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I KNOW a secret. It's an open secret. It's a secret to which I've verbally subscribed for some time, but one on which I've never seriously reflected until recently.

It's the secret behind that statement so puzzling to the quaking newcomer: that he is the most important member of any group, that he is the strongest link in the chain of the sobriety of older members. It's the secret of the inherent rewards of sponsoring a new member of AA; of directly sharing experience, strength and hope; of attempting to lead a fellow human being out of the fear-ridden darkness of alcoholism into the fearless daylight of happy sobriety.

In my term of sobriety, which falls far short of my term of active alcoholism, I've naturally sponsored newcomers. My batting average would hardly win me a place in the AA Hall of Fame, even if such a specious award existed. But fortunately, in AA, even with a score card, results reach far beyond human measurement. And, unfailingly, I've been the big winner in the exciting game of sponsorship, because always I've emerged replenished and newly aware of the multiple blessings I've received in AA.

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The Paradox of Pity

IT has been said that many unhappy people and perhaps most active alcoholics are victims not of injustices and persecution from others, but of their own self-pity. Could it be that I am or have been one of its victims?

If that question had been asked of me a few years back, I undoubtedly would have rushed to my defense immediately by proclaiming, again, that I was being misunderstood and unappreciated, proving that I, like many others, highly resent this term when applied to me. The suggestion is as repugnant as being called a cheat, a liar or a hypocrite. But perhaps it is true. There was a time when I refused to admit I was an alcoholic.

It would seem that this term self-pity is in itself a perversion. Certainly pity is a wonderful attribute when applied to the trials and tribulations of other people; for when we have pity in our hearts, for others, it can lead to many helpful acts and kind considerations.

Self-pity is a contradiction because it turns something toward ourselves alone which by nature is intended to lead us to help the less fortunate. In addition we know it is an insidious characteristic which can envelop our lives without our early recognition of it. We can become aware of it

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Greater Milwaukee Central Office AA Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison October 2018 through February 2019

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Accrual Basis

	Oct '18 - Feb 19	Oct '17 - Feb 18	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 · Literature Sales	50,063.46	36,376.52	37.63%
4050 · Between us	2,524.00	1,849.50	36.47%
4070 · Contributions	29,653.03	34,183.49	-13.25%
4080 · Gratitude boxes	22,742.43	24,773.25	-8.2%
4090 · Open Meeting / Dinner	4,050.00	0.00	100.0%
4100 · Memorials	700.00	0.00	100.0%
4130 · Personal Contri.	984.97	2,259.52	-56.41%
4150 · Other Income	1,425.52	1,748.47	-18.47%
4170 · Interest Income	1,010.55	1,437.72	-29.71%
4190 · Discrepancies	0.00	-0.14	100.0%
4600 · Merchandise Sales	303.40	15,783.12	-98.08%
4830 · Sales Discounts	49.99	50.00	-0.02%
48900 · Shipping and Delivery Incon	315.70	239.53	31.8%
Total Income	113,823.05	118,700.98	-4.11%
Cost of Goods Sold	30,588.25	29,083.70	5.17%
Gross Profit	83,234.80	89,617.28	-7.12%
Expense	68,724.14	72,151.43	-4.75%
Net Ordinary Income	14,510.66	17,465.85	-16.92%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense	0.00	8.00	-100.0%
Net Other Income	0.00	-8.00	100.0%
Net Income	14,510.66	17,457.85	-16.88%

Account Balances:

Checking: 18,775.09

Savings: 52,977.92

Prudent Reserve: \$163,805.25

What is the Prudent Reserve?

The A.A. guideline document produced by A.A. World Services, Inc., suggests a prudent reserve for a central office or intergroup be fixed somewhere between one and twelve months' operating expenses.

The prudent reserve is not available for everyday use. It is only meant for startup and twelve months of operating expenses, in an emergency situation.

Secretary Meeting, March 12, 2019

Groups represented 15, 23, 48, 78, 124 Our Gang, Back To Basics 12 x 12, Big Book Readers, Butler Sun Night, Common Solutions, Conscious Contact Discussion, How it Works B/B 12 x12 Disc, Monday Night Women's Waukesha, New Berlin Big Book Tue 7:00, Reality Gp, Restore Us To Sanity, Saturday Morning Big Book, Sun Night Grapevine, Sussex Friday Night Action, Terrific Tuesday Big Book, TGIF Menomonee Falls, Wanderer's, Women's 164 Big Book Meeting. I'm sorry if I have missed anyone that was in attendance.

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

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We have \$23,236.57 from the gratitude boxes. Same date last year was \$24,867.29. Difference of \$1,630.72. Boxes are still coming into the office.

New secretaries introduced themselves, and made announcements.

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

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birthday in the Between-Us Newsletter. Include your Home Group, and we'll print that too! Just fill in the form found on page 6 of this newsletter.

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

Guest Speaker:

Central Office Spring Thing is set for Saturday April 13, 2019. To be held at Davians Event Center, N56W16300 Silver Spring Dr, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051 Tickets available through the Central Office 414-771-9119.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:20 p.m.. Next meeting is Tuesday April 9, 2019 at 7 p.m. Next Board of Director's meeting is May 15, 2019 at 6:30 p.

Deaf Access Committee (DAC) February 2019

Balance: \$4,423.39
Contributions: \$ 372.66
Interpreter : \$ 800.00
Awareness Event

Expenses: N/A
Donations: N/A

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

ORIENTATION for GSR'S

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

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT INFO ON THE WEB:

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

1. JACKSON, LaCROSSE, MONROE, VERNON, & TREMPLEAU; 2 & 18 GREEN LAKE & MARQUETTE CNTY'S & PART OF WAUSHARA; 8 & 30 ROCK; 9. CRAWFORD, GRANT, IOWA and LAFAYETTE; 19 & 37. RICHLAND & SAUK; 20, 21 & 26 DANE; 31. COLUMBIA CNTY; 35. GREEN; 37. JUNEAU CNTY'S

(Check the web address above for meeting info.)

3. MANITOWOC & SHEBOYGAN CNTY'S 3rd Wed. of month, 6:30 p., Even numbered months at 1907 Club, 2908 N. 21st St., Sheboygan. Odd numbered months: Alano Club, 404 S 29 St Manitowoc

6. WALWORTH CNTY 2nd Tue. 7:30 p. Feb. Apr. June. Aug. Oct. and Dec. only, Walworth Alano Club, 611 E. Walworth St., Delavan

7. KENOSHA CNTY 3rd Sun. of month, 4:00 p., Kenosha Alano Club, 630 56th St.

10. Spanish District. Contact: Salvador G. at 414-446-0158. Meets every 2nd & 4th Sunday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. 1663 S. 6th Street, Milw.

11. JEFFERSON CNTY Meets last Wed. at 5:30 p.m. Moravian Church, 301 College St., Lake Mills,

12. WASHINGTON CNTY 1st Wed. of month, 6:00 p., the Jackson Community Center N165W20330 Hickory Ln., Jackson, WI. 53037

13. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 1st Sun. of month, 1:00 p., St. Matthias Church, 111 E. Main, Waukesha

14. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 4th Wed. of month, 7:00 p., Milwaukee Central Office 7429 W Greenfield Ave., P.O. Box 13011, Wauwatosa WI 53226

16. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 1st Wed. of month, 7:00 p., Milw. Central Office, 7429 W Greenfield Ave.

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

23. DODGE CNTY 1st Wed of month at 7:00 p, Dodge Cnty Alano Club, 115 N. Lincoln, Beaver Dam, call to confirm 920-583-3142

24. OZAUKEE CNTY 3rd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Peltz Center for Jewish Life, 2233 W Mequon Rd. Mequon

25. FOND du LAC CNTY 2nd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St., Fond du Lac

27. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 3rd Wednesday of month, 7:00 p.m. Covenant Lutheran Church, 8121 W Hope Ave, Milwaukee WI 53222

28. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p, Bay View United Methodist 2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave. Bay View, WI 53207

29. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p, Luther Memorial Church, 2840 S 84th St., West Allis, WI 53227

32. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 4th Tuesday of month, 6:30 p, Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 470 Oak Crest Dr., Wales WI.

34. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 1st Tue. of month, 6:30 p, Northwest Alano Club, N88W17658 Christman Rd., Menomonee Falls

36. RACINE/KENOSHA (1 of 2) 2nd Tues. month 6:00 p.m., 12 & 12 Club, 724 N Pine St., Burlington

38. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) Last Sunday of month 4:30 p.m. All Saint Cathedral, 818 E Juneau Ave.

SEND ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO:
7429 W. Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214,
dan@aamilwaukee.com

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"Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

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CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

TAYCHEEDAH CORRECTIONAL,
Meetings are held 1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesday and
on the 3rd Thursday at 5:45 -7:30 p.m., Glo-
ria K. (920) 921-2395

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MILWAUKEE COUNTY HOUSE OF COR-
RECTION, 8885 S. 68th St. Franklin WI.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL 9th & State
Milwaukee WI.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Area 75, Southern WI, Calendar of Events 2019

Madison Senior Center
330 W. Mifflin St., Madison,
except where otherwise noted.

April 7, Spring Assembly
June 23, Summer Assembly and
Delegates Report.

Sept 8, Pre Conference Assembly
Oct 18th - Sun Oct 20th Area 75
Conference & East Central Re-
gional Conference

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

JOIN the BIRTHDAY CLUB!

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

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

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

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



\$ _____ enclosed.

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

Name _____

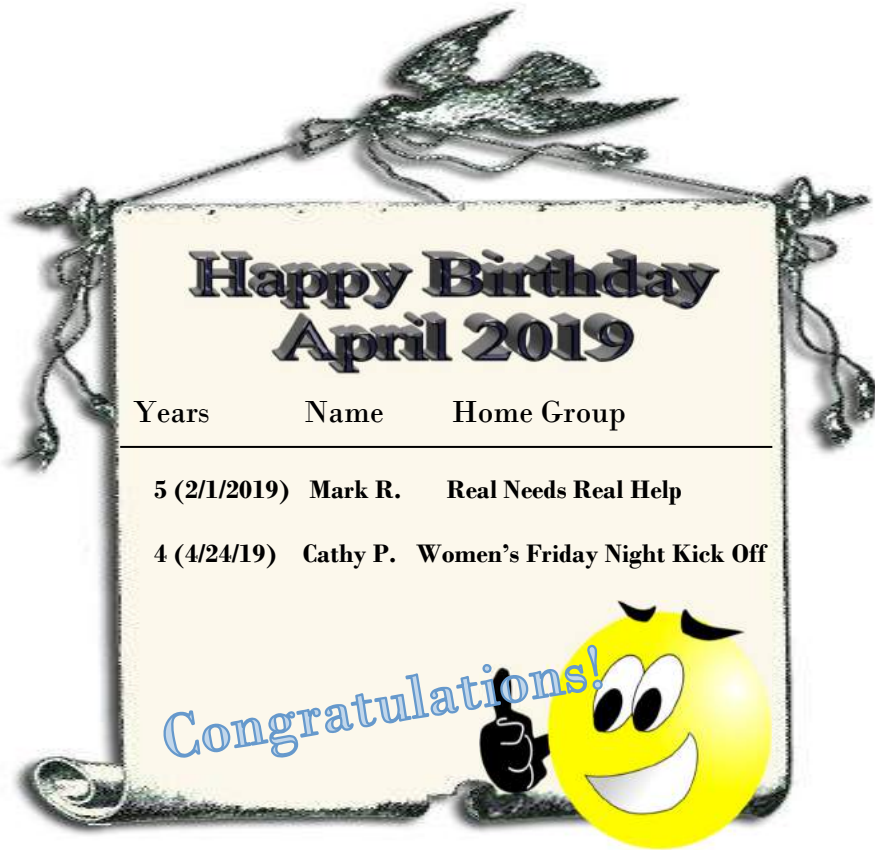
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ - _____

Email: _____

Home Group: _____



Happy Birthday April 2019

Years	Name	Home Group
5 (2/1/2019)	Mark R.	Real Needs Real Help
4 (4/24/19)	Cathy P.	Women's Friday Night Kick Off

Congratulations!

AA Groups Need Your Support

- **Sundays at 9 a.** Gp 10, Lamplight Inn, 7400 W Greenfield Ave (enter on 74th Street, lower level)
- **Mondays at 7 p.** Group 29, St Catherine Church, 5101 W Center St, Milwaukee WI 53210
- **Tuesday 8:30 a.m.,** Home At Last, 6705 Northway, Greendale, WI (men and women welcome)
- **Wednesday 11 a.m.** Gp10-17, St Veronica's 353 E Norwich, Milwaukee 53207
- **Wednesday 6 p.m.** Women's Big Book, Martin Luther Church, 9235 W Bluemound Rd. Milw. 53226
- **Wednesday 8 p.m.** Menomonee Falls, Gloria Dei Church, W180N7863 Town Hall Rd. 53051
- **Thursday at 12:15 p.m. and Wednesday 5:30 p.m.** St. John's Cathedral Complex, 831 N. Van Buren St. Milwaukee 53202
- **Thursday 8:30 p.m.** Gp 22, Underwood Memorial Baptist, 1916 Wauwatosa Ave, 53213
- **Friday at 7 p.m.,** NCIC Gp 24, NCIC Church 2328 W Capitol Dr, Milwaukee WI 53206
- **Friday at 7 p.m.** First Things First, St Margaret Mary, 3930 N 92nd St. Milw 53222
- **Friday 9:30 p.m.** Big Book, Martin Luther Church 9235 W Bluemound Rd. Milw. 53226
- **Friday 8 p.m.** Candlelight, St Anskar Episcopal, N48W31340 Hill Rd Hartland WI (Hwy's 16 & 83)
- **Saturday 11 a.m.** Big Book, St. Pius X Church, 2506 Wauwatosa Ave. Wauwatosa WI 53213

Registration
15th Annual Spring Retreat for Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon Members
May 17 - 19, 2019

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

Early arrival on Thursday, May 16 (+ \$50.00 per person)
I require first floor accommodations
I will share a room if necessary
I am including a donation to the scholarship fund: \$ _____
I am willing to be a speaker for: _____
Al-Anon _____ AA _____

If you need some assistance from the scholarship fund, please contact Br. Gerry at (262) 567-6900 Extension #17. Fees: \$200.00 per person. \$335.00 per married couple. (2 nights, 6 meals). If payment by check, make payable to: Redeemptorist Retreat Center

Credit card: Discover _____ MC _____ Visa _____ AmExp _____
Card number: _____
Security code on back of card _____
Expiration: (mm/yy) _____ Amt: \$ _____
Signature as printed on credit card: _____
X _____
Mail to: Brother Gerry Pinn, C.Ss.R.
Redemptorist Retreat Center
1800 North Timber Trail Lane
Oconomowoc, WI 53066-4897



Optional arrival eve of Thursday, May 16th. Meal is not provided for Thursday evening. Additional overnight cost: \$50.00 per person

RETREAT SCHEDULE

Friday, May 17

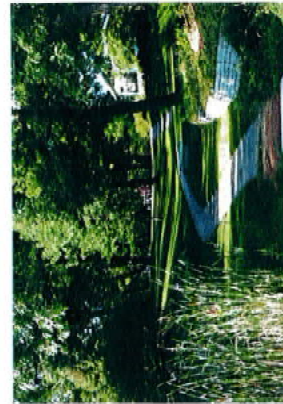
3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Arrival/Registration
6:00 p.m. Dinner/Dining Room
7:30 p.m. Welcome / 1st Step Meeting
Liquor Room (upstairs)
Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker

Saturday, May 18

7:30 a.m. Meditation in Chapel
8:00 a.m. Breakfast/Dining Room
9:00 a.m. Step 2 & 3
10:30 a.m. Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker
Topic Meeting
Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker
12:00 p.m. Noon Meal/Dining Room
2:00 p.m. Step 4 & 5
3:30 p.m. Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker
Topic Meeting
Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker
5:00 p.m. Mass/Chapel
6:00 p.m. Dinner/Dining Room
7:30 p.m. Steps 8 & 9
Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker

Sunday, May 19

7:30 a.m. Meditation in Chapel
8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast/Dining Room
9:00 a.m. Topic Meeting
Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker
10:30 a.m. Branch/Dining Room
11:30 a.m. Step 12
Al-Anon Speaker/AA Speaker
Checkout by 1:00 p.m.



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rewards of sponsorship and the privilege of service, there is accompanying responsibility. There are ground rules that I must remember. There's the fact that possessiveness is a major offense. I must keep in mind that I am not in lifetime charge of the newcomer's every thought, word and deed for every twenty-four hours. I must not intrude into his personal affairs any more than I would try to move in on the personal lives of other members of my group. I must not over-police, recalling how I would have resented intense supervision in my early days of membership.

I must regard as confidential those disclosures the newcomer may make to me, and to me alone, in his first days of stress and uncertainty. And, of utmost importance to him, I must, when the "All Clear" sounds reach my attentive ears, send him on his way into the life of the program and into the hearts of his other fellow members.

The induction of a newcomer, as I see it, demands of the sponsor time and patience and understanding. It requires a sense of proportion and balance that will restrain the neophyte from rushing in twenty directions at once in his eagerness to pull together in five minutes all the scattered pieces of his life. Or it calls for the tact and good humor necessary to prevent his sitting and doing nothing but indulging in the seemingly high-minded occupation of prolonged self-recrimination (often, an unconscious loophole to a return to drinking).

Sponsorship is frequently a combination of around the clock handholding and mind-reading. And what definite proof it offers that no one is better equipped to help an alcoholic than

another alcoholic! The twists and turns of the sobering mind--the clinging to the hope that he isn't an alcoholic despite the overwhelming evidence that prompted his call for help, the strong declarations that he knows he is alcoholic but so different from the rest of us that his case is hopeless--can be understood and corrected only by another alcoholic.

In sponsorship there's sometimes frustration to be coped with. There's the frustration of the excuses for not attending meetings (usually the result of an overnight-developed conscientiousness toward the family that's been neglected for years!); the frustration caused by the suddenly thoughtful newcomer who wouldn't dream of disturbing you while you were at dinner but who drinks instead and has no hesitancy about calling you at 2 A.M. to report on his thoughtfulness. Sometimes there's the frustration of having to sit it out and helplessly watch him fall into an emotional tangle that you know will lead inevitably to a binge.

But lucky sponsor who's had the advantage of AA teaching. Here's my opportunity to remind myself that playing God is not my role. That I have only to try to carry the message to alcoholics. Here's where I can consciously cling to the basic principle of twenty-four hours at a time.

And so through the frustrations the rewards begin to accumulate. And, in the smoother areas they begin to pile up too. Attending meetings with the newcomer, I find myself listening more carefully than usual, at first for him, then for myself. The accelerated attendance at both open and closed and beginners' meetings brings new thoughts, new resolutions.

Then there's the heady excitement of

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the beginning of rapport between newcomer and sponsor. There's the satisfying glow that begins when the newcomer begins to start his sentences with "How" instead of "Why." There's the joy of hearing his first laugh at a meeting, because this is often the signal of identification. And there's that almost unbearably happy moment when the newcomer says, "I know I'm where I belong. Please tell me what to do." Frequently this statement is made with all the assumed indifference with which last week's weather report might be repeated. And the sponsor's heart sings, for he recognizes that this is full surrender to defeat by alcohol and a willingness to accept the AA way of life.

As gratifying as this moment is in the sponsor's life, there is the reality that it may never eventuate. And I know that when I become aware of this, it is my obligation to the newcomer to start scouting for another sponsor to help him. I know it would be only egotism on my part to cling too long to a newcomer whom I am unable to help. I must beware of playing for the expressed approval of others for my pa-

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only if we look fearlessly and humbly at the many ways in which it can manifest itself in our own individual lives.

Self-pity is recognized when we to describe as it might first seem. It is not just "feeling sorry for yourself" but rather a complex thing which we can best discover only when we honestly start checking with ourselves. While we realize that it is not self-pity to grieve impulsively and deeply when one suffers a great loss or expe-

riences difficult trials, yet there are some who do not allow time and agreement with God's will to heal their grief.

Because I know I could do no greater injustice to the struggling one than to hobble his progress in the lasso of my own pride. And, if there is no other reason than the selfish one of guarding my own sobriety against the mounting odds of impatience, intolerance and anger, I'll get selfish in a hurry, please God.

Where else but in direct sponsorship does one have the overall opportunity of re-identifying, relearning, appraising oneself anew, of putting into exercise all the patience and tact and kindness fostered in AA? And where else does love pay such dividends?

For anyone who wants to refill his heart with gratitude for his sobriety, who wants to collect the AA riches that await him, get busy with a newcomer. Particularly if boredom is beginning to weave its corrosive way into your sobriety, run full speed ahead and meet head-on the ever-exciting and enriching challenge of sponsorship.

-- Mary Mc.
New York, New York

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If self-pity is a complex rather than a simple phenomenon, we may gain by trying to unravel its parts. Analysis of its parts may explain why it can overtake us without our knowledge; later we may come to see how it leads to the breakdown of those resolves which we arrested alcoholics consider important.

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MEETING ROOMS

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Self-pity is recognized when we admit a habit of concentrating our inner attention on our own troubles. We see a trend of our innermost thoughts toward the circumstances in our lives that make for sadness or regret. This trend causes gloom in everything within and around us. This habitual trend of thinking can have to do with the loss of a loved one, a mistake in marriage, and advance in job status which "might have to do with the loss of a loved situations which individually seem important.

On top of this, there is the habitual failure or refusal to think of the things for which one should be grateful. Very little effort is made to count one's blessings and truly to appreciate all the help we have received plus the natural gifts and talents bestowed on us.

Finally, we realize that self-pity is marked by bitter resentment against others, who are held to be responsible for the suffering, neglect or disrespect which one endures. We might even start by resenting one person or a few people and later find ourselves resenting many more, including perhaps even our Creator.

The victim of self-pity has something of the attitude of the unrepenting thief who died on the cross beside Christ. They may not express it in the thief's words but their self-pity has a way of saying, like the thief, "Take me down from my cross and

then I will believe in you."

It is evident that here in self-pity we have all the ingredients that make for real trouble; living in the past, lack of gratitude and bitter resentment. All that is necessary for a real explosion is the addition of alcohol. It may seem strange to others, but with alcoholics, that addition often seems to be the only release.

It is true that many in this world go on through years of suffering seeming to enjoy their addiction to self-pity--but with our obsession, even though arrested, alcohol has its insidious attraction. The question *why should this be* may forever remain incompletely answered.

Some will say that when we allow self-pity to dominate our lives, we are concentrating on ourselves alone, blocking out all help from others, and of course becoming totally incapable of helping others. Some may suggest that it is a return to self-centeredness which makes us the sole judge and jury of all of our actions. Still others may say that we instinctively seek self-gratification, when feeling persecuted and abused; or perhaps we seek escape from such miserable thinking; or it could be that we think again of rebellion or revenge against everyone and all conditions of this self-pity life. Whatever may be the process of the mind, the end result for the alcoholic in the throes of self-pity seems to be

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<http://www.newdayclub.net>

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun.	8:00 a. Topic 11:00 a. Topic 5:00 p. Young People 7:30 p. Topic
Mon.	12:30 p. Tenth Step Gp 5:30 p. More about Alcoholism 7:00 p. 8:15 p. Men's Gp
Tue.	10:00 a. Topic 5:30 p. Big Book 7:00 p. Beginners Gp 8:00 p. Big Book Gp
Wed.	10:00 a. Topic 2:00 p. Promises Meeting 5:30 p. Step Meeting 7:00 p. Women's Lifeline
Thr.	10:00 a. Topic Meeting 1:00 p. Women's AA Gp 5:30 p. Topic Meeting
Fri.	10:00 a. Topic Meeting 5:30 p. Step/Tradition 8:00 p.
Sat.	10:00 a. Step Meeting 5:00 p. Fellowship of Spirit 7:00 p. Feelings 10:00 p. Young People 8:00 p. Open Meeting (held on 3rd Saturday of month only)

AL-ANON MEETINGS
Monday 6:30 p. Al-Anon
Tuesday 1:00 p. Al-Anon/ACOA
Thursday 7:00 p. Al-Anon
Contact club for info on other fellowships.

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun.	8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up 9:30 a. Reliance Open Disc. 11:00 a. Today's choice 3:00 p. Gratitude Plus 7:00 p. Big Book Readers
Mon.	7:30 a. Jump Start 10:30 a. First Step 4:00 p. Happy Hour Step Gp. 7:00 p. Open Introductory AA 7:30 a. Comin' Back Gp
Tue.	10:30 a. Keep It Simple 4:00 p. Drop the Rock 7:30 p. Three Legacies 7:30 p. Double Trouble DD/O 7:30 a. Big Book Study
Wed.	10:30 a. Pass It On 4:00 p. Happy Hr Promises 5:30 p. Courage to Change 7:00 p. We, Us & Ours
Thr.	7:30 a. Welcome Back Gp 10:30 a. Made Decision 5:15 p. As Bill Sees It 6:00 p. How It Works Disc. 7:00 p. Gateway Topic Gp
Fri.	7:30 a. Honesty Gp. 10:30 a. Came To Believe 6:00 p. Women's Fri. Kickoff 6:30 p. Thoughts 4 Today 8:00 p. Broken Arrow
Sat.	8:30 a. Early Bird 10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free 3:00 p. Twelve Promises 3:00 p. How It Works Big

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun.	8:00 a. Early Bird 11:00 a. Friendship Gp 6:00 p. Big Book 8:00 p. Gopher Sunday
Mon.	9:00 a. Positive Attitude 6:30 p. Otter Gp 8:00 p. Step/Tradition Stdy
Tue.	1:00 p. 4:00 p. 7:00 p. Life House
Wed.	8:00 a. 10:00 a. Back To Basics 6:00 p. 8:00 p.
Thr.	10:00 a. 4:00 p. 6:00 p. Women's Group 8:00 p. Grapevine Mtng
Fri.	12:30 p. 4:00 p. 6:00 p. Non-smoking 8:00 p. Old School House
Sat.	8:30 a. 11th Step 10:00 a. Big Book 5:30 p. Perfect Time B/B

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

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

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun.	9:30 a. Sun Morn Sunlite 11:00 a. Sun Go-To-Mtng (Open speaker 2nd Sunday & Breakfast) 7:00 p. (Open Step Gp)
Mon.	12:00 Noon 6:00 p. Beginners AA 7:00 p. (12 & 12)
Tue.	12:00 Noon
Wed.	12:00 Noon 5:30 p. Topic Gp
Thr.	12:00 Noon
Fri.	12:00 Noon T.G.I.F. Gp 7:00 Topic Discussion
Sat.	10:00 a. Gp 124 7:00 p. Closed Meeting

OPEN MEETINGS, DANCES & EVENTS
Call for information.

GALANO CLUB
- LGBT & All in Recovery -
7210 W Greenfield Ave
Suite 1, Lower Level
Milwaukee, WI 53214
(414) 276-6936
<http://www.galanoclub.org/>
galanoclub@gmail.com

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun.	10:30 a. Step Topic
Mon.	7:30 p. Came To Believe
Tue.	6:00 p. 40 + Topic
Wed.	7:00 p. 12 x 12
Thurs.	7:30 p. Living Sober - ODAT
Fri.	7:00 p. Step/Topic
Sat.	7:30 p. Big Book & More

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Sun.	10:30 a. Al-anon
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Meeting Space Available
See website for Club Events.
www.galanoclub.org

NORTHWEST ALANO CLUB*
N88 W17658 Christman Rd
Menomonee Falls WI
53051 (No Phone)

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun.	7:00 p.
Mon.	7:00 p. Just Do It Gp 8:00 p. Action Gp
Tue.	10:00 a. Step 8:00 p. Topic
Wed.	7:30 p. Step/Topic
Thr.	10:00 a. Step 6:00 p. Women's
Fri.	8:00 p. Step/Topic
Sat.	10:00 a. Step 7:00 p. Simply Sober Gp

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Wed.	7:00 p. Al-Anon
Fri.	7:30 p. Al-Anon

*This Club is a Smoke-Free environment. We have ample meeting space available for 12 Step groups. Contact the Northwest Alano Club by mail.

MEETING ROOMS

WALWORTH COUNTY ALANO CLUB
611 Walworth St.
(Hwy. 50 & 11)
Delavan, WI 53115,
(262) 740-1888

Sunday AA
10:00 a. Primitive Group
12:00 Noon Open Speakers
6:30 p. Delavan Discussion

Monday AA
7:30 a. Sunny Side Up
12:00 Noon Delavan Step Meeting
6:30 p. Former Miss Americas (Women's Step Group)
6:30 p. Delavan Men's Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

ALANO CLUB 1521 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53202 (414) 278-9102
<http://www.alanofoundation.com>

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:00 a. Gp 17 Step
4:30 p. Life Savers

Mon. 7:00 a. Early Morning
10:30 a. Gp 72 Topic
12:15 p. Big Book Meeting
6:30 p. Gp 40 Big Book

Tue. 7:00 a. As Bill Sees It,
10:30 a. Gp 70 Step
12:15 p. Gp 76
7:00 p. Beginners, 1st Step
8:00 p. (Big Book Study)

Wed. 7:00 a. AA
10:30 a. Gp 9, Step
12:15 p. Oasis Topic Gp
6:00 p. Chicks at Six Gp
7:30 p. AA
8:00 p. Gp 3, Step/Topic

Thr. 7:00 a. Big Book Meeting
10:30 a. Gp 97, Step
12:15 p. Here & Now Gp
5:00 p. AA
7:00 p. Sober and Out

Fri. 7:00 a. Daily Reflections
10:30 a. Gp 21, Step
12:15 p. Gp 65
6:30 p. Here & Now
8:30 p. Gp 30 Tub Topic
12:15 a. Second Shifters (Sat.)

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

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

H.O.W. TO CLUB
8930 W. National Ave,
West Allis, (414) 543-2448
<http://howtoclub.info/>
M, W, F, Sat. 9 a. -11 p,
Tue Thr 9a. - 9p., Sun 8a to 9p.

Sun. 8:00 a. Eye Opener AA Gp.
10:00 a. Grass Roots (Steps)
4:30 p. Drop the Rock 6/7 Step
6:00 p. AA Topic Group
8:00 p. Sun. Sober & Serene

Mon. 11:00 a. Winner's Circle
5:45 p. Gp 132, Women's Gp
7:00 p. Big Book Gp.
8:00 p. New Hope Gp.
11:15 p. What's The Point

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

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

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

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

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

24 HOUR CLUB
153 Green Bay Rd.
Thiensville, WI

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Topic
10:00 a. Step/Topic
5:00 p. Step

Mon. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Topic
8:00 p. Men's

Tue. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Step/Topic
5:30 p. Big Book

Wed. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Big Book
5:15 p. Women's

Thr. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Topic
5:30 p. Step/Topic/Trad
8:00 p. Men's 12 & 12

Fri. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Step/12 & 12
5:30 p. Principles
8:00 p. Step

Sat. 6:30 a. Topic
8:30 a. Big Book/Steps
10:00 a. Big Book

8:00 p. Open Speaker Mtng.
(1st Saturday Only)

UNITY CLUB
1715 Creek Rd
West Bend, (262) 338-3500
unityclub1715@att.net

AA MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:30 a.** Gratitude Gp.
8:00 p. Candlelight Gp.

Mon. 10:00 a. Monday A.M.
7:00 p. Men's
7:00 p. Women's

Tue. 10:00 a. Tuesday A.M.
6:00 p. 1st 164 Big Book
7:30 p. Beginner's
8:00 p. Step Gp

Wed. 10:00 a. Promises
1:00 p. Steps/Promises
8:15 p. Step Gp

Thr. 10:00 a. Big Book
7:00 p. EZ Dozen12x12

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

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

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

* Open Mtng. Last Friday of month
** Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month (10:30 a.m.)

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

2245 W. Fond du Lac
Milwaukee, WI
414. 931.7033
Email: friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net

MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Monday
10:30 a. Step Gp

Tuesday
7:00 p. Gp 43 Big Book

Saturday
10:30 a. Gp 112 Step

Call for information on other types of meetings.
Email: friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net

MEETING ROOMS

12 STEP CLUB

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Wed. 11:00 a. Gp. 27

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

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

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

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

A.A. MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

Thur. 6:30 p. Open (Topic)
8:30 p. Step

Fri. 7:00 p. Beginner's
8:30 p. Open (Big Book)

Sat. 8:30 p. Topic

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Greater Milwaukee Central Office

7429 W Greenfield
West Allis WI 53214,
414-771-9119

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A.A. MEETINGS

Mon. 12:15 p
4:00 p

Tue. 2:15 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. 9:15 a. - Newcomer
10:30 a

We do not meet on major holidays.

LIGHTHOUSE ON DEWEY

1220 Dewey Ave.
Wauwatosa WI
AA MEETINGS

Sunday

6:00 p. Jim's First Step
7:30 p. Gp 78

Tuesday

6:00 p. 11th Step
Meditation Practice

7:30 p. Professionals

Wednesday

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

Thursday

7:30 p. Alumni No 12

Friday

7:15 p. Gp 74

Saturday

10:00 a. Gp 59
7:00 p. Big Book Top-ic

Directory Changes

NEW MEETINGS

Sunday at 9:30 a.m., Hitting the Books, Lake Area Club, N60W35878 Lake Dr. Oconomowoc.

Sunday 6 p.m. 11th Step Prayer/Meditation, Rooted In Mindfulness Center, 4040 N Calhoun Rd Brookfield WI

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

Tuesdays at 6pm, Dry Hootch, 4801 W National Ave Milwaukee WI 53214

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

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. New Leaf Sober Living, 6401 W Oconto Place, West Allis WI 53219

Thursday 6:30 p.m., Aurora Hospital, 975 Port Washington Rd., Grafton WI 53024

Friday at 7:00 p.m., Brentwood Church of Christ, 6425 N 60 St Milwaukee. WI 53223

Friday at 7:00 p.m. NCIC Church, 2328 W Capitol Dr, Milwaukee WI. (open speaker on 2nd Fridays)

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

DISBANDED GROUPS

United We Stand, Tuesday 8pm, met at Wauwatosa Congregational Church, 1511 Church St, Wauwatosa 53213

OTHER CHANGES

11th Step Candlelight, previously at "Hummingbird Center" **NOW meets at Lutheran Church of Great Spirit, 3127 S Howell Ave, Mondays at 6:30 p.**

Shorewood Gp at Kingo Church 8 pm Tuesdays **MOVED** to Christ Church, 5655 N Lake Dr Whitefish Bay still Tue at 8 pm.

Impaired Professionals Tuesday 7:30 p. formerly at Roger's West Allis, **NOW** meets at **Holy Trinity, 11709 W Cleveland Ave**, West Allis Tues. at 7:30 p.

Tues Meeting for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, moved to HOW To Club 8930 W National Ave, and now starts at 7:00 p.m.

Tues Night Hales Corners Step/Topic, 12300 W Janesville Rd, Hales Corners...previously at 7pm. **NOW starts at 6:30 pm.**

Tuesdays, Elizabeth Ann Seton, 12700 W Howard Ave, New Berlin, formerly at 8:00 p.m. **NOW starts at 7:00 p.m.**

Gp 23, used to meet at 8pm. NOW meets at 7:30 pm. Wednesday at 74th and Lapham. West Allis.

Badger Gp. used to meet at 8pm. **NOW meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in Brookfield.**

OPEN SPEAKER

Weekly & monthly speaker meetings

listed in December 2018 When & Where

aamilwaukee.com/directory.html

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

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

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

1st Tuesdays at 7:30 p. First Congregational Church, 1111 N Chicago Ave So. Milwaukee

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

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

1st Saturday at 7:00 p. Dist.12, Living Word Lutheran Church, 2240 Living Word Ln., Jackson WI 53037

2nd Saturday at 7:00 p. Dist. 34, St. Francis Episcopal Church, N84 W16525 Menomonee Ave, Menomonee Falls, WI

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. Imago Dei Church, 2327 N. 52nd St., Milwaukee 53210

Last Wednesday 7:30 p. Gp 23 First Lutheran Church, 7400 W Lapham St, West Allis

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

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

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

SERVICE MANUAL STUDY
Meets 2nd Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
Milwaukee 7429 W National Ave.
Find out more about the Service Manual Study. Open to any currently active member, work, or not.
Contact Nancy H at 414-801-XXXX with questions.

Will not meet in January, February or March 2019. Also, May will meet on 3rd Thursday

Spanish Speaking Meetings: Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

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

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

Men and Women members of AA, Al-Anon

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

Men: May 2-5, Dec. 5-8, 2019

Women: May 9-12, Aug. 22-25, Nov. 14-17, Nov. 21-24, 2019

Redemptorist Retreat Center, 1800 N Timber Trail Lane, Oconomowoc, WI 53066, (262) 567-6900 Email: rrc@redemptoristretreat.org Please call for reservations. AA and Al-Anon, \$250 three nights. **May 17-19 2019.** We discuss the 12 steps and related topics.

MILW. CENTRAL OFFICE

- **E-mail us at:** gmco@aamilwaukee.com
- **Hours: M, W, Th, Fr** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Tuesday** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., (until 7:30 p. on 2nd Tues. each month) **Sat.** 9 a.m. - 1p.m.
- **G.S.R. Orientation**, 2nd Tuesday 6:30 p., call first.
- **Secretary Meeting**, 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.
- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wed. following Secretaries Meeting, (odd numbered months) 6:30 p.
- **A. A. Meetings**, Mon - Fri at 12:15 p. & 4:00 p., Sat. 9:15 a., & 10:30 a.
- **Service Manual Study:** 2nd Thurs. of month at 6 p.m.
- **Dist. 14**, 4th Wed. at 7 p.m.
- **Dist. 16**, 1st Wed. at 7 p.m.
- www.aamilwaukee.com

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October 18th-20th 2019

East Central Regional & Area 75 2019 Conference

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Airport
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Street



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Monthly Central Office/ Intergroup Meeting!

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

**Second Tuesday of Every
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couraged to attend.**

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to give us a "heads up" if
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want to attend the orienta-
tion. 414-771-9119.



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WILLING TO BELIEVE

A famous monk admitted that although he had been a priest for many years, he suffered from a serious spiritual contradiction; he just couldn't believe in Biblical "miracles." However, as years passed, he came to realize he was surrounded by every-day "miraculous" events beyond his comprehension such as quantum mechanics, or even electricity. Consequently, he came to believe that Biblical miracles could be placed under the same category. Belief in Biblical miracles then became a *decision of his heart*, rather than a *conclusion of his mind*. His uncomfortable contradiction problem was solved! It has been said that faith can take us places denied to reason.

The Big Book tells us that if we are willing to express even a willingness to believe in a power greater than ourselves, we begin to get results (p. 46). What is this but a *decision of the heart*? The Great Reality deep within on page 55—meaning God—can be accepted same as the monk's ac-

ceptance. Step Two can be simply a leap of faith. Yet, our fellowship offers a more concrete logical evidence. Bill W's. Oxford Group spiritual mentor, Reverend Sam Shoemaker, related that "Step Two is not so much theological as it is evidential." We are surrounded with members of various lengths of sobriety; most all them tell us their sobriety was contingent on their relationship with a power greater than themselves. Just think, eighty-three years ago we had only a few members, now we have over two-million saying the same thing!

So, a *decision of the heart*, plus, the logical evidence sitting next to me at meetings, made my newfound "willingness to believe" a no-brainer. As time passed, I noticed that the members who spoke of having a vital spiritual experience were staying sober, and so have I. Thank you God.

Bob S., Richmond, IN

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Central Office Contributions - February 2019

Group Name	THANK YOU	Group #	Amount	Group Name	Group #	Amount
#002 Twelve and Twelve Disc	114283	20.00	Mon Independence	MIL-MH	107.49	
#051 Sicker Than Most	114317	50.00	Mon Night Action	MIL-WD	139.020	
#059 Gp	117184	50.00	Mon Night Hingham	653695	258.09	
#087 Early Risers	119029	4.00	New Hope Gp Plymouth	120845	30.00	
#140 Shorewood	138306	80.00	Oak Creek Mon 12 & 12	130190	50.00	
11th Step Meditation Practice	715492	60.00	Oak Creek Tue 10 a.m.	144522	84.00	
12 Step Couples in Recovery	MIL-FA	100.00	Other Group	168152	50.00	
A Vision for You Big Book Study	675262	100.00	Our Group Lake Mills	600802	75.00	
Airport Group	156589	100.00	Pow Wow Group	179870	60.00	
Alpha Tue	114430	65.00	Real Needs Real Help	715054	60.00	
As Bill Sees It Waukesha	177080	225.00	Sat Morn Gp 10 a.m.	139045	180.00	
Bagger Gp	114429	400.00	Sat Morning Big Book	136286	50.00	
Beginner's Meeting	MIL-TA	60.00	Sat Night Live Open Speaker	130689	32.75	
Big Book and 12 Steps Gp	715113	50.00	Seeds of Recovery/Steps	MIL-MM	26.00	
Common Solution	704515	395.82	Sun Morning Big Book, Memo Falls	130926	50.00	
Courage To Change	MIL-WD	42.00	Sun Night Grapevine Gp	173187	30.00	
Cross Roads Gp	119518	20.00	Sun Night Men's Waukesha	129859	150.00	
Deafblind Tue pm, Positive	163384	90.00	Sussex Fri Night Action	147499	480.00	
Early Bird Rogers Memorial	624742	28.98	TGIF Fri Noon Waukesha	129496	60.00	
Elm Grove Living Sobriety	665770	182.74	Thr As Bill Sees It Milwaukee	610097	50.00	
Fellowship of the Spirit Gp Steps	687104	50.00	Thr Nooners Waukesha	136140	60.00	
Fri Night North Shore	137882	177.95	Thr Success Step	MIL-RE	145.56	
Fri Noon 12 & 12	MIL-FB	75.35	Traditions 101	MIL-TM	20.80	
Get A Life	MIL-WM	24.36	Trust Through Fellowship	719337	29.40	
Gopher Sun Night	126948	45.00	Tue Morn Gp 10 a.m.	138630	30.00	
Grapevine Topic Fri	MIL-FM	27.11	Tue Night Step	142690	25.00	
Happy Hour Promises, Pass It On	MIL-W6	80.00	Tue Reflections	MIL-TH	94.70	
Hartford Women's Big Book	657036	50.00	Twelve Promises Discussion	MIL-RM	41.40	
Into Action Sun Morning, Waukesha	616358	100.00	Wed Noon Lunch Bunch	690831	116.89	
Introductory Gp, Pass It On Club	MIL-M1	60.00	Women's Big Book	697839	94.00	
Keep Passing It On, Pass It On	630882	60.00	Women's Wed 5:30 p.m.	704135	25.00	
Lake Geneva Kitchen Table	125465	50.00	Written For Us	717556	40.00	
Memorial Gp	701134	100.00	TOTAL		5,943.89	

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 anyone reaches out for help. A big thank you to everyone, for all you do.

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alcohol.

Let us not deceive ourselves: there is a great deal of self-pity behind every transgression of our "desire to stay sober." Everything we have been warned against is present--resentment, the enemy of all alcoholics, ingratitude and the concentration on our real or imagined miseries, persecutions and injustices both past and present.

Fortunately those who came early in AA have outlined for us the antidote for this poisonous and of-times fatal condition. In our Twelve Suggested Steps we have many recommendations which can enable us to eradicate self-pity from our lives. Step Three can be an almost complete answer for those who will make and make again that decision to turn our wills and lives over to the care of God as we understand Him. To others, Steps Four and Five can be helpful: finding this mistake in our lives, admitting it and then exposing it to the views of another person.

Step Seven often can serve for those unready for other decisions, for in recognizing the influence of self-pity in our lives, we see also the need for help in eliminating it. A good sense of humor helps a lot, too. I think good humor is somehow related to good humility. Step Ten can be our ever watchful sentinel guarding against self-pity reappearance. Step Twelve can help us to force self-pity out of our lives.

Although I may at present be untroubled by the thoughts of and a desire for alcohol, I nevertheless frequently feel attracted by the comforts offered by self-pity. It is an alluring thing at times; it offers a refuge from reality and a balm for fractured pride. We can no longer afford this luxury of self-indulgence.

All the Twelve Steps and our AA meetings give us a new mode of living, which we now prefer.

-- Ed S.
Hartsdale, New York

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Spirituality and Money

"While the work of the group treasurer often involves many details, it is important to remember that the money the treasurer oversees serves a spiritual purpose: it enables each group to fulfill its primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. This is the fundamental work of A.A. and to continue it the group must keep its doors open. The group treasurer is an important part of this Twelfth Step work."



24th Annual
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Sat. May 4, 2019
9am-3pm

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Morning Session:
Registration, Panels, Videos, Presentations

Speaker:
Harold L. - Branson, MO

Lunch Break

Afternoon Session:
Ex-Offenders & Volunteer Panel

Speaker
Brent H. - St. Charles, MO

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 **Breakfast & lunch included!**

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Registration: \$10.00

This conference is self-supporting. Costs for this workshop are paid through registration & 7th tradition donations. Please consider a 7th tradition contribution in addition to the \$10 registration fee.
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One person per registration form please.



AA: WOMEN TO WOMEN

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

- 9:00-9:30 Registration/Coffee
- 9:30-9:45 Opening/Announcements
- 9:45-10:30 Sunlight vs. Darkness
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:30 Uselessness & Self-Pity
- 11:30-11:45 Break
- 11:45-12:30 Spirituality In Sobriety
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch
- 1:30-2:15 Free To Be Me
- 2:15-2:30 Closing/Countdown

Saturday, April 27th
 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

THE PASS IT ON CLUB
 6229 W. Forest Home Ave.
 Milwaukee, WI 53220
 414-541-6923

For more information contact:
 Joy S. 262-215-7513
 Karelyn P. 414-975-6701

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 Registration will CLOSE at 2:00 Women

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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Please use a separate form for each person
Registration: \$10.00 (in advance)
Includes: Lunch buffet, Coffee, Doughnuts

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