

Monthly Reprieve

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RACINE AREA CENTRAL OFFICE'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Store is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am—5:00 pm. Saturdays 9:00 am—2:00 pm; Closed Sundays

A Special THANK YOU to all who have donated for gratitude month we as a Central Office need all the help we can get from our community.



Tradition 12

"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our **Traditions**, ever reminding us to place principles above personalities."



December Focus

Twelfth Step Prayer

*"Dear God,
My spiritual awakening continues to unfold.
The help I have received I shall pass on & give to others,
Both in & out of the Fellowship.
For this opportunity I am grateful.
I pray most humbly to continue walking day by day
On the road of spiritual progress.
I pray for the inner strength & wisdom
To practice the principles of this way of life in all I do & say.
I need You, my friends, & the program every hour of every day.
This is a better way to live.*

Step 12

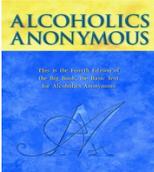
"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to other addicts, and to practice these principles in all our affairs"

Step 12 worksheet

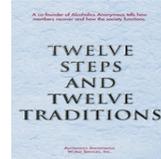
Give selflessly and ask nothing in return.

- ** Reach out to your fellow alcoholics who are still suffering. Give selflessly and ask nothing in return.
- ** Begin to practice all 12 steps on a daily basis as a foundation for your new life
- ** Bring the same spirit, love and attitude of helping fellow alcoholics to every aspect of your own life.
- ** Take your problems as they come and transform them into assets or strengths.
- ** Perspective is everything when it comes to continuing to practice all 12 steps in your day-to-day life.
- ** Spiritual growth should be your highest priority.
- ** Abandon the need for self-importance and prestige. It doesn't bring happiness. Instead, learn to find peace within yourself and with whatever life throws your way.





Our Stories



Prayer of St. Francis

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**Lord, make me a channel of thy peace,
that where there is hatred, I may bring love;
that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of
forgiveness;
that where there is discord, I may bring harmony;
that where there is error, I may bring truth;
that where there is doubt, I may bring faith;
that where there is despair, I may bring hope;
that where there are shadows, I may bring light;
that where there is sadness, I may bring joy.
Lord, grant that I may seek to comfort
rather than to be comforted;
to understand, than to be understood;
to love, 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 to Eternal Life.**



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

Benjamin House Sun 7 a.m. Upstairs
Benjamin House Sun 10 a.m. Downstairs
Benjamin House Mon. 6 p.m. 12x12
Benjamin House Board
Burlington Sunday 10 a.m. 12x12
Burlington Cath. Center Thursday 6 p.m.
PayPal Donations
Thursday Night Vets Group

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



NEW BOOK

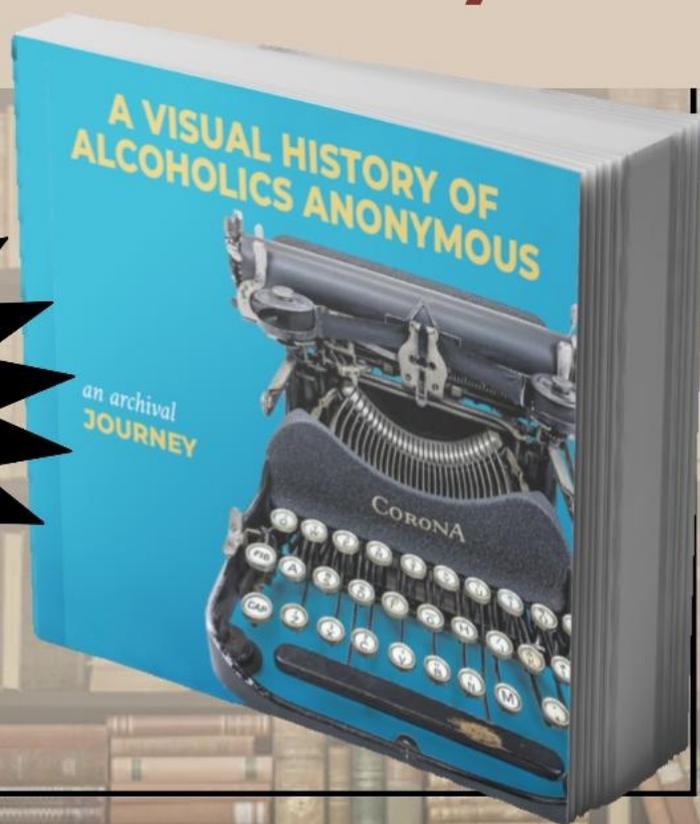
from A. A. World Services

**Stop into RACINE AREA CENTRAL OFFICE
to pre-order before JANUARY 30TH and
SAVE \$1 OFF of your copy today!**

NEW RELEASE FEBRUARY 2021

A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous: An Archival Journey

**Take a Visual Walk
through AA History!**
Originally intended as a
souvenir book for the
2020 International
Conference in Detroit.



Here is the November financial listings for Your Central Office!

Racine Area Central Office Summary of Income/Expense 2020

Income Summary:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Donations-Groups	982.00	1140.70	695.00	693.39	3021.62	674.56	656.11	978.02	435.00	1159.72	366.46		10806.58
Office Sales	1358.40	590.05	392.35			270.05	275.15	141.90	263.40	527.40	667.40		4486.10
Charge and Debit Card Sales	149.35	469.70	93.55			212.25	256.00	234.45	520.69	328.75	63.10		2327.84
Rent-Groups	490.00	527.00	534.00			110.00	530.00	452.00	500.00	547.00	565.00		4255.00
Transfer from Savings				1000.00						500.00			1500.00
Fellowship Day													0.00
Gift Certificate Redeemed													0.00
Gratitude Cans	100.91	43.15	89.65			9.14							242.85
Small donation can (office)	9.85	10.80	5.05			18.67	18.85	21.15	12.25	24.85	14.11		135.58
Big donation box (meeting room)													0.00
Larry Pfeiffer Memorial (Gerald Green)			40.00										40.00
Returned check reimbursement													0.00
Tri County Conference Literature Sales													0.00
WE Energies Refund			327.79										327.79
District 36 Hotline (bill split)													0.00
District 17 Hotline (bill split)						180.00							180.00
Total Income by Month	3090.51	2781.40	2177.39	1693.39	3021.62	1474.67	1738.11	1827.52	1731.34	3087.72	1678.07	0.00	24301.74

Expense Summary:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Rent & Water	1030.00	1254.86	1030.00	1030.00		2060.00	1030.00	1131.75	1030.00	1030.00	1152.75		11779.36
Electric (Heat & Air)	241.62	239.22	233.00	171.10	123.98	70.49	126.67	260.16	192.45	154.59	136.11		1949.39
Telephone - AT & T	132.18	131.07	131.36	131.36	131.08	131.05	131.05	131.25	141.27	137.08	139.09		1467.84
Internet/Telephone - Spectrum	141.54	140.93	140.93	141.38		141.38	141.38	138.15	138.15	138.23	138.33		1400.40
Sam's Club Membership													0.00
Office & Maint. Supplies	212.96	278.98	808.58		36.68	104.99	62.98	73.49	19.56	123.26	337.57		2059.05
Credit Card Fees	13.53	32.47	21.35	12.15	27.75	8.95	14.86	33.37	15.74	21.70	33.88		235.75
Bank Fees	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00		110.00
Literature & Merchandise	296.45	817.80	659.10	622.20		90.35	259.44	100.00		322.73	114.01		3282.08
Website			89.00			147.87							236.87
Wisconsin Sales Tax	118.51			138.31			12.97			70.55			340.34
State of WI (tax registration 2014 penalty)			150.00										150.00
Liability Insurance				745.00									745.00
Newsletter													0.00
Returned check penalty									12.00		12.00		24.00
Repair and Maintenance	120.00	120.00	80.00	313.00			120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00		1233.00
Total Expenses Month to Month	2316.79	3025.33	3353.32	3314.50	329.49	2765.08	1909.35	1998.17	1679.17	2128.14	2193.74	0.00	25013.08

Account Balances
 Checking: \$1613.88
 Savings: \$4,175.87



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



Best Practices For a Digital 7th Tradition

Online meeting spaces make it difficult to “pass the basket.” Some groups have set up digital contribution accounts with services like Venmo, PayPal, Google Pay, etc. to deal with this problem. Now might be a good time to review an essential piece of AA literature, “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.”

Each group is autonomous and might consider taking a group conscience on whether digital contributions are an option, and which platform (or mix of platforms) best suits their groups’ needs.

Why collect 7th Tradition for an online meeting?

Our regular meeting locations still have operating expenses...

Our meetings facilities may rely on our regular rent to help pay their rent, utilities, and employees. Meeting supplies will still be needed when our meetings reopen – coffee, paper products, literature, refreshments. And after an extended closure, we may experience a large influx of people who are motivated to re-join the fellowship in person. Central Office and the General Service Office still have operating expenses such as... Websites – which we may now rely on more than ever!

Phone lines, rent and insurance on office space, Utility and other ongoing expenses Paid Special Workers who deserve our continued support. Their compensation is crucial to their ability to serve us. Our Districts and Areas and H&I still have expenses...

Regular expenses to support the work of committees and events that will take place when the crisis has passed are still there. Web services support for groups expenses for venues for events that have been cancelled may still need to be met, since any income from the event won’t be there to support the pre-payment of reservations, cancellation fees, etc. The expense of re-arranging for venues to reschedule events is very real. Let’s continue to support these folks during the crisis.

Teamwork makes the dream work

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	Geoff G
Secretary	Jola B.
Co-Secretary	Open
Treasurer	Tom M
Co-Treasurer	Mike S
Staffing Coordinator	Ted V
Co-Staffing Coordinator	Open
Newsletter	Chris J
Co-Newsletter	Open
Hotline Chairperson	Chris W
Co-Hotline Chairperson	Open
Literature Chairperson	Austin P
Co-Literature Chair	Rachel M
Procurement	Open
Co-Procurement	Open
Webmaster	Dave W
Co-Webmaster	Rebecca B
Advisor	Toni M
Advisor	Pam L
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Your Racine Area Central Office has numerous openings on the steering committee. PLEASE consider volunteering for one of these positions.

RACO is also in dire need of volunteers for the bookstore for Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

Through volunteers RACO Is able to remain open, if you want or expect the bookstore to be open then please come be a volunteer.

Also we are looking for Hotline Volunteers and 12 Step Call List Volunteers.

To volunteer for the hotline please go to the webpage and click the Hotline Volunteer link to become volunteer.

THIS IS YOUR CENTRAL OFFICE IT TAKES ALL OF US. COME BE A CONTRIBUTOR ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

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