

Straight Talk

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U of M Medical Center

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Happy "New" Year & Happy "Heartfelt" Valentines Day Celebrate Sobriety by Giving Back!

WHAT CAN I DO?

If you have been a member of AA for a while, or maybe even if you are still very new, you may have noticed that there is more to keeping a meeting going than simply attending the meeting. I recall when I was still pretty new to AA and attending the Sunday General Meeting. At the time, it worked very well for me, since I really did not want to go to an AA meeting anyway. Sit for an hour, get a little card signed to show the court that I had been to an AA meeting, and that was it. But one Sunday night as I was heading to the meeting in the cafeteria (this was back when it was in the building known then as the Rehab Center and the hospital was still called Saint Mary's) I noticed a sign on one of the bulletin boards in the hall. It read:

AA at Saint Mary's is made up of lots of willing people. 5% are willing to do the work, the other 95% are willing to let them.

The name of the hospital has changed, but I believe the percentages are still about the same. As important as it is for an alcoholic to attend AA, there is so much more that is possible. You could... be a sponsor, help with the Sunday General Meeting, help with Wing Meetings, be an AA trustee, help with Gopher State Roundup, write something for Straight Talk, take a meeting to a jail, help set up as needed before a meeting, clean up after the meeting, or maybe you have some special skill that could benefit AA.

My experience with doing things like this has been that it gives me a greater connection to AA and makes my sobriety even stronger.

Dave O., Squad 1
2016

(Former Editor of *Straight Talk* for over 30 years)

Fairview Riverside AA
at U of M Medical Center

ALL Squads need Your support!
In-person & Online
See back page for location details.
Thank you for your service & support!

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"I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY OWN SOBRIETY"

Surrender's Gate

There sits a white house on a hill by a church
and it rests under moonlit skies;
a place where fallen angels meet
to heal and talk and cry.

They've lost God's gift of flight,
His breath would soar them high,
to soar above the sorrow
that comes with moonlit skies.

Their wings would fan with frantic beats
to find the breath of hope;
to lift them up to higher highs,
to find the winds to cope.

Seems alcohol, cocaine and poppy' drugs
had become their wings to fly,
and their souls became too heavy
to soar the moonlit sky.

Some glided in like wounded swans,
some crashed like burning rocks;
but they all fell to earth in painful ways
near the white house where fallen angels talk.

Some test their fate from cliffs up high,
to soar the plains below;
with ragged wings and hopeful dreams
they're tempted to let go.

With memories of soaring times,
with thoughts of heaven's gate
Intrepid thoughts of life gone by
they step up to test their fate.

How sorrowful the journey as it spirals ever down,
a thousand thoughts and more regrets
on ragged wings to find the ground.
And once again it's proven 'God's will' will not refrain
that fallen angels ever more will never fly again.

Surrender's price is one hard paid,
some say a thousand times or more
until the pain of price unpaid
is etched upon their core.
With rattled brains, much bruised and plundered,
and soul's that quake with pain and thunder
they curse their wretched lot in life
and quiver, helpless in fear's plight.

Surrender's Gate (continued)

I've been witness to their stories,
all regretful of their sins
trying heartfully to accept their fate
in hopes their lives would once again begin.

They struggle restlessly in surrender
to this random act of fate
which cast them from the moonlit skies
not far from heaven's gate.

Acceptance and surrender gives them tools in which to cope
that God's guidance and forgiveness
will resurrect their hope.
All fallen angels in God's world,
still players in His light,
begin their long recovery to find themselves
and make things right.

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and it rests under moonlit skies;
a place where fallen angels meet
to heal and talk and cry.



Effin Charlie
Night Drifter

AA at Fairview Riverside & the Digital Age



In 2015, AA at Fairview Riverside established a **website** (see address below). It has extensive information about: **meetings** on campus and links to other meeting resources across the Twin City metro area, current and past **newsletters**, **trustee minutes**, **treasurer reports**, **12-step opportunities**, and **AA resources**. If you're looking for info about AA or meeting topics, you're sure to find something on this website.

In 2018, a Facebook page for AA at Fairview Riverside entitled **StraightTalk Society** was developed as a fellowship and outreach platform for members of the recovering community.

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Join us for a
Speaker Meeting

Online ZOOM
983 3148 0892
435229
Sunday 7:15pm

AA
Sunday
Night



The General Meeting on Sunday nights @ 7:15pm

If interested in helping out, please contact us at
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Helping ourselves
by helping others!



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written
something?

GIVE

Would you
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IT

KEEP

IT

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Selfishness
I want what I want when I want it!

Self-Centeredness
I want you to want what I want when I want it!!

12-step Opportunities



Fairview Riverside AA – U of M Medical
Center

To keep the program, we must give it away!

General Meeting – Sunday speakers – 7:15pm
Online ZOOM 983 3148 0892 435229

AA Wing Meetings – In-person

Fairview Riverside – U of M Detox
Center – Zoom Meeting

Annual Gopher State Round Up –
AA Hospitality Suite 115 - Memorial Day
Weekend - May 26 - 28, 2023.

For more information, please email
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Trustees

Bruce M. – Sq. 62

Lynn S.

Jeremy K.; Chris P. -

General Meeting

Jim M. – Sq. 70

Kyle W. - Sq. 1 & 2

Jeremy K. - Sq. 3

Karl K. - Sq. 57

Dave P. - Sq. 47

Chris P. – Detox

Monthly Treasurer's
& Secretary's
Reports on website



7th Tradition

Every AA Group Ought To Be Fully Self-Supporting

Your contributions support:

- Online Meetings during Stay At Home
- *Straight Talk* Newsletter
- Meeting Room Fees
- GSO & AA service organizations
- AA at Fairview Riverside website



That's why we pass the envelop!

Contribute directly with a Venmo account to:
@Aa-fairviewriverside
or

Send your contribution by mail to AA Treasurer at
1575 Christie Place, St. Paul MN 55106

AA thanks you for your ongoing support!

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U of M Medical Center Fairview Riverside Meeting Listings

AA

(Alcoholics Anonymous)

To access online meetings, please download the ZOOM app on your smartphone, laptop, tablet or computer. The AA meetings listed below happen every week.

Please Respectfully Observe the Following Hospital Covid-19 Safety Precautions

- No in-person programming in the North Building or the Wilf Auditorium at the present time
- All persons are expected to be masked while on campus
- All persons are expected to socially distance 6 feet
- Attendees need to go through the West Building lobby entrance and answer Covid contact questions

AA at Fairview Riverside U of M Health Campus November 15, 2022						
Day	Time	Squad	Type	Location	Zoom Code	Password
Monday	5:30pm	3	O MX H	East Building – 1 st Floor – Dining Room F	690 284 815	000777
Tuesday	1:00pm	57	O MX H	East Building – 1 st Floor – Dining Room F	924 612 379	020287
Tuesday	7:00pm	62	C MX ST T	Bethany Lutheran Church ZOOM Only until further notice	840 1425 3034	232119
Friday	8:30pm	70	O MX ST T H	East Building – 1 st Floor – Dining Room F	982 0212 3715	823676
Saturday	8:00pm	1	C MX	ZOOM Only until further notice	979 323 653	009361
Sunday	5:30pm	47	O MX D H	East Building – 1 st Floor – Dining Room F	238 221 601	004638
Sunday	7:15pm	General Meeting	O MX S	ZOOM Only until further notice	983 3148 0892	435229
Sunday	8:30pm	2	O MX D	ZOOM Only until further notice	330 843 112	013328
Trustees Meeting – 2 nd Sunday each month – 5:45pm Zoom Only until further notice					932 2496 7231	784195
<p>O = Open S = Speaker H = Hybrid – In-person & ZOOM C = Closed D = Discussion Gray Highlight = ZOOM Only W = Women Only ST = Step MX = Mixed T = Tradition</p>						
<p>Please visit our website: aafairviewriverside.org Please visit and join our Facebook page: StraightTalk Society</p>						



7th Tradition: Every AA Group Ought To Be Fully Self-Supporting



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People who don't go to meetings aren't there to see what happens to people who don't go to meetings.

- Is your group not listed? Is it listed incorrectly?

Please send a note with any changes or your writing submission to:

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