

# LITTLE WHITE HOUSE NEWSLETTER

## Dakota Alano Society

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www.dasinc.org

OCTOBER 2014



**24 Hours a day:**

MPLS Intergroup Hotline: 952-922-0880

St. Paul Intergroup Hotline: 651-227-5502



The Dakota Alano Society, Inc was founded in 1978 to serve the needs of men and women who are recovering from the effects of alcohol and drug abuse. As an Alano society, the Dakota Alano provides space for Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon meetings, and hosts at least one group every day of the week. If you are struggling with alcohol or drug addiction, or suffering because a loved one is addicted, please come find a meeting at our house, where you can find others who can help you on the road to recovery.

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### ***Do you have a drinking problem? A.A. wants to help if you want help.***

Greater Minneapolis Intergroup and St. Paul Intergroup are 2 organizations available to help men and women who might have a drinking problem. They help new members find local meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous in the Twin Cities and surrounding the Suburban Areas. Phones are answered 24 hours a day.  
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Saint Paul Intergroup Hotline: 651-227-5502

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***I am Responsible.***

***When Anyone, Anywhere Reaches Out For Help,  
I Want The Hand Of A.A. Always To Be There.  
And For That, I Am Responsible !***

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Sunday, October 12th, 6:00 p.m.**

*Take a meeting to Hastings Detox*

Meet in the parking lot at 6:00 p.m.  
to car pool to Hastings

**Sunday, October 19th, 5:15 p.m.**

*Quarterly Squad Leader Meeting*

The next quarterly Squad Leader Meeting will be held on October 19th at 5:15pm immediately preceding the October Board meeting.

***Squad Leader attendance is strongly encouraged at this meeting in order to receive a new key to the house.*** Squad Leaders are requested to find a replacement to attend the meeting if they are unable to be there.

**Sunday, October 19th, 6:00 p.m.**

*October Board of Directors Meeting*

Main room at the White House

Squad leaders are encouraged to attend

All members are welcome to attend



## SQUAD LEADER REMINDERS

### **Keeping the White House Clean**

Please be sure clean-up is done after every meeting. This includes washing out coffee pots, wiping down kitchen counters and tables in the big room and taking out the garbage. It is ultimately the Squad Leaders responsibility to make sure these tasks are completed.

***See page 2 for the upcoming cleaning schedule and list of responsibilities.***

## NEW DAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

4 New Board members were elected to the Dakota Alano Society's Board of Directors at the 2014 DAS Annual General Membership meeting on September 21st. Officers were elected and Board positions assigned at the September Board meeting on the 28th. Advisory Board members were also elected on the 28th.

### 2014 - 2014 DAS Board of Directors

<b>President</b>	Lonnie L
<b>Vice President</b>	Mary Jo C
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mike F
<b>Secretary</b>	Martha D
<b>Asst. Treasurer</b>	Mark L
<b>House Security</b>	Lee G
<b>Supplies</b>	Michon P
<b>Maintenance</b>	Rusty S
<b>Publishing</b>	Dan W

### 2014 - 2015 Advisory Board

Rob M  
Julie O  
Brad C  
Susan H

*A new Board contact list will be posted in the kitchen.*

### ***Congratulations to the new Board!!***

***Without volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors, the Dakota Alano Society could not stay open to provide a meeting location for AA, Alanon, and ACOA meetings.***

***Thank you again to all incoming & outgoing Board and Advisory Board members for your dedicated service work!***

## ***A reminder to all Groups -***

### MONTHLY CLEANING SCHEDULE

Each meeting group is responsible for a thorough cleaning of the White House during one month of the year.

#### **Upcoming Cleaning Schedule**

<b>October</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 p.m.</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>

The suggested time for monthly cleaning is before or after your regular group meeting time. Allow adequate time to complete the tasks listed below.

Cleaning supplies are kept under the sinks in the kitchen and both bathrooms. The House has a vacuum cleaner, and there is additional cleaning equipment in the front entry closet.

#### ***Monthly House Cleaning consists of:***

- Vacuum all carpets: upstairs, downstairs, and stairway
- Vacuum and/or shake out mats in kitchen, hallway and bathroom
- Vacuum & damp mop linoleum floor (with Swiffer mop in front entry closet)
- Clean both bathrooms
- Clean kitchen sink and counter tops
- Wash all coffee pots
- Wipe down all tabletops in all rooms

***The Board and all members of the Dakota Alano Society appreciate each group's efforts to keep the White House clean. Thank You !!***

**MORE MEETING NEWS ...**

**SATURDAY 6:00 PM**  
**THERE IS A SOLUTION**

**BEGINNERS/SPEAKER MEETING**

*holds a potluck on the first*

*Saturday of each month at 5:00 p.m.*

*Next potluck will be October 4th*

**Upcoming Speaker Schedule:**

Oct 4th - 6:00 p.m. Speaker: Steve V. SLPSNAAG

Oct 11th - 6:00 p.m. Speaker: Sarah T. SLPSNAAG

Oct 18th - 6:00 p.m. Speaker: John S. SLPSNAAG

Oct 25th - 6:00 p.m. Speaker: Lee E. Fox Hall

***New Meeting: Awakenings***

***Tuesdays at 6:00 pm***

***a 12 Steps and 12 Traditions***

***study meeting***

***The Saturday 11:00 a.m. meeting  
could use your support.***

Thank you to the members who stepped up  
to revitalize this meeting.

Stop by on a Saturday morning in the near  
future and give this meeting some support.

***Fellowship on Sunday***

***Did you know the White House is open***

***every Sunday from 2:00 - 4:00 pm***

***for Fellowship? Come for the Fellowship,  
stay for the 4 p.m. meeting!***

**UPCOMING RECOVERY EVENTS****The Original 4th Step Workshop**

6 Thursdays beginning October 9th

October 9th - November 20th

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Solomon's Porch - Mpls

100 West 46th Street, Mpls MN 55419

More info, and to register, contact

Kay: 763-571-5370

Zach: 215-527-5370

Amanda: 508-641-9802

[www.aastpaul.org](http://www.aastpaul.org)

**Southern MN Area Assembly (Area 36)**

Saturday Oct. 18th, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

New Ulm Community Center, New Ulm MN

[www.area36.org](http://www.area36.org) - the area calendar

**32nd Annual St. Cloud Roundup**

*The Spiritual Remedy*

**Friday Oct. 24th - Sunday Oct. 26th**

River's Edge Convention Center

10 Fourth Ave S. St. Cloud MN

[www.stcloudroundup.org](http://www.stcloudroundup.org)

**Greater Minneapolis Intergroup  
Phone Services Forum**

Saturday Oct. 11th - Noon - 3:00 p.m.

(following the Intergroup orientation meeting)

Mizpah United Church of Christ

412 5th Ave N. Hopkins MN 55343

Learn how to become a phone volunteer  
and/or be on the 12th Step List.

Meet Night Owl and Early Bird Coordinators

Panel of Speakers

Light Lunch Served - 7th Tradition

[www.aaminneapolis.org](http://www.aaminneapolis.org)

## A.A. History in October

### Oct 1

1941 - Local news reports 1st AA Group in New Haven, CT.

1957 - Book "A.A. Comes of Age" published.

### Oct 2

1944 - Marty M. founded National Committee Education Alcoholism, later became National Council on Alcoholism.

### Oct 3

1945 - AA Grapevine adopted as national publication of AA.

### Oct 5-7

1972 - 2nd World Service meeting held in New York.

### Oct 5

1988 - Lois W. died.

### Oct 6

1941 - 900 dine at Cleveland dinner for Bill D., AA #3.

### Oct 8

1988 - Memorial Service for Lois W at Stepping Stones, NY.

### Oct. 9-11

1969 - 1st World Service meeting held in New York with delegates from 14 countries.

### Oct 10

1943 - 6 of 1st 9 AA's attend clubhouse anniv. in Toledo.

1970 - Lois reads "Bills Last Message" at annual dinner in NY.

1988 - Lois is buried next to Bill in Manchester, Vermont.

### Oct 13

1947 - The Melbourne Group held its first meeting in Australia.

### Oct 14

1939 - Journal of American Medical Association gives Big Book unfavorable review.

### Oct 15

1904 - Marty M., early AA woman, is born in Chicago.

### Oct 17

1935 - Ebby T., Bills sponsor, moves in with Bill and Lois.

### Oct 20

1928 - Bill wrote promise to Lois in family Bible to quit drinking.

By Thanksgiving added second promise.

1939 - Cleveland Plain Dealer begins series of articles on AA by Elrick Davis.

### Oct 22

1963 - E. M. Jellinek, alcoholism educator and AA friend dies.

### Oct 24

1942 - L.A. Times reports AA groups in 14 California cities.

1943 - Bill & Lois start 1st major A.A. tour, returned Jan 19, 1944.

1973 - Trustee's Archives Committee of AA has its 1st meeting.

1994 - National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence celebrates 50 years.

### Other significant events in October for which we do not have a specific date:

Oct 1939 - First central committee formed in Cleveland; 1st example of A.A. rotation.

Oct 1936 - Bill C. a Canadian alkie staying at Bill's house, committed suicide using a gas stove.

Oct 1942 - First issue of Cleveland Central Bulletin is published.

Oct 1944 - First non American branch started in Sydney, Australia by Father T. V. Dunlea & Rex.

Oct 1951 - Sister Ignatia wrote "Care of Alcoholics - St. Thomas Hospital & A.A. Started Movement Which Swept Country" article in Hospital Progress the journal of Catholic Hospital Association.

Oct 1954 - The "Alcoholic Foundation" renamed the "General Service Board of A.A."

Oct 1958 - Playhouse 90 TV airs The Days of Wine and Roses

## Step Ten

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

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The Principle of Step Ten:

### PERSEVERANCE

We have entered the world of the Spirit and strive to grow in understanding and effectiveness. This takes practice and means we have to keep on keeping on. We are beginning to trudge the road of Happy Destiny, and this takes diligence.

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## Tradition Ten

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

Never since it began has Alcoholics Anonymous been divided by a major controversial issue. Nor has our Fellowship ever publicly taken sides on any question in an embattled world. This, however, has been no earned virtue. It could be said that we were born with it, for, as one oldtimer recently declared, "Practically never have I heard a heated religious, political, or reform argument among A.A. members. So long as we don't argue these matters privately, it's a cinch we never shall publicly."

As by some deep instinct, we A.A.'s have known from the very beginning that we must never, no matter what the provocation, publicly take sides in any fight, even a worthy one. All history affords us the spectacle of striving nations and groups finally torn asunder because they were designed for, or tempted into, controversy. Others fell apart because of sheer self-righteousness while trying to enforce upon the rest of mankind some millennium of their own specification. In our own times, we have seen millions die in political and economic wars often spurred by religious and racial difference. We live in the imminent possibility of a fresh holocaust to determine how men shall be governed, and how the product of nature and toil shall be divided among them. That is the spiritual climate in which A.A. was born, and by God's grace has nevertheless flourished.

*From the book: 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, pg176, Tradition Ten*