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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

District 11 – Area 34

Coverage area includes:

Antrim, Benzie,
Grand Traverse,
Kalkaska, & Leelanau
Counties.

Central Office

124 N. Division Street
Traverse City, MI 49684

24 Hour Hot Line

(231) 946-8823

7 Days a Week Around the Clock

Business Line

(231) 946-6716

Business Office Hours

Mon – Fri 10AM - 5PM
Saturday 10AM - 2PM

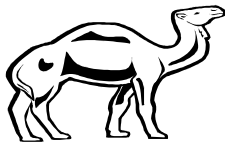
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district11centraloffice@yahoo.com

Website

www.district11-aa.org

The CAMEL



Each day goes twice to his knees.
He picks up his load with the
greatest of ease.
He then walks through
the day with his
head held high
and stays for that day
completely dry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

FREE If you would like an email copy of the *Camel Courier* delivered directly to your Inbox, send your email address to acgib1@sbcglobal.net Put "CC email request" on the subject line.

Next **Central Office Board meeting** at Central Office scheduled for September 11 at 5:30 PM. All AAs welcome.

If your group would like AA book sales at your meeting, contact Victor at 640-4392

Central Office is in need of members to serve on the board. If you have six months of continuous sobriety, Consider this service opportunity and contact the office at 231-946-6716.

Central Office's primary purpose is to carry the message to the Alcoholic and Al-Anon who still suffers. We work the 12th Step and 5th Tradition by being available 24/7 to those who want to recover.

FREE MEETING SCHEDULES: The local (5 county) AA schedule is updated when new information is reported. We have Al-Anon schedules.

HOTLINE: The Hotline is answered 24/7 by a person who offers understanding to an alcoholic, family member or friend of the alcoholic. Our volunteers are sober members of AA and/or Al-Anon. We maintain a list of people all over our District who are willing to talk more extensively – 12th Step. We have a list of people who will give rides to meetings.

WEBSITE: Our website www.district11-aa.org offers a variety of information with links to other AA/Al-Anon sites plus local printable meeting schedules for both. One of the links, "Sober Events," lists some of the fun things to do in recovery.

CENTRAL OFFICE BOOKSTORE: We have about 95% conference approved AA and Al-Anon approved materials. We have a Gift Room with non-conference books and gift items.

CENTRAL OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS is:

district11centraloffice@yahoo.com Any email to Central Office must have AA related material in the subject line. Those that do not are sent to spam/trash

This Month's Step and Tradition

STEP 9 Made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others

TRADITION 9 AA as such ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

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127 Females & **85** Males contacted Central Office
76 by phone, **139** walk-ins, & **05** after hours calls

INQUIRING ABOUT

19 Conference Approved Literature

16 Non-Conference Literature

5 Al-Anon Literature

5 Pamphlets

52 Gift Items

0 Special Items

36 AA Meetings in District 11

13 AA meetings in Other Areas

3 Al-Anon Meetings

2 Other Alcoholism Resources

1 Other 12 Step Programs

2 Ride to Meeting

2 12 Step Call

3 Drinking Problem – Self

1 Drinking Problem - Family

2 Drinking Problem -Other

34 Other

TO THE NEWCOMER

Almost nobody looks forward to attending their first AA meeting or “keeping on coming back.” This column attempts to help the newcomer find answers and the long-timer remember what it was like.

The question is often asked, “What is a Home Group?” This traditionally is a group where a member attends most if not all of his/her meetings. He may go to other groups to visit but the group he/she attends most frequently and where many friendships are formed is typically the Home Group.

To be a member of Home Group means that the AA declares a certain group to be home. That is all. A member should have only one Home Group. As a member, the AA has the right to vote on matters affecting the group as a whole and the AA should involve himself/herself with service work to benefit the group.

There are no dues in AA, but the group has expenses such as rent, supplies, and coffee. Groups often pass a basket and, as able, the AA puts some money in the basket. The seventh tradition tells us that every group ought to be self-supporting declining outside contributions. The contributions support the group.

The members of the home group often form close friendships and even socialize outside the meeting time. Members of the Home Group welcome newcomers, share phone numbers (women share with women and men with men) and encourage the newcomer to call other AAs and “Keep coming back.”

There are no officers leading the group only trusted servants. These positions may have titles, but they only describe the services and responsibilities of the AA. These servants do not govern, they serve.

Thank You, Central Office Volunteers

Charlie
Curt
Dale
Daniel
Edwina
Eleanor
Greg
James

Jim
Joseph
Kenneth W
Kevin
Kip
Leslie
Lisa
Merceditas

Mike
Neil
Rick
Roy/Mandy
Ruthann
Susan
Victor

**MAJOR NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS TO
KEEP CENTRAL OFFICE HOTLINE
ACTIVE. LET'S CARRY THE MESSAGE!**

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

Fill in this sheet and return to the Central Office

Or call Susan at (231)645-1267

NAME _____

PHONE # _____/CITY _____

SOBRIETY DATE (SIX MONTHS REQUIRED) _____

APPLICATION DATE: _____

PLEASE MARK AREAS AND TIME YOU'D LIKE TO HELP.

Work in office: ___ 10AM-2PM ___ 2PM-5PM

Call forwarding: ___ 9AM-5PM Sunday

___ 5PM-10AM Monday-Friday

___ 2PM-9AM Saturday

Can we put you on our 12th Step list? ___

Can we put you on our rides to meetings list? ___

AL-ANON

District 39

coverage area includes:

Antrim, Benzie,
Grand Traverse,

Kalkaska, Leelanau & Manistee counties.

Al-Anon Family Groups-D39

PO Box 5132

Traverse City, MI 49696



Information Line

(231) 938-7399

Response within 24 Hours

Website

www.alanon-d39.org

About the Camel Courier

Articles printed in the **Camel Courier** are the opinions expressed by individuals and not necessarily those of Central Office, the Board of Directors, or AA as a whole.

If you have an AA announcement, a meeting change you want others to know about, an upcoming AA event, a new meeting you want to get started, an anniversary, or a story to tell ...

please submit
via snail mail to:

Camel Courier, c/o Central Office, 124 N. Division
Street,
Traverse City, MI 49684,

or email to:
acgib1@sbcglobal.net
and enter "**Camel Courier**"
in the Subject Line.

All items are subject to editing. Deadline for
submission is the 25th day of every month.

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www.district11-aa.org.

**It is hard to be a big shot in
an anonymous program.**

TREASURER REPORT JUNE 2013 AND JULY 2013

Checking account balance	\$5521.45
Deposits	<u>4257.10</u>
Checking balance before July expenses	\$9778.55

Expenditures for Central Office in July 2013

Rent	\$735.00
Volunteer Coordinator	440.00
Telephone	June 143.60
	July 145.93

Literature	3015.54
YP (AT&T) Advertising paid year in full	258.72
Shipping & Stamps	22.08
St. of Michigan 2 nd Quarter Sales Tax	562.08
Office Supplies: Key Pad for office door	<u>158.90</u>
Expenses for July 2013	\$ 5481.85

Checking Account Balance July 2013	\$ 4296.70
CD Saving	512.81
CD Saving	544.57
Sales for July 2013	\$2829.25
Sales Tax Collected	167.46
Donations to Central Office	\$563.81
2013 Central Office Round-Up Fund	7323.64

Contributions were received 7-1-13 to 7-31-13 from

Friendship Group of Al-anon	West End
ACoA Thursday Group	Suttons Bay Sober & Crazy
LeLand Serenity	Lake Leelanau Tuesday Nooners
Breakers On The Bay	Back To Basics
Friday How Al-anon Works	

Central Office appreciates all that you do to help carry the
Message to the still suffering. Thank you all!

Recovery, Unity, Service,
Mary Beth C., treasurer
7-31-13

Alano Club

The Alano Club has moved to 892 Duell Road.
This is near the corner of S. Airport and Garfield.
White building with a red door.
There is no longer a meeting at 8 pm on Sunday.

SEPTEMBER SOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Judy M. 9-01-2000	Gail M. 9-01-2008	Bob 9-01-1985	John M. 9-02-1981
Mark M. 9-02-1998	Kelly L 9-02-2005	Tami K 9-02-2006	Kevin D. 9-02-2003
Loren 9-03-2007	Christa P 9-03-2004	Clark 9-03-1998	Layna D.V. 9-04-2005
Colleen W. 9-04-2003	Thomas 9-06-2002	Jim J. 9-06-2003	Merceditas 9-06-1993
Jeremy M. 9-08-2005	Bette K. 9-09-1991	Sharon S. 9-11-1991	Tim S. 9-11-2004
Winniw U. 9-12-2003	Cindy 9-12-2006	Sue I. 9-13-1981	Mike P. 9-14-2006
Andrea M. 9-15-2003	Mike N. 9-17-2007	Ryan V. 9-19-2004	Jeffery H. 9-19-2005
Renee E. 9-20-2003	Kristi B. 9-21-1987	Lacy 9-23-2001	Eric W. 9-23-1987
Hilda 9-24-2009			

An accumulation of **455 YEARS** of sobriety. Congratulations!

To share your sobriety date, e-mail your first name, initial, and month/day/year

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Calendar of Events - SEPTEMBER 2013

MCYPAA35 The Michigan Convention of Young People in AA will be held in Traverse City Nov 29-Dec 1, 2013.
At Grand Traverse Resort and Spa. Contact Kerry F. (231) 838-8565 or Lacy M (989) 306-0563
Registration \$10.00 UNTIL August 1 and \$20.00 afterwards.

Central Office Meeting, 2nd Wednesday, 5:30 PM, Central Office

District 11 meeting, 2nd Saturday, 9:30 AM, Munson Hospital, Basement Conference room.

Open speaker meeting at Munson in basement conference room each Saturday at 8:00 PM.

MCYPAA 35 Monthly potluck last Sat. of month. Dinner at 6:30, speaker at 8:00. BCAA Unity Hall,
509 N. East St., Boyne City. Campfire meetings begin May 25th
Contact Keri W. 989-350-4937 Lacy M. 989-306-0563

5th Annual TC Recovery Walk and Rally, Sept. 13, 1:30-4:30PM, The River at Clinch Park. Great food provided. Contact: Greg Stone, 1-231-883-3217.

Addiction Treatment Services presents the documentary *The Anonymous People* about those living in long-term recovery 7PM, City Opera House, TC, September 17th.

FALL ROUNDUP at the Park Place on 11/1/13 - 11/3/13. Details will be provided soon.
The committee is hard at work with the planning.

Do you have an upcoming AA or Al-Anon event in your area? Please email information to: acgib1@sbcglobal.net
Are you interested in sharing your story as a guest speaker at a future open meeting?
Please call Pat R at 231-492-7902

KEEP COMING BACK. IT WORKS IF YOU WORK IT.

Central Office Board Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2013
(Minutes to be approved at September 11, 2013 meeting)

Central Office is looking for more board members. Please contact Central Office

Members present: Rick, Mary Beth, Dale, Rich, Victor, Jodie

Volunteer coordinator: Susan

Guests: Roger, Kenneth

Start time: 5:30 pm by Rick with the Serenity Prayer

Secretary's Report: Rich read the minutes from the June meeting, there was no meeting in July. MaryBeth made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Dale seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: MaryBeth read the treasurer's reports for June and July. Rich made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read, Jodie seconded, motion carried.

Webmasters report: N/A

Camel Courier report: N/A

Volunteer Coordinator's report: Susan reported that the calendar was covered. She has concerns about volunteers leaving for the winter with no replacements. **Additional volunteers needed.**

Literatures Buyer's report: Dale resigned as Literature Buyer. He will assist until a replacement is found.

Old Business

Checking Account update – The checking account for the Traverse City Roundup at Members Credit Union was delayed by unforeseen circumstances. A checking account was established at Northwestern Bank by Jodie. The accountant will make a determination of the acceptability of the account remaining at Northwestern Bank.

Traverse City Roundup report: Jodie reported that the speakers are arranged for all three days, D.J. contacted. Flyers will be available soon

Computer Upgrade report: Ken reported that the computer/software upgrade will cost approx. \$1375.00 plus a monthly charge of \$168.00 from Charter Comm. Estimated completion of upgrade package: end of August. Ken and Victor will train volunteers through the month of September

New Business:

A motion was made to accept Ken as a Central Office board member by Jodie, seconded by Victor. Motion passed. Welcome to the board Ken

A motion was made to accept Rick as the new Central Office Chairperson by Rich, seconded by Mary Beth. Motion passed. Congratulations Rick.

A motion was made by Victor to make an expenditure, not to exceed \$1375.00, for the purchase of the computer hardware/software package presented by Ken. Jodie seconded. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jodie to switch to Charter for telephone and data service, not to exceed \$168.00, for one year. MaryBeth seconded. Motion passed.

District 11 representative Roger requested that the "meeting list" be sorted out by county. The request will be forwarded to Carrie.

MaryBeth made a motion to adjourn at 7:06pm and Victor seconded. Motion carried. Meeting closed with the Lords Prayer. Next Central Office board meeting is September 11, 2013.

All are welcome to attend.

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Respectfully submitted by Rich H.

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