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RACINE AREA CENTRAL OFFICE'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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A Special THANK YOU to all who have donated using the Gratitude cans.



Tradition 8

"AA should remain forever non-professional, but our service centers may employ special workers."



August Focus

Eighth Step Prayer

"I ask for Your help in making my list of all those I have harmed. I will take responsibility for my mistakes and be forgiving to others as You are forgiving to me. Grant me the willingness to begin my resolution."

Step 8

"Made a list of persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all."

Step Eight

What Is the Purpose of This Alcoholics Anonymous Step 8?

In Step 8 of Alcoholics Anonymous, you identify the wrongs of your past so that you can repair the damage you've done. Then, you devise a plan for creating healthy relationships moving forward.

How Do You Complete Alcoholics Anonymous Step 8?

- * Realize that you hurt others as well as yourself with your drinking.
- * Discover how many people you have hurt and how you've hurt them.
- * Make a list of everyone you've harmed. Also, pay attention to what you discover about yourself and your problems along the way.
- * Don't be defensive and blame people for how they've treated you. Forgive them, because without forgiving others, you cannot forgive yourself.

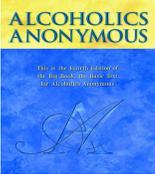
What Are Some Tips for Completing This Step?

- * Don't minimize your faults and failures by focusing on the faults of others.
- * Realize that you hurt others as well as yourself with your drinking.
- * Look beyond your obvious defects and do a thorough examination of your flaws.
- * Avoid judgments of others. Be objective when evaluating your defects as well as those of others.

What Are Some Myths About Step 8?

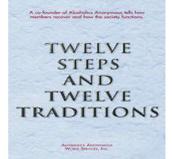
Your drinking hasn't harmed anyone but yourself. People often think that if the damage isn't extreme and noticeable, then there isn't anything beneath the surface. This is a dangerous misconception and something AA calls "purposeful forgetting." You can't get the most out of the 12 steps if you aren't willing to be vulnerable and incredibly honest—even if what you discover about yourself and others is painful to accept.





Step Eight

Chris J.



Made a list of all people we have harmed...

Ok, how do I arrange the columns for my list. Not the columns my sponsor suggested in step 4, I am talking about the columns of “Who had it coming”, “Really only impacted me”, “No one knows about it”, “Not in my life any longer” – those are the ones that are needed for this step. Once that is done, the simple ones of the lies I told loved ones, few laws I broke, few jobs from which I was fired for justifiable reasons, spare change I found lying around that I used for various things and a few other mistakes won’t be such a tough task. Those things are way behind me now and heck, I don’t even drink any longer so I am so much better. This isn’t so bad.

Well, well, what a surprise the 8th step was for this recovering alcoholic. For starters, as I began listing names and the crazy rationalizations in my head, a common theme began to evolve. That is, some of the names were from WAY in the past that I thought I had forgotten. AND, as I started thinking about MY part in why the name popped up, my work in recovery forced me to reflect a little differently. I have to say this was not only a shock but quite the revelation. The fact that so many names were just flowing from my thoughts told me I had a lot of long-lasting resentments, grudges, expected thank-yous and lack of understanding of how my behavior had been so selfish and grandiose. All under the guise of “justified” responses to how I was living my life and treating the people in it.

As with many things, I tried to over-complicate/think this step. It simply says make a list. The key is making a detailed list and then making the necessary time to review the list with your sponsor. Initially I tried to think through each name/scenario and that is how I complicated it. My sponsor reminded me, I am making a list, KISS (keep it simple stupid).

The second part of this step, the willingness, for me was when I made the list forgetting all of the rationalizations I had for not listing the person. If I have a resentment/ill thought about ANYONE, something is wrong inside of me and I need to identify that with the help of a sponsor. Hence, the list of names was very long and that is ok.

This self-reflection and the fact I have already “became willing to make amends” is an important crossroads in my recovery. And I am not talking about not drinking, I am talking about recovering in how I treat the people in my life today. The good news is that I just have to do it today.



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

Benjamin House Sun 10a Newcomers
Benjamin House Mon 6p 12&12
Benjamin House Sat 7a Upstairs
Benjamin House Board
Burlington 12&12 Fri 9:30am Big Book
Burlington 12&12 Step Meditation
Burlington Tue/Fri Riverwood Church Group
Kenosha Thu Big Book Group
Outcast Club Come and Get Sober
Anonymous Paypal Donors
RACO 12:15 Mon - Sat Group
Veterans Outreach



Here are the July financial listings for Your Central Office!

Racine Area Central Office Summary of Income/Expense 2021

Income Summary:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Donations-Groups	859.21	854.32	918.51	425.76	1423.35	815.00	672.92						5970.07
Office Sales	816.55	214.65	501.65	854.45	490.25	810.20	674.50						4362.25
Charge and Debit Card Sales	148.75	233.70	505.35	167.80	400.70	285.66	401.90						2143.86
Rent-Groups	360.00	450.00	360.00	530.00	670.00	385.00	365.00						3140.00
Transfer from Savings	500.00				500.00								1000.00
Fellowship Day													0.00
Floor donations			1285.00	20.00									1285.00
Peppi soda machine refund				37.84									37.84
Gratitude Cans	512.98		46.45			112.00							671.41
Small donation can (office)	19.40		67.25	27.94	12.51	6.06	17.89						151.05
Big donation box (meeting room)	8.01												8.01
District 36 Hotline (bill split)													0.00
District 17 Hotline (bill split)			90.00		60.00	30.00							180.00
Total Income by Month	3244.88	1752.67	3754.21	2064.50	3556.81	2443.92	2132.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18949.29

Expense Summary:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Rent & Water	1096.30	1025.18	1030.00	1030.00	1030.00	1030.00	1030.00						7271.48
Electric (Heat & Air)	216.21	207.48	154.38	141.00	185.77	180.67	146.24						1211.75
Telephone - AT & T	138.40	141.62	140.63	140.63	140.97	140.91	140.91						984.07
Internet/Telephone - Spectrum	138.33	139.10	139.10	139.10	140.97	140.97	140.97						978.54
Sam's Club Membership													0.00
Office & Maint. Supplies	75.48			927.00	127.80	51.08	9.50						1191.86
Credit Card Fees	16.38	32.38	14.73	20.56	33.28	18.95	14.38						150.66
Bank Fees	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00						70.00
Literature & Merchandise	1122.70	269.40	577.22	787.44	62.50	283.14	846.67						3949.07
Website						165.87							165.87
Wisconsin Sales Tax		93.26											93.26
Liability Insurance				799.00									799.00
Returned check (Moneygram) fee		12.00											12.00
Newsletter													0.00
Repair and Maintenance	120.00	120.00	120.00	702.15	120.00	120.00	80.00						1382.15
Total Expenses Month to Month	2934.80	2050.42	2186.06	4898.88	1651.29	2121.59	2418.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	18259.71

Account Balances
 Checking: \$3,407.34
 Savings: \$3,176.36

A.A. RESOURCES LOCATED IN AREA 75 - SOUTHERN WISCONSIN

The following are the telephone numbers and addresses of the four local central offices and one intergroup located in southern Wisconsin.

Madison Area Intergroup Central Office (MAICO)

2000 Engel St, Suite 104
Madison, WI 53713
(608) 222-8989
Fax: (608) 663-9097
E-mail us at info@aamadisonwi.org
Website: <http://www.aamadisonwi.org/>

Racine Area Central Office (RACO)

3701 Durand Avenue, #225 LL-B
Racine WI 53045
(262) 554-6611
E-mail: racostaff@racinecentraloffice.org
Website: <http://www.racinecentraloffice.org>

Winnebago land Central Office - Fond du Lac

P.O. Box 572
280 North Main Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54936-0572
(920) 922-7512
E-mail us at winnebagolandco@gmail.com
Website: <https://www.fonddulacaa.org/>

Milwaukee Central Office

7429 W. Greenfield Avenue
West Allis, WI 53214
(414) 771-9119
Website: <http://www.aamilwaukee.com>

LaCrosse Intergroup

Box 1212
LaCrosse, WI
(800) 886-0695

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Green Lake Round-Up

41st**August 13, 14 & 15 – 2021**Green Lake Conference Center – www.glcc.org
W2511 State Road 23 Green Lake, WI 54941Open A.A. MeetingsFriday 8PM Vivian Q, Hilton Head, SC
Saturday 8PM Gary K. Boynton Bch, FL
Sunday 10AM Lynn G. Milw., WIClosed A.A. Meetings**ALKATHONS**(Pillsbury Robley Room: Fri 10PM – Sat 9AM, Sat 10PM – Sun 9AM) 10AM Saturday, the famous **“Meeting in The Field”** (in the field, between Tennis Courts and Park play area)Open Al-Anon Meeting

Saturday 6PM TBA

Closed Al-Anon MeetingSaturday 10AM at **“The Tea House”****Bring the whole family! There’s something for everyone!!**

(Camping, Biking, Swimming, Boating, Hiking, Golf, Volleyball, Fishing, Fellowship...)

Saturday Special Activities

“Amy S. 5K Fun Run/Walk” Saturday 7:45AM Register Pillsbury Hall Race Starts 8AM	“Volleyball Games” Saturday – All Day At the Sand Courts Show up and ask to play!	“Campfire” Friday/Saturday After Open Meeting By the volleyball court
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- Event Registration: \$10.00 per person -All proceeds are split according to the 7th tradition to carry our A.A. message (less conference expenses).
Accommodations are separate from the event registration.**Pre-Registration:**

Make checks payable to:

“Green Lake Round Up”

Mail payment and registration form to:

Green Lake Round Up
P.O. Box 684
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051**Event Contacts****Sally J. (414) 640-7892****Dianna G. (414) 943-3342****greenlakeroundupwi@gmail.com**

Event Sponsored by:

“Monday Night Action Group”**Good Shepherd Church****N88 W17658 Christman Road, Menomonee Falls,****WI Mondays - 8pm****Beginner’s - 7pm****“On-site” Registration:****Friday****3PM to 5PM****Country Store****Friday & Saturday****6PM to 8PM****Pillsbury Hall***Note: We will not send confirmations, prior to the Round-Up Event.**Pre-Registrations can be picked up at “On-site registration” locations.***Pre-Registration helps up-front expenditures we incur. Mail it in NOW!***-----Detach along line and mail in bottom portion-----***One Person per Form Please!****Green Lake Round-Up registration form**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

(Registration is \$10.00 per person) Total Enclosed \$ _____Willing to be of service? Alkathons Set-up Clean up Misc.Contact #: _____ Greeting Registration**Print Name with City, State**
as you’d like it to appear on your
Registration Name Tag!Name:
_____City, State:

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Green Lake Conference Center –
www.glcc.org W2511 State Road 23
 Green Lake, WI 54941

"On-Site" Accommodations:

- **On-site Camping and Lodging:** Green Lake Conference Center manages all on-site accommodations: **Call 1-(920) 294-3323, Website www.glcc.org**
- **Directions:** From Milwaukee, take US 41 North to Fond du Lac, exit West on Hwy 23 to Green Lake Conference Center (a few miles west of the village of Green Lake, WI).

"Off-Site" Accommodations**Off-Site Campgrounds:**

Green Lake Campground, W2360 Hwy 23..... (920) 294-3543 0.3 miles
 Hattie Sherwood Campground, S. Lawson Drive..... (920) 229-1828 1.5 miles

Off-Site Hotels/Motels near the conference center:

Dartford Inn, N6264 Lawson Drive, Green Lake, WI.....(920) 294-6546 · dartfordinn.com
 Keipe Hotel, 536 Mill Street, Green Lake, WI..... (920) 294-6484 · keipehotel.com
 Mc Connell Inn, 497 South Lawson Drive, Green Lake, WI..... (920) 294-6430 · mcconnellinn.com
 Bay View Motel & Resort, 439 Lake Street, Green Lake, WI.....(920) 294-6504 · bayviewgreenlake.com
 Cobblestone Suites, 2 Westgate Drive, Ripon, WI..... (920) 748-5500 · staycobblestone.com
 Ripon Welcome Inn and Suites, 240 East Fond Du Lac Street, Ripon, WI.. (920) 748-2821 · riponwelcomeinn.com

There are other establishments for camping and lodging in the area....

Marina – off site boat and slip rentals

Action Marina Boat Rentals, 485 Park Drive, Green Lake, WI.....(920) 745-2600 · actionmarina.com

Club Events

Burlington 12&12

Sunday, August 8th Annual Summer Picnic - Noon

Riverview Park

Racine Alano Club

Saturday, August 14th Annual Summer Picnic - 12p - 5p

Pritchard Park (Large pavilion)

Meat, chips & condiments provided, please bring your favorite dish

Or dessert to share

Speaker at 2p

Kenosha Alano Club

Sunday, August 15th Annual Summer Picnic - Noon

Washington Park Kenosha

Antioch Recovery Club

Saturday, August 21st ARC in the Park Pig Roast - 1p - 5p

Williams Park

400 Williams Street

Antioch, IL

- * Dunk-the-Drunk Tank
- * Bag-O Tournaments
- * 50/50 Raffle
- * Rock Painting
- * Bouncy House for the kiddos!

Services and Service Opportunities

RACO Volunteers Needed!!

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

Call RACO at (262) 554-6611 or e-mail us to volunteer and we will get you trained by Ted V.!

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 Bookstore

The Racine Area Central Office's bookstore has all of your recovery literature needs (some Spanish versions available). Bookstore is open during normal office hours and debit/credit cards are accepted. Stop in today for your or your groups' literature needs!

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



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	West Racine/Kenosha County	
	Burlington 12 x 12 Club 724 N. Pine St. Burlington, WI	
District 6	Eastern Walworth County	
	Walworth County Alano Club 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	Western Lake County	
	Antioch Recovery Club 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	Open
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	Rachael 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 put Wednesday, September 1st, 6:30pm on your calendar and attend the next Steering Committee meeting at the RACO office, 3701 Durand Avenue, Racine, 53405.

Please note that Western Union money grams are no longer accepted by our bank. Thanks to all who have used this method in the past and thank you for understanding and using a different means of donating.

Your story could be what the next recovering alcoholic needs to hear! Please submit your personal story of strength, hope & faith for publication in one of our newsletters!

If interested in getting on the 12th step hotline phone list or to volunteer, please go to the website or click the following link:

<https://racinecentraloffice.org/24-hour-hotline/>

If you know of someone who would like to receive a monthly e-version of the Reprieve, please e-mail request to RACONewsletter@gmail.com

<https://racinecentraloffice.org/>