

"BETWEEN-US"

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STEP THREE IS ONLY A BEGINNING

"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him."

Several marbles began to spin in a somewhat circular motion a few weeks after my first AA meeting. I then began to recite the Third Step Prayer posted on my refrigerator door. I began excitedly chanting it every day, over and over, hoping for recovery to be provided by the "Great Reality deep within," as promised in the Big Book. (p. 55) The main goal was, of course, to bring about the "personality change sufficient to bring about recovery from alcoholism," mentioned in Appendix II.

As months passed, I would chant, chant, chant this desperate petition for help, yet the terrifying obsession to drink clung like a tick on a hound dog. What was wrong? I seldom missed my daily meetings and I surrounded myself with AA members and practically lived at the local clubhouse. Then the fateful time came when the Drink-Demon pulled me into a bar with gin & tonic on my lips. However, I didn't speak those words—Thank you God!

A new sponsor brought to light that I had been asking God to become relieved of the "bondage of self," but I didn't even know what that was! I didn't know what I was asking God to remove from my deep inner self. I was reminded that "self cannot rid self from self with self," so I needed to ask God to do this for me, but first I needed to find out what I would be asking for! **What was my bondage of self?** Well, my sponsor explained that that was what Step Four was about! This vital step would help me discover those ingredients of the *bondage of self* that activated my drinking obsession. (Step Four was not about my 'good' aspects) Step Five, with a sponsor and God, is meant to expand on this newfound knowledge to know precisely what to ask God remove in Step Seven.

The Big Book tells us after praying the Third Step Prayer to "launch out" (hint) on a course of vigorous action and to start Step Four "at once" and to do step Five at "first opportunity; Step Six "then" not later; and Step Seven, "when ready." So, I believe, Step Three is not actually completed till the "timetable steps" are accomplished as above.

Bob S, Richmond, IN

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Beyond Step Three

By: K. S. | Wenatchee, Washington

Spiritual progress means working the whole program.

I ONCE CONTRIBUTED to the American Atheist Society. It was a time when I was concerned with what I called intellectual honesty. Since I had never spoken directly with God, face-to-face, I assumed that the only honest position to take was atheism. However, atheism was accompanied by hopelessness and despair, and despair brought on miserable physical complaints. My body ached all over nearly all the time.

Because a spiritual awakening had once been given to me, I would occasionally lapse into what, strangely, I called spiritual delusion, and this was accompanied by emotional health and physical comfort. However, I was unable to get the message, did not comprehend the association between good health and so-called delusion. Invariably, I would insist on what I called intellectual honesty. Therefore, I would cast off "spiritual delusion"--and lapse into despair accompanied by physical pain.

With three years of sobriety and "intellectual honesty," my recovery was a painful charade. I was sober, yet living in pain with no discernible cause.

Paradoxically, during that time, I was actively seeking spiritual growth, actively trying to maintain, create, develop, or be given another conscious contact with God. Assiduously, I read material covering numerous religions. I prayed. Yet I remained in a state of painful sobriety.

What, then, could I do? I had already received a spiritual awakening, yet I was unable to maintain belief in my own experience. So I suffered. My suffering culminated in a desire for an end to my life. The most available poison was alcohol. I relapsed. Page 66 of the Big Book describes exactly what happened to me: The insanity of alcohol returned.

Some of us are sicker than others, but AA had made its mark; during withdrawal, I returned to meetings. That's where I belong. Resigned to an unavoidable destiny, I took up the Steps where I had left off.

Moreover, that's where I discovered the solution to my physical pain. In my recovery, I'd left off at Step Three. I

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Greater Milwaukee Central Office AA
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison
October 2019 through January 2020

	Oct '19 - Jan 20	Oct '18 - Jan 19	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Literature Sales	46,540.02	40,888.68	5,651.34	13.82%
4050 · Between us	458.75	2,368.00	-1,909.25	-80.63%
4070 · Contributions	27,378.88	23,992.09	3,386.79	14.12%
4080 · Gratitude boxes	23,962.59	20,910.17	3,052.42	14.6%
4090 · Open Meeting / Dinner	0.00	3,375.00	-3,375.00	-100.0%
4100 · Memorials	100.00	625.00	-525.00	-84.0%
4130 · Personal Contri.	5,905.13	874.35	5,030.78	575.37%
4150 · Other Income	526.16	1,256.30	-730.14	-58.12%
4170 · Interest Income	342.44	1,030.66	-688.22	-66.78%
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	303.00	-303.00	-100.0%
4830 · Sales Discounts	20.00	39.99	-19.99	-49.99%
48900 · Shipping and Delivery Income	640.52	240.76	399.76	166.04%
Total Income	105,722.69	95,904.00	9,818.69	10.24%
Cost of Goods Sold	28,299.60	25,002.84	3,296.76	13.19%
Gross Profit	77,423.09	70,901.16	6,521.93	9.2%
Expense				
51100 · Freight and Shipping Costs	311.08	300.13	10.95	3.65%
59900 · POS Inventory Adjustments	-50.68	12.98	-63.66	-490.45%
6000 · Advertising and Promotion	1,062.50	0.00	1,062.50	100.0%
6040 · Bank Service Charges	11.00	0.00	11.00	100.0%
6045 · Coffee/Soda/Candy Expense	159.73	185.36	-25.63	-13.83%
6050 · Credit card fees	749.94	962.60	-212.66	-22.09%
61200 · Cash Payouts from Drawer	1.55	0.00	1.55	100.0%
6170 · Computer and Internet Expenses	281.00	0.00	281.00	100.0%
6200 · Conferences & conventions	50.00	84.94	-34.94	-41.14%
6345 · Open Meeting/Dinner	0.00	3,692.90	-3,692.90	-100.0%
6500 · Office	14,169.98	15,773.74	-1,603.76	-10.17%
6600 · Payroll	33,397.52	35,262.43	-1,864.91	-5.29%
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	57,687.73	57,282.07	405.66	0.71%
Net Ordinary Income	19,735.36	13,619.09	6,116.27	44.91%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income	5.01	0.00	5.01	100.0%
Other Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Net Other Income	5.01	0.00	5.01	100.0%
Net Income	19,740.37	13,619.09	6,121.28	44.95%

Account Balances:

Checking: 35,106.23
Savings Account: 50,998.97
Prudent Reserve: 163,805.25

What is the Prudent Reserve?

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

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

Southern Wisconsin Deaf Access Committee (SWDAC)
December 2019

Balance: \$8,065.80 *
Contributions: \$1,066.07
Interpreter : \$ 880.00
Awareness Event N/A
Expenses: N/A
Donations: N/A
Annual Cost of interpreters for 3 meetings a week @\$160 per meeting is \$24,960
* Transferred \$1,852.45 to Prudent Reserve Jan. 18, 2020.
Leslie P. with questions: ec1vr@wi.rr.com

Secretary Meeting January 14, 2020

Groups represented: Gp 48, Big Book Readers, Another Chance Tuesday Night, Common Solution, Hartford Monday Night Here and Now, Just Do It, Koala, Lake Area Thursday 10 a.m., New Berlin Big Book Tuesday 7p.m., Sunday Morning Sunlight, Tuesday Night Grapevine, Wanderer's Gp. Only 13 groups were represented. I'm sorry if I have missed anyone that was in attendance.

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

Bank Balances on left of this page.

New secretaries introduced themselves, and made announcements.

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

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

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

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

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

Gratitude Boxes: all should be returned now.

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

Meeting Space Available

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

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



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

Tradition Seven, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions,

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[Seventh Tradition Checklist](#)



DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT INFO ON THE WEB:

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

1. JACKSON, LaCROSSE, MONROE, VERNON, & TREMPPEALEAU;
2 & 18 GREEN LAKE & MARQUETTE CNTY'S & PART OF WAUSHARA;

8 & 30 ROCK ; 9. CRAWFORD, GRANT, IOWA and LAFAYETTE; 19 & 37. RICHLAND & SAUK;

20, 21 & 26 DANE; 31. COLUMBIA CNTY; 35. GREEN; 37. JUNEAU CNTY'S

(Check the web address above for meeting info.)

3. MANITOWOC & SHEBOYGAN CNTY'S 3rd Wed. of month, 6:30 p., Even numbered months at 1907 Club, 2908 N. 21st St., Sheboygan. Odd numbered months: Alano Club, 404 S 29 St Manitowoc

6. WALWORTH CNTY 2nd Tue. 7:30 p. Feb. Apr. June. Aug. Oct. and Dec. only, Walworth Alano Club, 611 E. Walworth St., Delavan

7. KENOSHA CNTY 3rd Sun. of month, 4:00 p., Kenosha Alano Club, 630 56th St.

10. Spanish District. Contact: Salvador G. at 414-446-0158. Meets every 2nd & 4th Sunday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. 1663 S. 6th Street, Milw.

11. JEFFERSON CNTY Meets last Wed. at 5:30 p.m. Moravian Church, 301 College St., Lake Mills,

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

13. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 1st Sun. of month, 1:00 p, St. Matthias Church, 111 E. Main, Waukesha

14. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 4th Wed. of month, 7:00 p, Milwaukee Central Office 7429 W Greenfield Ave., P.O. Box 13011, Wauwatosa WI 53226

16. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 1st Wed. of month, 6:00 p, Milw. Central Office, 7429 W Greenfield Ave.

17. RACINE CNTY (1 of 2) 3rd Sun. of month, 1:00 p, Grove Club, 1037 Grove Ave., Racine

23. DODGE CNTY 1st Wed of month at 7:00 p, Dodge Cnty Alano Club, 115 N. Lincoln, Beaver Dam, call to confirm 920-583-3142

24. OZAUKEE CNTY 3rd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Peltz Center for Jewish Life, 2233 W Mequon Rd. Mequon

25. FOND du LAC CNTY 2nd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St., Fond du Lac

27. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 3rd Wednesday of month, 7:00 p.m. Covenant Lutheran Church, 8121 W Hope Ave, Milwaukee WI 53222

28. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p, Bay View United Methodist 2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave. Bay View, WI 53207

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

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

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

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

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

SEND ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO:

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

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

TAYCHEDAH CORRECTIONAL, Meetings are held 1st, 2nd & 4th Tuesday and on the 3rd Thursday at 5:45 -7:30 p.m., Gloria K. (920) 921-2395

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

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

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

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

ROBERT ELLSWORTH CORRECTIONAL, 21425A Spring St., Union Grove, 53182 Call for AA Meeting times: Contact Jennifer H. 262) 237-1294 or Cheryl P. (262) 914-3970.

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

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

MILWAUKEE COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION, 8885 S. 68th St. Franklin WI.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL 9th & State Milwaukee WI.

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

Milwaukee Women's Correctional Ctr. 615 W Keefe Ave. Milwaukee

FOX LAKE CORRECTIONAL, Box #147, Fox Lake, WI 53933 Closed meetings Tue. & Fri. from 6:00 -8:00 p.m.

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL 411 S. Center St., Jefferson, WI, Mtng. held on Mon. at 7:00 p.m., Contact: Scott N. 920-397-0170

RACINE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION for MEN Mtngs: Sun. 8:30 AM, Dane Rx Unit; Wed. 7:00 p. and two meetings on Thursday at 7:00 p. English and Spanish. Call Paul H. (262) 537-2884

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

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

Area 75, Southern WI., Calendar of Events 2020

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

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

ADDRESSES FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Milwaukee Central Office: 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214 gmco@aamilwaukee.com

• **Area 75 Treasurer:** PMB #167, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217

• **General Service Office:** G.S.O, P O Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163

• **Area 75 Corrections, or Bridging the Gap or Treatment write to:** PMB # 170, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217

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

JOIN the BIRTHDAY CLUB!

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

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

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

Payable to: "Greater Milwaukee Central Office"
Memo: Birthday Club
7429 W Greenfield Ave
West Allis WI 53214



\$ _____ enclosed.

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

Name _____

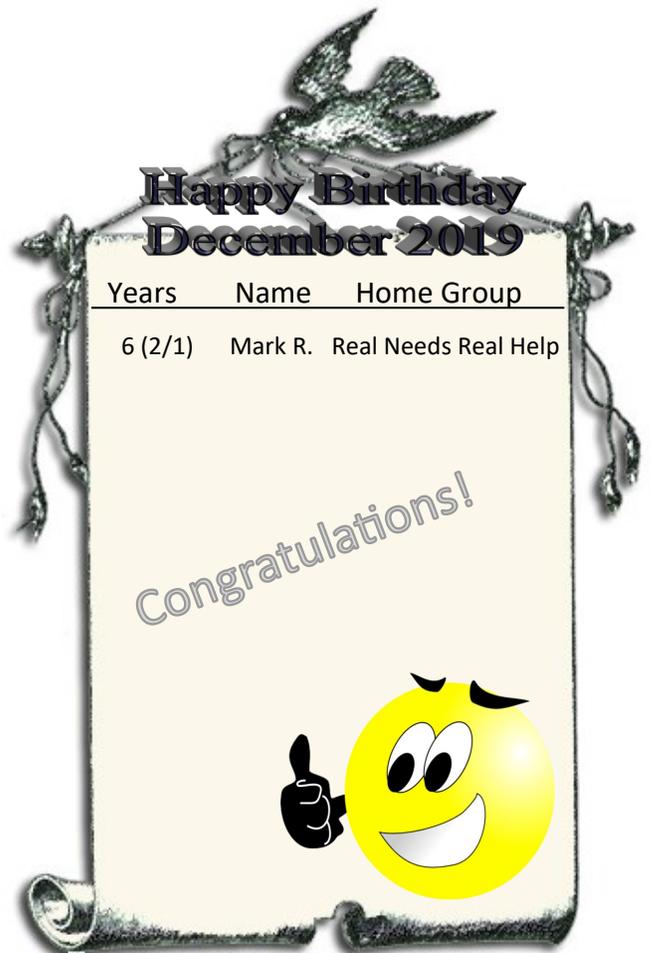
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ - _____

Email: _____

Home Group: _____



MILW. CENTRAL OFFICE

- **E-mail us at:**
dan@aamilwaukee.com
- **Hours: M, W, Th, Fr** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Tuesday** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., **Sat.** 9 a.m. - 1p.m.
- **Secretary Meeting Bi-monthly beginning the 2nd Tuesday of March at 6:30 p. and each odd numbered month thereafter. Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept. and Nov.**
- **Board of Directors Meeting,** Wednesday following Secretaries Meeting, (odd months) 6:30 p.
- **A. A. Meetings, Mon - Fri** at 12:15 p., Wed. & Thur at 4 p., Sat. 9:15 a., & 10:30 a.
- **Service Manual Study:** 2nd Thurs. of month at 6 p.m.
- **Dist. 14,** 4th Wed. at 7 p.m.
- **Dist. 16,** 1st Wed. at 6 p.m.
- **Milw Cnty Corrections Committee,** 3rd Thurs. at 5:30 on odd numbered months.

Spanish Speaking Meetings: Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

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

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

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

Find out more about the AA Service Manual. Study group is open to any AA member whether currently active in AA service work, or not.

Contact: [Nancy H at 414-801-5184 with questions.](mailto:Nancy.H@aa.org)



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had not only left off, but also frozen on Step Three. I had failed to work on through the Steps. I'd obtained a spiritual awakening; I had been given sobriety; I'd had my compulsion taken away; but I hadn't paid the full price. I hadn't worked beyond Step Three, and that was where the solution lay.

As the Big Book says in Chapter Five, "Half measures availed us nothing." For me, every Step became necessary. For me, it was necessary to go beyond Step Three.

As it stands now, I am attending meetings where the full Twelve Steps are studied and talked about and worked. I have come to believe in my own spiritual awakening, and my pain is gone. I've found painless sobriety, beyond Step Three.

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August 1981

Three Steps Forward, Two Steps Back

By: Don O. | Shenandoah, Iowa

I have been learning about the practice of AA in the West Central Region since February 9, 1961. Doing this has kept me sober and has given me a tremendous gift of life. When I read the recent Grapevine request for stories from the West Central Region, it made me realize just all that AA has done for my family and me.

During the month of January, in 1961, after I had become convinced on New Year's Eve that I must have a drinking problem ("If I cannot drink three drinks tonight, quit and be content, I must have a drinking problem"), I had no intention nor desire to be a part of AA. First, I thought I would just quit on my own. Soon, that wasn't working so I changed to thinking that "me and God" would do it, because, after all, I had always been a church member. When that didn't work and I was in continuing misery while coaching in a northwest Iowa town of 900 population, I decided to drive to Omaha, Nebraska for the weekend. I planned "to steal the ideas of AA," and to gain sobriety and serenity. A nonalcoholic friend accompanied me to the 48th Street Club for my first AA contact. For years, I could remember that the man with whom we met had silver stems on his glasses. But whoever he was, the fellow told me two important things. One: "It works." Two: "All you need for a meeting is you, another alcoholic, and the Man upstairs." He also advised that I contact the police station in a large community near my small town.

On the following Monday evening, I drove to Storm Lake and called the police station. An officer gave me the name of Chris C., who was to become my first sponsor. I called Chris, and he invited me to the meeting at eight o'clock on Thursday night. I told him that might not be possible since I was so busy with my basketball coaching duties. I mentioned the name of my school. The next morning, as I sat in the principal's office, a strange man walked in. I was upset because I sensed this was Chris, and I didn't like the idea of a drunk calling on me at school. But that day, Chris began saving my life. A turning point came one weekday afternoon when I was immersed in some sort of psychological cloud, and I drove to the home of Chris and his wife. After talking with them I somehow made it to the next day. Many years later, I took my daughters back to Storm Lake to meet Mrs. Chris, to show them the wife of a man who had saved my life.

When I went to the meetings in Storm Lake, upstairs on the west side of Main Street, I pulled my topcoat collar around my face so that people wouldn't see who was going in. I got to know great friends like Clifford, Lynn R., Lucky, the fellow named Dick who always passed during discussions, Bones, Joe, and Blackie W. Thirty-five years later, Blackie invited my wife and me back to Storm Lake for his AA birthday party. We have not seen a great deal of each other over the years, but the friendship of two young guys turned years older is always the same. At the time of my first AA birthday, Lynn R. surprised me by saying, "Coach, a year ago I didn't think you would make it to a year." That shocked me.

In the summers of the early 1960s, I returned to graduate school in Omaha and to meetings at the 48th Street Club. There were only two AAs of my age. Most of the members were really old, forty years and up! After four years in small town, we moved to Des Moines, the Iowa state capitol. My AA style--one meeting a week because that was all that was available in the small towns--continued, and focused on the Sunday morning meeting at the White House on the east side of the river. Speakers frequently said, "No one who consistently goes to this meeting has ever gone back to drinking." I liked that assurance, even though the foggy stinking thinking still plagued me from time to time. I remember Jim R., who obviously had some above-average financial net worth, saying, "If you line up forty people all naked, you cannot tell who is rich and who is powerful." He knew alcoholism cut across all social levels. There was the kindly white-haired fellow from the Statehouse named Mac. There was mail carrier Bob M., who just never seemed to be able to stay sober. I got a call about him one time during the school day, and I said to my administrative superior, "I am a member of AA, I will tell you more about it later if you wish, but I need to go call on a guy who is drinking." He encouraged me to go. Another fellow I remember well was Shack W. I had his "AA business card" for years. It had his full name on one side and this message on the other: "Have guts! Don't drink!"

After seven years of sobriety (five in the small towns, two in Des Moines) our family moved to Omaha in 1968. I

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AA: WOMEN TO WOMEN SPRING 2020

This is a closed AA Meeting

A day of sharing:

To foster the sharing of ideas, feelings and issues

To create a safe atmosphere that nurtures honesty and becoming

To explore the positive energy among AA women

9:00-9:30 Registration/Coffee

9:30-9:45 Opening/Announcements

9:45-10:30 FEAR!

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:30 What's A Boundary?

11:30-11:45 Break

11:45-12:30 Letting Go Of Secrets

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:15 The Greatest Gift

2:15-2:30 Closing/Countdown

Saturday, April 25, 2020

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

THE PASS IT ON CLUB

6229 W. Forest Home Ave.

Milwaukee, WI 53220

414-541-6923

Registration *REQUIRED* - No Walk-Ins
Limited Seating Available
Registration will CLOSE at 200 Women

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****

NOTE: if you register, but are unable to attend, please let us know. Space is limited and we have to turn women away when the room reaches capacity

For more information contact:

Peggy J. 414-416-0569

Judy B. 614-638-5206

Deadline: Register early to assure your place

Please use a separate form for each person

Registration: \$10.00

Includes: Lunch buffet, Coffee, Doughnuts

Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Okay to leave a message at this number

Makes checks payable to: Women to Women

Mail to: Women to Women c/o Peggy Jennerjohn

3666 S. 17th Street Milwaukee, WI 53221

MEETING ROOMS

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

Sun. 8:00 a. Topic
11:00 a. Topic
5:00 p. Young People
7:30 p. Topic

Mon. 12:30 p. Tenth Step Gp
5:30 p. More about Alcoholism
7:00 p.

8:15 p. Men's Gp

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact club for info on other fellowships.

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

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

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

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

Wed. 7:30 a. Big Book Study
10:30 a. Pass It On
4:00 p. Happy Hr Promises
5:30 p. Courage to Change
7:00 p. We, Us & Ours

Thr. 7:30 a. Welcome Back Gp
10:30 a. Made Decision
5:15 p. As Bill Sees It
7:00 p. Gateway Topic Gp
7:30 a. Honest Gp

Fri. 10:30 a. Came To Believe
6:00 p. Women's Fri. Kickoff
6:30 p. Thoughts 4 Today
8:00 p. Broken Arrow

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OPEN MEETINGS, DANCES & EVENTS
Call for information.

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

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

Mon. 7:30 p. Came To Believe

Tue. 6:00 p. 40 + Topic

Wed. 7:00 p. 12 x 12

Thurs. 7:30 p. Living Sober - ODAT

Fri. 7:00 p. Step/Topic

Sat. 7:30 p. Big Book & More

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

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

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

Sun. 7:00 p.

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

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

Wed. 7:30 p. Step/Topic

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

Fri. 8:00 p. Step/Topic

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

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

Fri. 7:30 p. Al-Anon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

H.O.W. TO CLUB
8930 W. National Ave,
West Allis, (414) 543-2448
<http://howtoclub.info/>
M, W, F, Sat. 9 a. -11 p,
Tue Thur 9a. - 9p., Sun 8a to 9p.

Sun. 8:00 a. Eye Opener AA Gp.
10:00 a. Grass Roots (Steps)
4:30 p. Drop the Rock 6/7 Step
6:00 p. Restore Us To Sanity
8:00 p. Sun. Sober & Serene

Mon. 11:00 a. Winner's Circle
5:45 p. Gp 132, Women's Gp
7:00 p. Big Book Gp.
8:00 p. New Hope Gp.

Tue. 11:15 p. What's The Point
11:00 a. Willingness Group
6:00 p. Topic Gp
7:00 p. Sign for Sobriety AA
8:00 p. 12 & 12 AA Meeting

Wed. 10:00 a. Foundations Meeting
6:00 p. AA Beginners Gp
7:00 p. Women's Freedom
8:00 p. Promises Group
11:15 p. After Hours Gp

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

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

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

24 HOUR CLUB
153 Green Bay Rd.
Thiensville, WI
[Web and Facebook Info](http://www.24hourclub.org/)
A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Topic
10:00 a. Step/Topic
5:00 p. Step

Mon. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Topic
8:00 p. Men's

Tue. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Step/Topic
5:30 p. Big Book

Wed. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Big Book
5:15 p. Women's

Thr. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Topic
5:30 p. Step/Topic/Trad
8:00 p. Men's 12 & 12

Fri. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Step/12 & 12
5:30 p. Principles
8:00 p. Step

Sat. 6:30 a. Topic
8:30 a. Big Book/Steps
10:00 a. Big Book
8:00 p. Open Speaker Mtng.
(1st Saturday Only)

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

MEETING ROOMS

UNITY CLUB
1715 Creek Rd
West Bend, (262) 338-3500
unityclub1715@att.net
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
Fri. 10:00 a. Step/Topic Gp
8:00 p. * Step Gp.
Sat. 10:00 a. Here & Now
7:00 p. Big Book

AL-ANON & ALATEEN MTNGS

Saturday 9:00 a. Al-Anon
Thursday 7:15 p. Al-Anon
* Open Mtng. Last Friday of month
** Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month (10:30 a.m.)

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.

Email:
friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net

12 STEP CLUB
4102 W Townsend St.
Milwaukee, WI 53216
(414) 871-0610
[Face Book Link](#)

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

Sun. 10:00 a. Open (Disc.)
8:30 p. Big Book
Mon. 5:30 p. Big Book
7:00 p. Open (1st Step)
8:30 p. Topic
Tue. 7:00 p. Open (Topic)
8:30 p. Open (Big Book)
Wed. 7:00 p. Open (Big Book)
8:30 p. Topic
Thur. 6:30 p. Open (Topic)
8:30 p. Step
Fri. 7:00 p. Beginner's
8:30 p. Open (Big Book)
Sat. 8:30 p. Topic

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

A.A. MEETINGS

Mon. 12:15 p
Tue. 12:15 p
Wed. 12:15 p, 4:00 p
Thur. 12:15 p, 4:00 p
Fri. 12:15 p
Sat. 9:15 a, 1st Step
10:30 a

We do not meet on major holidays.

LIGHTHOUSE ON DEWEY
1220 Dewey Ave.
Wauwatosa WI
AA MEETINGS

Sunday
6:00 p. Jim's First Step
7:30 p. Gp 78
Tuesday
6:00 p. 11th Step Meditation
7:30 p. Professionals
Wednesday
7:30 p. Big Book
8:00 p. "RES-IPSA"
Thursday
7:30 p. Alumni No 12
Friday
7:15 p. Gp 74
Saturday
10:00 a. Gp 59
7:00 p. Big Book Topic

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
Saturday:
10:30 a.m. Men's meeting

Directory Changes

NEW MEETINGS

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

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

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

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 Mequon Rd, Mequon WI 53092

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

DISBANDED GROUPS

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

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

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

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

OTHER CHANGES

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

OPEN SPEAKER

Weekly & monthly speaker meetings listed in December 2018 When & Where

aamilwaukee.com/directory.html

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

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

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

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

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

Last Wednesday 7:30 p. Gp 23 First Lutheran Church, 7400 W Lapham St, West Allis

Wednesdays at 7:00 p. Salem United Meth-

odist Church, 541 Hwy. 59, Waukesha

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Central Office Contributions January 2020

94 Groups Contributed Thank You!

Group Name	Gp #	\$ Amount	Group Name	Gp #	\$ Amount
#010 Fri Gp	114446	50.00	Living Sober Wed Night	673826	100.00
#015 TAL Gp	137297	50.00	Love and Tolerance Big Book Stdy	643730	60.00
#041 Gp	114311	50.00	Made a Decision, Pass It On Club	613456	120.00
#086 Mon Night	160368	45.60	Mayfair Ladies Mon & Fri	114336	180.00
#093 Men's Group	130257	735.60	Mequon Young Person Gp	687080	51.00
#100 Gp	114445	120.00	Mon 5:30 pm Sanity Gp	142070	95.50
#153 Gp	132869	50.00	Mon Independence	MIL-MH	136.84
24 Hr Club Mon-Sat 6:30 am	711522	142.50	Mon Night Candlelight	638536	165.00
AA Two Rivers	114424	115.52	Mon Night Cigar Gp, Uhles Cigar	MIL-M3	25.00
Alpha Tue	114430	60.00	Mon Night Procrastinators	OZK-M	71.00
Belgium Twelve Steppers	686411	50.00	New Day Club Sun 8 am	OZK-S3	147.00
Big Book Readers	617805	60.00	Oak Creek Mon 12 & 12	130190	114.00
Big Book Study, Promise View	720616	60.00	Oak Creek Tue 10 a.m. Step	144522	50.00
Comin' Back	683006	60.00	Otter Group	168152	100.00
Courage To Change	MIL-WD	60.00	Random Lake Step Topic, St John	718300	50.00
Cross Roads Gp	119518	20.00	Reflections Gp	604530	162.00
Daily Reflections Gp (Wales)	665087	65.00	Reliance Meeting Open Discussion	653954	50.00
Delafield Tue pm Positive	163884	120.00	Rule 62 Men's Gp	173372	70.00
Delavan Fri Morning	140898	150.00	Sat a.m. Here & Now	640450	15.00
Delavan Wednesday Night	114186	150.00	Sat Morn Gp 10 AM	138045	71.00
Drop the Rock, Pass It On Club	MIL-TG	60.00	Sat Morning Women's Freedom	695465	100.00
Early Bird Rogers Memorial	624742	78.00	Serenity at the Vineyard	655426	120.00
Early Bird Sun, Lake Area Club	132470	305.10	Sober Living Big Book Study, Ne	717750	25.00
First Step	635840	60.00	Sun Morn Gp 11 AM	140867	60.00
Fri Night Pocket of Enthusiasm	707574	162.00	Sun Morning Wake Up	617656	78.00
Fri Night Young Peoples Big Book	170973	103.20	TGIF /Menomonee Falls	131860	80.00
Fri Noon 12 & 12	MIL-FB	113.35	Thank God It's Mon (TGIM)	720790	50.00
Friendship House Jewish Recvry	MIL-TJ	30.00	There Is A Solution/Waukesha	173128	97.78
Get A Life	MIL-WM	33.00	Thoughts 4 Today Gp	654047	60.00
Good Hope Thr Night, Good Hope	143462	50.00	Thr As Bill Sees It Milwaukee	610097	60.00
Happy Hour Milwaukee	169137	90.00	Thr Night AA/St Anskar's	117644	50.00
Happy Hour Step, Pass It On Club	653359	60.00	Thr Success Step	MIL-RB	185.50
Happy Joyous and Free, Pass It	646968	32.40	Tue Night Hales Corners Step/Topic	690183	80.00
Happy Trails, Immanuel United	236628	52.75	Tue Non Smoking West Allis	676017	90.00
Hardcore Group 80	114328	70.00	Tue Reflections	MIL-TH	134.50
Hartford Big Book	171403	165.00	Twelve Promises Discussion Thr	MIL-RM	49.00
Hartford Women's Big Book	667036	50.00	Wed 5:30 pm Step Gp	632773	59.50
Honesty Plus, Pass It On Club	638093	60.00	Wed Night Recovery	127865	75.00
How It Works, Whitnal Park Lutheran	145640	20.00	Wed Night Wisdom	145180	175.00
I Am In It To Win It, Ephesians	MIL-T8	20.63	Wed Night Women's Lifeline Gp	134047	90.00
It Works If You Work It	723327	45.60	Wed Noon Lunch Bunch	690831	126.55
Juneau Pioneers Men's	628213	76.80	WELL Gp We Enjoy Living Life	173510	111.98
Keep It Simple	611725	60.00	WICYPAA		206.73
Keep It Super Simple	679397	40.00	Wind Lake Steps & Promises	698955	60.00
Keep Passing It On, Pass It On	630882	60.00	Women's 164 Big Book, Lake Park	MIL-TE	117.12
Keystone	602970	41.68	Women's Fri Night Kick Off	615200	60.00
Lake Geneva Kitchen Table	125465	50.00	Written For Us	717556	20.00
			TOTAL		\$8,458.73

All the groups listed in your [When and Where](#) directory, should be contributing regularly to the support of your Central Office. We want to be here when anyone reaches out for help. A big thank you to everyone, for all you do.

ASL Interpreter

Available: Meeting for Deaf and Hard of Hearing,
Tuesdays 7:00 P.M.,
H.O.W To Club, 8930 W National Ave. West Allis WI 53227

[Redemptorist Retreat Center,](#)

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

[2020 Weekend Retreats](#)

[Jesuit Retreat House,](#)

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

Men and Women in AA, AI-Anon

Total cost: 4 days \$390.00. Send a \$75.00 deposit with requests for specific dates to retreat house or call for info.
Men: , May 7-10 2020, Dec. 3-6 2020.
Women: May 14-17 2020, Aug. 20-23 2020, Nov. 12-15 2020, Nov. 19-22 2020.

We Need Volunteers

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MESSAGE



Milwaukee County Corrections Committee (MCCC)

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

2020 Dates:

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

FOR CONTRIBUTIONS:

MCCC

PO BOX 270544

Milwaukee, WI 53227

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worked for a university for seventeen years and then in private business for an additional five years. My first Omaha home meeting remained one of my home meetings until I left Omaha in 1990. It was the Big Book meeting on Monday nights. In 1998, I attended a social gathering centered around AA friends, and ten or more of us there that evening had been together at the Big Book meeting in 1980. That's a lot of sobriety. I hit other meetings. The old Wednesday night meeting of my summers of graduate school in the early 1960s was still led by Roger G. and Wayne W., who were aging. A few years later, I went back, and the meeting had a huge crowd, most of whom seemed like teeny-boppers to me. But they were sober and having fun.

On Wednesday nights for three years, I went with Frank H. to hold meetings inside the Douglas County Corrections Center. The prisoners there were mostly short-timers, and sobriety after release was rare. One prisoner later became a good friend of mine on the outside. We worked the program together for seventeen months before I left town. Unfortunately, he went back to the bottle and to jail. Several times in the intervening years, I have looked for him in various downtown parks, bars, and flophouses, but I have yet to find him again.

One of my favorite experiences was when I took one of my more hardened criminal friends to the meeting at the university group, where the crowd was a mix of people from the academic sector and the downtown business community. I asked him if he wanted to talk during the discussion. He unleashed "the whole nine yards," including his escapade when he was drinking and drugging and another drunk killed a man by beheading him. The next week, back at the same meeting but without my well-seasoned friend, I said to the campus group that I hoped the frank talk a week earlier had not bothered them. I was apologizing for having brought "that kind of alcoholic" to an upscale meeting. Know how my friends reacted? They chewed me out for my standoffish attitude. "What do you think we are?" they asked. "We are all drunks and capable of behavior like that. Don't forget it!"

Twice while I was in Omaha, and many years after I had been in AA, I finally took the Fourth and Fifth Steps with a diocesan priest not a part of the program, but much experienced in working with AAs. These were two of the key sessions in my AA life. A writer at times in my professional life, I thought the second time I had written the ultimate Fifth Step. I gave it to the priest. His reaction? "Interesting. Shorter than most. But interesting." Didn't he realize he was reading the work of a scholar, a writer deluxe, and a seasoned AA member?



In 1990, I returned to my hometown of Shenandoah, Iowa (population 5,600). AA was struggling a bit then. One old-timer had passed away; another had died soon thereafter. Some people with fifteen to twenty or more years of sobriety had become relatively inactive. Others had moved away. The meetings had split into three locations. There were meetings at the old clubhouse, located upstairs over a printing company; at the Chamber of Commerce; and at the Tall Corn Motel. The latter was and is the oldest continuing meeting in Shenandoah. The gatherings at the Chamber were boisterous and directive. The clubhouse meetings were long on profanity and talking about things other than alcoholism. It seemed AA was struggling in Shenandoah.

But the Higher Power hadn't forgotten our town. I should have known that towns and meetings have a way of falling and rising in AA circles. Ultimately, a number of AAs began to pull together. The biggest spark started with a setback, when the printing company needed to convert the clubhouse space back to business use. We spotted a small building on Walnut Street, near downtown. It had been a neighborhood grocery in my youth. We put together a nonprofit corporation, bought it for \$7,000, and over a few months time, slowly remodeled it. We have some drunks in this town who are good at carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, painting, heating and air conditioning. Today, it is home to a great deal of healthy activity. We have seven AA meetings a week there.

AA in our small town is vibrant. We have growing numbers of women, visitors come to town, and some of us go to the prison in a nearby town to give talks. Sometimes young parents bring kids to meetings when they have no babysitter. In a small town you see your AA friends everywhere. We run into each other in restaurants, the grocery stores, the pharmacy, at church, the hospital, at schools, and everywhere that's anywhere. There is a lot of sobriety and support in this town.

We still have people going off the wagon. We still have people getting in scrapes with law enforcement. Families still break up. We have some people who stay sober and don't come to meetings. I said this week it wouldn't surprise me if there were from 250 to 500 different people who had attended AA here in the eight years I've been here. There are probably twenty-five to fifty active at any one time, with another fifty or so coming in occasionally.

But somehow, AA in Shenandoah continues to grow just as AA has done in the West Central Region--three steps forward, two backward. One day at a time. With love and fellowship. With the Big Book. With meetings and prayers and helping each other. It's been that way for me for over thirty-seven years. I am a lucky guy.

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