

# "BETWEEN-US"

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## Six Ways to Refuse a Drink being a not too serious discussion of what to say when offered a drink

Having trouble saying, "No," to a proffered drink? Does a murmured, "No, thank you," bring a lot of unwelcome attention to your sobriety? Do explanations embarrass you? Better brush up on your technique. There are several ways of turning down the convivial cup without getting involved in a resume of your personal habits.

More and more AA members I know use the blunt approach. "I'm an alcoholic. Can't touch the stuff." This is a conversation stopper if there ever was one. It can lead to: (a.) Those around you leave you strictly alone, as they would a leper, or, (b.) They crowd around with their own symptoms and doubts and give you an opportunity to do some 12th Step work.

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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 drinkless 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-found sobriety suddenly staggered under a Sunday punch, a quick hard

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	Nov 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Literature Sales	9,985.19
4050 · Between us	1,876.75
4070 · Contributions	5,292.08
4080 Gratitude Boxes	79.00
4130 Personal Contri.	203.21
4150 Candy, Coffee, Soda	317.52
4170 Interest Income	1.33
4830 Sales Discounts	10.00
4890 Shipping and Delivery Income	131.05
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,896.13</b>
Cost of Goods Sold	
5000 · Literature	5,396.96
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>5,396.96</b>
Expense	
51100 Freight and Shipping Costs	1,250.77
59900 POS Inventory Adjustments	5.40
6045 Coffee/Soda/Candy Expense	117.00
6050 Credit card fees	152.28
61200 Cash Drawer Payouts	32.00
6262 Postage	2.35
6500 Office	2,879.42
6600 Payroll	8,324.16
6700 Professional Fees	1,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>13,763.38</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-1,264.21</b>
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### BANK BALANCES:

Regular Checking: \$4,401.01  
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](mailto: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, December 9, 2014

Groups represented: 22, 23, 59, 82, 200, 201, 232, 394, A New Day, A Vision For You, Badger Gp., Big Book Friday 6pm, Big Book Readers, Brown Deer Monday, Depends On You, Friday Big Book Discussion, Happy Destiny, Honest and Able, Jim's Sunday Night First Step, Living Sober Wednesday, Monday Nooners, New Berlin Fri Night, Saturday Night Big Book, South Milwaukee Serenity, Sussex Friday Night Action, Today's Choices, Tosa Blue Chippers, Tue am Big Book/12 & 12 Study, Tuesday Night Hales Corners Step/Topic, Wanderer's, Waukesha Sunday Night, Way of Life Gp., WELL Big Book, 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: \$4,401.01  
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.

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.

<p><b>Area 75, So. WI, Calendar of Events 2015</b> Madison Senior Center (MSC), 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison, WI, except where otherwise noted.</p> <p><b>2015:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 18, Winter Service Assembly</li> <li>• March 15, Delegates Workshop</li> <li>• April 12, Pre-Conference Assem- bly</li> <li>• June 21, Summer Service Assem- bly</li> <li>• Oct. 18, Fall Service Assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•<b>Milwaukee Central Office:</b> 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214 <a href="mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com">dan@aamilwaukee.com</a></li> <li>•<b>Area 75 Treasurer:</b> PMB #167, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217</li> <li>•<b>General Service Office:</b> G.S.O., P O Box 459, Grand Central Sta- tion, New York, N.Y. 10163</li> <li>•<b>Area 75 Corrections, Bridging the Gap and Treatment write to:</b> PMB # 170, 5464 N Port Washing- ton Rd., Glendale WI 53217</li> </ul>
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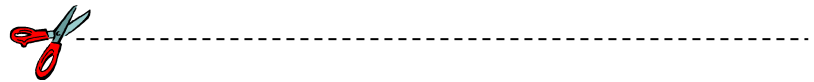
## JOIN the BIRTHDAY CLUB!

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: \_\_\_\_\_





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Just as honest, and a little less harsh, is the equally effective, "Sorry, I'm allergic to the stuff, but you go right ahead." Those who know nothing about AA probably have a few allergies of their own, certain foods make them break out, so they nod wisely and let it pass. Others may want to discuss the subject, but you haven't committed yourself and can say as much or little as the situation dictates.

Then there are the many occasions when it isn't necessary to say anything. These include weddings, office parties, and other forms of mass inebriation. Take the offered glass and walk around with it until you find a convenient ledge to set it on. You'll be surprised at how quickly it will be appropriated by some thirstier brother who will obligingly leave his empty glass in exchange. If this is your first such party since drying out, you may be a little hurt to realize that nobody in the room gives a damn whether you are drinking or not.

A real toughie is the chance meeting with heavy drinkers where your own ability to be a man among men may have a bearing on a pending business deal or sale. "I had a rough night, so I'll just coast if you don't mind," will usually do the trick. Because of their own experience, they can understand that, or a similar appeal, and will accept it without thinking.

At least once, every AA runs up against the ruthlessly insistent host. Usually half in the bag himself, your refusal to drink is an insult to him, his wife, his hospitality, his alma mater, or anything else that comes to mind. There is no use telling him that you are alcoholic. He won't understand what you are talking about anyway. You might as well let your hair down and give it to him straight from the

shoulder, something like this:

"Listen, Mac! As a drinker you are only an amateur. Me--I've graduated." (And here you can go into your story, embellishing, if need be, some of the more lurid details.)

By this time he'll begin to feel a little shaky and you can close with an implied threat. "Now if I did decide to take a drink with you, you can forget about the glass and just hand over the bottle. If there are any more bottles around the house, bring them in too. When we've polished those off. . ."

If he hasn't already gulped the drink intended for you, don't worry, he will, and he'll probably try to hide the bottle too. You've convinced him where it hurts by threatening his own supply and the quicker he gets rid of you, the safer he will feel.

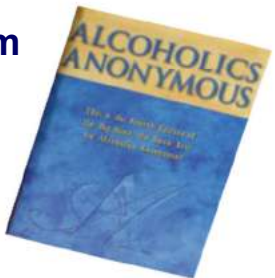
Well, there are other ways, but the important thing to realize is that it is possible to say "No" without causing the roof to fall in. It is easier sometimes if you can anticipate a situation and have an answer ready, but if you are caught short without one, it is better to admit that you are an alcoholic, no matter who you are with, than take a drink and prove it.

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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**



# A.A. 2015 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

JULY 2 - 5, 2015 ATLANTA, GEORGIA

3 WAYS TO REGISTER \*Online: 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	
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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	
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## 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Grapevine One Year Print Subscription/English Only (Optional)

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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

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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 Christmas.

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 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 meet-

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ing. 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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# 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.  
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.

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  
7:30 a. Comin' Back Gp  
10:30 a. Keep It Simple  
4:00 p. Drop the Rock  
6:00 p. Women's Step

Wed. 7:30 p. Three Legacies  
7:30 p. Double Trouble DD/O  
7:30 a. Big Book Study  
10:30 a. Pass It On

Thur. 4:00 p. Happy Hr Promises  
7:00 p. We, Us & Ours  
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  
8:30 a. Early Bird

Sat. 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.lakeareclub.com](http://www.lakeareclub.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. Back To Basics  
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. Big Book  
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 Rd  
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. Last Friday of month  
\*\* Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month (a.m.)

**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

Thur. 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.



# 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  
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

Tue. 7:00 a. Living Sober Step/Topic  
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)

Wed. 7:00 a. Men's Step  
10:30 a. Gp 9, Step  
12:10 p. GBT Topic Gp  
6:00 p. Gp 91 Women's  
8:00 p. Gp 3, Step/Topic  
10:30 p. Step/Topic Gp

Thur. 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

Fri. 7:00 a. Peanut Gallery Step Mtng  
10:30 a. Daily Reflections  
10:30 a. Gp 21, Step  
12:15 p. Gp 65  
6:30 p. Here & Now  
8:30 p. Gp 30 Tub Topic

Sat. 11:30 p. Step/Topic  
12:15 a. Second Shifters  
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.

Tue. 11:15 p. Nighthawk Gp.  
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.

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

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

Sat. 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

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

# MEETING ROOMS

## 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:

10:30 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

10:30 a.

3:00 p.

## 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-  
paired Healthcare Pro-  
fessionals, Rogers Me-  
morial, 34700 W Valley  
Rd, Oconomowoc.

**Wed. at 1:30 p.m.** Mil-  
waukee Estates Living/  
Care Ctr. 6800 N 76  
St, Milwaukee 53223

**Wed. at 6:00 p.m.**  
Riverworks Ctr. 3372 N  
Holton St Milw 53212

**Thursdays 6:30 p.** St  
Matthias Church, 9306  
W Beloit Rd, Milwau-  
kee

**Thursdays 9:15 a.m.**  
All Saints, 818 E Ju-  
neau Ave, Milwaukee.

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

**Friday 7: pm.** Ash-  
tanga Circle Yoga  
Center, 3805 N Oak-  
land Ave, Shorewood

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

## LIGHTHOUSE ON DEWEY

1220 Dewey Ave.  
Wauwatosa WI  
**MEETING SCHEDULE**

### Sunday:

7:30 p. Gp 78

### Tuesday:

7:00 p. Milw. Profes-  
sionals in AA  
7:30 p. Gp 77

### Wednesday:

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

7:30 p. Alumni No 12

### Friday:

7:15 p. Gp 74

### Saturday:

10:00 a. Gp 59

## 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

Thur. 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 & All in Recovery -

7210 W Greenfield Ave  
Suite 1, Lower Level  
Milwaukee, WI 53214  
(414) 276-6936

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

[galanoclub@gmail.com](mailto:galanoclub@gmail.com)

### 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

Thur. 6:00 p. Living Sober

Fri. 7:00 p. Step/Topic

Sat. 7:30 p. Topic

### AL-ANON MEETINGS

Sun. 10:30 a. Al-anon

7:00 p. Al-anon

**Meeting Space Available  
See website for Club Events.**

[www.galanoclub.org](http://www.galanoclub.org)

## 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.**

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## 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

United We Stand, Tuesdays at 8:00 p. formerly at Unity Church, 1717 N 73 St, **now meets at Wauwatosa Congregational 1511 Church St Wauwatosa**

**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 Wauwatertown Plank 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 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,

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

**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,**  
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**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.

**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)

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## Wrong Flame

Bill W.'s spiritual experience of mid-December, 1934, was an event of vital historical significance, yet very few relate with it from their own moment of "God-consciousness," however, I suffered the following illusion.

When I was sober about three months, I experienced a similarity to what Bill W. jokingly referred to as a hot flash. Late one November night while in deep meditation, sitting on a pile of rocks protruding into the Pacific Ocean, I was suddenly overtaken with tremendous joy beyond belief and exuberant fiery energy which lasted till the following morning. It occurred to me that I probably had *had* a similar experience as Bill W.! It seemed plausible that the obsession to drink would have been lifted — I was now a recovered alcoholic! I had arrived! I would never drink again! Actually I hadn't, because the very next month, just after a Christmas Day parade on Holly-



wood Blvd., I marched right into a bar and almost ordered a gin and tonic — I only have God to thank that I didn't!

Appendix Two, "*Spiritual Experience*" (p.567) tells us that a spiritual experience/awaken causes "*a personality change sufficient to bring about recovery from alcoholism*" — well, that obviously wasn't true for me! My exciting episode on those rocks allowed me to become dangerously complacent.

As years pass, these joyous episodes still occur, albeit to much lesser degree, but I have learned not to take them too seriously. The famous monk author, Thomas Merton, referred to such pleasant spiritual episodes as, "*the wrong flame.*"

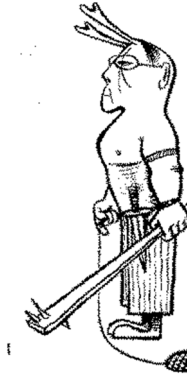
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## My Protective Ego

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There exists, in my good-keen-alcoholic-mind, a protective element which influences me to avoid all things not to my liking. When I find myself trapped in a disagreeable situation, it provides a practical pathway into the tempting world of unreality. This often includes daydreaming, AA gossip, TV obsession, winning arguments, allowing fear and anger to shut out whatever is *really* bothering me, and last, but certainly not least, the notion that the relief provided by just one drink will make everything better.

But this 'protective false self' is only one part of my total makeup; I have come to understand that my mind — as important as it is — constitutes only part of my true self: it is *not* who I am! A distinguished philosopher, Rene Descartes, once stated famously: "*I think, therefore I am.*" WRONG! When I am deep into meditation, listening for God's will, I am quite conscious, but I am *not* thinking. The Big Book speaks of "*the Great Reality deep within.*" (p. 55) I notice Great Reality is cap-



italized, meaning God. In other Words I believe that this God-Self is my True Self, and not my mind. My Real Self actually envelops my protective egocentric mind which falsely portends it is in charge of my actions . . . and indeed it was just that, until I found the AA program of action. When I am actually living in the Spirit of Steps Ten, Eleven and Twelve I remain free from the prison of selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear mentioned on page 84. When I am not — which is often — I am not!

The cliché goes: "*Self cannot rid self of self with self*" (or perhaps more to the point: *Ego cannot rid ego of ego with ego*), so, obviously, I need a power greater-than-self to take charge of my ego-oriented thinking process—and this is, of course, my God Given Identity: The Great Reality deep within.

### 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
- **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

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*“I’m not drunk! I like sitting on the curb!”*

**GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS TO CENTRAL OFFICE in November  
77 Groups Contributed, 696 DID NOT Contribute.**

Date	Group Name	Gp Num.	Amount
<b>77 Groups contributed in November</b>			
11/21/2014	#027, Twelve Step Club	114301	\$5.00
11/08/2014	#048	114315	\$30.00
11/14/2014	#051	114317	\$50.00
11/08/2014	#059 Dewey Center	117184	\$60.00
11/21/2014	#061 Twelve and Twelve	118495	\$5.00
11/21/2014	#079	133431	\$5.00
11/04/2014	24 Hr Club Wed Women's	704135	\$25.00
11/13/2014	As Bill Sees It Waukesha	177080	\$125.00
11/14/2014	Back To Basics, Northtown Church	149978	\$50.00
11/17/2014	Badger Group	114429	\$774.20
11/17/2014	Big Book Readers	617805	\$60.00
11/21/2014	Came To Believe (Pass It On Clb)	617129	\$60.00
11/15/2014	Comin' Back	683006	\$60.00
11/13/2014	Cross Roads Gp	119518	\$25.00
11/26/2014	Early Bird Rogers Memorial	624742	\$51.00
11/10/2014	First Step, Pass It On Club	635840	\$60.00
11/10/2014	Franklin Tue Night	126720	\$60.00
11/10/2014	Fri Night Pocket of Enthusiasm	707574	\$3.49
11/07/2014	Fri Noon 12 & 12	MIL-FB	\$83.64
11/05/2014	Get A Life	MIL-WM	\$37.17
11/21/2014	Grapevine Topic Fri 4 p.m.	MIL-FM	\$22.25
11/01/2014	Gratitude	114281	\$60.00
11/12/2014	Happy Hour Promises	MIL-W6	\$60.00
11/12/2014	Happy Hour Step	653359	\$60.00
11/17/2014	Hartford Wed Night Step/Topic,	140516	\$25.00
11/18/2014	Honesty Plus	638093	\$60.00
11/04/2014	Impaired Professionals In AA	126056	\$33.00
11/07/2014	Juneau Pioneers Men's	628213	\$120.00
11/26/2014	Keep Passing It On	630882	\$100.00
11/01/2014	Koala Group	143751	\$90.00
11/21/2014	Lake Area Fri Non Smokers	687967	\$25.00
11/06/2014	Lake Geneva Kitchen Table	125465	\$25.00
11/20/2014	Lake Geneva Monday Night	114253	\$112.00
11/18/2014	Love and Tolerance Big Book Study	643730	\$84.60
11/11/2014	Mayfair Ladies Mon & Fri	114336	\$42.00
11/03/2014	Mon Independence	MIL-MH	\$133.50
11/10/2014	New Beginnings Oconomowoc	617659	\$51.60
11/19/2014	New Berlin Fri Night	114122	\$75.00
11/25/2014	Oak Creek Tue 10 a.m. Step	144522	\$60.00
11/06/2014	Oconomowoc Wed Get Over It	174427	\$90.00
11/06/2014	Old School House Group 309	163906	\$131.89
11/13/2014	Otter Group	168152	\$50.00

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Date	Group Name	Gp Num.	Amount
11/08/2014	Out From Under	665771	\$100.00
11/21/2014	Reliance Group	121595	\$46.80
11/01/2014	Sat 3 p.m. Big Book Study	178043	\$25.00
11/26/2014	Sat Morning Women's Freedom	695465	\$200.00
11/03/2014	Seeds of Recovery/Steps	MIL-MM	\$21.10
11/13/2014	Service Manual Study		\$7.00
11/20/2014	Stepping Into Promises Women's Gp	WAK-W2	\$15.00
11/29/2014	Suggestive Only	647950	\$139.80
11/06/2014	Sun Morning Big Book	130926	\$60.00
11/13/2014	Sun Morning Hartford	164282	\$40.00
11/10/2014	Sun Morning Wake Up	617656	\$50.00
11/01/2014	Sun Night Surrender	145851	\$109.20
11/03/2014	Thanksgiving Gp	703452	\$45.00
11/19/2014	Thr Night Easy Dozen 12 x 12	157157	\$20.00
11/14/2014	Thr Simply Sober	WAS-R1	\$60.00
11/06/2014	Thr Success Step	MIL-RB	\$73.25
11/20/2014	Today's Choices	614204	\$90.00
11/04/2014	Traditions 101	MIL-TM	\$14.00
11/13/2014	Tue Morn Gp 10 AM	138530	\$30.00
11/03/2014	Tue Night /St Anskar	658264	\$125.00
11/12/2014	Tue Night Hales Corners Step/Topic	690183	\$80.00
11/07/2014	Tue Night Step	142690	\$25.00
11/04/2014	Tue Reflections	MIL-TH	\$124.50
11/20/2014	Twelve Promises Discussion Thr	MIL-RM	\$6.95
11/26/2014	We Us and Ours	167194	\$60.00
11/25/2014	Wed AM Gp 10 AM	143468	\$55.80
11/29/2014	Wed Night Anonymous AA	WAK-W7	\$65.00
11/18/2014	Wed Night Traveling Home	172090	\$50.00
11/05/2014	Wed Noon Lunch Bunch	690831	\$38.75
11/04/2014	Welcome Back	667042	\$60.00
11/20/2014	WELL Gp We Enjoy Living Life	173510	\$166.40
11/11/2014	WK No 94	158137	\$60.00
11/05/2014	Women's Big Book-Step	163696	\$30.00
11/01/2014	Written For Us	MIL-A5	\$50.00
11/29/2014	Written For Us Newcomers	MIL-A5	\$8.19
77 Groups contributed in November			<b>\$5,292.08</b>

696 Groups DID NOT contribute

**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.**

## Mental Obsession

### (The Great *Unreality* Deep Within)

Someone wrote that an alcoholic cannot drink on the truth — only on a lie. The Big Book tells us that alcoholics have found a ***Great Reality deep down within*** (p. 55). Reality infers truth! Historically, Such ***Reality*** protected Dr. Bob from his ever-lurking *hooker of scotch* for two and a\_half years . . . but, when I was new in AA, and still making an assessment of the Twelve Steps, I discovered many inconvenient-truths of which my ego was fain to admit, let alone allow change. Actually, I was living in a ***great un-reality deep within***, which would not allow me to recognize the truth in the matter of drink — I was irretrievably imprisoned in a lie. As Dr. Silkworth explained: “*I could not differentiate the true from the false in the matter of drink.*” (xxviii)



So, there I was; faced with the dilemma of being rid of my long-lived, truth-resisting, ego-self, or getting drunk. Yes, I was willing . . . but how to be rid of my false ego-self that for so many years served as my only defense against a threatening world?

Although I had been attending meetings regularly, the obsession to drink had not diminished one iota. One of my favorite authors stated that most people spend the first part of their lives developing a protective ego-self, but some lucky ones spend the last of their time on earth getting rid of it.

I was forty-three years old and sober about six months when a new sponsor explained that self could not rid self of self with self, so I obviously needed *a power greater than myself*. He then taught me how to give up on my false self by living the AA program of action. A few months later, I experienced the release I had so earnestly prayed for! The obsession had been lifted! Then began a lifetime process of remaining absent of that ***great unreality deep within***. My second part of life has blissfully begun. Thank you God ~ Bob S.



## Is Sobriety Enough?



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*People who are driven by pride of self unconsciously blind themselves to their liabilities. These newcomers scarcely need comforting. The problem is to help them discover a chink in the walls their ego has built, through which the light of reason can shine.*

—*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, p. 46


*Indeed, the attainment of greater humility is the foundation principle of each of A.A.'s Twelve Steps. For without some degree of humility, no alcoholic can stay sober at all. Nearly all A.A.'s have found, too, that unless they develop much more of this precious quality than may be required just for sobriety, they still haven't a much chance of becoming truly happy. Without it, they cannot live to much useful purpose, or, in adversity, be able to summon the faith that can meet any emergency.*

—*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, p. 70

## What am I Missing?

Conference Schedule	
Friday, May 15, 2015	5:15 pm
3:00 pm	Registration
6:30 pm	Ask it Backet
7:30 pm	Conference Orientation (for first time conference attendees)
8:00 pm	AA Speaker—Dodie A. Freepart, Illinois Ice cream social to follow
10:00 pm— 6:00 am	Alkathon
Saturday, May 16, 2015	7:00 am— 3:00 pm
8:30 am	Registration
9:00 am— 12 noon	Conference Orientation (for first time conference attendees) Area Assembly AA/AA-Anon Panels
1:00 pm	Service Committee Meetings AA/AA-Anon Panels
3:15 pm	AA-Anon Speaker—Don O. Appleton, Wisconsin
6:30 pm	Banquet
8:00 pm	AA Speaker—Bill F. Merriam, Ohio
10:00 pm— Midnight	Ice cream social to follow
10:00 pm— 6:00 am	Dance Alkathon
Sunday, May 17, 2015	8:00 am
9:30 am	Breakfast AA Speaker—Bob M. Appleton, Wisconsin

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