



# NEWSLETTER

April – June 2022

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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.

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**A Tradition per Issue in 2022**

## Theme: Slogans & Growing in AA

### The AA Way

BY: ANONYMOUS | THE AA WAY | GRAPEVINE | SEPTEMBER 1991



A favorite saying at AA meetings in Ireland, and I'm sure elsewhere, is: **“The newcomer is the most important person in the room.”**

My own experience certainly was that I was made to feel important at my first meetings. At that time, even though I had been through treatment for some weeks, my self-esteem was low, and I needed the boost that group members gave me. *Their presentation of AA to me was that of a caring, concerned group of people, who knew how I felt and who wanted to help me stand on my own two feet.* From that, hope grew that I could get well. I wasn't dragged or pushed into meetings but their importance was stressed, and it was left to me to make the first move to get there. I was told that **“AA doesn't need you, but you need AA.”** It was also pointed out to me that alcoholism was a physical, mental, and spiritual disease, and that I should count myself fortunate not to be feeding that disease with alcohol. *I was encouraged to go to AA for myself because it was I who would suffer if I drank. If I was staying sober for somebody else, I might get annoyed with them and drink because of it.*

The sincere love, manifested by the caring and sharing of the group members, showed me I was not alone. This unselfishness, foreign to me at that time, got through to me, attracted me, and kept bringing me back for more. The emphasis on anonymity made me feel secure in any sharing I did. Also, I was assured that I did not have to speak at any meeting, except to declare myself an alcoholic, if I believed I was one.

I was brought to a wide variety of meetings in all parts of the country, and then left to choose the ones I would attend regularly. **I was told to go to meetings, but particularly to go when I didn't want to go, since not wanting to go could be a symptom of the disease returning in some form.** I heard people say that they had had the experience of being first too busy, then too tired, and eventually too drunk to go to meetings. ***My disease, it was explained, was one that told me I didn't have a disease.*** The danger of going into pubs was pointed out: If the insanity of thinking I could take a drink hit me in the pub all I had to do was just call for it, whereas if I wasn't there, sanity might prevail.

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# The AA Way continued from page 1

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I was encouraged to get myself an anchor group, which I became part of and where I was introduced to the joy of service in AA, helping with the refreshments and tidying up. *This involvement helped me enormously to feel part of the group as well as useful, a feeling I had not experienced for a long time.* It was emphasized that I should never miss that group's meeting except for a very good reason, such as a funeral--my own! **I came to see that what I could not do alone, "we can do together."** It wasn't just what people said, either. It was their cheery spirits, their sense of responsibility, their willingness to spend time listening to me either in the group or person-to-person. **All that convinced me I could become as they were, in my own and God's good time.**

And the time has come when I have become a part of the wonderful service structure of AA and able. I hope, to give pointers on the road to sobriety and happiness to newcomers. That AA is not a religious organization but that there is a need to seek help from a power outside ourselves, and that there is a vast spiritual content to the program, are emphasized. More than the quantity, the quality of our prayer is important. *The Third and Seventh Step prayers as they appear in the Big Book, as well as the Serenity Prayer and the Lord's Prayer, are recommended to new members.*

**Our Conference-approved AA literature is on display, and newcomers are encouraged to buy some, especially the "Twelve and Twelve" and the Big Book, and to read them. Also available are the Grapevine, and our own Road Back.**

Newcomers are soon made aware that becoming sober is not just a matter of putting the cork in the bottle. There is a lot of living to be lived and some changes to be made in their attitudes. The slogans point the way to this new life: **"First Things First"** means that the priority must be not to drink, while families and jobs must also be given a top rating. **"Easy Does It"** advocates patience in recovery. **"Keep It Simple"** means that there should not be too much analysis of things, but that the program should be utilized. **"But for the grace of God"** reminds people to develop an attitude of gratitude. **"Let Go, Let God"** tells us that we can only do so much in any given situation, and that we must leave the results of our actions to God.



**"Live and Let Live"** says we must live our own life to the fullest and let others live it as they see fit. **"This Too Shall Pass"** is AA's way of saying that things change continuously and that if we are not finding it easy today, it is likely that it will be better tomorrow. **"Think, Think, Think"** tells us to consider the results of any action we are about to take. Another saying in our part of the world is, "If you bottle it up, you may drink it," so quite early on it is suggested to members to get themselves a trustworthy friend who has been around for a while with whom they can identify, and to share with their sponsor *everything* that is going on in their lives. Time has proven that sponsorship by someone of one's own sex works more successfully.

Newcomers are quickly shown that our Tradition of self-support is important to AA as a whole, and how each member is responsible to ensure AA's independence in that respect. **If they are like me, they soon will see how much growth can be achieved by their becoming self-supporting and paying their own way, both in and outside of AA.**

So, AA members in **Ireland**, generally, do express their gratitude by showing newcomers the AA way. Not all but many become trusted servants beyond the group level, but most in their own way are active. *The beauty of AA is that it allows us all the freedom to develop as we see fit and to make ourselves available for someone who might identify with us and become attracted into this wonderful Fellowship.*

## “A Tradition per Issue”

April-June 2022

**Tradition #2** For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority - a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, and office workers? New-comers? Old-timers?
2. Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret, with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs? Praise for my AA ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge.

## Hiding In A Tree House

GRAPEVINE | APRIL 2006 | STEVE F. | GLENCOE, ILLINOIS

**First he got sober; then he grew up.** In simpler days, when *I was really just a boy*, I had built a fort in the woods that was actually a tree house. Most days, I would hide out in my tree house. **How comforting it was to hide and know that I was undetectable, unseeable.** The world seemed a little easier, almost manageable, and I felt safe.

Then somewhere, sometime, in some meeting, somehow, something clicked, and I saw, through the layers of b.s. and fake har-dee-har-har manliness, *a confused and frightened seventeen-year-old boy*, the same boy that I had been for the past twenty-five years.

Maybe it's surrender. Maybe I's just the idea that, through the kindness and understanding of this program, it's okay for grown men to claim the little-boy feelings again.

**At times I have to visit this boy.** I have to sit with the young man. I have to tell him that I've learned a better way now from a bunch of nice people. I have to tell him to be patient and kind to other folks. And to talk about his feelings. And that it's okay not to hide anymore. I have to tell him that, with just the smallest bit of faith, things really do work out.

**There comes a time in one's life that all we have known before is changed forever.**

# So, Who Needs the Slogans?

BY: JOANNE N | AU SABLE FORKS, NEW YORK | JULY 1994

**Framed prints of the slogans** were hanging on the walls at the **rehab** where I got sober. *How I hated seeing those trite and simple phrases.* With my complex and intellectual mind, I thought they were ridiculous.

Since those early days in the program, a gradual change has been occurring. Those slogans have been transformed from stumbling blocks to cornerstones. **Today they are sources of freedom and serenity.**

## “One Day at a Time”

Who in the world could **live “One Day at a Time”**? I certainly could not! I needed to know what was going to happen so I could plan ahead; I needed to be in control of my daily, weekly, monthly, yearly activities. It was impossible for me to think about today. I was usually worried about yesterday and fretting about tomorrow. I couldn't stay in the day because I couldn't stay alone with myself; being alone frightened me into anxiety and restlessness. ***I used alcohol to soothe the loneliness. The reality was that alcohol heightened my loneliness. The fact was I wasn't comfortable enough in my own skin to live one day at a time.***

## “Live and Let Live”

**“Live and Let Live”** seemed easy enough at first. But I was so used to controlling people and feeling responsible for them that my boundaries were practically nonexistent. I personalized everyone else's feelings and reactions, while what I did was a reaction to what I thought others wanted me to do. I had to be involved with others to feel worthwhile so it was difficult to allow others to live their lives without my interference. ***I wasn't sure they could succeed without me! Or was it that I wasn't sure I could have a relationship with anyone unless I controlled them?***

## “Let Go and Let God”

I blew off **“Let Go and Let God”** as having already been accomplished. *I was spiritually very arrogant when I came into the program.* Being a religious woman, I felt I had already given everything over to God. **However, alcohol had replaced God in my life.** I was spiritually bankrupt. Letting go was, in fact, the scariest thing I could imagine. *If I let go what would happen?* I wouldn't be able to predict the outcome and that paralyzed me.

# Slogans Continued

BY: JOANNE N | AU SABLE FORKS, NEW YORK | JULY 1994

“**One Day at a Time**” frees me to be present to people and things at hand. I’m freer today to think about and be concerned for the day I am living. How wonderful to shed the tension of living in yesterday and tomorrow. I realize that I only have the grace to live the present moment; I can’t do anything about the past and I can’t control the future. *I’m better able to turn over the results to my Higher Power and be responsible only to plan for coming events.*

**Control** remains a thorn in my side at times, but living today means staying in my own stuff and allowing others to live in theirs. “**Live and Let Live**” frees me to be truly present and less manipulative toward others. *I’m powerless over other people and their choices.* It’s such a relief to use my energy, which once went into controlling others, to help me to **feel serene and liberated.**

The **Third Step** is the basis of “**Let Go and Let God**” for me today. Becoming right-sized has helped me to recognize my need for others in the program and to *trust that my Higher Power loves me and is present for me.* I feel a tightness in the pit of my stomach when I’m being resistant and need to let go of something. That’s a barometer for me, a sign that I’m being called.

## “Think, Think, Think”

“**Think, Think, Think**” was an obstacle as well. Thinking meant taking time to be alone. It meant being responsible. I was incapable of being responsible and really didn’t want to be. And I couldn’t keep my mind on anything for any length of time. All I had thought about for years was getting my own way, getting my alcohol, or covering myself so people wouldn’t know I’d been drinking. There was little time left for quiet thinking.

## “Keep it Simple”

“**Keep It Simple**” was a joke. Didn’t anyone understand how complex and complicated my life was? Events in my life were anything but simple! My alcoholism had not only cost me a relationship with God, it had caused damaged relationships and separation from everything that was familiar in my life, as well as negligible self-esteem, and failing health. With self-pity oozing from every pore, nothing was simple.

# DONATIONS

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## GROUP DONATIONS

A Few Simple Rules Grp  
Avoca Grp  
Beaver Dam Sunday Serenity Grp  
Belmont Thursday Grp  
Blackhawk Good Fellowship Grp  
Brodhead Tues Sister Blandine Grp  
Capital Steps Grp  
Come and Get It Grp  
Dodgeville Downtown Grp  
Dry Docs Grp  
Early Risers Grp  
Easy Breathers Grp  
Family Afterward Grp  
Feet to the Fire Grp  
Fitchburg Sunrisers Grp  
Foxhall Recovery Grp  
Free Thinkers Grp  
Grapevine Grp  
Happy Hour Grps in WI Dells  
Into Action Grp  
It's a God Thing Grp  
Janesville Early Risers Grp  
Keep It Simple Grp  
Mauston Friday Night Fellowship  
Mauston Monday Night Grp  
Middleton Sober Today Grp  
Mid Morning Grp  
Milton Everything Recovery Grp  
Monday Night Step Grp  
Monroe Early Birds Grp  
Monroe New Beginnings Grp  
Mt. Olive Grp  
Portage Open Beginners Meeting  
Prairie Dock Grp  
Precisely How We Recovered Grp  
Richland Center Grp  
Rock River Grp

## GROUP DONATIONS

Sauk Prairie Early Risers Grp  
Sauk Prairie Grp  
Serenity at Six Grp  
Serenity Seekers 10:10am Grp  
Shine at 9 Grp  
Slip Nots Grp  
Sober Today Grp  
Spring Green Read n Lead Grp  
St. Andy's 7am Grp  
St. Dunstan's Beginners Grp  
Stoughton Grp  
Suburban Sobriety Grp  
Sunlight of the Spirit Grp (SOTs)  
Sun Prairie Rule 62 Grp  
Sunrisers 7:30am Grp  
Sunshine Grp  
The 1728 Grp  
The Way Out Grp  
Thursday Night Floaters  
Thursday Off the Shelf (TOTs) Grp  
Trinity Grapevine Grp  
Tuesday Night Sobrietyfest Grp  
Tuesday Night Workshop  
Village Grp  
We are not a Glum Lot of Women  
Viroqua Big Book Study Meeting  
Watertown One Day at a Time Grp  
We Agnostics Grp  
Windsor Grp  
Woman's Grp  
Woman's Friday Night Reflection Grp  
Woman's Saturday Serenity Grp  
Working Step Grp

## INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

Anonymous Members of AA  
Amelia L.  
Amy F.  
Carrie W.  
Charles B.  
Chris M.  
Christopher W.  
Cheryl V.  
Dave R.  
Debra B.  
Dennis G.  
Doug C.  
Duane B.  
Jeff T.  
Jim L.  
K. Andrea B.  
Kathy G.  
Jack M.  
Janel & Robert F.  
Ken K.  
Larry L.  
Laurie M.  
Les S.  
Linda H.  
Lori W.  
Margaret M.  
Mary C.  
Mary S.  
Merrilee P.  
Mike B.  
Rob M.  
Roger H.  
Ron T.  
Roy S.  
Steve P.  
Sue M.

# DONATIONS

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## GRATITUDE MONTH DONATIONS Group & Individuals

Beaver Dam Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Step Grp  
Daily Reflections Grp  
Eye Openers Grp  
Foxhall Recovery Grp  
Happy Hour Grp in WI. Dells  
Janesville TNT Grp  
Mid Morning Grp  
No Name Grp  
Poynette DeKorra Grp  
Rule 62 Grp  
Sisters Doing Steps Grp  
Thursday Woman's Serenity Grp  
Warren H.  
Watertown Lost in the Woods Grp

## CORRECTIONS TREATMENT FUND

Early Risers Grp  
Les S.  
Sunlight of the Spirit (SOTs)

## FAITHFUL FIVER

Anonymous Members of AA  
Laurie M.  
Mary S.

## ANSWERING SERVICE DONATION

Early Risers Grp



## FIRST, THE FOUNDATION

AS BILL SEES IT | PAGE 8 | JANUARY SECOND

Is sobriety all that we can expect  
of a spiritual awakening?  
No, sobriety is only a bare beginning.

Practicing the A.A. program is like **building a house**. First I had to pour a big, thick concrete slab on which to erect the house; that, to me, was the *equivalent of stopping drinking*. But it's pretty uncomfortable living on a concrete slab, unprotected and exposed to the heat, cold, wind and rain. So I built a room on the slab by *starting to practice the program*. The first room was rickety because I wasn't used to the work. But as time passed, as I practiced the program, I learned to build better rooms. The more I practiced, and the more I built, the more comfortable, and happy, was the **home I now have to live in**.

# INCOME STATEMENT

<b>INCOME</b>	<b><u>Jan-Feb 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Jan-Feb 2021</u></b>
Donations – Groups	7,415.07	6,596.20
Individual Donations	6,027.73	2,099.01
Donations – Answering Service	125.00	0.00
Donations - Gratitude Month	282.25	78.83
Conference Literature	4,332.70	2,013.01
Non-Conference Literature	1,348.47	1,076.54
Non-Conference Merchandise	339.28	1,889.10
Grapevine Literature	180.11	131.05
Faithful Fivers	10.00	75.00
Directories	-27.45	0.00
Savings Account Income	0.55	0.82
Other Income	13.86	62.05
Sales Tax Discount	10.00	20.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>20,057.57</u></b>	<b><u>14,041.61</u></b>
<b>COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>		
Inventory Exp.-Conference Lit.	2,065.73	759.40
Inventory Exp.-NonConfer Lit.	386.32	838.85
Inventory Exp.-NonConfer Mer.	1,821.72	1,460.13
Inventory Exp.- Grapevine Lit.	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b><u>4,273.77</u></b>	<b><u>3,058.38</u></b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>15,783.80</b>	<b>10,983.23</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Wages Expense	7,014.00	7,150.80
Employee Medical Reimbursement	320.00	320.00
Payroll Tax Expense	536.57	547.04
Credit Card Processing Costs	165.24	126.67
License and Fees Expense	106.17	72.16
Office Supplies/Expense	227.82	181.34
Computer Maintenance Expense	700.00	500.00
Computer-Software/Hardware	69.99	0.00
Telephone/Internet Expense	379.92	360.08
Answering Service Expense	1,300.46	1,307.22
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-0.07	-0.19
Postage and Shipping Expense	30.63	20.13
Occupancy Expense	1,764.00	1,712.00
Insurance Expense	328.00	324.00
Printing Expense	0.00	0.00
Travel Expense	0.00	0.00
Conference Expense	0.00	0.00
MAICO Reps Events Expense	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>12,942.73</u></b>	<b><u>12,621.25</u></b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$2,841.07</u></b>	<b><u>-\$1,638.02</u></b>

# GROWTH IN SOBRIETY

“If I want to be of some use to someone (my family, my employer, my community) then I can be a leader by becoming a servant. This is one of those crazy paradoxes we find all over the AA program; being a servant to be a leader.”

“I WISH YOU WELL” |  
HUMBOLT. SASKATCHEWAN

“Begin your sober journey, plant the seed of your true calling, and nourish it. You don’t have to worry about the rest.”

AA GRAPEVINE INSTAGRAM | NATURAL HIGH

“Your best days are ahead of you. The movie starts when the guy gets sober and puts his life back together; it doesn’t end there.”

AA GRAPEVINE INSTAGRAM | BUCKY S.

## A Trip to the Bakery

GRAPEVINE APRIL 2015 | K.F. | ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

**Desperate to not drink on day one, a newcomer gets on her bicycle and takes her first suggestion.** One Friday morning in March, I was lying on the sofa, shaking while holding the phone. I was listening to an AA named Mike and he was **Twelfth-Stepping me. What I heard were words of hope and substance.** I grabbed onto them with an intensity *I didn’t know I was capable of. In fact, I had not allowed anything other than my own thoughts to penetrate my mind in years.*

Through the fog, I heard, “Karen, you have to want it. Otherwise, you’re just playing games.” **The truth of those words struck home. I knew they applied to me.** From force of habit or experience, From deep down, I reached out of my fog as if pushing aside a very heavy weight. I made a choice in that moment. **I agreed I would refrain from a drink until the call came.** I was about to take **Step One.** I asked Mike, **“So what should I drink today?”** “Orange juice or 7-Up,” he answered. Mike also suggested eating bread with honey. That sounded tasty too. *Hope was awakened.* Mike hung up by saying, **“easy does it.”** I stored that saying in my new treasure chest.

A little while later, clad in a nylon windshirt and new courage, I got my bike out of the garage. My destination was a bakery that offered customers thick slices of freshly baked bread with a choice of honey or butter. After a curbside meal of bread and honey, I got back on my bike and hurried off, completely forgetting my **first AA lesson, “Easy Does It.”** While swerving around light poles and signposts, I crashed into a retaining wall and down I went. I felt very humbled that my physical condition was so poor that I couldn’t even ride my bike without falling over. But as I got back on, this time I remembered **“Easy Does It.”** I believed that the power of Mike’s blessing was with me on the way to the bakery, but I forgot to make use of it on the way back. That was a glimpse of **Step Two.**

*I count that as my first day in Alcoholics Anonymous: I had accepted that I was powerless over alcohol and my life had become unmanageable. I came to recognize the wonderful gift Mike gave me that day—to have the **courage to get honest and accept that I needed help.** I love AA, the gift of sobriety, and the power of God to keep me sober and seated on my bike.*





# CONTACT INFO & WEBSITES

## UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL – JUNE 2022

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Meetings online &  
in person & Events



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AA Online Intergroup  
Meetings & Events

Event flyers are on The MAICO  
website [www.aamadisonwi.org](http://www.aamadisonwi.org)  
or [www.area75.org](http://www.area75.org)

Any district or group AA event can  
be posted on the Area 75 calendar at  
[www.area75.org](http://www.area75.org)

Be mindful of anonymity with names,  
flyers and information on the internet.

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We need your help and cooperation to  
update meetings and groups we serve.

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EVENT	DATE	TIME	DETAILS
District 31 Workshop History of AA in WI	April 2, 2022	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Dekorra Lutheran Church N3099 Smith R. Poynette, WI
Area 75 Assembly	April 10, 2022 and June 12	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	
75 <sup>th</sup> Superior Roundup	April 22-24, 2022	22 <sup>nd</sup> 9:00 AM – 24 <sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM	Superior Fairgrounds Curling Club 4700 Tower Ave. Superior, WI
District 7 Spring Workshop Acceptance	April 23, 2022	9:00 AM – 12:30 PM	First Presbyterian Church Kenosha 1803 83 <sup>rd</sup> St., Kenosha
19 <sup>TH</sup> Annual MAICO Spring Into Action Sponsored by Reps	Sat. April 30, 2022 Hybrid Zoom ID: 878-0964-5299	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Registration Free \$5.00 Pizza	Trinity Lutheran Church 1904 Winnebago St. Madison, WI
Founder's Day 2022	June 10 – June 12	Daily	University of Akron 302 Buchtel Common, Akron, OH
RAFTYPAA 2022	June 16-19, 2022	June 16, 8:00 AM – June 19, 5:00 PM	RAFTYPAA Pre-Reg Flyer

Provide as much of the following information as is possible.

New  Change  Help  Discontinued

Group name (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Open  Closed  Handicap Accessible

Day/Time \_\_\_\_\_ Type \_\_\_\_\_

Location (any specifics) \_\_\_\_\_

Group contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Also let us know of any changes in your group's contact person(s)

# “AT WIT’S END”



## Singin’ the Blues

An experienced drinker decided to write a song about drinking ... but he just couldn’t make it past the first two bars.

SEPTEMBER 2015 | THERESE G., TISDALE, SASKATCHEWAN



## Progressive Nights

Alcoholism is definitely a progressive disease. After a couple of drinks, alcohol became a social lubricant for me. I’d get the courage to smile and say something like, “Haven’t we met somewhere before?”

Then, after a few more drinks, it became a social stimulant, and I might just say something like, “So, would you like to dance?”

Many more drinks later, it would begin to turn on me, and I’d become a social deviant. “Want to come up to my place?” I’d ask.

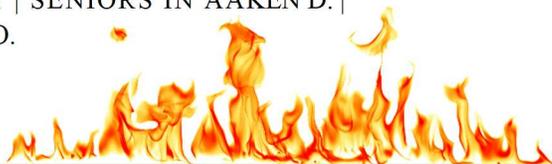
And after an entire night of drinking, I would become a downright social outcast, and find myself saying things like, “What do you mean, “Get lost?”

SEPTEMBER 2015 | ANONYMOUS

## Unplugged

They say that for alcoholics, relapse is like touching a hot stove. But I never have to worry about that. My electricity got shut off six months ago.

AUGUST 2021 | SENIORS IN AAKEN D. | DENVER, COLO.



## Sponsor Wisdom

Newcomer: “Do alcoholics run in your family?”

Sponsor: “No, they just stumble around and break stuff.”

SEPTEMBER 2021 | YOUNG SOBER!  
DUSTY B. | HANCOCK, MAINE

## True story

During the pandemic, my cat has been to more AA meetings than my sponsees!



SEPTEMBER 2021 | YOUNG SOBER!  
C.B.. | CHICO, CALIF.

## Line ‘em up!



My wife and I were leaving to receive our second COVID-19 vaccination.

I mentioned that I was a little worried because I could never stop at two shots before.

SEPTEMBER 2021 | YOUNG SOBER!  
MARTY Z. | PALM BAY, FLA.

19th Annual M.A.I.C.O.

## Spring Into Action

Saturday, April 30, 2022

9:00am-12:00pm



Please join us for a *lively* panel discussion!

- ❖ 6 speakers
- ❖ Breaks for fellowship
- ❖ AA Literature for sale
- ❖ Doors open at 8:30am
- ❖ Pizza served at noon!

**\*\*Sides, desserts, beverages, and donations appreciated.\*\***

\$5.00 at registration time if staying for pizza.

Trinity Lutheran Church  
1904 Winnebago Street  
(Corner of Winnebago and 1st St.)  
Madison, WI

Hybrid Event! Zoom ID: 878 0964 5299



Sponsored by the Madison Area Intergroup Central Office Representatives

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