Welcoming Newcomers and Aiding AA Groups In Our Community."

BETWEEN-US"

Vol. 28 Issue 7 July 2020

Financial News: Please remember our tradition of "self-support". Keep the Central Office in mind when disbursing your group or personal funds. If you wish to contribute to the Central Office, you can now use **Venmo** from your smartphone. @MilwaukeeCentralOffice-AA https://venmo.com/code?

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In July there will be
NO GROUP SECRETARY MEEING
due to the COVID-19. The next scheduled secretary meeting might be
September 8th at 6:30 p.m.

November 1970 **7th Step**

By: M. U. | Brighton, Colorado

Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings

FOR ME, at first glance Step Seven seemed a cinch, especially in comparison to some of the preceding Steps. As is often the case, on closer examination the seemingly simple proved to be anything but! I thought this Step was only a kind of mopping-up maneuver or an interlude where I could rest on my laurels. (I was wearing them in the wrong place at the time.) Steps One through Six had shown me how inadequate my own powers and resources were--as far as my alcoholism was concerned. Besides, I had to he entirely ready to part with my defects (Step Six), and I wasn't at all ready.

The earlier Steps, however, had removed some of the careful padding from my ego, and a remark made by an old-timer and dear friend had helped. I had heard one member complimented by another for a wonderful talk. The speaker said, "Don't thank me or give me credit. Give God the credit." I was determined that if ever anyone thanked me for my talk, I would say the

("Shortcomings" Continued on page 9)

STEP SEVEN SET ME FREE

Step Seven begins: "My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad." Why should I ask God to take over my good qualities in my Seventh Step Prayer? After all, I had been several months sober and there were many no-



ble and honorable elements to my personality. WRONG! (A friend called this: alco-logical thinking.) I was still using "pool room" language, criticizing others; maintained "justified" resentments; smoking two packs of Lucky Strikes a day, etc. I guess I sort of skipped those defects/shortcomings in Steps Four and Five—I did not really know Good from bad! More was to be revealed the following months as I continued the maintenance steps—especially Step Ten.

As years passed, and I began living the true spirit of the maintenance steps, as they say: "More will be revealed" I was told to ask God to help me become aware these newly discovered personality defects and to use the *suggested* Step Ten directions to face and be rid of them. In time, my ego deflated to where I could see that my bad language was not normal, and it made me appear rather dull witted. My critical judgement of others began to diminish as I realized I was only seeing what was wrong

with me! Also, those repeating thoughts of anger began to give way to joyous prayer. Seven months later my nicotine addiction went south and has never returned. Let us put it this way; the selfishness, dishonesty, resentment and fear I learned about myself in Step Four, began to diminish when I put Step Sev-

en into action! The Seventh Step *prayer* was only a beginning.

What a relief! That promise of a new freedom and happiness began to appear, but most importantly, that dreadful mental obsession finally began to disappear. I now realize that I had been trapped in a bondage of self for many years but putting Step Seven into action has set me free! Step Seven is a powerful tool! Thank you, God!

Bob S.

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Greater Milwaukee Central Office AA Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison

October 2019 through May 2020

	Oct '19 - May 20	Oct '18 - May 19	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Literature Sales	65,322.28	80,624.49	-15,302.21	-18.98%
4050 · Between us	540.25	2,977.25	-2,437.00	-81.85%
4070 · Contributions	50,075.66	49,645.39	430.27	0.87%
4080 · Gratitude boxes	25,749.84	24,443.91	1,305.93	5.34%
4090 · Open Meeting / Dinner	0.00	8,350.00	-8,350.00	-100.0%
4100 · Memorials	395.00	2,340.00	-1,945.00	-83.12%
4130 · Personal Contri.	20,170.18	3,255.89	16,914.29	519.5%
4150 · Other Income	778.99	1,821.54	-1,042.55	-57.24%
4170 · Interest Income	1,007.17	2,035.97	-1,028.80	-50.53%
4190 · Discrepancies	-162.80	0.00	-162.80	-100.0%
4200 · Bounced Checks Income	11.00	0.00	11.00	100.0%
4600 · Merchandise Sales	0.00	308.80	-308.80	-100.0%
4830 · Sales Discounts	60.21	79.99	-19.78	-24.73%
48900 · Shipping and Delivery Income	783.91	589.63	194.28	32.95%
Total Income	164,731.69	176,472.86	-11,741.17	-6.65%
Cost of Goods Sold	39,404.38	49,913.03	-10,508.65	-21.05%
Gross Profit	125,327.31	126,559.83	-1,232.52	-0.97%
Expense				
51100 · Freight and Shipping Costs	359.66	1,153.20	-793.54	-68.81%
59900 · POS Inventory Adjustments	-47.16	584.33	-631.49	-108.07%
6000 · Advertising and Promotion	1,561.63	0.00	1,561.63	100.0%
6040 · Bank Service Charges	11.00	0.00	11.00	100.0%
6045 · Coffee/Soda/Candy Expense	398.34	533.65	-135.31	-25.36%
6050 · Credit card fees	1,204.80	1,688.74	-483.94	-28.66%
61200 · Cash Payouts from Drawer	1.55	0.00	1.55	100.0%
6170 · Computer and Internet Expenses	281.00	1,825.00	-1,544.00	-84.6%
6200 · Conferences & conventions	50.00	84.94	-34.94	-41.14%
6262 · Postage	30.35	0.00	30.35	100.0%
6345 · Open Meeting/Dinner	0.00	8,630.70	-8,630.70	-100.0%
6370 · License & permits	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.0%
6500 · Office	27,051.51	28,546.05	-1,494.54	-5.24%
6600 · Payroll	68,093.33	69,021.15	-927.82	-1.34%
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	-21.05	6.99	-28.04	-401.14%
6700 · Professional Fees	1,290.00	1,000.00	290.00	29.0%
6800 · Printing	6,275.16	0.00	6,275.16	100.0%
Total Expense	106,550.12	113,084.75	-6,534.63	-5.78%
Net Ordinary Income	18,777.19	13,475.08	5,302.11	39.35%
Other Income/Expense	5.01	0.00	5.01	100.0%
Income	18,782.20	13,475.08	5,307.12	39.39%

Account Balances
Checking: 10,249.30
Savings Account: 66,007.06
Prudent Reserve: 163,805.25

What is the Prudent Reserve?

The A.A. guideline document produced by A.A. Wjorld 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 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)

May 2020
Balance: \$ 8,162.79
Contributions: \$ 88.00
Interpreter: \$ 100.00
Awareness Event N/A

Expenses: \$

Donations: N/A
Annual Cost of interpreters for 3
meetings a week @\$160 per meeting is
\$24.960

Leslie P. with questions: brylerandme@gmail.com

Meeting Space Available when meetings start up, again.

•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!



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<u>Seventh Tradition Checklist</u>

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DISTRICT MEETINGS CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

DISTRICT INFO ON THE WEB:

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

- 1. JACKSON, LaCROSSE, MONROE, VERNON, & TREMPEALEAU; 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 (1of 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

TAYCHEEDAH 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

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 MORAINE 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: 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 2020

Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison,

Held at Senior Center except where otherwise

- Sep.13, 2020, Assembly
- Nov. 6-8, 2020, Conference Area 75 Holiday Manitowoc WI Inn,

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: milwareadeafaccess@gmail.com; Mailto: Deaf Access Committee, P.O. Box 1982, Waukesha WI 53186

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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:

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Zip



Years Name Home Group

33 (June 5) Richard R. Cedarburg Group

44 (June 23) Ron K. Gp 23 Wednesday



MILW. CENTRAL OFFICE

- E-mail us at: dan@aamilwaukee.com
- Temporary Hours until further notice: M F 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. 12 p.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, cancelled) 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.
- <u>Service Manual Study:</u> 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: 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.



During the hardships we are all currently facing. It is becoming more difficult to attend AA meetings . Many people are forming <u>Online Zoom</u> meetings and telephone meetings. I'm listing them as they become know to me, at our website: <u>aamilwaukee.com</u>. Click on the "<u>Meeting Directory</u>" tab, look for "online meetings available" at the "Codes" drop down menu. If you are starting or attending an online "<u>Zoom</u>" meeting keep some things in mind.

During Meeting Suggestions

Secretary should mute all participants when the meeting starts, letting them mute themselves is not as effective. Unmuted ppl sort toward the top of the participant list (the host can mute them)

Praying or reciting together is hard, better to have one person do it and others follow along

Fellowship before and after seems to work well

For a participant to Indicate they want to share:

Having ppl indicate by typing "I would like to go next" in Chat seems to work well.

Some ppl figure out they can "raise hand", watch for that. They sort toward the top of the participant list Having ppl simply unmute and talk seems to work well too

If a Troll joins, Lock the meeting and evict them. Locking will prevent new participants from joining, which the troll will become once you remove them:

"Manage Participants"

"More"

"Lock"

Remove the participant

Recommended Zoom Settings

Disable screen sharing, file sharing and recording. Anonymize phone numbers.

Log into account, choose "Settings" then look to the right and will see three tabs for "Meeting", "Recording", and "Telephone"

"Meeting"

"In Meeting (Basic)"

"Chat -> Prevent participants from saving chat" - They can screenshot if they want, but we will do what we

"File transfer" - Disable, do not see why this would be needed for a meeting, could be used maliciously "Screen Sharing" - Disable Screen Sharing to prevent participants from interrupting with inappropriate videos/content

"Recording"

"Local recording" - Disabled

"Cloud recording" - Disabled

"Telephone"

"Mask phone number in participant list" – Enable

'Zoombombing': When Video Conferences Go Wrong

ZOOM Meetings Protecting Anonymity & Default Settings

For Zoom users: With the rush to shift to online meetings, many of us did not take time to investigate what this meant to the spiritual foundation of our recovery – namely, anonymity. Now that online meetings are accessible, we want to pass on best practices for protecting anonymity. These have been curated from the membership and online resources.

The default Zoom settings run counter to AA's spiritual foundation of anonymity. The meetings are publicly accessible and full names and faces are often displayed. Additionally, by default all Zoom meetings are recorded to the cloud. Turning that feature off is simple, fortunately.

There are other settings in the Meeting subtab that can also be adjusted, such as disallowing remote control of devices, file transfer, data sharing with Zoom, and screen sharing.

Here are some suggested settings for your meeting to use. Please note that most, if not all, of the settings below are not the Zoom default:

Go to: Settings \gt Recording and click off the Local and Cloud recording features.

In the Zoom Settings section, under the Meeting subtab:

Require Encryption for Third Party Endpoints

Disable Auto saving chats

Disable File transfer

Disable Feedback to Zoom

Disable Screen sharing

Disable desktop/screen share for users

Disable Remote control

Allow Virtual background (this is the Zoom default and allows the user to use a virtual background instead of the inside of their apartment, for example)

In the Zoom Settings section, under the Recording subtab:

Disable Local recording
Disable Cloud recording
Disable Automatic recording

Some websites listing many non-local online Zoom meetings.
www.thetokenshop.com/online AA Meetings, or google.com/view/aameetings

Also some updates from the GSO: Covid-19 Updates

General Service Office: Options for Meetings Online.

AAGrapevine: We Are Here to Help.

Additional helpful websites: <u>Setting Up Online Meetings: Help!</u>

NEW DAY CLUB 11936 N. Port Washington Mequon, (262) 241-4673 A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE 8:00 a. Topic 11:00 a. Topic 5:00 p. Young People 7:30 p. Topic 12:30 p. Tenth Step Gp 5:30 p. More about Alcoholism 7:00 p. 8:15 p. Men's Gp 10:00 a. Topic 5:30 p. Big Book 7:00 p. Beginners Gp 8:00 p. Big Book Gp 10:00 a. Topic 2:00 p. Promises Meeting 5:30 p. Step Meeting 7:00 p. Women's Lifeline Topic Meeting Women's AA Gp Topic Meeting 10:00 a. 5:30 p. 8:00 p. Topic Meeting Step/Tradition 10:00 a. Step Meeting 5:00 p. Fellowship of Spirit 7:00 p. Feelings 10:00 p. Young People Saturday of month only) AL-ANON MEETINGS Monday 6:30 p. Al-Anon Tuesday 7:00 p. Al-Anon Thursday 7:00 p. Al-Anon

6229 W. Forest Home Ave Milwaukee WI (414) 541-6923 A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE 8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up 8:00 a. 3 Legados (spanish) 9:30 a. Reliance Meeting (262) 567-9912

9:30 a. Reliañce Meeting 11:00 a. Today' choice 3:00 p. Gratitude Plus 7:00 p. Big Book Readers 7:30 a. Jump Start 10:30 a. First Step 4:00 p. Happy Hour Step Gp. 7:00 p. Open IntroductoryAA 7:30 a. Comin'Back Gp 10:30 a. Keep It Simple Mon 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 7:30 a. Welcome Back Gp Thr.

10:30 a. Welcolle Back Sp 10:30 a. Made Decision 5:15 p. As Bill Sees It 7:00 p. Gateway Topic Gp 7:30 a. Honesty Gp. 10:30 a. Came To Believe 6:00 p. Women's Fri. Kickoff 6:00 p. Womens F-n. Kuckoff 6:30 p. Thoughts 4 Today 8:00 p. Broken Arrow 8:30 a. Early Bird 10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free 3:00 p. Twelve Promises 8:00 p. Spanish Speaking 8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12

AI -ANON MEETINGS

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

LAKE AREA CLUB N60 W 35878 Lake Dr Oconomowoc WI

A.A. MEETING CHEDULE 8:00 a. Early Bird 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 Stdy Mon.

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

8:00 a. 10:00 a. Back To Basics 1:00 p. Women's Meeting 6:00 p. 8:00 p. Thr. 4:00 p. 6:00 p. Women's Group 8:00 p. Grapevine Mtng

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

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

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

12:00 Noon T.G.I.F. Gp 7:00 Topic Discussion 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 7:30 p. Big Book & More Sat.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

10:30 a. Al-anon

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

NORTHWEST ALANO CLUB*

Contact club for info on other fellowships.

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

A.A. MEETING **SCHEDULE**

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

10:00 a. Step Tue.

7:30 p. Step/Topic Thr. 10:00 a. Step

6:00 p. Women's Fri 8:00 p. Step/Topic

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon 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

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

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6:30 p. Delavan IT Meeting Thursday AA 7:30 a. Sunny Side Up 12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp. 6:30 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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

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 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 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 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.) 7:00 a. AA Meeting 11:00 a. Gp 87 Step 3:00 p. Spiritual Growth 7:30 p. Open Speaker

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 11:15 p. What's The Point 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.

10:00 a. But For Grace Of God 6:00 p. Here and Now 8:00 p. How To Get It Going 11:00 a. Priority Group

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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 6:30 a. Topic

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

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

8:00 p. Step 6:30 a. Topic 8:30 a. Big Book /Steps

10:00 a. Big Book 8:00 p. Open Speaker Mtng. (1st Saturday Only)

October 1951

Tale of Wino

TESTIMONY in the trial over the late W.C. Fields' will disclosed that the bottle-loving comedian had a bottle-loving little dog named Wino whom Fields decided to reform and put in Alcoholics Anonymous. "The poor beast is sodden with wine," the comic was quoted. "I shall wean him on dry martinis, then I'll taper him off on beer. Eventually I'll make him a teetotaler." He died before he got around to it, though. Wino is still a sorry drunken beast.

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UNITY CLUB

1715 Creek Rd West Bend, (262) 338-3500 unityclub1715(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 8:15 p. Step Gp

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

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

9:00 a. Al-Anon Saturday 7:15 p. Al-Anon Thursday Open Mtng. Last Friday of month

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

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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

Email:

friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday

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

Monday

10:30 a. Step Gp

Tuesday

7:00 p. Gp 43 Big Book

Saturday

10:30 a. Gp 112 Step

Call for information on other types of meetings.

Fmail:

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:

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

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

MILWAUKEE GROUP

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

A.A. MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A.A. MEETINGS Mon. 12:15 p Tue. 12:15 p

Tue. **Wed.** 12:15 p, 4:00 p **Thur.** 12:15 p, 4:00 p

12:15 p Fri. Sat. 9:15 a, 1st Step 10:30 a

We do not meet on

major holidays.

7:00 p. Big Book Topic

LIGHTHOUSE ON DEWEY

1220 Dewey Ave.

Wauwatosa WI

AA MEETINGS

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

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

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

7:30 p. Alumni No 12

Sunday

Wednesday

Thursday

Saturday

Friday 7:15 p. Gp 74

10:00 a. Gp 59

All Saint's Cathedral 818 E Juneau Av Milw 53202 Monday: 7:30 p.m. Sane & Sober Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. Men's meeting Wednesday

7:30 p.m. Men's meeting Thursday 7:00 p.m. Men's meeting

Friday: 7:30 p.m. Big Book 10:30 a.m. Men's meeting

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.

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

Thursday at 7 p.m. Men's Gp, All Saint's Cathedral 818 E Juneau Ave, Milw. 53202

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 Meguon Rd, Meguon 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

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 Silvernail 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 Lutheran 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.

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same thing (humbly, of course).

Finally, my old-timer friend did compliment me on my talk one night, and I did say, "Don't thank me. God did it."

The old-timer smiled, put his arm about me, and said, "Honey, it wasn't *that* good!" Up until that time I had thought "humble" was some kind of pie.

I knew from the beginning that my vices were 'way ahead of my virtues. That was bad. Worse, some of my vices were being classed as virtues. But, since other members seemed to be gaining

on their vices, I could hope for myself. By this time, introspection had become somewhat habitual, and I realized that I would have many hang-ups in working these Steps, as I'd had hangovers during the wet years (or should I say the monsoons?).

In Step Seven, the word "humbly" threw a monkey wrench into my sensitive emotional gears. Oh, what it did to my poor id! It seemed I was forever searching feverishly through all the dictionaries I could lay hands on for a definition of "humble" that I could accept. Even the excellent coverage of this aspect in the "Twelve and Twelve"

availed me nothing. Humble? Humbug! Hadn't *I* always been the one put upon? The doormat type? Was I now to wear sackcloth and ashes or a hair shirt?

All my life, I'd been taught that I alone was responsible for my character, including my shortcomings--responsible for self-discipline and self-reliance also. That reminds me of the fellow who claimed that he was a self-made man, whereupon his friend remarked that this belief certainly relieved God of an embarrassing responsibility!

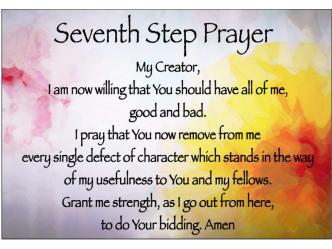
Still, I could plainly see the golden thread of true humility running through all the Steps, and I knew how very important humility was to my continued sobriety. I became reconciled to the definition I found in a new, revised dictionary: "Humble indicates a personal realization of smallness, without loss of respect, and differs from humiliation, which implies public shame in front of others or being made to seem foolish or inferior" and "to be neither

inordinately proud of our talents and assets, nor ashamed of our defects or failures, nor unduly on the defensive over them." Also: "free from vanity."

In other words (I quote Tryon Edwards): "True humility is not an abject, despising spirit; it is but a right estimate of ourselves as God sees us."

My willingness to have my defects of character removed was bolstered by the realization that little, if any, spiritual growth was possible as long as I held on to my old ideas and defects. The words in our Big Book keep appearing before me: "Burn the idea into the consciousness of every man that he can get well, regard-

less of anyone. The only condition is that he trust in God and clean house." This is what Step Seven is to me; it means I am going to clean house and I will have all the help I need. By taking this Step, I am not giving up anything; I am getting rid of whatever might lead me to drink again and whatever might prevent achieving real serenity. Now, with God's help and my own cooperation, via Step Seven, I can become on the individual level a first-rate power, instead of the second-rate power that I was before AA. (I was truly suffering from an immense power failure--or bad wiring.)



I have a favorite reminder which helps me keep Step Seven in view: "At moments she discovered she was grotesquely wrong, and then she treated herself to a week of passionate humility." This quote from the works of Henry James has become part of my inventory.

I believe that through the first six Steps I have gained some knowledge of my character defects and that I know (at least in part and at times) what I need to get rid of! It is certainly no problem for me to humbly ask my Higher Power to remove them, either. I never *did* know what to do with them before. Besides, my pride is the only thing I can swallow any more that is nonfattening. In fact, this diet tends to reduce the ego and eliminate fatheads--mine, anyhow.

Step Seven simple? Not on your ego!

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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 Al-Anon, \$250 three nights. We discuss the 12 steps and related topics.

2020 Weekend Retreats

Jesuit Retreat House,

4800 Fahrnwald Rd. Oshkosh, WI 54901, call 800-962-7330 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:, Dec. 3-6 2020.

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

Personal Contributions May 2020

	Section 1985 April 200		
Name	Amount	Name	Amount
A, Susan	15.00	K, Lynn	15.10
A, Catherine	15.00	K, Aaron	25.00
Anonymous	60.00	Anonymous	20.00
Anonymous	5.00	Anomymous	10.00
Anonymous	50.00	M, Danielle	15.00
Anonymous	100.00	M, Beth	100.00
A, Carol	30.00	M, Wayne	100.00
A, Frank	25.00	M, James	25.00
B, John	20.00	M, Angela	100.00
B, Tracey	20.00	N, Marjorie	400.00
B, Jeff	50.00	O, Mike	95.00
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B, John	20.00	P, Richard	5.00
B, Nanita	40.00	P, Jodie	25.00
B, Erin	10.00	P, Jeffrey	25.00
B, June	50.00	R, Lynn	40.00
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Goodwin, Chase	110.00	S, Michael	20.00
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H, Michael	100.00	U, Mike	10.00
H, Tamara	1,000.00	W-L, Kristin	100.00
H, Thomas	25.00	W, Cheryl	10.00
H, Joel	50.00	W, Michael	20.00
H, Angela	2.62	W, Tom	10.00
J, Bob	30.00	W, Anna	500.00
J, Timothy	20.00	Z, Mark	0.21
J, Sarah	20.00	TOTAL	6,217.93
K. Marnie	30.00		

Group Contributions Thank You	May 2020	Amount	
Group Name	Group #		
#015 TAL Gp	137297	10.00	
#059 Gp	117184	30.00	
#059 Gp	117184	60.00	
#060 Gp	114323	20.00	
#132 Women's Mon	128238	36.00	
#200 Step Gp	114334	20.00	
Big Book Study, Promise View	720616	60.00	
Common Solution	704515	50.00	
District 14		90.00	
District 24		2,500.00	
Eye Opener	603117	100.00	
Fri Night North Shore	137882	4.00	
Fri Noon 12 & 12	MIL-FB	14.46	
Friendship Gp, Lake Area Clu	128753	100.00	
Gateway, Pass It On Club	631316	36.00	
Hartford On The Hill Gp,	126035	33.00	
Hartford Women's Big Book	667036	150.00	
Honesty Gp, Serenity Club	145607	100.00	
Keep It Simple	611725	60.00	
Koala Group, St John's Lutheran	143751	150.00	
Lake Geneva Kitchen Table	125465	50.00	
Mayfair Ladies Mon & Fri	114336	60.00	
Memorial Gp	701134	100.00	
Mon 5 30 PM Sanity Gp	142070	79.20	
Mon Miracles	704244	50.00	
Mon Night Big Book Study		21.00	
Mon Night Women's Waukesha,	114085	361.67	
Oak Creek Fri	114112	120.00	
Oasis Group Wis Rapids		50.00	
Reliance Meeting Open Discussion	653954	50.00	
Sat Morning Women's Freedom	695465	100.00	
Simple Morning Meeting, Shul Center	715785	131.00	
Simply Sober, NW Alano	WAK-A7	90.00	
Sober Sisters, VA Medical Cente	MIL-A2	100.00	
Stop For a Quick One/Step	MIL-R3	259.80	
Sun Night Grapevine Gp	173187	40.00	
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Terrific Tue Big Book,	166339	110.00	
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Thanksgiving Gp Hubertus

Tue Night Hales Corners Step/Topic We Agnostics Wednesday Night, F

We Agnostics, First Unitarian S

Thr Night AA/St Anskar

Wed 5 30 pm Step Gp

Women's 12 X 12 Gp

Women's Fri Night Kick Off



Best Practices For a Digital 7th Tradition

Online meeting spaces make it difficult to "pass the basket." Some groups have set up digital contribution accounts with services like Venmo, PayPal, Google Pay, etc. to deal with this problem. Now might be a good time to review an essential piece of AA literature, "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix."

Each group is autonomous and might consider taking a group conscience on whether digital contributions are an option, and which platform (or mix of platforms) best suits their groups' needs.

Why collect 7th Tradition for an online meeting?

Our regular meeting locations still have operating expenses...

Our meetings facilities may rely on our regular rent to help pay their rent, utilities, and employees. Meeting supplies will still be needed when our meetings reopen – coffee, paper products, literature, refreshments. And after an extended closure, we may experience a large influx of people who are motivated to re-join the fellowship in person. Central Office and the General Service Office still have operating expenses such as... Websites – which we may now rely on more than ever! Phone lines, rent and insurance on office space, Utility and other ongoing expenses Paid Special Workers who deserve our continued support. Their compensation is crucial to their ability to serve us. Our Districts and Areas and H&I still have expenses...

Regular expenses to support the work of committees and events that will take place when the crisis has passed are still there. Web services support for groups expenses for venues for events that have been cancelled may still need to be met, since any income from the event won't be there to support the pre-payment of reservations, cancellation fees, etc. The expense of re-arranging for venues to reschedule events is very real. Let's continue to support these folks during the crisis.

Teamwork makes the dream work

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Money, Money! Do We Need It?

By: A.Y. | Atlanta, Georgia

AS operating alcoholics most of us were financial wizards. Collectively we spent a fortune on alcoholic beverages. We spent another fortune on flighty adventures which were induced by alcoholism. As the result of these wild orgies we spent another fortune on hospitals and drying out places in order to get us in physical shape to start all over again. Money, money, money. Where did it all come from? Only the individual can answer that question. Surprising as it seems, the dried up alcoholic has become tight--financially, that is. We thought nothing of spending five bucks for a bottle. Now we reluctantly drop two-bits in the basket as a price for our sobriety.

Let's turn the calendar back a few years and take a look at one of our traditions. A well-known newspaper man and friend of AA wanted to start a campaign to raise funds to purchase a new home for us. He wrote an article in the local newspaper to that effect. We were elated. We had visions of the finest AA home in the Southeast. We held a business meeting one night to discuss this offer and to vote on it. The entire membership turned out in full force. The pros and cons had a verbal battle royal. It was decided by a substantial majority to accept this offer of outside

The leader of the opposition got in touch with the newspaper man and demanded that he withdraw this offer in order to curb the disunity which was threatening to undermine our organization. That offer was withdrawn, but the damage had already been done and the group was split wide open. The majority immediately withdrew and formed a new group known as the Central Group. We were on fire with enthusiasm and we predicted great things for the future. For a while we functioned as a normal AA group, then something happened. Dissension sprang up within the group. Attendance began dropping off. Had we continued to take personal inventory we would have realized that when we left the North Avenue Group we took with us the greatest enemy of the alcoholic--wholesale resentments against the minority. And so, one by one, we were drifting back to the original group. Some were lost on the way and they never came back. Finally the Central Group was down to the last man--one lone AA holding the bag--the money bag, that is. He happened to be the group treasurer. What happened to that money is a matter of speculation. And so we learned the hard way that another Tradition has stood the test. Experience is a great teacher. By admitting our own weakness we were able to gain strength. During our drinking days we always depended on someone else to carry the load for us. Now that we are enjoying sobriety we no longer expect, nor should we accept financial aid outside of our own organization.

The blessings that have come to us through AA were not handed to us on a silver platter we had to earn it. All things worth having are worth working for. The mistakes of the past proved to be a blessing in disguise, to the extent that we are again reunited in a great cause and we are self-supporting.

The 12 Traditions were compiled as the result of trial and error. We need to keep some things fresh in our minds because they serve as a reminder that all experience, including our mistakes and failures, can have value--provided we learn to look upon them both as an education and a warning.

As AA continues to grow, may we pray that the 12 Traditions, along with the 12 Steps, will stand as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar, a monument to the spiritual insight of its founders, a challenge to all corners.

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Butler Sunday Night
is celebrating
their 56th
Birthday in Spirit!
Due to COVID-19,
the July Open Meeting
has been cancelled.
Look for the July meeting
in 2021 for the 57th
anniversary celebration!