

DISTRICT 01 NEWSLETTER

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

FEBRUARY 2004

District 01 PO Box 0632 Green Bay, WI 54305

www.greenbayaa.org

GSR and Committee Meeting

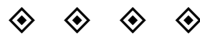
Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm
February 19th - The Bridge



District 01 Officers and Chairs 2004-05

District Committee Member(DCM)	Kelly J.	469-0501
Alternate DCM	John RS	265-6708
Secretary	Mike G.	336-1309
Treasurer	Dean H.	438-1594
Archives	Pete J.	490-4008
Corrections	Lynn L.	468-5895
Grapevine	Bill L.	498-3759
Hotline	Barb R.	437-6484
Newsletter	Marty S.	465-1401
Public Information	Glen F.	496-9557
Treatment/Bridging the Gap	Robin N.	347-9932

We are but trusted servants. We can answer your questions or guide you to someone who can. And when you are ready, please offer your needed help. Thank-you



Visit our web sight:

A convenient place to find a meeting.

Area 74 www.area74.org
(has links to Districts 02 05 10 12 14 18 22 23 24)

District 01 www.greenbayaa.org

AA Grapevine www.aagrapevine.org

G.S.O. www.aa.org

"At the G.S.O. web site there is a service piece called *Frequently Asked Questions About Travel to Canada for the A.A. 2005 International Convention* which provides information on many border crossing matters." "box 459," p. 4, Nov. 03

The newcomer is the most
important person at our meeting.
"Welcome!"

Send additions and corrections to:

District 01 Newsletter
PO Box 0632, Green Bay, WI 54305
Or leave a message: 465-1401
The deadline is the 10th of the month.

I'd like to include your Group Name in the Meeting List but know only a few names. Please call and tell me your group's name.
No deadline.

When you're traveling on the road and go to a meeting, please pick-up a newsletter of the district your in if one is available, and pass it on to our newsletter. We can use the info. thanks, marty s.

Thank you for your service.

Support our new meeting

New Meeting in Oconto.

Wednesday, 10:00 am

Closed Discussion Non-smoking

First American Lutheran Church (downstairs)
511 Madison St. at Michigan St. intersect

Contact: Elli H. 834-6298

New Youth Group

Thursday 3:45 – 4:45 pm

Family Services 626 So. Irwin St. Green Bay
The front door opens at 3:33 pm

If you want to drink that's your business.

If you want to stop that's our business.

Contact: Glenn 406-9557 or Dean 433-3372 ex 117

Unfortunately our youth are being challenged ever younger by adult issues. Fortunately we live in the present and face things as they are. **A.A. is here**, a gift given to us by our mothers and fathers who desire an end to a terrible family scourge. Let's hope this meeting develops and grows. **Pass along your experience, strength and hope with a visit!** Marty S.

My favorite prayer is, "Thank you."

There's a thousand ways to serve.

Take your time. Stand back. Look around.

There's no rush to be first or best. Serve when you're ready, when your best quality flows naturally.

Serving is a gift given by each of us as a way of saying,

"Thank you for my sobriety. I know

I couldn't do it myself. I feel great.

It's time I pass it on."

marty s.



Oshkosh Intergroup

Saturday, February 28th

Oshkosh Senior's Center Annex Building
200 N. Campbell Rd., Oshkosh, WI.

Registration 4 – 6:00 pm

Chile Supper 5:30 w/chili, crackers, bread,
coffee and Fellowship
provided. Soda available. Bring a dessert or side dish to pass.

Speakers 7:00 A.A. – Mike N.
Al-Anon – Laura J.
Al-Ateen – to be announced.

Bring a Friend. Door prizes.

Contact: Darrell R. 231-3489 or Jerry D. 233-0735

The Winners Circle is moving to The Bridge beginning Feb 6th

All else remains the same.

On February 6th the well attended Winners Circle Group will begin its weekly meetings at The Bridge. Previously, they were held at Bellin Psychiatric Center.

Friday evening begins at 5:30 pm with dinner at a restaurant. The location changes each week. Call Bill for next week's location (wk 434-5282 ex 109). It's OK to call work. Then it's on to The Bridge for an 8:00 meeting. Afterwards, the Winners Circle reconvenes at Happy Joe's Pizza & Ice Cream Parlor (1675 East Mason) for the rest of the evening. They usually close the place.

Doris says, "There's more to recovery than meetings. Social time is important too, especially for newcomers. It's not the number of years sober but their quality."

Meeting attendance ranges from 15 to 30 with up to 300 years sobriety commonly present. Long time sobriety resides here. As usual, newcomers are always welcome and receive much needed support and encouragement.

Sounds like the place to be on a Friday night. An ample mixture of old-timers, newcomers, a long established meeting (30+ years) and plenty of sociality.



Traditions Checklist

Practice these principles . . .

Tradition Two: For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. **Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.**

1. Do I criticize or do I trust and support my group officers, AA committees, New-comers, Old-timers?
2. **Am I absolutely trustworthy, even in secret,** with AA Twelfth Step jobs or other AA responsibility?
3. Do I look for credit in my AA jobs or praise for my ideas?
4. Do I have to save face in group discussion, or can I yield in good spirit to the group conscience and work cheerfully along with it?
5. Although I have been sober a few years, am I still willing to serve my turn at AA chores?
6. In group discussions, do I sound off about matters on which I have no experience and little knowledge?

"AA Grapevine", Nov 69-Sept 71, Reprinted with permission of the AA Grapevine, Inc.

"Share your experience, strength and hope."

VOLUNTEER FOR THE A.A. HOT LINE.
YOU CAN DO IT!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
BARB R. 437-6484 ROBIN N. 347-9932

Our Area Correctional Meetings
Need Volunteers
Please consider this important service.
Contact: Lynn L. 468-5898

This Newsletter is our opportunity to think things out, write them down and pass them along. Please consider adding your own thoughts.

John S. 499-3939 or Marty S. 465-1401

BRIDGING THE GAP

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. If you have an active relationship with your sponsor and a minimum one-year of sobriety, contact: **Robin N. 347-9932**

A PATH TO FAITH

True humility and an open mind can lead us to faith, and every AA meeting is an assurance that God will restore us to sanity if we rightly relate ourselves to Him. 12&12, p.33

My last drunk had landed me in the hospital, totally broken. It was then that I was able to see my past float in front of me. I realized that, through drinking, I had lived every nightmare I had ever had. My own self-will and obsession to drink had driven me into a dark pit of hallucinations, blackouts and despair. **Finally beaten, I asked for God's help.** His presence told me to believe. My obsession for alcohol was taken away and my paranoia has since been lifted. **I am no longer afraid.** I know my life is healthy and sane.

Daily Reflections, February 7th

Recovery + Service + Unity =
How It Works

AREA CALENDAR

January

30, 31, Fri 7-10 pm, Sat 9 am-5 pm, **Madison Area Big Book Study**, Madison Senior Center, 330 West Mefflin St., Madison, WI. Come and learn about the program of recovery as it comes from the Big Book. Learn in detail about "The Doctor's Opinion" and the first seven chapters of our text and how to apply them to your recovery. Presented by Bruce E. and Mark P. Coffee & soda provided, meals on your own. Registration: \$10.00 to: Madison Area Intergroup Central Office, 6400 Monona Dr., Madison, WI 53716 Phone: 608-222-8989 **Contact: Nancy** (Ho) 608-221-2891 (Wk) 608-268-4913 email: nancyc43@charter.net **Ken G.** 608-221-2891 email: sherwood1@charter.net

February

20, 21, 22 Fri 7pm-9:30pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-Noon **Big Book Seminar 2004**, Marathon County Healthcare Facility, 1100 Lakeview Dr., Wausau, WI Come and learn about the program of action as it comes from the Big Book. Learn in detail about The Doctor's Opinion and the first seven chapters. Presenters will be Jeff C., and Bob M. Register early: \$12.00/person \$20.00/couple to: Randy Oberg, 737 Imm St., Wausau, WI 54401 **Contact: Steve** 715-359-6754 or **Randy** 715-845-0012

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".. they do not govern."
It's me and my home group.
That's where the action is.

March

12 13 14 15 Fri Sat Sun Mon **52nd Michigan State Convention**, Troy Marriott Hotel, Troy, MI **Contact:** 248-680-9797 or 800-228-9290
13th Sat 9 am-4 pm **Area 74 Delegates Workshop**, Rhinelander, WI
27th Sat **Neenah/Menasha Intergroup**
St. Pat's Community Center, 324 Nicolet Blvd., Menasha WI

April

3rd Sat **Area 74 Spring Assembly**, Three Lakes Community Center, Three Lakes, WI
24th Sat **Clintonville Intergroup**,
Christus Lutheran Church, Clintonville, WI

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

URGENT NEED

TEMPORARY SPONSORS FOR WOMEN IN PRISON

Complete anonymity - P.O. Box number assigned

Requirements: Female with at least 1.5 years of sobriety
Worked through the 12 Steps
Willing to guide them through the 12 Steps
Respond to letters when received
They need positive, supportive influences

Contact:

Nancy C. Ho. 313-561-2529
Cell 313 410-5587
email: WeeAreAllOne@Yahoo.Com

Any help is greatly appreciated.

Take what you want
and leave the rest.
(t o l e r a n c e)

DECEMBER DISTRICT 01 COMMITTEE MEETING

Held December 18, 2003 at UWGB Ecumenical Center

Bill L DCM	Lynn L Bridging the Gap	Dean H. Spirit Axiom Group
Kelly J. Oncoming DCM	Darren GSR Promise Seekers	Chris CPC
Pat GSR Thurs Believers	Mike G (GSR New Hope Grp)	Glenn F Public Information
Sue	John RS (alt DCM)	Robin N. (GSR Tue Womens)
Nancy (GSR EYE Opener)	Marty S. (Newsletter)	Greg (GSR Homeless Shelter)
Mary Alt. GSR Shelter Group)	John O	Gherud L (Correction Chair)
Jim D. Treasurer	John S. Secretary	

Secretaries Report: submitted by John S. There was a great deal of debate regarding the omission and accuracy of certain facts of the minutes from the November District 01 Committee Meeting. Glenn F made a motion to accept the November minutes as read. Marty S. seconded. The motion carried. 9 for and 3 against.

Treasurer's Report: submitted by Jim D. John S. made a motion to accept the report as read. Nancy H. seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

December 18, 2003

Balance as of 11-20-03	1669.19
Deposits	
New Hope Group	57.19
Wednesday 7 AM Grapevine	8.00
Bill and Bob Agenda	47.00
Checks	
Website	100.00
Angels of Hope (rent)	15.00
Marty S. (newsletter)	30.00
Marty S. (radio tapes)	10.00
All City Comm. (hotline)	95.00
Milwaukee Central Office (jail literature)	153.49
Balance as of 12-18-03 (includes \$650.00 prudent reserve)	1377.89
Intergroup Funds as of 12-18-03	431.19
Total Funds:	1809.08
Check Book:	1809.08

Respectfully submitted,
Jim D., Treasurer

Reimbursements

Marty S. requested to be reimbursed \$30.00 for the printing of the Newsletter. Glenn F. made the motion to reimburse Marty. Robin N. seconded. Motion carried.

Robin N made a motion to reimburse UWBG \$75.00 for rent for the District 01 meeting and Holiday party. Glenn F. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2004 District 01 Committee Meetings: Bill L passed around a sign up sheet giving groups the opportunity to host the District 01 Committee Meeting which is held on the 3rd Thursday of each Month.

OLD BUSINESS

Sanger B. Powers Meetings: Gherud L. reported that there was a change in command at Sanger B. Powers. A warden from Winnebago is overseeing this correctional facility, and he is not enthusiastic on community interaction. Gherud stated that the inmates still may be holding their own meetings. Robin N. asked if there was anyone we could write too regarding this situation. John RS proposed that we contact the area or G.S.O. to see if they would be of some assistance. Lynn L. proposed making an appointment with the warden to see if anything could be done.

Intergroup: Robin N. reported. Robin needed \$132.00 for the final expenses for the intergroup. She purchased gifts for the speakers. A GSR meeting will be held at the intergroup. Greg H. and Mary R. will host the meeting. Area 74 will be holding a committee meeting at the 218 Club prior to the intergroup.

NEW BUSINESS

New Homeless Shelter: A new homeless shelter is being built in Green Bay. The shelter is looking for a group of A.A.s to start a meeting there. It would be an evening meeting scheduled to be started in August or September.

Committee Reports

Newsletter: Marty S. reported. Marty asked if there were any additions or corrections to the District Meeting List. He also inquired if we would be maintaining our current P.O. Box. It was determined that the P.O. Box would remain the same.

Bridging the Gap: Lynn L. reported that BTG is going well and that they are getting referrals from family services.

Corrections: Gherud L. reported that the meetings at the work release center are going well, and the Wednesday Jail meeting is very well attended.

Public Information: Glenn F. reported. He has been researching public service announcement and is also looking into the possibility of a billboard.

Hotline: Robin N. reported that the hotline is going well.