A Selfish Program?
HOW many times have we heard this expression and perhaps wondered how anything selfish can be good for us? How can we acquire humility, gain sincerity, overcome resentments, be strictly honest with ourselves and others, and be selfish? I believe we associate selfishness with meanness, thinking of one's self in material advantages, ... so much during our drinking careers, that to give ourselves some real earnest thought and attention is hard to comprehend at first.

Actually, being selfish in the AA sense is an entirely different matter, and here is the writer's opinion of it,

(*)Selfish” Continued on page8)

Tradition Week
a Suggestion for Thanksgiving
THE IDEA is in the air that AA might adopt Thanksgiving week as a time for meetings and meditation on the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. The friend who hitched this notion tells you—on another page [4]— why he thinks the idea good. I heartily agree with what he says and hope you will, too.

Pre-AA, we alksies could sometimes achieve that dubious state called "sobriety, period." How bleak and empty this alleged virtue is, only God or a dried-up drunk can fully testify. The reason? Of course, every AA knows it: Nothing has taken the place of the victim's grog; he's still a man of conflict and disunity. Comes then the Twelve Steps of recovery, bringing to him a personality change. The shattered prospect feels reassembled; he now says he seems all one piece. We understand exactly

(*)Tradition” Continued on page6)
Secretary Meeting, October 8, 2013

Groups represented: 7, 15, TAL, 48, 59, 88, 113, 132
Women, 200, 201, 232, A New Day, Another Chance
Tuesday Night, Badger, Big Book Readers, By the Book,
Daily Reprieve Men’s, Depends On You, Early Bird
Roger’s Memorial, Fabulous: Q4-4, Friday Night
ODAA, Friday PM Big Book Discussion, Grass Roots,
Helping Hand, Honest and Able, Monday Night Meno-
monee Falls Action, New Faith, Pow Wow Group, Restore
Us to Sanity, RUSH For Us, Saturday Morning Big Book,
Saturday Morning Women’s Freedom, Sunday Night Big
Book, Sunday Night Surrender, Sussex Friday Night
Action, Trust Through Fellowship, Tuesday Night
Grapevine, Twelve and Twelve Saturday Night, Wauke-
sha Wednesday Nooners, Way of Life, We Need Sanity.
When All Else Fails, Women’s 12x 12 Gp, Women’s
Friday Night Kick Off, I’m sorry if I have missed anyone
that was in attendance.

Kathy S opened the meeting at 7p.

Bank balances on Sept 30, 2013
Business Checking: $1,106.66  Savings Account: $45,013.01
Prudent Reserve CD’s:  $84,350.00

New secretaries introduced themselves.

Gratitude Boxes have been distributed, contact the office if your group
did not receive a box. PASS THE BOXES IN NOVEMBER AND DE-
CEMBER. Return to office in January 2014.

Renew Between-Us subscriptions now. $9 yr. for 3 copies/mo. or $18
yr. for 6 copies/mo. NEW subscrip-
tions welcome.

Volunteers are needed for the Central Office hotline. 2nd Saturday 9-1,
and 3rd Saturday 1-5. Requires one
year Sobriety, a Sponsor, and have

The 2013 Central Office Jamboree
was held on Saturday September
14, 2013 at the Milwaukee County
Zoo. About 620 people attended.
Thank you, everyone who pur-
 chased tickets. Hope to see you all
next year at Serb Hall ...

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

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DISTRICT INFO ON THE WEB:
http://www.area75.org/district.html

1. JACKSON, LaCROSSE, MONROE, VERNON, &
TREMPEALEAU; 2 & 18 GREEN LAKE &
MARQUETTE CNTYS’ 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

(See the web address above for meeting info.)

2. MANITOWOC & SHEBOYGAN CNTYS’ 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 Marisłw oć;
3. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Thr. of month, 6:00
p., Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Av;
4. WALWORTH CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Thr. of month, 6:00
p., Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Av;
5. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 2) 1st Sun. of month, 1:00 p.,
St Matthias Church, 111 E. Main, Waukesha
6. KENOSHA CNTY 3rd Sun. of month, 4:00 p.,
Kenosha Alano Club, 630 86th St.

CAR, Traditions, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions,

A Buck In The Basket... Really?  
Maybe it’s time for a raise!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KETTLE MORAINE CORR., Box 31, W9071 Forrest Dr., Plymouth, AA Thurs. 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. AA Women's Saturday 10:00 a.m. Kristin L. 414-731-8572 or AA Men's on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Dennis D. 414-372-8324

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

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


FOX LAKE CORRECTIONAL, Box #147, Fox Lake, WI 53033 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 A.M. Dane Re Unit; Wed. 7:00 p. and two meetings on Thursday at 7:00 p. English and Spanish. Call Paul H. (262) 537-2884.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: Meets at 6:30 p. on the 3rd Wednesday of every other odd month at Faith United Methodist Church, 400 S. 91st St (91st & Adler). All Milwaukee County Corrections dona tions should be sent to: MCCC, PO Box 270544, Milwaukee WI 53227-0544. Call coordinator: Kris WL at 414—731-8572, with questions. Treasurer Bill E. at 414-433-3307. Corrections volunteers must go through the committee to get AA literature to take into the various facilities. Milwaukee Central Office no longer handles the funds.

Area 75, So. WI, Calendar of Events 2013 Madison Senior Center (MSC), 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison, WI except where otherwise noted.
• Nov 15-17. East Central Regional Forum – in Fort Wayne.
• 2014 January Winter Service Assembly, watch for dates.
• March, Delegates Workshop
• April, Pre-Conference Assembly.
• 63rd Spring Conference May 16-18, 2014. Racine WI.

•Milwaukee Central Office: 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214. gmco@aaamilwaukee.com
•Area 75 Treasurer: PMB #167, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217
•General Service Office: G.S.O, P O Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163
•Area 75 Corrections, Bridging the Gap and Treatment write to: PMB # 170, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217

(“Tradition” Continued from page 1) what he means, for he describes the state of ”at oneness”; he is talking about personal unity. We know that he must work to maintain it and that he can’t stay alive without it.

Will not the same principle hold true for AA as a whole? Isn’t it also a fact that the alcoholic is in no greater peril than when he takes sobriety for granted? If vigilant practice of sound principle is a matter of life and death for him, why isn’t that equally so for the AA group, and for our far-flung Society itself?

Yet many of us still take the basic unity of Alcoholics Anonymous for granted. We seem to forget that the whole of modern society is on a dangerous and contagious “dry bender.” We evidently assume we are so different from mother men and women that disintegration can’t hit us. Our unity appears as a gift of Heaven—something to be perpetually enjoyed by us AAs quite without effort.

Criticism is not intended, because our present attitude is natural enough. It stems from the fact that no society in its infancy has ever enjoyed more providential protection against temptation and untoward happenings than has ours. Minor troubles we have had, but none serious enough to test our adult strength. It’s not strange that we are a bit complacent and self-satisfied. Surely, there need be no counsel of fear nor lack of faith in the prediction that a far greater time of trial may yet be ours. When we think our situation through, simple prudence and foresight will tell us that.

The Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous are a distillate of our experience of living and working together. They apply the spirit of the Twelve Steps of recovery to our group life and security. They deal with our relations with the world outside and with each other; they state our attitudes toward power and prestige, toward property and money. They would save us from tempting alliances and major controversies; they would elevate principles far above personal ambitions. And as a token of this last, they request that we maintain personal anonymity before the open public as a protection to AA and as proof of the fact that our Society intends to practice true humility.

For the information of the general public and for the instruction of new AA members, the Twelve Traditions have just been released in a much-condensed “short form” which we hope will be as widely read and understood as the Twelve Steps of recovery. [In this form, the Traditions now appear on the inside back cover of each Grapevine issue.] Should this happen, our current growing pains will be lessened and we shall commence to lay up a great store of insurance for the years ahead.

What then could be more appropriate than to set aside Thanksgiving week for discussion of the practical and spiritual values to be discovered in our Traditions? We could thus reinforce our faith in the future by these prudent works; we could show that we deserve to go on receiving that priceless gift of oneness which God in His wisdom has so freely given to us of Alcoholics Anonymous in the precious years of our infancy.

Bill W.
Dear Group Representative;

November and December marks a season of Gratitude and a time of giving back. Recovering Alcoholics have much to be grateful for, with our new way of living and thinking of others. The Milwaukee Central Office distributes “Gratitude Boxes” each November/December to be passed at each meeting during November and December. The money collected enables your Central Office to continue carrying the message of hope and recovery to the still suffering alcoholic.

Please assemble the box when it comes in the mail. Tape the top and bottom, if possible, to prevent small coins from falling through. Paper money works best. If you need help, call or stop by the Milwaukee Central Office, 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, 414-771-9119, email:

dan@aamilwaukee.com

Please make sure your group name and ID# is on the box top. When the box or a check is returned to the Central Office at the end of December, include the group name and ID# information. This is necessary to correctly credit your group for its support. PLEASE KEEP AND PASS THE BOX AT ALL MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER!

As a word of caution, we suggest that you DO NOT leave the Gratitude Boxes unattended in meeting rooms from week to week. The secretary or other group representative should carry the container from meeting to meeting. An unattended box may pose an unfair temptation for many who may be experiencing “hard times” in early sobriety.

At the end of DECEMBER, please return the box or a check, to the Milwaukee Central Office. Please be sure to put the group name and ID# on all checks so we can credit your group. Mailto: 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis WI 53214

Sincere thanks for all of your support and hard work. May you remain safe and sober in the holiday season, and throughout the new year.

Dan Fredricks, Director
dan@aamilwaukee.com
414-771-9119

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after being sober long enough to think things through, and able to remember enough not to take that first drink, to gain sobriety.

There is an old saying, "Self preservation is the first law of Nature." To paraphrase this I should say, "To be selfish about our AA program is life itself," for us. If we preserve ourselves we are not being selfish at all. Everyone associated with us, our family, friends, employer, employees, the community as a whole benefits accordingly, and we regain our rightful place in society. We are thoughtful of others, take care of our obligations, assume our proper responsibilities and become respectable human beings instead of walking zombies or vegetables, as we were when we drank.

Yes, this is a selfish program, because it brings us back to First Things First one-day-at-a-time living, so fundamental to happiness.

I need to remind myself that I was always equivocating, and procrastinating, when I drank, about what I was going to do tomorrow, next week or next year. I was a world-beater at a bar, or over a bottle, but I know now I actually did very little about today, or any other day for that matter.

Being selfish about AA for ourselves restores our dignity as individuals. It makes many of us realize that in being married or in trying to give to our family, our job, or our community, we many times subjugated our own personalities to meet the requirements of these social and worldly obligations. Too often we tried to fortify ourselves with alcohol, to overcome our feelings of inferiority or inadequacy, but the result, in time, was just the reverse, and we became, in effect, more inadequate and definitely inferior.

Being selfish in AA means using our normal minds to think objectively and constructively about the things around us, something we could never do with our brain paralyzed with liquor.

Being selfish in AA further helps us to be big enough to overcome resentments, humble enough to overlook fancied slights and wrongs, honest enough to evaluate things in their true perspective, serene enough to accept the things we cannot change, and sensitive enough to judge what the finer things of life are, instead of chasing myths and material things!

Being selfish in AA also means taking a look at our environment, and the people we associate with. We no longer want to be argumentative and full of self-pity. Somehow, we slowly but surely cut loose from this sort of thing. It is time-consuming, it is destructive, it could lead to "stinking thinking," it is not the way we want to live any more. And we do something constructive about it.

Gone are the fears, the tensions, the self-pity, the apprehensions. We become imbued each new day with vigor and hope, a clear conscience, a renewed strength of both body and spirit and, lastly and most importantly, we receive the greatest gift of all, peace of mind.

It is simple, it is selfish, it is AA and it works wonders.

F. R. Moorstown, New Jersey

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H.O.W. TO CLUB
8930 W. National Ave,
West Allis, (414) 543-2448
http://www.howlclub.org
Sun. 8 a.-11 p., Mon-Thur. 9 a.-11 p., Fri-Sat. 9 a. - 1 a.

ALA MEETING SCHEDULE
Sun. 10:00 a. Gp 17 Step
4:30 p. Step Gp
7:30 p. Gp 19 Step
10:00 p. Topic Gp
Mon. 7:00 a. Early Morning
10:30 a. Gp 29 Gp Topic
12:15 p. Big Book Meeting
6:30 p. Gp 40 Big Book
8:00 p. Gp 20 Step
10:30 p. Living Sobriety Step/Topic
Tues. 7:00 a. As Bill Sees It
10:30 a. Gp 7 Step
12:15 p. Gp 76
7:00 p. Beginners, 1st Step (3rd fl)
8:00 p. Gp 57 Topic
10:30 p. 4th Dimension Step/Topic
Wed. 7:00 a. Men’s Step
10:30 a. Gp 9 Step
12:15 p. Gp 58 Step
6:30 p. Gp 101 Gp Step
3:30 p. Gp 112 Step/Topic
7:00 p. Gp 30 Step
12:15 p. Men’s Step
7:00 p. LGTB Big Book
7:30 p. Gp 12 Step/Topic
10:30 p. Peanut Gallery Step Mng
Fri. 7:00 a. Daily Reflections
10:30 a. Gp 21, Step
12:15 p. Gp 65
6:30 p. Gp 127 Step
8:30 p. Gp 129 Step
11:30 p. Step/Topic
12:15 p. Second Shifters
Sat. 11:00 a. Gp 87 Step
3:00 p. Spiritual Growth
7:30 p. Open Speaker
9:00 p. Here and Now
11:30 p. Tub Topic
AL-ANON MEETINGS Sunday 10:00 a. Club is smoke free. Many meetings break outdoors for smoking.

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

GALANO CLUB
- LGBT Recovery
- 315 W. Court St. Suite 201
Milwaukee, WI 53212-3825
(414) 276-6936
http://www.galanooclub.org/

MEETING SCHEDULE
Sun. 10:30 a. Step Topic
6:00 p. Big Book Study
Mon. 7:30 p. Came To Believe
Tues. 5:30 p. 40+ Topic
Wed. 7:00 p. 12 x 12
Fri. 7:00 p. Step/Topic
Sat. 7:30 p. Topic

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

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

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE
Sun. 7:30 p.
Mon. 7:00 p. Just Do It 8 p. Action Gp
10:00 a. Step
Wed. 8:00 p. Step/Topic
Thur. 10:00 a. Step
Fri. 8:00 p. Step/Topic
Sat. 7:00 p. Simply Sober Gp

AL-ANON MEETINGS
Wed. 8:00 p. Al-Anon
Fri. 8:00 p. Al-Anon

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

12 STEP CLUB
4102 W Townsend St.
Milwaukee, WI 53216
(414) 671-0610

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE
Sun. 10:00 a. Gp 24 Updates
Mon. 11:00 a. Gp 
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Tues. 6:45 p. Gp 79
Wed. 11:00 a. Gp 27
Fri. 11:00 a. Gp 61 (12x12)
Sat. 10:00 a. Beginners Gp
7:00 p. Gp 6

CALL THE CLUB FOR INFORMATION ON OPEN A.A. MEETINGS, MEETINGS FOR OTHER FELLOWSHIPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB
2245 W. Fond du Lac
Milwaukee, WI 53214
(414) 931-7033

MEETING SCHEDULE
Sunday: 10:00 a. Friendship
11:00 a. Third Sunday Open Meeting
Monday: 10:30 a. Step Gp
Tuesday: 7:30 p. Gp 43 Big Book
Saturday: 10:00 a. Gp 112 Step
Call for information on other types of meetings.

Milwaukee Group
933 E Center St.
River West
Milwaukee, WI 53212

A.A. MEETINGS
Sun. 10:00 a. Open (Disc.)
3:00 p. Big Book
Mon. 5:30 p. Big Book
7:00 p. Open (1st Step)
8:30 p. Topic
Tues. 7:00 p. Open (Topic)
8:30 p. Open (Big Book)
Wed. 7:00 p. Open (Topic)
8:30 p. Topic
Thur. 6:30 p. Open (Topic)
8:30 p. Step
Fri. 7:00 p. Beginner’s 8:30 p. Open (Big Book)
11:30 p. Topic
Sat. 7:30 p. Open (Big Book)
11:30 p. Topic

NEW MEETINGS
Big Book Galano Club, 315 W Court St.
Milwaukee 53212, Sunday at 6:00 p.
St John’s Evangelical, 5500 W Greenfield Ave
Milw Monday at 7:30 p.
Bayshore Lutheran Ch.,
1200 E Hampton Ave.
Milw 53217 Tuesday at 8:30 a.

Milw Jewish Family Services, 1300 N Jackson St.
Milw. 53202 Tuesday at 6:30 p.

All Peoples
Church 2600 N 2nd St.
Milw. Thurs. 11:30 a.

Bethesda Senior Cntr.
2845 W Fond du Lac
Milw. Thurs. 1:30 p.
1st Step Galano Club.
301 W Court St.
Milw. Thurs 6:00 p.

(Couple’s Gp) Living Word Church, 2240
Living Word Ln Jackson
53037 Fri 7:30 p.

How It Works Closed
Big Gp & 12x12 Disc.
8930 W National Ave,
West Allis, Sat. 3 p.m.  
**DISBANDED GROUPS**

Central Office Wed & Fri 10:30 a.m., both cancelled. 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis

Primary Purpose, 1st United Methodist, 121 Wisconsin Av. Waukesha, met Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Fredonia Tuesday Night 7 p.m. met at Holy Rosary 315 Fredonia Ave, Fredonia WI 53021

Polish Sober Eagles, Prince of Peace 4419 S Howell Ave, Milw. met Tues at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Night Candlelight, Gloria Dei, 7863 Town Hall Rd, Menomonee Falls, met Sat. at 7:00 p.m.

**OTHER CHANGES**

ARO Tue Night previously at Aro Counseling Cntr, now meets at St Mark’s Lutheran, 424 Hyde Park Ave. Waukesha Tue at 8:00 PM

WK-94, Wednesdays at 8pm, formerly at 500 Riverview Ave NOW meets at Addiction Resource Council, 741 N Grand Ave Rm 306, Waukesha WI.

**OPEN SPEAKER**

Weekly & monthly open speaker meetings listed in July 2013, When & Where

aamilwaukee.com/directory.html

Sundays at 10 a.m. Milwaukee Gp. 933 E Center St, Milw 53212

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

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

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

**Meetings listed in July 2013, When & Where**

Salem United Methodist Church, 541 Hwy. 59, Waukesha,

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

1st Saturday 7:00 p.m. Dist. 15 Open Meeting at Milwaukee Group 933 E Center St. Milwaukee 53212

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

2nd Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Dist 12, Living Word Lutheran Church, 2240 Living Word Ln., Jackson WI 53037

2nd Saturday at 7:00 p.m. Dist 34, St. Francis Episcopal Church, N84 W1625 Menomonee Ave

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

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

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

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

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

Last Wednesday 8:00 p. Holy Assumption School, 72nd/Orchard

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

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

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**“Faithful Fivers”**

Greater Milwaukee Central Office

7429 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis WI 53214

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

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

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

**Contribution Information:**

Date: ________________________________

Amount $: ________ Monthly ________ Quarterly ________ Annually ________

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

I am a new member ___  __ a current member ___  __ a returning member ___

Payment Plan:

Check endorsed: ___ or Bill my credit card: Visa ___  M/C ___  Discover ___

Card #: ____________  ______  ______  ______  ______  ______  ______  ______

Expiration Date: ______/______  CID security# ______  ______  ______

Name ________________________________________________________________

Address ______________________________________________________________

City_________________________ State___ Zip___________________________

Phone Number ( _____ ) __________________________

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**2013 Weekend Retreats**

Jesuit Retreat House, 4800 Fahrnwald Rd. Oshkosh, WI 54901

call 800-962-7330 jesuitretreathouse.org

Men and Women members of AA, Al-Anon

Total cost: 4 days $325.00. Send a $50.00 deposit with requests for specific dates to retreat house or call for information

Nov 7-10 Women, Msgr Ed Griesedieck Nov 14-17 Women, Ms Mildred Frank Nov 21-24 Men, Fr Tom Weston, SJ

**MILWAUKEE CENTRAL OFFICE**

- E-mail Director Dan F. at: dan@aamilwaukee.com
- Hours: M-F 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- G.S.R. Orientation, 2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
- Secretary Meeting, 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
- Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday following Secretaries Meeting, (odd numbered months) 6:30 p.m.
- A. A. Meetings, Mon - Fri at 12:15 p. and 4:00 p.
- A. A. Meetings Saturday 9:45 a., 10:30 a. and 3:00 p.
- www.aamilwaukee.com

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**Redemptorist Retreat Center, 1800 North Timber Trail Lane, Oconomowoc, WI 53066, (262) 567-6900**

Email: rrc@redemptoristretreat.org Please call 262-567-6900 for reservations.
CANDLELIGHT GRATITUDE MEETING

An open meeting for AA and Alanon members, their friends, and families...an opportunity to share our many blessings.

Refreshments to follow the meeting. If you’d like, bring a dish to pass.

Sunday, December 1st 2013 at 6:00 pm

Hosted by:
Sunday Night Big Book Study
Sunday Morning Gp.
Wednesday Night Gp. and
Friday Night On the Hill Gp

Hartford Savings Bank
1400 Schauer Dr
Hartford, WI 53027

Looking for a NO Nonsense STEP Meeting, Look no further.

Come check out our TUESDAY NIGHT STEP MEETING

at St Jude Day Care Center in Wauwatosa

Tuesday Nights at 7:00 pm
822 Glenview Ave
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Enter in BACK of Daycare Building. Meeting is Upstairs.

“Certainly Bradford’s worried. It isn’t every day you start a tradition.”
The Man Who Didn't Stay

He sat in the clubhouse lounge for fully an hour, a small island of lonely stillness in the midst of a teeming scene of activity. Several members churned around—talking, laughing, calling to each other across the room. He picked up a pamphlet, then laid it down, looked around with a tentative smile. No response. He looked down. Suddenly the door flew open. In strode an imposing figure, smiling, poised. In an instant, a group of members milled around him, seemingly absorbing the confidence the newcomer exuded. For a brief time they all stood there, others constantly joining the group, hurrying members tossing a hasty but smiling “Hello,” continuing with a careless wave of the hand in return, and speeding on their way to other parts of the club.

Gradually, the hilarious group drifted through the door to the meeting room, the other occupants of the room following like cigarette smoke through an open window, slowly, aimlessly, casually.

All but the solitary figure in his deserted little island of stillness. He waited for a short while, glanced up at the clock, then at his wristwatch, then at the meeting-room door. He stood up. Shoulders consolately slumped, slowly but purposefully he moved to the street door.

The door closed behind him. A casual passerby saw only a man leaving a building—but in reality a lonely alcoholic was leaving AA forever.

Anon., Grand Rapids, Michigan

The 2013-2014 Holiday Alka-thon is fast approaching. It will be held at:

Bay View United Methodist Church
2772 S. Kineseicklin Ave.
Which is on the North/east corner of
K. K. and Clement, in Bay View

The Alka-thon starts on:
Christmas Eve, on Tuesday, Dec 24th at 12 noon and ends on Christmas day, Wednesday, Dec 25th at 12 midnight.

It will start up again on:
New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec 31st at 12 noon and end on New Year's Day, Wednesday, Jan 1st at 12 midnight.

We have 36-two hour time slots, for groups to volunteer for. The time slots will be assigned to groups randomly. All the names of groups, that choose to participate, will be picked out of a basket to ensure fairness.

This will be done at the District 29 GSR meeting on:
Dec 2nd at 7:00pm
Luther Memorial Church
2840 S. 94th St.
West Allis, WI

We encourage the participating groups, to have a representative present, for the time slot drawing portion, of the GSR meeting.

Group time slot responsibilities will consist of:

- Providing a group Secretary/MC to run the meeting.
- Provide several members to participate. (AA or Al-anon)
- Be prepared for 12 step work.
- Bring a snack or sweets to pass.
- Groups can bring literature, Big Books, coins, beginner packets

Basic meeting format will be available for the groups. How it works, Promises, traditions, Reflections etc.

Regular/Decaf coffee, cups, cream and sugar, will be provided for the Alka-thon.

Please go back to your groups and discuss the Alka-thon. If your group chooses to participate please call Mike T at (414) 232-0015 or send an email to: alka-thon@yahooserv

Next Alka-thon planning meeting will be on Monday, Oct 21st at 7:00pm. At Bay View United Methodist Church.