

RECOVERY IS THE SEED WE SOW, SOBRIETY WILL REDEEM US.  
LET IT GROW, SHARE OUR LIVES...

# "BETWEEN-US"

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## I Am Responsible He was there to help--most of all himself

WE DIDN'T have a Sunday meeting in these parts. There had been talk about it for years. So a year ago two of us agreed to stop talking and start meeting. We passed the word and hoped others would come along. Three did. So we fixed another meeting. Five came. We got into a pattern and registered our group.

Time passed. I fell ill, but the other founder carried on. Then he couldn't manage--and still can't--so I carried on.

But the others didn't.

Tonight, I'm here on my own. The opening of the rooms and the time of the meeting were made well-known. But I'm here on my own.

Why am I here? I've had lots of apologies and congratulations on trying, but no alcoholics. So what am I here for? I didn't come here to sit and write, but I might as well run an inventory. No-body here to interrupt!

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## An Agnostic's Higher Power

Take away his bottle and there  
is an awesome vacuum to be  
filled...

I TRIED the spiritual approach from the beginning, because I was afraid not to try it. I didn't think anything could help me to stop drinking, so I simply decided to *try* to do what the majority had done. I had no great spiritual awakening with a flash of light. It has been a very gradual wake-up, with many backslides in my spiritual health. I still consider myself lucky in having been able to try the God approach. Some have a lot more difficulty.

Now, I'm going to ask a question that is very touchy. Why are agnostics able to stay sober in AA?

I think it all goes back to how the Twelve Steps of AA were written in the first place. Bill W. admitted that agnostics and atheists played a great part in the wording and formation of the Twelve Steps. Such words as "suggested" Steps, "Power greater than ourselves," God "*as we understood Him*" were all directly due to the opinions and feelings of the ag-

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10:06 AM  
03/05/13  
Accrual Basis

Greater Milwaukee Central Office AA  
Profit & Loss  
February 2013

	Feb 13
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 - Literature Sales	9,021.09
4050 - Between us	87.50
4070 - Contributions	5,365.68
4080 - Gratitude boxes	399.95
4130 - Personal Contri.	50.00
4150 - Other Income	64.14
4170 - Interest Income	5.10
4600 - Merchandise Sales	57.50
4830 - Sales Discounts	10.00
48600 - Service Sales	2.00
48900 - Shipping and Delivery Income	45.44
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>15,108.40</b>
Cost of Goods Sold	
5000 - Literature	5,006.88
50000 - Cost of Goods Sold	41.43
5050 - Between us COGS	380.76
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>5,429.07</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>9,679.33</b>
Expense	
59900 - POS Inventory Adjustments	-130.01
6045 - Coffee/Soda Expense	39.48
6050 - Credit card fees	133.94
61200 - Cash Drawer Payouts	35.00
6170 - Computer and Internet Expenses	429.00
6260 - Shipping and freight	162.38
6262 - Postage	605.60
6500 - Office	2,889.58
6600 - Payroll	7,942.91
6700 - Professional Fees	1,350.00
69800 - Uncategorized Expenses	7.09
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>13,464.97</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-3,785.64</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-3,785.64</b>
CD Prudent Reserve	84,359.71
Savings Acct	43,577.00
Checking	2286.67

### AREA 75 EVENTS CALENDAR

1. Go to Area 75 website at: [area75.org](http://area75.org). 2. Look for the Area 75 Events Calendar on the right side of the page. 3. Events listed are color coded according to the area office that listed them. 4. Click on the small down arrow at the top right hand corner of the Events listing for the color "key" to the area's events. 5. Click on the small down arrow in the middle (next to the date) to view a specific date or just use the scroll button to move up and down through the days listed.

### AA Groups Need Your Support

- **Jim's Sun Night 1st Step**, Roger's Hospital, 11101 W Lincoln Ave West Allis Sun at 6pm
- **Women's A Gp**, Mondays at 7:32 p. Zion Episcopal Church, 135 Rockwell St, Oconomowoc WI
- **All Welcome Gp, Mondays at 1:30 p.** Bethesda Community Center, 2845 W Fond du Lac Ave, Milwaukee WI 53210
- **Monday Night 7p.m. Topic Discussion**, Living Hope Church, 1991 Hwy 33, Saukville 53080

## Secretary Meeting, March 12, 2013

Groups represented: 6, 10 Sun, 15 TAL, 22, 23, 48, 59, 67, 82, 88, 132 Women, 200, 201, 232, A New Day, A Vision For You, Alone No More, Big Book Readers, By The Book, Common Solution, Early Bird Roger's Memorial, Grupo Five Conceptos, Honest and Able, LGBT Beginners, Milwaukee Group, Monday Night Menomonee Falls Action, Monday Night Women's Waukesha, Rule 62 Men's, Saturday Morning Women's Freedom, Sunday Night Surrender, Trust Through Fellowship, Turning Point Sunday Night, Wanderer's Gp, Waukesha Sunday Night, Way of Life, I'm sorry if I have missed anyone that was in attendance.

Kathy S opened the meeting at 7p. Bank balances on Mar 1, 2013  
Business Checking: \$2,286.67  
Money Market Savings: \$43,577.00  
Prudent Reserve CD's: \$84,350.00  
New secretaries introduced themselves.

**Gratitude Boxes should be returned to Central Office as soon as your group has finished with it.** As of Tuesday March 12, we have collected \$16,872.90 from 445 boxes. This is not be the final count. Please renew Between-Us subscrip-

tions now. \$9 yr. for 3 copies/mo. or \$18 yr. for 6 copies/mo. **NEW subscriptions welcome.**

Milwaukee County Correction Committee needs Volunteers to go into the local correctional units with AA meetings. Call Kris at 414-731-8572. to sign up.

Volunteers are needed for the Central Office and overnight hotline, call Kathy at 414-771-9119.

The **2013 Central Office Jamboree will be held on Saturday September 14, 2013** at the Milwaukee County Zoo. Deb H from Washington D.C. (previously from Beaufort S.C.) will be the guest speaker.

A **"Service Manual Study Group"** as begun at the Milwaukee Central Office, on the **2nd Thursday of each month (started January 10, 2013), at 6:00 p.m. Please Join Us!**

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday April 9, 2013. at 7 pm.

### AA Groups Need Your Support

- **New Hope Brookfield, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.** Trinity UCC, 4435 N Calhoun Rd Brookfield 53005
- **Gp 10-17, Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.,** St Veronica's School, 353 E Norwich, Milwaukee 53207
- **Chicks at Six, 6:00 p.m.,** Alano Club 1521 N Prospect Ave Milwaukee, WI 53202 **CHILD CARE available.**
- **Thursday at 12:15 pm. and Wednesday 5:30 pm. Topic at St. John's Cathedral Complex, 831 N. Van Buren St. Milwaukee 53202**
- **Friday Night Candlelight, 8:00 pm.** St Anskar Episcopal, N48W31340 Hill Rd Hartland WI 53029 (Hwy's 16 & 83)
- **When All Else Fails, Saturday at 7:00 pm.** St Matthias Church, 111 E. Main St. Waukesha 53186

### Deaf, Deaf/Blind and Hard of Hearing AA Meeting List, ASL Interpreter available

- Thursdays at 8:00 p. St John Vianney Parish 1755 N. Calhoun Rd, Brookfield WI. **Open AA Meeting for everyone—Third Thursday of Month,** Wheelchair entrance available.

Meetings are weekly closed AA meetings, except where otherwise noted. All meetings Non-Smoking. **ASL Interpreter available.**

Contact John R. through Voice Relay Service 800-973-8024 / 414-546-3246 TTY/Voice.  
E-mail at: [johnreske9@yahoo.com](mailto:johnreske9@yahoo.com)  
Contact George B. through Video Relay Service 866-483-1938 / 414-903-8905 TTY/VP

# Orientation for GSR's

Second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. prior to the secretary's meeting, at the Milwaukee Central Office. Or, call Ken G. 608-221-2891, [sherwood1@charter.net](mailto:sherwood1@charter.net), to arrange for G.S.R. orientation at your district or workshop.

# DISTRICT MEETINGS

### DISTRICT INFO ON THE WEB:

<http://www.area75.org/district.html>

1. JACKSON, LACROSSE, MONROE, VERNON, & TREMPLEAU; 2 & 18 GREEN LAKE & MARQUETTE CNTY'S & PART OF WAUSHARA; 8 & 30 ROCK; 9. CRAWFORD, GRANT, IOWA and LAFAYETTE; 19 & 37. RICHLAND & SAUK; 20, 21 & 26 DANE; 35. GREEN; 37. JUNEAU CNTY'S (Check the web address above for meeting info.)
3. MANITOWOC & SHEBOYGAN CNTY'S 3rd Wed. of month, 6:30 p., Even numbered months at 1907 Club, 2908 N. 21st St. Sheboygan. Odd numbered months: Alano Club, 404 S 29 St Manitowoc
4. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Thr. of month, 6:00 p., Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Av.
6. WALWORTH CNTY 2nd Wed. of month, 7:30 p., Walworth Alano Club, 611 E. Walworth St., Delavan
7. KENOSHA CNTY 3rd Sun. of month, 4:00 p., Kenosha Alano Club, 630 56th St.
10. Spanish District, at large. Contact Ernesto N. at 414-645-8591. Meets every Tue. at 5:00 p., 1663 S. 6th Street, Milw.
11. JEFFERSON CNTY Meets last Wed. at 5:30 p.m. Moravian Church, 301 College St., Lake Mills,
12. WASHINGTON CNTY 1st Wed. of month, 6:00 p., Jansen Family Park, Schuster Dr. West Bend
13. WAUKESHACNTY (1 of 3) 1st Sun. of month, 1:00 p, St. Matthias Church, 111 E. Main, Waukesha
14. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 4th Wed. of month, 7:00 p, Milwaukee Central Office 7429 W Greenfield Ave., P.O. Box 13011, Wauwatosa WI 53226
15. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) Last Sunday of month,

- 5:30 p, Milwaukee Room 933 E. Center St. Milwaukee
16. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 1st Wed. of month, 7:00 p, Faith United Methodist Church, 400 S. 91st St.,
17. RACINE CNTY (1 of 2) 3rd Sun. of month, 1:00 p, Grove Club, 1037 Grove Ave., Racine
22. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Thr of month, 6:00 p, Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Ave.
23. DODGE CNTY 1st Wed of month at 7:00 p, Dodge Cnty Alano Club, 115 N. Lincoln, Beaver Dam, call to confirm 920-583-3142
24. OZAUKEE CNTY 3rd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Advent Lutheran, W63N642 Washington, Cedarburg
25. FOND du LAC CNTY 2nd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St., Fond du Lac
27. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 3rd Sat. of month, 9:00 a.m. 12 Step Club, 4102 W. Townsend
28. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 3rd Mon. of month, 7:00 p, Bay View United Methodist 2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave. Bay View, WI 53207
29. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p, Luther Memorial Church, 2840 S 84th St., West Allis, WI 53227

31. COLUMBIA CNTY 32. WAUKESHACNTY (1 of 3) 3rd Sun. of month, 1:00 p, Galilee Lutheran Church, N24 W26430 Crestview Dr., Pewaukee
34. WAUKESHACNTY (1 of 3) 1st Tue. of month, 6:30 p, Northwest Alano Club, N88W17658 Christman Rd., Menomonee Falls
36. RACINE/KENOSHA (1 of 2) 2nd Tues. month 6:00 p.m., 12 & 12 Club, 724 N Pine St., Burlington

**SEND ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO:**  
7429 W. Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214,  
[dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com)

## A Buck In The Basket? Really?

Maybe it's time for a raise!



**"Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."**

**Tradition Seven, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions,**

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# CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

**TAYCHEedah CORRECTIONAL**, Meetings are held every other Tuesday, 5:30 -7:30 p.m. Deb L-H. (920)238-7414

**FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION**, P.O. Box 1085 Oxford, No Meeting!

**FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL Satellite Camp**, New Path Group, P. O. Box 1085 Oxford, WI. Meetings Wed. at 1:30 p.m.

**OAK HILL AA GROUP, OAK HILL WCI** 5212 Hwy M, P.O. Box 140 Oregon, WI 53575 Meetings Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Rick B. (608) 235-5154

**THOMPSON FARM, RT. 2 DEERFIELD, WI.** Closed meeting Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. Contact: Tom Dickert, (608)764-5755

**ROBERT ELLSWORTH CORRECTIONAL**, 21425A Spring St., Union Grove, 53182 Call for AA Meeting times: Contact Jo (262) 551-7371 or Karelyn P. 414-327-7915.

**KETTLE MORaine CORR.**, Box 31, W9071 Forrest Dr., Plymouth, AA Thr. at 6:00 p.m. Contact Mike L (920) 898-4782.

**WAUPUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION** AA Meeting Sat. , 8:00a.m.-9:30 a.m. Dale

C. 920-387-4229 after 5 p. clearance.

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION**, 8885 S. 68th St. Franklin WI. **AA Women's** Saturday 10:00 a.m. Kristin L. 414-731-8572 or **AA Men's** on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Dennis D. 414-372-8324

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL** 9th & State Milw aukee WI. Clearance needed at both facilities. **AA Women's** Sat. at 5:00 p.m. Felisa C. (414) 672-6724. **AA Men's** Thr. at 7:00 p.m. John A. at (414) 915-9512

**MILWAUKEE SECURE DETENTION CENTER**, 1015 N. 10th St. Milw . Sunday Nights from 6:30 p. to 7:30 p., Men & Women, Call Marty S. at 414-975-8903 for information

**FOX LAKE CORRECTIONAL**, Box #147, Fox Lake, WI 53933 Closed meetings Tue. & Fri. from 6:00 -8:00 p.m.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL** 411 S. Center St., Jefferson, WI, Mtng. held on Mon. at 7:00 p.m., Contact: Scott N. 920-397-0170

**RACINE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION for MEN** Mtngs: Sun. 8:30 AM, Dane Rx Unit; Wed. 7:00 p. and two meetings on Thursday at 7:00 p. English and Spanish. Call Paul H. (262) 537-2884

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE:** Meets at 6:30 p. on the 3rd Wednesday of every other odd month at Faith United Methodist Church, 400 S. 91st St (91st & Adler). All Milwaukee County Corrections donations should be sent to: **MCCC, PO Box 270544, Milwaukee WI 53227-0544.** Call coordinator: Kris WL at 414—731-8572, with questions. Treasurer Bill E. at 414-433-3507. Corrections volunteers must go through the committee to get AA literature to take into the various facilities. Milwaukee Central Office no longer handles the funds.

**In Memoriam....**On Christmas Day, 12/25/12, the A.A. community/ family lost a truly special person, Alex S. Alex always said he was born on April 1st, and married on Halloween. And then he went home to Haven on Christmas Day. He never had a memory lapse of these milestones in life. Now we too will always recall the day Alex left us.

Alex was 93 years old with 47 years of sobriety. Alex and other "old timers" sobered up the old fashion way. Sometimes there is a temptation to glorify old timers. In Alex's case that temptation is very hard to resist. Alex never shirked the opportunity to do 12 step work. There were very few women in A.A. 47 years ago. Alex, along with another man would pick up women from an early treatment facility every Monday. At the time, the 12 Step Club offered 4 classes (on the steps) as a prerequisite for membership. In addition to providing transportation, Alex taught the classes over, and over again. He never sounded bored or acted as if he was just going through the motions. He laid out simple, sound advice for getting and retaining sobriety. I met Alex at the Friday night 12 Step Club meeting. Many Fridays I cheated, after we counted off. I was hungry to learn what seemed like an incomprehensible path to continued growing sobriety. Alex had a rare peace and serenity which he did not leave at the meeting. He lived the 12 Steps and taught hundreds of us how to apply the steps in our lives. Alex also had true humility. He loved watching new comers grow from skepticism and bitterness over not being able to drink, and develop into what the 24 Hour Book calls useful decent citizens.

Alex sponsored hundreds of men. He and his dear friend Jerry E. scoffed at contemporary sponsorship that says, "Here's my phone #, call me if you need something". Alex stayed in touch with the men he sponsored. He made sure they regularly attended meetings. He also made sure, the men did the 4th and 5th steps, no matter how painful. He often stopped in the 12 Step Club, just for a cup of coffee. If any man was sitting alone, nervous and shaky, Alex introduced himself and another stranger became a friend. Alex always accepted an invitation to speak at an open meeting. Though technically not 12 step work, Alex became a singing waiter for breakfasts at the 12 Step Club. He lived what I initially labeled "those trite 12 steps".

So many recovering alcoholics have a great "Alex" story. One of my favorites was Jerry E. giving Alex a Dr. Kevorkian kit for Christmas. A big part of Alex's success was his wife Catherine's active participation in Al-Anon. They made a great team. Alex's legacy is secure. It is now our responsibility to honor that legacy with service. Alex was never too busy or sober too long to serve. He attended meetings almost to the end. We are all so fortunate to have had Alex in our lives. Let's continue his long wonderful service.

Pam O'H.

**Area 75, So. WI, Calendar of Events 2013**  
Madison Senior Center (MSC), 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison, WI, except where otherwise noted.

- Apr 7. Pre-Conference Assembly
- Apr 21-27. General Service Conference - in Rye, NY
- May 17-19. Annual Area 75 Conference -in Janesville, WI
- Jun 23. Summer Service Assembly
- Jul 19-21. East Central Regional Conference -in Appleton, WI
- Oct 20. Fall Service Assembly
- Nov 15-17. East Central Regional Forum -in Fort Wayne, IN

- Milwaukee Central Office:** 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214 [gmco@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:gmco@aamilwaukee.com)
- Area 75 Treasurer:** PMB #167, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217
- General Service Office:** G.S.O., P O Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163
- Area 75 Corrections, Bridging the Gap and Treatment write to:** PMB # 170, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217



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I'm here because my "primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety"--in that order. I can do the second only if I'm doing the first. No use to say I can't help them if they don't turn up--they can turn up in busloads, but if I don't stay sober, I'm no use. So it boils down to this: I'm here because my primary purpose is to stay sober, and for that--I am responsible.

Certainly, I need the strength of the Fellowship, but not that of any one group or person. I need the strength of a group, whether round a table or through the mail; but that group isn't responsible for my staying sober. That's up to me. Even God, who, as I understand Him, freely gave me sobriety, isn't responsible for my keeping it, for He also gave me free will and the ability to use it, and for that--I am responsible.

To whom am I responsible?

To myself, as I see it, first of all. By the grace of God and the healing power of the Steps, I am a true man at last. But just as my dealings with all my earthly assets are my responsibility, and my material welfare with them, so am I responsible for the stewardship of this spiritual asset of sobriety for the whole person, not earned, but received as a free gift. I love it, and I want to husband and to cherish it, and for that--I am responsible. . .

To myself, and to God. For, as I understand Him, He did not make me freeman, but bondman, trustee of my talents of sobriety. I was given them, not to bury in the ground and hide, but to Invest and use to yield Him return.

To put it crudely, the only way God can see a return on His investment in me is for me to work so that the investment grows and yields a better servant than the one He recruited. The only way I can give Him thanks is to try to show Him a profit on His investment, and for that--I am responsible. . .

To myself, to God, and to my fellow alcoholics. As I've already said, the only way I can help another alcoholic is by being sober and being *there* when I'm needed. There is no other way.

Tonight, there is no one in these rooms but me; yet I'm not alone. For we've an AA statement on the wall, and I look up and I read it, and I join all AAs everywhere in what it says: "When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

While I've been sitting here thinking, and writing this, the allotted time has passed. I must close the rooms and go home, and be rested and ready for work in the morning; for that, too, I am responsible. No other alcoholic has walked in; the phone hasn't rung; but I'm still somehow heartened and strengthened by this evening's experience.

And I'm truly grateful to you out there who, even if you didn't come, still trusted me to be responsible.

J. T

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**JAMBOREE 2013**  
 Milwaukee County Zoo, Peck Welcome Center  
 10001 W. BLUEMOUND RD.  
 SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2013  
 HOSPITALITY: 5:00 P.M., DINNER: 6:00 P.M.  
 SPEAKER: Deb H./Washington D.C. 7:00 ish  
 Dance follows  
 \$30.00 Soda and Water Available \$30.00

Tickets by mail, \$30.00 each. Include a self addressed stamped envelope.  
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 7429 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, WI 53214, 414-771-9119

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**An Orientation for Newcomers!**

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 Saturday's from **9:45 to 10:15am**

where:  
 Greater Milwaukee Central Office  
 7429 West Greenfield Avenue  
 West Allis, WI 53214  
 414.771.9119



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## Spanish Speaking Meetings: Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

- GRUPO 5 CONCEPTOS, Pass It On Club, 6229 W. Forest Home Av, Milw, on Friday at 8:00 p.
- GRUPO NUEVO AMANECER, Tri-County Unity Club, 104 N. First St, Watertown, on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:00 PM and on Sunday at 11:00 AM
- GRUPO FE Y ESPRONZA, Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St. Fond du Lac WI on Wednesday at 7:00 PM and Sundays at 4:00 PM

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agnostics. Thank God for their presence at the meetings held to formulate the AA program. Those members kept the gate open for all alcoholics, who could then come to AA for a way to stop drinking, and not because they thought they were going to find God. They could have gone to church for that.

Again, why are agnostics able to stay sober in AA? In order to do this, I believe, the agnostic has to have a certain amount of self-honesty and intelligence. If he admits that he is an alcoholic, and still says that he cannot believe in a power greater than himself, then he is stating a contradiction. He admits that a liquid is a power greater than himself when he says he is an alcoholic. Now, when this particular alcoholic denies himself this greater power--the bottle--he feels very helpless and alone, because he no longer has his ruler to depend upon. There is a tremendous vacuum in his mind, and unless he fills the vacuum very quickly with something large enough, he will sooner or later go back to the stronger ruler, alcohol.

I believe that the bigger the hold of alcohol on the alcoholic, the larger the vacuum there is to fill. With some of

us, it is a major undertaking. Sometimes, we try to fill it with a love affair, with an obsession for material gain, with compulsive gambling, or with any number of things. Sooner or later, these things will fail. The other person in a love affair is only a fellow human being; we tire of material striving; and compulsions toward gambling, sex, food, or anything else just get us into trouble. We go back to his majesty, the bottle.

If an alcoholic wants to live successfully in society, he must replace the power of alcohol over his life with the power of something else, preferably positive, at least neutral, but not negative. This is why we say to the agnostic newcomer: If you cannot believe in a God, find a positive power that is as great as the power of the bottle, and give it the faith and dependence you gave to alcohol. In AA, the agnostic is left free to find his own Higher Power, and he can use the principles of the program and the group therapy of meetings to aid him in rebuilding his life.

Bill E.  
Memphis, Tennessee

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### NEW DAY CLUB

11936 N. Port Washington  
Mequon, (262) 241-4673  
<http://www.newdayclub.org>

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun.	8:00 a. Topic 11:00 a. Topic 5:00 p. Young People 7:30 p. Topic
Mon.	12:30 p. Tenth Step Gp 5:30 p. Moreabout Alcoholism 7:00 p. 8:15 p. Men's Gp
Tue.	10:00 a. Topic 5:30 p. Big Book 7:00 p. Beginners Gp 8:00 p. Big Book Gp
Wed.	10:00 a. Topic 2:00 p. Promises Meeting 5:30 p. Step Meeting 7:30 p. Women's Lifeline
Thr.	10:00 a. Topic Meeting 1:00 p. Women's Gp 5:30 p. Topic Mtng. 8:00 p. Step Meeting
Fri.	10:00 a. Topic Meeting 5:30 p. Step/Tradition 8:00 p.
Sat.	10:00 a. Step Meeting 5:00 p. Fellowship of Spirit 7:00 p. Feelings 10:00 p. Young People 8:00 p. Open Meeting (held on 3rd Saturday of month only)
<b>AL-ANON MEETINGS</b>	
Monday	6:30 p. Al-Anon
Tuesday	1:00 p. Al-Anon/ACOA
Thursday	7:00 p. Al-Anon
Contact club for info on other fellowships.	

### WAUKESHA ALANO CLUB

318 W. Broadway  
Waukesha, WI  
(262) 549-6541

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun.	9:30 a. Sun Morn Sunlite 11:00 a. Sun Go-To-Mtng (Open speaker 2nd Sunday & Breakfast) 7:00 p. (Open Step Gp)
Mon.	12:00 Noon 6:00 p. Beginners AA 7:00 p. (12 & 12)
Tue.	12:00 Noon
Wed.	12:00 Noon 5:30 p. Topic Gp
Thr.	12:00 Noon 8:00 p.
Fri.	12:00 Noon T.G.I.F. Gp
Sat.	10:00 a. Gp 124 7:00 p. Closed Meeting

**OPEN MEETINGS,  
DANCES & EVENTS**  
Call for information.

### PASS IT ON CLUB

6229 W. Forest Home Ave  
Milwaukee WI (414) 541-6923  
[passitonclub.com](http://passitonclub.com)

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun.	8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up 9:30 a. Reliance Open Disc. 11:00 a. Today choice 3:00 p. Gratitude Plus 7:00 p. Big Book Readers
Mon.	7:30 a. Jump Start 10:30 a. First Step 4:00 p. HappyHour Step Gp. 7:00 p. Mon. Freedom 7:00 p. Open IntroductoryAA
Tue.	7:30 a. Comin'Back Gp 10:30 a. Keep It Simple 4:00 p. Drop the Rock 6:00 p. Women's Step 7:30 p. Three Legacies 7:30 p. Double Trouble DDIO
Wed.	7:30 a. Big Book Study 10:30 a. Pass It On 4:00 p. Happy Hr Promises 7:00 p. We, Us & Ours
Thr.	7:30 a. Welcome Back Gp 10:30 a. Made Decision 5:15 p. As Bill Sees It 7:00 p. Gateway Topic Gp
Fri.	7:30 a. Honesty Gp. 10:30 a. Came To Believe 6:00 p. Womert's Fri. Kickoff 6:30 p. Thoughts 4 Today 8:00 p. Broken Arrow 8:00 p. Spanish Speaking
Sat.	8:30 a. Early Bird 10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free 3:00 p. Twelve Promises 8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12
<b>AL-ANON MEETINGS</b>	
Sun.	11:00 a. (Alateen)
Wed.	7:00 p. Fri. 7:30 p.
Thr.	7:00 p. Sat. 10:30 a.

### UNITY CLUB

1715 Creek Drive  
West Bend, (262) 338-3500  
<http://www.unityofwb.com>

**AA MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun.	10:30 a. ** Gratitude Gp. 8:00 p. Candlelight Gp.
Mon.	10:00 a. Monday A.M. 7:00 p. Men's 7:00 p. Women's
Tue.	10:00 a. Tuesday A.M. 7:30 p. Beginner's 8:00 p. Step Gp
Wed.	10:00 a. Promises 1:00 p. Steps/Promises 8:15 p.*** Step Gp
Thr.	10:00 a. Big Book 7:00 p. EZ Dozen 12x12
Fri.	10:00 a. Step/Topic Gp 8:00 p.* Step Gp.
Sat.	10:00 a. Here & Now 7:00 p. Big Book
<b>AL-ANON &amp; ALATEEN MTNGS</b>	
Saturday	9:00 a. Al-Anon
Thursday	7:15 p. Al-Anon

\* Open Mtng. 4th Fri. of month  
\*\*\* Open Mtng. 3rd Wed. of month  
\*\* Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month (a.m.)

### LAKE AREA CLUB

N60 W 35878 Lake Dr  
Oconomowoc, WI  
(262) 567-9912  
[www.lakeareaclub.com](http://www.lakeareaclub.com)

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun.	8:00 a. 11:00 a. 6:00 p. Big Book 8:00 p.
Mon.	9:00 a. Positive Attitude 6:30 p. 8:00 p. Step/Tradition Stdy
Tue.	1:00 p. 4:00 p. 8:00 p. Back To Basics
Wed.	8:00 a. 10:00 a. 6:00 p. 8:00 p.
Thr.	10:00 a. 4:00 p. 6:00 p. Women's Group 8:00 p.
Fri.	12:30 p. 4:00 p. 6:00 p. Non-smoking 7:00 p. 8:00 p.
Sat.	8:30 a. 10:00 a. Big Book
<b>AL-ANON MEETINGS</b>	
Mon.	8:00 p. Al-Anon
Tue.	9:00 a. Al-Anon
Wed.	7:00 p. Al-Anon
<b>OPEN SPEAKER MEETING</b>	
Sat. 7:00 p. 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturdays (AA and/or Al-Anon Speakers)	

### SERENITY CLUB

3677 E. Pulaski Ave,  
Cudahy, WI 53110,  
(414)483-8308  
[serenityclub.info](http://serenityclub.info)

**AA Meetings**

Sun.	10:00 a. Welcome Gp. 7:00 p. Gp. 83
Mon.	10:00 a. Honesty Gp. 8:00 p. Sharing Strength
Tue.	10:00 a. Gp. 118 8:00 p. Gratitude Gp.
Wed.	10:00 a. Rap Discussion 5:30 P. Courage/Change 8:00 p. 1 Day At A Time
Thr.	10:00 a. Gp. 89 8:00 p. Gp. 88
Fri.	10:00 a. Gp. 41 8:00 p. Gp. 449
Sat.	10:00 a. Reliance Gp. 7:00 p. Big Book Gp.

**AL-ANON MTNG: Sunday 5:30 p.  
AL-ANON MTNG: Tuesday 6:30 p.**

**Call Club for Open Meeting  
& Dance Information**



# Meeting Rooms

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**WALWORTH COUNTY ALANO CLUB**  
611 Walworth St.  
(Hwy. 50 & 11)  
Delavan, WI 53115,  
(262) 740-1888

**Sunday AA**  
10:00 a. Primitive Group  
12:00 Noon Open Speakers  
6:30 p. Delavan Discussion

**Monday AA**  
7:30 a. Delavan Sunny Side Up  
12:00 Noon Delavan Step Meeting  
6:30 p. Former Miss Americas (Women's Step Group)  
6:30 p. Delavan Men's Meeting

**Tuesday AA**  
7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Tue  
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.  
6:30 p. Delavan 12 Step Topic

**Wednesday AA**  
7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Wed.  
12:00 Noon As Bill Sees It Gp.  
6:30 p. Delavan IT Meeting

**Thursday AA**  
7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Thr.  
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.  
5:30 p. Step Sisters Women  
6:30 p. Delavan Big Book Gp.

**Friday AA**  
7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Fri.  
12:00 Noon Big Book Study  
6:30 p. Delavan Discussion  
8:00 p. Delavan Candle-less Gp.

**Saturday AA**  
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.  
6:30 p. Delavan Beginners Gp.

**ALANO CLUB** 1521 N. Prospect Ave. Milwaukee, WI, (414) 278-9102  
<http://www.alanofundation.com>

**A.A. MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

Sun. 10:00 a. Gp 17 Step  
4:30 p. Step Gp  
7:30 p. Gp 19 Step  
10:00 p. Topic Gp

Mon. 7:00 a. Early Morning  
10:30 a. Gp 72 Topic  
12:15 p. Big Book Meeting  
6:30 p. Gp 40 Big Book  
8:00 p. Gp 20 Topic  
10:30 p. Living Sober Step/Topic

Tue. 7:00 a. As Bill Sees It,  
10:30 a. Gp 70 Step  
12:15 p. Gp 76  
7:00 p. Beginners, 1st Step (3rd fl)  
8:00 p. Gp 57 Topic  
10:30 p. 4th Dimension Step/Topic

Wed. 7:00 a. Men's Step  
10:30 a. Gp 9 Step  
12:10 p. Oasis Topic Gp  
6:00 p. Gp 91 Women's  
8:00 p. Gp 3, Step/Topic  
10:30 p. Step/Topic Gp

Thr. 7:00 a. Big Book Meeting  
10:30 a. Gp 97 Step  
12:15 p. Here & Now Gp  
7:00 p. LGBT Big Book  
7:30 p. Gp 26 12x12

Fri. 10:30 p. Peanut Gallery Step Mtng  
7:00 a. Daily Reflections  
10:30 a. Gp 21 Step  
12:15 p. Gp 65  
6:30 p. Here & Now  
8:30 p. Gp30 Tub Topic  
11:30 p. Step/Topic

Sat. 12:15 a. Second Shifters  
11:00 a. Gp 87 Step  
3:00 p. Spiritual Growth  
7:30 p. Open Speaker  
9:00 p. Here and Now  
11:30 p. Tub Topic

**AL-ANON MEETINGS Sunday** 10:00 a. Club is smoke free. Many meetings break outdoors for smoking.

**H.O.W. TO CLUB**  
8930 W. National Ave,  
West Allis, (414) 543-2448  
<http://howtoclub.info/>

Sun. 8 a.-11 p.  
Mon - Thr. 9 a. - 11 p  
Fri - Sat. 9 a. - 1 a.

**AA MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun. 8:00 a. Eye Opener AA Gp.  
10:00 a. Grass Roots (Steps)  
4:30 p. Drop the Rock/67 Step  
6:00 p. AA Topic Group  
8:00 p. Sun. Sober & Serene

Mon. 11:00 a. Winner's Circle  
5:45 p. Gp 132, Women's Gp  
7:00 p. Big Book Gp.  
8:00 p. New Hope Gp.  
11:15 p. Nighthawk Gp.

Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group  
6:00 p. Tues day Non-Smok  
8:00 p. 12 & 12 AA Meeting

Wed. 10:00 a. Foundations Meeting  
6:00 p. AA Beginners Gp.  
7:00 p. Women's Freedom  
8:00 p. Promises Group  
11:15 p. After Hours Gp

Thr. 10:00 a. But For Grace Of God  
6:00 p. 6 PM Here and Now  
8:00 p. How To Get It Going

Fri. 11:00 a. Priority Group  
6:00 p. Big Book Group  
8:00 p. R.U.S. For Us  
11:15 p. Candlelight Promises

Sat. 9:15 a. Men's Topic  
11:00 a. Pioneers Group  
6:00 p. 1st & 12 Topic  
8:00 p. HOW To Saturday\*  
\*(Open meeting on 3rd Saturday)  
10:30 p. Candlelight Gratitude

**24 HOUR CLUB**  
153 Green Bay Rd.  
Thiensville, WI  
(262) 242-9999

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun. 8:00 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Step/Topic  
5:00 p. Step

Mon. 6:30 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Topic  
12:00 p. Women's  
8:00 p. Men's

Tue. 6:30 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Step/Topic  
5:30 p. Big Book

Wed. 6:30 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Big Book  
5:15 p. Women's

Thr. 6:30 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Topic  
5:30 p. Step/Topic/Trad  
8:00 p. Men's 12 & 12

Fri. 6:30 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Step/12 & 12  
5:30 p. Principles  
8:00 p. Step

Sat. 6:30 a. Topic  
8:30 a. Living Sober  
10:00 a. Big Book

**8:00 p. Open Speaker Mtng. (1st Saturday Only)**

**GALANO CLUB**  
- LGBT Recovery -  
315 W. Court St. Suite 201  
Milwaukee, WI 53212-3825  
(414) 276-6936  
<http://www.galanoclub.org/>  
[mail@galanoclub.org](mailto:mail@galanoclub.org)

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun. 10:30 a. Step Topic  
6:00 p. Big Book Study

Mon. 7:30 p. Came To Believe

Tue. 5:30 p. 40+ Topic

Wed. 7:00 p. 12 x 12

Thr. 6:00 p. First Step Mtng

Fri. 7:00 p. Step/Topic

Sat. 7:30 p. Topic

**AL-ANON MEETINGS**

Sun. 10:30 a.m. (Co-ed.)

**CALL THE CLUB FOR INFO ON SPECIAL EVENTS AND OPEN MEETINGS!**

**NORTHWEST ALANO CLUB\***  
N88 W17658 Christman Rd  
Menomonee Falls WI  
53051 (No Phone)

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun. 7:30 p.

Mon. 7:00 p. Just Do It Gp  
8:00 p. Action Gp

Tue. 10:00 a. Step  
8:00 p. Topic

Wed. 8:00 p. Step/Topic

Thr. 10:00 a. Step  
6:00 p. Women's

Fri. 8:00 p. Step/Topic

Sat. 10:00 a. Step  
7:00 p. Simply Sober Gp

**AL-ANON MEETINGS**

Wed. 8:00 p. Al-Anon

Fri. 8:00 p. Al-Anon

\*This Club is a Smoke-Free environment. We have ample meeting space available for 12 Step groups. Contact the Northwest Alano

**12 STEP CLUB**  
4102 W Townsend St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53216  
(414) 871-0610

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun. 10:00 a. Gp. 24 Upstairs

Mon. 11:00 a. Gp. 92

Tues. 6:45 p, Gp. 79

Wed. 11:00 a. Gp. 27

Fri. 11:00 a. Gp. 61 (12x12)

Sat. 10:00 a. Beginners Gp.  
7:00 p. Gp 6

**CALL THE CLUB FOR INFORMATION ON OPEN A.A. MEETINGS, MEETINGS FOR OTHER FELLOWSHIPS and SPECIAL EVENTS.**

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB**  
2245 W. Fond du Lac  
Milwaukee, WI  
414. 931.7033

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Sunday:**  
10:00 a. Friendship  
11:00 a. Third Sunday Open Meeting

**Monday:**  
10:30 a. Step Gp

**Tuesday:**  
7:00 p. Gp 43 Big Book

**Saturday:**  
10:00 a. Gp 112 Step

**Call for information on other types of meetings.**

**Greater Milwaukee Central Office**  
7429 W Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis WI 53214,  
414-771-9119  
[aamilwaukee.com](http://aamilwaukee.com)

**A.A. MEETINGS**

Mon. 12:15 p.  
4:00 p.

Tue. 12:15 p.  
4:00 p.

Wed. 10:30 a.  
12:15 p.  
4:00 p.

Thur. 12:15 p.  
4:00 p.

Fri. 10:30 a.  
12:15 p.  
4:00 p.

Sat. 9:45 a. Newcomer  
10:30 a.  
3:00 p.

**CALL FOR INFORMATION**

**Milwaukee Group**  
933 E Center St  
(River West)  
Milwaukee WI 53212

**A.A. MEETINGS**

Sun. 10:00 a Open Disc  
8:30 p. Big Book

Mon. 5:30 p. Big Book  
7:00 p. 1st Step  
8:30 p. Topic

Tue. 7:00 p. Topic  
8:30 p. Big Book

Wed. 7:00 p. Big Book  
8:30 p. Topic

Thur. 8:30 p. Step  
10:30 p. Topic

Fri. 7:00 p. Beginner's  
8:30 p. Big Book  
11:30 p. Topic

Sat. 8:30 p. Topic  
11:30 p. Topic

**NEW MEETINGS**

Big Book Study, Galano Club, 315 W Court St, (Suite 201, ring buzzer) Milwaukee 53212, **meets Sun. at 6:00 p.**

11th Step Candlelight, Hummingbird Center for Meditation, 3205 S Howell Ave, Milw 53207 **meets Mon. at 6:30 p.**

Gp #43 (Big Book), Friendship Club, 2245 W Fond du Lac Ave, **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.**

LGBT 12&12 Candle-

light, Quaker House, 3224 N Gordon Pl, Milwaukee 53212, **meets Tuesday at 7 p.**

Polish Sober Eagles (Polish Speaking) Prince of Peace, 4419 S Howell Ave Milw. 53207 (rear parking & entrance) **Meets on Tuesday at 6:00 p.** (Polish/Russian Interpreter available)

Couple's In Recovery Open Disc. Living Word Church, 2240 Living Word Ln Jackson 53037 **Fri 7:30 p.**

# Directory Changes

The "Clubs" listed here are not A.A. Clubs. A.A. DOES NOT HAVE CLUBS! A.A. neither endorses nor opposes such clubs. These are social clubs established by groups or individuals who are themselves recovering alcoholics. The A.A. group meeting at the club is available to any alcoholic - club member or not. The group is separate from the club and pays a fair rent for the use of the club facilities. Even though the group meets in a club that may be composed exclusively of A.A. members, and many members of the group may be club members, too, the relationship of the A.A. group itself to the club should be the same as it would be to a church, hospital, school, etc., in which it might rent space for its meetings.

11th Step Open AA Meeting, Bethel Lutheran Church, S77W18426 Janesville Rd, Muskego. **Meets Saturdays at 7:30 a.m.**

### DISBANDED GROUPS

New Day Women's, met Tues 7:30 p., St Marks, 2614 E Bellevue, Milw 53211

Bright Spot of Our Lives, Wed. at 7 p. St James, W220N6588 Town Line Rd Menomonee Falls

Acceptance & Honesty, Thursdays at 6:30 p., Milw Metro Community Church, 1239 W Mineral St. Milw.

### OTHER CHANGES

**Gp #51**, Fridays at 8pm, formerly at St Timothy's on N 90th St. NOW meets at Gloria Dei-Bethesda Lutheran Church, 9420 W Capitol Dr Milw 53222

## OPEN SPEAKER

**Weekly & monthly open speaker meetings listed in February 2013, When & Where**

[aamilwaukee.com/directory.html](http://aamilwaukee.com/directory.html)

**Sundays at 5:00 p.** Pass It On Club, 6229 W. Forest Home Ave.

**Every Friday 7:00 p.** Christ the King, 1600 N Genesee Rd, Delafield

**1st Monday at 1:30 p.** Bethesda Seniors Community Center Open Meeting, 2845 W Fond du Lac Ave

**Wednesdays at 7:00 p.** Salem United Methodist Church, 541 Hwy. 59, Waukesha,

**1st Friday only 8:00 p.** St. Lukes Church, 300 Carroll St., Waukesha

**1st Saturday 7:00 p.** Dist. 15 Open Meeting at Milwaukee Group 933 E Center St. Milwaukee 53212

**1st Saturday 8:00 p.** 24 Hour Club Open Meeting, 153 Green Bay Rd, Thiensville,

**2nd Saturday at 7:00 p.** Dist 12, Living Word Lutheran Church, 2240 Living Word Ln., Jackson WI 53037

**2nd Saturday at 7:00 p.** Dist 34, St. Francis Episcopal Church, N84 W16525 Menomonee Ave

**2nd Sunday at 11:00 a.** Alano Club 318 W. Broadway, Waukesha,

**3rd Sunday at 11:00 a.** Friendship Club 2245 W. Fond du Lac Ave. Milwaukee, WI

**3rd Saturday 8:00 p.** HOW To Club 8930 W. National Ave, West Allis

**3rd Saturday 8:00 p.** New Day Club 11936 N. Port Washington Rd, Mequon, WI

**Last Wednesday 8:00 p.** Trinity United Church of Christ, 4435 N. Calhoun Rd, Brookfield

**Last Wednesday 8:00 p.** Holy Assumption School, 72<sup>nd</sup> & Orchard,

**Saturdays 7:30 p.** Alano Club 1521 N. Prospect, Milwaukee

Contact the Central Office via email: [gmco@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:gmco@aamilwaukee.com), before the 12th of the month prior to your meeting so that it can be listed here under the special Open Meetings.

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## "Faithful Fivers"

**Greater Milwaukee Central Office**  
7429 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis WI 53214

**Faithful Fivers** "When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat, we give a token that we are grateful for our blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with those who still suffer." - *Bill W.*

Every single AA service is designed to make 12th Step work possible. As a **Faithful Fiver** your personal contributions can and will make our vital services possible. You can start with a minimum monthly contribution of \$5.00 or more. This can be paid by check or billed to your credit card.

**Yes! I want to participate in the Faithful Fivers Club.**

**Contribution Information: Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Amount \$:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Monthly** \_\_\_\_\_ **Quarterly** \_\_\_\_\_ **Annually** \_\_\_\_\_

(Note no AA member can contribute more than \$3000 per year)

I am a new member \_\_\_\_\_ a current member \_\_\_\_\_ a returning member \_\_\_\_\_.

Payment Plan:

Check enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ or Bill my credit card: Visa \_\_\_\_\_ M/C \_\_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2013 Weekend Retreats

**Jesuit Retreat House,**  
4800 Fahrwald Rd.  
Oshkosh, WI 54901 call 800-962-7330  
[jesuitretreathouse.org](http://jesuitretreathouse.org)

Men and Women members  
of AA, Al-Anon

Total cost: 4 days \$325.00. Send a \$50.00 deposit with requests for specific dates to retreat house or call for information  
May 2-5 Men, Fr Peter Fennessy, SJ  
May 9-12 Women, Ms Mildred Frank  
May 16-19 Men, Sr Lorna Hays, IBVM  
Nov 7-10 Women, Msgr Ed Griesedieck  
Nov 14-17 Women, Ms Mildred Frank  
Nov 21-24 Men, Fr Tom Weston, SJ

**Redemptorist Retreat Center, 1800 North Timber Trail Lane, Oconomowoc, WI 53066, (262) 567-6900**  
**Email:** [rrc@redemptoristretreat.org](mailto:rrc@redemptoristretreat.org)  
Please call 262-567-6900 for reservations.

### MILWAUKEE CENTRAL OFFICE

- **E-mail Director Dan F.** at: [dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com)
- **Hours: M-F 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
- **G.S.R. Orientation, 2<sup>nd</sup>** Tuesday 6:30 p.
- **Secretary Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup>** Tuesday 7:00 p.
- **Board of Directors Meeting,** Wednesday following Secretaries Meeting, (odd numbered months) 6:30 p.
- **A. A. Meetings, Mon - Fri** at 12:15 p. and 4:00 p., also Wed and Fri at 10:30 a.
- **A. A. Meetings Saturday** 9:45 a., 10:30 a. and 3:00 p.
- [www.aamilwaukee.com](http://www.aamilwaukee.com)

## Three Valleys

### Was this vision a split fraction of all the time in eternity?

**MY HUSBAND** was sound asleep last night before I took a long, hot shower, then crept in beside him, deeply content, at peace with myself, happy to my depths. He saw me through the hell of an entire decade of full-blown alcoholism, and now I have been sober in AA for eight months.

I thanked my Higher Power and was just beginning to drift off to sleep when an image--a sensation?--jolted me wide awake. It was a flash-picture in the mind, brilliantly clear, its duration no more than a few seconds.

I, microscopically small, was on a great, beige-colored plain, light and sunny, the source of light unknown. No other shape--human, animal, or vegetable--was visible. There was no horizon; the plain filled the entire picture. An enormous sense of peace pervaded me. Also, wonder. I looked around in some puzzlement, for this was geography like none I had ever seen. I noticed then three great, rounded valleys curving away and out of sight. I knew that one couldn't see to the bottom of those vast, smooth crevasses; their beginnings and ends were not in the flash scene. And suddenly, I *knew*.

The three valleys were the head, heart, and life lines on the palm of the hand of God.

I curled up then on this "terrain" and felt the deepest sense of security I have ever known as an adult.

I have no explanation. I swear that I was completely sober and had been

for those eight months. I was fully awake. If the vision can be explained away "scientifically" as the work of a happy subconscious, that's all right with me. But I have no intention of trying to dissect it with an agnostic's scalpel. For one brief, indeterminable amount of time, I believe He held me, as a father would indeed reassure his child that his protection is certified.

I dread that self-aggrandizement will be suspected. The experience did not come across that way at all. He gave me, I believe, just one split fraction of all the time in eternity, and I know that I am not special. It was not a matter of special selection that I was there alone. I *knew* that. It apparently fit His purpose to arrange it so, but the whole of humanity and all the still-unknown creatures of the universe could just as well have been included on that "terrain of beige."

I know full well that without AA and all its compassionate members who have responded by mail to me as a Loner, I could never have been receptive enough to have been reached in this manner. I have always been most skeptical, even contemptuous, of "spiritual" happenings. But there is no other category into which "my three valleys" will fit. I accept humbly and with all the gladness and thankfulness within me that moment of clarity.

M. O.  
São Paulo

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It's But  
A Beginning...

#### 62nd Annual Area 75 Conference

May 17-19, 2013

Friday, May 17, 2013

Registration Form

62nd Annual Area 75 Conference  
May 17-19, 2013  
(One form per person please)

3 PM - 9 PM

Registration

8:00 PM

AA Speaker  
Joe S., Janesville, WI

After Speaker

Ice-Cream Social

10 PM - 6 AM

Alkathon

7 AM - 3 PM

Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

AA \_\_\_\_\_ Al-Anon \_\_\_\_\_ Alateen \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_ ASL Interpreter \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs requests must be made by April 16, 2013

Registration \$15.00

Saturday Banquet \$25.00

3-entree buffet

Sunday Breakfast Buffet \$13.00

Bill W. Donation

Total

(The deadline for Banquets is May 13, 2013)

Please make checks payable to:

Southern WI Area 75

P. O. Box 8483

Janesville, WI 53547-8483

For more information contact:  
Joel B. 608-774-3346  
joelbenewich@hotmail.com

For the latest information, log on to:

www.area75.org

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Holiday Inn Express  
3100 Wellington Place  
Janesville, WI 53546

The first 100 registrants will be entered in a drawing for one free set of Conference CDs.

**Badger Bus to Founder's Day in Akron OH. June 6 - 9, 2013. \$350.00 includes Housing, Food and Registration. Deposit of \$150.00 due by April 15, 2013. CALL for information: Roger H. 608-225-6696 or Jeff T. 608-345-8690 or Diane B. 608-438-7703. (Includes city tour on Saturday.)**







**9th Annual Spring  
Retreat For Members of  
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May 17 — 19, 2013**

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**DAILY SCHEDULE**

**Friday, May 17, 2013**  
 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Arrival/Registration  
 6:00 p.m. Light Evening Meal/Dining Room  
 7:30 p.m. Orientation/1st Step Meeting  
 Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
  
**Saturday, May 18, 2013**  
 7:30 a.m. Meditation/Chapel  
 8:00 a.m. Breakfast/Dining Room  
 9:00 a.m. Soap 2 Meeting  
 10:30 a.m. Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
 Topic Meeting  
 12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
 Noon Meal/Dining Room  
 2:00 p.m. Step 3 Meeting  
 3:30 p.m. Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
 Steps 4 & 5 Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
 Mass/Chapel  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Meal/Dining Room  
 7:30 p.m. Steps 8 & 9 Meeting  
 Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
  
**Sunday, May 19, 2013**  
 7:30 a.m. Meditation/Heading in Chapel  
 8:00 a.m. Continental/Dining Room  
 9:00 a.m. Topic Meeting  
 10:30 a.m. Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
 Branch/Dining Room  
 11:30 a.m. Steps 10 & 11 Meeting  
 Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
 Checkout by 1:00 p.m.

**SAFE JOURNEY HOME!**

**Registration  
9th Annual Spring Retreat for Alcoholics  
Anonymous and Al-Anon Members  
May 17—19, 2013**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (evening) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 I require first class accommodations  
 I will share a room if necessary  
 I am including a donation to the  
 scholarship fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am willing to be a speaker for:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ AA  
 \_\_\_\_\_ AA  
 If you need more assistance from the scholarship  
 fund, please contact Br. Gerry at (262) 567-6800  
 Extension 7.  
 Expo \$195.00 per person (2 nights, 4 meals)  
 If payment by check, make payable to  
 Redemptorist Retreat Center  
 Credit card: \_\_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card numbers: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Security code on back of card \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature as printed on card \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mail to: Brother Gerry Patis, C.Ss.R.,  
 Redemptorist Retreat Center  
 1800 North Timber Trail Lane  
 Oconomowoc, WI 53066-4897

**5th Annual District 16 Picnic**

**JUNE 1, 2013**

**RAIN OR SHINE**

**A.A. SPEAKER: MARK V. from Franklin, WI**



**11AM - 4PM (LUNCH is at NOON)**



**SPEAKER is at 1:00PM**



**GREENFIELD PARK**

**(116th & Rogers 3 blocks south of Greenfield Ave.)**



**PICNIC AREA #5**



**Please Bring A Dish To Pass!!**



The NEW DAY  
WOMEN'S GROUP  
needs support!



Please join us on  
**TUESDAYS at 7:30PM**

St. Mark's Church  
2614 East Belleview Pl  
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### SERVICE MANUAL STUDY

A new service manual study meeting is being formed

WHEN: The **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of each month starting January 10, 2013

TIME: **6:00 pm.**

WHERE: **Milwaukee Central Office** – 7429 W. Greenfield Ave,  
West Allis, WI

Have you ever wondered what is inside the covers of the “secret” Service Manual. Have you read something in it and wished you could discuss your questions with other service minded members. Here is your chance. Plan to attend this monthly study meeting.

This meeting is open to any interested Alcoholics Anonymous member whether currently active in some type of AA service or not.

Service Manuals will be available if you need one.

Plan to attend. If you have questions you can contact Nancy H. at 414-801-5184



**TWO** Entirely new AA meetings at the Greater Milwaukee Central Office, need support of some “oldtimers”.  
**Wednesday Mornings at 10:30 a.m. & Friday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.**



### AA: Women to Women

This is a closed AA meeting

A day of sharing:

To foster the sharing of ideas, feelings & issues

To create a safe atmosphere that nurtures honesty & becoming

To explore the positive energy among AA women

9:00 - 9:30 Registration/ Coffee

9:30 - 9:45 Opening/Announcements

9:45 - 10:30 I Came To & Came To Believe

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 11:30 Fear of Criticism

11:30 - 11:45 Break

11:45 - 12:30 AA and Other "isms"

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 2:15 Today Is a Gift

2:15 - 2:30 Closing/Countdown

Saturday April 27, 2013  
9:00am - 2:30pm

The Pass It On Club  
6229 W. Forest Home Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53220  
414-541-6923

For more information contact:

Joy S. 262-215-7513

Karelyn P. 414-975-6701

#### Registration Form

**NEW • No Walk-ins • Registration REQUIRED • Limited Seating available**

Deadline: April 20, 2013

Registration: \$10.00 (in advance)

Please use a separate form for each person

Includes: Lunch Buffet, Coffee, Doughnuts

Please print:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

It is okay to leave a message at this number

Make checks payable to: Women to Women  
Mail to: Women to Women c/o Joy Steinbicer  
3251 S. 54th St Milwaukee, WI 53219