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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.

Caught on tape!

He couldn't believe the belligerent monster on the TV screen was him

Your first meeting can be a scary place. You're not only unsure about yourself and your reasons for being there, but you're also overwhelmed with fear and doubt that the program actually works. You hear stories from individuals who've obtained significant amounts of sobriety time and have a sense of peace that you don't quite understand. You wonder how long it's going to take for you to obtain that same peace. Well, I was no different than you. Those very same thoughts haunted me. I was so terrified and overwhelmed, I almost gave up at the thought of trying.

At the age of 40, I found myself sitting in a meeting hall, unsure if I really needed to be there. I still held on to the idea that I didn't have a drinking problem, I just wanted to shut up everyone who thought I did. Denial became a way of life. I spent over 20 years drowning in the denial that became my reality. Toward the end, I was going 110 m.p.h. down a very steep hill on a one way, dead end road.

My philosophy was this: "I don't drink every day, so I can't possibly be

an alcoholic." What I couldn't see was that when I did drink, I consumed bottles and bottles until everything was gone, or I passed out. I didn't see it as a problem, though. I'd drink, get drunk, pass out...no problem. I was no longer a "social" drinker and blackouts became a regular thing. When I started hearing horror stories of how I'd get when I was drunk, my philosophy then became: "Hey, if I don't remember, then it didn't happen!"

I screwed up one time too many and decided in order to get everyone off my back, I'd go to AA, wait until things calmed down, and then go about my business. That plan worked for a total of 44 days. My last drunk was a bottom I didn't see coming. But then, few of us do.

It'd been 44 days and I was doing okay, or so I thought until I picked up a glass of what I thought was soda and guzzled more than half of it before I realized it was my 18-year-old son's "hunch punch," soda and alcohol. The minute it touched my lips, I was a goner. I knew I had to get out of there, but someone who didn't know I was

in the program handed me a shot. I held the shot that shot up to my mouth and fought with myself. I lost the fight. I just couldn't put that shot down. I knew, at that very moment, that I had a problem, and it terrified me. I went on a nine-hour binge and woke up the next morning feeling like crap and still drunk.

Luckily, a friend did something that saved my life that day.

I'd certainly heard all the horror stories about the person I became when I was drunk: Belligerent, disrespectful, mean, violent, etc. But I always shrugged it off, falling back on the old, "If I don't remember, it didn't happen" excuse. She knew me well enough to sit me down in front of the television and turned it on.

There, in front of me on the TV screen, was a complete and utter monster, a Jekyll and Hyde. I watched the video for maybe ten minutes before I started to feel physically sick. There was no more denial. Reality had smacked me with the force of a battering ram. Watching this video was powerful and very disturbing. I was sick, angry, disgusted and afraid, all at the same time. I knew what had to be done if I wanted to live.

The very next day I walked back into my AA meeting with a whole different outlook. I was still unsure that the program would work for me, but I knew I was hopeless over alcohol, and was willing to give it an honest try. The fear of having to wait years to regain my sanity like the others in the room terrified me, mainly because I didn't think I had that long.

I hung in there, got a sponsor and started working the Steps for all they were worth. I soaked up everything I heard like a sponge. The program became a way of life, rather than a mission I had to accomplish. I found my Higher Power, faith, sanity and serenity. I found peace like I'd never known before.

As of December 7, 2010, I've been sober 142 days. It took me only 142 days to find the peace and serenity I've

been looking for my whole life. Please understand, the program works differently for different people, but it does work and my experience so far has been that you don't necessarily have to wait years and years to obtain what we have if you really want it and are willing to go to any lengths necessary to get it.

So, before you give in to your fears and get overwhelmed by the length of time you think someone must be sober before he or she finds serenity and peace, I hope you will remember my story and keep coming back. It just might save your life....It saved mine.

Brooklyn W. – Jacksonville, Fla.
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Keeping Sober is the most important thing in my life. The most important decision I ever made was my decision to stop drinking. I am convinced that my whole life depends on not taking that first drink. Nothing in the world is as important to me as my own sobriety. Everything I have, my whole life, depends on that one thing.

Can I afford to ever forget this, even for one hour, one minute, or a few seconds.

Make the Phone Call First!

MAICO - Income Statement For the Three Months ending March 31, 2011

	Current Month		Year to Date	
Revenues				
Donations	2030.98	22.65	7,231.12	28.03
MAICO 2011 Winter Event	0.00	0.00	344.50	1.34
Individual Donations	3.00	0.03	178.00	0.69
Donations/Answering Service	10.00	0.11	270.00	1.05
Donations - Gratitude Month	0.00	0.00	1,006.39	3.90
Conference Literature	3,572.80	39.85	7,821.38	30.32
Grapevine Literature	89.70	1.00	466.50	1.81
NonConference Literature	1,071.80	11.95	2,877.76	11.16
NonConference Merchandise	1,845.90	20.59	4,915.18	19.05
Faithful Fivers	34.00	0.38	101.00	0.39
Directories	198.00	2.21	346.00	1.34
Newsletter Subscriptions	5.00	0.06	10.00	0.04
Investment Income	0.00	0.00	0.94	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	25.41	0.10
Other Income - copies	7.80	0.09	9.80	0.04
Shipping Charges Reimbursed	87.70	0.98	181.84	0.70
Sales Tax Discount	10.00	0.11	10.00	0.04
Total Revenues	8,966.68	100.00	25,795.82	100.00
Cost of Sales				
Inventory Exp.-Conference Lit.	1,669.10	18.61	5,299.08	20.54
Inventory Exp.-Grapevine Lit.	328.50	3.66	328.50	1.27
Inventory Exp.-NonConfer Lit.	1,086.09	12.11	2,487.82	9.64
Inventory Exp.-NonConfer Mer.	1,417.73	15.81	3,872.21	15.01
Total Cost of Sales	4,501.42	50.20	11,987.61	46.47
Gross Profit	4,465.26	49.80	13,808.21	53.53
Expenses				
Wages Expense	2,703.21	30.15	8,332.47	32.30
Payroll Tax Expense	206.80	2.31	637.45	2.47
License and fees Expenses	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.04
Supplies Expense	317.65	3.54	608.67	2.36
Office Expense	8.98	0.10	100.14	0.39
Newsletter Expense	94.79	1.06	94.79	0.37
Telephone Expense	112.55	1.26	339.57	1.32
Answering Service Expense	441.30	4.92	1,376.04	5.33
Advertising in Phone Book	88.50	0.99	265.50	1.03
Postage and Shipping Expense	84.71	0.94	242.00	0.94
Occupancy Expense	765.26	8.53	2,295.78	8.90
Insurance Expense	0.00	0.00	6.00	0.02
MAICO Reps Winter Event	0.00	0.00	177.00	0.69
MAICO Reps Picnic 2011	58.00	0.65	58.00	0.22
Meetings Expense – Steering & Reps	25.00	0.28	75.00	0.29
Miscellaneous Expense	9.23	0.10	9.23	0.04
Total Expenses	4,915.98	54.82	14,627.64	56.71
Net Income	(450.72)	(5.03)	(819.43)	(3.18)

Upcoming Events 2011

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

May 7 – Campfire Meetings, Platteville, Ed & Jeanna M. 747 Badland Rd., h)608-348-9062 c)608-778-7437 or 778-4887. Bring food to grill & a dish to pass. Grills are hot a 6pm, meetings at 8pm.

May 14 – MAICO Reps Breakfast, Trinity Lutheran Ch., 1904 Winnebago St., Madison, 8:30am-11:30am Speakers on "The Family Afterwards", MAICO will be providing main dishes, coffee and juice. All breakfast items greatly appreciated. A \$5.00 donation will be accepted but no one wishing to share in our fellowship will be turned away.

May 15 – 3rd Sunday of the month Sunshine Breakfast, Holiday Inn West, 1109 Fourier Drive, Madison. 10am breakfast buffet (\$10.99 all you can eat, 12 & under \$5.00), 11am Speaker

May 15 – Third Sunday Breakfast, Ramada Plaza Hotel, 1 North Main St. Fond du Lac, 10am Breakfast, 11am Speaker. Breakfast \$9.00, Kids \$4.50 Coffee \$1.50 Speaker: Rose S. Fond du Lac

May 20 – 22 – 60th Annual Area 75 Spring Conference, "A Vision for You", Sheraton Milwaukee-Brookfield Hotel, 375 S. Moorland Rd., Brookfield, WI. Registration: \$15 registration form: www.area75.org

May 27 – 29 – Gopher State Roundup, Sheraton Bloomington, Highway 100 & 494, Bloomington, MN. Registration: \$12.00 www.gopherstateroundup.org

Jun 10 – 12 – 76th Annual Founder's Day, 76th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous, Akron, Ohio, Birthplace of A.A. www.akronaa.org

Jun 17 – 19 – Buddies Off Booze Campout, hosted by Daily Reflections Grp., Lake Farm Dane County Park, 4330 Libby Road, Madison. Group camping \$10/person. Contact: Bob J. 608-445-9089 or email soberbob1954@gmail.com, campfire meetings, canoe, volleyball, softball field, bring you own food.

Jun 18 – Annual WI/UP Corrections Conference, First Presbyterian Ch., 100 Presbyterian Ch., Shawano, WI. Suggested registration: \$10.00. Panels: Past Offenders, Offenders, Professionals, Contact: Terry W. 715-526-6758 or 715-584-8252. Registrations forms available at Central Office.

Jun 18 – Keyway Lodge Group, Group 20th-AA 76th Anniversary Party, Grand View United Methodist Ch., 3342 John Wesley Drive, Dubuque, IA. Speaker: Patti O., Laguna Niguel, CA. Doors open: 5:30pm, Potluck 6.00pm, Speaker 7:30pm, Dance to follow. Contact: Terry C. 563-552-2395

Jun 19 – 3rd Sunday of the month Sunshine Breakfast, Holiday Inn West, 1109 Fourier Drive, Madison. 10am breakfast buffet (\$10.99 all you can eat, 12 & under \$5.00), 11am Speaker

Jun 24 – 26 - 11th Annual Midwest Motorcycle Alcoholics Anonymous Convention, Emerald Acres Campground, Pearl City, IL. 61062. Weekend pre-registration before 6/1: \$35 www.MMAAC.org

Jun 24 – 26 – 3rd Annual Northeast Wisconsin Tri-State Roundup, Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, 2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay, WI. Registration: \$15 till May 31st Information: Jamie O 920-562-3245 or Debbie S. 920-819-7638 or email: jmejonah@yahoo.com

Jul 7-10 – 15th Annual “Keep It Simple” Washington Island Camping Retreat, 745 East Side Rd, Washington Island, WI. AA & Al-Anon speakers. Info at www.washingtonislandcamping.com
Email: campingretreat@yahoo.com Pre-registration is \$15, on sight registration is \$20, registration fee does not include costs for ferry, meals, lodging and camping.

Jul 17 – 3rd Annual Breakfast, Ramada Plaza Hotel, 1 North Main St., Fond du Lac, AA Speaker: Jo Mc. 10am Breakfast, 11am Speaker, Buffet & beverages \$9.00, Children under 12 \$4.50. Just coffee \$1.50 Just meeting \$0.00.

August 13 – 6th Annual MAICO Reps Picnic, Swan City Park – Mill St. Shelter, Beaver Dam, WI. Speakers at 2:00pm, AA & Al-Anon, possibly Alateen, 1:00pm lunch, sloppy joes, hot dogs, beverages Please bring a dessert or salad, lawn chairs, sporting equipment, “your fellowship.”

January 2012 – WICYPAA XIX in Madison, WI. Wisconsin Conference of Young People of AA, Early registration: \$15. www.wicypaa.org or email chair2012@wicypaa.org

Changes to the 2010-2011 Directory as of 4/22/11

Adams – change – Sat 8pm meets now at 7pm, 1093 Cty Hwy M East.

Argyle – add – Wed. 7pm, C, NS, Apple Grove Luth. Ch., 14501 Apple Grove Church Rd.

Baraboo – add – Sat changed to Fri., Noon, O, NS, Immanuel Meth. Ch., Ash 1 14th St. Step Study

Baraboo - change – Tues & Sun, 7pm, St. Clare moved to St. Paul Lutheran, 727 8th St. (east entrance)

Baraboo – add – Mon, Noon, O, NS, H, St. Paul Lutheran, 727 8th St. (east entrance)

Baraboo – change – Sat 9am & 7pm, St. Clare Hospital, 707 14th St., moved meetings to 2nd floor

Beloit – delete – Thurs. 10am, First Meth. Ch., 511 Public Ave.

Boscobel – delete – Tues. 7:30pm, Immanuel Marian Ch., Cty T & Town Hall Rd.

Browtown – add – Tues. 7pm, Peace United Church of Christ, 312 E. South St.

Cottage Grove – change – Sat. 6pm, Hope Lutheran Ch., 3702 Cty AB, meets in church now

Cross Plains – add – Thurs. 10am, O, NS, Women, St. Martin’s Luth. Ch., 2427 Church St., back entrance, 3rd Grade Room, children welcome – **NEEDS SUPPORT**

Edgerton – delete – Thurs. 7pm, St. Joseph’s Catholic Ch., 590 St. Joseph Circle

Elroy – change – Tues 7:30pm, Methodist Ch., Royall Ave., new format-Steps weeks 1 & 2, Traditions weeks 3 & 4

Janesville – change – All – 402 W. Delavan Dr are handicap accessible

Janesville – change – Wed. 5:30pm, C, NS, H, First Presbyterian Ch., 17 N. Jackson to Trinity Episcopal Church, 419 E. Court

Janesville – add – Mon to Fri, 7:30am, C, NS, H, 402 W. Delavan Drive

Janeville – **Change Janesville Hot – Line # to 608-774-2812**

Janeville – delete – Fri 8pm, Wesleyan Ch., 967 Benton Ave.

Lake Delton/Wisc. Dells- delete – Wed & Sat, 7pm, Miracles Healing Center, Hwy 23 & Cty B

Lancaster – add- Thurs., 7 pm, C, NS, First Presbyterian Ch. 17 N Jackson St.

Lancaster – add – Thurs. 7pm, C, NS, H 7th Day Adventist Ch., 200 E. Alona Lane

Lodi – add- Wed., 7 pm, C, NS, West Point Town Hall, N2114 Rausch Rd

Madison – change – meets Mon to Thurs only, Noon, St. Francis House, 1001 University Ave, Lounge, enter back of building, no longer meets on Friday

Madison – change – Mon to Fri, 7:00am, C, NS, Eastside Alano moved to Warner Park Community Ctr.

1625 Northport Drive

Madison – add – Mon, Wed, Fri, 8pm, **Spanish**, Fitchburg Serenity, 6048 McKee Rd.

Madison – add – **Spanish** – Mon to Fri, 8am & 8pm, 478 Crocus Circle

Madison – change- Wed., 7pm, C, NS, H, Lake Edge United Church of Christ, 4200 Buckeye Rd, 3rd Wed Open Topic, Big Book all other Wednesdays.

Madison – add – Tues, 8pm, C,NS, Highland Manor Mobile Home Park, 10 Malibu Dr. Big Book Study

Madison – add – 1st Tues, 6:30pm, C,NS, Highland Manor Mobile Home Park, 10 Malibu Dr., Back to Basics

Madison – delete– Tues & Thurs, 5:30pm, O, NS,H, Fitchburg Serenity, 6048 McKee Rd., Rm A, Women

Madison – change – Wed. 5:30pm, C,NS, Monona Serenity, 4933 Prairie Dock, Big Book, Joe & Charlie

Madison – add – Wed, 7pm, C,NS, YP, Eastside Alano, 1017 Northport Dr., Young People

Madison – change – Wed. 8:30pm, St. Andrew's Episcopal Ch., meets in church now, 1833 Regent .2nd Flr

Madison – add – Wed. Noon, Monona Serenity, 4933 Prairie Dock Dr., Emotional Sobriety meeting

Madison – change – Wed. 7pm, Lake Edge United Ch. of Christ, 4200 Buckeye Rd. 3rd Wed Open Topic, Big Book Study all other Wednesday's.

Madison – add- Thurs., 6:30 pm, O, NS, Catholic Multi Cultural Center, 1862 Beld St\

Madison – change – Thurs 7:30pm, East Side Alano, 1017 Northport Dr., this is a Closed discussion meeting not Big Book study.

Madison – **needs support** – Fri 7pm, C,NS, Women, Bethany United Methodist, 3910 Mineral Pt. Rd

Madison – add – Sat. 7:30am, Focus on Solutions Grp, Fitchburg Serenity, 6048 McKee Rd.

Madison – delete – Sat. 10am, Monona Serenity, 4933 Prairie Dock Dr.

Madison – add – Sat & Sun Noon, Monona Serenity, 4933 Prairie Dock Dr.

Madison – change – Sat. 7:30pm to **7pm**, Covenant Pres. Ch., 326 S. Segoe, Couples meeting

Madison/McFarland –change-Sat. 6pm, meets in Hope Lutheran Ch., 3702 Cty AB not Gathering house

Madison – change – last Sat only – 8pm, East Side Alano, 1017 Northport Dr., AA & Al-anon speakers and cake

Madison – add – 3rd Sun of the Month only, Madison Pocket Full of Sunshine Breakfast, Open AA meeting. Holiday Inn West, 1109 Fourier Dr., Madison. 10am breakfast buffet & fellowship 11am Speaker \$10.00 all you can eat buffet, 12 & under \$5.00. door prizes.

Madison - delete- Sun, 1pm, O, H, Monona Serenity, 4933 Prairie Dock Dr

Madison- delete- Sun, 7:30 pm, The Jefferson, 7940 Old Sauk Rd

Middleton – add – Tue. 7:30 pm, C, NS, St. Luke's 7319 Hubbard Ave.

Mineral Point – change –Fri, 7pm, Trinity Church, 403 High St. This is an Open meeting not closed.

Monroe – change – Mon, 6pm changed to Wed 6pm and moved from Crossroads Community Ch., 615 26th St. to United Methodist Ch., 2227 4th St.

Monroe – change – Wed, 7pm, changed to Mon 7pm, Big Book Study in people's home, change contacts to Deb A at 608-328-4494 or Nancy at608-558-1511

Monroe – change – Wed 6pm & Thurs 10am, Crossroads Community Ch., 615 26th St. moved to United Methodist Ch., 2227 4th St.

Monroe – change – Sun. 6pm, name of facility is no longer St. Clare's Hosp., called Monroe Clinic Hospital, address is ok

Montello – delete – Wed. 7pm, Montello Library, 128 Lake Court

Montello – change – Mon, W, now 5pm, Montello Library moved to Trinity Methodist, W3032 Fern Dr

Montello – change – Fri 7pm, Montello Library moved to Trinity Methodist, W3032 Fern Dr.

New Glarus – change – Tues, 7pm, Shepherd of the Hills Ch., 506 12th Ave., 3rd Tues Open Speaker

New Lisbon – delete – Thurs & Satk 7:30pm, Ruffner Hall, 108 S. Washington

Oregon – add – Tues, 7pm, C,NS, People's United Methodist Ch., 103 N. Alpine Parkway, park in lower lot, enter on lower level

Platteville – add – Wed Noon, C,NS, Lutheran Ch. of Peace, 1345 N. Water St.

Portage – moved – 117 E. Cook, Mon 8pm, Tues Noon, Wed 8pm, Thurs Noon, Fri Noon, Sat 8pm, Sun 10am moved to Historic Apartments, 204 W. Cook
Portage – moved – 117 E. Cook, Tues 7pm, Fri 7pm, Sun 7pm, moved to United Methodist Ch., 1804 New Pinery Road.
Portage – add – Mon 6:30pm, C, NS, United Methodist Ch., 1804 New Pinery Rd. Classroom 6/7
Prairie du Chien-add- Sat, 10am, O, NS, Family Resource Center, 800 Taylor Ave, Children welcome
Reedsburg – add – Tues. 7pm, C, NS, St. John’s Ch., 307 6th St.
Stoughton – change – Mon, 7:30pm, Stoughton Alano Club, 900 Giles, Back to Basics Grp now
Stoughton – delete – Tues, 7:30pm, Stoughton Alano Club, 900 Giles
Stoughton – change – Sat. 7:30pm, Stoughton Alano Club, 900 Giles, Speaker 1st Sat. of month
Sun Prairie – add – Mon, 7pm, O, NS, Colonial Club Senior Center, 301 Blankenheim Lane
Sun Prairie – add – Tues. 7:30pm, Good Shepherd Episcopal Ch.,
Tomah – add – Fri, 5:30pm, C, First Congregational Ch. of Christ, 115 W. LaCrosse
Watertown – change – Tri-County Unity Club, moved to 110 S. 2nd St.
Watertown – change – Sat 8pm is a closed meeting not open
Windsor – change – Thurs 6:30pm, Windsor United Church of Christ, 4434 2nd St. is handicap accessible
Wisconsin Dells- delete – Wed & Sat, 7pm, Miracles Healing Center, Hwy 23 & Cty B



Need that Special Gift

Remember MAICO has a wide selection of conference and nonconference literature, medallions, and gifts for that special someone. (Cash or Checks only)

T-Shirts Book Covers Medallions Coffee Cups
 Wallet Cards Bookmarks Key Chains DVDs
 Speaker CD's Bumper Stickers Recovery Pens
 Literature: AA, Al-Anon, Grapevine and Hazelden
 Some literature available in Spanish

Thank You's
February 25, 2011-April 22, 2011

General Fund

10am Thurs Goodmorning Grp
Beaver Dam Sun Night Grp
Columbus Grp
East Side Grp
Easy Does It But Do It Grp
Fitchburg Traditions Grp
Foxhall Recovery Grp
Freedom Grp
Grace Lunch Grp
Living Sober Grp
Mauston Mon Night Grp
Mauston Wed Afternoon Grp
Middleton Town & Country Grp
Monona Serenity Grp
Monroe New Beginnings Grp
Morning After Grp
New Glarus Sobrietyfest Grp
Noon Lunch Bunch Grp
Orfordville Promises Grp
Platteville Mon Night Grp
Red Circle Grp
Rock River Grp

Serenity at Six Grp
Slip Nots Grp
St. Andy's Grp
Sunlight of the Spirit Grp
Sunshine Grps
The Phoenix Grp
Tues. Night Waupun Grp

Answering Service

Easy Does It But Do It Grp
Kathy W.

Faithful Fivers

Larry L.

Gratitude Month

First 164 Pages Grp
Pardeeville Sun Night Grp
Serenity at Six Grp

Individual Donations

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Karen K.

Mike S.

MAICO Corrections/Treatment Fund

Capital Steps Grp
Caring & Sharing Grp
Easy Does It But Do It Grp
Kettle Moraine Bottlestoppers Grp
Living Sober Grp
Monona Serenity Grp
Sunlight of the Spirit Grp

God grant me the Serenity...

I have known peace. The peace that comes in front of a fireplace on a cozy winter's night; the peace of the mountains. But when I would leave the mountains, the peace would leave me. When the fire went out or the phone rang, the peace would be gone. Peace came rarely and went quickly – a mood conjured by myself for myself. Serenity is different. It is all that peace is, but it stays. It carries over. It is with me and in me. Nothing disturbs it, it is given; therefore, it cannot be taken away.

to accept the things I cannot change...

One accepts when one receives. To understand, to take into the mind without debate as one receives a gift—this is acceptance. Serenity precedes acceptance. It must. There is order to this. My mind must be calm in order to understand what you are saying. To listen to you without debate, I must

not be afraid of you. With the gift of serenity, I am able to accept people and circumstances as they are, not as I want them to be or as I think they should be. I am willing to accept the bad as well as the good, because it is all a part of the plan. When I accept a situation as it is, when I accept you just as you are, I have stopped playing God.

Courage to change the things I can...

When my ego is involved and there's a calculated risk, I'm going to be gutsy, not courageous. It takes guts to ski a steep trail; I alone will be rewarded. Courage is different. There is always a parenthesis of fear in courage; the risk becomes minor. This parenthesis remains a void of fear until it is filled by God. There is no ego in a courageous act. Courage can ask for help. It is often something done for someone else, or it may be something I am not attracted to doing

at all. I may lose by doing it. The courageous act is often the unpopular choice, to do or not to do. The results are seldom only mine. It requires more of me than I want to think I can do, alone. After it is finished, gratitude to *someone* or *something* is usually in order. Courage requires a moral strength not of myself. This strength is given by faith.

And Wisdom to know the difference...

Wisdom is God's own conversation with me. Often He speaks through books or other people. Wisdom can be found merely by listening to others after I develop the ability to hear it in their words. To recognize wisdom, I must have compassion for others, which gives me insight rather than knowledge of myself. Facing reality encourages recognition of wisdom, because wisdom is always truth.

M.B. Dallas, Tx.

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**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___

Signed___ Handicap Accessible___ Format_____

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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