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RACINE AREA CENTRAL OFFICE'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Johnny Cash

Died Clean and Sober 11 Years

“You build on failure. You use it as a stepping stone. Close the door on the past. You don't try to forget the mistakes, but you don't dwell on it. You don't let it have any of your energy, or any of your time, or any of your space.”

— Johnny Cash

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Your Support is greatly appreciate...



Tradition 11

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



November Focus

Eleventh Step Prayer

“Lord grant that I may seek rather to comfort than be comforted-to understand, rather than to be understood-to love, rather than to be loved. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens eternal life. AMEN”

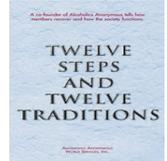
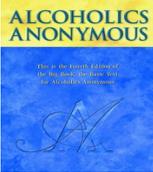
Step 11

“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 it out.”

11th Step Worksheet sample

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Our Stories

Step 11

In step 11, we made a lifelong commitment to seek one day at a time to know the Lord's will and to have the power to carry it out. Our greatest desire was to improve our abilities to receive guidance from the Holy Ghost and to conduct our lives accordingly. This desire was such a great contrast to the attitudes we had when we were lost in our addictions.

If you were like us, before you began to recover you thought hope, joy, peace, and fulfillment would come from an earthly source. Whether this source was alcohol, drugs, sex, gambling, dishonest spending, unhealthy eating, or codependency—whatever your particular addiction was—your effort was to get by in a world where you felt confused, lost, and alone. When others tried to love you, perhaps you couldn't feel it. Their love was never enough. Nothing satisfied the hunger you felt. As you have lived the principles of recovery, however, your heart and life have changed.

You have begun to understand and appreciate your need for the Savior, Jesus Christ, and His role in your life and to treasure the Light of Christ. You have begun to realize you are not just talking to yourself when you feel your conscience guide you. Clumsy and unpracticed as you may have felt initially, you now pray to the Father in the name of Christ for a closer relationship with Him. You deliberately "seek this Jesus of whom the prophets and apostles have written" (Ether 12:41).

You study the scriptures because they testify of Him in every instance, especially the Book of Mormon. In testimony after testimony, the prophets of the Book of Mormon describe seeking and finding a better understanding of the Father through the Holy Ghost. You have experimented on the scriptures and found them to be true. Prayer and meditation have become the lifeblood of your new life. Where prayer and meditation used to be a neglected duty, your heart's desire is now to kneel before your Father at least morning and evening and pour out your heart to Him in gratitude for Jesus Christ and for the Holy Ghost.

As you work through step 11, you will come to realize even more that through the Holy Ghost you will receive knowledge or revelation of the Father's will for you. Through the Atonement, you will have the power (or grace) to carry out the will of the Father. You will know you are blessed and supported by three glorified individuals—God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost—who are united in power and purpose to bring to pass your immortality and eternal life.

You will grow in your ability to resist temptation as you study the scriptures and pray and meditate about them. Learning to receive revelation takes practice and patience. You can prepare yourself by studying what has been said by prophets and apostles and by trying to live according to their teachings. You can prepare by being ready to receive, write down, think about, and follow the guidance you receive. When you express gratitude to the Lord for the blessings you have received, your capacity to receive guidance will increase.

As you keep yourself free from your addictions, you will be more able to receive the guidance of the Holy Ghost. Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve taught: "The Holy Ghost will protect us against being deceived, but to realize that wonderful blessing we must always do the things necessary to retain that Spirit. We must keep the commandments, pray for guidance, and attend church and partake of the sacrament each Sunday. And we must never do anything to drive away that Spirit. Specifically, we should avoid pornography, alcohol, tobacco, and drugs, and always, always avoid violations of the law of chastity. We must never take things into our bodies or do things with our bodies that drive away the Spirit of the Lord and leave us without our spiritual protection against deception" (in Conference Report, Oct. 2004, 49; or Ensign, Nov. 2004, 46).

Prayer and meditation are powerful antidotes to fear and depression. You "have not come thus far save it were by the word of Christ with unshaken faith in him, relying wholly upon the merits of him who is mighty to save" (2 Nephi 31:19). Only by coming to the Father through Jesus Christ, in His name, with His Spirit upon you, can you continue to progress and grow spiritually. Step 11 represents a commitment to improve your relationship with God through a lifetime practice of seeking guidance daily and obeying the commandments.



Thank You to the Following Groups for Your continued support to Your Central Office!

Benjamin House-Tues 6 pm AA/Alanon
Benjamin House-Wed 6pm ISMS
Benjamin House-Thurs 6pm Big Book
Benjamin House-Friday 6pm Young at Heart
Benjamin House-Sat 7am Sunshine
Fox River Group-Waterford
Burlington Sunday 10 am 12 & 12
Harry S.
Racine Transitional Care
We Agnostics Sunday 9am

***Thank You again for all of your continued support.
Teamwork makes the dream work***



Here is the September financial listings for Your Central Office!

Racine Area Central Office Summary of Income/Expense 2019

Income Summary:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Donations-Groups	1397.61	212.00	575.00	1154.60	2762.25	321.00	394.00	851.50	1116.87	256.70			9041.53
Office Sales	445.20	499.05	500.85	1438.00	971.35	414.35	344.50	851.05	415.95	503.55			6383.85
Charge and Debit Card Sales	202.15	371.35	454.20	368.90	370.05	346.20	650.80	67.60	249.45	327.55			3408.25
Charge and Debit Card Donations				26.00									26.00
Rent-Groups	550.00	560.00	350.00	437.50	790.00	440.00	375.00	570.00	530.00	700.00			5302.50
Transfer to Savings													0.00
Fellowship Day													0.00
Gift Certificate Redeemed													0.00
Gratitude Cans	373.42												373.42
Insurance Refund (Hartford)						21.00							21.00
Pauline Vader Memorials				251.00									251.00
Small donation can (office)	3.25	11.77	19.20	5.00	28.96	5.75	11.79	12.90	20.78	5.10			124.50
Big donation box (meeting room)	22.21												22.21
Tri County Conference Literature Sales			618.25										618.25
District 36 Hotline (bill split)									240.00				240.00
District 17 Hotline (bill split)		180.00						60.00					240.00
Total Income by Month	2993.84	1834.17	2517.50	3681.00	4922.81	1548.30	1776.09	2413.05	2333.05	2032.90	0.00	0.00	26052.51

Expense Summary:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Rent & Water	1030.00	1080.38	1030.00	1030.00	1060.70	1030.00	1030.00	1030.00	1030.00	1030.00			10401.08
Electric (Heat & Air)	280.85	251.88	200.22	159.50	159.64	148.15	130.55	198.14	207.21	167.88			1902.02
Telephone - AT & T	27.84	82.16	80.26	80.26	80.12	80.10	217.40	46.42	146.05	130.73			971.34
Internet/Telephone - Spectrum	111.67	111.67	111.67	113.91	113.91	114.18	121.38	140.39	130.06	144.95			1213.79
Coffee & coffee supplies													0.00
Office & Maint. Supplies	122.36	76.67		81.71	38.06	217.59		106.62	158.54	89.96			893.53
Credit Card Fees	16.47	42.31	17.49	17.43	37.76	18.31	16.99	38.73	13.34	14.94			233.77
Bank Fees	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00			100.00
Literature & Merchandise	138.90	526.60	472.47	789.20	1357.78	933.43	230.95	436.08		77.15			4962.56
Website			89.00			135.67							224.67
Wisconsin Sales Tax	131.88			139.99			179.68			115.16			566.71
State of WI (Corporation Reinstatement)													0.00
State of WI (tax registration)								10.00					10.00
Liability Insurance					21.00	720.00							741.00
Merchandise return (AA Literature)			129.27										129.27
Merchandise refund (Janice Costanzo)									45.00				45.00
Newsletter									26.35				26.35
Repair and Maintenance	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	277.10	120.00	120.00	120.00			1357.10
Total Expenses Month to Month	1989.97	2301.67	2260.38	2542.00	3018.97	3525.63	2214.05	2138.38	1886.55	1900.79	0.00	0.00	23778.39

Account Balances
 Checking: \$2,391.50
 Savings: \$3,597.36



Services and Service Opportunities

RACO Volunteers Needed!!

We can help fill your volunteer positions by listing them with us

The Racine Area Central Office has unfortunately had to close its doors during some daytime hours over the past few weeks due to a shortage of volunteers to staff the desk. If you or someone you sponsor has an interest in getting trained to staff the desk and be of service, please call RACO at (262) 554-6611 and we will get you in touch with Ted V.—RACO's Staffing Coordinator. No one who needs the services of RACO should ever be turned away due to a shortage of volunteers! Be of service to your central office today! :-)

Kenosha / Racine Oxford Houses

Are you in early recovery or know someone who is? The Oxford House concept, which emphasizes that "together we can democratically run a clean and sober house" is helpful to gaining the strength and support to achieve longterm sobriety.

With separate houses for both men and women, there are Oxford Houses in both Kenosha as well as Racine—providing the support and accountability to help in early recovery. For more information, or to request an interview, please call (262) 800-3840 or visit www.oxfordhouse.org for a history, vacancies, locations and applications. Let the Oxford House help you or someone you love get a jumpstart into a happy and healthy life of clean and sober living today!

RACO Steering Committee Meetings

The Racine Area Central Office's 'Steering Committee' meets on the first **WEDNESDAY** of every month at RACO (6:30pm). The steering committee invites anyone who may be interested in Area 75 and District 17 events and happenings.

Please note the NEW day/time of the Steering Committee meetings—as they used to be held on Saturday mornings! If you or someone you know might be interested in sitting-in on a Committee meeting or possibly filling an open position, please join us for a monthly meeting or email raconewsletter@gmail.com for information on available positions and position requirements. We look forward to seeing you at the next Committee meeting!

Volunteer Positions

Come join us in the fellowship.

Looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

People Interested in doing 12 Step Work and working with those "Young in Sobriety"-8pm at 12&12 Club 724 Pine St Burlington

Staffing Volunteers @ RACO- please contact Ted V @262-909-4320



Upcoming Events

Did you know that **NOVEMBER** is Gratitude Month?

Nov. 29

AA 5th Friday Open Meeting- Friday 7 pm North Side Hope-Redeemer Parkside 2620 14th Place-Across from North Side Library...Guest Speaker Elizabeth M (Kenosha) Pizza and Refreshments after speaker.

Nov. 29

Burlington 12&12 Club Presents: Friday Night Live: Music Comedy Storytelling Poetry 930 pm-1159 pm Followed by open AA Meeting

Dec. 3

Alano Childrens Christmas Party

Dec. 7

RACO Presents: Candlelight Meeting 630 pm-Bring a Candle, a friend and enjoy the fun-Bring snacks

Dec. 14

Outcast MC- Presents Merry Metal X mas Featuuring: HWY13 \$10 Food 6pm Band 8 pm 1310 63rd St Kenosha

Jan.25

Church of the Covenant-Recovery Buffet-Alanon District 1 Workshop 9am-3 pm 40 Ohio St Racine, WI 53405 Keynote Speaker Cindy H. Potluck Lunch A-H Dessert/ I-R Main Entree/ S-Z Side Dish or Salad

January 10-12thJanuary 10-12th

WICYPAA XXV11- 2020 A Vision for you. Chula Vista Resort 2501 River Road. Wisconsin Dells,WI call 855-956-1322

March 21 2020

Madison Meltdown-Sheraton Madison Hotel/Convention Center 706 John Nolen Drive Madison WI 608-251-2300

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Help is Everywhere

District/Club Information

District 17		Racine, Wisconsin	
Racine Alano Club 1140 Douglas Ave. Racine, WI 53404 (262) 634-9902	The Grove Club 1037 Grove Ave. Racine, WI 53405 (262) 634-9656	Benjamin House 4848 Highway H Franksville, WI 53126 (262) 886-9611	
Benjamin House Website: http://www.benjaminhouseracine.org/			
District 7		Kenosha, Wisconsin	
Kenosha Alano Club 630 56 th St. Kenosha, WI 53140 (262) 654-8246	Outcasts 1310 63 rd St. Kenosha, WI 53144	Southport Lighthouse Recovery Club 8017 Sheridan Rd. Kenosha, WI 53143 (262) 653-9800	
Kenosha Alano Club Website: http://kenoshaalanoclub.org			
District 36		Burlington 12 x 12 Club	
West Racine/Kenosha County		724 N. Pine St. Burlington, WI	
District 6		Walworth County Alano Club	
Eastern Walworth County		611 E. Walworth St. Delavan, WI 53115 (262) 740-1888	
District 12		Eastern Lake County, Illinois	
Alano Club of Waukegan 2419 Washington St. Waukegan, IL 60085 (847) 662-9640	Zion-Benton Alano Club 228 Sheridan Rd. Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096 (847) 746-9842		
Alano Club of Waukegan Website: http://alanoclubwaukegan.com/			
Waukegan Hotline: (847) 623-9660			
District 10		Antioch Recovery Club	
Western Lake County		311 E Depot St.; Suite C Antioch, IL 60002 (847) 838-1882	
Antioch Recovery Club: http://www.antiochrecoveryclub.org/			
Antioch Hotline: (847) 395-5988			

Racine Area Central Office <i>Officers/Steering Committee</i>	
Chairperson	Jon K
Co-Chairperson	Rachel M.
Secretary	Mary Kay
Co-Secretary	Larissa H
Treasurer	Tom M
Co-Treasurer	Mike S
Staffing Coordinator	Ted V
Co-Staffing Coordinator	VACANT
Newsletter	Jon L
Co-Newsletter	Chris J
Hotline Chairperson	Jake T
Co-Hotline Chairperson	Chris W
Literature Chairperson	John B
Co-Literature Chair	Lori B.
Procurement	VACANT
Co-Procurement	Eric E.
Webmaster	Dave W
Co-Webmaster	VACANT
Advisor	Toni M
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