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Young & Sober in Akron

By: Anonymous | Midlothian, Virginia

A newcomer gets sober in the town where it all began. Once he hits college, he finds his sober crew

I got sober when I was 23, back in the 1980s before cell phones and non-smoking meetings. At that time, I was one of the youngest members in my meetings. I recall the smoke-filled AA rooms where everyone appeared old to my eyes. My first service position was washing ash trays and coffee cups after meetings. I'm grateful I was assigned these service positions, as I had a difficult time interacting with people when I was new. Service provided a safe place for me to relate with others and to get to know people after the meetings.

Members would generally arrive 15 to 30 minutes early, as it was a tradition to walk through the room and shake hands with everyone before the meeting began. Greeters at meetings were the norm. I also recall seeing many more AA bumper stickers in the parking lot, which always made me sigh in relief that I was going to the right place. We newcomers were given a meeting list and a pen and were told to get phone numbers from other members who had what we wanted.

I had the amazing privilege of getting sober in Akron, Ohio—AA's birthplace. I spent my first 10 years of sobriety in Akron. While I didn't yet have an appreciation for our history then, I certainly do today. My first regular AA meetings included the King School meeting, which I later learned was AA meeting No. 1. I've also gotten to take Third Steps in Dr. Bob's home and in Sister Ignatia Hall.

I was so much younger than most other members when I came in. As a young and sober man in recovery, my sponsor suggested that I enroll at the university there, so I did. That's where I graduated. It was at the university that I got to expand my sober support network, which included other young people who went to AA meetings. I also got involved with Ohio Young People in AA (OYPAA) events. Later, I went on to complete graduate school and

have a successful business career.

I've spent most of my life in recovery now. I have lived in and experienced sober life in six major cities. In every case, I was welcomed, loved and supported by my AA family. I know to my core that I can never repay what has been so freely given to me by AA.

Today as I write this, I am celebrating 30 years of sobriety. I have experienced the Promises in my life and so much more. I have a beautiful wife and family, real friendships, an education, a career and many experiences as a trusted servant to AA.

Sobriety has allowed me to be happy, joyous and free. I'm comfortable in my own skin now. I'm able to live life to its fullest. When challenges arise—and they certainly do—I can take solace in knowing that I have a spiritual toolkit available and that God will not give me more than I can handle.

I recall when I was much younger and super new in AA, one of my very first meetings was at Akron's Founders' Day. At the time I thought I would make Founders' Day my home group, as that event only happened once a year. Of course that didn't happen, as my sponsor wisely didn't approve of that idea!

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Off to Founders' Day

By: Patty B. | Columbus, Ohio

A risky three-day road trip to Akron with her mom? Luckily, a big dose of Bill & Bob was just the right medicine

When I first got sober I had what I like to call the "he, she, they" disease. My life circumstances were everyone else's fault, not my own.

This was particularly the case when it came to my mom. She had gotten sober seven years prior. I was still very busy fueling the hurts, injuries and resentments even after I was well into my sobriety. We no longer were engaged in attempts to beat each other to a bloody pulp. We were not, however, as caring and trusting as

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most mothers and daughters that I knew, at least those who didn't have alcoholism encouraging awful and truly hurtful behavior.

I would go to "my" meetings and she would go to "her" meetings and occasionally we would end up at the same one. Typically, this overlap occurred because she was speaking somewhere, and we were learning to be in the car together without fighting.

My one-year anniversary was coming up and Mom offered to take me to Founders' Day weekend in Akron, Ohio, to celebrate (see box on page 36). She said it would just be the two of us and that Founders' Day was an event I should not miss. My finances were still not great, so she was paying for everything. She made the hotel arrangements and got us registered for the convention. Folks within our family had begun making bets about who would kill whom in Akron or who would ride the bus home.

She and I had never spent that kind of time together on an overnight trip, just the two of us. We packed our bags and the car, and on Friday afternoon we were off. I felt excited, anxious and a little worried that things might quickly go south quickly between us.

We arrived in Akron and registered for the conference. I could feel the electricity, even though most of the crowd hadn't arrived yet. We headed to the hospitality area and began enjoying AA fellowship. That's where we met an adorable couple named John and Ruth from Australia. I could have listened to them talk all day. I loved their accents.

Later on the way back from an AA meeting at the Paradise Club in nearby Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, we got lost due to construction. There were no cell phones back then, but we had Pop's CB radio. Mom's handle was "Teetotaler." On the CB, she reached out to truckers and found out that we were almost to Cleveland, which was the exact opposite way we needed to be headed. We began blaming each other for getting lost. I blamed her because she was driving; she blamed me because I was navigating.

That's when we developed our "Tenth Step game." In an attempt to break the tension, I quoted the Tenth Step, saying we "continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it." I made it sound like I was having a hard time saying the word "wrong," like Fonzie used to do on the "Happy Days" TV show and we both laughed. From that point on, we used that game to defuse tension between us.

One of the days Mom took me on the bus tour that drives around Akron to all of the AA historical sites. When the guide began to tell us that Bill and Bob were both from the East Coast and explained how they met in Akron on that fateful day in 1935, I had a wave of gratitude go through me. "Wow, this really is a God thing, huh?" I said to my mom. In her acerbic way, she looked at me and said, "No—, Patricia Lynn."

We met so many AA members and enjoyed fellowship and saw the play that has been performed at Founders' Day for many years running. We heard incredible speakers, including Willie B. from Spring, Texas and Dr. Paul O. from the story in the Big Book, "Acceptance Was the Answer."

At the big Saturday night meeting, more than 5,000 people assembled in the basketball arena. I sat between Walter H., a former delegate from Marion, and my mom. The Serenity Singers sang the

Lord's Prayer to close the meeting. I doubt there was a dry eye in the place. I looked over at Walter and saw tears running down his face. We hugged and then shared our gratitude over strawberry pie at the Italian restaurant about a block off campus. Mom and I had a hot date with Walter every Saturday night of Founders' Day weekend for strawberry pie from that point on.

It was a wonderful weekend. The best part was Saturday night when Mom and I got back to our hotel. We both got ready for bed. If you knew mom, you may know that she tended to hum. She was humming around the room as I climbed into my bed. She came to the side of my bed, and tucked me in so well that I probably would not have been able to escape in case of a fire. She kissed me on my forehead and said, "Good night, Sissy."

I was still a tough broad back then, and I turned toward the wall so she would not see me cry. I remember vividly saying in my head, Hey, God, this AA thing, I think I like it.

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May 2014

[My Town — Our Celebration](#)

By: Gail L. | Akron, Ohio

An old-timer shares how lucky she is that she got sober in Akron, Ohio

Just a couple of weeks after taking my last drink on May 13, 1978, I found my way to my first Founders' Day celebration on the campus of Akron University. I was so impressed by the love and respect those in attendance showed for each other and the program that had saved their lives. The spirit of unity and cooperation I witnessed that June was a shining example of men and women who normally would not mix, as we say—former misfits and rowdy troublemakers co-existing together in harmony.

Getting sober in Akron, Ohio has allowed me to experience this wonderful event each June for many years. Thousands of grateful members are drawn to this three-day gathering from all over the world, and many come back year after year to join in celebrating Dr. Bob's last drink and the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous.

As a member of AA, I feel a special kinship to the many alcoholics there as we share our gratitude for our co-founders and their wives who devoted their lives to establishing our life-giving program. We feel like family. The Big Book states that among us there exists a common camaraderie of having escaped disaster together. Do we not find that same camaraderie and joy in celebrating our sobriety?

Today we are 79 years downstream from Bill W. and Dr. Bob's meeting in 1935. It was in 1945 that a few grateful members came together in Akron and Cleveland to celebrate Dr. Bob's last drink. This could be called the first Founders' Day when the Cleveland Central Committee sponsored a program to celebrate AA's 10th year birthday. Bill and Bob both spoke on that Saturday afternoon, and then raced down to Akron to speak that evening at a dinner held at the Mayflower Hotel, where Bill made that fateful call.

After Dr. Bob's death in 1950, Bill continued to attend Founders' Day and share each year, and following his death Lois was often in

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attendance. The celebration has grown over the years from that one-day event to become a combined weekend filled with Al-Anon, Alateen and AA meetings and activities. Over the years plays, alcathons, old-timers panels, dances, memorial graveside services, sobriety countdowns and tours have been added. And this year, Grapevine will be joining us as they celebrate their 70th anniversary!

The weekend's Saturday night Big Meeting is now held in the University of Akron's outdoor football stadium, where there is a sobriety countdown with nearly 10,000 grateful sober members giving testimony to the fact that AA works. To me, it's a greater victory than any football game I've ever attended. A team victory over alcohol!

While Bob and Anne no longer reside at 855 Ardmore, and Bill and Lois are no longer with us physically, we continue in the spirit of hospitality to welcome home our AA family to the city on the hill where the spark was struck 79 years ago. I'm looking forward to this June's event where I can come together again with fellow alcoholics, as passengers on a shipwreck, grateful to have survived and excited to share our strength, experience and hope with each other—one Founders' Day at a time.

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June 2012

Cycle Buddies

By: David C. | Jonesborough, Tennessee

A spur-of-the-moment trip to Akron with a few surprises was just the medicine this alcoholic needed

I sat in my home group meeting on Friday, June 11. I was on the slippery slope before the slippery slope. I was pondering the upcoming Sunday, my belly button birthday. I thought about this being my second birthday since my mom had died, and my fourth since my brother died, and not having a girlfriend at that point in my life ... and wah wah wah. I could sense that familiar dark cloak of depression approaching. As usual, my brain went to: ISOLATE. The plan started to form. I'll get a couple of sappy, sad movies and spend all day Sunday watching them alone. I'll have a first class pity party, I thought.

Friday morning is a literature meeting at The Eye Opener. We opened the meeting in the usual manner and turned the Big Book to "A Vision for You." When we finished, I shared about my love of our program and of reading about the history of the early days of AA. But in usual fashion, I did not share anything about the approaching pity-filled Sunday on my horizon. One of our more seasoned members reminisced about his visits to Akron on Founders' Day. He spoke of the large meeting on Saturday evening there and the motorcycle parade to Dr. Bob's grave on Sunday morning. Then I heard a voice in my head say, Why don't you ride your motorcycle to Akron and be part of the Founders' Day celebration instead of having your pity party? I did not know where this thought came from.

So Saturday morning I packed a few clothes and mounted my motorcycle to begin the eight-hour ride from East Tennessee to Ak-

ron. It was a beautiful summer day, complete with scattered thundershowers. I rode myself wet and dry four times along the way.

I arrived in time to register, check in at the dorm, get a bite to eat and get to the stadium in time for the big meeting on Saturday night. Wow! This was it! Founders' Day in Akron at the largest Alcoholics Anonymous meeting I had ever attended. There were more than 10,000 people there. We sang and danced and had a sobriety countdown. There was a man present with 61 years of sobriety! It had the feeling of hallowed ground. Then we had an old-fashioned speaker meeting.

After the meeting, I decided to walk back to the student center and ask at the information desk to be sure I knew where the motorcycle ride to Dr. Bob's grave would begin. Like I would somehow miss several thousand motorcycles lining up on Sunday morning in Akron! Anyway, I spoke to a woman behind the information table. "Where will the motorcycles be lining up for the ride tomorrow morning?" I asked. She pointed in the direction of the motorcade. Then she asked, "Do you have anyone riding on the back of your motorcycle with you?"

I said, "No, I am alone."

Then she inquired, "Would you let me ride with you?"

"Absolutely!"

"No, really I am not kidding," she said. "I have tried for three years to ride, and it has never worked out. Are you serious?"

"Absolutely!"

Her eyes began to fill with tears. She told me her name was Paula, and we exchanged cell phone numbers. The plans were made!

Bright and early Sunday morning we met. I was already in line, so we had plenty of time to get to know one another. Paula told me that she was born and raised in Akron. She also said that she had a really tough time getting sober. I told her that I drank alone at home. She told of some of her sibling's battles with addiction. I told her my father was 34 years sober, my older brother was 27 years sober and my younger brother drank himself to death in April of 2007. We agreed that it was a great day to be sober. We shared our gratitude for a program that had saved our lives and given hope to so many alcoholics.

Then it was time to mount up and ride to Dr. Bob's grave. Paula got on the back of my motorcycle, and we started slowly down the road. As we entered the streets of Akron, I started hearing folks shout, "Hey Paula! ... Hey, look ... it's Paula! ... Hello Paula!" It was like that on almost every block. Paula showed me the halfway house where she lived in the early days of her sobriety. The house was lined with folks who all shouted, "Hi Paula! ... Wha'sup girl?!" I began to think I had a member of the royal family on the back seat of my motorcycle. That was not far from the truth. It was a huge honor for me to be in a position to say "yes" to such a simple request and to chauffeur Princess Paula in the motorcade to Dr. Bob's grave.

The celebration at the cemetery was moving and memorable. The bagpipes played "Amazing Grace." We heard the humble words of Dr. Bob. Far too quickly, it was time to go back to the university for the last meeting of Founders' Day: the 10:30 speaker meeting.

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I was Paula's guest, and I had the honor of meeting her sponsor. Then meetings were over, and we said our goodbyes.

I made the long ride back to Tennessee, frequently with tears in my eyes as I realized the magnitude of my weekend. Yet again, I was reminded that when I step outside of myself and stay away from my pity pot, sobriety and living this spiritual life is amazing.

When I arrived home, I noticed I had a voice mail on my cell phone. "Hello, David. This is Paula, your motorcycle-riding friend. I just wanted to make sure you made it home safely."

Thank you Princess Paula for making my trip to Founders' Day so memorable!

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March 2011

Sober Routines

By: Cindy L. | Akron, Ohio

Her sponsor had some suggestions for how to deal with challenging times in sobriety

This road on Emotional Sobriety has been a tough, but enduring road—as long as I persevere and continue on the path, not my path.

I had my first learning experience after the desire to drink left me: I was 2 1/2 years sober and some situations had arisen in my life that I was not aware of. My son was being harmed, and when I awoke from this heavy fog, I can tell you it was all but peaceful and very emotional to stay on the beam. That was in May 1999. I resorted back to my old self; based on fear and anger, I slowly but surely in my mind went back to my old thinking. I slowly but surely was plotting and took back my will. I slowly but surely started planning a scheme, and it was not how to be happy, joyous and free.

I am so thankful to AA and my sponsor. In the beginning she taught me to learn a sober routine, and it honestly saved my life. I went to my meetings, and my home group knew, and we grieved together. My sponsor knew I wasn't praying because I couldn't. I was so angry and told her so because of my sober routine. She had pointed out trying to pray *is* praying. So she suggested I go to Founders Day in Akron, Ohio, to hear God and experience pure joy from others who were sober. I was amazed at the history. I finally surrendered completely and it saved my life, physically and emotionally. I had never been to Akron. This was my first experience that feelings aren't facts and that it is a process for me. Things worked out for the best for my son, all thanks to God and AA as usual. I just have to get out of the way—and sometimes physically.

That year after returning home, I got to learn acceptance on a deeper level than I ever will. I had emergency surgery, and five weeks later, gangs set my home on fire while I was sleeping. Boy, was it tough to get spiritual then. But a gratitude list as part of my sober routine probably saved me from a drink. I remember

thinking as I was watching the firemen put out the fire: I'm thankful that I am sober and was able to be awakened to get out. I have learned that a grateful drunk is less likely to drink than a dry drunk.

Since that time I have experienced great joy from that deep emotional breakdown. I am currently married and sober in Akron. What a gift. I met a man while I was there. We built a friendship and married three years later—all through the grace of God.

So now I am 14 years sober through the grace of God and AA, and I'm in love with the Language of the Heart. It is funny—life was going along, and about a year ago some things were changing in my life again, and this time I had the tools. And the hammer is not a tool.

I used the slogans a *lot*: Live and Let Live, Easy Does It—But Do It, and most of all, Principles Before Personalities. When I get hurt or something comes up I instantly go into injured mode, not physically—emotionally. The old Cindy returns, but this time it is not comfortable to be in that skin. I cannot wear that sick mask any more. And that is a tough spot to be in.

I have a strong sober routine due to service work, which also helped me. Service is the secret for me. But something cool happened in the mist of chaos. I was at a Twelfth Step retreat in Vermillion, Ohio and of course, I was presenting the Twelfth Step. I was definitely struggling with personalities, and I am not one to preach. I walk the walk no matter how hard it is because I don't want to be insane or drunk. And I didn't want to be self-serving in my presentation, so I was praying a *lot*.

So this guy, Mike, who I really didn't know, comes up and says, "Hey I thought of you when I heard this tape," and I said, "Really, how nice, thanks." I go up to my room late Friday night after pizza and open it up. The tape says, Tom B. Emotional Sobriety and there is a little piece of paper in it that states:

"Emotional Sobriety. If we examine every disturbance we have, great or small, we will find at the root of it some unhealthy dependency and its consequent unhealthy demand. Let us, with God's help, continually surrender these hobbling liabilities. Then we can be free to live and love; we may then be able to Twelfth Step Ourselves as well as others, into emotional sobriety. — Bill W., January 1958 Grapevine."

Now, up until that point in my life I had never heard of Language of the Heart. Immediately I started crying in my room and told my roommate. The next night, another guy who I love, Andy, comes up to me and says, "Hey I got this tape for you. I think, no way. Again the same tape, the same little piece of paper. I went home and found a cassette player and it knocked my boots off. I am not crazy. I have dependencies on people and things still after all this time and continue to practice the principles.

I can tell you since then I am into this Language of the Heart, and with that inspiration I have changed a little and the layers are still peeling off. It is so great to know I don't have it all together but together we have it all.

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September 2007

Founders' Day 2007

By: Jay M.

An anniversary celebration in Akron, Ohio

Since the early days of AA's history, members have gathered in Akron, Ohio, on the weekend nearest June 10--Dr. Bob's sobriety date. This year, that weekend fell on Friday, June 8, and it dawned warm, bright, and clear--an auspicious beginning to Founders' Day and AA's 72nd anniversary weekend in Akron, Ohio.

A horde of early-rising volunteers opened registration at the University of Akron's Student Union Building at 8 A.M. Annually, about 13,000 AAs and AI-Anons from around the world gather in Akron. Although the official registration was just above 10,700, an additional few thousand folks showed up at the sprawling campus just to enjoy the weekend. They didn't attend the meetings or go to hear the speakers, they just came to meet and interact with AAs. Besides the formal meetings and other events, part of the magic and joy of Founders' Day is simply hanging out with the many alcoholics who come from all over the world.

Bill W. best described the significance of Akron in 1945: "It was here that the miracle really happened. This is the hill where the AA beacon was lit ten years ago. From here, the light spread outward to guide others" (Grapevine, July 1945). Akron, a Greek word meaning "summit," sits on a ridge overlooking the surrounding Ohio countryside.

The first event of the weekend was a one-step-an-hour meeting that stretched from 10 A.M. to 10 P.M. The weekend was also filled with a variety of meetings: Old-timers; Young People; AI-Anon/Alateen; Spanish-Speaking; Traditions; Alkathons; and Speaker meetings. In addition, plays, skits, historic presentations, and dances, dances, dances provided attendees with plenty to do.

Akron's attraction as the birthplace of AA puts historic tours high on the priority list of many attendees. Founders' Day offers bus tours of the historic sites in Akron, such as the Mayflower Hotel, the Gate Lodge of the Seiberling Estate, St. Thomas Hospital, and other sites. The Gate Lodge of the Seiberling Estate (Stan Hywet), where Bill W. and Dr. Bob first met, is now a museum. Visitors are sometimes startled when they see the library where AA's co-founders first talked. In some minds, a grand room is envisioned--one with fine wood bookshelves, expensive carpets, and other expected furnishings found in a gate lodge belonging to the very wealthy (the Seiberlings founded Goodyear Tire). In reality, the library is a small room where the hungover doctor gave "this bird fifteen minutes" and ended up talking for hours. Somehow, the humility of this simple room makes the story all the better.

When Bill first came to Akron, he stayed at the Mayflower Hotel. Here, he made the phone calls that resulted in his meeting with Dr. Bob. A replica pay phone and church directory hang in its lobby. Today, the Mayflower Hotel is a private residence providing low-income housing.

No tour is complete without a stop at Dr. Bob's house. The volunteers greet you with "Welcome home!" At times, the small size of the house and the large crowd waiting to see the inside makes for long lines.

Tours end at the Akron Intergroup Office. Here, volunteer guides

share in the awe of several thousand visitors to the office during the weekend. Dr. Carl Jung, who figures in our history, penned the term "synchronicity" to define happenings where many unrelated events come together and make something wonderful. Old-timers and newcomers alike visit the Akron Intergroup Office. A young woman visiting the archives curiously asked, "Were Bill and Bob brothers or something?" An archives volunteer asked how long she had been sober, and she proudly replied, "Two weeks!" She had a little time, so the volunteer told her about the story of the founding of AA and what the early members did so that she and others would have the opportunity to recover. Before the story was finished, both were crying. That is one of the miracles of Founders' Day: a spiritual experience that occurs when one member with twenty-five years of sobriety cries with a young lady with two weeks. For, despite the vast difference in sobriety and age, both are exactly the same. Both are recovering alcoholics.

The James A. Rhodes (JAR) Arena at the university can seat nearly 5,000 and was big enough for the Friday night crowd to hear the AA/AI-Anon stories of Chuck and Sandy L. from Wisconsin.

On Saturday, however, the JAR was not nearly large enough to contain all who wanted to attend the "Big Meeting," so the event was simulcast to five other university venues. Total seating at all the venues was close to 10,000. Jack C., from Maryland, told the crowd his story. One of the highlights of the big meeting was the sobriety count up and countdown. First, the Akron Intergroup chairperson asked anyone with twenty-four hours or less to stand. A large number stood, and the crowd went wild. The count up continued until one year was reached, and then everyone else was asked to stand. Kent K. continued to count up the years, and everyone sat as their year was called. Eventually, "old-timer" territory was reached. Many in the arena had over thirty years of sobriety. Saturday night ended with two dances, one for teens and one for everyone else.

For many visitors to Founders' Day, Sunday mornings are special. Beginning at around 7 A.M., motorcycles start to line up for the procession to Dr. Bob's gravesite. This practice, started in the 1970s, consists of hundreds of bikes and vehicles gathering in a line so long that when the first vehicle arrives at Mt. Peace Cemetery, the last vehicle has yet to leave the university. Afterwards, the weekend was closed with a spiritual talk given by Mildred F. from Ontario.

Our tribe, the children of the bottle, share a commonality--many of us have witnessed events that few people really know about. We have seen human behavior about which we rarely speak. However, when we come together in these kind of numbers at Founders' Day, we can feel magic. The notebook we carry in our minds never fades, for remembering the insanity is important, and celebrating the recovery is vital. Just as we once found those who drank the way we did, today we find others who are recovering--they carry the same notebooks in their minds. And that is what Founders' Day is all about: alcoholics and their friends coming together from all over the world to celebrate recovery.

Origins of Founders' Day

In October 1941, both Bill W. and Dr. Bob spoke in Akron. Dr. Bob traced the early history of the AA movement. On November 8, 1942, Bill W. spoke at the "annual AA meeting" in Hotel Carter in

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Cleveland to an audience of 1,000. Dr. Bob and a Cleveland AA also spoke.

Bill's 10th anniversary talk on June 10, 1945, at the Mayflower Hotel was a precursor of Founders' Days to come. It finished with a weekend gathering that hosted Dr. Bob and Bill in Cleveland's Music Hall. 2,500 AAs from 36 states, Canada, and Mexico attended.

These anniversary meetings continued in Cleveland in 1946 and 1947, moving to Akron in 1948, where 5,000 AAs attended. In 1949 neither Dr. Bob (his wife Anne had just died) nor Bill W. came. Meetings continued through the 1950s, taking place mainly at Goodyear Hall until 1957, when a meeting was held at the University of Akron and events covered two days for the first time.

The first Saturday night speaker meeting and first memorial service for Dr. Bob was held in 1961. The first dance was in 1962. "Modern" Founders' Day began in 1965, when the event was held Friday through Sunday for the first time.

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September 2006

AA'S Birthday

By: Ed B.

An AA Grapevine representative recounts his experience at Founders' Day in Akron, Ohio

AAs from around the world know Akron, Ohio, as the "birthplace of AA." In a cottage at the edge of a great estate, a conversation took place between two men, Akron surgeon Dr. Bob S. and New York stockbroker Bill W., that gave hope to despairing alcoholics and their families.

The historic meeting of these two men, both troubled by alcoholism, took place on May 12, 1935, and set the stage for what would one day be known as Alcoholics Anonymous. AAs mark June 10, the day of Dr. Bob's last drink, as the Fellowship's birthday.

On June 9-11, AA's annual Founders' Day, sponsored by The Akron Intergroup, was attended by thousands of AAs from across the United States, Canada, and around the world. The seventy-first anniversary of AA was marked by activities such as panel meetings, a tour of historic AA sites, many speaker meetings, and a Saturday night dance.

According to Ed B., Area 54 Grapevine chair, Akron was "wall-to-wall people--over 11,000. Every year, it seems to get bigger and bigger."

Ed had only one regret. He said he "couldn't get down to Dr. Bob's house, this year because I was so busy at the Grapevine booth. I sold over nine hundred dollars worth of Grapevine items and sold out of many items. People wanted to know, 'What's new?'"

A seventeen-year veteran of Founders' Day, Ed called the experience "heart-lifting."

"When I first became chair," he said, "I never knew how much of a role Bill W. played in the Grapevine. Then I read the history in the *The Guide to the AA Grapevine*--the workbook. It made me more aware of the Grapevine's role in the history of AA. This knowledge makes me more confident--at a meeting I can suggest to someone what they might want to read."

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"Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." Tradition Seven, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions,

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Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

- Pass It On Club, 6229 W. Forest Home Av, Milw. GRUPO 5 CONCEPTOS, 7:00 P.M. Saturdays, Upstairs. And Viajeros Wisconsin, 7:00 P.M. Saturdays, in lower level.
- GRUPO NUEVO AMANECER, Tri-County Unity Club, 104 N. First St, Watertown, on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:00 PM and on Sunday at 11:00 AM
- GRUPO FE Y ESPRONZA, Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St. Fond du Lac WI on Wednesday at 7:00 PM and Sundays at 4:00 PM

SAFETY CARD FOR A.A. GROUPS

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

Suggested Statement on Safety

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

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

Service Material from the General Service Office

All the groups listed in our meeting directory, should be contributing regularly to the support of your Central Office. We want to be here when anyone reaches out for help. A big thank you to everyone, for all you do.

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

Meeting Space Currently Available

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

Redemptorist Retreat Cen-

ter, 1800 N Timber Trail Lane, Oconomowoc, WI 53066, (262) 567-6900 Email: rrc@redemptoristretreat.org
Please call for information and schedule of retreats for recovering people. AA and AI-Anon, \$260 three nights. We discuss the 12 steps and related topics.

2025 Weekend Retreats

Jesuit Retreat House,

4800 Fahrnwald Rd.

Oshkosh, WI.

WI 54901,

call 800-962-7330

jesuitretreathouse.org

Men and Women

in AA, AI-Anon

Total cost: 4 days \$440.00.

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

ZOOM MEETING NEEDS SUPPORT!

ZOOM At Noon Women's Meeting

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

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5877359740?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5877359740?pwd=Rytda2hwNWczeExqL1l2SjZFR2dYUT09)

[pwd=Rytda2hwNWczeExqL1l2SjZFR2dYUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5877359740?pwd=Rytda2hwNWczeExqL1l2SjZFR2dYUT09)

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

Meeting ID: 587 735 9740 Password: 123456

DISTRICT MEETINGS

COMPLETE DISTRICT INFORMATION ON THE WEB:

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

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

(Check the web address above for meeting info.)

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

6. WALWORTH CNTY: 2nd Tue. 7:30 p. odd numbered months only, Walworth Alano Club, 611 E. Walworth St., Delavan

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

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

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

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

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

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

23. DODGE CNTY: Last Sunday of month at 6:00 p, Dodge Cnty Alano Club, 115 N. Lincoln, Beaver Dam, call to confirm 920-583-3142

24. OZAUKEE CNTY: 3rd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Advent Lutheran Church, W63N642 Washington Ave, Cedarburg, WI 53012.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEND ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO:

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

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

[Madison Senior Center,](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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

For meetings at Milwaukee Area Correction facilities contact:

Andrew K. at 262-239-6528 or email: mcccoordinator@gmail.com

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

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

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

ADDRESSES YOU MAY SOMEDAY WANT TO KNOW!

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

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

MEETING ROOMS

NEW DAY CLUB

11936 N. Port Washington Rd
Mequon, (262) 241-4673

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
8:15 p. Men's Gp
Tue. 10:00 a. Topic
5:30 p. Big Book
8:00 p. Big Book Gp
Wed. 10:00 a. Topic
2:00 p. Promises Meeting
5:30 p. Step Meeting
7:00 p. Women's Lifeline
Thur. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting
1:00 p. Women's AA Gp
5:30 p. Topic Meeting
Fri. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting
5:30 p. Step/Tradition
8:00 p.
Sat. 10:00 a. Step Meeting
5:00 p. Fellowship of Spirit
7:00 p. Feelings
10:00 p. Young People
8:00 p. Open Meeting (held on
3rd Saturday of month only)

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

PASS IT ON CLUB

6229 W. Forest Home Ave
Milwaukee WI (414) 541-6923

www.passitonclub.com

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up
9:30 a. Reliance Meeting
11:00 a. Today's choice
3:00 p. Gratitude Plus
7:00 p. Big Book Readers
Mon. 7:30 a. Jump Start
10:30 a. First Step
4:00 p. Happy Hour Step Gp.
7:00 p. Open Introductory AA
Tue. 7:30 a. Comin' Back Gp
10:30 a. Keep It Simple
4:00 p. Drop the Rock
6:00 p. Key To Sobriety Women's
7:30 p. Three Legacies
7:30 p. Double Trouble DD/O
Wed. 7:30 a. Big Book Study
10:30 a. Pass It On
4:00 p. Happy Hr Promises
6:00 p. Courage to Change
7:00 p. We, Us & Ours
Thur. 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. Honest Gp
10:30 a. Came To Believe
6:00 p. Women's Fri. Kickoff
6:30 p. Thoughts 4 Today
8:00 p. Broken Arrow
8:30 a. Early Bird
Sat. 10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free
7:00 p. Vajeros Wisconsin lower level
7:00 p. 5 Concepts upstairs
8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12

LAKE AREA CLUB

N60 W 35878 Lake Dr
Oconomowoc, WI
(262) 567-9912

www.lakeareaclub.com

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Early Bird
9:30 a. Literature Meeting
11:00 a. Friendship Gp
6:00 p. Big Book
8:00 p. Gopher Sunday
9:00 a. Positive Attitude
6:30 p. Otter Gp
8:00 p. Step/Tradition Study
Tue. 1:00 p.
4:00 p.
7:00 p. Life House Beginners
8:00 a.
Wed. 10:00 a. Back To Basics
2:00 p. Women's Meeting
6:00 p.
8:00 p.
Thur. 10:00 a.
4:00 p.
5:00 p. Woman's Way 12 Steps
6:00 p. Hybrid Meditation Mtng
Zoom ID: 89239303536, PW: 999525
8:00 p. Grapevine Mtng
Fri. 12:30 p.
4:00 p.
8:00 p. Old School House
Sat. 10:00 a. Big Book
OPEN AA/Al-Anon
SPEAKER MEETING
Sat. 7:00 p. 2nd & 4th Saturdays
(AA and/or Al-Anon Speakers)
AL-ANON MEETINGS
Mon. 7:00 p. Al-Anon
Tue. 9:00 a. Al-Anon
Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon & Alateen

WAUKESHA ALANO CLUB

318 W. Broadway

Waukesha, WI, 262-549-6541

<http://http://alanoclubofwaukesha.com/>

(IP)=In-person,

Sun. 9:30 a. Sun Morn Sunlight (IP)
11:00 a. Sun Go-To-Mtng (IP)
Mon. 12:00 p. (IP)
6:00 p. Beginners AA (IP)
7:00 p. (12 & 12) (IP)
Tue. 12:00 p. Wed Nooners (IP)
5:30 p. Topic Gp (IP)
Thur. 12:00 p. Nooners (IP)
Fri. 12:00 p. T.G.I.F. Gp (IP)
6:30 p. Half Measurers (IP)
Sat. 6:00 a. Early Morning (IP)
10:00 a. Gp 124 (IP)

OPEN MEETINGS,
DANCES & EVENTS
Call for information.

GALANO CLUB

- LGBT & All in Recovery -
7210 W Greenfield Ave LL
Milwaukee, WI 53214, 414-276-6936

<http://http://www.galanoclub.org/>
galanoclub@gmail.com

(V)=Virtual, (IP)=In-person, (V & IP)=Both
In Person and Phone Meetings Phone/
Video AA Meetings, Call (978) 990-5195
Meeting ID: galano7210
Code: 1919178#

Sunday: (V & IP)

10:30 a.m. - AA - Step / Topic
Meeting (In-person/phone/video)
10:30 a.m. - Al-Anon - Papillion Group.

Sunday: (V & IP)

4:00 p.m. - AA - Personal lead & Daily
Reflections. Meeting (In-person/
phone/video) 4th Sunday is Open Mtng.

Monday: (V & IP) 7:30 p.m. - AA "Came
to Believe" 12 Spirituality. (In-person/
phone/video)

Tuesday: (V & IP)

6:00 p.m. - AA Over and Under 40
Group (In-person/phone/video)

Thursday: (V & IP)

7:30 p.m. - AA - Living Sober One Day at
A Time In-person & Phone/video

Friday: (V & IP)

10:30 a.m. AA Step & Topic

NORTHWEST AREA

ALANO ASSOCIATION*

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

Room 202

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

(V)=Virtual, (IP)=In-person, (V & IP)=Both

Sun. 10:00 a. Big Book Rm 202
7:00 p. Sun Night Gp Rm 202
Mon. 7:00 p. Just Do It Gp Rm 202
Tue. 10:00 a. Step
8:00 p. Topic
Wed. 7:00 p. Step/Topic
Thur. 10:00 a. Step
6:00 p. Women's
Fri. 8:00 p. Step/Topic (V & IP)
Sat. 10:00 a. Sat Serenity Gp
7:00 p. Simply Sober Gp Rm 202

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon
Fri. 7:30 p. Al-Anon

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

WALWORTH

COUNTY ALANO CLUB

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

Sunday AA

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

Monday AA

7:30 a. Sunny Side Up
12:00 p. Delavan Step Meeting
6:30 p. Delavan Meeting

Tuesday AA

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

Wednesday AA

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

Thursday AA

7:30 a. Sunny Side Up
12:00 p. Delavan Noon Gp.
6:30 p. Delavan Big Book Gp.

Friday AA

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

Saturday AA

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

ALANO CLUB

1521 N. Prospect Ave.,
Milwaukee, WI, 53202
(414) 278-9102

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 7:00 a. AA Express Mtng
7:45 a. AA Big Book/Discussion
10:00 a. Gp 17 Step
Mon. 7:00 a. Early Morning
10:30 a. Gp 72 Topic
12:15 p. Gp 76 Lunch Bunch
6:30 p. Gp 40 Big Book
Tue. 7:00 a. As Bill Sees It,
10:30 a. Gp 70 Step
12:15 p. Gp 76 Lunch Bunch
7:00 p. Beginner's Meeting
Wed. 7:00 a. AA
10:30 a. Gp 9, Step
12:15 p. Gp 76 Lunch Bunch
6:00 p. Chicks at Six Gp, women,
Child Care available
7:30 p. We Agnostics
Thur. 7:00 a. Thr Express Mtng
10:30 a. Gp 97, Step
12:15 p. Gp 76 Lunch Bunch
7:00 p. AA (LGBT)
Fri. 7:00 a. Daily Reflections
10:30 a. Gp 21, Step
12:15 p. Gp 76 Lunch Bunch
6:30 p. Here & Now
7:30 p. Men's Zoom Mtng.
12:15 am. Second Shifters (Sat.)
Sat. 7:00 a. AA Meeting
11:00 a. Gp 87 Step
7:30 p. Open AA Speaker
AL-ANON MEETING
Sunday 10:00 a. Al-Anon

H.O.W. TO CLUB

8930 W. National Ave,
West Allis, (414) 543-2448
mailto:howtoclub8930@yahoo.com
<https://www.howtoclub.org>
Hours: 9am to 9pm daily.

Sun. 8:00 a. Eye Opener AA Gp.
10:00 a. Grass Roots (Steps)
4:30 p. Drop the Rock 6/7 Step
6:00 p. Restore Us To Sanity
7:30 p. Sun. Sober & 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.
10:30 P. What's the Point Gp.
Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group
6:00 p. Tue Topic 6pm Gp
8:00 p. New Hope Meeting
Wed. 10:00 a. Foundations Meeting
6:00 p. AA Beginners Gp.
7:00 p. Women's Freedom
8:00 p. Promises Group
Thur. 10:00 a. But For Grace Of God
6:00 p. Here and Now
8:00 p. How To Get It Going
Fri. 6:00 a. Early Risers Big Book
11:00 a. Priority Group
6:00 p. Big Book Friday
8:00 p. R.U.S. For Us
11:00 p. Candlelight Promises
Sat. 9:15 a. Men's Topic
11:00 a. Pioneers Group
3:00 p. Spiritual Growth
6:00 p. 1st & 12 Topic
8:00 p. Open Speaker 3rd Sat
8:00 p. HOW To Saturday

24 HOUR CLUB

153 Green Bay Rd.
Thiensville, WI

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

(V)=Virtual, (IP)=In-person, (V & IP)=Both

Sun. 8:00 a. Topic
10:00 a. Step/Topic (V & IP)
Meeting ID: 816 604 624 PW:
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Mon. 6:30 a. Topic (V & IP) Meeting ID:
816 604 624 PW: 485594
10:00 a. Topic
8:00 p. Men's
Tue. 6:30 a. Topic (V & IP) Meeting ID:
816 604 624 PW: 485594
10:00 a. Step/Topic
5:30 p. Big Book
Wed. 6:30 a. Topic (V & IP) Meeting ID:
816 604 624 PW: 485594
10:00 a. Big Book
Thur. 6:30 a. Topic (V & IP) Meeting ID:
816 604 624 PW: 485594
10:00 a. Topic
5:30 p. Step/Topic/Trad
Fri. 6:30 a. Topic (V & IP) Meeting ID:
816 604 624 PW: 485594
10:00 a. Step/12 & 12
8:00 p. Step
Sat. 6:30 a. Topic (V & IP) Meeting ID:
816 604 624 PW: 485594
8:30 a. Big Book/Steps
10:00 a. Big Book
8:00 p. Open Speaker Mtng.
(1st Saturday Only)

In Person AA Groups NEED YOUR SUPPORT

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

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| <p>UNITY CLUB 1715 Creek Rd West Bend, (262) 338-3500 unityclub1715@att.net www.facebook.com</p> <p>AA MEETING SCHEDULE</p> <p>Sun. 10:30 a.* Gratitude Gp. 7:00 p. Candlelight Gp.</p> <p>Mon. 10:00 a. Monday A.M. 7:00 p. Men's 7:00 p. Women's</p> <p>Tue. 10:00 a. Tuesday A.M. 6:00 p. More About 12&12 7:30 p. Beginner's</p> <p>Wed. 10:00 a. Promises 1:00 p. Steps/Promises 5:00 p. Happy Hour Gp In-person & Zoom: 332602852, pw: 123456</p> <p>Thur. 10:00 a. Big Book</p> <p>Fri. 10:00 a. Step/Topic Gp 6:00 p. Big Book</p> <p>Sat. 10:00 a. Here & Now 7:00 p. 12 Step Meeting</p> <p>AL-ANON & ALATEEN MTNGS Saturday 9:00 a. Al-Anon Thursday 7:15 p. Al-Anon</p> <p>• Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month</p> | <p>FRIENDSHIP CLUB 2245 W. Fond du Lac Ave Milwaukee, WI (414) 931-7033</p> <p>Email: friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net</p> <p>AA MEETING SCHEDULE</p> <p>Sunday 10:00 a. Friendship 11:00 a. Third Sunday Open Meeting</p> <p>Monday 10:30 a. Step Gp</p> <p>Tuesday 7:00 p. Gp 43 Big Book</p> <p>Saturday 10:30 a. Gp 112 Step</p> <p>Call for information on other types of meetings.</p> <p>Email: friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net</p> | <p>TRI-COUNTY UNITY CLUB 110 S 2nd St. Watertown WI www.tricountyunityclub.com</p> <p>Sunday 11:00 a. Big Book Study 6:30 p. New Beginners 7:00 p. Spanish Nuevo Amanecer Monday 10:00 a. Eye Opener Grp. 7:00 p. As Bill Sees It Tuesday 7:00 p. Keep It Simple 7:00 p. Spanish Nuevo Amanecer Wednesday 10:00 a. New Freedom 7:00 p. Lost In Woods (Women) Thursday 10:00 a. Thur. Morning 7:00 p. Spanish Nuevo Amanecer 8:00 p. Big Book Group Friday 4:30 p. Friday Happy Hour 7:00 p. Reality Check Saturday 10:00 a. Morning Group 8:00 p. Saturday Night Open Mtng</p> <p>BEAVER DAM ALANO CLUB 115 N Lincoln St. Beaver Dam WI 53916 Sun: 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Mon: 8 a.m., 6 p.m. & 8 p.m. Tue: 9:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Wed: 8 a.m. & 7 p.m. Thur: 9:30 a.m. & 8 p.m. Fri: 12 Noon & 6 p.m. Sat : 12 Noon & 7 p.m. Open</p> | <p>MILWAUKEE GROUP 933 E Center St, Milw WI 53212. A.A. MEETINGS</p> <p>Sun. 10:00 a In-person 8:30 p. In-Person</p> <p>Mon. 5:30 p. In-Person 7:00 p. In-Person 8:30 p. In-Person</p> <p>Tue. 7:00 p. In-Person 8:30 p. In-Person</p> <p>Wed. 5:30 p. Zoom https://zoom.us/j/8974697046 pw:0 7:00 p. In-Person 8:30 p. In-Person</p> <p>Thur. 7:00 p. In-Person 8:30 p. In-Person</p> <p>Fri. 7:00 p. In-Person 8:30 p. In-Person</p> <p>Sat. 8:30 p. In-Person</p> <p>Milwaukee Central Office 7429 W Greenfield West Allis WI 414-771-9119 A.A. MEETINGS</p> <p>Sun. 9:00 a. Gp 10 Sunday</p> <p>Mon. 12:15 p.</p> <p>Tue. 12:15 p.</p> <p>Wed. 12:15 p.</p> <p>Thur. 12:15 p.</p> <p>Fri. 12:15 p.</p> <p>Sat. 9:15 a. 1st Step 10:30 a.</p> <p>We do not meet on major holidays.</p> | <p>LIGHTHOUSE ON DEWEY 1220 Dewey Ave. Wauwatosa WI AA MEETINGS</p> <p>Sunday 6:00 p. Jim's First Step 7:30 p. Gp 78 Great Room</p> <p>Monday 7:30 p. Laughs/Leisure</p> <p>Tuesday 6:00 p. 11th Step Meditation 7:30 p. Professionals</p> <p>Wednesday 7:30 p. Presidents Hall 8:00 p. "RES-IPSA"</p> <p>Thursday 7:30 p. Alumni No 12 Friday 7:15 p. Gp 74 Saturday 10:00 a. Gp 59</p> <p>All Saint's Cathedral 818 E Juneau Ave. Milw 53202</p> <p>Sun: 7:00 p.m. Bench Meeting Mon: 7:30 p.m. #08 Sane & Sober Tue: 10:30 a.m. Men's Gp. Wed: 7:30 p.m. Men's Gp. Fri: 7:30 p.m. Big Book Gp. Sat: 10:30 a.m. Men's Gp.</p> |
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We celebrate birthdays, and we'd like to help you celebrate yours! Send us a contribution of **\$1 for each year of Sobriety**- or more if you choose- and we'll print your birthday in the Between-Us Newsletter. Include your Home Group, and we'll print that also!

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\$ _____ enclosed.

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ - _____

Email: _____

Home Group: _____



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

| <u>Years</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Home Group</u> |
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| 34 (3-31-1991) | Cynthia S. | Hope For Today Zoom Mtng |
| 15 (4-09-2010) | Lynn M. | Early Risers Alano Club |
| 10 (4-24-2015) | Cathy P. | Women's Friday Kick-off |
| 55 (5-01-1970) | Gary C. | Group 51 Sicker Than Most |
| 27 (5-23-1998) | Kent L. | Group 23 |



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NEW WOMEN'S AA MEETING

GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN

Starts **Wednesday** December 4th

6:30 PM

Mt Olive Lutheran Church

211 Main St. Mukwonago

Enter through the South door from the parking lot



NEW MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Next Frontier: Emotional Sobriety

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

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

When: Thursdays @ 7pm

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

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- BBQ Dinner Saturday night
- 24hr Alkathons
- Motorcycle Rodeo with Field Events for Non-Riders
- Organized Motorcycle Runs
- Hospitality Area
- Biking, fishing, boating, swimming, golf,
- volleyball, disc golf, hiking, and more!!
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