

# "BETWEEN-US"

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## Origin of the Twelve Steps

On a December evening of 1938, Bill W. was lying in bed writing the chapter, "How It Works" on a pad of yellow scratch paper. He considered the six-step program of that time as allowing "too many loopholes" and should probably be broken into smaller pieces so as to *broaden and deepen* the spiritual implications of his impending program of action. He asked for guidance (The Oxford Group used a term: "Automatic writing") and within a half hour he had written Twelve Steps on that yellow pad! Thank you God!

Many years later he wrote in the Forward to Second Edition six of the various Oxford Group tenets that he considered relevant to alcoholic recovery (p. xvi). Although the Oxford Group had no "steps" these tenets greatly resonated with the six-step program used by AAs the years before the Big Book was written in 1939.

While mulling over these Oxford Group Tenets, I connected (at least to

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## As Others See Us

No other therapeutic or "redemptive" movement, within the church or without, has in recent times been so successful as Alcoholics Anonymous. Here guilt is seen as basic and real; and its open admission is regarded as an indispensable first step, to be followed by a definite program of good works and restitution. Sometimes, when the accomplishments of Alcoholics Anonymous are alluded to, it is asked: But why was the Oxford Group not also a success? Up to a point the Oxford Group *was* a success and that point was that it encouraged confession and openness but had no provision for taking its members on from there. If it did nothing more, the movement deserves credit for having inspired the formation of AA, where the weakness of pure Buchmanism is offset by a clearly specified program of "missions" and mercy. The trail which AA has blazed is the only one down which I can at present gaze and see anything that looks like the road to the future in psychiatry and religion. How AA principles can be adapted or modified to meet the needs of other kinds of confused and suffering people is not fully clear to me. But I am as sure as I can be of anything that no therapy will be radically and broadly successful which does not take the neurotic's guilt seriously and does not help him admit his errors openly and find ways to work in dead earnest to rectify and compensate for them.

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Greater Milwaukee Central Office AA

Profit & Loss

March 2012

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Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Literature Sales	15,693.67
4050 · Between us	139.00
4070 · Contributions	3,971.68
4080 · Gratitude boxes	170.55
4130 · Personal Contri.	37.62
4150 · Other Income	211.95
4830 · Sales Discounts	10.00
48900 · Shipping and Delivery Income	188.41
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>20,422.88</b>
Cost of Goods Sold	
5000 · Literature	9,363.76
52900 · Purchases - Resale Items	27.64
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>9,391.40</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>11,031.48</b>
Expense	
59900 · POS Inventory Adjustments	-22.79
6045 · Coffee/Soda Expense	222.51
6260 · Shipping and freight	233.90
6262 · Postage	3.40
6500 · Office	3,106.94
6600 · Payroll	7,615.01
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>11,158.97</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-127.49</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-127.49</b>
CD Prudent Reserve	84,350.00
Money Market	29,913.51
Checking	2,200.00

For a more detailed break-out of information, you can call Dan at Central Office. Also, more information is available at the Board of Director's Meeting held on the Wednesday following the Group Secretary meeting each odd numbered month, at 6:30 p.m. All AA members are welcome, and encouraged to attend.

### AREA 75 EVENTS CALENDAR

1. Go to Area 75 website at: [area75.org](http://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, April 10, 2012

Groups represented: 23, 48, 59, 83, 88, 118, 140, 232, 449, A New Day, Airport Gp, An AA Gp, As Bill Sees It, Badger Group, By the Book, Common Solution Topic, Daily Reprieve Men's, Early Bird Roger's Memorial, Fabulous 44, Hales Corners Tue Night, Honest and Able, Monday Night Fox River Gp, Monday Night Menomonee Falls Action, Monday Night Women's Waukesha, New Berlin Big Book Tue., Oak Creek Friday, Pick-A-Topic, Reliance Gp, T-N-T, Thought 4 Today, Trust Through Fellowship, Tue Night Grapevine, Tue Night Hales Corners Step/Topic, Turning Point Sunday Night, Wanderers, Waukesha Sunday Night, WELL Gp, When All Else Fails. Women's Friday Kick Off Gp, I'm sorry if I have missed anyone that was in attendance.

Kathy S opened the meeting at 7p.

Bank balances on Mar. 31, 2012

Business Checking: \$ 2,200.00

Money Market Savings: \$29,913.51

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.

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. Tickets are available now at Central Office. Please remind your groups to not plan conflicting events on that date.

Meeting closed at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday May 8, 2012. at 7 pm.

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

### 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](mailto:johnreske9@yahoo.com)

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

### 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 !!!**
- **NEW HOPE GROUP, Wednesday 8:00 p.m.** Trinity United Church of Christ, 4435 N Calhoun Rd, Brookfield WI 53005
- **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

# CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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**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

**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.

**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 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

**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.

## Area 75, So. WI, Calendar of Events 2012

Madison Senior Center (MSC),  
330 W. Mifflin St., Madison, WI,  
except where otherwise noted.

- 5/4-6/12 - Annual Area 75 Conference –  
Marriott 1313 John Q Hammons Dr, Mid-  
dleton 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”

## •Milwaukee Central Office:

7429 W Greenfield Ave, West  
Allis, WI 53214

[gmco@aamilwaukee.com](mailto: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

## DR. Bob's Story

### In the beginning there were Bill and Bob. . .

DR. Bob was born August 8, 1879, in  
St. Johnsbury, Vermont, a typical New  
England village of some 7000 souls. Was  
the only son of parents prominent in  
civic and church activities, his early  
childhood was spent under strict paren-  
tal guidance.

Signs of inner revolt came at an early  
age. In later years the doctor liked to  
tell his children, Sue and Robert, of  
how he was put to bed every evening at  
five o'clock. He would go quietly  
enough, a fact which might have led  
the modern child-psychology-wise par-  
ent to suspect the worst, but which  
seemingly went unnoticed by the  
young man's parents. As soon as he  
was reasonably sure that he was con-  
sidered safely asleep he would arise,  
dress and slip quietly downstairs and  
out the back door to join his village  
gang.

In the summers the family often spent  
some weeks in a cottage by the sea.  
Here Bob became an expert swimmer.  
He and his foster sister, Nancy, spent  
many hours building and sailing their  
own sailboats. It was here that he saved  
a young girl from drowning.

While the boy, Rob, was high-spirited,  
considered rebellious and wayward, he  
was also industrious and labored long  
and hard at anything he really wanted  
to do. He wanted, above all else, to  
become a medical doctor like his ma-  
ternal grandfather.

When he was about nine years old he  
began to show signs of liking to work,  
especially out of doors. That summer  
he was at a neighbor's farm helping the  
men load hay. Perhaps he was resting,  
perhaps he was prowling around pok-

ing under bushes to see what he could  
see. . .he saw a jug. . .he pulled the cork  
and sniffed. It was a new odor to this  
son of strict New England parents. If  
the stuff in the jug smelled so good, it  
should taste good too. He liked the  
taste. He liked the way it made him  
feel. A little boy; a jug of hooch; the  
first securely welded link in the chain.

By the time he reached his teens, Rob  
was spending parts of his summers  
working on a Vermont farm or juggling  
trays and lugging baggage as a bellhop  
in an Adirondack summer hotel. His  
winters were passed trying to avoid the  
necessity of having to attend high  
school in order to receive a diploma.  
During his high school days young Rob  
learned much of what there is to know  
about a billiard table. He was a good  
student in spite of himself and gradu-  
ated from St. Johnsbury Academy in  
1898.

It was at a party given at the Academy  
that Dr. Bob first met Anne. A student  
at Wellesley, she was spending a holi-  
day with a college chum. It was a  
small, reserved girl whom the tall,  
rangy Rob met that night. With an agile  
mind to match his own, Anne had a  
cheerfulness, sweetness and calm that  
was to remain with her through the  
years.

After high school at St. Johnsbury  
Academy came four years of college at  
Dartmouth. At long last the rebellious  
young colt was free of his parents' re-  
straining supervision. New experiences  
were to be explored and enjoyed with-  
out having to give an accounting.

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His first discovery in his search for the facts of life on the campus was that joining the boys for a brew seemed to make up the greater part of after-class recreation. From Dr. Bob's point of view it was the major extra-curricular activity. It had long been evident that whatever Rob did, he did well. He became a leader in the sport. He drank for the sheer fun of it and suffered little or no ill-effects. His years at Dartmouth were spent doing exactly what he wanted to do with little thought of the wishes or feelings of others--a state of mind which became more and more predominant as the years passed. Rob graduated in 1902. . . "summa cum laude" in the eyes of the drinking fraternity. The dean had a somewhat lower estimate.

Now he held a Dartmouth diploma, but the desire to become a medical doctor was still with him. His mother, who had never approved of this career for her son, hadn't altered her views. For the next two years he worked for a large scale company; then he went to Montreal where he labored at selling railway supplies, and heavy hardware. He left Montreal and went to Filene's store in Boston.

All through this period he was drinking as much as purse allowed, still without getting into any serious trouble. But he wasn't making any headway either. He still wanted to be a doctor. It was time he was about it. He quit his job at the store and that Fall entered the University of Michigan as a pre-medical student.

Again he was free of all restraint. Earnestly, he got down to the serious business of drinking as much as he could and still make it to class in the morning.

His famous capacity for beer followed him to the Michigan campus. He was elected to membership in the drinking fraternity. Once again he displayed the wonders of his "patent throat" before his gaping brothers.

He, who had boasted to his friends, "Never had a hangover in my life," began to have the morning-after shakes. Many a morning Dr. Bob went to classes and, even though fully prepared, turned away at the door and went back to the fraternity house. So bad were his jitters that he feared he would cause a scene if he should be called on.

He went from bad to worse. No longer drinking for the fun of it, his life at Michigan became one long binge after another. In the Spring of his sophomore year, Dr. Bob made up his mind that he could not complete his course. He packed his grip and headed South. After a month spent on a large farm owned by a friend, the fog began to clear from his brain. As he began to think more clearly he realized that it was very foolish to quit school. He decided to return and continue his work.

The faculty had other ideas. After a long argument they allowed him to return to take his exams. He passed them creditably. After many more painful discussions, the faculty also gave him his credits. That Fall he entered Brush University as a junior. Here his drinking became so much worse that his fraternity brothers felt forced to send for his father. The Judge made the long journey in a vain effort to get him straightened out.

After those long disastrous binges, when Dr. Bob was forced to face his father he had a deep feeling of guilt. His father always met the situation quietly, "Well, what did this one cost you?" he would ask. Oddly enough this feeling of guilt would come, not because he felt that he

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my way of thinking) as how they relate to our Twelve Step program of today.

The Oxford Group had many different tenets, but Bill Wilson accepted only six of these. They are revealed on page xvi:

1. Need for moral inventory, Step 4
2. Confession of personality defects, Step 1 & 5
3. Restitution to those harmed, Steps 8 & 9
4. Helpfulness to others, Step 12
5. Necessity of belief in God, Steps 2, 3 & 11
6. Dependence upon God, Steps 6, 7, 10 & 11

The Oxford Group members attempted to live in the spirit of the Four Absolutes – honesty, unselfishness, love and purity. Bill never explicitly mentioned these in our basic text, but it takes only

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had hurt him in any way, but because his father seemed, somehow, to understand. It was this quiet, hopeless understanding that pained him.

He was drinking more and more hard liquor now, and coming up to his final exams he went on a particularly rough binge. When he went in to the examinations his hand trembled so badly he could not hold a pencil. He was, of course, called before the faculty. Their decision was that if he wished to graduate he must come back for two more quarters, remaining absolutely dry. This he was able to do. The faculty considered his work so creditable, he was able to secure a much coveted internship in City Hospital in Akron, Ohio.

slight research to find them surreptitiously embedded therein.

Bill's notions about the Twelve Steps came from other sources as well. Without Dr. Doctor Silkworth's opinions about the physical allergy and mental obsession there would not have been the knowledge about Step One we have today. Someone said the Doctor's opinion is the only opinion that counts in AA. And for Step Two, Psychiatrist Carl Jung gave us our solution as a *vital spiritual experience* (p. 27), and then William James' book, "Varieties of Spiritual Experience" helped convince Bill that his "mountain top" experience was real, and not a hallucination (p. 14).

Bill claimed not to take credit for any original idea in the Big Book, but aren't we lucky that he put all of this together for us.

Bob S., Fourth Dimension Group, Richmond, IN

Reprinted w/permission Bob S. Richmond IN

The first two years in Akron, as a young intern, were free of trouble. Hard work took the place of hard drinking simply because there wasn't time for both. At one time during his internship he ran the hospital pharmacy by himself. This, added to other duties, took him all over the hospital, running up and down the stairs because the elevators were too slow, running here, rushing there as if the devil were after him. All this frenzied activity never failed to bring about an explosive, "Now where is that cadaverous young Yankee!" from one of the older doctors who became particularly fond of him.

Though the two years as intern at City were hectic, Dr. Bob had time to learn much from the older men who were glad

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to share their knowledge with him. He began to perfect his own skills so that he might become a specialist, a surgeon. When his two years of internship were over he opened an office in The Second National Bank Building, in Akron. This was in 1912. His offices were in the same building until he retired from practice in 1948.

He was completely out on his own now, and again free to do as he chose--some money in his pocket and all the time in the world. It may have been that reaction set in from all the work, the irregular hours, the hectic life of an intern. Whatever caused it, Dr. Bob developed considerable stomach trouble. The remedy for that was, of course, a couple of drinks. It didn't take him long to return to the old drinking habits.

Now he began to know the real horror, the suffering that goes with alcoholism. In hope of relief, he signed in at least a dozen times in one of the local sanitariums. After three years of this torture he ended up in a local hospital where they tried to help him. But he got his friends to smuggle him in a quart. He got rapidly worse. Finally his father had to send a doctor out from St. Johnsbury to attempt to get him home. Somehow the doctor managed to get him back to the house he was born in, where he stayed in bed for two months before he could venture out. He stayed around town for about two months more, then returned to Akron to resume his practice. Dr. Bob was thoroughly scared, either by what had happened, by what the doctor had told him, or both. He went into one of his long dry periods.

In 1915 he went back to Chicago to marry Anne. He brought her back to Akron as his bride. The first three years of their married life were free of the unhappiness that was to come later. He

became established in his practice. Their son Robert was born and life began to make a sensible pattern. Then the 18th Amendment was passed.

Dr. Bob's reasoning was quite typical at this time, if not quite logical. It would make very little difference if he did take a few drinks now. The liquor that he and his friends had bought in amounts according to the size of their bank accounts, would soon be gone. He could come to no harm. He was soon to learn the facts of the Great American Experiment.

The government obligingly made it possible for doctors to obtain unlimited supplies of liquor. Often during those black years, Dr. Bob, who held his profession sacred, would go to the phone book, pick out a name at random and fill out the prescription which would get him a pint of whiskey. When all else failed there was the newly accredited member of American society, the bootlegger. A moderate beginning led to Dr. Bob's usual ending.

During the next few years, he developed two distinct phobias. One was the fear of not sleeping and the other was the fear of running out of liquor. So began the squirrel-cage existence. Staying sober to earn enough money to get drunk, getting drunk to go to sleep, using sedatives to quiet the jitters, staying sober, earning money, getting drunk, smuggling home a bottle, hiding the bottle from Anne who became an expert at detecting hiding places.

This nightmare went on for seventeen years. Somehow he had the good sense to stay away from the hospital and not to receive patients if he were drinking. He stayed sober every day until four o'clock, then came home. In this way he was able to keep his drinking problem from becoming hospital gossip.

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# CLUBS

**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](http://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. (Alateen)  
Tue. open Fri. 7:30 p.  
Wed. 7:00 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](http://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. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays  
(AA and/or Al-Anon Speakers)

**SERENITY CLUB**  
3677 E. Pulaski Ave,  
Cudahy, WI 53110,  
(414)483-8308  
[serenityclub.info](http://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**

# CLUBS

## 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)

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

Thur. 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

Sat. 11:00 a. Gp 87 Step  
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.

Thur. 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  
9:15 a. Men's Topic  
11:00 a. Pioneers Group  
6:00 p. 1st & 12 Topic  
8:00 p. HOW To Saturday\*

Sat. \* (Open meeting on 3rd Saturday)  
10:30 p. Candlelight Gratitude

# CLUBS, ETC

## 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 FELLOWSHIPS 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

## Greater Milwaukee Central Office

7429 W Greenfield Ave.  
West Allis WI 53214  
414-771-9119  
[aamilwaukee.com](http://aamilwaukee.com)

### A.A. MEETINGS

Mon. 12:15 p.  
4:00 p.

Tue. 12:15 p.  
4:00 p.

Wed. 10:30 a.  
12:15 p.  
4:00 p.

Thur. 12:15 p.  
4:00 p.

Fri. 10:30 a.  
12:15 p.  
4:00 p.

Sat. 9:15 a.  
10:30 a.  
3:00 p.

**CALL FOR 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.

# Directory Changes

## NEW MEETINGS

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

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

Polish Sober Eagles (Polish Speaking) Prince of Peace, 4419 S Howell 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

Couple's In Recovery Open Disc. Living Word Church, 2240 Living Word Ln Jackson 53037 **Fri 7:30 p.**

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

## DISBANDED GROUPS

## 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

Thur. 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](mailto: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

Thur. 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.

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

**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**

#### 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 April 2012, When & Where**

[aamilwaukee.com/directory.html](http://aamilwaukee.com/directory.html)

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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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, 72<sup>nd</sup> & Orchard,

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

Contact the Central Office via email: [gmco@aamilwaukee.com](mailto: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 that \$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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

### 2012 Weekend Retreats Jesuit Retreat House, Oshkosh, WI

[jesuitretreathouse.org](http://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](mailto: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 of 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

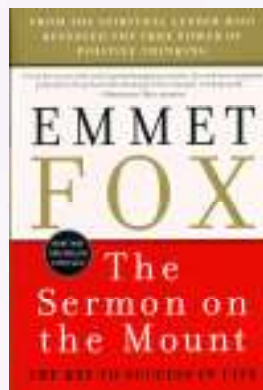
- **E-mail the Board President at:** [board@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:board@aamilwaukee.com)
- **E-mail Director Dan F. at:** [dan@aamilwaukee.com](mailto:dan@aamilwaukee.com)
- **Hours: M-F 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
- **G.S.R. Orientation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 6:30 p.**
- **Secretary Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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., Wed and Fri also at 10:30 a.**
- **A. A. Meetings Saturday 9:15 a., 10:30 a. and 3:00 p.**
- [www.aamilwaukee.com](http://www.aamilwaukee.com)



## District 34 Conference

**The Spirituality of the Steps  
"As Seen through the Lord's Prayer"**

Based on the Book *Sermon on the Mount* by Emmet Fox



Have you ever wondered **WHY** we say the  
Lord's Prayer to close every meeting?

Come to the District 34 Conference and **FIND OUT**

**When:** Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Where:** Milwaukee Central Office  
7429 W. Greenfield Ave  
West Allis, WI 53214

**Cost: FREE!**

Coffee and Snacks will be provided

An open discussion meeting will follow the  
presentation given by District 34 Representatives

## 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



**Come JOIN US & learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous**

**TWO** Entirely new AA meetings  
starting this month at the Greater  
Milwaukee Central Office.

**Wednesday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.**

And

**Friday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.**

**Please Join Us! Bring a friend.**



### **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, Wauertown, 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

### **Between-Us Subscribers!**

**NOW** is the time to renew subscriptions for this newsletter. If you are reading this at your AA meeting..remind the Treasurer/Secretary to **renew for 2012**. 6 copies/month for only **\$18.00**. Or, 31copies/month for only **\$9.00**.



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Through these years Dr. Bob was an active member of the City Hospital Staff and often he had occasion to go to St. Thomas Hospital, where in 1934 he became a member of the Courtesy Staff and in 1943 a member of the Active Staff. It was during one of these visits to St. Thomas, in 1928, that in the course of his duties, he met Sister Mary Ignatia, whose work with alcoholics was to become a legend.

Anne and the children now lived in a shambles of broken promises, given in all sincerity. Unable to see her friends, Anne existed on the bare necessities. About all she had left was her faith that her prayers for her husband would somehow be answered.

It then happened that Dr. Bob and Anne were thrown in with a crowd of people who attracted Dr. Bob because of their poise, health and happiness. These people spoke of their problems without embarrassment, a thing he could never do. They all seemed very much at ease. Above all, they seemed happy. They were members of the Oxford Group. Self-conscious, ill at ease most of the time, his health nearing the breaking point, Dr. Bob was thoroughly miserable. He sensed that these new-found friends had something that he did not have. He felt that he could profit from them.

When he learned that what they had was something of a spiritual nature, his enthusiasm was somewhat dampened. Unfortunately his childhood background of church twice during the week and three times on Sunday had caused him to resolve that he would never appear in a church so long as he lived. He kept that resolve for forty years except when his presence there was absolutely necessary. It helped some to find out that these people did not gather in a church but at

each other's homes.

That they might have the answer to his drinking problem never entered his head, but he thought it could do him no harm to study their philosophy. For the next two and one half years he attended their meetings. And got drunk regularly!

Then one Saturday afternoon, Henrietta called Anne. Could they come over to meet a friend of hers who might help Bob.

At five o'clock Sunday evening they were at Henrietta's door. Dr. Bob faced Bill W. who said, "You must be awfully thirsty--this won't take us long."

From the moment Bill spoke to him, Dr. Bob knew that here was a man who knew what he was talking about. As the hours passed, Bill, newly sober himself, stranded in town on a business trip and panicked by his moment-to-moment danger of drinking, told of his experiences with alcohol. He told him of the simple message that a friend had brought, "Show me your faith and by my works I will show you mine."

Slowly at first, then with sudden clarity, Dr. Bob began to understand. Bill had been able to control his drinking problem by the very means that Dr. Bob himself had been trying to use--but there was a difference. The spiritual approach was as useless as any other if you soaked it up like a sponge and kept it all to yourself. True, Bill had been preaching his message at any drunk who would listen; he had been unsuccessful until now, but the important thing was that by giving his knowledge away, he, himself, was sober!

There was one more short binge for Dr. Bob after that talk. On June 10, 1935, he took his last drink, remaining sober until his death on November 15, 1950.

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**Alcoholics Anonymous History**

**2012**  
**Area 75 Archives Room**  
**Open Sundays**  
**12:00 to 3:30**

**Area 75 History**

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**Closed**  
**March 25, April 15, May 6, October 21**

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**Open by Appointment Only:**  
**January, February, June, July, August, December**

For App. Contact: Nancy Seelen Area 75 Archivist 414 339-3934 [aanancy@att.net](mailto:aanancy@att.net)

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**7109 West Orchard St**  
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**West Allis, Wisconsin 53214**

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**Meeting Histories**

**Your History**  
WE CAN'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE  
IF WE DON'T KNOW WHERE WE HAVE BEEN!!!

■ Area 75 Archives

★ Milwaukee Central Office



# 4th Annual District 16 Picnic

**JUNE 16, 2012**

**RAIN OR SHINE**

**A.A. SPEAKER: VA John from Greenfield**



**11AM - 4PM**  
**LUNCH is at NOON**



**SPEAKER is at 1:00PM**



**GREENFIELD PARK**

(116<sup>th</sup> & Rogers 3 blocks south of Greenfield Ave.)



**PICNIC AREA #5**



**Please Bring A Dish To Pass!!**



## FRIDAY NIGHT OAK CREEK GROUP

### 2012 ANNUAL OPEN MEETING

**WHEN: FRIDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2012**

**FELLOWSHIP AT 7:30 P.M.**  
**MEETING BEGINS AT 8:00 P.M.**

**WHERE: ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**9131 S. HOWELL AVENUE**  
**MILWAUKEE, WI 53154**

**WHO: AL-ANON SPEAKER: GAYLE N.**

**AA SPEAKER: RICK H.**

**COME JOIN US FOR**

**FOOD, COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP!**

# JAMBOREE 2012

Milwaukee County Zoo, Peck Welcome Center

10001 W. BLUEMOUND RD.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

HOSPITALITY: 5:00 P.M., DINNER: 6:00 P.M.

SPEAKER: Houston S. / Milwaukee, 7:00 ish

Dance to follow

**\$30.00**

Soda and Water Available

**\$30.00**

Tickets by mail, \$30.00 each. Include a self addressed stamped envelope.  
Greater Milwaukee Central Office 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual City Wide Jamboree  
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