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Our meeting in print.

About MAICO

The mission of MAICO (Madison Area Intergroup Central Office) is to help A.A. groups within its service area (South Central Wisconsin) carry the A.A. message. MAICO helps coordinate and facilitate communication and cooperation among individual A.A. groups, area 12-step and other committees, and components of the A.A. service structure. MAICO provides needed services that are beyond the scope and ability of any individual A.A. group, and is at all times responsible to the groups it serves.

Gratitude

Around the tables, the wonderments of AA spill forth, only to be surpassed by more wonderments. This morning, when I was thinking of what I owe to each of you, I realized that words fail to express the abiding gratitude I have to you. Prayers of others led me to AA, which led me to God, who led me right back to AA, which led me back to prayers. Only you, each of you, by attempting to find your own solution, could have done it for me. If some of you hadn't, who would have been there to help me? Those of you whose last drink was after my last drink have helped me by letting me help you. Those of you who are just arriving are helping me in a way that is not clear to you yet. But it will be when you understand, as I do now, how much I helped those awaiting me when I appeared.

My family and I (and we're a family because of you) had planned to work outside today; the forecast held such promise for yard work. It has poured all day today. Our house (thanks to you) has been leaking (not your fault). We couldn't go outside, but it didn't bother anyone; we delighted in doing things indoors. I finished a ceiling. My wife baked a low-calorie (3,000 calories to the square inch) cake. My son did all sorts of things. We were together (thanks to you). All this "one day at a time" day (thanks to you), we lived, we laughed, we loved, we did. A couple of extra people dropped in at dinnertime. We had enough (thanks to you), but they had already eaten.

I kissed my son good night; he can stand my breath (thanks to you). I drove 1.2 miles to my home group; Tony C. gave a marvelous talk (he's thankful to you, too). Sat around and shot the breeze and came home. Had another piece of the low-cal cake. Read some of the Big Book – always new and refreshing.

Just another beautiful day. I'll get around to the leaks when the rains stops. Words fail, but God bless each and every one of you for making this day possible. I'm convinced tonight –realizing the miracle I am, and having seen thirty or so other miracles just an hour ago – that if I keep trying to live as you have shown me, one day God will let me express in words what all of this means to me. For tonight, though, thanks. In my prayers tonight, you'll all be there. Till God shows me the words, prayer is the only way I know.

D.W.R., Detroit, Mich.

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Tradition Five:

Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

We think we should do one thing well rather than many things to which we are not called. That is the central idea of this Tradition. Our society gathers in unity around this concept. The very life of our fellowship requires its preservation. “Shoemaker, stick to thy last” is no dull cliché for Alcoholics Anonymous. Together we have found a substantial remedy for a terrible malady. Of course we might interest ourselves in fields of education, research, neurosis, and the like. But, as a society, should we? Our experience says that we definitely should not. We can and we do help, as individuals, in those fields. That is good. But, as a fellowship, we know that we must not be diverted. It is our experience as alcoholics that makes us of unique value on our sector of the total alcoholic front. We can approach sufferers as no one else can. Therefore, the strongest kind of moral and ethical compulsion is upon us to do this and nothing more. If we had discovered a widely applicable cancer cure, we would be begged to attend to that and that only. We would not try to look after all tumors and branch out into tuberculosis and tapeworms besides. In such a case we would certainly stick to cancer. Though A.A. is obligated to both medicine and religion, we cannot become experts in either. We know that theology is for the clergymen and that the practice of medicine and psychiatry is for doctors. Certain that we can do together what we cannot do separately, we shall always co-operate but never compete. We shall direct our energies where they count most.

Most emphatically, then, A.A. has but one single purpose: to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. That is our basic objective, our real reason for existence.

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Income Statement – January to March 2016

Revenues	This year	Last Year
Donations	9,928.59	9,021.76
Individual Donations	34.56	737.07
Donations – Answering Service	140.00	0.00
Donations - Gratitude Month	512.85	1,379.40
Conference Literature	7,067.10	9,628.76
Non-Conference Literature	2,571.55	2,938.89
Non-Conference Merchandise	4,733.38	4,920.95
Grapevine Literature	477.40	430.10
Faithful Fivers	132.00	209.00
Directories	253.02	455.64
Savings Account Income	1.65	1.50
Other Income – copies	102.39	52.19
Shipping Charges Reimbursed	147.43	173.27
Sales Tax Discount	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Total Revenues	<u>26,101.92</u>	<u>29,968.53</u>
Cost of Sales		
Inventory Exp.-Conference Lit.	4,898.55	5,905.06
Inventory Exp.-NonConfer Lit.	1,832.88	3,014.75
Inventory Exp.-NonConfer Mer.	3,348.54	2,493.12
Total Cost of Sales	<u>10,079.97</u>	<u>11,412.93</u>
Gross Profit	<u>16,021.95</u>	<u>18,555.60</u>
Expenses		
Wages Expense	10,468.79	10,030.23
Payroll Tax Expense	842.85	767.31
Medical Reimbursement	480.00	300.00
Credit Card Processing Costs	138.79	146.32
Mobile Credit Card Unit Fees	45.00	45.00
License and Fees Expense – Bulk Mail fee	255.00	230.00
Office Supplies Expense	345.87	711.99
Office Expense	650.89	735.48
Bank Charges	12.00	0.00
Telephone/Internet Expense	466.80	450.45
Answering Service Expense	1,732.06	1,753.34
Advertising in Phone Book	240.00	252.00
Postage and Shipping Expense	187.325	231.41
Occupancy Expense	2,658.00	2,580.00
Insurance Expense	5.00	4.00
Travel Expense	19.35	21.87
Conference Expense	20.00	0.00
MAICO Reps Events Expense	0.00	110.00
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-.09	-0.27
Other Expense	43.93	0.00
Total Expenses	<u>18,611.56</u>	<u>18,369.13</u>
Net Income	<u>-2,589.61</u>	<u>186.47</u>

Please Note: Donations & Literature sales were down in March & merchandise was purchased for 4 April Conferences = Net Income being what it is. April Net Income will be significantly better.

Upcoming Events

Some event flyers are on www.aamadisonwi.org or www.area75.org ²⁰¹⁶

Any district or group AA event can be posted on the Area 75 calendar by going to www.area75.org, be aware that info & flyers go on internet, mindful of anonymity, names on flyers etc

Recurring events:

1st Sun of month – Ripon’s Royal Ridge Open Speaker AA Breakfast, Royal Ridges, State Hwy 23 (W. Fond du Lac St.), Ripon. Breakfast 10am, Speaker 11:00am. \$9.00 adults, Holiday meets 2nd Sunday.

3rd Sun of month – Pocket Full of Sunshine Breakfast, Howard Johnson, 3841 E. Washington Ave., Madison, 10am breakfast buffet \$8.99 all you can eat, 12 & under \$5.00, 11am Speaker

2nd Fri of month – Finger Food Friday, Appetizer Potluck, Speaker meeting, 6:30pm appetizer’s, 7:00pm Speaker, United Methodist Ch., 1804 New Pinery Rd., Portage.

Last Wed of month – Sunlight of the Spirit Grp, (SOTS) Open speaker meeting, Plymouth United Church of Christ, 2401 Atwood Ave., 5:30pm Potluck, bring a dish to share, 6:30pm Speaker, enter Ohio St. side of church.

Last Sat of month – Hosted by Portage Area Recovery Groups, Open Speaker Meeting, 8pm, Historic Apts., 207 W. Cook St., Portage, basement, handicap accessible, Potluck to follow meeting.

1st & 3rd Sat of month – Monroe Sister Blandine Group, Open Speaker Meeting, St. Victor’s Church, 1760 14th St., Monroe, entrance off 20th Ave (parish library door) Everyone welcome

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May 16 – Buffalo Gals Group Open Speaker, Trinity United Methodist Ch., W3032 Park St., Montello, WI. Pot Luck @6pm, Please bring a dish to pass, Speakers @ 7pm, Al-anon participation.

May 20-22 – 65th Annual Area 75 AA Conference, Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc, WI. **Happy, Joyous & Free**, hosted by Districts 34 & 12. You can register on line at www.eventbrite.com, type Area 75 2016 Conference in search box. Click on link, and that will take you to registration page.

June 29 – Sunlight of the Spirit Group Anniversary Celebration, Speaker & Pot luck

Jun 10 -12 – Founder’s Day Conference, Akron, Ohio, “Where the past touches the present.” Registration opens March 1, 2016 at 9am, <https://foundersdayregistration.akronaa.org>

June 24, 25 & 26 – Big Book Comes Alive, Big Book Study, hosted by **Prairie Dock Grp**, Bolz Auditorium, 124 S. Park St., Madison, WI. “A Comprehensive Study of the 12 Step program by Ken H. & guest. \$20 registration for weekend must be submitted by June 10th. Limited seating so register early.

July 21 – 24 – 20th Annual Keep It Simple Washington Island Retreat, Washington Island Campground, 745 Eastside Rd., Washington Island, WI. Pre-registration fee \$15 per person, \$20 that weekend (no charge for children). Website: www.keepitsimpleretreat.myfreesites.net

August 6 – MAICO Picnic hosted by MAICO Reps, Patrick Lake, Grand Marsh, WI. **Save the Date**. Details to follow.

August 19 – 21 – 36th Annual Green Lake Round-Up, Green Lake Conference Center, W2511 State Road 23, Green Lake, WI. 54941 Event Registration: \$10.00 per person.

1 Thank You's - Donations received Feb 19, 2016 to April 22, 2016

General Fund

4th Dimension Grp
7am St. Andy's Grp
Arbor Thursday
Barneveld Grp
Belleville Big Book Study Grp
Belmont Thursday Grp
Beloit Happy Hour Grp
DeForest Progress Grp
Design for Living Grp
Dist. 35
Early Risers Grp
East Side Grp
Easy Breathers Grp
Easy Does It But Do It Grp
Family Afterward Grp
Foxhall Recovery Grp
Friday Night Happy Hour Grp
Good Fellowship Grp
Grace Lunch Grp
Into Action Grp
It's a God Thing Grp
Keep It Simple Grp
Language of the Heart Grp
Lodi Lifeliners Grp
Mauston Fri Night Fellowship Grp
Mineral Pt. Grapevine Grp
Mt. Olive Grp
New Glarus Sobrietyfest Grp
Our Group Wednesday Lake Mills
Prairie Dock Grp
Richland Center Grp
Rock River Grp
Saturday am On-Timers Grp
Sauk Prairie Grp
Sister Blandine Speaker Meeting
Slip Nots Grp
Sober Today Grp Middleton
Stoughton Group
Sunday Morning Westsider's Grp
Sunlight of the Spirit Grp (SOTs)
Sun Prairie Mon Night Grp
Sunrise Serenity Grp
Sunshine Grp
The 1728 Grp
The Phoenix Grp
Traditions Grp
Tuesday Night Workshop Grp
Thursday Night Floaters
Viroqua Big Book Study Meeting
Wed. Night Rendezvous Grp
WICYPAA Advisory
Working Step Grp

Faithful Fivers

Anonymous
Mary S.

Gratitude Month

Friday Night Happy Hour Grp

Individual Donations

Anonymous (4)
Alice G.
Doreen H.
Karen K.

MAICO Corrections Treatment Fund

Anonymous Grp
Prairie Dock Grp
Sunlight of the Spirit

MAICO Answering Service Donation

Early Risers Grp

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We need your help and cooperation if we are to keep up to date about meetings and groups in the area we serve. Please let us know of any changes to the meetings you attend or to your group so we can pass the information along to our readers. Call MAICO at 608-222-8989, email to aamadisonwi@gmail.com or fill out the form and mail to MAICO, 2000 Engel St., Suite 104, Madison, WI. 53713

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New ___	Change ___	Help ___	Discontinued ___
Group name (if any) _____		Open ___	Closed ___
Smoking ___	Non-smoking ___	Signed ___	Accessible ___
Day and time of meeting _____			
Location _____			
Type of meeting _____			
Group contact person _____			
Contact's phone number _____			
Also, let us know of any changes in your group's contact person(s):			
Name _____			
Position _____			
Phone number _____			
Group name (if any) _____			
Day and time of meeting _____			
Location _____			