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## My First St. Patrick's Day

By: Steve C. FORMER STATEN IRELANDER | Deposit, New York

A Staten Island newcomer nervously heads to the big parade for an adventure he won't soon forget.

Growing up Irish American in New York City meant St. Patrick's was a high holy day, not just a green extravaganza. Parades, special meals and baked goods prevailed along with the drink. As I matured, so did the drink in my life. So from 18 onward I can recall some March 17ths—but only a few. God protects the fools and the drunks, and I was both. On my first St Patrick's day in sobriety, God was there too.

I was six months in the Fellowship and banging out meetings. My favorite aunt was marching in the Manhattan parade with some sober friends she's had in AA for years. She invited me to march, and boy, I was excited. I took the ferry from Staten Island that morning, fueled with coffee and brimming with sobriety. I arrived at the meeting place but found out that Aunt Kate was unable to make it. I declined to march without her.

But now the city was filled with St. Patrick's faithful, and I needed to use the restroom! I looked everywhere and ended up in the only place I knew—a bar. I paid the \$5 cover and ordered the one drink minimum: a soda. After using the bathroom I practically ran out of the bar. One problem now—I wanted to drink.

I found a phone booth (it was 1996) and called my sponsor. No answer. I called AA intergroup and they said there was a meeting starting in 30 minutes, 15 blocks away. I could make it. My St. Patrick's march began!

Public drinking was not frowned upon that day then, so many beers were in my way as I ran. I finally made it to the meeting. Thankfully, I had escaped the crowd for an hour. But now I had to get home! I ran to the subway and caught a packed train downtown full of pretty Irish girls, bagpipers and the sweet aroma of hops and barley. That's when I decided to drink.

When I got off the train, I started walking to the Staten Island ferry. I immediately thought of a bar I knew. Here I come! No one

will know. As I walked past the car line up at the ferry, all of a sudden I heard, "Steve! Steve!"

Francis, a man I had met at the Saturday Night Alive Men's group, was calling my name. I barely knew him. "Hop in, we can ride together," he said. "I just missed the last boat. You can wait with me." I got in the car. Francis and I crossed the harbor together talking about our lives and living without the drink. Amazingly, the obsession to drink lifted.

I truly believe God put Francis in my life that day. We became close friends and shared a friendship for many years until he joined the hereafter group.

Thanks to the grace of God, these days, for me, St. Patrick's Day is for baking soda bread and drinking tea. .

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## Father knows best

By: Paul M. | Delhi, Ontario

Desperate to stop craving beer, he confessed to his priest. Luckily, his answer was right downstairs

In March of 2004, I attended my first AA meeting at the suggestion of a priest named Father Tom. I had gone to mass feeling desperate about how tense things had become at home. I was drinking every night, and even though I resolved each morning not to drink, the craving usually started before supper and took over in the evening.

After mass, Father Tom suggested he would be hearing confessions. There were only about four people at mass. There were three ladies in the front and me in the back pew, and I felt Father Tom was staring right at me. Since I was the chairperson of the parish council, I felt obligated to go.

In confession, I said that I had felt dead spiritually for a long time. My sins were many and, to keep it short, I jumped to my main problem. "I drink too much beer," I admitted. Father Tom said, "Well, you know you can get help for that."

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“Oh, is that right?” I asked. “Yes,” he replied. “You can go to AA.”

I told him I'd go home and think about it. But he was having none of that. “I think you should get help tonight,” he said. “There's a meeting downstairs at 8:00 o'clock.” Again, I said I would think about it. “You know every time you reach for that bottle of beer, you are choosing beer over God and your family,” he said.

That made me think of Father Peter who had baptized our son. One Sunday, he shared from the pulpit about going to AA. If Father Peter could go to AA, I figured maybe I could too. I stopped resisting and went downstairs.

I was terrified as the AA meeting began. These people seemed weird to me. I wanted to leave but I was afraid they'd grab me and force me to stay. They read the first three Steps. I felt totally out of place, as though I had stepped into a meeting of a cult for insane people. Powerless over alcohol? These people really have a problem. How ridiculous is that? Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity? Now I knew they were nuts. I sure was not insane, but they might be. And I was sure I wasn't an alcoholic, at least not like these people.

But then they recited something called the Traditions and I heard them say that the only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking. Ah I got them now, I thought. When they discover I'm not an alcoholic, they can't kick me out because I have a desire to stop drinking, at least until things cool down at home.

I remember a few more things about that first meeting. The people shared amazingly personal things about themselves and how they came to AA. They spoke about how they felt and what happened when they drank. Even I could see that they seemed to genuinely care about me.

It got me to thinking. When I walk into our local bar and restaurant, my friends call out my name as I enter. When I sit down at the bar, there's a beer, my favorite brand, waiting before I even order. We tell jokes and laugh. Yet I often feel all alone. And here I was with a bunch of people who I'd never seen before and yet they were sharing intimate feelings about their lives with me. One fellow there shared, “When I look back on my life, all the things I regret have one thing in common. I was either under the influence of alcohol or drugs when I did them.” When I got home later, that man's share stayed with me. Everything I regretted had occurred when I was drinking.

When the meeting ended I got up to walk away and some oldtimer called my name. I turned and looked at him. He said, “Don't drink, go to meetings and it will get better.” Then a small miracle happened. Instead of ignoring him, I thought, Maybe I'll do that. I've tried to quit a hundred times. These guys have been a lot more successful than me.

I turned and walked toward the door, thinking that now I could at least tell Father Tom I tried AA. Just then, a lady came alongside and told me there was a great meeting in Simcoe on Thursday night and that I should go. I listened to her, and I went to that meeting.

Then on Thursday night in Simcoe, someone told me that there was a meeting the next night in Port Dover. So I went to that meeting too. When I walked down the stairs to the meeting room, I found a big crowd of people and they were laughing and talking and seemed to be having a wonderful time. Feeling very much out of place, I started to turn back when two ladies took my arms, one on each side, and said, “Come on in! Is this your first meeting?” They smiled and led me to a chair. They were so warm and kind. After the meeting, I was happy I could report to Father Tom that I had gone to three AA meetings, which was pretty good.

One of the ladies there, Evelyn, asked if I would be going to the

Delhi meeting again. “Oh no, I don't think so,” I answered. “Oh, you should go, you know,” she said. “Irish John is celebrating his AA birthday.” Now, that got me curious. I had met an Irish John from Delhi and I had liked him. I never imagined he would belong to AA. I decided I return to Delhi to find out if it was the same guy.

Sure enough, when Irish John came into the meeting, he walked right up to me with a big smile and said he had wondered when he would be seeing me at a meeting again. He talked to me for several minutes and then asked if I would like to read something during the meeting. I agreed. He began to walk away but then turned suddenly. “Oh, you're a member of the group, aren't you?” he asked. “Well, no, John,” I replied. “I'm not. How do you become one?”

John had me sign the membership book and indicate the date of my last drink. The next thing I knew I was a member of the Delhi Group. John became my sponsor, and it looked like I would have to keep going to meetings for a while anyway.

I began a new life that night. Over time, the AA Promises began to slowly come true. Through these people I began to identify and understand myself. I began to change and grow in my ability to love. Thanks to Father Tom and AA, I'm on this journey to a wonderful sober life.

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## Rites of Passage

By: Jim H. | Los Angeles, California

I first knew Don after World War II. He came home from the service and got a college degree on the GI Bill. Eventually he taught high school and ran a business on the side. He was tall, handsome, arrogant, and not exactly honest in those days.

Forty years later, I was sober and going home for a visit. I wanted to check out the AA meetings in our East Coast directory, and there was Don's name. He was listed as the AA contact person in my home town.

I loved my hometown meetings. They were full of warm, down-to-earth, basic AA, with "creeping ritualism" kept to a minimum. I also loved getting to know Don again. He was one of those very special people, schooled in hard-core AA, with a lot of serenity and joy. His pungent remarks were often quoted around town: "Shut up and do what we tell ya fer a year and I'll guarantee ya, you'll feel better." And, "What da'ya mean, 'Where is the money goin'?' Ya want a refund?"

He had received the message one way, the tough way, and it had brought much healing and hope to his life. He passed on what had worked for him--and it worked for anyone willing to put up with it! He was rough and tough and gruff, but he cared an awful lot. The results were impressive. He sponsored many people and many people stayed sober.

I wasn't back on the West Coast very long when word came that Don had an incurable form of cancer and had perhaps a year to live. At the end, about two weeks before his death, Don called his AA friends to come and take him to a meeting. They had to carry him into the meeting. There, this tall handsome man, now wasted by disease, made what amends he thought needed to be made. But mostly he spoke of gratitude--for sobriety, for the program and its fellowship, for spirituality, for the joy of sponsoring and being sponsored. This was his last meeting.

Irish wakes in my hometown are something special. They are reli-

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gious, social, and family events all intertwined.

Downstairs, a more informal ritual is going on. There are drinks and sandwiches, and we tell stories about the deceased, recount family legends and history, and trace old family genealogies. Downstairs everyone joins in. It's where traditions and values are shared and passed on, where a sense of "who-we-are-ness" gets confirmed. But this time was a little different.

This time, the AAs took over. It wasn't planned. It wasn't intended to offend anyone. It just happened. After the priest had said a few words, somebody stood up and said, "I'm Sister So-and-so, and I'm an alcoholic, and Don got me into AA and I'll always be grateful and I'll always miss him and he'll be forever in my prayers." And she cried.

Then Big Joe got up. "My name is Joe," he said, "and I'm alcoholic and Don was my first sponsor. There was something clean and good about him that took away my fear. He was the first man I ever loved--in fact, he was the first human being I ever loved. Only then did I really begin to love my wife and family and not just coexist with them. God used Don to turn my life around. I'll always love him and I'll always remember him." And Big Joe cried.

There was no stopping it now. One after another, AA members stood up and talked about their experiences with Don. It went on for hours. The non-AAs were amazed. They liked it and were uncomfortable with it at the same time. Meanwhile, some of the potential candidates for the Fellowship ran to the bar.

The next morning was a beautiful spring day. The funeral service was held in an old stone church, over a hundred years old, very large, seating over a thousand. In the vaulted ceilings were dark beams with tracings of gold filigree. The years had left the faint aroma of incense in the air. The mid-morning sun now shone through the stained-glass windows and painted the subdued shadows inside with vibrant colors of hope and joy.

The "Patriarch" ascended to the pulpit. For fifty years, the Patriarch had been part of our lives, a kind of family chaplain. He was now very old and his back was bent, but his head was always lifted up, and a bright and sparkling joy came from his eyes and face. He had been there for all our rites of passage, our celebrations of joy and sorrow. Over several generations, he had counseled and encouraged folks, arranged scholarships, written letters of recommendation, found jobs, and brought a special spiritual quality to our lives.

We AAs were all wondering what he would say about Don. Would he mention AA? Would he understand the role of AA in Don's life? No matter what he said, of course, it would be all right. We loved him and he loved us. Our faith in AA was grounded in the bedrock of our own personal experience, and wouldn't be disturbed by what the Patriarch could only know in theory. But he was important to us. It would be nice if he understood.

After reading from the Bible, the Patriarch looked out over the vast assembly of family, friends, and AAs and began to speak. He spoke of sorrow and loss, hope and joy. Then he came to speak about Don and AA. He wasn't oblique or indirect. He didn't slip in subtle references to "serenity" so those who were "in" would understand. He came right out and talked about AA and what it had done in the lives of so many he knew and what it had done in Don's life.

Then he continued: "Experience brings me to the conviction that if Moses were to return to Mount Sinai and bring down the tablets once again, he would hold the Ten Commandments in one hand and the Twelve Steps in the other. Over and over again in our family, and outside our family, I see beautiful things happening as we let those Twelve Steps penetrate our lives. They are one more special way in which God works in our lives and brings about fundamental changes

of attitude and direction."

The Patriarch had spoken and he understood more than we had known. Perhaps in our own spiritual arrogance, we had failed to be aware of the richness of the spiritual treasure he'd been sharing with us all along. He had learned from us. Now it was our turn to learn from him. It was good. Don was at peace, and so were we.

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March 1987

## A Wind of Spirit

By: Anonymous | Wyoming

When I got out of the hospital after being dried out and educated a bit about alcoholism, I knew that if I didn't do something about my drinking, I was going to lose everything I had--wife, children, business, money, home. So I went to AA. I'd had a taste of AA in the hospital, and though I some reservations, in general I liked it. I was welcomed sincerely and genuinely at my first meeting out of the hospital; in fact, the chairman got up out of his chair and walked halfway to the door to greet me. "Bob," he said, "we're glad you're here," and I knew I was in the right place. I have heard hundreds of people say the same thing since.

We had two meetings a week at that time, a Tuesday open meeting and a Friday closed one, I became a regular attender of the Friday meeting and occasionally went to the one on Tuesday. I was adopted almost at once by a big Irish nurse who became my sponsor and still is. How she ever put up with my intellectual pretensions and general arrogance I'll never know, but she did (and still does!). It was a small group, but representative, as all AA groups are, of the general run of mankind. There was a college professor, a successful businessman, a real estate salesman, a former lady of the night, a truck driver, a housewife or two, and then me--the resident intellectual.

My life got better from the first day in AA. My wife and I became lovers and friends once again; my kids began to warm up to me and enjoyed doing things with me like cribbage, Monopoly, picnics, and walks. My small business prospered, my bills got paid, I had many friends in and out of AA, and I was a respected member of the business community. As my friends told me: "You are a much-blessed and much-loved man," and I was--all simply because I had stopped drinking.

And I continued to go to AA. I liked it and realized that my association with Alcoholics Anonymous was the reason things were going so well. I did have a few doubts and reservations about some of the things I heard at meetings. There was much talk about God, for instance. In fact, I sometimes thought that all I heard was God this, God that, God the other thing. But there all those people sat right in front of me with smiles on their faces, most of them with jobs, fairly decent clothes, most with families, leading generally useful, constructive lives. They claimed it was because God was doing for them what they could not do for themselves, and that the Twelve Steps on the wall showed them the God of their understanding. They said that Step One was the cornerstone of sobriety and until they had taken both parts of that Step with no reservations, all their other efforts were in vain.

After listening to their stories, it was quite obvious that they were indeed powerless over alcohol and that their lives were unmanageable. In fact, the way some of those people talked, I wondered how they had ever gotten straightened out. I could see where they needed the whole program. But I could not for the life of me (and that's what it almost cost me) see that *my* life was unmanageable. It was anything but. I had a loving wife, well-behaved, talented children, a suc-

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cessful business. My life unmanageable? Furthermore, I was not mad at anybody, I wasn't afraid of anything, I was not feeling sorry for myself, and if I had any resentments, they weren't bothering me. I just didn't have all those character defects that everybody else talked about. To the best of my knowledge, I didn't need all those Steps. Booze was a problem, obviously, and always had been, but not much else was wrong that I could see.

So life went on happily merrily for a whole year. Thanksgiving rolled around and many friends gathered together at our house for dinner. My wife suggested that we serve drinks, so I mixed and served them. I also had one. I remember being a bit fearful after swallowing it, and I recalled hearing at the meetings that I would be hooked again if I ever took another drink. But nothing happened. The sky did not fall in. Aha! thought I, perhaps I am not an alcoholic after all? But I didn't have any more that day, didn't want another one, in fact. And for a whole month I continued to go to AA and didn't feel the necessity for a drink.

Christmas came; we had guests; we had drinks again, and I had--two. Well, I do not remember how long it was, less than a month I think--and I was back on the booze full time, but with a very big difference. During that year of abstinence my capacity for alcohol had dropped from a fifth a day to half of a half-pint a day. Four ounces of alcohol was all it took to keep me sodden. It scared me a little at first to think that my tolerance for booze had dropped so dramatically, especially since I wasn't even drinking, and I remembered and continued to hear at meetings that alcoholism was a progressive disease. But I kept right on drinking my little bit.

For some reason, known only to God, I kept going to meetings. So crafty and sneaky was I that not even my sponsor knew I was drinking; nor did anyone in my family. For two and a half years this went on, and in the late spring of 1969 the inevitable end came into view. My eyesight grew dim and blurred, I was short of breath, I shook all day and all night, what energy I had was rapidly melting away. It took every ounce of willpower I had to get out of bed and get to the shop. I knew I was dying, and I knew what was doing it. But the obsession for alcohol was more powerful than ever before. I had to have it or die, and I was dying because I had to have it. The terror mounted. I thought about Antabuse, but obviously I had to stop before I could take the stuff. I had a crazy thought about going back to AA but I was already going! I was dying and there was no way out.

Very shortly, on a morning in late July as I got out of bed with the sweats, the shakes, the terror, and the obsession, I realized that if I took another drink, I was going to die--not in a week or a day or two, not on the way to the hospital, but right then. And I thought, in an instant it seemed, of the one great thing that everybody at the meetings had talked about: God. All the talk about "God this, God that, God the other thing," and all the things God had done for those people seemed to flash through my mind, and I cried out, "God, please relieve me of the terrible obsession to drink." And it was gone in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye. I did not have to drink anymore. I felt clean inside and out for the first time in my life, as if a wind of spirit had blown through me; and I knew that all was well, right now and forever, both here hereafter, and it didn't really matter whether I lived or died. I just didn't have to drink again--by the grace of God.

Many things have happened to me since that day. I could fill up quite a few pages telling you about them. But I soon realized that I could not stay sober forever on that one great experience; so I began the spiritual journey through the Steps, I have taken them several times since. I am just a garden variety drunk who has found a way to live happily and constructively without alcohol, to participate in the common lot of humankind, being thankful for all things.

March 1973

## Sex Takes a Holiday

By: J. G. T. | Negaunee, Michigan

Another cure for alcoholism that probably won't work

THERE'S A NEW treatment for alcoholism, according to a recent issue of a national magazine, and it's simple, inexpensive, and effective, if we are to believe the glad tidings.

To describe the method as genteelly as we can, it involves a wife's withholding of certain marital privileges from her alcoholic spouse. To put it more crudely, she has one of those convenient headaches every time he climbs into the sack with booze and ideas in his system.

Well, now! We'd like to believe that this is the answer to the drinking problem, as it's much simpler than hospital treatment, halfway houses, and AA meetings, though not exactly a lark for the treatee, to be sure. "That old feeling" is certainly one of our strongest instincts, and to use it as bait for sobriety sounds very logical. The method has been highly successful in bargaining for new fur coats, vacation trips of the wife's choice, and other rewards (such as a truce in an ancient Greek war, according to the play *Lysistrata*).

On paper, the whole idea seems surefire. But there are a few hitches and snags, as any recovered alcoholic can testify. For example, unless the wife in question is built like a pro-football defensive tackle, she runs the occasional risk of a discolored eye or assorted bruises. A frustrated drunk is hardly a gentle knight in shining armor. Also, unless the little woman was born in Iceland and has never thawed out, surely she must have her moments, too. And down the drain goes the "cure," temporarily at least.

However, the greatest flaw we can find in this proposed remedy lies within the drinking husband himself. While it is true that alcohol supercharges the imagination and lubricates the libido, its best effect is mainly on the social drinker, whose performance is often considerably improved. Not so with the alcoholic. When he is "with drink taken," as the Irish say, he may be on a par with Don Juan mentally, but physically he is over the river.

No, when the alcoholic finally staggers to his sack, marital or otherwise, it is strictly for sleeping, assuming that he has received his usual input of strong drink. Even were there a movie starlet sharing it, his couch would still be for slumber, no matter what a pleasant surprise or what aspirations her presence might bring about. So, as we see it, if a wife with cold cream on her face and curlers in her hair tried to put this "cure" into effect, it would be somewhat like telling a guy suffering from food poisoning that he couldn't have a T-bone steak. Who wants? And if she were to try to catch her spouse in some of his infrequent sober moments, his health would be so fragile that he'd willingly pass up even an hour with Cleopatra for a bottle of brew or just one stiff drink.

Finally, one last puzzling thought: How does this method of treatment work out if it's the *wife* who's an alcoholic, instead of the husband? You folks can go ahead on your own with that little problem.

# Tapping Me on the Shoulder

His higher power helped him through some tricky drinking situations

At two recent events where alcohol was served, I had been initially worried. I've been sober for over six years, but some events still bother me. I usually prepare by making sure I'm going to enough meetings, meditating, calling people, talking about my fears, and always having an exit strategy. However, these two events were more difficult because they were celebrations: One was a birthday and the other a graduation.

My mother was celebrating her fiftieth birthday, so we all threw her a surprise party. My wife and I came in from out of town as did many others. It was a hit. The only problem for me was that it was like an Irish wake. There was an open bar, people were hammered, and the band was playing Irish funeral music (something my family likes to listen to). Let me just say, the night ended with my brother and my cousin puking, and a family friend not knowing where he was. My brother rarely drinks like that, but things clearly got out of hand for a lot of people at the party.

I kept a non-alcoholic drink in hand, stayed away from the boozy people, and munched on food. I was making it through and even having a good time. Then, a friend of my mother's said how neat it was to see brothers drinking, referring to me. I corrected her saying I was sober. She asked why, and I told her I am an alcoholic. She asked a bit more, so I told her.

She thought she too might have a problem and had been trying to not drink. I shared my experience, strength, and hope, and afterwards, I felt great. I felt my unease leave me. I felt serene and at peace. Not only was God with me and getting me through, he was tapping me on the shoulder, reassuring me of his presence. I was very grateful.

A few months later, a friend completed graduate school, and my wife and I went to North Carolina to celebrate with her and her family. This time though, we were only staying one day, so I was unable to make a meeting.

I was doing all right and having a good time. Even when everyone at dinner had a glass of wine, I was all right. I had learned to drink something sugary in these situations. I had an Arnold Palmer and the night was going well. I certainly felt the night would end with me getting to bed sober.

I asked if the food had alcohol in it, and while the waiter was checking, a friend of my friend asked about me being allergic to alcohol.

I told them I was an alcoholic and had been sober close to seven years. The friend asked if I had worked the Twelve Steps and went to meetings. It turned out he had had some experience with recovery. He wasn't an alcoholic, but he had been clean for four years. I'm not sure what he was clean from, but he had certainly been to AA meetings and knew all about recovery.

We talked about alcoholism, and the conversation moved elsewhere. My anxiety vanished. The eight other people at the table split three bottles of wine between them and neglected their drinks most of the night. Later, they wasted the booze by throwing it out, but I'm OK with that.

Those were just a couple of examples of how God tapped me and let me know his will for me. I'm going to try harder to watch out for those God taps, even though they are some times subtle.

*Robert M., Ambridge, Pa.*

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March 1965

# A Visit to Dublin AA

By: S. H. | Manhattan, New York

Dad thought the secret was chocolate fudge

THREE years ago, in Naples, Florida, I met an Irish couple at a meeting. They were on their wedding trip. I determined at that time to get to Dublin some day. I finally made it late last August.

If you have never attended a Dublin AA meeting, you have missed a wonderfully heart-warming experience. I was fortunate in getting to eight of these meetings while there. Everyone is warm and friendly; you feel like one of the family.

If they ask you to speak, look out! Dubliners are superb talkers; it is not easy to follow them on the platform, especially if you are a New Yorker who is not too meticulous about speech--meaning me.

There are two physicians who are members, and they make a lot of meetings. Their presence discourages any attempt at amateur medicine, and that is refreshing. They do, however, help members with medical problems, but not at the meetings.

The group works closely with a large, first-class hospital, and the patients are brought to the meetings in a big bus. This, I thought, was wonderful.

The Dubliners drink gallons of tea, just as we do coffee, and it is strong enough to stand up alone. I sneaked into the kitchen one night to add a little water to mine, and someone caught me at it, and said, "God help us, look at her, destroying the tea with water."

My Dublin friend John's father, over eighty years of age, is so happy to see his only son sober, married to a lovely wife, and the father of two beautiful babies, that he gets a little enthusiastic at times.

He hasn't a clue as to what AA is all about, but he does know that John spends a great deal of time at the meetings in a restaurant on St. Stephen's Green. He also knows that John consumes large quantities of chocolate. John tells me they will be sitting around with visitors, none of whom know anything about AA, and Dad will suddenly pull out two shillings and say, "Here's a couple of bob, go buy yourself a half pound of fudge." To him, John, who is thirty years old, is still his little boy. Occasionally, when Dad thinks some neighbor or relative is drinking a bit too much, he says, "Take him up to the boys on the Green, and give him plenty of chocolate." I have never met this gentleman, but I am sure he is what O'Casey would call "a darlin' man."

I found the meetings inspiring, and if anyone should ask me how AA is in Dublin, I would say, "It's damned bloody good." Up the Irish!

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March 1965

# The Anecdote Bin

Dedicated to the lighter side of our common problem

MAD MAGAZINE, which features burlesque advertisements, thinks that if cigarette packages are to carry a warning of smoking's health hazard, then liquor jugs should come into this picture. At the bottom of booze-bottle label they show a notice reading, CAUTION! CONTINUOUS DRINKING MAY LEAD TO CONTINUOUS DRINKING!

This, we submit, sums up our whole problem.

March 1965

# Mr. Dooley's St. Patrick's Day Lament

By: Anon.

(With this author's apologies to the Irish, of whom he is one, and to the creator of Mr. Dooley, Finley Peter Dunne.)

THE Irish'll soon be givin' up havin' their annual parades," said Mr. Dooley.

"What makes you think that?" Mr. Hennessy asked with no air of really wanting to know.

"There are several reasons," Mr. Dooley began. "In the first place, the scholars have demon-strated that St. Patrick was no true man of the Irish soil; he was a mere Britisher captured and carried off to the old land as a boy. It's very generous of us no doubt to be celebratin' what he brought us, namely civilization of a kind and religion, but he was not the genuine article, such as you'll find here in Chicago. In the second place, the Irish are gettin' too rich. When people get rich, they hire other people to march in their parades. The old sh-pirit is gone. The good old rowdy ways die out, and you have nothing but this baton-twirling, which is a menace.

"I remember parades that were parades. There wasn't a sober man to be seen. High jinks it was and grand to watch. The hospitals were crowded at night; a doctor told me once it was worse than the Chicago Fire.

"But it's all goin' fast. The tragedy is that the bravest lads are givin' up the drink. The terrible inroads of this AA affair into desperate drunkenness are making another thing entirely of our neighborhood. Where you used to be able to bowl down six drunken men with a single ball anywhere on Archer Street of a Saturday night, nowadays it's all good behavior and clean clothes and sober citizens. What are we to do if the Irish all get to be as respectable as bankers?"

Mr. Hennessy looked very unconcerned.

"Thank God for the television," said Mr. Dooley. "It's the last resort of displaced persons. I'll watch the parade on it, and hear those fine Irish announcers tell me about the bands and baton-twirlers from Ioway and the land of Argentina."

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March 1965

# Short Takes

By: Markings

A grace to pray for--that our self-interest, which is inescapable, shall never cripple our sense of humor, that fully conscious self-scrutiny which alone can save us.



## Friday Night Couples in Recovery

**We are Back - EVERY Friday!**

We welcome couples and singles interested in applying the 12 steps to both self and relationships!

We meet each Friday of the month beginning April 1st and would like couples or singles working any 12 step program to join us  
At 7:30 pm



St. Pius Church  
2520 N. Wauwatosa Ave. (76<sup>th</sup> St. )  
Just north of North Ave.

[Click](#)

(Enter the building on Wauwatosa Ave. Turn Left & up the Stairs)

## Come Join Our Tuesday Nite Impaired Professional AA Meeting



Tuesday nights at 7:00  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
11709 W. Cleveland Ave., Milwaukee

Not just for professionals but for anyone seeking sobriety and a better way of life by working the 12 steps and living well. Come share in the fellowship with us and start enjoying life again.

We meet in person and on Zoom. Meeting ID = 98178765495, Password = 071150.

**Hope to see you there!!**

**GRATITUDE GROUP TUESDAY 7:30PM  
ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 3200 S. HERMAN ST.  
BAY VIEW**



**WE GRATEFULLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT!  
COME AND CHECK US OUT**

### 3 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](#)

Use **VENMO** on your smartphone to contribute.

Or Contribute using **PayPal** or your **Credit Card** from our website.



#### MILW. CENTRAL OFFICE

• E-mail us at:

[dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com)

Hours:

M - F 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sat. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

• Board of Directors

Meeting, in-person.

Wednesday following 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday (odd months)

6:30 p.

• A. A. Meetings, Sun. at 9 a.,

Mon.- Fri. at 12:15 p.,

Sat. 9:15 a., & 10:30 a.

• Dist. 14 monthly meeting,

4th Wed. at 7 p.m.

• Dist. 16, monthly meeting

1st Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

#### Spanish Speaking Meetings:

##### Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

• Pass It On Club, 6229 W. Forest Home Av, Milw. GRUPO 5 CONCEPTOS, 7:00 P.M. Saturdays, Upstairs. And Viajeros Wisconsin, 7:00 P.M. Saturdays, in lower level.

• 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

#### SAFETY CARD FOR A.A. GROUPS

(The General Service Office has made this optional statement available as an A.A. service piece for those groups who wish to use it.)

##### Suggested Statement on Safety

Our group endeavors to provide a safe meeting place for all attendees and encourages each person here to contribute to fostering a secure and welcoming environment in which our meetings can take place. As our Traditions remind us, the formation and operation of an A.A. group resides with the group conscience. Therefore, we ask that group members and others refrain from any behavior which might compromise another person's safety.

Also, please take the precautions you feel are necessary to ensure your own personal safety, for example, walking to your car in a group after a meeting. If a situation should arise where someone feels their safety is in jeopardy, or the situation breaches the law, the individuals involved should take appropriate action. Calling the proper authorities does not go against any A.A. Traditions and is recommended when someone may have broken the law or endangered the safety of another person.

Service Material from the General Service Office

All the groups listed in our meeting 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.

Need to make a group or personal contribution? Use our **CONTRIBUTE** button on our website: [aamilwaukee.com](http://aamilwaukee.com) or use our your **VENMO app** from your smartphone.

#### Meeting Space Currently Available

- **DryHootch, 4801 W National Ave.** Space available various time of day and evening. Call Otis W. [414-336-6576](tel:414-336-6576)
- **West Allis Senior Center.** 7001 W National Ave, West Allis WI. Call Shanon at [414-302-8717](tel:414-302-8717).
- **Luther Memorial Church,** 2840 S 84th St. West Allis WI. Contact by email: [prviviane28@outlook.com](mailto:prviviane28@outlook.com)
- **St Peter's Episcopal Church,** 7929 W Lincoln Ave, West Allis, Contact: Steve 414-543-6040 or email: [christumc1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:christumc1@sbcglobal.net)
- **Anchor Covenant Church** 1229 Park Row, Lake Geneva WI 53147, contact Laura, [office@anchorcovenant.org](mailto:office@anchorcovenant.org)

#### Redemptorist Retreat Cen-

ter, 1800 N Timber Trail Lane, Oconomowoc, WI 53066,

(262) 567-6900 Email:

[rrc@redemptoristretreat.org](mailto:rrc@redemptoristretreat.org)

Please call for information and schedule of retreats for recovering people. AA and AI-Anon, \$260 three nights. We discuss the 12 steps and related topics.

#### 2026 Weekend Retreats

##### Jesuit Retreat House,

4800 Fahrwald Rd.

Oshkosh, WI.

WI 54901,

call 800-962-7330

[jesuitretreathouse.org](http://jesuitretreathouse.org)

**Men and Women**

**in AA, AI-Anon**

Total cost: 4 days \$440.00.

Send a \$75.00 deposit with requests for specific dates to retreat house or call for info.

## ZOOM MEETING NEEDS SUPPORT!

ZOOM At Noon Women's Meeting

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:00 PM (Noon)

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5877359740?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5877359740?pwd=Rytda2hwNlczeExqL112SjZFR2dYUT09)

[pwd=Rytda2hwNlczeExqL112SjZFR2dYUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5877359740?pwd=Rytda2hwNlczeExqL112SjZFR2dYUT09)

By phone, dial 312-626-6799 and enter Meeting ID #

Meeting ID: 587 735 9740 Password: 123456

# DISTRICT MEETINGS

# CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

COMPLETE DISTRICT INFORMATION ON THE WEB:

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

1. Jackson, LaCrosse, Monroe, Vernon & Trempealeau; 2 & 18 Green Lake & Marquette Counties & part of Waushara; 7. Kenosha; 17. Racine County; 8 & 30 Rock County; 9. Crawford, Grant, Iowa and LaFayette; 19 & 37. Richland & Sauk; 20, 21 & 26 Dane; 31. Columbia County; 35. Green; 37. Juneau County.

(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. odd numbered months only, Walworth Alano Club, 611 E. Walworth St., Delavan

**10. Spanish District.** Contact: Salvador G. at 414-446-0158. Meets 1st Sunday 5 p.m. 1663 S. 6th Street, Milw.

**11. JEFFERSON CNTY:** Meets last Wed. at 5:30 p.m. Moravian Church, 301 College St., Lake Mills, or Zoom: 817 4085 9820, Password: 665473

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

**13. WAUKESHA CNTY:** 2nd Sunday of month, 1:00 p, St. Matthias Church, 111 E. Main, Waukesha

**14. MILWAUKEE CNTY:** 4th Wed. of month, 7:00 p, Milwaukee Central Office 7429 W Greenfield Ave., West Allis WI 53214

**16. MILWAUKEE CNTY:** 1st Thursday of month, 6:00 p, Milw. Central Office, 7429 W Greenfield Ave. West Allis WI 53214

**23. DODGE CNTY:** Last Sunday of month at 6:00 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 Church, W63N642 Washington Ave, Cedarburg, WI 53012.

**25. FOND du LAC CNTY:** 2nd Tue. of month, 5:30 p., Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St., Fond du Lac, WI.

**27. MILWAUKEE CNTY:** 3rd Wednesday of month at 7:00 P.M., the Zoom ID number is [824 0616 9567](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6870109941?pwd=YVl4SVQzU3FaSE1rc3dzVmtxdFM4QT09) the password is 869 916. Covenant Lutheran Church, 8121 W Hope Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53222.

**28. MILWAUKEE CNTY:** 2nd Thursday of month, 7:00 p, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 4419 S Howell Ave, Milwaukee WI 53207.

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

**32. & 33 WAUKESHA CNTY:** 4th Tuesday of month, 6:30 p, Meeting ID: [321 751 3275](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3217513275), Passcode: [323232](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3217513275)

**34. WAUKESHA CNTY:** 1st Tues. of month, 6:30 p, Northwest Area Alano Association, N88W17658 Christman Rd., Menomonee Falls. Join online at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6870109941?pwd=YVl4SVQzU3FaSE1rc3dzVmtxdFM4QT09>

**36. RACINE/KENOSHA:** 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:00 p.m., 12 & 12 Club, 482 S Pine St., Burlington

**38. MILWAUKEE CNTY:** Last Sunday of month 4:00 p.m. Milwaukee Group Meeting Room, 933 E Center St. Milwaukee WI 53212

SEND ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO:

7429 W. Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214, [dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com)

[Area 75, Southern WI, Calendar of Events 2025](#)

[Madison Senior Center,](#)

[330 W Mifflin St, Madison WI.](#)

[9 A.M. to Noon except where noted.](#)

[Summer Service Assembly](#) – June 22, at the [Madison Senior Center](#)

[International Conference](#) – July 3-6, in [Vancouver, B.C., Canada](#)

[Fall Service Assembly](#) – September 14, at the [Madison Senior Center](#)

[Area 75 Fall Conference](#) – November 7-9, at [Ingleside Hotel, Pewaukee, WI](#)

In-person meetings have started back up in the Area corrections facilities. Contact Fred K., Area Corrections Chair by email; [corrections@area75.org](mailto:corrections@area75.org) for information on days and times of meetings.

For meetings at Milwaukee Area Correction facilities contact: Andrew K. at 262-239-6528 or email: [mcccoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:mcccoordinator@gmail.com)

- TAYCHEDAH CORRECTIONAL, Fond du Lac, WI 54937
- OAK HILL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION: 5212 County Road M, Fitchburg, WI 53575
- WAUPUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, Waupun WI
- FOX LAKE CORRECTIONAL, Box #147, Fox Lake, WI 53933
- JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL 411 S. Center St., Jefferson, WI,
- RACINE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION for MEN 2019 Wisconsin St, Sturtevant, WI 53177
- FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL Satellite Camp, Oxford, WI.
- THOMPSON FARM, RT. 2 DEERFIELD, WI.,
- ROBERT ELLSWORTH CORRECTIONAL, Union Grove, 53182
- KETTLE MORAINNE CORRECTIONAL., Forrest Dr., Plymouth,
- MILWAUKEE COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION, 8885 S. 68th St. Franklin WI. Emily J. by Email: [mcccoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:mcccoordinator@gmail.com)
- MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL 9th & State Milwaukee WI. Emily J. by Email: [mcccoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:mcccoordinator@gmail.com)
- MILWAUKEE SECURE DETENTION, 1015 N. 10th St. Emily J. by Email: [mcccoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:mcccoordinator@gmail.com).
- MILWAUKEE WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL CENTER, 615 W Keefe Ave. Emily J. by Email: [mcccoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:mcccoordinator@gmail.com)

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: meets IN-PERSON.** Contact Andrew K. at 262-239-6528 or email: [mcccoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:mcccoordinator@gmail.com) for date and location. Donation can be sent to: MCCC, PO Box 270544, Milwaukee WI 53227-0544. Contact coordinator: Email: [mcccoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:mcccoordinator@gmail.com) with questions.

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

**ADDRESSES YOU MAY SOMEDAY WANT TO KNOW!**

**Milwaukee Central Office:** 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214 [gmco@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:gmco@aamilwaukee.com)

- **Area 75 Treasurer:** 6580 Monona Drive #1040, Monona, WI 53716
- General Service Office, P.O. Box 2407, James A Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407
- Area 75 [Corrections@area75.org](mailto:Corrections@area75.org), [Bridging the Gap/Treatment@area75.org](mailto:Bridging the Gap/Treatment@area75.org) or mail: 6580 Monona Drive #1062, Monona, WI 53716
- Area 75 Accessibilities Chairperson: [accessibilities@area75.org](mailto:accessibilities@area75.org)
- **Southern Wisconsin Deaf Access Committee** : Email: [milwareadeafaccess@gmail.com](mailto:milwareadeafaccess@gmail.com);

# MEETING ROOMS

<p><b>NEW DAY CLUB</b> 11936 N. Port Washington Rd Mequon, (262) 241-4673 <a href="http://www.newdayclub.org">www.newdayclub.org</a> A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE</p> <p>Sun. 8:00 a. Topic 11:00 a. Topic 5:00 p. Young People 7:30 p. Topic</p> <p>Mon. 12:30 p. Tenth Step Gp 5:30 p. More about Alcoholism 8:15 p. Men's Gp</p> <p>Tue. 10:00 a. Topic 5:30 p. Big Book 8:00 p. Big Book Gp</p> <p>Wed. 10:00 a. Topic 2:00 p. Promises Meeting 5:30 p. Step Meeting 7:00 p. Women's Lifeline</p> <p>Thr. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting 1:00 p. Women's AA Gp 5:30 p. Topic Meeting</p> <p>Fri. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting 5:30 p. Step/Tradition</p> <p>Sat. 10:00 a. Step Meeting 5:00 p. Fellowship of Spirit 7:00 p. Feelings 10:00 p. Young People 7:00 p. Open Meeting (held on 3rd Saturday of month only)</p> <p>AL-ANON MEETINGS Monday 6:30 p. Al-Anon Tuesday 1:00 p. Al-Anon/ACOA Wednesday 7:00 p. ACOA Thursday 7:00 p. Al-Anon Contact club for information on other fellowships.</p>	<p><b>PASS IT ON CLUB</b> 6229 W. Forest Home Ave Milwaukee WI (414) 541-6923 <a href="http://www.passitonclub.com">www.passitonclub.com</a> A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE</p> <p>Sun. 8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up 9:30 a. Reliance Meeting 11:00 a. Today's choice 3:00 p. Gratitude Plus 7:00 p. Big Book Readers</p> <p>Mon. 7:30 a. Jump Start 10:30 a. First Step 4:00 p. Happy Hour Step Gp. 7:00 p. Open IntroductoryAA</p> <p>Tue. 7:30 a. Comin' Back Gp 10:30 a. Keep It Simple 4:00 p. Drop the Rock 6:00 p. Key To Sobriety Women's 7:30 p. Three Legacies 7:30 p. Double Trouble DD/O</p> <p>Wed. 7:30 a. Big Book Study 10:30 a. Pass It On 4:00 p. Happy Hr Promises 6:00 p. Courage to Change 7:00 p. We, Us &amp; Ours</p> <p>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</p> <p>Fri. 7:30 a. Honesty Gp. 10:30 a. Came To Believe 6:00 p. Women's Fri. Kickoff 6:30 p. Thoughts 4 Today 8:00 p. Broken Arrow 8:30 a. Early Bird 10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free 7:00 p. Vajeros Wisconsin lower level 7:00 p. 5 Conceptos upstairs 8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12</p>	<p><b>LAKE AREA CLUB</b> N60 W 35878 Lake Dr Oconomowoc, WI (262) 567-9912 <a href="http://www.lakeareaclub.com">www.lakeareaclub.com</a> A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE</p> <p>Sun. 8:00 a. Early Bird 9:30 a. Literature Meeting 11:00 a. Friendship Gp 6:00 p. Big Book 8:00 p. Gopher Sunday 9:00 a. Positive Attitude 6:30 p. Otter Gp 8:00 p. Step/Tradition Study</p> <p>Mon. 1:00 p. 4:00 p. 7:00 p. Life House Beginners 8:00 a.</p> <p>Wed. 8:00 a. 10:00 a. Back To Basics 2:00 p. Women's Meeting 6:00 p. 8:00 p. 10:00 a.</p> <p>Thr. 10:00 a. 4:00 p. 5:00 p. Woman's Way 12 Steps 6:00 p. Hybrid Meditation Mtng</p> <p>Zoom ID: 8923930536, PW: 999525</p> <p>Fri. 8:00 p. Grapevine Mtng 12:30 p. 4:00 p. 8:00 p. Old School House 10:00 a. Big Book</p> <p><b>OPEN AA/Al-Anon SPEAKER MEETING</b> Sat. 7:00 p. 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays (AA and/or Al-Anon Speakers)</p> <p><b>AL-ANON MEETINGS</b> Mon. 7:00 p. Al-Anon Tue. 9:00 a. Al-Anon Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon &amp; Alateen</p>	<p><b>WAUKESHA ALANO CLUB</b> 318 W. Broadway Waukesha, WI, 262-549-6541 <a href="http://www.alanoclubofwaukesha.com/">http://www.alanoclubofwaukesha.com/</a> (IP)=In-person,</p> <p>Sun. 9:30 a. Sun Morn Sunlight (IP) 11:00 a. Sun Go-To-Mtng (IP)</p> <p>Mon. 12:00 p. (IP) 6:00 p. Beginners AA (IP) 7:00 p. (12 &amp; 12) (IP)</p> <p>Tue. 12:00 p. Wed Nooners (IP) 5:30 p. Topic Gp (IP)</p> <p>Thr. 12:00 p. Nooners (IP) Fri. 12:00 p. T.G.I.F. Gp (IP) 6:00 p. Fri 4th Dimension B/B (IP)</p> <p>Sat. 6:00 a. Early Morning (IP) 10:00 a. Gp 124 (IP)</p> <p><b>OPEN MEETINGS, DANCES &amp; EVENTS</b> Call for information.</p>	<p><b>GALANO CLUB</b> - LGBT &amp; All in Recovery - 7210 W Greenfield Ave LL Milwaukee, WI 53214, 414-276-6936 <a href="http://www.galanoclub.org/">http://www.galanoclub.org/</a> <a href="mailto:galanoclub@gmail.com">galanoclub@gmail.com</a></p> <p>(V)=Virtual, (IP)=In-person, (V &amp; IP)=Both In Person and Phone Meetings Phone/ Video AA Meetings, Call (978) 990-5195 Meeting Id: galano7210 Code: 1919178#</p> <p><b>Sunday: (V &amp; IP)</b> 10:30 a.m. - AA - Step / Topic Meeting (In-person/phone/video) 10:30 a.m. - Al-Anon - Papillion Group.</p> <p><b>Sunday: (V &amp; IP)</b> 4:00 p.m. - AA - Personal lead &amp; Daily Reflections. Meeting (In-person/ phone/video) <b>4th Sunday is Open Mtng.</b></p> <p><b>Monday: (V &amp; IP)</b> 7:30 p.m. - AA "Come to Believe" 12 Spirituality. (In-person/ phone/video)</p> <p><b>Tuesday: (V &amp; IP)</b> 6:00 p.m. - AA Over and Under 40 Group (In-person/phone/video)</p> <p><b>Thursday: (V &amp; IP)</b> 7:30 p.m. - AA - Living Sober One Day at A Time In-person &amp; Phone/video</p> <p><b>Friday: (V &amp; IP)</b> 10:30 a.m. AA Step &amp; Topic</p>
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<p><b>NORTHWEST AREA ALANO ASSOCIATION*</b> N88 W17658 Christman Rd Menomonee Falls WI 53051 (No Phone) <b>Room 202</b> A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE (V)=Virtual, (IP)=In-person, (V &amp; IP)=Both</p> <p>Sun. 10:00 a. Big Book Rm 202 7:00 p. Sun Night Gp Rm 202</p> <p>Mon. 7:00 p. Just Do It Gp Rm 202</p> <p>Tue. 10:00 a. Step 8:00 p. Topic</p> <p>Wed. 7:00 p. Step/Topic</p> <p>Thr. 10:00 a. Step 6:00 p. Women's</p> <p>Fri. 8:00 p. Step/Topic (V &amp; IP)</p> <p>Sat. 10:00 a. Sat Serenity Gp 7:00 p. Simply Sober Gp Rm 202</p> <p><b>AL-ANON MEETINGS</b> Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon Fri. 7:30 p. Al-Anon</p> <p>*This is a Smoke-Free environment. We have ample meeting space available for 12 Step groups. Contact the Northwest Alano Club by mail.</p>	<p><b>WALWORTH COUNTY ALANO CLUB</b> 611 Walworth St. (Hwy. 50 &amp; 11) Delavan, WI 53115, (262) 740-1888</p> <p><b>Sunday AA</b> 10:00 a. Primitive Group 12:00 p. Open Speakers 6:30 p. Delavan Discussion</p> <p><b>Monday AA</b> 7:30 a. Sunny Side Up 12:00 p. Delavan Step Meeting 6:30 p. Delavan Meeting</p> <p><b>Tuesday AA</b> 7:30 a. Sunny Side Up 12:00 p. Delavan Noon Gp. 6:30 p. Delavan 12 Step Topic</p> <p><b>Wednesday AA</b> 7:30 a. Sunny Side Up 12:00 p. As Bill Sees It Gp. 6:30 p. Delavan IT Meeting</p> <p><b>Thursday AA</b> 7:30 a. Sunny Side Up 12:00 p. Delavan Noon Gp. 6:30 p. Delavan Big Book Gp.</p> <p><b>Friday AA</b> 7:30 a. Sunny Side Up 12:00 p. Big Book Study 6:30 p. Delavan Discussion</p> <p><b>Saturday AA</b> 7:30 a. Sunny Side Up 12:00 p. Delavan Noon Gp. 6:30 p. Delavan Beginners Gp.</p>	<p><b>ALANO CLUB</b> 1521 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53202 (414) 278-9102 <a href="http://www.mkealanoclub.org/">http://www.mkealanoclub.org/</a> A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE</p> <p>Sun. 7:00 a. AA Express Mtng 7:45 a. AA Big Book/Discussion 10:00 a. Gp 17 Step Mon. 7:00 a. Early Morning 10:30 a. Gp 72 Topic 12:15 p. Gp 76 Lunch Bunch 6:30 p. Gp 40 Big Book</p> <p>Tue. 7:00 a. As Bill Sees It, 10:30 a. Gp 70 Step 12:15 p. Gp 76 Lunch Bunch 5:45 p. Step Tue 5:45 Group 7:00 p. Beginner's Meeting</p> <p>Wed. 7:00 a. AA 10:30 a. Gp 9, Step 12:15 p. Gp 76 Lunch Bunch 6:00 p. Chicks at Six Gp, women, Child Care available 7:30 p. We Agnostics</p> <p>Thr. 7:00 a. Thr Express Mtng 10:30 a. Gp 97, Step 12:15 p. Gp 76 Lunch Bunch 7:00 p. AA (LGBT)</p> <p>Fri. 7:00 a. Daily Reflections 10:30 a. Gp 21, Step 12:15 p. Gp 76 Lunch Bunch 6:30 p. Here &amp; Now Friendly Gp 7:30 p. Men's Zoom Mtng. 12:15 am. Second Shifters (Sat.)</p> <p>Sat. 7:00 a. AA Meeting 11:00 a. Gp 87 Step 7:30 p. Open AA Speaker</p> <p><b>AL-ANON MEETING</b> Sunday 10:00 a. Al-Anon</p>	<p><b>H.O.W. TO CLUB</b> 8930 W. National Ave, West Allis, (414) 543-2448 <a href="mailto:howtoclub8930@yahoo.com">mailto:howtoclub8930@yahoo.com</a> <a href="https://www.howtoclub.org">https://www.howtoclub.org</a> Hours: 9am to 9pm daily.</p> <p>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 7:30 p. Sun. Sober &amp; Serene</p> <p>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. 10:30 P. What's the Point Gp.</p> <p>Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group 6:00 p. Tue Topic 6pm Gp 8:00 p. New Hope Meeting</p> <p>Wed. 10:00 a. Foundations Meeting 6:00 p. AA Beginners Gp. 7:00 p. Women's Freedom 8:00 p. Promises Group</p> <p>Thr. 10:00 a. But For Grace Of God 6:00 p. Here and Now 8:00 p. How To Get It Going</p> <p>Fri. 6:00 a. Early Risers Big Book 11:00 a. Priority Group 6:00 p. Big Book Friday 8:00 p. R.U.S. For Us 11:00 p. Candlelight Promises</p> <p>Sat. 9:15 a. Men's Topic 11:00 a. Pioneers Group 3:00 p. Spiritual Growth 6:00 p. 1st &amp; 12 Topic 8:00 p. Open Speaker 3rd Sat 8:00 p. HOW To Saturday</p>	<p><b>24 HOUR CLUB</b> 153 Green Bay Rd. Thiensville, WI <a href="http://www.alanoclub.org/">Web and Facebook Info</a> A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE (V)=Virtual, (IP)=In-person, (V &amp; IP)=Both</p> <p>Sun. 8:00 a. Topic 10:00 a. Step/Topic (V &amp; IP) Meeting ID: 816 604 624 PW: 485594</p> <p>Mon. 6:30 a. Topic (V &amp; IP) Meeting ID: 816 604 624 PW: 485594 10:00 a. Topic 8:00 p. Men's</p> <p>Tue. 6:30 a. Topic (V &amp; IP) Meeting ID: 816 604 624 PW: 485594 10:00 a. Step/Topic 5:30 p. Big Book</p> <p>Wed. 6:30 a. Topic (V &amp; IP) Meeting ID: 816 604 624 PW: 485594 10:00 a. Big Book</p> <p>Thr. 6:30 a. Topic (V &amp; IP) Meeting ID: 816 604 624 PW: 485594 10:00 a. Topic 5:30 p. Step/Topic/Trad</p> <p>Fri. 6:30 a. Topic (V &amp; IP) Meeting ID: 816 604 624 PW: 485594 10:00 a. Step/12 &amp; 12 8:00 p. Step</p> <p>Sat. 6:30 a. Topic (V &amp; IP) Meeting ID: 816 604 624 PW: 485594 8:30 a. Big Book/Steps (V &amp; IP) Meeting ID: 844 4566 9750 PW: District24 10:00 a. Big Book 7:00 p. Open Speaker Mtng. (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Only)</p>
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## In Person AA Groups NEED YOUR SUPPORT

- **Sun. 7 p.m.** Waukesha Sunday Night Beginner's, Ascension Lutheran Church, 1415 Dopp St, Waukesha WI
- **Sun. 7 p.m.** Butler Sunday Night, St. Agnes, 12801 W Fairmount St, Butler WI.
- **Mon. 7 p.m.** Unity Gp, 4600 Pilgrim Rd, Brookfield, WI
- **Mon. 7 p.m.** Group 232, Mother of Good Counsel, 6924 W. Lisbon Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53226
- **Wed. 8:00 p.m.** Helping Hand, Nativity Lutheran Church, 6905 W Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee WI
- **Thurs. 8:00 p.m.** Grateful Gp. Chabad House, 3030 E Kenwood Blvd, Milwaukee, WI
- **Thurs. 8:30 p.m.** Gp 22, Milwaukee Chin Baptist Church, 1916 Wauwatosa Ave,
- **Fri. 9:30 p.m.** Big Book, Martin Luther Church 9235 W Bluemound Rd. Milw.
- **Sat. 8 p.m.** Gp 18, St Luke's, 3200 S Herman, Bay View, WI

# MEETING ROOMS

<p><b>UNITY CLUB</b> 1715 Creek Rd West Bend, (262) 338-3500 <a href="mailto:unityclub1715@att.net">unityclub1715@att.net</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com">www.facebook.com</a></p> <p><b>AA MEETING SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>Sun. 10:30 a.* Gratitude Gp. 7:00 p. Candlelight Gp.</p> <p>Mon. 10:00 a. Monday A.M. 7:00 p. Men's 7:00 p. Women's</p> <p>Tue. 10:00 a. Tuesday A.M. 6:00 p. More About 12&amp;12 7:30 p. Beginner's</p> <p>Wed. 10:00 a. Promises 1:06p. Steps/Promises 5:00 p. Happy Hour Gp</p> <p>Thr. 10:00 a. Big Book</p> <p>Fri. 10:00 a. Step/Topic Gp 6:00 p. Big Book</p> <p>Sat. 10:00 a. Here &amp; Now 700 p. 12 Step Meeting</p> <p><b>AL-ANON &amp; ALATEEN MTNGS</b></p> <p>Wednesday 1:00 p. Al-Anon Friday 11:00 a. Al-Anon Saturday 9:00 a. Al-Anon (Zoom only.) Mtng ID: 810 5054 8668, Pass Code: 860539</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month</li> </ul>	<p><b>FRIENDSHIP CLUB</b> 2245 W. Fond du Lac Ave Milwaukee, WI (414) 931-7033</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net">friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net</a></p> <p><b>AA MEETING SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>Sunday 10:00 a. Friendship 11:00 a. Third Sunday Open Meeting</p> <p>Monday 10:30 a. Step Gp</p> <p>Tuesday 7:00 p. Gp 43 Big Book</p> <p>Saturday 10:30 a. Gp 112 Step</p> <p>Call for information on other types f meetings.</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net">friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net</a></p>	<p><b>TRI-COUNTY UNITY CLUB</b> 110 S 2nd St. Watertown WI <a href="http://www.tricountyunityclub.com">www.tricountyunityclub.com</a></p> <p>Sunday 11:00 a. Big Book Study 6:30 p. New Beginners 7:00 p. Spanish Nuevo Amanecer Monday 10:00 a. Eye Opener Grp. 7:00 p. As Bill Sees It Tuesday 7:00 p. Keep It Simple 7:00 p. Spanish Nuevo Amanecer Wednesday 10:00 a. New Freedom 7:00 p. AA Grapevine Open Mtng Thursday 10:00 a. Thur.Morning 7:00 p. Spanish Nuevo Amanecer 8:00 p. Big Book Group Friday 4:30 p. Friday Happy Hour 7:00 p. Reality Check Saturday 10:00 a. Morning Group 8:00 p. Saturday Night Open Mtng</p> <p><b>BEAVER DAM ALANO CLUB</b> 115 N Lincoln St. Beaver Dam WI 53916</p> <p>Sun: 10:30 a.m. &amp; 7 p.m. Mon: 8 a.m., 6 p.m. &amp; 8 p.m. Tue: 9:30 a.m. &amp; 7:30 p.m. Wed: 8 a.m. &amp; 7 p.m. Thur: 9:30 a.m. &amp; 8 p.m. Fri: 12 Noon &amp; 6 p.m. Sat : 12 Noon &amp; 7 p.m. Open</p>	<p><b>MILWAUKEE GROUP</b> 933 E Center St, Milw WI 53212.</p> <p><b>A.A. MEETINGS</b></p> <p>Sun. 10:00 a In-person 8:30 p. In-Person</p> <p>Mon. 5:30 p. In-Person 7:00 p. In-Person 8:30 p. In-Person</p> <p>Tue. 7:00 p. In-Person 8:30 p. In-Person</p> <p>Wed. 5:30 p. Zoom <a href="https://zoom.us/j/8974697046">https://zoom.us/j/8974697046</a> pw:0 7:00 p. In-Person 8:30 p. In-Person</p> <p>Thur. 7:00 p. In-Person 8:30 p. In-Person</p> <p>Fri. 7:00 p. In-Person 8:30 p. In-Person 8:30 p. In-Person</p> <p>Sat. 8:30 p. In-Person</p> <p><b>Milwaukee Central Office</b> 7429 W Greenfield West Allis WI 414-771-9119</p> <p><b>A.A. MEETINGS</b></p> <p>Sun. 9:00 a. Gp 10 Sunday</p> <p>Mon. 12:15 p.</p> <p>Tue. 12:15 p.</p> <p>Wed. 12:15 p.</p> <p>Thur. 12:15 p.</p> <p>Fri. 12:15 p.</p> <p>Sat. 9:15 a. 1st Step 10:30 a.</p> <p><b>We do not meet on major holidays.</b></p>	<p><b>LIGHTHOUSE ON DEWEY</b> 1220 Dewey Ave. Wauwatosa WI</p> <p><b>AA MEETINGS</b></p> <p>Sunday 6:00 p. Jim's First Step 7:30 p. Gp 78 Great Room</p> <p>Monday 7:30 p. Laughs/Leisure</p> <p>Tuesday 6:00 p. 11th Step Meditation 7:30 p. Professionals</p> <p>Wednesday 7:30 p. Presidents Hall 8:00 p. "RES-IPSA"</p> <p>Thursday 7:30 p. Alumni No 12 Friday 7:15 p. Gp 74 Saturday 10:00 a. Gp 59</p> <p><b>All Saint's Cathedral</b> 818 E Juneau Ave. Milw 53202</p> <p>Sun: 7:00 p.m. Bench Meeting Mon: 7:30 p.m. #08 Sane &amp; Sober Tue: 10:30 a.m. Men's Gp. Wed: 7:30 p.m. Men's Gp. Fri: 7:30 p.m. Big Book Gp. Sat: 10:30 a.m. Men's Gp.</p>
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## JOIN the BIRTHDAY CLUB!

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

Requests should be in by the 24th of the month prior to your sobriety date. Late arrivals will appear the following month.

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

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Memo: Birthday Club  
7429 W Greenfield Ave  
West Allis WI 53214



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



<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Home Group</u>
34 (01/1992)	George M.	West Bend
18 (01/19/2006)	June B.	Mequon Women's Big Book



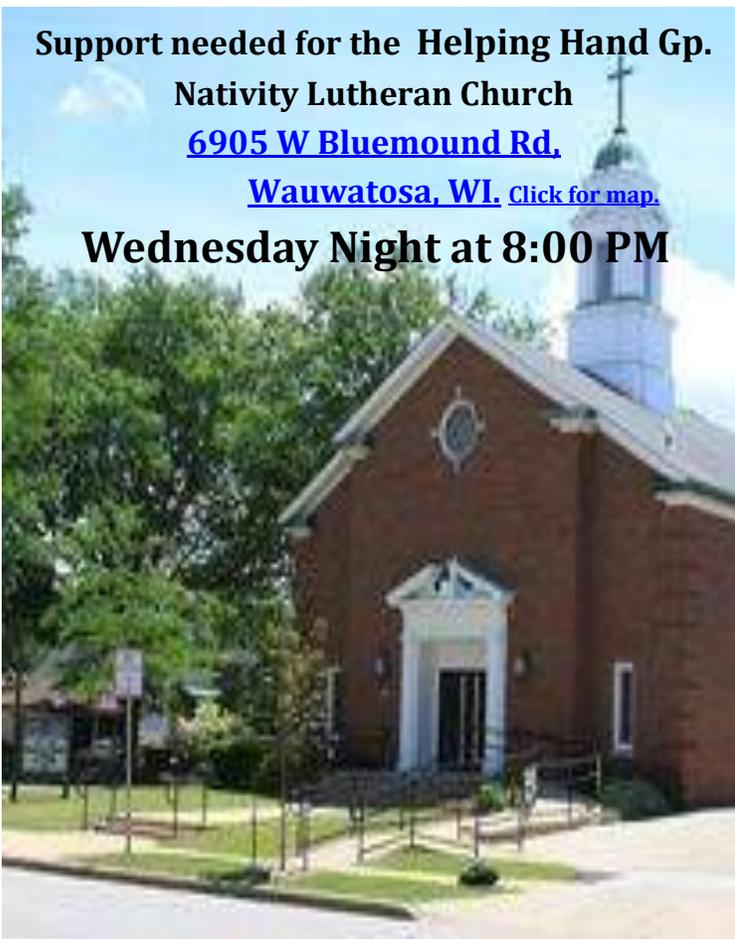
**Support needed for the Helping Hand Gp.**

**Nativity Lutheran Church**

**[6905 W Bluemound Rd.](#)**

**[Wauwatosa, WI. Click for map.](#)**

**Wednesday Night at 8:00 PM**



**NEW WOMEN'S AA MEETING**

**GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN**

Starts **Wednesday** December 4<sup>th</sup>

**6:30 PM**

Mt Olive Lutheran Church

211 Main St. Mukwonago

Enter through the South door from the parking lot



**Financial News:** Please remember our tradition of self-support. If you wish to contribute to the Central Office, you can now use Venmo from your smartphone.

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**NEW MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

***The Next Frontier: Emotional Sobriety***

After we quit drinking, we face various challenges inherent in living sober. Bill Wilson identified that "dependency" was an impediment to our emotional sobriety and maturity. He realized that emotional dependency on people, places and things was the source of his emotional and mental distress, in fact he identified this as his basic flaw. This new meeting focuses on discussing issues relating to our emotional sobriety. We come together to explore ways we can overcome our emotional dependency and the unreasonable expectations and unenforceable rules that our dependency generates. *Are you ready for the next frontier?*

**Join us Thursday nights for a closed discussion meeting on emotional sobriety.**

**When:** Thursdays @ 7pm

**Where:** St. John's Lutheran Church, 20275 Davidson Rd, Brookfield WI

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# SPRING THING

DINNER AND OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026**

HOSPITALITY: 5:00 PM, DINNER: 6:15 PM

AA SPEAKER: AMANDA S. RELIANCE GROUP  
AT 7:30 PM

MILWAUKEE ELK'S LODGE #46

5555 W. GOOD HOPE RD, MILWAUKEE, 53222

SEATING IS LIMITED: **\$35.00 PER PERSON**

Tables of 8. If you want to sit together, get your tickets together.

Proceeds to support Milwaukee Central Office.

Tickets by mail, \$35.00 each. Include a self addressed stamped envelope.

**Greater Milwaukee Central Office**

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Number of tickets \_\_\_\_ X \$35.00 ..... = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Tax deductible donation to  
**Greater Milwaukee Central Office**..... + \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check or Credit Card **Total**..... = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Cut-off date for tickets Monday April 20, 2026**

**Buffet menu, with all kinds of stuff on it.**

