

APRIL 2009

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

“The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking”

From: “As Bill Sees It” A New Life Page 8

Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only a bare beginning; it is only the first gift of the first awakening. If more gifts are to be received, our awakening has to go on. As it does go on, we find that bit by bit we can discard the old life – the one that did not work – for a new life that can and does work under any conditions whatever.

Regardless of worldly success or failure, regardless of pain or joy, regardless of sickness or health or even of death itself, a new life of endless possibilities can be lived if we are willing to continue our awakening, through the practice of A.A.’s Twelve Steps.

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Grapevine, December 1957

**IF YOU WANT TO DRINK
THAT’S YOUR BUSINESS**

**IF YOU WANT TO STOP DRINKING,
THAT’S OUR BUSINESS**

AA HOTLINE – 469-9999

Our District Meeting List is updated and is available on the tables in the Lobby of The Bridge. Jack S. will keep them replenished.

Help keep our meeting list up to date. Please contact: meetinglist@greenbayaa.org or call 920-468-9262

To submit information to the newsletter (events, group support, Committee info, etc.) please contact: Brad E. 920-265-9945 or newsletter@greenbayaa.org

Addresses of service entities for groups that wish to contribute funds beyond prudent reserves when they support 4 service entities.

GSO
Grand Central Station
PO BOX 459
New York, NY 10163

Area 74 Treasurer
2437 Sherman Creek Road
Eau Claire, WI 54703

District 01
PO BOX 0632
Green Bay, WI 54305

Green Bay Area Central Office, Inc. – 920-432-2600
P.O. Box 1791
Green Bay, WI 54305-1791
E-Mail: info@aagreenbay.com

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

DISTRICT 01 www.greenbayaa.org
Central Office www.aagreenbay.com
AREA 74 www.area74.org
AREA 75 www.area75.org
AA GRAPEVINE www.aagrapevine.org
GSO(NEW YORK www.aa.org

The District Committee meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at The Bridge

DISTRICT COMMITTEE OFFICERS

District Chairperson	John R.S.	883-8538
Alternate Chair	Tracy G.	983-2320
Secretary	Cathy E.	755-2502
Treasurer	Debbie S.	494-8825
Archives	Bill E.	***_****
Corrections	Tim T.	227-3156
Grapevine	Robert P.	445-0475
Hotline	Jim D.	468-8141
Newsletter	Brad E.	265-9945
Public Information	Elizabeth	497-1812
Website Chair	Eric V.	468-9262
Bridging the Gap/ Treatment	Betsy N.	362-9397
District Events	Phyllis W. & Mark P.	497-9902

Cooperation with the Professional Committee
epc@greenbayaa.org Alan K. 435-6123

Minutes of the GSR and Committee Service Meeting February 19, 2009

The February 19th District 01 GSR and Committee Service Meeting cancelled do to several illnesses.

The District is looking for a good response to the questionnaire on page 7 of both the February and March newsletters. This is in contemplation of whether the District should look into doing an inventory much like the Area Committee is now contemplating.

The Newsletter is interested in whether the District would like to have a number of Meeting Lists printed for the newsletter to insert into those copies distributed to local treatment entities. The Meeting Lists presently distributed at The Bridge by Jack do not last until the newsletter chair has a chance to get there. Those lists are also printed at Jack's expense. These meeting lists are important to the needs of people in treatment, and about 75 are required per month.

Meeting Lists

Jack S. has been working very hard to keep the meeting list up to date. The most current list is dated, 1/1/09. Please make sure your group has the updated list and dispose of the old ones. If you know a meeting is no longer taking place, or if the time of a meeting has changed, please email Jack. You will find his email on the front page of the District 01 newsletter. If you know of a new meeting, please do the same.

Meetings

The Monday Evening Meeting at Preble Park Church is no longer operating do to lack of participation. The Church has offered the facility for other meetings if someone is interested, contact at Preblechurch@netzero.net

Questionnaire In the March issue of the District 01 Newsletter there will be a questionnaire from the District Committee. It is important that you fill it out individually or as a group and answer honestly. If you don't know the answer to a question then mark it so. When done please submit by email to dcmdistrict01@greenbayaa.org or send to District 01, PO Box O632, Green Bay, WI 54305. We are hoping for a good response.

GSR'S Would every GSR get in touch with John R.S. He would like the name of your meeting, your GSR is and the alt. GSR. John is updating the information. Thank You

Would you like a copy of the most up to date District 1 meeting list?

To receive a copy of the most up to date District 1 meeting list e-mail Jack at meetinglist@greenbayaa.org

He will send you an electronic copy of the most recent meeting list for District 1.

AREA 74 DISTRICT 01
FEBRUARY 17, 2009
TREASURE'S REPORT

Balance as of JANUARY 13, 2008 **\$ 397.72**

Deposits:

Friends of Bill Tues.12:30pm Bellin \$150.00
GBACO- newsletter donation \$ 45.00
Early Birds Group \$ 117.50
Tue. Serenity Seekers \$100.00
Flintville Early Risers \$110.00

Total Deposits **\$522.50**

Checks or Debits

The Bridge (rent) \$ 15.00
John R.S.-DCM- Area Assembly \$ 26.24
Jim D.- hotline- mo. Ph. Bk. Listing \$ 12.10
Color Master Print-newsletter \$164.37
All City Communications \$213.13

Total Checks or Debits **\$430.84**

Balance as of February 17, 2009 **\$489.38**

Balance includes \$650.00 prudent reserve
Submitted by Debbie S. District 01 Treasurer

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EVENTS 2009

April 16, 2009

District 01 GSR and Committee Service Meeting

6:30pm at the Bridge

2514 Jenny Lane, Green Bay, WI

April 17th, 2009

Moose & Goose at Navarino.

Ascention Lutheran Church

Exit Hwy 47 at RT 156 go West of Navarino 3 miles
 Corner of Hwy 156 & McDonald Rd.

5 – 6:00pm Set out Rummage Items & Social Time

6:00pm Dinner

7:30pm Speakers

June 19,20,21, 2009

1st Annual TriState Roundup

“The Joy of living..”

Raddison Hotel and Conference Center

Green Bay, WI

Darren J 920-360-5700

Char S 920-819-5509

September 12, 2009

Summer Picnic!

Plans are underway for a 30th anniversary celebration of the Saturday morning eye opener group at St. Matthew’s. The event will take place on Saturday, September 12, 2009. If you are an original and/or early member of the group (ie. before 1985) and would like to be involved, please contact Sid B. (465-6629) or Phyllis W. (471-0749). Additional details will follow soon.

OPEN VOLUNTEER SERVICE POSITIONS:

Bridging the Gap:

Looking for volunteers to write to people currently in treatment centers or who are incarcerated. Volunteers would be the liaison for the newcomer coming from an institution to the “outside”. Volunteers are NOT sponsors, merely a contact for the person so that they may get to a meeting once released.

For more information, or to volunteer, please call Betsy N. at (920) 362-9397

ATTENTION

Corrections are in need of volunteers to attend the women’s meetings at 125 So. Adams St. The meetings are on Tuesdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 6:30pm. Please help carry the message to those behind walls and if interested in this service contact Tim T. at 227-3156 and get put in touch with Kris C. or Sid. Thank you for your help.

GREEN BAY AREA CENTRAL OFFICE, INC.

1270 Main Street, Suite 102

P.O. BOX 1791

Green Bay, WI 54305-1791

Website: www.aagreenbay.com

The Green Bay Area Central Office, Inc. is headed in the right direction. GBACO is a resource for AA groups and individuals.

Mission Statement:

TO ASSIST THE INDIVIDUAL GROUPS OF ALCOHOLICS IN NORTHEAST WISCONSIN IN THEIR COMMON PURPOSE OF CARRYING THE AA MESSAGE TO THE ALCOHOLIC WHO STILL SUFFERS.

OFFICE HOURS WILL BE 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, AND 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. ON SATURDAY. YOU ARE WELCOME TO COME IN DURING BUSINESS HOURS AND SPEAK TO A STAFF VOLUNTEER, VIEW OUR SELECTION OF AA, HAZELDEN, AND OTHER AA RELATED PAMPHLETS FOR SALE, AND ALSO PURCHASE MEDALLIONS, COFFEE MUGS, ETC. WE WILL BE OFFERING OTHER AA AND AL-ANON RELATED ITEMS AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH REQUESTS OR NEEDS.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME, OR MAKE A MONETARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE GREEN BAY AREA CENTRAL OFFICE, THERE WILL BE FORMS AND ENVELOPES AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING LOCATIONS AND ALSO AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE. YOUR CONTRIBUTION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE, OR YOU CAN CHOOSE TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

WE NEED HOTLINE VOLUNTEERS!!

MEN NEEDED

Midnight to 6AM

6PM to Midnight

WOMEN NEEDED

Midnight to 6AM

6PM to Midnight

**Minimun current sobriety of 2 years required for this
volunteer service work. You will be helping still
suffering Alcoholics who are asking for help.**

**Please call District Hotline Chair Jim D. @ 920-468-
8141 to volunteer.**

Thank You so much!!!!

Annual Moose & Goose

Corrections Literature

Fund Raiser

April 17th, 2009

Ascention Lutheran Church

Exit Hwy 47 at Rt 156 Go west of Navarino
3 miles. Corner of Hwy 156 & McDonald Rd.

Social & set out rummage items 5-6:00pm
Dinner 6:00pm
Speakers 7:30pm

Meat donations needed!

Ham raffle, 50/50 Raffle. Silent Auction.

Donations of AA literature or money from

Groups are welcome. You may mail contributions to:
Dick G. PO Box 298, Shawano WI 54166

For more info. or meat donations call:

Rolland G. (920)722-5417 Neenah

Roger W. (920) 788-0529 Kimberly

Terry W. (715) 526-6758 Shawano

Ron O. (920) 321-1072 Suamico

Tom L. (715) 757-2842 Crivitz

Ted G. (920) 756-2504 Brillion

SUPPORT OUR NEW GROUPS

Phoenix Group

Day: Monday

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Bay Evangelical Covenant Church

Address: 2280 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay
(East)

Phone: 920-819-7945

Type of Meeting: O, NS, CTB

ATTENTION: The Red Road AA Group is still meeting Tuesday nights at 7:00pm. They still meet at the Native American Service Center in the ICS Building 2nd Floor, 201 W. Walnut.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

Carry the Message to Those Behind Walls.

Brown County Work Release, Huber

125 So. Adams St. Green Bay

Sunday 6:00 pm Men

Sunday 6:30 pm Women

(Alt. Sundays for women's group)

Tuesday 7:30 pm Women

Wednesday 8:00 pm Men

Brown County Jail

3030 Curry Ln. Green Bay

Sunday 6:30 pm Men

Sunday 7:30 pm Men

(Sunday meetings are open meetings with AA speakers. Clearance is expedited for speakers.)

Wednesday 6:00 pm Men

Wednesday 8:00 pm Women

Green Bay Corrections

2833 Riverside Dr. Green Bay

Monday 2:00 pm Men

Sanger B. Powers

N 375 County Rd. U

Oneida

Tuesday 6:30 pm Men

For more information and an application:

Please Contact: Tim T. 227-3156

From: "As Bill Sees It" The Spiritual Angle
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How often do we sit in A.A. meetings and hear the seaker declare, "But I haven't yet got the spiritual angle." Prior to this statement, he has described a miracle of transformation which has occurred in him – not only his release from alcohol, but a complete change in his whole attitude toward life and the living of it.

It is apparent to everyone else present that he has received a great gift, and that this gift is all out of proportion to anything that may be expected from simple A.A. participation. So we in the audience smile and say to ourselves, "Well, that guy is just reeking with the spiritual angle _except that he doesn't seem to know it yet!"

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Grapevine, 1962

Is the District contributing to your expectations of AA? District 01 has become aware of a lack of communication between groups and the District committee. The following is an attempt to rectify this situation.

Please answer the following questions and submit to dcmdistrict01@greenbayaa.org (email) or District 01, PO Box 0632, Green Bay, WI 54305 (snail mail). Please postmark no later than March 2, 2009. This is so the District can better respond to the needs of the meetings and groups in our district. Anyone may answer and contribute.

1. Does your group understand the District's role in serving the groups?
2. Have the District chairs (not central office) been any assistance to your groups?
3. Can your group afford to send \$100 each quarter to the District?
4. Do you know who the GSR is for your group and their duties?
5. Do you know why and how the money from your group is distributed?
6. Are you aware that the District 01 Committee is separate from the Central Office?
7. Does your group have a GSR and do they attend District Committee meetings?
8. Does your group contribute 7th tradition money to the GSO, District and Area?
9. Would your group like help from the District?
10. Does your group know the name of the District Chairman?
11. Is your group satisfied with the District's actions?
12. Would you like better communication between the groups and District committee?
13. Does your group know the District has a Post Office Box to send contributions?
14. Would you like email addresses for District Committee chairs published in the newsletter?
15. If you knew you could volunteer for service work at the District level, would you?

Please answer these questions to the best of your knowledge. Your input gives the district a better insight on how to serve their groups.

Thank you, John R.S., DCM, District 01, Area 74

Step Twelve

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 our affairs.

The Twelfth Step sums up our Twelve Step recovery program as a lifetime undertaking based on the practice of spiritual principles and service to others with the same addiction. Bill Wilson writes, "The joy of living is the theme of A.A.'s Twelfth Step, and action is its key word....Here we begin to practice all Twelve Steps of the program in our daily lives so that we and those about us may find emotional sobriety." The transforming power of the Twelve Steps is now focused on the whole of life, and the recovering alcoholic moves to a larger, more encompassing dimension: the world of the spirit.

It should not be surprising that someone who thoroughly follows the path of the Twelve Steps has a wonderful life.

The newsletter chair needs to thank Hamilton B. and a special fellow, Randy B., for their help in writing about the Twelve Steps. Many times, as we grow in the fellowship, good words escape us in our description of this wonderful program. It is at these times I seek the help of the old-timers experience; and, I thank them very much for passing on to me that which was so freely given to them by those who have gone before us.

Adapted from a work by Hamilton B. Many thanks!

Tradition Twelve

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Let us always remember that anonymity – not taking credit for our own or others recovery – is humility at work.

Anonymity, as we observe it in A.A., is at root a simple expression of humility. When we use the Twelve Steps to recover from alcoholism, we are each trying to achieve real humility, to put our self-respect on a solid base of truth, rather than on fantasies about ourselves. When we use the Twelve Traditions to work together in A.A., we are all trying to achieve humility: as individual members, by recognizing our true place in A.A.; as a fellowship, by recognizing A.A.'s true place in the world.

Concept Twelve

General Warranties of the Conference: in all its proceedings, the General Service Conference shall observe the spirit of the A.A. Tradition, taking great care that the conference never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds, plus an ample reserve, be its prudent financial principle; that none of the Conference Members shall ever be placed in a position of unqualified authority over any of the others; that all important decisions be reached by discussion vote and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that no Conference action ever be personally punitive or an incitement to public controversy; that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government; and that, like the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous which it serves, the Conference itself will always remain democratic in thought and action.