

# JANUARY 2008

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 : “A VISION FOR YOU”  
Page 151  
The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous

For most normal folks drinking means conviviality,  
companionship and colorful imagination.

It means release from care, boredom and worry. It is  
joyous intimacy with friends and a feeling that life is  
good. But not so with us in those last days of heavy  
drinking. The old pleasures were gone. They were  
but memories. Never could we recapture the great  
moments of the past. There was an insistent yearning  
to enjoy life as we once did and a heartbreaking  
obsession that some new miracle of control would  
enable us to do it. There was always one more attempt  
– and one more failure.....

Yes, there is a substitute and it is vastly more than  
that. It is a fellowship in Alcoholics Anonymous.  
There you will find release from care, boredom and  
worry. Your imagination will be fired. Life will mean  
something at last. The most satisfactory years of your  
existence lie ahead. Thus we find the fellowship, and  
so will you.

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

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

**AA HOTLINE – 469-9999**

Example of contributions of funds beyond prudent  
reserves for groups that support 4 service entities  
10% to district 10% to area 30% to G.S.O.  
50% to Intergroup or central office

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

Area 74 Treasurer  
3056 Summerplace  
Green Bay, WI 54303

District 01  
PO BOX 0632  
Green Bay, WI 54305

Central Office – contact Sam S. – 920-660-3341

## VISIT OUR WEBSITE

DISTRICT 01 [www.greenbayaa.org](http://www.greenbayaa.org)  
AREA 74 [www.area74.org](http://www.area74.org)  
AREA 75 [www.area75.org](http://www.area75.org)  
AA GRAPEVINE [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)  
GSO(NEW YORK) [www.aa.org](http://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](mailto:newsletter@greenbayaa.org)

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

**Those in attendance:**

Debbie S.	Secretary
Don G.	GSR Winner's Circle
Jim D.	Hotline Chair
John R. S.	Grapevine Chair
Tim D.	GSR Tues. Serenity Seekers
Elizabeth F.	P.I. Chair / GSR New Hope Gp
Bill E.	New Hope
Mara H.	7:30am Sun. 218 Club Early Birds GSR
Lynn L.	Treasurer
Marty S.	GSR Core Literature Study Gp
Bruce K.	DCM-district 01
Brad E.	Newsletter
Jack K.	9:30am Sunday
Sarah G.	GSR-Tues. Women's 1:30pm
Winston S.	Flintville Early Risers
Randy B.	GSR-Fisherman's Paradise
Kimberly S.	Intergroup
Mark P.	Archives

Debbie S. read the secretary's report. It was accepted as read.

The Traditions were read.

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

**Committee Reports**

**ARCHIVES** – Mark will be passing on the archive materials at the January Intergroup where he will have an archive display.

**GRAPEVINE** – John R.S. reported the Grapevine has new items for sale: 2008 pocket and wall calendars, a new cd, and La Vina has an anthology out.

**HOTLINE** – Jim will be contacting present hotline volunteers to see if they still are able and willing to remain volunteers.

**NEWSLETTER** – Brad reported the Fox Valley would like to receive our newsletter and meeting lists.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION** – Elizabeth will be ordering pamphlets. The Green Bay Senior Center contacted Bruce and they would like a rack of pamphlets. The Native American Service Center located at 408 Dousman would like to have AA meetings at their facility.

**INTERGROUP** – Kimberly said things are going well and there will be a flyer in the next newsletter.

**OLD BUSINESS** – GSR packets are being put together for new GSR's.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Kimberly suggested the intergroup have their own coffee pots. They could also be used for the District 01 picnic. It was suggested we ask for group donations.

Incoming District 01 officers will be introduced at the January Intergroup.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.  
Respectfully submitted by,  
Debbie S.

**[A departing note from the DCM]**

Fellow AA's,

I want to thank all of the AA members in District 01 for the opportunity to be of service to you the last 2 years.

As your DCM I had a wonderful learning experience and I am grateful to you for that. I worked with a great group of District Chairs and GSR's. We had many challenges and the group met them with humor and always with the spirit of putting AA first.

We got the chance to address AA's at the group level about what the district does for them. The Central Office committee is in full swing. We were able to leave the District in good financial shape and this was only accomplished with the support of AA groups in District 01. A new meeting was started at the Brown County detention center. Our web site has grown tremendously and the newsletter keeps getting bigger and better. Your continued support of the District is critical to keeping all the activities going strong in the future and we thank you for this.

The election of new district chair people in October was a great success. All positions were filled without too much arm twisting. We have a great group of people taking over in January 08 and I am looking forward to working with them as the Grapevine Chair (no, I didn't get to make a complete break)!

Thanks again for the chance to be your trusted servant. Enjoy the upcoming holidays and don't forget to give thanks for the great gift of sobriety. I love you all.

Bruce K.  
Lame Duck DCM  
District 01

**The District Committee meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at The Bridge**

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
Intergroup	Kimberly S.	592-9337
Cooperation with the Professional Committee		
<a href="mailto:cpc@greenbavaa.org">cpc@greenbavaa.org</a>	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.”

**AA DISTRICT 01**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2007**  
**TREASURE'S REPORT**

**Balance as of Oct. 21, 2007**                      **\$2,424.99**

**Deposits:**

AA Today Group	\$ 25.00
Picnic donations	\$155.50
Green Isle Park Refund	\$250.00
Flintville Early Risers	\$225.00
Tues. Women's 1PM Meeting	\$ 75.30
Tues. Serenity Seekers	\$ 91.75

**Total Deposits**                      **\$822.55**

**Checks or Debits**

Marty Slavic (Newsletter)	\$150.00
Mark P. (Picnic Supplies)	\$180.06
Tracy G. (Picnic Supplies)	\$ 69.54
All City Communications	\$250.62
Check Image Fee	\$ 3.00

**Total Checks or Debits**                      **\$653.22**

**Balance as of Nov. 15, 2007**                      **\$2,594.32**

Submitted by Lynn L./District 01 Treasurer

2007 Picnic Budget \$300.00

**Expenses**

7/19/2007	\$ 40.00	Green Isle Park
9/20/07	\$353.00	Green Isle Park
Mark P.	\$180.06	Picnic Supplies
Tracy G.	\$ 69.54	Picnic Supplies
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES \$642.60</b>		

**Deposits from picnic**

\$250.00	Deposit returned from Green Isle Park
\$155.50	Picnic Donations

**TOTAL DEPOSITS FROM PICNIC \$405.50**

**TOTAL COST OF PICNIC \$237.10**

**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)  
Tuesday 7:30 pm Women  
Wednesday 8:00 pm Men

**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 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

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

**OPEN VOLUNTEER SERVICE POSITIONS:**

**CORRECTIONS:**

We have a need for volunteers in the Corrections area of service, especially male volunteers.  
**CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR: Glenn F 321-8039**

**HOTLINE:**

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

**Cooperation with the Professional Committee:**

CPC would appreciate referrals from anyone hearing of requests for information from the Professional Community.  
Anyone interested in participating in CPC will be welcome!  
CPC Chair: Phyllis 471-0749    [cpc@greenbavaa.org](mailto:cpc@greenbavaa.org)

**INTERGROUP:**

Intergroup is interested in hearing from those who can help organize and/or help set-up and serve the Fun, Fellowship, Dinner, and Speaker event this January 19<sup>th</sup> in Green Bay. Interested members should please contact:  
Kimberly S. at 920-592-9337

# CENTRAL OFFICE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE NOTES

Contact: Sam S. cell 920-660-3341

December 1, 2007

## Those in attendance:

<u>Debbie S.</u>	Secretary	<u>Glenn F.</u>	Literature chair/Rep. Serenity Now
<u>Jim D.</u>	Legal chair-Hotline chair dist. 01	<u>John N.</u>	Crivitz-Thurs;Fri;Tues; & Wausaukee
<u>Geri L.</u>	Rep. 9:30am Sun. Bridge	<u>Shelly B.</u>	Rep. St. Matt's Eye Opener
<u>Craig M.</u>	Rep. St. Anne's	<u>Betsy N.</u>	Tues. Women's Group
<u>R. Sam S.</u>	Rep. Wed. Bridge 8pm-real estate	<u>Pat N.</u>	Rep. Friends of Bill
<u>Don D.</u>	Rep. Thurs. St. Will's	<u>Paula</u>	Committee Member/Back to Basics.
<u>Troy F.</u>	Alt. Rep. Thurs. St. Will's	<u>Don G.</u>	Interested Observer
<u>Tracy R.</u>	Rep. Thurs. Women in the Present	<u>Terry H.</u>	Rep. Walk with Us group
<u>Alan K.</u>	Sat. Eye Opener	<u>Nancy D.</u>	Alt. Sec.-treas./Road to Recovery

\*Sorry if I missed anyone – everyone did not sign the sign-in sheet.

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Sam S. read the Treasurer's report. He also passed around a bank statement.

Balance Nov. 10, 2007	\$2013.54
Individual / group donations	59.00
	10.00
	20.00
Balance Nov. 19, 2007	\$2102.54
Donations	120.00
Balance Nov. 26, 2007	\$2222.54

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Legal – Nothing new to report.**

**Real Estate** – For the office located at 1304 S Webster. The rent would be \$700. The owner is willing to be very flexible with us for the first six months, allowing the central office to grow. Starting with the second year the rent would go up to \$1000. There has been negative AA member feedback on starting an office at the price of \$700-\$1000 a month for rent. Sam informed us the best offer so far is the offices on Main Street – 750 sq. ft. \$430 rent plus \$50 for electric.

**Literature** – Nothing new to report.

**Outreach** – There is going to be an event Sat. February 16, 2008 at The Bridge. Fellowship, Potluck, and Speaker.

### OLD BUSINESS

Jim will get the P.O. Box for the central office on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

### NEW BUSINESS

Sam asked the Intergroup chair if he could do an informational speech at the January Intergroup. They said yes.

A group of five business minded people was put together to develop a 'blue-print' business plan for the central office. They all have real life experience. They are: Jim D., Betsy N., Alan K., Glenn F., and Tracy R.

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

**NEXT MEETING: SAT. JANUARY 12, 2008**  
**12 PM NOON at the Bridge**

**Special obituary: District 01 Friends in Fellowship celebrate the life of:**  
**Andrew (Andy Robert Meitner), Appleton, 86, died on Dec. 14, 2007, after a brief illness and a long full life. Andy touched the lives of many with his happy spirit. Andy enlisted in the U.S. Army and was a proud veteran of World War II, where he participated in the Normandy invasion and the Battle of the Bulge, serving as a Corporal in The 3<sup>rd</sup> Army. He retired from Kimberly-Clark Corporation in 1983. In 1947, he married Katherine Moriarity. Three children, a son-in-law, and four grandchildren survive Andy. His extended family also includes thousands of friends whose lives he touched during his 48 years of recovery as an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you to Andy's extended AA family.**

**In Loving Memory of Andrew "Andy" Meitner**

**Date Of Birth: March 28, 1921    Date Of Death December 14, 2007**

**Date of Sobriety 48 years December 7, 2007**

**"Never Give Up!"**

**2008 Wall Calendar and Pocket Planner Now Available**

**August, 2007 New York, NY AA Grapevine**, the international monthly journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, also known as “Our Meeting in Print,” announces the printing of the 2008 “One Day at a Time” Wall Calendar and Pocket Planner.

The Wall Calendar sports a new glossy cover and as always, beautiful full color photos taken by AA members accompanied by quotes selected from past Grapevine articles. The pocket planner has a new look as well with its matte finish, gold metallic cover.

Both items are trilingual and great for gift giving as they can be displayed anonymously since neither item mentions AA or alcoholism.

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**New CD from the AA Grapevine**

**August, 2007 New York, NY AA Grapevine**, the international monthly journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, also known as “Our Meeting in Print,” has released a new CD, *A Lifetime of AA, Grapevine Stories from AA's Old-Timers*.

The new CD includes:

Consider the Old-Timers: They Have No Problems – or Have They?

Meetings, Meetings, and More Meetings

Growth Allowed

We've Got What You Need

Almost Too Old for AA

What We Were Like

A Lifetime of Learning

Life Goes On

My Sponsor Walks With Me

The Redwoods

This CD contains recordings remastered from the audiocassette tape *Old-Timers Corner* plus 2 new stories from the issues of the Grapevine.

To hear a sample selection from this CD, go to [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)

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**Lo major de La Vina Now Available**

**August, 2007 New York, NY La Vina** magazine, the Spanish-language international monthly journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, also known as “Nuestra Reunion Impresa” (Our Meeting in Print) just published an anthology of articles, *Lo major de La Vina*.

The 53 articles contained in this book chart the evolution of *La Vina* magazine over its first ten years and reflect a rich diversity of AA experience from both English and Spanish speaking members of the Fellowship.

This book is entirely in Spanish.

For more information or to order any of these items, please go to [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org) or call 1-800-631-6025. To order in Spanish call 1-800-640-8781.

**ATTEND ANOTHER MEETING! SUPPORT OUR NEW GROUPS!**

**Native American Service Center**  
410 Dousman Street

**Open AA Meetings**

**Tuesday Nights Starting**  
**December 11, 2007 @ 7:00 PM**

**Red Road AA Group**

**Contact: Native American Service Center**  
**Georgia (920) 445-0388**  
**Or Daniel and Alice (920) 264-5910**

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**Monday Night Women with Gratitude**

**Starts: Monday, January 7, 2008**

**Time: 7PM Location: The Bridge; Room #2**

**Meeting Type: Closed meeting; women's group**

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**The Core Literature Study Group**

**Meets Monday 7:00 pm**

**1816 Oakdale Ave., Green Bay WI**

East side, one block South of Newberry off Main St.  
Park on the street. Enter front red door.

**This is a closed, non-smoking meeting for  
alcoholics only.**

**Meeting Format:** The Chair prepares the reading and guides the discussion. Reading(s) should be chiefly, but not exclusively, from AA's core literature that includes:

**Alcoholics Anonymous      12 Steps and 12 Traditions**

**Language of the Heart      The 12 Concepts for World Service**

**The AA Service Manual**

## Editorial Page

# CENTRAL OFFICE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**There have been numerous questions asked about how AA groups should support our new Central Office. Here is an example of one group's recent action.**

**On the last Friday of November, following our regular 8pm meeting, our group (The Winners Circle) held a business meeting to decide how to share our accumulated cash reserves. This was not the usual District, Area and GSO split of the past. We now have a new and ongoing responsibility.... that of providing money for the Green Bay Area Central Office.**

**Since our group's last business meeting, we had accumulated, after prudent reserve set-aside, a \$300.00 surplus to be split between District, Area, GSO and the new Central Office. With some modification, we followed the guidelines provided on page 12 in the AA pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix." We gave 50% to Central Office (\$150.00) and we split the remaining 50% evenly giving \$50.00 each to District, Area and GSO.**

**The greatest need right now in order to get the Central Office started is the accumulation of adequate start up capital to cover rent, security deposits, literature inventory purchases, utilities, insurance, equipment, the hot-line phone system, fees for set-up of a non-profit corporation, supplies, furniture, unforeseen costs, etc. We must also set aside money to cover costs during the first 6 months of operation as literature sales pick up speed. One of the greatest mistakes any new Central Office can make is to start up undercapitalized. It is also one of the greatest causes of business failures.**

**When the Central Office Exploratory Committee held a vote on whether to proceed with the Central Office project, there were 23 groups represented and the result was 22 for and 1 opposed. That is when the project started. If a group supports the Green Bay Area Central Office project, that support must include group money donations on a regular and consistent basis. The Central Office will pay for much of its operating expenses through the profits from literature sales. However, group and individual donations must keep coming in for the successful operation to happen and continue to happen.**

**Remember that AA is self-supporting through its own contributions. The donations of individual group members need to increase. Why? We cannot support a new Central Office and current obligations with the same donations we have been putting in the basket. It's just that simple.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Duncan  
Treasurer of The Winners Circle Group**