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# "BETWEEN-US"

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## A Buck In The Basket? Maybe it's time for a raise

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Take me out to the ball game but I won't expect you to buy me a hot dog, too. Those who participate in the highway robbery of buying refreshments at sports events pay something like \$6.00 for the beers and \$5.00 or more for the hot dog. (I can remember when one got a whole case of beer at that price.)

It's a harsh fact that inflation has us by the throat and is choking us to death. Those of us who are no longer kids feel pinched and distressed by the ongoing soaring prices.

So how does this affect Grapevine readers? In order to keep operating, businesses like the Grapevine must raise their rates to keep this battle against the roaring tiger under control Gasoline hovers around \$2.50 to \$3.00 a gallon. Movies cost in the neighborhood of \$8.00. We are all aware of these facts. Let's look at AA meetings, some-

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## Getting Beyond A "Buck"

When I think about the topic of getting beyond a buck in the basket many thoughts come to mind. The first is that I do not know the answer to the question. When I came to my first 12 Step program in 1974 it was traditional to put a buck in the basket. Later when I came through the doors of A.A. in 1983 it was still traditional to put a buck in the basket. I remember quitting smoking in 1979 because cigarettes went to 60 cents a pack and I thought that was way too much money. In 1983 I could go out for coffee after the meeting and with a tip it didn't cost me more than a dollar. Several years ago we came out with a pamphlet which I think was titled something like "It takes more than a Buck". I can remember seeing them at meetings at that time yet most of us continued to put a buck in the

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### Profit & Loss

November 2011

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<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
4000 · Literature Sales	12,115.50
4050 · Between us	433.50
4070 · Contributions	5,083.44
4080 · Gratitude boxes	584.19
4100 · Memorials	250.00
4130 · Personal Contri.	5.25
4150 · Other Income	481.40
4170 · Interest Income	1.65
4600 · Merchandise Sales	25.00
48900 · Shipping and Delivery Income	153.92
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19,133.85</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
5000 · Literature	7,314.15
52900 · Purchases - Resale Items	-105.29
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>7,208.86</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>11,924.99</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
59900 · POS Inventory Adjustments	-288.55
6040 · Bank Service Charges	14.00
6045 · Coffee/Soda Expense	227.73
6050 · Credit card fees	135.65
6170 · Computer and Internet Expenses	54.95
6260 · Shipping and freight	183.77
6262 · Postage	2.18
6500 · Office	3,365.68
6600 · Payroll	10,850.03
6800 · Printing	380.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>14,925.44</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-3,000.45</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-3,000.45</b>
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
1050 · Chase Bank-Checking	3,366.75
1060 · CD-Prudent Reserve	84,350.36
1070 · Chase HY Sav (SE Accts)	16,783.93
1090 · Chase HY Sav (HRA) Restricted	3,001.54
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>107,502.58</b>

### AREA 75 EVENTS CALENDAR

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

## Secretary Meeting, December 13, 2011

Groups represented: 6, 7, 23, 48, 59, 83, 118, 156, 200, 201, 232, A New Day, Airport Gp, As Bill Sees It Waukesha, Badger Group, Bethesda Seniors Gp, Big Book Readers, By the Book, Common Solution Topic, Daily Reprieve Men's, Early Bird Roger's Memorial, Good Hope Sunday, Grass Roots, Gratitude Gp, Grupo Five Conceptos, Helping Hand, Honest and Able, Mayfair Ladies Mon/Fri, Monday Night Menomonee Falls Action, Monday Night Women's Waukesha, Muskego Saturday Night, New Back To Basics Bay View, New Beginnings Oconomowoc, New Berlin Friday Night, Participation Open Meeting, Pick-A-Topic, Sat Morning Women's Freedom, Spiritual Solutions, T-N-T, Tue Night Grapevine, There is a Solution Pewaukee, Trust Through Fellowship, Tuesday Night Grapevine, Wanderers, We Need Sanity Big Book, When All Else Fails. I'm sorry if I have missed anyone that was at the meeting.

Meeting opened by Kathy at 7:00 p.m.

Bank balances on Nov. 30, 2011  
Business Checking: \$ 3,366.75  
Money Market Savings: \$16,783.93  
Prudent Reserve CD's: \$84,350.36

New secretaries were asked to stand and introduce themselves and mention the groups they repre-

sented.

Secretaries were all given a chance to talk about whatever events might be coming up relating to AA or their groups. Numerous events were mentioned.

November was GRATITUDE MONTH! If your group has finished with the box, please return it to the Milwaukee Central Office.

Annual Between-Us subscriptions are due. Please send renew as soon as possible. \$9 individual, and \$18 for your group.

Volunteers are needed for the Central Office helpline, both in office during the day, and at home in the evening and overnight. Call Kathy at 414-771-9119

Meeting closed at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday January 10, 2012. at 7 pm.

# Orientation for GSR's

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

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

### DISTRICT

1. JACKSON, LaCROSSE, MONROE, TREMPPEALEAU & VERNON CNTY'S 2nd Sat. of month, 1:00 p.: Faith Evangelical Free Church, 6644 Hwy 16, Sparta WI 54656 (One mile west of Sparta)

2. GREEN LAKE & MARQUETTE CNTY'S & PART OF WAUSHARA CNTY 4th Sun. of month, 4:30 p., St. John's Church 1211 W. Main St., Princeton

3. MANITOWOC & SHEBOYGAN CNTY'S 3rd Wed. of month, 6:30 p., Even numbered months at 1907 Club, 2908 N. 21st St., Sheboygan. Odd numbered months: Alano Club, 404 S 29 St Manitowoc

4. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Thr. of month, 6:00 p., Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Av.

6. WALWORTH CNTY 2nd Wed. of month, 7:30 p., Walworth Alano Club, 611 E. Walworth St., Delavan

7. KENOSHA CNTY 3rd Sun. of month, 4:00 p., Kenosha Alano Club, 630 56th St.

8. ROCK CNTY (1 of 2) 1st Fri of month, 6:30 p., Good Shepard Lutheran Ch, 2447 Park St., Beloit

9. CRAWFORD, GRANT, IOWA and LAFAYETTE CNTY'S Last Mon. of month, 6:30 p., West View Methodist, Madison & Hathaway, Platteville,

10. Spanish District, at large. Contact Ernesto N. at 414 645-8591. Meets every Tue. at 5:00 p., 1663 S. 6th Street, Milw.

11. JEFFERSON CNTY Meets last Wed. at 5:30 p.m. Moravian Church, 301 College St., Lake Mills,

12. WASHINGTON CNTY 1st Wed. of month, 6:00 p., Jansen Family Park, Schuster Dr. West Bend

13. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 4) 1st Sun. of month, 1:00 p, St. Matthias Church, 111 E. Main, Waukesha

14. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 4th Wed. of month, 7:00 p, Milwaukee Central Office 7429 W Greenfield Ave., P.O. Box 13011, Wauwatosa WI 53226

15. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) Last Sunday of month, 5:30 p, Milwaukee Room 933 E. Center St. Milwaukee

16. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 1st Wed. of month, 7:00 p, Faith United Methodist Church, 400 S. 91st St.,

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

18. Combined with District 2. See "District #2"

19/37. RICHLAND & SAUK CNTY'S Last Wed. of month, 6:15 p, in Rm 14, at Baraboo Civic Cntr.

20/21 DANE CNTY (1 of 2) Last Tue. of month, 6:30 p, Monona Community Center, 1011 Nichols Rd., 53716

22. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Thr of month, 6:00 p, Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Ave.

23. DODGE CNTY 1st Wed of month at 7:00 p, Dodge Cnty Alano Club, 115 N. Lincoln, Beaver Dam, call to confirm 920-583-3142

24. OZAUKEE CNTY 3rd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Advent Lutheran, W63N642 Washington, Cedarburg

25. FOND du LAC CNTY 2nd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St., Fond du Lac

26. DANE CNTY Combined with District 20

27. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 3rd Sat. of month, 9:00 a.m. 12 Step Club, 4102 W. Townsend

28. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 3rd Mon. of month, 7:00 p, Bay View United Methodist 2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave. Bay View, WI 53207

29. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p, St. Alphonsus School, 6000 W. Loomis Rd., Greendale (enter west side/rear of school)

30. ROCK CNTY (1 of 2) 1st Fri. of month, 6:30 p. 734 Railroad St., Janesville. (Unity Group)

31. COLUMBIA CNTY 3rd Sun. of month, 6:30 p., Pardeeville Village Library, 119 N. Main St. Pardeeville, South entrance, lower level.

32/33. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 4) 3rd Sun. of month, 1:00 p, Galilee Lutheran Church, N24 W26430 Crestview Dr., Pewaukee.

34. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 4) 1st Tue. of month, 6:30 p, Northwest Alano Club, N88W17658 Christman Rd., Menomonee Falls

35. GREEN CNTY Quarterly, when called.

36. RACINE/KENOSHA (1 of 2) 2nd Tues. month 6:00 p.m., 12 & 12 Club, 724 N Pine St., Burlington

37. JUNEAU CNTY No information available.

### SEND ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO:

Greater Milwaukee Central Office  
7429 W. Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214,  
[dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com)

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

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

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

Contact John R. through Voice Relay Service 800-973-8024 / 414 -546-3246 TTY/Voice.

E-mail at: [johnreske9@yahoo.com](mailto:johnreske9@yahoo.com)

Contact George B. through Video Relay Service 866-483-1938 / 414 -903-8905 TTY/VP

### AA Groups Need Your Support

- **Gp 24, Sun. 10 a.m.** 12 Step Club, 4102 W Townsend St. Milwaukee, 53216
- **Monday Night 7p.m. Topic Discussion**, Living Hope Lutheran Church, 1991 Hwy 33, Saukville WI 53080
- **Monday at 1:30 pm.** Bethesda Community Center, 2845 W. Fond du Lac, Milwaukee, WI 5310
- **We Need Sanity**, Tuesdays at 10:30 am. St Johns 20275 Davidson Rd, Brookfield. **CHILDCARE AVAILABLE**
- **Thursday at 12:15 pm. and Wednesday 5:30 pm. Topic** both meet at: St. John's Cathedral Complex, 831 N. Van Buren St. Milwaukee, WI 53202
- **When All Else Fails, Saturday at 7:00 pm.** St Matthias Church, 111 E. Main St. Waukesha

# CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

**SOUTHERN OAKS GIRLS SCHOOL, Un-  
ion Grove WI,** AA Wednesday 5:55 p.m.  
and Alateen Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Contact:  
Marty S. (414) 975-8903 for clearance

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

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

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

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

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

**WAUPUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION**  
AA Meeting Sat. , 8:00a.m.-9:30 a.m. Con-  
tact Dale C. 920-387-4229 after 5 p. clear-  
ance.

**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. Contact: Bill H. (262) 633-  
1851

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE:** Meets 3rd Wednesday  
of each month at Faith United Methodist Church, 400 S. 91st St (91st & Adler). All  
Milwaukee County Corrections donations should be sent to: **MCCC, PO Box  
270544, Milwaukee WI 53227-0544.** Call coordinator: Steve G at 414-339-7691,  
email: [stevegravatt@yahoo.com](mailto:stevegravatt@yahoo.com) with questions. Treasurer Bill E. at 414-433-3507.  
Corrections volunteers must go through the committee to get AA literature to take into  
the various facilities. Milwaukee Central Office no longer handles the funds.

## Area 75, So. WI, Calendar of Events 2012

Madison Senior Center (MSC), 330 W. Mifflin St.  
Madison, WI, except where otherwise noted.

- 1/15/12 - Winter Service Assembly
- 2/10-12/12 Conference of Delegates Past and Present –  
Miamisberg, Ohio
- 3/25/12 - Delegates Workshop
- 4/15/12 – Pre-Conference Assembly
- 4/21-28/12 – General Service Conference – Rye, NY
- 5/4-6/12 - Annual Area 75 Conference – Marriott Hotel,  
1313 John Q Hammons Dr, Middleton WI 53562
- 6/24/12 – Summer Service Assembly
- 6/29 thru 8/1/12 – East Central Regional Conference (ECR),  
Grand Rapids, MI
- 8/10 – 12/12 – “Additional” East Central Regional (ECR)  
Forum – Mt Vernon, IL
- 10/21/12 – Fall Service Assembly “ELECTIONS”

- **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 Sta-  
tion, New York, N.Y. 10163
- **Area 75 Corrections, Bridging  
the Gap and Treatment write to:**  
PMB # 170, 5464 N Port Wash-  
ington Rd., Glendale WI 53217

In Memoriam..... Hipp. Larry has a seat at the “Great  
Open Meeting ” in the sky. Larry passed quietly and quickly on  
Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. He was 73 and leaves behind his wife,  
and children. Larry bragged a lot about his grandchildren and great  
grandchildren. Further survived by numerous brothers and sisters  
Larry lived his life and sobriety 1 day at a time for just shy of 36  
years. Larry led a life inspired by the Lord and through his faithful  
participation in the AA fellowship where he led by example as he  
sponsored countless people over the years and was very active at all  
levels service. He was particularly active in the Falls, Germantown  
and Hubertus areas, He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

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basket. I do not think putting out  
another pamphlet is the answer.  
I've also seen posters showing the  
cost of some items over the years. I  
know that they have not been paid  
attention to either.

Recently I brought this topic up with  
several members after a meeting.  
Some mentioned it was a subject  
they hadn't really thought about.  
One person stated that she saw  
others putting in a dollar and thus  
assumed that was the expected  
contribution. When asked what we  
could do to encourage larger contri-  
butions some suggestions were  
offered such as putting more than a  
buck in the basket, if you can afford  
to do so, and hoping others observe  
you doing so. Thus leading by ex-  
ample. Letting people know what  
the costs for the meeting are such  
as rent, coffee supplies, literature  
for newcomers, contributions to help  
carry the message at other levels of  
service (local central offices or inter-  
groups, districts and General Ser-  
vice). Studying the traditions and

what it means to be self supporting  
and talking about our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition to  
others.

The theme of the General Service  
Conference this year was “We are  
Responsible for A.A.'s Future – Let  
it Begin With Us”. To me, if we are  
to get beyond a buck in the basket it  
has to begin with us ... specifically it  
needs to begin with me. I need to  
look at what can I put in the basket.  
We each have differences in our  
finances. We have members who  
are wealthy or who have high pay-  
ing jobs. We have members who  
are unemployed and homeless. We  
have members who are on fixed  
incomes that are not rising in pro-  
portion to prices of daily necessities.  
Each of us needs to look at our own  
situation and based on that situation  
ask the question “Am I contributing  
my share?”  
I love the story Bill told in the Twelve  
Steps and Twelve Traditions. You can  
read it on pages 162 & 163. Essen-  
tially it talks about Bill giving \$5.00 to a  
prize slipee so that he could “look  
good” and later having trouble putting

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a dime in the hat when the meeting place needed money for the rent. I've done things like that in the past. We want to impress someone so we buy a round for the house, many times when we could ill afford it. One of the statements I've heard in the past is to put the price of a drink in the basket. I'm certainly glad I'm not drinking at today's prices. For myself I figure if I can afford to go to the coffee shop and get my favorite latte I can afford to put more in the basket.

What I have decided to do is to give a little more to my home group than I give to other meetings that I attend. I give at my home group whether I am there or not as the expenses continue and I want the meeting to be there for me. There have been times where I have forgotten to bring cash but I know that I am still welcome because our attendance is not predicated on having the price of

admission. Everyone is welcome. What I need to do is talk to my sponsors about the importance of the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition and putting more in the basket if they can afford it, but if they can't they should put in what they can. I teach them the value of service and how we receive much more in return than we have ever been given.

I hope each of us asks the question "Am I giving what I can afford in the basket today?" Over time the amount may change as our fortunes change. I just need to know that I am doing what I can to ensure that A.A. is here for the alcoholic who still suffers today. I want A.A. to be here for my grandchildren if they should ever need it. I want A.A. to remain here for me ... and for that I am responsible.

Nancy H.  
Delegate Panel 61, Area 75,  
Southern Wisconsin

## Po Box 1980, A little more

One of my sponsors once said that since I was one of the lucky ones--I didn't lose a wife, family, or a house, and I was doing okay--I should put in the basket what I spent on booze. Well, if that were the case, our clubhouse would be adding a mighty fine addition to the building.

I read "A Buck in the Basket?" (Grapevine, February 2006) and I thought it really brought home that inflation has been ignored. Maybe people should up their donation to \$2--if just once in a while.

Here's something I learned from a friend in the Fellowship: I give exactly one dollar a day. If it's been three days since my last meeting, I give \$4. In addition, I always look for the opportunity to do a little more, like buy the newcomer a Big Book or support an AA activity.

I can't put a price on my sobriety, but the fact remains that in this world, rent, coffee, and materials all cost money. The fellow who wrote the Grapevine article said it all at the end: "I am responsible..." and I accept that responsibility with a glad heart.

Billy K.

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thing dear and essential in our lives, which are treated shabbily by far too many members.

When I first came to AA in 1963, the accepted contribution was \$1.00, which seemed to pretty well cover expenses. That dollar from 1963, the average "dues" paid by most members, when adjusted for inflation is equal to just 16 cents today!

How--and why--should this be you might ask. The cost of food and others essentials, like coffee, has tripled in forty years. The cost of rent for most meeting places has shot up, too. Literature, directories, coffee, cream and sugar, paper cups, it all adds up.

we have not really paid serious attention to inflation in AA, even though we'd have to be blind not to recognize its serious nature. Churches, which so generously make their facilities available, deserve a larger rental fee. The bite of inflation-affects them too. If we aren't paying a fair rental fee, we have to ask ourselves if we are in violation of Tradition Seven: "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

Likewise, there have been continuously increasing expenses to maintain our vital intergroup offices, area assemblies, and the General Service Office in New York. They can't carry our message of recovery effectively without adequate funding, and there are millions of alcoholics around the world awaiting a message they may never hear.

Obviously, if the average contribution is only one dollar, a group of fifteen or twenty members will have little, if any, money left over to make badly needed contributions to these AA service units after paying for coffee, rent, and literature.

Does this help explain why only about half of all groups in Canada and the United States contributed to the GSO last year? That lamentable figure--only about fifty percent of the membership--is about the same for my local group's contributions to our intergroup office.

Is this responsibility? Is one dollar--less than the price of a bag of popcorn at a movie --the value that we place on AA?

Let's wake up to the dangers lurking out there. We must not deny our precious life-saving heritage to other alcoholics lurking in the wings for lack of a few more dollars from each of us, not if we truly believe our Declaration of Responsibility: "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

Editor's note: There are no dues or fees in AA. AA is here for anyone who reaches out for help. The program is given freely to anyone who wants to stop drinking, even at times when he or she may not be able to contribute financially.

What Is It Worth?

That Seventh Tradition dollar ain't what it used to be. Here are a few comparisons of prices in 1963, when the author of this article first came to AA and "the accepted contribution was \$1.00," and prices today.

First of all, what cost \$1.00 in 1963 costs \$6.11 today. Buying the same product in 2005 for \$1.00 would have cost you just \$0.16 in 1963.

1. COMPARATIVE COSTS: 1963—2005
2. A loaf of bread \$0.21 \$2.89
3. A gallon of milk \$0.49 \$4.50
4. A 6-pack of beer \$0.86 \$3.76
5. A carton of cigarettes \$1.99 \$45.00 (average)

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- 6. A postage stamp \$0.04 \$0.37
- 7. The Grapevine \$0.35 \$1.50
- Donation \$1.00 \$1.00

Jack H.  
Stanwood, Washington

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# CLUB INFORMATION

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

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

Mon. 12:30 p. Tenth Step Gp  
5:30 p. 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  
7:30 p. Women's Lifeline

Thr. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting  
1:00 p. Women's Gp  
5:30 p. Topic Mtng.  
8:00 p. Step Meeting

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

Sat. 10:00 a. Step Meeting  
5:00 p. Fellowship of Spirit  
7:00 p. Feelings  
10:00 p. Young People  
8:00 p. Open Meeting (held on 3rd Saturday of month only)

**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 Open Disc.  
11:00 a. Today' choice  
3:00 p. Gratitude Plus  
7:00 p. Big Book Readers

Mon. 7:30 a. Jump Start  
10:30 a. First Step  
4:00 p. Happy Hour Step Gp.  
7:00 p. Mon. Freedom  
7:00 p. Open IntroductoryAA

Tue. 7:30 a. Comin' Back Gp  
10:30 a. Keep It Simple  
4:00 p. Drop the Rock  
6:00 p. Women's Step  
7:30 p. Three Legacies  
7:30 p. Double Trouble DD/O

Wed. 7:30 a. Big Book Study  
10:30 a. Pass It On  
4:00 p. Happy Hr Promises  
7:00 p. We, Us & Ours  
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. Spanish Speaking  
8:30 a. Early Bird  
10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free  
3:00 p. Twelve Promises  
8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12

**AL-ANON MEETINGS**

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

**LAKE AREA CLUB**  
N60 W 35878 Lake Dr  
Oconomowoc, WI  
(262) 567-9912

Visit our website at:  
[www.lakeareaclub.com](http://www.lakeareaclub.com)

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun. 8:00 a.  
11:00 a.  
6:00 p. Big Book  
8:00 p.

Mon. 9:00 a. Positive Attitude  
6:30 p.  
8:00 p. Step/Tradition Study

Tue. 1:00 p.  
8:00 p. Back To Basics

Wed. 8:00 a.  
10:00 a.  
6:00 p.  
8:00 p.

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

Fri. 12:30 p.  
6:00 p. Non-smoking  
8:00 p.

Sat. 8:30 a.  
10:00 a. Big Book  
8:00 p.

**AL-ANON MEETINGS**

Mon. 8:00 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)

## After the Holidays

### Sunday night Church of the Good Hope group's

### "Welcome to the New Year"



## Open Meeting

### Sunday, January 15, 2012 - 8:00pm

AA Speaker: Nancy S., Area 75 Archivist  
Alanon: TBA

Come join us for an evening of recovery and fellowship

Church of the Good Hope  
8700 W Good Hope Rd.  
Milwaukee

(Parking lot off 87<sup>th</sup> St.)

**WAUKESHA ALANO CLUB**  
318 W. Broadway  
Waukesha, WI  
(262) 549-6541

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun. 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  
8:00 p.

Thr. 12:00 Noon  
8:00 p.

Fri. 12:00 Noon T.G.I.F. Gp

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

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

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

**AA MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun. 10:30 a.\*\* Gratitude Gp.  
8:00 p.\* Candlelight Gp.

Mon. 10:00 a. Monday A.M.  
7:00 p. Men's

Tue. 10:00 a. Tuesday A.M.  
7:30 p. Beginner's  
8:00 p. Step Gp

Wed. 10:00 a. Promises  
8:15 p. Step Gp

Thr. 10:00 a. Big Book  
8:00 p. Young People

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**  
Monday 6:30 p. Alateen  
Wednesday 8:15 p. Al-Anon

\* Open Mtng. 1st Sunday Quarterly  
\*\* Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month (a.m.)

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

**AA Meetings**

Sun. 10:00 a. Welcome Gp.  
7:00 p. Gp. 83

Mon. 10:00 a. Honesty Gp.  
8:00 p. Sharing Strength

Tue. 10:00 a. Gp. 118  
8:00 p. Gratitude Gp.

Wed. 10:00 a. Rap Discussion  
5:30 P. Courage/Change  
8:00 p. 1 Day At A Time

Thr. 10:00 a. Gp. 89  
8:00 p. Gp. 88

Fri. 10:00 a. Gp. 41  
6:30 p. Broken Arrow  
8:00 p. Gp. 449

Sat. 10:00 a. Reliance Gp.  
7:00 p. Big Book Gp.

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

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

# CLUB INFORMATION

## WALWORTH COUNTY ALANO CLUB

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

### Sunday AA

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

### Monday AA

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

6:30 p. Delavan Men's Meeting

### Tuesday AA

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

### Wednesday AA

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

### Thursday AA

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

### Friday AA

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

### Saturday AA

12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.  
6:30 p. Delavan Beginners Gp.

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

### A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:00 a. Gp 17 Step  
4:30 p. Step Gp  
7:30 p. Gp 19 Step  
10:00 p. Topic Gp  
Mon. 7:00 a. Early Morning  
10:30 a. Gp 72 Topic  
12:15 p. Big Book Meeting  
5:30 p. 12 x 12 Monday Blues  
6:30 p. Gp 40 Big Book  
8:00 p. Gp 20 Topic  
10:30 p. Living Sober Step/Topic  
Tue. 7:00 a. As Bill Sees It,  
10:30 a. Gp 70 Step  
12:15 p. Gp 76  
5:30 p. Men's AA & Al-Anon  
7:00 p. Beginners, 1st Step (3rd fl)  
8:00 p. Gp 57 Topic  
10:30 p. 4th Dimension Step/Topic  
Wed. 7:00 a. Men's Step  
10:30 a. Gp 9, Step  
12:10 p. Oasis Topic Gp  
8:00 p. Gp 91 Women's  
8:00 p. Gp 3, Step/Topic  
10:30 p. Step/Topic Gp  
Thur. 7:00 a. Big Book Meeting  
10:30 a. Gp 97, Step  
12:15 p. Here & Now Gp  
5:30 p. Acceptance Topic  
7:00 p. LGBT Big Book  
7:30 p. Gp 26 12x12  
10:30 p. As Bill Sees It  
Fri. 7:00 a. Daily Reflections  
10:30 a. Gp 21, Step  
12:15 p. Gp 65  
6:30 p. Here & Now  
8:30 p. Gp30 Tub Topic  
11:30 p. Step/Topic  
12:15 a. Second Shifters  
Sat. 11:00 a. Gp 87 Step  
3:00 p. Spiritual Growth  
7:30 p. Open Speaker  
9:00 p. Here and Now  
11:30 p. Tub-Topic

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

## H.O.W. TO CLUB

8930 W. National Ave,  
West Allis, (414) 543-2448

<http://howtoclub.info/>

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

### AA MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Eye Opener AA Gp.  
10:00 a. Grass Roots (Steps)  
4:30 p. Drop the Rock 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. Nighthawk Gp.  
Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group  
6:00 p. Tuesday Non-Smok  
8:00 p. 12 & 12 AA Meeting  
Wed. 10:00 a. Foundations Meeting  
6:00 p. AA Beginners Gp.  
7:00 p. Women's Freedom  
8:00 p. Promises Group  
11:15 p. After Hours Gp.  
Thur. 10:00 a. But For Grace Of God  
6:00 p. 6 PM Here and Now  
8:00 p. How To Get It Going  
Fri. 11:00 a. Priority Group  
6:00 p. Big Book Group  
8:00 p. R.U.S. For Us  
11:15 p. Candlelight Promises  
Sat. 9:15 a. Men's Topic  
11:00 a. Pioneers Group  
6:00 p. 1st & 12 Topic  
8:00 p. HOW To Saturday\*  
\*(Open meeting on 3rd Saturday)  
10:30 p. Candlelight Gratitude

# CLUB INFORMATION

The "Clubs" listed here are  
not A.A. Clubs. **A.A. DOES  
NOT HAVE CLUBS!**

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

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

### A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:00 a. Gp. 24 Upstairs  
Mon. 11:00 a. Gp. 92  
Tuesday 6:45 p. Gp. 79  
Wed. 11:00 a. Gp. 27  
Fri. 11:00 a. Gp. 61 (12x12)  
6:00 p. Women's Gp.  
Sat. 10:00 a. Beginners Gp.  
7:00 p. Gp 6

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

**1907 CLUB**  
2908 N 21st St.  
Sheboygan, WI 53083  
(920) 457-9633

### AA MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun: 7:00 p. As Bill Sees It  
Mon: 6:30 p. Old Timers  
7:30 p. Women's  
8:00 p. Beginners  
Tue: 6:00 p. Big Book  
Wed: 9:30 a.  
8:00 p. WITTS  
Thr: 6:00 p. Topic Meeting  
7:00 p. Closed Speaker  
Fri: 8:00 p. Good Fight Gp  
Sat: 9:30 a. Non-Smoking  
6:30 p. Grapevine

Mtng  
**Open Meeting 1st & 3rd**  
Saturday of month at 8:00 p.

### Al-Anon Meetings

Monday: 7:00 p. Al-Anon  
Wednesday: 9:30 a. Al-Anon  
Saturday: 9:30 a. Ala-teen  
9:30 a. Ala-Tot  
9:30 a. Al-Anon

# When and Where

## NEW MEETINGS

New Back To Basics, Grace Pres-  
byterian, 2931 S Kinnickinnic Ave,  
Milw. 53207 **Mondays at 7 p.**

Women's Big Book, Christ Church  
13460 N Port Washington Rd, Me-  
quon 53092, **Mondays at 6:00 p.**

Gp 79, Twelve Step Club, 4102 W  
Townsend St, Milwaukee 53216,  
meets **Tuesday at 6:45 p.**

Tue Night St Jude Step Meeting, St  
Jude Church, 822 Glenview Ave,  
Wauwatosa, WI meets **Tuesdays  
at 7:00 p.m.**

Polish Sober Eagles (Polish Speak-  
ing) Prince of Peace, 4419 S How-  
ell Ave Milwaukee 53207 (rear  
parking & entrance) **Meets on  
Tuesday at 6:00 p.** (Polish/Russian  
Interpreter available)

Tues Night Bay View Big Book,  
United Methodist 2772 S K.K. Ave,  
meets on **Tuesdays at 5:30 p.**

By The Book, Tippecanoe Presby-  
terian, 125 W Saveland Ave Mil-  
waukee **Wednesday, 7:00 p.**

**On Wisconsin! Friday, 7:00 p.**  
Veteran's Manor 3430 W Wisconsin  
Ave, Milwaukee

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

## DISBANDED GROUPS

**Fight the Good Fight Open, Ace  
Boxing Club**, 2160 S 10th, Milw.  
met on Mondays at 7:00 p.

**Group 14, Roundy's, Whitefish  
Bay**, met on Tuesdays at 8 p.

## 24 HOUR CLUB

153 Green Bay Rd.  
Thiensville, WI  
(262) 242-9999

### A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Step/Topic  
5:00 p. Step  
Mon. 6:30 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Topic  
12:00 p. Women's  
8:00 p. Men's  
Tue. 6:30 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Step/Topic  
5:30 p. Big Book  
Wed. 6:30 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Big Book  
5:15 p. Women's  
Thur. 6:30 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Topic  
5:30 p. Step/Topic/Trad  
Fri. 6:30 a. Topic  
10:00 a. Step/12 & 12  
5:30 p. Principles  
8:00 p. Step  
Sat. 6:30 a. Topic  
8:30 a. Living Sober  
10:00 a. Big Book  
**8:00 p. Open Speaker Mtng.**  
**(1st Saturday Only)**

## GALANO CLUB

### - LGBT Recovery -

315 W. Court St. Suite 201  
Milwaukee, WI 53212-3825  
(414) 276-6936

<http://www.galanoclub.org/>

[mail@galanoclub.org](mailto:mail@galanoclub.org)

### MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:30 a. Step Topic  
Mon. 7:30 p. Came To Believe  
Tue. 5:30 p. 40+ Topic  
Wed. 7:00 p. 12 x 12  
Fri. 7:00 p. Step/Topic  
Sat. 7:30 p. Topic

### AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

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

## NORTHWEST ALANO CLUB\*

N88 W17658 Christman Rd  
Menomonee Falls WI  
53051 (No Phone)

### A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 7:30 p.  
Mon. 7:00 p.  
8:00 p. Action Gp  
Tue. 10:00 a. Step  
8:00 p.  
Wed. 8:00 p. Step/Topic  
Thur. 10:00 a. Step  
6:00 p. Women's  
Fri. 8:00 p. Step/Topic  
Sat. 10:00 a. Step

### AL-ANON MEETINGS

Wed. 8:00 p. Al-Anon  
Fri. 8:00 p. Al-Anon

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

**Gp 11 Friday**, Roundy's Church, Whitefish Bay, **met at 8 p. Friday**

**Holy Hill Gp**, on Friday in Hubertus no longer meets at Holy Hill.

### OTHER CHANGES

**Gp 91 Women**, Alano Club 1521 N Prospect Wed at 6 p. now has **Child Care Available**.

**Time To Start Living**, Brookfield Presbyterian, 1485 Brookfield Rd, Noon on Mondays, now has an **open meeting on the last Monday** of the month.

**The First 164**, formerly at Roundy's Church **NOW meets at Christ Church 5655 N Lake Dr, Whitefish Bay, at 6:00 p. Tuesdays**

**Cedarburg Tue Gp**, Advent Lutheran W63 N642 Washington Ave, Cedarburg, formerly met at 8:00 p. on Tuesday, now meets at 7:00 p.

**Stop For A Quick One**, formerly at Roundy's Church **NOW meets at Kingo Lutheran, 1225 E Olive, Shorewood at 5:30 p. Thursdays**

**Here and Now**, formerly at the 12 Step Club, now meets on Thursdays 7 p. at St Francis of Assisi Church, 1927 N 4th St Milw. 53212

**Oak Creek Friday Night**, All Saints, 9131 S Howell, **NEW time is 8:00 p.m.**

## OPEN MEETINGS

**Weekly & monthly open meetings listed in November 2011, When & Where**

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

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

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

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

59, Waukesha,

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

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

**Second Saturday at 7:00 p.** New Hope United Church, 4360 N. Jackson Dr., Jackson WI

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

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

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

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

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

**Wednesday November 23rd at 8:00 p.**, Gp 22 Open Meeting, 1916 Wauwatosa Ave, Wauwatosa

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

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

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

**Fri Night Couples, February 17,** 2012 7:30 p. AA & Al-Anon Speakers, St. Pius Church, 2520 N Wauwatosa Ave. Wauwatosa

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

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## "Faithful Fivers"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Payment Plan:

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

**Card #:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Phone Number** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### 2012 Weekend Retreats Jesuit Retreat House, Oshkosh, WI [jesuitretreathouse.org](http://jesuitretreathouse.org)

Men and Women members of AA,  
Al-Anon

Total cost: 4 days \$290.00. Send a \$40.00 deposit with requests for specific dates to: Jesuit Retreat House, 4800 Fahrwald Road, Oshkosh, WI 54901 or call for information, 1(800) 962-7330

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

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

### MILWAUKEE CENTRAL OFFICE

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

# Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser

Saturday January 28, 2012

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner  
Salad  
Garlic Bread & Dessert

Speakers: 7 p.m.

Sponsored by  
Saturday Morning Early Bird  
Group

AA-Speaker  
Debbie V.

Al-non Speaker  
TBA

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

Dinner tickets  
\$10.00



Please see a board member for tickets or  
purchase tickets at counter. Thanks

## Written for Us Newcomer's Meeting

*An Insight to 'How it Works'*

A meeting for newcomers and/or old-timers

when:

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

where:

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



**Come JOIN US & learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous**



## November was GRATITUDE MONTH!

If your group has finished with the box, please return it to the Milwaukee Central Office, as soon as possible. Remember to include all necessary group information from the box top label, if you are sending a check. Otherwise just return the box, we will count the money for you.



36th Annual

# BADGER INTERGROUP!



## SATURDAY

### March 31, 2012

Waukesha Expo Center  
(non-smoking facility)

**Speaker: Clancy I.**  
from Los Angeles, CA

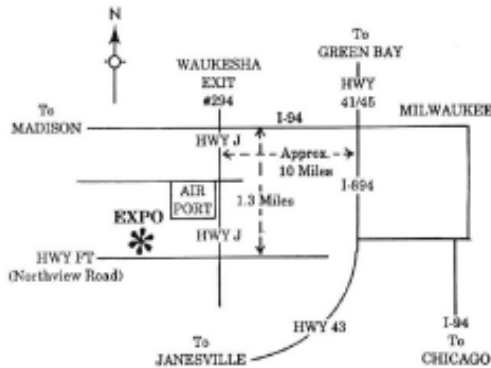
Social Hour – 5:30 pm  
Dinner – 6:30 pm  
Speaker – 8:00 pm

**Dance to follow**

Coffee & Soda Available

**Tickets: \$25.00 each**

(PROCEEDS WILL BE SPLIT)  
All Sales are Final – No Refunds



TICKETS BY MAIL-IN ONLY.

Payment must be received by **March 17, 2012.**

Tickets **will NOT** be sold at the door.  
THIS FLYER MAY BE REPRODUCED

*"We absolutely insist on enjoying life."*

MAIL TEAR-OFF SECTION TO: Nancy J., N31W23819 Rough Hill Rd, Pewaukee WI 53072, 414-550-1777

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER of TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 each = AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check Payable to: Badger Intergroup

\_\_\_\_ A.D.A. Accessible Seats Needed

**All Sales are Final!**

**THANK YOU!**

**Alcoholics Anonymous History**

2012  
Area 75 Archives Room  
Open Sundays  
12:00 to 3:30

**Area 75 History**

**Closed**  
March 25, April 15, May 6, October 21

**Open by Appointment Only:**  
January, February, June, July, August, December

For App. Contact: Nancy Seelen Area 75 Archivist 414 339-3934 aanancy@att.net

Located in the Lower Level of  
Holy Assumption School  
7109 West Orchard St  
(1 block South of Greenfield)  
West Allis, Wisconsin 53214

**Your History**

We Can't Know Where We Are  
If We Don't Know Where We Have Been!!!

**District Histories**

**Meeting Histories**



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GROUP 48's

40<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Meeting

Sat. Feb. 18th. 2012

Immaculate Conception  
1051 E. Russell Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wis.

Al-Anon Speaker: Anne V.

AA Speaker: Nancy H.

Present Delegate Area 75

5:00PM To 6:00P.M. Hospitality

6:00PM to 7:00P.M. Dinner

7:00PM to 9:00 P.M. Speakers

Dinner tickets \$10.00

Ticket sales deadline February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Call: Jean H. 414-727-0716

Ken N. 262-833-1296

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Friday Night Couples AA  
and Al-Anon Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Open Meeting

Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

Fellowship: 7:00 to 7:30

Speakers: 7:30 to 8:45

Al-Anon Speaker: Ruth H.



AA Speaker: John H

St. Pius Church

2520 N. Wauwatosa Ave. (76<sup>th</sup> St.)

Just north of North Ave.

(Enter the building on Wauwatosa Ave.

Turn Left & up the Stairs)

# AA at the VA

## Committee Members Needed!

The AA at the VA is looking for new committee members to join us to help plan our event on 12 October 2012. We are always looking for new members to join us and continue carrying the AA message to all. Our next committee meeting will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2012 at the VA Mental Health Conference room located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the main hospital located at 5000 W National Ave.

We meet on a monthly basis prior to the conference on the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM. We ask that if you are interested that you or your alternate can be at every meeting as attendance is very important in making planning decisions for the conference.

For further information about being a participant or information on the conference please contact Tim M @ 414-552-8698 or at my office 414-384-2000 ext 47169. You may also contact me via e-mail at: [timothy.mccormick@va.gov](mailto:timothy.mccormick@va.gov)

Look forward to hearing from you and working with you on our committee.

## Join us for the 34th Annual Snow Ball

### Fundraiser to support the Al-Anon Service Center of SE Wisconsin

Dinner, Drawing, Speakers & Dance

Saturday, February 25, 2012

American Serb Hall,  
5101 W Oklahoma Ave, Milwaukee, WI

Dinner 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Speakers 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Dance 9:30 - 12:00 midnight

Speakers: Al-Anon – Kate W. – Chicago, IL

AA – James L. – Chicago, IL

Donations:

Dinner & Full Event Tickets: \$25

Speaker & Dance Only Ticket: \$10

Contact the service center office for tickets:

AFG of SE WI

6737 W. Washington, West Allis, WI

414-257-2415



Dinner Tickets Available Only in Advance. Speaker/Dance Tickets may be purchased at the door. Drawing tickets available through the service center and at the event.

### Big Ticket Drawing!

Two fabulous prizes will be offered in separate Big Ticket drawings at this year's event. You need not be present to win. As always, a basket drawing will also be held.

#### "Three Bears" Afghan Set

Keep the whole family warm this winter with this striking set of three hand-made afghans. Beautifully crocheted in patterns that will appeal to Mama Bear, Papa Bear, and even a baby afghan for the little one.



#### Family Fun Pack

The popular Family Fun Pack is back! Includes gift certificates for a family of four to spend a fun-filled few days at an area venue. The winner will be able to choose between Country Springs Water Park or Green Lake Retreat Center. Gift certificates good for any time of the year.

