

# "BETWEEN-US"

VOL. 22 ISSUE 5

MAY 2014

## In That Long Ago Time

Every year since I have been sober I have wanted to journey to Akron for Founder's Day. There has always been a reason that I couldn't be in attendance: job, family commitments, money, and so forth. This year a series of coincidences (I believe there are no coincidences, just God's plans) came about for me. It says in the Big Book, "beyond my wildest dreams," so here was another one of the promises coming to be.

Joan from Cleveland and Sean from Akron moved to Florida last year and joined our group. They were planning on being in Akron for Founder's Day on June 19. They talked about it for months in advance, then Sean asked me to go with him. I said, "I really can't afford to go." Later that evening, Sean called me and told me he could make arrangements for me to stay with a lady in the Fellowship. Then Joan and Sean started in on me. You have to come, they said. We all

*("Long Ago" Continued on page 7)*

WHAT'S INSIDE	Page
Office Financials	2
Secretary Meeting Notes	3
Area 75 & Corrections	4 & 5
Club Info and Meetings	10, 11,
When & Where, Open Meetings	12, 13
Interesting Stuff	14 thru



## Goosebumps, Guests and the Gate House

When I was newly sober, I didn't know anything about Founders' Day here in Akron, Ohio. I had heard about it vaguely, but did not connect it in any way with my personal recovery and sobriety. All I knew when I started attending AA meetings was that the people there seemed to have a solution to my drinking problem, and they kept telling me to come back. I didn't understand why at the time, but I sure did keep coming back.

When I reflect on those early days in AA, I am in awe at how little I was able to comprehend beyond "don't drink today--this minute, or this hour." God was truly doing for me what I couldn't do for myself.

Living here in Akron, I had always just taken it for granted that this was where AA got its miraculous start. It was not a big deal that Dr. Bob lived right down the street from where I used to drink and party. It was not a big deal that the first AA meeting between Dr. Bob and Bill W. was right over at the Stan Hywet Gate House. So what! The Mayflower Hotel? I went right by that old hotel every time I went downtown. We had our high school prom there. It was like a museum full of marble and balconies.

*("Goosebumps" Continued on page 14)*

10:00 AM  
04/02/14  
Accrual Basis

Greater Milwaukee Central Office AA  
Profit & Loss  
March 2014

	Mar 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 - Literature Sales	15,281.46
4050 - Between us	104.00
4070 - Contributions	5,000.84
4080 - Gratitude boxes	402.81
4100 - Memorials	100.00
4130 - Personal Contri.	7.33
4150 - Other Income	503.36
48900 - Shipping and Delivery Income	308.58
Total Income	<u>21,708.38</u>
Cost of Goods Sold	
5000 - Literature	8,830.36
52900 - Purchases - Resale Items	204.76
Total COGS	<u>9,035.12</u>
Gross Profit	12,673.26
Expense	
51100 - Freight and Shipping Costs	221.04
59900 - POS Inventory Adjustments	1,229.28
6045 - Coffee/Soda/Candy Expense	275.22
6050 - Credit card fees	160.48
6170 - Computer and Internet Expenses	382.05
6500 - Office	3,321.01
6600 - Payroll	10,202.79
Total Expense	<u>15,791.87</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-3,118.61
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
52500 - Purchase Discounts	30.00
Total Other Income	<u>30.00</u>
Net Income	<u>-3,118.61</u>
CD Prudent Reserve	84,359.71
Savings Account	39,534.74
Checking	3,958.72

### AREA 75 EVENTS CALENDAR

1. Go to Area 75 website at: [area75.org](http://area75.org). 2. Look for the Area 75 Events Calendar on the right side of the page. 3. Events listed are color coded according to the area office that listed them. 4. Click on the small down arrow at the top right hand corner of the Events listing for the color "key" to the area's events. 5. Click on the small down arrow in the middle (next to the date) to view a specific date or just use the scroll button to move up and down through the days listed.

### AA Groups Need Your Support

- **Jim's Sun Night 1st Step**, Roger's Hospital, 11101 W Lincoln Ave West Allis Sun at 6pm
- **Women's 12 x 12 Gp.** Mondays at 6:00 p. Grace Bible Church, 2643 S 117th St West Allis WI 53227
- **All Welcome Gp, Mondays & Thursday at 1:30 p.** Bethesda Community Center, 2845 W Fond du Lac Ave, Milwaukee WI 53210
- **Gp 10-17, Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.,** St Veronica's School, 353 E Norwich, Milwaukee 53207

## Secretary Meeting, March 11, 2014

Groups represented: 7, 22, 23 Wed, 59, 82, 88, 132 Women, 153, 200, 201, 232, Another Chance Tuesday Night, Badger, Big Book Readers, Daily Reprieve Mens, Depends On You, Early Bird Roger's Memorial, Fireside, Friday pm Big Book Disc., Hales Corners Tuesday Night, Happy Destiny, Mayfair Women Mon & Fri, Mayflower, Monday Night Women's Wauk., Monday Nooners, New Berlin Big Book Tuesday, New Berlin Friday Night, Pow Wow Gp., Saturday Morning Big Book, Sussex Friday Night Action, Tosa Blue Chippers, Trust Through Fellowship, Tuesday Night Grapevine, Tuesday Night Hales Corners Step/Topic, Turning Point, Wanderer's, Way of Life, We Need Sanity, Wednesday Night Recovery, When All Else Fails, 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 Jan 31, 2014

Business Checking: \$3,958.72

Savings Account: \$39,534.74

Prudent Reserve CD's: \$84,359.71

**New secretaries** introduced themselves.

**Gratitude Boxes:** \$23,794.99.

**Renew Between-Us** subscriptions now. \$9 yr. for 3 copies/mo. or \$18 yr. for 6 copies/mo. **NEW subscriptions welcome.** Subscriptions run to the END of DECEMBER. Look at the address label for a clue.

**Jamboree** is on Saturday September 20, 2014, at the Serb Hall, 5101 W Oklahoma Ave Milwaukee, tickets on sale in March. Our speaker will be Rob S. from Nashville TN

**Volunteer's** needed for the hotline, 1 year sobriety, sponsor and home group required. Contact Kathy S at Central Office 414-771-9119.

**The 75th anniversary edition** of the Big Book: are available now at the Central Office \$13.00 each.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday May 13, 2014, 7 pm. Director's meeting May 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

# Orientation for GSR's

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](mailto:sherwood1@charter.net), to arrange for G.S.R. orientation at your district or workshop.

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

### DISTRICT INFO ON THE WEB:

<http://www.area75.org/district.html>

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

4. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Thr. of month, 6:00 p., Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Av.

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, at large. Contact Ernesto N. at 414 645-8591. Meets every Tue. at 5:00 p., 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., Jansen Family Park, Schuster Dr. West Bend

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 9) 4th Wed. of month, 7:00 p., Milwaukee Central Office 7429 W Greenfield Ave., P.O. Box 13011, Wauwatosa WI 53226

15. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) Last Sunday of month, 5:30 p., Milwaukee Room 933 E. Center St. Milwaukee

16. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 1st Wed. of month, 7:00 p., Faith United Methodist Church, 400 S. 91st St.,

17. RACINE CNTY (1 of 2) 3rd Sun. of month, 1:00 p., Grove Club, 1037 Grove Ave., Racine

22. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Thr of month, 6:00 p., Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Ave.

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 9) 3rd Sat. of month, 9:00 a.m. 12 Step Club, 4102 W. Townsend

28. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 3rd Mon. of month, 7:00 p., Bay View United Methodist 2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave. Bay View, WI 53207

29. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 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

**SEND ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO:**

7429 W. Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214,

[dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com)

### AA Groups Need Your Support

- **New Hope Brookfield, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.** Trinity UCC, 4435 N Calhoun Rd Brookfield 53005
- **Chicks at Six, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday,** Alano Club 1521 N Prospect Ave Milwaukee, WI 53202 **CHILD CARE available.**
- **Thursday at 12:15 pm. and Wednesday 5:30 pm. Topic** at St. John's Cathedral Complex, 831 N. Van Buren St. Milwaukee 53202
- **Friday Night Candlelight, 8:00 pm.** St Anskar Episcopal, N48W31340 Hill Rd Hartland WI 53029 (Hwy's 16 & 83)
- **When All Else Fails, Saturday at 7:00 pm.** St Matthias Church, 111 E. Main St. Waukesha 53186

### Deaf, Deaf/Blind and Hard of Hearing AA Meeting List, ASL Interpreter available

- Thursdays at 8:00 p. St John Vianney Parish 1755 N. Calhoun Rd, Brookfield WI. **Open AA Meeting for everyone—Third Thursday of Month,** Wheelchair entrance available.

Meetings are weekly closed AA meetings, except where otherwise noted. All meetings Non-Smoking. **ASL Interpreter available, \$\$**

Contact John R. through Voice Relay Service 800-973-8024 / 414 -546-3246 TTY/Voice.

E-mail at: [johnres-ke9@yahoo.com](mailto:johnres-ke9@yahoo.com)

Contact George B. through Video Relay Service 866-483-1938 / 414-903-8905 TTY/VP

## 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,**  
Reprinted with permission AA World Services, Inc.

# CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

**TAYCHEEDAH CORRECTIONAL,**  
Meetings are held every other Tuesday,  
5:30 -7:30 p.m., Deb L-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 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.

**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.  
Felisa C. (414) 672-6724. **AA Men's** Thr. at  
7:00 p.m. John A. at (414) 915-9512

**MILWAUKEE SECURE DETENTION CEN-  
TER,** 1015 N. 10th St. Milw. Sunday  
Nights from 6:30 p. to 7:30 p., Men & Wom-  
en, Call Dave C. 414-xxx-xxxx for infor-  
mation

**Milw Women's Correctional Ctr.** 615 W  
Keefe Ave. Milw. Contact: Karelyn P 414-  
975-6701. Meetings on Monday & Friday.

**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

**IN MEMORIAM: Marian Romberger,** born September 13,  
1913, helped addicts for almost 40 years. In 1950, Mrs. "R" as she was fondly  
called started Ivanhoe Treatment Center on Milwaukee's east side. Ivanhoe,  
which was the first private alcohol and drug treatment center in Milwaukee,  
helped thousands of individuals to recovery and improve their lives before  
Marian sold Ivanhoe in 1988. Mrs R, passed away on April 1, 2014 at the age  
of 100 years. She will be remembered and missed by many grateful recovering  
people.

**Rosemary "Pug" Ponik** of Brown Deer, born Jan. 28, 1938, born to  
Eternal Life on Feb. 23, 2014. Beloved wife of Jim. Survived by her children,  
grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many other family and friends. Rose-  
mary attended UWM and obtained a bachelor's degree in social work. She  
worked as a drug and alcohol counselor, helping many people. If desired, con-  
tributions to Alcoholics Anonymous Central Office, 7429 W. Greenfield, WI  
53214

**Richard Pride ("Sir")** passed away with dignity on March 23, 2014 at  
the age of 82. Sober friend of Bill W. for almost 50 years; he gratefully helped  
others through the 12 Steps and into a new life and happiness. His favorite in-  
troduction was, "Hi, I'm Rich.....in name only." He will be missed by the  
many people, whose lives he has touched.

**Peter M. Joneth** passed away on March 29, 2014, he was 58 years old.  
Peter was a sober friend of Bill W. for 25 plus years. Helping many to find  
recovery for many years, we will miss you very much.

**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 donations 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 414-433-3507. 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 2014**  
Madison Senior Center (MSC),  
330 W. Mifflin St., Madison, WI,  
except where otherwise noted.

- May 16-18, 2014. 63rd Spring  
Conference Racine WI.
- June 22, Summer Service As-  
sembly
- July 25-27, East Central Re-  
gional Conference in Perrys-  
burg, OH
- October 19, Fall Service As-  
sembly

- Milwaukee Central Office:** 7429  
W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI  
53214 [dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:dan@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 Sta-  
tion, 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

## SERVICE MANUAL STUDY

A new service manual study meeting is being formed

WHEN: The **2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday** of each month **starting January 10, 2013**

TIME: **6:00 pm.**

WHERE: **Milwaukee Central Office** – 7429 W. Greenfield Ave,  
West Allis, WI

Have you ever wondered what is inside the covers of the "secret" Service Manual.  
Have you read something in it and wished you could discuss your questions with  
other service minded members. Here is your chance. Plan to attend this monthly  
study meeting.

This meeting is open to any interested Alcoholics Anonymous member whether  
currently active in some type of AA service or not.

Service Manuals will be available if you need one.

Plan to attend. If you have questions you can contact Nancy H. at 414-801-5184

(“Long Ago” Continued from page 1)

know what nags alcoholics can be. My husband, who is thirty years sober, had been to Akron many times in his sobriety. He told me, "Why not go with Sean and I'll buy you the ticket for our wedding anniversary present." Thus began my journey to our Fellowship's birthplace.

I was excited and a little apprehensive on the plane. I was going to stay with a woman I didn't know and I'd be basically on my own because Sean would be busy seeing old friends. The old fears of people, places, and things, the old anxieties and insecurities, tugged at a corner of my being. I asked God for help: "Don't let these ancient, all too well-known fears stop me from putting out my hand to meet new AA friends." God does for me what I could never do for myself. I became peaceful and calm, confident that a whole new experience could come to me, that I would hear and see things that would stay in my mind and heart forever.

Ellen and her family opened their arms and hearts to me. The next day I made my pilgrimage to Dr. Bob's house. I was in no way prepared for the overwhelming feelings of gratitude that engulfed me when I stepped across the threshold at 850 Ardmore Avenue. My arms were a mass of goose bumps. The tears ran down my

face. I realized I would not be alive today were it not for Dr. Bob, Bill W., and the events that took place in Akron in that long ago time of June 1935. I am eleven and a half years sober so my hallucinations are long gone, but I could very clearly visualize Dr. Bob and Bill W. in that house. I felt their warmth all about me and the fellowship of the spirit. I realized I was a link in a chain of events and people which started with Ebby, Bill W., Dr. Bob and Bill D., for all of us in this wonderful Fellowship are links in a chain of sobriety which started in Akron, Ohio and now stretches around the world.

I am grateful to all the members of our Fellowship, especially those members who held my hand and prayed with me at Dr. Bob's gravesite, who like myself shed tears of joy for our chance at a second life. My heart is filled with gratitude to be a link in this God-given chain of sobriety.

Ellie B.  
Miami, Florida

Reprinted w/permission AA Grapevine, Inc.  
June 1990, Vol 47, No. 1

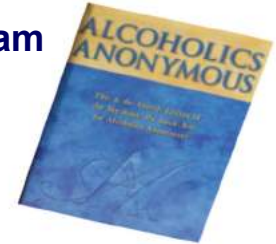
### Spanish Speaking Meetings: Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

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

## Written for Us Newcomer's Meeting An Insight to 'How it Works' An Orientation for Newcomers!

when:  
Saturday's from **9:45 to 10:15am**

where:  
Greater Milwaukee Central Office  
7429 West Greenfield Avenue  
West Allis, WI 53214  
414.771.9119



**Come JOIN US & learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous**

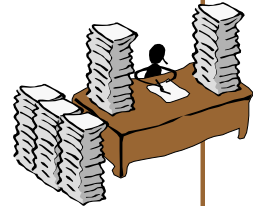
## 2014 Area 75 Archives Room

**HOURS:** Sunday's 12:00 to 3:30

**CLOSED:** All of January, July, August, December  
March 16 / April 6 & 20 May 11, 18 & 25 / Jun 15 & 22 / Oct 19

Call Nancy S. for an appointment to view the Archives the months we are closed (414) 339-3934 anancy@att.net

Located in the Lower Level of Holy Assumption School 7109 West Orchard St, West Allis, Wisconsin 53214 (1 block South of Greenfield)



### Meeting Space Available

- Aurora Psychiatric Hospital, "Lighthouse on Dewey" 1220 Dewey Ave., Wauwatosa 53213, has this beautiful newly renovated meeting space available, for regular meetings and special group functions, open meetings, workshops, even small group dinners. Contact: Mark P. 414-803-3464 for more information.
- Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 5277 N. 36th St., Milwaukee, WI 53209, Contact Rev. John Patterson, Phone: 414-461-7755, Email: mt.olivembc@wi.rr.com
- Galano Club-LGBT Friendly at 315 W Court St., Milwaukee, 5 blocks north of Bradley Center, plenty of free parking has meeting space available for recovery groups, inexpensive room rent (\$12 -\$15 week). Contact Deb at the club at 414-276-6936.

## Ebby's Miracle Was Ours

Ebby T. was in lukewarm water with the Manchester, Vermont, law officials. He had caused noticeable commotion in January of 1929 when he and Bill W. hired a barnstormer pilot to fly them into the local Equinox airport. Airplanes were a big deal in those days, so they informed city officials their time of arrival. A large gathering, waited in anticipation, only to observe both Bill and Ebby stumble and fall to the ground as they disgracefully and drunkenly disembarked. On a later occasion, Ebby slammed his car into the side of his terrified neighbor's house. Upon exit he asked the lady for a cup of coffee. She called the constable instead. Such hi-jinks certainly heated the legal waters for Ebby. But Ebby's legal temperature was raised to boiling when he was reported for drunkenly shooting pigeons off the roof of his beautiful home in a very prestigious neighborhood—he faced six months incarceration!



court—sober—the following Monday. But it was only Saturday and Ebby had terrible shakes. Here is a quote from his 1954 talk at Dallas: *“Once home, I remembered I had three cold bottles of Ballantine Ale in the basement. I started thinking how I could nurse those three bottles over the weekend and still appear in court on Monday sober. I went down stairs for a bottle but began to think what I was doing wasn't being honest. What the judge had really meant was “Don't drink.” Ebby didn't! Amazingly, he experienced an alcoholic release which lasted over two-and a half years, enough time to carry his message to drunken Bill W. in 1934 (pages 8 & 9 from the Big Book). We are now the beneficiaries of this unlikely **MIRACLE** eighty years later. Thank God for those pigeons!*

Bob S., Richmond, IN

Reprinted with permission,  
Robert S, Richmond IN April 2014

Luckily, his Oxford Group friend, State Senator, Cebra Graves (his father was the judge), got him off the hook if he only return to

**NEW DAY CLUB**  
11936 N. Port Washington  
Mequon, (262) 241-4673  
<http://www.newdayclub.org>

**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. Topic
	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 Gp
	5:30 p. Topic Mtng.
	8:00 p. Step Meeting
Fri.	10:00 a. Topic Meeting
	5:30 p. Step/Tradition
	8:00 p. Topic
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](http://passitonclub.com)

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun.	8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up
	9:30 a. Reliance Open Disc.
	11:00 a. Today's choice
	3:00 p. Gratitude Plus
	7:00 p. Big Book Readers
	7:30 a. Jump Start
Mon.	10:30 a. First Step
	4:00 p. Happy Hour Step Gp.
	7:00 p. Mon. Freedom
	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
	6:00 p. Women's Step
	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
	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
	8:00 p. Spanish Speaking
Sat.	8:30 a. Early Bird
	10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free
	3:00 p. Twelve Promises
	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](http://www.lakeareaclub.com)

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun.	8:00 a.
	11:00 a.
	6:00 p. Big Book
	8:00 p.
Mon.	9:00 a. Positive Attitude
	6:30 p.
	8:00 p. Step/Tradition Study
Tue.	1:00 p.
	4:00 p.
	8:00 p. Back To Basics
Wed.	8:00 a.
	10:00 a.
	6:00 p.
	8:00 p.
Thr.	10:00 a.
	4:00 p.
	6:00 p. Women's Group
	8:00 p.
Fri.	12:30 p.
	4:00 p.
	6:00 p. Non-smoking
	7:00 p.
	8:00 p.
Sat.	8:30 a.
	10:00 a. Big Book

**AL-ANON MEETINGS**

Mon.	8:00 p. Al-Anon
Tue.	9:00 a. Al-Anon
Wed.	7:00 p. Al-Anon

**OPEN SPEAKER MEETING**

Sat.	7:00 p. 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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
	8:00 p.
Fri.	12:00 Noon T.G.I.F. Gp
Sat.	10:00 a. Gp 124
	7:00 p. Closed Meeting

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

**UNITY CLUB**  
1715 Creek Drive  
West Bend, (262) 338-3500  
[unityclub1715@att.net](mailto: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 Dozen12x12
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. 3rd Wed. of month  
\*\* Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month (a.m.)

**SERENITY CLUB**  
3677 E. Pulaski Ave,  
Cudahy, WI 53110,  
(414)483-8308  
[serenityclub.info](http://serenityclub.info)

**AA Meetings**

Sun.	10:00 a. Welcome Gp.
	7:00 p. Gp. 83
Mon.	10:00 a. Honesty Gp.
	8:00 p. Sharing Strength
Tue.	10:00 a. Gp. 118
	8:00 p. Gratitude Gp.
Wed.	10:00 a. Rap Discussion
	5:30 P. Courage/Change
	8:00 p. 1 Day At A Time
Thr.	10:00 a. Gp. 89
	8:00 p. Gp. 88
Fri.	10:00 a. Gp. 41
	8:00 p. Gp. 449
Sat.	10:00 a. Reliance Gp.
	7:00 p. Big Book Gp.

**AL-ANON MTNG: Sunday 5:30 p.**  
**AL-ANON MTNG: Tuesday 6:30 p.**

**Call Club for Open Meeting & Dance Information**

# 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. Delavan 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. Delavan Sunrise Tue  
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.  
6:30 p. Delavan 12 Step Topic

**Wednesday AA**  
7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Wed.  
12:00 Noon As Bill Sees It Gp.  
6:30 p. Delavan IT Meeting

**Thursday AA**  
7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Thr.  
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.  
5:30 p. Step Sisters Women  
6:30 p. Delavan Big Book Gp.

**Friday AA**  
7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Fri.  
12:00 Noon Big Book Study  
6:30 p. Delavan Discussion

**Saturday AA**  
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.  
6:30 p. Delavan Beginners Gp.

**ALANO CLUB** 1521 N. Prospect Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI, (414) 278-9102  
<http://www.alanofoundation.com>

**A.A. 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 72 Topic  
12:15 p. Big Book Meeting  
6:30 p. Gp 40 Big Book  
8:00 p. Gp 20 Topic  
10:30 p. Living Sober Step/Topic

**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 (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  
12:10 p. Oasis Topic Gp  
6:00 p. Gp 9/Women's  
8:00 p. Gp 3, Step/Topic  
10:30 p. Step/Topic Gp

**Thr.**  
7:00 a. Big Book Meeting  
10:30 a. Gp 97, Step  
12:15 p. Here & Now Gp  
7:00 p. LGBT Big Book  
7:30 p. Gp 26 12x12  
10:30 a. Peanut Gallery Step Mtng

**Fri.**  
7:00 a. Daily Reflections  
10:30 a. Gp 21, Step  
12:15 p. Gp 65  
6:30 p. Here & Now  
8:30 p. Gp30 Tub Topic  
11:30 p. Step/Topic  
12:15 a. 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 MEETING Sunday** 10:00 a.  
Club is smoke free. Many meetings  
break outdoors for smoking.

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

<http://howtoclub.info/>  
Sun. 8 a.-11 p., Mon - Thr. 9  
a. -11 p, Fri - Sat. 9 a. - 1 a.

**AA MEETING SCHEDULE**  
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. Nighthawk Gp.

**Tue.** 11:00 a. Willingness Group  
6:00 p. Tuesday Non-Smok  
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  
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  
3:00 p. HOW IT WORKS GP  
6:00 p. 1st & 12 Topic  
8:00 p. HOW To Saturday\*  
10:30 p. Candlelight Gratitude

\* (Open meeting on 3rd Saturday)

# Meeting Rooms

## 12 STEP CLUB

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

## A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

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  
414. 931.7033

## MEETING SCHEDULE

**Sunday:**  
10:00 a. Friendship  
11:00 a. Third Sunday  
Open Meeting

**Monday:**  
10:30 a. Step Gp

**Tuesday:**  
7:00 p. Gp 43 Big Book

**Saturday:**  
10:00 a. Gp 112 Step  
Call for information on other types of meetings.

**Greater Milwaukee Central Office**  
7429 W Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis WI 53214,  
414-771-9119  
([aamilwaukee.com](http://aamilwaukee.com))

**A.A. MEETINGS**  
Mon. 12:15 p. & 4:00 p.  
Tue. 12:15 p. & 4:00 p  
Wed. 12:15 p. & 4:00 p  
Thur. 12:15 p. & 4:00 p  
Fri. 12:15 p. & 4:00 p  
Sat. 9:45 a. Newcomer  
Also 10:30 a. & 3:00 p.

**A Meeting Place**  
75 North Main St.  
Hartford, WI 53027,  
**A.A. MEETINGS**  
Mon. 10 a. Bucket Topic  
Wed. 10 a. Step/Promise  
Thur. 6:30 p. Principles of 12 Steps  
Fri. 10 a. Living Sober  
**Fri Night PizzAA Party**  
10 p Pizza, 10:30 p. Bucket Topic Mtng. Doors open 9 p.

# Directory Changes

**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)  
11:30 p. Topic

Sat. 8:30 p. Topic  
11:30 p. Topic

## NEW MEETINGS

**Monday Night 7:pm,**  
Chabad-Lubavitch,  
3109 N Lake Dr (corner  
of Lake Dr and Ken-  
wood Blvd)

**Tuesdays at 12:15 pm,**  
Cathedral Center, 831  
N Van Buren St, Milw.

**Thur 7:00 p.m.** Stoney  
Hills Presbyterian,  
N112 W17655 Mequon  
Rd, Germantown,

**Thursday 9:15 a.m.** All  
Saints, 818 E Juneau  
Ave, Milwaukee.

**Friday 7: pm.** Ash-  
tanga Circle Yoga Cen-  
ter, 3805 N Oakland  
Ave, Shorewood

Couple's Gp, Living  
Word Church, 2240  
Living Word Ln Jackson  
53037 **Fri 7:30 p.**

**Saturday 8: a.m.** Res-  
urrection Lutheran,  
12400 W Cold Spring  
Rd, New Berlin WI

## DISBANDED GROUPS

Polish Sober Eagles,  
met at Prince of Peace  
4419 S Howell Ave,

**24 HOUR CLUB**  
153 Green Bay Rd.  
Thiensville, WI  
(262) 242-9999

## 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  
12:00 p. Women's  
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. Living Sober  
10:00 a. Big Book

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

**GALANO CLUB**  
- LGBT Friendly -

315 W. Court St. Suite 201  
Milwaukee, WI 53212-3825  
(414) 276-6936

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

[mail@galanoclub.org](mailto:mail@galanoclub.org)

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:30 a. Step Topic  
6:00 p. Big Book Study

Mon. 7:30 p. Came To Believe

Tue. 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.) .  
**Meeting Space Available**  
**See website for Club Events.**  
[www.galanoclub.org](http://www.galanoclub.org)

**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 Gp  
8:00 p. Action Gp

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

Wed. 8:00 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. 8:00 p. Al-Anon  
Fri. 8:00 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.

Milw. met Tues & Fridays at 6:30 p.

Tuesday 11th Step, met at Elizabeth Ann Seton 12700 W Howard Ave, New Berlin on Tue at 6:45.

DryHootch, met on Sat at 6pm. 1030 E Brady St. Milwaukee

### OTHER CHANGES

**Gp 82 Elm Grove**, Sundays at 8pm, formerly at St Edmund's 14625 Watertown Plank **NOW** meets at Elm Grove Ev Lutheran Church, 945 Terrace Dr. Elm Grove

**Gp 10 Sunday** at 9 am, formerly at 72<sup>nd</sup> and Orchard, **NOW** meets at Lamplight Inn, 7400 W Greenfield Ave. West Allis WI 53214.

**Jewish Recovery**, formerly at 1300 N Jackson St, **now meets** at Shul-East, 3030 E Kenwood Blvd, Milwaukee Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

**ARO Tue Night** previously at Aro Counseling, **NOW** meets at St Mark's Lutheran, 424 Hyde Park Ave. Waukesha Tue at 8:00 PM

**Gp 23 Wednesday** at 8pm, formerly at 72<sup>nd</sup> and Orchard, **NOW** meets at 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church, 7400 W Lapham St. West Allis WI 53214 still at 8 p. on Wednesday.

**Gp 67 Elm Grove**, meets on Thursday at 8 p. moved to Community United Methodist, 14700 Watertown Plk Rd Elm Grove.

**Gp 10 Friday** at 7:30 pm, formerly at 72<sup>nd</sup> and Orchard, **NOW** meets at Lamplight Inn, 7400 W Greenfield Ave. West Allis WI 53214.

## OPEN SPEAKER

**Weekly & monthly open speaker meetings listed in January 2014**  
**When & Where**

[aamilwaukee.com/directory.html](http://aamilwaukee.com/directory.html)

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

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

**Every Friday 7:00 p.** Christ the

King, 1600 N Genesee Rd Delafield

**1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 1:30 p.** Bethesda Seniors Community Center Open Meeting, 2845 W Fond du Lac Ave

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday only 8:00 p.** St. Lukes Church, 300 Carroll St., Waukesha

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 7:00 p.** Dist. 15 Open Meeting at Milwaukee Group 933 E Center St. Milwaukee 53212

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 8:00 p.** 24 Hour Club Open Meeting, 153 Green Bay Rd, Thiensville,

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 7:00 p.** Dist 12, Living Word Lutheran Church, 2240 Living Word Ln., Jackson WI 53037

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 7:00 p.** Dist 34, St. Francis Episcopal Church, N84 W16525 Menomonee Ave

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 11:00 a.** Alano Club 318 W. Broadway, Waukesha,

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 8:00 p.** HOW To Club 8930 W. National Ave, W.Allis

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 8:00 p.** New Day Club 11936 N. Port Washington Rd, Mequon, WI

**Last Wednesday 8:00 p.** 1st Lutheran Church, 7400 W Lapham St,

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

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

(“Goosebumps” Continued from page 1)

Today, however, I get goosebumps thinking about the Stan Hywet Gate House--that first meeting of two drunks doing something, anything, to keep from taking that first drink, sharing each other's experience, strength, and hope. The Mayflower Hotel is still standing. I can cry just thinking about Dr. Bob's house. As a matter of fact, I usually do when I am there. I can feel something in the atmosphere at Dr. Bob's. Right in the kitchen, over a cup of coffee, or sitting on the porch, I can feel love. I would feel the same, I am sure, inside of Bill W.'s old home, too.

When I first started attending Founders' Day, I was blown away by the distances people were traveling. My mind was opened to something bigger than anything I had ever experienced.

If you are new and live in Akron,

Ohio, be prepared to be loved just because you know where The Gate House is, or how to get to King School or to Dr. Bob's old home. If you have a vehicle, pile some folks in there and show them some of the special places here. Share in our guests' goosebumps.

By staying sober, I am able to experience again and again the awe and gratitude first shared by Bill W. and Dr. Bob.

Cindy B.

Akron, Ohio

Reprinted w/permission AA Grapevine, Inc.  
June 1991, Vol. 48, No. 1

**2014 Weekend Retreats**  
**Jesuit Retreat House,**  
**4800 Fahrwald Rd.**  
**Oshkosh, WI 54901**  
**call 800-962-7330**

[jesuitretreathouse.org](http://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.

**MEN:** May 1-4, May 15-18, Dec. 4-7,

**WOMEN:** May 8-11, Aug. 21-24,  
Nov. 13-16, Nov. 20-23,

**Redemptorist Retreat Center,** 1800 North Timber Trail Lane, Oconomowoc, WI 53066, (262) 567-6900 Email: [rrc@redemptoristretreat.org](mailto:rrc@redemptoristretreat.org) Please call 262-567-6900 for reservations.  
**May 16-18,** 10th Annual Spring retreat for AA and Al-Anon Members.  
\$200. per person. (2 nights, 6 meals)

### MILWAUKEE CENTRAL OFFICE

- **E-mail Director Dan F.** at: [dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto: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,** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:30 p.
- **Secretary Meeting,** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:00 p.
- **Board of Directors Meeting,** Wednesday following Secretaries Meeting, (odd numbered months) 6:30 p.
- **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](http://www.aamilwaukee.com)

## Bursting the Babble

After three years in AA without a drink, I realized that my sobriety had a disturbingly hollow ring to it. Staying sober on fear wasn't good enough anymore; having friends and enjoying the Fellowship was great, but could only take me so far. I wanted recovery and real change, not just a cosmetic overhaul.

This awareness led me to some of the most frustrating days I had ever had sober, as I realized what had happened: I had fallen into the trap of psychobabble. I took too literally the slang saying that 'AA is a selfish program.' Soon I had no time to help other alcoholics because I was "working on myself." I never considered that helping others would be a way of helping myself. Any thoughts of giving to receive were pushed aside as I worked on "my program." It wasn't until a group of us began a Step meeting, and agreed to use only Conference-approved literature, that I began to see our Twelve Steps as a truly spiritual program. The Steps don't require the constant updating and changing that the psychological methods do. I have heard speakers relate how they put their name first on their Eighth Step list and how they "forgave themselves" and that they now "feel good about themselves." I can't find any such thing in AA literature.

Just recently I listened to a tape made

of a speaker at Founders Day in Akron in 1985. The speaker spoke of his concern for what he called the "me and my program" approach--seeing it as a sort of loner apparatus and a perpetuation of the same self-centeredness that got us in trouble in the first place. I agree with that speaker and today I am thankful that I had the Big Book and the "Twelve and Twelve" and AA friends to help me out of that trap.

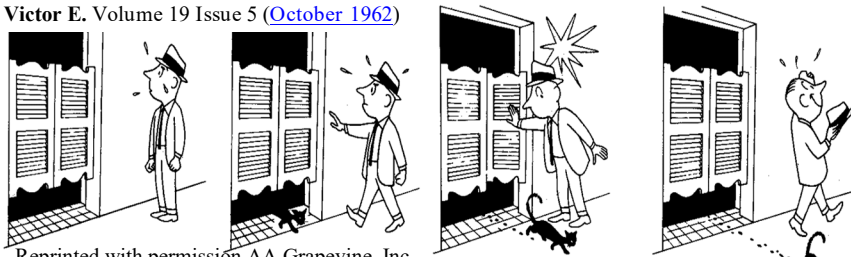
The speaker in Akron summed up his concern by saying "If this program ever gets bigger than one drunk helping another drunk, it will start to lose its value."

The humility I received after Step Five and Step Seven led to compassion and the more I tried to help other alcoholics, the more the compassion grew. As I practice these principles in all my affairs, the compassion is leading to love. The psychobabble tells us that everything is okay if we "feel good about ourselves." Well, maybe that's good enough for some people but today I prefer a spiritual experience.

Harry F.  
Campbellton, New Brunswick

Reprinted w/permission AA Grapevine, Inc.  
June 1993, Vol. 50, No. 1

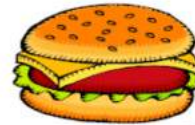
Victor E. Volume 19 Issue 5 (October 1962)



Reprinted with permission AA Grapevine, Inc

## DISTRICT 16 ANNUAL PICNIC MAY 31, 2014

GREENFIELD PARK, Picnic area #5



11 AM – 4 PM  
LUNCH AT NOON

SPEAKER AT 1:00 PM

SPEAKER: HAWK from  
North Prairie



(116<sup>th</sup> & Rogers 3 blocks south of  
Greenfield Ave)

**Please bring a dish to pass!**



## Friday Night Oak Creek Group 2014 Annual Open Meeting (with Al-Anon participation)

WHEN: FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2014  
FELLOWSHIP BEGINS AT 7:15 P.M.  
MEETING BEGINS AT 8:00 P.M.

WHERE: ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
9131 S HOWELL AVE  
OAK CREEK, WI 53154

AA SPEAKER: TO BE ANNOUNCED  
AL-ANON SPEAKER: TO BE ANNOUNCED

**Come Join Us for Food, Coffee & Fellowship!**



# FOUNDER'S DAY: June 6, 7, 8, 2014

Founders' Day 2014 Registration Form | online at [www.akronaa.org](http://www.akronaa.org)

Everyone must be registered including children. Basic registration and package plans must be postmarked by May 15, 2014

Name (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

- Check for special needs - handicapped. Handicap parking will be strictly enforced.
- Deaf - ASL Interpreter Requested

Registration closes at 6:00 pm Saturday, NO EXCEPTIONS!

Registration \$20 x QTY = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**MUST have confirmation letter and photo I.D. to pickup package plans.**

**Package Plan A \$180 = \$ ONE ONLY**

Sex: M  F   
 Includes admission to all meetings, meals, room, registration and bus tour. Report directly to designated dormitory to pick up weekend package and room key. You must have a confirmation letter & I.D. to pick up your reservation package. All rooms and buildings at the university are non-smoking.

**Package Plan B \$130 = \$ ONE ONLY**

Sex: M  F   
 Includes all items in Package Plan A *except* meals.

## \* INDIVIDUAL FORMS REQUIRED FOR EACH PACKAGE PLAN \*

Rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_

MEALS		QTY	TOTAL
SATURDAY	Breakfast	\$12 x _____	= \$ _____
	Lunch	\$17 x _____	= \$ _____
	Dinner	\$23 x _____	= \$ _____
SUNDAY	Breakfast	\$12 x _____	= \$ _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS —  Diabetic  Vegan  Vegetarian  Gluten-Free

MOTORHOME SITE FEES	QTY	TOTAL
<b>THERE WILL BE NO TENT CAMPING FOR 2014!</b>		
Motorhome Site Tag <small>(no hook-ups available)</small>	\$40 x _____	= \$ _____ <small>per site/whole weekend</small>

Each motorhome must have **Site Tag** to set up.  
 ABSOLUTELY NO PETS OR FIRES!

REGISTRATION TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENTS MUST BE IN U.S. DOLLARS ONLY. MAKE CHECKS / MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO:

Akron Intergroup  
 PO Box 12  
 Akron, OH 44309-0012

REFUNDS requested in writing only by mail or email and postmarked / received prior to May 15, 2014.  
[treasurerfd@akronaa.org](mailto:treasurerfd@akronaa.org)

#### PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

- VISA  MASTER CARD  DISCOVER

Please charge my credit card \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ persons

CARD #

Expiration Date  /  CVC#

Cardholder Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print clearly)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**NO BASIC REGISTRATION REFUND.  
 \$30.00 FEE FOR ALL PACKAGE PLAN CANCELLATIONS!**



**10th Annual Spring  
 Retreat For Members of  
 Alcoholics Anonymous  
 And Al-Anon  
 May 16 — 18, 2014**

Sponsored by  
**The Redemptorist Retreat  
 Center,  
 The Fleck Foundation of  
 Brookfield, WI,  
 and  
 Friends of the  
 Retreat Center**



### DAILY SCHEDULE

**Friday, May 16, 2014**  
 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Arrival/Registration  
 6:00 p.m. Light Evening Meal/Dining Room  
 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker

**Saturday, May 17, 2014**  
 7:30 a.m. Meditation/Chapel  
 8:00 a.m. Breakfast/Dining Room  
 9:00 a.m. Step 2 Meeting  
 10:30 a.m. Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
 12:00 p.m. Topic Meeting  
 2:00 p.m. Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
 3:30 p.m. Noon Meal/Dining Room  
 5:00 p.m. Step 3 Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
 7:30 p.m. Steps 4 & 5 Meeting  
 Evening Meal/Dining Room  
 Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker

**Sunday, May 18, 2014**  
 7:30 a.m. Meditation/Healing in Chapel  
 8:00 a.m. Continental /Dining Room  
 9:00 a.m. Topic Meeting  
 10:30 a.m. Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
 11:30 a.m. Branch/Dining Room  
 Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker  
 Checkout by 1:00 p.m.

**SAFE JOURNEY HOME!**

### **Registration** **10th Annual Spring Retreat for Alcoholics** **Anonymous and Al-Anon Members** **May 16—18, 2014**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (evening) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

- I require first floor accommodations
- I will share a room if necessary
- I am including a donation to the scholarship fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I am willing to be a speaker for: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Al-Anon \_\_\_\_\_ AA \_\_\_\_\_

*If you need some assistance from the scholarship fund, please contact Br. Gerry at (362) 367.6900 Extension 17.*

Fee: \$200.00 per person (2 nights, 6 meals)  
 If payment by check, make payable to:  
 Redemptorist Retreat Center

Credit card: \_\_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_\_ MC \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card num- \_\_\_\_\_  
 bers: \_\_\_\_\_

Security code on back of card \_\_\_\_\_  
 Expiration: (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature as printed on card \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Brother Gerry Patin, C.S., R.  
 Redemptorist Retreat Center  
 1800 North Timber Trail Lane



THE ALANO FOUNDATION

**SAVE THE DATE**

# Homecoming

**Alano Foundation  
Open House and Speaker's Meeting**

Sunday June 15, 2014 11:30 -4:30

## Open Speaker's Meeting, 1:30 pm.

Come back and share your memories at the place where it all started!

There will be a Light Brunch at 11:30 am. followed by an open speaker meeting, DECADES OF RECOVERY, 1:30-3:00 pm.

The speakers will come one from every decade starting with the 1970's and ending with 2010. Five speakers whose names will be announced soon! After the meeting a Chocolate Reception will follow!

For more information, contact [mkealanoclub.org](http://mkealanoclub.org) or Marge N. at 414-763-2843

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

**JAMBOREE 2014**  
 American Serb Hall, 5101 W Oklahoma Ave.  
 SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2014  
 HOSPITALITY: 5:00 P.M., DINNER: 6:00 P.M.  
 SPEAKER: Rob S. Nashville TN. 7:00ish  
 \$25.00 Dance follows \$25.00  
 Coffee, Soda and Water Available

Tickets by mail, \$25.00 each. Include a self addressed stamped envelope.  
 Greater Milwaukee Central Office 44<sup>th</sup> Annual City Wide Jamboree  
 7429 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, WI 53214, 414-771-9119

Pay by check or credit card, Visa/MasterCard/Discover, include all necessary information.

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ CID# \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address Please: \_\_\_\_\_

MENU: Place a number in the boxes to indicate how many want meat or veggie.

Meat Option: Roast Pork Loin,

Vegetarian Option: Vegetable Lasagna,

Parking for 400 cars on site; Carpooling will be very helpful & appreciated.