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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.

Springtime In AA

With another sobriety anniversary around the corner and Spring approaching, I can't help but reflect back to the evening I celebrated my first year in recovery and the incredible weeks that followed. It was mid March, a beautifully clear evening, calm yet crisp. Spring was obviously in the air though snow still covered much of the ground. As I left the meeting that night, I couldn't take my eyes off my one year medallion, turning it over and over and over in the palm of my hand and smiling from ear to ear. I was elated and amazed. Fellow alcoholics flooded me with congratulations, well wishes and hugs-lots of hugs! Then someone tapped me on the shoulder and I turned to find George, an old-time, scruffy biker AA, standing there grinning. He asked, "Would you be our speaker at my home group's open meeting the first week in May?" My heart raced, my

knees shook and my ego exploded but after a moment's thought I replied, "George, I haven't done my 4th and 5th Step yet and I really think I should do that before I speak." I was sure he would ask someone else. George just grinned even bigger and simply said, "Well then, you better get at it." and walked away.

On the drive home that night my mind was bombarded with misgivings. "What have I gotten myself into? I'm not ready to do a 4th Step let alone tell my whole story. Who do I think I am-one year sober and I'm going to tell "them" how this program works. I can't do this. I'm not ready! When I got home I called my sponsor. After telling her what had happened, I nervously added that I knew I would need to do a 4th Step but I just didn't think I was ready yet. In the most reaffirming way she answered, "When you are ready, you will know it."

Your God will let you know." My sponsor had always been very patient with me and this was no exception. I had spent my first year learning about this program of recovery, going to meetings and the meetings after meetings, reading the Big Book and rereading the Big Book, developing solid and trusting friendships, and establishing a relationship with a God of my understanding. I enjoyed my sobriety. I was comfortable yet I knew there was more to it.

As March moved into April, I continued to do what I had been doing-I went to meetings, LOTS of meetings. Within a week or so I realized that the topic for all of those meetings was Step 4. Whether we were discussing the Big Book, the 12x12, or the Daily Reflections, we were always talking about Step 4. I was absolutely convinced that a message was being sent directly to me. It was time and God was letting me know. I hadn't yet figured out that the meeting topic is often the corresponding Step of the current month.

After about my tenth April meeting I finally decided to meet with my sponsor to talk about this 4th Step business .She said "First things first" and we "officially", as Thanks for letting me share.....

Kris C.

written in the Big Book, completed Step 3. We knelt on her kitchen floor, holding hands and recited the 3rd Step prayer. When I sat back down at the table she placed a yellow tablet in front of me, with columns drawn and labeled, and said, "Start writing." For the next two weeks, that's what I did. By the end of the month, we met again and completed Step 5.

The first week of May I found myself at a podium on a stage in front of a room full of people. My skirt and blouse were pressed to perfection, every hair was in place, and my eyes were bright and clear. I looked out at the faces of friends-people I didn't even know a year before but were now my nearest and dearest. The three children I had walked away from three years before were also there in loving support. I do not recall being nervous, maybe I was, but what I remember most was the sense of freedom I felt. There were no more secrets-not within me and from that night on, not with those I loved. As directed by my sponsor, I said a prayer and I told my story.

Every anniversary I am reminded and every Spring I remember. God lets me know when it's time to grow. Embrace the opportunity and beautiful things happen.

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\$2,000 per AA member per year.



Need that Special Gift

Remember MAICO has a wide selection of conference and nonconference literature, medallions, and gifts for that special someone.

T-Shirts Book Covers Medallions Coffee Cups
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Literature: AA, Al-Anon, and Grapevine

MAICO, the Madison Area Intergroup Central Office only accepts Cash or Checks

Gratitude Month

Even though donations are still coming in, we wanted to inform you that, to date, we have received a total of \$2,154.66 in gratitude donations.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of MAICO.....

MAICO Reps -- We Have Grown

Does your home group have a MAICO Rep? Over the past several years we have seen a tremendous growth in the number of AA Groups electing individuals to serve as MAICO Reps. What was once a handful of people participating has now grown to 22 AA groups being represented by a MAICO Rep.

If you would like to find out more about being a MAICO Rep, please contact the Central Office at (608) 222-8989.

Come Join the FUN !

Upcoming Events 2010

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

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

Mar. 6 – Dist. 20 Workshop hosted by Foxhall Recovery Grp., "Grow or Go"- How to keep growing in the program, Trinity Lutheran Ch., 1904 Winnebago St., Madison, WI. 8:45am – Noon, followed by pizza & dessert, a light breakfast will be served. Questions contact Barbara B. at 608-209-1635

Mar. 13 – Lomira Wed. Night Grp Annual Open Speaker Meeting & Potluck, Trinity United Methodist Ch., 400 Church St., Lomira (Hwys 67 & 41), Social Hour: 4pm, Potluck Dinner: 5pm, Speakers: 6pm, Al-Anon: Kay B. & AA – Bob B. from Kenosha. Please bring a dish to pass. Ham, Sloppy Joes provided

Mar. 14 – Winnebago Land Central Office 20th Anniversary, 1pm-4pm, AA & Al-Anon Speakers from Plymouth, Trinity Baptist Ch., 400 E. Johnson St., Fond du Lac. Coffee & Cake

Mar. 20 – 34th Annual Badger Intergroup, Waukesha Exp Center, Speaker: Clancy I. from Los Angeles, Ca. Tickets: \$24.00 ea. Social Hour: 5:30pm, Dinner: 6:30pm, Speaker: 8pm, Dance to follow. If you would like to sit at a table together, you must mail your registration in together by Feb. 10. Less than 1 table by Feb 20.

Mar. 21 – Pocket Full of Sunshine Third Sunday Breakfast, Holiday Inn West, 1109 Fouier Dr., Madison, 10am breakfast & fellowship, 11am Speaker, Breakfast Buffet \$9.95, 12 & under \$5.00, Bring a Friend, meet a Friend.

Mar. 21 – Fond du Lac Third Sunday Breakfast, Open Speaker, Ramada Hotel, 1 N. Main St., Fond du Lac. Breakfast 10am, speaker at 11am. Breakfast \$8.00, children under 12- \$4:00, Coffee only \$1.50

Mar. 21 – Area 75 Delegates Workshop, Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison, 9:00am

Mar. 30 – Campbellsport Tues & Fri Night Grp Open Speaker Meeting, United Christian Ch., 228 Forest St., Campbellsport. 7:30pm, Speaker: John B. from Harland, coffee, soda & good fellowship provided

Apr. 10 – 26th Annual Dist. 9 Mini-Conference, St. Rose School, 218 N. Jackson St., Cuba City, WI. Theme: "Go to any Lengths" registration begins 8:30am, 10am to 7pm, AA speaker, panels, Al-Anon speaker, lunch & dinner, raffle, please bring a salad or dessert to pass.

Apr. 11 – Are 75 Pre-Conference Assembly, Madison Senior Center

Apr. 17 – Dist. 20 Workshop hosted by A Vision for You Grp., "Why Can't I Stop Slipping?" Trinity Lutheran Ch., 1904 Winnebago St., Madison, WI., 10am to 3pm, Panels on the Steps. Bring a dessert to pass

Apr. 18 - Pocket Full of Sunshine Third Sunday Breakfast, Holiday Inn West, 1109 Fouier Dr., Madison, 10am breakfast & fellowship, 11am Speaker, Breakfast Buffet \$9.95, 12 & under \$5.00, Bring a Friend, meet a Friend.

Apr. 18 – 25 – General Service Conference, New York, New York

Apr. 23 – 25 – 23rd International AA Men’s Conference, Cleveland, Ohio. Local Madison contact: Ron M. 608-242-0395 or 608-347-4402. Conference web site: www.IAAMCCLEVELAND.COM

Apr. 30 – May 2 – Area 75 Spring Conference, Olympia Resort, 1350 Royale Mile Rd., Oconomowoc, WI. Registration: \$15.00, Sat Banquet Buffet \$30.00, Sun Breakfast Buffet \$13.00.

May 15 – Dist. 3 Workshop, 1907 Club, Sheboygan, WI. 10am-3pm. Sponsorship & Service Work.

May 16 - Pocket Full of Sunshine Third Sunday Breakfast, Holiday Inn West, 1109 Fouier Dr., Madison, 10am breakfast & fellowship, 11am Speaker, Breakfast Buffet \$9.95, 12 & under \$5.00, Bring a Friend, meet a Friend.

May 22 – MAICO Reps Annual “Spring into Action Breakfast”, Trinity Lutheran Ch., 1904 Winnebago St. Breakfast served 8:30am, egg dishes & potatoes provided. Breakfast food donations greatly appreciated as well as donations. Mystery speakers to follow at 10:00am.

Jun. 12 – 15th Annual Wisconsin & U.P. Corrections Conference, Church of Peace, 158 S. Military Rd., Fond du Lac, WI. 8:30am – 3:45pm. Registration fee is \$10 per person.

Jun. 13 – Area 75 Summer Service Assembly, Madison Senior Center

Jun. 11 – 13 – 10th Annual Midwest Motorcycle AA Convention, Emerald Acres Campground, Pearl City, IL., www.MMAAC.org

Jun 20 - Pocket Full of Sunshine Third Sunday Breakfast, Holiday Inn West, 1109 Fouier Dr., Madison, 10am breakfast & fellowship, 11am Speaker, Breakfast Buffet \$9.95, 12 & under \$5.00, Bring a Friend, meet a Friend

Jul. 1 -4 - AAWS International Convention, San Antonio, TX – Reg. forms & You can register on line at www.aa.org, look for International Convention logo

Jul. 15 – 18 – 14th Annual Keep It Simple Washington Island AA/Al-anon Retreat, Washington Island Camping Retreat, 745 East Side Road, Washington Island, Registration: \$20 per person, does not include any additional charges for ferry, meals, lodging or camping. Email: wi.retreat@yahoo.com or call Tammi R. at 608-692-6251

Jul 18 - Pocket Full of Sunshine Third Sunday Breakfast, Holiday Inn West, 1109 Fouier Dr., Madison, 10am breakfast & fellowship, 11am Speaker, Breakfast Buffet \$9.95, 12 & under \$5.00, Bring a Friend, meet a Friend. **Please note these dates for future breakfasts: 8/15,9/19,10/17,11/21, 12/19**

Aug. 7 – MAICO Reps 5th Annual Picnic, Goodland Park, 2862 Waubesa St. Madison, Shelter #1, Shelter is rented to use from 10am until 9:30pm.

Aug. 26 – 29 – 52nd Annual ICYPAA – International Conference of Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous, Hotel tba in Times Square, New York City, NY. Registration: \$30, after Aug 4th \$35 www.ICYPAAHOST.org

Sept. 11 – Dist. 31 Conference, Poynette, WI. 8:00am to 5:00pm

Sept. 18 – Foxhall Recovery Group’s 15th Annual Eatin’ Meetin’, Trinity Lutheran Ch., 1904 Winnebago St., Madison, 6:30pm Dinner, 8pm Speaker, Dick M. from Bellevue, NE. Main dish provided, bring a dish to pass, Info contact Steve T. 608-212-0454

Oct. 1 – 3 – 27th Annual Midwest Woman to Woman Seminar, Milwaukee/Brookfield Sheraton, Brookfield, WI. “Miracles Happen”, Registration: \$25.00. Website: www.midwest-woman-to-woman.com

Oct. 16 – Dist. 20 Mini-Conference, Monona Community Center, 1011 Nichols Rd., Monona, WI.

Nov. 6 – 14th Annual Youngtimers/Oldtimers Workshop, hosted by MAICO Reps, Trinity Lutheran Ch., 1904 Winnebago St., Madison

Thank You's
December 18, 2009 – February 19, 2010

General Fund

A Vision for You Grp
 Atwood Women's Grp
 Baraboo Reflections Grp
 Belleville Big Book Study Grp
 Berlin Sun Night Grp
 Blue Mon/Sat 2pm at 511 Grp
 Columbus Grp
 Daily Reflections Grp
 DeForest Progress Grp
 Dells/Delton Grp
 East Side Grps
 Easy Breathers Grp
 Easy Does It But Do It Grp
 Foxhall Recovery Grp
 Good Fellowship Grp
 Grace Lunch Grp
 Happy Hour Grp
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 Into Action Grp
 Living Sober Grp
 Lodi Lifeliners Grp
 Mauston Wed. Afternoon Grp
 Midvale Grp
 Mifflin St. Noon Grp
 Monona Serenity Grp
 Monroe Wed Night Big Book Grp
 Monticello Fri 12 & 12 Grp
 Morning After Grp
 Mt. Horeb Wed Grp
 New Freedom Grp
 New Glarus Sobrietyfest Grp
 Not a Glum Lot Grp
 Out to Lunch Grp
 Platteville Mon. Night Grp
 Portage 207 Grp
 Portage Serenity at 6 Grp
 Red Circle Grp
 Redgranite Grp
 Reflections Grp
 Richland Center Primitive Grp
 Rock River Grp
 Steps to Success Grp
 Stoughton Grps
 St. Andy's 7am Grp

St. Dunstan's Beginners Grp
 Suburban Sobriety Grp
 Sunday Recovery with the Book Grp
 Sunlight of the Spirit (SOTS) Grp
 Tradition Study Grp
 Watertown Keep It Simple Grp

Answering Service

Early Risers Grp
 Easy Does It But Do It Grp
 Kathy W.
 Mt. Horeb Wed Grp
 Russ K.
 St. Dunstan's Beginners Grp

Faithful Fivers

Larry L.

Gratitude Month

A Vision for You Grp
 Beaver Dam Thurs 9:30am Grp
 Berlin Fri Night Grp
 Caring & Sharing Grp
 Columbus Grp
 Dells/Delton Grp
 Dodgeville Serenity Grp
 Fel-O-Ship Grp
 Green Lake Saturday Grp
 Green Lake Wed. Women's Grp
 Janesville Grps
 Janesville Fri Noon Grp
 Janesville Men in Recovery Grp
 Janesville Morning Miracle Grp
 Janesville Sat. Morning Serenity Grp
 Janesville Sun. Unity Grp
 Janesville Tues. Night Unity Grp
 Language of the Heart Grp
 LaValle Grp
 Life on Life's Terms Grp
 Living Sober Grp
 New Freedom Grp
 Portage 207 Grp
 Portage Serenity at 6 Grp
 Princeton Thurs 10am Grp
 Princeton Thurs 7pm Grp

Sat 9am Step at 511
St. Dunstan's Beginners Grp
Sun Prairie Phoenix Grp
Sun Prairie Tues. Women's Grp
Tues. Exit 164 Grp
Waunakee Wauna Meeting
Working Step Grp

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Changes to the 2010-2011 Directory

Baraboo – add – Sat. Noon, O,NS, Immanuel Meth. Ch., Ash 1 14th St. Step Study
Beloit – delete – Thurs. 10am, First Meth. Ch., 511 Public Ave.
Boscobel – delete – Tues. 7:30pm, Immanuel Marian Ch., Cty T & Town Hall Rd.
Cross Plains – add – Thurs. 10am, O,NS,Women, St. Martin's Luth. Ch., 2427 Church St., back entrance, 3rd Grade Room, children welcome
Janesville – change – All – 402 W. Delavan Dr are handicap accessible
Janesville – add – Wed. 5:30pm, C,NS,H, First Presbyterian Ch., 17 N. Jackson
Lake Delton/Wisc. Dells- delete – Wed & Sat, 7pm, Miracles Healing Center, Hwy 23 & Cty B
Madison – change – meets Mon to Thurs only, Noon, St. Francis House, 1001 University Ave, Lounge, enter back of building
Madison – delete – Fri Noon, St. Francis House, 1001 University Ave.
Madison – add – Mon to Fri, 7:00am, C,NS, Eastside Alano, 1017 Northport Dr.
Monona – delete – Sat. 10am, Monona Serenity, 4933 Prairie Dock Dr.
Monroe – change – Mon, 6pm, Faith Baptist moved to Crossroads Community Ch., 615 26th St.
Monroe – change – Thurs 10am, Harvest Ch., moved to Crossroads Community Ch., 615 26th St.
Monroe – change – Sun. 6pm, name of facility is no longer St. Clare's Hosp., called Monroe Clinic Hospital, address is ok
Portage – add – Fri Noon, C,NS, 117 E. Cook St., (lower level) Grapevine
Reedsburg – add – Tues. 7pm, C,NS, St. John's Ch., 307 6th St.
Tomah – add – Fri, 5:30pm, C, First Congregational Ch. of Christ, 115 W. LaCrosse
Watertown – change – Tri-County Unity Club, 104 N. First St., 2nd Floor, are non-smoking as follows:
Mon 10am & 7pm, Tues 7pm, Thurs 10am & 8pm, Fri 4pm & 7pm, Sat 10am & 8pm, Sun 11am
Watertown – change – Sat 8pm is a closed meeting not open
Wisc. Dells- delete – Wed & Sat, 7pm, Miracles Healing Center, Hwy 23 & Cty B

**For This,
We Are Responsible**

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 with any changes that you know of or fill out this form and send it to MAICO, 6033 Monona Drive, Suite 204, Madison, WI 53716-3963.

Provide as much of the following information as is possible

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_____

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