

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

"BETWEEN-US"

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An Indestructible Foundation

"Take it easy on the God-stuff, especially with newcomers," was standard advice when I entered the Fellowship in 1945 and had my last drink.

This was probably wise because AA at that time was struggling for its own identity as more than just another religious movement. The difference between religion and spirituality was often confused and much discussed. As for me, I was violently agnostic. The faith of my Sunday School days was gone, and "the God of my understanding" was far off. (But not so far as I thought, as it turned out.) It stretched me to even imagine "a power greater than myself." My contemporaries were finding their higher powers in electricity, the law of gravity, the AA group, and similar symbols of strength, and I became willing to take this route. I wasn't ready to take on God just yet.

However, God was ready to take me

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A God I Don't Need To Understand

Newly sober, it seemed that AA members solved their drinking problem by using God, but I knew little about the substance of whatever *that* was, save many drunken bar room "religious" conversations; the TV preachers left me even more bewildered. Perhaps I fell into the category of an agnostic—that is to say without knowledge of God. So what to do? My case was different!

Yet, the Big Book told me: "*Our human resources, as marshaled by the will, were not sufficient; they failed utterly.*" I certainly related to page 44 of the Big Book: "*If, when you honestly want to, you find you cannot quit entirely, or if when drinking, you have little control over the amount you take, you are probably alcoholic.*" Yes, that was me—never a drinking year passed but what I had *quit drinking forever*, only to wake up with a two-inch thick tongue, mouth on fire and my foggy head swearing never again! Quitting drinking did not work for me! Again, what to do?

Happily, the Big Book explained that when those alkie before me were even *willing* to believe in a

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MONTH OF JANUARY 2015

Jan 15

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

4000 · Literature Sales	12,572.28
4050 · Between us	386.50
4070 · Contributions	6,686.21
4080 · Gratitude boxes (January)	18,199.38
4100 · Memorials	51.00
4130 · Personal Contributions	456.42
4150 · Other Income	327.08
48900 · Shipping and Delivery Income	87.82

Total Income

38,766.69

Cost of Goods Sold

5000 · Literature	6,590.61
Total COGS	6,590.61

Gross Profit

32,176.08

Expense

59900 · POS Inventory Adjustments	61.72
6040 · Bank Service Charges	23.20
6045 · Coffee/Soda/Candy Expense	114.77
6050 · Credit card fees	164.87
6170 · Computer and Internet Expenses	449.00
6500 · Office	2,976.06
6600 · Payroll	10,230.22
Total Expense	14,019.84

Net Ordinary Income

18,156.24

Bank Balances

Regular Checking: \$9,566.75

Savings Account: \$37,557.33

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.
- **Aurora West Allis Medical Center**, 8901 W Lincoln Ave, West Allis. Meeting space available. Contact Terese @414-328-7521 or email: terese.beauchamp@aurora.org
- **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, February 10, 2015

Groups represented: 7, 22, 23, 48, 59, 232, 394A Vision For You, Another Chance Tue Night, Big Book Readers, Brown Deer Monday, Came To Believe Waukesha, Depends On You, Friday Big Book Discussion, Hales Corners Sun Night Open, Honest and Able, Honesty Plus, Jim's Sunday Night First Step, Mayflower Gp, Monday Night Women's Waukesha, New Berlin Big Book Tuesday, One Day At a Time, Reliance Meeting Open Disc., Saturday Morning Women's Freedom, Saturday Night Big Book, Three Legacies, Today's Choices, Tuesday Night Hales Corners Step/Topic, Wanderer's, Waukesha Sunday Night, Way of Life Gp., Women's Friday 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 Jan 31, 2014

Business Checking: \$9,566.75

Savings Account: \$37,557.33

Prudent Reserve CD's: \$84,420.81

New secretaries introduced themselves.

The Profit and Lose for January shows a Net Income of \$18,120.36. This is solely do to the Gratitude boxes being counted. In future months, this income will help to balance our loses each month. These loses are generally in the -\$1,000 to -\$2,000 dollar range. This allows us to "break even" at the end of each fiscal year. Last year it did not, and we lost almost \$6,000. That money is what comes out of the Savings Account.

All meetings listed in our meeting directories should be contributing regularly to the AA Service Entities; Milwaukee Central Office 50%, GSO

in New York 30% and Area 75 Committee 10% and to your Districts 10%. This money comes from the meetings 7th Tradition basket (passed at each meeting) after taking out meeting expenses, such as room rent.

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

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.

Due to an extreme lack of interest on the part of the AA community, **The 2015 Jamboree has been cancelled.** Attendance was down from 730 to barely 400 tickets sold. We were able to "break-even" only because of a \$200.00 contribution by a concerned AA member.

Guest Speaker for March meeting will be Brian McQ, Treasurer of the Central Office. He will answer your questions regarding our finances.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday March 10, 2015 at 7 pm.

AREA 75/Central Office EVENTS CALENDAR

1. Go to Area 75 website at: 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

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

E-mail at: 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) Is not an active district. No District Meeting.

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

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 Tuesday, 5:45 -7:30 p.m., Gloria K. (920) 921-2395

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

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

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

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

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

KETTLE MORAIN CORR., Box 31, W9071 Forrest Dr., Plymouth, AA Thr. at 6:00 p.m. Contact Mike L (920) 898-4782.

WAUPUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
AA Meeting Sat. , 8:00a.m.-9:30 a.m. Dale C. 920-387-4229 after 5 p. clearance.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION, 8885 S. 68th St. Franklin WI.

AA Women's Saturday 10:00 a.m. Kristin L. 414-731-8572 or **AA Men's** on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Dennis D. 414-372-8324

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

MILWAUKEE SECURE DETENTION CENTER, 1015 N. 10th St. Milw. Sunday Nights from 6:30 p. to 7:30 p., Men & Women, Call Dave C. 414-xxx-xxxx for information

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. Milwaukee Central Office no longer handles the funds.

<p style="text-align: center;">Area 75, So. WI, Calendar of Events 2015</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Madison Senior Center (MSC), 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison, WI, except where otherwise noted.</p> <p>2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 15, Delegates Workshop • April 12, Pre-Conference Assembly • June 21, Summer Service Assembly • Oct. 18, Fall Service Assembly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Milwaukee Central Office: 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214 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 Station, New York, N.Y. 10163 •Area 75 Corrections, Bridging the Gap and Treatment write to: PMB # 170, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217
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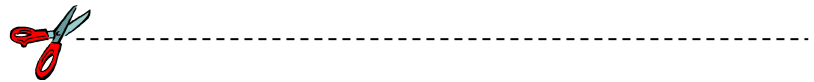
JOIN the BIRTHDAY CLUB!

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.

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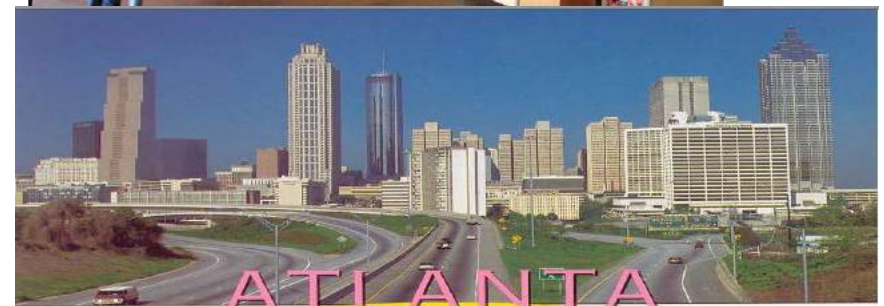
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A.A.'s International Convention in Atlanta July 2-5, 2015

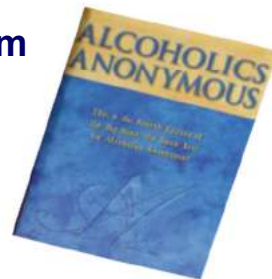
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Written for Us Newcomer's Meeting *An Insight to 'How it Works'* **An Orientation for Newcomers!**

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

where:
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7429 West Greenfield Avenue
West Allis, WI 53214
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A.A. 2015 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

JULY 2 - 5, 2015 ATLANTA, GEORGIA

3 WAYS TO REGISTER *Online: www.aa.org *Fax: (508) 743-3605 *Mail

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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		
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EMERGENCY CONTACT	TELEPHONE			

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEE (All fields are requested)

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Grapevine One Year Online Subscription/English Only (Optional)

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on, for in my ignorance I'd done about all that AA asks--I had become willing. And this is how he did it. In some casual reading about seeds, this statement caught my attention: "Science can construct a seed identical to a natural seed in every detail but one--science's seed will not germinate." The words seemed to leap from the page. They demanded answers. What is the missing ingredient in the man-made seed? Is it some dimension I don't even know about? Is it in everything? Even people? And then the big question. Who is in charge here, anyway?

Backed into a corner finally, by a logic greater than my ego, I conceded. Too many miracles, too much coincidence, and too much evidence of a power greater than myself all around me left me defenseless and in awe. I surrendered. And the power wasted no time in reinforcing my new belief with these words from the Big Book: "We found that as soon as we were able to lay aside prejudice and express even a willingness to believe in a Power greater than ourselves, we commenced to get results, even though it was impossible for any of us to fully define or comprehend that Power, which is

God."

Awareness of his constant presence is necessary for my daily reprieve from alcohol. He is always there if I but look, feel, and want him to be; my conscious contact is dependent upon my being willing. For example: in my garden I stop delighted before a spear of green thrusting through the soil. The miracle of life! Created before my very eyes! It reflects the miracle of AA. For even as seeds lying secure in the earth are warmed and nourished until they burst into life and reach up to the light of the life-giving sun, so do the newcomers to AA, welcomed into the security and warmth of the group, reach out to the life-giving love that surrounds them. I see the same power at work in both seed and newcomer--the power that surpasses ours.

This power dwells also in the pages of our Big Book. From it comes reassurance that I am on the right track. I read there the same message that I find in the mystery of the seed: "For faith in a Power greater than ourselves, and miraculous demonstrations of the Power in human lives, are facts as old as man himself." And it continues to guide my

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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
- **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)

Lord, Grant That I May Seek Rather to Love. ..Than to Be Loved -St. Francis of Assisi

THE question always confronts me as I go about each new day, happy in my new-found sobriety and way of life: what am I doing to pay for all these things? Each night as my day draws to a close and I find myself checking over the proceeds of the day, it seems to me that somehow or another I always wind up with more than I gave. It doesn't seem fair. I know I'm trying but when I say I did my best I realize that this is not so because as every day ends I can see where I could have done a little more. I could have thought a little more and I could have helped a little more. I feel that sometimes I refrain from helping someone for the simple reason that I feel they will not respond, that maybe they are not alcoholic, and so it finally dawns on me that I am looking for returns for what I do, or else I do not put much thought or effort into the message.

I find myself carrying the message every day, taking it home with me each night without making too many deliveries that day. Now, if I understand this program a little, the Twelfth Step distinctly says "we try to carry this message to the alcoholic who still suffers and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

I must be willing to face up to the simple standards of life, and do my best, and to deliver the message to one and all regardless of who or what they are, with no thought of returns; to practice with a true humility and compassion for my fellow man "the love thy neighbor" policy, as laid out for us in those simple Steps and Traditions.

As I was a compulsive drinker, I must now become a compulsive worker in this way of life, never letting up, never making any excuses, but working in a do-or-die attempt to help to love and to understand and to ever remember a loving God, as he expresses himself in my conscience.

Bill M.
New Glasgow, Nova Scotia

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"I've been dry for three months. I only drink dry martinis."

MEETING ROOMS

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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

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
Tue.	7:00 p. Three Legacies 7:30 p. Double Trouble DD/O 7:30 a. Big Book Study 10:30 a. Pass It On 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 7:30 a. Honesty Gp.
Wed.	10:30 a. Came To Believe 6:00 p. Women's Fri. Kickoff 6:30 p. Thoughts 4 Today 8:00 p. Broken Arrow 8:30 a. Early Bird 10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free 3:00 p. Twelve Promises 8:00 p. Spanish Speaking 8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12
Thur.	7:00 p. (Alateen) 7:30 p. Fri. 7:00 p. Sat. 10:30 a.

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

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. 2nd & 4th Saturdays
(AA and/or Al-Anon Speakers)

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun.	9:30 a. Sun Morn Sunlite 11:00 a. Sun Go-To-Mtng (Open speaker 2nd Sunday & Breakfast) 7:00 p. (Open Step Gp)
Mon.	12:00 Noon 6:00 p. Beginners AA 7:00 p. (12 & 12)
Tue.	12:00 Noon
Wed.	12:00 Noon 5:30 p. Topic Gp
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

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 Dozen12x12
Fri.	10:00 a. Step/Topic Gp 8:00 p. * Step Gp.
Sat.	10:00 a. Here & Now 7:00 p. Big Book

AL-ANON & ALATEEN MTNGS
Saturday 9:00 a. Al-Anon
Thursday 7:15 p. Al-Anon

* Open Mtng. 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 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. Gp 13 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. GBT Big Book
7:30 p. Gp 26 12x12
10:30 p. Peanut Gallery Step Mtg

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. Gp 30 Tub Topic
12:15 a. Second Shifters

Sat. 11:00 a. Gp 87 Step
3:00 p. Spiritual Growth
7:30 p. Open Speaker
9:00 p. Here and Now

AL-ANON MEETING
Sunday 10:00 a. Al-Anon

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.U.S. For Us
11:15 p. Candlelight Promises

Sat. 9:15 a. Men's Topic
11:00 a. Pioneers Group
3:00 p. HOW IT WORKS GP
6:00 p. 1st & 12 Topic
8:00 p. HOW To Saturday*

*(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.**

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"

Thursday:
7:30 p. Alumni No 12

Friday:
7:15 p. Gp 74

Saturday:
10:00 a. Gp 59

1907 CLUB
2908 N 21st ST.
Sheboygan, WI 53083
(920) 457-9633

AA MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun: 7:00 p. As Bill Sees It
Mon: 6:30 p. Old Timers
7:30 p. Women's
8:00 p. Beginners
Tue: 6:00 p. Big Book
Wed: 9:30 a. Back To
Basics
8:00 p. WITSS
Thr: 6:00 p. Topic Meeting
Fri: 8:00 p. Good Fight Gp
Sat: 9:30 a. Non-Smoking
6:30 p. Grapevine Gp

Open Meeting 1st & 3rd
Saturday of month at 7:30 p.

Al-Anon Meetings
Wednesday: 9:30 a. Al-Anon
Saturday: 9:30 a. Al-
Anon
Saturday: 9:30 a. Ala-teen

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
Professionals, Rogers
Memorial, 34700 W
Valley Rd, Ocono-
mowoc.

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

Wed. at 6:00 p.m. St
Matthew's CME
Church, 2944 N 9th St.

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

<http://www.galanoclub.org/>
galanoclub@gmail.com

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:30 a. Step Topic
Mon. 7:30 p. Came To Believe
Tue. 6:00 p. 40+ Topic
Wed. 7:00 p. 12 x 12
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

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

Milwaukee WI 53206

Thursdays 6:30 p. St Matthias Church, 9306 W Beloit Rd, Milwaukee

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

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

Friday 7: pm. Ashtanga Circle Yoga Center, 3805 N Oakland Ave, Shorewood

Saturday 8: a.m. Resurrection 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** meets 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 Watertown Plank Rd Elm Grove.

OPEN SPEAKER

Weekly & monthly open speaker meetings listed in November 2014 When & Where

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

1st 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

March 7, Saturday 7:00 p. Pass It On Club, 6229 W Forest Home Ave. Milw.

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, Menomonee Falls, WI

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,

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

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, West Allis

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

Contact the Central Office via email: 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

2015 Weekend Retreats
Jesuit Retreat House,
4800 Fahrwald Rd. Oshkosh,
WI 54901, call 800-962-7330
jesuitretreathouse.org

Men and Women members of AA, Al-Anon

Total cost: 4 days \$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
Please call 262-567-6900 for reservations.

MILWAUKEE CENTRAL OFFICE

- **E-mail Director Dan F.** at: dan@aamilwaukee.com
- **Hours: M-F** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **G.S.R. Orientation,** 2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.
- **Secretary Meeting,** 2nd 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

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greater power—whatever that may be—they got results! (p. 46). So, I simply exclaimed: I believe! I believe! . . . and started praying to whatever mystery God was. I thanked Him many times every day that hadn't drank. This contact, meager as it was, gave me sufficient confidence that AA was going to work for me—indeed it did! About a year later I had a release, of sorts, and began to realize that I was no longer plagued by that miserable "drinking thinking" that had been my unwelcome companion for over twenty drunken years—it has never returned!

I still have no intellectual under-

standing of God, nor do I need one, because the AA program has allowed me to feel its waxing and waning in an inexplicable, yet mysteriously intuitive manner. I believe this is what the Big Book implies by the phrase: "Great Reality deep within." I have not had to drink since those early days. Thank God for the slogan: "Stick around until the miracle happens. Dr. Bob tells us: "*Your Heavenly Father will never let you down!*"

Bob S.

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recovery with these gentle words of warning: "It is easy to let up on the spiritual program of action and rest on our laurels. We are headed for trouble if we do, for alcohol is a subtle foe. We are not cured of alcoholism. What we really have is a daily reprieve contingent on the maintenance of our spiritual condition. Every day is a day when we must carry the vision of God's will into all our activities."

The longer I'm in the program the more dependent I am on its spiritual power. I could have discovered spiritual wisdom long ago had it not been for my ego, prejudice, and doubts. It took only the example of a tiny seed to open the door and show me the meaning of Carl Jung's words. He said, speaking of spirituality, "It is what supports us when we can no longer support ourselves; it is what gives us an indestructible foundation for living."

Ironically, that "God-stuff" they warned me about has turned out to be the essence of my sobriety and serenity. I still

have trouble with religion but have come a long way from my "anti-religion" stand of my drinking years. I must remember—the Higher Power works for us all in different ways.

For me, convinced by the miracles I see around me every day, and reassured by the wisdom of the Big Book, my sobriety and serenity rest securely in the hands of my Higher Power. I believe that they will be granted to me as long as I want them, one day at a time.

Dick T.
Comer, Georgia

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Looking for some fun?

Looking for an opportunity to be of service?

Looking to work with a great bunch of dedicated people?

Then we want you to be a part of our AA @ VA Conference Committee!

We are looking for people to fill our Chair positions and assistant's to those Chairs

We meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 1000 AM at the VA

The event will be held on October 10 2015 at the VA

For more information please call

Tom M. Committee Chairperson 414-807-0829

Or

Tim M. Publicity Chair 414-552-8698

PO Box 1980

The man I want to be

I recently heard a story about a 26-year-old man in our Fellowship who worked at the Pentagon with his wife. On September 11, his wife was killed in the attack. He was on the other side of the building at the time. Within three hours of finding out about his wife's death, he was working as a volunteer, helping to find others and doing whatever he could.

When I heard this story, all I could think was, "I want what that man has." Then today, at my morning meeting at the Serenity Club, the topic was envy. I shared about how envy can be a good thing if action follows. You see, I was envious of this man's program. I wanted to be able to stand up in the light of horrible circumstances the way he did. I did not know his name or what he looked like. I just wanted the kind of spirituality I thought this man must possess. I shared that I hoped someday God would bring this man into my life and lead me through the Steps as he had been led.

When I'd finished sharing, the guy next to me leaned over and whispered, "The man you want to meet is sitting right in front of us on the couch." He had his head bowed. He seemed serene.

His name is Sam and he has five children. He misses his wife more than words can express. He said he was in a very dangerous place that day; he felt disconnected. And he said I helped him by reminding him that he must stay spiritually fit in order to be of service to others. Service to others is what will keep him sober at this critical time in his life. Then he thanked me.

I met the man I want to be today. His name is Sam and he's an alcoholic, just like me.

Frank, Alexandria, Virginia

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SAVE THE DATE

The Alano Foundation Presents:

The Second Annual Homecoming

Open House and Speaker's Meeting

Saturday June 13, 2015 1-5 PM

Open Speaker's Meeting 1:30-3PM
DECADES OF RECOVERY

Come back and share your memories at the place where it all started! Look for more information to come.

The meeting will again open with our own Bob Smoke singing "Bar without Booze." And Julius C. as MC and Grand Toastmaster.

For more information, contact mkealanoclub.org or Marge N. at 414-763-2843. Volunteers and Donations welcomed.



THE ALANO
FOUNDATION

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

January 2015 Contributions to Central Office

76 Groups Contributed and 573 gave nothing.

Group Name	Group ID	Amount
#007, Pilgrim Church	114287	\$50.00
#027, Twelve Step Club	114301	\$5.00
#051	114317	\$50.00
#061 Twelve and Twelve,	118495	\$5.00
#079	133431	\$5.00
#102 Beginner's Meeting,	118060	\$20.00
#156 (Eagle)	174478	\$50.00
12 Step Couples in Recovery	MIL-FA	\$50.00
164 and More,	707675	\$331.00
Anonymous		\$5.00
Belgium Twelve Steppers	686411	\$50.00
Butler Sun Night	114272	\$60.00
Cross Roads Gp	119518	\$50.00
Delavan Fri Morning	140898	\$100.00
Delavan Wednesday Night Beginner's	114186	\$100.00
Early Bird Rogers Memorial	624742	\$55.57
Early Bird Sun , LAC	132470	\$150.00
Early Bird, Pass It On Club	613662	\$48.00
Elm Grove Living Sober	665770	\$220.00
First Step	635840	\$60.00
Fontana Serenity in AA	125897	\$36.00
Fri Noon 12 & 12	MIL-FB	\$120.09
Get A Life	MIL-WM	\$24.42
Grapevine Topic Fri 4 p.m.	MIL-FM	\$46.05
Green Lake Round-Up	138020	\$569.08
Happy Joyous and Free	646968	\$60.00
Hartford Women's Big Book	667036	\$50.00
Holiday Alkathon Bay View		\$200.00
Honesty Plus	638093	\$51.01
Impaired Professionals In AA	126056	\$45.00
Juneau Pioneers Men's	628213	\$104.00
Keep It Simple Men's	610707	\$90.00
Key To Recovery Open Meeting	MIL-S3	\$50.00
Lake Geneva Kitchen Table	125465	\$25.00
Mayfair Ladies Mon & Fri	114336	\$45.00
Mayflower Gp	161712	\$30.44
McHenry Soberfest		\$472.50
Menomonee Falls Wed Night,	114273	\$60.00
Mequon Young Person Gp 5 PM	687080	\$60.00
Milwaukee Group	675061	\$130.76
Mon Independence	MIL-MH	\$132.90
Mon Miracles	704244	\$50.00
Mon Night Candlelight	638536	\$110.00

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<u>Group Name</u>	<u>Group ID</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Monday Night Action	138020	\$98.07
Mon Night Women's Waukesha,	114085	\$138.91
New Beginnings Mukwonago	120519	\$50.00
New Beginnings Oconomowoc	617659	\$54.00
New Berlin Fri Night	114122	\$60.00
New Faith	125785	\$30.00
Pow Wow Group	178670	\$60.00
Rome Sun Night	603619	\$30.00
Rule 62 Men's Gp	173372	\$54.25
Sat 3 p.m. Big Book Study	178043	\$20.00
Sat Morning Women's Freedom	695465	\$100.00
Seeds of Recovery/Steps	MIL-MM	\$16.36
Serenity in the Woods	682880	\$163.73
Stop For a Quick One/Step	MIL-R3	\$315.00
Sun Morning Gratitude	178980	\$25.00
Sun Morning Wake Up	617656	\$100.00
Sussex Fri Night Action	147499	\$266.83
TGIF /Menomonee Falls	131860	\$50.50
There Is a Solution/Pewaukee	605313	\$150.00
Thr Success Step	MIL-RB	\$82.00
Three Legacies	169269	\$56.40
Traditions 101	MIL-TM	\$30.00
Traditions Open Disc Tuesday	667137	\$48.00
Tue am Big Book/12 & 12 Study	664234	\$25.00
Tue Night Mukwonago	126398	\$50.10
Tue Reflections	MIL-TH	\$101.95
Twelve Promises Discussion Thr	MIL-RM	\$24.00
Waukesha Sun Night	164804	\$85.41
Wed Night Men's Meeting	663905	\$90.00
Wed Noon Lunch Bunch	690831	\$73.88
Welcome Back	667042	\$60.00
Women's Big Book	697839	\$100.00
Written For Us	MIL-A5	\$50.00
TOTAL		\$6,686.21

January 2015 Contributions to Central Office
76 Groups Contributed and 573 gave nothing.

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.

I Got Sober for Others

But then the AA program taught me that I was a person too

I HAVE TO admit there were times in my first year of sobriety that I stayed away from that first drink, not for myself, but for the sake of my children. My guilt, remorse, and pity for them--they were so little, only seven and eight--gave me strong motivation to stay sober. They had already suffered enough. Their father, from whom I was separated, was still drinking, and I was the only anchor they had.

When AA members advised me to do it for myself, I didn't quite know what they meant. How could I do it for myself when I didn't have much of a self to speak of, or at least had one that was still resentful, confused, and self-pitying?

But miraculously, gradually, I felt a person, a good self, sneaking back into me almost against the wishes of that negative self I had become. With the remarkable help and love that our Fellowship provides, I began to get well and to feel a bit more self-confident. Perhaps I wasn't such a washout after

all. I bought some new clothes, began to take an interest in my appearance again, registered for a university course, fixed up the house, and began to like myself just a little. The ancient me that had been submerged for ten years under an ocean of beer, wine, and pills began to surface.

I was amazed. I began to see what those members had meant. If I had a happy and confident self, I could do it, not for my old self, but for my new self. It wasn't selfishness or self-centeredness to nurture my own growth; it was clear AA thinking and feeling. Finally, my sobriety was my own, and today I know that the only way to do it is for myself.

S. B.
 Montreal, Quebec

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"Let me know when you take your inventory. You'll need my help!"

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What Am I Missing?

64TH Annual Area 75 Conference

May 15 - 17, 2015

Holiday Inn—Fond du Lac
625 Rolling Meadows Drive
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54937
(920) 923-1440

Hosted by District 25

The first 100 registrants will be entered into a drawing for a set of Conference CDs.


For the latest Conference information log go to area75.org

64TH Annual Area 75 Spring Conference

Held at the

Holiday Inn


625 West Rolling Meadows Drive
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin 54937
(920) 923-1440



Directions:
From Madison and points Southeast—exit US 151 at County Road D (To Military Rd.) Head North, approximately 1.6 miles. The hotel will be on your right.
From Madison and points South—follow US 41 to exit 98 (Military Rd.) Turn left on Military Road, cross over the Freeway and the hotel will be on your left.
From the north—exit US 41 at exit 98 (Military Rd.) The hotel will be in front of you.
From Ripon and points West—from Wisconsin 23 turn right onto County Rd WVV (Rolling Meadows Drive.) Head south approximately 2.1 miles. The hotel will be on your left.

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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.


What am I Missing?

—Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p.70

Conference Schedule

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

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Room Rate: \$105.00 per night plus tax

Rooms accommodate up to four persons

Deadline for the room rate is Friday, April 24, 2015

Mention 'AAC' to receive the conference room rate

For more information contact Chris S. at (414) 333-8167 or Tim W. at (920) 933-6188 or via email at 2015Area75Conference@gmail.com

Registration Form
64th Annual Area 75 Conference
May 15 - 17, 2015

Please use a separate form for each person
PLEASE PRINT—Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State & Zip _____

Email _____

Telephone (____) (____) _____
(including area code)

Type of Registration:
AA _____ Al-Anon _____ Alateen _____

Special Needs: Spanish Interpreter _____
ASL Interpreter _____

Special Needs requests must be made by Monday, April 13, 2015.

Registration	\$12.00
Saturday Banquet Buffet	\$22.00
Sunday Breakfast Buffet	\$12.00
Bill W. Donation	\$ _____
Total \$	_____

The banquet deadline is Monday, May 4, 2015.

Please make checks payable to:
Area 75 Conference
P.O. Box 925
Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0925

You may also register online at: www.eventsarea.com
Go to the site and type 'Area 75 2015 Conference' in the search box. Click on the link, and that will take you to the registration page.