

DISTRICT 01 NEWSLETTER

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

JUNE 2005

DISTRICT 01 PO BOX 0632 GREEN BAY WI 54305

www.greenbayaa.org

GSR and District Service Meeting

June 16th

Third Thursday
6:30 pm

The Bridge

2514 Jenny Lane
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 among the Groups of our District. Groups draw upon the service of our committees. The Newsletter and Meeting List are distributed. All members are welcome to attend.

"Our leaders do not drive by mandate: They lead by example."

District 01 Committee Officers

District Committee Member (DCM)	Kelly J.	469-0501
Alternate DCM	John RS	435-5158
Secretary	John S.	471-7690
Treasurer	Dean H.	499-1902
Archives	Pete J.	490-4008
Bridging the Gap/Treatment	Bruce K.	498-9750
Cooperation w/ Professional Community	Al E.	469-9204
Corrections	Lynn L.	496-5899
Grapevine	Bill L.	498-3759
Hotline	Barb R.	437-6484
Intergroup	Mary K.	837-2707
Newsletter	Marty S.	465-1401
Public Information	Ben W.	491-4104

"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.

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 our Groups. 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 1 2 4 5 6 7 9 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)	

A New Group Is Formed

"Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence, we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought AA membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation." *Tradition Three*

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.

These organizations would like to host your group:

218 Club	218 S. Oneida	Green Bay	494-9904
The Bridge	2514 Jenny Ln.	Green Bay	465-6878
Victory Baptist Ch	1545 University Av.	Green Bay	437-0511

Register your group nationally by sending your "New Group Form" to GSO in N.Y. Call the District 01 Newsletter and leave your meeting info for inclusion in our meeting list. Welcome!

In effect, we are saying to them, "Act for us, but don't boss us."

Support our new meeting

NATIVE GROUNDS
COMMUNITY CENTER

235 N. BROADWAY, GREEN BAY

Thursday Open Meeting
9:30 am Non-smoking

Reading and Discussion Format

Contact: Elizabeth F. 497-1812

Find out who you are
without alcohol.

Bill W. wrote in Concept One:

"Therefore we believe that we see in our fellowship a spiritualized society characterized by enough enlightenment, enough responsibility, and enough love of man and God to ensure that our democracy of world service will work under all conditions."

Comment: Tradition Three, long form

Comment: Paraphrased from Language of the Heart, p.33

Comment: The A. A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, by Bill W., 2003-4 Ed. 'Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need,' p. S-47

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Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need

APRIL DISTRICT 01 COMMITTEE MEETING

Held April 21, 2005 at the Bridge

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

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Dean H.

Balance as of 03/17/05	\$1,429.21
Deposits	
Saturday Eye Opener	\$171.60
Early Birds	\$207.00
Serenity Seekers	\$150.00
Checks	
Marty S. (Newsletter)	\$40.00
All City Communication (Hot Line)	\$80.50
The Bridge (Rent)	\$15.00
Kelly J. (DCM Expenses)	\$40.50
Allouez Park Dept (Picnic)	\$401.00
Balance as of 04/21/05	\$1,380.80

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newsletter: Mary S. reported all is going well with the newsletter. He asked if enough newsletters were being distributed. Marty also asked if there were any corrections or changes to the District 01 Meeting List.

Hotline: Barb R. Reported there were 108 calls during the month of March. 3 calls were answered by AA volunteers.

Public Information: Benjamin reported that he has a lot of pamphlets he is willing to share with the other committees. Currently he will be going to the local police stations to determine if we are able to provide them with pamphlets.

Treatment/Bridging the Gap: Bruce K. reported that he received 5 requests for contacts for women during the past month. Currently he has 9 women who are willing to volunteer. Bruce asked for everyone to let their groups know he is in need of temporary contacts for both men and women.

Archives: Pete J. reported there were a couple of more donations of literature to the archives. He will be conducting an inventory of the archives to determine what the District has in the archives.

Grapevine: Not Present

Corrections: Kelly J. reported for Lynn L. On 04/16/04 Lynn and Kelly attended a corrections conference in Brillion. Conference was excellent.

Brown County Jail Meetings: Both men's and women's meetings are going well. However there is a need for more volunteers.

Huber meetings: Both men's and women's meetings are going well. Bruce K stated more male

2 volunteers are needed for the men's Huber meetings.

Sanger B Powers and GBCI Meetings: These meetings are going well. However they are in need of new volunteers. The same core group of men have been attending these meetings for years. There is a need for new volunteers to ensure the meetings will continue in the future.

Cooperating w/Professional Community (CPC):
Not Present

2006 Spring Conference: Dean H reported there is a need for an Alkathon chair. John S. volunteered. Menu, registration cost, and flyer has been approved.

Intergroup: Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

Budgets: Dean H reported there could be changes in the Budget with respect to the Newsletter. There is a possibility the means of printing the newsletter may not be available in the near future. The cost for printing the newsletter may increase. Currently it costs the District \$40.00 per month to print the news letter. Other options may need to be explored.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim D. reported he received a call from the Golden House asking for brochures. Jim thought it might be a good idea to start supplying this facility with pamphlets and newsletters. Pat T.C. will be taking care of this.

Committee Info

Corrections

The A.A.'s that have been supporting the meeting at the Green Bay Correctional Institute are concerned that there are not any new people from the outside attending. It has been supported by the same group of people for many years. If they can not attend, the meeting does not occur. New support from the outside is needed so that the meeting will be around for years to come. **Contact: Lynn L.** 496-5899 Call in the evening. **CLEARANCE REQUIRED!**

Sam S.'s particular service is to attend and distribute AA literature in our correctional facilities. Every now and then he'll stop in to your Group seeking soft cover books or a donation to purchase some, but you don't have to wait. **Contact Sam** directly at 920-660-3341.

Bridging The Gap/Treatment

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. To volunteer **contact: Bruce K.** 498-9750.

Public Information

A "P.I. Visit" might include an opportunity to carry the message to schools, local businesses, church and civic groups. It could staff an AA Booth at health fairs in our community. Radio and television announcements can be arraigned. Displays of AA literature can be placed and maintained in public areas; meeting lists distributed.

Because we are anonymous and do not promote ourselves, many in our community having no direct contact with AA are uncertain of who we are, what we do and how we do it. Public

Information is that connection between us and the alcoholic 'out there' who is still suffering. Please consider this essential committee when asking yourself, "How can I serve?" **Contact Ben W.** 491-4104 for more information.

Hot Line Volunteers Needed

Our 24 hour Hot Line is in need of men and women volunteers with one year sobriety. Become available to answer questions and offer your experience, strength and hope. You are not tied to the phone and if a call comes at a wrong time it can be declined. The Hot Line is volunteer friendly. Give Barb R. a call for more info, 437-6484.

Our Trustees: The active guardians of our Twelve Traditions.

This is the basic corporate concept on which our structure of world service rests. We have deliberately chosen the corporate form rather than the institutional or governmental model, because it is well known that the corporation is a far superior vehicle when it comes to the administration of policy and business.

Comment: Big Book

From top to bottom, our whole service structure indeed resembles that of a large corporation. The A.A. groups are the stockholders; the Delegates are their representatives or proxies at the "annual meeting"; our General Service Board Trustees are actually the directors of a "holding company." And this holding company, the General Service Board, actually owns and controls the "subsidiaries" which carry on our active world services.

This very real analogy makes it even more clear that, just like any other board of directors, our Trustees must be given large powers if they are to effectively manage the principal world affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous.

"The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service," by Bill W., with permission.

First of all we had to quit playing God.

Concept VI

On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Concepts Checklist

- Are we familiar with how our General Service Board (GSB) Class A and Class B trustees serve AA? Are we familiar with how our other trusted servants serve AA?
- Are we clear about the terms, "chief initiative" and "active responsibility"? Can we see a direct link to our home group?

We have seen that the "final responsibility and ultimate authority" for A.A.'s service activities rest with the A.A. groups (Concept I), but to carry out this responsibility they must delegate to the Conference (Concept II). The Conference, in turn, must delegate administrative authority to the General Service Board of Trustees. *"The Twelve Concepts for World Service," P-8*

Of course our objective is always a spiritual one, but this service aim can only be achieved by means of an effective business operation. Our Trustees must function almost exactly like the directors of any large business corporation. They must have ample authority to really manage and conduct A.A.'s business.

INCARCERATION

MEETINGS WITHIN WALLS.

BROWN COUNTY JAIL

3030 Curry Ln. Green Bay

Wednesday 6:00 pm Men
Wednesday 6:00 pm Women

BROWN COUNTY WORK RELEASE, HUBER

125 So. Adams St. Green Bay

Wednesday 8:00 pm Men
Wednesday 8:00 pm Women
Sunday 5:30 pm Men and Women

A call for women to attend.

SANGER B. POWERS

N 375 County Rd. U Oneida

Tuesday 6:30 pm Men

GREEN BAY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

2833 Riverside Dr. Green Bay

Monday 2:00 pm Men

CLEARANCE REQUIRED!

NEEDED INFORMATION INCLUDES:

NAME PHONE ADDRESS
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

CONTACT: LYNN L. 496-5899

Comment: Info updated 03/18/05 By Sid.

Newsletter/Meeting List

Opinions expressed herein are individual. Each member speaks only for herself and himself.

District 01 sponsors this newsletter and meeting list. It is distributed at the GSR and District Committee Meeting each month.

Past issues of the newsletter and our meeting list are available on our website: www.greenbayaa.org

The deadline is June 10th for the July issue

Please indicate if your submission is for the newsletter, the meeting list or both. Send to:

District 01 Newsletter, PO Box 0632, Green Bay, WI 54305
 Leave a message: Marty S. 465-1401
 Email: martyjs@athenet.net

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. Thank you.

Example of Group Contributions to AA Service Entities

Distribution of funds from groups that support three service entities as suggested by a motion during our December 11th 04 GSR and District Service Meeting until District funds provide for a stable prudent reserve.

Area 74 address:

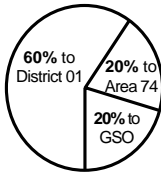
Tiffany Crandall
 317 Summit Ave # 3
 Eau Claire, WI 54701
 Payable to: Area 74 Treasurer

GSO address:

G.S.O.
 Grand Central Station
 P.O. Box 459
 New York, NY 10163
 Payable to: General Fund

District 01 address:

Dean H., Treasurer
 PO Box 0632
 Green Bay, WI 54305
 Payable to: District 01 Treasurer



We must find some spiritual basis for living, else we die.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE WOLF'S DEN?

It's spring in it's full splendor in God's country and the beautiful weather warms our spirits. It's time to enjoy the great outdoors!

A footnote about last month's newsletter. It was the May issue and we inadvertently printed the April article from the 'What's new in the Wolfs' Den' in the May issue. So... this month's article will include both the fourth and fifth steps which go hand in hand anyway.

The fourth step reads, "Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves." The fifth step reads, "Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs." What a tall order, especially since fear is the trademark of every alcoholic.

A moral inventory? Our moral compass didn't even have a needle when we were in the throes of alcoholism. We were self-centered, selfish and full of false pride to the point we thought the world revolved around us. Until we do this step, completely and with rigorous honesty, we have little success of a sustained recovery. In my opinion, these are the most critical and vital steps of our program. It's time to clear away the wreckage of the past.

You will discover a profound sense of freedom and the weight of all the pain, guilt and shame lifted from your soul will open your eyes to a whole new way of living. The fact that you have put all your cards on the table, will make working the rest of the steps so much easier.

The second half of the equation and the next step, the Fifth step, is the opportunity to face those wrongs you have done. The fifth step... "Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs."

If you've done a complete and honest fourth step, you have already admitted those wrongs to yourself. Admitting them to 'God' to me is the genuinely spiritual part of this step, simply because 'God' is an all forgiving 'God'.

The most difficult part of this step may be admitting your wrongs to another human being. Here you must be careful whom you choose to open up to. In the 'Big Book' on p. 72 is a very well written script on how and whom to choose when doing a fifth step. Many seek out a pastor or priest. Some share their stories with their sponsor. Others speak to professional people such as psychologists or counselors. Others even go to family members. The most important criteria is that they understand the alcoholic and the disease of which we suffer. We must be diligent not to hurt any of our family or spouse with any of our disclosures. We have no right to save our own skin at the expense of someone else. The rule is we must be hard on ourselves, but considerate of others.

"Quotable Quotes"

- On Health. . . by Fletcher Knebel
 "Smoking is the leading cause of statistics."
- On Eternity. . . by Tom Stoppard
 "Eternity is a terrible thought. I mean where is it going to end?"
- On Healing. . . by Louise L. Hay
 "Healing means to make whole, to accept all parts of ourselves, not just the parts we like, but all of us!"
- On Accomplishment. . . by Hegel
 "Nothing great in the world has been accomplished without passion"

Michael V "Gray Wolf"

... it doesn't matter too much how the transforming spiritual experience is brought about so long as one gets one that works for her/him.

Comment: Bill Wilson, Personal Correspondence, from: *The Spirituality of Imperfection*, p. 11 by Ernest Kurtz and Katherine Ketcham.

Comment: Language of the Heart, Comments on Wylie Ideas, September 1944, p. 98.

The Friday Night Winner's Circle now meets at 8:00 pm at The Bridge, 2514 Jenny Ln., Green Bay. If your looking for a meeting with quality, long term sobriety, this is it. Join us at Happy Joe's afterward for ice cream and Fellowship. We hope to see your there.
Contact: Pete J. 490-4008

The cycle is ever the same.

First, we turn to AA because we may die if we don't. Next, we depend upon its fellowship and philosophy to stop our drinking. Then, for a time, we tend once more to depend upon ourselves, seeking happiness through power and acclaim. Finally, some incident, perhaps a sharp reverse, opens our eyes still wider. Then, as we learn our new lesson and *really accept its teaching*, we enter a new level of better feeling and doing. Life takes on a finer meaning. **We glimpse realities new to us; we apprehend the kind of love which assures us that it is more blessed to give than to receive.** These are some of the reasons why we think that Alcoholics Anonymous may be a new form of society.

Language Of The Heart, Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings; p. 36, with permission.

If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours.

CALENDAR

May

19th thru 22nd Thur – Sun **Women's AA Spring Retreat**, Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI "A time for us." We hope you take advantage of this UNIQUE opportunity to relax and restore your inner resources with other women in recovery. Our theme this year is "**Back to basics, success in recovery.**" Bring your creativity and your crafts. There will be a change in this year's fundraiser for scholarships in lieu of our white elephant auction. The Committee encourages you to bring your crafts with you to sell at the retreat, so get arting and crafting! A portion of your sales will then be donated to the retreat scholarship fund. We have been able to provide scholarships to this retreat since it's existence of 21 years and are happy to help out anyone with hardships, etc. **HP always gives us what we need.** A minimum one year sobriety recommended for attendance. If you have less than one year of sobriety, you must come with someone else, i.e., sponsor or someone who will be at retreat to sponsor you. Cost is \$190 per person (includes lodging and meals). Space is limited. Reserve a spot with a deposit of \$75, non-refundable, w/ balance due Friday evening of the retreat. Make check payable to: Green Lake Conference Center. Send to: Dinah VK-Polzin, 850 Auburn Dr., Brookfield, WI 53045. Scholarships are available. **Contact: Dinah** 262-792-0500 or Email: dvkpolzin@yahoo.com

At every level of service, the ultimate authority is our group conscious as expressed by a loving HP.

28th Sat **Annual Oconto Intergroup**, First American Lutheran Church, 511 Madison St. Ham and rolls provided. Please bring a dish to pass.

June

10, 11, 12th Fri, Sat, Sun **Founder's Day**, Akron, Ohio. **Friday Activities:** 12 Step Panel • AA Early Bird Meeting • Actors Guild Play "*The Passengers*" • Old Timers Panel • Serenity Singers • 12 Traditions Skit. **Saturday Activities:** Bus tour of Historic AA Sites • Al-Anon Skit • Reunión En Español Rolando C., Puerto Rico "*Nadie sabe como se siente un alcoholico, excepto otro alcoholico*" • Dance. **Sunday Activities:** Motorcade to Dr. Bob's Grave. This is only a sample of weekend activities. Visit: www.akronaa.org for a complete list of activities and to download a registration form. Mail pre-registration by May 15th to: Founders' Day Committee, PO Box 12, Akron, Ohio 44309-0012

Our whole A.A. program is securely founded on the principle of humility...

Comment: Language of the Heart, Tradition One, December 1947, p. 76

Comment: From Flyer dtd 02-07-05

16th Thur **GSR and District Service Meeting**, The Bridge, 2514 Jenny Lane, Green Bay. Third Thursday at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

17, 18, 19th Fri Sat Sun **13th Annual Sand Lake Sobriety Campout**, Menominee Indian Reservation, Keshena, WI Traditional Feast • Drum Ceremony • Sacred Fire • Sweat Lodge • Talking Circles • Panels include: Emotional Sobriety - Physical Sobriety - Spiritual Sobriety - Mental Sobriety • Youth Activities • Games and races • Elder Stories • Kids Circle • Ropes • Rough Camping • Port a Pots • Free Firewood • Lake Fishing • Swimming • Canoeing • On-site security • DJ - "Jamming Joe" Saturday night • 24-hour Coffee Pot Please pre-register by May 17th Individual \$5, Family \$15, to: Barb Smith, 168 Old Oregon Rd., Oshkosh, WI 54902. **Contact: Bonnie S.** 920-819-0844, Email: bstonema@oneidanation.org **Mary W.** 715-799-3835, Email: mwebster@mitw.org **Georgia S.** 715-304-9800, gstillwell@mitw.org

25th Sat **Seymour Intergroup Pot Luck Dinner**, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 349 No. Main St., Seymour, WI Meat and buns provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Wheelchair accessible. Good fellowship, fun, and door prizes. Bring a friend! 6:00 pm Dinner, 7:15 Open Speakers Meeting, AA & Al-Anon speakers **Contact: Don D.** 833-6689

Comment: Confirmed info correct with Don D. 03/14/05

30, 1, 2, 3rd **International Convention,**
Toronto, Canada

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**Compromise comes hard to us
all-or-nothing drunks.**

23rd **Sat Chilton Intergroup,** Ebenezer United Church of Christ, 44 West Washington St., Chilton, WI. Pot Luck 6:00 pm. AA and Al-Anon speakers 7:00 pm. Please bring a dish to pass. Non-smoking. **Contact: Rita K.** 920-849-2911

29, 30, 31st **Fri Sat Sun 9th Annual 'Keep It Simple' Washington Island Spirituality Weekend,** Island Campground & Recreation, Washington Island, WI 54264 Ph: 920-847-2622 A weekend focused on the 3rd & 11th Steps. **Friday:** 4:00 pm registration opens • 6:00 pm Casual, elective

You A.A.'s are a privileged people.

6 Potluck Dinner, please bring a dish to pass • Evening Welcome Campfire • Open Meeting on the 3rd Step. **Saturday:** AA and Al-Anon Meetings in the morning, afternoon and evening • A time to fish, swim, hike, sit, relax, read and just stare off into space. **Sunday:** 6:00 am AA and Al-Anon meetings • Spirituality Panel • Clean ups and good-byes. To camp at the campground we have arranged for the large group site. This is where all events will be held. Campsites are on the edge of the group site. Campsite fee: \$3.50 per person per night paid on site. Private sites available. Dogs are welcome, but not at the meetings. Community Center gym and kitchen for use in case of rain. Ferries operate daily. For more info contact: Washington Island Ferry Line Ph: 800-223-2094 or www.wisferry.com. Retreat registration: \$20 per person. Ferry transportation, meals and lodging or camping costs are not included. Make check payable to 'Open Door Group' and mail with registration to: Island Retreat, PO Box 295, Maplewood, WI 54226-0295. Disclaimer: Any Alcoholics Anonymous & Al-Anon Groups, and the sponsors of this event, are NOT liable for any lost property or personal injuries. For information or to serve **contact: Gunter R.** 920-856-6354

30th **Sat Pass It On Fest,** Pass It On Club, 6229 W. Forest Home Ave., Milwaukee, WI. 414-541-6923 or www.passitonclub.com "**A Day for family fun.**" 10am thru 10pm • Children's Games • Live Music • Silent Auction • Bake Sale • Dunk Tank • Hot Dogs and Hamburgers • plus Special Pig Roast \$10, served from 5pm to 8pm. Pass It On Club's first ever Summer Festival! A great day for the whole family.

A u g u s t

27th **Sat New London Intergroup,** United Methodist Church, 709 Pine St. New London, WI Pot Luck at 6:00 pm. Speakers at 7:00 pm. Please bring a dish to pass. **Contact: Jack R.** 920-982-4229

"**Thirteenth Stepping**" occurs when a person with sobriety makes sexual overtures to a newcomer or someone newly sober, sometimes under the guise of "sponsoring" or working with the newcomer. To varying degrees it violates the principle that we should help others without expectation of reciprocity or return favors, sexual or otherwise. To varying degrees it taints the apparent motives of other AA members who really desire nothing other than to help the newcomer get sober. To varying degrees it can give an entire group the undeserved reputation as a "meat market," and it can deprive the newcomer of the feeling that there is at least one safe place to be.

Comment: From a Flyer

Comment: Between-Us, May 05

Comment: Info Confirmed 05/15/05 by Jack R.

Comment: *The A. A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service*, by Bill W., 2003-4 Ed. 'Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need,' p. S-47

Comment: Info Confirmed 05/15/05 by Rita K.

Comment: <http://www.aainsa.org/ForTodAAy/Jan/22ThirteenthStep.htm>