

# "BETWEEN-US"

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June 1990

## In That Long Ago Time

By: Ellie B. | Miami, Florida

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

Joan from Cleveland and Sean from Akron moved to Florida last year and joined our group. They were planning on being in Akron for Founder's Day on June 19. They talked about it for months in advance, then Sean asked me to go with him. I said, "I really can't afford to go." Later that evening, Sean called me and told me he could make arrangements for me to stay with a lady in the Fellowship. Then Joan and Sean started in on me. You have to come, they said. We all know what nags alcoholics can be. My husband, who is thirty years sober, had been to Akron many times in his sobriety. He told me, "Why not go with Sean and I'll buy you the ticket for our wedding anniversary present." Thus began my journey to our Fellowship's birthplace.

I was excited and a little apprehensive on the plane. I was go-  
*("Long Ago" Continued on page 9)*

May 2014

## My Town — Our Celebration

By: Gail L. | Akron, Ohio

An old-timer shares how lucky she is that she got sober in Akron, Ohio

Just a couple of weeks after taking my last drink on May 13, 1978, I found my way to my first Founders' Day celebration on the campus of Akron University. I was so impressed by the love and respect those in attendance showed for each other and the program that had saved their lives. The spirit of unity and cooperation I witnessed that June was a shining example of men and women who normally would not mix, as we say—former misfits and rowdy troublemakers co-existing together in harmony.

Getting sober in Akron, Ohio has allowed me to experience this wonderful event each June for many years. Thousands of grateful members are drawn to this three-day gathering from all over the world, and many come back year after year to join in celebrating Dr. Bob's last drink and the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous.

As a member of AA, I feel a special kinship to the many alcoholics there as we share our gratitude for our co-founders and their wives who devoted their lives to establishing our life-giving program. We feel like family. The Big Book states that among us there exists a common camaraderie of having escaped disaster together. Do we not find that same camaraderie and joy in celebrating our sobriety?

Today we are 79 years downstream from Bill W. and Dr. Bob's meeting in 1935. It was in 1945 that a few grateful members came together in Akron and Cleveland to celebrate Dr. Bob's last drink. This could be called the first Founders' Day when the Cleveland Central Committee sponsored a program to celebrate AA's 10th year birthday. Bill and Bob both spoke on that Saturday afternoon, and then raced down to Akron to speak that evening at a dinner held at the Mayflower Hotel, where Bill made that fateful call.

After Dr. Bob's death in 1950, Bill continued to attend Founders' Day and share each year, and following his death Lois was often in attendance. The celebration has grown over the years from that one-day event to become a combined week-

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**YTD Comparison Report  
October 2020 through February 2021**

	<u>Oct '20 - Feb 21</u>	<u>Oct '19 - Feb 20</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
4000 - Literature Sales	27,225.20	56,052.68	-28,827.48
4050 - Between us	15.00	488.00	-473.00
4070 - Contributions	28,909.69	32,718.15	-3,808.46
4080 - Gratitude boxes	26,875.13	25,244.19	1,630.94
4100 - Memorials	0.00	100.00	-100.00
4130 - Personal Contri.	8,717.42	6,098.75	2,618.67
4150 - Other Income	2,047.41	669.61	1,377.80
4170 - Interest Income	1,346.04	1,323.51	22.53
4190 - Discrepancies	0.00	-162.80	162.80
4200 - Bounced Checks Income	0.00	11.00	-11.00
4600 - Merchandise Sales	409.00	0.00	409.00
4830 - Sales Discounts	49.99	29.27	20.72
48900 - Shipping and Delivery Income	44.39	693.14	-648.75
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>95,639.27</b>	<b>123,265.50</b>	<b>-27,626.23</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>			
5000 - Literature	16,288.40	33,281.24	-16,992.84
50000 - Cost of Goods Sold	0.00	443.46	-443.46
5050 - Between us COGS	0.00	18.00	-18.00
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>16,288.40</b>	<b>33,742.70</b>	<b>-17,454.30</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>79,350.87</b>	<b>89,522.80</b>	<b>-10,171.93</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
51100 - Freight and Shipping Costs	246.81	332.98	-86.17
59900 - POS Inventory Adjustments	102.28	-41.72	144.00
6000 - Advertising and Promotion	0.00	1,062.50	-1,062.50
6040 - Bank Service Charges	0.00	11.00	-11.00
6045 - Coffee/Soda/Candy Expense	95.84	297.16	-201.32
6050 - Credit card fees	548.90	904.37	-355.47
61200 - Cash Payouts from Drawer	0.00	1.55	-1.55
6170 - Computer and Internet Expenses	193.30	281.00	-87.70
6200 - Conferences & conventions	0.00	50.00	-50.00
6330 - Insurance Expense	-22.00	0.00	-22.00
6500 - Office	16,575.02	17,726.90	-1,151.88
6600 - Payroll	43,798.09	41,525.72	2,272.37
66900 - Reconciliation Discrepancies	-0.10	-21.05	20.95
6700 - Professional Fees	1,984.50	1,290.00	694.50
6800 - Printing	0.00	6,275.16	-6,275.16
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>63,522.64</b>	<b>69,695.57</b>	<b>-6,172.93</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>15,828.23</b>	<b>19,827.23</b>	<b>-3,999.00</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Income</b>			
52500 - Purchase Discounts	568.64	5.01	563.63
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>568.64</b>	<b>5.01</b>	<b>563.63</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>			
Balancing Adjustments	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>568.64</b>	<b>5.01</b>	<b>563.63</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>16,396.87</b>	<b>19,832.24</b>	<b>-3,435.37</b>

Account Balances  
 Checking: 4,358.97  
 Savings Account: 80,026.37  
 Prudent Reserve: 179,621.09

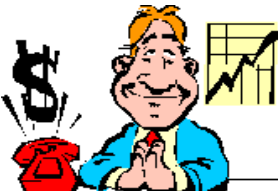
**What is the Prudent Reserve?**  
 The A.A. guideline document produced by A.A. World Services, Inc., suggests a prudent reserve for a Central Office or Intergroup be fixed somewhere between one and twelve months' operating expenses. The prudent reserve is not available for everyday use. It is only meant for startup and twelve months of operating expenses, in an emergency situation.

The [Southern Wisconsin Deaf Access Committee](#) needs to rotate its members. We are searching for two AA members to act as Co-Chairs, a treasurer, and a liaison person to work with Members of AA Deaf community. They can email SWDAC at: [milwareadeafaccess@gmail.com](mailto:milwareadeafaccess@gmail.com)

Southern Wisconsin Deaf Access Committee (SWDAC) February 2021  
 Beginning Balance: \$9,026.37  
 Contributions: \$ 110.00  
 Interpreter: \$ 200.00  
 Misc. Expenses: \$ 54.70  
 Ending Balance: \$8,881.67  
 The cost for an interpreter is \$50 for a zoom meeting and \$80 for an in-person meeting. Contact Kath W. with questions: [brylerandme@gmail.com](mailto:brylerandme@gmail.com)  
 VENMO Contributions: [www.venmo.com/SWDAC](http://www.venmo.com/SWDAC)

• **Meeting Space Currently Available**  
 • [St Peter's Episcopal Church](#), 7929 W Lincoln Ave, West Allis, Contact: Steve 414-543-6040 or email: [christumcl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:christumcl@sbcglobal.net)  
[Anchor Covenant Church](#) 1229 Park Row Lake Geneva WI 53147, contact Laura, 262-903-6888 [office@anchorcovenant.org](mailto:office@anchorcovenant.org)


**3 Bucks In The Basket... Make it a Reality, not just a dream!**



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[Seventh Tradition Checklist](#)

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# DISTRICT MEETINGS

## DISTRICT INFORMATION ON THE WEB:

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

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
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, 6:00 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. Meets On ZOOM.
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, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88183312739?pwd=eVJwVQ02UENydlUJHcEhSUmM4RlJRz09>  
Meeting ID: 881 8331 2739, Passcode: 071956
34. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 1st Tue. of month, 6:30 p, Northwest Alano Club, N88W17658 Christman Rd., Menomonee Falls. Join online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6870109941?pwd=YVI4SVQzU3FaSE1rc3dzVmtxdFM4QT09>
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](mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com)

## ADDRESSES FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- Milwaukee Central Office:** 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214  
[gmco@aamilwaukee.com](mailto: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, or Bridging the Gap or Treatment** write to: PMB # 170, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217
  - **Southern Wisconsin Deaf Access Committee** : Email: [milwaredaefaccess@gmail.com](mailto:milwaredaefaccess@gmail.com); Mailto: Deaf Access Committee, P.O. Box 1982, Waukesha WI 53186

# CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

**TAYCHEEDAH CORRECTIONAL**, Meetings are held 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 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.

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL** 9th & State Milwaukee WI.

**MILWAUKEE SECURE DETENTION CENTER**, 1015 N. 10th St. Milwaukee

**Milwaukee 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, 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) 637-2884

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE**: meets at 5:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday on odd numbered months at Greater Milwaukee Central Office, 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis WI 53214. Donation should be sent to: MCCC, PO Box 270544, Milwaukee WI 53227-0544. Contact coordinator: Kota at email: [mcccoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:mcccoordinator@gmail.com) with questions.

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 2021**  
Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison,  
Held at Senior Center except where otherwise noted.

Join Zoom By phone: 312-626-6799, enter meeting ID and Password.

- **Zoom Meeting** Contact Area Chair: Veronica O. [vodonnell52@gmail.com](mailto:vodonnell52@gmail.com)
- April 11, 2021 Spring Service Assembly
- June 27, 2021 Summer Service Assembly
- Sept. 12 2021 Preconference Assembly
- Nov. 12-14, 2021 Area 75 Conference, LaCrosse WI.



## JOIN the BIRTHDAY CLUB!

We celebrate birthdays, and we'd like to help you celebrate yours! Send us a contribution 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!

Requests should be in by the 24th of the month prior to your sobriety date. 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



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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group: \_\_\_\_\_

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Years	Name	Home Group
20 (3/31)	Francesca M.	Matt Talbot Bell Ringer



### MILW. CENTRAL OFFICE

- **E-mail us at:**  
[dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com)
- **Temporary Hours until further notice: M - F 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**
- **Secretary Meeting Bi-monthly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each odd numbered month at 6:30 p. Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov.**
- **Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday following Secretaries Meeting, (odd months) 6:30 p.**
- **A. A. Meetings, Mon - Fri at 12:15 p., ~~Wed. & Thur at 4 p.~~, Sat. 9:15 a., & 10:30 a.**
- **Service Manual Study: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs. of month at 6 p.m.**
- **~~Dist. 14, 4th Wed. at 7 p.m.~~**
- **~~Dist. 16, 1st Wed. at 6 p.m.~~**

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

- Pass It On Club, 6229 W. Forest Home Av, Milw. GRUPO 5 CONCEPTOS, 8:00 pm Saturdays. DIMENSION 4, Bilingual, 7:00 pm, Sunday, Monday & Saturday
- 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

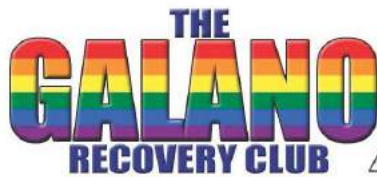
### SERVICE MANUAL STUDY,

Our regular monthly "Not So Secret Service Manual Study" will resume in March on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:00. I'll send out the zoom codes for the meeting prior to that time.

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.](#)**





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

Sunday: LGBT and all in Recovery Welcome

10:30 a.m. - AA - Step / Topic Meeting (In-Person/Phone/Video)

10:30 a.m. - Al-Anon - Papillion Group (In-Person)

6:00 p.m. - SCA Meeting (Zoom) [sca.recovery.milw@gmail.com](mailto:sca.recovery.milw@gmail.com)

6:00 p.m. - AA Multi-Media (Postpone)

Monday:

7:30 p.m. - AA "Came to Believe" 12 Spirituality (In-Person/Phone/Video)

Tuesday:

7:30 p.m. - AA Over and Under 40 Group (In-Person & 7:30 Phone/Video)

6:00 p.m. - Pages of Healing - Recovery Book Club (Postpone)

7:00 p.m. - SCA - Blue Group (Zoom) [sca.recovery.milw@gmail.com](mailto:sca.recovery.milw@gmail.com)

Wednesday:

7:30 p.m. - AA - 12 Steps and 12 Traditions (Phone/Video)

Thursday:

7:30 p.m. - AA - Living Sober One Day at a Time (Phone/Video)

Friday:

7:30 p.m. - AA - Topic "Grapevine" (In-Person)

Saturday:

7:30 p.m. - AA Big Book and More (Phone/Video)

LGBT AA Phone in Sun. 10:30 am

M, T, W, Th, Sat. 7:30 pm

(978) 990-5195

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# \*Women's 164 Big Book Meeting

## has moved online!



### Tuesdays at 7:00pm CT on Zoom

Meeting ID: [106 116 771](https://zoom.us/j/106116771)

Meeting Password: **694049**

\*Trans And NonBinary Friends are more than welcome!

## IT HAPPENED TO ALICE



This is Al-Anon  
Conference Approved Literature.







# Founders' Day 2021, June 12 & 13, 2021

Founders' Day 2021 will be a **VIRTUAL** event. Registration is required and opens on March 15th. There is **no fee to register**, although donations are greatly appreciated. An exciting lineup will be released soon. The Founders' Day Committee encourages you to check back for schedules and details.

<https://foundersday.org>

## Origins of Founders' Day

In October 1941, both Bill W. and Dr. Bob spoke in Akron. Dr. Bob traced the early history of the AA movement. On November 8, 1942, Bill W. spoke at the "annual AA meeting" in Hotel Carter in Cleveland to an audience of 1,000. Dr. Bob and a Cleveland AA also spoke.

Bill's 10th anniversary talk on June 10, 1945, at the Mayflower Hotel was a precursor of Founders' Days to come. It finished with a weekend gathering that hosted Dr. Bob and Bill in Cleveland's Music Hall. 2,500 AAs from 36 states, Canada, and Mexico attended.

These anniversary meetings continued in Cleveland in 1946 and

1947, moving to Akron in 1948, where 5,000 AAs attended. In 1949 neither Dr. Bob (his wife Anne had just died) nor Bill W. came. Meetings continued through the 1950s, taking place mainly at Goodyear Hall until 1957, when a meeting was held at the University of Akron and events covered two days for the first time.

The first Saturday night speaker meeting and first memorial service for Dr. Bob was held in 1961. The first dance was in 1962. "Modern" Founders' Day began in 1965, when the event was held Friday through Sunday for the first time.

By Jay M.

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September 2007

A.A. had its beginnings in 1935 at Akron, Ohio, as the outcome of a meeting between Bill W., a New York stockbroker, and Dr. Bob S., an Akron surgeon. Both had been hopeless alcoholics. Prior to that time, Bill and Dr. Bob had each been in contact with the Oxford Group, a mostly nonalcoholic fellowship that emphasized universal spiritual values in daily living. In that period, the Oxford Groups in America were headed by the noted Episcopal clergyman, Dr. Samuel Shoemaker. Under this spiritual influence, and with the help of an old-time friend, Ebby T., Bill had gotten sober and had then maintained his recovery by working with other alcoholics, though none of these had actually recovered. Meanwhile, Dr. Bob's Oxford Group membership at Akron had not helped him enough to achieve sobriety. When Dr. Bob and Bill finally met, the effect on the doctor was immediate. This time, he found himself face to face with a fellow sufferer who had made good. Bill emphasized that alcoholism was a malady of mind, emotions and body. This all-important fact he had learned from Dr. William D. Silkworth of Towns Hospital in New

York, where Bill had often been a patient. Though a physician, Dr. Bob had not known alcoholism to be a disease. Responding to Bill's convincing ideas, he soon got sober, never to drink again. The founding spark of A.A. had been struck.

Both men immediately set to work with alcoholics at Akron's City Hospital, where one patient quickly achieved complete sobriety. Though the name Alcoholics Anonymous had not yet been coined, these three men actually made up the nucleus of the first A.A. group. In the fall of 1935, a second group of alcoholics slowly took shape in New York. A third appeared at Cleveland in 1939. It had taken over four years to produce 100 sober alcoholics in the three founding groups.

Early in 1939, the Fellowship published its basic textbook, Alcoholics Anonymous. The text, written by Bill, explained A.A.'s philosophy and methods, the core of which was the now well-known Twelve Steps of recovery.

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All the groups listed in your [When and Where](#) directory, 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.

### 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

[Redemptorist Retreat Center](#), 1800 N Timber Trail Lane, Oconomowoc, WI 53066, (262) 567-6900 Email: [rrc@redemptoristretreat.org](mailto:rrc@redemptoristretreat.org) Please call for information and schedule of retreats for recovering people. AA and Al-Anon, \$250 three nights. We discuss the 12 steps and related topics.

### [2021 Weekend Retreats Jesuit Retreat House](#)

4800 Fahrwald Rd. Oshkosh, WI 54901, call 800-962-7330 [jesuitretreathouse.org](http://jesuitretreathouse.org)  
**Men and Women in AA, Al-Anon**  
Total cost: 4 days \$390.00. Send a \$75.00 deposit with requests for specific dates to retreat house or call for info.  
**Men: ,**

# MEETING ROOMS

**NEW DAY CLUB**  
11936 N. Port Washington Rd  
Mequon, (262) 241-4673  
<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  
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  
Wednesday 7:00 p. ACOA  
Thursday 7:00 p. Al-Anon  
Contact club for information on other fellowships.

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

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun. 8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up  
9:30 a. Reliance Meeting  
11:00 a. Today's choice  
3:00 p. Gratitude Plus  
7:00 p. Big Book Readers  
7:00 p. Dimension 4, Bilingual

Mon. 7:30 a. Jump Start  
10:30 a. First Step  
4:00 p. Happy Hour Step Gp.  
7:00 p. Open Introductory AA  
7:00 p. Dimension 4, Bilingual

Tue. 7:30 a. Comin' Back Gp  
10:30 a. Keep It Simple  
4:00 p. Drop the Rock  
7:30 p. Three Legacies  
7:30 p. Double Trouble DD/O

Wed. 7:30 a. Big Book Study  
10:30 a. Pass It On  
4:00 p. Happy Hr Promises  
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  
7:00 p. Gateway Topic Gp  
7:30 a. Honesty Gp.

Fri. 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  
7:00 p. Dimension 4, Bilingual  
8:00 p. Spanish Speaking  
8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12

Sat. 8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12

**LAKE AREA CLUB**  
N60 W 35878 Lake Dr  
Oconomowoc, WI  
(262) 567-9912  
[www.lakeareaclub.com](http://www.lakeareaclub.com)

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun. 8:00 a. Early Bird  
9:30 a. Literature Meeting  
11:00 a. Friendship Gp  
6:00 p. Big Book  
8:00 p. Gopher Sunday  
9:00 a. Positive Attitude  
6:30 p. Otter Gp  
8:00 p. Step/Tradition Study

Mon. 1:00 p.  
4:00 p.  
7:00 p. Life House  
8:00 a.

Wed. 8:00 a.  
10:00 a. Back To Basics  
2:00 p. Women's Meeting  
6:00 p.  
8:00 p.

Thr. 10:00 a.  
4:00 p.  
8:00 p. Grapevine Mtng

Fri. 12:30 p.  
4:00 p.  
6:00 p.  
8:00 p. Old School House  
8:30 a. 11th Step  
10:00 a. Big Book

Sat. 7:00 p. Al-Anon & Alateen

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

**AL-ANON MEETINGS**  
Mon. 7:00 p. Al-Anon  
Tue. 9:00 a. Al-Anon  
Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon & Alateen

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

**A.A. MEETINGS,**  
(V)=Virtual, (IP)=In-person, (V & IP)=Both

Sun. 9:30 a. Sun Morn Sunlight (V)  
Zoom: 849 187 3880, PW: 3333  
11:00 a. Sun Go-To-Mtng (V & IP)  
Zoom: 868 6375 8565, PW: 135314  
7:00 p. (Open Step Gp)  
~~12:00 p.~~  
6:00 p. Beginners AA (V & IP)  
Zoom: 818 7287 8662, PW: 740572  
7:00 p. (12 & 12) (V & IP)  
Tue. ~~12:00 p.~~  
Wed. ~~2:00 p.~~  
5:30 p. Topic Gp (V & IP)  
Zoom: 818 9650 5286, PW: 677391  
Thr. ~~12:00 p.~~  
Fri. 12:00 p. T.G.I.F. Gp (V & IP)  
Zoom: 839 0454 9230, PW: 830354  
7:00 p. Topic Discussion  
Sat. 10:00 a. Gp 124 (V & IP)  
Zoom: Contact Sher at 630-432-3585 for access.  
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](mailto:galanoclub@gmail.com)

In Person and Phone Meetings Phone/Video AA Meetings, Sun. 10:30 am, M,T,W,Th,Sat 7:30pm, (978) 990-5195  
Meeting Id: galano7210 Code: 1919178#

**Sunday:**  
10:30 a.m. - AA - Step / Topic Meeting (In-person/phone/video)  
10:30 a.m. - Al-Anon - Papillion Group. (In-person)  
~~6:00 p.m. - AA - Multi-Media Meeting (Postpone)~~  
**Monday:**  
7:30 p.m. - AA "Came to Believe" 12 Spirituality. (In-person/phone/video)  
**Tuesday:**  
7:30 p.m. - AA Over and Under 40 Group (In-person/phone/video)  
~~6:00 p.m. - Pages of Healing - Recovery Book Club (Postpone)~~  
**Wednesday:**  
7:30 p.m. - AA - 12 Steps and 12 Traditions (Phone/video)  
**Thursday:**  
7:30 p.m. - AA - Living Sober One Day at A Time (Phone/video)  
**Friday:**  
7:30 p.m. - AA - Topic "Grapevine" (In-person)  
**Saturday:**  
7:30 p.m. - AA - Big Book & More. (Phone/video)  
The Galano Club is open one half hour before the scheduled meetings.

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

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun. 10:00 a. Big Book  
7:00 p.

Mon. 7:00 p. Just Do It Gp  
8:00 p. Action Gp

Tue. 10:00 a. Step  
7:00 p. Terrific Tue  
8:00 p. Topic

Wed. 7:00 p. Step/Topic

Thr. 10:00 a. Step  
6:00 p. Women's

Fri. 8:00 p. Step/Topic

Sat. 10:00 a. Step  
7:00 p. Simply Sober Gp

**AL-ANON MEETINGS**  
Wed. 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.

**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 p. Open Speakers  
4:00 p. Spanish Speaking  
6:30 p. Delavan Discussion

**Monday AA**  
7:30 a. Sunny Side Up  
12:00 p. Delavan Step Meeting  
6:30 p. Former Miss Americas  
6:30 p. Delavan Men's Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Sun. 7:00 a. AA Meeting  
10:00 a. Gp 17 Step

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

Wed. 7:00 a. AA Women's meeting  
10:30 a. Gp 9, Step  
12:15 p. Oasis Topic Gp  
6:00 p. Chicks at Six Gp

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

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

Sat. 7:00 a. AA Meeting  
11:00 a. Gp 87 Step  
3:00 p. Spiritual Growth

**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. Restore Us To Sanity  
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.  
~~11:00 p. What's the Point~~

Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group  
6:00 p. Tue Topic 6pm Gp  
7:00 p. Sign for Sobriety AA  
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  
~~11:00 p. After Hours Group~~

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

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

Sat. 9:15 a. Men's Topic  
11:00 a. Pioneers Group  
6:00 p. 1st & 12 Topic  
~~7:30 p. Open Speaker 3rd Sat~~  
8:00 p. HOW To Saturday

**24 HOUR CLUB**  
153 Green Bay Rd.  
Thiensville, WI  
<http://www.24hourclub.org/>  
[Web and Facebook Info](https://www.facebook.com/24hourclub)

**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.  
(1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Only)

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end filled with Al-Anon, Alateen and AA meetings and activities. Over the years plays, alcathons, old-timers panels, dances, memorial graveside services, sobriety countdowns and tours have been added. And this year, Grapevine will be joining us as they celebrate their 70th anniversary!

The weekend's Saturday night Big Meeting is now held in the University of Akron's outdoor football stadium, where there is a sobriety countdown with nearly 10,000 grateful sober members giving testimony to the fact that AA works. To me, it's a greater victory than any football game I've ever attended. A

team victory over alcohol!

While Bob and Anne no longer reside at 855 Ardmore, and Bill and Lois are no longer with us physically, we continue in the spirit of hospitality to welcome home our AA family to the city on the hill where the spark was struck 79 years ago. I'm looking forward to this June's event where I can come together again with fellow alcoholics, as passengers on a shipwreck, grateful to have survived and excited to share our strength, experience and hope with each other—one Founders' Day at a time.

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# MEETING ROOMS

**UNITY CLUB**  
1715 Creek Rd  
West Bend, (262) 338-3500  
[unityclub1715@att.net](mailto:unityclub1715@att.net)  
[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

**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  
5:00 p. Happy Hour Gp  
8:15 p. Step Gp

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

Fri. 10:00 a. Step/Topic Gp  
6:00 p.  
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

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB**  
2245 W. Fond du Lac Ave  
Milwaukee, WI  
(414) 931-7033

Email: [friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net)

**AA 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](mailto:friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net)

**12 STEP CLUB**  
4102 W Townsend St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53216  
(414) 871-0610

**A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE**

Wednesday:  
~~11:00 a. Gp. 27~~

Friday:  
~~11:00 a. Gp. 61 (12x12)~~

Saturday:  
09:00 a. Beginner's  
7:00 p. 12 Steps Gp

Call the club for information  
on Open Speaker AA  
meetings, meetings for  
other fellowships and for  
special events.

**MILWAUKEE GROUP**  
933 E Center St, Milw WI 53212.  
Zoom Information:  
[Zoom: 897 469 7046](https://zoom.us/j/8974697046) Pw: 0

**A.A. MEETINGS**

Sun. 10:00 a. Zoom.  
8:30 p. In-Person

Mon. 5:30 p. Zoom  
7:00 p. In-Person  
8:30 p. In-Person

Tue. 7:00 p. In-Person  
8:30 p. Zoom

Wed. 7:00 p. In-Person  
8:30 p. Zoom

Thur. 6:30 p. In-Person  
8:30 p. Zoom

Fri. 7:00 p. In-Person  
8:30 p. Zoom

Sat. 8:30 p. In-Person

**Milwaukee Central Office**  
7429 W Greenfield  
West Allis WI 414-771-9119

**A.A. MEETINGS**

Mon. 12:15 p  
Tue. 12:15 p  
Wed. 12:15 p, ~~4:00 p~~  
Thur. 12:15 p, ~~4:00 p~~  
Fri. 12:15 p  
Sat. 9:15 a, 1st Step  
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 Great Room

Monday  
7:30 p. Laughs/Leisure

Tuesday  
6:00 p. 11th Step Meditation  
7:30 p. Professionals

Wednesday  
7:30 p. Presidents Hall  
7:30 p. Women Mellows Lounge  
8:00 p. "RES-IPSA"

Thursday  
7:00 p. Women's AA  
7:30 p. Alumni No 12  
Friday 7:15 p. Gp 74  
Saturday 10:00 a. Gp 59  
7:00 p. Great Room

**All Saint's Cathedral**  
818 E Juneau Av Milw 53202

Tuesday: Zoom & In-person  
10:30 a.m. Men's meeting  
Wednesday: In-person  
7:30 p.m. Men's meeting  
Thursday: Zoom & In-person  
7:00 p.m. Men's meeting  
Friday: Zoom  
7:30 p.m. Big Book  
Saturday: In-person 10:30 a.m.  
Men's meeting



**DISTRICT 29**  
**ROUND ROBIN OPEN MEETING**  
**\*\*IN PERSON & ZOOM\*\***

**SUNDAY April 11, 2021**

Speakers - 7:00 PM

Fellowship - 6:30 PM

**HOSTED BY:**

District 29

**AA SPEAKERS:**

Bill S. & Jay S.

Join us for a great message and fellowship

**\*\* NEW LOCATION \*\***

**HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

11709 W CLEVELAND AVENUE

WEST ALLIS WI 53227

**Zoom Information:**

**Meeting ID: 421 598 8453**

Phone: 1+312-626-6799

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4215988453>



**Fox Point Group 86:  
Reaching Out,  
Join Us on Zoom Monday  
Evenings.**

We are doing a group inventory, looking at ways in which we can be more accessible.

Current members with a wide range of sobriety, join our weekly meetings to discuss topics that impact all people in recovery thus providing a healthy balance for all.

We warmly welcome all genders, sexual preferences, ethnicities, and ages.

We meet on-line with ZOOM Monday Nights at 8:00 and will do so until we resume our "live" meetings at the North Shore Congregational Church in Fox Point.

Stop on by! We open up around 7:45 and begin at 8:00. If you are shy about "Zooming," just come on in and listen. It's Alcoholics *Anonymous*.

You will find a warm welcome to a lively and amiable group living one day at a time.

<https://zoom.us/j/8700953588>

Meeting ID [8700 953 588](https://zoom.us/j/8700953588) no password but waiting room. **By phone dial 312-626-6799**



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

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

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

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

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### The History of Founders' Day

*Founders' Day has been an important part of the history of Alcoholics Anonymous. Our current celebration has its roots from our humble beginnings. Here are a few events which have helped shape our annual Founders' Day celebration.*

**1941** Bill W. and Dr. Bob were the featured speakers.

**1942** Dr. Bob traced the early history of our movement, introduced early members, followed by a buffet supper served by wives of Akron Group #1.

**1945** Dr. Bob and Bill W. spoke at a dinner at the Mayflower Ballroom.

**1945** A modest celebration was held at the M. O'Neil Auditorium with the co-founders present.

**1947** Dr. Bob and A.A. #3 Bill D. were the speakers.

**1948** The Akron Armory was used and talks were given by Dr. Walter Tunks, Bill W. and Dr. Bob.

**1951** Dr. Bob had died. An open house was held at 855 Ardmore. (Dr. Bob's Home) Bill spoke at the Goodyear Theater.

**1953** Bill W. attended an open house at St. Thomas Hospital.

**1957** The first "Play" was introduced and a Sunday morning breakfast was held at The University of Akron's Memorial Hall.

**1958** Bill W. his wife Lois W. and Ethel M. were speakers at The University of Akron's Memorial Hall.

**1961** This was the start of the memorial for Dr. Bob at 9:00 am.

**1965** The "Modern" Era of Founders' Day begins with the first Friday-Sunday Weekend. Founders' Day is an integral piece the legacy our co-founders have left for us. Founders' Day has grown to where 10,000 visitors from around the world come each year. Please come to Akron to see, to feel, and to be part of The Fellowship of the Spirit.

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***We do Sobriety Together, not alone!***

# Women's Retreat

***Join us on Zoom***

**Saturday , April 17 2021, 10 am – 2 pm**

**Zoom Meeting ID: [726 4291 7170](#)      Passcode: Sobriety**

**10 am   Unity in Fellowship Panel**

**Noon   Virtual Lunch and zoom Fellowship**

**1 pm   Speaker Meeting**

*Zoom Meetings, In person meetings, Outdoor meetings, Working Steps and Practicing Traditions, Sharing our Experience, Strength and Hope, Calling our sponsor, Calling newcomers and each other, Texting newcomers and each other, AA birthday calls and texts.....*

***WE DO SOBRIETY TOGETHER!***

*“Frequent Contact with newcomers and with each other is the bright spot of our lives.”*

*~ Alcoholics Anonymous pg. 89*

**WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS GROUP  
CLOSED AA MEETING  
SATURDAY NIGHT  
BIG BOOK STUDY**



**BEGINS AT 7:00 PM**

**[ZOOM MEETING ID - 892 9232 8326](#)**

**PASSCODE - 440706**

**BRING YOUR BIG BOOK**

**JOIN US AS WE READ THROUGH THE FIRST 164 PAGES IN THE BIG BOOK  
OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**



**Central Office Contributions**  
February 2021 - 60 Groups Contributed

Group Name	Group #	Amount
#015 TAL Gp	137297	60.00
#018 Sat 8:00 pm	114294	100.00
#023 Wed	114447	20.00
#051 Sicker Than Most	114317	60.00
#059 Gp	117184	60.00
#074 Gp	159542	50.00
#100 Gp	114445	49.00
50 in 50	----	6.67
AA Two Rivers	114424	50.00
Acceptance Gp	138219	33.33
Anonymous	----	130.62
Badger Gp	114429	1,192.00
Big Book and 12 Steps Gp	715113	98.45
Butler Sun Night	114272	25.00
By The Book Sheboygan Falls	168941	60.00
Came To Believe	617129	65.40
Cross Roads Gp	119518	19.00
District 11	----	90.00
District 32	----	26.40
First Step	635840	80.00
Fri Noon 12 & 12	MIL-FB	64.00
Happy Hour Promises, Pass It On	MIL-W6	60.00
Happy Trails, Immanuel United Church	236628	55.00
Keep It Simple Men's	610707	45.00
Keep Passing It On, Pass It On	630882	60.00
Koala Group	143751	19.00
Lake Geneva Kitchen Table	125465	25.00
Living Sober Wed Night	673826	50.00
Made a Decision, Pass It On Club	613456	80.00
Matt Talbot Bell Ringers Gp	675208	29.16
Mayfair Ladies Mon & Fri	114336	240.20
Mon Independence	MIL-MH	52.00
Mon Night Big Book Study		90.00
Mon Night How It Works	716315	5.00
Mon to Mon Mens, First Congregational	165213	33.34
New Beginnings Mukwonago	120519	59.00
New Hope Gp Plymouth	120845	100.00
North Shore Big Book Sat	616803	48.60
One Day at a Time, Watertown	664578	50.00
Pizza Not Perfection	690079	25.00
Sat Morn Gp 10:00 am	138045	229.19
Sat Morning Big Book	136286	50.00
Sat Morning Women's Freedom	695465	97.50
South Milwaukee Serenity First	114407	33.33
Step Sisters Women's Step Gp	659151	100.00
Stepping Into Promises Women's Gp	697077	130.00
Thinking Outside the Bottle	719338	62.00
Thr Simply Sober	714366	50.00
Thr Success Step	MIL-RB	21.32
Today's Choices Gp	614204	60.00
Tue Reflections	MIL-TH	80.14
Tue Topic 6:00 pm West Allis	676017	50.00
Twelve Promises Discussion Thr	MIL-RM	12.00
Wed 5:30 pm Step Gp	632773	67.95
Wed Night Big Book	142436	150.00
Wed Night Wisdom	145180	75.00
Wed Noon Lunch Bunch	690831	36.00
Women's AA Gp	650509	95.54
Women's Big Book	697839	187.00
Written For Us	717556	40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,053.14</b>

**Personal Contributions**  
February 2021

Anonymous	190.36
A, Drew	100.00
A, Frank	20.00
B, Jean	50.00
B, Jeff	50.00
B, John	185.00
C, Dave	200.00
C, Jerry	50.00
D, Brad	23.17
D, Brian	3.00
De, Kim	24.15
D, Rich	80.00
D, Shelly	48.60
E, Bill	15.00
G, Chase	35.00
H, Nancy	38.00
H, Robert	24.15
H, Scott	36.86
H, Wanda	50.00
K, Jim	50.00
K, Mark	15.00
K-K, Raymond	25.00
L, Bruce	25.00
L, Irene	100.00
M, Carol	40.00
M, Manny	40.00
N, Heather	11.00
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P, Bill	48.60
P, Jeffrey	50.00
P, Marjorie	24.15
Q, Brian	10.00
R, Bharat	5.00
R, Edward	100.00
R, Jim	5.00
R, Kathy	50.00
S, John	20.00
S, Jonathan	10.00
S, Katie	10.00
S, Linda	25.00
U, Todd	10.00
W, Rhonda	340.00
W, Tom	51.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,312.15</b>

**In Person AA Groups Need Your Support**

- **Sunday 4 p.m.** AA New Beginnings, Unity Lutheran 20700 W North Ave. Brookfield WI 53045
- **Sunday 7 p.m.** Butler Sunday Night, St. Agnes, 12801 W Fairmount St, Butler WI.
- **Monday 7 p.m.** Brookfield Unity, 4600 Pilgrim Rd, Brookfield
- **Tuesday 7 p.m.** Gp 43, Friendship Club, 2245 W Fond du Lac Ave Milwaukee WI.
- **Wednesday 11 a.m. Gp 10-17,** St Veronica's 353 E Norwich, Milwaukee

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- **Thursday 8:30 p.m.** Gp 22, Underwood Memorial Baptist, 1916 Wauwatosa Ave, 53213
- **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
- **Saturday 8 p.m.** Gp 18, St Luke's, 3200 S Herman, Bay View
- **Saturday 7 p.m.** 12 Step Club 4102 W Townsend St. Milw. WI 53216



# ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

*~ The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking ~*

## MONDAY NIGHT WOMEN'S GROUP ANNUAL OPEN AA MEETING



***AA SPEAKER: JODI K.***

**MONDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2021**

**FELLOWSHIP 7:30PM  
SPEAKERS 8:00PM**

**LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE :**



**[Login: 477 663 497](#)**

**PASSWORD: 003414  
(1st 100 Logged On)**

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## AA New Beginnings

Starting Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Sundays at 4:00 p.m.



Unity Lutheran Church – Cross of Life Campus  
20700 W. North Avenue  
Brookfield, WI 53045

Hybrid Meetings  
Zoom ID is 330 884 1465  
Passcode is 912 862

Masks required for everyone older than 5 years old  
Childcare Provided – Donations from parents appreciated

April 18<sup>th</sup> Open Speaker Meeting  
\*Jenny S, Greendale

May 16<sup>th</sup> Open Speaker Meeting  
\*Chris G, Oconomowoc

Contact Claire K. at 262-297-2645 Or Tami R. At 414-202-7087

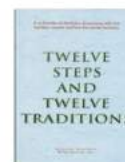
## Sober Living Big Book Group Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

Mother of Good Counsel Parish  
6924 W. Lisbon Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53210

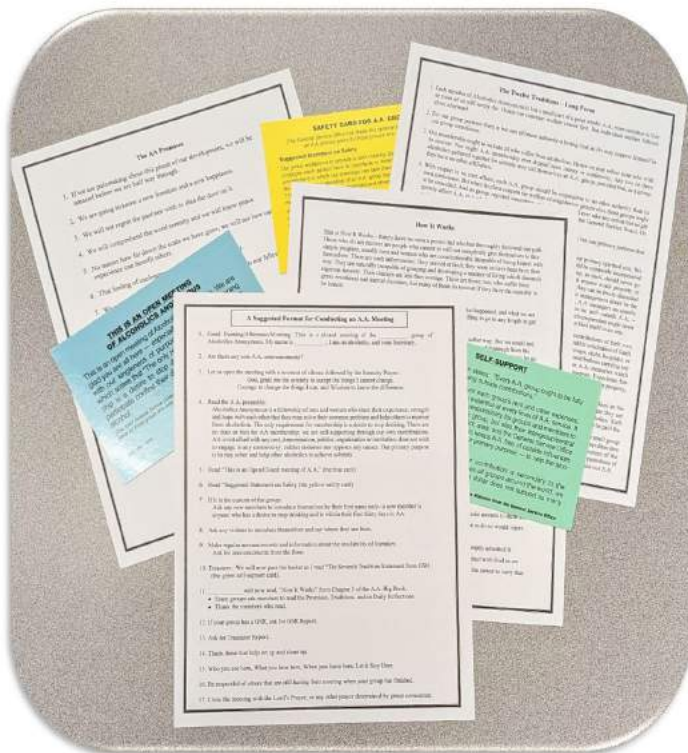
East Entrance (can be accessed from either Lisbon Avenue or Burleigh Street)  
Doors Open at 7:00 p.m.

We alternate from a study of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous reading from the Preface through Dr. Bob's Nightmare, and a study of the 12 Steps & 12 Traditions reading the 12 Step essays plus long form Traditions.

We read one paragraph at a time and pause after each paragraph to allow for questions, discussion and sharing of experience.



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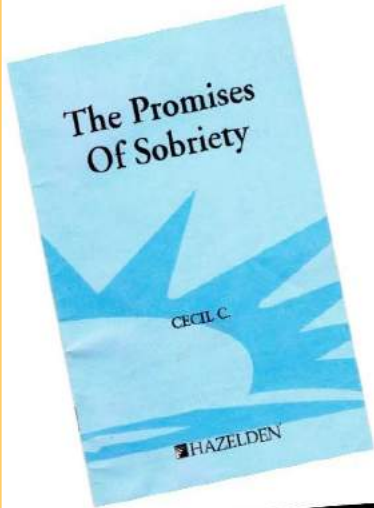
Meeting needs your support!

**Group 10-17**  
**St. Veronica's Parish**  
**353 E Norwich**  
**Milwaukee WI 53207**

Enter rear parking lot, near the Assisi Center Entrance.

**Group meets every**  
**Wednesday at 11:00 A.M.**





## The Promises of Sobriety

This booklet focuses on twelve promises of sobriety that are spelled out in the AA Big Book.

Published January 1st 1986

Often requested for group studies but the book has been out of print for many years.

No longer available for sale.

## Gifts of Sobriety

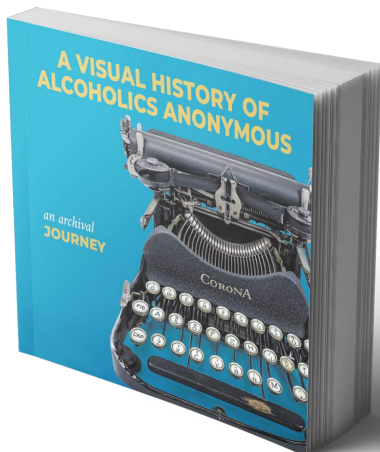
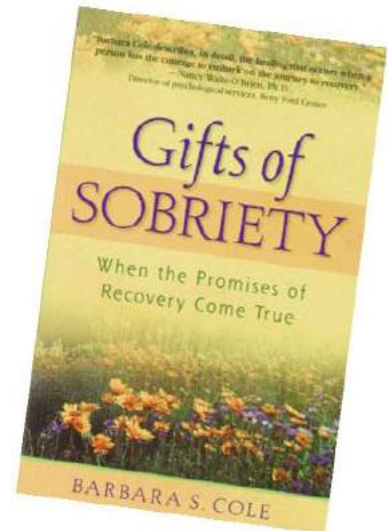
### When the Promises of Recovery Come True

"Why try?" we sometimes ask ourselves when faced with the uncertainties and hard work of recovery. But the answers are all around us, in the rich and spirited lives of those who have made the journey before us, each one a member of the joyful possibilities that await. These possibilities come alive in *Gifts of Sobriety*, a book that gives immediate meaning to the Big Book's promise: "We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness."

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