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## RACINE AREA CENTRAL OFFICE'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### Tradition 8

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



### August Focus

#### Eighth Step Prayer

*I ask Your help in making my list of all those I have harmed. Be forgiving to others as You are forgiving me. Grant me the willingness to begin my restitution.*

### Step 8

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

## Step 8

“Every A.A. has found that he can make little headway in this new adventure of living until he first backtracks and really makes an accurate and unsparing survey of the human wreckage he has left in his wake.”

--Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 77

Step Eight of AA Alcoholics Anonymous is the beginning of the process of making amends, forgiving others and possibly being forgiven by them, in addition to forgiving ourselves. By making a list of the people we harmed and becoming willing to make amends, we take action toward healing the past with others and learning how to live in the world with our head held high, looking people right in the eye.

### *HERE'S HOW IT WORKS*

Step 8 is mostly about identifying the damage you have done to others and listing those names. It doesn't matter if the harm you caused was from selfishness, carelessness, anger, arrogance, dishonesty or any other character defect... it doesn't even matter if you didn't intend to cause harm.

You are going to make a completely thorough list, considering all the ways in which it is possible to cause harm to another person. Some situations are really obvious, for instance if you stole money from a person or business, or if you exhibited physical or emotional abuse.

The names on your list could be people you bullied, cheated on or treated coldly. Whether they are living or dead or will want to hear from you or not, it doesn't matter. You are just making a list.

## Step 8(continued)

### ***WARNING! DELAY IS DANGEROUS!***

There will be fear and there are going to be people who come to mind who also caused you harm. A lot of people delay in starting to work on Step 8 because they aren't willing to make amends to these people because they resent them too much. Even if you are so unwilling that you don't even want to pray for willingness because you can't imagine having any compassion for certain people, ***put their names on the list anyway***. The truth is that forgiving someone who harmed us may mean swallowing some pride (without any alcohol to wash it down). But unfortunately not forgiving that person costs us our freedom

The greatest thing about recovery is that much to our own surprise we become willing to let go of resentment, blame and self-pity, and recognize that we are all just ordinary, garden variety, human beings.

So instead of getting caught up in those tricky old feelings, get out your pen and paper and put those names on a list!

By listing who we believe we have harmed, we are holding ourselves accountable. By admitting we are human and have made mistakes, we develop compassion for ourselves. By forgiving those who have harmed us we are set free.

Make that list and start putting pen to paper!!

## Our stories – Jeff G.

When coming to recovery, I only wanted to get the state of Wisconsin off my butt. What I found was not just sobriety, it was a fellowship of AA members that said "they would love me, until I loved myself". After not drinking, going to meetings and finding the sponsor, I come to working the steps.

In the eighth step I learned to look at my part in this thing called life. The more I looked back to the fourth and fifth step, I was able to see my part in the hell I put family and friends through. Without the deep look into the pain I created in others, I would never be able to make a list. Number one was God and then family and friends. The hardest was myself, I felt I had failed. Only with the guidance of God, my Sponsor and the tables of AA was I able to write my Amends list. My first Sponsor had me place that list in my wallet and to keep the list up front in my mind. This was to allow me to make the amends at anytime possible.

There are a few amends I Had left undone but after talking them over with my sponsor and the AA members of my home-group, then praying and waiting for the voice to come to me, I was able to make them. That is that still quiet voice I have come to call God.

I can not say I have made it, due to the fact I am not walking with my maker. Recovery never ends and we can learn to love again.

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

Benjamin House Sun 10am downstairs  
Benjamin House Sat 7am upstairs  
Benjamin House Board  
Burlington 12&12 Sun 10am  
Burlington 12&12 Tue 9:30am  
Fox River Group - Waterford  
The Grove Big Fri 5:30pm  
Kenosha Big Book Study  
RACO Mon-Sat 12:15pm  
Wind Lake Thu Night (698955)  
Veterans Outreach



## *Here are the July financial listings for Your Central Office!*

Racine Area Central Office Summary of Income/Expense 2021

<b>Income Summary:</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Donations-Groups	1112.17	1102.05	1169.63	1098.66	892.16	858.40	762.00						8795.07
Office Sales	175.60	763.85	983.45	622.85	239.40	229.60	287.90						3302.65
Charge and Debit Card Sales	1350.45	554.05	221.20	192.15	181.05	63.10	333.55						2895.55
Rent-Groups	935.00	491.00	762.00	523.00	300.00	550.00	595.00						3556.00
Transfer from Savings													0.00
Fellowship Day													0.00
Gratitude Cans	417.07												417.07
Small donation can (office)	12.16	13.93	26.83	11.78	4.70	5.63	13.63						88.68
Big donation box (meeting room)													0.00
District 36 Hotline (bill split)													0.00
District 17 Hotline (bill split)						180.00	30.00						210.00
<b>Total Income by Month</b>	<b>3402.45</b>	<b>2924.88</b>	<b>3163.11</b>	<b>2448.44</b>	<b>1417.31</b>	<b>1886.73</b>	<b>2022.08</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17265.00</b>

<b>Expense Summary:</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>YTD</b>
Rent & Water	1030.00	1030.00	1030.00	1030.00	1030.00	1030.00	1030.00						7210.00
Electric (Heat & Air)	218.35	335.68	227.78	225.88	188.91	143.71	166.48						1526.79
Internet/Telephone - Spectrum	170.96	170.96	170.96	170.96	170.96	170.96	170.96						1196.72
AT & T cancellation	116.26	5.00											121.26
Sam's Club Membership													0.00
Office & Maint., Supplies	205.02	5.25	102.92	180.60		72.88	281.35						648.02
Credit Card Fees	22.85	63.21	20.13	16.65	32.96	15.74	11.31						182.85
Bank Fees	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00						70.00
Literature & Merchandise	95.20	990.51	1443.70		659.60	47.00	794.01						4030.22
District 17 (donation error)		50.00											50.00
Website													0.00
Wisconsin Sales Tax	472.19												472.19
Liability Insurance				858.00									858.00
Wisconsin Business Tax Registration													0.00
Repair and Maintenance	120.00	120.00	188.25	860.00	120.00	0.00	0.00						1408.25
<b>Total Expenses Month to Month</b>	<b>2460.85</b>	<b>2780.61</b>	<b>3193.74</b>	<b>3352.09</b>	<b>2212.63</b>	<b>1490.29</b>	<b>2484.11</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17974.32</b>

**Account Balances**

**Checking: \$3,757.41**

**Savings: \$3,176.70**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [winnebagoilandco@gmail.com](mailto:winnebagoilandco@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

## Events

The Alano Club – [racinealanoclub.com](http://racinealanoclub.com)

**Picnic**

**Saturday, August 13th**

**12noon – Pritchard Park Large Pavilion**

The Grove Club – [thegroveclub.com](http://thegroveclub.com)

See website for upcoming events

The Benjamin House – [benjaminhouseracine.org](http://benjaminhouseracine.org)

**District 17 Workshop**

**Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Noon-3pm**



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## Green Lake Round-Up

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August 19, 20, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022Green Lake Conference Center – www.glcc.org  
W2511 State Road 23 Green Lake, WI 54941Open AA MeetingsFriday 8 PM Scott S., PA  
Saturday 8 PM Tina A., CA  
Sunday 10 AM Pete K., WIClosed AA Meetings**ALKATHONS**Pillsbury Robley Room: Fri 10 PM – Sat 9 AM  
Sat 10 PM – Sun 9 AM

Sat 10 AM, Famous "Meeting in the Field" (field between the tennis courts and play area)

Open Al-Anon Meeting

Saturday 6 PM Angie M., WI

Closed Al-Anon Meeting

Saturday 10 AM 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 7:45 AM, race starts at 8 AM  
Register at Pillsbury Hall**Volleyball Games-All day Saturday**  
At the sand courts...  
Show up and ask to play!**- Event Registration: \$15.00 per person -****Bill W. tickets available – please reach out to Dianna G. (414) 943-3342**All proceeds are split according to the 7<sup>th</sup> tradition to carry our AA 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:**Dianna G. (414) 943-3342  
Scott M. (414) 444-8713  
**greenlakeroundupwi@gmail.com**Event sponsored by:  
**"Monday Night Action Group"- Mondays 7:30 PM**  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
W156N8131 Pilgrim Rd. - Menomonee Falls, WI 53051**On-site registration Friday****3 PM to 5 PM****Country Store****On-site registration Friday & Saturday****6 PM to 8 PM****Pillsbury Hall**

Note: We will not send confirmations prior to the Round-Up. Pre-registrations can be picked up at the On-site registration locations.

**Pre-registration helps us with up front expenditures we incur. Please mail it in NOW!**.....  
Detach along line and mail in bottom portion.  
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Green Lake Round-Up registration form. One Person per Form please!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

(Registration is \$15 per person) Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Willing to be of service? (circle one): *Alkathons**Clean-Up Greeting Registration Set-Up Misc.*Please print your name (with city and state)  
as you'd like it to appear on your name tag.**Applies only to those pre-registered.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_



**August 19, 20, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

Green Lake Conference Center – [www.glcc.org](http://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](http://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) 294-3542 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) 290-1671 .dartfordinn.com
- Keipe Hotel, 536 Mill Street, Green Lake, WI..... (920) 294-6484
- 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  
[www.riponwelcomeinn.com](http://www.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](http://actionmarina.com)



# **Fellowship day 2022: Saturday, Sep 17th**

**NEVER ALONE AGAIN**

**Racine Area Central Office (R.A.C.O)**

**Starts @10:30am**

**AA & Al-anon Panels starting at 11am**

**Area 75 Literature & Grapevine Reps at 3PM**

**AA Recovery Skit 3:30pm**

**Free Chili Dinner served at 4pm**

**Bake Sale provided by Al-anon & Alateen**

**Free coffee**

**50/50 Raffles throughout the day**

**Al-anon Speaker at 5PM**

**Melissa G**

**AA Speaker 6pm**

**Rebeca B**

**All recovery community welcome**

**All money received supports**

**Racine Area Central Office**



# AA WORKS

## Come & Get It!

### 2022 AREA 75 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of Alcoholics Anonymous

November 4—6  
Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells  
Hosted by District 20



Register online!



Area 75 Assembly & Elections	AA Speakers Standing Committee Meetings	ALKATHONS AA & Al-Anon Panels Banquet Buffet	Ice Cream Social Entertainment	Al-Anon Speaker
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First 100 registrants are entered to win a set of Conference recordings!

#### Registration Form

One Person Per Form, Please Print

Circle one: AA Al-Anon Alateen

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Accessibility and/or dietary accommodation needs \_\_\_\_\_

#### Please Check Desired

Pre-Registration	\$20.00	
Sat. Night Italian Buffet*	\$32.00	
Sunday Plated Breakfast*	\$15.00	
Select one: <input type="checkbox"/> Cheesy Scramble <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit Platter		
Donation	\$	
Total Enclosed	\$	
*See menus on reverse. Must Register to attend. Onsite Registration fee is \$25.		
Make Checks Payable To:	Area 75 Conference Treasurer PO Box 8322 Madison, WI 53708	
Or Register Online:	www.eventbrite.com Enter: 2022 Area 75 Annual Conference	

# RACO Steering Committee Positions Needed!!

“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 of our affairs.”

*These positions are still available as of the Steering Committee meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Please reach out to those looking to do service work – thank you.*

The following positions are still needed for the Steering Committee moving forward in 2022.

- \* Co-Treasurer (3 years sobriety required)
- \* Co-Secretary (1 year sobriety required)
- \* Co-Chairman (3 years sobriety required)

Talk with your sponsor, sponsees, home groups and others you know in the fellowship who might be interested in this important (and fun) 12<sup>th</sup> step work. The Steering Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Central Office (RACO).

Please consider donating your faith, hope and strength to the group as we continue to try and help the next suffering alcoholic one day at a time!



# 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!

## 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](http://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 the RACO office.***





# 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: <a href="http://www.benjaminhouseracine.org/">http://www.benjaminhouseracine.org/</a>			
District 7		Kenosha, Wisconsin	
Kenosha Alano Club 630 56 <sup>th</sup> St. Kenosha, WI 53140 (262) 654-8246	Outcasts 1310 63 <sup>rd</sup> St. Kenosha, WI 53144	Southport Lighthouse Recovery Club 8017 Sheridan Rd. Kenosha, WI 53143 (262) 653-9800	
Kenosha Alano Club Website: <a href="http://kenoshaalanoclub.org">http://kenoshaalanoclub.org</a>			
District 36		Burlington 12 x 12 Club 724 N. Pine St. Burlington, WI	
West Racine/Kenosha County			
District 6		Walworth County Alano Club 611 E. Walworth St. Delavan, WI 53115 (262) 740-1888	
Eastern Walworth County			
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: <a href="http://alanoclubwaukegan.com/">http://alanoclubwaukegan.com/</a>			
Waukegan Hotline: (847) 623-9660			
District 10		Antioch Recovery Club 311 E Depot St.; Suite C Antioch, IL 60002 (847) 838-1882	
Western Lake County			
Antioch Recovery Club: <a href="http://www.antiochrecoveryclub.org/">http://www.antiochrecoveryclub.org/</a>			
Antioch Hotline: (847) 395-5988			

Racine Area Central Office <i>Officers/Steering Committee</i>	
Chairperson	Geoff G.
Co-Chairperson	Open
Secretary	Simon
Co-Secretary	Open
Treasurer	John K
Co-Treasurer	Open
Staffing Coordinator	Doreen G
Co-Staffing Coordinator	John B
Newsletter	Chris J
Co-Newsletter	Open
Hotline Chairperson	Chris W
Co-Hotline Chairperson	Mike
Literature Chairperson	Craig
Co-Literature Chair	Rachael M
Procurement	Open
Co-Procurement	Open
Webmaster	Dave W
Co-Webmaster	Rebecca B
Advisor	Toni M
Advisor	Tom M.
Advisor	Jon K
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Racine, WI 53403	
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***Your Racine Area Central Office has numerous openings on the steering committee. Please put Wednesday, September 7th, 6:00pm 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:RACONewsletter@gmail.com)***

***<https://racinecentraloffice.org/>***