

# Phase Up Newsletter

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## Phase Up Mission:

Peers  
Helping  
Achieve a  
Substance free  
Environment with  
Unlimited  
Possibilities

Coming: May 25, 2017

## Free Dinner!!!

Register at

## PhaseUp.org

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## Free Dinner at Shawarma King

First Five People to sign up will receive one free dinner ticket for the May 25th Phase Up Dinner.

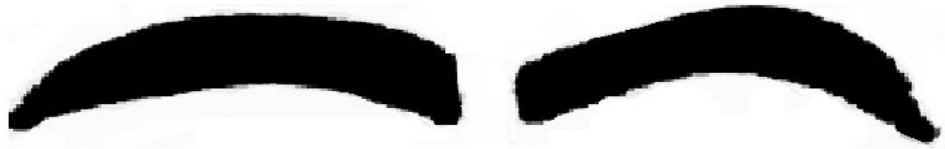
- **Sobriety Court Dates:**  
**Courtroom J Judge Westra**  
May 12th 1:30pm
- **OWI Court Dates:**  
**Courtroom N Judge Ankley**  
May 12th 2pm  
May 26th 2pm
- **Courtroom M Judge Haenicke**  
May 5th 10:00am  
May 19th 10:00am

## Phase Up Group Meetings

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



- **Men's Drug Court**  
**Courtroom C Judge Kropf**  
May 12th 9am  
May 26th 9am



## Judge Robert C. Kropf

What can be said about Judge Kropf, the Man, the Myth, the Legend? We reached out to some of our friends that had the pleasure of working with Judge Kropf over the span of a couple of decades. When we work with people for such a duration of time, we are not only colleagues but become 'family'. Judge Kropf is a family man and enjoys golfing and spending time with his family.

Judge Kropf has been a District Court judge since 1991. Judge Kropf was admitted to Michigan Bar Association in 1971. Judge Kropf is an alumni of Western Michigan University and received his Juris Doctor (JD) Law degree from the University of Michigan. After his election to the bench he presided over the 9<sup>th</sup> District Court in Portage, MI.

Judge Kropf is knowledgeable, fair and helpful. Per Lynn Kirkpatrick, Director of Probation Services, "Judge Kropf started as a Judge who was humbled and honored to have been elected and 26 years later, he is still the same man. Many years before Drug Courts started in Kalamazoo, Judge Kropf expressed an interest in all people who came before him, so it is not surprising that he started early as a Drug Court Judge". Lynn also expressed that he encouraged the Probation Officers to help the probationers succeed with sobriety, counseling, education, securing employment, completing a diversion program or community service project.

Tamsie Haskell, Probation Officer had the privilege of working with Judge Kropf in the District Court in Portage from 1991 until she transferred to Sobriety Court in 2010. Tamsie says, "What I observed most about Judge Kropf is his complete knowledge and respect of the law combined with a deep compassion for human beings". Under the tutelage of Judge Kropf, Tamsie attributes his help and leadership in helping her grow in her career as a Probation Officer. Based on his interactions in the courtroom, he has definitely established himself as a "Legend". Tamsie's only hope is that he will have a dog in his future as he takes on retirement.

Judge Kropf has had a tremendous impact on the recovery community through his long commitment and work with Drug Courts and will be truly missed. Lynn's hope is that he makes himself available as a mentor/coach for new members of the OWI and Drug Court programs. His retirement is well earned!

Phase Up, NORP, and Drug Treatment Court will miss you, Judge Kropf. You have left an indelible mark on the court programs. So farewell to our dear colleague, friend, mentor, and Your Honor! If you're ever in the courthouse on a Friday morning stop and see us.



- **Women's Drug Court**  
Courtroom K Judge Blatchford  
May 10th 9am  
May 19th 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

### 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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## Join us for a Phase Up Get together! Phase Up Dinner Thursday



**May 25th, Meet at 6:00pm**

**Adults: \$12.50 Kids: 7-11 \$8.45 Kids: 3-6 \$7.45**

*Family & Friends Always Welcome*

## Bowling & Pancakes at Airway Lanes:



Join us on Sunday, May 7th from 9am till Noon for Pancakes and Bowling. All the pancakes you can eat and all the games you can bowl for \$10.00 (rental shoes are included). Bring your Family and Friends!!! We will meet at Airway Lanes at 9am. Hope to see you there!!

## Movies & Popcorn at Kalamazoo 10



Join us on Saturday May 20th 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!!!



### ODAAT COOKOUT FELLOWSHIP

Bring your own meat and drinks with a dish to pass. If you have outdoor games you can bring, please add it to the list.

Starting @ 10am 6pm with Lunch at 1pm.

\$5.00/car

Shelter 21 Reserved @  
Prairie View Park  
989 East U Avenue  
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## Volunteer & Community Service Opportunities:



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