

## Founders' Day!

This annual three-day celebration in Akron, Ohio commemorates AA cofounder Dr. Bob's last drink and the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous. The event, which began in 1941, is held in early June and today draws about 10,000 visitors from around the world. For information about this year's celebration, visit: foundersday.org

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## Off to Founders' Day

By: Patty B. | Columbus, Ohio

A risky three-day road trip to Akron with her mom? Luckily, a big dose of Bill & Bob was just the right medicine

When I first got sober I had what I like to call the "he, she, they" disease. My life circumstances were everyone else's fault, not my own.

This was particularly the case when it came to my mom. She had gotten sober seven years prior. I was still very busy fueling the hurts, injuries and resentments even after I was well into my sobriety. We no longer were engaged in attempts to beat each other to a bloody pulp. We were not, however, as caring and trusting as most mothers and daughters that I knew, at least those who didn't have alcoholism encouraging awful and truly hurtful behavior.

I would go to "my" meetings and she would go to "her" meetings and occasionally we would end up at the same one. Typically, this overlap occurred because she was speaking somewhere, and we were learning to be in the car together without fighting.

My one-year anniversary was coming up and Mom offered to take me to Founders' Day weekend in Akron, Ohio, to celebrate (see box on page 36). She said it would just be the two of us and that Founders' Day was an event I should not miss. My finances were still not great, so she was paying for everything. She made the hotel arrangements and got us registered for the convention. Folks within our family had begun making bets about who would

kill whom in Akron or who would ride the bus home.

She and I had never spent that kind of time together on an overnight trip, just the two of us. We packed our bags and the car, and on Friday afternoon we were off. I felt excited, anxious and a little worried that things might quickly go south quickly between us.

We arrived in Akron and registered for the conference. I could feel the electricity, even though most of the crowd hadn't arrived yet. We headed to the hospitality area and began enjoying AA fellowship. That's where we met an adorable couple named John and Ruth from Australia. I could have listened to them talk all day. I loved their accents.

Later on the way back from an AA meeting at the Paradise Club in nearby Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, we got lost due to construction. There were no cell phones back then, but we had Pop's CB radio. Mom's handle was "Teetotaler." On the CB, she reached out to truckers and found and out that we were almost to Cleveland, which was the exact opposite way we needed to be headed. We began blaming each other for getting lost. I blamed her because she was driving; she blamed me because I was navigating.

That's when we developed our "Tenth Step game." In an attempt to break the tension, I quoted the Tenth Step, saying we "continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it." I made it sound like I was having a hard time saying the word "wrong," like Fonzie used to do on the "Happy Days" TV show and we both laughed. From that point on, we used that game to defuse tension between us.

One of the days Mom took me on the bus tour that drives around Akron to all of the AA historical sites. When the guide began to tell us that Bill and Bob were both from the East Coast and explained how they met in Akron on that fateful day in 1935, I had a wave of gratitude go through me. "Wow, this really is a God thing, huh?" I said to my mom. In her acerbic way, she looked at me and said, "No s—, Patricia Lynn."

We met so many AA members and enjoyed fellowship and saw the play that has been performed at Founders' Day for many years running. We heard incredible speakers, including Willie B.

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from Spring, Texas and Dr. Paul O. from the story in the Big Book, "Acceptance Was the Answer."

At the big Saturday night meeting, more than 5,000 people assembled in the basketball arena. I sat between Walter H., a former delegate from Marion, and my mom. The Serenity Singers sang the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting. I doubt there was a dry eye in the place. I looked over at Walter and saw tears running down his face. We hugged and then shared our gratitude over strawberry pie at the Italian restaurant about a block off campus. Mom and I had a hot date with Walter every Saturday night of Founders' Day weekend for strawberry pie from that point on.

It was a wonderful weekend. The best part was Saturday night when Mom and I got back to our hotel. We both got ready for bed. If you knew mom, you may know that she tended to hum. She was humming around the room as I climbed into my bed. She came to the side of my bed, and tucked me in so well that I probably would not have been able to escape in case of a fire. She kissed me on my forehead and said, "Good night, Sissy."

I was still a tough broad back then, and I turned toward the wall so she would not see me cry. I remember vividly saying in my head, Hey, God, this AA thing, I think I like it.

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From September 2007

## Founders' Day 2007

By: Jay M.

An anniversary celebration in Akron, Ohio

Since the early days of AA's history, members have gathered in Akron, Ohio, on the weekend nearest June 10--Dr. Bob's sobriety date. This year, that weekend fell on Friday, June 8, and it dawned warm, bright, and clear--an auspicious beginning to Founders' Day and AA's 72nd anniversary weekend in Akron, Ohio.

A horde of early-rising volunteers opened registration at the University of Akron's Student Union Building at 8 A.M. Annually, about 13,000 AAs and Al-Anons from around the world gather in Akron. Although the official registration was just above 10,700, an additional few thousand folks showed up at the sprawling campus just to enjoy the weekend. They didn't attend the meetings or go to hear the speakers, they just came to meet and interact with AAs. Besides the formal meetings and other events, part of the magic and joy of Founders' Day is simply hanging out with the many alcoholics who come from all over the world.

Bill W. best described the significance of Akron in 1945: "It was here that the miracle really happened. This is the hill where the AA beacon was lit ten years ago. From here, the light spread outward to guide others" (Grapevine, July 1945). Akron, a Greek word meaning "summit," sits on a ridge overlooking the surrounding Ohio countryside.

The first event of the weekend was a one-step-an-hour meeting that stretched from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. The weekend was also filled with a variety of meetings: Old-timers; Young People; Al-Anon/Alateen; Spanish-Speaking; Traditions; Alkathons; and

Speaker meetings. In addition, plays, skits, historic presentations, and dances, dances, dances provided attendees with plenty to do.

Akron's attraction as the birthplace of AA puts historic tours high on the priority list of many attendees. Founders' Day offers bus tours of the historic sites in Akron, such as the Mayflower Hotel, the Gate Lodge of the Seiberling Estate, St. Thomas Hospital, and other sites. The Gate Lodge of the Seiberling Estate (Stan Hywet), where Bill W. and Dr. Bob first met, is now a museum. Visitors are sometimes startled when they see the library where AA's cofounders first talked. In some minds, a grand room is envisioned-one with fine wood bookshelves, expensive carpets, and other expected furnishings found in a gate lodge belonging to the very wealthy (the Seiberlings founded Goodyear Tire). In reality, the library is a small room where the hungover doctor gave "this bird fifteen minutes" and ended up talking for hours. Somehow, the humility of this simple room makes the story all the better.

When Bill first came to Akron, he stayed at the Mayflower Hotel. Here, he made the phone calls that resulted in his meeting with Dr. Bob. A replica pay phone and church directory hang in its lobby. Today, the Mayflower Hotel is a private residence providing low-income housing.

No tour is complete without a stop at Dr. Bob's house. The volunteers greet you with "Welcome home!" At times, the small size of the house and the large crowd waiting to see the inside makes for long lines.

Tours end at the Akron Intergroup Office. Here, volunteer guides share in the awe of several thousand visitors to the office during the weekend. Dr. Carl Jung, who figures in our history, penned the term "synchronicity" to define happenings where many unrelated events come together and make something wonderful. Old-timers and newcomers alike visit the Akron Intergroup Office. A young woman visiting the archives curiously asked, "Were Bill and Bob brothers or something?" An archives volunteer asked how long she had been sober, and she proudly replied, "Two weeks!" She had a little time, so the volunteer told her about the story of the founding of AA and what the early members did so that she and others would have the opportunity to recover. Before the story was finished, both were crying. That is one of the miracles of Founders' Day: a spiritual experience that occurs when one member with twenty-five years of sobriety cries with a young lady with two weeks. For, despite the vast difference in sobriety and age, both are exactly the same. Both are recovering alcoholics.

The James A. Rhodes (JAR) Arena at the university can seat nearly 5,000 and was big enough for the Friday night crowd to hear the AA/Al-Anon stories of Chuck and Sandy L. from Wisconsin.

On Saturday, however, the JAR was not nearly large enough to contain all who wanted to attend the "Big Meeting," so the event was simulcast to five other university venues. Total seating at all the venues was close to 10,000. Jack C., from Maryland, told the crowd his story. One of the highlights of the big meeting was the sobriety count up and countdown. First, the Akron Intergroup chairperson asked anyone with twenty-four hours or less to stand. A large number stood, and the crowd went wild. The count up continued until one year was reached, and then everyone else was asked to stand. Kent K. continued to count up the years, and everyone sat as their year was called. Eventually, "old-timer" terri-

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tory was reached. Many in the arena had over thirty years of sobriety. Saturday night ended with two dances, one for teens and one for everyone else.

For many visitors to Founders' Day, Sunday mornings are special. Beginning at around 7A.M., motorcycles start to line up for the procession to Dr. Bob's gravesite. This practice, started in the 1970s, consists of hundreds of bikes and vehicles gathering in a line so long that when the first vehicle arrives at Mt. Peace Cemetery, the last vehicle has yet to leave the university. Afterwards, the weekend was closed with a spiritual talk given by Mildred F. from Ontario.

Our tribe, the children of the bottle, share a commonality--many of us have witnessed events that few people really know about. We have seen human behavior about which we rarely speak. However, when we come together in these kind of numbers at Founders' Day, we can feel magic. The notebook we carry in our minds never fades, for remembering the insanity is important, and celebrating the recovery is vital. Just as we once found those who drank the way we did, today we find others who are recovering--they carry the same notebooks in their minds. And that is what Founders' Day is all about: alcoholics and their friends coming together from all over the world to celebrate recovery.

#### Origins of Founders' Day

In October 1941, both Bill W. and Dr. Bob spoke in Akron. Dr. Bob traced the early history of the AA movement. On November 8, 1942, Bill W. spoke at the "annual AA meeting" in Hotel Carter in Cleveland to an audience of 1,000. Dr. Bob and a Cleveland AA also spoke.

Bill's 10th anniversary talk on June 10, 1945, at the Mayflower Hotel was a precursor of Founders' Days to come. It finished with a weekend gathering that hosted Dr. Bob and Bill in Cleveland's Music Hall. 2,500 AAs from 36 states, Canada, and Mexico attended.

These anniversary meetings continued in Cleveland in 1946 and 1947, moving to Akron in 1948, where 5,000 AAs attended. In 1949 neither Dr. Bob (his wife Anne had just died) nor Bill W. came. Meetings continued through the 1950s, taking place mainly at Goodyear Hall until 1957, when a meeting was held at the University of Akron and events covered two days for the first time.

The first Saturday night speaker meeting and first memorial service for Dr. Bob was held in 1961. The first dance was in 1962. "Modern" Founders' Day began in 1965, when the event was held Friday through Sunday for the first time.

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# The Longhouse

By: FRAN D.F. | Rimrock, Ariz.

A Native American compares AA to the shelter that houses an entire clan.

Today is the potluck to celebrate all the AA birthdays for the month. We have a big cake and tons of food and really great fellowship. There is no place I would rather be than right here. There

is no place I would rather be than right here. There is no one else I would rather be than me and no other Fellowship on the planet that speaks higher about the gifts of healing than this little AA gathering way out in the back country of Central Arizona. It's the Red Road meeting and we are just upriver from the local Indian Reservation.

My outer face smiles as I watch my brother take a cake for one year of sobriety, but my inner face cries for my sister in the hospital being treated for alcoholism. Bittersweet, this sobriety. According to Indian Health Services, 97 percent of Native Americans will die, either directly or indirectly, from the disease of alcoholism. I am powerless. I never have to pick up a drink, one day at a time, for the rest of my life and by that I am empowered by my Higher Power.

Doing the same tasks my sponsor taught me when I was in my first 30 days still works well for me. I wash ashtrays and coffee cups and sweep the floor at the meeting hall. I drink the last four cups of coffee left in the pot at the end of the meeting because I hate to throw it out. I used to be very poor on the reservation and we never threw anything out, but now I wonder why I cannot sleep through the night--I am a work in progress. A friend suggested that if I go around and fill up everyone's cup near the end of the meeting, I won't have to drink all the extra coffee and then maybe I could sleep better. What a concept!

What can I say to my sister? I love you? I hate this disease? I can help you--or maybe I cannot help you, because I am powerless over you? Please don't die! Get up and feed yourself, comb your hair and come to the meeting. Maybe together, we can change the number to only 96 percent of our race dying of this thing. For my brother, I can give him a hug and listen with all my heart as he prays in the native language, giving thanks for that year of sobriety. Big medicine! Happy birthday!

The Indian word "Haudenosaunee" means "People building a longhouse." The longhouse is home to the entire clan, where they live, work, pray and share their lives as people with common goals and spirituality. Sometimes I look around the AA meeting house, and see the things on the walls like the Steps, Traditions, the picture of the first Twelfth Step call and other symbols of our goals and spirituality in recovery. It reminds me of the longhouse, because the walls there also contain things that represent the inhabitants and the lifestyle. For me the AA meeting house feels safe, like a good home, and the people who share it also share similar spirituality and goals. Of course, like any large family or clan, we have our differences, but the diversity of our separate uniqueness makes us very interesting.

Just as in the longhouse, we are learning how to grow up and become happy, productive adults. We learn more about our creator by learning about each other and studying the ways that worked to make our elders strong, sober people.

Our AA founders are like the great old chiefs of our people in recovery. The old-timers are like the elders in Indian country. They know what works and what doesn't work, and the closer we listen to their stories and take direction from them, the stronger and more spiritual our recovery will become.

When I first got sober, my family seemed a long time gone from my life. I had wandered off from the beautiful traditional teachings of my childhood. After about 25 years of hard drinking, I finally got sober and went back to see the older people and make amends.

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They were kind and it was good to be around people who looked like me and really knew how to make me laugh and love. They had aged. Some of their hands were a bit shaky and their faces were lined with the great journey of the passing of many years. Their brown eyes still sparkled and shined, though, when I listened to the stories of our family and our beliefs.

An old-timer in AA once told me, "You can choose whether you want to be part of the problem or part of the solution." There will always be problems in AA groups just as there will always be problems in Indian communities. Every day we are given the opportunity to decide which side we are on. Would I complain if someone shared too long or if I thought they were not sober as long as they said? Would I leave a meeting because all the good seats were taken or because someone I don't happen to like was there? I can also ask, would I walk out of my longhouse because someone in my family was suffering or acting out? Would I give up on my Indian people or my sober people just because they weren't doing it my way?

I think maybe Haudenosaunee means more to me than just a specific tribe or culture. It means people doing unselfish things for each other, building together, praying and sharing and teaching and learning about our creator's will for us. Haudenosaunee is an ideal, just as much as it is a specific group or nation.

Alcoholics Anonymous is an ideal, too. It's the combination of many things working together, like meetings, reading the Big Book, answering Twelfth Step calls and making a big pot of coffee. It's a legacy for the next generation of suffering alcoholics, just as the teachings of the longhouse are a legacy for the next seven generations of Native Americans.

I have a special love, respect and honor for my native ancestry because of my sobriety. Native people open Red Road meetings inside and outside Indian communities all over the country. Together we carry the message of the Twelve Steps to our brothers and sisters and thank them for joining us on this journey that has embraced every Native American nation and tribe in the land. We are not extinct! We are alive and well and thriving in recovery because of Alcoholics Anonymous.

We have powwows in Indian country and AA conventions for sober people. They are celebrations of life and gratitude. The first time I danced sober in a powwow I felt proud to be who I was and humbled that these ancient dances and celebrations had survived so much difficult history. The first time I held hands and said the Lord's Prayer at the Sunday spiritual meeting at an AA convention I got tears in my eyes. I had stayed sober long enough to passionately feel the gift of gratitude for my recovery.

American Indian people are the First Nations of this great and beautiful land and have suffered a long and brutal history of genocide, boarding schools and being confined behind barbed-wire boundaries on reservations.

Alcoholics have suffered a brutal history, too. We can blame many things for the brokenness we feel, we can blame our history, or we can rise above it as we can rebuild our lives. We can build a longhouse or a meetinghouse if we work together to overcome our fears and shortcomings. We can do great things for our future and our earth and all our relations.

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## April 1990

## What We Were Like

### Fragments of AA History

In the spring of 1971, newspapers around the country reported the passing of Bill W. in New York City, one of the two cofounders of Alcoholics Anonymous. The other co-founder, Dr. Robert S. of Akron, Ohio, had passed on some years earlier.

Shortly after Bill's death, the Akron Alcoholics Anonymous groups asked Henrietta Seiberling to speak at the annual Founders Day meeting in Akron, which is attended by AA members from all over the world.

Henrietta was not an alcoholic. She was a Vassar College graduate, a housewife with three children, a woman who had, as Bill W. later described it, "worked through many a hard problem and found her answers in the Oxford Groups. She understood deep suffering." It was through Henrietta that the two co-founders had first been brought together at the gatehouse of her family's estate in Akron.

At the time of the invitation to address the Founders Day gathering, Henrietta was living in New York and did not feel up to traveling. In her place, then, a request was put forward to her son, John Seiberling. John agreed to speak; however, it was his conviction that what would really mean the most to those assembled would be to hear some of Henrietta's own words. For that purpose, he made a tape recording of her remarks and played a part of it at the 1971 Founders Day meeting which was held in the gymnasium at the University of Akron with a couple of thousand people present. What follow are Henrietta's own words, as taken from a transcript of that recording.

"I would like to tell about Bob in the beginning. Bob and Anne came into the Oxford Group, which, as you know, was the movement which tried to recapture the power of First Century Christianity in the modern world, and a quality of life we must always exercise. Someone spoke to me about Bob's drinking. He didn't think that people knew it. . . So I decided to gather together some Oxford Group people for a meeting, and that was in T. Henry Williams' house.

"I warned Anne that I was going to have this meeting. I didn't tell her it was for Bob, but I said, 'Come prepared to mean business. There is going to be no pussyfooting around.' And we all shared very deeply our shortcomings, and what we had victory over, and then there was silence and I waited and thought, 'Will Bob say something?' Sure enough, in that deep, serious tone of his, he said, 'Well, you good people have all shared things that I am sure were very costly to you, and I am going to tell you something in turn which may cost me my profession. I am a silent drinker, and I cannot stop.' This was weeks before Bill came to Akron. So we said, 'Do you want us to pray for you?' and he said, 'Yes.' Then someone said, 'Do you want to go down on your knees and pray?' and he said, 'Yes.' So we did.

"And the next morning, I, who knew nothing about alcoholism (I thought a person should drink like a gentleman, and that's all), was saying a prayer for Bob. I said, 'God I don't know anything

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about drinking, but I told Bob that I was sure if he lived this way of life, he could quit drinking. Now you have to help me.' Something said to me (I call it 'guidance'--it was like a voice in the top of my head), 'Bob must not touch one drop of alcohol.' I knew that wasn't my thought, so I called Bob and said I had guidance for him, and that it was very important. He came over at ten o'clock in the morning and I told him that my guidance was that he mustn't touch one drop of alcohol. He was very disappointed because he had thought guidance would mean seeing somebody or going someplace. And then he said, 'Henrietta, I don't understand it. Nobody understands it. . . Some doctor has written a book about it, but he doesn't understand it. I don't like the stuff. I don't want to drink.' I said, 'Well, Bob, that is what I have been guided about.' And that was the beginning of our meetings, long before Bill ever came.

"Now let me recall some of Bill's very words about his experience.

"Bill, when he was in a hotel in Akron and down to a few dollars and owed his bill after his business venture fell through, looked into the cocktail room and was tempted and thought, 'Well, I'll just go in there and get drunk and forget it all, and that will be the end of it.' Instead, having been sober five months in the Oxford Group, he said a prayer. He got the guidance to look in a minister's directory, and a strange thing happened. He just looked in there and put his finger on one name: Tunks. And that was no coincidence, because Dr. Tunks was Mr. Harvey Firestone's minister and Mr. Fire-stone had brought 60 of the Oxford Group people down there for ten days out of gratitude for helping his son who drank too much. His son had quit for a year and a half or so. . .

"So Bill called Dr. Tunks, and Dr. Tunks gave him a list of names. One of them was Norman Sheppard, who was a close friend of mine and knew what I was trying to do for Bob. Norman said, 'I have to go to New York tonight, but you call Henrietta Seiberling.' When he told me the story later, Bill shortened it by just saying that he called Dr. Tunks, but I did not know Dr. Tunks. Bill said that he had his last nickel and he thought, 'Well, I'll call her.'

"So I, who was desperate to help Bob in something I didn't know much about, was ready. Bill called, and I will never forget what he said: 'I'm from the Oxford Group and I'm a Rum Hound.' Those were his words. I thought, 'This is really manna from Heaven.' And I said, 'You come right out here.' My thought was to put these two men together. . . And so he came out to my house and he stayed for dinner. And I told him to come to church with me next morning and I would get Bob, which I did."

An account of what happened after that can be found in the March 1971 Grapevine, the issue marking Bill's death and dedicated to his memory:

"Henrietta called Dr. Bob's wife, Anne, on the telephone, only to be discouraged with the news that Bob was celebrating Mother's Day and had just brought home a potted plant that required his entire attention. As Bill subsequently explained, 'What Anne didn't say was that the plant was on the table and that Bob was under it, so potted that he couldn't get up.' The meeting was deferred until the next day.

"Late in the afternoon, the shaky Akron surgeon met the Wall Street broker at Mrs. Seiberling's house. They talked late into the night. The unseen catalytic agents that had brought about this first fully successful 'AA meeting' were few but powerful. Both men were 'hopeless' alcoholics who had tried 'everything' to stop drinking. Both were middle-aged (although Dr. Bob was fifteen years older than Bill) and respectably married. Neither was the stereotyped, skid-row caricature of the town drunk generally accepted at that time. Both were professional men with intelligence, skill, and drive. Both were also individuals with enormous potential spiritual resources. Both--here coincidence merges into fate--were from the state of Vermont, and therefore the empathy they achieved was rooted in the soil of their birthplaces and the idioms they spoke."

Of the results from that meeting, Henrietta Seiberling's Founders Day remarks had this comment: "I feel that the whole wonderful experience of Alcoholics Anonymous came in answer to a growing great need in the world, and this was met by the combination of Bill, who was a catalyst and promoter, and Bob, with his great humility (if you spoke to him about his contribution, he'd say, 'Oh, I just work here'), and Anne, who supplied a hominess for our men in the beginning."

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November 1994

## **Fond Memories**

By: Michael A. | Tijeras, New Mexico

Old Jim died the other week. His death was the end of an era--the passing of another grand old-timer. His memory will live on as long as all those whose lives he touched are still around.

Jim was never a guru or a bleeding deacon. He never tried to dominate a group or meeting, never became a GSR. He was happiest being of service as secretary, taking panels to hospitals and prisons, picking up wet drunks, and sitting up for days with someone who was in pain or just drying out.

I have no idea of how many people shook it out at his home, lived there when needed, or were fed at his table. There was always room and food and plenty of love and recovery to go around. I remember his soft smile and gentle voice. His manner ranged from tough love to tender care. When called, he would listen and then say, "The answer is in the book. Find it and call me back." If he heard "Yeah, but, you don't understand" or "This is different," he would hang up or leave the room. In his view, we weren't listening.

He spent hours telling us of his early days in Dr. Bob's home, of meetings at Henrietta Seiberling's house, of hospital calls picking up drunks, and of the early confusion of AA. He spoke of Father Ed Dowling and sometimes of Dr. Sam Shoemaker and of the spiritual ideas they gave us. He spoke of the four absolutes and the four paradoxes from the Oxford Group. But most of all he spoke of love and the arch we would pass through. He would tell us that there were three pillars that were our foundation: medicine, the church, and the most important, our service work. He lived his talk--a humble servant and elder statesman, in every sense. He was in service as the coffee maker for his group right to the end.

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## 3 Bucks In The Basket... Make it a Reality, not just a dream!



"Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." Tradition Seven, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions,

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Total cost: 4 days \$390.00. Send a \$75.00 deposit with requests for specific dates to retreat house or call for info.

## **MEETING TIME CHANGE JANUARY 3rd 2024**

**LAKE COUNTRY GROUP** Wednesdays at First Congregational Church,

815 S Concord Rd in Oconomowoc has **NEW MEETING TIME: 6;30** 

P.M. starting Wednesday January 3rd, 2024 (previously met at 7:00 P.M.)

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

# CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

COMPLETE DISTRICT INFORMATION ON THE WEB:

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

1. Jackson, LaCrosse, Monroe, Vernon & Trempealeau; 2 & 18 Green Lake & Marquette Counties & part of Waushara; 7. Kenosha; 17. Racine County; 8 & 30 Rock County; 9. Crawford, Grant, Iowa and LaFayette; 19 & 37. Richland & Sauk; 20, 21 & 26 Dane; 31. Columbia County; 35. Green; 37. Juneau County.

(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. odd numbered months only, Walworth Alano Club, 611 E. Walworth St., Delavan
- **10.Spanish District.** Contact: Salvador G. at 414-446-0158. Meets 1st Sunday 5 p.m. 1663 S. 6th Street, Milw.
- 11. JEFFERSON CNTY: Meets last Wed. at 5:30 p.m. Moravian Church, 301 College St., Lake Mills, or Zoom: 817 4085 9820, Password: 665473
- **12. WASHINGTON CNTY:** 1st Wed. of month, 6:00 p., the Jackson Community Center N165W20330 Hickory Ln., Jackson, WI. 53037
- 13. WAUKESHA CNTY: 2nd Sunday of month, 1:00 p, St. Matthias Church, 111 E. Main, Waukesha
- **14. MILWAUKEE CNTY:** 4th Wed. of month, 7:00 p, Milwaukee Central Office 7429 W Greenfield Ave., West Allis WI 53214
- **16. MILWAUKEE CNTY:** 1st Thursday of month, 6:00 p, Milw. Central Office, 7429 W Greenfield Ave. West Allis WI 53214
- **23. DODGE CNTY:** Last Sunday of month at 6:00 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 Church, W63N642 Washington Ave, Cedarburg, WI 53012.
- **25. FOND du LAC CNTY:** 2nd Tue. of month, 5:30 p., Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St., Fond du Lac, WI.
- **27. MILWAUKEE CNTY:** 3rd Wednesday of month at 7:00 P.M., the Zoom ID number is 824 0616 9567 the password is 869 916. Covenant Lutheran Church, 8121 W Hope Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53222.
- **28. MILWAUKEE CNTY:** 2nd Thursday of month, 7:00 p, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 4419 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee WI 53207.
- **29. MILWAUKEE CNTY:** 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p, Luther Memorial Church, 2840 S 84th St., West Allis, WI 53227
- **32. & 33 WAUKESHA CNTY:** 4th Tuesday of month, 6:30 p, Meeting ID: 321 751 3275, Passcode: 323232
- **34. WAUKESHA CNTY:** 1st Tuesday of month, 6:30 p, Northwest Area Alano Association, N88W17658 Christman Rd., Menomonee Falls. Join online at: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6870109941?">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6870109941?</a>
  <a href="pwd=YVI4SVQzU3FaSE1rc3dzVmtxdFM4QT09">pwd=YVI4SVQzU3FaSE1rc3dzVmtxdFM4QT09</a>
- **36. RACINE/KENOSHA:** 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:00 p.m., 12 & 12 Club, 482 S Pine St., Burlington
- **38. MILWAUKEE CNTY:** Last Sunday of month 4:00 p.m. Milwaukee Group Meeting Room, 933 E Center St. Milwaukee WI 53212

#### SEND ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO:

7429 W. Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214, <a href="mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com">dan@aamilwaukee.com</a>

Area 75, Southern WI, Calendar of Events 2024

9 A.M. to Noon except where noted.

Sun Apr 7th; Jun 7th 6:30 pm to Jun 9th, ECR Conference; Jun 23rd; Sep 15th; and Fri Nov 1st Noon to Sun Nov 3rd Noon, Area 75 Fall Conference.

In-Person: Madison Senior Center, 330 W Mifflin St. Madison 53703. Contact Area Delegate Pete W. at <a href="mailto:delegate@area75.org">delegate@area75.org</a>

• Zoom Meeting Contact Area Chair: Andrew I. <a href="mailto:chair@area75.org">chair@area75.org</a>

In-person meetings have started back up in the Area corrections facilities. Contact Michelle, Area Corrections Chair by email; <a href="mailto:corrections@area75.org">corrections@area75.org</a> for information on days and times of meetings.

For meetings at Milwaukee Area Correction facilities contact: Emily J. at 262-364-7275 or email: mccccoordinator@gmail.com

- TAYCHEEDAH CORRECTIONAL, Fond du Lac, WI 54937
- OAK HILL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION: 5212 County Road M, Fitchburg, WI 53575
- WAUPUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, Waupun WI
- FOX LAKE CORRECTIONAL, Box #147, Fox Lake, WI 53933
- JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL 411 S. Center St., Jefferson, WI,
- RACINE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION for MEN 2019 Wisconsin St, Sturtevant, WI 53177
- FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL Satellite Camp, Oxford, WI.
- THOMPSON FARM, RT. 2 DEERFIELD, WI.,
- ROBERT ELLSWORTH CORRECTIONAL, Union Grove, 53182
- KETTLE MORAINE CORRECTIONAL., Forrest Dr., Plymouth,
- MILWAUKEE COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION, 8885 S. 68th St. Franklin WI. Emily J. by Email: <a href="mailto:mccccoordinator@gmail.com">mccccoordinator@gmail.com</a>
- MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL 9th & State Milwaukee WI. Emily J. by Email: mccccoordinator@gmail.com
- MILWAUKEE SECURE DETENTION, 1015 N. 10th St. Emily J. by Email: mccccoordinator@gmail.com.
- MILWAUKEE WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL CENTER, 615 W Keefe Ave. Emily J. by Email: <a href="mailto:mccccoordinator@gmail.com">mccccoordinator@gmail.com</a>

MILWAUKEE COUNTY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: meets IN-PERSON. Contact Emily J. at 262-364-7275 or email: mccccoordinator@gmail.com for date and location. Donation can be sent to: MCCC, PO Box 270544, Milwaukee WI 53227-0544. Contact coordinator: Email: mccccoordinator@gmail.com with questions.

Corrections volunteers must go through the committee to get AA literature to take into the various facilities. Milwaukee Central Office no longer handles the funds.

#### ADDRESSES FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Milwaukee Central Office: 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214 <a href="mailwaukee.com">gmco@aamilwaukee.com</a>

- Area 75 Treasurer: PMB #167, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217
- General Service Office, P.O. Box 2407, James A Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407
- Area 75 <u>Corrections</u>, <u>Bridging the Gap</u> or <u>Treatment</u> write to: PMB # 170, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217
- Southern Wisconsin Deaf Access Committee:
   Email: milwareadeafaccess@gmail.com; Mailto: Deaf Access Committee, P.O. Box 1982, Waukesha WI 53186

# MEETING ROOMS

NEW DAY CLUB 11936 N. Port Washington Rd Mequon, (262) 241-4673 www.newdayclub.org 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 8:15 p. Men's Gp

Tue. 10:00 a. Topic 8:00 p. Big Book Gp

Wed.10:00 a. Topic 2:00 p. Promises Meeting 5:30 p. Step Meeting 7:00 p. Women's Lifeline

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

8:00 p 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
Wednesday 7:00 p. ACOA
Thursday 7:00 p. Al-Anon Contact club for information on other fellowships

PASS IT ON CLUB

Milwaukee WI (414) 541-6923 A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up 9:30 a. Reliance Meeting 11:00 a. Today' choice 3:00 p. Gratitude Plus 7:00 p. Big Book Readers 7:30 a Jumn Start 10:30 a. First Step 4:00 p. Happy Hour Step Gp. 7:00 p. Open IntroductoryAA 7:30 a. Comir Back Gp 10:30 a. Keep It Simple

4:00 p. Drop the Rock 6:00 p. Key To Sobriety Women's 7:30 p. Three Legacies 7:30 p. Double Trouble DD/O 7:30 a. Big Book Study 10:30 a. Pass It On

Wed. 4:00 p. Happy Hr Promises 6:15 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 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 7:00 p. Viajeros Wisconsin lower level 7:00 p. 5 Conceptos upstairs 8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12

LAKE AREA CLUB

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

8:00 a. Early Bird 9:30 a. Literature Meeting 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 Study 1:00 p 4:00 p.

7:00 p. Life House Beginners 10:00 a. Back To Basics 2:00 p. Women's Meeting 6:00 p.

8:00 p. 10:00 a

5:00 p. Woman's Way 12 Steps 6:00 p. Hybrid Meditation Mtng Zoom ID: 89239303536, PW: 999525

8:00 p. Grapevine Mtng 12:30 p. 4:00 p.

8:00 p. Old School House 10:00 a. Big Book OPEN AA/Al-Anon

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

7:00 p. Al-Anon 9:00 a. Al-Anon Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon & Alateen **WAUKESHA ALANO CLUB** 

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

http://alanoclubofwaukesha.com/

(IP)=In-person,

Sun. 9:30 a. Sun Morn Sunlight (IP) 11:00 a. Sun Go-To-Mtng (IP)

Mon. 12:00 p. (IP) 6:00 p. Beginners AA (IP)

7:00 p. (12 & 12) (IP) Tue.

Sat.

12:00 p. Wed Nooners (IP) 5:30 p. Topic Gp (IP)

Thr. 12:00 p. Nooners (IP) 12:00 p. T.G.I.F. Gp (IP) Fri. 6:30 p. Half Measurers (IP)

6:00 a. Early Morning (IP) 10:00 a. Gp 124 (IP)

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

**GALANO CLUB** 

- LGBT & All in Recovery -7210 W Greenfield Ave LL Milwaukee, WI 53214,414-276-6936 http://www.galanoclub.org/

(V)=Virtual, (IP)=In-person, (V & IP)=Both In Person and Phone Meetings Phone/ Video AA Meetings, Call (978) 990-5195 Meeting Id: galano7210 Code: 1919178#

**Sunday:** (V & IP) 10:30 a.m. - AA - Step / Topic Meeting (In-person/phone/video) 10:30 a.m . - Al-Anon -Papillion Group (In-person)

Monday: (V & IP) 7:30 p.m. - AA "Came to Believe" 12 Spirituality. (In-person/phone/video)

**Tuesday:** (V & IP) 6:00 p.m. - AA Over and Under 40 Group (In-person/phone/video)

**Thursday:** (V & IP) 7:30 p.m. - AA - Living Sober One Day at A Time In-person & Phone/video

Friday: (V & IP) 10:30 a.m. AA Step & Topic

Saturday: (V & IP) 7:30 p.m. - AA - Big Book & More. (In-person/Phone/video) The Galano Club is open one half hour before the scheduled meetings.

#### **NORTHWEST AREA** ALANO ASSOCIATION\*

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

#### Room 202

#### A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

(V)=Virtual, (IP)=In-person, (V & IP)=Both 10:00 a. Big Book Rm 202 7:00 p. Sun Night Gp Rm 202

7:00 p. Just Do It Gp Rm 202 Mon.

10:00 a. Step

8:00 p. Topic

7:00 p. Step/Topic Wed.

10:00 a. Step

6:00 p. Women's 8:00 p. Step/Topic (V & IP) Fri.

5:30 p. Code 3 Mtng Rm 202

10:00 a. Sat Serenity Gp

7:00 p. Simply Sober Gp Rm 202

#### AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

Sat.

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

#### WALWORTH **COUNTY ALANO CLUB**

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

#### Sunday AA

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

#### Monday AA

7:30 a. Sunny Side Up 12:00 p. Delavan Step Meeting 6:30 p. Delavan Meeting

#### Tuesday AA

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

#### Wednesday AA

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

#### Thursday AA

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

#### Friday AA

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

## Saturday AA

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

#### **ALANO CLUB**

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

#### A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

7:00 a. AA Express Mtng 7:45 a. AA Big Book/Discussion 10:00 a. Gp 17 Step Mon. 7:00 a. Early Morning 10:30 a. Gp 72 Topic

12:15 p. Gp 76 Lunch Bunch 6:30 p. Gp 40 Big Book 7:00 a. As Bill Sees It. 10:30 a. Gp 70 Step

12:15 p. Gp 76 Lunch Bunch 7:00 p. Beginner's Meeting

Wed. 7:00 a. AA 10:30 a. Gp 9, Step 12:15 p. Gp 76 Lunch Bunch

6:00 p. Chicks at Six Gp, women, Child Care available

7:30 p. We Agnostics 7:00 a. Thr Express Mtng 10:30 a. Gp 97, Step

12:15 p. Gp 76 Lunch Bunch 7:00 p. AA (LGBT) 7:00 a. Daily Reflections

10:30 a. Gp 21, Step 12:15 p. Gp 76 Lunch Bunch 6:30 p. Here & Now 7:30 p. Men's Zoom Mtng.

12:15 am. Second Shifters (Sat.) 7:00 a. AA Meeting 11:00 a. Gp 87 Step 7:30 p. Open AA Speaker

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

H.O.W. TO CLUB 8930 W. National Ave

West Allis, (414) 543-2448

Hours: 9am to 9pm daily. 8:00 a. Eye Opener AA Gp. 10:00 a. Grass Roots (Steps) 4:30 p. Drop the Rock 6/7 Step

6:00 p. Restore Us To Sanity 7:30 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 10:30 P. What's the Point Gp. Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group 6:00 p. Tue Topic 6pm Gp 8:00 p. New Hope Meeting

Wed.10:00 a. Foundations Meeting 6:00 p. AA Beginners Gp. 7:00 p. Women's Freedom 8:00 p. Promises Group Thr. 10:00 a. But For Grace Of God

6:00 p. Here and Now 8:00 p. How To Get It Going 6:00 a. Early Risers Big Book 11:00 a. Priority Group 6:00 p. Big Book Friday 8:00 p. R.U.S. For Us

11:00 p. Candlelight Promises 9:15 a. Men's Topic 11:00 a. Pioneers Group 3:00 p. Spiritual Growth 6:00 p. 1st & 12 Topic 8:00 p. Open Speaker 3rd Sat 8:00 p. HOW To Saturday

mound Rd. Milw.

### **24 HOUR CLUB**

153 Green Bay Rd. Thiensville, WI

Web and Facebook Info

#### A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

8:00 a. Topic

10:00 a. Step/Topic Mon. 6:30 a. Topic

10:00 a. Topic

8:00 p. Men's 6:30 a. Topic 10:00 a. Step/Topic

5:30 p. Big Book 6:30 a. Topic Wed.

10:00 a. Big Book

6:30 a. Topic 10:00 a. Topic

5:30 p. Step/Topic/Trad

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

6:30 a. Topic 8:30 a. Big Book /Steps 10:00 a. Big Book

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

## In Person AA Groups NEED YOUR SUPPORT

- Sun. 3 p.m. Gratitude Plus, Pass It On Club, 6229 W Forest Home Ave, Milwaukee WI
- Sun. 7 p.m. Waukesha Sunday Night Beginner's, Ascension Lutheran Church, 1415 Dopp St, Waukesha WI • Sun. 7 p.m. Butler Sunday Night, St. Agnes, 12801 W Fair-
- mount St, Butler WI. Mon. 7 p.m. Unity Gp, 4600 Pilgrim Rd, Brookfield, WI
- Tues. 7 p.m. Gp 43, Friendship Club, 2245 W Fond du Lac Ave
- Wed. 8:00 p.m. Helping Hand, Nativity Lutheran Church, 6905 W Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee WI

- Thur. 12:15 p.m. Jeanette Burnett Gp, St John's Cathedral Complex, 831 N Van Buren, Milwaukee WI
- Thurs. 8:00 p.m. Grateful Gp. Chabad House, 3030 E Kenwood Blvd, Milwaukee, WI Thurs. 8:30 p.m. Gp 22, Underwood Memorial Baptist, 1916
- Wauwatosa Ave, • Fri. 9:30 p.m. Big Book, Martin Luther Church 9235 W Blue-
- Sat. 8 p.m. Gp 18, St Luke's, 3200 S Herman, Bay View, WI

# MEETING ROOMS

#### **UNITY CLUB**

1715 Creek Rd West Bend, (262) 338-3500 unityclub1715@att.net www.facebook.com

#### AA MFFTING SCHEDULF

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

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

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

Wed. 10:00 a. Promises 1:00 p. Steps/Promises 5:00 p. Happy Hour Gp Inperson & Zoom: 332602852, pw: 123456

Thr. 10:00 a. Big Book

Fri. 10:00 a. Step/Topic Gp 6:00 p. Big Book

Sat. 10:00 a. Here & Now 700 p. Big Book Connection

#### AL-ANON & ALATEEN MTNGS

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

Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month

#### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

2245 W. Fond du Lac Ave Milwaukee , WI (414) 931-7033

Fmail:

friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net

#### AA 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

Saturday: 10:00 a. Beginner's.

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

**BEAVER DAM ALANO CLUB** 

115 N Lincoln St.

Beaver Dam WI 53916

Mon: 8 a.m., 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.

Sat: 12 Noon & 7 p.m. Open

Tue: 9:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Wed: 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Fri: 12 Noon & 6 p.m.

Thur: 9:30 a.m. & 8 p.m.

Sun: 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

#### MILWAUKEE GROUP 933 E Center St, Milw WI 53212. A.A. MEETINGS

Sun. 10:00 a In-person 8:30 p. In-Person Mon. 5:30 p. In-Person

7:00 p. In-Person 8:30 p. In-Person 7:00 p. In-Person

8:30 p. In-Person Wed. 5:30 p. Zoom https://zoom.us/j/8974697046 pw:0 7:00 p. In-Person

Tue.

Thur.

7:00 p. In-Person 7:00 p. In-Person

8:30 p. In-Person
Fri. 7:00 p. In-Person
8:30 p. In-Person

8:30 p. In-Person Sat. 8:30 p. In-Person

#### Milwaukee Central Office

7429 W Greenfield West Allis WI 414-771-9119 A.A. MEETINGS

**Sun.** 9:00 a. Gp 10 Sunday

Mon. 12:15 p. Tue. 12:15 p. Wed. 12:15 p. Thur. 12:15 p. Fri. 12:15 p.

**Fri.** 12:15 p. **Sat.** 9:15 a. 1st Step 10:30 a.

We do not meet on major holidays.

# 1220 Dewey Ave.

## Wauwatosa WI AA MEETINGS

Sunday 6:00 p. Jim's First Step 7:30 p. Gp 78 Great Room Monday 7:30 p. Laughs/Leisure

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

Wednesday 7:30 p. Presidents Hall 8:00 p. "RES-IPSA"

Thursday 7:30 p. Alumni No 12 Friday 7:15 p. Gp 74

Saturday 10:00 a. Gp 59

#### All Saint's Cathedral

818 E Juneau Ave. Milw 53202

Sun: 7:00 p.m. Bench Meeting Mon: 7:30 p.m. #08 Sane & Sober Tue: 10:30 a.m. Men's Gp. Wed: 7:30 p.m. Men's Gp. Fri: 7:30 p.m. Big Book Gp. Sat: 10:30 a.m. Men's Gp.

#### JOIN the BIRTHDAY CLUB!

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

Requests should be in by the 24th of the month prior to your sobriety date. Late arrivals will appear the following month.

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

Payable to: "Greater Milwaukee Central Office" Memo: Birthday Club 7429 W Greenfield Ave

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Payment/Contribution: using <u>VENMO</u> or from our website, using <u>Credit Card or PayPal</u>.

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West Allis WI 53214

I will have \_\_\_\_years on \_\_\_/ /

Name \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

Phone: ( ) Email:

Home Group:



<u>Years</u> <u>Name</u>

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**Home Group** 

Milwaukee

Grp 23 Wednesday

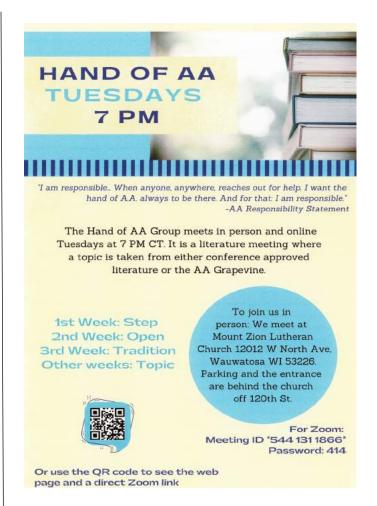




Tuesday nights at 7:30 AM Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 11709 W. Cleveland Ave., Milwaukee Map

Not just for professionals but for anyone seeking sobriety and a better way of life by working the 12 steps and living well. Come share in the fellowship with us and start enjoying life again.

We meet in person and on Zoom. Meeting ID = 98178765495, Password = 071150. Hope to see you there!!





LGBT AA Meeting
All AA members are welcome
Sunday afternoons at 4pm

located in

MKE LGBT CENTER 315 W Court Street Milwaukee, WI 53212



Accessibility Lift in building and plenty of parking in lot adjacent to the building Any questions, call (414)617-1152

"Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of persons who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

https://www.aa.org/



# Friday Night Couples in Recovery We are Back - EVERY Friday!

We welcome couples and singles interested in applying the 12 steps to both self and relationships!

We meet <u>each Friday of the month</u> beginning April 1st and would like couples or singles working any 12 step program to join us At 7:30 pm









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)

Posted Dec. 2023



Fox Point Group 86: Reaching Out, Join Us on Zoom Monday Evenings.

We are doing a group inventory, looking at ways in which we can be more accessible.

Current members with a wide range of sobriety, join our weekly meetings to discuss topics that impact all people in recovery thus providing a healthy balance for all.

We warmly welcome all genders, sexual preferences, ethnicities, and ages.

We meet on-line with ZOOM Monday Nights at 8:00 and will do so until we resume our "live" meetings at the North Shore Congregational Church in Fox Point.

Stop on by! We open up around 7:45 and begin at 8:00. If you are shy about "Zooming," just come on in and listen. It's Alcoholics *Anonymous*.

You will find a warm welcome to a lively and amiable group living one day at a time.

https://zoom.us/j/8700953588

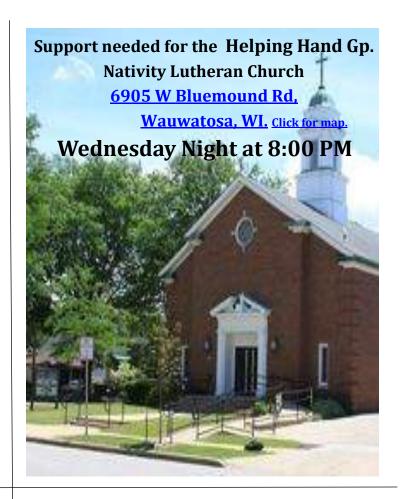
**Financial News:** Please remember our tradition of <u>self-support</u>. If you wish to contribute to the Central Office, you can now use <u>Venmo</u> from your smartphone.

## @MilwaukeeCentralOffice-AA

...0785 are the last four digits of the phone number associated with the Venmo account. (You may be asked for these numbers)
If you don't use Venmo or PayPal, you can always come visit us at the Central Office or mail a check.

Use QR Code To Contribute Using VENMO







After 50 plus years
Our meeting
No longer meets at 8:00

Our meeting will start at 7:00

Beginning March 6, 2024

We are still meeting on Wednesday's

Jackson Park Lutheran Church 4535 W. Oklahoma Ave. Milwaukee 53219





# Founders' Day Herald

89th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous

June 7, 8, & 9, 2024 | Akron, Ohio | Birthplace of A.A.

## FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

A.A. 12 Step Panel • 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Discussion of One Step Per Hour Chaired by: Mary K.

A.A. Early Bird Meeting\* • 3:00 p.m. Page 15 P.M. – Louisville, OH
"Never Missed A Founders Day"
Chaired by: Jeanne R.

Actors Guild Play • 5:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m. (\*\*)
"Snow White And The Seven Character Defects"

A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 7:00 p.m. 
Will M. – Sergeant Bluff, IA
"Good Is The Evil Of Great"
Chaired by: Karen K.

Serenity Singers • 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 9:00 p.m. Debbie G. – Vista, CA

"AA Gives Us Sobriety And The Tools For Living"
Chaired by: Scott T.

Junta en Español • 9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. (1)
Open Discussion
Chaired by: Hay una solución

A.A. Alkathon • 11:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. 🖰

#### SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Bus Tours of Historic A.A. Sites 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 2 buses continuously – Bierce Circle

A.A. Archives

Located in Akron Intergroup Office (Stop on bus tour)

The 12 Traditions • 9:00 a.m. 11
Debbie D. – Concord, CA
Chaired by: Jerry C.

A.A. Old Timers' Panel\* • 10:30 a.m. (1)
Topic: "It Should Continue For Our Lifetime"
Ethel N. – Philadelphia, PA
Jim B. – Jamestown, NY
Don C. – Colorado Springs, CO
Chaired by: Jerry C.

La Viña Workshop • 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 🖰 El Coordinador: Raymundo L. and Hay una solución

Actors Guild Play • 12:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. 
"Snow White And The Seven Character Defects"

A.A. & Al-Anon Speaker Meeting\* • 12:30 p.m. Speakers - Kelly P. & Jeff M. – Helena, MT "Manufacturing Misery or Learning Love: Growing in Recovery" E.J. Thomas Hall Chaired by: Julie & Adam C.

A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 2:00 p.m. Prow E. – Altantic Highlands, NJ "Inspiration-Desperation-Perpetuation" Chaired by: Mary K.

The History of Our Big Book • 4:00 p.m. Presented by: Gail L. – Akron, OH Chaired by: Jeanne R.

A.A. Speaker Meeting\* • 8:00 p.m. 

Jeff V. – Fargo, ND

"Happy, Joyous and Free"

UA Infocision Stadium\*\*

Chaired by: Aaron K..

\*\*Stadium Weather Contingency Plan for Saturday Night - See Web Site

DANCE! DANCE! DANCE! 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.
Saturday Night

#### **SUNDAY ACTIVITIES**

MOTORCADE TO DR. BOB'S GRAVE\* 7:30 a.m.

Motorcycle procession and graveside memorial tribute to Dr. Bob & Anne S. Speaker: Dolly A. & Paul G. – Akron, OH Chaired by: Karen K.

A.A. Spiritual Panel Meeting • 9:00 a.m. Propic: "A Moment Of Clarity"
Heather F. – Akron, OH
Trina R. – Olean, NY
Daryl M. – Cleveland, OH
Chaired by: Juanita W.

A.A. Closing Speaker Meeting\* 10:30 a.m. 🖺

Ralph W. – Los Angeles, CA "I'm So Glad God Doesn't Make Misery Comfortable" Chaired by: Tony T.

#### AL-ANON

### FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

Al-Anon Panel • 1:00 p.m. (1)
Topic: "Sponsorship; A Piece Of The Al-Anon Puzzle"
Barbie C. – Lancaster, PA
Brandy F. – New Paris, OH
Erica B. – Toronto, Ontario, CA
Lisa F. – Madison, CT
Olin Hall Chaired by: Leslie S.

Al-Anon Panel • 2:30 p.m.

Topic: "Double Winners; Doubly Blessed" Barbie K. – Akron, OH Marc W. – Canton, OH Janet F. – Akron, OH Olin Hall Chaired by: lan R. Al-Anon Workshop • 4:00 p.m.

Topic: "Made A List Of All Persons We Tried To Help - An 8th/9th Step Workshop" Barbie C. – Lancaster, PA Brandy F. – New Paris, OH Lisa F. – Madison, CT Olin Hall Chaired by: Evette W.

Al-Anon Speaker Meeting • 6:00 p.m. Evette W. – San Francisco, CA
"Two Sides of the Same Coin; The Family Disease and Solutions"
Olin Hall Chaired by: Mary Anne C.

#### **AL-ANON**

#### SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

Al-Anon Workshop • 9:30 a.m. (\*)
"Resentment Ball - Removing the Boogle Man from Step 4"
Brandy F. - New Paris, OH
Evette W. - San Francisco, CA
Olin Hall Chaired by: Kristina H.

\*\*Alateen Panel • 11:00 a.m. \*\*Direct It Begin With ME"

Olin Hall Chaired by: Lynda M.

A.A. & Al-Anon Speaker Meeting\* • 12:30 p.m. Page Speakers - Kelly P. & Jeff M. – Helena, MT "Manufacturing Misery or Learning Love: Growing in Recovery" E.J. Thomas Hall Chaired by: Julie & Adam C.

Al-Anon Speaker Meeting • 3:00 p.m. Hen T. – Girard, PA
"Alateen to Al-Anon - Living Serenely"
Olin Hall Chaired by: Jane M.

Program Spoken Here 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Olin Hall Chaired by: Irena H.

#### REGISTRATION

#### **UA STUDENT UNION**

#### CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Registrations must be picked up by 6:00 p.m. Saturday - NO EXCEPTIONS!

Package Plans must be picked up at designated dormitories. Check confirmation letter or e-mail.

Coffee & Fellowship Room Student Union

A.A. Literature Sales

Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED!

\* A.S.L. INTERPRETER



CLEAR BAGS REQUIRED SEE INSIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION