Kent County Central Office

Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT The mission of the Kent County Central Office Newsletter is to serve Kent County and the surrounding A.A. *community*, in four ways. 1. *To carry the A.A. message* 2. *To inform our readers.* 3. *To provide a forum for discussion of A.A. principles* 4. *To provide service work opportunities for A.A. members.* ***Need to find a meeting?*** **Go to the Website grandrapidsaa.org/meetings**

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

KCCC Business Meeting
September 15, 2022
Minutes

Present: Susie J., Chairperson; David P., KCCC Treasurer; Mary Beth R., Secretary; Mike W., Trustee #3; Steve C., Office Manager; Jim S., District 7/KCCC Liaison; Lisa D.; Abbie; Deb; Vic; Emily.

Absent: Jeff O., Webmaster; Jim H., Area 34 Delegate; Ed B., Area 34 Alternate Delegate.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer at 6:05 pm.

Reports:

- Minutes and Financial reports were submitted and approved.
- No Website or Telephone reports.
- District 7 Reports were submitted. Next District 7 meeting is on Oct. 1st at the Alano Club in Caledonia.
- Monthly Newsletter posted on website.

Roundup Business:

- Discussed venue for 2023 Roundup. St. Peter and Paul available for same price. Lisa D. presented N. Club proposal as a venue option. A **Motion** was made, seconded, and passed to table vote until more information gained from St. Peter and Paul.
- A **Motion** was made, seconded, and passed to discuss N. Club as a venue option for 2023 Roundup, at the August Business Meeting.
- 2023 Main speaker: Chris R. is confirmed for April 22, 2023.
- Billy K. is retiring but still willing to cater event.
- 2024 Main speaker: Quincy W. confirmed for April 27, 2024.
- Discussed theme. Theme suggestions: We Surrender to Win, Sunlight of the Spirit, Fellowship of the Spirit, and Service is the Secret. **Tabled.**

Old Business:

- Bylaws have been posted in the KCCO and on the website for 2 months. A **Motion** was made, seconded, and passed to approve the bylaws as rewritten. New bylaws are active.
- A2-Posting of KCCO content and speakers. Office phone outage to be posted. Hotline is working.
- Discussion about lease renewal vs. relocation of KCCO location: Current lease is up 10/31/22. Susie J. is waiting to receive one year lease agreement from landlord to sign. **Tabled.**
- Answering Service/ 12 Step Call List discussion: Steve C. continues working on updating the call list. Share at meetings that the list is being updated and more volunteers needed. Contact Steve C. to be added.
- Treasurer to be added to bank account Oct 7th.
- Friday Night Speaker Meeting: October Speakers confirmed. Need list of November Speakers in order to publish.

- Discussion about KCCC open positions. Trustee #3 and Co-Vice-Chairperson is still open. **Tabled.**
- A **Motion** was made, seconded, and passed that we form a Young Person Liaison Committee.
- Literature update from Steve C. given during reports.
- Fall Fundraiser: Norm B is confirmed for Nov 11th, 2022. Discussed food. Susie J. working on flyer.

New Business:

- Discussion about t-shirts and other merchandise for Roundup. **Tabled.**

Please announce at your individual meetings that volunteers are always needed to answer the 24-hour hotline. Have them call Steve at KCCO, 616-913-9216. Thanks!

Next meeting 6:00 pm, Thursday, October 20, 2022, at the KCCO office, 4920 Plainfield Ave NE, Suite 19, Grand Rapids 49525, phone 616-913-9216. Option to attend **via Zoom**, hosted by District 7. Zoom link: Meeting ID - 881 7063 2218 Password - 235257

Send your GSR or someone to represent your group and have a voice in how your Central Office is run!!!

7th Tradition: Passed the Basket.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth R.

GROUP DONATIONS

"Thank You" to all of the Groups who donated in September, 2022

Into The Light

Ionia Noon

Breton Rd Early Birds

Primary Purpose

Easier Softer Way

Coopersville AA

Rockford Monday Night AA

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.

KENT COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE FALL EVENT

Featuring

NORM B

Pizza at 6PM
Norm History Talk at 7PM
Basket Raffle to follow

November 11, 2022

North Alano Club
1020 College Ave NE

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, October 7, 2022, 7:00 pm
Speaker: Ian M
Home Group: Atheists, Agnostics & Freethinkers

Friday, October 14, 2022, 7:00 pm
Speaker: Steven R
Home Group: Atheists, Agnostics & Freethinkers

Friday, October 21, 2022, 7:00 pm
Speaker: Eric C
Home Group: Secular Sobriety (Traverse City)

Friday, October 28, 2022, 7:00 pm
Speaker: Brad W
Home Group: Noon Balcony

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