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# The MAICO GA.A.ZETTE

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**RECOVERY** – “Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.” – Step Eleven.

“Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.” – Step Twelve

**UNITY** – “Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.” – Tradition Eleven

“Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.” -- Tradition Twelve

**SERVICE** – “The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.” – Concept XI

“The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement of public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.” – Concept XII

## *The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of The General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous - Sponsorship, Service and Self-Support in a Changing World*

*2006 Final Report is available*

*For \$2.00 at MAICO*

*Excerpt from the final report*

### **Sponsorship – Presenting A.A. to Newcomers**

We were given a precious gift at A.A.'s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary International Convention in 1965, and it reads:

***I Am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there.***

***And for that: I am responsible.*** (As Bill Sees It, p. 332)

Does use of this declaration help instill a sense of responsibility in newcomers?

A.A. members in my little city of Cortland, New York, with its 10 or 12 nearby groups and 30 or so meetings a week, hear The Promises (*Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 83-84) read often at meetings. Many newcomers go to lots of meetings, and bring up their problems as topics for discussion. First thing they know, the “promises” are coming true! They feel better—physically and mentally. Some of their lives get so good they stop coming to meetings. They think they got what they came for—recovery from alcoholism. You and I know they are selling themselves short; they have never taken ownership of A.A.

Self-will run riot! That defined me when I got to Alcoholics Anonymous. Early on, my home group exposed me to the Responsibility Statement. At about the same time, they made me greeter. I thought I was the hand of A.A., feeling useful and needed as I shook hands in greeting and kind of swung people around and pointed them toward the coffeepot. I remember when Tall Gene showed up. Ducking shyly through the door, he asked me

who was in charge. With a thousand explanations running through my head, trying to sort them out and to keep it simple, I said, “I am.” This got him in the door, and he always laughed about it afterwards.

It dawned on me after a while that I am a miracle, and I got into the habit of thanking God every day for my sobriety. I bought a sweet little red Pontiac—four cylinders, standard shift, 176,000 miles. Crazy Richard from my home group made me a tape for my first ever tape player in my car. One day, flying over the hill between Dryden and Cortland, I shoved that tape into the tape deck and was absolutely thrilled as the sound of trumpets surrounded me. It was “The Lone Ranger!” Suddenly, I was thankful for little red cars, beautiful days, and wonderful music, as well as freedom from alcohol. My prayer of “Thank you, God, for my sobriety” became “Thank You, God, for everything in my life today.” My cup filled and started to run over. I felt the need to give back to A.A., but was still smarting from chastisement, given for my latest, ignorant breaking of traditions; I wasn't sure I had much worth giving.

My involvement in A.A. made it possible for me to go back to church. It was announced that we could bring flowers for Easter and leave them in the sanctuary. “Well,” I thought, “I could at least buy some flowers.” So I showed up the next Saturday with a pot of yellow tulips. The whole altar area was full of white lilies. Damn, I couldn't even buy flowers right! I hid the tulips over behind the lilies. I'd let the church ladies decide whether to throw them out or not. Easter morning, I looked to see if the tulips had been included in the floral display, and there they were! Front and center, elevated, surrounded by lilies. It was the first time I ever heard my higher power say thank you to me. I was worth something! Even bungling the job, if I tried my best, I could do something good.

Things got better in A.A. as I paid attention, asked for help, and became part of the functioning group. I stayed in

A.A. because of a feeling of personal worthiness and responsibility. I learned to accept with thanks and give with thanksgiving.

It seems that a few stalwart group members are conscientious in defending and protecting Alcoholics Anonymous. Somehow, we learned this responsibility, but are we teaching it? More members might stay and recover if they were instilled with an ownership of all of A.A., not just their own recovery. Accepting responsibility brings the virtue of living the Seventh Tradition of self-support. Joy comes with the humble recognition of a higher power at

work in our lives, and acknowledgment that we belong to and care for Alcoholics Anonymous.

Bill Wilson said, of the Responsibility Declaration: "This is the legacy of world-service responsibility that we vanishing oldtimers are leaving to you, the A.A.'s of today and tomorrow. We know that you will guard, support, and cherish this world legacy as the greatest collective responsibility that A.A. has or ever can have."  
(As Bill Sees It, p. 332)

Folks, let's pass it on!

Liz C. – Central New York

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## **MAICO Business**

**MAICO Open House, Saturday,  
December 2, 2006 from 11am to 3pm  
Perfect opportunity to see the new  
office, Raffle, Great gift ideas for the  
Holidays, Snacks**

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**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Youngtimers/Oldtimers  
Workshop – Nov. 4, 2006**

St. Stephens Church  
5700 Pheasant Hill Road  
Madison, 10am to 3pm

**MAICO Steering Committee – 3 Openings  
Elections – Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 6pm at MAICO Office**  
2 year commitment, if interested call Diane at  
MAICO 11am to 6pm, Mon to Fri

### **MAICO Web Site:**

**Upcoming Events** If you would like your  
AA event listed, please email an  
electronic flyer to [maico@tds.net](mailto:maico@tds.net) Thanks.

**Districts in our Service Area:** If you would  
like your district minutes on the MAICO web  
site, just send minutes electronically to  
[maico@tds.net](mailto:maico@tds.net)

### **12 Step List**

**We need men and women for our 12 Step List,  
especially women available during the day.  
Call MAICO office to volunteer.**

**FYI:** MAICO is a 501C3 non-profit corporation so  
your donations are tax deductible. Limit is \$2,000  
per AA member per year.

### **MAICO Merchandise Catalog**

Now available on the web site and/or mailed  
when requested.

### **MAICO Reps sponsoring a Big Book Study**

Friday, January 12 & Saturday January 13, 2007

Trinity Lutheran Church  
1904 Winnebago St.  
Madison, WI.

Friday – 7pm to 9pmish  
Saturday – 9am to 4:30ish

Cost: \$15.00

Coffee & soda provided, meals on your own.

Registration forms available at the MAICO office or on  
MAICO web site at [www.aamadisonwi.org](http://www.aamadisonwi.org)

### **NEW GRAPEVINE PUBLICATION:**

**EMOTIONAL SOBRIETY: THE NEXT FRONTIER - \$8.95**

**Other Grapevine merchandise:**

**Grapevine Annual Calendar - \$9.00**

**Grapevine Annual Pocket Calendar - \$5.00**

**CD's – \$10.50**

**Story of AA – How the Fellowship Began**

**What it was like – Early AAs tell their stories**

### **NEW FROM A.A. WORLD SERVICES:**

**12 Steps & 12 Traditions on CD - \$16.00**

**Big Book on CD is \$85.00, we can order for you, need  
payment when ordering.**

**Other Merchandise that MAICO carries:**

**Bumper Stickers - \$2.00**

**Medallions – Bronze, gold-plated, bi-plated (gold & silver), tri-plated (colors with epoxy covering)**

**Hats**

**T-Shirts**

**Coffee Cups and much more**

**Thank You – Groups and Individuals who contributed to MAICO- 8/11 to 10/31/06**

**General Fund**

Baraboo Sat. Morning Eye Opener Grp

Beloit Tues. Shopiere Grp

Brodhead Sister Blandine Grp

Capital Steps Grp

Cuba City Mixers

Deerfield Downtown Grp

Dist. 19, Area 75

Dist. 30, Area 75

Dodgeville Downtown Grp

Easy Breathers Grp

Early Risers Grp

Fitchburg Traditions Grp

Foxhall Recovery Grp

Freedom Grp

GoodFellowship Grp

Grace Lunch Grp

Happy Hour Grp

Learning to Live Grp

Madison Professionals Grp

Madison Thurs. Night Floaters Grp

Midvale Step Grp

Mon. Night Rock River Grp

Monona Serenity Grp

Monroe Wed. Night Big Book Grp

Mt. Olive Grp

New Glarus Sobietyfest Grp

Out to Lunch Grp

Reedsburg Thurs. Night Grp

Richland Center Grp

Sauk Prairie Grp

St. Dunstan's Grp.

Suburban Sobriety Grp

Sullivan Big Book Grp

Sunlight of the Spirit (SOTS) Grp

Sunshine Grp

Tues. Night H.O.W. Grp

Waunakee Wauna Meeting

Wautoma Thurs. Night Grapevine Grp

Westfield 12 & 12 Grp

Whitewater Friday & Sunday Grps

Whitewater Tues. AM Grp.

Women's Reflection Grp

**Birthday Donations**

Diana S. – Women's Sunday Serenity

Kathy W. – Sunlight of the Spirit

**Faithful Fiver**

Larry L.

**Answering Service donation**

Baraboo Sat. Morning Eye Opener Grp

Easy Breathers Grp

Fitchburg Sunrisers Grp

Freedom Grp

It's a God Thing Grp

Ken Y. – Waukesha

Mauston Friday Night Fellowship Grp

Monona Serenity Grp

Russ K. – Beloit

Tom G. - Verona

**Moving**

Kris W. - Brodhead

Lake Mills Our Group Wed Grp

Mike P. – Cross Plains

Pam & Scott J. - Madison

Sherm & Joanne D. - Dodgeville

**Individual**

Linda S. - Madison

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**Service is Gratitude In Action**

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**Area 75 Southern Wisconsin**

Web Site: [www.area75.org](http://www.area75.org)

Area 75 Agenda Planning – Jan. 21, 2007, Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin, Madison, 9am

**Upcoming Area 75 Conferences:**

May 18-20, 2007 –56th Annual Spring Conference, Our Three Legacies, Marriott Madison West, Middleton

5 State Regional/Fall 2007- Manitowoc

Spring 2008 – Olympia Village, Oconomowoc

Fall 2008 – Holiday Inn, Fond du Lac

**Area 74 North Wisconsin/Upper Peninsula**

**Michigan**

Web site: [www.area74.org](http://www.area74.org)

**HOLIDAY EVENTS:**

Check with the clubhouses in Madison directly for Holiday events:

511 Club, 511 N. Carroll – 608-256-9682

Fitchburg Serenity, 6048 McKee Rd., 608-271-9817

Eastside Alano, 1017 Northport Dr., 608-244-9671

Monona Serenity, 4933 Prairie Dock Dr., 608-268-3693

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## **Pass it On” Upcoming Events for 2006 & 2007**

**November 4 – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual MAICO Reps Youngtimers/Oldtimers Workshop**, 10am to 3pm, **This year it is at St. Stephens Lutheran Church**, 5700 Pheasant Hill Rd, Madison, Free, lunch served, bring a dish to pass if you can, raffle, 4 Youngtimers and 4 Oldtimers speaking, Everyone welcome.

**November 10 – Dist. 25 Grapevine Workshop, Speaker: Robin B., Executive Editor of The AA Grapevine, Inc.**, Community Church, Highway 23 West, Fond du Lac, WI. (2 ½ miles west of Hwy 41) Potluck dinner, Fellowship; Door prizes. Doors open 3:00pm.

**November 11-12 – Special “Hispanic Forum” – Kenosha, WI.**

**November 17-19 – McHenry Soberfest XVII**, Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, WI. Information: [www.soberfest.org](http://www.soberfest.org) or email: [info@soberfest.org](mailto:info@soberfest.org) Room reservations: 800-558-3417

**November 25 & 26 – VII Hispanic AA Convention**, Four Points Sheraton-Airport, 4747 S. Howell, Milwaukee. Registration:\$10 Starts at 8:30am, contact Tony (414) 364-5416 or Tom M. (414) 329-0612 or cell (414) 807-0829.

**December 2 – M.A.I.C.O. - Madison Area Intergroup Central Office Open House**, 11am to 3pm, Snacks, raffle & gift ideas

**January 12 & 13, 2007 - Big Book Study hosted by MAICO Reps**, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1904 Winnebago St., Madison, Friday, Jan. 12 7pm to 9pmish, Saturday, Jan 13 9am – 4:30pmish. Facilitated by Bruce E. & Dave R. from Eau Claire, Cost \$15.00. Registration forms on MAICO web site or stop by the office.

**January 19-21, 2007 – WICYPAA XIV, Wisconsin Conference for Young People in Alcoholics**

**Anonymous**, Quality Inn & Suites, 2969 Cahill Main, Madison, WI. Information: Thom at 608-577-8157 or Becky K. 608-628-7483 look for updates at <http://wicypaa.org>

*“Young” defined as anyone with room to grow.*

**February 15-18 – 43<sup>rd</sup> International A.A. Women’s Conference**, Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, IAAWC mailing address, 43<sup>rd</sup> IAAWC, P.O. Box 2053, Southfield, MI. 48037-2053. Website:

[www.iaawc.org](http://www.iaawc.org)

**March 30-April 1 – 20<sup>th</sup> International A.A. Men’s Conference**, Riviera Hotel and Casino, website:

[www.iaamcvegas.org](http://www.iaamcvegas.org) or information call Bill T (702) 233-9038 or Frank G. (702) 247-1908

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### **Group Changes as of 10/27/06:**

Boscobel, time change, Wed/Sat. 6:30pm, Boscobel Hosp. changed to Tuesday & Thursday at 7pm

Brodhead, address change, Tues. 8pm, Congregational United Church of Christ, E. 201 23<sup>rd</sup> St.

Brodhead, address & time change, Thurs. 8pm, Congregational United Church of Christ, E. 201 23<sup>rd</sup>, meets at 7:00pm now

Cross Plains, moved, Tues. 8pm, now at Cross Plains Library, 2107 Julius St.

DeForest, delete, Fri. 8pm, Moravian Ch., 805 E. Holum

Dickeyville, change, Tues & Sun, 8pm & 6:30pm, moved to 500 East Ave., by Fire Dept

Dodgeville, add, Wed. 7:00pm, C,NS,W, Dodgeville Serenity Club, 401 N. Union

Dodgeville, add, Thurs. 8pm, C,NS, Grace Lutheran Ch., 1105 N. Bequette St. – basement entrance

Dodgeville, change, Mon, Thurs & Sat, 8pm now 7:00pm, Dodgeville Serenity Club, 401 N. Union

Evansville, add, Tues. 7pm, C,NS,H, United Methodist meeting disbanded, starting new group at St. John’s Luth. Ch., 312 S. 3<sup>rd</sup>, library

Janesville, add, Fri. 8pm, O, NS, Speaker, First Presbyterian Ch., 17 N. Jackson

Juneau, change, Wed. 7:30pm, Unified Services moved to Dodge Cty Human Service Bldg., 143 E. Center St., non-smoking

Madison, add back, Mon. 7:30pm, Eastside Alano, 1017 Northport Dr.

Madison, moved, Mon. 7:30pm, Midvale Luth. To Community of Hope Ch., 7118 Old Sauk Rd., west of Gammon

Madison, moved, Wed. 7:00pm, Meriter Hosp to V.A. Hospital, 2500 Overlook Ter., 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr, Room A2002

Madison, add, Fri. Noon, Fitchburg Serenity Club, 6048 McKee Rd.

Madison, Mon & Thurs, 5:30pm, Fitchburg Serenity, 6048 McKee Rd., basement meeting moved to first floor, handicap accessible

Madison, add, Thurs. 7pm, Westwood Christian Ch., 5210 Odana Rd., additional meeting – Back to Basics Beginners Grp (Steps 1,2,3)

Madison, delete, Spanish meetings on Wed & Sat 7pm, Monona Serenity, Sunday 7pm still going

Mayville, change, Mon. 7:30pm, St. Paul’s Lutheran Ch., 16 S. Walnut, add Non-smoking

Sun Prairie, delete, Tues. 6:30pm, United Methodist Ch., 702 North St. women’s

Viola, delete, Sat. 8pm, First National Bank, 102 W. Commercial St.

**Meeting needs support:** Middleton, Tues. 7:30pm, St. Luke's Lutheran Ch., 7337 Hubbard Ave. Closed, Non-Smoking

**Year to Date Income Statement: January to September 2006**

REVENUES

Donations .....	,006.77	34.25%
Individual Donations .....	601.00	1.14%
Donations/Answering Service .....	365.00	0.69%
Conf Lit & Merch .....	13,771.32	26.19%
Grapevine Lit & Merch.....	526.69	1.00%
Non-Conf Literature .....	6,474.97	12.32%
Non-Conf Merchandise.....	9,439.93	17.95%
Faithful Fivers .....	261.07	0.50%
Directories .....	498.50	0.95%
Newsletter Subscriptions.....	15.00	0.03%
Investment Income .....	130.55	0.25%
Mid-Winter Mixer 2006 .....	2,190.00	4.17%
Miscellaneous Income.....	4.68	0.01%
Other Income (copies).....	21.44	0.04%
Shipping Charges Reimbursed.....	258.80	0.49%
Sales Tax Discount .....	10.00	<u>0.02%</u>
		100.0%

TOTAL REVENUES ..... \$52,575.72

COST OF SALES

Inventory Exp.-Conference Lit.....	10,816.56	20.57%
Inventory Exp. Grapevine .....	505.75	0.96%
Inventory Exp. NonConf Literature.....	4,513.34	8.58%
Inventory Exp. Non Conf Mer. ....	5,345.63	10.17%

TOTAL COST OF SALES..... \$19,595.85 37.27%

GROSS PROFIT ..... \$32,979.87 62.73%

EXPENSES

Auto Expense (mileage).....	163.09	0.31%
Wages Expense.....	17,912.40	34.07%
Payroll Tax Expense .....	1,369.20	2.60%
Peachtree Tax Update .....	190.00	0.36%
License and Fees Expenses .....	20.00	0.04%
Computer – Software – Peachtree Upgrade . ....	249.95	0.48%
Supplies Expense.....	546.95	1.04%
Office Expense .....	112.54	0.21%
Newsletter Expense.....	295.18	0.56%
Telephone Expense.....	676.13	1.29%
Answering Service Expense.....	2,414.62	4.59%
Advertising in Phone Book .....	605.00	1.15%
Postage and Shipping Expense.....	512.71	0.98%
Occupancy Expense .....	3,995.00	7.60%
Insurance Expense.....	400.00	0.76%
Printing Expense .....	22.31	0.04%
Directory Expense .....	1,522.00	2.90%
Intergrp/C.O Seminar 2006 .....	259.19	0.49%
Area 75 Spring Conf 2006.....	267.76	0.51%
Mid-Winter Mixer 2006 .....	2,593.65	4.93%
MAICO Reps Picnic 2006.....	85.00	0.16%
Miscellaneous Expense (memorial).....	25.00	0.05%

TOTAL EXPENSES ..... \$34,238.06 65.12%

NET INCOME ..... (\$1,258.19)

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