



MAICO NEWSLETTER

April – June 2023

www.aamadisonwi.org

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.

MAICO, in all of its activities, shall abide by the intent and spirit of the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts and where possible the suggested procedures and limitations suggested by the AA Service Manual and other conference approved literature.

THANK YOU DIANE E.

For your service at MAICO 29+ years!

All MAICO service territory and extended AA Members in every direction want to express our deepest thank you.

Diane moved to the Madison area from New York and immediately got involved with AA. At one of those meetings another member mentioned **MAICO needed a new Office Manager** and asked her if she would be interested. Although nervous, Diane applied and got the job.

She has been a blessing to the AA Community ever since. *There is no way to know how many people she has been able to help.*

Diane's knowledge of the 12 Steps, Traditions and Concepts made her the perfect person for this job. *Now is the time to hand the reins to Lori.*

Diane's friendly face and helping hand will be missed. Every AA member wishes you the best in retirement!

Thanks Diane!!



WELCOME LORI W.

MAICO has been a lifeline since coming to Madison 4 ½ years ago. Until walking into MAICO doors I was getting restless and discontent. I thought retirement and moving to Madison was easy. After all, I was in AA 2 ½ years and Al-Anon 8 yrs. Stumbling into the office looking for sponsorship books, I found much more; meetings, guidance, a sponsor, and a home group to be of service.

Volunteering at MAICO packing literature for workshops/conferences connected me to AA literature and history. ***I was hooked.***

With MAICO office service training I learned to help walk in's and 12 Step calls. *I love the connection with another alcoholic finding a solution in AA!* As **Volunteer Coordinator** the past 3 years I learned how MAICO service fits into the whole of AA .

I am *grateful* to Alcoholics Anonymous for showing me how to live a simple, joyous life in sobriety. Thank you - Steering Committee and MAICO Reps for trusting me as your new **Office Manager!**

I welcome the opportunity to be of service. Please stop on by and introduce yourself.

Sincerely, Lori W



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Tradition #6 April – June 2023

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

- # 1 Do I ever cop out by saying, “I’m not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn’t apply to me”?
- # 2 Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the *limitations* of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
- # 3 Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
- # 4 Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
- # 5 Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
- # 6 Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

Sidebar: Grapevine Online Exclusives

“Service Is My Cornerstone”

BY: MARY G. | HUNTINGTON, CALIF. | MARCH 1984

At the heart of her sobriety—women being of service to other women.

I have not found it necessary to pick up a drink since March 31, 2009, and I owe that all to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, my sponsor, my sister sponsees and to other women in recovery who've embraced me, loved me and guided me back into sobriety.

I am on the journey that many woman alcoholics have taken to regain my faith, my self-confidence and my dignity as a result of taking, practicing and living the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. My drinking began at an early age. As a member of a Native American family alcohol was a huge part of family gatherings and I always had access to it.

In the Big Book story, “*Woman Suffer Too*” Marty Mann writes; “As an active member...I feel myself a useful member of the human race at last. I have something to contribute to humanity, since I am peculiarly qualified, as a fellow-sufferer, to give aid and comfort to those who have stumbled and fallen over this business of meeting life.” And today I get my greatest thrill of accomplishment from the knowledge that I played a small part in the new happiness achieved by countless others like myself.

GRAPEVINE QUOTES

SOUNDS OF SILENCE

No need to wait for the “right” time or place. There are many ways to pause for quiet.

JEAN C. | EUGENE, ORE. | NOVEMBER 2021 | “PRAYER AND MEDITATION” | AA GRAPEVINE

AS BILL SEES IT

“Pride is the basic breeder of most human difficulties, the chief block to true progress.”

WHO I REALLY AM

“I have found that the process of discovering who I really am begins with knowing who I really don’t want to be.”

A.A. ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AT THE END OF THE DAY

“At the end of each day ... I hope that I can say a short prayer of gratitude for another day of sobriety. Anything else good that happens is a bonus.”

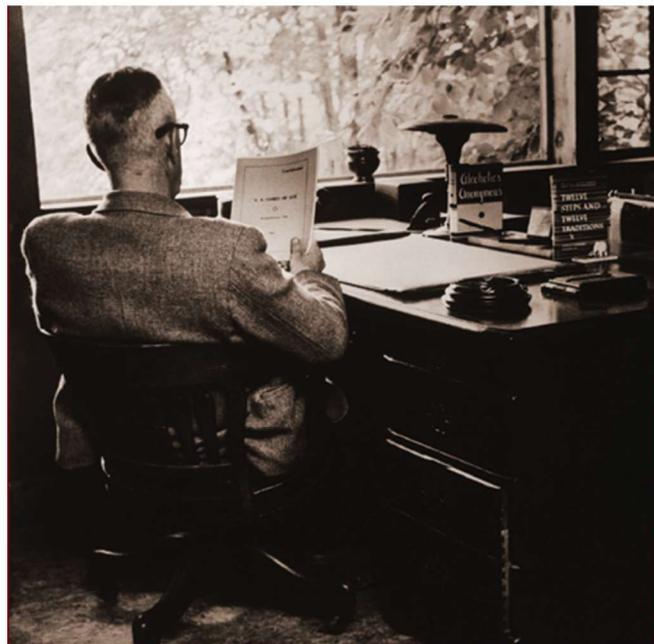
LIFE IT HAPPENS. | WHITE ROCK, BRITISH COLUMBIA | MAY 2005 |
NO MATTER WHAT: DEALING WITH ADVERSITY IN SOBRIETY

THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

JEAN C. | EUGENE, ORE. | NOVEMBER 2021 |
“PRAYER AND MEDITATION” | AA GRAPEVINE

“Though three hundred thousand did recover in the last twenty-five years, maybe half a million more have walked into our midst, and then out again. No doubt some were too sick to make even a start. Others couldn't or wouldn't admit their alcoholism. Still others couldn't face up to their underlying personality defects. Numbers departed for still other reasons.

Yet we can't well content ourselves with the view that all these recovery failures were entirely the fault of the newcomers themselves. Perhaps a great many didn't receive the kind and amount of sponsorship they so sorely needed. We didn't communicate when we might have done so. So we AAs failed them. Perhaps more often than we think, we still make no contact at depth with those suffering the dilemma of no faith.”



THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

Bill W.'s
Grapevine Writings

AA CO-FOUNDER, BILL W.,

APRIL 1961,

“GOD AS WE UNDERSTAND HIM:

THE DILEMMA OF NO FAITH,”

THE LANGUAGE OF THE HEART

AT WITS END

Choose Your Flavor

Newcomer: "I've noticed that all the meetings her serve coffee, but not teas. Why?"

Old-timer: "Alcoholics have a hard time with tea."

Newcomer: "Any kind of teas?"

Old-timer: "Sure. Like ... humility, sanity, honesty, integrity, responsibility, dependability ..."

AUGUST 2017 | LAWRENCE, KAN. |
BY: DAVE R.

Whiskey Diet

A drunk was sitting at the bar bragging to his buddy. "I've been on the whiskey diet", he said.

"Oh yeah?" his buddy replied.

"Yeah", said the drunk. "I've lost three days already!"

OCT 2017 | DEANNA S. | ALPHARETTA, GA

How many sponsees?

After 30 years of sobriety, I'm often asked by newcomers how many people I sponsor.

The answer is always the same. "About half of them."

OCTOBER 2017 | BEAVER FALLS, PA | BY: JIM K.

Time's a wastin'

What did one hillbilly alcoholic say to another?

"Ya gonna pass that juggernaut?"

OCT 2017 | GRAND JUNCTION,
COLO. | BY: EMILY P.

I Got This

Bob was hunched over the bar, toothpick in hand, spearing futiley at the olive in his drink. A dozen times the olive bounced away.

Finally another guy, who had been watching intently from the next stool, became exasperated and grabbed the tooth pick.

"Here, this is how you do it," he said, as he easily skewered the olive.

"Big deal," Bob slurred. "I already had him so tired out, he couldn't get away."

AUGUST 2017 | | GREEN VALLEY, ARIZ. | BOB M.

WELCOME!

It can be a real challenge to get sober early in life while so many of our peers are partying and drinking.

GRAPVINE | THE EDITOR |
SENIOREDITOR@AAGRAPEVINE.ORG
SEPTEMBER 2017



But there's a **wonderful sober fellowship of young people in AA that's here for the taking**. They are here to help. As our Big Book says, "*The most satisfactory years of your existence lie ahead.*" *This story is from September 2017 a special section that featured inspiring stories by alcoholics who got sober in their teens, 20s and 30s.*

In the story "**Secret Stash**," a high school girl finds there's a much better answer to her problems of fitting in with others than the jar of 90-proof liquid hidden in her locker. A member in New Jersey finally finds the fellowship he was craving with young people's meetings in "**Out of the Woods**." Once so drunk he couldn't leave his dorm room, a young man in "**Dreams and Waterfalls**" is now seeing the world. And in "**Falling in Love With the Universe**," a young AA member finds his sober crew at an event under the stars way out in the Nevada desert.

We invite you to review September 2017 stories: *4 Seasons of Service with Grapevine and La Viña*, and share stories of experience from your region. We'd also love for you to send us your **stories of experience, strength and hope at www.aagrapevine.org/share**. Take a look at our editorial calendar for upcoming story themes. We're especially looking for Tradition experiences you (or your group) have had. And don't forget jokes!

Have a beautiful, sober September.

**In fellowship,
The Editor**

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www.aagrapevine.org/share

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CONTACT INFO & WEBSITES

UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL - JUNE 2023

Madison Area Intergroup Office:
www.aamadisonwi.org

2000 Engel Street, Suite 104 | Madison,
 WI 53713

Phone: 608-222-8989
 Hot Line 24/7

www.aa-intergroup.org
 AA Online Intergroup
 Meetings & Events



REMEMBER:

----Event flyers are on The MAICO
 website www.aamadisonwi.org
 or www.area75.org

----Any district or group AA event can
 be posted on the Area 75 calendar at
www.area75.org

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

UPDATE MEETINGS AND GROUPS

3 ways you can notify:

- Call MAICO at 608-222-8989
- Email: info@aamadisonwi.org
- Fill out this form and mail to:
 MAICO, 2000 Engel St., Suite 104,
 Madison, WI. 53713



EVENT	DATE	TIME	DETAILS
*Download event flyers online www.aamadisonwi.org			
The Promises	April 1st	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	First Presbyterian Church of Kenosha 1803 83 rd St., Kenosha
Fit Spiritual Condition 2023 Heartland Area	April 7-9 2023	\$15.00	Chula Vista Resort 1000 Chula Vista Pkwy., Wisconsin Dells, WI
Fit Spiritual Condition 2023 HACYPAA Conference	April 7 5:00 pm to April 9 th 12:00 2023	See details MAICO website-flyer	Chula Vista Resort Wisconsin Dells, WI *See Flyer on MAICO
34 th International Men's Conference Washington DC	April 21 –23 2023	See details MAICO website-flyer	The Doubletree by Hilton Crystal City 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA *See Flyer on MAICO
Spring Fling hosted by Madison WICYPAA Bid Committee	April 23 rd 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	See details MAICO website-flyer	East Side Alano Club 1017 Northport Dr. Madison, WI
MAICO's Spring Into Action Event	May 20 th 8:00 am – 12:00 pm	See details MAICO website-flyer	Trinity Lutheran Church 1904 Winnebago St. Madison, WI



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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 _____

DONATIONS

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GROUP DONATIONS

1728 Group
7:30am Sunrisers Grp
10:10 Serenity Seekers Grp
Acceptance is the Answer
Baraboo KISS Grp
Berlin Friday Night
Brodhead Sister Blandine Tuesday
Cambridge Grp
Conscious Contact Grp
Cross Plains Unity Grp
DeForest Progress Grp
Dry Docs Grp
Early Risers Grp
Eye Openers Grp
Family Afterwards
Feet to the Fire Grp
Fel-O-Ship Grp
Free Thinkers
Friday Nite Lights Gtp
Grace Lunch Grp
Hwy 21 Open Discussion Grp
In the Middle Grp
It's a God Thing Grp
Janesville Unity Grp
Keep It Simple Sisters
Keys to the Kingdom
Lake Mills Our Group
Living Sober Grp
Marshall 449 Grp
Mauston Friday Night Fellowship
Men in Recovery
Monroe Early Birds
Monroe New Beginnings
Mt. Horeb Saturday Morning

GROUP DONATIONS

Orfordville Grp
Poynette DeKorra Grp
Prairie Dock Grp
Renegade Women's Meeting
Richland Center Grp
Rock River Grp
Spiritual Program of Action
Spring Green Read N Lead Grp
St. Andy's 7am Grp
St. Dunstan's Beginners Grp
Suburban Sobriety Grp
Sunlight of the Spirit Grp
Sun Prairie Phoenix Grp
Sunrise Serenity Grp
Tuesday Night Workshop
Waupun HOW Grp
We are not a Glum Lot Grp
The Way Out Grp
Thursday Off the Shelf Grp
Traditions Grp
Watertown Sun 11am Big Book
Watertown One Day at a Time
West Siders Grp
White River Study Grp
Windsor Grp
Woman's Sat Serenity
Working Step Grp

DONATIONS

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Gratitude Month

1728 Group
Acceptance is the Answer
Clear Cut Directions
Early Risers
Easy Breathers
Eye Opener
Feet to the Fire
Grace Lunch Group
Platteville Monday Night
Prairie Dock Group
Precisely How We Recovered
Rule 62 Group
Stoughton Group
Sunlight of the Spirit
Sunrisers Group
Take Off the Shelf Grp
There is a Solution Group
Traditions Group
Woman's Serenity Group
Trinity Grapevine Group

MAICO CORRECTIONS/ TREATMENT FUND

Early Risers Group
Living Sober Group

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

Abby G.
Andy S.
George P. - Gratitude
George R. - Gratitude
Greg F.
Gretchen L.
K. Andrea B.
Karen K. - Gratitude
Karen K. - Gratitude
Linda H.
Louise B.
Mary S.
Randy M.
Richard P.
Roger H.
Sheila R. - Gratitude
Shelley H.
Sue M.



INCOME STATEMENT Jan-Feb 2023 | 2022

INCOME	Jan-Feb 2023	Jan-Feb 2022
Donations – Groups	10,270.05	7,415.07
Donations - Individual	956.86	6,027.73
Donations – Answering Service	125.00	125.00
Donations - Gratitude Month	1,003.25	282.25
Conference Literature	3,519.71	4,332.70
Non-Conference Literature	1,084.53	1,348.47
Non-Conference Merchandise	2,097.71	339.28
Grapevine Literature	282.80	180.11
Faithful Fivers	00.00	10.00
Directories	00.00	-27.45
Savings Account Income	1.19	0.55
Other Income	75.00	13.86
Sales Tax Discount	20.00	10.00
TOTAL INCOME	19,436.10	20,057.57
COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Inventory Expense Conference Literature	905.60	2,065.73
Inventory Expense Non-Conference Literature	777.40	386.32
Inventory Expense Non-Conference Merchandise	1,213.93	1,821.72
Inventory Expense Grapevine Literature	467.80	0.00
Total Cost of Goods Sold	3,364.73	4,273.77
Gross Profit	16,071.37	15,783.77
EXPENSES		
Wages Expense	5,449.08	7,014.00
Employee Medical Reimbursement	320.00	320.00
Payroll Tax Expense	416.85	536.57
Credit Card Processing Costs	196.00	165.24
License and Fees Expense	76.26	106.17
Office Supplies/Expense	214.49	215.38
Computer Maintenance Expense	900.00	700.00
Computer-Software/Hardware	1,053.31	69.99
Telephone/Internet Expense	189.76	379.92
Answering Service Expense	1,378.20	1,300.46
Reconciliation Discrepancies	00.00	-0.07
Postage and Shipping Expense	-3.21	30.63
Occupancy Expense	1,816.00	1,764.00
Insurance Expense	343.00	328.00
Travel Expense	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	12,349.74	12,930.29
NET INCOME	3,721.63	2,853.51