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Am I Overdoing the AA Bit?

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An overstocked conscience leads to an inventory of his hyperactive way of life

IT SEEMS incredible to me that seven years ago today I was a drinking alcoholic, alienated from my family, subsequently to be divorced from my wife, on the brink of professional annihilation, and under the care of a psychiatrist. I was a physical junk heap, an emotional mess, and a victim of spiritual famine. As a drunk, I thought the hell in which I was living was due retribution for twenty years of increasingly destructive drinking, for a sustained, intolerable relationship with an alcoholic wife, and for the ways in which I had thrown down the drain what slim talents I had. At thirty-

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A Full and Thankful Heart

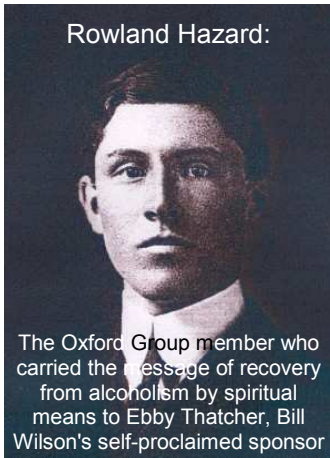
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One exercise that I practice is to try for a full inventory of my blessings and then for a right acceptance of the many gifts that are mine--both temporal and spiritual. Here I try to achieve a state of joyful gratitude. When such a brand of gratitude is repeatedly affirmed and pondered, it can finally displace the natural tendency to congratulate myself on whatever progress I may have been enabled to make in some areas of living.

I try hard to hold fast to the truth that a full and thankful heart cannot entertain great conceits. When brimming with gratitude, one's heart heal must surely result in outgoing love, the finest emotion that we can ever know.

Bill W.

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Rowland Hazard:

The Oxford Group member who carried the message of recovery from alcoholism by spiritual means to Ebby Thatcher, Bill Wilson's self-proclaimed sponsor

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seven, drinking had become my profession and my hobby.

Still more incredible is the fact that today I am cold sober, have not had a drink in well over five years, have remarried my ex-wife, who is also sober in AA (for over six years), have regained the love and respect of my children, and am reasonably successful and productive in a competitive profession.

These blessings are the direct result of the impact of Alcoholics Anonymous on my life. No ifs nor buts about it. AA alone has given me my present life to live.

But this gift of life has posed its own problem: How grateful must I be, or should I be? This is an enigma difficult to put into words and easily misunderstood. But in trying I am forced to ask myself, "Do I suffer from an excess of gratitude? Have I an overstocked conscience in the department of long-standing debts?"

Each day, as I learned at a re-

markably advanced age, consists of 24 hours. A quarter of that is taken away by the need to sleep. Part of the remaining period must go to my wife and family. I am employed full-time, which in my profession means much more than the usual forty hours a week. I am also a part-time writer (work that I enjoy tremendously), turning out occasional professional volumes, articles, and books for high-school and junior-college students.

Certainly, this agenda of interests and occupations for one man bespeaks a full and productive life. But I made another discovery a few years ago: Any 24 hours during which *I do not actually touch base with AA* is a *bad* day. When I say "touch base," I am referring directly to the carrying of the message as suggested in our Twelfth Step. I am now neither bragging nor complaining, just musing. I am the variety of critter I am, probably, because my glands work wrong or my nervous system has somehow, somewhere, short-circuited. My conviction remains, however, that my debt to AA

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IN MEMORIAM....James E. Markey, Staff Sergeant USMC "Big Jim" of West Allis went home August 16, 2008 at the age of 85. He was born in Chicago February 13, 1923. He grew up in Maywood, IL, and served in the United States Marine Corps during WWII.

Following the war Big Jim worked for Boices Roofing Company in Chicago as a high tower roofer. Jim lived in Kenosha for 30 years prior to moving to West Allis in 2002. Jim was an active member of the Fellowship for more than 50 years in the Kenosha and Milwaukee areas.

He is survived by loving daughters, Rosemary Markey Krause and Kathleen Markey and beloved companion to Asia and Toby. He is further survived by a sister, brothers, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

The Irish workhorse will be missed by many and never forgotten, as we go forward one day at a time practicing Easy Does It.

Secretary Meeting, September 9, 2008

Groups represented: 14, 15, 51, 82, 86, 200, 201, 232, A New Awakening, A Vision for You Big Book, Airport Gp, Another Chance Tue Night, Big Book AA Gp, Big Book Readers, Candlelight Topic, Daily Re-trieve Men's Gp, Depends On You, Fabulous Gp 44, Father Mac's Family Gp, Fight The Good Fight Open Meeting, First Step, First Things First, Hales Corners Tuesday Night, Hartford Big Book, Hartford Wednesday Night Step, Honest and Able, How It Works, Menomonee Falls Wednesday, Milwaukee Group, Monday Independence Gp, Monday Night Women's/Waukesha, New Berlin Friday Night, New Faith, Night-hawk, Oak Creek Friday, Participation Gp, Primary Purpose Big Book, Reliance Gp, Sacred Heart Franklin, Saturday Morning /St Luke's, Sunday Morning Hartford, Sunday Night Surrender, Sussex Friday Night Action, There Is A Solution/Pewaukee, Thursday Evening Acceptance, Tuesday Night Grapevine, Twelve and Twelve Saturday, Wanderer's Gp, Waukesha Sunday Night, WELL Big Book, When All Else Fails, Willingness Gp, Women's Friday Night Kick-Off, Women's Step and Promises Gp. You're Closer Than You Think. If you were at the meeting and your group is not listed, I apologize. DanDan

Meeting opened by Gene P. at 7:00 p.m.

- Bank Balance \$2307.16. All bills are current.
- Between Us subscriptions are down, we need the support of the groups,

please talk to them about getting a subscription to this office newsletter

- The Jamboree, Saturday September 20, 2008, at the Milwaukee County Zoo's Peck Pavilion is sold out. The speaker, Bob B. from Minneapolis, MN. Listen:
 - http://www.aaspeakers.org/Bob_B-from-Saint_Paul_MN-at-the_31st_Oceanfront_Conference-in-Virginia_Beach_VA-on-02-17-2007
- Central Office is looking for clean/like new copies of the Big Book, Fourth Edition, 16th and 17th printing. Contact Gene P at the office 414-771-9119.
- Guest Speaker Area 75 AA Grapevine Chair Nancy G. (former past NY Delegate) addressed the secretaries about the AA Grapevine monthly magazine, it's history and relevance in today's AA program. The Grapevine is online at: aagrapevine.org. Online subscriptions are available

Next meeting is October 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. GSR Orientation at 6:30 pm prior to the Secretary's meeting.

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

- Wednesdays at 8:00 p. Nativity Lutheran Church 6905 W Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee WI **Open AA Meeting for everyone—First Wednesday of Month.**
- Thursdays at 8:00 p. St John Vianney Parish 1755 N. Calhoun Rd, Brookfield WI. **Open AA Meeting for everyone—Third Thursday of Month,** Wheelchair entrance available.
- Saturdays at 11:00 a. Saint Pius X Church, 2506 Wauwatosa Ave, Wauwatosa.

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

Contact John R. through Video Relay Service 800-973-8024 / 414-546-3246 TTY/Voice. E-mail at: johnreske@sbcglobal.net

Contact George B. through Video Relay Service 866-327-8877 / 414-9034-8905 TTY/VP

Share your
experience, strength
and hope.

We need your support!

United Indians AA Gp,
1554 W Bruce St,
Milwaukee,

Mondays at 8:00 p.m.
All in AA recovery are
welcome to attend.

Broken Arrow AA Gp.
Native American Minis-
try, 1738 S. 11th St. Mil-
waukee, WI

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.
All in AA recovery are
welcome to attend.

Orientation for GSR's

Second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. prior to the secretary's meeting, at the Milwaukee Central Office. Or, call George P. at (920) 265-6244, to arrange for G.S.R. orientation at your district or workshop.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT

1. JACKSON, LaCROSSE, MONROE, TREMPPEALEAU & VERNON CNTY'S 2nd Saturday of the month, 1:00 p.: Odd months at 115 E. Franklin (behind First Bank of Sparta), Sparta. Even months: location to be announced at preceding meeting.

2. GREEN LAKE & MARQUETTE CNTY'S & PART OF WAUSHARA CNTY 4th Sunday of the month, 4:30 p., St. John's Church 1211 W. Main St., Princeton

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

4. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:00 p., Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect, Milw.

6. WALWORTH CNTY 2nd Wed. of the month, 7:30 p., Walworth Alano Club, 611 E. Walworth St., Delavan

7. KENOSHA CNTY 3rd Sunday of the month, 4:00 p., Kenosha Alano Club, 630 56th St. Kenosha

8. ROCK CNTY (1 of 2) 1st Friday of the month, 6:30 p., Good Shepard Lutheran Ch, 2447 Park St., Beloit

9. CRAWFORD, GRANT, IOWA and LAFAYETTE CNTY'S Last Monday of the month, 6:30 p., West View Methodist Church, Madison & Hathaway, Platteville,

10. Spanish District, at large. Contact Ernesto N. at 414 645-8591. Meets every Tuesday at 5:00 p., 1663 S. 6th Street, Milwaukee

11. JEFFERSON CNTY Meets last Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Moravian Church, 301 College St., Lake Mills,

12. WASHINGTON CNTY 1st Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p., Jansen Family Park, Schuster Dr West Bend

13. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 4) 1st Sunday of the month, 2:30 p., St. Matthias Church, 111 E. Main St. Waukesha, WI 53186

14. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p., Unity Church, 1717 N. 73rd St.

15. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 3rd Sunday of the month, 4:30 p., Milwaukee Room Meeting House, 933 E. Center St. Milwaukee WI 53212

16. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 1st Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p., Faith United Methodist Church, 400 S. 91st St., Milwaukee

17. RACINE CNTY (1 of 2) 3rd Sunday of the month, 1:00 p., Grove Club, 1037 Grove Ave., Racine

18. Combined with District 2. See "District #2"

19/37. RICHLAND & SAUK CNTY'S Last Wed. of the month, 6:15 p., in Room 14, at the Baraboo Civic Cntr.

20/21 DANE CNTY (1 of 2) Last Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p., Goodman Atwood Center, 149 Waubesa St, Madison

22. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:00 p., Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Ave.

23. DODGE CNTY 2nd Saturday of the month, 5:30 p., Dodge Cnty Alano Club, 115 N. Lincoln, Beaver Dam

24. OZAUKEE CNTY 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p., Advent Lutheran Church, W63 N642 Washington Ave., Cedarburg

25. FOND du LAC CNTY 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p., Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St., Fond du Lac

26. DANE CNTY Combined with District 20

27. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 3rd Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m., 12 Step Club, 4102 W. Townsend

28. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 3rd Monday of the month, 7:00 p., St. Augustine's, 2530 S. Howell Ave.

29. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 1st Monday of the month, 7:00 p., St. Alphonsus School, 6000 W. Loomis Rd., Greendale (enter west side/rear of school)

30. ROCK CNTY (1 of 2) 1st Fri. of the month, 7:00 p. 734 Railroad St., Janesville, WI. (Unity Group)

31. COLUMBIA CNTY 3rd Sunday of the month, 6:30 p., Pardeeville Village Library, 119 N. Main St. Pardeeville, WI, South entrance, lower level.

32/33. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 4) 3rd Sunday of the month, 1:00 p., Galilee Lutheran Church, N24 W26430 Crestview Dr., Pewaukee, WI 53072

34. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 4) 1st Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p., Northwest Alano Club, N88 W17658 Christman Rd., Menomonee Falls

35. GREEN CNTY Quarterly, when called.

36. RACINE/KENOSHA (1 of 2) 2nd Tues. month 6:00 p.m., 12 & 12 Club, 257 Commerce St., Burlington

37. JUNEAU CNTY 3rd Wednesday of the month 6 pm Ruffner Hall, 108 S Washington St, New Lisbon WI

SEND ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO:

Greater Milwaukee Central Office

7429 W. Greenfield Avenue,

West Allis, WI 53214

gmcooa@choiceonemail.com

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

TAYCHEEDAH CORRECTIONAL

Meetings are held every other Tuesday, 5:30 -7:30 p.m., Contact: Deb L-H. (920)238-7414 (751 Cty Rd K, Fond du Lac, WI 54935)

FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION,
New Hope Gp. P.O. Box 1085 Oxford, WI.
No Meeting!

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

OAK HILL AA GROUP, OAK HILL WCI
5212 Hwy M, P.O. Box 140 Oregon, WI
53575 Meetings Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Contact: Rick B.
(608) 235-5154

THOMPSON FARM, RT. 2 DEERFIELD,
WI., Closed meeting Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.
Contact: Tom

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

ROBERT E. ELLSWORTH
CORRECTIONAL CENTER 21425A Spring
St., Union Grove, WI 53182 AA Wed. 7:30
PM, AA Monday night "Earned Release pro-
gram" 6:00 p.m. Contact Jo McL. (262)
551-7371 or Marty S. (414) 975-8903 for
clearance.

KETTLE MORAINE CORRECTIONAL
INST. "Bottle Stoppers" Box 31, W9071
Forrest Dr., Plymouth, WI, AA Thursdays at
6:00 p.m. Contact Mike L (920) 898-4782

MILWAUKEE COUNTY HOUSE OF COR-
RECTION, Huber Facility, 1004 N 10th St.
AA Men's Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Contact:
Tom H. (414) 671-4544

MILWAUKEE COUNTY HOUSE OF COR-
RECTION, 8885 S. 68th St. Franklin WI.

AA Women's Saturday 10:00 a.m. Con-
tact: Chris S. (414) 329-9310 or

AA Men's on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Con-
tact: Dennis D. (414-372-8324

MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL 9th & State
Sts., Milwaukee WI Clearance needed at
both facilities, (Men and Women)

AA Women's Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. Con-
tact: Felisa C. (414) 672-6724.

AA Men's Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Contact:
John A. at (414) 915-9512

Milwaukee Secure Detention Center, 1015
N. 10th St. Milw. Sunday Nights from 6:30 p.
to 7:30 p., Men & Women, Call Marty S. at
414-975-8903 for information

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

KETTLE MORAINE CORRECTIONAL
INSTITUTE "SPANISH AA" BOX 31, Ply-
mouth, WI Meetings are held on Wed. at
6:30 p.m. Contact: Julian Garcia, in
Milwaukee at (414) 33-1842 for clearance.

G.B.C.I. GREEN BAY, WI
Meets Mondays at 2p.m.. Must have
clearance. Call Tom L. at (715) 757-2842.

FOX LAKE CORRECTIONAL, "Dry Dock
Group" Box #147, Fox Lake, WI 53933
Closed meetings Tuesday & Friday from
6:00 -8:00 p.m.

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

RACINE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
for MEN Meetings: Sunday 8:30 AM, Dane
Treatment Unit; Wed. 7:00 p.
Contact: Bill H. (262) 633-1851 for clearance.

Milwaukee County Corrections Committee

Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month at Faith United Methodist Church, 400 S. 91st St (91st & Adler). **All Milwaukee County Corrections donations should be sent to: MCCC, PO Box 270544, Milwaukee WI 53227-0544.** Call coordinator: Bob B. at 414-647-1047 with questions. Treasurer Ken N. @ 262-835-1296. 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 Wisconsin. Website:

area75.org **Calendar of Events:** Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St. Madison, WI except where otherwise noted.

- 10/3-5/08 Fall Conference, Holiday Inn, 625 West Rolling Meadows Drive, Fond du Lac, WI 54937 (920) 923-1440 Holiday Fitness Center and pool.

Websites:

AA General Service Office, NY.: aa.org
Milwaukee Central Office: aamilwaukee.com
Area 75 (Southern Wisconsin): area75.org
Area 74 (Northern Wisconsin): area74.org
AA Grapevine: aagrapevine.org

- **Milwaukee Central Office:** 7429 W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214
- **Area 75 Treasurer:** PMB #167, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217
- **General Service Office:** G.S.O, P O Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163
- **Area 75 Corrections, Bridging the Gap and Treatment write to:** PMB # 170, 5464 N Port Washington Rd., Glendale WI 53217
- **Corrections Donations:** Make checks payable to "MCCC" Mail to: MCCC, PO Box 270544, Milwaukee WI 53227-0544

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must be paid *today*. How do I know how much longer I have?

Even back when I was drinking, I showed an excessively energetic proclivity for “doing things.” Usually, they were stupid and ill-advised things, but I had a remarkably large repertoire of activities considering the amount of sedation I poured so often and so freely into my gullet. Well, I suppose a “doer” drunk is a “doer” sober. The present result boils down to a conflict of interests that I can best describe by recounting them to you in the “stream of consciousness” style. Questions like “Aren’t you overdoing the AA bit?” come from civilian friends. “Listen, don’t try to be Mr. AA” is a Fellowship cliché. “Are you sure you’re not *using* AA?” is heard from other members. The exact meaning of that question evades me. So does “Shouldn’t you spend more time with your family (or friends or relatives)?” Also “Who pays your salary, by the way?” My boss, for one, has never made that query of me.

Frankly, these are questions I cannot answer. Neither can I handle the counterforces exerted upon me ever more insistently. “Will I see you at the meeting Thursday?” is a good one. “How would you like to speak at my anniversary?” is another. Add “We’re forming a committee” or “This fellow is just out of the hospital and wants to talk to someone whose wife is a recovered alcoholic.”

I try to temper the confusion by using the Third Step, which I interpret, at this point of sobriety, as a

reminder that my destiny is not (and never will be) in my own hands, and that my newly found Higher Power knows far better than I where to direct my footsteps at any particular moment. For details, I consult the Eleventh Step, which says something about our power to carry out God’s will.

Right this minute, it seems, I have enough power or zip or zest to carry out a lot of things. Are they, however, the right things? Am I denying my family some part of myself because I am so active in AA? Might my career prosper even more if I cut down on the time I spend with my family *and* with AA? Is overactivity in AA ego-inflating and therefore, *ipso facto*, self-defeating? What *is* overactivity, anyway, and by whose criteria does one measure it?

Let me examine this conscience of mine and try to learn why I tick the way I do:

1. Sobriety comes first. Drunk, I am useless--to others and certainly to myself.
2. I would be equally useless dead or chronically ill.
3. I believe that men must pay their obligations as they pass through life, or else they are not living.
4. I owe my life, all I am, all I have, to AA.

There, I suppose, is the crux of the matter--number four. My current confusion, then, must stem from concern over whether I am excessively grateful (if that is possible) or whether I am right in demanding of

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myself payments on all my obligations (some of them, perhaps, unwanted obligations).

We hear that we alcoholics are extremists. Is all my activity just extremism? Shouldn't I seek a middle road of moderation in all things, with a better balancing of time and effort? Shouldn't I remember that important Slogan *Easy Does It?*

But *can* I be moderate about AA? About my family? About my work? I truly do not know.

If you have followed me so far, you may well be convinced that I am riding high on a pink cloud and am due eventually for a fall. Perhaps I am; all things are possible.

But I tried walking in shadows for many drunken years and even for a short time after achieving my first taste of sobriety.

For nearly a quarter of a century, I allowed so much of life to trickle through my fingers that I no longer feel the need to justify, even to myself, obligations I undertook when I first asked for and got the compassion, care, and comfort of AA. As far as I am concerned, this is what "working the program" means to me. And "work" is an active, not a passive, verb.

G. N. G.
Queens, New York

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A Buck In The Basket? Maybe it's time for a raise.

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Take me out to the ball game but I won't expect you to buy me a hot dog, too. Those who participate in the highway robbery of buying refreshments at sports events pay something like \$6.00 for the beers and \$5.00 or more for the hot dog. (I can remember when one got a whole case of beer at that price.)

It's a harsh fact that inflation has us by the throat and is choking us to death. Those of us who are no longer kids feel pinched and distressed by the ongoing soaring prices.

So how does this affect Grapevine readers? In order to keep operating, businesses like the Grapevine must raise their rates to

keep this battle against the roaring tiger under control Gasoline hovers around \$2.50 to \$3.00 a gallon. Movies cost in the neighborhood of \$8.00. We are all aware of these facts. Let's look at AA meetings, something dear and essential in our lives, which are treated shabbily by far too many members.

When I first came to AA in 1963, the accepted contribution was \$1.00, which seemed to pretty well cover expenses. That dollar from 1963, the average "dues" paid by most members, when adjusted for inflation is equal to just 16 cents today!

How--and why--should this be
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you might ask. The cost of food and others essentials, like coffee, has tripled in forty years. The cost of rent for most meeting places has shot up, too. Literature, directories, coffee, cream and sugar, paper cups, it all adds up.

we have not really paid serious attention to inflation in AA, even though we'd have to be blind not to recognize its serious nature. Churches, which so generously make their facilities available, deserve a larger rental fee. The bite of inflation-affects them too. If we aren't paying a fair rental fee, we have to ask ourselves if we are in violation of Tradition Seven: "Every

A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

Likewise, there have been continuously increasing expenses to maintain our vital intergroup offices, area assemblies, and the General Service Office in New York. They can't carry our message of recovery effectively without adequate funding, and there are millions of alcoholics around the world awaiting a message they may never hear.

Obviously, if the average contribution is only one dollar, a group of fifteen or twenty members will have little, if any, money left over to make badly needed contributions to these AA service units after paying for coffee, rent, and literature.

Does this help explain why only about half of all groups in Canada and the United States contributed to the GSO last year? That lamentable figure--only about fifty percent of the membership--is about the same for my local group's contributions to our intergroup office.

Is this responsibility? Is one dollar--less than the price of a bag of popcorn at a movie --the value that we place on AA?

Let's wake up to the dangers lurking out there. We must not deny our precious life-saving heritage to other alcoholics lurking in the wings for lack of a few more dollars from each of us, not if we truly believe our Declaration of Responsibility: "I am responsible. When anyone, any-

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CARRYING THE MESSAGE BEHIND THE WALLS

*Are they doing your time?...
Ever drink and drive?*

MILWAUKEE COUNTY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

We meet at 6:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Faith United Methodist Church located in Milwaukee on 400 S. 91st St (91st & Adler)

All are encouraged to come!

I am responsible...

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: **I am responsible**

Contributions:

Checks made payable to **MCCC**

Mail to: MCCC, PO Box 270544
Milwaukee WI 53227-0544

Coordinator: Bob B.,
Phone: 414-647-1047



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Editor’s note: There are no dues or fees in AA. AA is here for anyone who reaches out for help. The program is given freely to anyone who wants to stop drinking, even at times when he or she may not be able to contribute financially.

What Is It Worth?

That Seventh Tradition dollar ain’t what it used to be. Here are a few comparisons of prices in 1963, when the author of this article first came to AA and “the accepted contribution was \$1.00,” and prices today.

First of all, what cost \$1.00 in 1963 costs \$6.11 today. Buying the same product in 2005 for \$1.00 would have cost you just \$0.16 in 1963.

COMPARATIVE COSTS: 1963 2005

1. A loaf of bread \$0.21- \$2.89
2. A gallon of milk \$0.49 - \$4.50
3. A 6-pack of beer \$0.86 - \$3.76
4. A carton of cigarettes \$1.99 - \$45.00 (average)
5. A postage stamp \$0.04 - \$0.37
6. The Grapevine \$0.35 - \$1.50
7. Donation \$1.00 - \$1.00

Jack H.
Stanwood, Washington

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2010 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous

The 2010 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 1-4 in San Antonio, Texas with the theme “A Vision for You.” A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.’s 75th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Alamodome. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center and local hotels.

We know many are excited about the International Convention and eager for detailed information. As the time gets closer, additional information about the Convention and San Antonio, our host city, will be provided.

This Web site will be updated as more information becomes available. Also, watch for articles in [Box 4-5-9](#) that is mailed to the general service representative of every group in the U.S. and Canada listed with G.S.O. and posted on the Web site.

Convention registration and housing reservations will open in fall 2009. All necessary information will be included in the registration packet which will be available in September 2009. This packet will list numbers to call for answers to specific questions about housing, the program, tours, etc. The information will be mailed to A.A. groups, offices and contacts around the world and posted on the Web site.

We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

CLUB INFORMATION

NEW DAY CLUB

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Smoking break-off allowed in two basement meeting rooms.

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

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

Tue. 10:00 a.
2:00 p. Promises Meeting
5:30 p. Topic Meeting
7:00 p. Beginners Gp
8:00 p. Big Book Gp

Wed. 5:30 p. Step Meeting
7:30 p. Women's Gp

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

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

Sat. 10:00 a. Step Meeting
5:00 p. Steps/Principles
7:00 p. (Feelings)
8:30 p. There Is A Solution.

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
Thursday 7:00 p. Al-Anon

PASS IT ON CLUB

6229 W. Forest Home Ave
Milw, WI (414) 541-6923
passitonclub.com

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up
9:30 a. Reliance Open Disc.
11:00 a. Today's choice
3:00 p. Gratitude Plus
5:00 p. That's My Story Open
7:00 p. Big Book Readers

Mon. 7:30 a. Jump Start
10:30 a. First Step
4:00 p. Happy Hour Step Gp.
7:00 p. Mon. Freedom
7:00 p. Open Introductory AA
7:30 a. Comin' Back Gp

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

Wed. 7:30 a. Love & Tolerance
10:30 a. Pass It On
4:00 p. Happy Hr Promises
7:00 p. We, Us & Ours
7:30 a. Welcome Back Gp

Thr. 10:30 a. Made Decision
5:15 p. As Bill Sees It
7:00 p. Women's Big Book
7:00 p. Gateway Topic Gp

Fri. 7:30 a. Honesty Gp.
10:30 a. Came To Believe
6:00 p. Women's Fri. Kickoff
6:30 p. Thoughts 4 Today
8:00 p. Group # 1

Sat. 8:30 a. Early Bird
10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free
3:00 p. Twelve Promises
6:00 p. Spanish Speaking
8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12

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

LAKE AREA CLUB

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

Visit our website at:
www.lakeareaclub.com

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Mon. 9:00 a.
6:30 p.
8:00 p. Step/Trad. Study

Tue. 1:00 p.
8:00 p.

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

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

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

Sat. 10:00 a. Big Book

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

Sat. 7:00 p.
(AA and/or Al-Anon Speakers)

WAUKESHA ALANO CLUB

318 W. Broadway
Waukesha, WI
(262) 549-6541

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 11:00 a. Sun Go-To-Mtng
7:00 p. (Open Step Gp)

Mon. 12:00 Noon

Tue. 12:00 Noon
7:00 p.

Wed. 12:00 Noon
8:00 p.

Thr. 12:00 Noon

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

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

**OPEN MEETINGS,
DANCES & EVENTS**
Call for information.

UNITY CLUB

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

AA MEETING SCHEDULE

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

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

Tue. 10:00 a. Tuesday A.M.
7:30 p. Beginner's
8:00 p. Step Gp

Wed. 10:00 a. Promises
8:15 p. Step Gp

Thr. 10:00 a. Big Book
8:00 p. Young People

Fri. 10:00 a. Step/Topic Gp
8:30 p.*** Step Gp.

Sat. 10:00 a. Here & Now

AL-ANON & ALATEEN MTNGS

Monday 6:30 p. Alateen
Wednesday 8:15 p. Al-Anon

* Open Mtng. 1st Sunday Quarterly
** Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month
(a.m.)
*** Open Mtng. last Friday of month

SERENITY CLUB

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

AA Meetings

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

Mon. 10:00 a. Honesty Gp.
6:30 p. Ladies Big Book
8:00 p. Sharing Strength

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

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

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

Fri. 10:00 a. Gp. 41
8:00 p. Gp. 449
12:15 a. Second Shifters

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

AL-ANON MTNG: Sunday 11:00 a.
AL-ANON MTNG: Tuesday 6:30 p.
ALATEEN MTNG: Tuesday 6:30 p.

Call Club for Open Meeting
& Dance Information

CLUB INFORMATION

WALWORTH COUNTY ALANO CLUB

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

Sunday AA

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

Monday AA

12:00 Noon Delavan Step Meeting
6:30 p. Former Miss Americas
(Women's Step Group)
6:30 p. Delavan Men's Meeting

Tuesday AA

12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.
6:30 p. Delavan 12 Step Topic

Wednesday AA

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

Thursday AA

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

Friday AA

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

Saturday AA

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

ALANO CLUB

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:00 a. Gp 17 Step
4:00 p. Step Gp
7:30 p. Gp 19 Step
10:00 p. Topic Gp

Mon. 7:00 a. Early Morning
10:30 a. Gp 72 Topic
12:15 p. Big Book Meeting
5:30 p. Monday Blues
6:30 p. Gp 40 Big Book
8:00 p. Gp 20 Topic
10:30 p. Living Sober

Tue. 7:00 a. Step Meeting
10:30 a. Gp 70 Step
12:15 p. Gp 76
5:30 p. Traditions Study
7:00 p. AA Beginners
8:00 p. Gp 57 Topic
10:30 p. Fourth Dimension

Wed. 7:00 a. Men's Step
10:30 a. Gp 9, Step
12:10 p. Oasis Topic Gp
6:00 p. Gp 91 Women's
8:00 p. Gp 3, Step/Topic
10:30 p. Step Gp

Thr. 7:00 a. Big Book Meeting
10:30 a. Gp 97, Step
12:15 p. Here & Now Gp
5:30 p. Acceptance Topic
7:30 p. Gp 28 12x12
10:30 p. Infinite Onion Gp

Fri. 7:00 a. Daily Reflections
10:30 a. Gp 21, Step
12:15 p. Gp 65
5:30 p. We Will Know Peace
6:30 p. Here & Now
8:30 p. Gp 30 Young People
11:30 p. Grapevine Disc.

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

AL-ANON MTNG Sunday 10:00a.

H.O.W. TO CLUB

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

<http://howtoclub.info/>
9 am -11 p. Daily

AA MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Eye Opener AA Gp.
10:00 a. Grass Roots (Steps)
4:30 p. Turning It Over Gp.
6:00 p. AA (Dual Diagnosis)
8:00 p. Sun. Sober & Serene

Mon. 11:00 a. Winner's Circle
5:45 p. Gp 132, Women's Gp
7:00p. Big Book Gp.
8:00 p. New Hope Gp.
11:15p. Nighthawk Gp.

Tue. 11:00 a. Willingness Group
6:00 p. Tuesday Non-Smok
8:00 p. 12 & 12 AA Meeting

Wed. 10:00 a. Foundations Meeting
6:00 p. AA Beginners Gp.
7:00 p. Women's Freedom
8:00 p. Promises Group
11:15 p. After Hours Gp.

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

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

Sat. 9:15 a. Men's Topic
11:00 a. Pioneers Group
6:00 p. 1st & 12 Topic
8:00 p. HOW To Saturday*
*(Open meeting on 3rd Saturday)
10:30 p. Candlelight Gratitude

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Mon. 10:00 a. Topic
12:00 p. Women's
8:00 p. Men's

Tue. 10:00 a. Step/Topic
5:30 p. Promises/Step

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

Thr. 10:00 a. Topic
5:30 p. Step/Topic/Trad

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

Sat. 8:30 a. Living Sober
10:00 a. Big Book

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

GALANO CLUB

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

<http://galanoclub.org/>
mail@galanoclub.org

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:30 a. Step Topic
7:00 p. Big Book

Mon. 7:30 p. Came To Believe

Tue. 10:00 a. Daytime AA
5:30 p. 40 +, Topic

Wed. 7:00 p. 12 x 12

Thr. 7:00 p. Living Sober

Fri. 7:00 p. Step/Topic

Sat. 6:00 p. Women's Light
7:30 p. Topic

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

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

NORTHWEST ALANO CLUB*

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 7:30 p.

Mon. 7:00 p.
8:00 p. Action Gp

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

Wed. 8:00 p. Step/Topic

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

Fri. 8:00 p. Step/Topic

Sat. 10:00 a. Step

AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

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

CLUB INFORMATION

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

2245 W. Fond du Lac
Ave. Milwaukee, WI
414. 931.7033

AA MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday:

10:00 a. Friendship Gp
11:00 a. Third Sunday
Open Meeting

Monday:

10:30 a. Step Gp

Saturday:

10:00 a. Gp 112

Call for
information on
other types of
meetings.

12 STEP CLUB

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

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 11:00 a. Gp. 24 Upstairs

Mon. 11:00 a. Gp. 92

Tuesday **No AA Meeting**

Wed. 11:00 a. Gp. 27
07:00 p. Here & Now

Thursday **No AA meeting.**

Fri. 11:00 a. Gp. 61 (12x12)
6:00 p. Women's Gp.

Sat. 10:00 a. Beginners Gp.
7:00 p. Gp 6

CALL THE CLUB FOR
INFORMATION ON OPEN
A.A. MEETINGS,
MEETINGS FOR OTHER
FELLOWSHIPS and
SPECIAL EVENTS.

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

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

When and Where

NEW MEETINGS

MILWAUKEE CENTRAL OFFICE, 7429 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, meet Monday thru Friday at 12:15 p and 4:00 p.m.

You're Closer Than You Think, Del Porter Pavilion/Ace Boxing Club, 1260 S 10 St. Milw. Meets Sundays at 5:00 p.

Mountaintop Meeting, 1105 Belmont Dr. Waukesha, meets on Mondays at 12 noon. Childcare is available.

Bethesda Seniors Gp, Bethesda Community Senior Citizens, 2845 W Fond du Lac Ave, Milw., meets Mondays at 1:30 p.

Sobriety First, Trinity Episcopal Church, 1717 Church St, Wauwatosa, meets at 9:00 a. Tuesdays

Drop the Rock 6th & 7th Step, Pass It On Club 6229 W Forest Home Ave, meets on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.

Stepping Into Promises Women's Gp, First United Methodist Church, 121 W Wisconsin Ave, Waukesha. Meets on

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.

"Teens Together" Young People's AA Meeting, Columbia St. Mary's Huiras Center, 1500 W Market St. Suite 200, Mequon WI (SW Corner of Port Wash Rd and Mequon Rd.) Thursdays at 4:30 p.

Milwaukee Gp Beginner's Classes, 933 E Center St. Milwaukee, meets Friday's at 7:00 p.

Friday Night Workshop Men's Stag, St Marks Episcopal, 2614 E Bellevue, Milwaukee, meets Fridays at 7:30 p.

DISBANDED GROUPS

Better Days Ahead, Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee, met on Fridays at 7:00 p.

New Beginnings Step, met at Serenity Club, Cudahy on Saturdays at 5:30 p.

OTHER CHANGES

Here and Now, formerly on Fridays at the Friendship Club, **now meets on Wednesdays at the 12 Step Club 4102 W. Town-**

send St. Milw. at 7:00 p.

Honest and Able, Christ the Victor Evangelical, 15700 W Coffee Rd, New Berlin, previously met on Sundays at 5:30 p. **Now meets on Sunday's at 4:30 p.**

Happy Destiny Gp., at Vernon Presbyterian on Mondays at 8:00 p. **now has an Open AA & Al-Anon speaker meeting on the 5th Monday of Month.**

Airport Gp., formerly at St. Stephen's on Howell Ave, **will meet at St. Luke's United Church of Christ 2200 18th Ave in South Milwaukee, starting August 13th 2008.**

Muskego Wednesday, formerly at Atonement Lutheran, S6871 Durham Dr, Muskego at 8:00 p., **now meets at Heritage Presbyterian Church, S63 W13761 College Av, Child Care, Muskego at 8:15 p.**

Group 15, Lutheran Church of Great Spirit, 3127 S Howell, previously met at 7:30 p., **now meets at 7:00 p. Thursdays**

OPEN MEETINGS

Weekly & monthly open meetings listed in June 2008 When & Where, amilwaukee.com/directory.html

THAT'S MY STORY (Grapevine Open Meeting), Pass It On Club, 6229 W. Forest Home Ave. meets on **Sundays at 5:00 p.**

WEEKLY OPEN AA FORUM, West Allis Memorial Hospital, (Conf. Rm. B), 8901 W. Lincoln Ave., Questions welcome, meets **Sundays from 4:30**

Ace Boxing 1st Monday Open Meeting, Ace Boxing Club, 2160 S. 10 St., Milw., meets **1st Monday at 7:00 p.**

PARTICIPATION OPEN MEETING, Salem United Methodist Church, 541 Hwy. 59, Waukesha, meets **Wed. at 7:00 p.**

HOW IT WORKS GROUP. MONTHLY OPEN SPEAKER MEETING St. Lukes Church, 300 Carroll St., Waukesha., **First Friday only at 8:00 p.**

Lakeshore Groups Open Meeting, Bay Shore Lutheran Church, 1200 E Hampton Ave, Whitefish Bay, **Friday October 10th 2008 at 8:00 p.**

Al-Anon Recovery Dinner, St. Mary's Parish, 225 S hartwell Ave, Waukesha, AA Speaker at **7:00 p., Saturday October 11, 2008.** (Dinner precedes meeting at 5:00 p. tickets required 414-257-2415)

District 12, 2nd Saturday Open Meeting

New Hope United Church, 4360 N. Jackson Dr., Jackson WI, meets on **Second Saturday only at 7:00 p.m.**

DISTRICT 34 MONTHLY OPEN MEETING, St. Francis Episcopal Church, N84 W16525 Menomonee Ave., **Second Saturday at 8:00p.**

WAUKESHA ALANO CLUB OPEN MEETING, 318 W. Broadway, Waukesha, **2nd Sunday, at 11:00 a.**

FRIENDSHIP CLUB OPEN MEETING 2245 W. Fond du Lac Ave. Milwaukee , WI. Meets on **3rd Sunday at 11:00 a.**

HOW TO CLUB OPEN MEETING, 8930 W. National Ave., **3rd Saturday 8:00 p.**

NEW HOPE GP OPEN MEETING, Trinity United Church of Christ, 4435 N. Calhoun Rd. **Last Wed. at 8:00 p.**

GROUP 23 OPEN MEETING, Holy Assumption School, 72nd & Orchard, **Last Wednesday 8:00 p.**

Holy Hill Friday Open Meeting, Parish House, 1525 Carmel Rd. Hubertus, **Last Friday at 8:00 p.**

Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Ave, Milw. **Every Saturday at 7:30 p.**

Pass It On Club 2nd Annual Chicken BBQ and Open Meeting, 6229 W. Forest Home Ave, **Speakers at 6:30 p. Saturday October 25th** (preceded by dinner at 5:30 p., ticket required 414-541-6923)

WELL Gp Open Meeting, La Casa De Esperanza, 410 Arcadian Ave, Waukesha, **Saturday October 25, at 7:30 p.** (Dinner precedes meeting at 6:00 p. tickets required 414-840-1458)

District 16 Workshop "Living in Sobriety" How To Club, 8930 W National Ave, **October 26, 2008 at 1:00 p. to 4 p.**

St. Joseph's Hospital, 5000 W. Chambers St, Milwaukee, **Last Thursday at 7:30 p. & Last Saturday at 6:30 p. Cafeteria**

Friends Of Lois Open Meeting, Martin Luther Church, 9235 W. Bluemound Rd, **Thursday October 30th at 7:00 p.m.**

Please contact the Central Office, E-mail: gmcoaa@choiceonemail.com, before the 12th of the month prior to your Open Meeting so that it can be listed here under the special/anniversary Open Meetings section. There is no need to call if your open meeting is regularly scheduled and listed in the When and Where.

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"Faithful Fivers"

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

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

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

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

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

(Note no AA member can contribute more than \$2000 per year)

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

Payment Plan:

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

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

Expiration Date: ____ / ____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (____) _____ - _____

2008 Weekend Retreats Jesuit Retreat House, Oshkosh, WI

jesuitretreathouse.org

Men and Women members of AA, Al-Anon
Total cost: 4 days \$260.00. Send a \$40.00 deposit with requests for specific dates to:
Jesuit Retreat House, 4800 Fahrwald Road, Oshkosh, WI 54901-7598 or call for more information, 1(800) 962-7330
Oct 02-05, Men, Byron Haaland
Nov 13-16, Women, Ms Mildred Frank
Nov 20-23, Women, Fr Tom Weston SJ
Dec 04-07, Men, Fr James Hargaugh SJ

Spanish Speaking Meetings: Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

- GRUPO 5 CONCEPTOS, Pass It On Club, 6229 W. Forest Home Av, Milw, on Saturday at 6:00 p.
- GRUPO NUEVO AMANECER, Tri-County Unity Club, 104 N. First St, Watertown, on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:00 PM and on Sundays 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

MILWAUKEE CENTRAL OFFICE,

Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p. Mon.-Fri.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday

- **G.S.R. orientation**, 2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.
- **Secretary Meeting**, 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.
- **Board of Directors Meeting**, Wednesday following Secretaries Meeting, (even numbered months) 7:00 p.
- **A. A. Meetings**, Mon - Fri at 12:15 p. and 4:00 p.
- **A. A. Meeting**, Saturday 3:00 p.
- **Milwaukee Central Office** is open for literature sales. A complete selection of AA Conference approved and Grapevine Literature.
- To locate an AA meeting call 414-771-9119, 24 hours a day.

Give freely of what you find
and join us...

Group 22 Annual Candlelight Gratitude Meeting

Wednesday Nov. 19th, 8:00 p.m.

Underwood Memorial Baptist Church
1916 Wauwatosa Ave.

(76th St. & Hillcrest Ave, Wauwatosa)

Pass It On Club, Inc.

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Saturday October 25th
Halloween Chicken BBQ



Open Meeting
& Dance

Dinner: 5:30pm
Speaker: 6:30pm

AA: Tim Martin
Al-Anon: TBA
Dance: After Speaker
\$12 for Dinner & Dance.
\$6 Childs Dinner
\$5 Dance only

WEAR

YOUR

COSTUME !!!

Prizes for Best Costumes

Saturday, Nov. 15
Pass It On Club
13th Anniversary
Dinner

Fund Raiser
Tradition Turkey Dinner
Served 5:30pm
Open Meeting 7pm
AA: Kathy S.
Al-Anon: Molly H
Dinner: \$15

Children under 12 yrs - \$8
Purchase your ticket
Before
November 13th



Also at the club:

Woman To Woman
Workshop
Saturday
October 18th

How To Club
Anniversary
Saturday
November 1st

2nd Annual
Santa Family
Breakfast
Saturday
December 13th

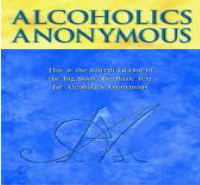
For more information check our website www.passitonclub.com

Study & Action Group

"Precisely how we have recovered"



We recover in AA by taking the Steps, and if we don't take the action *as described in our big book*, we may not recover. This group will study and do the Steps precisely as the first one hundred men and women laid them down. This is a back to the basics kind of group, accepting the "simple kit of spiritual tools" that has been laid at our feet. Participants are asked to commit to the entire weekend.



The Manitowoc weekend session will be held on November 14, 15 & 16, 2008 at the Manitowoc Alano Club, 404 South 29th Street in Manitowoc, WI. The session will run on Friday from 7:00pm to 10:00pm, Saturday from 9:00am to 6:00pm and conclude on Sunday from 9:00am to Noon. The guides for this session will be Dick C. and Mary C.

This 6th annual weekend is sponsored by the Fourth Edition Big Book Study AA Group and other Manitowoc AA Groups.
For additional information call Mary S. at (920) 901-9509 or visit www.Into-Action.com

1st annual "AA at the VA" Mini Conference

with participation by Al-Anon

October 11, 2008 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Coffee House Entertainment at 7:00 pm

Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center
5000 W. National Ave
Milwaukee, WI 53295

AA panels AA Speakers Al-Anon panels



"A Buck and a registration fee" (or any AA Conference Approved books)
All Literature will be used during the weekly AA meetings held at this medical center.

Our Conference ends with soothing coffee house entertainment and a need to return

Contact Tom M. at 414 807-0829 or bojo1361@yahoo.com

Hosted by the SE WI Alcoholic Anonymous Groups of Area 75

FABULOUS GROUP 44

Requests the Honor of your Presence
at our

43rd ANNIVERSARY OPEN MEETING

When: Wednesday, December 3rd 2008
7.00 p.m.

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church
3022 W. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

(Enter parking lot at 3022 W. Wells)

Enjoy the ABSOLUTELY AA messages
Of

♥♥HOUSTON S. and MARTINE T.♥♥

Buffet Supper Endless Coffee Door Prizes
(Never a Charge)

District 29 Round Robin

OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

Hosted By:

Sunday Evening "AA/Alanon Group"

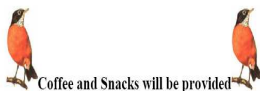
AA Speaker: T.B.A.

Alanon Speaker: T.B.A.

Meeting Location: 10627 W. Forest Home Ave.

Meeting Date: Sunday, October 5, 2008

Meeting Time: 7:00pm



Coffee and Snacks will be provided

Please come join us for an evening of sharing and fellowship

Al-Anon District 21 Fall Workshop

"Lost and Found"



Saturday, November 1, 2008

8:30 am until 2:00 pm

Alano Club, 630 56th Street, Kenosha, WI

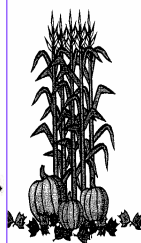
8:30 am Registration
8:45 am *Lost my dreams, found hope*
9:30 am *Lost my identity, found myself*
10:30 am *Lost my way, found the Al-Anon keys*
11:30 am Potluck Lunch
12:30 pm Open AA Speaker - Elizabeth K. - Kenosha
1:00 pm Open Al-Anon Speaker - Peter A. - Kenosha
2:00 pm Closing and Raffle



Suggested donation: \$3.00

Please bring a dish to pass and a raffle gift, too.

Questions? Call Karen D. at (262) 697-7424 or
Terri H. at (262) 925-0832



Al-Anon Recovery Dinner Saturday October 11, 2008

Join us for fellowship, dinner, speakers and drawings!

Speakers
Al-Anon: Maurel H - Chicago, IL
AA: Eric B - Chicago, IL
Alateen: TBA

Time: Doors Open @ 5:00pm for Dinner
Speakers @ 7:00pm

Where: St Mary's Parish, 225 S. Hartwell Avenue, Waukesha, WI
Ticket Donations \$12.00 Includes Dinner (presale)
At the Door: \$10.00 (no dinner)

Tickets available from July 26th - Oct 1st, 2007

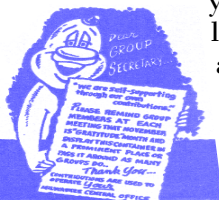
Dinner will be:
Lasagna

Recovery Dinner Fundraiser
For Al-Anon OFSE Wisconsin
414 257-2415

GRATITUDE MONTH

November is traditionally Gratitude Month in AA. During the month of November a special collection is made during each meeting. The money is used to directly support the services of the Milwaukee Area Central Office.

A special donation box will be mailed to retary (if your group meets in one of the box will be delivered directly to the club ing the later part of this box to pass at in November. It is that we have your tary's CURRENT



your group sec- local clubs, the address) dur- October. Use your meetings important group secre- ADDRESS!

Please contact the Central Office as soon as possible.

At the end of the month the box may be opened, the money counted, and a check (with the name and ID number of your group on it) can be mailed to the Central Office. The box could also be returned to the office and we will count it and credit your group for the donation.

Count the blessings you have been given as a result of your sobriety. Be generous with your donations so that we may continue to support you and your group and most importantly...**THE STILL SUFFERING ALCOHOLIC!**

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Saturday October 18, 2008
9:00am - 2:30pm

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

For more information contact:
Cyann R. 414-614-3028
Karelyn P. 414-975-6701

AA: Women to Women

This is a closed AA meeting

A day of sharing:

To foster the sharing of ideas, feelings & issues

To create a safe atmosphere that nurtures honesty & becoming

To explore the positive energy among AA women

9:00 - 9:30 Registration/ Coffee

9:30 - 9:45 Opening/Announcements

9:45 - 10:30 Life On Life's Terms

10:30 - 10:45 Break

10:45 - 11:30 Sought Through Prayer & Meditation

11:30 - 11:45 Break

11:45 - 12:30 Dare To Be Different

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 2:15 Service In Sobriety

2:15 - 2:30 Closing/Countdown

Registration Form

Deadline: October 11, 2008 Please use a separate form for each person

Registration Fee: \$10.00 Includes: Lunch Buffet, Coffee, Doughnuts

Please print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Make checks payable to: Women to Women
Mail to: Women to Women 2977 S. 46th St Milwaukee, WI 53219

15th Annual Lakeshore Open Meeting

Bay Shore Lutheran Church
1200 E. Hampton Ave., Whitefish Bay

**Friday October 10th, 2008
8:00 p.m.**

Al-Anon Speaker

Annie M.

Monday Night East Side Al-Anon Group

AA Speaker

Mike W.

Saturday Morning Men's Group – Group 93

-All proceeds go to Milwaukee Central Office-

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Monday Night #86 Fox Point

Monday Night Al-Anon Fox Point

Monday Night Eastside Al-Anon

Tuesday Night Christ Church

Tuesday Night Kingo

Tuesday Night St. Marks Women's Group

Wednesday Night Group #140

Thursday Night Christ Church

Thursday Night Roundy

Friday Night Bay Shore Lutheran

Friday Night Roundy Al-Anon

Saturday Night Bay Shore Lutheran