

HVAI NEWSLETTER

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HURON VALLEY AREA INTERGROUP NEWSLETTER

AA.org has teamed up with the "Meeting Guide" and now HVAI has teamed with them

HVAI.org has the local meeting listed on our website and will continue to make directories for our community as needed

The "Meeting Guide" is a great way to find a meeting near your location wherever you are.

Traditionally the Intergroups are and will continue to be the source of information for all local meetings. Times have changed and we are keeping up with the change. Linda and Paul spent hours changing abbreviations for meeting descriptions so that our abbreviations matched GSO – Thank you.

Your Story Wanted Here!

Looking for stories of experience, strength and hope.

Has Service Work Saved Your Life?

Have you found hope in AA?

Did someone go out of their way to get you the help you needed?

Are you amazed by How the Twelve Steps have helped you grow?

Have you struggled with mental illness, chronic illness or other malady, but have been able to stay sober through Alcoholics Anonymous?

Did a specific step or tradition help you in a special way?

We would love to share your experience, strength, and hope through the HVAI Newsletter. Please submit a three to five paragraph story of your hope to HVAI at office@hvai.org

Volunteers Needed!

We need AA members to help with the 24-Hour Help Line

Calls can be forwarded to your numbers during your shift

You can volunteer right from home

If you are interested, please contact Fred or Christina at helpline@hvai.org

Does your group have an Intergroup Representative? Please check at your next group conscience. Please feel free to come and visit even if you are not a representative. We are trying to meet the needs of our community through Committees that work along side District 4 as well as our Intergroup responsibilities. We need your help.

AA Responsibility Statement: 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.

Steps 1, 2, 3

- Step 1** Admitted we were powerless over alcohol – that our lives had become unmanageable
Step 2 Came willing to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity
Step 3 Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care God as we understand him

See your sponsor about working the steps

Traditions 1, 2, 3

- Tradition 1** Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on AA unity
Tradition 2 For our group purpose there is one ultimate authority – A loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. Leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern
Tradition 3 The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking

See brochure SMF-131 for Grapevine Tradition Checklist

Concepts 1, 2, 3

- Concept 1** Final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship
Concept 2 The General Service Conference of AA has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs
Concept 3 To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of AA - the conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives – with a traditional "Right of Decision"

See brochure P-8 for further description on how the concepts apply to the group

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 21

56th February International Women's Conference

Saturday, February 22

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1:00pm

HVAI Business Meeting Rescheduled (usually on 3rd Sat.s)

7:00pm

4th Saturday Open Speaker Night

Sunday, February 23

» 3:30pm

56th February International Women's Conference

Monday, February 24

6:00pm

D.F. Lecture: What about Weed? The Controversy: Past, Present, and Future

Tuesday, February 25

7:30pm

D.F. Lecture: Addiction 101

Tuesday, March 3

6:00pm

D.F. Free Family Education and Support

Tuesday, March 10

7:30pm

Teens Using Drugs or Alcohol

Friday, March 13

3:00pm

March Roundup

Saturday, March 14

March Roundup

9:00am

Mini Conference: "Living Sober in a Drinking World"

Sunday, March 15

» 5:00pm

March Roundup

Monday, March 16

7:00pm

District 4 General Service Meeting

Tuesday, March 17

7:30pm

D.F. Lecture: Behavioral Addictions

Saturday, March 21

10:30am

Corrections Committee Meets (3rd Sat.s)

1:00pm

HVAI Business Meeting Rescheduled (usually on 3rd Sat.s)

Tuesday, March 24

6:00pm

D.F. Lecture: What about Weed? The Controversy: Past, Present, and Future

Saturday, March 28

9:00am

Michigan Mock Conference

7:00pm

4th Saturday Open Speaker Night

Tuesday, March 31

7:30pm

Grief and Loss in Recovery

Friday, April 3

3:00pm

IAAMC Annual Men's Conference: Fellowship of the Spirit

Saturday, April 4

IAAMC Annual Men's Conference: Fellowship of the Spirit

Sunday, April 5

» 10:00pm

IAAMC Annual Men's Conference: Fellowship of the Spirit

9:00am

Central Michigan Intra-Area (1st. Sun. / of even month)

Tuesday, April 7

6:00pm

D.F. Free Family Education and Support

Saturday, April 11

5:00pm

Chelsea's 46th Spring Fling

Tuesday, April 14

7:30pm

Teens Using Drugs or Alcohol

Friday, April 17

67th Indiana State Convention: "A Vision for Unity"

Saturday, April 18

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10:30am

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1:00pm

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5:00pm

47th Anniversary of Chelsea AA

Sunday, April 19

67th Indiana State Convention: "A Vision for Unity"

Monday, April 20

7:00pm

District 4 General Service Meeting

Friday, April 24

6:00pm

D.F. Lecture: What about Weed? The Controversy: Past, Present, and Future

Saturday, April 25

11:00am

Michigan StateWide Committees Meet (4th Sundays in Jan., April, July, and Oct.)

7:00pm

Friends of Little House 4th Saturday Open Speaker Night

For more details and locations see the calendar at HVAI.org



The 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 2–5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan with the theme "Love and Tolerance is our Code." A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 85th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Ford Field Stadium. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the COBO Center in downtown Detroit.

Register at aa.org

In AA News at AA.org

[Press Release: Alcoholics Anonymous shares new video](#) – Added February 2020

Young people share about their drinking and sobriety in "Young & Sober in A.A.: From Drinking to Recovery."

[Young and Sober in A.A.: From Drinking to Recovery](#) – Added February 2020

You can never be too young to ask for help with a drinking problem. Now available, A.A.'s newest Young People Video, Young and Sober in A.A.: From Drinking to Recovery, shares the experience, strength and hope of young A.A. members.

[Quarterly Report from G.S.O.](#) – Added January 2020

Activities of the General Service Board including A.A. World Services, Inc., A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

[Press Release: A.A. Publishes Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions Book in ASL](#) – Added December 2019

Alcoholics who are Deaf can now access A.A.'s program of recovery in a new American Sign Language translation of *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.

Statement of Purpose

The Huron Valley Area Intergroup is a service group organized in accordance with the Twelve Traditions and the AA Service Manual. Its purpose is to provide communication among AA groups and to provide services that are beyond the capabilities of any single group.

Among its responsibilities are the publication of a local group directory, maintaining an answering service, keeping in contact with local institutional meetings, coordinating area-wide events in the AA community, providing AA speakers for community events and in assisting groups in obtaining AA literature.

The Intergroup is composed of representatives from Alcoholics Anonymous groups in Washtenaw County, Michigan. We meet at 1:00 PM on the third (3rd) Saturday of the month at a pre-determined location to conduct business. Our standing committees may meet at other times.

Thank you to all the groups that have contributed to HVAI during the last quarter

Your continued support is appreciated!

Are you the one? We are looking for committee chairs for the following committees:

Treatment

CPC

PI

Accessibility

Grapevine

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