

# Straight Talk

A publication of AA Riverside  
U of M Medical Center Campus

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January - February 2025

## AA Riverside

**Church of St. Albert the Great**  
2836 33rd Ave S, Mpls 55406  
**& Online**

*Steps Away!*  
AA Riverside  
Weekly Meetings

**Sunday - Squad 47 @ 5:30pm - in-person**

**Sunday - Squad 2 @ 8:30pm - online**

**Monday - Squad 3 @ 5:30pm - in-person**

**Tuesday - Squad 57 @ 1:00pm - online**

**Tuesday - Squad 62 @ 7:00pm - online**

**Friday - Squad 70 @ 8:30pm - in-person**

**Saturday - Squad 1 @ 8:00pm - online**

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*"If you have  
decided you want  
what we have ..."*

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online at  
[aafairviewriverside.org](http://aafairviewriverside.org)

The AA Big Book- p.58

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Scan this QR code and go directly to our  
AA Riverside Website which has  
lots of information about  
AA & AA Riverside.

**IT WORKS**

AA Riverside and it's *Straight Talk* newsletter will  
be providing an AA Riverside Meeting flier and  
contact cards to all squads and members to help in  
"attracting" those looking for AA meetings.

We also encourage our Trusted Servants/Squad  
Leaders to feel free to copy *Straight Talk* for their  
members and attendees.

**"I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY OWN SOBRIETY"**

# Change is Inevitable

Those of us in recovery strive to realize that in life all things change, sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly, sometimes easily, sometimes with difficulty, sometimes planned, and sometimes unexpected. But eventually, **ALL THINGS CHANGE!** Thanks to our Higher Power and the fellowship of A.A., we were able to surrender and come to our senses. *"We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable."* Striving for stability in our lives means having a rudder to help us through both the rough and the calm waters of life. "Remember that we deal with alcohol *[and our lives]* - cunning, baffling, powerful! Without help it is too much for us. But there is One who has all power - that One is God. May you find Him now!"

All of us have at some point in our lives experienced showing up for a meeting, event, or gathering and no one was there or we were in the wrong place or at the wrong time. Confusing? Frustrating? Disappointing? Yes. Feelings that we in recovery and in search of a meeting can not afford. Instead A.A.'s rely on persistence, patience, and prayer. If I am being guided by my Higher Power and trying to do His/Her/Its will, then wherever and whenever I am is exactly where and when I am supposed to be.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, meeting location and 12-step opportunities have changed over the past five weeks. In short we have found new digs and are exploring other opportunities for 12-step work. The trustees of AA Riverside want to assure our members that we are working diligently to find alternatives. Some new locations have already been posted on AA Riverside's website and in this issue of *Straight Talk*. Places and times may change, but AA Riverside's "primary purpose" has not changed - "to carry its [A.A.'s] message to the alcoholic who still suffers." Thanks for your persistence, patience, and prayers during this time of transition for AA Riverside.

Please visit our website [www.aafairviewriverside.org](http://www.aafairviewriverside.org) for the most up-to-date information about our Meetings and Squads.

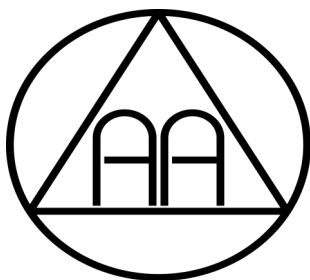
A man in a hot air balloon realized he was lost. He saw a person on the ground and yelled down to him, "Can you help me? I don't know where I am." The man replied, "Sure, I'll help you. You are in a hot air balloon hovering 30 feet above the ground...between 40 and 41 degrees North latitude and between 59 & 60 degrees West longitude."

"Wow, you must be an AA sponsor", said the man in the balloon. "I am", said the man, "but what gave me away?"

"Well", answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically right but I am still lost. Frankly you're not much help at all and you might even have delayed my trip."

"You must be an AA sponsee", replied the man. The man in the balloon was amazed and said, "I am, but how did you know?"

The man on the ground said, "Well, you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are due to a lot of hot air. You are expecting other people to solve your problems and the fact is that you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but, somehow now IT'S MY FAULT" !



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memories, musings, poetry, essays, photos, stories, ideas

**Please check out the 12-step  
opportunities below.**

*To keep the program,  
we must give it away!*

**ALCOHOLICS  
ANONYMOUS**

This is the Fourth Edition of  
the Big Book, the Basic Text  
for Alcoholics Anonymous

## Staying Sober

- Go to meetings
- Get a sponsor
- Work your program
- Read the Big Book
- Keep coming back

***It Works!***

## 12-step Opportunities



Check website - [aafairviewriverside.org](http://aafairviewriverside.org)

Become an AA Riverside Trustee

Contact Greater Mpls Intergroup - AA  
952-922-0880

Write something for *Straight Talk*

Annual Gopher State Round Up –  
AA Hospitality Suite 115 - Memorial Day  
Weekend - May 23 - 25, 2025.

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*Every AA Group Ought To Be Fully Self-Supporting*

Your contributions support:

- Online Meetings
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- *Straight Talk* Newsletter
- GSO & AA service organizations
- AA Riverside website
- Gopher State Hospitality Suite



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or

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

# AA Riverside Meeting Listings

## (Alcoholics Anonymous)

**All in-person AA Riverside Meetings are at the**  
**Church of St. Albert the Great**  
**2836 33rd Avenue South**  
**Minneapolis, MN 55406**

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

Day	Time	Squad	Type	Location	Zoom code	Password	Hybrid
Monday	5:30pm	3	C MX O ST	Parish House, ST. Albert the Great Church	690 284 815	000777	Yes
Tuesday	1:00pm	57	O MX	Zoom only	924 612 379	020287	
Tuesday	7:00pm	62	C MX ST T	Zoom only	824 8357 1864	537242	
Friday	8:30pm	70	O MX ST T H	Parish House, ST. Albert the Great Church	982 0212 3715	823676	Yes
Saturday	8:00pm	1	BB	Zoom only	979 323 653	009361	
Sunday	5:30pm	47	O MX D H	Parish House, ST. Albert the Great Church	238 221 601	004638	Yes
Sunday	8:30pm	2	O MX D	Zoom only	330 843 112	013328	
Trustees 2nd Sunday each month 5:00pm ZOOM until further notice					932 2496 7231	784195	

O= Open    W=Womens    S = Speaker    T= Tradition  
C= Closed    MX = Mixed    BB= Big Book    H=Hybrid  
M=Mens    D= Discusion    ST = Step

***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:



**aabtriverside@gmail.com**  
**website: aafairviewriverside.org**



### AA Riverside & the Digital Age

In 2015, AA Riverside established a **website** (see address above). 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 **A.A. resources**.

If you're looking for info about A.A. or meeting topics, you're sure to find something on this website.

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