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Take Step Eleven

By: Bill W.

One Man's View

WHEN IT COMES TO THE PRACTICE of AA's Step Eleven-- "Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out"--I'm sure I am still very much in the beginner's class; I'm almost a case of arrested development.

Around me I see many people who make a far better job of relating themselves to God than I do. Certainly it mustn't be said I haven't made any progress at all over the years; I simply confess that I haven't made the progress that I might have made, my opportunities being what they have been, and still are.

My twenty-fourth AA anniversary is just ahead; I haven't had a drink in all this time. In fact, I've scarcely been tempted at all. This is some evidence that I must have taken and ever since maintained Step One: "We admitted we were powerless over alcohol, that our lives had become unmanageable." Step One was easy for me.

Then, at the very beginning, I was fortunate enough to receive a tremendous spiritual awakening and was instantly "made conscious of the presence of God" and "restored to sanity"--at least so far as alcohol is concerned. Therefore I've had no difficulty with AA's Step Two because, in my case, its content was an outright gift. Step Four and Step Five, dealing with self-survey and confession of one's defects, have not been overly difficult, either.

Of course, my self-analysis has frequently been faulty. Sometimes I've failed to share my defects with the right people; at other times, I've confessed *their* defects, rather than my own; and at still other times, my confession of defects has been more in the nature of loud complaints about my circumstances and my problems.

Nevertheless, I think I've usually been able to make a fairly thorough and searching job of finding and admitting my personal defects. So far as I know, there isn't at this moment a single defect or current problem of mine which hasn't been

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The Milwaukee Central Office would like to wish you all the happiest of Thanksgivings. The office will be closed, all day, Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th. We will reopen on Saturday November 28th to continue our 10% off holiday sale on all gift items in the store.

**Greater Milwaukee Central Office AA
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison October 2019 through September 2020**

	<u>Oct '19 - Sep 20</u>	<u>Oct '18 - Sep 19</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Literature Sales	84,559.23	120,445.78	-35,886.55	-29.8%
4050 · Between us	540.75	3,386.50	-2,845.75	-84.03%
4070 · Contributions	67,362.53	79,622.00	-12,259.47	-15.4%
4080 · Gratitude boxes	25,886.81	24,593.19	1,293.62	5.26%
4090 · Open Meeting / Dinner	0.00	8,350.00	-8,350.00	-100.0%
4100 · Memorials	645.00	2,690.00	-2,045.00	-76.02%
4130 · Personal Contrl.	39,901.80	3,712.63	36,189.17	974.76%
4150 · Other Income	943.34	2,342.28	-1,398.94	-59.73%
4170 · Interest Income	2,311.77	3,060.23	-748.46	-24.46%
4190 · Discrepancies	-162.80	-252.00	89.20	35.4%
4200 · Bounced Checks Income	11.00	0.00	11.00	100.0%
4600 · Merchandise Sales	611.30	8,306.95	-7,695.65	-92.64%
4830 · Sales Discounts	102.18	120.00	-17.82	-14.85%
48900 · Shipping and Delivery Income	919.19	881.87	37.32	4.23%
Total Income	223,832.10	257,259.43	-33,627.33	-13.07%
Cost of Goods Sold	50,323.39	75,695.69	-25,372.30	-33.52%
Gross Profit	173,308.71	181,563.74	-8,255.03	-4.55%
Expense				
51100 · Freight and Shipping Costs	-282.09	1,495.57	-1,777.66	-118.86%
59900 · POS Inventory Adjustments	-319.64	705.76	-1,025.40	-145.29%
6000 · Advertising and Promotion	2,148.06	0.00	2,148.06	100.0%
6040 · Bank Service Charges	11.00	0.00	11.00	100.0%
6045 · Coffee/Soda/Candy Expense	530.46	1,012.37	-481.91	-47.6%
6050 · Credit card fees	1,726.80	2,338.65	-611.85	-26.16%
61200 · Cash Payouts from Drawer	1.55	0.00	1.55	100.0%
6170 · Computer and Internet Expenses	930.00	1,825.00	-895.00	-49.04%
6200 · Conferences & conventions	50.00	84.94	-34.94	-41.14%
6240 · Depreciation Expense	0.00	1,230.72	-1,230.72	-100.0%
6262 · Postage	30.35	0.00	30.35	100.0%
6330 · Insurance Expense	1,747.00	1,567.00	180.00	11.49%
6345 · Open Meeting/Dinner	0.00	12,341.10	-12,341.10	-100.0%
6370 · License & permits	10.00	255.00	-245.00	-96.08%
6500 · Office	39,532.75	41,042.99	-1,510.24	-3.68%
6600 · Payroll	103,840.01	103,673.86	166.15	0.16%
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	-21.05	6.98	-28.03	-401.58%
6700 · Professional Fees	1,290.00	1,275.00	15.00	1.18%
6800 · Printing	6,275.16	0.00	6,275.16	100.0%
Total Expense	157,500.36	168,854.94	-11,354.58	-6.72%
Net Ordinary Income	15,808.35	12,708.80	3,099.55	24.39%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income	548.72	1.44	547.28	38,005.56%
Other Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Net Other Income	548.72	1.44	547.28	38,005.56%
Net Income	16,357.07	12,710.24	3,646.83	28.69%

Account Balances

Checking: 3,881.80
Savings Account: 60,017.00
Prudent Reserve: 163,805.25

What is the Prudent Reserve?

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

The [Southern Wisconsin Deaf Access Committee](#) needs to rotate it's members. We are searching for two AA members to act as Co-Chairs, a treasure, and a liaison person to work with Members of AA Deaf community. They can email SWDAC at: milwareadeafaccess@gmail.com

[Southern Wisconsin Deaf Access Committee \(SWDAC\) September 2020](#)
Balance: \$ 8,385.59
Contributions: \$ 271.40
Interpreter : \$ 200.00
The cost for an interpreter is \$50 for a zoom meeting and \$80 for an in-person meeting.
Kath W. with questions:
brylerandme@gmail.com

•Meeting Space Currently Available

•[St Peter's Episcopal Church](#), 7929 W Lincoln Ave, West Allis, Contact: Steve 414-543-6040 or email: christumel@sbcglobal.net

[Anchor Covenant Church](#) 1229 Park Row Lake Geneva WI 53147, contact Laura, 262-903-6888 office@anchorcovenant.org

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT INFORMATION ON THE WEB:

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

1. JACKSON, LaCROSSE, MONROE, VERNON, & TREMPLEAU;
2 & 18 GREEN LAKE & MARQUETTE CNTY'S & PART OF WAUSHARA;
8 & 30 ROCK ; 9. CRAWFORD, GRANT, IOWA and LAFAYETTE; 19 & 37. RICHLAND & SAUK;
20, 21 & 26 DANE; 31. COLUMBIA CNTY; 35. GREEN; 37. JUNEAU CNTY'S

(Check the web address above for meeting info.)

3. MANITOWOC & SHEBOYGAN CNTY'S 3rd Wed. of month, 6:30 p., Even numbered months at 1907 Club, 2908 N. 21st St., Sheboygan. Odd numbered months: Alano Club, 404 S 29 St Manitowoc
6. WALWORTH CNTY 2nd Tue. 7:30 p. Feb. Apr. June. Aug. Oct. and Dec. only, Walworth Alano Club, 611 E. Walworth St., Delavan
7. KENOSHA CNTY 3rd Sun. of month, 4:00 p., Kenosha Alano Club, 630 56th St.
10. Spanish District. Contact: Salvador G. at 414-446-0158. Meets every 2nd & 4th Sunday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. 1663 S. 6th Street, Milw.
11. JEFFERSON CNTY Meets last Wed. at 5:30 p.m. Moravian Church, 301 College St., Lake Mills,
12. WASHINGTON CNTY 1st Wed. of month, 6:00 p., the Jackson Community Center N165W20330 Hickory Ln., Jackson, WI. 53037
13. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 1st Sun. of month, 1:00 p, St. Matthias Church, 111 E. Main, Waukesha
14. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 4th Wed. of month, 7:00 p, Milwaukee Central Office 7429 W Greenfield Ave., P.O. Box 13011, Wauwatosa WI 53226
16. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 1st Wed. of month, 6:00 p, Milw. Central Office, 7429 W Greenfield Ave.
17. RACINE CNTY (1 of 2) 3rd Sun. of month, 1:00 p, Grove Club, 1037 Grove Ave., Racine
23. DODGE CNTY 1st Wed of month at 7:00 p, Dodge Cnty Alano Club, 115 N. Lincoln, Beaver Dam, call to confirm 920-583-3142
24. OZAUKEE CNTY 3rd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Peltz Center for Jewish Life, 2233 W Mequon Rd. Mequon
25. FOND du LAC CNTY 2nd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St., Fond du Lac
27. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 3rd Wednesday of month, 7:00 p.m. Covenant Lutheran Church, 8121 W Hope Ave, Milwaukee WI 53222
28. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p, Bay View United Methodist 2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave. Bay View, WI 53207
29. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p, Luther Memorial Church, 2840 S 84th St., West Allis, WI 53227
32. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 4th Tuesday of month, 6:30 p, 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

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

TAYCHEEDAH CORRECTIONAL, Meetings are held 1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesday and on the 3rd Thursday at 5:45 - 7:30 p.m., Gloria K. (920) 921-2395

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

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

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

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

ROBERT ELLSWORTH CORRECTIONAL, 21425A Spring St., Union Grove, 53182 Call for AA Meeting times: Contact Jennifer H. (262) 237-1294 or Cheryl P. (262) 914-3970.

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

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

MILWAUKEE COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION, 8885 S. 68th St. Franklin WI.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL 9th & State Milwaukee WI.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Area 75, Southern WI, Calendar of Events 2021

Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison. Held at Senior Center except where otherwise noted.

Join Zoom By phone: 312-626-6799, enter meeting ID and Password.

- Nov. 7, 2020 Saturday @ 10:30 AM via Zoom. Grapevine Committee Meeting. Please pass on to your districts. Meeting ID: 473 495 369, Password: 994797
- Nov. 8, 2020 Sunday @ 9:00 AM via Zoom. Area Assembly & Elections. **Join Zoom Meeting** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84647028277?pwd=bDN1TW9XNW1UZl1bVB2VEppOTNKQT09> Password: 330110

ADDRESSES FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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, or Bridging the Gap or Treatment** 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

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7429 W Greenfield Ave
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Years	Name	Home Group
34 (11/22/20)	Gordie M.	Brown Deer Monday Night.



MILW. CENTRAL OFFICE

- **E-mail us at:**
dan@aamilwaukee.com
- **Temporary Hours until further notice: M - F 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**
- **Secretary Meeting Bi-monthly on 2nd Tuesday of each odd numbered month at 6:30 p.** Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov.
- **Board of Directors Meeting,** Wednesday following Secretaries Meeting, (odd months) 6:30 p.
- **A. A. Meetings,** Mon - Fri at 12:15 p., Wed. & Thur at 4 p., Sat. 9:15 a., & 10:30 a.
- **Service Manual Study:** 2nd Thurs. of month at 6 p.m.
- **Dist. 14,** 4th Wed. at 7 p.m.
- **Dist. 16,** 1st Wed. at 6 p.m.

Spanish Speaking Meetings: Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

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

SERVICE MANUAL STUDY, 6 p.m. 2020 Schedule: Sept 10, Oct 8, and Nov 12, Dec no meeting.

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

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

Contact: [Nancy H at 414-801-5184 with questions.](#)



discussed with my close advisers. Yet this pretty well-ventilated condition is nothing for self-congratulation. Long ago I was lucky enough to see that I'd have to keep up my self-analysis or else blow my top completely. Though driven by stark necessity, this continuous self-revelation--to myself and to others--was rough medicine to take. But years of repetition has made this job far easier. Step Nine, making restitution for harms done, has fallen into much the same bracket.

In Step Twelve--carrying the AA message to others--I've found little else than great joy. We alkie are folks of action and I'm no exception. When action pays off as it does in AA, it's small wonder that Step Twelve is the most popular and, for most of us, the easiest one of all.

This little sketch of my own "pilgrim's progress" is offered to illustrate where I, and maybe lots of other AAs, have still been missing something of top importance. Through lack of disciplined attention and sometimes through lack of the right kind of faith, many of us keep ourselves year after year in the rather easy spiritual kindergarten I've just described. But almost inevitably we become dissatisfied; we have to admit we have hit an uncomfortable and maybe a very painful sticking point.

Twelfth-Stepping, talking at meetings, recitals of drinking histories, confession of our defects and what progress we have made with them no longer provide us with the released and the abundant life. Our lack of growth is often revealed by an unexpected calamity or a big emotional upset. Perhaps we hit the financial jackpot and are surprised that this solves almost nothing; that we are still bored and miserable, notwithstanding.

As we usually don't get drunk on these occasions, our bright-eyed friends tell us how well we are doing.

But inside, we know better. We know we aren't doing well enough. We still can't handle life, as life is. There must be a serious flaw somewhere in our spiritual practice and development.

What then, is it?

The chances are better than even that we shall locate our trouble in our misunderstanding or neglect of AA's Step Eleven--prayer, meditation and the guidance of God. The other Steps can keep most of us sober and somehow functioning. But Step Eleven can keep us growing, if we try hard and work at it continually. If we expend even five percent of the time on Step Eleven that we habitually (and rightly) lavish on Step Twelve, the results can be wonderfully far-reaching. That is an almost uniform experience of those who constantly practice Step Eleven.

In this article, I'd like to develop Step Eleven further--for the benefit of the complete doubter, the unlucky one who can't believe it has any real merit at all.

In lots of instances I think that people find their first great obstacle in the phrase "God as we understand Him." The doubter is apt to say, "On the face of it, nobody can understand God. I half believe that there is a First Cause, a Something, and maybe a Somebody. But I can't get any further than this. I think people are kidding themselves when they say they can. Even if there were a Somebody, why should he bother with little me, when, in making the Cosmos run, he already has plenty to do? As for those folks who claim that God tells them where to drill for oil, or when to brush

their teeth--well, they just make me tired."

Our friend is clearly one who believes in some kind of God--"God as he understands Him." But he doesn't believe any bigger concept or better feeling about God to be possible. So he looks upon meditation, prayer and guidance as the means of a self-delusion. Now what can our hard-pressed friend do about this?

Well, he can strenuously try meditation, prayer and guidance, just as an experiment. He can address himself to whatever God he thinks there is. Or, if he thinks there is none, he can admit--just for experimental purposes--that he might be wrong. This is all-important. As soon as he is able to take this attitude, it means that he has stopped playing God himself; his mind has opened. Like any good scientist in his laboratory, our friend can assume a theory and can make an experiment. He can pray to a "higher power" that *may* exist and *may* be willing to help and guide him. He keeps on experimenting--in this case, praying--for a long time. Again he tries to behave like the scientist, an experimenter who is never supposed to give up so long as there is a vestige of any chance of success.

As he goes along with his process of prayer, he begins to add up the results. If he persists, he will almost surely find more serenity, more tolerance, less fear and less anger. He will acquire a quiet courage, the kind that doesn't strain him. He can look at so-called failure and success for what they really are. Problems and calamity will begin to mean instruction, instead of destruction. He will feel freer and saner. The idea that he may have been hypnotizing himself by auto-suggestion will become laughable. His sense of purpose and of direction will increase. His tensions and anxieties will commence to fade. His physical health is likely to improve. Wonderful and unaccountable things will start to happen. Twisted relations in his family and on the outside will unaccountably improve.

Even if few of these things happen, he will still find himself in possession of great gifts. When he has to deal with hard circumstances he can face them and accept them. He can now accept himself and the world around him. He can do this because he now accepts a God who is All--and who loves all. When he now says, "Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name," our friend deeply and humbly means it. When in good meditation and thus freed from the clamors of the world, he knows that he is in God's hands; that his own destiny is really secure, here and hereafter.

A great theologian once declared, "The chief critics of prayer are those who have never really tried it enough." That's good advice; good advice I'm trying to take ever more seriously for myself. Many AAs have long been striving for a better conscious contact with God and I trust that many more of us will presently join with that wise company.

I've just finished re-reading the chapter on Step Eleven in our book, "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions." This was written almost five years ago. I was astonished when I realized how little time I had actually been giving to my own elementary advice on meditation, prayer and guidance--practices that I had so earnestly recommended to everybody else!

In this lack of attention I probably have plenty of company. But I do know that this is a neglect that can cause us to miss the finest experiences of life, a neglect that can seriously slacken the growth that God hopes we may achieve right here on earth; here in this great day at school, this very first of our Father's Many Mansions.

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HAPPINESS VS JOY

The Big Book tells us that God wants us to be happy, Joyous, and free (p. 133). At first reading I thought this statement was a bit redundant for, after all, were not happiness and joy synonymous emotions? I was later to take a different view.

Some years ago, I attended an AA gathering in a large campground near Sault Ste. Marie, Canada. While preparing to sleep in my tent I was taken over by a tremendous sadness. It came in vivid memory the happy night where my lovely then-bride and I spent in the same tent above the Grand Canyon following our Las Vegas marriage. At once, a heavy depression crashed down with tremendous despondency. The happy times that we shared during our California years were gone—now we were divorced—she is gone from me forever. It was far past midnight and the black doom pressed down without pity. . . and it went on and on.

But then, all at once, my surroundings seemed to brighten! It was as though a beautiful light was shining in some mysterious manner. Although I was overcome with sadness, certainly not happiness, I was at once filled with



JOY! *I was experiencing both sadness and JOY at the same time!* This bright JOY sparkled deep into the morning.

That experience convinced me that happiness and Joy are not at all the same. Happiness is a biological phenomenon that comes and goes with life happenings. If the boss says, “you’re fired,” I will become sad, but if he gives me a raise, I am happy. But not so with spiritual JOY because true Joy comes from God and is not under the domain of this world. God has told us: *“I am not of this world!”*

True Joy has come to me spasmodically since that episode, but it comes and goes before I seem to be able to capture it, yet it is proof to me that God is with me. The Big Book speaks of the “Great Reality” deep within (p. 55). So, I believe if I live the life that AA has offered, I will continue to be mostly happy, but also experience surges of great JOY from time to time.

The Big Book promise of being *happy* and *joyous* is not redundant; this duo has helped me from taking that first drink for many years. Thank you, God!

Bob S.

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NEWCOMER IMPRESSIONS OF AA (What should I do—or not do!)

Using the same sort of foul language that I used as a thirteen-year-old to impress my parents that I have finally grown-up, leaves the newcomer with the impression that I am too immature or slow-witted to be taken seriously. (psychologists call this attention-grabbing technique: “shockers”) If I mock the Twelve Steps during the reading of chapter Five (What’s the point? Balk-balk, Ha! Ha! etc.) I am likely to leave the newcomer with the impression that the AA Twelve Step program is not to be taken seriously. The “Ha-Ha” may also come from seasoned members, just to be polite, although they may consider this “AA virus” as a crashing bore. It feels good to share “let it all hang out,” at discussion meetings. However, if I do not share how the Twelve Steps are working in my daily life (My experience, strength, and hope), I leave the impression that AA is limited to a group-therapy solution. Bill Wilson wrote: “Sobriety—freedom from alcohol—through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps, is the sole purpose of an A.A. group.”* Group therapy is good, so far as it goes, but AA is better than that! We have a Twelve Step solution that really works. If I spend my time during the important “meeting after the meeting” with my regular friends, but ignore the newcomer, I am apt to leave them with a negative impression of AA—they came in lonely and left lonely. A less-than-welcome reception may cause their first AA meeting to be their last AA meeting. I need to have AA literature ready for them with a robust welcome before they dash out the door. I need to better maintain a neat appearance at meetings—something I am not always so good at! A general conception is that AA is comprised of skid row bums. Newcomers are happily impressed to find this is not so. After all, if I am to be trudging the road of happy destiny, shouldn’t I be dressed for the occasion?

Bob S.

* Problems Other Than Alcohol (Excerpts) F8

Heard in a meeting . . . A long-timer shared that she had prayed for something and God had answered her prayer. Someone in the meeting asked her how she knew it was God that answered her prayer and the long-timer replied, “Because I didn’t ask anyone else!”

Heard from someone coming back from a slip: “Life got too good and it all started with -
‘I think I’ll skip the meeting tonight!’ ”

MEETING ROOMS

NEW DAY CLUB

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Mequon, (262) 241-4673
<http://www.newdayclub.net>

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Topic
11:00 a. Topic
5:00 p. Young People
7:30 p. Topic
Mon. 12:30 p. Tenth Step Gp
5:30 p. More about Alcoholism
7:00 p.
8:15 p. Men's Gp
Tue. 10:00 a. Topic
5:30 p. Big Book
7:00 p. Beginners Gp
8:00 p. Big Book Gp
Wed. 10:00 a. Topic
2:00 p. Promises Meeting
5:30 p. Step Meeting
7:00 p. Women's Lifeline
Thr. 0:00 a. Topic Meeting
1:00 p. Women's AA Gp
5:30 p. Topic Meeting
Fri. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting
5:30 p. Step/Tradition
8:00 p.
Sat. 10:00 a. Step Meeting
5:00 p. Fellowship of Spirit
7:00 p. Feelings
10:00 p. Young People
8:00 p. Open Meeting (held on
3rd Saturday of month only)
AL-ANON MEETINGS
Monday 6:30 p. Al-Anon
Thursday 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

Sun. 8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up
8:00 a. 3 Legados (Spanish)
9:30 a. Reliance Meeting
11:00 a. Today's choice
3:00 p. Gratitude Plus
7:00 p. Big Book Readers
Mon. 7:30 a. Jump Start
10:30 a. First Step
4:00 p. Happy Hour Step Gp.
7:00 p. Open Introductory AA
Tue. 7:30 a. Comin' Back Gp
10:30 a. Keep It Simple
4:00 p. Drop the Rock
7:30 p. Three Legacies
7:30 p. Double Trouble DD/O
Wed. 7:30 a. Big Book Study
10:30 a. Pass It On
4:00 p. Happy Hr Promises
5:30 p. Courage to Change
7:00 p. We, Us & Ours
Thr. 7:30 a. Welcome Back Gp
10:30 a. Made Decision
5:15 p. As Bill Sees It
7:00 p. Gateway Topic Gp
Fri. 7:30 a. Honesty Gp.
10:30 a. Came To Believe
6:00 p. Women's Fri. Kickoff
6:30 p. Thoughts 4 Today
8:00 p. Broken Arrow
8:30 a. Early Bird
10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free
3:00 p. Twelve Promises
8:00 p. Spanish Speaking
8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12
AL-ANON MEETINGS
Sun. 11:00 a. Fri. 7:30 p.
Wed. 7:00 p. Sat. 10:30 a.
Thr. 7:00 p.
(Alateen)

LAKE AREA CLUB

N60 W 35878 Lake Dr
Oconomowoc, WI
(262) 567-9912
www.lakeareacub.com

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Early Bird
11:00 a. Friendship Gp
6:00 p. Big Book
8:00 p. Gopher Sunday
Mon. 9:00 a. Positive Attitude
6:30 p. Otter Gp
8:00 p. Step/Tradition Sty
Tue. 1:00 p.
4:00 p.
7:00 p. Life House
Wed. 8:00 a.
10:00 a. Back To Basics
2:00 p. Women's Meeting
6:00 p.
8:00 p.
Thr. 10:00 a.
4:00 p.
6:00 p. Women's Group
8:00 p. Grapevine Mtng
Fri. 12:30 p.
4:00 p.
8:00 p. Non-smoking
6:00 p. Old School House
Sat. 8:30 a. 11th Step
10:00 a. Big Book
OPEN AA/Al-Anon
SPEAKER MEETING
Sat. 7:00 p. 2nd & 4th Saturdays
(AA and/or Al-Anon Speakers)
AL-ANON MEETINGS
Mon. 7:00 p. Al-Anon
Tue. 9:00 a. Al-Anon
Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon

WAUKESHA ALANO CLUB

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 9:30 a. Sun Morn Sunlight
11:00 a. Sun Go-To-Mtng
(Open speaker 2nd Sunday &
Breakfast)
7:00 p. (Open Step Gp)
Mon. 12:00 Noon
6:00 p. Beginners AA
7:00 p. (12 & 12)
Tue. 12:00 Noon
Wed. 12:00 Noon
5:30 p. Topic Gp
Thr. 12:00 Noon
Fri. 12:00 Noon T.G.I.F. Gp
7:00 Topic Discussion
Sat. 10:00 a. Gp 124 7:00 p.
Closed Meeting
OPEN MEETINGS,
DANCES & EVENTS
Call for information.

GALANO CLUB

- LGBT & All in Recovery -
7210 W Greenfield Ave
Suite 1, Lower Level
Milwaukee, WI 53214
(414) 276-6936

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

galanoclub@gmail.com

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:30 a. Step Topic
6:00 p. AA Multimedia
Mon. 7:30 p. Came To Believe
Tue. 6:00 p. 40 + Topic
Wed. 7:00 p. 12 x 12
Thurs. 7:30 p. Living Sober -
ODAT
Fri. 7:30 p. Step/Topic
Sat. 7:30 p. Big Book & More

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Sun. 10:30 a. Al-anon
Meeting Space Available
See website for Club Events.
www.galanoclub.org

NORTHWEST ALANO CLUB*

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:00 a. Big Book
7:00 p.
Mon. 7:00 p. Just Do It Gp
8:00 p. Action Gp
Tue. 10:00 a. Step
8:00 p. Topic
Wed. 7:30 p. Step/Topic
Thr. 10:00 a. Step
6:00 p. Women's
Fri. 8:00 p. Step/Topic
Sat. 10:00 a. Step
7:00 p. Simply Sober Gp
AL-ANON MEETINGS
Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon
Fri. 7:30 p. Al-Anon

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

WALWORTH COUNTY ALANO CLUB

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

Sunday AA
10:00 a. Primitive Group
12:00 Noon Open Speakers
6:30 p. Delavan Discussion
Monday AA
7:30 a. Sunny Side Up
12:00 Noon Delavan Step Meeting
6:30 p. Former Miss Americas
6:30 p. Delavan Men's Meeting
Tuesday AA
7:30 a. Sunny Side Up
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.
6:30 p. Delavan 12 Step Topic
Wednesday AA
7:30 a. Sunny Side Up
12:00 Noon As Bill Sees It Gp.
6:30 p. Delavan IT Meeting
Thursday AA
7:30 a. Sunny Side Up
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.
5:30 p. Step Sisters Women
6:30 p. Delavan Big Book Gp.
Friday AA
7:30 a. Sunny Side Up
12:00 Noon Big Book Study
6:30 p. Delavan Discussion
Saturday AA
7:30 a. Sunny Side Up
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.
6:30 p. Delavan Beginners Gp.

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 7:00 a. AA Meeting
10:00 a. Gp 17 Step
1:00 p. Refuge Recovery
4:30 p. Life Savers
Mon. 7:00 a. Early Morning
10:30 a. Gp 72 Topic
12:15 p. Big Book Meeting
6:30 p. Gp 40 Big Book
Tue. 7:00 a. As Bill Sees It,
10:30 a. Gp 70 Step
12:15 p. Gp 76
7:00 p. Beginners, 1st Step
Wed. 7:00 a. AA Women's meeting
10:30 a. Gp 9, Step
12:15 p. Oasis Topic Gp
6:00 p. Chicks at Six Gp
7:30 p. Yoga AA & We Agnostics
Thr. 6:00 a. AA
7:00 a. Big Book Meeting
10:30 a. Gp 97, Step
12:15 p. Here & Now Gp
7:00 p. Sober and Out
Fri. 7:00 a. Daily Reflections
10:30 a. Gp 21, Step
12:15 p. Gp 65
6:30 p. Here & Now
11:59 p. Second Shifters (Sat.)
Sat. 7:00 a. AA Meeting
11:00 a. Gp 87 Step
3:00 p. Spiritual Growth
7:30 p. Open Speaker
9:00 p. Here and Now
AL-ANON MEETING
Sunday 10:00 a. Al-Anon

H.O.W. TO CLUB

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

<http://howtoclub.info/>

M, W, F, Sat. 9 a. -11 p.
Tue Thr 9a. - 9p., Sun 8a to 9p.
Sun. 8:00 a. Eye Opener AA Gp.
10:00 a. Grass Roots (Steps)
4:30 p. Drop the Rock 6/7 Step
6:00 p. Restore Us To Sanity
8:00 p. Sun. Sober & Serene
Mon. 11:00 a. Winner's Circle
5:45 p. Gp 132, Women's Gp
7:00 p. Big Book Gp.
8:00 p. New Hope Gp.
11:00 p. What's the Point
Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group
6:00 p. Tue Topic 6pm Gp
7:00 p. Sign for Sobriety AA
8:00 p. 12 & 12 AA Meeting
Wed. 10:00 a. Foundations Meeting
6:00 p. AA Beginners Gp.
7:00 p. Women's Freedom
8:00 p. Promises Group
11:00 p. After Hours Group
Thr. 10:00 a. But For Grace Of God
6:00 p. Here and Now
8:00 p. How To Get It Going
Fri. 11:00 a. Priority Group
6:00 p. Big Book Group
8:00 p. R.U.S. For Us
11:00 p. Candlelight Promises
Sat. 9:15 a. Men's Topic
11:00 a. Pioneers Group
6:00 p. 1st & 12 Topic
*8:00 p. HOW To Saturday
*(Open meeting on 3rd Saturday)

24 HOUR CLUB

153 Green Bay Rd.
Thiensville, WI

[Web and Facebook Info](http://www.24hourclub.org)

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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MEETING ROOMS

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

AA MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:30 a.** Gratitude Gp.
8:00 p. Candlelight Gp.
Mon. 10:00 a. Monday A.M.
7:00 p. Men's
7:00 p. Women's
Tue. 10:00 a. Tuesday A.M.
7:30 p. Beginner's
8:00 p. Step Gp
Wed. 10:00 a. Promises
1:00 p. Steps/Promises
5:00 p. Happy Hour Gp
8:15 p. Step Gp
Thr. 10:00 a. Big Book
7:00 p. EZ Dozen12x12
Fri. 10:00 a. Step/Topic Gp
8:00 p. * Step Gp.
Sat. 10:00 a. Here & Now
7:00 p. Big Book
ALANON & ALATEEN MTNGS
Saturday 9:00 a. Al-Anon
Thursday 7:15 p. Al-Anon
* Open Mtng. Last Friday of month
** Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month (10:30 a.m.)

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

Email:
friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net

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

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

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

MILWAUKEE GROUP
933 E Center St, Milw WI
53212. Zoom Information:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8974697046?pwd=3CBAuoiYS3s>

A.A. MEETINGS

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

Milwaukee Central Office

7429 W Greenfield
West Allis WI 414-771-9119

A.A. MEETINGS

Mon. 12:15 p
Tue. 12:15 p
Wed. 12:15 p, 4:00 p
Thur. 12:15 p, 4:00 p
Fri. 12:15 p
Sat. 9:15 a, 1st Step
10:30 a

We do not meet on major holidays.

LIGHTHOUSE ON DEWEY
1220 Dewey Ave.
Wauwatosa WI
AA MEETINGS

Sunday
6:00 p. Jim's First Step
7:30 p. Gp 78 Great Room
Monday
7:30 p. Laughs/Leisure
Tuesday
7:00 p. 11th Step Meditation
7:30 p. Professionals
Wednesday
7:30 p. Presidents Hall
8:30 p. Women Mellows Lounge
8:00 p. "RES-IPSA"
Thursday
7:00 p. Women's AA
7:30 p. Alumni No 12
Friday 7:15 p. Gp 74
Saturday 10:00 a. Gp 59

All Saint's Cathedral

818 E Juneau Av Milw 53202

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

Directory Changes

NEW MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday at 7 p.m. Men's Gp, All Saint's Cathedral 818 E Juneau Ave, Milw. 53202. Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/74831701793?pwd=ZGdsZWIMVE9mSFRGMHh5ZzRlckN5Q>

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

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

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

DISBANDED GROUPS

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

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

OTHER CHANGES

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

OPEN SPEAKER

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

aamilwaukee.com/directory.html

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1st Saturday at 7:00 p. Dist. 12, Living Word Lutheran Church, 2240 Living Word Ln., Jackson WI 53037

2nd Saturday at 7:00 p. Dist. 34, St. Francis Episcopal Church, N84 W16525 Menomonee Ave, Menomonee Falls, WI Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/902402700?pwd=MU9XYzhRlCIBMYUFBcGdzQ29yZz09>

3rd Saturday 7:30 p. HOW To Club 8930 W. National Ave, West Allis

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

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

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

Contact the Central Office via email:

gmco@aamilwaukee.com, with changes.

Milwaukee Central Office
Personal Contributions for September 2020

Contributor	Sep 20	Contributor	Sep 20	Contributor	Sep 20
A, Jason	5.00	K, Marie	100.00	Q, Brian	15.00
Anonymous	1,351.08	K, Paul	40.00	R, Jim	5.00
B, John	333.00	K, Phillip	20.00	R, Joe	20.00
C, Jerry	75.00	L, Scott	40.00	S, Christine	20.00
D, Curtis	5.00	L, Jan	50.00	S, Michael	100.00
E, Bill	15.00	Mc D, Bob	100.00	T, Katie	15.00
E, Diane	125.00	M, Angela	25.00	W-L, Kristin	25.00
G, Jeanne	50.00	M, Gordon	200.00	W, S	20.00
G, Chase	15.00	N, Mike	40.00	W, Zac	50.00
H, Bill	20.00	O, Mike	32.00	W, Tom	20.00
J, Jackie	50.00	O, J.D.	50.00	W, David	25.00
K, Neils	25.00	P, Jeffrey	100.00	TOTAL	3,341.08
K, Gwen	100.00	P, Donna	60.00		

September - 2020 Central Office Contributions
48 Groups Contributed - Thank You

Group Name	Group #	Amount	Group Name	Group #	Amount	Group Name	Group #	Amount
#015 TAL Gp	137297	10.00	Helping Hand	116923	200.00	Sun Go-To-Meeting	129406	87.00
#040 Mon Big Book	150771	30.00	Honesty Gp	145607	48.00	Sun Night Surrender Gp	145851	300.00
#048 Gp	114315	60.00	Impaired Professionals	126056	30.00	Sussex Fri Night Action	147499	150.00
#051 Sicker Than Most	114317	50.00	Introductory Gp,	MIL-M1	60.00	Thr As Bill Sees It Milw	610097	140.00
#059 Gp	117184	85.00	Lake Geneva Kitchen Table	125465	50.00	Thr Night AA/St Anskar	117644	150.00
#125 Gp	145828	44.00	Living Sober Wed Night	673826	50.00	Thr Success Step	MIL-RB	35.00
#156 (Eagle)	174478	60.00	Mayfair Ladies Mon & Fri	114336	90.00	Tue Reflections	MIL-TH	111.00
Alpha Tue	114430	87.00	Mon 5:30 p.m. Sanity Gp	142070	94.00	Tue Topic 6:00 p.m. W.A.	676017	30.00
Attitude of Gratitude	141628	25.00	Mon Independence	MIL-MH	47.00	Twelve Promises Gp	627280	120.00
Back To Basics 12 & 12 GP	610624	10.00	Mon Night Big Book Study		98.00	U. Todd		10.00
Cross Roads Gp	119518	75.00	Mon Night How It Works	716315	63.50	Waukesha Sun Night,	164804	75.00
Early Bird Sun, Lake Area	132470	166.32	One Day at a Time	664578	50.00	Wed 5:30 p.m. Step Gp	632773	90.00
Eye Opener	603117	45.00	Pewaukee Mon Night	114365	88.00	Wed Noon Lunch Bunch	690831	55.77
Fri Noon 12 & 12	MIL-FB	65.00	Reliance Meeting	653954	60.00	Women's 164 Big Book	728363	51.00
Good Hope Sun Night	143910	20.00	Sat Morning Big Book	136286	50.00	Women's Big Book	697839	165.00
Hales Corners Tue Night	177353	155.00	Step Into Promises	600006	30.00	Written For Us	717556	40.00
						TOTAL	3,705.59	

Need to make a group or personal contribution?

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

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

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

2020 Weekend Retreats
Jesuit Retreat House,
 4800 Fahrwald Rd. Oshkosh, WI 54901, call 800-962-7330
jesuitretreathouse.org
Men and Women in AA, Al-Anon
 Total cost: 4 days \$390.00. Send a \$75.00 deposit with requests for specific dates to retreat house or call for info.
Men: , Dec. 3-6 2020
Women: Nov. 12-15 2020, Nov. 19-22 2020

Gratitude

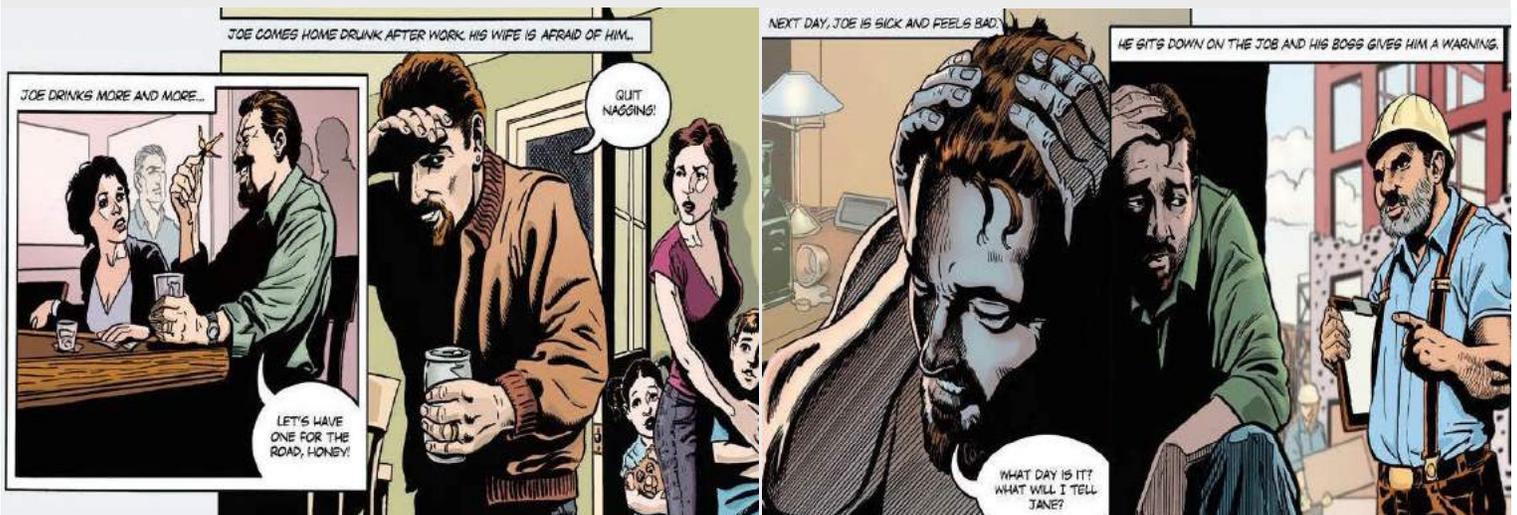
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In Memoriam....Barbara Smith. A member of the Group # 2 on Tuesdays and Saturday Morning Women's Freedom Gp, in Bay View, Barbara was always happy to help a newcomer. Barb sponsored many women and was sober over 25 years. She was a knitter. Afghans, prayer shawls, scarves, she was skilled and often practiced her craft at meetings, making things for friends and family. Her sharp sense of humor was emphasized by a nod and a laugh under the watchful gaze of memorable blue-grey eyes. She spoke her truth, in a low, distinct voice, with grace and humility. Listening, remembering people's birthdays, and fishing were among her superpowers. She cared about others and volunteered often, including serving as secretary and treasurer. Barbara frequented Catholic Mass, often in true fan Brewer or Packer style, and always wearing the coolest earrings. Barbara was on a first name basis with Milwaukee's famous Father Tim. She wore hats with flair! An avid bus rider, Barbara had stories. She also kept people happily fed, showing up to meetings or gatherings in the park with tempting baked goods or something interesting, like candied ginger.

Barbara Smith (Barbara, not Barb) loved to watch storms from her upper floor east side apartment almost as much as she loved a good horror movie or Halloween. She was one of us, and one of the best of us. Barbara went home to her higher power on September 24, 2020. She was 65 years young. We miss her already.

To break or not to break

By: Scott D. | Hope Mills, North Carolina

When it comes to telling others that he's in AA, whether in person or through his computer, he looks to our Twelve Traditions

A few years ago, I was working in retail with a couple fellow employees when an AA member I knew happened to walk by the counter. We chatted a moment and I asked him if he was going to an upcoming AA event. He said he would attend and I thought nothing more of it.

The next day, when I was off, he called and told me I had broken his anonymity. I apologized and promised to be more careful in the future.

As I rationalized about this, I told myself that my fellow employees knew I was in AA and that most everyone else I knew was aware that I was in AA. Therefore, my coworkers would have surmised he was in AA.

This is wrong on my part. I must respect the fact that everyone's anonymity is their own, at whatever level they choose.

I live in a military town and many military folk feel their careers depend on keeping their membership very anonymous. On the other hand, I've been told by others that this is not always true and that any military individual's need for anonymity may depend on their chain of command. This is probably similar to the private sector. A person I know told me a coworker was fired shortly after revealing his AA membership.

I like to maintain my anonymity in the same manner that Dr. Bob called for. Precisely at the level of press, radio and film. I use my last name in meetings and I'm willing to let just about anyone know if I think "the hand of AA" could help them. My profession requires licensure and the recovery of my license

was a five-year process that any future employer would easily discover. I pretty much have to be up-front about my past in job interviews.

The reason I let coworkers know is that it seems most everyone has an "alkie" in their family. Again, I share my experience if it will help ease someone's journey.

Anonymity online is a different matter. I try to err on the side of caution. On social media, I have not joined any recovery groups. Someone recently added me to a "secret" group. I value their friendship and respect their recovery, but I may withdraw from it as well. Some wise person said of social media, "If you're not paying for it, you're not the customer, you're the product."

This is why you see the ads that get served up to you online. I get ads for motorcycle parts, ads related to my job and ads related to recovery. I'm sure that just using my browser to visit our website, aa.org, triggers the recovery ads. There's your anonymity online. Having said that, I don't think any human tracks this, just the faceless algorithms of search engines.

Even though I'm open with my anonymity, I get upset when it is broken by others. I've been tagged in posts about folks celebrating AA birthdays, for example. My approach is to send these folks a private message questioning if they think their post may violate the Eleventh Tradition.

It is because I am sensitive to my own anonymity being violated that I must remember not to break others'.

As far as our public relations policy goes, it's all about attraction, according to the Traditions. I must remember that if I'm going to be open about my anonymity, I darn well better be attractive in my sobriety.

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Spending time with God

No matter where she is, she has conscious contact

For the first year of my sobriety, I could only whisper a short, "Please help me stay sober today" and finish my day with a simple "Thank you." On days when I was feeling especially powerless over my alcoholism, I resorted to begging God to help me not drink for the next five minutes, hour, or afternoon. I often said emergency prayers and tried using God to save the day. I said a lot of prayers that really were orders in disguise for God to give me what I wanted or thought I needed and deserved.

While some old-timers said I needed to "try harder to talk to God," this was all I could muster at the time. I lived in fear and rolled my eyes at the members who spoke of their "deep conversations with God." What a joke, I thought. All the while, a pit in my stomach longed for a more direct linkage and connection to something greater.

I'm grateful it was suggested that I take the Steps in order. This allowed me to begin to understand what I needed in a Higher Power and what that could look like. Initially, God was very limited in my finite mind to a spirit that could simply love me unconditionally and keep me safe. As I progressed through the Steps, I began to trust in something outside of myself. I began to have a book of God moments and God signs that made it harder to doubt that there was something else out there.

One of my biggest dilemmas the first time through the Steps was how afraid I was of prayer and meditation. I had long been a perfectionist, which worked quite well when I was in the world of academia. But this long-standing personality trait (or defect) was keeping up a high wall between the God of my understanding and me. I had immense fear that I would pray "incorrectly" and God would not be able to hear me. I truly believed that other AA members had access to some sort of secret prayer and meditation manual that instructed them how to properly pray, meditate, talk to and hear direction straight from God. My ego interfered with my ability to ask questions of how other members performed Step Eleven in their daily lives. And I was afraid to share with my friends what prayer and meditation looked like for me—in case I was doing it "wrong."

The best part about Step Eleven is that there is no wrong way to

do it. Step Eleven encourages me to speak to God through prayer and listen to God via meditation. There is no magical formula, book or equation on how to achieve this. I've found a way that works for me, and in return I'm able to find God no matter where am in my day. God and I have frequent chats, apart from a formal recitation of prayers or elaborate readings from my meditation books. Instead, it's just a conversation about my fears, my excitement, my concerns and my stories that take place while walking into coffee shops, driving my car, sitting on my bed, or swimming laps. I've had to make God bigger over the years, so that he could be more involved and enter into all areas of my life.

I've learned that I cannot just ask God to reveal his will to me, but I also have to listen closely to hear the answer. Today, I'm able to ask God to use me how he wants. Prayer is no longer about trying to get God to change his will to make me happy. Rather, it's about finding out what his will is so that I can align myself with his purpose for me in the world. I now have a deep trust and faith in my Higher Power. It gives me great comfort in knowing that for today, I'll be provided with everything I need.

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DISTRICT 34 OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

**Location: CURRENTLY ZOOM
ONLY**

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

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

IMPORTANT COVID 19 NOTICE

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

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- Share your group message by sponsoring the Open Speaker Meeting
- Contact your group GSR to volunteer
- Attend the District 34 meeting (1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm, NW Alano Club)
- Get in touch with the Open Meeting Co-Chairs, Scott G. (262-229-5845) or April C. (262-442-2901)

*District 34 is the Northeast corner of Waukesha County

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

Hosting Group / Speakers

**Oct. 10th, 2020
Wednesday Night Recovery
Jeff J. (AA)
Anna (Alanon)**

**Nov. 14th, 2020
Friday Night Action-Sussex
Carrie D.**

**Dec. 12th, 2020
Staying Sober
Through the Holidays
Stacy K.
Corey K.
Diane S.**



By: M. I. | Brandon, Manitoba

Spirit-building exercises

Around here we refer to the Eleventh Step as the morning and night exercises, which newcomers are advised to go through even if they don't understand what they are doing. This advice is sometimes given even when the newcomer hasn't worked up to the Eleventh Step. However, people who follow it usually stay sober.

Personally, when I was too scrambled to even think it possible to work the Steps, I started praying that God grant me the knowledge of His will for me and the power to carry that out, which I learned from hearing the Steps read. This prayer followed my list of requests dealing with how God should deal with me. I refer to this list now as Santa Claus prayers. However, I believe I was granted the knowledge of God's will for me, which was to catch on to the AA philosophy. And the power came through the wonderful people in the Fellowship.

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DISTRICT 13 OPEN VIRTUAL MEETING

10-11:30 PANEL DISCUSSION

- Peter W. (Area 75)
- Renee K. (Deaf Access Committee)
 - Jan L. (Badger)

1pm – MAIN SPEAKER

Mike B (Badger)

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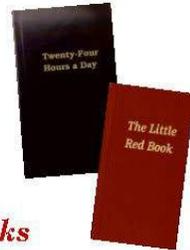
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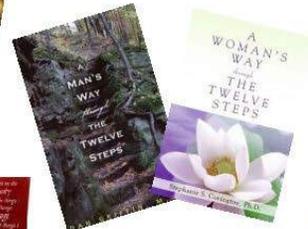
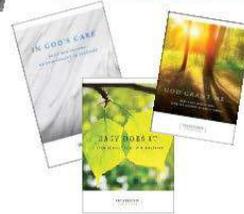
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