

# DISTRICT 01 NEWSLETTER

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

JANUARY 2004

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www.greenbayaa.org

As the holiday lights come on, we give thanks.

Thanks for the inner light which is our sobriety in A.A.

Thanks for the light of hope in the face of the sick alcoholic who is reborn.

Thanks for the light of the present – the awareness of this precious moment.

Thanks for the light of new attitudes.

And humble thanks for the glorious light of love thorough fellowship and service.

May the grace of light fill each day of the coming year.

box 459, Holiday issue 2003

I sat in the half-measures chair . .  
.. the one next to the door.

Visit our web sight:

A convenient place to find a meeting.

District 01 [www.greenbayaa.org](http://www.greenbayaa.org)  
Area 74 [www.area74.org](http://www.area74.org)  
(has links to all Districts with websites)  
AA Grapevine [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)  
G.S.O. [www.aa.org](http://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.

**Send additions and corrections to:**

District 01 Newsletter c/o Marty S.  
PO Box 0632, Green Bay, WI 54305  
Or leave a message: 465-1401  
The deadline is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.  
This Newsletter is sponsored by District 01.

## A Spiritual Awakening

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. Bill W.

## District 01 Intergroup

January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004 6:00 pm

Redeemer Lutheran Church Gym

210 So. Oneida St. Green Bay, WI 54303

**Al-Anon Speaker:** JD S. from Green Bay

**AA Speakers:** Steve & Mary S. from Madison

Potluck: Bring a dish to pass.

Any questions contact:

**Robin N. 920-347-9932 or Mike G. 920-336-1309**

**See You There!**

**Support our new meeting:**

New Youth Group

**If you want to drink that's your business**

**If you want to stop that's our business.**

**Family Services 626 So. Irwin St. Green Bay**

The front door opens at 3:33 pm

Meeting Starts at 3:45 pm

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

Unfortunately our youth are being challenged younger  
and 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!**

**thank you for your service**

It's an inside job. You really got to want to get sober.

**"Share your experience, strength and hope."**

Volunteer for the A.A. Hot Line.

For further information, please call:

**Barb R. 437-6484 Robin N. 347-9932**

Our Areas 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 to "our meeting in print."

**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**

## Intergroup Locations for 2004

Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	Green Bay	Redeemer Lutheran School (see the front page for more info)
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Oshkosh	Senior Center
Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>	Neenah/Menasha	St. Pat's Community Center
Apr 24 <sup>th</sup>	Clintonville	Christus Lutheran
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Oconto	First American Church
June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Seymour	Emmanuel Lutheran
July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Chilton	St. Mary's Church
Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	New London	United Methodist
Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bonduel/Shawano	St. Paul's School
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	Kaukauna	St. Mary's Catholic Church
Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	Crivitz	Faith Presbyterian
Dec 18 <sup>th</sup>	Appleton	St. Pius Church

One is too many,  
and ten not enough!

# District 01

## GSR and Committee Meeting

Third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm

The place will be announced in the next Newsletter or ask your GSR. You are invited to attend. Find out what's going' on.

### District 01 Officers and Chairs - 2004/05

District Committee Member (DCM) Kelly J.

Alternate DCM

John RS

Secretary

Mike G. 336-1309

Treasurer

Dean H. 433-3372 ex117

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.

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

## Thank you for your service! District 01 Officers and Chairs 2002/03

District Committee Member (DCM) Bill L.

Alternate DCM

John S.

Secretary

John S.

Treasurer

Jim D.

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With heartfelt thanks we are grateful for your trusted service these passed two years. May peace and serenity fill your lives. Thank you, District 01.

## Things getting board around the house?

Gettin' dry drunk? Need a little excitement? . . . an emotional pick-me-up, a personal renewal? Then for heavens sake, chair a meeting, become a GSR, offer your valuable time to a committee of your choice, or better yet, **seek out an alcoholic who still suffers** . . . anything, but become involved. Stir yourself up in a positive way. Take a healthy risk. This effort is important to positive spiritual growth.

# NOVEMBER DISTRICT 01 COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on November 20, 2003 at the Angel of Hope Church

Those in attendance:

John S. District 01 Secretary	John O	Glenn F. Public Information
Mike G. GSR New Hope Grp	Keith A. GSR Promise Seekers	Pattie V. Web Page
Bill L. Dist. Committee Member	Kelly J. Oncoming DCM	Dean GSR Spiritual Axiom
Nancy H. GSR Eye Openers	Jim D. Treasurer	Todd E. GSR Bridge
Brad H. GSR Serenity Seekers	Marty S. Newsletter	Elaine T. Free To Believe
Bill B. Back to Basic Text	Benjamin W. GSR Rd To Recovery	John S. Alt DCM

**Secretaries Report:** Submitted by John S. Minutes were accepted as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** submitted by Jim D.

<b>Balance as of 10/16/03</b>	<b>\$1,384.19</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	
Winners Circle	\$200.00
Saturday AM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Step	\$44.00
Mon Pulaski BVM	\$81.00
Live and Let Live	\$100.00
<b>Checks</b>	
The Bridge (rent)	\$15.00
Marty Slavek (Newsletter)	\$30.00
All City Communication (Hotline)	\$95.00
<b>Balance as of 11/20/03</b>	<b>\$1,669.19</b>

*(Balance includes \$650.00 Prudent Reserve)*

<b>Intergroup Funds</b>	
<b>Balance as of 11/20/03</b>	<b>\$431.19</b>

Mike G. made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. Motion Carried.

## Checks Issued

Nancy H. made a motion to pay the Angel of Hope Church \$15.00 rent to hold the District 01 Meeting. Motion carried.

Marty S. requested to be reimbursed \$30.00 for printing the Newsletter. A motion was made by Dean H. to reimburse Marty S. \$30.00 for printing the Newsletter. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

**District 01 Website:** Patti V. reported. She stated she needed \$100.00 to start the District 01 Website, \$50.00 to secure a domain name, and \$50.00 to pay the server who hosts the site. Glenn F. made a motion to give Patti V. a check for \$100.00 to start the District Website. Dean H. seconded. Motion Carried.

There was a lot of discussion as to what the name of the website should be. Glenn F. made a motion to name the website [greenbayaa.org](http://greenbayaa.org). Mike G. made a friendly amendment to give Patti V. the discretion if the name [greenbayaa.org](http://greenbayaa.org) is taken, to name the site in line with the traditions of A.A. Keith A. seconded. Motion carried.

**Meeting Lists:** The question was posed last month why the 218 Club is not getting enough District meeting lists. The matter was looked into and now the club has an ample supply of meeting lists.

**New Youth Meeting:** Glenn F. reported that the turn out at the New Youth Meeting on held on Thursday afternoons

is low. He is going to chair the meeting for four months. Bill B. suggested that the District newsletter be sent to various youth organizations to heighten awareness about the meeting. Mike G. is going to bring some newsletters to Libertas.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Sanger B. Powers Meetings:** All A.A. meetings at Sanger B. Powers have been cancelled. The reason for this has not yet been determined. Discussion followed on how to address this issue. Bill L. suggested that the Area 74 Corrections Chair be contacted to gain some insight on how to address this matter.

**A.A. Meetings at a local club:** A request was made by Jim D. to post an announcement in the District 01 Newsletter regarding a change in policy effective 01/01/04 at one of the local clubs. The policy change has an affect on the A.A. meetings that are held there. A lengthy discussion followed as to whether or not a change in policy at a club has anything to do with A.A. Some argued that if the policy affects the A.A. meetings, an announcement should be allowed. Others argued that a policy change at a local club has nothing to do with A.A. and should not be allowed. A motion was made by Jim D. to list the information in the District Meeting Minutes. Todd E. seconded. Motion did not carry.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Newsletter:** Mary S. reported: Marty stated that if anyone has an A.A. event or meeting that they would like posted in the Newsletter, they are to leave the information on his answering machine. He can be reached at 465-1401.

He inquired if there are enough newsletters being distributed. Everyone seemed to be in agreement that enough were being printed.

Marty questioned if newsletters are currently being mailed to local professionals. No such mailing is being done. Marty felt that it might be beneficial to develop such a mailing list. He has also made some calls to radio stations and found that they offer free spots for local events. Information about A.A. in Green Bay could be read on the air. Marty stated that there is an audiotape available with sample radio spots. He asked if the district would be willing to purchase the tape. Mike G. made a motion to reimburse Marty for this tape. Todd E. seconded. Motion carried.

**Intergroup:** Mike G. announced that there will be a planning meeting for the Green Bay Intergroup on December 18, 2003 during the holiday party at the Ecumenical Center at UWGB.

# TO WIVES

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.But for every man who drinks others are involved-  
104/2

We want the wives of Alcoholics Anonymous to  
address the wives of men who drink too much. 104/3

**We want to leave you with the  
feeling that no situation is too  
difficult and no unhappiness too  
great to be overcome.** 104/4

We have told innumerable lies to protect our pride  
and our husbands' reputations. We have prayed, we  
have begged, we have been patient. We have struck  
out viciously. We have run away. We have been  
hysterical. We have been terror stricken. We have  
sought sympathy. We have had retaliatory love  
affairs with other men. 105/1

Our homes have been battle-grounds many an  
evening. In the morning we have kissed and made  
up. 105/2

**How could men who loved their  
wives and children be so  
unthinking, so callous, so cruel?**

107/2

Could we have been so mistaken in the men we  
married? 107/2

**Why could they not see that  
drink meant ruin to them?** 107/3

When he angers you, remember that he is very ill.  
108/2

It may be slowing him up mentally and physically, but  
he does not see it. 108/5

**"He wants to want to stop."** 109/1

He may have come to the point where he desperately  
wants to stop but cannot. 109/2

Sometimes he drinks on the way home from the  
hospital. 110/1

Many of our husbands were just as far gone. Yet they  
got well. 110/1

Be determined that your husband's drinking is not  
going to spoil your relations with your children or your  
friends. 111/3

You think he ought to know the subject better, as  
everyone should have a clear understanding of the  
risk he takes if he drinks too much. 111/5

Drinkers like to help other drinkers. 112/1

Show him your copy of this book and tell him what  
you have found out about alcoholism. Show him that  
as alcoholics, the writers of the book understand.  
112/4

the seed has been planted in his mind. He knows  
that thousands of men, much like himself, have  
recovered. 113/1

**The power of God goes deep.**

114/1

As our husbands began to apply spiritual principles in  
their lives, we began to see the desirability of doing  
so too. 116/2

**We have elsewhere remarked  
how much better life is when  
lived on a spiritual plane.** 116/2

We urge you to try our program, for nothing will be  
so helpful to your husband as the radically changed  
attitude toward him which God will show you how to  
have. Go along with your husband if you possibly  
can. 116/3

**Patience, tolerance,  
understanding and love are the  
watchwords.** 118/2

Live and let live is the rule. If you both show a  
willingness to remedy your own defects, there will be  
little need to criticize each other. 118/2

**Be patient.** 118/3

The fact is that he should work with other people to  
maintain his own sobriety. 119/1

Both of you will awaken to a new sense of  
responsibility for others. You, as well as your  
husband, ought to think of what you can put into life  
instead of how much you can take out. Inevitably  
your lives will be fuller for doing so. You will lose the  
old life to find one much better. 119/2

We never, never try to arrange a man's life so as to  
shield him from temptation. This is important. If he  
gets drunk, don't blame yourself. 120/3

**So to you out there who may  
soon be with us - we say "Good  
luck and God bless you!"** 121/2

This chapter is embarrassing for me to read, plainly showing  
the roles of husband and wife as Bill and Lois W. lived it in the  
1930's. It's easy to see our changing attitudes as the generations  
pass. Yet the unconditional sacrifice, patience, and love they had  
for one another is inspiring and an example for today what it  
means to be married. What a couple!!!

marty s.

## Appleton Area AA Intergroup

Saturday, December 20, 03

St. Pius X Church

500 W. Marquette St. Appleton, WI.

Registration: 5:30 pm

Potluck dinner 6:00

Bring a friend and a dish to pass.

Speakers at 7:00

AA Keith V. (the incoming DCM)

Alanon Glenn D.

Hot Ham sandwiches & Sloppy Joes  
provided

Door Prizes & 50/50 Raffle

Contact: Erika H. 920-954-0633

### AA's Single Purpose

Tradition Five: *Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.*

"There are those who predict that AA may well become a new spearhead for a spiritual awakening throughout the world. When our friends say these things, they are both generous and sincere. But we of AA must reflect that such a tribute and such a prophecy could well prove to be a heady drink for most of us – that is, if we really came to believe this to be the real purpose of AA, and if we commenced to behave accordingly.

"Our Society, therefore, will prudently cleave to its single purpose: the carrying of the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Let us resist the proud assumption that since God has enabled us to do well in one area we are destined to be a channel of saving grace for everybody."

AA co-founder Bill W., 1955

## Traditions Checklist

Practice these principles . . .

**Tradition One: Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity.**

1. Am I in my group a healing, mending, integrating person, or am I divisive? What about gossip and taking other members' inventories?
2. Am I a peacemaker? Or do I, with pious preludes such as "just for the sake of discussion," plunge into argument?
3. Am I gentle with those who rub me the wrong way, or am I abrasive?
4. Do I make competitive AA remarks, such as comparing one group with another or contrasting AA in one place with AA in another?
5. Do I put down some AA activities as if I were superior for not participating in this or that aspect of AA?
6. Am I informed about AA as a whole? Do I support, in every way I can, AA as a whole, or just the parts I understand and approve of?
- 7. Am I as considerate of AA members as I want them to be of me?**
8. Do I spout platitudes about love while indulging in and secretly justifying behavior that bristles with hostility?
9. Do I go to enough AA meetings or read enough AA literature to really keep in touch?
10. Do I share with AA all of me, the bad and the good, accepting as well as giving the help of fellowship?

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# Keep It Simple

