6th

August 15-17th, 2014: Ypsilanti Heritage Festival Information Booth and HVAI Tent

- This is a carry the message event. All A. A's, Al-Anon Volunteers and guests welcome.
- Riverside Park, Ypsilanti.
- Note: NO PETS ALLOWED on Festival Grounds.

August 22 - 24th, 2014: 62nd Michigan State Convention

- Radisson Hotel, 111 North Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI
- For Info Email: stateconvention2014@cmia.org

August, 2014: Al Cameron Annual Picnic

- Grass Lake County Park
- Starts at 12:00pm - Speaker at 1:00pm - Kim K. from Saline
- Hamburgers and Hot Dogs provided - bring a dish to pass

August, 2014: Soberfest

- For info: <http://washtenawalanoclub.org>

August, 2014: 6th Annual A.A. Western Wayne Conference

To submit an announcement to be placed on the HVAI website for a group anniversary, conference or convention, workshop or seminar, or any other related announcements please email linda@hvai.org or call the office at (734) 482-5700.

Meeting Updates

- **Meeting Cancelled:** Daybreak at Juvenile Detention facility
- **Meeting Location Changed:** Ann Arbor: Young People in the Groove: Thurs. 8pm has moved to 242 Community Church, 410 South Maple Road (behind Kroger)
- **Meeting Time Changed:** Whitmore Lake Study Group now starts at 7:30PM

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Special Needs:

[Open Seat]

Many thanks to HVAI's July 2014 7th Tradition Contributors!

Ann Arbor	Tu. & Th. 2p AA at the VA Sa.830a Sa. Morning Men's Mtg Fr.730p 12 Steps Delonis Mo.7p Men's Huron St. Spera
Dexter Ypsilanti	Th.630p Women/Substance We.730p Desperately/Need Mo.1030a Other Directions Group We.7p Survivors Sa. 8p Weekend By the Book Sa.730p Sa Night at St. Joe's Group Mo.-Su. Clean and Sober
Saline	Tu. In The Barn
HVAI	Business Meeting
District 4	Public Information



New Meetings (for other meeting changes see page 5)

Ann Arbor - Tue 9:30am Sobriety with Grace -
Grace Bible Church 1300 S Maple near Pauline

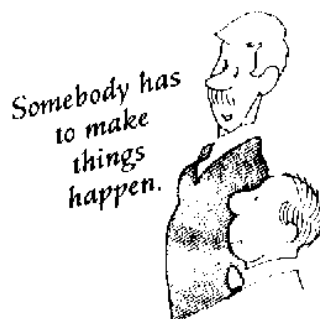
Ypsilanti - Wed. Noon EMU Snow Health Center
Resource Room

Ann Arbor - Fri 6:30am The On-ramp Group - WAC
995 N. Maple Rd (*Open meeting, BB, Lead*)

Ypsilanti - Tues. 7:30 PM EMU Womens' Meeting
in the Student Center, Kiva Room

Canton - Fri 10:00pm Canton Candlelight - Life
Church 7001 N Haggerty

FOLH - Sun 12:00pm AWOL Meeting
Sun 5:30pm Big Book Study



Huron Valley Area Intergroup Business Meetings:

All AA's are welcome to attend!
3rd Saturday of the month at @ 1:00pm
1st Presbyterian Church - 300 N. Washington St., Ypsilanti, MI
Enter through office door.
***A handicapped accessible entry is available.*

District 4 Business Meetings:

3rd Monday of the month @ 7:00pm,
Calvary Methodist Church - 1415 Miller St., Ann Arbor, MI
***A handicapped accessible lift is available to access basement.*

CMIA (Area 32) Meetings:

1st Sunday of the even months
Location rotates in Michigan within the area ([click here to see upcoming location](#))
9:00am - Coffee & Donuts **9:30am** - Finance **10:30am** - GSR Orientation **12:30pm** - Lunch **1:00pm** - Assembly

Statewide Service Meetings:

4th Sunday of Jan, Apr, July (usually at State Convention), and October
West Alano Club - 2909 W. Genesee St. (1 blk. South of W. Saginaw St.) Lansing, MI
3 Delegate Areas (32, 33 & 34) meet jointly - everyone is welcome!
11:00am - Corrections **12:30pm** - Grapevine **1:30pm** - General Statewide Meeting