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July 1944

Charming Is the Word for Alcoholics

By: Fulton Oursler

Down at the very bottom of the social scale of A.A. society are the pariahs, the untouchables and the outcasts, all under-privileged and all known by one excoriating epithet --relatives.

I am a relative. I know my place. I am not complaining. But I hope no one will mind if I venture the plaintive confession that there are times, oh, many times when I wish I had been an alcoholic. By that I mean that I wish I were an A.A. The reason is that I consider the A.A. people the most charming in the world.

Such is my considered opinion. As a journalist it has been my fortune to meet many of the people who are considered charming. I number among my friends stars and lesser lights of stage and cinema; writers are my daily diet; I know the ladies and gentlemen of both political parties; I have been entertained in the White House; I have broken bread with kings and ministers and ambas-

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STEP TEN IN ACTION

As a Los Angeles taxi driver during the 1980s, many "adventures" took place calling for immediate use of Step Ten, for instance: Drunks vomiting in the back seat, passengers who take off running to avoid paying. One mentally ill guy announced he had no money but just wanted to go for a ride which cost me about ten dollars on the meter, a rich family after a thirty-mile trip to LAX which included my heavy luggage handling left no tip. After these "adventures" I was naturally experiencing anger. Maybe worse!

Luckily, AA had taught me that repeated thoughts of anger (resentment) could threaten my sobriety—but what to do? This is where page 84 from the Big Book came in handy. It said to ask God, at once, to remove my anger and then to discuss my defect/shortcoming with someone (LA has club-houses galore so "at once" was no problem). Lastly it suggests: *'We resolutely turned our thoughts to someone we can help.'* I think this could be a prayer for someone, or even planning a birthday gift. Bill Wilson's Oxford Group mentor, Reverend Sam Shoemaker, summed up AA as: *"Out of self, into God, into others."*

AA has provided the ability to control my mind, at to some degree—at least better than before. I like to **think before I think!** When I feel thoughts of selfishness, dishonest, resentment or fear coming to consciousness, I go to God for help. A simple statement such as, *"Be still and know that I am God,"* seems to calm me down enough to stymie destructive thoughts. What freedom!

I have learned that when negative emotions begin to take over, Step Ten has taught me what to do. Step Ten is indeed an all-day-long step! Its rewards are beyond belief: *"The problem (mental Obsession) has been removed. It does not exist for us."* (p. 85) That is so long a I remain in a fit spiritual condition—Step Ten allows this to happen.

Bob S, Richmond, IN

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sadors; and I say, after that catalog, which could be extended, that I would prefer an evening with my A.A. friends to any person or group of persons I have indicated.

I asked myself why I consider so charming these alcoholic caterpillars who have found their butterfly wings in Alcoholics Anonymous. There are more reasons than one, but I can name a few.

The A.A. people are what they are, and they were what they were, because they are sensitive, imaginative, possessed of a sense of humor and an awareness of universal truth.

They are sensitive, which means that they are hurt easily, and that helped them become alcoholics. But when they have found their restoration, they are still as sensitive as ever; responsive to beauty and to truth and eager about the intangible glories of this life. That makes them charming companions.

They are imaginative, and that helped to make them alcoholics. Some of them drank to flog their imagination on to greater efforts. Others guzzled only to black out unendurable visions that rose in their imagination. But when they have found their restoration, their imagination is responsive to new incantations, and their talk abounds with color and light and that makes them charming companions, too.

They are possessed of a sense of humor. Even in their cups they have been known to say damnably funny things. Often it was being forced to take seriously the little and mean things of life that made them seek escape in a bottle. But when they have found their restoration, their sense of humor finds a blessed freedom and they are able to reach a god-like state where they can laugh at themselves, the very height of self conquest. Go to the meetings and listen to the laughter. At what are they laughing? At ghoulish memories over which weaker souls would cringe in useless remorse. And that makes them wonderful people to be with by candlelight.

And they are possessed of a sense of universal truth. That is often a new thing in their hearts. The fact that this at-onement with God's universe had never been awakened in them is sometimes the reason why they drank. The fact that it was at last awakened is almost always the reason why they were restored to the good and simple ways of life. Stand with them when the meeting is over, and listen as they say the "Our Father"!

They have found a Power greater than themselves which they diligently serve. And that gives a charm that never was elsewhere on land and sea; it makes you know that God Himself is really charming, because the A.A. people reflect His mercy and His forgiveness.

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ASL Interpreter

Available: Meeting for Deaf and Hard

of Hearing,

Tuesdays 7:00 P.M.,
H.O.W To Club, 8930 W
National Ave. West Allis

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

2021 Weekend Retreats Jesuit Retreat House.

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

Men and Women in AA, Al-Anon

Total cost: 4 days \$390.00. Send a \$75.00
deposit with requests for specific dates to
retreat house or call for info.

Men: ,

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

Southern Wisconsin Deaf Access Committee (SWDAC) July 2021
Beginning Balance: \$7,953.20
Contributions: \$ 272.48
Interpreter: \$ 820.00
Misc. Expenses \$
Ending Balance: \$7,405.68
The cost for an interpreter is \$50 for a zoom meeting and \$80 for an in-person meeting. Contact Kath W. with questions: brylerandme@gmail.com
VENMO Contributions: www.venmo.com/SWDAC

Meeting Space Currently Available

- **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: christumel@sbcglobal.net
- **Anchor Covenant Church** 1229 Park Row, Lake Geneva WI 53147, contact Laura, office@anchorcovenant.org

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



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

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[Seventh Tradition Checklist](#)

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT INFORMATION ON THE WEB:
<https://www.area75.org/page/districtmeetings>

1. JACKSON, LaCROSSE, MONROE, VERNON, & TREMPLEAU; 2 & 18 GREEN LAKE & MARQUETTE CNTY'S & PART OF WAUSHARA; 7. KENOSHA, 17. RACINE CNTY; 8 & 30 ROCK; 9. CRAWFORD, GRANT, IOWA and LAFAYETTE; 19 & 37. RICHLAND & SAUK; 20, 21 & 26 DANE; 31. COLUMBIA CNTY; 35. GREEN; 37. JUNEAU CNTY'S.

(Check the web address above for meeting info.)

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

6. WALWORTH CNTY: 2nd Tue. 7:30 p. even 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,

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

13. WAUKESHA CNTY: 1st Sun. 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., P.O. Box 13011, Wauwatosa WI 53226

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

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, or Via Zoom: [858 9736 4678, Passcode: 966060](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85897364678?pwd=966060)

27. MILWAUKEE CNTY: 3rd Saturday of month, 9:00 a.m. 12 Step Club, 4102 W Townsend St, Milw. 53216

28. MILWAUKEE CNTY: 2nd Thursday of month, 7:00 p, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 4419 S Howell Ave, Milw. 53207. **Hybrid meeting On Team:**
<https://teams.live.com/join/93190759500509>

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: [881 8331 2739, Passcode: 071956](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88183312739?pwd=071956)

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

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

38. MILWAUKEE CNTY: Last Sunday of month 4:00 p.m. All Saint Cathedral, 818 E Juneau Ave.

SEND ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO:

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

ADDRESSES FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

In-person meetings have started back up in the Milwaukee Area facilities. Contact Michelle, Area Corrections Chair by email; corrections@area75.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL 9th & State Milwaukee WI.

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

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

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

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

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

MILWAUKEE COUNTY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE:

meets IN-PERSON at 1:00 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday on odd numbered months, at Greater Milwaukee Central Office, 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis WI 53214. Donation can be sent to: MCCC, PO Box 270544, Milwaukee WI 53227-0544. Contact coordinator: Kota at 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.

Area 75, Southern WI, Calendar of Events 2021

~~Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison, Held at Senior Center except where otherwise noted.~~
(Waiting for Senior Center to Reopen to outside groups.)

Join Zoom By phone: 312-626-6799, enter meeting ID and Password.

- **Zoom Meeting** Contact Area Chair: Veronica O. vodonnell52@gmail.com
- Sept. 12, 2021 Preconference Assembly
- Nov. 12-14, 2021 [Area 75 Conference, LaCrosse WI.](#) In-person.

JOIN the BIRTHDAY CLUB!

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

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

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

Payable to: Greater Milwaukee Central Office

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



\$ _____ enclosed.

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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ - _____

Email: _____

Home Group: _____



<u>Years</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Home Group</u>
34 (9/3/21)	Jerry B.	Group #59, Dewey
11 (10/5/21)	Val S.	Group 51, Sicker Than Most
33 (10/12/21)	John H.	Sun Night Hartford Big Book
29 (10/31/21)	Dave W.	Brown Deer Monday Night



MILW. CENTRAL OFFICE

- **E-mail us at:**
dan@aamilwaukee.com
- **Hours:**
M - F 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sat. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- **Secretary Meeting Bi-monthly on 2nd Tuesday of each odd numbered month at 6:00 p.** Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept. and Nov.
- **Board of Directors Meeting, Wednesday following Secretaries Meeting, (odd months) 6:30 p.**
- **A. A. Meetings, Sun. at 9 a., Mon.- Fri. at 12:15 p., Sat. 9:15 a., & 10:30 a.**
- **Dist. 14, 4th Wed. at 7 p.m.**
- **Dist. 16, 1st Wed. at 6 p.m.**

Spanish Speaking Meetings: Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

- Pass It On Club, 6229 W. Forest Home Av, Milw. GRUPO 5 CONCEPTOS, 8:00 pm Saturdays. DIMENSION 4, Bilingual, 7:00 pm, Sunday, Monday & Saturday
- 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](https://aamilwaukee.com) button on our website: aamilwaukee.com or use our your [VENMO](https://venmo.com) app from your smartphone.

We Need Volunteers CARRY THE MESSAGE



Milwaukee County Corrections Committee (MCCC)

*meets six times a year on the odd numbered months and
on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM*

2021 Dates:

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

FOR CONTRIBUTIONS:
MCCC
PO BOX 270544
Milwaukee, WI 53227

TO CONTACT US:
Coordinator: Kota
Phone: (262) 385-3443
Email: mcccccoordinator@gmail.com



please make checks payable to MCCC

Go to Meeting Meeting OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

Come hear the message of
Experience, Strength, and Hope

Christina P.
AA Speaker from
Racine, WI.

Sunday, September 12th
11:00 AM
ZOOM & In Person
Hybrid Meeting

Alano Club of Waukesha
318 W Broadway
ZOOM 868 6375 8565
Passcode 135314



Let's begin
District 14 GSR
meeting with a
moment of
silence.



DISTRICT 14 MONTHLY GSR MEETING!

The regularly scheduled monthly GSR has resumed in-person. Meetings are held at the Greater Milwaukee Central Office at 7429 W Greenfield Ave in West Allis. Meetings start at 7 P.M. on the 4th Wednesday each month. Next meeting September 22nd. Please try to attend.

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ANONYMITY Online & Digital Media

Service Material from the General Service Office

(*The references included and other helpful resources can be accessed through www.aa.org)

In 2013 the General Service Conference affirmed "that the Internet, social media and all forms of public communications are implicit in the last phrase of the Short Form of Tradition Eleven, which reads: 'at the level of press, radio and films.'"

In all A.A.'s public relations, A.A.'s sole objective is to help the still suffering alcoholic; always mindful of the importance of personal anonymity at the public level.

Public information takes many forms, from the simple sign outside a meeting place, to distribution of A.A. literature, A.A. websites, anonymity protected PSAs, informational videos, radio, television and digital media. A thoughtful and informed group conscience is encouraged to be responsible for deciding how best to inform members, the public about A.A. and how members can use digital media, practice anonymity and avoid anonymity breaks.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

"When appearing on radio, television, film or on the Internet as A.A. members, we refrain from showing our faces or revealing our last names. In printed articles, on websites or email, we are identified by our first names and last initials only. [*The A.A. Group – Where it All Begins*, p. 8](#)

"When using digital media, A.A. members are responsible for their own anonymity and that of others. When we post, text, or blog, we should assume that we are publishing at the public level. When we break our anonymity in these forums, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others."

[*Understanding Anonymity*, p. 5](#)

AA WEBSITES

"We observe all of A.A.'s principles and Traditions on our websites. As anonymity is the "spiritual foundation of all our Traditions," we practice anonymity on A.A. websites. Some A.A. websites contain password-protected sections for members only, but publicly accessible pages of an A.A. website have the potential for reaching the broadest possible audience and, therefore, require the same safeguards that we use at the level of press, radio and film. For more sharing on this topic, see the resource page [*Anonymity — A Vital Spiritual Principle*](#) on G.S.O.'s website."

[*Frequently Asked Questions about A.A. Websites*, p.2](#)

SOCIAL WORKING WEBSITES

"Social networking websites are public in nature. Though users create accounts and utilize usernames and passwords, once on the site, it is a public medium where A.A. members and non-A.A.s mingle..." "As long as individuals do not identify themselves as A.A. members, there is no conflict of interest. However, someone using their full name and/or a likeness, such as a full-face photograph, would be contrary to the spirit of the Eleventh Tradition, which states in the Long Form that, "... our [last] names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed or publicly printed..." "... Even "closed" or "private" groups might still reveal an individual's identity. Being well-informed prior to joining or starting such a group is the key to protecting your own anonymity, and that of others."

[*A.A. Guidelines – Internet*, p.1,2](#)

EMAIL

"When using email it is necessary to consider the anonymity of the recipients of messages. Sending messages to multiple recipients that disclose the email addresses of everyone on the addressee list is a potential break of someone else's anonymity. Therefore, it is a good idea to obtain a recipient's explicit permission before using his or her e-mail address for A.A. correspondence, especially if it is a workplace email address. When sending A.A. mail to multiple recipients who wish to remain anonymous, use can be made of the BCC (Blind Courtesy Copy) option available on most computers."

[*A.A. Guidelines – Internet*, p.1,2](#)

ANONYMITY Online & Digital Media

Service Material from the General Service Office

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INTERNET

“Many technological options are possible and, presumably, more are being developed each day. Yet . . . it is important not to let the speed of technological development pressure a committee [or an A.A. group] into a quick solution as opposed to a well-thought-out A.A.-oriented decision. Of course, all decisions must include careful consideration of any situations where an A.A. member’s anonymity could be compromised at the public level.”

[A.A. Guidelines – Internet](#), p. 5

VIDEOS & AUDIOS

Sound and visual media help to carry the message of recovery of Alcoholics Anonymous and to inform the public and professionals about A.A. Public Service Announcements (PSAs) are available in both video and audio formats (for television and radio broadcast), as well as other materials specifically for young people and for professionals working with alcoholics. *(These are examples of anonymity protected media to carry the A.A. message.)* *[*Videos and Audios](#), aa.org*

MORE REFLECTIONS on ANONYMITY

“Anonymity has two attributes essential to our individual and collective survival; the spiritual and the practical. On the spiritual level, anonymity demands the greatest discipline of which we are capable; on the practical level anonymity has brought protection for the newcomer, respect and support of the world outside, and security from those of us who would use A.A. for sick and selfish purposes.” *[*Bill’s Last Message](#), aa.org .A. Guidelines – Internet*

At this level, according to Bill W., “. . . anonymity—100 percent anonymity—was the only possible answer. Here, principles would have to come before personalities, without exception.” *[*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions](#), p. 187*

“Anonymity is real humility at work. It is an all-pervading spiritual quality which today keynotes A.A. life everywhere. Moved by the spirit of anonymity, we try to give up our natural desires for personal distinction as A.A. members both among fellow alcoholics and before the general public. As we lay aside these very human aspirations, we believe that each of us takes part in the weaving of a protective mantle which covers our whole Society and under which we may grow and work in unity.” *[*Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions](#), p. 187*

“A vast communications net now covers the earth, even to its remotest reaches. Granting all its huge public benefits, this limitless world forum is nevertheless a hunting ground for all those who would seek money, acclaim and power at the expense of society in general...”

“Therefore nothing can matter more to the future welfare of AA *than the manner in which we use this colossus of communication*. Used unselfishly and well, the results can surpass our present imagination. Should we handle this great instrument badly, we shall be shattered by the ego demands of our own people—often with the best of intention on their part. Against all this, the *sacrificial spirit* of AA’s anonymity at the top public level is literally our shield and our buckler. Here again we must be confident that love of AA, and of God, will always carry the day.”

“Freedom Under God: The Choice Is Ours” Bill W., AA Grapevine, November 1960 www.aagrapevine.org

“In my belief, the entire future of our fellowship hangs upon this vital principle. If we continue to be filled with the spirit and practice of anonymity, no shoal or reef can wreck us. If we forget this principle, the lid to Pandora’s box will be off and the spirits of Money, Power, and Prestige will be loosed among us. . . I am positive that A.A.’s anonymity is the key to long-time survival.” *[*A.A. Comes of Age](#), pp. 131-132*

MEETING ROOMS

<p>NEW DAY CLUB 11936 N. Port Washington Rd Mequon, (262) 241-4673 http://www.newdayclub.net</p> <p>A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE</p> <p>Sun. 8:00 a. Topic 11:00 a. Topic 5:00 p. Young People 7:30 p. Topic</p> <p>Mon. 12:30 p. Tenth Step Gp 5:30 p. More about Alcoholism 8:15 p. Men's Gp</p> <p>Tue. 10:00 a. Topic 5:30 p. Big Book 7:00 p. Beginners Gp 8:00 p. Big Book Gp</p> <p>Wed. 10:00 a. Topic 2:00 p. Promises Meeting 5:30 p. Step Meeting 7:00 p. Women's Lifeline</p> <p>Thr. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting 1:00 p. Women's AA Gp 5:30 p. Topic Meeting</p> <p>Fri. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting 5:30 p. Step/Tradition 8:00 p.</p> <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)</p> <p>AL-ANON MEETINGS Monday 6:30 p. Al-Anon/ACOA Tuesday 1:00 p. Al-Anon/ACOA Wednesday 7:00 p. ACOA Thursday 7:00 p. Al-Anon Contact club for information on other fellowships.</p>	<p>PASS IT ON CLUB 6229 W. Forest Home Ave Milwaukee WI (414) 541-6923</p> <p>A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE</p> <p>Sun. 8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up 9:30 a. Reliance Meeting 11:00 a. Today's choice 3:00 p. Gratitude Plus 7:00 p. Big Book Readers 7:00 p. Dimension 4, Bilingual</p> <p>Mon. 7:30 a. Jump Start 10:30 a. First Step 4:00 p. Happy Hour Step Gp. 7:00 p. Open Introductory AA 7:00 p. Dimension 4, Bilingual</p> <p>Tue. 7:30 a. Comin' Back Gp 10:30 a. Keep It Simple 4:00 p. Drop the Rock 7:30 p. Three Legacies 7:30 p. Double Trouble DD/O</p> <p>Wed. 7:30 a. Big Book Study 10:30 a. Pass It On 4:00 p. Happy Hr Promises 7:00 p. We, Us & Ours 7:30 a. Welcome Back Gp</p> <p>Thr. 5:15 p. As Bill Sees It 7:00 p. Gateway Topic Gp 7:30 a. Honesty Gp. 10:30 a. Came To Believe 6:00 p. Women's Fri. Kickoff 6:30 p. Thoughts 4 Today 8:00 p. Broken Arrow 8:30 a. Early Bird 10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free 3:00 p. Twelve Promises 7:00 p. Dimension 4, Bilingual 8:00 p. Spanish Speaking 8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12</p> <p>Sat. 10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free 3:00 p. Twelve Promises 7:00 p. Dimension 4, Bilingual 8:00 p. Spanish Speaking 8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12</p>	<p>LAKE AREA CLUB N60 W 35878 Lake Dr Oconomowoc, WI (262) 567-9912 www.lakeareaclub.com</p> <p>A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE</p> <p>Sun. 8:00 a. Early Bird 9:30 a. Literature Meeting 11:00 a. Friendship Gp 6:00 p. Big Book 8:00 p. Gopher Sunday 9:00 a. Positive Attitude 6:30 p. Otter Gp 8:00 p. Step/Tradition Study</p> <p>Tue. 1:00 p. 4:00 p.</p> <p>Wed. 7:00 p. Life House Beginners 8:00 a.</p> <p>10:00 a. Back To Basics 2:00 p. Women's Meeting 6:00 p. 8:00 p.</p> <p>Thr. 10:00 a. 4:00 p.</p> <p>8:00 p. Grapevine Mtng</p> <p>Fri. 12:30 p. 4:00 p.</p> <p>8:00 p. Old School House 8:30 a. 11th Step 10:00 a. Big Book</p> <p>Sat. 7:00 p. 2nd & 4th Saturdays (AA and/or Al-Anon Speakers)</p> <p>OPEN AA/Al-Anon SPEAKER MEETING Sat. 7:00 p. 2nd & 4th Saturdays (AA and/or Al-Anon Speakers)</p> <p>AL-ANON MEETINGS Mon. 7:00 p. Al-Anon Tue. 9:00 a. Al-Anon Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon & Alateen</p>	<p>WAUKESHA ALANO CLUB 318 W. Broadway Waukesha, WI (262) 549-6541</p> <p>A.A. MEETINGS, (V)=Virtual, (IP)=In-person, (V & IP)=Both</p> <p>Sun. 9:30 a. Sun Morn Sunlight (V&IP) Zoom: 849 1831 3631, PW: 190558</p> <p>11:00 a. Sun Go-To-Mtng (V & IP) Zoom: 868 6375 8565, PW: 135314</p> <p>7:00 p. (Open Step Gp) Mon. 12:00 p. (IP) 6:00 p. Beginners AA (V & IP) Zoom: 818 7287 8662, PW: 740572</p> <p>7:00 p. (12 & 12) (V & IP) Zoom: 852 4438 5578, PW: 363286</p> <p>Tue. 6:00 a. Open Your Eyes... (IP) 12:00 p. Tuesday Nooners (V) Zoom: 847 2556 1155, PW: 163037</p> <p>Wed. 12:00 p. Wauk Wed Nooners (IP) 5:30 p. Topic Gp (V & IP) Zoom: 818 9650 5286, PW: 677391</p> <p>Thr. 12:00 p. T.G.I.F. Gp (V & IP) Fri. 12:00 p. T.G.I.F. Gp (V & IP) Zoom: 839 0454 9230, PW: 830354</p> <p>7:00 p. Topic Discussion Sat. 10:00 a. Gp 124 (V & IP) Zoom: Contact Sher at 630-432-3585 for access.</p> <p>7:00 p. Closed Meeting</p> <p>OPEN MEETINGS, DANCES & EVENTS Call for information.</p>	<p>GALANO CLUB - LGBT & All in Recovery - 7210 W Greenfield Ave, Suite 1, Lower Level Milwaukee, WI 53214, 414-276-6936 http://www.galanoclub.org/ galanoclub@gmail.com</p> <p>In Person and Phone Meetings Phone/ Video AA Meetings, Sun. 10:30 am, M,T,W,Th,Sat 7:30pm, (978) 990-9195 Meeting Id: galano7210 Code: 1919178#</p> <p>Sunday: 10:30 a.m. - AA - Step / Topic Meeting (In-person/phone/video) 10:30 a.m. - Al-Anon - Papillion Group. (In-person)</p> <p>Monday: 7:30 p.m. - AA "Came to Believe" 12 Spirituality. (In-person/phone/video)</p> <p>Tuesday: 6:00 p.m. - AA Over and Under 40 Group (In-person/phone/video)</p> <p>Thursday: 7:30 p.m. - AA - Living Sober One Day at A Time In-person & Phone/video</p> <p>Saturday: 7:30 p.m. - AA - Big Book & More. (In- person/Phone/video) The Galano Club is open one half hour before the scheduled meetings.</p>
<p>NORTHWEST ALANO CLUB* N88 W17658 Christman Rd Menomonee Falls WI 53051 (No Phone)</p> <p>A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE</p> <p>Sun. 10:00 a. Big Book 7:00 p.</p> <p>Mon. 7:00 p. Just Do It Gp 8:00 p. Action Gp</p> <p>Tue. 10:00 a. Step 7:00 p. Terrific Tue 8:00 p. Topic</p> <p>Wed. 7:00 p. Step/Topic</p> <p>Thr. 10:00 a. Step 6:00 p. Women's</p> <p>Fri. 8:00 p. Step/Topic</p> <p>Sat. 10:00 a. Step 11:15 a. Code 3 Mtng. 7:00 p. Simply Sober Gp</p> <p>AL-ANON MEETINGS Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon Fri. 7:30 p. Al-Anon</p> <p>*This Club is a Smoke-Free environment. We have ample meeting space available for 12 Step groups. Contact the Northwest Alano Club by mail.</p>	<p>WALWORTH COUNTY ALANO CLUB 611 Walworth St. (Hwy. 50 & 11) Delavan, WI 53115, (262) 740-1888</p> <p>Sunday AA 10:00 a. Primitive Group 12:00 p. Open Speakers 6:30 p. Delavan Discussion</p> <p>Monday AA 7:30 a. Sunny Side Up 12:00 p. Delavan Step Meeting 6:30 p. Delavan Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday AA 7:30 a. Sunny Side Up 12:00 p. Delavan Noon Gp. 6:30 p. Delavan 12 Step Topic</p> <p>Wednesday AA 7:30 a. Sunny Side Up 12:00 p. As Bill Sees It Gp. 6:30 p. Delavan IT Meeting</p> <p>Thursday AA 7:30 a. Sunny Side Up 12:00 p. Delavan Noon Gp. 6:30 p. Delavan Big Book Gp.</p> <p>Friday AA 7:30 a. Sunny Side Up 12:00 p. Big Book Study 6:30 p. Delavan Discussion</p> <p>Saturday AA 7:30 a. Sunny Side Up 12:00 p. Delavan Noon Gp. 6:30 p. Delavan Beginners Gp.</p>	<p>ALANO CLUB 1521 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53202 (414) 278-9102 http://www.mkealanoclub.org/</p> <p>A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE</p> <p>Sun. 7:00 a. AA Meeting 10:00 a. Gp 17 Step 1:00 p. Recovery Dharma</p> <p>Mon. 7:00 a. Early Morning 10:30 a. Gp 72 Topic 12:15 p. Big Book Meeting 6:30 p. Gp 40 Big Book</p> <p>Tue. 7:00 a. As Bill Sees It, 10:30 a. Gp 70 Step 12:15 p. Gp 76 7:00 p. Beginner's Meeting</p> <p>Wed. 7:00 a. AA 10:30 a. Gp 9, Step 12:15 p. Oasis Topic Gp 6:00 p. Chicks at Six Gp, women 7:30 p. AA</p> <p>Thr. 7:00 a. Big Book Meeting 10:30 a. Gp 97, Step 12:15 p. Here & Now Gp 7:00 p. AA (LGBT) All Welcome</p> <p>Fri. 7:00 a. Daily Reflections 10:30 a. Gp 21, Step 12:15 p. Gp 65 6:30 p. Here & Now 12:15 am. Second Shifters (Sat.)</p> <p>Sat. 7:00 a. AA Meeting 11:00 a. Gp 87 Step</p> <p>AL-ANON MEETING Sunday 10:00 a. Al-Anon</p>	<p>H.O.W. TO CLUB 8930 W. National Ave, West Allis, (414) 543-2448 http://howtoclub.info/ M, W, F, Sat. 9 a. -11 p, Tue Thr 9a. - 9p., Sun 8a to 9p.</p> <p>Sun. 8:00 a. Eye Opener AA Gp. 10:00 a. Grass Roots (Steps) 4:30 p. Drop the Rock 6/7 Step 6:00 p. Restore Us To Sanity 8:00 p. Sun. Sober & Serene</p> <p>Mon. 11:00 a. Winner's Circle 5:45 p. Gp 132, Women's Gp 7:00 p. Big Book Gp. 8:00 p. New Hope Gp. 11:15 p. What's the Point</p> <p>Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group 6:00 p. Tue Topic 6pm Gp 7:00 p. Sign for Sobriety AA 8:00 p. 12 & 12 AA Meeting</p> <p>Wed. 10:00 a. Foundations Meeting 6:00 p. AA Beginners Gp. 7:00 p. Women's Freedom 8:00 p. Promises Group 11:15 p. After Hours AA Gp</p> <p>Thr. 10:00 a. But For Grace Of God 6:00 p. Here and Now 8:00 p. How To Get It Going</p> <p>Fri. 11:00 a. Priority Group 6:00 p. Big Book Friday 8:00 p. R.U.S. For Us 11:00 p. Candlelight Promises</p> <p>Sat. 9:15 a. Men's Topic 11:00 a. Pioneers Group 3:00 p. Spiritual Growth 6:00 p. 1st & 12 Topic 8:00 p. Open Speaker 3rd Sat 8:00 p. HOW To Saturday</p>	<p>24 HOUR CLUB 153 Green Bay Rd. Thiensville, WI Web and Facebook Info</p> <p>A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE</p> <p>Sun. 8:00 a. Topic 10:00 a. Step/Topic 5:00 p. Step</p> <p>Mon. 6:30 a. Topic 10:00 a. Topic 8:00 p. Men's</p> <p>Tue. 6:30 a. Topic 10:00 a. Step/Topic 5:30 p. Big Book</p> <p>Wed. 6:30 a. Topic 10:00 a. Big Book 5:15 p. Women's</p> <p>Thr. 6:30 a. Topic 10:00 a. Topic 5:30 p. Step/Topic/Trad 8:00 p. Men's 12 & 12</p> <p>Fri. 6:30 a. Topic 10:00 a. Step/12 & 12 5:30 p. Principles 8:00 p. Step</p> <p>Sat. 6:30 a. Topic 8:30 a. Big Book/Steps 10:00 a. Big Book 8:00 p. Open Speaker Mtng. (1st Saturday Only)</p>

In Person AA Groups Need Your Support

- **Sun. 4 p.m.** AA New Beginnings, Unity Lutheran Church, 20700 W North Ave. Brookfield WI 53045
- **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
- **Tues. 7 p.m.** Gp 43, Friendship Club, 2245 W Fond du Lac Ave Milwaukee WI.
- **Tues. 8 p.m.** Topic Gp, NW Alano Club, Rm 204, N88W17658 Christman Rd, Menomonee Falls
- **Wed. 11am. Gp 10-17**, St Veronica's 353 E Norwich, Milw. 53207

- **Thurs. 8:00 p.m.** Grateful Gp. St Mark's Episcopal Church, 2618 N Hackett Ave. Milwaukee 53211
- **Thurs. 8:30 p.m.** Gp 22, Underwood Memorial Baptist, 1916 Wauwatosa Ave, 53213
- **Fri. at 7 p.m.** First Things First, St Margaret Mary, 3930 N 92nd St. Milw 53222
- **Fri. 9:30 p.m.** Big Book, Martin Luther Church 9235 W Bluemound Rd. Milw. 53226
- **Sat. 8 p.m.** Gp 18, St Luke's, 3200 S Herman, Bay View
- **Sat. 7 p.m.** 12 Step Club 4102 W Townsend St. Milw. WI 53216

MEETING ROOMS

UNITY CLUB
1715 Creek Rd
West Bend, (262) 338-3500
unityclub1715@att.net
www.facebook.com
AA MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:30 a. ** Gratitude Gp.
8:00 p. Candlelight Gp.
Mon. 10:00 a. Monday A.M.
7:00 p. Men's
7:00 p. Women's
Tue. 10:00 a. Tuesday A.M.
7:30 p. Beginner's
8:00 p. Step Gp
Wed. 10:00 a. Promises
1:00 p. Steps/Promises
5:00 p. Happy Hour Gp In-
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8:15 p. Step Gp
Thur. 10:00 a. Big Book
7:00 p. EZ Dozen12x12
Fri. 10:00 a. Step/Topic Gp
6:00 p.
8:00 p. * Step Gp.
Sat. 10:00 a. Here & Now
7:00 p. Big Book
AL-ANON & ALATEEN MTNGS
Saturday 9:00 a. Al-Anon
Thursday 7:15 p. Al-Anon
* Open Mtng. Last Friday of month
** Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month

FRIENDSHIP CLUB
2245 W. Fond du Lac Ave
Milwaukee, WI
(414) 931-7033

Email:
friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net

AA MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday
10:00 a. Friendship
~~11:00 a. Third Sunday~~
~~Open Meeting~~
Monday
~~10:30 a. Step Gp~~
Tuesday
~~7:00 p. Gp 43 Big~~
~~Book~~
Saturday
10:30 a. Gp 112 Step
Call for information
on other types of
meetings.
Email:
friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday:
7:00 p. More About Alco-
holism, Big Book Study
Friday:
~~11:00 a. Gp. 61 (12x12)~~
Saturday:
10:00 a. Beginner's
7:00 p. 12 Steps Gp
Call the club for information
on Open Speaker AA
meetings, meetings for
other fellowships and for
special events.

MILWAUKEE GROUP
933 E Center St, Milw WI 53212.
A.A. MEETINGS
Sun. 10:00 a In-person
8:30 p. In-Person
Mon. 5:30 p. In-Person
7:00 p. In-Person
8:30 p. In-Person
Tue. 7:00 p. In-Person
8:30 p. In-Person
Wed. 7:00 p. In-Person
Thur. 7:00 p. In-Person
8:30 p. In-Person
Fri. 7:00 p. In-Person
Sat. 8:30 p. In-Person

Milwaukee Central Office
7429 W Greenfield
West Allis WI 414-771-9119
A.A. MEETINGS
Sun. 9:00 a. Gp 10 Sunday
Mon. 12:15 p.
Tue. 12:15 p.
Wed. 12:15 p.
Thur. 12:15 p.
Fri. 12:15 p.
Sat. 9:15 a. 1st Step
10:30 a.
**We do not meet on
major holidays.**

LIGHTHOUSE ON DEWEY
1220 Dewey Ave.
Wauwatosa WI
AA MEETINGS

Sunday
6:00 p. Jim's First Step
7:30 p. Gp 78 Great Room
Monday
7:30 p. Laughs/Leisure
Tuesday
6:00 p. 11th Step Meditation
7:30 p. Professionals
Wednesday
7:30 p. Presidents Hall
7:30 p. Women Mellows Lounge
8:00 p. "RES-IPSA"
Thursday
7:00 p. Women's AA
7:30 p. Alumni No 12
Friday 7:15 p. Gp 74
Saturday 10:00 a. Gp 59
7:00 p. Great Room

All Saint's Cathedral
818 E Juneau Ave. Milw 53202
Sun: 7:00 p.m. Bench Meeting
Tue: 10:30 a.m. Men's Gp.
Wed: 7:30 p.m. Men's Gp.
Thur: 7:00 p.m. Men's Blackbelt
Fri: 7:30 p.m. Big Book Gp.
Sat: 10:30 a.m. Men's Gp.

DISTRICT 34 OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

New Location:
Unity Lutheran Church
Cross of Life Campus
20700 W. North Ave.
Brookfield, WI. 53045

Doors open at 6:30
Meeting at 7:00pm

**Consider supporting the "District 34" Open
Meeting" in one of the following ways:**

- Share your group message by sponsoring the Open Speaker Meeting
- Contact your group GSR to volunteer
- Attend the District 34 meeting (1st Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm, NW Alano Club)
- Get in touch with the Open Meeting Co-Chairs,
Ashley M. (715-685-4141) or
Tim R. (262-719-4389)

*District 34 is the Northeast corner of Waukesha County

**...our primary purpose is to carry
the message..."**

Hosting Group / Speakers

- ♦ **October 9,
2021**
- ♦ **November
13, 2021**
- ♦ **December
11, 2021**



Fox Point Group 86: Reaching Out, Join Us on Zoom Monday Evenings.

We are doing a group inventory, looking at ways in which we can be more accessible.

Current members with a wide range of sobriety, join our weekly meetings to discuss topics that impact all people in recovery thus providing a healthy balance for all.

We warmly welcome all genders, sexual preferences, ethnicities, and ages.

We meet on-line with ZOOM Monday Nights at 8:00 and will do so until we resume our "live" meetings at the North Shore Congregational Church in Fox Point.

Stop on by! We open up around 7:45 and begin at 8:00. If you are shy about "Zooming," just come on in and listen. It's Alcoholics *Anonymous*.

You will find a warm welcome to a lively and amiable group living one day at a time.

<https://zoom.us/j/8700953588>

Meeting ID [8700 953 588](https://zoom.us/j/8700953588) no password but waiting room. **By phone dial 312-626-6799**

Spiritual Experiences by Bill W.

It is the intention of the Grapevine to carry occasional accounts of spiritual experiences. To this interesting project I would like to say a few introductory words. There is a very natural tendency to set apart those experiences or awakenings which happen to be sudden, spectacular or vision producing. Therefore any recital of such cases always produces mixed reactions. Some will say, "I wish I could have an experience like that!" Others, feeling that this whole business is too far out on the mystic limb for them, or maybe hallucinatory after all, will say, "I just can't buy this business. I can't understand what these people are talking about."

As most AA's have heard, I was the recipient in 1934 of a tremendous mystic experience or "illumination." It was accompanied by a sense of intense white light, by a sudden gift of faith in the goodness of God, and by a profound conviction of His presence. At first it was very natural for me to feel that this experience staked me out for somebody very special.

But as I now look back upon this tremendous event, I can only feel very specially grateful. It now seems clear that the only special feature of my experience was its electric suddenness and the overwhelming and immediate conviction that it carried to me.

In all other respects, however, I am sure that my own experience was not in the least different than that received by every AA member who has strenuously practiced our recovery program.

How often do we sit in AA meetings and hear the speaker declare, "But I haven't yet got the spiritual angle." Prior to this statement, he had described a miracle of transformation which had occurred in him not only his release from alcohol, but a complete change in his whole attitude toward life and the living of it. It is

apparent to nearly everyone else present that he has received a great gift; and that this gift was all out of proportion to anything that might be expected from simple AA activity, such as the admission of alcoholism and the practice of Step Twelve. So we in the audience smile and say to ourselves, "Well, that guy is just reeking with the spiritual angle-except that he doesn't seem to know it yet!" We well know that this questioning individual will tell us six months or a year hence that he has found faith in God.

Moreover he may by then be displaying "spiritual qualities" and a performance that I myself have never been able to duplicate - my sudden spiritual experience notwithstanding.

So nowadays when AA's come to me, hoping to find out how one comes by those sudden experiences, I simply tell them in all probability that they have had one just as good - and that theirs is identical excepting it has been strung out over a longer period of time.

Then I go on to say that if their transformation in AA extending over six months had been condensed into six minutes - well, they then might have seen the stars too!

In consequence of these observations I fail to see any great difference between the sudden experiences and the more gradual ones - they are certainly all of the same piece. And there is one sure test of them all: "By their fruits, ye shall know them."

This is why I think we should question no one's transformation - whether it be sudden or gradual. Nor should we demand anyone's special type for ourselves, because our own experience suggests that we are apt to receive whatever may be the most useful for our needs.

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CENTRAL OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSING!

The office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on
Thursday and Friday November 25th & 26th, 2021.

Our Great Responsibility

Area 75 Annual Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous
Hosted by District 1

Nov. 12-14, 2021

La Crosse Center | 300 Harborview Plaza | La Crosse, WI

Standing Committee Meetings	ALKATHONS	Ice Cream Social
AA Speakers & Panels	Al-Anon Speaker & Panels	Entertainment
Banquet Buffet	Area 75 Assembly	Alateen Speaker & Activities

Register by Mail by Oct. 31 (1 Form per Person & Please Print)

Select: ☐ AA ☐ Al-Anon ☐ Alateen ☐ Other

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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**First 100 registrants are entered to
win a set of conference CDs!**

Please choose only ONE:

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Donation: \$ _____		
TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____		

Or Register Online

Go to <https://area75.org>

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Area 75 Conference
P.O. Box 2123
La Crosse, WI 54602

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Registration at the Door is \$25.

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CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY!

The AA Conference Committee at the VA with Al anon Participation

Invites you join us for a

“LIFE IN RECOVERY”

Panel and Open Speaker Meeting Luncheon

Purpose: The committee has not been able to hold its yearly conference at the VA and would like to take this time to recognize our fellow veterans in recovery. All speakers and panelists will be a Veteran or come from a Veteran family.

Date: Saturday November 6, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Place: Pass It On Club
6229 W Forest Home Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53220

This is a family event. \$5.00 DONATION SUGGESTION FOR THE VETERANS FUND. Masks are optional. Please respect each other's personal choices. We want to make sure all attending are comfortable.

Program Agenda

9:00 -9:15 a.m.	Opening Prayer, Coffee & Donuts
9:15- 10:00 a.m.	Al anon Panel
10:15 – 11:00 a.m.	AL anon Speaker – Iris from Kenosha
11:00 – 12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:00 – 12:45 p.m.	AA Panel
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.	AA Speaker Dave G from Illinois
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Closing and wrap up

TO RSVP OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT LYNN G 414-688-7164

ANNOUNCING NEW MEETING

Join Curt and friends for
More About Alcoholism: a big book study,

Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.



12 Step Club
4102 W Townsend St
Milwaukee WI 53216

(Second floor meeting rooms)

Gifts of Sobriety

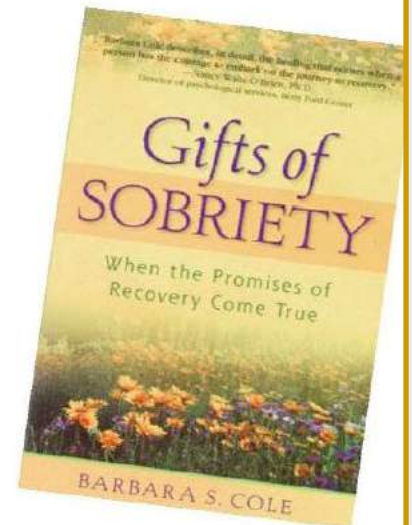
When the Promises of Recovery Come True

"Why try?" we sometimes ask ourselves when faced with the uncertainties and hard work of recovery. But the answers are all around us, in the rich and spirited lives of those who have made the journey before us, each one a member of the joyful possibilities that await. These possibilities come alive in *Gifts of Sobriety*, a book that gives immediate meaning to the Big Book's promise: "We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness."

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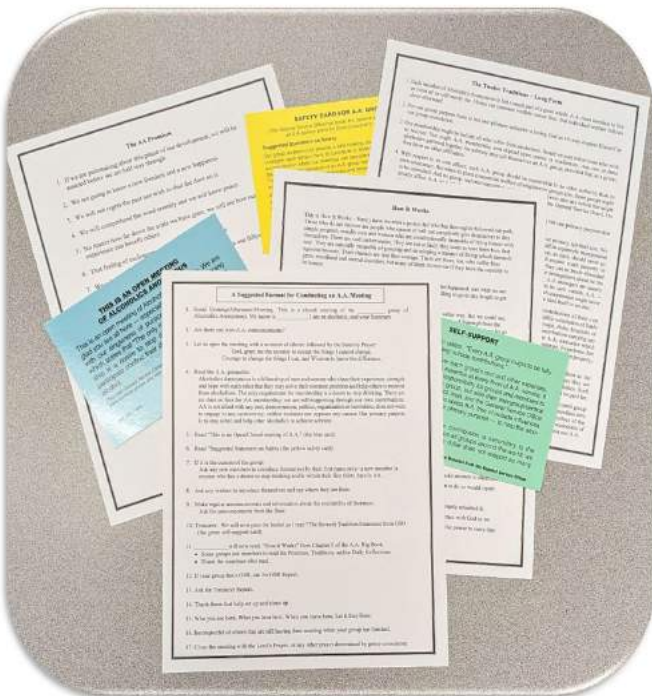


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A Suggested Format for Conducting an A.A. Meeting

How It Works The Promises

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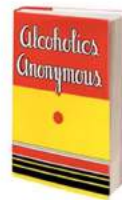
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Sober Living Big Book Group Same Location, New Night

Beginning September 21, 2021

**Sober Living Big Book Group is moving to
Tuesday night! Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.**



**Mother of Good Counsel Parish
6924 W. Lisbon Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53210**

East Entrance (can be accessed from either Lisbon Avenue or Burleigh Street)
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Group 60



Celebrating 50 Years

Dinner and Open Meeting

**Roast Beef
Sandwiches**

October 16, 2021

**Cowboy Beans
Potatoes**

Pass It On Club 6229 W Forest Home Ave.

Tickets \$10.00

**Fellowship 4:30
Dinner 5:00**

AA Speaker: Mike L.

Al-Anon Speaker: John G.

Contact Nancy for Tickets 414 339-3934
(Leave a voice mail or text)



4th and 5th Step Fall Retreat

(AA/Al-Anon/ACA)

October 8-10, 2021

Place: St Norbert Center for Spirituality

(People of all religious beliefs or of none are welcome)

Time: Friday night to Sunday noon

Cost: \$200 – includes 2 nights/5 meals

(Snacks and beverages provided throughout retreat)

This retreat setting is designed to provide a safe trusting environment for the participants to learn and grow in "working recovery". Group presentations on steps 4-7 are offered. Experienced facilitators in recovery are available to listen to "5th steps" throughout the weekend in a private setting. Attendees are encouraged to do as much of their 4th Step as possible prior to attending the Retreat. Other opportunities to share in fellowship include open meetings, closed meetings, and speaker meetings. There are also a variety of settings available personal and private reflection.

*6 months sobriety/active recovery suggested

Retreat is limited to 32.

We anticipate a very high response!

Please make your reservation early.

Registration deadline is.... September 24, 2021

(Limited Scholarships available – please call Judy G to inquire)

Send \$100 deposit to:

Step Retreats

PO Box 574

Green Bay Wi. 54305

**** \$100 deposits are not refundable after September 17, 2021 ****

Cash/Checks/Money Orders Only-No charge cards accepted

ANY QUESTIONS? Call Judy G. 920-737-2330

Registration: Fall 2021 4th & 5th Step Retreat

Name: _____ Gender M/F

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

*Email: _____

*Email will be used to contact you w/ confirmation and retreat information

Phone: _____

Special Needs?: _____

AA _____ Al-Anon _____ ACA _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

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SELF-SUPPORT

The Seventh Tradition states that Alcoholics Anonymous is self-supporting through our own contributions. The contributions help to cover the group's expenses. But the Seventh Tradition is more than simply paying for rent and other group expenses. It is both a privilege and a responsibility of individual groups and members to ensure that our organization, at every level, remains forever self-supporting and free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose.

The monetary amount of each contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that joins us in unity with A.A. groups around the world.

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Milwaukee Central Office Fall Fling 2021 OPEN MEETING

to be held at:

Milwaukee Elk's Lodge #46
5555 W Good Hope Rd
Milwaukee WI 53223

Saturday October 23, 2021

Hospitality: 5:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

AA Speaker: Kent S. (Hartland at the Barn) 7:30 p.m.

Tickets (round tables of 8) on sale July 26th.

Buffet Menu Includes: Lasagna meat, Lasagna vegetable, Fettuccine Alfredo w/Chicken , served with Garlic Bread and Tossed Salad, Cake, Coffee, Milk.

Tickets by mail, \$25.00 each. Include a self addressed stamped envelope.

Greater Milwaukee Central Office

7429 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, WI 53214, 414-771-9119

Call or email for more information: gmco@aamilwaukee.com

Pay by check or credit card, Visa/MasterCard/Discover, include all necessary information.

Card Number _____ Expiration Date ____ / ____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-mail Address: _____

Number of tickets _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

Tax deductible donation to

Greater Milwaukee Central Office + \$ _____

Check or Credit Card **Total** = \$ _____

Cut-off date for tickets Monday October 18, 2021

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