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The Man Who Missed Christmas

At the long table were lively, happy people, while off to the side was one alone

IT'S SAID that "one picture is worth a thousand words," but I can't draw, and I did not have a camera with me; so I must resort to inadequate words. . . .

The place is Hong Kong; the scene, the Mariners' Club dining room, nearly empty, but brightly lighted, with white cloths on the tables, green wreaths and tinsel garlands festooning the walls. The time is nine-thirty, Christmas Eve.

Through the double entrance doors, fifteen people enter; twelve are members of Alcoholics Anonymous, just descended from a room on an upper floor where they have held their regular Tuesday-night meeting; three are AA-Anons, who have been chatting in a separate room. The waiters (who obviously recognize the group as old customers) are fussily pushing small tables together at the center of the room and rounding up chairs.

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From Dan, Kathy, Nancy, and all our wonderful volunteers;

We want to wish you the happiest of holidays and a very safe, healthy, happy and prosperous new year.

We wish to thank you for your support throughout the year. It is a pleasure to be of service to you all.

Holiday Closings:

- Saturday Dec. 24, closed at 1p.m.
- Monday Dec. 26. closed all day.
- Saturday Dec 31, closed at 1p.m.

Between-Us Subscribers!

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Accrual Basis

Greater Milwaukee Central Office AA Profit & Loss October 2011

	Oct. 2011
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Literature Sales	13,477.44
4050 · Between us	370.75
4070 · Contributions	3,610.20
4090 · Jamboree	0.00
4150 · Other Income	274.45
48900 · Shipping and Delivery Income	173.47
Total Income	17,906.31
Cost of Goods Sold	
5000 · Literature	8,083.55
52900 · Purchases - Resale Items	46.41
Total COGS	8,129.96
Gross Profit	9,776.35
Expense	
59900 · POS Inventory Adjustments	-163.61
61200 · Cash Drawer Payouts	4.00
6260 · Shipping and freight	277.66
6262 · Postage	606.15
6330 · Insurance Expense	-332.00
6500 · Office	3,290.55
6600 · Payroll	8,985.36
Total Expense	12,668.11
Net Ordinary Income	-2,891.76
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	
Balancing Adjustments	0.00
Total Other Expense	0.00
Net Other Income	0.00
Net Income	-2,891.76
As of 10-31-2011	
CD Prudent Reserve	\$84,350.36
Money Market	\$20,780.50
Checking	\$1,894.68

AREA 75 EVENTS CALENDAR

1. Go to Area 75 website at: area75.org, 2. Look for the Area 75 Events Calendar on the right side of the page. 3. Events listed are color coded according to the area office that listed them. 4. Click on the small down arrow at the top right hand corner of the Events listing for the color "key" to the area's events. 5. Click on the small down arrow in the middle (next to the date) to view a specific date or just use the scroll button to move up and down through the days listed.

Secretary Meeting, November 8, 2011

Groups represented: 23, 48, 59, 63, 83, 200, 201, 232, 449, Airport Gp, Another Chance Tue Night, As Bill Sees It Waukesha, Badger Group, Bethesda Seniors Gp, Big Book Readers, By the Book, Common Solution Topic, Daily Reprieve Men's, Early Bird Roger's Mem., Gratitude Gp, Hartford Big Book, Hartford Wednesday Night, Hartford Women's Big Book, Honest and Able, How It Works, Mayfair Ladies Mon/Fri, Mayflower, Monday Night Women's Waukesha, Muskego Saturday Night, New Berlin Big Book, New Berlin Friday Night, Participation Open Meeting, Pick-A-Topic, Positive Attitude, Sat Morning Women's Freedom, Spiritual Solutions, Sunday Morning Sunlight, Sunday Night Surrender, T-N-T, Tue Night Grapevine, There is a Solution Pewaukee, There is a Solution Waukesha, Trust Through Fellowship, Tuesday Night Grapevine, Tuesday Night Surrender, Turning Point, Wanderers, WELL Big Book, When All Else Fails, I'm sorry if I have missed anyone that was at the meeting.

Meeting opened by Kathy at 7:00 p.m.

Bank balances on Oct 31, 2011
 Business Checking: \$ 1,894.68
 Money Market Savings: \$20,780.50
 Prudent Reserve CD's: \$84,350.36

New secretaries were asked to stand and introduce themselves and mention the groups they represented.

Secretaries were all given a chance to talk about whatever events might be coming up relating to AA or their groups. Numerous events were mentioned.

November was GRATITUDE MONTH!

Many AA Groups have chosen to pass the box for additional meetings in December.

If your group has finished with the box, please return it to the Milwaukee Central Office.

Annual Between-Us subscriptions are due. Please send renew as soon as possible. \$9 individual, and \$18 for your group.

Bring a tree ornament from your group to help us decorate the tree.

Meeting closed at 7:40 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is Tuesday December 13, 2011. at 7 pm.

Deaf, Deaf/Blind and Hard of Hearing AA Meeting List, ASL Interpreter available

- Thursdays at 8:00 p. St John Vianney Parish 1755 N. Calhoun Rd, Brookfield WI. **Open AA Meeting for everyone—Third Thursday of Month**, Wheelchair entrance available.

Meetings are weekly closed AA meetings, except where otherwise noted. All meetings are Non-Smoking. **ASL Interpreter available.**

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

E-mail at: johnreske9@yahoo.com
 Contact George B. through Video Relay Service 866-483-1938 / 414-903-8905 TTY/VP

AA Groups Need Your Support

- **Gp 24, Sun. 10 a.m.** 12 Step Club, 4102 W Townsend St. Milwaukee, 53216
- **Monday Night 7p.m. Topic Discussion**, Living Hope Lutheran Church, 1991 Hwy 33, Saukville WI 53080
- **Monday at 1:30 pm.** Bethesda Community Center, 2845 W. Fond du Lac, Milwaukee, WI 5310
- **We Need Sanity**, Tuesdays at 10:30 am. St Johns 20275 Davidson Rd, Brookfield. **CHILDCARE AVAILABLE**
- **Thursday at 12:15 pm. and Wednesday 5:30 pm. Topic** both meet at: St. John's Cathedral Complex, 831 N. Van Buren St. Milwaukee, WI 53202
- **When All Else Fails, Saturday at 7:00 pm.** St Matthias Church, 111 E. Main St. Waukesha

Orientation for GSR's

Second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. prior to the secretary's meeting, at the Milwaukee Central Office. Or, call Ken G. 608-221-2891, sherwood1@charter.net, to arrange for G.S.R. orientation at your district or workshop.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT

- JACKSON, LaCROSSE, MONROE, TREMPLEAU & VERNON CNTY'S 2nd Sat. of month, 1:00 p.: Faith Evangelical Free Church, 6644 Hwy 16, Sparta WI 54656 (One mile west of Sparta)
- GREEN LAKE & MARQUETTE CNTY'S & PART OF WAUSHARA CNTY 4th Sun. of month, 4:30 p., St. John's Church 1211 W. Main St., Princeton
- 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
- MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Thr. of month, 6:00 p., Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Av.
- WALWORTH CNTY 2nd Wed. of month, 7:30 p., Walworth Alano Club, 611 E. Walworth St., Delavan
- KENOSHA CNTY 3rd Sun. of month, 4:00 p., Kenosha Alano Club, 630 56th St.
- ROCK CNTY (1 of 2) 1st Fri of month, 6:30 p., Good Shepard Lutheran Ch, 2447 Park St., Beloit
- CRAWFORD, GRANT, IOWA and LAFAYETTE CNTY'S Last Mon. of month, 6:30 p., West View Methodist, Madison & Hathaway, Platteville,
- Spanish District, at large. Contact Ernesto N. at 414 645-8591. Meets every Tue. at 5:00 p., 1663 S. 6th Street, Milw.
- JEFFERSON CNTY Meets last Wed. at 5:30 p.m. Moravian Church, 301 College St., Lake Mills,
- WASHINGTON CNTY 1st Wed. of month, 6:00 p., Jansen Family Park, Schuster Dr. West Bend
- WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 4) 1st Sun. of month, 1:00 p, St. Matthias Church, 111 E. Main, Waukesha
- MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 4th Wed. of month, 7:00 p, Milwaukee Central Office 7429 W Greenfield Ave., P.O. Box 13011, Wauwatosa WI 53226
- MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) Last Sunday of month, 5:30 p, Milwaukee Room 933 E. Center St. Milwaukee
- MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 1st Wed. of month, 7:00 p, Faith United Methodist Church, 400 S. 91st St.,
- RACINE CNTY (1 of 2) 3rd Sun. of month, 1:00 p, Grove Club, 1037 Grove Ave., Racine
- Combined with District 2. See "District #2"
- 19/37. RICHLAND & SAUK CNTY'S Last Wed. of month, 6:15 p, in Rm 14, at Baraboo Civic Cntr.
- 20/21 DANE CNTY (1 of 2) Last Tue. of month, 6:30 p, Monona Community Center, 1011 Nichols Rd., 53716
22. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Thr of month, 6:00 p, Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Ave.
23. DODGE CNTY 1st Wed of month at 7:00 p, Dodge Cnty Alano Club, 115 N. Lincoln, Beaver Dam, call to confirm 920-583-3142
24. OZAUKEE CNTY 3rd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Advent Lutheran, W63N642 Washington, Cedarburg
25. FOND du LAC CNTY 2nd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St., Fond du Lac
26. DANE CNTY Combined with District 20
27. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 3rd Sat. of month, 9:00 a.m. 12 Step Club, 4102 W. Townsend
28. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 3rd Mon. of month, 7:00 p, Bay View United Methodist 2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave. Bay View, WI 53207
29. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p, St. Alphonsus School, 6000 W. Loomis Rd., Greendale (enter west side/rear of school)
30. ROCK CNTY (1 of 2) 1st Fri. of month, 6:30 p. 734 Railroad St., Janesville. (Unity Group)
31. COLUMBIA CNTY 3rd Sun. of month, 6:30 p., Pardeeville Village Library, 119 N. Main St. Pardeeville, South entrance, lower level.
- 32/33. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 4) 3rd Sun. of month, 1:00 p, Galilee Lutheran Church, N24 W26430 Crestview Dr., Pewaukee.
34. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 4) 1st Tue. of month, 6:30 p, Northwest Alano Club, N88W17658 Christman Rd., Menomonee Falls
35. GREEN CNTY Quarterly, when called.
36. RACINE/KENOSHA (1 of 2) 2nd Tues. month 6:00 p.m., 12 & 12 Club, 724 N Pine St., Burlington
37. JUNEAU CNTY No information available.

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

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

ETHAN ALLEN SCHOOL, Wales, WI 53183
Open speaker meetings every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (no meeting on the 5th Tuesday of a month). Need facilitators and speakers for 2010, contact Mark G at 262-896-9526 mgukich@wi.rr.com or Perry C. at 414-588-1638 pgcristan@sbcglobal.net

TAYCHEEDAH CORRECTIONAL, Meetings are held every other Tuesday, 5:30 -7:30 p.m. Contact: Deb L-H. (920)238-7414

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

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

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

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

SOUTHERN OAKS GIRLS SCHOOL, Union Grove WI, AA Wednesday 5:55 p.m. and Alateen Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Contact: Marty S. (414) 975-8903 for clearance

ROBERT ELLSWORTH CORRECTIONAL, 21425A Spring St., Union Grove, 53182 Call for AA Meeting times: Contact Jo (262) 551-7371 or Karelyn P. 414-327-7915.

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

MILWAUKEE COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION, 8885 S. 68th St. Franklin WI. **AA Women's** Saturday 10:00 a.m. Contact: Kristin L. 414-731-8572 or **AA Men's** on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Dennis D. 414-372-8324

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

MILWAUKEE SECURE DETENTION CENTER, 1015 N. 10th St. Milw. Sunday Nights from 6:30 p. to 7:30 p., Men & Women, Call Marty S. at 414-975-8903 for information

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

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. Contact: Bill H. (262) 633-1851

MILWAUKEE COUNTY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month at Faith United Methodist Church, 400 S. 91st St (91st & Adler). All Milwaukee **County Corrections donations should be sent to: MCCC, PO Box 270544, Milwaukee WI 53227-0544.** Call coordinator: Steve G at 414-339-7691, email: stevegravatt@yahoo.com with questions. Treasurer Bill E. at 414-433-3507. 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 Wisconsin, Calendar of Events 2011

Madison Senior Center (MSC), 330 W. Mifflin St. Madison, WI, except where otherwise noted.

- May 4-6, 2012 Area 75 Spring Conference, Marriott Hotel, 1313 John Q Hammons Dr, Middleton WI 53562

- **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

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A few feet away from the newly formed long table, a man in a dark business suit sits alone, head down on his arms, face not visible. One of the entering party says jokingly, "There's somebody who should have been at the meeting."

Another takes a closer look at the solitary, slumped figure and exclaims softly, "Isn't that L----?"

"You're right; I think it is," says someone else.

As the rest of us talkatively sort ourselves out among the chairs at the center table, the two speakers who have recognized the collapsed figure go over to it. The first man touches L.'s shoulder, quietly speaking his name. The second man says, "Come on. Wake up. Come and sit with us."

But the sleeper does not stir. He is warm to the touch and obviously breathing; these are the only indications that L. is alive. "It's no use. He's passed out."

When the two men return to the long table, one of them explains to me (since I am a stranger in the city), "He came to a few meetings, but we haven't seen him for a long time."

From the end of the table where I sit, I can see both the animated faces of my companions and, off to the side, the lone occupant of the smaller table, his

dark hair framed by curved arms, his hunched shoulders covered by the "good" suit probably donned for Christmas Eve. An empty coffee cup is pushed to one side on the white cloth. I never do see his face.

I wonder whether, perhaps, L. came here--late, naturally, after consuming so much Christmas "cheer"--and sought to pull himself together with coffee while he mustered up courage to return to his friends upstairs. . . .

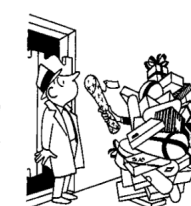
I shall never forget that picture. At the long table were conscious, lively, and (for the moment, anyway) happy people, among companions with whom to share Christmas Eve, although some of our number were not Christians, I believe, and were only celebrating "meeting night." All of us were safe, however, in the knowledge that, whatever December twenty-fifth might bring, it would not be a hangover or delirium tremens.

And at the small table was the loneliest man in the world, unconscious, deadened, an object of social contempt outside that room, doomed to awaken on Christmas Day to a physical and mental state which the rest of us knew all too well, but which we had long since forsaken.

B. M.
Saratoga, California

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Victor E.



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Christmas Illumination

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

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

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

But on an unforgettable Friday night, just before that first Christmas, I found myself in the very danger they had warned me about. My new-found sobriety suddenly staggered under a Sunday punch, a quick hard blow to the emotional solar plexus.

Looking back on it, I realize I should have been much more wary of that first Holiday Season. Christmas had always been a joyous time for me. I'd been raised in a contented home; the Holidays were only the happiest of memories. In later years, as a father in my own home, I continued to look forward to each Christmas with childlike eager-

ness. When it came to decorating the tree I was (I admit with pride) a very meticulous man. Lights had to be strung just so, for color balance, and ornaments hung just right for best effect. In short, I considered myself an artist at this happy assignment.

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

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

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

Then came that memorable Friday night just a few days before Christmas.

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

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for trouble. I got it.

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

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

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

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

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

And on the way to the AA Clubhouse in North Hollywood I drove through residential streets, passed many more brightly Christmas-lighted houses. It was torture to pass so many of them, all reminding me of (what was) my own home. But I was even more determined not to drive along the main boulevard. Why? I felt much safer, at this time,

looking at brightly lighted *houses* than at brightly lighted cocktail bars. In my current mood, I was taking no chances.

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

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

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

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

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

As Dorothy and I went to work, an Irishman named Pat strolled into the hall. He had recently arrived from New

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York and was looking for a meeting, unaware that this was women's night in the coffee room. Dorothy, from personal experience, knew how to handle an Irishman. He didn't even get a chance to volunteer; he was drafted on sight!

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

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

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

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

J. K. B.
Studio City

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“You the party that wanted her old man home for Christmas?”

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CLUB INFORMATION

NEW DAY CLUB
11936 N. Port Washington
Mequon, (262) 241-4673
<http://www.newdayclub.org>

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE
Sun. 8:00 a. Topic
11:00 a. Topic
5:00 p. Young People
7:30 p. Topic
Mon. 12:30 p. Tenth Step Gp
5:30 p. More about Alcoholism
7:00 p.
8:15 p. Men's Gp
Tue. 10:00 a. Topic
5:30 p. Big Book
7:00 p. Beginners Gp
8:00 p. Big Book Gp
Wed. 10:00 a. Topic
2:00 p. Promises Meeting
5:30 p. Step Meeting
7:30 p. Women's Lifeline
Thr. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting
1:00 p. Women's Gp
5:30 p. Topic Mtng.
8:00 p. Step 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 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. Mon. Freedom
7:00 p. Open Introductory AA
Tue. 7:30 a. Comin' Back Gp
10:30 a. Keep It Simple
4:00 p. Drop the Rock
6:00 p. Women's Step
7:30 p. Three Legacies
7:30 p. Double Trouble DD/O
Wed. 7:30 a. Big Book Study
10:30 a. Pass It On
4:00 p. Happy Hr Promises
7:00 p. We, Us & Ours
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
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. Spanish Speaking
Sat. 8:30 a. Early Bird
10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free
3:00 p. Twelve Promises
8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12
AL-ANON MEETINGS
Sun. 11:00 a. Thr. 7:00 p.
Tue. open Fri. 7:30 p.
Wed. 7:00 p. Sat. 10:30 a.

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A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE
Sun. 8:00 a.
11:00 a.
6:00 p. Big Book
8:00 p.
Mon. 9:00 a. Positive Attitude
6:30 p.
8:00 p. Step/Tradition Study
Tue. 1:00 p.
8:00 p. Back To Basics
Wed. 8:00 a.
10:00 a.
6:00 p.
8:00 p.
Thr. 10:00 a.
6:00 p. Women's Group
8:00 p.
Fri. 12:30 p.
6:00 p. Non-smoking
8:00 p.
Sat. 8:30 a.
10:00 a. Big Book
8:00 p.
AL-ANON MEETINGS
Mon. 8:00 p. Al-Anon
Tue. 9:00 a. Al-Anon
Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon
OPEN SPEAKER MEETING
Sat. 7:00 p. 2nd & 4th Saturdays
(AA and/or Al-Anon Speakers)

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE
Sun. 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
8:00 p.
Thr. 12:00 Noon
8:00 p.
Fri. 12:00 Noon T.G.I.F. Gp
Sat. 10:00 a. Gp 124
7:00 p. Closed Meeting

**OPEN MEETINGS,
DANCES & EVENTS
Call for information.**

UNITY CLUB
1715 Creek Drive
West Bend, (262) 338-3500
<http://www.unityofwb.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
Tue. 10:00 a. Tuesday A.M.
7:30 p. Beginner's
8:00 p. Step Gp
Wed. 10:00 a. Promises
8:15 p. Step Gp
Thr. 10:00 a. Big Book
8:00 p. Young People
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
Monday 6:30 p. Alateen
Wednesday 8:15 p. Al-Anon

* Open Mtng. 1st Sunday Quarterly
** Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month
(a.m.)

SERENITY CLUB
3677 E. Pulaski Ave,
Cudahy, WI 53110,
(414)483-8308
serenityclub.info

AA Meetings
Sun. 10:00 a. Welcome Gp.
7:00 p. Gp. 83
Mon. 10:00 a. Honesty Gp.
8:00 p. Sharing Strength
Tue. 10:00 a. Gp. 118
8:00 p. Gratitude Gp.
Wed. 10:00 a. Rap Discussion
5:30 P. Courage/Change
8:00 p. 1 Day At A Time
Thr. 10:00 a. Gp. 89
8:00 p. Gp. 88
Fri. 10:00 a. Gp. 41
6:30 p. Broken Arrow
8:00 p. Gp. 449
Sat. 10:00 a. Reliance Gp.
7:00 p. Big Book Gp.

**AL-ANON MTNG: Sunday 5:30 p.
AL-ANON MTNG: Tuesday 6:30 p.**

**Call Club for Open Meeting
& Dance Information**

CLUB INFORMATION

WALWORTH COUNTY ALANO CLUB

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

Sunday AA

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

Monday AA

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

Tuesday AA

7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Tue
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.
6:30 p. Delavan 12 Step Topic

Wednesday AA

7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Wed.
12:00 Noon As Bill Sees It Gp.
6:30 p. Delavan IT Meeting

Thursday AA

7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Thr.
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.
5:30 p. Step Sisters Women
6:30 p. Delavan Big Book Gp.

Friday AA

7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Fri.
12:00 Noon Big Book Study
6:30 p. Delavan Discussion
8:00 p. Delavan Candle-less Gp.

Saturday AA

12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.
6:30 p. Delavan Beginners Gp.

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:00 a. Gp 17 Step
4:30 p. Step Gp.
7:30 p. Gp 19 Step
10:00 p. Topic Gp.
Mon. 7:00 a. Early Morning
10:30 a. Gp 72 Topic
12:15 p. Big Book Meeting
5:30 p. 12 12 Monday Blues
6:30 p. Gp 40 Big Book
8:00 p. Gp 20 Topic
10:30 p. Living Sober Step/Topic
Tue. 7:00 a. As Bill Sees It.
10:30 a. Gp 70 Step
12:15 p. Gp 76
5:30 p. Men's AA & Al-Anon
8:00 p. Beginners - 1st Step (3rd fl)
8:00 p. Gp 57 Topic
10:30 p. 4th Dimension Step/Topic
Wed. 7:00 a. Men's Step
10:30 a. Gp 9 Step
12:10 p. Oasis Topic Gp
6:00 p. Gp 91 Women's
8:00 p. Gp 3 Step/Topic
10:30 p. Step/Topic Gp
Thr. 7:00 a. Big Book Meeting
10:30 a. Gp 97 Step
12:15 p. Here & Now Gp
5:30 p. Acceptance Topic
7:00 p. LGBT Big Book
7:30 p. Gp 26 12x12
10:30 p. As Bill Sees It
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
11:30 p. Step/Topic
12:15 a. Second Shifters
Sat. 11:00 a. Gp 87 Step
3:00 p. Spiritual Growth
7:30 p. Open Speaker
9:00 p. Here and Now
11:30 p. Tub-Topic

AL-ANON MEETING Sunday 10:00 a.
Club is smoke free. Many meetings break
outdoors for smoking.

H.O.W. TO CLUB

8930 W. National Ave,
West Allis, (414) 543-2448

<http://howtoclub.info/>

Sun. 8 a.-11 p.
Mon - Thr. 9 a. -11 p
Fri - Sat. 9 a. - 1 a.

AA MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Eye Opener AA Gp.
10:00 a. Grass Roots (Steps)
4:30 p. Drop the Rock 6/7 Step
6:00 p. AA Topic Group
8:00 p. Sun. Sober & Serene
Mon. 11:00 a. Winner's Circle
5:45 p. Gp 132, Women's Gp
7:00 p. Big Book Gp.
8:00 p. New Hope Gp.
11:15 p. Nighthawk Gp.
Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group
6:00 p. Tuesday Non-Smok
8:00 p. 12 & 12 AA Meeting
Wed. 10:00 a. Foundations Meeting
6:00 p. AA Beginners Gp.
7:00 p. Women's Freedom
8:00 p. Promises Group
11:15 p. After Hours Gp.
Thr. 10:00 a. But For Grace Of God
6:00 p. 6 PM Here and Now
8:00 p. How To Get It Going
Fri. 11:00 a. Priority Group
6:00 p. Big Book Group
8:00 p. R.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)
10:30 p. Candlelight Gratitude

CLUB INFORMATION

The "Clubs" listed here are
not A.A. Clubs. **A.A. DOES
NOT HAVE CLUBS!**

A.A. neither endorses nor
opposes such clubs. These
are social clubs established
by groups or individuals who
are themselves recovering
alcoholics. The A.A. group
meeting at the club is
available to any
alcoholic - club member or
not. The group is separate
from the club and pays a fair
rent for the use of the club
facilities. Even though the
group meets in a club that
may be composed exclusively
of A.A. members, and many
members of the group may be
club members, too, the
relationship of the A.A. group
itself to the club should be the
same as it would be to a
church, hospital, school, etc.,
in which it might rent space
for its meetings.

12 STEP CLUB

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:00 a. Gp. 24 Upstairs
Mon. 11:00 a. Gp. 92
Tuesday 6:45 p. Gp. 79
Wed. 11:00 a. Gp. 27
Fri. 11:00 a. Gp. 61 (12x12)
6:00 p. Women's Gp.
Sat. 10:00 a. Beginners Gp.
7:00 p. Gp 6

**CALL THE CLUB FOR
INFORMATION ON OPEN
A.A. MEETINGS,
MEETINGS FOR OTHER FEL-
LOWSHIPS and
SPECIAL EVENTS.**

1907 CLUB

2908 N 21st St.
Sheboygan, WI 53083
(920) 457-9633

AA MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun: 7:00 p. As Bill Sees It
Mon: 6:30 p. Old Timers
7:30 p. Women's
8:00 p. Beginners
Tue: 6:00 p. Big Book
Wed: 9:30 a.
8:00 p. WITTS
Thr: 6:00 p. Topic Meeting
7:00 p. Closed Speaker
Fri: 8:00 p. Good Fight Gp
Sat: 9:30 a. Non-Smoking
6:30 p. Grapevine
MtnG
Open Meeting 1st & 3rd
Saturday of month at 8:00 p.

Al-Anon Meetings

Monday: 7:00 p. Al-Anon
Wednesday: 9:30 a. Al-Anon
Saturday: 9:30 a. Ala-teen
9:30 a. Ala-Tot
9:30 a. Al-Anon

When and Where

NEW MEETINGS

11th Step Open AA Meeting, Bethel
Lutheran Church, S77W18426
Janesville Rd, Muskego. **Meets
Saturdays at 7:30 a.m.**

Women's Big Book, Christ Church
13460 N Port Washington Rd, Me-
quon 53092, **Mondays at 6:00 p.**
Gp 79, Twelve Step Club, 4102 W
Townsend St, Milwaukee 53216,
meets **Tuesday at 6:45 p.**

Tue Night St Jude Step Meeting, St
Jude Church, 822 Glenview Ave,
Wauwatosa, WI meets **Tuesdays
at 7:00 p.m.**

Polish Sober Eagles (Polish Speak-
ing) Prince of Peace, 4419 S How-
ell Ave Milwaukee 53207 (rear
parking & entrance) **Meets on
Tuesday at 6:00 p.** (Polish/Russian

Interpreter available)

Tues Night Bay View Big Book,
United Methodist 2772 S K.K. Ave,
meets on **Tuesdays at 5:30 p.**

By The Book, Tippecanoe Presby-
terian, 125 W Saveland Ave Mil-
waukee **Wednesday, 7:00 p.**

On Wisconsin! Friday, 7:00 p.
Veteran's Manor 3430 W Wisconsin
Ave, Milwaukee

DISBANDED GROUPS

Weekly Open AA Forum, West
Allis Memorial Hosp. 8901 W Lin-
coln Ave, met Sunday at 4:30 p.

**Fight the Good Fight Open, Ace
Boxing Club**, 2160 S 10th, Milw.
met on Mondays at 7:00 p.

Muskego Wednesday Night, met
at Heritage Presbyterian, 13761
College Ave, Muskego, at 7:30 p.

24 HOUR CLUB

153 Green Bay Rd.
Thiensville, WI
(262) 242-9999

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Topic
10:00 a. Step/Topic
5:00 p. Step
Mon. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Topic
12:00 p. Women's
8:00 p. Men's
Tue. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Step/Topic
5:30 p. Big Book
Wed. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Big Book
5:15 p. Women's
Thr. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Topic
5:30 p. Step/Topic/Trad
Fri. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Step/12 & 12
5:30 p. Principles
8:00 p. Step
Sat. 6:30 a. Topic
8:30 a. Living Sober
10:00 a. Big Book
8:00 p. Open Speaker Mtng.
(1st Saturday Only)

GALANO CLUB

- LGBT Recovery -

315 W. Court St. Suite 201
Milwaukee, WI 53212-3825
(414) 276-6936

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

mail@galanoclub.org

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:30 a. Step Topic
Mon. 7:30 p. Came To Believe
Tue. 5:30 p. 40+ Topic
Wed. 7:00 p. 12 x 12
Fri. 7:00 p. Step/Topic
Sat. 7:30 p. Topic

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Sun. 10:30 a.m. (Co-ed.)

**CALL THE CLUB FOR INFO ON
SPECIAL EVENTS AND OPEN
MEETINGS!**

NORTHWEST ALANO CLUB*

N88 W17658 Christman Rd
Menomonee Falls WI
53051 (No Phone)

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Wed. 8:00 p. Al-Anon
Fri. 8:00 p. Al-Anon

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

Brown Deer Friday, Abiding Savior, 5214 W Luebbe Ln, met on Fridays at 8:00 p.

Holy Hill Gp, on Friday in Hubertus no longer meets at Holy Hill.

OTHER CHANGES

Gp 91 Women, Alano Club 1521 N Prospect Wed at 6 p. now has **Child Care Available**.

Time To Start Living, Brookfield Presbyterian, 1485 Brookfield Rd, Noon on Mondays, now has an **open meeting on the last Monday** of the month.

Cedarburg Tue Gp, Advent Lutheran W63 N642 Washington Ave, Cedarburg, formerly met at 8:00 p. on Tuesday, now meets at 7:00 p.

Hartford Wednesday Night, time change, old time 8:00 p. **NEW time is 7:00 p.**

Here and Now, formerly at the 12 Step Club, now meets on Thursdays 7 p. at St Francis of Assisi Church, 1927 N 4th St Milw. 53212

Friday Night Second Shifter's formerly met at Serenity Club, now meets at the Alano Club, 1521 N Prospect Ave Friday night/Saturday morning at 12:15am

Fri North Shore, Bay Shore Lutheran, 1200 E Hampton, formerly at 8 p. now meets at 7:30 p.

OPEN MEETINGS

Weekly & monthly open meetings listed in November 2011, When & Where

aamilwaukee.com/directory.html

Monday Nov 7th, 7:00 p. VA Hospital, Dom 43 Cafeteria, 5000 W National Ave. Milwaukee

Sundays at 5:00 p. Pass It On Club, 6229 W. Forest Home Ave.

1st Monday at 1:30 p. Bethesda

Seniors Community Center Open Meeting, 2845 W Fond du Lac Ave

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

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

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

Second Saturday at 7:00 p. New Hope United Church, 4360 N. Jackson Dr., Jackson WI

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday November 23rd at 8:00 p., Gp 22 Open Meeting, 1916 Wauwatosa Ave, Wauwatosa

Last Wednesday 8:00 p. Trinity United Church of Christ, 4435 N. Calhoun Rd, Brookfield

Last Wednesday 8:00 p. Holy Assumption School, 72nd & Orchard,

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

Contact the Central Office via email: gmco@aamilwaukee.com, before the 12th of the month prior to your meeting so that it can be listed here under the special Open Meetings.

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"Faithful Fivers"

Greater Milwaukee Central Office
7429 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis WI 53214

Faithful Fivers "When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat, we give a token that we are grateful for our blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with those who still suffer." - *Bill W.*

Every single AA service is designed to make 12th Step work possible. As a **Faithful Fiver** your personal contributions can and will make our vital services possible. You can start with a minimum monthly contribution of \$5.00 or more. This can be paid by check or billed to your credit card.

Yes! I want to participate in the Faithful Fivers Club.

Contribution Information: Date: _____
Amount \$: _____ **Monthly** _____ **Quarterly** _____ **Annually** _____

(Note no AA member can contribute more than \$3000 per year)

I am a new member _____ a current member _____ a returning member _____

Payment Plan:

Check enclosed: _____ or Bill my credit card: Visa _____ M/C _____ Discover _____

Card #: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: ____/____/____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone Number () _____ - _____

2011 Weekend Retreats Jesuit Retreat House, Oshkosh, WI jesuitretreathouse.org

Men and Women members of AA, Al-Anon
Total cost: 4 days \$290.00. Send a \$40.00 deposit with requests for specific dates to:
Jesuit Retreat House, 4800 Fahrwald Road, Oshkosh, WI 54901 or call for information, 1 (800) 962-7330

Aug 18-21 Women, Mildred Frank
Nov 10-13 Women, Sr Kerry Larkin OSM
Nov 17-20 Women, Sr Elise Cholewinski OSF
Dec 01-04 Men, Fr Kevin Ballard, S.J.

Spanish Speaking Meetings: Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

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

MILWAUKEE CENTRAL OFFICE

- **E-mail the Board President at:** board@aamilwaukee.com
- **E-mail Director Dan F. at:** dan@aamilwaukee.com
- **Hours:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon.-Fri.; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday
- **G.S.R. Orientation, 2nd** Tuesday 6:30 p.
- **Secretary Meeting, 2nd** Tuesday 7:00 p.
- **Board of Directors Meeting,** Wednesday following Secretaries Meeting, (odd numbered months) 6:30 p.
- **A. A. Meetings,** Mon - Fri at 12:15 p. and 4:00 p.
- **A. A. Meeting Saturday** 9:15 a., 10:30 a. and 3:00 p.
- www.aamilwaukee.com

DISTRICT 29
**OPEN SPEAKER
MEETING**

Sunday December 11, 2011
at 7 P.M.

Emmanuel Church of Christ
10600 W. Forest Home Av.



The holiday season is a time for family and friends to gather.

Come join us as our mother and son family of speakers share their experience, strength and hope with us this holiday season.

A.A.: Lori R.

Alateen: Ian R.

Sponsored by the
Thursday Night Gateway Group

Holiday Alkathon

District's 28 and 29

This is a 36 hour continuous meeting and holiday cheer on Christmas Eve Day and all day Christmas, as well New Year's Eve and New Year's Eve Day. Meetings start at Noon on both Eve's and will run until midnight on both Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Starts @ noon on 12/24/2011 till midnight on 12/25/2011

Starts @ noon on 12/31/2011 till midnight on 01/01/2012

As always the event will be held at:

Bay View United Methodist Church at 2772 S. K.K. Ave.

your support is needed to insure we...

***...Carry The Message To All In Need During
The Holiday Season! Thank you for your time and I will see you
at this year's Holiday Alkathon.***

November was GRATITUDE MONTH!

Your group should have passed a Gratitude Box at each meeting in November. The proceeds go directly to Milwaukee Central Office to help pay monthly expenses.

Many AA Groups have chosen to pass the box for additional meetings in December.

If your group has finished with the box, please return it to the Milwaukee Central Office, as soon as possible. Remember to include all necessary group information from the box top label, if you are sending a check. Otherwise just return the box, we will count the money for you.

FABULOUS GROUP 44

Announces Our 46th Annual Open AA Meeting!!



THIS YEAR'S OPEN MEETING
WILL BE HELD IN THE MEMORY OF
UNA R. OF GROUP 44

SPEAKERS

HOUSTON S. and BOBBIE M.

*AA's Messages of Experience,
Strength and Hope*

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS



WHEN: Wednesday December 7th, 2011

WHERE:

Our Saviors Lutheran Church
3022 W. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53208
(Enter rear parking-lot on Wells Street)

TIME: 7:00 pm

Twelve Tips for a Sober, Joyous Holiday Season

Holiday parties without alcohol may still be a dreary prospect for new AAs. But many of us have enjoyed the happiest holidays of our lives sober. Here are some tips:

1. Line up extra AA activities--meetings, speaking, phone answering.
2. Entertain AA friends, especially newcomers.
3. Keep AA phone numbers with you at all times--and use them.
4. Find out about special holiday parties, meetings, or other events at groups in your area, and go. If you're shy, take a newer member.
5. Skip drinking occasions you're nervous about. Remember your drinking talent for making excuses? Put it to work for you in sobriety.
6. If you must attend a drinking party, and can't find a fellow AA to come with you, keep some candy handy.
7. You don't have to stay late. Plan for an "important date."
8. Go to church. Any church.
9. Don't sit around brooding. Catch up on reading, letters, walks.
10. Remember, one day at a time. Don't start now to worry about all those "holiday temptations."
11. If you can't give material gifts this year, you *can* give love.
12. "Having had a . . ." You already know the Twelfth Step!

AA at the VA

Committee Members Needed!

The AA at the VA is looking for new committee members to join us to help plan our event on 12 October 2012. We are always looking for new members to join us and continue carrying the AA message to all. Our next committee meeting will be on the 14th of January 2012 at the VA Mental Health Conference room located on the 3rd floor of the main hospital located at 5000 W National Ave.

We meet on a monthly basis prior to the conference on the second Saturday of the month at 1000 AM. We ask that if you are interested that you or your alternate can be at every meeting as attendance is very important in making planning decisions for the conference.

For further information about being a participant or information on the conference please contact Tim M @ 414-552-8698 or at my office 414-384-2000 ext 47169. You may also contact me via e-mail at: timothy.mccormick@va.gov

Look forward to hearing from you and working with you on our committee.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA CLAUS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17, 2011

Pancakes and Sausage Breakfast served from 9:00 to 10:30 am

SANTA will arrive at 10:30 am

Children **under 10 Free**, Adults \$ 5.00

Must put child's name, gender and age on sign-up sheet behind the counter.

Tickets are sold at counter only.

**Tickets must be purchased
By December 15th**

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

Butler Sunday Night Holiday Gratitude Meeting

Sunday, December 18th
8:00pm

St. Agnes Church, Butler
12601 W Fairmount



Share Your Gratitude
With Us!

Fun, Food & Fellowship!