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LET IT GROW, SHARE OUR LIVES...

"BETWEEN-US"

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Some Long-timer Views

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MAY A SPECIAL shaft of serenity shine upon some alcoholic who thought up and shared that pleasant word "long-timer" instead of "old-timer." I must reciprocate with some long-time views!

One month ago, I shared my thirty-fifth AA birthday on a Sunday night at a meeting in Rondebosch. There was no banquet, no bells, not even a birthday cake. The only concession was a tape recording of the talk. But in that hall, love cascaded over me and poured over my wife, Jessie, who, on one unforgettable morning in 1947, beseeched me to write to New York for help when I was dying of alcoholism at the age of twenty-five here in South Africa.

There was no phone number to call; regular meetings were to materialize much later; there was no local box to write to furtively, no material proof in the form of a sponsor to show my trembling vision that AA worked. That was the way it was. That was the way

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Rekindling the Fire

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During a recent home group inventory, someone asked, "Where have all the old-timers gone?" After several possibilities were discussed, someone suggested that we conduct an old-timers meeting in place of one of our regularly scheduled Sunday night meetings. We all thought it was a great idea, and each of us made a personal commitment to invite an old-timer or two to that meeting. We selected the Sunday two weeks away.

Time passed unnoticed as we got our invitations out. We believed that if we attracted at least six to eight old-timers we would have accomplished quite a lot.

The meeting day finally arrived. I pulled into the parking lot of the church where we have our meetings, and I could not find a parking spot. My initial thought was that a church

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Profit & Loss

January 2012 Jan 12

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Literature Sales	12,279.60
4050 · Between us	629.75
4070 · Contributions	5,087.63
4080 · Gratitude boxes	3,985.42
4130 · Personal Contri.	282.00
4150 · Other Income	523.25
4170 · Interest Income	20.64
4830 · Sales Discounts	-67.81
48900 · Shipping and Delivery Income	171.52
Total Income	22,912.00
Cost of Goods Sold	
5000 · Literature	7,130.20
52900 · Purchases - Resale Items	-26.40
Total COGS	7,103.80
Gross Profit	15,808.20
Expense	
59900 · POS Inventory Adjustments	171.14
6040 · Bank Service Charges	-43.60
6045 · Coffee/Soda Expense	139.00
6050 · Credit card fees	159.96
6170 · Computer and Internet Expenses	36.00
6260 · Shipping and freight	289.47
6500 · Office	3,203.21
6600 · Payroll	6,616.01
Total Expense	10,571.19
Net Ordinary Income	5,237.01
Net Income	5,237.01
CD Prudent Reserve	84,350.00
Money Market	29,894.42
Checking	2,252.00

AREA 75 EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Secretary Meeting, February 14, 2012

Groups represented: 6, 7, 15, 19, 23, 48, 60, 83, 88, 10-17, 200, 201, 232, As Bill Sees It Waukesha, Badger Group, Big Book Readers, By the Book, Common Solution Topic, Early Bird Roger's Memorial, Good Hope Sunday, Grupo Five Conceptos, Hardcore Gp 80, Helping Hand, How It Works, Mayfair Ladies Mon/Fri, Monday Night Menomonee Falls Action, Monday Night Women's Waukesha, Muskego Saturday Night, New Berlin Big Book Tue., Pick-A-Topic, Reliance, Sat Morning Big Book, Sat Morning Women's Freedom, Sun Morn Big Book, T-N-T, Trust Through Fellowship, Tue Night Grapevine, Tuesday Night Grapevine, Twelve and Twelve Saturday Night, Wanderers, When All Else Fails. Women's Fri Night Kick-Off, I'm sorry if I have missed anyone that was in attendance.

Kathy S opened the meeting at 7p.

Bank balances on Jan 31, 2012

Business Checking: \$ 2,252.00

Money Market Savings: \$29,894.42

Prudent Reserve CD's: \$84,350.00

New secretaries introduced themselves and mentioned the groups they represented.

Secretaries talked about whatever events might be coming up relating to AA or their groups.

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

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

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

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

E-mail at: johnreske9@yahoo.com

Contact George B. through Video Relay Service 866-483-1938 / 414-903-8905 TTY/VP

November was GRATITUDE MONTH! please return box/money to the Milwaukee Central Office.

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

Volunteers are needed for the Central Office helpline, call Kathy at 414-771-9119

Jamboree Saturday September 15, 2012. At the Milwaukee Zoo, Houston S. speaker. Parking is free, come early and tour the Zoo.

Please remind your groups to not plan conflicting events on that date.

As of January 20, 2012, Gratitude Box collection is \$15,255.45, with 420 boxes counted. This is down from last year.

Meeting closed at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday March 13, 2012. at 7 pm.

AA Groups Need Your Support

- **Gp 24, Sun. 10 a.m.** 12 Step Club, 4102 W Townsend St. Milwaukee,
- **Monday Night 7p.m. Topic Discussion**, Living Hope Church, 1991 Hwy 33, Saukville WI 53080
- **We Need Sanity, Tuesdays at 10:30 am.** St Johns 20275 Davidson Rd, Brookfield **CHILDCARE !!!**
- **Big Book Thursday 5:30 p.m.**, Living Hope Church N56 W6093 Portland Rd. Cedarburg WI 53012
- **Thursday at 12:15 pm. and Wednesday 5:30 pm. Topic at St. John's Cathedral Complex, 831 N. Van Buren St. Milwaukee 53202**
- **When All Else Fails, Saturday at 7:00 pm.** St Matthias Church, 111 E. Main St. Waukesha 53186

Orientation for GSR's

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

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT

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

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

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RACINE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
for **MEN** Mtngs: Sun. 8:30 AM, Dane Rx Unit;
Wed. 7:00 p. Call Bill H. (262) 633-1851

MILWAUKEE COUNTY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: Meets 3rd Wednesday
of each month at Faith United Methodist Church, 400 S. 91st St (91st & Adler). All Mil-
waukee **County Corrections donations should be sent to: MCCC, PO Box 270544,
Milwaukee WI 53227-0544.** Call coordinator: Steve G at 414-339-7691, email: steve-
gravatt@yahoo.com with questions. Treasurer Bill E. at 414-433-3507. Corrections vol-
unteers must go through the committee to get AA literature to take into the various facili-
ties. Milwaukee Central Office no longer handles the funds.

<p>Area 75, So. WI, Calendar of Events 2012 Madison Senior Center (MSC), 330 W. Mifflin St. Madison, WI, except where otherwise noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •3/25/12 - Delegates Workshop •4/15/12 – Pre-Conference Assembly •4/21-28/12 – General Service Conference – Rye, NY •5/4-6/12 - Annual Area 75 Conference – Marriott 1313 John Q Hammons Dr, Middleton WI 53562 •6/24/12 – Summer Service Assembly •6/29 thru 7/1/12 – East Central Regional Conference (ECR), Grand Rapids, MI •8/10 – 12/12 – “Additional” East Central Regional (ECR) Forum – Mt Vernon, IL •10/21/12 – Fall Service Assembly “ELECTIONS” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Milwaukee Central Office: 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214 gmco@aamilwaukee.com •Area 75 Treasurer: PMB #167, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217 •General Service Office: G.S.O, P O Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163 •Area 75 Corrections, Bridging the Gap and Treatment write to: PMB # 170, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217
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In Memoriam...

MICHAEL BURDETTE, Mike passed away January 12, 2012 after a brief struggle with cancer. Mike had 22 years of sobriety and was a loyal member of Group 23 in West Allis. Mike was passionate about his recovery and did everything to "pass it on" Mike is survived by his wife, two sons, 11 grandchildren, and hundreds of the recovering community. Mike has gone to the big meeting in the sky and promised to save a seat for all of us.

PHIL VOGEL of Mequon, co-founder of the Tuesday night Christ Church meeting in Whitefish Bay, passed away at age 77 on the last day of January. He was in his 38th year of sobriety. Phil worked as a counselor at DePaul Hospital many years ago, where he was known as the Flyin' Hawaiian". An intensely vibrant man, Phil always had a bright smile and ready laugh, and he truly exemplified the AA principle, "we absolutely insist on enjoying life". Funeral services were held at Ferrick Funeral Home in Shorewood and at Lumen Christi Church in Mequon. Phil inspired and helped countless AA's over the years with his unique brand of zest, integrity, joy and playfulness.

JIMMY HODGES of Chicago, a member of the Mustard Seed Gp. passed on to the meeting in the sky. Jimmy was 92 years old and had 53 years of sobriety at the time of death. His funeral was held in Chicago on Saturday February 18, 2012

I Had to Stop Drinking or Die

*July 1994
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Celebrating twenty wonderful years in AA prompts me to ponder the journey and to reflect on how far I have come. It occurs to me that this excursion is never-ending. The experience of Alcoholics Anonymous is a kind of addiction in itself; the more benefits I receive from the Fellowship, the more I want. The further I "trudge the Road of Happy Destiny," the easier the journey becomes, and the more of life's encounters I crave.

When thrust upon the doorstep of AA in 1973, I was an undisciplined thirty-eight-year-old preadolescent. Totally self-absorbed, I believed that life owed me for all the injustices and unfair circumstances perpetrated upon me. Criti-

cism, failure, or rejection (real or imagined) were impossible for me to handle. I couldn't deal with people or new experiences. I felt worthless, incompetent, and unproductive. I didn't fit in anywhere or with any group. No one on earth had any idea of how I felt or how life had mistreated me. And I accepted no responsibility for these maladjustments. Family, school, boss and society were at fault. If only they would treat me fairly, if only they understood, if only they would leave me alone, I'd be fine.

When I was drinking the world became a much friendlier place. I fit in. I became self-confident, strong-willed, and outgoing. The fear of people or new experiences went away. Alcohol satisfied every self-servicing shortcoming. It took care of what ever caused me to go

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through life with a knot the size of a fist in my gut.

But at some point alcohol took control of my life. I had to stop drinking or die—I found I couldn't stop on my own. I needed help. At this moment God brought me to AA. Here I was shown that there is a simple way to stop drinking. However, when I found myself drunk again, AA made it clear I had to do more than abstain from alcohol. I had to reckon with the root cause of my alcoholism: me. It became necessary to view my emotional and spiritual condition as chief cause for my compulsive alcohol abuse. And then I had to find discipline needed to make major changes in my attitudes about me, my relationship with God, life, and the rest of the world. Finally, I had to become willing to change the way I behave and how I relate to all the people in my life.

Commitment, discipline, responsibility, and appropriate action would become basic terms in my vocabulary, terms by which I had to learn to live. Initially, I made an unconditional commitment to AA and to sobriety, over which absolutely nothing would take precedence. Then I began with simple things in daily living, making sure I consistently completed everything made an agreement with God and my sponsor that I would be responsible for many disciplines each day, prayer and meditation among them. This would develop and strengthen a much-needed trust and faith in God's power. This would also give me the strength to overcome the fear of change. To this day I've followed through with this practice, and now prayer and meditation are something I just do each morning if I want to start the day with a good attitude,

free of fear, and get through the day in relative peace and comfort.

Commitment to God was at first bewildering. I didn't know how to trust God, how to have faith in a power greater than myself. My sponsor assured me that I simply needed to make daily contact with God through prayer and meditation, asking only for the knowledge of how to live and how to treat others. Additionally I was to request God's help to overcome fear and self-centeredness. At my sponsor's suggestion I tried to conduct my daily affairs in a manner that exhibited no reservations at all that God would grant my request. It worked. Fear and self-centeredness no longer paralyzed my ability to face each day and do what was needed with confidence. The knowledge of "how to intuitively handle situations which used to baffle us," which the Big Book speaks of, slowly became reality.

Other commitments, disciplines, and responsibilities included regular AA meetings (one every day for the first year and then three a week after my sponsor and I reevaluated my progress). I still attend a minimum of three to four meetings every week. Service work in AA was, and still is, a high priority. Over the years, service-work has literally brought home the meaning of commitment, as I worked with some of the most dedicated and selfless people I've ever known.

The standards of commitment, discipline, and responsibility had to be employed in all my affairs, in personal and interpersonal matters, at work, and in business activities. Before making any commitment I first had to be confident that I could follow through. Depend-

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it had to be—for me. I was perpetually terrified, a mass of fluctuating suspicions, so thin-skinned and painfully sensitive to the slightest vibrations of authority that if there had been a nearby AA group or central office, I doubt if I would have made contact with it.

For me at that time, it had to be done through the quiet power of the written word, initiated by Bobby, at the AA General Service Office in New York, and embossed by Ann M., Bill, and Bob, who sent such love in so many letters over many years. As compulsively as I used to drink, I now felt a celestial obsession with AA sobriety, and my exhilaration forced me to write all over the States for any crumbs that they could spare. They sent me whole cakes of indescribable mental richness, iced with humility, laughter, and alcoholic love. After groups were formed here, Bill W.'s guidance often saved us from calamity.

One day, the Big Book (it had somehow been overlooked) was placed in my hands at five in the afternoon, when I arrived home from work. As I collect, I had been undergoing the early pangs of "monotonous" sobriety that we often feel around our fifth month in AA, when we haven't a clue about the program. There was a cup of tea on the kitchen table, ready. Next to the steam-

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created me to be; to be able to bring joy, security and comfort as a husband and father; when I wanted to be able to live a constructive life and one of sanity, I am forever grateful to AA because now, even though I am getting a late start, I will still be able to accomplish all of these things that I once dreamed of and yearned for.

ing cup was the book, in a navy blue cover—*Alcoholics Anonymous*, 1948 printing.

I finished reading this masterpiece at six the following morning. The tea, now cold, remained untouched; the ashtray, empty. I hadn't had time to loosen my tie or remove my jacket. Only once did I leave the table; then, the book went with me to the bathroom. It was the greatest, most artistically crafted journal of recovery, and it still is. I was spellbound by the majesty of the wording, the delicacy of the suggestions, catering to the individuality of each alcoholic. At last, this whole venture made sense! For me, the essence of it lay in the second paragraph on page 164: "He will show you how to create the Fellowship you crave."

I have read this beloved book over and over. It still uplifts, inspires, and guides. Through the years, I have read thousands of books and pamphlets, but the Big Book is still the superstar. The love flowing from its pages encourages me to keep the blade of my sobriety ever sharp and gleaming, to cut through all the ignorance and terror that surround still-suffering alcoholics. When their tears dry and the pain recedes, I see in their eyes the image of God, always illuminating the Fellowship of which I am a part, thanks to him and to all of you.

P. O.
Wynber

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I say we owe a debt of gratitude to the old-timers and founders of AA that we will never be able to repay except by accepting our responsibilities as good AA members and living the program to the best of our abilities. Think it over and see if you don't agree.

Anonymous
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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function was also going on. Then I began to recognize many old faces I had grown to love over past years. I felt the giddiness of a schoolboy going off to summer camp, and the anticipation and excitement of recapturing "the old days."

It became obvious to me that the God of our understanding had worked one more of his many miracles on that day. Word of the meeting had spread so widely that the large turnout forced us to move to a much larger room to accommodate everyone.

Other members of my home group appeared to be in a mixed state of shock and awe. Our typical greeting to one another as we tried to keep up with the coffee demand was, "I can't believe this!"

The meeting went on, I was able to hear and enjoy the messages of old: singleness of purpose, one alcoholic helping another, home group, the experiences of working the Steps, their own introduction to service work. And, oh! those wonderful stories of how it used to be.

It didn't take long to become intensely aware that something significantly spiritual was taking place in that parish hall. I was seeing a glow in old-timers' eyes that had seemed to be missing for such a long time. New meaning and zest appeared in their messages. Relationships were being rekindled, some dormant over 40 years! Most refreshing was the mutual respect and dignity felt throughout the hall in that fellowship of alcoholics, reminiscent of the personal stories described in our beloved Big Book.

After two hours we were only at 19

years of sobriety, with many more left to speak. So a group conscience was taken: we all agreed that something wonderful was taking place and that we would continue the old-timers meeting on a quarterly basis, to pick up where we had left off.

As the meeting came to a conclusion, the old-timers registration sheet was tabulated and we were able to announce that with seventy-five AAs signing in, we had enjoyed the experience, strength, and hope of over 744 years of continuous sobriety! It was truly a meeting that will be remembered and talked about for a long time to come.

My home group is not alone in asking where the old-timers have gone. The theme of the 1992 General Service Conference is "AA's Message in a Changing World." Question #2 of the Conference Workshop Questionnaire asks, "Why are so many old-timers leaving AA?"

The experience my home group would like to pass on is this: Instead of debating why so many old-timers are leaving, maybe our time would be better spent in taking more responsibility and letting the old-timers know how much AA wants and needs them; and by creating and maintaining environments and meetings that are attractive to *their* recovery.

Anonymous
Vancouver, Washington

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CLUB INFORMATION

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Mon. 12:30 p. Tenth Step Gp
5:30 p. More about Alcoholism
7:00 p. Men's Gp
8:15 p. Men's Gp

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

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

Thr. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting
1:00 p. Women's Gp
5:30 p. Topic Mtng.
8:00 p. Step Meeting

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

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

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS
Monday 6:30 p. Al-Anon
Tuesday 1:00 p. Al-Anon/ACOA
Thursday 7:00 p. Al-Anon
Contact club for info on other fellowships.

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
8:00 p.

Thr. 12:00 Noon
8:00 p.

Fri. 12:00 Noon T.G.I.F. Gp

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

AL-ANON MTNG: Sunday 9:30 a.

OPEN MEETINGS, DANCES & EVENTS
Call for information.

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up
9:30 a. Reliance Open Disc.
11:00 a. Today' choice
3:00 p. Gratitude Plus
7:00 p. Big Book Readers

Mon. 7:30 a. Jump Start
10:30 a. First Step
4:00 p. Happy Hour Step Gp.
7:00 p. Mon. Freedom
7:00 p. Open IntroductoryAA

Tue. 7:30 a. Comin' Back Gp
10:30 a. Keep It Simple
4:00 p. Drop the Rock
6:00 p. Women's Step
7:30 p. Three Legacies
7:30 p. Double Trouble DD/O

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

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

Fri. 7:30 a. Honesty Gp.
10:30 a. Came To Believe
6:00 p. Women's Fri. Kickoff
6:30 p. Thoughts 4 Today
8:00 p. Spanish Speaking

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Sun. 11:00 a. Thr. 7:00 p.
Tue. open Fri. (Alateen)
Wed. 7:00 p. Sat. 7:30 p.
Sat. 10:30 a.

UNITY CLUB
1715 Creek Drive
West Bend, (262) 338-3500
<http://www.unityofwb.com>

AA MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:30 a.** Gratitude Gp.
8:00 p. Candlelight Gp.

Mon. 10:00 a. Monday A.M.
7:00 p. Men's
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
8:00 p. Young People

Fri. 10:00 a. Step/Topic Gp
8:00 p.* Step Gp.

Sat. 10:00 a. Here & Now
7:00 p. Big Book

AL-ANON & ALATEEN MTNGS
Monday 6:30 p. Alateen
Wednesday 7:15 p. Al-Anon

* Open Mtng. Last Friday of month
** Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month (a.m.)

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a.
11:00 a.
6:00 p. Big Book
8:00 p.

Mon. 9:00 a. Positive Attitude
6:30 p.
8:00 p. Step/Tradition Stdy

Tue. 1:00 p.
4:00 p.
8:00 p. Back To Basics

Wed. 8:00 a.
10:00 a.
6:00 p.
8:00 p.

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

Fri. 12:30 p.
4:00 p.
6:00 p. Non-smoking
7:00 p.
8:00 p.

Sat. 8:30 a.
10:00 a. Big Book
8:00 p.

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Mon. 8:00 p. Al-Anon
Tue. 9:00 a. Al-Anon
Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon

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

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

AA Meetings

Sun. 10:00 a. Welcome Gp.
7:00 p. Gp. 83

Mon. 10:00 a. Honesty Gp.
8:00 p. Sharing Strength

Tue. 10:00 a. Gp. 118
8:00 p. Gratitude Gp.

Wed. 10:00 a. Rap Discussion
5:30 P. Courage/Change
8:00 p. 1 Day At A Time

Thr. 10:00 a. Gp. 89
8:00 p. Gp. 88

Fri. 10:00 a. Gp. 41
6:30 p. Broken Arrow
8:00 p. Gp. 449

Sat. 10:00 a. Reliance Gp.
7:00 p. Big Book Gp.

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

Call Club for Open Meeting & Dance Information

CLUB INFORMATION

WALWORTH COUNTY ALANO CLUB

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

Sunday AA

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

Monday AA

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

6:30 p. Delavan Men's Meeting

Tuesday AA

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

Wednesday AA

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

Thursday AA

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

Friday AA

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

Saturday AA

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

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:00 a. Gp 17 Step
4:30 p. Step Gp
7:30 p. Gp 19 Step
10:00 p. Topic Gp
Mon. 7:00 a. Early Morning
10:30 a. Gp 72 Topic
12:15 p. Big Book Meeting
5:30 p. 12 x 12, Monday Blues
6:30 p. Gp 40 Big Book
8:00 p. Gp 20 Topic
10:30 p. Living Sober Step/Topic
Tue. 7:00 a. As Bill Sees It,
10:30 a. Gp 70 Step
12:15 p. Gp 76
5:30 p. Men's AA & Al-Anon
7:00 p. Beginners, 1st Step (3rd fl)
8:00 p. Gp 57 Topic
10:30 p. 4th Dimension Step/Topic
Wed. 7:00 a. Men's Step
10:30 a. Gp 9, Step
12:10 p. Oasis Topic Gp
8:00 p. Gp 91 Women's
8:00 p. Gp 3, Step/Topic
10:30 p. Step/Topic Gp
Thr. 7:00 a. Big Book Meeting
10:30 a. Gp 97, Step
12:15 p. Here & Now Gp
5:30 p. Acceptance Topic
7:00 p. LGBT Big Book
7:30 p. Gp 26 12x12
10:30 p. As Bill Sees It
Fri. 7:00 a. Daily Reflections
10:30 a. Gp 21, Step
12:15 p. Gp 65
6:30 p. Here & Now
8:30 p. Gp30 Tub Topic
11:30 p. Step/Topic
12:15 a. Second Shifters
11:00 a. Gp 87 Step
Sat. 3:00 p. Spiritual Growth
7:30 p. Open Speaker
9:00 p. Here and Now
11:30 p. Tub-Topic

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

H.O.W. TO CLUB

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

<http://howtoclub.info/>

Sun. 8 a.-11 p.

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

AA MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Eye Opener AA Gp.
10:00 a. Grass Roots (Steps)
4:30 p. Drop the Rock 6/7 Step
6:00 p. AA Topic Group
8:00 p. Sun. Sober & Serene
Mon. 11:00 a. Winner's Circle
5:45 p. Gp 132, Women's Gp
7:00 p. Big Book Gp.
8:00 p. New Hope Gp.
11:15 p. Nighthawk Gp.
Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group
6:00 p. Tuesday Non-Smok
8:00 p. 12 & 12 AA Meeting
Wed. 10:00 a. Foundations Meeting
6:00 p. AA Beginners Gp.
7:00 p. Women's Freedom
8:00 p. Promises Group
11:15 p. After Hours Gp.
Thr. 10:00 a. But For Grace Of God
6:00 p. 6 PM Here and Now
8:00 p. How To Get It Going
Fri. 11:00 a. Priority Group
6:00 p. Big Book Group
8:00 p. R.U.S. For Us
11:15 p. Candlelight Promises
Sat. 9:15 a. Men's Topic
11:00 a. Pioneers Group
6:00 p. 1st & 12 Topic
8:00 p. HOW To Saturday*
*(Open meeting on 3rd Saturday)
10:30 p. Candlelight Gratitude

CLUB INFORMATION

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

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

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

1907 CLUB
2908 N 21st ST.
Sheboygan, WI 53083
(920) 457-9633

AA MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

When and Where

NEW MEETINGS

New Back To Basics, Grace Pres-
byterian, 2931 S Kinnickinnic Ave,
Milw. 53207 **Mondays at 7 p.**

Women's Big Book, Christ Church
13460 N Port Washington Rd, Me-
quon 53092, **Mondays at 6:00 p.**

11th Step Candlelight, Humming-
birch Center for Meditation, 3205 S
Howell Ave, Milw 53207 meets
Mondays at 6:30 p.

Way of Life Gp, Bay View United
Methodist 2772 S K.K. Ave, Milwau-
kee 53207, **Mondays at 7:00 p.**

Gp 79, Twelve Step Club, 4102 W
Townsend St, Milwaukee 53216,
meets **Tuesday at 6:45 p.**

Polish Sober Eagles (Polish Speak-
ing) Prince of Peace, 4419 S How-
ell Ave Milwaukee 53207 (rear

parking & entrance) **Meets on
Tuesday at 6:00 p.** (Polish/Russian
Interpreter available)

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

The Meeting Place, meets at The
Lodge, N48W18474 Lisbon Rd,
Menomonee Falls, **Wed. at 5:30 p.**

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

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

DISBANDED GROUPS

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

24 HOUR CLUB

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Topic
10:00 a. Step/Topic
5:00 p. Step
Mon. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Topic
12:00 p. Women's
8:00 p. Men's
Tue. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Step/Topic
5:30 p. Big Book
Wed. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Big Book
5:15 p. Women's
Thr. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Topic
5:30 p. Step/Topic/Trad
Fri. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Step/12 & 12
5:30 p. Principles
8:00 p. Step
Sat. 6:30 a. Topic
8:30 a. Living Sober
10:00 a. Big Book

8:00 p. Open Speaker Mtng.
(1st Saturday Only)

GALANO CLUB

- LGBT Recovery -

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

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

mail@galanoclub.org

MEETING SCHEDULE

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

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

NORTHWEST ALANO CLUB*

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

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

Tue Night Surrender, Waukesha Memorial 725 American Ave, Waukesha, met on Tue at 6:30p

Group 14, Roundy's, Whitefish Bay, met on Tuesdays at 8 p.

Gp 11 Friday, Roundy's Church, Whitefish Bay, **met at 8 p. Friday**

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

OTHER CHANGES

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

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

The First 164, formerly at Roundy's Church **NOW meets at Christ Church 5655 N Lake Dr, Whitefish Bay, at 6:00 p. Tuesdays**

Women's Lifeline, New Day Club, Mequon, previously at 7:30 pm is **now Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.**

Stop For A Quick One, formerly at Roundy's Church **NOW meets at Kingo Lutheran, 1225 E Olive, Shorewood at 5:30 p. Thursdays**

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

Oak Creek Friday Night, All Saints, 9131 S Howell, **NEW time is 8:00 p.m.**

Sat. 10:30 a., Women's Freedom Bay View United, 2772 S KK, Milw. 53207 **Child Care Available**

OPEN MEETINGS

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

aamilwaukee.com/directory.html

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

1st Monday at 1:30 p. Bethesda Seniors Community Center Open Meeting, 2845 W Fond du Lac Ave

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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"Faithful Fivers"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Payment Plan:

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

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

Expiration Date: ____/____/____

Name _____

Address _____

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

Phone Number (____) _____ - _____

2012 Weekend Retreats Jesuit Retreat House, Oshkosh, WI

jesuitretreathouse.org

Men and Women members of AA, Al-Anon
Total cost: 4 days \$325.00. Send a \$50.00 deposit with requests for specific dates to: Jesuit Retreat House, 4800 Fahrwald Road, Oshkosh, WI 54901 or call for information, 1(800) 962-7330
May 3-6 Men, Fr Peter Fennessy, SJ
May 10-13 Women, Sr Elise Cholewinski, OSF
May 17-20 Men, Fr Len Kraus, SJ
Aug 16-19 Women, Fr John Schwantes SJ
Nov 8-11 Women, Sr Elise Cholewinski, OSF
Nov 15-18 Women, Sr Linda Fischer, ASC
Nov 29-Dec 2 Men, Fr Richard Dunphy SJ

Redemptorist Retreat Center, 1800 North Timber Trail Lane, Oconomowoc, WI 53066, (262) 567-6900 Email: rrc@redemptoristretreat.org May 18 - 20 Retreat for Members of AA and Al-Anon.
Arrive 3:00 p.m. Friday - Depart 12:00 p.m. Sunday (Fee: \$185.00). This is not a silent retreat. The program focuses on discussion meetings covering some of the twelve steps and corresponding topics. Free time to enjoy the grounds and the fellowship of other recovering individuals. Presenters: Br. Gerry Patin, C.Ss.R.

MILWAUKEE CENTRAL OFFICE

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

Open Speaker Meeting and Dinner

Pass It On Club

6229 W. Forest Home Av.



March 17th, 2012

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

Join the Friday Night "Thoughts For Today" Group

Spend the night with us as our speakers share their experience, strength and hope with us.

Dinner will be served in the traditional Irish fashion with Corned Beef and Cabbage, Baked Chicken, Potatoes, Salad, and Dessert.

Speakers:

AA

Chris K.

Al-Anon

David B.

Tickets are \$10.00, available in advance or at the door.

Spanish Speaking Meetings: Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

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

Written for Us Newcomer's Meeting

An Insight to 'How it Works'

A meeting for newcomers and/or old-timers

when:

Saturday's from 9:15 to 10:15am

where:

Greater Milwaukee Central Office

7429 West Greenfield Avenue

West Allis, WI 53214

414.771.9119



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ability and reliability are basic factors of responsibility and are essential, not only to those who might be affected, but to my own self-esteem and self-respect. These tenets are as important to my well-being today as they were twenty years ago, only now they seem to come a little more naturally. What once was discipline is now a way of life.

Commitment, discipline, and responsibility suggest consistent action. If I'm to benefit, I must act appropriately in all areas of my life to demonstrate these qualities. To talk about these or other attributes in meetings or in a Grapevine article means I must consistently turn these words into deeds to preserve my integrity. I can't expect to help another alcoholic if my honesty is questioned. Above all, I can't expect to remain comfortably sober and possess peace of mind if I know these princi-

ples have been compromised. My sobriety and ultimately my very life is dependent on the integrity of my program. With this integrity, staying sober is as easy as attending meetings, living the Twelve Steps in all areas of life, and asking a sponsor for help.

I've come a long way on this bumpy road of change, and as the road becomes straight and smooth, the journey becomes more joyful and calm. At each milestone, daily trials and tribulations are more insignificant, contrasted with the magnificence of the universe in which my journey seems so short. At this point in my travels, I'm not ready for the journey to conclude. I still have many life experiences to encounter and many lessons to master concerning how to live in peace and comfort with my fellows.

Joe D.
Eddyville, Kentucky

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8th Annual Spring Retreat for Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon Members Registration

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone (day) _____
 (evening) _____
 Email _____

I require first floor accommodations
 I have special dietary requirements
 I will share a room if necessary
 I am including a donation to the scholarship fund: \$ _____
 I am requesting help from the scholarship fund: \$ _____
 I am willing to be a speaker for: _____ AA

Fee: \$185.00 per person (2 nights, 6 meals)
 If payment by check, make payable to:
 Redemptorist Retreat Center

Credit card: Discover MC Visa
 Card numbers: _____
 Security code on back of card: _____
 Expiration: (mm/yy) _____ Amt: \$ _____
 Signature as printed on card _____

Mail to: Brother Gerry Patin, C.Sc.R.
 Redemptorist Retreat Center
 1800 North Timber Trail Lane
 Oconomowoc, WI 53066-4897



DAILY SCHEDULE

Friday, May 18, 2012	
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Arrival/Registration
6:00 p.m.	Light Evening Meal/Dining Room
7:00 p.m.	Orientation/1st Step Meeting A.A./Anon. Speaker/A.A. Speaker
Saturday, May 19, 2012	
7:30 a.m.	Meditation/Chapel
8:00 a.m.	Breakfast/Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Step 2 Meeting
10:30 a.m.	Al-Anon Speaker/A.A. Speaker Topic Meeting
12:00 p.m.	Al-Anon Speaker/A.A. Speaker Noon Meal/Dining Room
2:00 p.m.	Step 3 Meeting
3:30 p.m.	Al-Anon Speaker/A.A. Speaker Steps 4 & 5 Listening
5:00 p.m.	Mass/Chapel
6:00 p.m.	Evening Meal/Dining Room
7:30 p.m.	Step 11 Meeting Al-Anon Speaker/A.A. Speaker
Sunday, May 20, 2012	
7:30 a.m.	Meditation/Healing in Chapel
8:15 a.m.	Continental Breakfast/Dining Room
9:00 a.m.	Topic Meeting
10:30 a.m.	Al-Anon Speaker / A.A. Speaker Breakfast/Dining Room
11:30 a.m.	Step 12 Meeting Al-Anon Speaker / A.A. Speaker
12:30 p.m.	Closing and Departure



8th Annual Spring Retreat For Members of Alcoholics Anonymous And Al-Anon May 18 — 20, 2012

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Gratitude From a Newcomer

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I WONDER if we new members give much thought to what went on before AA found us.

Maybe we might wonder what happened to the pioneers and what they did to keep such a thing as Alcoholics Anonymous, so vital to us, alive and interesting. I know that these old-timers or founders of AA in every town had to fight for their very lives, and with few tools, alone and without social acceptance. They had to fight day by day. They had to love and *care for each other* for they had so little to fight with. Like all pioneers, with liberty, life and freedom in the balance, with only themselves and a faith in the infinite help of a loving, tender and understanding God, they fought through and attained a goal that they had been seeking for years. When they received a call from another fellow-sufferer they didn't dare say, "I'll see you tomorrow," or "Call Joe, he lives closer than I do."

They got up and made the call regardless of the time of day, kind of day or distance, because they knew that their very existence depended upon their helping another sick alcoholic in the same condition they had been in but few short days or weeks before.

We who came later to the program had the tools and the way laid out for us. We had thousands of members to call on for advice. We had the acceptance of outside society as well as its unmerited praise. It seems to me that we have a great obligation to AA. I am also wondering if we are in some small way fulfilling any of these obligations. If we aren't, we stand in very real danger of losing this priceless heritage that has been passed on to us. Our kind of freedom cannot be taken for granted but must be forever earned and justified. When I stop to think of the dreams that were never fulfilled, that faded gradually from my mind, and of the things that I was going to accomplish in my life and what I was going to become in the business world; when I so desperately wanted to be the man that God

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Alcoholics Anonymous History **Area 75 Archives Room Open Sundays 12:00 to 3:30** **Area 75 History**

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 March 25, April 15, May 6, October 21

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 January, February, June, July, August, December

For App. Contact: Nancy Seelen Area 75 Archivist 414 339-3934 aanancy@att.net

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 We CAN'T Know Where We Are
 If We don't Know Where We Have Been!!!

District Histories **Meeting Histories**





AA: Women to Women

This is a closed AA meeting

A day of sharing:
To foster the sharing of ideas, feelings & issues
To create a safe atmosphere that nurtures honesty & 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 Trusting My Higher Power
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 11:30 How It Works
- 11:30 - 11:45 Break
- 11:45 - 12:30 Intimacy vs Sexuality
- 12:30 - 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 - 2:15 Having Fun In Sobriety
- 2:15 - 2:30 Closing/Countdown

Saturday April 14, 2012
9:00am - 2:30pm

The Pass It On Club
6229 W. Forest Home Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53220
414-541-6923

For more information contact:
Joy S. 262-215-7513
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Registration Form

Deadline: March 31, 2012 Please use a separate form for each person
Registration: \$10.00 (in advance) Includes: Lunch Buffet, Coffee, Doughnuts
\$15.00 (at the door)

Please print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

It is okay to leave a message at this number

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SATURDAY

March 31, 2012

Waukesha Expo Center
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**Speaker: Clancy I.
from Los Angeles, CA**

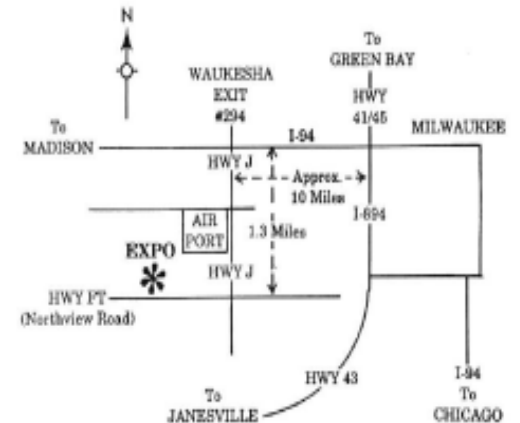
Social Hour – 5:30 pm
Dinner – 6:30 pm
Speaker – 8:00 pm

Dance to follow

Coffee & Soda Available

Tickets: \$25.00 each

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