Upcoming Events

**December 2019/2020**

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<td>14 Holiday Party Work: The Steps or Die Workshop: Eastside Alano Club, 10pm</td>
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<td>17 Michigan Service Office Board Meeting: 6:30pm, 726 Livermore St. Ferndale, 48220</td>
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**22 Activities Committee Meeting:** Thomas, Stephens & Kelly at 6pm

**29 Activities Committee Meeting:** St. Margaret’s church at 6pm

**24 H&I Sub Committee Meeting:** 6pm Lakeshore Presbyterian Church

**26 “Sometimes the path to forgiving ourselves begins with forgetting another for their lack of forgiveness.”**

**28 Outreach Subcommittee mtg: 6pm Lakeshore Presbyterian Church**

**30 New Year’s Eve**

**31 Christmas**

**“Happy New Year 2020”**

**12 Admin Mtg 10a.m. Policy 10am. Area Mtg: 10-30am. Newsletter Mtg after Area**

**13 “We can only amend what is ours.”**

**14 “We know that our recovery must come first.”**

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<td>Keith G.</td>
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<td>Rob S.</td>
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**“Proof that the program works!”**

Would you like your clean date added to this list?

If so, send an email to Macombmiracles@yahoo.com with your clean date, (month, day, and the year you got clean) and we’ll make sure it gets in the appropriate issue.

My first sponsor died suddenly and unexpectedly. In the years since his death, my gratitude for the experience strengthened and I began to pass on to me continues to grow. He always said, “When all else fails, read the instructions.” Every time I am troubled, I reach for our Basic Text, and it always helps me put things in perspective. My sponsor and other recovering addicts who influence me sincerely believe that addicts can leave behind their fear-driven, pain-filled lives to find freedom from addiction and a spiritual awakening.

They constantly guide me to NA literature and passages of the Basic Text. My sponsor called the Basic Text “The Recovery Manual.”

I am grateful I have access to a Basic Text and other NA literature in a language I understand. There are many addicts who don’t yet have that chance.

When I think of this, the reality of NA’s vision hits me. Our vision looks forward to the day when “every addict in the world has the chance to experience our message in his or her own language and culture.” (NA World Services Vision Statement) Often, in my daily meditation, the power of this vision sweeps over me. I can be reduced to tears of gratitude for the life I have found through working the Twelve Steps of NA, and for those who cared enough to work in service and carry NA’s message to me.

In NA I found a fellowship of men and women, addicts meeting in groups and trying to use spiritual principles to find a new way of life and freedom from addiction. The NA I found was the legacy of recovering addicts who had learned to depend on a power greater than them. They kept coming back, and they served NA to support our fellow members’ primary purpose. I see my own service as one way of fulfilling my commitment to carry the message they carried to me.

The pain of addiction brought me to NA, but if our rooms were only filled with pain, there would be no hope and no promise of freedom such as we read about in our Basic Text. Fear of returning to the life I had escaped, and they served NA to support our fellow members’ primary purpose. I see my own service as one way of fulfilling my commitment to carry the message they carried to me.

In “The Recovery Manual,” The essay on the Second Tradition says, “By nature, we are strong-willed, self-centered people who are thrust together in NA. We are mis-managers and not one of us is capable of consistently making good decisions. (Basic Text, p. 60)” So, how do we “mis-managers” manage to work together? In the introduction to the Basic Text, the addicts who wrote and compiled material for our book offer some suggestions.

We can consciously and deliberately invite a Power Greater than ourselves into our work, and ask a loving God to influence our decisions, by relying on a loving God, we have a defense against anger, personal opinion, and ego. We can disagree without being disagreeable, and we can conduct our service in a businesslike fashion. By practicing willingness to achieve conscious contact with a Power greater than ourselves, we develop the capacity to recognize the difference between group opinion, and our own strong personalities or popularities, and group conscience.

I have a strong personality, but I’ve never been that popular. I am not capable of consistently practicing spiritual principles in all my affairs. I am an addict trying to recover–Through years of practicing these principles: our fellowship has developed practical guidelines to help addicts like me who wish to find a new way of life and follow the NA way. So, when all else fails, I phone my sponsor, get to a meeting, and read the instructions.

Francis M,
**United We Stand**

Sundays at 6:00pm
Currently listed as 20900 Cass Ave, Macomb Alano Club
Correct Address: Christ Lutheran Church 27000 Cinema Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48313

If your homegroup is in need of support or has open service positions, please let us know! Send us an email with the meeting information... Location, day & time, and open service positions.

Send info to Macombmiracles@yahoo.com & we will make sure to announce it in our next issue.

**Michigan Service Office of NA**

726 Livonia Fordhead, MI 48215: M.S.O. Hours: Tues,Wed, Thurs: 10am-6pm and Saturday: 10am-4pm
(248)544-2600 Fax:(248)544-3371
E-mail: BOARD@MICHIGANGL.COM
NA Merchandise: Gifts, books, book covers, Shirts, Jewelry, Medallions and so much more!!

**TODAY WE LIVE 1 & 2**

In need of trusted servants
Both meetings are held at the Eastside Alano Club 11487 E. 9 Mile Rd. 1blk W of Hoover. Meets Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30pm.

**Subcommittee meets on the second Sunday of each month at the East Side Alano Club at 10 AM**
For inquiries call Lindsey Parson 248.277.0879

**The Service Structure of Narcotics Anonymous**

**Macomb Area H & I Committee**

Harbor Light Volunteers Needed
The Macomb Area H & I Committee of Narcotics Anonymous in cooperation with Christian Corpories Inc.
Sign up Sheet (6 months clean time requirement)
Meeting is at 7 pm on Thursdays and Speakers are selected at 7 pm on Sundays.

If Interested in Committing to ONE Thursday per month or Interested in being a Speaker:
Please contact the Harbor Light Coordinator:
Mark K. 810.305.3729
Or
Macomb Area H&I Chairperson Steve L 810.523.0503
Or
Ask any H&I Committee Member for an application

**NEW MEETING FOR YOU!**

Pain Shared is Pain Lessened

Version 1 (248)544 – 4938
Lindsey P. (248) 277 – 7573

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**35500 Dequindre Rd, Suite 100 STERLING HEIGHTS, MI 48310 BEGINS AUGUST 1, 2019 EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM**

**Need help finding a meeting, or just need to talk to another addict in recovery? Call the NA Hotline at (248)543-7200 Toll free: 877-338-1188 Michigan Region: 800-230-4085**

Macomb County Jail NA meeting needs woman volunteers for Mondays and Wednesdays. Requirement is 2 years clean and 2 years off paper.

**To get a “Just For Today” Daily Meditation sent to your Email or phone everyday just go to this site and sign up! Just that easy!**

Go to NA.org Click on “service to members” Then click on “Just for today subscriptions” 366 daily meditations, one for everyday of the week

**MACNA X Committee has started planning next years Convention already and there are open positions for the following: SECRETARY / CO-SECRETARY / ARTS & GRAPHICS / ENTERTAINMENT & FUNDRAISING - If you have willingness and/or are just interested in helping to make next years Convention a success, please attend the next Committee meeting on January 6, 2020 at 7 pm held at Wyndham Gardens - 34911 Van Dyke Sterling Heights MI 48312 (just south of 15 mile) - feel free to inbox me with questions - Hoping to see some new faces on the committee this year!!!**

**If you would like to submit an item, make sure that it is NA or recovery related. Anonymity is strongly advised (as far as na naming). By sending in any submissions you hereby grant permission to Macomb Miracles, their successors, assigns and those acting on their behalf to publish the attached original material sent to Macomb Miracles and you understand that this material may be edited or reprinted in other NA journals. Each item will be checked and edited if needed and will become property of the Macomb Miracles. You can submit an item to Macombmiracles@yahoo.com If you want to send in a recovery related question for our Dear Addy section please send to mcanadearaddy@gmail.com We are looking for NA Tips, upcoming events, poetry, your story, your opinion, askbox, recovery related questions for Dear Addy and anything else you think may be suitable for our newsletter. There is no requirement to send in your experience, strength, and hope. With Loving Service your Newsletter Chair, Jocelyn D.**