

RECOVERY IS THE SEED WE SOW, SOBRIETY WILL REDEEM US.  
LET IT GROW, SHARE OUR LIVES...

# "BETWEEN-US"

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## Christmas....

### In the Place for Drunks

ON Christmas morning the man woke up in the Place for Drunks and his wrists were tied down to the bed. His soul turned over with a retch and shrank away from any certain knowledge of time and place that waited beyond his closed eyes. Overhead he knew without looking (for the man had been here before) was a spreading stain in the plaster. Lath would be showing through like broken bones--and a single bit of mortar dangling by a hair. He had filled his eyes for two days with that sight only, last visit. That was in springtime. It was winter, now. Sleety rain had turned to snow last night. The window glass would be frozen in saloon-mirror designs behind the iron bars.

In a few minutes doors would begin banging in the hall, announcing the new day. Water taps would squeal and sing; toilets flush one after an-

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## Christmas Illumination

There was no tree to trim. Was the bottle the answer or could AA suggest another approach?

THE Holiday Season, Year 1959, was to be an important *first* for me on two counts: the first homeless holiday in my entire life--and the first drink-less holiday since adulthood. I had been trying to live the AA program since May of that year and I already felt comfortably cured of any compulsion to reach for the cup that cheers. My emotional sobriety, however, was still on shaky legs. And my new-found AA friends must have sensed this; they had cautioned me to be on guard. That first Christmas can be dangerous, they said.

I felt the warning wasn't really necessary, not for me. But, knowing they meant well, I smiled my thanks. If you get bugged, they said, *run* (do not walk) to the nearest AA meeting. Or grab the nearest phone and call us. Again I smiled my thanks, not suspecting for even a split second that I'd have any difficulty.

But on an unforgettable Friday night, just before that first Christmas, I found myself in the very danger they had warned me about. My new-

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Greater Milwaukee Central Office AA  
Profit & Loss  
October 2014

	Oct 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 - Literature Sales	11,181.16
4050 - Between us	175.50
4070 - Contributions	5,798.71
4130 - Personal Contri.	329.00
4150 - Other Income	331.53
4170 - Interest Income	37.30
4180 - Returned Check Charges	12.00
48900 - Shipping and Delivery Income	99.95
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,965.15</b>
Cost of Goods Sold	
5000 - Literature	6,303.86
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>6,303.86</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>11,661.29</b>
Expense	
51100 - Freight and Shipping Costs	121.21
6040 - Bank Service Charges	12.00
6045 - Coffee/Soda/Candy Expense	225.67
6050 - Credit card fees	188.30
6500 - Office	3,132.79
6600 - Payroll	8,324.17
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>12,004.14</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-342.85</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-342.85</b>

### BANK BALANCES:

Regular Checking: \$7,839.45  
Savings Account: \$16,552.12  
CD, Prudent Reserve: \$84,420.81

### 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 7210 W Greenfield Ave. West Allis, has meeting space available for recovery groups, inexpensive room rent (\$12 -\$15 week). Plenty of free parking. Contact Deb at the club at 414-276-6936.

## Secretary Meeting, November 11, 2014

Groups represented: 22, 63, 74, 153, 200, 201, 232, A New Day, A Vision For You, Another Chance Tuesday Night, Badger Gp., Big Book Readers, Depends On You, Early Bird Roger's Memorial, Friday Big Book Discussion, Grass Roots, Grateful, Mayfair Women Monday and Friday, Monday Nooners, New Beginnings Oconomowoc, New Berlin Big Book Tue 8pm, New Berlin Fri Night, Oak Creek Fri, Saturday Night Big Book, Sunday Night Surrender, Today's Choices, Trust Through Fellowship, Tue am Big Book/12 & 12 Study, Tuesday Night Hales Corners Step/Topic, Wanderer's, Way of Life, WELL Big Book, Women's Fri Night Kick Off, Women's Recovery Group. I'm sorry if I have missed anyone that was in attendance.

Kathy S opened the meeting at 7pm

**Bank balances** on Oct. 31, 2014

Business Checking: \$7,839.45

Savings Account: \$16,552.12

Prudent Reserve CD's: \$84,420.81

**New secretaries** introduced themselves.

**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.

**Volunteer's** needed to cover the hotline during hours when the Central Office is closed. 1 year sobriety, sponsor and home group required. Contact Kathy S at Central Office 414-771-9119.

Please be sure to pass your **Gratitude Boxes** each week in November and December.

Share your Group's Holiday Spirit with your Central Office! Bring an ornament for the holiday tree, try to include your group name.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday December 8, 2014 at 7 pm.

### AREA 75/Central Office 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.

### 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

## ORIENTATION for GSR'S

Second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. prior to the secretary's meeting, at the Milwaukee Central Office.

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

### DISTRICT INFO ON THE WEB:

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

1. JACKSON, LaCROSSE, MONROE, VERNON, & TREMPPEALEAU; 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)

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



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

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# CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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

**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 414-852-3815. Corrections volunteers  
must go through the committee to get AA literature to take into the various facilities. Mil-  
waukee Central Office no longer handles the funds.

**Area 75, So. WI,  
Calendar of Events 2015**  
Madison Senior Center (MSC), 330  
W. Mifflin St., Madison, WI, except  
where otherwise noted.

- 2015:**
- Jan 18, Winter Service Assembly
  - March 15, Delegates Workshop
  - April 12, Pre-Conference Assem-  
bly
  - June 21, Summer Service Assem-  
bly
  - Oct. 18, Fall Service Assembly

- 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 Washing-  
ton Rd., Glendale WI 53217

## 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 - or a gift of your choosing -  
and we'll send you a copy of that month's Between-Us, and we'll  
print your birthday. Include your Home Group, and we'll print that  
too!

All request must be by the 10th 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: \_\_\_\_\_

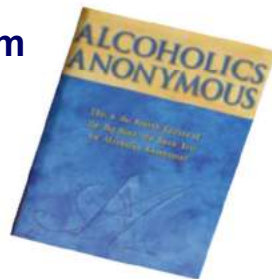


Years	Name	Home Group
22	Mary Beth J	-
-	-	-
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-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

**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**

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found sobriety suddenly staggered under a Sunday punch, a quick hard blow to the emotional solar plexus.

Looking back on it, I realize I should have been much more wary of that first Holiday Season. Christmas had always been a joyous time for me. I'd been raised in a contented home; the Holidays were only the happiest of memories. In later years, as a father in my own home, I continued to look forward to each Christmas with child-like eagerness. When it came to decorating the tree I was (I admit with pride) a very meticulous man. Lights had to be strung just so, for color balance, and ornaments hung just right for best effect. In short, I considered myself an artist at this happy assignment.

Then, in that eventful year of 1959, the artist found himself deprived of his art.

Early that year my wife had started her divorce action, and by the Holiday Season I'd been living alone for seven months. Before, I lived in a nice seven-room bungalow, with garden, on a tree-lined residential street. Now I was living in a one-room apartment over a garage, with no space for a Christmas tree--unless I put it in the middle of the room. And if I did that, there wouldn't be enough remaining space to let me pull down the wall-bed. So a Christmas tree, for me, was out.

This fact bothered me, but not too dangerously, I thought. What really gnawed at me was the fact that this year I could not spend Christmas with my youngest boy, age four and, of course, a staunch believer in Santa Claus. It did bother me, but I felt sure I'd weather it, somehow.

Then came that memorable Friday night just a few days before Christ-

mas.

In the early evening (for some emotionally unbalanced reason) I decided to get into my car and drive past my former home. What self-torture! I was asking for trouble. I got it.

I parked, engine at idle, lights dimmed, across the street from the place where I'd lived as a husband and as a father. I sat there looking at the barn-red bungalow with the white shutters and at the trim lawn I used to mow.

But what really got me was the sight of the Christmas lights outside (and inside) my former home. Colored bulbs were blinking cheerfully along the roof eaves. The same fine string of outdoor lights I'd purchased some years ago were strung exactly the way I used to string them!

And, deep inside the big front window, I saw this year's Christmas tree aglow with its little lights which I had not strung this year, and sparkling with the bright ornaments which I had not put up.

Loneliness and self-pity tore at my guts. I felt as if a sledge hammer had hit me. My throat got dry, my heart pounded, my nervous system was jumping like short-circuited electric wires.

Then, for one instant, I thought: "Oh, the Hell with it--only a drink can cure this!" But in almost the same instant I remembered the warnings of my new-found friends. *Run*, they said, to the nearest AA meeting. I didn't run, I drove --I drove fast.

And on the way to the AA Clubhouse in North Hollywood I drove through residential streets, passed many more brightly Christmas-lighted houses. It was torture to pass so many of them, all reminding me of (what was) my own

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# A.A. 2015 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

JULY 2 - 5, 2015 ATLANTA, GEORGIA

3 WAYS TO REGISTER \*Online: [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) \*Fax: (508) 743-3605 \*Mail

REGISTRATION OPENS  
**SEPTEMBER 3, 2014**

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS:  
**MAY 12, 2015**

## A. REGISTRATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

\* No badge required for children 12 years and younger. \* Both sides of this form may be duplicated. \* See reverse side for cancellation policy.

### MAIN ATTENDEE (All fields are requested)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	NICKNAME ON BADGE	
ADDRESS			
CITY	ST/PROV	ZIP/POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY
E-MAIL	PREFERRED METHOD OF COMMUNICATION <input type="checkbox"/> E-MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> MAIL <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE:		
BADGE TYPE (CHECK ONE)	1. <input type="checkbox"/> AA	2. <input type="checkbox"/> AL-ANON	3. <input type="checkbox"/> ALATEEN 4. <input type="checkbox"/> FRIEND/SPOUSE
SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION	1. <input type="checkbox"/> SPANISH	2. <input type="checkbox"/> FRENCH	3. <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 4. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION	1. <input type="checkbox"/> YES	2. <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
YEARS OF A.A. MEMBERSHIP	1. <input type="checkbox"/> 1 YR. OR LESS	2. <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3	3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4-10 4. <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 5. <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 20
AGE GROUP	1. <input type="checkbox"/> 13-15	2. <input type="checkbox"/> 16-25	3. <input type="checkbox"/> 26-39 4. <input type="checkbox"/> 40-55 5. <input type="checkbox"/> 56-65 6. <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 65
<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL ASSISTANCE ON-SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH ME ON SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT AVAILABLE		
EMERGENCY CONTACT	TELEPHONE		

### ADDITIONAL ATTENDEE (All fields are requested)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	NICKNAME ON BADGE	
ADDRESS			
CITY	ST/PROV	ZIP/POSTAL CODE	COUNTRY
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BADGE TYPE (CHECK ONE)	1. <input type="checkbox"/> AA	2. <input type="checkbox"/> AL-ANON	3. <input type="checkbox"/> ALATEEN 4. <input type="checkbox"/> FRIEND/SPOUSE
SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION	1. <input type="checkbox"/> SPANISH	2. <input type="checkbox"/> FRENCH	3. <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 4. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION	1. <input type="checkbox"/> YES	2. <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
YEARS OF A.A. MEMBERSHIP	1. <input type="checkbox"/> 1 YR. OR LESS	2. <input type="checkbox"/> 1-3	3. <input type="checkbox"/> 4-10 4. <input type="checkbox"/> 11-20 5. <input type="checkbox"/> OVER 20
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<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL ASSISTANCE ON-SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, PLEASE COMMUNICATE WITH ME ON SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT AVAILABLE		

## B. PAYMENT - Onsite transactions will be in U.S. funds only, credit card or cash (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Preregistration Fee is:

\$100 USD PER PERSON X \_\_\_\_\_ \$110 USD AFTER MAY 12TH TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$120 CAD (WHEN USING CANADIAN CHECKS) PER PERSON X \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MARTA Convention Pass (Atlanta Transportation Rail System - see additional information under Transportation)

# 7 DAY PASSES AT \$20.00 # 4 DAY PASSES AT \$16.20 TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2015 International Convention Souvenir Book (Optional)

\$8 USD PER BOOK X \_\_\_\_\_ ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_ SPANISH QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$9 CAD PER BOOK X \_\_\_\_\_ ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_ SPANISH QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grapevine 2015 Convention Book (Optional)

\$10.99 USD PER BOOK X \_\_\_\_\_ ENGLISH \_\_\_\_\_ FRENCH \_\_\_\_\_ SPANISH QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grapevine One Year Print Subscription/English Only (Optional)

\$28.97 USD USA  \$35 USD CANADA  \$42 USD FOREIGN QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grapevine One Year Online Subscription/English Only (Optional)

\$34.97 USD ALL QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

La Viña One Year Print Subscription/Spanish Only (Optional)

\$11.97 USD USA  \$14 USD CANADA/FOREIGN QUANTITY \_\_\_\_\_ TOTALING \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USD/CAD

CREDIT CARD PLEASE CHARGE MY CREDIT CARD \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USD  VISA  MASTERCARD  AMERICAN EXPRESS  DISCOVER

All credit card charges will be displayed and charged in US Dollars. Daily Exchange rates will apply for all non-US credit cards.

CARD NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EXPIRATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CARDHOLDER NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CARDHOLDER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

CARDHOLDER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ DAYTIME PHONE (please include country code) \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature authorizes your credit card to be charged for the total payment due. AA World Services Inc. reserves the right to charge the correct amount if different from the total listed above.

### CHECK/MONEY ORDER (PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH)

I/We enclose the following total registration fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ USD/CAD. Checks/Money Orders made payable to "General Service Board Convention."

International Checks/Money Orders (Except Canadian) must be in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank. WE SUGGEST DUPLICATING BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM.

To mail completed form with payment, send to: 2015 International Convention, ICAA075 • c/o Convention Data Services • 107 Waterhouse Road • Bourne, MA 02532

### TRAVEL VISA INFORMATION:

Persons visiting from countries outside of the United States must have a valid passport and may require other documentation such as visas. Check with the nearest U.S. Consulate well in advance of travel. For more information, please visit the U.S. State Department website: [travel.state.gov/visa/visa\\_1750.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html)

\*I will be responsible for fees that may be charged by financial institutions due to a charged-back credit card payment, or to a stop-payment or insufficient-funds check.

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other. Then the trays would come--cereal bowls clinking rims with coffee mugs in witless joviality. Ah God! He was back in his old room in the Place for Drunks and it was Christmas Day. His clothes were gone, he knew; his wrist watch, his ring, his pocketbook, papers, keys, glasses. The man locked these little images in his mind to shut out the picture of bigger things. Memory began to work behind closed eyes.

"For God's sake don't come home drunk on Christmas. Don't do it!" Year after year the same bitter refrain from the mother of his children. As always, the man would mutter an angry promise and push out of the house.

But this year everything was going to be different. His faith had been pinned on two little initials; two words. Alcoholics Anonymous. Yeah--AA. Bitterness welled up and choked the man. He wanted to pound his head against the gray iron bedpost in a futile rage. Three months ago neighbors from the nearby AA group came to call. Sick, scared and shaken, the man was an easy convert. Sure he was alcoholic; ready to admit it, why not? The man went to meetings, read the pamphlets, made new friends. Slowly, he began the build-back to an alcoholic's 'normal.' No miracles happened except the daily one that lasted twenty-four hours. He didn't drink. Sobriety stretched for weeks; then months. Thanksgiving came (holidays were always big drunk days for him)--the man sailed through it!

Confidence grew as Christmas approached. Even the family felt it. "Pa, this year c'n I have the skates, like you

promised?"

"You bet you can have the skates, boy!"

Oh, it was going to be a good Christmas, this time! New ornaments to replace the broken ones; tree lights that all lit; safe again to ask the relatives over! Come back, you lost years; gather 'round the green branches! Christmas Eve day, the man awoke with a strange tension. It was a hanger from a senseless argument. Always with anger, a confusion stepped in between the man's hearing and mind. Speech and action were in subtle conflict.

The man hung on, doggedly. He sat through a boozy lunch that started the office party, without taking a drop. Everyone (it seemed) was passing a bottle. When the party grew so noisy he wouldn't be missed, the man sneaked his coat and parcels and hurried out the back way.

A light snow was falling. Cold air hit the man with a heady exhilaration. Thoughts spun faster than swirling snow. Unreasonably, now that he was safe, the slush of self-pity welled up. Everybody was privileged to celebrate a glorious holiday except him! "Mix Yourself a Bowl of Merry Christmas," begged gorgeous lithography from every saloon window. The man's mind began stirring a bowl of resentments, spiced with the fruit of imaginary good times. A compulsion gripped him, tight as fingers around a glass. He felt he had to drink or die. A saloon beckoned from across the street. He hurried to it.

Blocking the way stood a woman with kettle and bell. The man swung out to avoid the charity and bumped into a

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sidewalk sign, waist high. It was a Navy recruiting poster. His bare hand touched the icy metal frame. Then the man gripped tight, for sickness of soul swept from head to foot and held him there.

With a clarity never known before, the man saw the beginning and the end of what he was about to do. A hopeless panic shook him. He grinned fatuously at the woman and fumbled for a quarter, hoping that no one would speak to him. Warm air came from the saloon door, opened. Juke records spun 'round and around. The bar was packed four deep; singing gushed fitfully from the rear. Tiny glasses quivering with amber light slid down the bright mahogany.

Crystal sharp now came his vision of the wrecked Christmas! The fragile ornaments spinning, smashed on the tree, and every one had mirrored a bright promise. A dustpan full of pine needles. "Skates for the kid--don't make me laugh!" Tears came into the man's eyes because he knew the compulsion to drink was stronger than he. When his hand stopped trembling and his legs were safe, he would push his way to the bar and set the terrible cycle in motion.

Suddenly, he remembered a way out! That first meeting his sponsor had said: "If you're ever hanging on the ragged edge and you haven't strength to fight off getting drunk, stand right where you are and pray."

The man held tight to the sign and breathed into his woolen muffler, "Our Father, who art in Heaven." It was the prayer at the end of every AA meeting, but it didn't seem quite right for now. "Christ," he whispered, "take

me home on your birthday. Help me home for Christmas. Amen."

The words swirled away on an updraft of snow that was rising instead of falling. It was dark in the sky. . . the man couldn't remember what happened, then. His deep, vivid impression of Christmas Eve ended there.

Now consciousness was returning. It was another day.

Wondrously, the man who had awakened so many mornings in the Place for Drunks lifted his arms from the side of the bed. He folded his hands together, eyes still closed.

Was his prayer and the answer a dream?

"Thy Will Be Done," whispered the AA man, accepting the thing he could not change.

The dream faded. He opened sober eyes on the wallpaper and windows of home.

It was Christmas Day and Christ was born again.

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## Christmas Message

Dear Folks:

1960

*We have just passed our quarter century mark (1960). All this year long we have celebrated. Memories of our beginning have deeply stirred us as--one by one--we have summoned up those living images of early founding friends, those great events and ideas upon which liberation has since so securely rested. We have been giving thanks for both our pains and our rewards. We have tried to meditate upon all of our blessings, but have found them to be endless--all but infinite.*

*There could be no more fitting nor happier culmination to our Twenty-Fifth Anniversary than this very special Christmas in this year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and sixty. May the spirit of the Prince of Peace continue to reign in all of our affairs for so long as God may wish our well loved society to grow in His service.*

Bill W.

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## Carrying the Message ~~One unsold copy-a miracle?~~

Last December, having just completed my second year of sobriety, I found that nothing was going the way it should for me. I was miserable at home, on the job, and even at the meetings--frankly, I did not even like myself. It was the most miserable I had been since I entered the door to AA.

On Christmas Eve, at the meeting, I noticed a copy of the November 1968 Grapevine, started towards it, then stopped, and headed for the coffee pot instead, thinking, "Oh, I'm sure I already have that issue." A few minutes later, some force pulled me back, and I picked up the copy of the Grapevine and put it in my pocket and thought no more about it, other than paying for it.

The next morning, Christmas Day, I picked up the Grapevine just for something to read and flipped it open at random. What surprise and wonder as I started to read! Here was my answer. I had flipped it open to the article "Rage," the story of a fellow member, in California, who had experienced the same thing at the completion of his two years of sobriety that I was going through. Thus, through the medium of the Grapevine, one member all the way across the country shared his experience and helped this alcoholic find the answer I needed.

God's miracle? The November issue of the Grapevine had been left there more than a month. This is still the only time in my thirty-four months that all copies of a new Grapevine have not been sold immediately at our meetings.

J. W. J.  
Columbus, Georgia

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"I detected a new note of sincerity in his Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! I think he's off the sauce."

**Once Over Lightly  
Sense and nonsense on the  
road to recovery**

IT WAS MERELY A MATTER of outward appearances, as in this story about a problem drinker who went to his banker and got a mortgage on his home to raise the money to buy a car. Soon after, he went back and asked for a mortgage on the car so he could build a garage.

"Look!" said the banker. "With all these mortgages, how would you expect to be able to buy gasoline to run the car?"

"Easy," replied the lush. "Seems to me that a man who owns his own home, car, and garage ought to be able to get credit at a gas station."

BUT THE BANKER SAID NO, so that night the guy went out and hung one on. On his way home, on rubbery legs, he tripped and fell, scratching his face badly on some shrubbery. But he sneaked unheard into his house and to the bathroom, where he patched up his injuries.

The next morning, his wife accused him of drunkenness, which he stoutly denied.

"Oh?" she scoffed. "If you weren't drunk last night, why did you put adhesive tape all over the bathroom mirror?"

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# MEETING ROOMS

**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. Men's Gp  
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  
Thur. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting  
1:00 p. Women's Gp  
5:30 p. Topic Mtng.  
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  
Thur. 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.  
Thur. 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.  
Thur. 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  
Thur. 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  
Thur. 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. 3rd Wed. of month  
\*\* Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month (a.m.)

**Serenity Club is CLOSED**  
[serenityclub.info](http://serenityclub.info)

**AA Meetings formerly at club have moved to:**

**Sun. 10:00 a.** St Luke's South Shore 5900 S Lake Dr. Cudahy  
**7:00 p.** Sheridan Park Lagoon 4800 S Lake Dr Cudahy

**Mon. 10:00 a.** Methodist Church 5865 S Lake Dr. Cudahy

**Tue. 10:00 a.** Nativity of Lord School, 3658 E Plankinton Ave Cudahy  
**8:00 p.** St Luke's Episcopal 3200 S Herman, Bay View

**Wed. 10:00 a.** Methodist Church 5865 S Lake Dr Cudahy

**5:30 P.** Pass it On 6229 W Forest Home Ave Milwaukee  
**8:00 p.** First Congregational Church 1111 N Chicago Ave South Milwaukee

**Fri. Gp 41: Disbanded**

**Sat. 10:00 a.** Nativity of Lord School, 3658 E Plankinton Ave Cudahy  
**7:00 p.** Methodist Church 5865 S Lake Dr. Cudahy

# 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 91 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 p. 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

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

Fri. 11:00 a. Priority Group  
6:00 p. Big Book Group  
8:00 p. R. 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\*

\* (Open meeting on 3rd Saturday)  
10:30 p. Candlelight Gratitude

# 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

([amilwaukee.com](http://amilwaukee.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  
10:30 a.  
3:00 p.

**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.  
(1st Saturday Only)**

## GALANO CLUB - LGBT Friendly -

7210 W Greenfield Ave  
Suite 1, Lower Level  
Milwaukee, WI 53214  
(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. 6:00 p. 40+ Topic

Wed. 7:00 p. 12 x 12

Thr. 6:00 p. Living Sober

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.

**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

# Directory Changes

## NEW MEETINGS

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

**Tuesdays 6:30 p.** Pre-  
prepared Healthcare Pro-  
fessionals, Rogers Me-  
morial, 34700 W Valley  
Rd, Oconomowoc.

**Wed. at 6:00 p.m.** AA  
1290 Let It Flow Gp,  
1290 Bldg, 4222 W  
Capitol Dr, Milw. 53216

**Thursdays 6:30 p. St**

Matthias Church, 9306  
W Beloit Rd, Milwaukee

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

**Thursdays 7:00 p.m.**  
Stoney Hills Presbyteri-  
an, N112 W17655 Me-  
quon Rd, Germantown,

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

**Saturday 8: a.m. Res-**

**The "Clubs" 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.



urrection Lutheran, 12400 W Cold Spring Rd, New Berlin WI

### DISBANDED GROUPS

**Gp 41**, met at Nativity School, 3658 E Plankinton Ave, Cudahy on Fridays at 10 a.m.

### OTHER CHANGES

**Gp 200 and 201**, formerly at 3213 W Lapham. **Now** meet at 1601 S 33rd St. on Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m

**Fireside**, formerly at Brookfield Presbyterian, 1485 N Brookfield Rd, **now meets at Brookfield Lutheran, 18580 W Burleigh Rd on Wednesdays at 8pm.**

**Thursday Simply Sober 7:00p**, formerly at Stoney Hills Presbyterian on Mequon Rd. **NOW** meets at Living Christ Church W156N10660 Pilgrim Rd in Germantown.

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

### OPEN SPEAKER

**Weekly & monthly open speaker meetings listed in November 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 FI 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,

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

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

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

**2nd 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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

Come check out our **TUESDAY NIGHT STEP MEETING**

at **St Jude Day Care Center** in Wauwatosa

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

Enter in **BACK** of Daycare Building. Meeting is **Upstairs**.

### 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 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

**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:** Dec. 4 - 7th

**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. **Nov 21-23**, 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)

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home. But I was even more determined not to drive along the main boulevard. Why? I felt much safer, at this time, looking at brightly lighted *houses* than at brightly lighted cocktail bars. In my current mood, I was taking no chances.

Friday night in North Hollywood was, I knew, strictly a women's stag meeting. But I'd get there a few minutes before their closed meeting time; I felt sure I'd find *someone* to talk me out of my depression. And, magically, I found much more!

When I got there I learned that a fine lady named Dorothy was, as usual each year, in charge of an all-gal committee assigned to the task of decorating the Club's huge Christmas tree. And this night (by divine order!) all the gals on Dorothy's committee had failed to show up.

Before I could open my mouth with my story, Dorothy was expressing to me her low opinion of women in general--and the women on her committee in particular. "If you have nothing else to do tonight," she said, "I wish you'd pitch in and help me get this tree decorated."

At once I was out of my jacket, rolling up sleeves, looking at the boxes and boxes of Christmas tree lights, ornaments and decorations, which had been stored all year. I looked up at the tree. It stood, I thought, as tall as a mountain pine--taller and finer than any tree I'd decorated in my life.

We were in the big main meeting hall; tonight the women's stag would be held behind the closed doors of the coffee room. Their meeting got started--and I started on my tree.

As Dorothy and I went to work, an Irishman named Pat strolled into the hall. He had recently arrived from New York and was looking for a meeting, unaware that this was women's night in the coffee room. Dorothy, from personal experience, knew how to handle an Irishman. He didn't even get a chance to volunteer; he was drafted on sight!

And now Irish humor brought sparkling fun to work which wasn't really work at all. Jokes flew amid our own laughter. Somehow the switch for the big room's loudspeaker system got turned on. This made the jokes even louder and funnier. We didn't remember that the system was wired into the speakers in the coffee room--until the leader of the meeting opened a door to tell us, impatiently, to please switch it off.

It was one of the most memorable evenings of real fun I'd ever spent, and by midnight we had the best-looking Christmas tree I'd ever seen.

And this was not to be the end of it. On the following night the Club held its annual children's Santa Claus party. I looked around at the eager young faces shining in the bright lights I had helped to string, and suddenly a joyous thought exploded inside me--a thought that really reached me.

I had been unable to decorate a tree for my own little boy this Christmas. . .but look how God's Will had made up for it! I had helped decorate a tree not for just *one child* --but for *over a hundred* happy children!

J. K. B.  
Studio City

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## GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS TO CENTRAL OFFICE in OCTOBER 83 Groups Contributed, 692 DID NOT Contribute.

Date	Group Name	Amount	Group ID
10/11/2014	#015,	\$114.00	137297
10/17/2014	#027,	\$5.00	114301
10/17/2014	#051	\$50.00	114317
10/17/2014	#061 Twelve and Twelve,	\$5.00	118495
10/15/2014	#074, Aurora Psych	\$87.20	159542
10/17/2014	#079	\$5.00	133431
10/29/2014	#140 Shorewood	\$80.00	138806
10/14/2014	#153,	\$80.00	132869
10/28/2014	Airport Group	\$200.00	159599
10/09/2014	Anonymous	\$10.00	XXXX
10/21/2014	Attitude of Gratitude	\$15.00	141628
10/09/2014	Cross Roads Gp,	\$25.00	119518
10/21/2014	Drop the Rock 6/7 Step,	\$80.00	MIL-TG
10/16/2014	Early Bird Rogers Memorial	\$14.80	624742
10/11/2014	Early Bird Sun , LAC,	\$150.00	132470
10/18/2014	Early Bird, Pass It On Club	\$80.00	613662
10/28/2014	East Troy Wed Night	\$180.00	122803
10/25/2014	Elm Grove Living Sober,	\$200.00	665770
10/03/2014	Fri Night ODAAT,	\$80.00	610230
10/31/2014	Fri Noon 12 & 12	\$132.86	MIL-FB
10/29/2014	Get A Life	\$51.00	MIL-WM
10/24/2014	Good Hope Thr Night,	\$50.00	143462
10/31/2014	Grapevine Topic Fri 4 p.m.	\$36.30	MIL-FM
10/01/2014	Gratitude Plus,	\$80.00	647840
10/01/2014	Gump Group,	\$25.00	677493
10/14/2014	Hales Corners AA/Al-Anon	\$44.40	114219
10/20/2014	Hales Corners Tue Night,	\$80.00	177353
10/29/2014	Hartford Women's Big Book	\$50.00	667036
10/11/2014	Honest and Able,	\$80.00	618300
10/20/2014	Into Action Sun Morning,	\$100.00	616358
10/14/2014	Jump Start,	\$80.00	684326
10/04/2014	Keep It Simple Men's	\$80.00	610707
10/28/2014	Key To Recovery Open Meeting	\$50.00	MIL-S3
10/04/2014	Lake Country	\$50.00	117305
10/09/2014	Lake Geneva Kitchen Table	\$25.00	125465
10/21/2014	LGBT 12&12 Candlelight Gp	\$38.63	MIL-TC
10/11/2014	Living Sober Wed Night,	\$78.00	673826
10/01/2014	Made a Decision,	\$70.12	613456
10/15/2014	Mayflower,	\$77.75	161712
10/07/2014	Mon 5 30 PM Sanity Gp	\$75.00	688611
10/27/2014	Mon Independence	\$126.35	MIL-MH
10/04/2014	Mon Night Menomonee Falls Action	\$239.99	138020
10/15/2014	Mon Night Women's Waukesha,	\$95.82	114085
10/27/2014	New Beginnings Mukwonago	\$80.00	120519

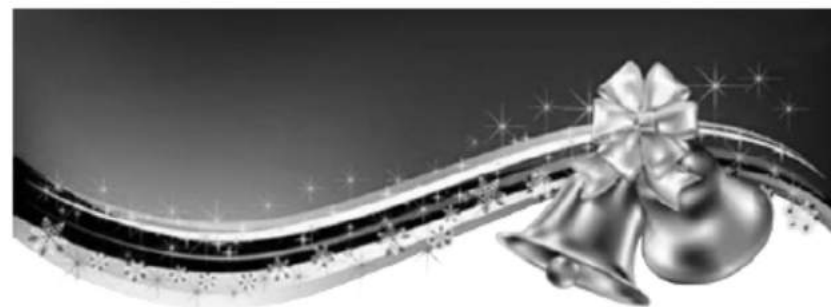
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**October Contributions**  
**83 Groups contributed**  
**692 Groups DID NOT**

October 2014

Date	Group Name	Amount	Group ID
10/18/2014	North Prairie Gp of AA,	\$35.00	WAK-S2
10/18/2014	North Shore Annual Open Meetin,	\$125.00	
10/18/2014	North Shore Big Book Sat	\$80.00	618803
10/30/2014	Oak Creek Fri	\$90.00	114112
10/02/2014	Oconomowoc Fri Night	\$33.25	120832
10/22/2014	One Day at a Time, Watertown	\$50.00	864578
10/07/2014	Positive Attitude,	\$100.00	WAK-M1
10/13/2014	Reality Group,	\$24.00	144329
10/02/2014	Reflections,	\$150.00	804530
10/15/2014	Reliance Meeting Open Discussion	\$80.00	853954
10/18/2014	Rule 62 Men's Gp	\$80.00	173372
10/25/2014	Sat 3 p.m. Big Book Study	\$99.00	178043
10/23/2014	Sat Morning Serenity Women's	\$35.00	857160
10/03/2014	Sat Night Big Book Unity	\$20.00	WAS-A2
10/18/2014	Sat Night Live Open Speaker	\$127.20	130889
10/27/2014	Seeds of Recovery/Steps	\$38.00	MIL-MM
10/09/2014	Service Manual Study, Central Offic	\$7.00	
10/15/2014	Sullivan Big Book	\$50.00	855738
10/21/2014	Sun 7 pm Open Step,	\$50.00	01483
10/08/2014	Sun Morn Gp 11 AM	\$25.00	140867
10/07/2014	Sun Morning Gratitude	\$30.00	178980
10/02/2014	Sun Morning Wake Up,	\$50.00	817858
10/20/2014	Sun Night Big Book	\$50.00	151180
10/31/2014	Sun Night Men's,	\$50.00	129859
10/22/2014	Sussex Fri Night Action	\$408.80	147499
10/07/2014	Terrific Tue Big Book,	\$75.00	186339
10/14/2014	TGIF /Menomonee Falls	\$91.00	131880
10/10/2014	There Is A Solution/Waukesha	\$21.00	173128
10/22/2014	Thinking Outside the Bottle,	\$37.99	WAK-S7
10/30/2014	Thr Success Step	\$125.00	MIL-RB
10/28/2014	Traditions 101	\$26.50	MIL-TM
10/28/2014	Tue Reflections	\$105.00	MIL-TH
10/30/2014	Twelve Promises Discussion Thr	\$28.75	MIL-RM
10/03/2014	We Are Not Saints	\$40.00	702497
10/08/2014	Wed AM Gp 10 AM	\$80.00	143468
10/29/2014	Wed Noon Lunch Bunch	\$132.00	860831
10/18/2014	Wind Lake Steps & Promises	\$80.00	RAC-R2
10/25/2014	Written For Us	\$40.00	MIL-A5
10/11/2014	Written For Us Newcomers	\$2.00	MIL-A5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,798.71</b>	

All the groups listed in your When and Where should be contributing regularly to the support of your Central Office. We want to be here when you need us.



## Ring in Christmas & New Years at the 2014/15 Holiday Alkathon!

Fill your Holidays with fellowship,  
 around-the-clock holiday AA meetings  
 and hot coffee.

*When:*  
 Beginning Christmas Eve (Wed.) at noon  
 until Christmas Day (Thurs.) at midnight.  
 Resuming New Year's Eve (Wed.) at noon  
 until New Year's Day (Thurs.) at midnight.

*Where:*  
 Bay View United Methodist Church  
 2772 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., Milwaukee  
 (Enter off Pryor Ave. (Glass Door) &  
 join us on the lower level)

**ANNUAL**  
**GROUP 10 & 23**  
**OPEN**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**MEETING**

First Lutheran Church  
7400 W. Lapham

**AL-ANON SPEAKER Ann M.**  
**AA SPEAKER John P.**

Friday December 12, 2014

Doors open at 6:30 for fellowship and food.

Speakers at 7:30

Join us for a great way to celebrate the  
Christmas season



**BUTLER SUNDAY NIGHT**

**HOLIDAY GRATITUDE MEETING**

**WHEN: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st**

**WHERE: ST. AGNES CHURCH**  
**12801 W. FAIRMOUNT**  
**BUTLER, WI**

**OPEN MEETING TIME: 8:00 PM**

**SHARE YOUR GRATITUDE WITH US!**

**FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP!**