

"BETWEEN-US"

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THE TENTH STEP PROMISES

The Big Book offers an array of promises associated with each of the Twelve Steps, but for me, the rewards starting on the bottom of page 84 and continuing throughout that paragraph are, by far, the most vibrant and exciting – these are my favorites:

"And we have ceased fighting anything or anything – even alcohol."

When I am living in the spirit of the Step Ten directions and resolutely turning my thoughts to someone I can help, I become much less reactionary with those who disagree with me. Being right, takes a back seat to developing a continuing friendly relationship. The first shot is not fired because the battle never begins.

"For by this time sanity will have returned."

I feel as though the word 'sanity' overflows from the first promise; if I am unable to differentiate the true from the false in the matter of drink, I am indeed suffering

("Promises" Continued on page 18)

But AA Will Survive

MY SPONSOR is a big, raw-boned guy, whose vigor and enthusiastic efforts on behalf of AA belie by a dozen or so years the calendar count of his age.

"It seems," he announced to me one evening as we drove to a meeting, "that we've got a problem."

"Oh," I replied. "We?"

"I mean AA," he continued. "At least, the groups in this area."

I knew he was on the board of directors for the central office, and it had met that afternoon.

"What kind of a problem?" I asked.

Jim was silent for a while. I could sense that he was sorting out the issues, trying to get a handle on his perspective. "It came up today. This business of special-purpose groups."

I had heard the phrase before, but I was not sure I knew what it meant. "How can there be special-purpose groups in AA?" I wanted to know. "Tradition Five says that 'each group has but one primary

("Survive" Continued on page 21)

| | Oct '18 - Jun 19 | Oct '17 - Jun 18 | \$ Change | % Change |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|-------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | | |
| Income | | | | |
| 4000 · Literature Sales | 111,386.74 | 94,406.90 | 16,979.84 | 17.99% |
| 4050 · Between us | 3,292.00 | 3,424.50 | -132.50 | -3.87% |
| 4070 · Contributions | 73,749.00 | 73,563.03 | 185.97 | 0.25% |
| 4080 · Gratitude boxes | 24,593.19 | 25,653.05 | -1,059.86 | -4.13% |
| 4090 · Open Meeting / Dinner | 8,350.00 | 7,575.00 | 775.00 | 10.23% |
| 4100 · Memorials | 2,390.00 | 475.00 | 1,915.00 | 403.16% |
| 4130 · Personal Contri. | 3,673.86 | 7,905.86 | -4,232.00 | -53.53% |
| 4150 · Other Income | 2,196.53 | 2,772.08 | -575.55 | -20.76% |
| 4170 · Interest Income | 2,521.80 | 2,952.77 | -430.97 | -14.6% |
| 4190 · Discrepancies | -100.00 | -0.14 | -99.86 | -71,328.57% |
| 4600 · Merchandise Sales | 4,280.65 | 18,088.14 | -13,807.49 | -76.33% |
| 4830 · Sales Discounts | 110.00 | 110.00 | 0.00 | 0.0% |
| 48900 · Shipping and Delivery | 870.86 | 657.53 | 213.33 | 32.44% |
| Total Income | 237,314.63 | 237,583.72 | -269.09 | -0.11% |
| Total Cost of Goods Sold | 68,450.49 | 66,100.41 | 2,350.08 | 3.56% |
| Gross Profit | 168,864.14 | 171,483.31 | -2,619.17 | -1.53% |
| Expense | | | | |
| 51100 · Freight and Shipping Costs | 1,487.10 | 1,244.73 | 242.37 | 19.47% |
| 59900 · POS Inventory Adjustments | 665.25 | 1,111.05 | -445.80 | -40.12% |
| 6000 · Advertising and Promotion | 0.00 | 610.48 | -610.48 | -100.0% |
| 6045 · Coffee/Soda/Candy Expense | 864.89 | 1,128.13 | -263.24 | -23.33% |
| 6050 · Credit card fees | 2,179.67 | 1,573.42 | 606.25 | 38.53% |
| 6170 · Computer and Internet Expenses | 1,825.00 | 1,329.89 | 495.11 | 37.23% |
| 6200 · Conferences & conventions | 84.94 | 20.00 | 64.94 | 324.7% |
| 6240 · Depreciation Expense | 0.00 | 2,125.58 | -2,125.58 | -100.0% |
| 6262 · Postage | 0.00 | 3.04 | -3.04 | -100.0% |
| 6330 · Insurance Expense | 1,855.00 | 2,061.00 | -206.00 | -10.0% |
| 6345 · Open Meeting/Dinner | 8,630.70 | 8,777.52 | -146.82 | -1.67% |
| 6370 · License & permits | 255.00 | 235.00 | 20.00 | 8.51% |
| 6500 · Office | 37,727.22 | 35,854.16 | 1,873.06 | 5.22% |
| 6600 · Payroll | 93,671.47 | 89,528.62 | 4,142.85 | 4.63% |
| 66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies | 6.98 | -7.17 | 14.15 | 197.35% |
| 6700 · Professional Fees | 1,275.00 | 1,145.00 | 130.00 | 11.35% |
| 6800 · Printing | 0.00 | 2,285.00 | -2,285.00 | -100.0% |
| 69800 · Uncategorized Expenses | 0.00 | 3,000.00 | -3,000.00 | -100.0% |
| Total Expense | 150,528.22 | 152,025.45 | -1,497.23 | -0.99% |
| Net Ordinary Income | 18,335.92 | 19,457.86 | -1,121.94 | -5.77% |
| Other Income | 1.44 | 0.00 | 1.44 | 100.0% |
| Other Expense | 0.00 | 8.00 | -8.00 | -100.0% |
| Net Other Income | 1.44 | -8.00 | 9.44 | 118.0% |
| Net Income | 18,337.36 | 19,449.86 | -1,112.50 | -5.72% |

Account Balances:

Checking: 5,287.54
Savings Account: 55,990.97
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 situation.

Meeting Space Available

- **St Martin Mission Church**, 29th and Lincoln Ave, Milwaukee. Contact: fr.stevenblock@yahoo.com or call 262-510-7400 (Fr. Steven) for more information.
- **Christ United Methodist Church**, 5200 S 48th St. Greenfield WI 53221. Wheel-chair accessible space available. Contact: Jo, 414-421-0202 or email: christumcl@sbcglobal.net



Secretary Meeting, Sept. 10, 2019

Groups represented: Gp 48, Big Book Readers, Brown Deer Monday Night, Common Solution, Conscious Contact Discussion, Just Do It Gp, Mayfair Ladies Mon/Fri Gp., Monday Night Women's Waukesah, Real Needs Real Help, Saturday Morning Big Book, Sun Night Grapevine, Terrific Tuesday Big Book, Tuesday Night Grapevine, Wanderer's. Only 14 groups were represented. I'm sorry if I have missed anyone that was in attendance.

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

Bank Balances on page two.

New secretaries introduced themselves, and made announcements.

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

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each year - or more if you'd like - and we'll print your birthday in the Between-Ups Newsletter. Include your Home Group, and we'll print that too! Just fill in the form found on page 6 of this newsletter.

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

Guest Speaker: Glenn G. talked to the group about the Annual Holiday Alkathon, held in Bay View, on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. Information on page nine of this month's newsletter. Volunteers are needed to help chair the meetings.

Deaf Access Committee (DAC) August 2019

Balance: \$7,465.38
Contributions: \$ 698.71
Interpreter : \$ 640.00
Awareness Event

Expenses: N/A
Donations: N/A

Annual Cost of interpreters for 3 meetings a week @\$160 per meeting is \$24,960
Leslie P. with questions:
ec1vr@wi.rr.com

ORIENTATION for GSR'S

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

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT INFO ON THE WEB:

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

1. JACKSON, LaCROSSE, MONROE, VERNON, & 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 (1 of 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

2 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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CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

TAYCHEEDAH CORRECTIONAL,
Meetings are held 1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesday and
on the 3rd Thursday at 5:45 -7:30 p.m., Glo-
ria 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 COR-
RECTION, 8885 S. 68th St. Franklin WI.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL 9th & State
Milwaukee WI.

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

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

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

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

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

MILWAUKEE COUNTY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Monday
every odd numbered month at All Saints Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Donations should be sent to: **MCCC, PO Box 270544, Milwaukee WI 53227-0544.** Call
coordinator: Kôtá at (262) 385-3443, email: mcccocoordinator@gmail.com w/

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

Area 75, Southern WI,
Calendar of Events 2019
Madison Senior Center
330 W. Mifflin St., Madison,
except where otherwise
noted.

Oct 18th - Sun Oct 20th Area
75 Conference & East Cen-
tral Regional Conference

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

JOIN the BIRTHDAY CLUB!

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

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

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

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



\$ _____ enclosed.

I will have _____ years on _____ / _____ / _____ .

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ - _____

Email: _____

Home Group: _____



AA: WOMEN TO WOMEN FALL 2019

This is a closed AA Meeting

A day of sharing:

To foster the sharing of ideas, feelings and issues
 To create a safe atmosphere that nurtures honesty and becoming
 To explore the positive energy among AA women

- 9:00-9:30 Registration/Coffee
- 9:30-9:45 Opening/Announcements
- 9:45-10:30 Further Research and Development
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:30 No More Complaining
- 11:30-11:45 Break
- 11:45-12:30 On My Own Again
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-2:15 I Refuse To Tiptoe
- 2:15-2:30 Closing/Countdown

Saturday, October 12, 2019
 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
 THE PASS IT ON CLUB

6229 W. Forest Home Ave.
 Milwaukee, WI 53220
 414-541-6923

Registration **REQUIRED** - No Walk-Ins
 Limited Seating Available
 Registration will CLOSE at 200 Women

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

NOTE: if you register, but are unable to attend, please let us know. Space is limited and we have to turn women away when the room reaches capacity

For more information contact:
 Joy S. 262-215-7513
 Judy B. 614-638-5206

Deadline: September 28th or until full capacity - whichever comes first
 Please use a separate form for each person
 Registration: \$10.00 (in advance)
 Includes: Lunch buffet, Coffee, Doughnuts

Please Print:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Email: _____
 Phone: _____

Okay to leave a message at this number

Makes checks payable to: Women to Women
 Mail to: Women to Women c/o Joy Steinbicer
 3251 S. 54th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53219

AA Groups Need Your Support

Wauwatosa Ave, 53213

- **Sundays at 6 p. Sense of Belonging Open AA**, 11th Step prayer and Meditation, 4040 N Calhoun Rd. Brookfield WI 53005
- **Mondays at 7 p.** Group 29, St Catherine Church, 5101 W Center St, Milwaukee WI 53210
- **Wednesday 11 a.m.** Gp10-17, St Veronica's 353 E Norwich, Milwaukee 53207
- **Wednesday 6 p.m.** Women's Big Book, Martin Luther Church, 9235 W Bluemound Rd. Milw. 53226
- **Thursday at 12:15 p.m. and Wednesday 5:30 p.m.** St. John's Cathedral Complex, 831 N. Van Buren St. Milwaukee 53202
- **Thursday 8:30 p.m.** Gp 22, Underwood Memorial Baptist, 1916 Wauwatosa Ave, 53213
- **Friday at 7 p.m.,** NCIC Gp 24, NCIC Church 2328 W Capitol Dr, Milwaukee WI 53206
- **Friday at 7 p.m.** First Things First, St Margaret Mary, 3930 N 92nd St. Milw 53222
- **Friday 9:30 p.m.** Big Book, Martin Luther Church 9235 W Bluemound Rd. Milw. 53226
- **Friday 8 p.m.** Candlelight, St Anskar Episcopal, N48W31340 Hill Rd Hartland WI (Hwy's 16 & 83)
- **Saturday 11 a.m.** Big Book, St. Pius X Church, 2506 Wauwatosa Ave. Wauwatosa WI 53213

Holiday Alkathon - Newsletter - September 2019
2019-2020

What is it?

The *Holiday Alkathon* is 2 days (about 36 hours) of continuous AA meetings held on Christmas Eve through Christmas Day and again one week later on New Years Eve through New Years Day. The meetings are hosted by local AA meetings in 2 hour time slots. This celebration of sobriety always includes fellowship from the Greater Milwaukee area, coffee and a variety of food donated by AA's members. The *Holiday Alkathon* offers AA members an opportunity during hectic holidays to come in **anytime** to share their experience, strength and hope in a warm, dry, welcoming place.

Holiday Alkathon Location:

Bay View United Methodist Church
2772 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207

When is it?

Christmas Eve 2019 beginning at noon, continuing non-stop through Christmas Day ending at 10:00 pm
New Years Eve 2019 beginning at noon, continuing non-stop through New Years Day 2020 ending at 10:00 pm

Would you like to help?

The *Holiday Alkathon* is a terrific Service Opportunity!

We need volunteers to serve on the committee to help organize the event. There are a wide range of duties so the more volunteers we have the easier it will be to make it happen. **We need AA groups** to enter the lottery for 2 hour meeting time slots. **We need individual volunteers** to make sure everything is in place for the meetings (make coffee, keep ice and water in the cooler, organize the snack table, directing people to rest rooms, cleanup if there is a spill, etc).

For more information come to a committee meeting (or contact Mark V. (414) 588-8049 if you are unable to attend)

This is an opportunity for fellowship, putting the principles into action and having fun doing it! (For those of us not feeling very festive during the holidays it's a chance to get out and interact with others in a safe place.)

*(Special Note for the Group Time Slot lottery; Deadlines for group time slot entries will be honored this year. Please submit your entries on time to be included in the lottery. Dates and details will be made available on upcoming fliers.)

Holiday Alkathon Committee meeting dates:

At 7:00 pm, the 3rd Monday of each month beginning August 19th, then on September 16th, October 21st, November 18th, December 2nd (group lottery drawing). The final meeting will be on December 16th then the Alkathon happens!

Committee Meeting Location:

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

Thank you to everyone who has attended and participated in past Holiday Alkathons.
You made this years Alkathon possible.

Holiday Alkathon 2018-2019, Financial Disclosure information is available at committee meetings.

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September 05, 2019

Dear Friends,

We're happy to announce that Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., is releasing Meeting Guide 3.0.

Meeting Guide is a mobile app focused on helping people find A.A. meetings and resources near them. The app has been updated to include some new features we're pleased to announce:

- Search -- Users will now be able to search for meetings by name or location
- *Daily Reflections* -- a selection of reflections by and for A.A. members

There are also enhancements we've made to existing features:

- More accurate locations for access to local contact information
- Improved user interface -- with a new menu bar and Contact feature.

Meeting Guide is available for iOS and Android smartphones. You can download it for free on the App Store or on Google Play.

Yours in Fellowship,



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General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous

P.O. Box 459 | Grand Central Station | New York, New York 10163 USA | (212) 870-3400 | www.aa.org

MEETING ROOMS

NEW DAY CLUB
11936 N. Port Washington
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. 10:00 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
Tuesday 1:00 p. Al-Anon/ACOA
Thursday 7:00 p. Al-Anon
Contact club for info on other fellowships.

PASS IT ON CLUB
6229 W. Forest Home Ave
Milwaukee WI (414) 541-6923
passitonclub.com

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up
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
6:00 p. How It Works Disc.
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

Sat. 8:30 a. Early Bird
10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free
3:00 p. Twelve Promises
3:00 p. How It Works Big

Book
8:00 p. Spanish Speaking
8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12

AL-ANON MEETINGS
Sun. 11:00 a. (Alateen)
Wed. 7:00 p. Fri. 7:30 p.
Thr. 7:00 p. Sat. 10:30 a.

LAKE AREA CLUB
N60 W 35878 Lake Dr
Oconomowoc, WI
(262) 567-9912
www.lakeareaclub.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 Stdy

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

Wed. 8:00 a.
10:00 a. Back To Basics
1:00 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.
6:00 p. Non-smoking
8:00 p. Old School House

Sat. 8:30 a. 11th Step
10:00 a. Big Book
5:30 p. Perfect Time B/B

AL-ANON MEETINGS
Mon. 7:00 p. Al-Anon
Tue. 9:00 a. Al-Anon
Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon

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

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 9:30 a. Sun Morn Sunlite
11:00 a. Sun Go-To-Mtng
(Open speaker 2nd Sunday & Breakfast)
7:00 p. (Open Step Gp)

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

Tue. 12:00 Noon

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

Thr. 12:00 Noon

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

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. 7:00 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. 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.

MEETING ROOMS

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
(Women's Step Group)
6:30 p. Delavan Men's Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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

<http://www.alanofoundation.com>

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 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
10:30 a. Gp 9, Step
12:15 p. Oasis Topic Gp
6:00 p. Chicks at Six Gp
7:30 p. Yoga AA

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. 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. AA Topic Group
8:00 p. Sun. Sober & Serene

Mon. 11:00 a. Winner's Circle
5:45 p. Gp 132, Women's Gp
7:00 p. Big Book Gp.
8:00 p. New Hope Gp.

11:15 p. What's The Point

Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group
6:00 p. Tuesday Non-Smoke
7:00 p. Deaf/Hearing Impaired
8:00 p. 12 & 12 AA Meeting

Wed. 10:00 a. Foundations Meeting
6:00 p. AA Beginners Gp.
7:00 p. Women's Freedom
8:00 p. Promises Group
11:15 p. After Hours Gp.

Thr. 10:00 a. But For Grace Of God
6:00 p. 6 PM Here and Now
8:00 p. How To Get It Going

Fri. 11:00 a. Priority Group
6:00 p. Big Book Group
8:00 p. R.U.S. For Us
11:15 p. Candlelight Promises

Sat. 9:15 a. Men's Topic
11:00 a. Pioneers Group
6:00 p. 1st & 12 Topic
*8:00 p. HOW To Saturday
*(Open meeting on 3rd Saturday)

24 HOUR CLUB
153 Green Bay Rd.
Thiensville, WI

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)

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

unityclub1715@att.net

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
8:15 p. Step Gp

Thr. 10:00 a. Big Book
7:00 p. EZ Dozen 12x12

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

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

AL-ANON & ALATEEN MTNGS

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
Milwaukee, WI
414. 931.7033

Email: [friendshipinc@
sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto:friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net)

MEETING ROOMS

12 STEP CLUB

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Wed. 11:00 a. Gp. 27

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

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

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

Milwaukee Group
933 E Center St,
(River West)
Milwaukee WI 53212

A.A. MEETINGS

Sun. 10:00 a. Open (Disc.)
8:30 p. Big Book

Mon. 5:30 p. Big Book
7:00 p. Open (1st Step)
8:30 p. Topic

Tue. 7:00 p. Open (Topic)
8:30 p. Open (Big Book)

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

Sat. 8:30 p. Topic

**Greater Milwaukee
Central Office**
7429 W Greenfield
West Allis WI 53214,
414-771-9119

amilwaukee.com

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

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

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

Thursday
7:30 p. Alumni No 12

Friday
7:15 p. Gp 74

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

NEW MEETINGS

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

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

Mondays 7:00 p.m. St. Aidan's Episcopal
Church, 670 E Monroe Ave, Hartford WI 53027

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

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., 12&12 Study, Cedar
Springs Church, 3128 Slinger Rd, Slinger WI
53086

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

DISBANDED GROUPS

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

Gp 29, met Mondays at 7:00 p.m., St Catherine Church, 5101 W Center St. Milwaukee.

Home At Last, Tuesday 8:30 a.m, met at St Luke's Lutheran, 6705 Northway, Greendale

Wednesday 8 p.m. Menomonee Falls, Gloria Dei Church, W180N7863 Town Hall Rd.

OTHER CHANGES

Brookfield Unity, 4600 N Pilgrim Pkwy, Brookfield...previously Monday at 7:30pm. NOW starts at 7:00 pm.

1st 164 Big Book, Tuesdays in West Bend, now meets at 5th Ave Methodist Church, 323 5th Ave, West Bend 53095

WELL Beginners and WELL Big Book, Tuesdays in Wales, NOW meets at: New Vision Bretheren-Christ Church, N14W27995 Silvernail Rd, Pewaukee WI 53072

OPEN SPEAKER

Weekly & monthly speaker meetings listed in December 2018 When & Where

aamilwaukee.com/directory.html

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

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 at 7:30 p. 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



"What do you mean you're not willing to pay the price for that drink?"

ASL Interpreter Available: Meeting for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Tuesdays 7:00 P.M., H.O.W To Club, 8930 W National Ave. West Allis WI 53227

SERVICE MANUAL STUDY Meets 2nd Thursday each month at 6:00 p.m.

**Milwaukee Central Office
7429 W Greenfield Ave
West Allis WI**

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.**

Spanish Speaking Meetings: Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

- GRUPO 5 CONCEPTOS, Pass It On Club, 6229 W. Forest Home Av, Milw, on Saturday at 8:00 p.
- GRUPO NUEVO AMANECER, Tri-County Unity Club, 104 N. First St, Wauertown, 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

2019 Weekend Retreats Jesuit Retreat House,
4800 Fahrwald Rd. Oshkosh,
WI 54901, call 800-962-7330
jesuitretreathouse.org

Men and Women members of
AA, Al-Anon

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

Men: Dec. 5-8, 2019

Women: Aug. 22-25, Nov. 14-17, Nov. 21-24, 2019

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

MILW. CENTRAL OFFICE

- **E-mail us at:**
gmco@aamilwaukee.com
- **Hours: M, W, Th, Fr** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Tuesday** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., (until 7:30 p. on 2nd Tues. each month) **Sat.** 9 a.m. - 1p.m.
- **G.S.R. Orientation,** 2nd Tuesday 6:30 p., call first.
- **Secretary Meeting,** 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.
- **Board of Directors Meeting,** Wed. following Secretaries Meeting, (odd numbered months) 6:30 p.
- **A. A. Meetings,** Mon - Fri at 12:15 p., 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.
- www.aamilwaukee.com

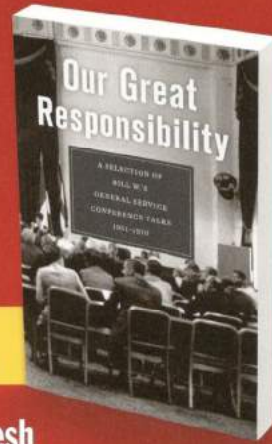
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Milwaukee Central Office
7429 W Greenfield Ave
West Allis, WI 53214

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couraged to attend.

There is a New GSR orien-
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to give us a "heads up" if
you are a new GSR, and
want to attend the orienta-
tion. 414-771-9119.



(“Promises” Continued from page 1)

from *alcoholic insanity*. However, if I can see and act on the obvious truth in the matter of that next drink, I am living in a *sane* manner. The Big Book often uses the expression of *insanity* interchangeably with the phrase, ‘*mental obsession*.’ Jim’s Story (p. 37) is case in point.

“If tempted, we recoil as from a hot flame”

During first sober year or so drinking thoughts would spawn deep-seated horror. If I would – as is often suggested – *Think the drink through*, the dismal memory of those horrible hallucinations coming on, the music exuding from the walls, and the jail door slamming shut filled me with terror. The dread of being fired, once again, would come on strongly. But as time passed, I learned to stymie these unpleasant thoughts before they become solidified. Actually, I believe I have developed a reverse Pavlov in the matter of drink.

“It just comes! That is the miracle of it.”

This miracle happened for me! Thoughts of drinking no longer exists in my emotional vocabulary. This marvelous “release” took place in my second year of sobriety

and I have not been plagued by the mental obsession since—thank you God!

“Instead, the problem has been removed. It does not exist for us.”

These two phrases probably represent the most important single promise in the Big Book: a release from the insanity of taking that first alcoholic drink! Of course, this exciting promise is obviously concerning the mental obsession before the first drink. I will never be an ex-alcoholic—just one shot and I am shot! We are not told that the problem (obsession) has been eradicated, destroyed or beamed to outer space. It simply promises that it has been *removed*. That Obsession/Allergy will forever lurk, just waiting for me to fall below a fit spiritual condition.

“That is how we react so long s we remain in a fit spiritual condition.”

I have found that living in the spirit of Maintenance Steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve, to the best of my ability, I have remained close enough to a fit spiritual condition that I haven’t had to drink since my very first meeting in 1975.

Bob S.

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Robert Stonebraker

Tradition Ten:

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.





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purpose--to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.' "

"That's the point!" Jim exploded. "They're violating the Goddamned Traditions!"

I smiled to myself. It has always been confusing to me to hear AAs talk about God as their Higher Power in one breath and then go on to sling a string of God-salted oaths in another. In spite of his gruff, growly voice and large, athletic frame, Jim was a bit of a softy at heart, especially where AA was concerned.

"Hey, hold on now," I cautioned. "We aren't supposed to get emotional about these things. That's what you're always telling me."

Jim's voice softened. "You're right. But...this thing. It could cause trouble."

"Tell me about it," I suggested.

He went over the facts briefly. A group secretary had shown up with a number of supporters to demand recognition as a duly constituted entity of AA in our area. The name they had chosen identified the purposes of an outside organization, and they were insistent about having it included in the area directory.

"Well," I said, "what's wrong with that?"

"It's a *controversial* movement," Jim snapped. "Can't you see that?"

"Not to me," I replied. "We're supposed to 'Live and Let Live,' aren't we?"

"Of course. But they're trying to *use* AA. We've got to protect the Traditions."

I have a lot of respect for Jim. I also know that none of us is ever completely right all the time. Also, I'm not the kind of pigeon who thinks everything his sponsor says is the golden word.

"What Traditions are being violated?" I persisted.

"At least four. Number One, to begin with! 'Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.'"

I'm always impressed with members who can give verbatim quotes from AA sources. Impressed, but not always convinced.

"How is it being violated?"

"How!" he snorted. "Very simple. If it's controversial, you've got AAs taking sides. The movement these people want to promote is not an

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AA issue. If we sanction identification with *their* objectives, we'll wind up with names like the Democratic AA Group, the Rotary AA, the Women's Lib AA. We'd be opening the floodgates! Tradition Ten distinctly says--"

" 'Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues,' " we chorused.

"I know," I said. "I've even learned that one myself."

"You left out the important part," Jim said. " 'Hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.' "

I was beginning to see why Jim was so agitated. "Go on. That's two Traditions, First and Tenth."

"Well, there's Twelve, naturally. 'Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.' This afternoon, we had two personality factions clashing over an *outside* issue." Jim lowered his voice. "I *do* get emotional when anything threatens AA. I owe my life to the program and. . . Well, I saw it all happen there today --an ugly mess. One of the other sec-

retaries in opposition to the first group got up and publicly threatened to cut off all funds to the central office if the directory listing was approved. That's hardly the AA way, either."

"Power politics," I groaned. "AA can sure do without that!"

"Numbers One, Ten, Twelve, and. . . oh, Five, of course. You quoted that yourself. 'Each group has but one primary purpose--to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.' That's *all* we can do. That's *it!*" Jim gave one of his deep chuckles. Talking it out had helped restore his natural optimism.

"Is that really all? I mean, don't we have to do something--about this other thing?"

"Sure. Plenty. We can seek out the group conscience--find out what most of us want to do--even take a vote on it."

"Right on," I agreed. We were pulling into the parking lot.

"This 'trouble' I mentioned. It isn't the first, and it won't be the last. But --AA will survive."

-- Anonymous
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Friday, November 22, 2019

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6:00 p.m. Evening meal
7:30 p.m. Welcome and 1st Step

Saturday, November 23, 2019

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8:00 a.m. Breakfast—Dining Room
9:00 a.m. Step 2 Meeting
10:30 a.m. Step 3 Meeting
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3:45 p.m. Steps 6 & 7 Meeting
5:00 p.m. Mass—Chapel (Optional)
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