

"BETWEEN-US"

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"Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

The Big Book infers that a vital spiritual experience is necessary for alcoholics to face and be rid of the obsession to drink. (p. 27) Yet, paradoxically, we are told that belief in God was not necessary to accomplish this miracle—we need only become willing to believe. (p. 46) Indeed, I found that it wasn't necessary to define God before doing the Twelve Steps, but I began to see the result of my willingness to believe several months afterward. I experienced a release from that deadly mental obsession that had plagued me for nearly thirty years! My willingness to believe came **before** doing the Twelve Steps, but my belief came **afterwards**. The evidence was indisputable—I had been released! I had experienced a *"personality change sufficient to recover from alcoholism."* I had been in AA for about a year before the release took place (The Big Book uses the word recovered), so in AA Program language I had *had* a spiritual awakening (slow) rather than a spiritual experience (sudden) as mentioned in Appendix II. (p. 567)



The Big Book does **not** say that I must understand God, but it speaks of: *"God as we understood Him,"* in Steps 3 and 11. This simply means that we each may entertain our different views of a higher power. Although I may not understand God, I can see His **results**, i.e.: We have over two million sober alcoholics in AA and most all of us claim that God saved them from an alcoholic pit. (Including me!)

Reverend Sam Shoemaker, Bill Wilson's Oxford Group mentor, stated: *"Step two is not theological, it is evidential."* The evidence is around the AA tables!

As I study the Big Book, I realize that certain words are used in a special and technical context not to be found in dictionaries. One of these words is "sanity." Sanity, in Big Book speak, is when an alcoholic can see and act on the truth in the matter of drink. Alcoholic insanity is when they cannot. Two examples: **Alcoholic insanity:** Jim pouring whisky into milk: *"plain insanity"* (p. 37) **Alcoholic Sanity:** Fitz Mayo who *"couldn't drink even if he would."* (p. 57)

Someone wrote: *"The better I understand God, the less I know God."* Came to believe is a *decision of the heart*, rather than of a *conclusion of the mind*."

Bob S

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From the February 1959 Grapevine magazine.

Let's Face It

LIKE a watchman who carries keys for locking or unlocking vital areas, we in AA also have catch words which might be called key phrases. We all use these from time to time: Live and Let Live, Think, But For The Grace of God, First Things First or Easy Does It.

Another phrase we often hear around AA is "let's face it." I like that one because it denotes some action and that AA is beginning to work for us. What is it that we usually need face? Sometimes it is bill collectors, again it may be someone we had harmed by our drinking or maybe a summons from a court for a law violation. It may be a change to be made from the sordid way of life that marked our drinking. Whatever we must face, the very words denote plurality and we come to the realization that we are not alone anymore, and we get the courage to change the things that we can.

"Let's Face It" is also a common denominator that we have all used. Everyone that has contact with AA for any length of time has had to face certain things. We have to face that we are alcoholic and what that means to each of us.

No one likes to be different from his fellows but let's face it—we are. For me, it took a long time before I accepted this fact and, until I did, I had trouble on the program. I thought I could drink along with the rest of my associates. I could not and often drank like an accident-about-to-happen. It usually did. Until I faced and accepted the fact that it might be all right for the other fellow to drink but not for me I continued to have trouble.

"Let's Face It." If we accept AA, it means that we can't ever take a drink again. Ever is a big word for us, especially if we are new. It means for days, weeks, months, years, *ad infinitum*. It is just too big to think of at first. Here is where we grasp another one of those key phrases—"just for today." It seems to have worked for many of us.

I will close this with a positive note. Let's face it, isn't this way of life much better than it used to be.

-- Russell G.
Huntington Park, California

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

	Oct - Dec 19	Oct - Dec 18	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Literature Sales	37,298.85	29,747.26	7,551.59	25.39%
4050 · Between us	423.00	2,182.00	-1,759.00	-80.61%
4070 · Contributions	18,920.15	17,552.57	1,367.58	7.79%
4080 · Gratitude boxes	2,690.83	2,133.02	557.81	26.15%
4090 · Open Meeting / Dinner	0.00	2,575.00	-2,575.00	-100.0%
4100 · Memorials	0.00	625.00	-625.00	-100.0%
4130 · Personal Contr.	2,364.11	641.35	1,722.76	268.62%
4150 · Other Income	374.76	1,093.19	-718.43	-65.72%
4170 · Interest Income	320.75	768.34	-447.59	-58.25%
4190 · Discrepancies	-162.80	0.00	-162.80	-100.0%
4600 · Merchandise Sales	0.00	303.00	-303.00	-100.0%
4830 · Sales Discounts	20.00	39.99	-19.99	-49.99%
48900 · Shipping and Delivery Income	589.96	126.62	463.34	365.93%
Total Income	62,839.61	57,787.34	5,052.27	8.74%
Cost of Goods Sold	22,823.27	18,089.47	4,733.80	26.17%
Gross Profit	40,016.34	39,697.87	318.47	0.8%
Expense				
51100 · Freight and Shipping Costs	273.75	247.63	26.12	10.55%
59900 · POS Inventory Adjustments	-2.13	-7.16	5.03	70.25%
6000 · Advertising and Promotion	1,062.50	0.00	1,062.50	100.0%
6040 · Bank Service Charges	11.00	0.00	11.00	100.0%
6045 · Coffee/Soda/Candy Expense	159.73	154.36	5.37	3.48%
6050 · Credit card fees	547.23	792.86	-245.63	-30.98%
6170 · Computer and Internet Expenses	281.00	0.00	281.00	100.0%
6200 · Conferences & conventions	50.00	84.94	-34.94	-41.14%
6345 · Open Meeting/Dinner	0.00	3,692.90	-3,692.90	-100.0%
6500 · Office	10,563.02	11,132.62	-569.60	-5.12%
6600 · Payroll	25,269.33	26,524.96	-1,255.63	-4.73%
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	-21.05	7.00	-28.05	-400.71%
6700 · Professional Fees	1,290.00	1,000.00	290.00	29.0%
Total Expense	39,484.38	43,630.11	-4,145.73	-9.5%
Net Ordinary Income	531.96	-3,932.24	4,464.20	113.53%
52500 · Purchase Discounts	5.01	0.00	5.01	100.0%
Net Income	536.97	-3,932.24	4,469.21	113.66%

Account Balances:
Checking: 17,594.18
Savings Account: 50,998.48
Prudent Reserve: 163,805.25

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

Secretary Meeting January 14, 2020

Groups represented: Gp 22, Gp 48, Gp 100, Big Book Readers, Common Solution, Friday Night Young Peoples Big Book, Just For You, Mayfair Ladies Mon/Fri Gp., Reality Gp, Sun Night Grapevine, There Is a Solution Pewaukee, Tuesday Night Grapevine, Wanderer's, and WELL Big Book. Only 14 groups were represented. I'm sorry if I have missed anyone that was in attendance.

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

Bank Balances on left of this page.

New secretaries introduced themselves, and made announcements.

Beginning March 10th, the Secretary meeting will begin at 6:30 p. And, from then on will only meet bi-monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. New schedule is Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep. and Nov. Start time will always be 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Elizabeth (BJ.) E. she is chairing a "Journaling for Recovery" Closed AA meeting on February 1, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, call for seating, 414-477-1792.

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

Between-Us monthly Newsletter is free for all through Email. **New subscribers** should send an email to: dan@aamilwaukee.com.

BIRTHDAY CLUB! We celebrate birthdays, and we'd like to help you celebrate yours! See the form on page four.

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

Gratitude Boxes: all should be returned now.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:30 p.m.. Next meeting February 11th, 2020, 7p.

The **Southern Wisconsin Deaf Access Committee** needs to rotate it's members. We are searching for two AA members to act as Co-Chairs, a treasure, and a liaison person to work with Members of AA Deaf community. They can email SWDAC at: milwareadeafaccess@gmail.com

Southern Wisconsin Deaf Access Committee (SWDAC)
December 2019
Balance: \$9,426.74
Contributions: \$1,245.56
Interpreter : \$ 320.00
Awareness Event N/A
Expenses: N/A
Donations: N/A
Annual Cost of interpreters for 3 meetings a week @\$160 per meeting is \$24,960
Leslie P. with questions: eclvr@wi.rr.com

Meeting Space Available
• **Christ United Methodist Church**, 5200 S 48th St. Greenfield WI 53221. Wheelchair accessible space available. Contact: Jo, 414-421-0202 or email: christumc1@sbcglobal.net

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



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

Tradition Seven, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions,

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[Seventh Tradition Checklist](#)



DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT INFO 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

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

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

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

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

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

SEND ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO:

7429 W. Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214,
dan@aamilwaukee.com

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

TAYCHEDAH CORRECTIONAL, Meetings are held 1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesday and on the 3rd 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) 537-2884

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: mcccordinator@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 2020

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

- Mar. 08, 2020, Delegates Workshop
- Apr. 05, 2020, Assembly
- Jun. 28, 2020, Assembly
- Sep. 13, 2020, Assembly
- Nov. 6-8, 2020, Conference Area 75 Holiday Inn, Manitowoc WI

ADDRESSES FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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, or Bridging the Gap or Treatment write to:** PMB # 170, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217

• **Southern Wisconsin Deaf Access Committee :** Email: milwareda deafaccess@gmail.com; Mailto: Deaf Access Committee, P.O. Box 1982, Waukesha WI 53186

JOIN the BIRTHDAY CLUB!

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

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



\$ _____ enclosed.

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

Name _____

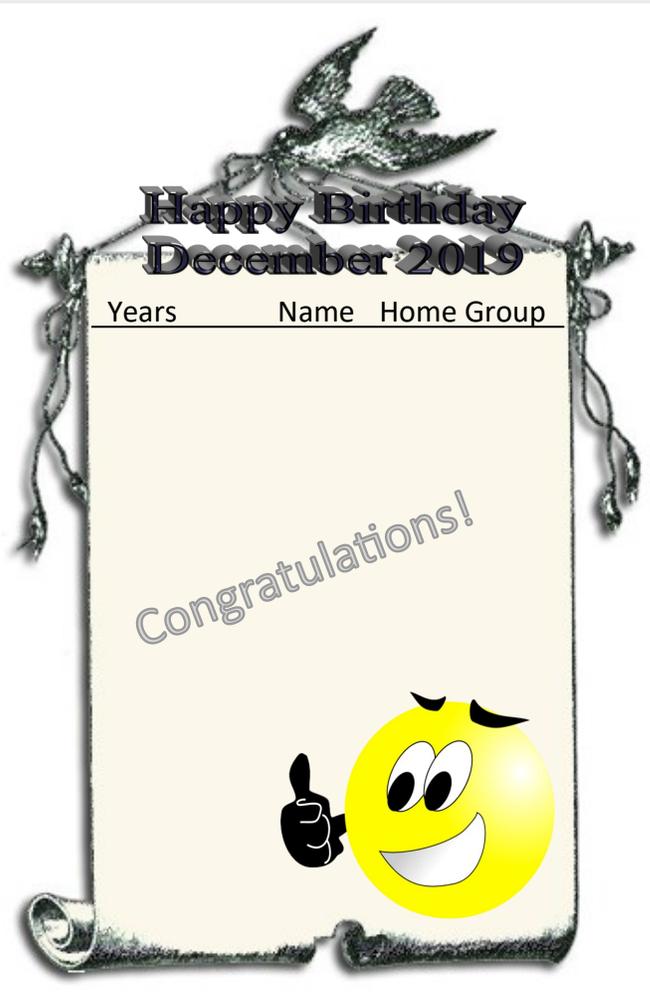
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ - _____

Email: _____

Home Group: _____



MILW. CENTRAL OFFICE

- **E-mail us at:**
dan@aamilwaukee.com
- **Hours: M, W, Th, Fr** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Tuesday** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., **Sat.** 9 a.m. - 1p.m.
- **Secretary Meeting Bi-monthly beginning the 2nd Tuesday of March at 6:30 p. and each odd numbered month thereafter. 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:** 2nd Thurs. of month at 6 p.m.
- **Dist. 14,** 4th Wed. at 7 p.m.
- **Dist. 16,** 1st Wed. at 6 p.m.
- **Milw Cnty Corrections Committee,** 3rd Thurs. at 5:30 on odd numbered months.

Spanish Speaking Meetings: Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

- **GRUPO 5 CONCEPTOS,** Pass It On Club, 6229 W. Forest Home Av, Milw, on Saturday at 8: 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

SERVICE MANUAL STUDY, 6 p.m.
2020 Schedule: April 9, May 21, June 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8, and Nov 12, Dec no meeting.

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

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.](mailto:Nancy.H@aa.org)



In Memoriam:

Bill DuBois, passed away on January 17, 2020. He was 77 years old. A long time member of the Brown Deer Monday Night Gp., Bill's 38 years of wisdom and support will be missed by all who passed his way. His family wanted donations to a "favorite charity" and the Monday Night group "passed the hat" in support of the AA Central Office. May you rest in peace, Bill. We will all meet again at the big meeting.

Dan Krall, age 73 died suddenly, in a motorcycle accident in Arcadia FL, near Naples, on Saturday January 18th. Dan was a longtime member of fellowship. An inspiration to newcomers and old-timers alike. Dan was with friends when he died. He will be greatly missed by so many in the AA community and other fellowships in which he was involved. Rest in peace Dan.

Journaling for Recovery

*Haven't tried journaling?
It's simply thinking with a pen!*



Saturday February 1, 2020

Doors open at 8:30

Seminar 9:00am-12:00pm

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church – Hearth Room

12012 W. North Ave. Wauwatosa

Handicap Accessible / No Fee / Snow date Feb 8

Access parking lot and building from 120th Street

Refreshments & Materials Provided

AA Speakers / Closed Meeting

Nancy M (*Mayfair Women's Group*)

Glen G (*Restore Us to Sanity Group*)

Final speaker to-be-determined

Limited Seating – RSVP Required!

Text: **RSVP, Feb 1, your first name & last initial to**

414-477-1792 (BJ E. Mayfair Women's Group)

Sidebar

Wow, talk about tough drunk driving laws....

HERE ARE NO DRUNK DRIVERS IN ICELAND. Liquor is available but the police arrest persons emerging from clubs the moment they get behind the wheel of their car. To prove the absence of liquor in his system, the person so arrested must request a blood test; otherwise he is automatically fined \$100 . . . In Finland a person convicted of drunkenness three times in a year loses his driver's license, although he need not be driving at the time of his arrest.

-- The Pioneer
Walla Walla, Washington

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Group 48

48th Annual Anniversary Meeting

Saturday - February 15, 2020

AA Speaker: Theresa W.

Al-Anon Speaker: Mark H.

**Immaculate Conception School Hall
1051 E. Russel Ave., Milwaukee, WI.**

6:00 - 7:00 Hospitality

7:00 - 9:00 Speakers

**Desserts, Snacks, Coffee, Soda
and Plenty of Great Fellowship.**

Contacts: Nancy S. 414 - 339 - 3934

Mark M. 414 - 750 - 0199



MEETING ROOMS

NEW DAY CLUB
11936 N. Port Washington
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
7:00 p.

8:15 p. Men's Gp

Tue. 10:00 a. Topic
5:30 p. Big Book
7:00 p. Beginners Gp
8:00 p. Big Book Gp

Wed. 10:00 a. Topic
2:00 p. Promises Meeting
5:30 p. Step Meeting
7:00 p. Women's Lifeline

Thr. 0:00 a. Topic Meeting
1:00 p. Women's AA Gp
5:30 p. Topic Meeting

Fri. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting
5:30 p. Step/Tradition
8:00 p.

Sat. 10:00 a. Step Meeting
5:00 p. Fellowship of Spirit
7:00 p. Feelings
10:00 p. Young People

8:00 p. Open Meeting (held on 3rd Saturday of month only)

AL-ANON MEETINGS
Monday 6:30 p. Al-Anon
Tuesday 1:00 p. Al-Anon/ACOA
Thursday 7:00 p. Al-Anon

Contact club for info on other fellowships.

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

Sun. 8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up
8:00 a. 3 Legados (spanish)
9:30 a. Reliance Meeting
11:00 a. Today's choice
3:00 p. Gratitude Plus
7:00 p. Big Book Readers
7:30 a. Jump Start

Mon. 10:30 a. First Step
4:00 p. Happy Hour Step Gp.
7:00 p. Open Introductory AA
7:30 a. Comin' Back Gp

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

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. Honest 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

Sat. 8:30 a. Early Bird
10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free
3:00 p. Twelve Promises
8:00 p. Spanish Speaking
8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12

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

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

Sun. 8:00 a. Early Bird
11:00 a. Friendship Gp
6:00 p. Big Book
8:00 p. Gopher Sunday

Mon. 9:00 a. Positive Attitude
6:30 p. Otter Gp
8:00 p. Step/Tradition Study

Tue. 1:00 p.
4:00 p.
7:00 p. Life House

Wed. 8:00 a.
10:00 a. Back To Basics
1:00 p. Women's Meeting
6:00 p.
8:00 p.

Thr. 10:00 a.
4:00 p.
6:00 p. Women's Group
8:00 p. Grapevine Mtng

Fri. 12:30 p.
4:00 p.
6:00 p. Non-smoking
8:00 p. Old School House

Sat. 8:30 a. 11th Step
10:00 a. Big Book
5:30 p. Perfect Time B/B

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

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

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

Sun. 9:30 a. Sun Morn Sunlite
11:00 a. Sun Go-To-Mtng
(Open speaker 2nd Sunday & Breakfast)
7:00 p. (Open Step Gp)

Mon. 12:00 Noon
6:00 p. Beginners AA
7:00 p. (12 & 12)

Tue. 12:00 Noon
Wed. 12:00 Noon
5:30 p. Topic Gp

Thr. 12:00 Noon
Fri. 12:00 Noon T.G.I.F. Gp
7:00 Topic Discussion

Sat. 10:00 a. Gp 124 7:00 p. Closed Meeting

OPEN MEETINGS, DANCES & EVENTS
Call for information.

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

Sun. 10:30 a. Step Topic
6:00 p. AA Multimedia

Mon. 7:30 p. Came To Believe

Tue. 6:00 p. 40 + Topic

Wed. 7:00 p. 12 x 12

Thurs. 7:30 p. Living Sober - ODAT

Fri. 7:00 p. Step/Topic

Sat. 7:30 p. Big Book & More

AL-ANON MEETINGS
Sun. 10:30 a. Al-anon

Meeting Space Available
See website for Club Events.
www.galanoclub.org

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

Sun. 7:00 p.

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

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

Wed. 7:30 p. Step/Topic

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

Fri. 8:00 p. Step/Topic

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS
Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon

Fri. 7:30 p. Al-Anon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sun. 7:00 a. AA Meeting
10:00 a. Gp 17 Step
1:00 p. Refuge Recovery
4:30 p. Life Savers

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

Tue. 7:00 a. As Bill Sees It,
10:30 a. Gp 70 Step
12:15 p. Gp 76
7:00 p. Beginners, 1st Step

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
7:30 p. Yoga AA

Thr. 6:00 a. AA
7:00 a. Big Book Meeting
10:30 a. Gp 97, Step
12:15 p. Here & Now Gp
7:00 p. Sober and Out

Fri. 7:00 a. Daily Reflections
10:30 a. Gp 21, Step
12:15 p. Gp 65
6:30 p. Here & Now
11:59 p. Second Shifters (Sat.)

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

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

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 Thur 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.

Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group
6:00 p. Topic 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
11:15 p. After Hours Gp

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

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

24 HOUR CLUB
153 Green Bay Rd.
Thiensville, WI
<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.
(1st Saturday Only)

- AA Groups Need Your Support**
- **Sundays at 6 p. Sense of Belonging Open AA**, 11th Step prayer and Meditation, 4040 N Calhoun Rd. Brookfield WI 53005
 - **Wednesday 11 a.m. Gp 10-17**, St Veronica's 353 E Norwich, Milwaukee 53207
 - **Wednesday 6 p.m. Women's Big Book**, Martin Luther Church, 9235 W Bluemound Rd. Milw. 53226
 - **Thursday at 12:15 p.m. and Wednesday 5:30 p.m.** St. John's Cathedral Complex, 831 N. Van Buren St. Milwaukee 53202
 - **Thursday 8:30 p.m.** Gp 22, Underwood Memorial Baptist, 1916 Wauwatosa Ave, 53213
 - **Friday at 7 p.m., NCIC Gp 24**, NCIC Church 2328 W Capitol Dr, Milwaukee WI 53206
 - **Friday at 7 p.m. "Yes We Can AA Mtng"** Brentwood Church, 6425 N. 60 St., Milwaukee WI
 - **Friday at 7 p.m. First Things First**, St Margaret Mary, 3930 N 92nd St. Milw 53222
 - **Friday 9:30 p.m. Big Book**, Martin Luther Church 9235 W Bluemound Rd. Milw. 53226
 - **Friday 8 p.m. Candlelight**, St Anskar Episcopal, N48W31340 Hill Rd Hartland WI (Hwy's 16 & 83)
 - **Saturday 11 a.m. Big Book**, St. Pius X Church, 2506 Wauwatosa Ave. Wauwatosa WI 53213

MEETING ROOMS

<p>UNITY CLUB 1715 Creek Rd West Bend, (262) 338-3500 unityclub1715@att.net www.facebook.com</p> <p>AA MEETING SCHEDULE Sun. 10:30 a.** Gratitude Gp. 8:00 p. Candlelight Gp. Mon. 10:00 a. Monday A.M. 7:00 p. Men's 7:00 p. Women's Tue. 10:00 a. Tuesday A.M. 7:30 p. Beginner's 8:00 p. Step Gp Wed. 10:00 a. Promises 1:00 p. Steps/Promises 8:15 p. Step Gp Thr. 10:00 a. Big Book 7:00 p. EZ Dozen12x12 Fri. 10:00 a. Step/Topic Gp 8:00 p. * Step Gp. Sat. 10:00 a. Here & Now 7:00 p. Big Book AL-ANON & ALATEEN MTNGS Saturday 9:00 a. Al-Anon Thursday 7:15 p. Al-Anon * Open Mtng. Last Friday of month ** Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month (10:30 a.m.)</p>	<p>FRIENDSHIP CLUB 2245 W. Fond du Lac Ave Milwaukee, WI (414) 931-7033</p> <p>Email: friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>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</p> <p>Call for information on other types of meetings.</p> <p>Email: friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net</p>	<p>12 STEP CLUB 4102 W Townsend St. Milwaukee, WI 53216 (414) 871-0610 Face Book Link</p> <p>A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE Wednesday: 11:00 a. Gp. 27 Friday: 11:00 a. Gp. 61(12x12) Saturday: 10:00 a. Beginner's 7:00 p. Gp 6</p> <p>Call the club for information on Open Speaker AA meetings, meetings for other fellowships and for special events.</p>	<p>MILWAUKEE GROUP 933 E Center St, (River West) Milwaukee WI 53212</p> <p>A.A. MEETINGS Sun. 10:00 a Open (Disc.) 8:30 p. Big Book Mon. 5:30 p. Big Book 7:00 p. Open (1st Step) 8:30 p. Topic Tue. 7:00 p. Open (Topic) 8:30 p. Open (Big Book) Wed. 7:00 p. Open (Big Book) 8:30 p. Topic Thur. 6:30 p. Open (Topic) 8:30 p. Step Fri. 7:00 p. Beginner's 8:30 p. Open (Big Book) Sat. 8:30 p. Topic</p>	<p>LIGHTHOUSE ON DEWEY 1220 Dewey Ave. Wauwatosa WI AA MEETINGS Sunday 6:00 p. Jim's First Step 7:30 p. Gp 78 Tuesday 6:00 p. 11th Step Meditation Practice 7:30 p. Professionals Wednesday 7:30 p. Big Book 8:00 p. "RES-IPSA" Thursday 7:30 p. Alumni No 12 Friday 7:15 p. Gp 74 Saturday 10:00 a. Gp 59 7:00 p. Big Book Topic</p> <p>Milwaukee Central Office 7429 W Greenfield West Allis WI 414-771-9119 aamilwaukee.com</p> <p>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.</p>
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Directory Changes

NEW MEETINGS

Sundays 6:00 p.m. Galano Club, 7210 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis. "Multimedia Sunday Night AA Meeting"

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

Mondays 6:30 p.m. Uhles Cigar Shop (LL) 114 W Wisconsin Ave, Milw 53203. Cigar smoking allowed. No wheelchair access.

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

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., 12&12 Study, Cedar Springs Church, 3128 Slinger Rd, Slinger WI

Thursday at 6 p.m., St Matthew CME, 2944 N 9th St, Milwaukee 53206

Fridays at 7p.m., Primary Purpose, St James Catholic Church, W220N6588 Town Line Rd, Menomonee Falls WI 53051

Saturday 8:30 a.m. Step Meeting Lumen Christi Catholic Church, 2750 W Mequon Rd, Mequon WI 53092

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

DISBANDED GROUPS

Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Treat Yourself Tue. Christ Church, 5655 N Lake Dr. Whitefish Bay WI

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Home At Last, met at St Luke's Lutheran, 6705 Northway, Greendale

Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Bridges of Milw. Rehab and Care Center, 6800 N 76th St. Milwaukee.

Wednesday 8 p.m. Menomonee Falls, Gloria Dei Church, W180N7863 Town Hall Rd.

OTHER CHANGES

WELL Beginners and WELL Big Book, Tuesdays in Wales, **NOW** meets at: New Vision Bretheren-Christ Church, N14W27995 Silvermail Rd, Pewaukee WI 53072

OPEN SPEAKER

Weekly & monthly speaker meetings listed in December 2018 When & Where
aamilwaukee.com/directory.html

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

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

3rd Sunday Open 11 a., Friendship Club, 2245 W Fond du Lac Ave, Milw

Sundays at 7:00 p. VA Hospital 5000 W National Ave 3rd Floor Unit 3A

1st Tuesdays in Jan, Apr, July and October at 7:30 p. Acceptance Gp. First Congregational Church, 1111 N Chicago Ave So. Milwaukee.

Last Wednesday 7:30 p. Gp 23 First Luther-

an Church, 7400 W Lapham St, West Allis

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

3rd Thursday, 7:30 p. St John Vianney, 1755 N Calhoun Rd, Brookfield WI

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

4th Friday 8:00 p. Imago Dei Church, 2327 N. 52nd St., Milwaukee 53210

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

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

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

3rd Saturday 7:30 p. HOW To Club 8930 W. National Ave, West Allis

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

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

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

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

Central Office Contributions December 2019

75 Groups Contributed Thank You!

Group Name	Group #	Amount	Group Name	Group #	Amount
#002 Twelve and Twelve Disc	114283	20.00	Mon Night Procrastinators	OZK-M	83.00
#010 Sun Gp	121542	25.00	Mon Night Women's Waukesha	114085	84.02
#015 TAL Gp	137297	50.00	Mon Twelve and Twelve	687894	60.00
#022	114297	9.00	New Beginnings Oconomowoc	617659	30.60
#051 Sicker Than Most	114317	50.00	New Life Gp	171147	9.00
11th Step Meditation Practice	715492	122.40	Oak Creek Tue 10 a.m. Step	144522	9.00
11th Step Open AA Meeting	WAK-A6	120.00	Personal		23.00
12 Step Couples in Recovery	MIL-FA	100.00	Pewaukee Mon Night	114365	42.00
A Vision for You	675262	70.00	Pow Wow Group	178670	90.00
As Bill Sees It Waukesha	177080	48.00	Sat Morning Big Book	136286	50.00
Broken Arrow	MIL-F8	60.00	Sat Morning NW Alano	159063	109.00
Brookfield Unity	114155	60.00	Sat Night Live /Oconomowoc	121171	9.00
Butler Sun Night	114272	18.00	Sat Night Live Open Speaker	130689	228.00
Cross Roads	119518	20.00	Stop For a Quick One/Step	MIL-R3	217.80
Early Bird	613662	60.29	Sun Morning Sunlight	160537	50.00
Elm Grove Living Sober	665770	225.00	Sun Night Men's Waukesha	129859	100.00
First Step	635840	60.00	Sun Night Topic Gp	138529	45.00
First Things First	139238	69.00	Sussex Fri Night Action	147499	500.00
Fri Night "Lit" Literature, Ash	MIL-F9	43.56	Thanksgiving Gp Hubertus	703452	50.00
Fri Noon 12 & 12	MIL-FB	91.48	The First 164	MIL-T9	120.00
Get A Life	MIL-WM	15.50	There Is a Solution/Pewaukee	605313	130.41
Happy Hour Promises, Pass It On	MIL-W6	60.00	Thinking Outside the Bottle	719338	36.00
Happy Hour, Aurora Sinai	MIL-F4	12.00	Thr Night AA/St Anskar's	117644	64.50
Hartford On The Hill Gp,	126035	35.00	Thr Success Step	MIL-RB	80.02
Hartford Women's Big Book	667036	50.00	Treat Yourself Tuesday	138810	87.00
Helping Hand	116923	60.00	Trust Through Fellowship	719337	87.62
Hot Potato Gp	161562	60.00	Tue Morning Gp 10 a.m.	138530	30.00
Keep It Simple Sunrise Wed	670420	35.00	Tue Night Grapevine	665769	18.00
Key To Recovery Open Meeting	MIL-S3	100.00	Tue Night Topic Menomonee Falls	130305	50.00
Kick Start Gp M/W/F	719953	9.00	Tue Reflections	MIL-TH	109.25
Lake Geneva Monday Night	114253	39.00	Twelve Promises Discussion Thr	MIL-RM	29.00
Manitoba Group AA	610230	60.00	Victory Group	163882	40.00
Matt Talbot Bell Ringers Gp	675208	166.80	Way of Life	704219	120.00
Mayfair Ladies Mon & Fri	114336	120.00	Wed Night Men's Meeting	663905	60.00
Men's Topic/Discussion	661357	60.00	Wed Noon Lunch Bunch	690831	83.00
Milwaukee Group	675061	400.00	Women's Big Book-Step	163696	10.00
Mon Independence	MIL-MH	93.66	Written For Us	717556	30.00
Mon Night How It Works	716315	90.00			
			TOTAL		\$5,761.91

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 WI 53227

[Redemptorist Retreat Center,](#)

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

[2020 Weekend Retreats](#)

[Jesuit Retreat House,](#)

4800 Fahrwald Rd. Oshkosh, WI 54901, call 800-962-7330

jesuitretreathouse.org

Men and Women in AA, AI-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: , May 7-10 2020, Dec. 3-6 2020.

Women: May 14-17 2020, Aug. 20-23 2020, Nov. 12-15 2020, Nov. 19-22 2020.

We Need Volunteers

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MESSAGE



Milwaukee County Corrections Committee (MCCC)

*meets six times a year on the odd numbered months and on
the 3rd Thursday of the month at 5:30 PM*

2020 Dates:

January 16th, March 19th, May 21st, July 16th,
September 17th, and November 19th. Meetings take place at
Milwaukee Central Office located at 7429 W. Greenfield Ave.,
West Allis, WI 53214

FOR CONTRIBUTIONS:

MCCC

PO BOX 270544

Milwaukee, WI 53227

TO CONTACT US:

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please make checks payable to MCCC

Magnificent Adventure

GOD was good to me in letting me have a share of Ian's time and understanding when I was so gravely in need of it. No problem could ever frighten me the same after I had talked it over with Ian. I know his serene faith is hard-won--nothing so deep could come to anyone at the drop of a hat. But all along the journey of our growth in AA we exchange gifts with one another and grow richer by giving--that is the lovely truth of the matter.

At the present time I am living in India, far from my AA birthplace, New Zealand--and by this I mean that I was born into a new world there when AA took my problems over for me. Here I have met no [AA](#) people, nor even tried to contact them. Perhaps this is remiss of me but I think you will understand quite well when I tell you that my wife and I have been reunited after a year of separation.

When I joined [AA](#) and began the adventure of growing towards God and a contented sobriety I made a very common mistake. I imagined that my wife (whose egocentricity had prevented us, or rather me, from having a happy married life) should clap her hands, admit her innumerable failings and muscle in behind her inspired husband by attending AA meetings and carrying tea for his AA cronies. In fact, she happened to have one or two problems of her own. When I did not, as I fondly imagined, receive her full support in the [AA](#) program, I began to resume an old practice of taking her moral inventory. Worse than that, I set AA up against family life, depriving her of the affection and support she deserved, in order to play the big philanthropist. I would spend a night listening to the troubles of Joe or Bill, but twenty minutes of my valuable time was too much for me to give the woman I married when she had problems of her own to discuss. Separation came after three years in AA, nearly though not quite all sober ones.

I took a tumble at last (my good sponsor and several of the wisest people I knew in AA had warned me often that the family should come first) and realized what the second half of the Twelfth Step is about. I am practicing that second half for all I am worth at the moment, giving my wife and children some of the love and understanding for which they have been starved for nearly ten years. Do you know, strangely enough, she doesn't seem to mind a bit, but flourishes under the new treatment! We are both at the present time very happy people. When God wants me to do more direct work with other alcoholics, I know He will nudge my elbow. For the present my almost-fatally neglected work of reparation in my own family will come first.

I hope most sincerely that any married alcoholic who reads these words will let them sink deep into his mind. [Bill W.](#), our founder, touches on this very point in one of his recent articles. The good we get from AA must be ploughed back into AA work certainly, though just as certainly it needs go back into the starved soil of our home lives. Why does one see so often among close relations of alcoholics faces like locked doors? Because they have been denied the love which is everyone's natural spiritual food. Of course [Alanon](#) will do a great job where it can get a foothold--but why leave it all to [Alanon](#)?

Often in our [hypochondria](#) we imagine that we alone have real problems, yet it was our relations who bore the brunt of things when we were anesthetized against reality. It is a great joy to me now to take over decisions that my wife used to have to handle on her own.

I am out of that grim bog now, and climbing some of the foothills that God knows to be sufficient for my strength. One drink could put me back there--but why should I drink, why go back to old misery and squalor when life is an adventure that becomes richer daily? At twenty-eight I had the mind of a prematurely old man. I feared death, though I often wanted to die to escape the hell on earth that my abnormal drinking and egocentric thinking had created for me. Now, at thirty-two, my heart is at peace and the world, governed by God, is a lovely and a holy place.

This miraculous change has come about first and foremost by the power of God working through AA. But it does not stop there. Either one goes forward or one goes back. The AA groups, of course, are nondenominational and religious controversy is no part of the AA program. Each member is entirely free to find his way closer to God by the means he finds most efficient. A year ago I was received into the church of my choosing. Some good and loving friends in AA were perturbed. "The program should be sufficient for you," they said. "It was made for alcoholics, and it is all an alcoholic needs for life in this world." But this conversion was in accord with my own application of the program and has undoubtedly made it possible for me to know, love and obey Him more fully. AA gives us back our true selves. From that point growth can begin and continue in every department of life. It is a magnificent adventure.

Should you publish this letter, please convey my love and gratitude to my brothers and sisters in AA throughout the world. If at this moment I cannot see their faces, I have no fear on this account, because we are joined together in the same spiritual brotherhood.

-- J. K. B.
New Delhi, India

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Milwaukee Central Office "Spring Thing 2020" OPEN MEETING

to be held at:

Milwaukee Elk's Lodge #46
5555 W Good Hope Rd
Milwaukee WI 53223

Saturday April 18, 2020

Hospitality: 5:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

AA Speaker: Jim S. from Dousman 7:30 p.m.

Tickets (round tables of 8) on sale Now.

Buffet Menu Includes: Broasted Chicken, Baked Cod, Parsley Potatoes, Vegetable Medley ,
Pasta Salad, Tossed Salad, Dinner Rolls, Cake, Coffee, Milk.

Tickets by mail, \$25.00 each. Include a self addressed stamped envelope.

Greater Milwaukee Central Office

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

Call or email for more information: gmco@aamilwaukee.com

Pay by check or credit card, Visa/MasterCard/Discover, include all necessary information.

Card Number _____ Expiration Date ____ / ____

Name _____ Phone _____ CVC# _____

Address _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail Address: _____

Number of tickets ____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

Tax deductible donation to

Greater Milwaukee Central Office..... + \$ _____

Check or Credit Card Total..... = \$ _____

"Cut-off date for tickets Friday April 10, 2020"

Seating is assigned by table. If you want to sit with your friends, please buy your tickets together. Tables are 8 top rounds.