



Phase Up Newsletter

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Phase Up Mission:

Peers
Helping
Achieve a
Substance free
Environment with
Unlimited
Possibilities

• **Sobriety Court Dates:** **Courtroom J Judge Westra**

July 14th 1:30pm

• **OWI Court Dates:**

Courtroom N Judge Ankley

July 7th 2pm

July 21st 2pm

Courtroom M Judge Haenicke

July 14th 10:00am

July 28th 10:00am

Phase Up Group Meetings

Fridays following the Sobriety Court
and OWI Court sessions in the Jury
Rooms and **Tuesday Nights @6pm**
at Recovery Institute.

Support Meetings:

• **Phase Up Group Meetings**
Tuesdays @ 6pm at Recovery
Institute

• **SMART Recovery Meetings**
Monday & Wednesday 2pm-3pm
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am-
9:30am at Recovery Institute

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Judge Vincent C. Westra

The Honorable Vincent J. Westra has been a District Court judge since 1992. Before Judge Westra was a judge, he was simply a guy named Vincent that attended college at Kalamazoo Valley Community College earning an Associate's degree and later completing his Bachelor's at Western Michigan University. On his journey to becoming an officer of the law, Judge Westra earned his Juris Doctor in 1982 from the University of Toledo College of Law.

Judge Westra is a dedicated family man that enjoys sports and spending time with family and a host of friends. When you meet Judge Westra you forget about his position as he is friendly and down to earth. What you see is what you get. Judge Westra is passionate about wanting every person that comes across his bench to succeed. With that said, he is extremely proud of the success of Sobriety Court. The circumstances that led you into his courtroom are of no consequence, Judge Westra is fair and impartial and will be your biggest cheerleader if you successfully complete the phases and work an honest program.

As Sobriety Court grew, Judge Westra realized that there was something missing. What about the implementation of socializing with one another? A support group of sorts? Could this work? It was a concept that was foreign to many in the judiciary. A few participants got together and started meeting and planning events and supporting each other. Then came social outings (sporting events, bowling, movies, dinners etc.) and unbeknownst to the court staff, meetings were happening around the events either on the way there or back and sometimes during. Friends were made and participants became happier. Proof that the program works if you work it. Because of Judge Westra's vision, Phase Up Group was nominated for and won the Hero Award at the 2017 Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals. In his usual "subtle" fashion, he recommended that we apply to speak about PUG on the national level. A random application was completed and selected to do a breakout session on Pro-Social Integration into the Community through Sober Events which simply means that you can have fun in sobriety. You will be missed as we journey to Washington, DC but we plan to make you proud and put Kalamazoo in the limelight!

Judge Westra is truly the embodiment of Judge Schma's vision of treatment courts.



- **Men's Drug Court**
Courtroom D Judge Bridenstine
July 7th 9am
July 21st 9am
- **Women's Drug Court**
Courtroom K Judge Blatchford
July 14th 9am
July 28th 9am
- **N.O.R.P. Group Meetings**
Fridays immediately following the Court session in Jury Room M
- **W.D.T.C. Group Meetings**
Fridays immediately following the Court session in the Jury Room K

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Phase Up Dinner

Thursday

July 13th

Meet At 6pm

All You Can Eat!

Adults \$9.99

Kids: 8-10 \$7.59

5-7 \$5.99

3-4 \$3.99

**Join Us for A
Phase Up Get together!**

Family & Friends Welcome



Movies & Popcorn at Kalamazoo 10



Join us on Saturday July 22nd at 3:30pm. We will meet in the lobby of the Kalamazoo 10 Movie Theater and you will be able to decide what movie you would like to go see. Bring your Family and Friends!!!

Phase Up of Kalamazoo Presents:



Representatives from both interlock companies will be at the 8th District Court on July 28th at 11am in courtroom "M" to answer ignition interlock device and alcohol-monitoring questions



Phase Up Breakfast

Join us for a Phase Up Get together

Sunday July 30th

Meet at 8am

Family and Friends Always Welcome



Area Fireworks Schedule

Kalamazoo Speedway July 1 at dark

Portage Fireworks July 3 at McKinley field at dark

Schoolcraft Fireworks July 4 at dark at the high school

Fireworks at the Growlers Game July 1 and July 4 at dark

And then there is Southaven Light up the Lake on July 3 at dark

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