

# LITTLE WHITE HOUSE NEWSLETTER

## Dakota Alano Society

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

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**24 Hours a day:**

MPLS Intergroup Hotline: 952-922-0880  
St. Paul Intergroup Hotline: 651-227-5502

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Sunday, June 9th, 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, June 16th, 6:00 p.m.**

*June Board of Directors Meeting*  
Main room at the White House  
Squad leaders are encouraged to attend  
All members are welcome to attend



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Mpls Intergroup Workshop

*Taking Inventory: Our Solution in Action*  
Saturday June 15th  
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Social Hour, Speakers  
Cross of Glory Baptist Church, Hopkins MN  
[www.aaminneapolis.org](http://www.aaminneapolis.org)

### 13th Annual Midwest Motorcycle AA Convention

*Sobriety is a Journey - Not a Destination*  
Friday June 21st - Sunday June 23rd  
Emerald Acres Campground, Pearl City IL  
[www.mmaac.org](http://www.mmaac.org)

### Southern MN Area Assembly

Saturday June 29st 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Hutchinson Event Center, Hutchinson MN  
[www.area36.org](http://www.area36.org)

***Save the Date !!!***

The 3rd Annual  
Dakota Alano Society  
*Summer Picnic*

Sunday July 28th  
Blackhawk Park, Eagan MN  
(same location as 2012)  
Approx timeframe: Noon- 4pm  
Exact hours TBD  
Watch for more information and  
Get Involved!



## STEP SIX

### **Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.**

So Step Six - "Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character" - is A.A.'s way of stating the best possible attitude one can take in order to make a beginning on this lifetime job. This does not mean that we expect all our character defects to be lifted out of us as the drive to drink was. A few of them may be, but with most of them we shall have to be content with patient improvement. The key words "entirely ready" underline the fact that we want to aim at the very best we know or can learn.

How many of us have this degree of readiness? In an absolute sense practically nobody has it. The best we can do, with all the honesty that we can summon, is to *try* to have it. Even then the best of us will discover to our dismay that there is always a sticking point, a point at which we say, "no, I can't give this up yet!" And we shall often tread on even more dangerous ground when we cry "This I will never give up." Such is the power of our instincts to overreach themselves. No matter how far we have progressed, desires will always be found which oppose the grace of God.

*(From the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pages 65-66)*

Many will at once ask, "How *can* we accept the entire implication of Step Six? Why - that is *perfection!*" This sounds like a hard question, but practically speaking, it isn't. Only Step One, where we made the 100 percent admission we were powerless over alcohol, can be practiced with absolute perfection. The remaining eleven steps state perfect ideals. They are goals toward which we look, and the measuring sticks by which we estimate our progress. Seen in this light, Step Six is still difficult, but not at all impossible. The only urgent thing is that we make a beginning, and keep trying. *(continued next column)*

## TRADITION SIX

### **An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.**

#### Tradition Six - The Long Form

Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, out to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A. -- and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may incorporate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.

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If we would gain any real advantage in the use of this Step on problems other than alcohol, we shall need to make a brand new venture into open-mindedness. We shall need to raise our eyes toward perfection, and be ready to walk in that direction. It will seldom matter how haltingly we walk. The only question will be "Are we ready?"

The moment we say, "No, never!" our minds close against the grace of God. Delay is dangerous, and rebellion may be fatal. This is the exact point at which we abandon limited objectives and move toward God's will for us.

*(From the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pages 68-69)*

## ATTENTION GROUP TREASURERS . . .

The Board occasionally receives questions about the duties of Group Treasurer. The recently updated Group Leaders Guide has a section about the Financial Responsibility of each A.A. group. That section is reprinted below for your convenience.

### **SECTION 2.5 (of the Group Leaders Guide)      GROUP FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

TRADITION 7: "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

In order for Dakota Alano Society, Inc. to meet expenses (i.e. rent, electricity, heat, and provide coffee supplies, etc.), the Board of Directors requires that a minimum of 75% of the meeting collections be donated to its treasury. The remaining 25% of the contributions are for the group to use at their discretion. There are some suggestions below.

The group's treasurer is responsible for dividing money collected in the basket, with 75% going to the Dakota Alano and 25% going to the group. Any money collected for purchased literature and medallions from the DAS supply cabinet should then be added to the collection for the House.

#### ***Payment is best made by check payable to The Dakota Alano Society, Inc.***

1. Write a check to "Dakota Alano Society, Inc." for the entire amount going to the House.
2. Put the check in the pre-printed envelope found in the group's mail slot in the kitchen.
3. Indicate on the envelope the dollar values of:

Donations (Rent)

Literature and Medallions

Also indicate on the envelope the group making the donation by checking the appropriate meeting day and time. Indicate the meeting date(s) the amount applies to.

An example follows:

Total contributions from the group meeting:	\$50.00
Total donation to Dakota Alano Society, Inc @ 75%:	\$37.50
Total literature and medallions purchased:	\$10.50
Total enclosed in envelope:	\$48.00
Group retains 25%:	\$12.50

With the monies kept aside, each group may support the various A.A. service organizations; and/or buy books, newcomers packets, medallions for the group's use.

One recommended distribution for A.A. services is:

- 50% Intergroup (Minneapolis and/or St. Paul)
  - 30% General Service Office (GSO)
  - 10% District 19 Committee
  - 10% Southern Minnesota Area Assembly
- (See Section 4.0 of the Group Leaders Guide for addresses)

*For more information about A.A. and financial responsibilities visit the General Service Organization website: [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org), and look for Financial Information under the tab For Groups and Members.*

## REGARDING HOUSE SECURITY

The Board has had ongoing concerns about the House being accessed during non-meeting hours. The Board requests that Squad Leaders be mindful of their responsibilities regarding the security of the House:

- Keys to the Alano House are the responsibility of the Squad Leader.
- **Do not give or lend your key to any other member.** Contact a Board member in advance of your meeting if you need someone to open or lock the House for you. Or there may be a Board member who attends your meeting regularly. Ask them to open the house for you.
- Open the House no more than one hour prior to the start of your meeting.
- Lock the House up no later than one hour after the close of your meeting.
- **Check all 3 doors when leaving the house.**
- Each group is entitled to only one key and will be responsible for the cost of a replacement key. The current charge for a new key is \$30.00.
- The following Board members have volunteered to open the House if a Squad Leader is unable to:
  - Dan C 651-238-7824
  - Julie O 651-497-1264
- There is a complete list of Board members and their phone numbers on the bulletin board in the kitchen.

If you are a Squad Leader who is unable to meet the above requests, please help your group to select a replacement Squad Leader. **Your cooperation is very much appreciated.**

## CLEANING HOUSE

**Did you know** that each meeting group is responsible for a thorough cleaning of the White House during one month of the year?

### Upcoming Cleaning Schedule

June	Sunday	8:00 p.m. AA
July	Monday	6:00 p.m. A.A.
	Monday	8:00 p.m. A.A.
August	Tuesday	7:30 p.m. A.A.
	Wednesday	6:00 p.m. A.A.

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 two vacuum cleaners, and there is additional cleaning equipment in the front entry closet. If you know your group is going to clean and supplies are needed, please call Brad C (612-270-8238).

### 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!!**

# THANK YOU ! ! !



The DAS Board of Directors would like to thank Brad C for volunteering to chair the Gopher State Hospitality committee this year, and for his excellent job organizing and overseeing a successful Gopher State event in room 205.

**Brad and the Board would also like to thank:**

All those Dakota Alano Members who volunteered their time on the committee

All the Members who volunteered to host the hospitality suite during the weekend and/or contributed food

The groups that passed the basket a second time to collect funds for the Hospitality Suite, as well as, Any individuals who made financial contributions

And any member who chose to spend part of their weekend in room 205 and helped make the event a success!

If you missed out on the fun this year, there's always next year!

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

***The Saturday 6:00 p.m. Meeting is always looking for speakers.***

If you would be willing to share a short version of your story please sign up on the sheet posted on the door to the kitchen, or attend the meeting and talk to the Trusted Servant.

(You can do it, it's easy! No podium, no microphone, you don't even have to stand up in front)

***The Friday 6:00 p.m. Meeting is offering a Beginner's Small Group Meeting after the break for anyone new to A.A. who wishes to have an introduction to A.A.***

The Beginner's Meeting meets upstairs after the meeting break.

***The Tuesday 5:30 p.m. ACA Meeting no longer meets at the Dakota Alano***

*There is an ACA meeting at the Rosemount AA.*

*Thursday 5:30 p.m.*

*Rosemount AA, Rosemount Mall*

*14555 S. Robert Trail / Hwy 3*

*Rosemount, MN 55068*

*Call to verify: 651-423-3622*

*For other ACA meetings in the area refer to:*

*[www.adultchildren.org](http://www.adultchildren.org)*

