

# "BETWEEN-US"

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## Dear Subscribers and Readers,

We truly appreciated your support, these past years. Our hope is that you have enjoyed and found the Between-Us Newsletter informative and entertaining.

As time and technology have moved forward, it is now time for us to do the same. Due to the high cost of printing and postage and the low number of subscriptions (184), changes should be made.

**Effective January 2020, we will no longer be offering mail service for our Between-Us delivery.**

We will be emailing a copy each month to whomever would like to receive it, at no charge. You will be free to print a "hard copy" for distribution at your group. Also, you can "forward" the email to all of your interested friends and group members. This eco-friendly mode of distribution will help save money and the environment.



Those of you who do not have email can pick up a printed copy at the Central Office, for 25¢ a copy.

If you are interested in having the Between-Us emailed to you, please send contact information to Dan at:

[dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com).

For anyone or group that has already paid for the year 2020, please contact Dan at 414-771-9119 or email:

[dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com) for more information.

Sincerely,  
Milwaukee Central Office  
Board of Directors and Staff



Greater Milwaukee Central Office AA  
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison  
October 2018 through October 2019

	Oct 18 - Oct 19	Oct 17 - Oct 18	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Literature Sales	134,199.25	112,236.47	21,962.78	19.57%
4050 · Between us	3,618.25	3,630.00	-11.75	-0.32%
4070 · Contributions	85,496.81	88,650.03	-3,153.22	-3.56%
4080 · Gratitude boxes	24,593.19	25,785.67	-1,192.48	-4.63%
4090 · Open Meeting / Dinner	8,350.00	10,575.00	-2,225.00	-21.04%
4100 · Memorials	2,690.00	475.00	2,215.00	466.32%
4130 · Personal Contr.	3,792.62	8,079.17	-4,286.55	-53.06%
4150 · Other Income	2,507.15	3,655.21	-1,148.06	-31.41%
4170 · Interest Income	3,058.47	3,458.47	-400.00	-11.57%
4600 · Merchandise Sales	8,306.95	18,088.14	-9,781.19	-54.08%
4830 · Sales Discounts	120.00	140.00	-20.00	-14.29%
48900 · Shipping and Delivery	1,077.40	722.78	354.62	49.06%
Total Income	277,395.29	275,495.80	1,899.49	0.69%
Total Cost of Goods Sold	83,934.26	76,767.23	7,167.03	9.34%
Gross Profit	193,461.03	198,728.57	-5,267.54	-2.65%
Expense				
51100 · Freight and Shipping	1,735.62	1,490.58	245.04	16.44%
59900 · POS Inventory Adjustments	699.68	1,103.71	-404.03	-36.61%
6000 · Advertising and Promotion	1,062.50	610.48	452.02	74.04%
6045 · Coffee/Soda/Candy	1,046.22	1,294.64	-248.42	-19.19%
6050 · Credit card fees	2,508.26	1,874.62	633.64	33.8%
6170 · Computer and Internet	1,825.00	1,329.89	495.11	37.23%
6200 · Conferences & conventions	134.94	35.00	99.94	285.54%
6240 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	1,881.00	-1,881.00	-100.0%
6262 · Postage	0.00	3.04	-3.04	-100.0%
6330 · Insurance Expense	1,567.00	2,629.00	-1,062.00	-40.4%
6345 · Open Meeting/Dinner	12,341.10	11,970.42	370.68	3.1%
6370 · License & permits	255.00	235.00	20.00	8.51%
6500 · Office	44,982.53	42,389.15	2,593.38	6.12%
6600 · Payroll	110,723.23	106,580.38	4,142.85	3.89%
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	7.19	0.81	6.38	787.65%
6700 · Professional Fees	1,275.00	1,145.00	130.00	11.35%
6800 · Printing	0.00	2,285.00	-2,285.00	-100.0%
69800 · Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	-100.0%
Total Expense	180,163.27	179,857.72	305.55	0.17%
Net Ordinary Income	13,297.76	18,870.85	-5,573.09	-29.53%
Other Income	1.44	0.00	1.44	100.0%
Net Income	13,299.20	18,870.85	-5,571.65	-29.53%

**Account Balances:**

Checking: 7,514.53  
Savings Account: 50,998.97  
Prudent Reserve: 163,805.25

**What is the Prudent Reserve?**

The A.A. guideline document produced by A.A. World Services, Inc., suggests a prudent reserve for a central office or intergroup be fixed somewhere between one and twelve months' operating expenses. The prudent reserve is not available for everyday use. It is only meant for startup and twelve months of operating expenses, in an emergency situation.

**Meeting Space Available**

- **St Martin Mission Church**, 29th and Lincoln Ave, Milwaukee. Contact: [fr.stevenblock@yahoo.com](mailto:fr.stevenblock@yahoo.com) or call 262-510-7400 (Fr. Steven) for more information.
- **Christ United Methodist Church**, 5200 S 48th St. Greenfield WI 53221. Wheel-chair accessible space available. Contact: Jo, 414-421-0202 or email: [christumcl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:christumcl@sbcglobal.net)

## Secretary Meeting, Nov. 12, 2019

Groups represented: Another Chance Tuesday Night, Big Book Readers, Conscious Contact Discussion, Early Bird Rogers Hosp., Honesty Gp, How It Works Big Book/12x12 Disc., Mayfair Women's Mon/Fri, Monday Night Women's Waukesha, New Beginnings Oconomowoc, Rap Discussion, Reality Gp, Restore Us To Sanity Topic, Serenity In The Woods, Thinking Outside the Bottle, Wanderer's Gp. Only 15 groups were represented. I'm sorry if I have missed anyone that was in attendance.

Nancy S. opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

**Bank Balances** on page two.

**New secretaries** introduced themselves, and made announcements.

**ALL MEETINGS** listed in our meeting directories should routinely contribute to the AA Service Entities; Milwaukee Central Office 50%, GSO in New York 30% and Area 75 Committee 10% and to your Districts 10%.

**BIRTHDAY CLUB!** We celebrate birthdays, and we'd like to help you celebrate yours! Send us a donation of \$1 for each year - or more if you'd like - and we'll print your birthday in the Between-Us Newsletter. Include your Home Group, and we'll print that too! Just fill in the form found on page 6 of this newsletter.

**Volunteers are needed** for the helpline, some overnight and some Saturdays (9-1 or 1-5). Some in-office hours available now. You need to have at least 1 year of sobriety, a Home Group and Sponsor. Call Nancy or Dan.

**Gratitude Boxes:** All groups should have received the boxes, to pass at the Nov/Dec meetings. If you did not receive a box, contact the Central Office to pick one up. Please return boxes (or a check) to the Central Office during January. Include the group name and ID number on all correspondence.

### Central Office Holiday Closings:

- Closing at 1:00 pm on Dec. 24,
- Closed All Day Dec. 25,
- Closing at 1:00 pm on Dec 31,
- Closed All Day January 1 2020

### Guest Speaker: Glen G. Holiday Alkathon Representative:

Drawing for group time slots will be on Monday Dec. 2. Contact Donna at 414-322-0022 or email her: [alkathon@wi.rr.com](mailto:alkathon@wi.rr.com). Final committee meeting will be on Dec. 16th.

**The meeting closed** with the Lord's Prayer at 7:30 p.m.. Next meeting is Dec 10, 2019, 7 p.m.

**The deaf access committee needs to rotate it's members.** We are searching for two AA members to act as Co-Chairs, a treasure, and a liaison person to work with Members of AA Deaf community. They can email DAC at:

[milwareadeafaccess@gmail.com](mailto:milwareadeafaccess@gmail.com)

#### Deaf Access Committee (DAC) October 2019

Balance: \$8,710.43  
Contributions: \$1,765.15  
Interpreter : \$ 300.00  
Awareness Event

Expenses: N/A  
Donations: N/A  
Annual Cost of interpreters for 3 meetings a week @\$160 per meeting is \$24,960  
Leslie P. with questions:  
[eclvr@wi.rr.com](mailto:eclvr@wi.rr.com)

## ORIENTATION for GSR'S

Second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. prior to the secretary's meeting, at the Milwaukee Central Office. Call before you come 414-771-9119

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

### DISTRICT INFO ON THE WEB:

<https://www.area75.org/page/districtmeetings>

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; 31. COLUMBIA CNTY; 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

6. WALWORTH CNTY 2nd Tue. 7:30 p. Feb. Apr. June. Aug. Oct. and Dec. only, 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. Contact: Salvador G. at 414-446-0158. Meets every 2nd & 4th Sunday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. 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., the Jackson Community Center N165W20330 Hickory Ln., Jackson, WI. 53037

13. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 1st Sun. of month, 1:00 p, St. Matthias Church, 111 E. Main, Waukesha

14. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 4th Wed. of month, 7:00 p, Milwaukee Central Office 7429 W Greenfield Ave., P.O. Box 13011, Wauwatosa WI 53226

16. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 1st Wed. of month, 6:00 p, Milw. Central Office, 7429 W Greenfield Ave.

17. RACINE CNTY (1 of 2) 3rd Sun. of month, 1:00 p, Grove Club, 1037 Grove Ave., Racine

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., Peltz Center for Jewish Life, 2233 W Mequon Rd. Mequon

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 6) 3rd Wednesday of month, 7:00 p.m. Covenant Lutheran Church, 8121 W Hope Ave, Milwaukee WI 53222

28. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p, Bay View United Methodist 2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave. Bay View, WI 53207

29. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p, Luther Memorial Church, 2840 S 84th St., West Allis, WI 53227

32. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 4th Tuesday of month, 6:30 p, Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 470 Oak Crest Dr., Wales WI.

34. WAUKESHA CNTY (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

38. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) Last Sunday of month 4:30 p.m. All Saint Cathedral, 818 E Juneau Ave.

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

**2 Bucks In The Basket... Make it a Reality, not just a dream!**



**"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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 5:45 -7:30 p.m., Gloria K. (920) 921-2395

**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 Jennifer H. (262) 237-1294 or Cheryl P. (262) 914-3970.

**KETTLE MORAIN 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.

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL** 9th & State Milwaukee WI.

**MILWAUKEE SECURE DETENTION CENTER,** 1015 N. 10th St. Milwaukee

**Milwaukee Women's Correctional Ctr.** 615 W Keefe Ave. Milwaukee

**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.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday every odd numbered month at All Saints Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Donations should be sent to: **MCCC, PO Box 270544, Milwaukee WI 53227-0544.** Call coordinator: Kôtá at (262) 385-3443, email: mcccordinator@gmail.com w/

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.

**Area 75, Southern WI,  
Calendar of Events 2019**  
Madison Senior Center  
330 W. Mifflin St., Madison,  
except where otherwise noted.

- Jan. 26, 2020, Assembly
- Mar. 08, 2020, Delegates Workshop
- Apr. 05, 2020, Assembly
- Jun. 28, 2020, Assembly
- Sep. 13, 2020, Assembly
- Nov. 6-8, 2020, Conference Area 75 Holiday Inn, Mani-towoc WI

- **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
- **Milwaukee Deaf Access Committee:**  
[www.milwdac.org](http://www.milwdac.org); Email: [MilwaukeeAreaDeafAccess@gmail.com](mailto:MilwaukeeAreaDeafAccess@gmail.com); Mailto: Deaf Access Committee, P.O. Box 1982, Waukesha WI 53186

## JOIN the BIRTHDAY CLUB!

We celebrate birthdays, and we'd like to help you celebrate yours!  
Send us a donation of **\$1 for each year of Sobriety-** or more if you choose- and we'll print your birthday in the Between-Us Newsletter.  
Include your Home Group, and we'll print that also!

All request must be by the 12th of the previous month.  
Late arrivals will appear the following month.

Just fill in the form below and mail, with your donation, to:

Payable to: "Greater Milwaukee Central Office"  
**Memo: Birthday Club**  
**7429 W Greenfield Ave**  
**West Allis WI 53214**



\$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

I will have \_\_\_\_\_ years on \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ .

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Group: \_\_\_\_\_



## A Profound Sense of Gratitude, How Fortunate We Are Today By Rick R.

Alcoholics Anonymous came into existence in 1935 when Bill and Bob started carrying their message to fortunate souls who, up to that point, had little hope of ever overcoming the disease of alcoholism. Prior to that, there were attempts to overcome the disease that came close but failed when they allowed other issues to distract them from their primary purpose. I'm sure they had some, but not all, of the answers, but it did give our co-founders some of the answers as to "what not to do" when they established the steps and traditions. The book, Alcoholics Anonymous was published in 1939 after the first 100 alcoholics had maintained their sobriety. I was born in 1941, just two years after the Big Book was published. I was 28 years old when I came to the program which, at that time, was only in existence for 34 years. They say that Alcohol has been around for about 10 thousand years. How fortunate we are today, to be among the first, to have been chosen at this time to have a solution laid at our feet and for them to have the wisdom to not allow the first 164 pages of the Big Book to be edited or changed. When I talk of the word Gratitude, I ponder the vast amount of time (10 thousand years) that there was no answer to this problem and the hopelessness of those

unfortunate souls before 1935. As a child I watched my parents and grandparents, and many of the elders in my life hopelessly suffer through the pains of this disease and they didn't even consider it a disease. On October 15, I will celebrate 50 years of sobriety and no one could be more grateful for all the benefits I have received as the results of clinging to this wonderful program and all the principles and values that have given me the tools that separated me from the delusional thinking of the past and showed me a path of recovery that has influenced so many people, starting with my immediate family and spiraling outward to my relatives, my friends and coworkers and all my A.A. associates. If A.A. had come into existence and the Big Book would have been published just 30 years later than it was, I, most likely, would have been included in those unfortunate souls of the past that had no hope. I showed up at the doors of A.A. on Oct. 15, 1969 and as I see it, the Program had evolved just enough to be ready for this Grateful recipient and I will always be amazed by the timing of it all. In the 84 years of its existence, Alcoholics Anonymous has been the answer for millions and considering all the ten thousand years before the existence of A.A.; I believe we are very fortunate to be on the cutting edge of one of most important and beneficial developments in the history of mankind and to think that it all started when two common

*("Gratitude" Continued on top of page 9)*

### AA Groups Need Your Support

Wauwatosa Ave, 53213

- **Sundays at 6 p. Sense of Belonging Open AA**, 11th Step prayer and Meditation, 4040 N Calhoun Rd. Brookfield WI 53005
- **Mondays at 7 p.** Group 29, St Catherine Church, 5101 W Center St, Milwaukee WI 53210
- **Wednesday 11 a.m.** Gp 10-17, St Veronica's 353 E Norwich, Milwaukee 53207
- **Wednesday 6 p.m.** Women's Big Book, Martin Luther Church, 9235 W Bluemound Rd. Milw. 53226
- **Thursday at 12:15 p.m. and Wednesday 5:30 p.m.** St. John's Cathedral Complex, 831 N. Van Buren St. Milwaukee 53202
- **Thursday 8:30 p.m.** Gp 22, Underwood Memorial Baptist, 1916 Wauwatosa Ave, 53213
- **Friday at 7 p.m.,** NCIC Gp 24, NCIC Church 2328 W Capitol Dr, Milwaukee WI 53206
- **Friday at 7 p.m.** First Things First, St Margaret Mary, 3930 N 92nd St. Milw 53222
- **Friday 9:30 p.m.** Big Book, Martin Luther Church 9235 W Bluemound Rd. Milw. 53226
- **Friday 8 p.m.** Candlelight, St Anskar Episcopal, N48W31340 Hill Rd Hartland WI (Hwy's 16 & 83)
- **Saturday 11 a.m.** Big Book, St. Pius X Church, 2506 Wauwatosa Ave. Wauwatosa WI 53213

(“Gratitude” Continued from page 8)

variety drunks got together and triggered the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Words cannot express the Gratitude I have for this program considering all the suffering that went on prior to 1935 when God saw fit to intervene and offer up a choice, and fortunately, Bill and Bob were listening and heard His loving voice. As I read the long form of

the Twelve Traditions and all the pains it took when tackling all the points and counter points while formulating our program, I am amazed that all the pieces fell in place as they are today, and they seem to have gotten it right. I am extremely Grateful for those that came before me and handed me the wonderful life I live today.

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Rick R. Naples Florida

(Milwaukee Area)

## Holiday Alkathon

2019-2020



### Christmas and New Years Eve!

The Holiday Alkathon is 34 hours of around the clock AA meetings hosted in 2 hour time slots by randomly selected, volunteer AA groups.

## WANTS YOU! (to attend)

### Location:

Bay View United Methodist Church, 2772 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207 (use the Clement St. entrance). The event begins at noon Christmas Eve (Tuesday) and continues until 10:00 p.m. Christmas Day (Wednesday). The Alkathon reopens 1 week later at noon New Year's Eve (Tuesday) and closes at 10:00 p.m. New Year's Day (Wednesday).



For this information and more visit;  
Facebook; Milwaukee Area Holiday Alkathon  
[www.area75.org](http://www.area75.org) click on events or calendar  
[www.aamilwaukee.com](http://www.aamilwaukee.com) click on calendar of events

# ANNUAL Groups 10 & 23 Open Christmas Meeting

First Lutheran Church  
7400 W. Lapham  
West Allis

Friday December 13<sup>th</sup>

Al-Anon Speaker Mike W.  
AA Speaker Tom S.

Doors open 6:30 for fellowship and food  
Speakers at 7:30





## BUTLER SUNDAY NIGHT

'19 HOLIDAY GRATITUDE MEETING

**WHEN: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**

WHERE: ST. AGNES CHURCH  
12801 W. FAIRMOUNT  
BUTLER, WI

(enter back door on playground lot)

FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP  
6-7pm

OPEN MEETING  
7-8pm

SHARE YOUR GRATITUDE WITH US!

# MEETING ROOMS

**NEW DAY CLUB**  
11936 N. Port Washington  
Mequon, (262) 241-4673  
<http://www.newdayclub.net>

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun. 8:00 a. Topic  
11:00 a. Topic  
5:30 p. Young People  
7:30 p. Topic

Mon. 12:30 p. Tenth Step Gp  
5:30 p. More about Alcoholism  
7:00 p. Men's Gp  
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  
7:00 p. Women's Lifeline

Thr. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting  
1:00 p. Women's AA Gp  
5:30 p. Topic Meeting

Fri. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting  
5:30 p. Step/Tradition  
8:00 p. Young People

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)

**AL-ANON MEETINGS**  
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.

**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 Meeting  
11:00 a. Today's 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. Happy Hour Step Gp.  
7:00 p. Open IntroductoryAA

Tue. 7:30 a. Comin' Back Gp  
10:30 a. Keep It Simple  
4:00 p. Drop the Rock  
7:30 p. Three Legacies  
7:30 p. Double Trouble DD/O

Wed. 7:30 a. Big Book Study  
10:30 a. Pass It On  
4:00 p. Happy Hr Promises  
5:30 p. Courage to Change  
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  
6:00 p. How It Works Disc.  
7:00 p. Gateway Topic Gp

Fri. 7:30 a. Honesty Gp.  
10:30 a. Came To Believe  
6:00 p. Women's Fri. Kickoff  
6:30 p. Thoughts 4 Today  
8:00 p. Broken Arrow

Sat. 8:30 a. Early Bird  
10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free  
3:00 p. Twelve Promises  
3:00 p. How It Works Big

Book 8:00 p. Spanish Speaking  
8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12

**AL-ANON MEETINGS**

Sun. 11:00 a. (Alateen)  
Wed. 7:00 p. Fri. 7:30 p.  
Thr. 7:00 p. Sat. 10:30 a.

**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. Early Bird  
11:00 a. Friendship Gp  
6:00 p. Big Book  
8:00 p. Gopher Sunday

Mon. 9:00 a. Positive Attitude  
6:30 p. Otter Gp  
8:00 p. Step/Tradition Stdy

Tue. 1:00 p.  
4:00 p.  
7:00 p. Life House

Wed. 8:00 a.  
10:00 a. Back To Basics  
1:00 p. Women's Meeting  
6:00 p.  
8:00 p.

Thr. 10:00 a.  
4:00 p.  
6:00 p. Women's Group  
8:00 p. Grapevine Mtng

Fri. 12:30 p.  
4:00 p.  
6:00 p. Non-smoking  
8:00 p. Old School House

Sat. 8:30 a. 11th Step  
10:00 a. Big Book  
5:30 p. Perfect Time B/B

**AL-ANON MEETINGS**

Mon. 7:00 p. Al-Anon  
Tue. 9:00 a. Al-Anon  
Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon

**OPEN SPEAKER MEETING**

Sat. 7:00 p. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays  
(AA and/or Al-Anon Speakers)

**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

Fri. 12:00 Noon T.G.I.F. Gp  
7:00 Topic Discussion

Sat. 10:00 a. Gp 124  
7:00 p. Closed Meeting

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

**GALANO CLUB**  
- LGBT & All in Recovery -  
7210 W Greenfield Ave  
Suite 1, Lower Level  
Milwaukee, WI 53214  
(414) 276-6936  
<http://www.galanoclub.org/>  
[galanoclub@gmail.com](mailto:galanoclub@gmail.com)

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun. 10:30 a. Step Topic

Mon. 7:30 p. Came To Believe

Tue. 6:00 p. 40 + Topic

Wed. 7:00 p. 12 x 12

Thurs. 7:30 p. Living Sober - ODAT

Fri. 7:00 p. Step/Topic

Sat. 7:30 p. Big Book & More

**AL-ANON MEETINGS**

Sun. 10:30 a. Al-anon

Meeting Space Available  
See website for Club Events.  
[www.galanoclub.org](http://www.galanoclub.org)

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

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun. 7:00 p.

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

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

Wed. 7:30 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. 7:00 p. Al-Anon

Fri. 7:30 p. Al-Anon

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

# MEETING ROOMS

**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. 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. Sunny Side Up  
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.  
6:30 p. Delavan 12 Step Topic

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

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

**Friday AA**  
7:30 a. Sunny Side Up  
12:00 Noon Big Book Study  
6:30 p. Delavan Discussion

**Saturday AA**  
7:30 a. Sunny Side Up  
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.  
6:30 p. Delavan Beginners Gp.

**ALANO CLUB** 1521 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53202  
(414) 278-9102  
<http://www.alanofoundation.com>

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Sun.** 7:00 a. AA Meeting  
10:00 a. Gp 17 Step  
1:00 p. Refuge Recovery  
4:30 p. Life Savers

**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

**Tue.** 7:00 a. As Bill Sees It,  
10:30 a. Gp 70 Step  
12:15 p. Gp 76

**Wed.** 7:00 a. Beginners, 1st Step  
10:30 a. Gp 9, Step  
12:15 p. Oasis Topic Gp  
6:00 p. Chicks at Six Gp  
7:30 p. Yoga AA

**Thr.** 6:00 a. AA  
7:00 a. Big Book Meeting  
10:30 a. Gp 97, Step  
12:15 p. Here & Now Gp  
7:00 p. Sober and Out

**Fri.** 7:00 a. Daily Reflections  
10:30 a. Gp 21, Step  
12:15 p. Gp 65  
6:30 p. Here & Now  
11:59 p. Second Shifters (Sat.)

**Sat.** 7:00 a. AA Meeting  
11:00 a. Gp 87 Step  
3:00 p. Spiritual Growth  
7:30 p. Open Speaker  
9:00 p. Here and Now

**AL-ANON MEETING**  
**Sunday** 10:00 a. Al-Anon

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

M, W, F, Sat. 9 a. -11 p,  
Tue Thr 9a. - 9p., Sun 8a to 9p.  
Sun. 8:00 a. Eye Opener AA Gp.  
10:00 a. Grass Roots (Steps)  
4:30 p. Drop the Rock 6/7 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. What's The Point

**Tue.** 11:00 a. Willingness Group  
6:00 p. Tuesday Non-Smoke  
7:00 p. Deaf/Hearing Impaired  
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)

**24 HOUR CLUB**  
153 Green Bay Rd.  
Thiensville, WI

## 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  
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. Big Book/Steps  
10:00 a. Big Book

**8:00 p. Open Speaker Mtng.**  
(1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Only)

**UNITY CLUB**  
1715 Creek Rd  
West Bend, (262) 338-3500  
[unityclub1715@att.net](mailto:unityclub1715@att.net)

## 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 Dozen12x12

**Fri.** 10:00 a. Step/Topic Gp  
8:00 p. \* Step Gp.

**Sat.** 10:00 a. Here & Now  
7:00 p. Big Book

## AL-ANON & ALATEEN MTNGS

**Saturday** 9:00 a. Al-Anon  
**Thursday** 7:15 p. Al-Anon

\* Open Mtng. Last Friday of month  
\*\* Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month  
(10:30 a.m.)

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

2245 W. Fond du Lac  
Milwaukee, WI  
414. 931.7033

Email: [friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net)

## 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**  
10:30 a. Gp 112 Step

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

Email: [friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net)

# MEETING ROOMS

## 12 STEP CLUB

4102 W Townsend St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53216  
(414) 871-0610

## A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Wed. 11:00 a. Gp. 27

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

Sat. 10:00 a. Beginner's  
7:00 p. Gp 6

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

**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. Open (1st Step)  
8:30 p. Topic

**Tue.** 7:00 p. Open (Topic)  
8:30 p. Open (Big Book)

**Wed.** 7:00 p. Open (Big Book)  
8:30 p. Topic

**Thur.** 6:30 p. Open (Topic)  
8:30 p. Step

**Fri.** 7:00 p. Beginner's  
8:30 p. Open (Big Book)

**Sat.** 8:30 p. Topic

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

## A.A. MEETINGS

**Mon.** 12:15 p

**Tue.** 12:15 p

**Wed.** 12:15 p  
4:00 p

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

**Fri.** 12:15 p

**Sat.** 9:15 a, 1st Step  
10:30 a

**We do not meet on major holidays.**

**LIGHTHOUSE ON DEWEY**  
1220 Dewey Ave.  
Wauwatosa WI  
**AA MEETINGS**

**Sunday**  
6:00 p. Jim's First Step  
7:30 p. Gp 78

**Tuesday**  
6:00 p. 11th Step  
Meditation Practice  
7:30 p. Professionals

**Wednesday**  
7:30 p. Big Book  
8:00 p. "RES-IPSA"

**Thursday**  
7:30 p. Alumni No 12

**Friday**  
7:15 p. Gp 74

**Saturday**  
10:00 a. Gp 59  
7:00 p. Big Book Top-ic

# Directory Changes

## NEW MEETINGS

**Mondays 7:30 p.m.** First Unitarian Society,  
1342 N Astor St. Milwaukee, "We Agnostics".

**Mondays 6:30 p.m.** Uhles Cigar Shop (LL) 114  
W Wisconsin Ave, Milw 53203. Cigar smoking  
allowed. No wheelchair access.

**Mondays 7:00 p.m.** St. Aidan's Episcopal  
Church, 670 E Monroe Ave, Hartford WI 53027

**Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.** Lake Park Lutheran,  
2647 N Stowell Ave, Milwaukee 53211

**Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.,** 12&12 Study, Cedar  
Springs Church, 3128 Slinger Rd, Slinger WI  
53086

**Fridays at 7p.m.,** Primary Purpose, St James  
Catholic Church, W220N6588 Town Line Rd,  
Menomonee Falls WI 53051

**Saturday 7:30 p.m.** 7210 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis 53214

#### DISBANDED GROUPS

**Gp 29**, met Mondays at 7:00 p.m., St Catherine Church, 5101 W Center St. Milwaukee.

**Home At Last**, Tuesday 8:30 a.m, met at St Luke's Lutheran, 6705 Northway, Greendale

**Wednesday 8 p.m.** Menomonee Falls, Gloria Dei Church, W180N7863 Town Hall Rd.

#### OTHER CHANGES

**Brookfield Unity**, 4600 N Pilgrim Pkwy, Brookfield...previously Monday at 7:30pm. NOW starts at 7:00 pm.

**1st 164 Big Book**, Tuesdays in West Bend, now meets at 5th Ave Methodist Church, 323 5th Ave, West Bend 53095

**WELL Beginners and WELL Big Book**, Tuesdays in Wales, **NOW** meets at: New Vision Bretheren-Christ Church, N14W27995 Silvernail Rd, Pewaukee WI 53072

#### OPEN SPEAKER

**Weekly & monthly speaker meetings listed in December 2018 When & Where**

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

**Sundays at 10 a.** Milwaukee Gp. 933 E Center St, Milwaukee WI, 53212

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

**3rd Sunday Open 11 a.**, Friendship Club, 2245 W Fond du Lac Ave, Milw

**Sundays at 7:00 p.** VA Hospital 5000 W National Ave 3rd Floor Unit 3A

**1st Tuesdays in Jan, Apr, July and October at 7:30 p.** Acceptance Gp. First Congregational Church, 1111 N Chicago Ave So. Milwaukee.

**Last Wednesday 7:30 p.** Gp 23 First Lutheran Church, 7400 W Lapham St, West Allis

**Wednesdays at 7:00 p.** Salem United

Methodist Church, 541 Hwy. 59, Waukesha

**3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.** St John Vianney, 1755 N Calhoun Rd, Brookfield WI

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

**4th Friday 8:00 p.** Imago Dei Church, 2327 N. 52nd St., Milwaukee 53210

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

**1st 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, Menomonee Falls, 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,

**5th Saturday 3:00 p.** How To Club, 8930 W National Ave, West Allis

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

Contact the Central Office via email:



**TREAT YOURSELF TUESDAY**

STEP & TOPIC MEETING

8:00 PM  
5655 N. LAKE DR  
WHITEFISH BAY  
CHRIST CHURCH  
(USE MAIN ENTRANCE)

JOIN US FOR MEETING AND FELLOWSHIP

**ASL Interpreter Available: Meeting for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Tuesdays 7:00 P.M., H.O.W To Club, 8930 W National Ave. West Allis WI 53227**

#### SERVICE MANUAL STUDY

**Meets 2nd Thursday each month at 6:00 p.m.**

**Milwaukee Central Office**  
7429 W Greenfield Ave  
West Allis WI

Find out more about the AA Service Manual. Study group is open to any AA member whether currently active in AA service work, or not.

**Contact: Nancy H at 414-801-5184 with questions.**

#### Spanish Speaking Meetings: Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

- GRUPO 5 CONCEPTOS, Pass It On Club, 6229 W. Forest Home Av, Milw, on Saturday at 8:00 p.
- GRUPO NUEVO AMANECER, Tri-County Unity Club, 104 N. First St, Wauertown, 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

**2020 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 \$390.00. Send a \$75.00 deposit with requests for specific dates to retreat house or call for info.

**Men:** , May 7-10 2020, Dec. 3-6 2020.

**Women:** May 14-17 2020, Aug. 20-23 2020, Nov. 12-15 2020, Nov. 19-22 2020.

**Redemptorist Retreat Center**, 1800 N Timber Trail Lane, Oconomowoc, WI 53066, (262) 567-6900 Email: [rrc@redemptoristretreat.org](mailto:rrc@redemptoristretreat.org) Please call for reservations. AA and Al-Anon, \$250 three nights. We discuss the 12 steps and related topics.

#### MILW. CENTRAL OFFICE

- **E-mail us at:** [gmco@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:gmco@aamilwaukee.com)
- **Hours: M, W, Th, Fr** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Tuesday** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., (until 7:30 p. on 2nd Tues. each month) **Sat.** 9 a.m. - 1p.m.
- **G.S.R. Orientation**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:30 p., call first.
- **Secretary Meeting**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:00 p.
- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wed. following Secretaries Meeting, (odd numbered months) 6:30 p.
- **A. A. Meetings**, Mon - Fri at 12:15 p., Wed. & Thur at 4 p., Sat. 9:15 a., & 10:30 a.
- **Service Manual Study:** 2nd Thurs. of month at 6 p.m.
- **Dist. 14**, 4th Wed. at 7 p.m.
- **Dist. 16**, 1st Wed. at 6 p.m.
- [www.aamilwaukee.com](http://www.aamilwaukee.com)



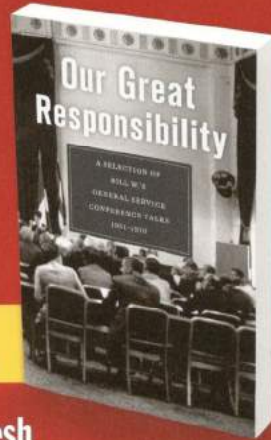
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## Monthly Central Office/ Intergroup Meeting!

Milwaukee Central Office  
7429 W Greenfield Ave  
West Allis, WI 53214

**Second Tuesday of Every  
month, at 7:00 P.M. ALL  
group Secretaries are en-  
couraged to attend.**

There is a **New GSR orien-  
tation, at 6:30 P.M.**, call  
to give us a "heads up" if  
you are a new GSR, and  
want to attend the orienta-



## CHRISTMAS SEASON 1975

I was several months sober; my phone was ringing off the hook; a host of new AA friends were keeping my spirits alive and happy. I was going to meetings all around Los Angeles as often as possible. My spare time was spent hanging at the clubhouse at 26th and Broadway, in Santa Monica. There I felt safe because the subject was generally focused on one subject: SOBRIETY. Although my family was back in Indiana, I was seldom lonely, and I seemed to be winning the battle against that first drink. The goose seemed to be hanging high!  
(A Bill Wilson saying)

However, I hadn't experienced a sober Christmas season for over twenty five years and there existed that hidden terror of the next drink, but I seemed to be successful at pushing it away, like the boy in the Big Book who was whistling in the dark to keep up his spirits. I pushed harder to keep away those terrifying thoughts. But, like a muscle, the harder I shoved it, the stronger it got. Christmas and New Year's Eve around the corner and fear grew to near terror. Maybe I could get past this but what about the next time? Don't think about it! Don't

think about it! If I think it-I'll drink it! The fear grew paramount. Was I headed for deep chicken fat trouble?

Near disaster: I marched into a Hollywood bar, after a Christmas parade and almost ordered a gin and tonic. Thank God I didn't! The next week, a new sponsor led me through the Twelve Step process and I, for the first time, started living the actual program of action of alcoholics Anonymous!  
By the summer of 1976 the obsession to drink was lifted and has never returned.

If I were asked to offer personal experience for someone new, it would be to find a sponsor who can help them through the Twelve Step process, el pronto. The fellowship is good, but a vital spiritual experience is the ultimate solution. I believe that lots of meetings were very vitally important for me those early months, but as is often heard: "Survival on the fellowship is untreated alcoholism." But also: "Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed these steps."

Bob S., Richmond, IN

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**SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**  
ADVANCED DEADLINE IS:  
**APRIL 15, 2020**

## A. REGISTRATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

No badge required for children 12 years and younger • Both sides of this form may be duplicated • See reverse side for cancellation policy.

MAIN ATTENDEE (All fields are requested)			
LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	NAME ON BADGE	
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CITY	ST/PROV	ZIP/POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY
EMAIL	PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION <input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL <input type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE: _____		
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FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION	1. <input type="checkbox"/> YES	2. <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
YEARS OF A.A. MEMBERSHIP	1. <input type="checkbox"/> LESS THAN 1 YR.	2. <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3	3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4-10 4. <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 5. <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 20
AGE GROUP	1. <input type="checkbox"/> 13-15	2. <input type="checkbox"/> 16-25	3. <input type="checkbox"/> 26-39 4. <input type="checkbox"/> 40-55 5. <input type="checkbox"/> 56-85 6. <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 65
ACCESSIBILITY ASSISTANCE ON-SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH ME ON ACCESSIBILITY SUPPORT AVAILABLE		
EMERGENCY CONTACT	TELEPHONE		
<input type="checkbox"/> I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM AAWS, INC. AND AA GRAPEVINE, INC. AFTER THE 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.			

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## B. PAYMENT - Onsite transactions will be in U.S. funds only, credit card or cash (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Advanced Registration Fee Is:

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\$28.97 USD USA  \$35 USD CANADA  \$42 USD FOREIGN QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Group Name	Group #	Amount
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#048 Gp	114315	114.315
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#074 Gp	158542	50.00
#4064 Over/Under 40	162338	100.00
A New Awakening	658337	90.00
AA Two Rivers	114424	20.00
About 13	146809	71.06
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Another Chance	198443	100.00
Attitude of Gratitude	141628	56.58
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Big Book and 12 Steps	715113	50.00
Big Book Readers	617805	60.00
Big Book Study/Hales Corners	114219	90.00
Bookfield Unity	114155	190.00
Came To Believe	617129	93.51
Courage To Change	MIL-WVD	60.00
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Early Bird Rogers Memorial	123485	90.00
Father Mac's Family Open	697104	60.00
Fellowship of the Spirit	636940	50.00
First Step	138531	120.00
Fr Mom Gp 10 a.m.	138531	30.00
Fr Night Young Peoples Big Book	170973	99.00
Fr Noon 12 & 12	MIL-FB	103.75
Fr Night's Finest	656114	50.00
Fr Night Gp, Lake Area Club	128753	83.00
Get A Life	MIL-WMV	49.85
Good Hope Tr Night	143482	50.00
Gopher Sun Night, Lake Area Club	128948	75.90
Happy Destiny	170553	25.00
Happy Hour-Sleep, Pass it On Club	653359	90.00
Hardcore Wed Night	140516	25.00
Hardcore Women's Big Book	697036	100.00
Honesty Gp	144507	100.00
Hump Day Rap Discussion	140071	20.00
Info Group, St Luke's	690740	32.00

Group Name	Group #	Amount
James Sun Night 1st Step	718983	90.00
Jumau Floriens Men's	628213	150.00
Just For You	605030	96.00
Keep It Super Simple	679397	40.00
Lake County	117305	50.00
Life House	133473	50.00
Last and Found Gp	659564	150.00
May/Jan Ladies Mon & Fri	114336	90.00
Maquon Young Person Gp 5 p.m.	687090	90.00
Mon Independence	MIL-MH	126.40
Mon Night Fox River	689144	130.20
Mon Nooners	136347	90.00
New Beginnings Oconomowoc	617659	27.00
New Faith	125785	80.00
No Name Gp - Disbanded	036742	132.00
North Prairie Gp of AA	716748	120.00
Oak Creek Mon 12 & 12	130190	78.00
On Awakening	630698	240.00
Pawaukee Mon Night	114365	90.00
Random Lake Step Topic	718300	90.00
Reliance Meeting	653954	50.00
Rule 52 Men's Gp	173372	76.00
Sat Morning NW Alamo Club	158063	100.00
Sat Night Big Book	128719	20.00
Sober Living Big Book Study	717750	25.00
Terrific Tue Big Book	106539	125.00
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Wed Night Men's Meeting	663905	153.41
Wed Noon Lunch Bunch	690831	170.00
Women's Big Book-Step	163696	10.00
Women's Wed 5:30 p.m.	704136	26.00
Written For Us	717556	40.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,874.81</b>	

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# Sixth Annual "Crooked Retreat" Women's AA and Alanon



BALANCE is this year's theme

## JANUARY 24 - 26, 2020

The retreat is Friday evening through Sunday noon.

The Redemptorist Retreat Center, on beautiful Crooked Lake, is a place to rest, reflect, and nurture your spirituality. 1800 N Timber Trail Lane Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

Join us for contemplation, support, and activities such as art projects, games, and yoga, as you wish, while lodging in a single room for two nights, and enjoying 6 meals, with 24/7 coffee & tea service.

**REGISTRATION FEE: \$200 TOTAL DUE 1-24-20**

Partial scholarships are available.

I will add \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the scholarship fund.

\$75 non-refundable deposit required by 1-10-20

Questions?

gentlehand&jude@me.com



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2020 WOMEN'S CROOKED RETREAT REGISTRATION.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PLEASE SPECIFY ANY MEDICAL, ACCOMMODATION, OR DIETARY NEEDS: \_\_\_\_\_

I AM WILLING TO VOLUNTEER: \_\_\_\_\_ SPEAKER, \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER

MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK PAYABLE TO: JUDE CHRISTENSEN  
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"While the work of the group treasurer often involves many details, it is important to remember that the money the treasurer oversees serves a spiritual purpose: it enables each group to fulfill its primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. This is the fundamental work of A.A. and to continue it the group must keep its doors open. The group treasurer is an important part of this Twelfth Step work."

# SOUTHERN STATES WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

JACKSONVILLE, FL

JANUARY 24-26, 2020

PRE-REGISTRATION: \$35

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904-741-1997

\$114 per night / Group Code: SWC

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Deposit equal to the room rate and tax for the first night is required for the \$114 rate.

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Step 3 - Angie P., Cincinnati, OH

Steps 4 & 5 - Joette N., Winder, GA

Steps 6 & 7 - Mari G., Toronto, CN

Al-Anon - Diane A., Nashville, TN

Steps 8 & 9 - Jane D.L., Tallahassee, FL

Steps 10 & 11 - Brenda J., McKinney, TX

Step 12 - Polly P., Jacksonville, FL

### MORE INFO

Chair: Chrissie H. 423.355.2283

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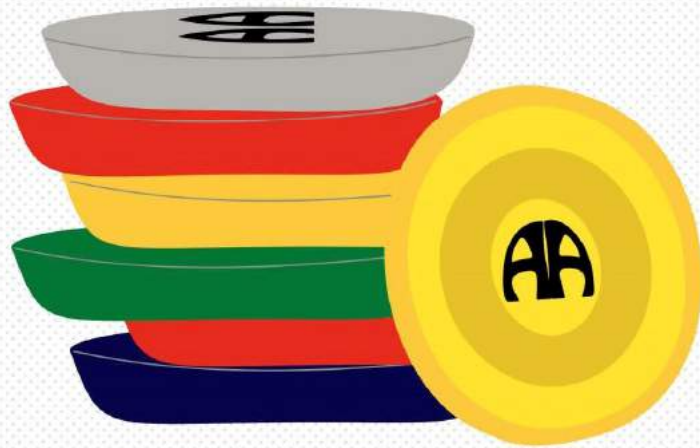
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**AA Speaker: Rachel D.**  
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**11 am to 11:30 am**

**WHERE**

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