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NO GROUP SECRETARY MEETING in September due to the COVID-19.

Real Men Don't Make Amends--Do They?

Step 9 - Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others

MANY TIMES at meetings, I've heard something like "I did so and so. Do I have to make amends?" Or "A man never says he's sorry." Or "I'm just going to make a living amends by behaving myself." Or "What good does it do?"

Sound familiar? It sure does to me. I've had all those negative attitudes at one time or another during my sobriety. It seems as though considering amends removed everything positive from my outlook on life. Then, the excuses started exaggerating themselves, and another chance to become a better person through our program slipped away. How many of those chances did I miss because false pride engendered a negative attitude toward amends? Almost all of them.

Now, thanks to God, good strong sponsorship, and a great AA group, my attitude regarding amends is no longer negative. I've learned to make an amends that is a positive experience, not just putting a check mark on a list to fill a square. Just filling a square is not growth; it is just filling a square, the way I did

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WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM HIS FRIENDS

Mid-summer, 1938, was a watershed period for the writing of our Big Book—it almost did not happen! Donations from the Rockefellers, Charles Towns, and others were helpful, but Bill Wilson's upcoming Big Book project remained on hold, even doubtful. Bill W. had written two pre-manuscript drafts: THERE IS A SOLUTION (Chapter One) and BILL'S STORY (Chapter two) during the late spring months of that year—Please notice the reverse order. These chapters were only a beginning effort to publish a short book that could sell for a dollar (about \$18.00 today). Happily, Doctor Silkworth added, THE DOCTORS OPINION that July.

Bill had endured financial struggle for over a year and had become understandably discouraged. By early fall he had not written anything for three months—he finally stated: "I am not an author." However, his partner, Hank Parkhurst, convinced him that just a few more chapters were needed to justify the \$1.00 price. Hank's adamancy was successful! Bill began writing the next two chapters, MORE ABOUT ALCOHOLISM and WE AGNOSTICS ON September 15, 1938.

Thank God for Hank Parkhurst! I have always considered Hank and Ebby Thacher as two unsung heroes of AA history, although neither of them remained sober for timely periods. Bill may have made the touchdown, but Ebby handed him the Ball and Hank became his inspiring hard-driving coach!

Not to forget Jimmy Burwell who is given credit for "God as we understood Him."

By December Bill had finished the manuscript including HOW IT WORKS, INTO ACTION, WORKING WITH OTHERS, plus four other Chapters. Jim Scott helped write the Akron personal stories and the NY stories were also included. But in early 1939, Tom Uzzell, editor of Colliers Magazine, reduced the manuscript dramatically and a Dr. Howard (perhaps an alias) changed the tone from: "Thou must under pain of drunkenness," to "This is what we did."

The finished book was published in April of 1939. It sold for \$3.50.

So, Bill was gifted with many helpful friends as he constructed this marvelous life-saving book for us. Thank you, God!

Bob S, Richmond, IN

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**Greater Milwaukee Central Office AA
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison**

October 2019 through July 2020

Ordinary Income/Expense	Oct '19 - Jul 20	Oct '18 - Jul 19	\$ Change	% Change
Income				
4000 · Literature Sales	74,005.31	100,644.16	-26,638.85	-26.47%
4050 · Between us	540.50	3,084.50	-2,544.00	-82.48%
4070 · Contributions	57,206.58	63,789.65	-6,583.07	-10.32%
4080 · Gratitude boxes	25,788.14	24,593.19	1,194.95	4.86%
4090 · Open Meeting / Dinner	0.00	8,350.00	-8,350.00	-100.0%
4100 · Memorials	395.00	2,390.00	-1,995.00	-83.47%
4130 · Personal Contrib.	30,944.39	3,563.86	27,380.53	768.28%
4150 · Other Income	897.14	2,070.85	-1,183.71	-57.16%
4170 · Interest Income	1,652.88	2,552.31	-899.43	-35.24%
4190 · Discrepancies	-162.80	0.00	-162.80	-100.0%
4200 · Bounced Checks Income	11.00	0.00	11.00	100.0%
4600 · Merchandise Sales	312.20	1,340.70	-1,028.50	-76.71%
4830 · Sales Discounts	92.18	99.99	-17.81	-17.81%
48900 · Shipping and Delivery Income	844.59	708.77	135.82	19.16%
Total Income	192,507.11	213,187.98	-20,680.87	-9.7%
Cost of Goods Sold	44,374.38	61,845.30	-17,470.92	-28.25%
Gross Profit	148,132.73	151,342.68	-3,209.95	-2.12%
Expense				
51100 · Freight and Shipping Costs	-305.74	1,441.05	-1,746.79	-121.22%
59900 · POS Inventory Adjustments	-463.86	648.42	-1,112.28	-171.54%
6000 · Advertising and Promotion	2,148.06	0.00	2,148.06	100.0%
6040 · Bank Service Charges	11.00	0.00	11.00	100.0%
6045 · Coffee/Soda/Candy Expense	398.34	849.12	-450.78	-53.09%
6050 · Credit card fees	1,392.45	2,006.01	-613.56	-30.59%
61200 · Cash Payouts from Drawer	1.55	0.00	1.55	100.0%
6170 · Computer and Internet Expenses	281.00	1,825.00	-1,544.00	-84.6%
6200 · Conferences & conventions	50.00	84.94	-34.94	-41.14%
6262 · Postage	30.35	0.00	30.35	100.0%
6330 · Insurance Expense	1,747.00	1,855.00	-108.00	-5.82%
6345 · Open Meeting/Dinner	0.00	8,630.70	-8,630.70	-100.0%
6370 · License & permits	10.00	255.00	-245.00	-96.08%
6500 · Office	33,363.37	34,453.12	-1,089.75	-3.18%
6600 · Payroll	85,966.67	86,092.91	-126.24	-0.15%
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	-21.05	6.99	-28.04	-401.14%
6700 · Professional Fees	1,290.00	1,275.00	15.00	1.18%
6800 · Printing	6,275.16	0.00	6,275.16	100.0%
Total Expense	132,174.30	139,423.26	-7,248.96	-5.2%
Net Ordinary Income	15,958.43	11,919.42	4,039.01	33.89%
Other Income	548.72	0.00	548.72	100.0%
Other Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Net Other Income	548.72	0.00	548.72	100.0%
Net Income	16,507.15	11,919.42	4,587.73	38.49%

Account Balances
 Checking: 4,762.57
 Savings Account: 66,017.06
 Prudent Reserve: 163,805.25

What is the Prudent Reserve?
 The A.A. guideline document produced by A.A. World Services, Inc., suggests a prudent reserve for a Central Office or Intergroup be fixed somewhere between one and twelve months operating expenses. The prudent reserve is not available for everyday use. It is only meant for startup and twelve months of operating expenses, in an emergency situation.

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: mil-wareadeafaccess@gmail.com

[Southern Wisconsin Deaf Access Committee \(SWDAC\)](#)

July 2020

Balance: \$ 8,343.99
 Contributions: \$ 131.00
 Interpreter : \$ 50.00

The cost for an interpreter is \$50 for a zoom meeting and \$80 for an in-person meeting.

Kath W. with questions:
brylerandme@gmail.com

Meeting Space Available when meetings start up, again.

• [St Peter's Episcopal Church](#),
 7929 W Lincoln Ave, West Allis,
 Contact: Steve 414-543-6040 or
 email: christumc1@sbcglobal.net

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



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

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[Seventh Tradition Checklist](#)

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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;
8 & 30 ROCK ; 9. CRAWFORD, GRANT, IOWA and LAFAYETTE; 19 & 37. RICHLAND & SAUK;
20, 21 & 26 DANE; 31. COLUMBIA CNTY; 35. GREEN; 37. JUNEAU CNTY'S

(Check the web address above for meeting info.)

3. MANITOWOC & SHEBOYGAN CNTY'S 3rd Wed. of month, 6:30 p., Even numbered months at 1907 Club, 2908 N. 21st St., Sheboygan. Odd numbered months: Alano Club, 404 S 29 St Manitowoc
6. WALWORTH CNTY 2nd Tue. 7:30 p. Feb. Apr. June. Aug. Oct. and Dec. only, Walworth Alano Club, 611 E. Walworth St., Delavan
7. KENOSHA CNTY 3rd Sun. of month, 4:00 p., Kenosha Alano Club, 630 56th St.
10. Spanish District. Contact: Salvador G. at 414-446-0158. Meets every 2nd & 4th Sunday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. 1663 S. 6th Street, Milw.
11. JEFFERSON CNTY Meets last Wed. at 5:30 p.m. Moravian Church, 301 College St., Lake Mills,
12. WASHINGTON CNTY 1st Wed. of month, 6:00 p., the Jackson Community Center N165W20330 Hickory Ln., Jackson, WI. 53037
13. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 1st Sun. of month, 1:00 p, St. Matthias Church, 111 E. Main, Waukesha
14. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 4th Wed. of month, 7:00 p, Milwaukee Central Office 7429 W Greenfield Ave., P.O. Box 13011, Wauwatosa WI 53226
16. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 1st Wed. of month, 6:00 p, Milw. Central Office, 7429 W Greenfield Ave.
17. RACINE CNTY (1 of 2) 3rd Sun. of month, 1:00 p, Grove Club, 1037 Grove Ave., Racine
23. DODGE CNTY 1st Wed of month at 7:00 p, Dodge Cnty Alano Club, 115 N. Lincoln, Beaver Dam, call to confirm 920-583-3142
24. OZAUKEE CNTY 3rd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Peltz Center for Jewish Life, 2233 W Mequon Rd. Mequon
25. FOND du LAC CNTY 2nd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St., Fond du Lac
27. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 3rd Wednesday of month, 7:00 p.m. Covenant Lutheran Church, 8121 W Hope Ave, Milwaukee WI 53222
28. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p, Bay View United Methodist 2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave. Bay View, WI 53207
29. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 6) 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p, Luther Memorial Church, 2840 S 84th St., West Allis, WI 53227
32. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 4th Tuesday of month, 6:30 p, Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 470 Oak Crest Dr., Wales WI.
34. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 1st Tue. of month, 6:30 p, Northwest Alano Club, N88W17658 Christman Rd., Menomonee Falls
36. RACINE/KENOSHA (1 of 2) 2nd Tues. month 6:00 p.m., 12 & 12 Club, 724 N Pine St., Burlington
38. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1of 6) Last Sunday of month 4:30 p.m. All Saint Cathedral, 818 E Juneau Ave.

SEND ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO:

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

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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

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

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

MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL 9th & State Milwaukee WI.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Area 75, Southern WI. Calendar of Events 2020

Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St.,
Madison,

Held at Senior Center except where otherwise noted.

- Sep.13, 2020, Assembly
- Nov. 6-8, 2020, Conference Area 75 Holiday Inn, Manitowoc WI

ADDRESSES FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

JOIN the BIRTHDAY CLUB!

We celebrate birthdays, and we'd like to help you celebrate yours! Send us a 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!

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



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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ - _____

Email: _____

Home Group: _____

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Years	Name	Home Group
20 (8/27)	Kevin H.	Milwaukee Central Office



MILW. CENTRAL OFFICE

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

Spanish Speaking Meetings: Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

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

SERVICE MANUAL STUDY, 6 p.m. 2020 Schedule: ~~Sept 10~~, Oct 8, and Nov 12, Dec no meeting.

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

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

Contact: [Nancy H at 414-801-5184 with questions.](#)



Online Sobriety

She hated computers, but finding AA online forums gave her the courage to return to the program after a long relapse

My story begins in 1991 when I was first introduced to AA. I went to meetings, had a number of sponsors, and actually made it to more than a year of sobriety, but it turned out I wasn't done drinking yet.

Fast forward to the year 2006. My husband and I got our first computer. I didn't like computers at all! I thought that they were going to ruin the world. (Actually, that's still in question.) By this time, I was drinking on a daily basis. I had stopped working a few years earlier, due to other health problems. I had my days and nights mixed up. I drank until 4:30 AM and didn't get out of bed until after 1:00 PM most of the time. My selfishness and self-loathing were taking over—I didn't care if I got out of bed or if I would ever wake up again. Mentally and spiritually I was hitting bottom. But I was still not done the drinking.

But even with my drinking, I was starting to learn and figure out things on the computer. I discovered online forums of people writing back on forth on whatever subjects interested them. I first joined a cat site, since I have always loved animals, cats especially. It was ok for a while but I didn't feel like I fit in with the people on there. Then I joined a paranormal site. There were a lot of interesting things to read on that site, but the people were a bit strange, so that wasn't for me, either.

By now, I was feeling overwhelmingly lonely. I was drinking every day, with no friends anymore, no one to talk to except my husband when he was home from work. I was starting to feel worse and worse, physically and mentally. My days blended to-

gether. It didn't matter if it was Monday or Thursday because it was the same thing, day after day. Drink, eat, clean house a little (maybe), go on the computer, and then go to bed. Get up and do it all over again.

One day, I decided to see if Alcoholics Anonymous was on the computer. Yep, there it was. So, I drank and read, drank and read. I actually found somewhere or another online of an audio recording of Bill W speaking at a convention somewhere. I cried listening to that and remembering how it was when I was in AA years before. Then I ended up finding other websites, with recovering alcoholics involved in forums and online meetings. For nine months, I wrote back and forth with these people, while drinking my rum and cokes. They kept telling me to go back to AA, and I kept saying: "No, I'm scared, it didn't work for me." Eventually, in the summer of 2007, I did get the courage to go back to AA. I struggled that whole year and kept drinking every couple of weeks. I couldn't get a month under my belt. But I kept hearing over and over: "Keep coming back" and "Don't give up before the miracle." In January 2008, I picked up a white chip and I haven't had a drink since.

I have a home group and a sponsor, and I've held a few service positions. I truly believe my Higher Power reached out to me through the computer even though I didn't understand it at the time. Today I still go on my forums with my AA friends from all over the US and the world. Some of the people who helped me so many years ago to get the courage to go back to AA are still there. I owe my life to them and Alcoholics Anonymous. So I guess computers aren't that bad after all. I wouldn't be sober today if I didn't have one.

By: Barb C. | Endicott, N.Y.

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How to Make Amends

LET'S start with me.

Everybody's cashing in on the new craze for "How To" books which run the gamut from "How to Play the Zither" to "How To Pickle A Herring."

I fell for it, too. Last summer, while on my vacation, I bought one on "How To Become A Bird Watcher." And I used it--much to the consternation and amusement of my fine feathered friends.

It just goes to show what a few years of sobriety will do to some of us. Never in my DTs, did I ever imagine I would descend so low as to disturb defenseless little birds while they were playing, feeding, nesting or romancing.

You should have seen me in the heavy scrub and tangled undergrowth, book in hand and wearing bifocals, trying to tell a grosbeak from a hummingbird.

Brother, that's really living it up in AA!

It's a long way from a pastime like bird-watching to something so important to all of us as "How To Make Amends"--now that we're sober--but both have one thing in common. Each requires application and effort before results can be achieved or enjoyed.

One of the quickest and most inspiring examples of this subject is told by an AA friend of mine whose wife said to him after eight months of sobriety: "By your kindness, consideration and cooperation at home, you have more than made up to me for the year of heartaches I suffered during your alcoholism."

That generally doesn't happen so easily. And it didn't in my case,

either at home or with relatives, friends or business people.

Donning my penitential garments (which didn't fit well at the beginning of my AA membership) and mounting my white Arabian charger, I galloped hither and yon to explain to all and sundry that I was heartily sorry for my previous alcoholic defects of character and personality which had harmed, offended, betrayed or defrauded them.

All my efforts were not successful. The hurt or damage I had inflicted was too painful--or too deep--for a few of them, and they received (or rejected) me frigidly.

Knowing the key word in the Eighth Step is the *willingness* to make amends, I accepted those unpleasant situations as well as I could. Later on, after quite a period of sobriety, I again offered my apologies and explanations to them and, in practically all cases, they were accepted.

From those experiences I have learned that some injured Individuals are "from Missouri." Sometimes actions speak louder than words and they had to be shown I was sincere by a continuation of my sobriety.

There are no hard-and-fast suggestions for everybody on "How To Make Amends." Circumstances and Individuals vary. But there should be, I think, one necessary requisite for all of us. The success of our efforts, with respect to ourselves or those we've harmed, or both, ought to be predicated on our absolute *honesty* and *sincerity* of purpose.

Making amends will not properly work for us if we use them merely as lip service to get off a hook, to placate someone whose

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good opinion we only want to cultivate, or who might be in a position to do us a good turn in the future.

Neither do we gain much, or anything, by discharging such a duty to ourselves and as an obligation to others if it's just a mechanical action resulting from another AA member telling us it is the thing to do.

We should *want* to make amends because we are sincerely convinced we were at fault and honestly desire to right a wrong. There is no substitute for this essential attitude or state of mind.

One of my difficulties in trying to put myself right with other people was how to know the difference between a real desire on my part to do the right thing and a phony attempt to ease my guilty conscience.

On the other hand, it is never advisable to try to make direct amends when to do so would injure those we've harmed, or others.

In my considered opinion, our home should be the first place to start. Our families bore the brunt of our alcoholism through the

years and generally are the last to receive the benefits of our personal rehabilitation program.

Amends with the alcoholic, as well as charity, begin at home. If we put our own habitation in order first, we are better able, mentally and emotionally, to try to rectify conditions created in the outside world by our uncontrolled drinking.

This is also true when we want to make spiritual amends. There is a better chance of attaining that goal after we have straightened out our home life. Then the "decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him" will bear quicker fruit.

Making amends can, be a rich and rewarding experience in humility, tolerance and better understanding of the other fellow.

By: Anonymous | New York

Ed. note: the author says--"This isn't an analysis of the Eighth and Ninth Steps on making amends. Rather, it suggests an attitude towards them that might help to make them work more easily."

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when I was drinking. Growth is characterized by an identifiable change in attitude for the better. It is apparent in the way we conduct ourselves, in the way we express ourselves, in our actions. Fortunately, it comes in many ways.

The growth I have experienced through amends began when I found out exactly what an amends is not. Much to my surprise, it is not crawling on my belly or becoming a doormat or belittling myself. I no longer have to try to act responsible for events I had no control over. Did you ever try to alter events that took place when you were not even there? I don't need to justify myself or make excuses. Making amends means taking sole responsibility for all my actions and letting others have the responsibility for theirs.

An amends is taking the episodes of my life that haunt me and laying them to rest, finally. It allows me to walk down my side of the street with my head up, unafraid of anyone I may encounter. It makes it possible for me to anticipate life instead of hiding from it. Life is to be lived, not battled or avoided.

An amends is allowing those I abused in my disease to participate in my recovery. I owe them that, and more important, I owe myself that. I believe that each time I committed an offense against another person, in reality I committed a far greater offense against myself. The offenses against others pale in significance when compared with the internal havoc I wreaked within myself.

I've found that mistreating others is really a two-part deal. First, I go against my values by telling myself it is okay to commit a wrong against someone else. My ethics and morals both say this is wrong, yet when I take over the management of my life, I tend to override any good sense I ever had. The pursuit of a fleeting moment's excitement becomes more important than living up to my own standards. Each time I did that, I gave a piece of myself away. I believe my self-esteem when I got here was on the minus side of the page because I had given so many pieces of myself away.

Second, I commit the wrong against another person. Therefore, each time I was harmful to others, I gave that piece of myself to them, thus giving away control of my actions and thinking.

That was certainly evident by the pains I went to in order to avoid those I had wronged. I even had to change my route to the washroom at work, taking a longer, more devious path. Fear. Guilt. Hiding. Have you ever avoided going someplace you really wanted to go, because you knew one of your "victims" would be there, too? Not a fun way to live.

Upon sobering up, joining AA, and setting out on the "Road of Happy Destiny," I discovered a new strength within. That strength has allowed me to make my amends, and as a result, I've experienced some of the most profound and moving moments of my sobriety. Some really marvelous people reentered my life because of my amends attempts, and we are closer today than before. You see, prior to the amends, I had never stopped to really look at them, to put myself in their place, to empathize with them, to consider their importance in my life, to just be polite. I found some really good folks where I had previously seen small, inferior, bothersome persons.

Each person did one big thing for me. They all returned the small pieces of myself I had left in their charge, thus participating in my recovery by assisting me to become whole again. The more I was able to follow the Big Book in making my amends, the better I felt. It astounds me that those I wronged are able to contribute so much to my recovery. Once I discovered this, I began to seek them out more fervently, and my amends really began to enhance my sobriety. I am still amazed at God's power to put the wreck I was back together.

It has been eight years since my first stumbling attempts at amends, and I'm pretty much whole again. All the negative feelings I used to associate with Step Nine are gone. My Higher Power has allowed me to experience our wonderful way of life to the fullest, and I want more of it.

There is yet one piece of myself still in the care of another, and I am looking forward to going home for that visit in a few months. Thanks to God, our program, my sponsor, and my group, I have all the tickets I need for a very rewarding excursion into a few moments of my past. I left part of myself and someone I need there. I'm going back to get them.

By: N. D. | Omaha, Nebraska

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MEETING ROOMS

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

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

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

8:15 p. Men's Gp

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Contact club for info on other fellowships.

PASS IT ON CLUB
6229 W. Forest Home Ave
Milwaukee WI (414) 541-8923
A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up
8:00 a. 3 Legados (spanish)
9:30 a. Reliance Meeting
11:00 a. Today's choice

Mon. 7:00 p. Gratitude Plus
7:00 p. Big Book Readers
7:30 a. Jump Start

Tue. 10:30 a. First Step
4:00 p. Happy Hour Step Gp.
7:00 p. Open Introductory AA
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
7:30 a. Big Book Study

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

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

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS
Sun. 11:00 a. Fri. 7:30 p.
Wed. 7:00 p. Sat. 10:30 a.
Thr. 7:00 p.
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LAKE AREA CLUB
N60 W 35878 Lake Dr
Oconomowoc, WI
(262) 567-9912
www.lakeareaclub.com
A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sat. 8:30 a. 11th Step
10:00 a. Big Book

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OPEN MEETINGS, DANCES & EVENTS
Call for information.

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

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

Mon. 7:30 p. Came To Believe

Tue. 6:00 p. 40 + Topic

Wed. 7:00 p. 12 x 12

Thurs. 7:30 p. Living Sober - ODAT

Fri. 7:30 p. Step/Topic

Sat. 7:30 p. Big Book & More

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

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

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:00 a. Big Book
7:00 p.

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

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

Wed. 7:30 p. Step/Topic

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

Fri. 8:00 p. Step/Topic

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS
Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon
Fri. 7:30 p. Al-Anon

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group
6:00 p. Tue Topic 6pm Gp
7:00 p. Sign for Sobriety AA
8:00 p. 12 & 12 AA Meeting

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

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

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

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

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



MEETING ROOMS

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

AA MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:30 a. ** Gratitude Gp.
8:00 p. Candlelight Gp.
Mon. 10:00 a. Monday A.M.
7:00 p. Men's
7:00 p. Women's
Tue. 10:00 a. Tuesday A.M.
7:30 p. Beginner's
8:00 p. Step Gp
Wed. 10:00 a. Promises
1:00 p. Steps/Promises
8:15 p. Step Gp
Thr. 10:00 a. Big Book
7:00 p. EZ Dozen 12x12
Fri. 10:00 a. Step/Topic Gp
8:00 p. * Step Gp.
Sat. 10:00 a. Here & Now
7:00 p. Big Book
AL-ANON & ALATEEN MTNGS
Saturday 9:00 a. Al-Anon
Thursday 7:15 p. Al-Anon
* Open Mtng. Last Friday of month
** Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month (10:30 a.m.)

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

Email:
friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday
10:00 a. Friendship
11:00 a. Third Sunday
Open Meeting
Monday
10:30 a. Step Gp
Tuesday
7:00 p. Gp 43 Big
Book
Saturday
10:30 a. Gp 112 Step

Call for information
on other types
of meetings.

Email:
friendshipinc@sbcglobal.net

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday:
11:00 a. Gp. 27
Friday:
11:00 a. Gp. 61(12x12)
Saturday:
10:00 a. Beginner's
7:00 p. Gp 6

Call the club for infor-
mation on Open Speaker
AA meetings, meetings for
other fellowships and for
special events.

MILWAUKEE GROUP
933 E Center St. (River West)
Milwaukee WI 53212

A.A. MEETINGS

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

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

A.A. MEETINGS

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

**We do not meet on
major holidays.**

LIGHTHOUSE ON DEWEY
1220 Dewey Ave.
Wauwatosa WI
AA MEETINGS

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

All Saint's Cathedral

818 E Juneau Av Milw 53202
Monday:
7:30 p.m. Sane & Sober
Tuesday:
10:30 a.m. Men's meeting
Wednesday:
7:30 p.m. Men's meeting
Thursday:
7:00 p.m. Men's meeting
Friday:
7:30 p.m. Big Book
Saturday:
10:30 a.m. Men's meeting

Directory Changes

NEW MEETINGS

Sundays 6:00 p.m. Galano Club, 7210 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis. "Multimedia Sunday Night AA Meeting"
Mondays 7:30 p.m. First Unitarian Society, 1342 N Astor St. Milwaukee, "**We Agnostics**".
Mondays 6:30 p.m. Uhles Cigar Shop (LL) 114 W Wisconsin Ave, Milw 53203. Cigar smoking allowed. No wheelchair access.
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Cedar Springs Church, 3128 Slinger Rd, Slinger WI 53086
Thursday at 6 p.m., St Matthew CME, 2944 N 9th St, Milwaukee 53206
Thursday at 7 p.m. Men's Gp, All Saint's Cathedral 818 E Juneau Ave, Milw. 53202
Fridays at 7p.m., Primary Purpose, St James Catholic Church, W220N6588 Town Line Rd, Menomonee Falls WI 53051
Saturday 8:30 a.m. Step Meeting Lumen Christi Catholic Church, 2750 W Mequon Rd, Mequon WI 53092
Saturday 7:30 p.m. 7210 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis 53214

DISBANDED GROUPS

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

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Home At Last, met at St Luke's Lutheran, 6705 Northway, Greendale
Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Bridges of Milw. Rehab and Care Center, 6800 N 76th St. Milwaukee.
Wednesday 8 p.m. Menomonee Falls, Gloria Dei Church, W180N7863 Town Hall Rd.

OTHER CHANGES

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

OPEN SPEAKER

Weekly & monthly speaker meetings listed in October 2019 When & Where
aamilwaukee.com/directory.html
Sundays at 10 a. Milwaukee Gp. 933 E Center St, Milwaukee WI, 53212
2nd Sunday at 11:00 a. Alano Club 318 W. Broadway, Waukesha,
3rd Sunday Open 11 a., Friendship Club, 2245 W Fond du Lac Ave, Milw
Sundays at 7:00 p. VA Hospital 5000 W National Ave 3rd Floor Unit 3A
1st Tuesdays in Jan, Apr, July and October at 7:30 p. Acceptance Gp. First Congregational Church, 1111 N Chicago Ave So. Milwaukee.
Last Wednesday 7:30 p. Gp 23 First Luther-

an Church, 7400 W Lapham St, West Allis
Wednesdays at 7:00 p. Salem United Methodist Church, 541 Hwy. 59, Waukesha
3rd Thursday, 7:30 p. St John Vianney, 1755 N Calhoun Rd, Brookfield WI
Every Friday 7:00 p. Christ the King, 1600 N Genesee Rd Delafield
4th Friday 8:00 p. Imago Dei Church, 2327 N. 52nd St., Milwaukee 53210
1st Saturday 8:00 p. 24 Hour Club Open Meeting, 153 Green Bay Rd, Thiensville.
1st Saturday at 7:00 p. Dist.12, Living Word Lutheran Church, 2240 Living Word Ln., Jackson WI 53037
2nd Saturday at 7:00 p. Dist. 34, St. Francis Episcopal Church, N84 W16525 Menomonee Ave, Menomonee Falls, WI
3rd Saturday 7:30 p. HOW To Club 8930 W. National Ave, West Allis
3rd Saturday 8:00 p. New Day Club 11936 N. Port Washington Rd, Mequon,
5th Saturday 3:00 p. How To Club, 8930 W National Ave, West Allis
Every Saturdays 7:30 p. Alano Club 1521 N. Prospect, Milwaukee.
Contact the Central Office via email:
gmco@aamilwaukee.com, with changes

July 2020 - Central Office Contributions

56 Groups Contributed - Thank You

Group Name	Group #	Amount	Group Name	Group #	Amount
#023 Wed	114447	42.00	Mon Night Mequon Men's	673956	83.00
#059 Gp	117184	100.00	Mon Night Procrastinators	OZK-M	15.00
#109 Tippecanoe	171498	60.00	North Prairie Gp of AA	716748	175.00
#140 Shorewood	138806	60.00	Oak Creek Mon 12 & 12	130190	12.00
Airport Group	159599	100.00	Oak Creek Tue 10a.m.	144522	50.00
Big Book Study, Promise View	720616	60.00	Old School House Group 309	163906	132.00
Brown Deer Mon AA	140227	50.00	Sat Morning NW Alano	159063	65.00
Came To Believe	617129	60.00	Sat Morning Women's Freedom	695465	100.00
Cross Roads Gp	119518	45.00	Saukville Big Book Meeting	156503	40.00
Delafield Tue p.m. Positive	163884	180.00	Serenity Gp Hartland	WAK-R1	176.66
Each Day A New Beginning	147336	50.00	Simple Morning Meeting	715785	50.00
East Troy Wed Night	122803	130.00	Submission Group	156242	60.00
Father Mac's	123465	62.00	Sun Go-To-Meeting	129406	118.20
Fri Noon 12 & 12	MIL-FB	27.00	Sun Morn Gp 11a.m.	140867	30.00
Hartford Women's Big Book	667036	100.00	Sun Morning Wake Up	617656	102.60
Helping Hand /Non-Smoking	116923	80.00	Sun Night Grapevine Gp	173187	45.00
Honesty Gp, Serenity Club	145607	60.00	Sussex Fri Night Action	147499	350.00
Honesty Plus, Pass It On Club	638093	60.00	There Is a Solution/Pewaukee	605313	100.00
Hot Potato Gp	161562	100.00	Thoughts 4 Today Gp	654047	60.00
Impaired Professionals In AA	126056	90.00	Thr Night AA/St Anskar	117644	100.00
Into Action Sun Morning	616358	141.00	Thr Success Step	MIL-RB	81.27
Keep It Simple	611725	60.00	Tue Night San Camillo Step Mtg	MIL-T2	50.00
Lake Geneva Kitchen Table	125465	25.00	Tue Reflections	MIL-TH	57.00
Mayfair Ladies Mon & Fri	114336	180.00	Turning Point Sun Night	636637	128.76
Menomonee Falls Sun NW Alano	128237	90.00	Wed Noon Lunch Bunch	690831	73.72
Mon Independence	MIL-MH	39.00	WELL Gp	173510	150.00
Mon Night Big Book Study		90.55	West Bend Thr a.m. Big Book	114448	25.00
Mon Night Cigar Gp	MIL-M3	50.00	Written For Us	717556	25.00
			TOTAL \$		4,646.76

Need to make a group or personal contribution?

Use our [CONTRIBUTE](#) button on our website: amilwaukee.com or use our your [VENMO app](#) from your smartphone.

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

ASL Interpreter

Available: Meeting for Deaf and Hard

of Hearing,

Tuesdays 7:00 P.M.,
H.O.W To Club, 8930 W
National Ave. West Allis
WI 53227

Redemptorist Retreat Center,

1800 N Timber Trail Lane, Oconomowoc, WI 53066, (262) 567-6900

Email: rrc@redemptoristretreat.org

Please call for information and schedule of retreats for recovering people. AA and AI-Anon, \$250 three nights. We discuss the 12 steps and related topics.

2020 Weekend Retreats

Jesuit Retreat House,

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

jesuitretreathouse.org

Men and Women in AA, AI-Anon

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

Men: , Dec. 3-6 2020.

Women: Nov. 12-15 2020, Nov. 19-22 2020.

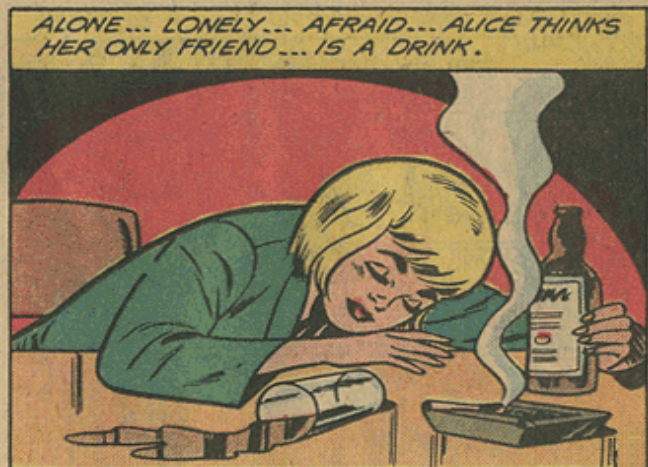
Personal Contributions July 2020

Name	Amount	Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Anonymous	916.36	H, Bill	20.00	N, Bill	25.00
A, Carrie	50.00	H, Thomas	50.00	N, Elizabeth	250.00
B, Daniel	3,600.00	H, Charles	50.00	O, Mike	24.00
B, Gary	200.00	H, Christiano	8.00	O, Eric	100.00
B, Susan	50.00	H, Rich	50.00	P, Jeffrey	200.00
B, Jean	50.00	H, Beth	25.00	R, Jim	505.00
B, Richard	25.00	H, Vicki	50.00	R, Richard	500.00
B, Michele	5.00	J, Tod	105.00	R, Joe	20.00
B, David	36.00	J, Peggy	200.00	R, Larry	117.00
B, Christopher	20.00	J, Jackie	100.00	S, Kim	100.00
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Editorial: Tradition Nine

AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

The least possible organization, that's our universal ideal. No fees, no dues, no rules imposed on anybody, one alcoholic bringing recovery to the next; that's the substance of what we most desire, isn't it?

But how shall this simple ideal best be realized? Often a question, that.

We have, for example, the kind of AA who is for simplicity. Terrified of anything organized, he tells us that AA is getting too complicated. He thinks money only makes trouble, committees only make dissension, elections only make politics, paid workers only make professionals, and clubs only coddle slippers. Says he, let's get back to coffee and cakes by cozy firesides. If any alcoholics stray our way, let's look after them. But that's enough. Simplicity is our answer.

Quite opposed to such halcyon simplicity is the AA promoter. Left to himself, he would "bang the cannon and twang the lyre" at every crossroad of the world. Millions for drunks, great AA hospitals, batteries of paid organizers, and publicity experts wielding all the latest paraphernalia of sound and script; such would be our promoter's dream. "Yes, sir," he would bark. "My two-year plan calls for one million AA members by 1950!"

For one, I'm glad we have both conservatives and enthusiasts. They teach us much. The conservative will surely see to it that the AA movement never gets overly organized. But the promoter will continue to remind us of our terrific obligation to the newcomer and to those hundreds of thousands of alcoholics still wait-

ing all over the world to hear of AA.

We shall, naturally, take the firm and safe middle course. AA has always violently resisted the idea of any general organization. Yet, paradoxically, we have ever stoutly insisted upon organizing certain *special services*; mostly those absolutely necessary to effective and plentiful Twelfth Step work.

If, for instance, an AA group elects a secretary or rotating committee, if an area forms an intergroup committee, if we set up a foundation, a general office, or a Grapevine, then we are organized for service. The AA book and pamphlets, our meeting places and clubs, our dinners and regional assemblies--these are services, too. Nor can we secure good hospital connections, properly sponsor new prospects, and obtain good public relations just by chance. People have to be appointed to look after these things, sometimes paid people. Special services are performed.

But by none of these special services has our spiritual or social activity, the great current of AA, ever been really organized or professionalized. Yet our recovery program has been enormously aided. While important, these service activities are very small by contrast with our main effort.

As such facts and distinctions become clear, we shall easily lay aside our fears of blighting organization or hazardous wealth. As a movement, we shall remain comfortably poor, for our service expenses are trifling.

With such assurances, we shall without doubt continue to improve and extend our vital lifelines of special service; to better carry our AA message to others; to make for ourselves a finer, greater Society, and, God willing, to assure Alcoholics Anonymous a long life and perfect unity.

By: Bill W.

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The harder we fall...

Whenever I minimize people to a black-and-white comment (What a jerk! What a saint! What a knockout!), I turn the polychromatic into the monochromatic and confuse the snapshot with the big picture. I must remind myself that we are far too colorful to be captured like this, even when doing so makes people easier to accept or dismiss. I also need to refrain from applying this thinking back on myself: At any given time, I am a jerk, a saint, and—having never been a knockout—fat, bald and repulsive. Or so I would have me believe.

Who among us alcoholics belongs on a pedestal? Today, I know that whenever I get up on my high horse, the horse takes on a second ass. I also know that soapboxes get more slippery with more height. What's more difficult for me to accept is that everyone has the right to mount their own high horses and soap boxes. I should not take guilty pleasure in their fall or become indignant when they don't.

We must always keep a "backstage view" of ourselves, acknowledging the audience, yet aware that we are all actors. Honest sharing, warts and all, allows others to peek behind our curtains.

When I was drinking, I would stand in front of hundreds of peo-

ple, waxing wise, knowing full well that I was as high as a kite. I was jaywalking! Pursuing that little thrill of "getting away with it." A few friends knew me well enough to know the truth, but the rest were being duped, or so I thought, until I was clipped and - finally smashed at for all the world to see. Today, when I jaywalk in a meeting or two, my friends pull my covers and keep me honest.

It's painfully obvious when a polished outside job is devoid of a sincere inside job. Yet, when people compliment me on some virtuous behavior, rather than feel guilty that I'm not all that virtuous, I'm thankful that some small part of me is exactly that person. Some of us have spent so many years beating ourselves up that we confuse a pat on the back for another whipping. We're all God's children.

Thank you for giving me the benefit of the doubt, even after I removed all doubt as to who I was. Thank you for inviting me to keep coming back, knowing that unfamiliar good behavior repetitively applied would eventually replace familiar poor behavior. And thank you that progress not perfection allows me to occasionally get back up on my high horses and soap boxes, even though I know full well: The higher I am, the harder I fall.

By: Ed L. | Wrightewood, California

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Clancy Imislund, a staple of the Waukesha Badger Intergroup Dinner, Has Died at 93 (7/19/27 -8/24/20)



Clancy was most known for his work at the Midnight Mission on Skid Row and the Brentwood-based Pacific Group.

In Wisconsin, he was known by many in recovery. He had been the featured speaker at the Badger Intergroup Dinner, in Waukesha for over 30 years. Several people in the area have been sponsored by Clancy, for many years. His death is a terrible loss for all of us that have known him in recovery and have been helped and comforted by his message of recovery.

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