

# **GAAZETTE**

***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.*

## ***What AA means to Me***

On December 1, 1968, I emerged into consciousness after having passed out – again. I lay on my couch hearing music and imagining that the flecks in the wooden floor were bugs jumping. I could not be still. My husband told me he really couldn't go on this way. That evening I shamefacedly appeared at the local delicatessen asking for two beers. The knowing look of pity I received as I paid for them was standard among my suppliers. I drank the beers that night truly for medicinal reasons. The DT's were so bad I was falling apart. I called AA. The office was closed but a recording told me when it would be open.

I called the next day, the first day of my sobriety, and they suggested that I come down to the office. That began my journey of continuous sobriety.

Many changes have occurred since then. I have lived in four different states and have come to believe that we develop our own concept not only of a Higher Power but of AA itself. It is true we have a Preamble based on the Traditions that define the Fellowship, but depending on our experience, strength, and hope, we each at any given time have our conception of what AA means.

Today, this is what AA means to me: one alcoholic talking to another

without regard for gender, social standing, religious beliefs, age, history, and especially length of sobriety; meetings which follow the AA Traditions of not being associated with any outside enterprise; the ever-evolving conscious contact with God or a Higher Power that is personal, real, and practical, and requires only that I listen; the directions, as written in the Big Book, on how to find a Higher Power and the clarification and explanation of the Twelve Steps as written in the “Twelve and Twelve”, the willingness to follow my path in life guided by my Higher Power; the knowledge that sobriety was freely given to me and that I should freely give what I have to

those who want it.

I was attracted to AA because it excluded no one, and I am grateful for the lessons I’ve learned over the years: that we stop fighting anyone or anything; that it is the details of what I do that make me who I am; that my perception of life is every-changing and evolving; that the basic “suggestions” I heard when I entered the Fellowship have been a continuous part of my life; that as long as I stay an active member of AA, more will be revealed. God is doing for me what I could not do for myself.

Ruth L., Portland, Oregon  
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### **From “Fifty Years of Gratitude” – June 1994**

*I first learned about AA in Ohio in August 1938. I had several relapses until my first day of lasting sobriety – Armistice Day, November 11, 1944. I’m very grateful for all that I’ve achieved in AA: recovery, sobriety, contentment, and the opportunity to share all that I was so generously given. But I will always remember those helpless and hopeless drinking times and early treatment procedures: undergoing the aversion cure, being locked up with mental patients, enduring iced sheets and other shock treatments, withstanding physical beatings in a jail bullpen and an Army guardhouse. And I remember the anguish in the faces of loved ones when it seemed that their prayers for my recovery had failed. Then there was that glorious first memory of freedom, the rapture of not needing the crutch of alcohol – the especial joys of self-forgiveness, the regeneration of hope, and the rebirth of faith. There was the bonus of self-respect, of forgiving and liking oneself as a whole person, in a whole family and a whole community.*

*George S.*

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## *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

Wallet Cards    Bookmarks    Key Chains    DVDs

Literature: AA, Al-Anon, and Grapevine

We have "The Lois Wilson Story: When Love is Not Enough" book

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

## Gratitude Month

We wanted to inform you that, to date, we have received a total of \$2,860.16 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](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 by going to [www.area75.org](http://www.area75.org), click "get your event posted here", be aware that info & flyers go on internet, mindful of anonymity, names on flyers etc*

**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 7 – Campfire Meetings, Lancaster, 6:00pm cook, 8pm meeting**, Contact: Denis A. , c-608-778-3648

**May 8 – Dist. 11 Workshop**, 1pm – 5pm, Moravian Ch., 510 Cole St., Watertown, Topics include Spirituality, Making Amends, Getting Started in AA, contact #: 920-285-4936 – child care

**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 16 – Fond du Lac Breakfast**, Open speaker, Breakfast 10am, Speaker 11:00am, Ramada Hotel, 1 North Main St., Fond Du Lac, free parking in ramp north of the hotel) Hosted by Lake Winnebago Group.

**May 21 – Campfire Meetings, Platteville, 6:00pm cook, 8pm meeting**, contact Ed M & Jeanna M. 608-348-9062, c-608-778-7437 or 778-4887

**May 21 – New Freedom Grp Open Speaker Meeting**, 7:30pm, St. Paul's Episcopal Ch., 413 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Watertown, Speaker: Tim from Oconomowoc

**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.

**May 22 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual District 16 Picnic**, 11am – 4pm, Lunch at Noon, Speaker at 1pm, Greenfield Park, 116<sup>th</sup> & Rogers, Picnic Area #5, Milwaukee

**Jun 4 - Campfire Meetings, Lancaster, 6:00pm cook, 8pm meeting**, Contact: Denis A. , c-608-778-3648

**Jun 11 – 13 – Founder's Day**, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous, Akron, Ohio, [www.foundersdayregistration.akronaa.org](http://www.foundersdayregistration.akronaa.org)

**Jun. 12 – 15<sup>th</sup> 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** – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Motorcycle AA Convention, Emerald Acres Campground, Pearl City, IL., [www.MMAAC.org](http://www.MMAAC.org)

**Jun 18** - Campfire Meetings, Platteville, 6:00pm cook, 8pm meeting, contact Ed M & Jeanna M. 608-348-9062, c-608-778-7437 or 778-4887

**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

**Jun 25 – 27** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Northeast Wisconsin Tri-State Roundup, Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay, WI. [www.tristateroundup.com](http://www.tristateroundup.com)

**Jul 2** - Campfire Meetings, Lancaster, 6:00pm cook, 8pm meeting, Contact: Denis A. , c-608-778-3648

**Jul. 1 -4** - AAWS International Convention, San Antonio, TX – Reg. forms & You can register on line at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) , look for International Convention logo

**Jul. 15 – 18** – 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic, Goodland Park, 2862 Waubesa St. Madison, Shelter #1, Shelter is rented to use from 10am until 9:30pm.

**Aug. 26 – 29** – 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual ICYPAA – International Conference of Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous, Hotel tba in Times Square, New York City, NY. Registration: \$30, after Aug 4<sup>th</sup> \$35 [www.ICYPAAHOST.org](http://www.ICYPAAHOST.org)

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

**Sept. 18** – Foxhall Recovery Group's 15<sup>th</sup> 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

**Sept. 18** – Jamboree 2010, Milwaukee Cty Zoo, Peck Welcome Ctr., Dinner 6pm, Speaker 7pm, \$25.00 ticket

**Oct. 1 – 3** – 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Woman to Woman Seminar, Milwaukee/Brookfield Sheraton, Brookfield, WI. "Miracles Happen", Registration: \$25.00. Website: [www.midwest-woman-to-woman.com](http://www.midwest-woman-to-woman.com)

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

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

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Your donations are tax deductible up to  
\$2,000 per AA member per year.

*Thank You's*  
*February 26 – April 23, 2010*

***General Fund***

Beaver Dam Tues. Morning  
Belleville Big Book Study Grp  
Deerfield Downtown Grp  
DeForest Grp  
Early Risers Grp  
EDIBDI Grp  
Foxhall Recovery Grp  
Grace Lunch Grp  
Into Action Grp  
It's a God Thing Grp  
Jefferson Rock River Grp  
Mad Book Grp  
Mauston Mon. Night Grp  
Mauston Wed. Afternoon  
Monona Serenity Grp  
Monroe New Beginnings Grp  
Monroe No Butts Grp  
Mt Olive Grp  
New Freedom Grp  
New Glarus Sobrietyfest Grp  
North End Grp  
Promises Grp  
Richland Center Grp  
Sat. Keep It Simple Grp  
Sat. Ontimers Grp  
Serenity at 6pm  
Sullivan Big Book Grp  
SOTS –Sunlight of the Spirit Grp  
Sun. Recovery with the Book Grp  
Sunshine Grp  
There is a Solution Grp  
Traditions Grp  
Waupun Tues. Night Grp

WI. Dells Happy Hour Grp  
Working Step Grp

***Answering Service***

Deerfield Downtown Grp  
EDIBDI Grp  
Kathy W.  
Serenity at Six

***Faithful Fivers***

Larry L.

***Gratitude Month***

Sat. Morning Eye Opener Grp  
There is a Solution Grp

***Individual Donations***

Les S. – Anniversary Donation  
Richard P.

***MAICO Corrections/Treatment Fund***

Columbus Grp  
Deerfield Downtown Grp  
Early Risers Grp  
EDIBDI Grp  
Monona Serenity Grp  
Serenity at Six  
SOTS –Sunlight of the Spirit Grp

***Prudent Reserve***

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## Changes to the 2010-2011 Directory as of 4/23/10

- Argyle** – add – Wed. 7pm, C, NS, Apple Grove Luth. Ch., 14501 Apple Grove Church Rd.
- Baraboo** – add – Sat. Noon, O,NS, Immanuel Meth. Ch., Ash 1 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Room, children welcome
- Edgerton** – delete – Thurs. 7pm, St. Joseph's Catholic Ch., 590 St. Joseph Circle
- 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.
- Madison** – add – Mon, Wed, Fri, 8pm, Spanish, Fitchburg Serenity, 6048 McKee Rd.
- Monona** – delete – Sat. 10am & Sun 1pm, Monona Serenity, 4933 Prairie Dock Dr.
- Monona** – add – Sat. Noon, C, Monona Serenity, 4933 Prairie Dock Dr.
- Monroe** – change – Mon, 6pm, Faith Baptist moved to Crossroads Community Ch., 615 26<sup>th</sup> St.
- Monroe** – change – Thurs 10am, Harvest Ch., moved to Crossroads Community Ch., 615 26<sup>th</sup> 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
- Portage** – add – Mon 6:30pm, C, NS, United Methodist Ch., 1804 New Pinery Rd. Classroom 6/7
- Reedsburg** – add – Tues. 7pm, C,NS, St. John's Ch., 307 6<sup>th</sup> St.
- Sun Prairie** – add – Mon, 7pm, O, NS, Colonial Club Senior Center, 301 Blankenheim Lane
- Tomah** – add – Fri, 5:30pm, C, First Congregational Ch. of Christ, 115 W. LaCrosse
- Watertown** – change – Tri-County Unity Club, 104 N. First St., 2<sup>nd</sup> 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\_\_\_\_\_

Location\_\_\_\_\_

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