"Welcoming Newcomers and Aiding AA Groups In Our Community."



**MARCH 2019** 

## This Drunk Was Really a Monkey

Two zoo stories, similar until now-but the endings may be different

I SERVED aboard a submarine in the South Pacific for several years. One of the subs attached to the fleet had picked up a small monkey. It was made into quite a pet, taken on shore Leaves, and of course, taken on shore leaves, and of course, taken into every gin mill from Fremantle, Australia, to San Francisco. It was taught to drink everything from beer to torpedo juice with the best of the men, and as a result of this, it went on some terrific binges.

It wasn't too long before the men noticed that their shaving lotion was missing from their lockers. If you woke up with a terrific hangover from a night ashore, you could always rely on a bottle of this poured into a cup of black coffee to straighten you out. Now, this monkey had become an alcoholic, and the crew not realizing it, would keep giving it drinks whenever the opportunity arose.

The monkey had a sense of smell so strong that it could smell the alcohol in anything containing it, and it would steal this to drink. It stole the extract, shaving lotion, medical alco-("Monkey" Continued on page 9)

## **Toper's Tale**

WHĒEE! LET 'EM ALL GO! IN my DD (Drinking Days) I worked with as looney a bunch of railroaders as ever highballed through a red light.

I still work with them, but they don't seem as looney as they used to. Maybe because I don't, either.

Anyway, one day in the long-gone, not-so-happy past we put in a morning picking up empty freight cars at sidings and bringing them into the yards.

One of the cars was a presumably empty tank car assigned to a wine company bottling plant. Some of the boys were curious as to whether the tank was really empty.

So going into the car with a fire bucket, one lad made the joyous discovery that the car still held a few drops of the grape. Few drops my eye! It held buckets and buckets

I guess every member of the crew got his own fire bucket brimming with the juice. The next step, of course, was to empty it. The rest of the trip was a real joyride, or a nightmare, depending on your point of view.

The conductor fell off the train while crossing a trestle and nearly

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

\$ Change

12,290.37

1,210.90 11,717.52 40.00 1,587.00 222.47 22,539.80 Oct 47 - Jan 18 28,598.31 97,953.89 755.29 303.00 39.99 ,256.30 240.76 25,002.84 40,888.68 95,628.63 Ordinary Income/Expense Cost of Goods Sold Fotal Income Account Balances: Checking: \$17,779.18 Savings: \$42,977.92 Prudent Reserve: \$163.805.25

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#### **Meeting Space Available**

- Chase Commerce Center Bldg 28, 3073 S Chase Ave at Oklahoma. Contact: craig.bergland@gmail.com for more information.
- Christ United Methodist Church, 5200 S 48th St. Greenfield WI 53221. Wheelchair accessible space available. Contact: Jo, 414-421-0202 or email: christumc1@sbcglobal.net

10:47 AM

## Secretary Meeting, February 12, 2019

Groups represented 7, 100, 124 Our Gang, 11th Step Open AA, A Vision For You, Another Chance Tuesday Night, Back To Basics 12 x 12, Badger Gp, Big Book Readers, Brown Deer Monday Night, Common Solutions, Conscious Contact Discussion, Daily Reprieve Men's. Here and Now VA. Key To Recovery VA, Monday Night Action, Monday Night Women's Waukesha, North Shore Big Book Saturday. Real Needs Real Help. Reality Gp. Restore Us To Sanity, Saturday Morning Big Book, Saturday Morning Women's Freedom, Sussex Friday Night Action, Terrific Tuesday Big Book, TGIF Menomonee Falls, Tuesday A.M. Big Book/12 8 12 Study, Turning Point Sunday Night, Wanderer's, . I'm sorry if I have missed anyone that was in attendance.

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

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

GRATITUDE BOXES as of 2/4/2019, 369 boxes in, with \$21,499.77. We expect another 80 to 90 boxes to be returned.

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

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**BIRTHDAY CLUB!** We celebrate birthdays, and we'd like to help you

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

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

Central Office Spring Thing is set for Saturday April 13, 2019. To be held at Davian's Event Center, N56W16300 Silver Spring Dr, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051 Tickets available through the Central Office 414-771-9119.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:20 p.m.. Next meeting is Tuesday February 12, 2019 at 7 p.m. Next Board of Director's meeting is March 13, 2019 at 6:30 p.

## Deaf Access Committee (DAC) January 2019

Balance: \$4,533.71 Contributions: \$ 330.62 Interpreter: \$1,120.00

Awareness Event

Expenses: N/A
Donations: N/A
Annual Cost of interpreters

for 3 meetings a week @\$160 per meeting is \$24,960 Leslie P. with questions:

eclvr@wi.rr.com

## ORIENTATION for GSR'S

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

# DISTRICT MEETINGS

#### DISTRICT INFO ON THE WEB:

#### https://www.area75.org/page/districtmeetings

- 1. JACKSON, LaCROSSE, MONROE, VERNON, & TREMPEALEAU; 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, 7:00 p. Milw. Central Office, 7429 W Greenfield Ave.

- 17. RACINE CNTY (1 of 2) 3rd Sun. of month, 1:00 p, Grove Club, 1037 Grove Ave., Racine
- 23. DODGE CNTY 1st Wed of month at 7:00 p, Dodge Cnty Alano Club, 115 N. Lincoln, Beaver Dam, call to confirm 920-583-3142
- **24.** OZAUKEE CNTY 3rd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Peltz Center for Jewish Life, 2233 W Mequon Rd. Mequon
- **25.** FOND du LAC CNTY 2nd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St., Fond du Lac
- 27. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 3rd Wednesday of month, 7:00 p.m. Covenant Lutheran Church, 8121 W Hope Ave, Milwaukee WI 53222
- **28.** MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p, Bay View United Methodist 2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave. Bay View, WI 53207
- 29. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p, Luther Memorial Church, 2840 S 84th St., West Allis, WI 53227
- 32. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 4th Tuesday of month, 6:30 p, Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 470 Oak Crest Dr., Wales WI.
- **34.** WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 1st Tue. of month, 6:30 p, Northwest Alano Club, N88W17658 Christman Rd., Menomonee Falls
- **36.** RACINE/KENOSHA (1 of 2) 2nd Tues. month 6:00 p.m., 12 & 12 Club, 724 N Pine St., Burlington
- **38.** MILWAUKEE CNTY (1of 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

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Tradition Seven, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions,

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

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

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

MILWAUKEE COUNTY HOUSE OF COR-RECTION. 8885 S. 68th St. Franklin WI.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL 9th & State Milwaukee WI.

MILWAUKEE SECURE DETENTION CEN-TER, 1015 N. 10th St. Milwaukee

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

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

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

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

MILWAUKEE COUNTY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday every odd numbered month at All Saints Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Donations should be sent to: MCCC, PO Box 270544, Milwaukee WI 53227-0544. Call coordinator: Kôtá at (262) 385-3443, email: mccccoordinator@gmail.com w/ Corrections volunteers must go through the committee to get AA literature to take into the various facilities. Milwaukee Central Office no longer handles the funds.

#### Area 75, Southern WI, Calendar of Events 2019

Madison Senior Center 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison, except where otherwise noted. Mar 10, Delegates Workshop April 7, Spring Assembly June 23, Summer Assembly and Delegates Report.

Sept 8, Pre Conference Assembly Oct 18th - Sun Oct 20th Area 75 Conference & East Central Regional Conference

- Milwaukee Central Office: 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214 gmco@aamilwaukee.com
- Area 75 Treasurer: PMB #167, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217
- General Service Office: G.S.O.
- P O Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163
- Area 75 Corrections, Bridging the Gap and Treatment write to: PMB # 170, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217
- Milwaukee Deaf Access Committee: www.milwdac.org: Email: MilwaukeeAreaDeafAccess@gmail.com; Mailto: Deaf Access Committee, P.O. Box 1982, Waukesha WI 53186

## JOIN the BIRTHDAY CLUB!

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

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

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

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

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#### **AA Groups Need Your Support**

- Sundays at 9 a. Gp 10, Lamplight Inn, 7400 W Greenfield Ave (enter on 74th Street, lower lever)
- Mondays at 7 p. Group 29, St Catherine Church, 5101 W Center St, Milwaukee WI 53210
- Tuesday 8:30 a.m., Home At Last, 6705 Northway, Greendale, WI (men and women welcome)
- Wednesday 11 a.m. Gp10-17, St Veronica's 353 E Norwich, Milwaukee 53207
- Wednesday 6 p.m. Women's Big Book, Martin Luther Church, 9235 W Bluemound Rd. Milw. 53226
- Wednesday 8 p.m. Menomonee Falls, Gloria Dei Church, W180N7863 Town Hall Rd. 53051
- Thursday at 12:15 p.m. and Wednesday 5:30 p.m. St. John's

Cathedral Complex, 831 N. Van Buren St. Milwaukee 53202

- Thursday 8:30 p.m. Gp 22, Underwood Memorial Baptist, 1916 Wauwatosa Ave, 53213
- Friday at 7 p.m., NCIC Gp 24, NCIC Church 2328 W Capitol Dr, Milwaukee WI 53206
- Friday at 7 p.m. First Things First, St Margaret Mary, 3930 N 92nd St. Milw 53222
- Friday 9:30 p.m. Big Book, Martin Luther Church 9235 W Bluemound Rd. Milw. 53226
- Friday 8 p.m. Candlelight, St Anskar Episcopal, N48W31340 Hill Rd Hartland WI (Hwy's 16 & 83)
- Saturday 11 a.m. Big Book, St. Pius X Church, 2506 Wauwatosa Ave. Wauwatosa WI 53213

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## March 23 & 24, 2019

This is a closed co-ed AA meeting sponsored by District 29 & hosted by the Woman's Friday Night Kick-Off Group

AA History! Walk through the 12 steps, as outlined in the Big Book, with our presenters who will take us through the first 164 pages, highlighting the prayers and promises of each step, with discussion of the history behind the steps of AA.

A past workshop participant shared: "This program showed me that the Big Book really is a set of clear instructions on how to get out of my own crazy mind and out of my own way!"

As a part of this workshop all attendees receive:

- A new Big Book
- A highlighter
- Handouts to follow along

- Lunch and snacks(provided)
- Coffee & water (provided)
- · Free-will donations accepted

Where: Pass It On Club

6229 W Forest Home Avenue

Milwaukee, WI 53220

When: Check in/fellowship-8:30 / Program-9 AM to 4 PM on Saturday

Check in 12:45pm / Program-1 PM to 4 PM on Sunday

Workshop cost: \$15.00 Registration closes March 15, 2019

## Limited to 50 participant

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Questions please call:	Barbara W 414 282-5143	3 or	???????	????

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hol and on several occasions drank torpedo juice without the benefit of distilling it.

Shortly after the war ended, the sub was ordered to Vallejo, just north of San Francisco. While undergoing overhaul, some of the men took the monkey to San Francisco. The monkey escaped, and while on the loose tried to drink every bar in San Francisco dry. Just imagine yourself sitting at a bar with a drink in front of you, about half crocked, when a small hairy hand comes sneaking over the edge of the bar and steals the drink out from in front of you. They probably had to call out the wagon for a good many people that night who thought they were going into the DTs. Anyway, the monkey did go into the DTs and when finally caught, was turned over to the zoo in San Francisco.

I imagine that it is still there today if it is alive, living behind iron bars just as I am living behind iron bars here. There is a similarity between this monkey's case and mine. I too tried to drink every bar in the Pacific dry. This monkey ended up in a zoo in San Francisco, and I ended up in a prison in Minnesota. There is

a difference though, and that is that I have a mind of my own, and if I want to use this and have the desire to do something about my drinking, I can.

There was no hope for the monkey, for from the day he was locked in his cage, his chances were through. This was also true with human alcoholics just a few years ago, but it isn't so today. For decades nobody paid much real attention to the alcoholic. His treatment center, most times, was the jail and prison. There he'd sober up, serve his time, than be let out with the admonition not to get back in Now with our Alcoholics Anonymous programs in jails and prisons, he at least has a fighting chance. This program with its Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions will certainly do wonders in helping to straighten out our thinking.

I often think of that monkey and its having to go through the rest of its life in a cage, and I feel sorry for it. I just hope that I don't have to spend the rest of my life in a cage with people feeling sorry for me. I know that I won't if I can absorb this program and live it day to day.

-- M. V. Stillwater, Minnesota

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drowned before we were able to haul him out of the--ugh!--water.

The fireman, who was supposed to be giving signals from the engine cab, was giving up from the bottom of his stomach while hanging out of the window.

We eventually reached the freight yard-heaven knows how--and started "humping" the cars and shunting them to the proper track according to destination.

"Let one go!" is proper railroad lingo for releasing a car by the brakeman. It means letting the car roll by its own momentum to its allotted track.

Our wine-happy brakeman obviously found this method too slow, for he suddenly yelled: "Let one go--let two go--let 'em all go!"

The result was utter chaos, with freight cars chasing each other all over the yard, without regard to anything faintly resembling order.

For a mysterious reason I still can't fathom, none of us was fired. Helluva way to run a railroad, I'd say.

-- W. H. Clinton, Connecticut

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## **Marathon Drinkathon**

Why one newspaper reporter wrote "30" to his thirst

REMEMBER the walkathon rage in the Thirties? Couples, half dead with fatigue, supported each other as they staggered across the area floor. A guy and a gal would have to be half-baked to go through such gyrations while making a spectacle of themselves. The gal would try to hold her partner from sliding out of her grasp to the floor. She'd slap his face trying to bring him back to his senses. They'd fall on top of one another. How long could they continue to take it? What nuts!

These events became one of my favorite sports. They were wonderful places to continue drinking during the early morning hours, as the contestants raced the clock in a dizzy fashion. What screwballs these people must be, I used to think to myself.

Never in those drinking days did I think of myself in the same light. My drinking in those Thirties was a marathon, too. Many times it also became a walkathon. Around the clock I would go.

If, or when, I got to work during a binge, it was without any sleep from the night before. I'd swear to God that when the workday as a newspaper reporter was finished I would go straight to bed. Then four o'clock in the afternoon would sneak up on me. With it came my second wind, and then the desire for just a few nightcaps before keeping my promise to go straight home for some needed sleep.

Around two or three in the morning I would find myself walking the streets again. Around and around, racing the clock before all the joints closed. Then the first rays of dawn would begin engulfing the sky above me, and the

thought would hit me: Why you damn fool!

One Sunday morning, while on a continuous week-end drink marathon, I wound up in the Nob Hill Bar, located across the street from the Cathedral Catholic Church on Denver's Colfax Avenue.

Sitting at the bar was the sister of a ballplayer I knew. I offered to buy her a drink, just to seal the contract in case we decided to become walkathon partners for the rest of the day. Those were the good old days when bars weren't obliged to stay closed until noon on Sundays, so I drank fast in order to try and get across the street in front of the church to meet a nice girl who was attending Mass with her family. Perhaps she would think I had also been to Mass.

My walkathon partner began sliding from the stool to the floor. She had passed out. While I was slapping her in an effort to bring her out of it, the owner of the tavern ordered me to get her out of the place.

There was nothing to do but pick up the body and carry it out to the street, hoping an understanding taxicab driver would come to my rescue. None did. I tried without much success to hold my partner up. The twelve o'clock Massgoers were pouring out of the church, and it was on this day that my fame spread through the parish.

I felt like an innocent victim. That girl should have learned to control her drinking. Look at the spot she had put me in with my girl friend and her family watching. And all I had been trying to do was be a good guy.

But this instance wasn't enough to

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make me give up my desires for those marathon-walkathon week ends. I was too young then to retire from the merry-go-round.

One time I found myself sitting in the press room in the central police station in Denver. Panic set in. It was Saturday--but what time? I had to cover the college football game in the afternoon, and show up in the Rocky Mountain News office in the morning to get paid my weekly wages and expenses.

The task was not simple. My clothing was torn and dirty. Think, I told myself. The answer was the telephone. Soon I had a drinking buddy of mine on his way over to the office to pick up my pay and expense money, with instructions to bring it to me at the police press room. I used another wet nickel and soon had one of my girl friends on her way to me, armed with a razor and a new suit of clothing she had borrowed from her brother.

My faithful drinking buddy showed up while the girl friend was trying to shave me. He had no loot; the accounting department had told him that it was not payday. I said he had probably talked to the wrong party and that I'd go over and tell that accounting department a few things.

The football game was still uppermost in my mind. I couldn't be late for this one. It was a big event. Denver University and Colorado University, rivals for years, were to tangle once again. But this year Colorado had the famed potential All-American Whizzer White on its squad. And he was big

As bad luck would have it, the first guy to greet me upon my arrival in the office was my biggest and best resentment--the spying sports editor.

"How come vou're in on your day off?" he asked. Apparently, he couldn't even remember that he had assigned me to cover the game.

His second comment jarred me. It came close to sobering me up. "Nice yarn on last Saturday's game between C.U. and D.U.." he said.

Somebody is nuts, I thought, and it can't be me. But it was.

Proof was found in the morgue where they keep the old newspaper files. There it was; my account of the game. The cobwebs began to clear. It must have been Tuesday, my regular day off. No need to bother the accounting department now. I must have gotten my pay before starting on this marathon that ended in a blackout.

"Those crazy guys and gals going around and around. What a rat race!"

These were the very words I said to myself some twenty-five years later when I finally surrendered to the will of God.

It's surprising, however, that some ambitious promoter hasn't thought of reviving the old walkathon rage.

I still see my crazy guys and gals going around and around in a dizzy whirl. Take any drinking street. They are still there--each competing for the title.

This man has called out "thirty"--at least for today.

-- J. M. Chicago, Illinois

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A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

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

10:00 a. Step Meeting 5:00 p. Fellowship of S 7:00 p. Feelings 10:00 p. Young People Step Meeting Fellowship of Spirit

8:00 p. Open Meeting (held on 3rd Saturday of month only)

**AL-ANON MEETINGS** Monday Tuesday 6:30 p. Al-Anon 1:00 p. Al-Anon/ACOA

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

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

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 7:30 a. Welcome Back Gp

10:30 a. Made Decision 5:15 p. As Bill Sees It 6:00 p. How It Works Disc 7:00 p. Gateway Topic Gp 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 8:30 a. Early Bird

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

> 8:00 p. Spanish Speaking 8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12 AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

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N60 W 35878 Lake Dr Oconomowoc, WI (262) 567-9912

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A.A. MEETING CHEDULE 8:00 a. Early Bird 11:00 a. Friendship Gp 6:00 p. Big Book 8:00 p. Gopher Sunday 9:00 a. Positive Attitude 6:30 p. Otter Gp 8:00 p. Step/Tradition Stdy

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

8:00 a. 10:00 a. Back To Basics 6:00 p. 8:00 p. Wed.

6:00 p. Women's Group 8:00 p. Grapevine Mtng

12:30 p. 4:00 p. 6:00 p. Non-smoking 8:00 p. Old School House 8:30 a. 11th Step 10:00 a. Big Book 5:30 p. Perfect Time B/B

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

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

Book

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

#### A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 9:30 a. Sun Morn Sunlite 11:00 a. Sun Go-To-Mtng (Open speaker 2nd Sunday & Breakfast)

7:00 p. (Open Step Gp)

Mon. 12:00 Noon 6:00 p. Beginners AA 7:00 p. (12 & 12)

Tue. 12:00 Noon

Wed. 12:00 Noon 5:30 p. Topic Gp

Thr. 12:00 Noon

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 **MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun. 10:30 a. Step Topic

Mon. 7:30 p. Came To Believe

Tue. 6:00 p. 40 + Topic Wed. 7:00 p. 12 x 12

Thurs. 7:30 p. Living Sober -ODAT

7:00 p. Step/Topic

7:30 p. Big Book & More

#### **AL-ANON MEETINGS**

Sun. 10:30 a. Al-anon

Meeting Space Available See website for Club Events.

www.galanoclub.org

#### **NORTHWEST ALANO** CLUB\*

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

#### A.A. MEETING **SCHEDULE**

7:00 p. Sun.

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

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

Wed. 7:30 p. Step/Topic

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

Fri. 8:00 p. Step/Topic

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon

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. (Hwv. 50 & 11) Delavan, WI 53115, (262) 740-1888

Sunday AA

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

Monday AA

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

Tuesday AA 7:30 a. Sunny Side Up 12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp. 6:30 p. Delavan 12 Step Topic

Wednesday AA 7:30 a. Sunny Side Up 12:00 Noon As Bill Sees It Gp.

6:30 p. Delavan IT Meeting Thursday AA

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

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

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

24 HOUR CLUB

153 Green Bay Rd.

Thiensville, WI

10:00 a. Topic

8:00 p. Men's

6:30 a. Topic

6:30 a. Topic

6:30 a. Topic

6:30 a. Topic

8:00 p. Step

6:30 a. Topic

(1st Saturday Only)

Sat.

10:00 a. Topic 5:30 p. Step/Topic/Trad

10:00 a. Step/Topic

5:30 p. Big Book

10:00 a. Big Book

5:15 p. Women's

8:00 p. Men's 12 & 12

10:00 a. Step/12 & 12

5:30 p. Principles

ALANO CLUB 1521 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53202 (414) 278-9102

Sun.10:00 a. Gp 17 Step 4:30 n Life Savers

> 10:30 a. Gp 70 Step 12:15 p. Gp 76 7:00 p. Beginners, 1st Step

8: 00 p. (Big Book Study) Wed. 7:00 a. AA

> 6:00 p. Chicks at Six Gp 7:30 p. AA

10:30 a. Gp 97, Step 12:15 p. Here & Now Gp

7:00 p. Sober and Out 7:00 a. Daily Reflections 10:30 a. Gp 21. Step

12:15 p. Gp 65 6:30 p. Here & Now

Sat. 11:00 a. Gp 87 Step

11:30 p. Late Night AL-ANON MEETING

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

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 9, Step 12:15 p. Oasis Topic Gp

8:00 p. Gp 3, Step/Topic Thr. 7:00 a. Big Book Meeting

5:00 p. AA

8:30 p. Gp 30 Tub Topic 12:15 a. Second Shifters (Sat.)

3:00 p. Spiritual Growth 7:30 p. Open Speaker 9:00 p. Here and Now

Sunday 10:00 a. Al-Anon

#### H.O.W. TO CLUB 8930 W. National Ave, West Allis, (414) 543-2448

http://howtoclub.info/ M, W, F, Sat. 9 a. -11 p,

Tue Thr 9a. - 9p., Sun 8a to 9p. Sun. 8:00 a. Eve Opener AA Gp.

10:00 a. Grass Roots (Steps) 4:30 p. Drop the Rock 6/7 Step 6:00 p. AA Topic Group

8:00 p. Sun. Sober & Serene Mon. 11:00 a. Winner's Circle

5:45 p. Gp 132, Women's Gp 7:00 p. Big Book Gp. 8:00 p. New Hope Gp.

11:15 p. What's The Point Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group 6:00 p. Tuesday Non-Smoke 7:00 p. Deaf/Hearing Impaired

8:00 p. 12 & 12 AA Meeting Wed.10:00 a. Foundations Meeting 6:00 p. AA Beginners Gp. 7:00 p. Women's Freedom

8:00 p. Promises Group 11:15 p. After Hours Gp. 10:00 a. But For Grace Of God 6:00 p. 6 PM Here and Now

8:00 p. How To Get It Going 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)

#### **UNITY CLUB**

1715 Creek Rd West Bend, (262) 338-3500

#### A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE unitvclub1715@att.net

8:00 a. Topic **AA MEETING SCHEDULE** 10:00 a. Step/Topic 5:00 p. Step 10:30 a.\*\* Gratitude Gp. 6:30 a. Topic Mon.

8:00 p. Candlelight Gp. 10:00 a. Monday A.M. 7:00 p. Men's

7:00 p. Women's 10:00 a. Tuesday A.M. 6:00 p. 1st 164 Big Book 7:30 p. Beginner's 8:00 p. Step Gp

Wed 10:00 a. Promises 1:00 p. Steps/Promises 8:15 p. Step Gp

10:00 a. Big Book 7:00 p. EZ Dozen12x12

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

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

#### **AL-ANON & ALATEEN MTNGS**

8:30 a. Big Book/Steps 9:00 a. Al-Anon 10:00 a. Big Book Saturday 7:15 p. Al-Anon Thursday 8:00 p. Open Speaker Mtng.

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

#### **FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

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

Email: friendshipinc@ sbcglobal.net

#### 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

#### 12 STEP CLUB

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

#### A.A. MEETING **SCHEDULE**

Wed, 11:00 a, Gp, 27

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

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

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

Milwaukee Group

933 E Center St. (River West)

Milwaukee WI 53212

A.A. MEETINGS

8:30 p. Big Book

7:00 p. Open (1st Step)

8:30 p. Open (Big Book)

Sun. 10:00 a Open (Disc.)

8:30 p. Topic

Tue. 7:00 p. Open (Topic)

Wed. 7:00 p. Open (Big Book)

8:30 p. Topic

Thur. 6:30 p. Open (Topic)

7:00 p. Beginner's

8:30 p. Open (Big Book)

8:30 p. Step

Sat. 8:30 p. Topic

Mon. 5:30 p. Big Book

#### **Greater Milwaukee Central Office**

7429 W Greenfield West Allis WI 53214. 414-771-9119

(aamilwaukee.com)

#### A.A. MEETINGS

Mon. 12:15 p 4:00 p Tue. 2:15 p 4:00 p Wed. 12:15 p 4:00 p **Thur.** 12:15 p 4:00 p Fri. 12:15 p

4:00 p Sat. 9:15 a. - Newcomer 10:30 a

We do not meet on major holidays.

#### LIGHTHOUSE ON **DEWEY**

1220 Dewey Ave. Wauwatosa WI

#### **AA MEETINGS**

#### Sunday

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

#### Tuesday

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

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

#### Thursday

7:30 p. Alumni No 12

## Friday

7:15 p. Gp 74 Saturday

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

## **NEW MEETINGS**

Sunday at 9:30 a.m., Hitting the Books, Lake Area Club. N60W35878 Lake Dr. Oconomowoc.

Sunday 6 p.m. 11th Step Prayer/Meditation, Rooted In Mindfulness Center, 4040 N Calhoun Rd Brookfield WI

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

Tuesdays at 6pm, Dry Hootch, 4801 W National Ave Milwaukee WI 53214

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

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. New Leaf Sober Living, 6401 W Oconto Place, West Allis WI 53219

Thursday 6:30 p.m., Aurora Hospital, 975 Port Washington Rd., Grafton WI 53024

The "Clubs" and "Rooms" 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

Friday at 7:00 p.m., Brentwood Church of Christ, 6425 N 60 St Milwaukee. WI 53223

Friday at 7:00 p.m. NCIC Church, 2328 W Capitol Dr, Milwaukee WI. (open speaker on 2nd Fridays)

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

#### DISBANDED GROUPS

United We Stand, Tuesday 8pm, met at Wauwatosa Congregational Church, 1511 Church St. Wauwatosa 53213

#### **OTHER CHANGES**

11th Step Candlelight, previously at "Hummingbirch Center" NOW meets at Lutheran Church of Great Spirit, 3127 S Howell Ave, Mondays at 6:30 p.

**Shorewood Gp at** Kingo Church 8 pm Tuesdays **MOVED** to Christ Church, 5655 N Lake Dr Whitefish Bay still Tue at 8 pm.

Impaired Professionals Tuesday 7:30 p. formerly at Roger's West Allis, **NOW** meets at **Holy Trinity, 11709 W Cleveland Ave**, West Allis Tues. at 7:30 p.

**Tues Meeting for Deaf and Hard of Hearing**, moved to HOW To Club 8930 W National Ave, and now starts at 7:00 p.m.

Tues Night Hales Corners Step/Topic, 12300 W Janesville Rd, Hales Corners...previously at 7pm. NOW starts at 6:30 pm.

Tuesdays, Elizabeth Ann Seton, 12700 W Howard Ave, New Berlin, formerly at 8:00 p.m. NOW starts at 7:00 p.m.

**Gp 23, used to meet at 8pm. NOW meets at 7:30 pm.** Wednesday at 74th and Lapham. West Allis.

Badger Gp. used to meet at 8pm. NOW meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in Brookfield.

#### **OPEN SPEAKER**

Weekly & monthly speaker meetings

#### listed in December 2018 When & Where

#### aamilwaukee.com/directory.html

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

Sundays at 6:30 p. VA Hospital 5000 W National Ave 3rd Floor Unit 3A

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

**1st Tuesdays at 7:30 p.** First Congregational Church, 1111 N Chicago Ave So. Milwaukee

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

**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

**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,

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

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

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

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

Contact the Central Office via email: gmco@aamilwaukee.com, with changes.

## ASL Interpreter Available: Meeting for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Tuesdays 7:00

P.M., H.O.W To Club, 8930 W National Ave. West Allis WI 53227



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

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

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#### 2019 Weekend Retreats Jesuit Retreat House,

4800 Fahrnwald Rd. Oshkosh, WI 54901, call 800-962-7330 iesuitretreathouse.org

Men and Women members of AA, Al-Anon

Total cost: 4 days \$390.00. Send a \$50.00 deposit with requests for specific dates to retreat house or call for info.

Men: May 2-5, Dec. 5-8, 2019

**Women:** May 9-12, Aug. 22-25, Nov. 14-17, Nov. 21-24, 2019

## Redemptorist Retreat Center,

1800 N Timber Trail Lane, Oconomowoc, WI 53066, (262) 567-6900 Email: rrc@redemptoristretreat.org Please call for reservations. AA and Al-Anon, \$250 three nights. **May 17-19 2019.** We discuss the 12 steps and related topics.

#### MILW. CENTRAL OFFICE

• E-mail us at:

gmco@aamilwaukee.com

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



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## Monthly Central Office/ Intergroup Meeting!

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

Second Tuesday of Every month, at 7:00 P.M. ALL group Secretaries are encouraged to attend.

There is a **New GSR orientation, at 6:30 P.M.,** call to give us a "heads up" if you are a new GSR, and want to attend the orientation. 414-771-9119.





# The Happy One

SHE will be thirteen years old this April and she has big brown eyes and shiny black hair and a pretty little face that today is wreathed with smiles. But it has not always been thus.

Yeun Ja grew up amid the chaos and bombings of the Korean war and her father was killed at the height of the conflict. Cold, hunger, fear and illness were the constant companions of the little child until, in desperation, the mother abandoned her to an orphanage affiliated with the Christian Children's Fund. Even here she might have been turned away had she not been sponsored, for the Korean orphanages must operate on pitifully small funds and cannot care for all the children who need their help.

But there was an AA who wanted this child, an AA who had no children and no family of her own, an AA who had learned to lift up her head and live again and who, now that she no longer spent her pay on alcohol to drink herself into oblivion every night, could afford the ten dollars a month required by the Christian Children's Fund to sponsor this In truth, we never fully know how farlittle girl.

It has been said that for every person who comes into AA and lives the AA way of life that from four to six other people are made happy. In my case, I thought there was no one, absolutely no one aside from myself who might benefit from my sobriety. My non-alcoholic friends did not care much one way or the other and some even thought my entrance to AA more than a bit amusing. Little did they know of the many lone hours I had spent with the bottle, trying to obliterate the awful, aching loneliness, trying to reason out some meaning or purpose for my own existence.

Let's face it. I was a real sneaky drunk. Living alone, I could cover up my drink ing much more easily than the average alcoholic. Nature had also provided me with a tailor-made excuse for my headaches and hangovers in the form of another illness which twice called for maior surgery and made rather a dramatic impact on friends and co-workers. With my fogged-up way of thinking, I did not realize at that time but today I can see quite clearly that I quickly grasped onto that illness and used it as an excuse. It provided a readily acceptable explanation for my occasional absences from work and my "morning sickness."

Today, thanks to AA, there is no morning sickness and nothing to cover up. There is the extra money to sponsor Yeun Ja and to send her packages and little gifts from time to time. She writes of being "wild with joy" and recently enclosed a snapshot of herself wearing one of the new dresses I had sent her. The expression on her face, eyes aglow with happiness and a smile from ear to ear, simply defies description.

reaching the consequences may be when we sober up. In this instance, the joy of the AA way of life has traveled to the other side of the globe to bring happiness into the heart of a little girl. This could not be--would never have been-were it not for AA. Words cannot possibly express my gratitude to AA for showing me this wonderful way of life, for making it possible for me to sponsor Yeun Ja and to know the deep and abiding joy of having a little "adopted daughter" in Korea who is today "the happy one."

-- A. C. B.

Lowell, Massachusetts

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#018 Sat 8 p.m.	114294	40.00	Manitowoc Serenity	125356	100,00	araline lietad
#051 Sicker Than Most	114317	50,00	Matt Talbot Bell Ringers Gp	675208	178.53	groups march
#059 Gp	117184	104.40	Mayfair Ladies Mon & Fri	114336	100.00	in Train William
#074 Gp	159542	100.00	Menomonee Falls Wed Night,	114273	50.00	in your when
#093 Men's Group	130257	725.00	Mon Independence	MIL-MH	84.44	1 1171
#10 17	166036	10.00	Mon Night Candlelight	638536	112.00	and where
11th Step Open AA Meeting	WAK-A6	60.00	Mon Night Mequon Men's	673956	30.00	1 111
24 Hr Club Mon-Sat 6 30 a.m.	711522	60.00	New Day Club Sun 8 am	OZK-S3	115.00	should be
Airport Group	159599	100.00	New Faith	125785	60.00	
Belgium Twelve Steppers	686411	50.00	Oak Creek Tue 10 a.m. Step	144522	50.00	contributing
Big Book Study, Promise View	720616	60.00	Old School House Group 309	163906	137.40	Summounities.
Brookfield Unity	114155	90.00	On Awakening	630666	140.00	regularly to
Came To Believe	617129	78.60	One Day at a Time, Watertown	664578	30,00	icgularly w
Clockwise Gp	637077	30,00	Participation Open Meeting	118724	145,00	the current of
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Daily Reflections Gp (Wales)	665087	100.00	Reflections II	616378	30.00	Training Control
Delavan Wednesday Night Beginne	114186	100.00	Sat Morning NW Alano	159063	70.00	your Central S
Drap the Rock 6/7 Step,	MIL-TG	60.00	Sat Morning Wake Up Gp	655162	100.00	
Early Bird Rogers Memorial	624742	58.52	Sat Morning Women's Freedom	695465	300,00	Ollice. We
First Step	635840	60.00	Sat Night Live /Oconomowoc	121171	50.00	
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It Works If You Work It, Aurora	723327	55.20	Welcome Back	667042	60.00	vou to every-
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# The Spiritual Journey of Alcoholics Anonymous

## From the Beginning to Wisconsin





Power Point Presentation by Nancy S. (Area 75 past Archivist) and Amanda S.

Date: Saturday March 30th 2019

Social Hour: 4:30 – 5:30 Hands on Display of A.A. History

<u>Presentation Time</u>: 5:30 – 8:30 10 minute breaks during presentation

Location: Pass It On Club 6229 W Forest Home Ave. Milwaukee, WI 53220

Sloppy Joes Snacks Desserts

Spirituality and Money

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

# Getting AA the Long Way

I AM an alcoholic with nine years, two months, fifteen days of continuous sobriety. It was accomplished through AA twenty-four hours at a time.

I took my first drink when I was sixteen at a skating party. I was an alcoholic from that drink on. A drink or two always made me terribly sick. At twenty-seven I married and went farming. Still I drank and inevitably was sick. We moved to North Dakota in 1917 and stayed until 1921. My drinking increased when I was back with my old friends. When I sold out and moved into Amboy in 1935 to start trucking and corn shelling I really began to drink in earnest.

The citizens voted for a municipal liquor store and then my drinking increased very rapidly. I was never

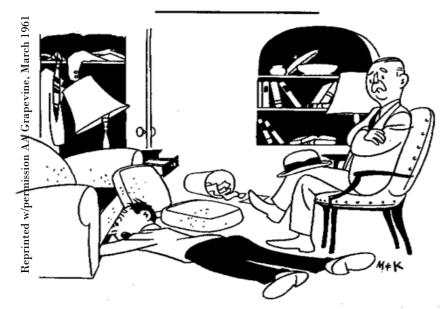
cold sober in the last three years of drinking, and always required a half pint before I could go to work. I was a drunkard and ashamed of it--but I could do nothing about it.

My friend, Bill, asked me if I didn't want to do something about my drinking? I told him I knew I should. That night he took me to a meeting in Mankato, Minnesota. There I met the most friendly people! Bill was a wonderful sponsor. We drove fifty-two miles from Amboy to Mankato twice a week. A week never passes that I don't attend one or two meetings.

Through AA teachings, especially the Third Step, I turned my life and will over to God, as I understand Him. Today by God's Grace I am a happier man.

-- Anon. Madelia, Minnesota

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"I'll get you a drink, George, as soon as I remember where I hid the bottle."



Saturday, April 27th 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:15 Free To Be Me

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