

# Women Helping Women

## Marty M & the Early Women of AA

A tremendous change has taken place over the past few generations in the way alcoholics are viewed in our society. Although it is undeniable that some level of unawareness and misunderstanding remains, substantial improvements have been affected since the 1930s. We have cause to be grateful. The once virtually universal stigma that besieged alcoholic men was exponentially greater for women. "Nice women" didn't drink to excess. This made it extremely difficult to admit to a drinking problem in the first place. As our pioneers battled not only for their own sobriety, but for some level of "respectability," their reluctance to associate themselves... and fallen women," (12 & 12, p. 140),

Despite initial cultural barriers to women's participation in AA, women's membership in AA has grown significantly. The first rise in women's membership occurred in the mid-1940s, owing to the advocacy efforts of Marty Mann, the first woman to join and maintain membership in AA. The second upsurge in women's membership occurred in the late 1960s and early 1970s. At this time, the public awareness of alcoholism had grown, and many more people accepted the medical explanation that alcoholism was a disease that needed to be treated. Moreover, famous women had begun to speak out about alcoholism, which helped to educate the public about the disease of addiction.<sup>5</sup> Since 1968, the General Services Office (GSO) of AA has followed female membership trends, and records from the mid-1980s on consistently show that over a third of all AA members are women.

Thank you for your support of the  
14th Annual Michigan Women's  
Conference!

## For women About women By women

Kathy E	Zeeland
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MWC 2018



Fourteenth Annual  
Michigan Women's  
Conference

Garland Resort  
4700 N. Red Oak Road  
Lewiston, MI 49756

October 12 - 14, 2018  
Women Helping Women  
Michigan Women's  
Conference



## Friday, October 12, 2018

- 3:00 PM Registration Begins  
Garland Room  
Coffee available until 10:00 PM
- 3:00 - 7:00 PM Stone Painting & Image Collage Workshop  
Peregrine Room
- 3:00 - 7:00 PM Hospitality & Book Swap  
Garland Coffee Shop
- 7:30 PM MWC Conference 2018 Opens  
Great Room  
Open Talk -????
- 9:00 - 10:00 PM Hospitality & Book Swap  
Garland Coffee Shop
- 11:00 PM Eleventh Step Meeting  
Peregrine Room

*Coffee available*  
3:00-10:00 PM Friday  
8 AM-6 PM Saturday  
Hospitality/  
Garland Coffee Shop



*PLEASE NOTE: This schedule is subject to change*



## Saturday, October 13, 2018


- 7:00 AM Yoga with Kelli G
- 6:30 - 10:00 AM Breakfast Buffet Tamarack Dining Room
- 8:30 - 10:00 AM **Back to Basics - Peregrine Moderator Discussion - Kestrel**  
Greiff/Loss in sobriety  
**Panel Talk - Osprey**  
Old-Timers
- 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM Hospitality & Book Swap  
Garland Coffee Shop
- 10:30 - noon **Back to Basics - Peregrine Moderator Discussion - Kestrel**  
Overcoming bad choices in sobriety  
**Panel Talk - Osprey**  
Dealing with difficult people

### LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

- 1:30 - 3:00 PM **Back to Basics - Peregrine Moderator Discussion - Kestrel**  
We/I am not unique  
**Panel Talk - Osprey**  
We shall know peace
- 3:30 - 5:00 PM **Back to Basics - Peregrine Moderator Discussion - Kestrel**  
Attitude of gratitude  
**Panel Talk - Osprey**  
Trust God, clean house, help others
- 6:30 - 7:30 **DINNER Tamarack Dining Room**
- 8:00 PM Sobriety Countdown  
Announcements  
Open Talk -
- 9:30 - 11:00 PM Entertainment - DJ Dance

## Sunday, October 14, 2018

- 6:30 - 10:00 AM Breakfast Buffet (Terrace Room)
- 8:30 - 9:30 AM Hospitality (Room 130)  
Clean-Up
- 10:00 AM Spirituality Panel (Wexford A & B)
- Conference Conclusion



Serenity Taping (also friends of Bill W.) will record the panels and speakers during the conference. Tapes and CD's will be available to purchase in the until the conclusion of the conference.



### HOSPITALITY ROOM

Friday & Saturday until 11 PM  
Bring a dish, a munchie  
or donations welcome

*Please be sure to complete your Conference Evaluation before you leave. We value your opinions and input. Thank you!*

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