

*The MAICO*

*May/June 2009*

# **GAAZETTE**

*Our area 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.*

## *A Small Dry Leaf*

I am a very blessed alcoholic because there were two AA groups in my city in Russia when I was trying to figure out what to do about my drinking. Not everyone has such a possibility in my country, even today.

I went to my first meeting in March, 1994, but it took me nearly three years to get sober. And I am sure that it happened because of my involvement in service.

In 1999, a Russian AA convention was held in my city. I had been sober almost three years, and I had many questions about AA service but nobody who could answer them. At our convention, I met an AA member who shared his experience in service, I threw out all my questions to him. He answered and then he gave me a small dry leaf.

He had been the first Russian delegate for the 14<sup>th</sup> World Service Meeting, held in New York City in 1996. He, with other WSM delegates, went to Bill's Stepping Stones and this leaf was from its garden. I can't put into words, especially English words, how happy I was at that moment. I had some AA coins and badges, but this leaf had the most value for me. I didn't understand what the WSM was, I couldn't imagine that excursion, but it seemed that

through this leaf, in some supernatural way, I was connected with AA members from other countries. I was connected with Bill! I saved this leaf in a box and periodically over time I would take it out and look at it.

In the next year, 2000, I attended the General Service Conference of Russian AA as a delegate. During my sobriety, I'd had many more trials than in my drinking years--and they were huge, believe me. *But I learned the wisdom of our cofounders about the necessity of service for my recovery.* Service helped me overcome all my trials. My service made me think about my responsibilities in AA, about other people--not about my awful circumstances and myself. I stayed sober, with no desire to drink.

Every year, I participated at our conference as a delegate. I never dreamed that I would be elected a delegate for the WSM in the United States. But God granted me a miracle, and I was elected to represent the Russian Fellowship at the 20<sup>th</sup> WSM in New York!

I took my dry, small leaf with me. At the meeting, I met many sober alcoholics from all over the world who were devoted to service, who shared their experience on how to carry the AA

message to other alcoholics and take it to my country. It was exciting!

After the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> WSM, all the delegates went to the Stepping Stones. It was incredible--I was there!

Again, I can't put into words my feelings of gratitude, happiness and love. I remembered my old small leaf and thought that God had helped me all the way here.

I began to collect leaves at the Stepping Stones garden to pass them on. I put these

leaves between the pages of the Grapevine and brought them home.

Sometimes I thought: They're just dry leaves! Who needs them? But yesterday I gave one of them to a young girl who had come to AA not long ago, and explained where the leaf came from. I was excited about her reaction: She was very happy!

And thought: Who knows what has prepared for her?

*Svetlana S.*

*Rostov-on-Don, Russia*

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## **2010 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

The **2010** International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 1-4, 2010, 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 San Antonio 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.

The website 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 website at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) are "**Frequently asked Questions**" about the 2010 International Convention.

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 website.

### **Area 75 Upcoming Events**

May 15-17 – Spring Conference in Racine

June 28 – Summer Service Meeting, Meeting at **Monona Community Ctr., 1011 Nichols Rd. Monona**

August 7 – 9 – East Central Regional (ECR) Conference in Peoria, IL

September 27 – Pre-Conference Assembly at Madison Senior Center

# **AAWS Literature Prices will increase effective July 1, 2009**

**Per a March 2009 memo from the Publications Director of AAWS**

**As I am sure you all know, A.A. is not immune to current economic conditions. At the G.S.O. we have see increases in costs for operations, warehousing and shipping. The A.A. World Services Board asked management to come up with solutions to help keep our prudent reserve at an acceptable level. We presented scenarios for making changes to our shipping and handling charges, and for increasing literature prices. After long discussion, the board approved increasing book prices, while keeping our shipping and handling charge practices the same.**

## **New Book Prices at MAICO as of July 1, 2009**

**Big Book hardcover - \$10.40  
Big Book softcover - \$9.88  
Big Book large print - \$10.79  
Big Book pocket sized - \$5.20  
12 & 12 hard cover - \$9.62  
12 & 12 soft cover - \$9.10  
12 & 12 gift edition - \$9.43  
12 & 12 large print - \$10.08  
12 & 12 pocket size - \$7.15**

**All other books will be increased between .50 cents and \$2.00**

***Grapevine Magazine Subscriptions will increase  
as of July 1, 2009  
to \$27.00 year/ \$51.00 2 years***

***Please keep in mind when purchasing  
Literature & merchandise at MAICO, that the Central Office  
only accepts Cash or Checks***

# **Sponsor the MAICO Answering Service For A Day**

Making sure that the “Still Suffering Alcoholic” receives a live person every time they dial the MAICO number is our number one priority. That’s why we currently spend about \$10 every day for an answering service to answer our phones outside of our standard office hours and on weekends. This answering service disseminates meeting information and contacts AA’s to arrange 12 Step calls when our paid employee or volunteers aren’t present.

In an effort to increase financial support, we are initiating a new program where AA Groups or individual AA Members can specifically “sponsor” the answering service for one day through a \$10 donation.

We are asking your group and/or individual members to consider *an additional donation* by sponsoring the answering service for one day at the cost of \$10. You may choose to do this once a year, a quarter or a month. We’d be happy to recognize you/your group in our newsletter for doing so. If you have any questions about this additional way to financially support MAICO, call Diane at 222-8989.

Thanks very much for your continued support!

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*Please return this with your donation*

**Name of Group/Individual**

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**Do you wish to be recognized in the newsletter? (no last names) please circle one.**

YES      NO

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# Upcoming Events

2009

**May 9 – Dist. 19 Mini-Conference – Theme is “Taking Action”,** 701 W. Seminary, Richland Center, WI. 5:30pm – 8:00pm, Speakers, dinner & Fellowship, meat & beverages provided, bring a dish to pass. Meeting will follow at same location.

**May 15, 16 & 17 – 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Area 75 Spring Conference,** Marriot Hotel & Conference Center, Racine, WI. (Delegate’s Report from General Service Conference), registration form on line at [www.area75.org](http://www.area75.org)

**May 22 -24 – 36<sup>th</sup> Gopher State Roundup, Minneapolis, MN.** [www.gopherstateroundup.org](http://www.gopherstateroundup.org)

**May 30 – Dist. 25 Grapevine Workshop –** Trinity Baptist Ch., 400 E. Johnson St., Fond du Lac, WI. Guest Speaker: Robin B., Grapevine Editor, Doors open 12:30pm, panels 1:30pm, skit 4:30pm, dinner 5:30pm, speaker meeting 6:45pm. Contact information: Dave D. 920-929-0398

**June 12 & 13 – 20<sup>th</sup> Annual “Mosinee” AA Camping Weekend,** Big Eau Pleine Park in Marathon Cty Park, S. of Wausau, WI. West camping sites. Sites reserved are 8,10,12,19 &21. For reservations at 715-261-1566 or call Greg for further info at 608-445-6787 after 4pm Mon to Fri. Parks dept web site is: [www.co.marathon.wi.us/parks.asp](http://www.co.marathon.wi.us/parks.asp)

**June 12 – 14 – 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous, Founder’s Day,** Akron, Ohio, Birthplace of AA All activities held at University of Akron campus. Registration form at [www.akronaa.org](http://www.akronaa.org)

**June 19-21 – 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Northeast Wisconsin Tristate Roundup,** Radisson Hotel & Conf. Ctr., 2040 Airport Dr., Green Bay. Theme is “Joy of Living”. [www.newtristateroundup.com](http://www.newtristateroundup.com)

**June 24 – Monroe Annual AA/Al-Anon Family Picnic in the Park,** Twining Park, N. Shelter House, rain or shine, 5:45pm dinner, speakers to follow. Dish to pass appreciated but not necessary, meat & beverages provided.

**June 24 – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunlight of the Spirit Grp.,** Plymouth U.C.C., 2401 Atwood Ave., Madison, Pot luck 5:30pm, 2 speakers at 6:30pm. Bring a dish to pass if you can, ring buzzer for entry.

**June 27 – “The Breakfast” – hosted by MAICO Reps,** Trinity Lutheran Ch., 1904 Winnebago St., Madison Breakfast 8:30am, speakers 10:00am. \$5.00 suggested donation but no one turned away. MAICO will be providing main dishes, coffee & juice. More breakfast items always welcome.

**July 9 – 12 – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Keep It Simple Retreat, Washington Island, WI.,** Island Campground & Recreation. Registration: \$20 per person. Camping fees, hotels separate cost.

**July 19 – Foxhall Recovery Grps Picnic,** Token Creek Park, Site #5, 11am to 4pm, details to follow.

**July 24, 25 & 26 – Chippewa Valley Roundup,** Plaza Hotel & Suites, 1202 W. Clairemont Ave. Eau Claire

**August 8 – MAICO Reps 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic –** Brigham Cty Park, Shelter #1, Cty Rd F, Blue Mounds Noon to ???, food served at 1pm, AA, Al-Anon & Alateen speakers. Sandwiches & beverages provided, bring munchies, salad or dessert to share.

**August 20 – 23 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Cornhusker Roundup,** Omaha, Nebraska

**November 14 – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual MAICO Reps Youngtimers/Oldtimers Workshop,** Trinity Lutheran Ch., 1904 Winnebago St., Madison. 10am to 4pm.

*Thank You's*  
*February 28<sup>th</sup> to April 24, 2009*

***General Fund***

511 Step Grp  
Barney's Grp  
Blue Monday/Sat 2pm Meetings  
Cambridge Grp  
Caring & Sharing Grp  
Columbus Grp  
Daily Reflections Grp  
DeForest Progress Grp  
Early Risers Grp  
East Side Alano Grps  
Easy Breathers Grp  
Foxhall Recovery Grp  
Go After Your Sobriety Grp  
Grace Lunch Grp  
Happy Hour Grp  
Keys to the Kingdom Grp

MAICO Reading Room Grp  
Mauston Wed Afternoon Grp  
Mon Night Rock River Grp  
Mt. Olive Grp  
New Glarus Sobrietyfest Grp  
Out to Lunch Grp  
The Phoenix Grp  
Portage 207 Grp  
Red Circle Grp  
Serenity at 6pm Grp  
St. Andy's 7am Grp  
Sunlight of the Spirit Grp  
There is a Solution Grp  
Waupun Tues H.O.W. Grp  
Women's Reflection Grp

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***Individual Donations***

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**MAICO Reading Room  
is available for a group  
to use any time Monday  
to Friday 11am to 6pm  
Or  
To listen to tapes, or sit  
and chat.**

## *Changes to "Meeting Directory" (As of April 24<sup>th</sup>)*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Change, Addition or Deletion</u>
10/1/2008	Change	Baraboo	Tuesday	7:00 pm	O,NS,H	St. Clare Hospital., Beginners meeting now, no longer speaker
10/1/2008	Delete	Beloit	Wednesday	8:00 pm	O,NS	St. Paul's Lutheran, 617 St. Lawrence Ave.
9/9/2008	Delete	Beloit	Thursday	10:00 am	C,NS,H	New Hope Church, 2345 Prairie Avenue
9/9/2008	Change	Beloit	Thursday	7:00 pm	C,NS,H	New Hope Church, 2345 Prairie Ave. moved to 1st Methodist Ch., 511 Public
9/9/2008	Change	Beloit	Sunday	8:00 pm	C,NS,H	New Hope Church, 2345 Prairie Ave. moved to 1st Methodist Ch., 511 Public
1/21/09	Add-Sp	Beloit	Mon to Sat	7:30pm	C	Spanish Speaking meetings, 414 E. Grand
1/21/09	Add-Sp	Beloit	Sun	11:00am	C	Spanish Speaking meetings, 414 E. Grand
10/1/2008	Add back	Belmont	Wednesday	Noon		Church on Main Street
11/21/2008	Add	Berlin	Wednesday	Noon	C,NS,H	Federated Church, 116 S. State Street
11/21/2008	Change	Berlin	Friday	8:00 pm	C,NS,H	Senior Citizen Ctr., 142 Water St. - Changed from 123 E. Park
11/21/2008	Change	Berlin	Sunday	6:30 pm	C,NS,H	Berlin Memorial Hosp. Non-Smoking
9/1/08	Change	Boscobel	Tuesday	7:30 pm	C,NS	Boscobel Hospital -- moved to Immanuel Marion Church., County Hwy T & Town Hall Road (off Hwy 61 West, 5 miles on T)
9/1/08	Change	Boscobel	Thursday	7:30 pm	C,NS	Boscobel Hospital, Mental Health Unit moved to Conference Room, Main Entrance
9/1/08	Delete	Boscobel	Sunday	7:30 pm	O,NS	Boscobel Hospital, Mental Health Unit
10/1/08	Add	Fall River	Thursday	7:00 pm	O,NS,H	United Methodist Church, Church & South Streets
1/9/09	Change	Ft. Atkinson	Wed	5:30pm	O,NS,H	Mental Health Consultants Bldg, 509 McMillen St. This is Open not closed
11/21/08	Add	Green Lake	Wednesday	5:30 pm	C,NS,H,W	Federated Church, 489 Scott Street
11/21/08	Add address	Green Lake	Tuesday	9:00 am	C,NS,H	Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church., 530 Ruth Street
11/21/08	Non-Smoking	Green Lake	Saturday Mon, Tues, Thursday	8:00 pm Noon	C,NS,H	Green Lake Village Hall, 534 Mill Street. Enter on Water Street
11/10/08	Delete	Janesville	Thursday	Noon		Good Fellowship, 1833 Wesley Avenue
11/21/08	Add	Janesville	Tuesday	7:00 pm	O,NS,W	407 W. Van Buren
1/21/09	Change	Janesville	All meetings			12 & 12 Drop In Ctr., 407 W. Van Buren moved to 402 W. Delevan Dr., park GM lot #6
1/21/09	Delete	Janesville	Friday	8:00pm	O,NS	1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Ch., 17 N. Jackson
1/1/09	Add	Lk Delton	Sunday	7:00pm	C,NS,H	Presbyterian Ch., Cedar St., ½ block south of Broadway
12/2/08	Delete All	Madison	Mon to Sun	10:00 pm		Fitchburg Serenity Club, 6048 McKee Road
1/21/09	Delete All	Madison	M, W, Sun	Spanish		Fitchburg Serenity Club, 6048 McKee Road
12/2/08	Add	Madison	Monday	6:00 pm	C,NS	Plymouth U.C.Ch., 2401 Atwood Ave., AA literature/Grapevine study, Ring Bell
10/1/08	Change	Madison	Monday	7:00 pm	O,NS,H	Foxhall Recovery, Trinity Lutheran., No longer has child care
2/17/09	Delete	Madison	Monday	2:00pm		MAICO Reading Room, 6033 Monona Dr. Room available to start group.
1/27/09	Change	Madison	Tuesday	6:30pm	C,NS	Highland Manor Mobile Home Pk, 10 Malibu Dr., 2 meetings, Beginners & BB
11/21/08	Delete	Madison	Wednesday	8:00 pm	C,NS,H	511 Club, 511 N. Carroll
3/23/09	Change	Madison	Thursday	7:30pm	O,NS	Big Book Study at East Side Alano, 1017 Northport Dr is Non-smoking
2/17/09	Support	Madison	Thurs	4:00pm	C,NS,W	Warner Park Ctr., 1625 Northport Dr., Craft Rm

1/27/09	Add	Madison	Saturday	10:00am	C,NS	Plymouth U.C.Ch., 2401 Atwood Ave. Step Study, ring buzzer
2/17/09	Support	Madison	Saturday	10:00am	C,NS,W	Warner Park Ctr., 1625 Northport Dr., Craft Rm
10/1/08	Delete	Madison	Saturday	6:30 pm	O,H,YP	Monona Serenity, 4933 Prairie Dock Drive - Young People's Group
10/1/08	Delete	Madison	Saturday	6:30 pm	O,S,NS,H	Monona Serenity, 4933 Prairie Dock Drive
4/22/09	Add	Madison	Sat & Sun	7:30pm	Spanish	Monona Serenity Club, 4933 Prairie Dock Dr
4/22/09	Add	Madison	Sunday	10:00am	Spanish	478 Crocus Circle (near Park St.)
11/21/08	Add	Markesan	Friday	1:00 pm	C,NS	Fernwood Campground, W1934 Pleasant Avenue
2/12/09	Add	Mauston	Sunday	6:00pm	C,NS	Hess Memorial Hospital, Division St. (2 <sup>nd</sup> Fir)
11/21/08	Change	Montello	All			All meetings are Non-Smoking
3/2/09	Add	Mt. Horeb	Monday	7:30pm	C,NS	Mt. Horeb Methodist Ch., Hwy 78 & Cty Rd "S", Grapevine
1/1/09	Change	New Glarus	Tuesday	7:00pm	C,NS,H	Shepherd of the Hills Ch., 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave., changed format, step 1 <sup>st</sup> , speaker 3 <sup>rd</sup>
4/23/09	Add	Orfordville	Friday	8:00pm	C,NS	Orfordville Lutheran Ch., 210 N. Main St.
11/21/08	Change	Palmyra	Monday	8:00 pm	C	St. Mary's moved to Palmyra United Methodist Church, 122 N. Fifth Street
1/1/09	Change	Portage	All at Rhymes			Rhyme's Drugstore sign gone, bldg for sale, meetings still held 117 E. Cook
1/21/09	Add	Prairie Chien	Mon	7:00pm	C,NS	St. Gabriel Catholic Ch., 506 N. Beaumont
1/21/09	Change	Prairie Chien	Wed	6:30pm	C,NS	Catholic Charities moved to St. Gabriel Catholic Ch., 506 N. Beaumont
1/21/09	Change	Prairie Chien	Fri	8:30pm	C,NS	United Methodist Ch., 625 S. Dousman, non-smoking & handicap accessible
11/21/08	Change	Princeton	Thursday	9:00 am to 10:00 am		Jubilee Fellowship Church, 325 Sunnyview Lane
11/21/08	Add	Princeton	Saturday	11:00 am		Jubilee Fellowship Church, 325 Sunnyview Lane
11/21/08	Add	Ripon	Wednesday	7:00 pm	C,NS,H	City Hall Building., 100 Jackson, Enter back door on Jefferson
4/15/09	Change	Reedsburg	Tue/Thurs	10:00am	C,NS,H	St. John's Lutheran Ch., 307 6 <sup>th</sup> St. Meeting at 9am now
4/15/09	Delete	Reedsburg	Fri			
11/21/08	Add	Ripon	Sunday	9:00 am	C,NS,H	City Hall Building., 100 Jackson, Enter back door on Jefferson
11/21/08	Add	Ripon	Mon & Thurs	7:00 pm	C,NS,H	St. Peter's Church, 217 Houston
9/2/08	Add	Stoughton	Monday	Noon	O,NS,H	Stoughton Alano Club, 900 Giles
9/2/08	Add	Stoughton	Tuesday	Noon	O,NS,H	Stoughton Alano Club, 900 Giles
9/2/08	Add	Stoughton	Wednesday	Noon	O,NS,H	Stoughton Alano Club, 900 Giles
9/2/08	Add	Stoughton	Friday	Noon	O,NS,H	Stoughton Alano Club, 900 Giles
9/2/08	Add	Stoughton	Saturday	Noon	O,NS,H	Stoughton Alano Club, 900 Giles
9/2/08	Change	Stoughton	All	All	Non-Smoking	Stoughton Alano Club, 900 Giles, Smoking upstairs only effective 7/1/08
3/12/09	Delete	Tomah	Mon & Fri	7:00pm	Now	Tomah VA, Bldg 404
3/12/09	Delete	Tomah	Tues	7:30pm		Tomah Fellowship, 720 Williams St. Women & 715 Williams St. Women
3/12/09	Add	Tomah	Tues	7:00pm		Church of the Nazarene, 25481 Cty Hwy ET, Women's
3/12/09	Add	Tomah	M,W,F,Sat	7:00pm	O,NS,H	Tomah VA Hospital, 500 E. Veterans St., Bldg 407 Conference Room
11/21/08	Change	Watertown	Saturday	10:00 am	C,NS,W	Address should be N9656 Oak Hill Rd., Call 920-261-6511 for directions
11/21/08	Change	Wautoma	All			All meetings are Non-Smoking & handicap accessible
11/21/08	Add	Wautoma	Thursday	10:00 am	C,NS,H	Hope Lutheran Church, E. 301 Mt. Morris- Big Book
11/21/08	Add	Wild Rose	Wed & Saturday	7:30 pm	C,NS	Wild Rose Hospital, 601 Grove Avenue -- Basement Saturday - Big Book
10/1/08	Add	Wisc. Dells	Sunday	7:00 pm	C,NS,H	Presbyterian Church, Cedar Street, 1/2 block South of Broadway

**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\_\_\_\_\_

Location\_\_\_\_\_

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