

Kent County Central Office

Newsletter

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The Birthday Club

Mike W - 29 Jan 2004
Ben S - 5 Dec 1978
Anne S - 30 Aug 1981

Tom W - 30 Mar 1980
Sharron S 12 April 1984
Steve C - 14 Aug 2018

Ed B - 29 May 2010
Jim H - 5 Jul 2005
Dave P - 18 Nov 2007

Pamela W - 20 years

Wanda W - 33 years

If you'd like your name, or that of someone you know, to appear on the Birthday Club list just donate an amount equal to your number of sober years. Your name and date will appear here all year.

If you want to get the KCCO newsletter send an email to KCCONewsletter@gmail.com include your email address

**KCCO desperately needs volunteers for the 24-hour AA hotline.
We need a one-month commitment of 4 hours every week.
Morning and afternoon shifts available.
Call Steve 616-913-9216**

GROUP DONATIONS

“Thank You” to all of the Groups who donated in May, 2022

Spiritual Awakenings

Serenity II

Life Recovery

There Is A Solution

Breton Rd Early Birds

Holy Cross Sat AM

Search For Serenity

Expect A Miracle

Weekenders

Grand Rapids Young People Zoom

And all the individual donations that came in via PayPal too! We know many of these were from groups and if you'd like your group to be credited for these donations please call the office at (616) 913-9216.



FRIDAY NIGHT FUNDRAISER SPEAKER MEETING

LOCATION: THE NORTH ALANO CLUB
1020 College Ave, NE, Grand Rapids, MI (Lower Level Balcony)
Phone 616-456-5709

Friday, June 3, 2022, 7:00 pm
Speaker: Blake C
Home Group: Bond St Group

Friday, June 10, 2022, 7:00 pm
Speaker: Ty P
Home Group: Bond St Group

Friday, June 17, 2022, 7:00 pm
Speaker: David J
Home Group: Bond St Group

Friday, June 24, 2022, 7:00 pm
Speaker: David O
Home Group: Bond St Group

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Step Six

“Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character”

Step 6 requires that participants “were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.”

It relies a bit on information curated in Step 5. In that step, you are asked to admit to God, yourself, and another person “the exact nature of our wrongs.”

So in order to complete Step 6, you have to take all of the wrongs you listed in Step 5 and consider them in your mind. Then you have to mentally commit to changing the behavior that caused these mistakes.

Sure, it will be easy to say you’ll never make a mistake again. However, actually vowing to change the behavior that led to the mistakes, such as drinking too much, can be much harder to achieve.

Luckily, by asking God, you’ll have extra strength and courage along the way.

Before you can ask God to heal you, however, you need to first understand what exactly constitutes a “defect of character.”

Basically, your character defects refer to your old style of living. It’s not about nitpicking specific mistakes or encounters; instead, it’s about changing the personality traits and habits that created and led to these mistakes.

Overall, by defining these defects, you are preparing to officially shed your old, addict life and move on to something brighter and better.

With Step 6, comes a huge feeling of healing. By becoming aware of your old patterns, you can finally take responsibility for them. By trusting in and relying on God, you can shift these problems over to Him.

He will bear the burden for you, so that you can officially let go and move on. At the end of step 6, you’ll finally be able to drop your outdated defenses and feel a delayed gratification that might have been years in the making.

<https://alcoholicsanonymous.com/>