

AUGUST 2007

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”

AA HOTLINE – 469-9999

Promises: Pages 83 – 85

The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous

We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness. We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it. We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace. No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear. We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows. Self-seeking will slip away. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change. Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us. We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us. We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

.... And we have ceased fighting anything or anyone – even alcohol. For by this time sanity will have returned. We will seldom be interested in liquor. If tempted, we recoil from it as from a hot flame. We react sanely and normally, and we will find that this has happened automatically. We will see that our new attitude toward liquor has been given us without any thought or effort on our part. It just comes! That is the miracle of it. We are not fighting it, neither are we avoiding temptation. We feel as though we had been placed in a position of neutrality, safe and protected. We have not even sworn off. Instead the problem has been removed. It does not exist for us. We are neither cocky or afraid. That is our experience.

"A NEW GROUP IS FORMED"

Gather about yourself a few kindred spirits and announce to us that a 'New Alcoholics Anonymous Group' is formed. You may find a home for your group anywhere as long as you are self-supporting.

Any two or more alcoholics gathered together may call themselves an A. A. group, provided that, as a group they have no other affiliation.

"The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking "

REGISTER YOUR GROUP NATIONALLY

by sending your "New group form"
to the GSO in N.Y. Call the district 01 meeting-list representative listed on this page and leave your info for inclusion on the meeting list. WELCOME!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

DISTRICT 01 www.greenbayaa.org.

AREA 74 www.area74.org

AREA 75 www.area75.org

AA GRAPEVINE www.aagrapevine.org

G.S.O. (NEW YORK) www.aa.org.

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

Help keep our meeting list up to date. Please contact:
Marty S. 920-465-1401
meetinglist@greenbayaa.org

Minutes of the GSR and Committee Service Meeting @ The Bridge

June 23, 2007

Those in attendance:

Debbi S. Secretary
Brad E. Newsletter / Alt. GSR Fisherman's Paradise
Marty S.
Jim D. Hotline Chair
Craig M. Alt. GSR St. Matt's Eye Opener
Eric V. Webmaster
Ron O. Alt. GSR Flintville Early Risers
Stacey C. GSR Thurs. Women in the Present
Don G. GSR Fri. Winner's Circle
Bruce K. DCM District 01
Lynn L. District Treasurer
Jack K. Never on Sunday at the Bridge
Mark E. 9:30am Walk with Us @ The Bridge
John S. GSR Happy Hour Tues 5:30 218 Club
Tracy G. GSR Sun. Early Birds 7:30am 218 Club
Mark P. Archives Chair
John RS Grapevine Chair
Jeff P. GSR Mon. 8:30am BB at 218 Club
Elizabeth F. Public Info. Chair / GSR New Hope Shelter
Pat N. GSR Friends of Bill

The meeting opened with the serenity prayer.
The Traditions were read

Debbi S. read the minutes from May 19, 2007.

Two corrections were brought up:

1. The Hotline received about 150 calls and about 7 went out to volunteers.
2. Public Information Chair Elizabeth did come but had to leave due to a family emergency.

Motion was made and carried to accept corrected secretary's report.

Lynn L. read the treasurer's report. It was accepted as read.

Committee Reports

NEWSLETTER- Brad reported. He apologized for not having newsletters given to him for the website. Brad thanked Big Mike, Jim, and Jay for their service in getting out this month's newsletter. There was a discussion about how many newsletters go out and the length of the newsletter. A motion was made to produce 1,000 meeting lists and 750 8-page newsletters a month. The motion was seconded. There was opposition which was heard. The motion was voted to accept 1,000 meeting lists and 750 8-page newsletters. AA members are more than welcome to contribute their stories of experience, strength and hope to the newsletter.

HOTLINE- Jim D. reported gaining 2 volunteers and losing 1 volunteer. Volunteers are needed.

PUBLIC INFORMATION- Elizabeth has been in touch with Sam. She is ordering more pamphlets. Everything is good.

BRIDGING THE GAP- not present.

ARCHIVES- Mark will be contacting John S. for any archive info. He might have from Paul S.

GRAPEVINE- John read an excerpt from a Grapevine pamphlet. The Grapevine has declining subscriptions. John asked GSR's to ask their groups to subscribe to the Grapevine if they aren't already doing so. He would also like to remind everyone that individuals can subscribe. There are subscription forms in every issue and also there is a stack of forms at the 218 Club.

The Grapevine has two new items:

The Best of Bill audio book

The Language of the Heart in BIG print

CORRECTIONS- not present- Bruce did report the Sunday 6:30pm Men's Huber Meeting is no longer going on due to LACK OF VOLUNTEERS. All of Corrections desperately needs help.

Cooperation with the Professional Community(C.P.C.)- not present

WEBMASTER- Eric V. reported 765 hits on the website in May 2007. (In May 2006 there was about 500 hits on the Website). The meeting list received about 300 hits. Printable newsletter 36 hits. About 30 hits on events.

NEW BUSINESS- John S. will not be able to continue doing the NWTC meeting Thurs. at 3:00pm. Anyone who would like to take that over and also have contact with NWTC Student Life Coordinator please contact John S. 883-8538. NWTC in Marinette would also like a meeting at their facility. If interested or know of anyone interested please contact John S.

Mark P. and Tracy G. will be co-chairing this year's District 01 Picnic.

OLD BUSINESS- The newsletter guidelines issue was tabled.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by: Debbie Stevens.

From the Editor:

Please feel free to submit recommendations to the newsletter and needs you may have. Articles concerning your experience, strength and hope to the newsletter will be appreciated. Please keep articles submitted to the newsletter one to two pages in length or less. This is your newsletter, feel free to contact me at newsletter@greenbayaa.org, or call me at 920-265-9945. Please let me know if you need to publish information about your events, and especially if you need support for your group. If your group seems to be faltering, or does not yet have enough members, let the district know and we will get the word out to visit your meeting! We want to meet with you and serve you to the best of our ability.

God bless you in continued sobriety.
Yours in service,

Brad E.

TREASURE'S REPORT

Balance as of May 17, 2007 \$2,071.31

Deposits:

St. Mary's Group	\$150.00
Chuck Chapman Memorial	\$100.00
Stepn' UP Group	\$100.00
Tues. Serenity Seekers	\$ 62.50

Total Deposits \$412.50

Checks or Debits

Marty Slavic (Newsletter)	\$ 85.00
The Bridge (Rent)	\$ 15.00
All City Communications	\$198.34

Total Checks or Debits \$298.34

Balance as of June 17, 2007 \$2,185.47

Submitted by Lynn L./District 01 Treasurer

The District Committee meets every 3rd Thursday of the month

DISTRICT COMMITTEE OFFICERS

District Chairperson	Bruce	498-9750
Alternate Chair	Bob L.	309-1160
Secretary	Debbie S.	494-8825
Treasurer	Lynn L.	496-5899
Archives	Mark P.	660-1888
Corrections	Glenn F.	321-8039
Grapevine	John S.	883-8538
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	Eddy A.	339-0729
Cooperation with the Professional Committee	Phyllis	471-0749

“THESE SERVANTS MUST ALWAYS BE IN READINESS TO DO FOR THE GROUPS WHAT THE GROUPS OBVIOUSLY CANNOT OR SHOULD NOT DO FOR THEMSELVES.”

The 12 concepts p.23

INCARCERATION

Meetings within Walls.

Brown County Work Release, Huber

125 So. Adams St. Green Bay

Sunday 6:30 pm Men
 Sunday 6:30 pm Women
 (Alt. Sundays for women's group)
 Wednesday 8:00 pm Men
 Wednesday 8:00 pm Women

Brown County Jail

3030 Curry Ln. Green Bay

Sunday 6:00 pm Men
 Sunday 8:30 pm Men
 (Sunday meetings are open meetings with AA speakers.
 Clearance is expedited for speakers.)
 Wednesday 6:00 pm Men
 Wednesday 6:00 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

CLEARANCE REQUIRED!

**For an application:
Contact: Glenn F. 321-8039**

Editors note:
It is noted that the May 19 Committee Service notes indicate that the Sunday 6:30pm Huber meeting is no longer taking place. These times are listed here to show volunteers when they might be of service. Please help us renew and or keep these meetings running. Thank You!

OPEN VOLUNTEER SERVICE POSITIONS:

CORRECTIONS:

We have an urgent need for volunteers in the Corrections area of service, especially male volunteers. Please see what you can do for this area of service. You need clearance, so please contact Glenn F. for an application and to see what you can do to help, no matter how small the effort may seem. Perhaps even just a ride to get someone to chair these meetings.
CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR: Glenn F 321-8039

HOTLINE:

The Hotline needs volunteers.
Hotline Chair: Jim D 468-8141

CENTRAL OFFICE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Contact: Sam S. cell 920-660-3341

ATTENTION ALL AA GROUPS!

Please elect a member to represent your group for exploration of a central office in District 01. Your group opinion matters to AA as a whole!!

Those in attendance: June 23, 2007

<u>Mark E.</u>	Alt. Rep. Thurs 9:30am Walk with Us	<u>Terri H.</u>	REP. Thurs. Walk with US
<u>R. Sam S.</u>	Rep. Wed. Bridge 7:30 Acceptance is the answer	<u>Jim D.</u>	AA member, District hotline chair
<u>Craig M.</u>	St Anne's Wed. 8:00pm	<u>Nancy T.</u>	Alt Sec/treas. Rep Road to Recovery
<u>Debbie S.</u>	Secretary	<u>Pat N.</u>	Friends of Bill 12:30pm Tues.
<u>Peter H.</u>	Alt. Chair / Sun. 9:30am Bridge	<u>Shelly B.</u>	Rep St Matt's Eye Opener
<u>Alan K.</u>	Sat. 10am Eye Opener	<u>Israel A.</u>	Spanish AA
<u>Eric S.</u>	Alt. Rep Back to Basics	<u>Bill E.</u>	interested observer
<u>Irma S.</u>	Spanish AA	<u>Ron N.</u>	5:30pm Happy Hour @ 218 Club
<u>Mary Kay V.</u>	8pm @ 218 club		

There was a lot of discussion and motions being made. Here are the motions that were seconded and carried

1. To have a committee formed to be responsible to personally reach all meetings. Eric S. will be the chairperson for this committee.
2. Sam S. will chair a committee formed to gather information on real estate.
3. Jim D. will chair a committee formed to gather information on legal aspects of obtaining a central office

NOTE: These committees are for information purposes. It has not been decided to have or not to have a central office.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer,
Respectfully submitted,
Debbie S.

**Next meetings: July 21 @ 2pm at The Bridge
August 25 @ 2pm at The Bridge**

Families In Recovery Summer Picnic

When: Saturday, September 8, 2007 Time: 11:00 – 8:00

Where: NEW ZOO – LARGE PAVILION

Driving Directions: Take Hwy. 41-141 North from Green Bay to Exit #176 (County B/ Suamico/ Sunset Beach Road). Turn left on County Trunk B and go about 4 miles then turn right on County Trunk IR. The Reforestation Camp (and NEW Zoo) is straight ahead on Reforestation Road/County IR. THE LODGE ENTRANCE IS BEFORE THE ZOO ENTRANCE

Please bring a dish to pass

Brats, Burgers, Hot Dogs, Roasted Corn, Coffee, Soda & Water Provided

-DONATIONS ACCEPTED-

Sponsored by:
Monday Road To Recovery Group
Saturday Early Risers Group
Sunday Step'n Up Group

Water Balloon Toss
Games for the kids Horseshoe
Frisbee Volley Ball

Warmest of greetings from Alaska!

It's midnight and I just returned from a hike to the top of the ridge from my cabin with my golden retriever, Brodie. Like you, he continually provides me with the epitomy of unconditional love. Thanks to our perpetual daylight in June, the sun still has not set, and I was wearing sunglasses the entire time!

As I reached the ridge top and sat down to marvel at the panoramic view for nearly 50 miles, I was hit with a sense of immense gratitude for the freedoms and abundance of gifts that God and sobriety has blessed me with.

It's late Sunday night and even though I am scheduled to drive my bus 63 miles into Denali National Park on Monday, I know I will wake up well rested and eager to start the day. Long gone is the dread I had of working through the headaches and nausea resulting from another weekend of binge drinking. I was listening to a tape on my drive into work today, of Clarence Snyder, one of the founders of the AA groups in Akron and writers of our "Big Book". I wholeheartedly agree with his view that once we have attained sobriety for a period of time, "One day at a time" is about how we live. Each day I awake sober and ask God for knowledge of his will for me, I am free to "paint" my day with wide brush strokes of love, service, selflessness, and zest.

What a privilege and honor it is to have my name listed on the Anchorage and Fairbanks intergroup websites as the Denali Park contact for AA and meetings? As a result of being the GSR for my home group in Anchorage and attending area conferences, I was elated to direct a visitor from Kentucky that called me, to contacts in Seward, Homer, Anchorage, and Fairbanks, to connect with for meetings.

I have sponsees and members of the Anchorage AA fellowship called me regularly to chat. My phone was no longer ringing at the end of my drinking. People can readily tell by the tone of my voice that I am having the time of my life, and/or has become my "trademark" – "I have never had it so good!!!"

How has this all become possible and remain so day after day? God's grace, "The Twelve Steps", sponsorship, service, making my sobriety and "carrying the message" a priority, and you sharing your lives with me.

Fondly and Gratefully yours in Fellowship, **Dale**

The Fisherman's Paradise Group

is sponsoring a screening of a 1989 production of

My Name Is Bill W.

"The true story of the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous"

with

James Woods as **Bill W.** JoBeth Williams as **Lois Wilson**
James Garner as **Dr. Bob** Gary Sinise as **Ebby**

Tuesday, August 21, 2007 7:00 till 9:00 pm

at

The Green Bay Community Church

600 Cardinal Lane, Green Bay, WI

If you don't have transportation you can call for a ride from:

John G. 498-3084 676-9898 Green Bay West
Sandy 662-1200 434-1111

Green Bay/Howard/Suamico

Beth S.	662-1200	Suamico
Tom & Betsy	544-5367	Howard/Suamico
Greywolf	264-5083	Green Bay West
John S.	471-5575	Green Bay West
Marty S.	465-1401	Green Bay East
Jim D.	468-4153	Green Bay East

From the West:

- Take Hwy 29 into Green Bay until you come to a stoplight/Cty Rd EB. (Packerland Dr. to the right, Cardinal Ln. to the left.)
- Turn left unto Cardinal Lane.
- Go straight through two stoplights (Dousman St. & Riverview Dr.)
- GBCC is located on right side across from the YMCA
- Enter the parking lot & follow the drive around the left of the building to the East entrance.

From the South:

- From 41, take exit 169
- Take first left (go west) on Hwy 29/Shawano Ave. at stoplight.
- Go under the overpass, straight through a stoplight, and take a right onto Cardinal Ln.
- Go Straight through two stoplights. (Dousman St. & Riverview Dr.)
- GBCC is located on right side across from the YMCA
- Enter the parking lot & follow the drive around the left of the building to the East entrance.

From the North:

- From Hwy 41, take exit 170 / Velp Ave.
- Take a right onto Velp Ave.
- Take a left onto Riverview Dr.
- Take a right onto Community Way (this will take you right into GBCC's East parking lot).

Tradition Seven

Long Form

The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then, too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.

SELF-SUPPORTING ALCOHOLICS? WHO EVER HEARD OF SUCH A THING? Yet we find that's what we have to be. This principle is telling evidence of the profound change that A.A. has wrought in all of us.

When a society composed entirely of alcoholics says it's going to pay its bills, that's really news.

. . . our Fellowship stayed poor because it had to.

Alcoholics are certainly all-or-nothing people. Our reactions to money prove this. As A.A. emerged from its infancy into adolescence, we swung from the idea that we needed vast sums of money to the notion that A.A. shouldn't have any. On every lip were the words "You can't mix A.A. and money. We shall have to separate the spiritual from the material." We took this violent new tack because here and there members had tried to make money out of their A.A. connections, and we feared we'd be exploited. Now and then, grateful benefactors had endowed clubhouses, and as a result there was sometimes outside interference in our affairs.

One A.A. group was given five thousand dollars to do with what it would. The hassle over that chunk of money played havoc for years. Frightened by these complications, some groups refused to have a cent in their treasuries.

Despite these misgivings, we had to recognize the fact that A.A. had to function. Meeting places cost something. To save whole areas from turmoil, small offices had to be set up, telephones installed, and a few full-time secretaries hired. Over many protests, these things were accomplished. We saw that if they weren't, the man coming in the door couldn't get a break. **These simple services would require small sums of money which we could and would pay ourselves.** At last the pendulum stopped swinging and pointed straight at Tradition Seven as it reads today.

There is another story about money. One night in 1948, the trustees of the Foundation were having their quarterly meeting. The agenda discussion included a very important question. A certain lady had died. When her will was read, it

was discovered she had left Alcoholics Anonymous in trust with the Alcoholic Foundation a sum of ten thousand dollars. **The question was: Should A.A. take the gift?**

What a debate we had on that one! The Foundation was really hard up just then; the groups weren't sending in enough for the support of the office; we had been tossing in all the book income and even that hadn't been enough. The reserve was melting like snow in springtime. We needed that ten thousand dollars. "Maybe," some said, "the groups will never fully support the office. We can't let it shut down; it's far too vital. Yes, let's take the money. Let's take all such donations in the future. We're going to need them."

Then came the opposition. They pointed out that the Foundation board already knew of a total of half a million dollars set aside for A.A. in the wills of people still alive. Heaven only knew how much there was we hadn't heard about. If outside donations weren't declined, absolutely cut off, then the Foundation would one day become rich. Moreover, at the slightest intimation to the general public from our trustees that we needed money, we could become immensely rich. Compared to this prospect, the ten thousand dollars under consideration wasn't much, but like the alcoholic's first drink it would, if taken, inevitably set up a disastrous chain reaction. Where would that land us? **Whoever pays the piper is apt to call the tune, and if the A.A. Foundation obtained money from outside sources, its trustees might be tempted to run things without reference to the wishes of A.A. as a whole.** Relieved of responsibility, every alcoholic would shrug and say, "Oh, the Foundation is wealthy—why should I bother?" The pressure of that fat treasury would surely tempt the board to invent all kinds of schemes to do good with such funds, and so divert A.A. from its primary purpose. The moment that happened, our Fellowship's confidence would be shaken. The board would be isolated, and would fall under heavy attack of criticism from both A.A. and the public. **These were the possibilities, pro and con.**

Then our trustees wrote a bright page of A.A. history. They declared for the principle that A.A. must always stay poor. **Bare running expenses plus a prudent reserve would henceforth be the Foundation's financial policy.** Difficult as it was, they officially declined that ten thousand dollars, and adopted a formal, airtight resolution that all such future gifts would be similarly declined. At that moment, we believe, the principle of corporate poverty was firmly and finally embedded in A.A. tradition.

When these facts were printed, there was a profound reaction. **To people familiar with endless drives for charitable funds, A.A. presented a strange and refreshing spectacle.** Approving editorials here and abroad generated a wave of confidence in the integrity of Alcoholics Anonymous. They pointed out that the irresponsible had become responsible, and that by making financial independence part of its tradition, Alcoholics Anonymous had revived an ideal that its era had almost forgotten.

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p.161-5, p. 190-1, used with permission, excerpts.

27th East Central Regional Conference and Area 75 56th Fall Conference

October 12th – 14th 2007

At the Holiday Inn, 4601 Calumet Ave., Manitowoc, WI.

Please call hotel direct at 920-682-6000 – Refer to Code WAA.

For more information call Mike S. 920-769-0109 or Ann P. 920-769-0109

Scheduled Events

Friday, October 12

Registration: 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Open Meeting: 8:00pm

Joyce T. – Keshena, WI

Ice Cream Social: 9:30 – 10:30 pm

Alkathon 10:00 pm – 6:00am

Saturday, October 13

Registration: 8:00am – 6:00 pm

AA/Al-Anon Panels Begin at 9:00 am

Al/Anon/Alateen Speakers: 3:30 pm

Ruth B. – Eagle, ID

Kelly K. – Pewaukee, WI

Banquet: 6:00pm

Open Meeting: 8:00pm

Otto M. – Plano, TX

Dance: 9:30 pm – midnight

Alkathon: 10:00 pm – 6:00am

Sunday, October 14

Breakfast Buffet

Open Meeting:

Bob M. – Oak Creek, WI

Registration Form

27th East Central Regional Convention

Area 75 56th Fall Conference

Hosted by District 3

October 12 – 14, 2007

(One person per form, please)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State & Zip _____

Delegate Area _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please check

AA _____ AlAnon _____

Alateen _____

Special Needs

(Request by Sept. 12, 2007)

Spanish Interpreter _____ ASL _____

Registration: \$15.00

Sat. Banquet: \$23.00

Vegetarian Option? Yes (please circle)

Sun. Buffet: \$11.00

Total:

Make Checks Payable to:

Conference Treasurer

PO BOX 302

Manitowoc, WI 54220