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Michigan City Daily Reprieve Newsletter

THE DAILY REPRIEVE
NEWSLETTER IS THE
VOICE OF AREA 22
DISTRICT 21. ITS
INTENT IS TO ENHANCE
AN ALREADY STRONG
RECOVERY
COMMUNITY BY
PROVIDING A VEHICLE
FOR SHARING THE
COMBINED RECOVERY
MESSAGES AND OUR
EXPERIENCES,
STRENGTHS AND
HOPES. THE
NEWSLETTER
DEPENDS UPON ITS
FRIENDS. SHARE
YOUR STRENGTH,
HOPE, AND
EXPERIENCE. PLEASE
SEND ARTICLES TO
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Step 2

“Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.” We needed to ask ourselves but one short question. “Do I now believe, or am I even willing to believe, that there is a Power greater than myself?” As soon as a man can say that he does believe, or is willing to believe, we emphatically assure him that he is on his way. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 47

Tradition II

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Concept II

When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference—excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter—the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

The Second Promise:

We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.

The Area District 21 Business Meeting and the Public Information Meeting –

7 PM on the 2nd Thursday of every Month at the Michigan
City Christian Church at 11232 West Earl Road

Next meeting: February 10, 2011

We will be discussing public information.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Jill M **2/06/2010** **1 year**

Gloria A **2/08/1984** **27 years**

Happy Birthday to All!

To publish announcements of AA
Anniversaries celebrated by
members each month,

send name and number of years to:

District 21, P.O. Box 58, Michigan City, IN
46360 or email to district21mc@comcast.net

The Tuesday evening 7 P.M. meeting at the Cedar
and 11th Street
Christian Church, is in need of new blood and
possibly a new location. Come to the meeting
and see if you would like to play a leadership role
for a meeting that has a
25-year tradition.

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE

February 12, 2011

ST. PAUL SCHOOL GYM

7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M. Tickets \$5.00 at the door

The Traditions Checklist

Tradition Two

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.

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? Newcomers? Old-timers?
2. Am I trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

AA Grapevine January 2011 issue.

Attention:

There is a New Meeting at
St. Anthony's Hospital
Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 P.M.

Northwest Indiana Southshore

Conference & Banquet

Saturday, April 9th

Woodland Park Oakwood Hall Portage, IN

Doors Open @ 6:00 P.M. Tickets \$20.00

Banquet @ 6:30 P.M. See Angie D or Dave S

DVD showing of Bill W. on the 12 Traditions of A.A.
St. Anthony Memorial Hospital – St. Francis Room
Friday, March 25, 2011 7:00-8:00 P.M.

Your Two Cents Worth



*Send us Your
Two Cents
Worth*

*By US Mail:
P.O. Box 58,
Michigan City,
IN 46360*

Or

*By Email:
District21mc@comcast.net*

***Next month we will
be reflecting on
Step 3
Please consider
sharing your
experience in an
article***

Step 2

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

In Step 1, We admitted we were powerless over alcohol-that our lives had become unmanageable, here in Step 2, Came to believe that a Power greater than our selves could restore us to sanity. The first thing I would like to discuss is the reference to the word power in both steps. Before I came to AA and began learning a new way to live my life, which did not require that I had to drink to be comfortable, I ran my life. I was the star of the show and the master of ceremonies. I have always had a belief in God, but He was just some far off figure out in the clouds. When it came to day to day living, I was in control and when I was in control, I needed comfort and I found that comfort with alcohol. So in a way, when I admitted I was powerless over alcohol in Step 1, alcohol was a power greater than myself-just the wrong Power. In Step 2, I came to believe in a Power greater than myself, which restores my sanity.

We often hear in meetings that the definition of insanity is doing the same things over and over again expecting different results. In my drinking days, I knew what I was getting into before I got started. If I could not drink the way I wanted to drink, I would not start at all. I am not saying that I was comfortable at family functions where there was drinking going on. I would tap my toe and wait and wait and be the first one out the door, on my way to the bar where I could drink comfortably. My bar tender knew me. There I could drink the way I wanted to drink, none counting my beers or telling me not to drink too fast. One glance at the bar tender and another drink was on the way. This was the way I lived. I had no one but immediate family in my life day to day and, being a single father, did not usually drink around my son but when I dropped him off, I was headed straight to the bar. I had long since drank away friends or potential mates, they would just get in the way. Day after day after day. Of course, this style of living sounds insane to most but when I was living through it, I did not care. Drinking was my only peace and the only thing I wanted to do.

So, in Step 1, I came to and in Step 2, I came to believe. I had to find a Power by which I could live and it had to be a Power greater than myself. I had a lifetime to run my own life and I failed. It did not work and I had years and years of proof. I kept drinking until I ran out of options and if I presently had any more options, I would probably still be drinking. Many people say they use the AA group as their higher power. This is a fantastic idea and one that works quite well. What I cannot do alone, we can do together. When alone the mind can get to racing and that is not always a comfortable place. When at a meeting, listening to others share, my mind is not on myself and I have peace.

District 21 Financial Report 2010

Cash Income & Expenses

Literature Sales.....\$397
Contributions.....2048
TOTAL INCOME.....2445

Expenses

Telephone.....533
Printing.....140
Office Supplies.....64
Office Equipment.....214
Literature Purchases.....440
Public Information.....58
Web Site Hosting.....27
Rent.....80

TOTAL CASH OUT \$1556

Contributions July-Dec

Double Bubble.....80
Sat St Anthony's.....150
Double Bubble.....154
Fri Night Upholster's.....34
Sat/Sun Eye Opener.....100
Wed Night Big Book.....100
Sooner Group.....20
Free for All.....80
Double Bubble.....180
Double Bubble.....154

Prudent Reserve.....\$752

This is our first calendar year, year-end financial report. Two things which stand out are the wide spread financial support we have received from the local AA community and the fact we have achieved a surplus of funds for our first full calendar year. Of course, we want to thank all who have joined us with their contributions and ask for your continued support.

Because of concern about our ability to sustain our cash flow, we have been conservative in using your contributions to carry the message to those who needed it most. Early on it was agreed upon we should have a prudent reserve of one year's expenses.

Because of your financial support, we felt comfortable in the second half of this year increasing our budget. We have acquired a local phone number, which will appear in the local phone book in the white pages and the yellow pages. We have moved our meeting to a facility, which will allow us to store our materials on site so they will be available anytime to volunteers wanting to use them to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Our web site, MichiganCityAA.org is up and running although it only has meeting information on it at this point. Our newsletter continues to be one of the most popular things we do, and we are in the process of updating our Meeting List for distribution later this winter.

Our district meetings are the second Thursday of the month at the Michigan City Christian Church on Earl Road just west of Hitchcock. Please consider joining us in body as well as spirit and bring us your thoughts on what we can do next to carry the AA message to those local people who need it most.

