

DISTRICT 01 NEWSLETTER

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

DECEMBER 2004

DISTRICT 01 PO BOX 0632 GREEN BAY WI 54305

www.greenbayaa.org

GSR and District Service Meeting

Dec 11th The Bridge
Holiday Meeting 2514 Jenny Lane
6:30 pm Green Bay

Each member speaks only for herself or himself. In the Home Group, the GSR brings our consensus to the DCM. Consensus is shared as we draw upon the service of our committees. The Newsletter and Meeting List are distributed. All members are welcome.

If a Group does not have an effective GSR, it becomes isolated from the rest of the Fellowship.

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Many members who desire to serve beyond the home group find themselves walking through the door of the GSR and District Service Meeting. Generally, they have been sober over a year and recognize the promises coming into their life. Gratitude has replaced despondency; the desire to give back is growing. When you are ready, please consider serving. All are welcome.

Visit our web sight a convenient place to find a meeting

District 01 www.greenbayaa.org
(our meeting list and past newsletters are posted here)

Area 74 (North WI + UP) www.area74.org
(w/ links to Districts 01 02 04 05 06 07 09 10 12 14 15 16 18 22 23 24)

Area 75 (South WI) www.area75.org

AA Grapevine www.aagrapevine.org

WICYPAA www.wicypaa.org
(Wisconsin Conference of Young People in AA)

G.S.O. (General Service Office in NY) www.aa.org
(A list of online meetings is available, upon request, from GSO)

For general and pre-registration information about the 2005 International Convention to be held in Toronto, Canada, go to the GSO web site under "Services for Members"

Support our new meeting

'New Hope' Group

Moved to new location: 301 Mather St., Green Bay.
Meeting time change to: 1:30 pm. seven days a week.
Contact: Dan S. w/questions 662-0477

NATIVE GROUNDS COMMUNITY CENTER

235 N. BROADWAY, GREEN BAY

Thursday Open Meeting
9:30 am Non-smoking

Reading and Discussion Format
Contact: Elizabeth 497-1812

FLINTVILLE "EARLY RISERS"

Sat 8:00 am Step Meeting Closed Non-smoking
The last Saturday of the month is a Birthday Meeting

Sts. Edward and Isidore Catholic Church, Marion Room

Contact: Tom W. 920-822-1433

From Green Bay: North on Hwy 41, left onto Cty 'B',
left onto Cty 'M', ¼ mi. on the right.

BIG BOOK MEETING

Ⓞ BELLIN PSYCHIATRIC CENTER
301 E. JOSEPH ST., GREEN BAY

WED 7:30 PM CLOSED NON-SMOKING
CONTACT: JOHN G. 469-9103

Do I ever try to get a certain
AA group to conform to my
standards, not its own?

You AAs are a privileged people.

After the meeting I was approached by a Catholic clergy-man who genially remarked, "I heard you say you thought your drinking a great misfortune. But it seems to me that in your case it was your great good fortune. Was not this terrible experience the very thing which humbled you so completely that you were able to find God? Did not suffering open your eyes and your heart? All the opportunity you have today, all this wonderful experience you call AA, once had its beginnings in deep personal suffering. In your case that was actually no misfortune. It was your great good fortune. You AAs are a privileged people."

Language Of The Heart, Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings; p. 35, with permission.

Comment: Circles of Love and Service, P-45, AAWS© 1978, with permission, paraphrased.

Recovery - Unity - Service

You can now register for the 2005
International Convention at: www.aa.org

Committee Info

Bridging The Gap/Treatment

This Chair Remains Vacant

The purpose of the Bridging the Gap is to connect AA members in a treatment or correctional center with Alcoholics Anonymous in our community. As a **temporary contact** you would meet with them, go to their first few meetings, and help them get acquainted and comfortable among new friends, talk about getting a Sponsor and a home group.

Grapevine Committee

Please bring your past issues of the Grapevine to the GSR & District Service Meeting for re-distribution. Grapevines are timeless. They don't lose their relevance.

Trust our trusted servants.

'Tis the Season to be sober'

When I recall past holidays, there were two different periods in my life. WD, was while I was drinking and AD, after my drinking was done (hopefully). **While I was drinking I always found a way to mess up the holidays.**

The Christmas I remember most was 1986. On Christmas Eve I went into the basement to put together two bicycles for my youngest sons. I did not go alone. I took Mr. Alcohol along and proceeded to drink to oblivion and was unable to put the bikes together at all. Christmas morning was very disappointing for my boys. My wife and daughter blamed that on me. I couldn't, at that time, understand why it was my fault. They could have done it if it was that important!

Today, with help from my sponsor, I have learned to see what I can bring to the holidays instead of what I can get out of them. I've learned that it's not all about me, that my relationships are much more important than monetary 'stuff', that God doesn't think He's me so I shouldn't think I'm HIM!

If you are trying to 'work' this program without a sponsor, STOP, pull your head out of your backside and find someone who also has a sponsor and is actively working with that person and ASK FOR HELP.

I 'worked' the program of Alcoholics Anonymous without a sponsor for 10 years and didn't drink, but when I made the decision to get a sponsor and 'use that sponsor' I started to 'live' the program. He helped me learn that the God of my understanding loves me. I don't have to be anything or anybody else. **He loves me just as I am.** He helped me deal with situations that used to baffle me. He helped me realize that God would do for me what I could not do for myself.

Alcoholics Anonymous saved my life, my sponsor helps me change it.

In loving service,
Kelly Jones, District 01 DCM

Whatever your present degree of
prosperity, share a portion of it
with others.

Traditions Checklist

Practice these principles . . .

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

1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?
2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to *my* standards, not its own?
5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?
6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition – or belie it?
7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior – especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made *me* so smart?
9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
12. What is the real importance of *me* among more than a million AAs?

Comment: MIRUS– Minneapolis
Intergroup: Recovery, Unity, Service, Oct
04, p.5.

Grapevine, Nov 69-Sept 71, with permission.

GSR's,
District Committee Members and
All AA Members
are invited to attend our annual
DISTRICT 01 HOLIDAY MEETING

at The Bridge of Green Bay
2514 Jenny Lane, Green Bay

Saturday, December 11, 2004

At 6:30 pm the business meeting begins.
At 7:30 the sociability and Fellowship begins.

PIZZA will be served

with salads, veggie's and, of course, abundant desserts.

Coffee will be free.

Soda and bottled water will be for sale.

Please bring a dish to pass.

Donations will be gratefully accepted.

All AA members are welcome!

WHAT'S NEW IN THE WOLF'S DEN?

We've arrived at the twilight of the year of 2004, entering into the eleventh month. The northern chills, blowing leaves and shorter days remind us of the coming winter.

It's also our time for soulful reflection and an all important Eleventh Step review. I consider this the 'Faith' step . . . "Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God 'as we understood Him', praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out."

The very context of this step states that you have come to accept prayer and meditation as a means by which you can have a relationship with a supreme entity . . . A God of your understanding. It also means you are no longer self-centered. You've come to long for his will to be done and have realized our concept of 'acceptance'! The 'Power' to carry that out is freely given by God, because He would not 'will' you to do something without giving you the tools to do it!

We in recovery have our own unique relationship with God; and prayer is how we communicate with Him. Step Eleven provides a 'search' plan for those of us who wish the realm of Spirit.

In our book "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions" on page 99, is a very special prayer written by an author several hundred years ago that is still special to this day.

Lord, make me a channel of thy peace
that where there is hatred, I may bring love
that where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of
forgiveness

that where there is discord, I may bring harmony
that where there is error, I may bring truth
that where there is doubt, I may bring faith
that where there is despair, I may bring hope
that where there are shadows, I may bring light
that where there is sadness, I may bring joy.

Lord, grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be
comforted
to understand, than to be understood
to love, than to be loved.

For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. It is by forgiving
that one is forgiven. It is by dying that one awakens to
Eternal Life. Amen.

The birthstone for November is the Topaz/Citrine.
Congratulations to those celebrating an AA anniversary and of
course a Very Happy Birthday to those born this month.

Quotable Quotes

On Life . . . by Thomas Fuller,
"We are born crying, live complaining, and die disappointed."

On Humility . . . by Bonamy Dobree,
"Even if you aim at humility, there is no guarantee that when
you have attained the state that you won't be proud of the
feat."

On Experience . . . by Oscar Wilde,
"Experience is the name everyone gives to their mistakes."

On the cynic . . . by Oscar Wilde,
"A cynic is a man who knows the price of everything, and the
value of nothing."

Michael V.
'Gray Wolf

There is never need to praise
ourselves. We feel it better to let
our friends recommend us.

Each AA group is a safe haven.

WICYPAA XII

January 28, 29, 30, 2005

Green Bay, WI

'Young' is anyone with room to grow.

LINE-UP

Friday, 28th

4:00 pm Registration
6:00 AA Meeting
7:00 Smudging
7:30 AA Speaker Meeting: Kellie L. Chicago, IL
9:00 Big Book Trivia/Jeopardy
9:00 Al-Anon Meeting
10:00 Karaoke or Dance
11:00 Alkathon begins. Each hour the topic will be taken from
the books "Living Sober" and "Came to Believe" as
chosen by the leader or group conscious.

Saturday, 29th

8:00 am Bidding for WICYPAA XIII
9:00 Panels: Fear of economic insecurity . . . will leave us.
Sponsorship
Al-Anon: Children of Alcoholics
10:30 Panels: Unity, Tradition 1
The Only Requirement, Tradition 3
Al-Anon: Detachment and Love
Noon AA Meeting
1:00 pm Panels: The party has just begun
Sex and Relationships
Al-Anon: Double Winners
3:00 Speakers: Al-Anon: Scott M., Fond du Lac
Al-Ateen: To be announced
4:30 Program Charades
4:30 AA Meeting
6:00 Banquet
7:00 AA Speaker: Kip C., Vista California
8:00 Dance

Sunday, 30th

9:00 Breakfast
10:00 AA Speaker: Dean P., Kaukauna, WI

We are asking for volunteers to help with: Greetings,
Decorating, Registration, Hospitality and Alkathons. If
you are interested, please contact:

Glenn F. 920-496-9557 funmaker@sbcglobal.net
Nadine S. 920-833-1354 strongmedband@aol.com

Help make Green Bay's first WICYPAA
Conference a success.

While most newcomers do not care a rap
who knows about their alcoholism, there are
others who care very much. Let us guard them
in every way until they get over that feeling.

Language Of The Heart, Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings; p. 18, with permission.

Comment: Langrage of the heart, Bill
W.'s Grapevine Writings, p. 36, with
permission.

AREA CALENDAR

N o v e m b e r

20th Sat **WICYPAA XII Chili Dinner**, First United Methodist Church, 325 E. Franklin St., Appleton. 6:00 pm doors open, 6:30 chili supper, 7:30 AA Speaker – Bill E, Milwaukee, Al-Anon Speaker – To Be Announced. Bring a friend and a dessert or side dish to pass. Donations will go to help support WICYPAA XII Conference on January 28-30, 2005 in Green Bay, WI Sponsored by the Friday Night Kaukauna Group Any questions please e-mail Denise at: SmityDA@netscape.net

27th Sat **District 09 Intergroup**, 1st American Lutheran Church, 511 Madison St., Oconto, WI. Potluck meal 6:00 pm, bring a dish to pass. Al-Anon and AA speakers. **Contact: Tami C. 920-834-3412**

**Remember:
There is no problem a drink would
make better.**

D e c e m b e r

3, 4, 5th Fri, Sat, Sun **Wisconsin LXVIII Agape Weekend**, Wellspring, in Newburg, WI near West Bend, "AGAPE: Spontaneous, self-giving love expressed freely, without calculation of cost to the giver or merit on the part of the receiver." This is an open AA function. Fri. Registration at 6:30 pm. Weekend includes: Ask-it-basket, Step Meetings I thru 12, Closed Meetings plus Al-Anon and ACOA, Birthday Meeting, HP Meeting, Fellowship and Nature paths. Abundant wildlife. Comfortable indoor facilities. Bring your sleeping bags, bed rolls, pillows, toiletries. Fully equipped kitchen area for use or eat out. No pets allowed! Smoking in designated areas. \$40 per person, walk-in registrations are eligible for reduced rates for a partial weekend and early departure. **Contact: Luis Rubio 262-626-2231, Jeff Krolkowski 414-481-2979, Steve Range 414-258-2835**

*"Relieve me of the bondage of self,
that I may better do Thy will."*

**"In the kinship of common suffering,
one alcoholic had been talking to another."**

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**Carry the message -
not the alcoholic.**

18th Sat **Appleton Intergroup**, St. Pius X Catholic Church, 500 W. Marquette St., Appleton, WI Coffee: 5:30 pm, Dinner: 6:00, Bring a dish to pass. Meat and buns are provided. Speakers: 7:00

31st Fri **WICYPAA XII – New Years Eve**, The Bridge, 2514 Jenny Lane, Green Bay. AA Speakers: Denise S. from Kaukauna and Jeff C. from Sturgeon Bay at 8:00 pm, Dance at 9:30 pm – 2:00 am. Midnight Count Down and Dance Contest, Alkathon: 10 pm – 3 am. \$5 Donation. Come celebrate a sober New Year with WICYPAA as we count the final days to the 12th annual conference on Jan 28, 29, 30.

First the man takes a drink...

Then the drink takes a drink...

Then the drink takes the man...

Chinese proverb, 2000 B. C.

J a n u a r y

28, 29, 30th Fri Sat Sun **WICYPAA XII, Wisconsin Conference for Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous**, Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, 2040 Airport Dr., Green Bay, WI 54313 **'Young' is anyone with room to grow.** Refer to the enclosed Registration Flyer and activity schedule in this newsletter.

22nd Sat **Green Bay Intergroup**, Time and location to be announced.

To volunteer call: Pat T. C. 494-7990