

June 2007

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"

SERVICE MEETING
June 21th 6:30 PM.
@ The Bridge
2514 JENNY LANE Green Bay

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
Bridging the Gap/Treatment	Eddy A.	339-0729
Cooperation w/ professional Committee	Phyllis	471-0749
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

"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

Each member speaks for him or herself.
In the home group, the GSR brings our group conscience to the DCM as it is shared among the groups in our district. Groups draw upon the service of the committees. The newsletter and meeting list is distributed. **All members are welcome to attend!**

AA HOTLINE – 469-9999

"A NEW GROUP IS FORMED"

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.

Any two or more alcoholics gathered together may call themselves an A. A. group, provided that, as a group they have no other affiliation.

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

REGISTER YOUR GROUP NATIONALLY
by sending your "New group form"
to the GSO in N.Y. Call the district 01 meeting-list representative listed on this page and leave your info for inclusion on the meeting list. WELCOME!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

DISTRICT 01 www.greenbayaa.org
AREA 74 www.area74.org
AREA 75 www.area75.org
AA GRAPEVINE www.aagrapevine.org
G.S.O.(NEW YORK) 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

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

**Minutes of the GSR and Committee Service Meeting @ The Bridge
April 19,2007**

Those in attendance:

Debbie S. Secretary
Brad E. Newsletter
Pat Friends of Bill
Randy B. Fisherman's Paradise
Craig M. Alt. GSR St. Matt's Eye Opener
Eric V. Webmaster
Jim D. Hotline chair
Sue A. GSR Mon. Road to Recovery 218 club
Brian Alt. GSR
Don G. GSR Fri. nite Winner's Circle
Bruce K. DCM District 01
Tim D. 6pm men's Serenity Seekers
John S. Tue. Happy Hour Group
Phyllis W. CPC Chair
Sarah G. Tues. women's mtg. 218 club
Veronica R.
GSR Mon BB 8pm at The Bridge
Mark P. Archives
Jeff P. GSR Mon. 8:30am BB at 218 Club
Mark E. GSR Thurs. 9:30am Walk with Us

The meeting opened with the serenity prayer.

The Traditions were read.

Debbie S. read the minutes from March 15, 2007.
They were accepted as read.

Bruce reported the treasury for Lynn L. There was a \$38 correction that needed to be made. Bruce will let Lynn know. The treasurers report was accepted with noted correction.

Committee Reports

NEWSLETTER- Brad reported. He now has e-mail addresses for the newsletter and meeting list on the front page of the newsletter. Brad thanked Michael and Marty for their help.

HOTLINE- Jim D. completed contacting hotline volunteers. He had three eliminations—2 didn't respond and 1 is not involved in AA anymore. The hotline needs female volunteers for 12am-6am.

PUBLIC INFORMATION- not present

BRIDGING THE GAP- not present

ARCHIVES- Mark will be contacting John S. for any archive info. He might have from Paul S. It was suggested the central office exploratory committee keep records of their exploration for archives.

GRAPEVINE- not present

CORRECTIONS- not present- Bruce did report a huber meeting was cancelled due to lack of volunteers. Volunteers desperately needed!!

Cooperation with the Professional Community(C.P.C.)- Phyllis is looking forward to hearing the speakers from out of town at the April 28 Central Office Exploratory meeting She feels C.P.C. could work better through a central office.

WEBMASTER- Eric V. reported he added a contacts page to the website. The meeting list has a contact e-mail now. If a

Chairperson wants a contact e-mail for their committee on the web contact Eric. (webmaster@greenbayaa.org)

DCM- Bruce went to the Area Assembly. There was a good turnout for our district. He talked with other DCM's about various committees.

The Regional Representative reported a lot of opposition to AA using a "business structure". Overall AA membership is decreasing.

Bruce suggests going to the Spring Conference in Phillips. It is a good learning experience.

Sue A. GSR for Road to Recovery went to the Assembly and said she learned a lot.

OLD BUSINESS- There was a question of having a picture of The Bridge on the website. It was agreed it would not be a good idea. Eric will be looking into getting links on the web for meeting location directions.

NEW BUSINESS- There was a suggestion for the Hotline number to be on the front page of the newsletter.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by: Debbie S.

LaFond, John P.

John P. LaFond, 66, Green Bay, went to be with our eternal Father on Sunday, May 6, 2007, at home with his family by his side after a year long battle with lung cancer during which time he stayed positive and joked until the end.

He was born Aug. 30, 1940 to the late Daniel and Agnes (DeNoble) LaFond in Green Bay. On July 28, 1962, he married Madonna Paider in Denmark, Wis. John was employed by Leicht Transfer and Storage, retiring on Dec 30, 1991. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren, fishing, hunting, spending time at his cottage in Townsend, playing cards and B.S.ing with his family and friends. He volunteered his time at The Bridge and attended Celebrate Recovery meetings.

Godspeed John.

TREASURE'S REPORT

Balance as of March 15, 2007 **\$1,906.83**

Deposits:

Fisherman's Paradise	\$ 30.00
Walk with Us	
9:30Thurs. The Bridge	\$ 60.00
Tues 1PM Woman's Group	\$ 71.00
Tues 1PM Woman's Group	\$ 75.39

Total Deposits **\$236.39**

Checks or Debits

The Bridge (rent)	\$ 15.00
Elizabeth Fagen (P.I.)	\$ 17.38
All City Communications	\$163.10
Image Fee	\$ 3.00

Total Checks or Debits **\$198.48**

Balance as of April 19, 2007 **\$1,998.48**
\$1944.29 corrected

OPEN VOLUNTEER SERVICE POSITIONS:

URGENT NEED!

We have a desperate need for volunteers in the Corrections area of service, especially male volunteers. Please check out what you can do toward continuing sobriety for yourself by attending one more meeting! You need clearance, so contact Glenn F. to get an application.

Corrections Committee Chair: Glenn F. 321-8039

The Hotline needs female volunteers for the 12:00AM – 6AM time slot.

Please contact Jim D. – 468-8141

CENTRAL OFFICE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 2007

Contact: Sam S. cell 920-6603341

Those in attendance:

Tim D.	Tuesday night men's group
Mark C.	Thursday 9:30am Walk with Us
Terri H.	Group rep. Thurs. Walk with Us
R. Sam S.	Rep. Back to Basics Thurs. 6pm
Shelly B.	Rep. Sat. 10am Eye Openers St. Matt's
Jim D.	AA member, district hotline chair
Debbie S.	Alt. Eye Opener St. Matt's
Angy P.	Rep. Serenity Now
Don D.	Rep. Thurs. night St. Will's meeting
Maggie B.	Thurs. night St. Will's meeting
Peter H.	Rep. Never on Sunday
Kami F.	Rep. Friday Winner's Circle

ATTENTION ALL AA GROUPS !

Please elect a member to represent your group for exploration of a central office in District 01. Your group opinion matters to AA as a whole!!

A motion was made for each group to have one vote per group and elected persons can still maintain group representative positions. Motion seconded and carried.

Fond du Lac, Menasha, Milwaukee, and Racine will be coming on April 28 to speak on a panel.

A discussion on the format followed. The speakers will be mailed a list of questions the committee came up with.

A motion was made for the panelists to be introduced and then have 3-5 minutes per panelist to give a general background of their central office. Next the panelists will answer questions from mailed sheet; then, if there is extra time the committee will ask other questions.---the motion was seconded and carried with one opposition.

There will be a potluck of "finger food" snacks. Committee members are asked to please bring a snack of some kind that doesn't require utensils. Kami volunteered to bring paper plates and napkins.

A motion was made to compensate panelists for their gas expenses. It was agreed to give Menasha- \$40; Fond du Lac- \$50; Milwaukee- \$60; and Racine- \$70. Motion was seconded and carried.

New Business: A group rep. told us a major concern of their group was funding. A discussion followed. Some ideas were for individual sustainers and group sustainers (money they feel they can contribute to central office). It was also discussed that people volunteering their services will save money. It was also mentioned it is too early to be talking about funding—we need to do a lot more research first on pro's and con's of a central office and see how the groups feel as we get more information.

Anything printed in the newsletter about the central office exploratory committee will not be using full last names and e-mails unless individual gives personal approval.

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

OCONTO

INTERGROUP

May 26, 2007

First American Lutheran Church
511 Madison St.
Oconto, Wisconsin

6:00 PM Potluck Dinner
Please bring a dish to pass

7:00 PM G.S.R. Meeting

7:30 PM Al-Anon and A.A. Speakers

Door prizes through out the evening.

Join us for an evening of Food, Fun, and Fellowship

For more information contact:
Tammy N. 1-715-610-3797

11th Annual “Keep it Simple” weekend

July 13 - 15, 2007

Friends, just three months until our 11th annual “Keep It Simple”

A.A. – Al-Anon

Door County, Washington Island Weekend

Weekend focused on the Third and Eleventh steps

Friday through Sunday,
July 13, 14, 15, 2007
Island Campground and Recreation
Washington Island, WI 54246

Registration cost: \$20 per person
We have arranged space for camping on the large group site.

All events will be held around the campfire.
Bring your own chairs

***Bring your own musical instruments
*** Fee for camping on the group site is \$3.50 per person per night, payable at registration.

If you want a private wooded site, call 920-847-2622

Registration fee does not cover food, which must be provided by individuals attending.
Please bring your own food and a means to prepare it. There is a grocery store and deli located on the island as well as several restaurants.

A potluck dinner is planned for Friday and Saturday evenings.
Coffee is provided from dawn to dusk. (and maybe even later!)
Some baked goods will be supplied, but bringing baked goods to share is much appreciated.

FRIDAY NIGHT

4 PM registration begins on site
Send Registration to:
Island Retreat
PO Box 125
Forestville, WI 54213-0125
Brochures have been mailed USPS in February, 2007. If you do not receive one in the USPS mail’ send the following information: name, address, city and state, zip, and e-mail address, if any, with \$20 fee per person, checks payable to OPEN DOOR GROUP.

6 PM Casual, elective potluck dinner
7 PM Opening welcome and A.A. –Al-Anon open speaker meeting

SATURDAY

7 AM A.A. –Al-Anon discussion meetings
10 AM A.A. –Al-Anon open discussion meetings

followed by time to socialize, fish, swim, hike, relax

6 PM elective potluck dinner

7PM A.A. –Al-Anon open speaker meeting

SUNDAY MORNING

7 AM A.A. –Al-Anon discussion meeting

10 AM Open 12-step Spirituality meeting and

Closing clean-ups and good byes.

Opportunities for service abound!

Ferry schedule, 2007 rates and information about Washington Island: auto is going to be \$24 auto round trip; adults \$10 round trip.

www.wisferry.com - 1-800-223-2094

Address any questions to: Gunter 920-856-6354

reiche@itol.com

Seymour Thursday night AA Group

Sponsoring a night of fellowship
Saturday, June 23rd, 2007
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
349 North Main Street, Seymour

Hall opens at 5 pm

Potluck Dinner at 6 pm
Hot Sandwiches provided
(please bring a dish to share)

Door Prizes
Open AA & Alanon Speaker
Meetings Starting at 7 pm ?

Fellowship
An AA way of Life

Chairman & point of contact
Steve H. 920-739-1977

If you pray....."Why Worry?"

If you Worry....."Why Pray!"

(Heard at a meeting)

STEP 6

"Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character"

This is the step that separates the "Men from the Boys"!

The New Lexion Webster's Dictionary defines the two key words...Defect/Character as follows..

'Defect': n. A shortcoming; inadequacy: A fault; Blemish. And.....

'Character': n. The total quality of a persons behavior; His/Her habits of thought and expression; His/Her attitudes and interests, actions; and His/Her personal philosophy of life.

Taken into context, any person who is capable of enough willingness and honesty to try repeatedly Step six, without any reservation whatever, has indeed come a long way spiritually.

Any question whatsoever about whether God can and will remove all these defects of character need see the proof in nearly every member of A.A.

We all have tried every conceivable means to stop drinking, drawing on our best sense of willpower, by geographical cures, by reading inspirational books. We have all had intervention by family, friends, doctors and clergyman, all to no avail. But when I sat down and did my fourth step, Honestly and thorough, I had taken the intial step toward recovery. A 'Big' step to be sure. If we then asked a "Higher Power" as we understood Him to give us release from this obsession, the need to drink vanished. It was lifted right out from us!

All over the world, this is heard repeatedly. People from every faith and walk of life. The voices of freedom are heard with resounding clarity. One cannot come away with a sense that this must surely be true and that there is something genuine and real to it.

Having had a release from the obsession to drink, "Why wouldn't a "God of our understanding" do the same if we asked Him to remove our character defects?" A seed of "Faith" as small as a seed of grain can flourish into a field of abundance as far as the eye can see. Nature and God both abhor our destroying ourselves with alcohol. We are all imperfect and with fault.

Since most of us are born with an abundance of natural desires, it isn't strange that we would let these

far exceed their intended purpose. When they drive us blindly, or we willfully demand that we are supplied with more satisfaction and pleasures than are possibly due us, that is the point where we depart from the degree of perfection that God wishes for us here on earth. That is the measure of our character defects, or if you wish, of our sins. (12&12 P. 65)

So Step Six..."Were entirely ready to have God remove these defects of character"...is A.A.'s way of stating the very "Best" attitude one can take to make a beginning on this lifetime job. It does not mean that we will be white as the fresh driven snow, but it does mean that we can begin to make patient progress to improvement. The key words "entirely ready" underlines the fact that want to aim at the very best we know or can learn.

As you grow in this program, you become aware of those defects that have caused you problems in the past and can change them before they crop up again. Changing old behaviors will be both noticeable and profound. Those around you will notice your new attitude and will cheer your progress. Those who still suffer this disease will take notice and inquire about what you are doing differently. It is then that you can "CARRY THE MESSAGE"!

With your building of a spiritual foundation upon which to grow, you are able to be a part of our fellowship where one alcoholic can help another alcoholic stay sober. The blessings and rewards from this endeavor are countless and fulfilling. The "Promises" of this program will come true for you and countless others.

This step is, and will be, a continuing process. It is with diligence and faith that we will overcome some and become more aware of others and will become better and more productive citizens of the world around us. REMEMBER...WE CLAIM SPIRITUAL PROGRESS...RATHER THAN SPIRITUAL PERFECTION!!

"Gray Wolf"

IT'S NOT THE LAST DRINK THAT
GOT YOU DRUNK, IT WAS THE FIRST

IF YOU ARE IN A TUNNEL WITH A
TRAIN BARRELING DOWN ON YOU,
IT'S NOT THE CABOOSE THAT RUNS
YOU OVER.

(Heard at a meeting)