

# DISTRICT 01 NEWSLETTER

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

MARCH 2005

DISTRICT 01 PO BOX 0632 GREEN BAY WI 54305

www.greenbayaa.org

## GSR and District Service Meeting

March 17<sup>th</sup>  
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 as we draw upon the service of our committees. The Newsletter and Meeting List are distributed. All members are welcome to attend.

Our entire AA program  
rests squarely upon  
the principle of mutual trust.

## District 01 Committee Officers

District Committee Member (DCM)	Kelly J.	469-0501
Alternate DCM	John RS	435-5158
Secretary	John S.	499-3939
Treasurer	Dean H.	438-1594
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	Pat T.C.	494-7990
Newsletter	Marty S.	465-1401
Public Information	Ben W.	491-4104

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 service. 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 01 02 04 05 06 07 09 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)	

For general and pre-registration information about the **2005 International Convention** to be held in Toronto, Canada, go to the GSO web site under "Services for Members"

## 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."

Gather about yourself a few kindred spirits and announce to us that a new Alcoholics Anonymous Group has been 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 Church	1545 University Av.	Green Bay	437-0511

The reason for our fuzzy thinking  
is the usual one - it is fear.

## 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. 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.** at: 498-9750.

### 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.**

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Comment: Tradition Three, long form

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

Comment: Language of the Heart p. 27

Recovery - Unity - Service

# JANUARY DISTRICT 01 COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD JANUARY 20, 2005 AT THE BRIDGE

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

ELIZABETH GSR NEW HOPE	JOHN S DISTRICT 01 SECRETARY	TERRA V GSR PROMISE SEEKERS
MARY K INTERGROUP CO CHAIR	MARY ANN S NEW HOPE	JOHN RS ALT DCM
JOHN G GSR FISHERMAN'S PARA	NANCY H GSR EYE OPENER	JIM D NEVER ON SUNDAY
BEN W PUBLIC INFORMATION	BARB R DISTRICT 01 HOTLINE	STEFFI K GSR EARLY BIRDS
LYNN L DIST 01 CORRECTION	BRAD H GSR SERENITY SEEKERS	DEAN H DIST 01 TREASURER
BILL L DIST 01 GRAPEVINE	BRUCE K BRIDGING THE GAP	MARTY S DIST NEWSLETTER
KELLY J DCM	PAT TC GSR BELIEVERS	DEBBIE S ALT GSR EYE OPENER

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Submitted by John S. Minutes were accepted as read.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

## AA DISTRICT 01 TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY 20, 2005

BALANCE AS OF 12-11-04 \$ 414.19

DEPOSITS: \$ 1430.18

Friends Of Bill W. Group	\$ 600.00
New Hope Group	240.00
Sat. Eye Opener Group	220.50
Holiday Party (donations)	56.50
Tues. Afternoon Women's Group	47.62
Women in the Present Group	115.00
Mon. 8 am Big Book Group	25.56
Fri. Night Alive Women's Group	125.00

CHECKS: \$ 88.10

Marty S. (Newsletter)	\$ 14.60
All City Communications (Hotline)	36.50
218 Club (Rent)	15.00
Kelly Jones (DCM Expenses)	22.00

BALANCE AS OF 01-20-05 \$ 1756.27

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
DEAN HANSEN  
TREASURER

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Newsletter:** Marty S. reported all is going well with the Newsletter. He is considering listing information about issues being addressed at the Area and Conference levels. A recommendation was made that he should contact the Delegate of Area 74 to obtain this type of information. Mary K. raised a question regarding an advertisement in the Newsletter for available meeting space at Victory Baptist Church. She did not agree with the advertisement indicating the church sponsors a day room, coffee, and lunch. She felt we should not list what the church does, as it becomes an advertisement for the church.

**Hotline:** Barb R reported that there were 101 calls received in the month of December. 1 call was answered by a volunteer. There was discussion about changing answering services, and possibly going to answering machine format where a volunteer would call the individual back if needed. Currently it appears the majority of the calls received are to find out when and where meetings are located. It was decided this format would be researched and discussed at the next District 01 Committee Meeting.

**Public Information:** Ben W reported he completed reading the P.I. packet, is seeking a co chair form, and intends on forming a P.I. Committee. He stated he looking to provide meeting lists to businesses the public frequents such as the

hotels and libraries. P.I. is also considering contacting the school system, and police departments. This committee also has a lot of A.A. pamphlets that could be shared with the other committee.

**Treatment/Bridging the Gap:** Bruce K. reported he has referrals that are in need of temporary contacts. If anyone is interested (one female and one male), please contact Bruce. He completed reading the BTG manual and is still learning. Volunteers are needed for temporary contacts. Please bring this back to your groups.

**Archives:** NOT PRESENT

**Grapevine:** Bill L reported the 218 Club will be donating the grapevines that have not been sold after 60 days to the jail meetings. The Grapevine subscription for the Brown County Library system has come to due. The Early Bird Group paid for this subscription in 2004. Bill is going to inquire if they will be willing to do this for 2005. If not, he will come back to the District. A Grapevine display will be set up at the Intergroup.

**Corrections:** Lynn L reported there will be a Corrections Meeting on 02/13/05 at the 218 Club at 10 a.m. Darrell O, the Area 74 Corrections Chair will be holding a meeting at the Intergroup regarding the Corrections Conference in April. The Eye Opener Group has been donating money to Corrections to purchase literature. Lynn stated a four-hour block of Security Training is required for who are attending the jail meetings from the outside. 26 people have gone through this training. All correction meeting are going well. .

**CPC:** NOT PRESENT

**Intergroup:** Mary K. reported the intergroup will be held on 01/22/05 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. She needs volunteers to sell soda/water and help with clean up. Bring a dish to pass.

**2006 SPRING CONFERENCE:** Greg reported the planning committee has to figure out the budgets for the various committees.

## OLD BUSINESS

**District 01 Budget:** Dean H. reviewed the District's spending back to 2001. He developed a budget for 2005 based on past donations and spending. Discussion followed. Kelly requested that all the Committee Chairs develop a budget for 2005 and submit to Dean.

## NEW BUSINESS

Reimbursements:

A motion was made by John R.S. to reimburse Marty S. \$40.00 for the cost of printing the newsletter. Motion was seconded. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Dean H. to reimburse Bruce K. \$16.00 for BTG printing costs. Motion seconded. Motion Carried.

**JANUARY DISTRICT 01 COMMITTEE MEETING continued**

A motion was made by Dean H. to pay the Bridge \$15.00 rent for holding the January 05 District 01 Committee meeting. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

John R.S. made a motion to automatically pay the Bridge \$15.00 rent. Sid B seconded. Motion carried.

A motion was made by John S. for the District to donate two subscriptions of the Grapevine (\$36.00) to be given at the Intergroup. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

**Newsletter Article:** Jim D. raised a concern regarding an article in Newsletter regarding the need for a combined closed meeting for both A.A. and Alanon. Jim did not feel that this article should be in the Newsletter since it is outside of the scope of A.A. Discussion followed. John R.S. made a motion that this subject be tabled for 2 months so the Newsletter Chair can provide other newsletters as examples. Any subjects outside the A.A. guidelines not be put into the newsletter during this period. Pat T.C. seconded. Motion carried.

**Committee Info**  
**continued**

**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 arranged. 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.

**Opportunity comes through change.  
Change comes by growth.**

**Newsletter/Meeting List**

District 01 sponsors this newsletter and meeting list. Opinions expressed herein are individual. Each member speaks only for herself and himself. Past issues of the newsletter and our meeting list are available on our website: [www.greenbayaa.org](http://www.greenbayaa.org) The deadline is March 10<sup>th</sup> for the April 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, or Leave a message: Marty S. 465-1401, or Email: [martyjs@athenet.net](mailto: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.

**Spiritual progress is a process.**

**INCARCERATION**

Meetings within walls.

**Brown County Work Release, Huber**

125 So. Adams St. Green Bay

Wednesday 8:00 pm Men and Women  
Sunday 6:30 pm Men and Women

A call for women to attend.

**Brown County Jail**

3030 Curry Ln. Green Bay

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

**CLEARANCE REQUIRED!**

NEEDED INFORMATION

Name Social Security Number  
Phone Address

**Contact: Lynn L. 496-5899 Call in the evening**

**District 01 address:**

Dean H., Treasurer  
PO Box 0632  
Green Bay, WI 54305

Payable to: District 01 Treasurer

**Area 74 address:**

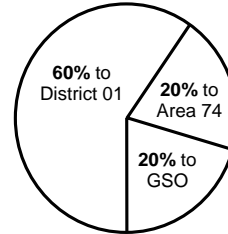
Tiffany Crandall  
317 Summit Ave # 3  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

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



**Q** Doesn't all AA money go into one pot? In other words, when our group contributes to central office (intergroup), isn't our money distributed to the area, district and GSO as well?

**A** No. Each AA entity – group, district, area, central office and GSO – provides a specific service and is autonomous. Each is separate from the other.

*"The AA Service Manual" and "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix", Pamphlet F-3*

# Concepts Checklist

Concept III: To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of AA - the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives - with a traditional "Right of Decision."

- Do we understand what is meant by the "Right of Decision"? Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we "Instruct"?
- Do we trust our trusted servants - GSR, DCM, area delegate, the Conference itself?

. . . except for the specific directions in these documents (Conference Charter, and the Bylaws of the General Service Board), every trusted servant and every AA entity - at all levels of service - has the right "to decide . . . how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises." That is, they can "decide which problems they will dispose of themselves and upon which matters they will report, consult, or ask specific direction. This is "the essence of 'The Right of Decision.'"

Bill warns against using "The Right of Decision" as an excuse for failure to make the proper reports of actions taken; for failing to consult the proper people before making an important decision. But he concludes: "Our entire AA program rests squarely upon the principle of mutual trust. We trust God, we trust AA, and we trust each other. Therefore, we cannot do less than trust our leaders in service. The "Right of Decision" that we offer them is not only the practical means by which they may act and lead effectively, but it is also the symbol of our implicit confidence."

Excerpts from, "The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service," by Bill W., "The Twelve Concepts for World Service," P-8, and "Concepts Checklist," SM F-91, with permission.

## The Guy in the Glass

by Dale Wimbrow, (c) 1934

When you get what you want in your struggle for self,  
And the world makes you King for a day,  
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,  
And see what that guy has to say.

For it isn't your Father, or Mother, or Wife,  
Who judgment upon you must pass.  
The feller whose verdict counts most in your life  
Is the guy staring back from the glass.

He's the feller to please, never mind all the rest,  
For he's with you clear up to the end,  
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test  
If the guy in the glass is your friend.

You may be like Jack Horner and "chisel" a plum,  
And think you're a wonderful guy,  
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum  
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

You can fool the world down the pathway of years,  
And get pats on the back as you pass,  
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears  
If you've cheated the guy in the glass.

There should always be charity for occasional mistakes.

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE WOLF'S DEN?

Well, we survived the recent bitter cold snap and don't need any reminders we're in the throngs of winter. It's the second month of the new year and a good time to search the meaning of the Second Step of our program. I consider this the crossroads step. It reads, "Came to believe a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

When we read, "a power greater than ourselves," does it mean we are going to make you believe in God? The Twelve Step Program of AA doesn't make you believe in anything! What we do know is that a spiritual awakening has helped numerous people in AA with their long term recovery. **What is most needed is an open mind.** We have invariably tried everything else and failed. **We are witness to the reality of what a relationship with a Higher Power can do in an alcoholic's life.**

Rock Bottom: When life falls apart faster than I can lower my standards.

The phrase, "restore us to sanity" is without doubt a fact of an alcoholic's very existence with his driving drunk, fights with loved ones and family, trouble with the law, loss of jobs and the depressing feeling of being beaten down with no place to turn. After all efforts at controlling our disease, we must come to the conclusion that a Higher Power is, or could be the answer! With an open mind and a sponsor to help guide you through the steps and a faith in a 'God as you understand him,' you will begin to lay the groundwork for a path of recovery. As you go to meetings, you will often hear the testimony of our members who speak of the miracle that 'God' is working in their lives. We all anxiously await to hear of the miracle God will work in your life as well!

Godspeed in your recovery. **With your new found relationship in a Higher Power the Promises of AA will come true for you too!** (p. 83-84 of the Big Book)

### "Quotable Quotes"

On human behavior . . . by Werner Von Braun

"Basic research is what I'm doing when I don't know what I'm doing."

On human behavior . . . by Lord Bore-Belisha

"When a man tells me he's going to put all his cards on the table, I'm always looking up his sleeve."

On Government . . . by George Bernard Shaw

"A government that steals from Peter to pay Paul, can, as a rule, calculate on the support of Paul."

On government . . . by George Burns

"Too bad all the people who know how to run the country are driving taxicabs or cutting hair."

From Life's Little Instruction Book,

"Be bold and courageous. When you look back on your life, you'll regret the things you didn't do more than the ones you did."

Michael V. 'Gray Wolf'

Dry Drunk =  
I'm no longer progressing spiritually.

Comment: The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service, by Bill W., p. 15, ¶ 2

# I AM ADDICTION

I am addiction, I am your friend, and you're stuck with me till the very end...

I play with your life, I'm a divider of love, your only hope is your God above...

I control how you think, I control how you feel, so try and tell me I'm not real...

I consume all your money, so you sit in the hole; I lead you to believe that you have full control...

You deny my existence in the name of your pride, so you continue to run, but there's nowhere to hide...

I've robbed you of morals, I've taught you to lie, I've taught you to cheat, and I laugh when you cry...

You can't live with out me, we'll never be apart, go on killing yourself cause it's breaking my heart...

I am addiction, there is no denying, I am the reason your loved ones are crying...

I feed on their sorrow, I live for their pain, I am the reason you're going insane...

Your life is in shambles, for denial has cost, look at you now and everything that you've lost...

I am your friend if a friends what you need, but let me forewarn you I'm a friend of great greed...

The choice is all yours; it's a choice you must make, if you choose to deny I'll continue to take...

If you look at yourself and confess that I'm real, I'll start at lose power as you start to heal...

I'll wait in the distance to continue my crime, till the day you fall short of 'one day at a time'.....

David S. Oneida, WI

## M a r c h

4, 5, 6<sup>th</sup> Fri, Sat, Sun **Wisconsin LXVIII**

**Agape Weekend**, at Wellspring, in Newburg, WI., near West Bend. "AGAPE: Spontaneous, self-giving love expressed freely, without calculation of cost to the giver or merit on the part of the receiver." This is an open AA function. Fri. Registration at 6:30 pm. Weekend includes: Ask-it-basket, Step Meetings 1 thru 12, Closed Meetings plus Al-Anon and ACDA, Birthday Meeting, HP Meeting, Fellowship and Nature paths. Abundant wildlife. Comfortable indoor facilities. Bring your sleeping bags, bedrolls, pillows, and toiletries. Fully equipped kitchen area for use or eat out. No pets allowed! Smoking in designated areas. \$40 per person. Walk-in registrations can prorate the cost for a partial weekend or early departure. **Contact: Luis Rubio 262-626-2231, Jeff Krolikowski 414-481-2979, Steve Range 414-258-2835**

19<sup>th</sup> Sat **Neenah/Menasha Intergroup**, St. Pat's Gathering Hall, 324 Nicolet Blvd. Menasha WI. Turkey like you've never had before! Ham provided. Registration: 5:00 pm, Dinner: 6:30. Potluck, please bring a dish to pass. Speakers: 7:30. AA & Al-Anon to be announced. Enter East side by the double tan doors. **Contact: Roger W. 920-788-0529**

## A p r i l

Date to be announced **AA: Women to Women**, The Pass It On Club, 6229 West Forest Home Ave. Milwaukee, WI. Phone: 414-541-6923 A day of sharing: . . .to foster the sharing of ideas, feelings and issues. . .to create a safe atmosphere that nurtures honesty and becoming. . .to explore the positive energy among AA women. This is a closed AA meeting. 9:00 am - 2:45 pm held twice a year in October and April. The attendance is usually 120 women. This is the tenth year going. Call the club to register. For more info **Contact: Mary A. 414-774-7974 Karelyn P. 414-327-7915**

**Comment:** Between - Us, Oct. 04

**Comment:** Called Karelyn to get date of April meeting. 01/15/05

## M a y

13, 14, 15<sup>th</sup> Fri, Sat, Sun **2005 Spring Conference, Area 74** (North WI and Upper MI) at Holiday Inn Express 715-369-3600, other nearby hotels: AmericInn 715-369-9600; Super '8' 715-369-5880 AA & Al-Anon speakers, Alkathon, Big Book Trivia, Saturday Night Dance, Sunday Morning Old-timers panel, AA & Al-Anon panels. **Alateen Welcome.** Registration: AA & Al-Anon \$15, Alateen \$5, Banquet \$18. Check payable to: Area 74 2005 Spring Conference, PO Box 1241, Eagle River, WI 54521. Contact: Paul E. 715-362-3683 Email: poe@newnorth.net, or visit: <http://www.northwoodsaa.org>

**Comment:** Info confirmed with Jerry D. 12/01. Will cal by Dec 12 with speaker names

## CALENDAR

### F e b r u a r y

25<sup>th</sup> Fri **80's Dance and Speaker Meeting**, The Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Av. Milwaukee, WI Hosted by MILCYPAA. Speakers Liv and Kevin M. begin at 7:30 pm with a dance to follow. \$5 donation.

26<sup>th</sup> Sat **Oshkosh Intergroup**, Oshkosh Senior's Center Annex Building, 200 N. Campbell Rd., Oshkosh, WI. Registration: 4 - 6:00 pm. Chile Supper: 5:30 pm w/chili, crackers, bread, coffee and Fellowship provided. Soda available. Bring a dessert or side dish to pass. Speakers begin at 7:00, to be announced. Bring a friend. Door prizes. **Contact: Darrell R. 920-231-3489 or Jerry D. 920-233-0735**

# KEEP IT SIMPLE