
The MAICO GA.A.ZETTE

September/October 2006

RECOVERY – “Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.” – Step Nine

“Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.” – Step Ten

UNITY –“A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.” – Tradition Nine

“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.” -- Tradition Ten

SERVICE –“Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.” – Concept IX

“Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.” – Concept X

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In remembrance of Ebby

June 1966 by Bill W.

In his seventieth year, and on the twenty-first of March, my friend and sponsor Ebby passed beyond our sight and hearing.

On a chill November afternoon in 1934 it was Ebby who had brought me the message that saved my life. Still more importantly, he was the bearer of the grace and of the principles that shortly afterward led to my spiritual awakening. This was truly a call to new life in the spirit. It was the kind that has since become the most precious possession of each and all of us.

As I looked upon him where he lay in perfect repose, I was stirred by poignant memories of all

the years I had known and loved him.

There were recollections of those joyous days in a Vermont boarding school. After the war years we were sometimes together, then drinking of course. Alcohol, we thought, was the solvent for all difficulties, a veritable elixir for good living.

Then there was that absurd episode of 1929. Ebby and I were on an all-night spree in Albany. Suddenly we remembered that a new airfield had been constructed in Vermont, on a pasture near my own home town. The opening day was close at hand. Then came the intoxicating thought: If only we could hire a plane we'd beat the opening by several days, thus making aviation history ourselves! Forthwith, Ebby routed a

pilot friend out of bed, and for a stiff price we engaged him and his small craft. We sent the town fathers a wire announcing the time of our arrival. In mid-morning, we took to the air, greatly elated --- and very tight.

Somehow our rather tipsy pilot set us down on the field. A large crowd, including the village band and a welcoming committee, lustily cheered his feat. The pilot deplaned. But nothing else happened, nothing at all. The onlookers stood in puzzled silence. Where were Ebby and Bill? Then the horrible discovery was made --- we were both slumped in the rear cockpit of the plane, completely passed out! Kind friends lifted us down and stood us upon the ground. Whereupon we history-makers fell flat on

our faces. Ignominiously, we had to be carted away. The fiasco could not have been more appalling. We spent the next day shakily writing apologies.

Over the following five years, I seldom saw Ebby. But of course our drinking went on and on. In late 1934 I got a terrific jolt when I learned that Ebby was about to be locked up, this time in a state mental hospital.

Following a series of mad sprees, he had run his father's new Packard off the road and into the side of a dwelling, smashing right into its kitchen, and just missing a terrified housewife.

Thinking to ease this rather awkward situation, Ebby summoned his brightest smile and said, "Well, my dear, how about a cup of coffee?"

Of course, Ebby's lighthearted humor was quite lost on everyone concerned. Their patience worn thin, the town fathers yanked him into court. To all appearances, Ebby's final destination was the insane asylum. To me, this marked the end of the line for us both. Only a short time before, my physician, Dr. Silkworth, had felt obliged to tell Lois

there was no hope of my recovery; that I, too, would have to be confined, else risk insanity or death.

But Providence would have it otherwise. It was presently learned that Ebby had been paroled into the custody of Friends who (for the time being) had achieved their sobriety in the Oxford Groups. They brought Ebby to New York where he fell under the benign influence of A.A.'s great friend-to-be, Dr. Sam Shoemaker, the rector of Calvary Episcopal Church. Much affected by Sam and the "O.G.," Ebby promptly sobered up. Hearing of my serious condition, he had straightaway come to our house in Brooklyn.

As I continued to recollect, the vision of Ebby looking at me across our kitchen table became wonderfully vivid. As most A.A.'s know, he spoke to me of the release from hopelessness that had come to him (through the Oxford Groups) as the result of self-survey, restitution, outgoing helpfulness to others, and prayer. In short, he was proposing the attitudes and principles that I used later in developing A.A.'s Twelve Steps to recovery.

In had happened. One alcoholic had effectively carried the message to another. Ebby had been enabled to bring me the gift of grace because he could reach me at depth through the language of the heart. He had pushed ajar that great gate through which all in A.A. have since passed to find their freedom under God.

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Spirituality and Money
Some of us still ask, "Just what is this Third Legacy anyhow? And just how much territory does 'service' take in?"

Let's begin with my own sponsor, Ebby. When Ebby heard how serious my drinking was, he resolved to visit me. He was in New York; I was in Brooklyn. His resolve was not enough; he had to take action and he had to spend money.

He called me on the phone and then got into the subway; total cost, ten cents. At the level of the telephone booth and subway turnstile, spirituality and money began to mix. One without the other would have amounted to nothing at all.

Right then and there, Ebby established the principle that A.A. in action calls for the sacrifice of much time and a little money.

MAJCO Business

MAICO move:

On August 26, 2006 MAICO is moving to 6033 Monona Drive, Suite 204, Madison

We have hired a commercial moving company to move us but will still need help at the old office & new office on the day of the move. (no heavy lifting involved). We will be meeting at 6400 Monona Drive on 8/26 at 10am. Call Diane at MAICO to volunteer.

We could use donations to subsidize our move.

We need a new copier (our donated copier is on its way out). If you have a gently, used copier that you would be willing to donate to MAICO or would like to donate funds towards a new copier, please give Diane a call.

Our phone number, fax, email & web site will remain the same.
Phone #: 608-222-8989
MAICO Fax Number:
(608) 663-9097
M.A.I.C.O. Web Site is
Web Site: www.aamadisonwi.org
Email: maico@tds.net

10th Annual

Youngtimers/Oldtimers
Workshop on Nov. 4,
2006, Lake Edge Lutheran

Ch., 4032 Monona Dr., Madison
If you were one of the speakers at the first Youngtimers/Oldtimers in 1997, MAICO Reps are going to try to get everyone who spoke at the 1st workshop to speak at the 10th. Call Diane at MAICO.

MAICO Web Site has an Upcoming Events page.

If you would like your AA event listed, please email an electronic flyer to maico@tds.net
Thanks.

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 needs Saturday volunteers

Saturday, Noon to 2pm, once or twice a month or every other month.
1 yr sobriety required.
Call MAICO to volunteer

Thank You – Groups and Individuals who contributed to MAICO- 6/23/06 to 8/4/06

General Fund – Office

Barneveld Grp
Beaver Dam Tues Morning
Buzz N.
Cuba City Mixers
Early Risers Grp
East Side Grp
Easy Breathers Grp
Easy Does It But Do It Grp
Experience, Strength & Hope
Freedom Grp
Friday Night Reflections Grp
Go After your Sobriety Grp
Grace Lunch Grp
High Noon Grp

LaValle New Beginnings Grp
Mineral Pt. Ave Open Discussion
Grp
Monona Serenity Grp
Monroe Early Birds Grp
Morning Miracles Grp
Mt. Horeb Sat. Morning Grp
New Glarus Sobrietyfest Grp
Pinehurst Grp
Platteville Mon. Night Grp
Q Sober Grp
Richland Center Primitive Grp
Rock River Grp
Sat. Morning Eye Opener
Slip Nots Grp
Spiritual Life Grp
St. Dunstan's Beginners Grp
Sunlight of the Spirit Grp
Sunrisers Grp
Wed. Night Schooners

Faithful Fiver

Larry L.

Answering Service donation

Duck Creek New Beginnings
Horicon Friday Night Grp
Jan K.
Kathy W.
Rock River Grp
Vicki H.

Move donation

Mike P.
Jan K.
Doreen H.

Service is Gratitude In Action

Area 75 Southern Wisconsin

Web Site: www.area75.org

Area 75 Calendar of Events 2006:

Sept. 24, Area 75 Pre-Conference Assembly, Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin, Madison, 9:00am
Oct. 20-22, Area 75 Fall Conference, Ramada Inn, South Beloit, IL.

Area 74 – Northern

Wisconsin and UP Michigan

Web Site: www.area74.org

“Pass It On” – Coming Events for 2006 & 2007

Call or stop in at MAICO for details and registration forms.

Any AA Events: The MAICO Web Site at www.aamadisonwi.org (note new web site address) has an Upcoming Events page. Email an electronic flyer to MAICO at maico@tds.net and we will include it in the Upcoming Events.

August 18 – 20 – 26th Green Lake Round Up, Green Lake Conference Center, American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, WI., Registration is \$10.00 per person for the weekend.

August 20 – Richland Center Group Picnic, Krouskop Park, The Retrum Shelter, Eat at Noon, group will supply meat, bring a dish to pass. Speaker: Tom P. Richland Center

August 26 – MAICO is moving to 6033 Monona Drive, Suite 204, Madison.

September 1-4 – 23rd Annual Sobriety under the Stars Campout 2006, Luther Park Bible camp, 2 miles n. of Chetek

September 16 – Foxhall Recovery Grp 10th Annual Eatin’ Meetin’, Trinity Lutheran Ch., 1904 Winnebago St., Madison, Dinner 6:30pm, Speaker 8:00pm – Speaker Peggy M., Bellevue, NE. Contact: Steve T. 608-846-3801

September 24 – Area 75 Pre-Conference Assembly, 9am, Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St.

October 7, 2006 – New Glarus Mini-Conference, Shepherd of the Hills Church, 506 12th Ave., Fellowship Hall. Panels, raffle, lunch, bring a dish to pass.

October 20 – 22, Area 75 Fall Conference, Ramada Inn, South Beloit, IL. Registration: \$10, Sat. Banquet \$24.00 Sun. Breakfast Buffet \$13.00. Registration forms on www.area75.org

October 28 – Monona Serenity Grp, “An Evening with Clancy I”, Open Speaker meeting and Dinner, Marriott Madison West Hotel & Convention Center, Middleton. Information & tickets: 800-603-8145

6pm – meeting before the meeting, 7pm, dinner, 8-9:30pm speaker. Cost \$35.00 per person – advance sales only.

November 4 – 10th Annual MAICO Reps Youngtimers/Oldtimers Workshop, 10am – 3pm, Lake Edge Lutheran Ch., 4032 Monona Drive, Madison

November 17-19 – McHenry Soberfest XVII, Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, WI.

Information: www.soberfest.org or email 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 8:30am, Contact Tony (414)364-5416 or Tom M. (414)329-0612 cell (414)807-0829

January 12 & 13, 2007 – Big Book Study hosted by MAICO Reps, Trinity Lutheran Ch., 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**

The MAICO 2006-2007 South Central Meeting Directory is here. Bright pink cover. Cost is .50 cents per directory.

Changes:

Boscobel – change –

Wed & Sat 6:30pm changed to Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00pm, Boscobel Hospital, Mental Health Unit, (church st. entrance)

Cross Plains – moved, Tuesday, 8:00pm Cop Shop Group which was at Plastic Ingenuity moved to the Cross Plains Public Library, 2107 Julius St., Cross Plains.

Dickeyville – moved – Tues & Sun, 405 W. Main moved to 500 East Ave. (by Fire Dept)

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

Dodgeville – add – Thurs. 8:00pm, C,NS, Grace Lutheran Ch., 1105 N. Bequette St. basement entrance

Dodgeville – Change – Mon, Thurs & Sat, 8pm meetings changed to 7pm, Dodgeville Serenity, 401 N. Union

Janesville – add – Fri. 8:00pm, O,NS, Speaker, First Presbyterian Ch., 17 N. Jackson St.

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

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

Madison – moved – Wed. 7:00pm, O,NS, Meriter Hosp, McConnell Hall, Living Sober moved to the V.A. Hospital, 2500 Overlook Terrace, 2nd Floor, **Room A2002**

Madison – Add – Friday, Noon, Fitchburg Serenity Club, 6048 McKee Rd., Big Book Study, Open, Non-Smoking

Mayville – change – Mon. 7:30pm, C, St. Paul’s Lutheran Ch., 16 S. Walnut is a Non-Smoking meeting

Sun Prairie – delete – Tuesday, 6:30pm, C,NS, Women, United Methodist Ch., 702 North St.

Viola – delete – Sat. 8:00pm, First National Bank, 102 W. Commercial

Area 75 Upcoming Events

Sept. 24 – Area 75 Pre-Conference Assembly, Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin, Madison 9am

Oct. 20-22 – Area 75 Fall Conference, S. Beloit, IL. Area

REVENUES:

Donations	18,006.77	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_____