

# "BETWEEN-US"

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## CHOICE / NO CHOICE IN THE MATTER OF DRINK

**No Choice in drink:** During my drinking years “quitting drinking forever” just got me drunk, year after year—I had **no choice** in the matter of drink! Page 24 of the Big Book states: “We are without defense against the first drink.” I was ‘unrecovered’ in Big Book inference.

**Choice in drink:** Then, I ingested the Twelve Steps of AA, but the mental obsession continued with a vengeance. During this period, I had a **choice** in the matter of drink. I almost did but chose to refrain. I was a recovering-ing-ing alcoholic.

**No Choice in drink again:** However, several months later, maybe a year, I realized I had not thought about drinking for a long time. As years passed, I realized that drinking was no longer in my emotional vocabulary or conscious mind! The Big Book elaborates an AA member who “*Couldn't drink if he would. God had restored his sanity.*” (p. 57). \*

Indeed, page 86 of our basic text promises: “*The problem has been removed. It does not exist for us.*” However, this is only so long as I remain in a fit spiritual condition and God has restored me to sanity, then I cannot choose to drink. Today, I have **no choice** in the matter of drink, nor do I want one!

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\* Fitz Mayo

July 1981

## I Will Always Be an Alcoholic

By: H. B. | La Crosse, Wisconsin

WHEN I WAS about to begin my Fourth Step, my counselor in the treatment center told me to bring him a list of what I thought I was--in order of importance. The first two things on that list were: (1) I am an alcoholic; (2) I am a woman. I do not recall what else I put down. Whatever the rest of the list contained, it was probably changed in three years--except for those two things, which I will always be. The use of my intelligence, my marital status, my profession, my appearance all may change; but I will always be an alcoholic and a woman in the same degree I am now.

I have objected to the male orientation of AA, but I am sensitive to problems that all alcoholics have in common--problems of self-knowledge and self-image, particularly as they relate to our sobriety. We all need equally to be liberated.

Speaking as a woman, I find the greatest threat to my sobriety is relationships with men. I love 'em, bless 'em. Being a divorcée, I am quite free to pick and choose--or so it would appear. But to solve some problems of adjustment, I need to do some growing up--and I need the help of other women to do that.

When I was married twenty years ago, few of us really thought of ourselves as independent. I was sent to college to find a good man and pick up enough education to take care of myself in an emergency. The university I attended had high academic standards and a "quota"--three men to one woman. Many of those women achieved considerable professional success, in addition to getting married.

A friend recently noted that a remarkable number of those women we knew had become alcoholics. If they were like me, they prided themselves on their intellect, their independence, their ability to compete successfully with men--although few of them went into engineering, law, or medicine. Then, they found their "place in society" by getting married, having babies, and helping to support the family.

For me, that place seemed dull and everyday, and I eventually found that a bottle of sherry went a long way with the ironing.

*(“Alcoholic” Continued on page 9)*

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**Greater Milwaukee Central Office AA**  
**December 2020 Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison**

	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Dec 19</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
4000 · Literature Sales	5,987.90	14,003.45	-8,015.55	-57.24%
4050 · Between us	0.00	239.25	-239.25	-100.0%
4070 · Contributions	6,131.46	5,761.91	369.55	6.41%
4080 · Gratitude boxes	9,375.00	2,617.08	6,757.92	258.22%
4130 · Personal Contri.	1,790.90	2,079.00	-288.10	-13.86%
4150 · Other Income	51.76	122.36	-70.60	-57.7%
4170 · Interest Income	0.00	4.53	-4.53	-100.0%
4600 · Merchandise Sales	35.00	0.00	35.00	100.0%
4830 · Sales Discounts	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.0%
48900 · Shipping and Delivery Income	7.35	313.67	-306.32	-97.66%
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>23,389.37</u>	<u>25,151.25</u>	<u>-1,761.88</u>	<u>-7.01%</u>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<u>3,624.81</u>	<u>8,793.86</u>	<u>-5,169.05</u>	<u>-58.78%</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<u>19,764.56</u>	<u>16,357.39</u>	<u>3,407.17</u>	<u>20.83%</u>
<b>Expense</b>				
51100 · Freight and Shipping Costs	0.00	11.78	-11.78	-100.0%
59900 · POS Inventory Adjustments	8.16	5.24	2.92	55.73%
6040 · Bank Service Charges	0.00	11.00	-11.00	-100.0%
6045 · Coffee/Soda/Candy Expense	89.96	21.60	68.36	316.48%
6050 · Credit card fees	129.27	223.73	-94.46	-42.22%
6500 · Office	3,224.74	3,397.34	-172.60	-5.08%
6600 · Payroll	8,261.22	9,929.64	-1,668.42	-16.8%
6700 · Professional Fees	0.00	1,290.00	-1,290.00	-100.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>11,713.35</u>	<u>14,890.33</u>	<u>-3,176.98</u>	<u>-21.34%</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>8,051.21</u>	<u>1,467.06</u>	<u>6,584.15</u>	<u>448.8%</u>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
Other Income	0.00	0.01	-0.01	-100.0%
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.01</u>	<u>-0.01</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>8,051.21</u></u>	<u><u>1,467.07</u></u>	<u><u>6,584.14</u></u>	<u><u>448.8%</u></u>

<u>Account Balances</u>	
Checking:	16,682.75
Savings Account:	60,026.37
Prudent Reserve:	171,281.54

What is the Prudent Reserve?

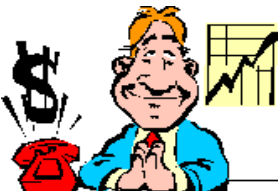
The A.A. guideline document produced by A.A. World Services, Inc., suggests a prudent reserve for a Central Office or Intergroup be fixed somewhere between one and twelve months operating expenses. The prudent reserve is not available for everyday use. It is only meant for startup and twelve months of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

The [Southern Wisconsin Deaf Access Committee](#) needs to rotate its 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 SWDAC at: [milwaredafacecess@gmail.com](mailto:milwaredafacecess@gmail.com)

<u>Southern Wisconsin Deaf Access Committee (SWDAC) December 2020</u>	
Beginning Balance:	\$8,437.59
Contributions:	\$ 449.28
Interpreter:	\$ 50.00
Ending Balance:	\$8,836.87
The cost for an interpreter is \$50 for a zoom meeting and \$80 for an in-person meeting. Contact Kath W. with questions: <a href="mailto:brylerandme@gmail.com">brylerandme@gmail.com</a>	
VENMO Contributions: <a href="http://www.venmo.com/SWDAC">www.venmo.com/SWDAC</a>	

- **Meeting Space Currently Available**
- **St Peter's Episcopal Church**, 7929 W Lincoln Ave, West Allis, Contact: Steve 414-543-6040 or email: [christumc1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:christumc1@sbcglobal.net)
- **Anchor Covenant Church** 1229 Park Row Lake Geneva WI 53147, contact Laura, 262-903-6888 [office@anchorcovenant.org](mailto:office@anchorcovenant.org)

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



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[Seventh Tradition Checklist](#)

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT INFORMATION 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, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88183312739?pwd=eVJwV0Q2UENyYUJHcEhsUmM4RlJRZz09> Meeting ID: 881 8331 2739, Passcode: 071956
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)

## ADDRESSES FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**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, or Bridging the Gap or Treatment** write to: PMB # 170, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217
- **Southern Wisconsin Deaf Access Committee** : Email: [milwaredaefac-cess@gmail.com](mailto:milwaredaefac-cess@gmail.com); Mailto: Deaf Access Committee, P.O. Box 1982, Waukesha WI 53186

# 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) 637-2884

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE**: meets at 5:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday on odd numbered months at Greater Milwaukee Central Office, 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis WI 53214. Donation should be sent to: MCCC, PO Box 270544, Milwaukee WI 53227-0544. Contact coordinator: Kota at email: [mcccoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:mcccoordinator@gmail.com) with questions.

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 2021

Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison, Held at Senior Center except where otherwise noted. Join Zoom By phone: 312-626-6799, enter meeting ID and Password.

- **Zoom Meeting** Contact Area Chair: Veronica O. [vodonnell52@gmail.com](mailto:vodonnell52@gmail.com)
- March 14, 2021 Delegates Workshop
- April 11, 2021 Spring Service Assembly
- June 27, 2021 Summer Service Assembly
- Sept. 12 2021 Preconference Assembly
- Nov. 12-14, 2021 Area 75 Conference, LaCrosse WI.

## JOIN the BIRTHDAY CLUB!

We celebrate birthdays, and we'd like to help you celebrate yours! Send us a contribution 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!

Requests should be in by the 24th of the month prior to your sobriety date. 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



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Years                      Name                      Home Group



### MILW. CENTRAL OFFICE

- **E-mail us at:**  
[dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com)
- Temporary Hours until further notice: M - F 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**
- **Secretary Meeting Bi-monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each odd numbered month at 6:30 p. Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov.**
- **Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday following Secretaries Meeting, (odd 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. of month at 6 p.m.**
- **~~Dist. 14, 4th Wed. at 7 p.m.~~**
- **~~Dist. 16, 1st Wed. at 6 p.m.~~**

### 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: 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

### SERVICE MANUAL STUDY,

Our regular monthly "Not So Secret Service Manual Study" will resume in March on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00. I'll send out the zoom codes for the meeting prior to that time.

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.](#)**





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LGBT and all in Recovery Welcome

Sunday:

10:30 a.m. - AA - Step / Topic Meeting (In-Person/Phone/Video)

10:30 a.m. - Al-Anon - Papillion Group (In-Person)

6:00 p.m. - SCA Meeting (Zoom) sca.recovery.milw@gmail.com

6:00 p.m. - AA Multi-Media (Postpone)

Monday:

7:30 p.m. - AA "Came to Believe" 12 Spirituality (In-Person/Phone/Video)

Tuesday:

7:30 p.m. - AA Over and Under 40 Group (In-Person & 7:30 Phone/Video)

6:00 p.m. - Pages of Healing - Recovery Book Club (Postpone)

7:00 p.m. - SCA - Blue Group (Zoom) sca.recovery.milw@gmail.com

Wednesday:

7:30 p.m. - AA - 12 Steps and 12 Traditions (Phone/Video)

Thursday:

7:30 p.m. - AA - Living Sober One Day at a Time (Phone/Video)

Friday:

7:30 p.m. - AA - Topic "Grapevine" (In-Person)

Saturday:

7:30 p.m. - AA Big Book and More (Phone/Video)

LGBT AA Phone in Sun. 10:30 am

M, T, W, Th, Sat. 7:30 pm

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# OVERCOMING FEAR OF THE FUTURE

(How Step Two can restore sanity through faith in action)

This new year brings hope that last year's dismal conditions will somehow evaporate; that the world will now become, happy joyous and free—probably not!

The stage may be set for deep apprehension or even that great sobriety nemesis: FEAR! At the onset of this new year, I may well look ahead and make decisions (resolutions!) with prayer, good common sense, plus the use of my sponsor. However, irrational fear—that great friend of mental-obsession—will doubtless continue its attack mode. What to do?

Page 68 of the Big Book offers suggestions. To paraphrase: First, to realize that I cannot be rid of the powerful fear-devil with my good-keen-intellectual-mind, nor with willpower! Self cannot rid self of self—consequently I need help from a power greater than me. But how? The Big Book advises: "We ask Him to remove our fear and direct our attention to what He would have us **be**." (p. 68) But how can I **be** as God would have me? How can I be different tomorrow than I am today? The answer is to live in the spirit of Steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve. "Fear of people and economic insecurity will leave us" (p. 84).

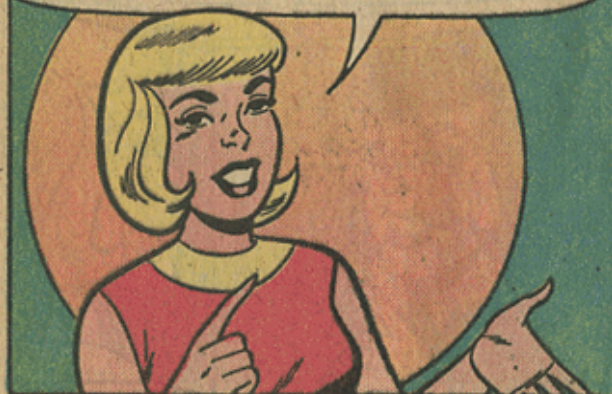
Bob S, Richmond, IN

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## IT HAPPENED TO ALICE

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER LIFE, ALICE TAKES A LOOK AT HERSELF...

I KNOW NOW THAT I AM AN ALCOHOLIC. BUT I KNOW I CAN STAY SOBER IN A.A.



This is Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature.

ALICE LIKES THE WAY PEOPLE IN A.A. TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT THEMSELVES.

THEY'RE NOT AFRAID OR ASHAMED. THEY'RE HAPPY, AND MAYBE I CAN BE, TOO!



**December 2020 Milwaukee Central Office AA  
64 Groups Contributed - Thank You**

<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Group #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Group #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
#023 Wed	114447	90.00	Mayfair Ladies Mon & Fri	114336	171.17
#048 Gp	114315	60.00	Menomonee Falls Sun	128237	38.40
#059 Gp	117184	30.00	Men's Topic/Discussion	661357	60.00
#060 Gp	114323	30.00	Mon Independence	MIL-MH	33.00
#069 Wed	125748	60.00	Mon Night Big Book Study		99.00
#074 Gp	159542	150.00	Muskego Tue Night Step/Topic	690183	150.00
#078 Gp	114444	100.00	NCIC Group 24, NCIC Church	MIL-F2	26.00
#100 Gp	114445	77.00	North Prairie Gp of AA	716748	155.50
Airport Group	159599	100.00	Oconomowoc Fri Night	120632	80.00
Big Book Readers	617805	60.00	One Day at a Time, Watertown	664578	25.00
Butler Sun Night	114272	65.00	Pizza Not Perfection	690079	25.00
Cross Roads Gp	119518	55.00	Promises Gp 2:00 p.m.	641518	25.00
District 32		1,100.00	Sussex Fri Night Action	147499	150.00
Elkhart Lake Thr Night	157897	50.00	Thank God It's Mon	720790	35.00
Elm Grove Living Sober	665770	10.00	There Is a Solution/Pewaukee	605313	193.50
First Step	635840	60.00	There Is A Solution/Waukesha	173128	16.00
First Things First	139238	60.00	Thinking Outside the Bottle	719338	154.00
Fri Noon 12 & 12	MIL-FB	24.00	Thr Night AA/ St Anskar's	117644	216.63
Friendship Gp, Lake Area Clu	128753	156.00	Thr Success Step	MIL-RB	37.00
Gratitude Plus, Pass It On Club	647840	100.00	Today's Choices	614204	60.00
Hales Corners Tue Night	177353	120.00	Tue Night Big Book, Ft Atkinson	114199	135.00
Hand Of AA - Online		50.00	Tue Night Grapevine	665769	11.00
Happy Hour Step	653359	60.00	Tue Reflections	MIL-TH	77.96
Hartford Women's Big Book	667036	150.00	Victory Group	163882	20.00
Holiday Alkathon Fund		248.60	Wed 5:30 p.m. Step Gp	632773	55.20
Honesty Gp, Serenity Club	145607	100.00	Wed Night Men's Meeting	663905	12.00
Impaired Professionals In AA	126056	50.00	Wed Noon Lunch Bunch	690831	46.00
Jackson Gp	172965	15.00	West Bend Thr a.m. Big Book	114448	25.00
Jim's Sun Night 1st Step	719963	120.00	Women's AA	158304	170.00
Just Do It, Northwest Alano Club	174350	190.00	Women's Wed 5:30 p.m.	704135	25.00
Key To Recovery Open Meeting	MIL-S3	23.00	Written For Us	717556	50.00
Lake Geneva Kitchen Table	125465	25.00	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$6063.46</b>
Matt Talbot Bell Ringers	675208	97.50			

**Personal Contributions  
December 2020**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Anonymous	1,056.90	D. Rich	200.00	L. Keith	40.00
B. Carol	100.00	E. Bill	15.00	N. Bill	25.00
B. Sara	30.00	G. Jeanne	25.00	N. Kristine	30.00
B. John	187.00	G. Paul	20.00	U. Todd	10.00
C. Mike	100.00	K. Mark	20.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,858.90</b>

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All the groups listed in your [When and Where](#) directory, should be contributing regularly to the support of your [Central Office](#). We want to be here when anyone reaches out for help. A big thank you to everyone, for all you do.

**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

[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 information and schedule of retreats for recovering people. AA and Al-Anon, \$250 three nights. We discuss the 12 steps and related topics.

**2021 Weekend Retreats**  
**Jesuit Retreat House**,  
4800 Fahrwald Rd. Oshkosh, WI 54901, call 800-962-7330  
[jesuitretreathouse.org](http://jesuitretreathouse.org)  
**Men and Women in 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: ,**

# 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  
5:00 p. Young People  
7:30 p. Topic  
Mon. 12:30 p. Tenth Step Gp  
5:30 p. More about 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  
7:00 p. Women's Lifeline  
Thur. 0:00 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.  
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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE  
Sun. 8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up  
8:00 a. 3 Legados (Spanish)  
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 Introductory AA  
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  
Thur. 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. 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  
8:00 p. Spanish Speaking  
8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12  
AL-ANON MEETINGS  
Sun. 11:00 a. Fri. 7:30 p.  
Wed. 7:00 p. Sat. 10:30 a.  
Thur. 7:00 p.  
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## LAKE AREA CLUB

N60 W 35878 Lake Dr  
Oconomowoc, WI  
(262) 567-9912  
[www.lakeareacub.com](http://www.lakeareacub.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  
2:00 p. Women's Meeting  
6:00 p.  
8:00 p.  
Thur. 10:00 a.  
4:00 p.  
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  
OPEN AA/Al-Anon  
SPEAKER MEETING  
Sat. 7:00 p. 2nd & 4th Saturdays  
(AA and/or Al-Anon Speakers)  
AL-ANON MEETINGS  
Mon. 7:00 p. Al-Anon  
Tue. 9:00 a. Al-Anon  
Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon

## WAUKESHA ALANO CLUB

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

### A.A. MEETINGS

#### All are VIRTUAL

Sun. 9:30 a. Sun Morn Sunlight  
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  
Thur. 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

Phone/Video AA  
Meetings Using the FCC App.  
Video at the club Sun. 10:30  
am, M,T @ 7:30pm  
Phone: W, Th, Sat 7:30pm  
(978) 990-5195  
Meeting Id: galano7210 Code:  
1919178#  
Sun.  
10:30 a. In-person/Phone/Video  
6:00 p. AA Multimedia  
Mon.  
7:30 p. In-person/Phone/Video  
Tue.  
7:30 p. In-person/Phone/Video  
Wed. 7:30 p. Phone/Video  
Thurs. 7:30 p. Phone/Video  
Fri. 7:30 p. In-Person  
Sat. 7:30 p. Phone/Video  
AL-ANON MEETINGS  
Sun. 10:30 a. Al-anon In-person  
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. 10:00 a. Big Book  
7:00 p.  
Mon. 7:00 p. Just Do It Gp  
8:00 p. Action Gp  
Tue. 10:00 a. Step  
7:00 p. Terrific Tue  
8:00 p. Topic  
Wed. 7:00 p. Step/Topic  
Thur. 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.

## WALWORTH COUNTY ALANO CLUB

611 Walworth St.  
(Hwy. 50 & 11)  
Delavan, WI 53115,  
(262) 740-1888

### A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 7:00 a. AA Meeting  
10:00 a. Gp 17 Step  
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. AA Women's meeting  
10:30 a. Gp 9, Step  
12:15 p. Oasis Topic Gp  
6:00 p. Chicks at Six Gp  
Thur. 6:00 a. AA  
7:00 a. Big Book Meeting  
10:30 a. Gp 97, Step  
12:15 p. Here & Now Gp  
Fri. 7:00 a. Daily Reflections  
10:30 a. Gp 21, Step  
12:15 p. Gp 65  
6:30 p. Here & Now  
12:15 am. Second Shifters (Sat.)  
Sat. 7:00 a. AA Meeting  
11:00 a. Gp 87 Step  
3:00 p. Spiritual Growth  
AL-ANON MEETING  
Sunday 10:00 a. Al-Anon

## ALANO CLUB

1521 N. Prospect Ave.,  
Milwaukee, WI, 53202  
(414) 278-9102  
<http://www.mkealanoclub.org/>

### A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 7:00 a. AA Meeting  
10:00 a. Gp 17 Step  
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. AA Women's meeting  
10:30 a. Gp 9, Step  
12:15 p. Oasis Topic Gp  
6:00 p. Chicks at Six Gp  
Thur. 6:00 a. AA  
7:00 a. Big Book Meeting  
10:30 a. Gp 97, Step  
12:15 p. Here & Now Gp  
Fri. 7:00 a. Daily Reflections  
10:30 a. Gp 21, Step  
12:15 p. Gp 65  
6:30 p. Here & Now  
12:15 am. Second Shifters (Sat.)  
Sat. 7:00 a. AA Meeting  
11:00 a. Gp 87 Step  
3:00 p. Spiritual Growth  
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 Thur 9a. - 9p., Sun 8a to 9p.

### A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

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. Restore Us To Sanity  
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.  
11:00 p. What's the Point  
Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group  
6:00 p. Tue Topic 6pm Gp  
7:00 p. Sign for Sobriety AA  
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  
11:00 p. After Hours Group  
Thur. 10:00 a. But For Grace Of God  
6:00 p. 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  
11:00 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  
<http://www.24hourclub.org/>

### 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  
Thur. 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.

## Ham on Wry

By: John C.

January 2005

IN MANY CANADIAN PROVINCES, the police check on vehicles stalled on the highway when the temperatures drop into the single digits, as a matter of policy.

One morning, before dawn, a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable responded to a report involving a stalled car in southeastern Alberta.

The constable located the car still running and stuck in deep snow along the highway. Pulling in behind, with his emergency lights on, the constable walked up to the driver's door to find a man passed out behind the wheel and a near empty bottle of vodka on the seat.

He rapped on the window and the startled driver awoke to flashing

blue lights and a constable standing next to his car. In a panic, the driver threw the gearshift into drive and hit the gas. Although the car's speedometer showed increasing speeds of 20, 30, 40, and 50 KPH, the car remained stuck in snow.

The constable, having a sense of humor, began running in place next to the "speeding" but still stationary car. The bewildered and disoriented driver was convinced that the officer was actually keeping up with him.

This went on for about a half-minute before the constable shouted for the man to pull over. The man obeyed and stopped the engine.

Once out of the car, the drunken driver exclaimed over the RCMP's special abilities--amazed that a man could actually run 50 KPH. He was arrested still believing that a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable had outrun his car.

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# MEETING ROOMS

**UNITY CLUB**  
1715 Creek Rd  
West Bend, (262) 338-3500  
[unityclub1715@att.net](mailto:unityclub1715@att.net)  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.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  
5:00 p. Happy Hour Gp  
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  
**ALANON & 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 Ave  
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)

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

## A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday:  
11:00 a. Gp. 27  
Friday:  
11:00 a. Gp. 61(12x12)  
Saturday:  
10:00 a. Beginner's  
7:00 p. Gp 6

Call the club for information on Open Speaker AA meetings, meetings for other fellowships and for special events.

**MILWAUKEE GROUP**  
933 E Center St, Milw WI  
53212. Zoom Information:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8974697046?pwd=3CBAuoiYS3s](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8974697046?pwd=3CBAuoiYS3s/j/8974697046?pwd=3CBAuoiYS3s)

## A.A. MEETINGS

Sun. 10:00 a. Zoom.  
8:30 p. In-Person  
Mon. 5:30 p. Zoom  
7:00 p. In-Person  
8:30 p. In-Person  
Tue. 7:00 p. In-Person  
8:30 p. Zoom  
Wed. 7:00 p. In-Person  
8:30 p. Zoom  
Thur. 6:30 p. In-Person  
8:30 p. Zoom  
Fri. 7:00 p. In-Person  
8:30 p. Zoom  
Sat. 8:30 p. In-Person

## Milwaukee Central Office

7429 W Greenfield  
West Allis WI 414-771-9119

## 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 Great Room  
Monday  
7:30 p. Laughs/Leisure  
Tuesday  
7:00 p. 11th Step Meditation  
7:30 p. Professionals  
Wednesday  
7:30 p. Presidents Hall  
8:30 p. Women Mellows Lounge  
8:00 p. "RES-IPSA"  
Thursday  
7:00 p. Women's AA  
7:30 p. Alumni No 12  
Friday 7:15 p. Gp 74  
Saturday 10:00 a. Gp 59

## All Saint's Cathedral

818 E Juneau Av Milw 53202

Monday:  
7:30 p.m. Sane & Sober  
Tuesday: Zoom  
10:30 a.m. Men's meeting  
Wednesday: In-person  
7:30 p.m. Men's meeting  
Thursday: Zoom  
7:00 p.m. Men's meeting  
Friday: Zoom  
7:30 p.m. Big Book  
Saturday: In-person  
10:30 a.m. Men's meeting

# Directory Changes

## NEW MEETINGS

**Sundays 6:00 p.m.** Calano Club, 7210 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis. "Multimedia Sunday Night AA Meeting"

**Mondays & Wednesdays & Saturday "We Agnostics". 7:30 p.m.** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86432257621?pwd=dTBwak9VaHVRZEhPTU1Tckk3YnBqUT09>

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

**Tuesday 6:30 p.m.** Cedar Springs Church, 3128 Slinger Rd, Slinger WI 53086

**Tuesday 7p.m.**, Primary Purpose, First Evangelical, 311 W Mackie St. Beaver Dam 53916

**Thursday at 6 p.m.**, St Matthew CME, 2944 N 9th St, Milwaukee 53206

**Thursday at 7 p.m. Men's Gp**, All Saint's Cathedral 818 E Juneau Ave, Milw. 53202. Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/74831701793?pwd=ZGdsZWIMVE9mSFRGMHh5ZzRlckN5QT09>

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

**Saturday 8:30 a.m.** Step Meeting Lumen Christi Catholic Church, 2750 W Mequon Rd, Mequon WI 53092. Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/6701384020> Password: fellowship

## DISBANDED GROUPS

**Tuesday 8:00 p.m.** Treat Yourself Tue. Christ Church, 5655 N Lake Dr. Whitefish Bay WI

**Wednesday 1:30 p.m.** Bridges of Milw. Rehab and Care Center, 6800 N 76th St. Milwaukee.

## OTHER CHANGES

**Friday 6:30 p. A Vision For You Big Book Gp.** Now meets at Holy Trinity Church, 11709 W Cleveland Ave, West Allis 53227, In-person & Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/2089530649?pwd=akQ0YiYyNzB5RXV3cFV1R1dINzIRZz09>

## OPEN SPEAKER

**Weekly & monthly speaker meetings listed in October 2019 When & Where**

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

**Sundays at 10 a.** Milwaukee Gp. 933 E Center St, Milwaukee 53212 Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8974697046?pwd=3CBAuoiYS3s>

**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 Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8035659147> Password: 052 240

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

Plus Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/498452652> Password:668830

**Every Friday 7:00 p.** Christ the King, 1600 N Genesee Rd Delafield. Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79611727313>

**4th Friday 8:00 p.** Image Dei Church, 2327 N. 52nd St., Milwaukee 53240

**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 Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/902402700?pwd=MU9XYzhRlCNlBMlYUFBcGdzQ29yZz09>

**3rd Saturday 7:30 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:

[gmco@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:gmco@aamilwaukee.com), with changes.



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I wanted to be a good wife and had looked forward to that all my life. Fourteen years later, I was a drunk. My home, my husband, my three children were all gone--along with my place in society. I was not very employable, because I had no experience. I had lost whatever identification I had with any family or community. I did get jobs, and I did survive--always looking for a man to take me away from what seemed a demeaning and misplaced existence.

Finally, after several men and several years of on-and-off sobriety, in and out of AA, I confronted the counselor who said: "Who are you?" I realized then that all my life I had consciously worked at being "somebody's something"--though often a rebellious one. I had the attitude that other people were responsible for my identity and my security.

Being responsible is a large part of what being sober is all about--and what we alcoholics keep trying to get around. A woman can get around it longer than a man can. To some extent, we are set up for a cop-out: finding someone to take care of us, someone to follow. We selflessly dedicate ourselves to the daily needs of a family (or maybe an office), because that is what a "good woman" does. I remember crying to myself, "I wish somebody would wash my socks, or worry about my diet for a change." (Or, later, "Why can't the boss sharpen his own blasted pencils!")

Now, I am firmly attached to AA, have a number of women

friends I depend on (particularly when I haven't a man around), and I am happily established as an equal in a male-dominated profession--radio journalism. I am learning to enjoy myself alone, sometimes, and not resent it when somebody tries to get my goat by calling me a "ding-y broad" (though I still wince). I have stayed sober through two disappointing love affairs (which definitely beats my previous record).

I ask myself how I managed that. I know it is not because of my own good sense. Perhaps it is because I am learning to accept the facts that I am a person and an alcoholic--and my life will go on with or without any given individual. My first commitment is to myself, and to living my program. To do that, I depend on Sue and Carol and Betty and all those macho guys up at the club who laugh at me like brothers and say I am "a classy broad, if a little too emotional." They all help me accept myself and my immature dependencies, which I am trying to outgrow.

I stay away from alcohol because I can't handle it. My life is sometimes unmanageable where men are concerned, too, but a fling now and then is mighty nice--and I think it's part of being a woman-person. There is a difference in sharing special things with a man. It is important to me to learn to handle such relationships honestly and responsibly--in spite of the risks. So, while nursing my present case of broken heart, I am looking for another chance to practice. I hate to quit--practicing is kind of fun.

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By: D. M. | Edgerton, Wisconsin

## Expectations aren't so great

"No Strings Attached" (June Grapevine) brought to mind an element of my program I would like to pass on. Some years ago, a friend planted in my mind what gets me in so much emotional trouble--expectations.

Most of us feel that expectations of ourselves and others are as normal as apple pie. As I looked at my own expectations, of myself and other people, I found that most of my bad feelings come when people don't come through. (I wrote Mary that letter three weeks ago--how come no reply? Why can't I speak as well as Joe can?)

I spent some time looking at these feelings, and at the expectations that cause them. Part of my program now is that each day I look at my expectations and remove them from my thinking. At first, it wasn't easy--I've had these things all my life. But it helps. When Mary answers the letter, it's a bonus. Better still, I call.

I don't wish to imply that eliminating or minimizing expectations lets me sit around and do nothing. It just helps me avoid perfectionism in regard to myself and others. And I really enjoy the bonuses.

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Grapevine Online Exclusives

## A Week in the Life of Lisa

By: Kaycee F. | Brown Deer, Wis.

The call to service unites a group of AA women around one troubled soul

The phone rang as I finished my morning prayers, which always including "let me be of some service today." A former sponsee, now living out of state, was calling to see if I was available to help someone, named Lisa, who was reaching out through "Friends of Bill W." God always gives me what I need; my prayer was being answered already. Little did I know that by agreeing to help this young woman, I was being launched into a mighty circle of like-minded women who would all agree to "love this young woman until she could love herself."

I spoke with Lisa 30 minutes later and we decided to attend an AA meeting together the next day. By the time I picked her up, much of the organizing was already complete. Since Lisa had many needs, it took assistance from a power greater than any of us to line up daily transportation for meetings, daily legal commitments, food and doctors' appointments. What an order and a true labor of love! Women were eager to help with no expectation of acknowledgement nor compensation. The beauty of being called to service struck all of us. Lisa was no longer alone. She caught on that something very special was happening, which showed her that she could be grateful and even hopeful.

I met Lisa on a Thursday. She was a frightened, gravely ill, and a lonely young woman who had lost it all. In one week, one short week, she had come to know love in a new and extraordinary way. I said good bye and thank you to Lisa on the next Thursday. Lisa died an accidental and tragic death. We loved her until she died and then we loved her even more. We received far more than we gave and we grew in a profound sense of community. We received the blessings of having known and served together for one brief week—a week that provided a lifetime of love.

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## The Officer

By: Vanessa D. | Milwaukee, Wis.

When she went missing a police officer saw her as a sick person, not a bad one. It set her on the road to grateful sobriety

Let me tell you a story about the day when a great change took place in my life. When I look back, I can't believe I didn't recognize what an incredible moment this was for me.

I've shared this story with hundreds of people, and there were many people who lived it along with me. It is the story of when I went missing at the end of my active addiction. I had come to the conclusion, as many active alcoholics do, that I was unworthy of the life I was living and that everyone would be better off without me. I had no intention of ever returning. My plan, and I admit it was a terrible one, was to drink myself to death. I thought, "At least I won't know what's happening when I go." I turned off my phone, took cash out of an ATM and walked away from my life.

I was considered a missing person for five days. For five long days my family didn't know if I was dead or alive—this included my four-year-old daughter. Sadly, I hadn't even thought about what my disappearance would do to the people in my life, the people who still saw something in me that I just couldn't see in myself yet. All I knew was that I was miserable, and I didn't believe I would ever get better. I remember being furious when a police officer found me on that fifth day...still alive. I remember thinking, "I can't even kill

myself right!" I was not a lady that night, and I am sure I did nothing to deserve that officer's respect. As I was escorted to the crisis center, and then lawfully committed to the mental health facility, I was unrecognizable.

Something I appreciate about my recovery is that it has taught me to offer my hand to others who are struggling with alcoholism. When I was about nine months sober, I returned to the same crisis center I had been taken to after I was located. Only this time I wasn't there for me, I was there to help a friend who had found herself in the same hopeless position I was once in. When I arrived, I calmly talked to my friend and agreed to get her home safely. There was a police officer there who asked to take down my information. I remember he gave me a curious look while he was scanning my driver's license. I thought maybe he had noticed that my driver's license was suspended, and I was suddenly panicked about whether or not I was within my restricted driving hours. He proceeded to hand my information back to me without comment and my friend and I were on our way.

The next morning, my parents received a knock on their door at about 7:30am. It was the same officer that I had seen the day before. I'm sure, although my mother probably won't admit it, my parents were thinking, "Oh Lord, here we go again!" Because this particular officer was, after all, the same officer who found me when my mother reported me missing nine months earlier. I hadn't even recognized him, and I am not surprised he had trouble recognizing me.

What happened when my mother opened the door is just a testament to what recovery was starting to do for my life. He told her not to worry, I wasn't in any trouble. He said that I had been at the crisis center the day before, in an attempt to help my friend. He wanted to

tell her how proud he was of me, that I was willing to go back to where I had been on that fateful night in order to extend a caring hand to a friend. He said that he rarely gets to see what happens after people leave their custody and go about their lives. Sadly, he usually only sees them again if they find themselves in trouble. He said it was pretty amazing to see someone who was once so lost, turn their life around the way that I had.

Wow! I still get tears in my eyes when I reflect on this. That officer did not have to take time out of his day to go speak with my parents, but he did. I am forever grateful to him for doing this. Because of his kind gesture, I started to realize that I had changed. It made me want to continue working even harder to be a better person.

To this day, I do not remember that officer's name, but I remember how he made me feel. If I ever get the chance to see him again, I will be sure to do two things:

1. Apologize for being so disrespectful to him when he found me. He was simply trying to protect me from myself.
2. Thank him for seeing me as a sick person, not a bad person, and for recognizing the positive changes I had made to improve my life. I have grown so much since that day. The gifts of recovery are some of the most beautiful gifts I have ever received. Today, I can honestly say that I feel my Higher Power working in my life every single day. I have continued to change daily since I started this journey. Some change is uncomfortable, and along with it comes countless tears and fears, but I have friends who I can share those things with today. Some change is overwhelmingly beautiful.

When I came into the rooms of Alcoholics Anonymous, I was an absent mother, my husband had filed for divorce and I was up to my eyeballs in legal consequences. Today, my life has been restored. I am a loving mother who participates daily in her daughter's life. By

the grace of God, I am still a wife who has a new appreciation for her husband. I am a socially acceptable, productive and law-abiding citizen who accepted the consequences of her actions with humility and grace. And most importantly, I am alive. And I don't just mean alive in just a general sense of the word- that my heart is still beating, and I am breathing oxygen. I mean really alive! I enjoy life, I laugh, I play, and I have hope.

Don't ever give up before the miracle happens. And if you've tried and didn't succeed like I did, just know that your Higher Power is telling you that is not how your story is going to end.

Keep coming back. It gets better. Then it gets great. And then it gets beautiful.

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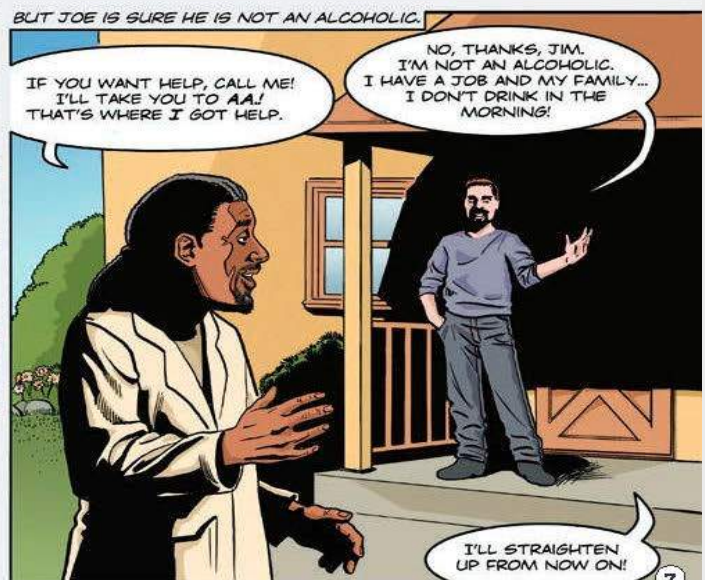
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# Alcoholics Anonymous Monday Night Action Group



*Virtual –*

## 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting (Open)

**February 20, 2021**

**Saturday - 8:00 pm**

***Speaker – Teresa O'***

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# DISTRICT 34 OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

## Location: CURRENTLY ZOOM ONLY

(St. Francis Episcopal Church  
N84W16525 Menomonee Ave.  
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051)

**Zoom Room/Doors open at 6:30  
Meeting at 7:00pm**

### **\*IMPORTANT COVID 19 NOTICE\***

*Until further notice, the Open Meeting will take place via Zoom. The open meeting chairs will continue to communicate with St. Francis and monitor local and state guidelines to determine when the meeting can take place in person again. Please check [aamilwaukee.com](http://aamilwaukee.com) → Meeting Directory for updated meeting information.*

**ZOOM ID # 687 010 9941**

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**Consider supporting the “District 34\* Open Meeting” in one of the following ways:**

- Share your group message by sponsoring the Open Speaker Meeting
- Contact your group GSR to volunteer
- Attend the District 34 meeting (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm, NW Alano Club)
- Get in touch with the Open Meeting Co-Chairs, Ashley M. (715-685-4141) or Tim R. (262-719-4389)

**\*District 34 is the Northeast corner of Waukesha County**

***...our primary purpose is to carry the message...”***

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## Hosting Group / Speakers

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**Jan. 9th, 2021  
Meno. Falls Sunday Night  
Stephanie S. (AA)  
Laurie (Alanon)**

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**Feb. 13th, 2021  
Simply Sober (Saturday)  
Mike B. (AA)**

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**Mar. 13th, 2021  
Monday Night Action  
Destiny B. (AA)**

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## Open Zoom Meeting

### Friday Night Couples in Recovery Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Fellowship 6:45 to 7:00 pm** Bring coffee and refreshments with you.



**Introduction and Speakers: 7:00 to 8:30**

**AA Speaker: Meredith Y. of Shorewood, WI**

**Al-Anon Speaker: Kathy K. of New Berlin, WI**

#### **ZOOM Information:**

Join Zoom Meeting

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This meeting will be limited to 100 participants.

We usually meet at St. Pius Church Fridays @ 7:30 pm in Wauwatosa  
and hope to see you there in the future.

# The A.A. Service Manual

## A Study Of The First 12 Chapters

— UNLOCK THE MYSTERY



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12, 28 & 29

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Come be part of the informative presentations and lively discussion

## Endless Drunkalogs

One member would rather hear about the Steps we worked to recover than the steps we tumbled down

The book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, in “How It Works,” states that “our stories disclose in a general way what we used to be like, what happened and what we are like now.” I don’t remember reading: “We talk endlessly about our drunken escapades, with particular emphasis on humorous anecdotes involving forged identity cards, fancy drinks with little umbrellas, or how many times we’ve vomited in a 24-hour period.”

These thoughts were prompted by my experience at a recent AA meeting. Both speakers gave half-hour drunkalogs. The first one promised that he would get to the “AA part” in the second half, but he never did because the second speaker used up the remaining time. Speaker two devoted about two minutes at the end of his drunkalog to the general assertion that once he “got into AA” his life “got better.” Neither speaker mentioned working the Twelve Steps, yet both claimed long-term sobriety. Neither spoke about a Higher Power, a design for living, the benefits of sponsorship or service to others. Spiritual awakening? Nope. Nothing. Yet presumably, hopefully, they knew something about these things.

I found myself becoming increasingly restless, irritable and discontented as they spoke. I listened in vain for a hint of the tremendous power that the AA program—if it’s worked—provides. It brought to mind my third grade math class. A large clock with a second hand hung on the wall in front of me. I could smell the starch of the nun’s habit. I watched closely as the chalk in her hand screeched across the blackboard, but I tuned out the lesson. I was intent on an anticipated reward (recess). While that recess in fact came, the reward of this hour-long AA meeting did not. Why am I sitting here?

Why does the Big Book say that our stories should disclose our experience in a general way? Did the first 100 alcoholics want us to share specifics of how many cars, marriages, families and houses we’ve wrecked, or how many jobs we’ve lost? And if so, should it take 20 minutes, 30 minutes—an hour? The book’s statement would suggest that equal time be given to the other two parts: what happened and what I’m like today. To be sure, on a classic Twelfth Step call, such details might help a newcomer identify with me—but in moderation, no doubt. The Big Book also suggests: “Tell him enough about your drinking habits, symptoms and experiences to encourage him to speak of himself. ... If he is not communicative, give him a sketch of your drinking career up until the time you quit.”

So even with a “newbie,” we give him only a sketch, not the whole museum. And an AA meeting is no different. Let’s assume that 90 percent of those attending an AA speaker meeting acknowledge that they are alcoholics, and further, that they’ve heard drunkalogs before. Their identification as alcoholics is accomplished. Presumably most want to hear a mes-

sage of hope and recovery (as opposed to just drinking coffee or looking for a date.) Let’s assume 10 percent are newcomers, either still drinking or counting days. Yes, a drunkalog may help them identify with the speaker, but how much detail is realistically necessary? What differentiates an AA speaker from a still active drunk? Both have war stories galore. But shouldn’t an experienced AA bring more to the table?

Advice from a 1940s “Speakers Manual” from the Friday AA meeting at the Mayflower Hotel in Akron, Ohio, still rings true:

“Your audience knows you’re an alcoholic and a member of Alcoholics Anonymous. Your presence at the platform is proof of that—except in a few rare occasions when the speaker may be a nonalcoholic, and will be introduced as such. Consequently, it’s ridiculous to ‘qualify’ yourself. It may be necessary to give some of your drinking history to illustrate what obstacles you had to overcome to become a practicing AA. But keep it to a bare minimum. Avoid as you would the plague a blow-by-blow account of your drinking days and experiences. A recitation of drinking experiences has a definite place in the AA program. It establishes a bond between the AA and the man who may someday be a member. It helps convince the new man that he’s not the only one in the world who has a problem. So your drinking story is valuable when you call on the prospect in his home, in jail, or in a hospital. But at a meeting the audience is more interested in what you have done to keep sober. Draw on your drinking experiences to illustrate points and make an end of it. ‘How I keep sober’ should be the topic of every AA leader.”

A great spiritual teacher once noted that you don’t put your lamp under a basket. You put it on top of a table, where it can give light to everyone in the room. Our Foreword to the Big Book’s First Edition states, “To show other alcoholics precisely how we have recovered is the main purpose of this book.” How often do speakers talk about that? We have “a design for living that really works.” Why aren’t we shouting that from the rooftops?

People coming into AA already know how to drink and screw up their lives. They are knee-deep in the problem. They want a solution. But the solution is extremely elusive for someone shaking, scared and alone. We even have our own language that puzzles the newcomer. The Big Book can sound like Greek without a knowledgeable AA to walk the new member through it.

So let’s remember that we carry great news, the Great Reality, a solution that every day saves seemingly hopeless lives. But only when alcoholics hear it! Let’s not hide it under the bushel basket of our drunken antics. It’s the Steps we worked to recover—not the steps we tumbled down—that saved our lives, and can save others’ too.

—Rich N., Montville, N.J.

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