

DISTRICT 01 NEWSLETTER

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

MAY 2005

DISTRICT 01 PO BOX 0632 GREEN BAY WI 54305

www.greenbayaa.org

GSR and District Service Meeting

May 19th

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.

"In AA there are as many opinions as there are alcoholics. We welcome diverse points of view."

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.	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 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)	

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*

Comment: Tradition Three, long form

Gather about yourself a few kindred spirits and announce to us that a new Alcoholics Anonymous Group has been formed.

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

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

Comment: Final Report of the 1975 General Service Conference p. 13

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.

Your Group is now an autonomous spiritual entity in the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Welcome!

Under Tradition Two the group conscience is the final authority for A.A.

Comment: The Twelve Concepts for World Service, P-23

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

Tolerance: Active appreciation of the richness and variety of members within our Fellowship, along with the understanding that we all struggle with the same demons, we all share the same fears and sorrows, we all do the best we can with what we have.

Recovery - Unity - Service

The minutes of the GSR and District Service Meeting on March 17th have not been received.

AA DISTRICT 01 TREASURER'S REPORT

March 17, 2005

BALANCE AS OF 02-17-05	\$ 1,564.21
DEPOSITS:	\$ 0.0
CHECKS:	\$ 135.00
Marty S. (Newsletter)	40.00
All City Communications (Hotline)	80.00
The Bridge (Rent)	15.00
BALANCE AS OF 01-20-05	\$ 1,429.21
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED	
DEAN HANSEN	
TREASURER	

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.**

The point is, that we are willing to grow along spiritual lines.

Thank you

The Brown County Library System and District 01 wish to thank the 8:00 am Sunday Morning Early Bird Group at the 218 Club for one year subscriptions of the Grapevine given to each of the nine Brown County library branches.

Bill L., Grapevine Chair

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

Concept V

Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

Concepts Checklist

- Do we encourage the minority opinion, the "Right of Appeal", to be heard at our home group, district committee meetings, area assemblies and the Conference?
- What does our group accept as "substantial unanimity"?
- Has our group experienced the "tyranny of the majority" or the "tyranny of the minority"?
- Does our group understand the importance of all points of view being heard before a vote is taken?

In the light of the principle of the "Right of Appeal," all minorities —whether in our staffs, committees, corporate boards, or among the Trustees — should be encouraged to file minority reports whenever they feel a majority to be in considerable error. And when a minority considers an issue to be such a grave one that a mistaken decision could seriously affect A.A. as a whole, it should then charge itself with the actual duty of presenting a minority report to the Conference.

In granting this traditional "Right of Appeal," we recognize that minorities frequently can be right; that even when they are partly or wholly in error they still perform a most valuable service when, by asserting their "Right of Appeal," they compel a thorough-going debate on important issues. The well-heard minority, therefore, is our chief protection against an uninformed, misinformed, hasty or angry majority.

Comment: Big Book p. 60.

The traditional "Right of Appeal" should also permit any person in our service structure, whether paid or unpaid, to petition for the redress of a personal grievance, carrying his complaint, if he so desires, directly to the General Service Board. He or she should be able to do this without prejudice or fear of reprisal. Though in practice this will be a seldom exercised right, its very existence will always tend to restrain those in authority from unjust uses of their power. **Surely our workers should cheerfully accept the necessary direction and disciplines that go with their jobs, but all of them should nevertheless feel that they need not silently endure unnecessary and unfair personal domination.**

The Rights of "Appeal" and "Petition" of course aim at the total problem of protecting and making the best possible use of minority feeling and opinion. This has always been, and still is, a central problem of all free governments and democratic societies. **In Alcoholics Anonymous individual freedom is of enormous importance.** For instance, any alcoholic is a member of A.A. the moment he says so; we cannot take away his right to belong. Neither can we force our members to believe anything or pay anything. Ours is indeed a large charter of minority privileges and liberties.

When we look at our world services, we find that here we have also gone to great lengths in our trust of minority groups. Under Tradition Two the group conscience is the final authority for A.A. world service, and it will always remain so respecting all the larger issues that confront us. Nevertheless the A.A. groups have recognized that for world service purposes the "group conscience of A.A." as a *totality* has certain limitations. It cannot act directly in many service matters, because it cannot be sufficiently informed about the problems in hand. **It is also true that during a time of great disturbance the group conscience is not always the best possible guide because, temporarily, such an upset may prevent it from functioning efficiently or wisely.** When, therefore, the group conscience cannot or should not act directly, *who does act for it?*

We believe that the spirit of democracy in our Fellowship and in our world service structure will always survive, . . .

The second part of Tradition Two provides us with the answer when it describes A.A. leaders as **trusted servants**. These servants must always be in readiness to do for the groups what the groups obviously cannot or should not do for themselves. Consequently the servants are bound to use their own information and judgment, sometimes to the point of disagreeing with uninformed or biased group opinion.

Thus it will be seen that in world service operations A.A. often trusts a small but truly qualified minority – the hundred-odd members of its General Service Conference – to act as A.A.'s group conscience in most of our service affairs. **Like other free societies,**

we have to trust our servants, knowing that in the unusual event that they should fail their responsibilities, we shall still have ample opportunity to recall and replace them.

The foregoing observations illustrate, in a general way, A.A.'s concern for the freedom and protection of individual members and the whole membership's willingness to trust able and conscientious servants to function in their several capacities, for us all. As the longtime recipients of this kind of trust, I (Bill W.) am sure that many of A.A.'s old-timers would like me to record their gratitude along with my own.

By 1951, when the General Service Conference was put into experimental operation, these attitudes of trust already were an essential part of A.A. life. **In drafting the Charter for our Conference, therefore, we naturally infused that document with provisions which would insure protection and respect for minorities.** This is exemplified, for instance, in our "Third Legacy" method of selecting Delegates.

Fortunately we are not obliged to maintain a government that enforces conformity by inflicting punishments.

Comment: *The Twelve Concepts for World Service, P-24*

Strictly speaking, a democracy operates on the will of the majority, no matter how slim that majority may be. So when making special concessions to the feelings and the often-demonstrated wisdom of minorities, we occasionally may deny democracy's cherished principle of final decision by a simple majority vote. Nevertheless we actually have found that our Third Legacy method of electing Delegates has much *strengthened* the *spirit* of democracy among us. Unity has been cemented, cooperation has been increased, and when the Delegate is finally chosen, no discontented minority can trail in his wake. **To increase the actual *spirit of democracy* by special deference to minority opinion is, we think, better than to follow blindly the rule which always insists on an unqualified dominance by a slight majority vote.**

Comment: *The Twelve Concepts for World Service, P-24*

More than a century ago a young French nobleman named De Toqueville came to America to look at the new Republic. Though many of his friends had lost their lives and fortunes in the French Revolution, De Toqueville was a worshipful admirer of democracy. His writings on government by the people and for the people are classics, never more carefully studied than at the present time.

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Comment: *The Twelve Concepts for World Service, P-22*

Throughout his political speculation De Toqueville⁴ insisted that the greatest danger to democracy would always be the "tyranny" of apathetic, self-seeking, uninformed, or angry majorities. **Only a truly dedicated citizenry, quite willing to protect and conserve minority rights and opinions, could, he thought, guarantee the existence of a free and democratic society.** All around us in the world today we are witnessing the tyranny of majorities and the even worse tyranny of very small minorities invested with absolute power. De Toqueville would have neither, and we A. A.'s can heartily agree with him.

We believe that the spirit of democracy in our Fellowship and in our world service structure will always survive, despite the counter forces which will no doubt continue to beat upon us. Fortunately we are not obliged to maintain a government that enforces conformity by inflicting punishments. **We need to maintain only a structure of service that holds aloft our Traditions, that forms and executes our policies thereunder, and so steadily carries our message to those who suffer.**

Hence we believe that we shall never be subjected to the tyranny of either the majority or the minority, provided we carefully define the relations between them and forthwith tread the path of world service in the spirit of our Twelve Steps, our Twelve Traditions, and our Conference Charter – in which I trust that we shall one day inscribe these traditional Rights of "Appeal" and "Petition."

Excerpts from: *The A. A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service*, by Bill W., 03/04 Edition, p. 22–25, "The Twelve Concepts for World Service," P-8, and "Concepts Checklist," SM F-91, with permission.

What a boon to us! First, by sustaining in our heart our powerlessness before alcohol, we become sober and eventually clear our head. Then, as we spiritually align ourselves to a Higher Power, the Promises begin to manifest in our life, allowing us to re-enter society as healthy, functional participants. Then to top it off, as this gathering of grateful people grows, we are given the format */spirit of a democracy* by which to govern ourselves, where respect for the individual and mutual trust are its foundation.

Let us use this *'spirit of democracy'* our Founders and HP gave us and not remain uninformed or unpracticed. Let us not think that we already know 'how it works' and close our self from lessons yet to learn, progress yet to gain.

Rather, in humility, let us each place our self powerless before HP, and just as we did when we first walked through the door, trust that we will change and grow along spiritual lines. Scary though that was!

Marty S., Editor

P. S. I'd rather excerpt the main points of a piece and not print it whole because it can be easily found in our literature. But this is an exception. A.A. unity depends on a well informed, active membership where all opinions can be heard and recognized. Also, Bill W. really packs it in in these few paragraphs. Even being a Founder and A.A. visionary, Bill yet had no more authority or power in A.A. than you or I.

Recovering women are powerful role models for all women who struggle with their personal power.

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.

**All wisdom is plagiarism;
only stupidity is original.**

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 May 10th for the June 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.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE WOLF'S DEN?

Is Spring right around the corner? Those of us with 'cabin fever' sure hope so! It appears some times that Winter is in a holding pattern at this time of year. It must seem that way to the 'newcomer' when they get to the Third Step of our Program. Let's look at this all important and critical step.

So 'matter of fact' and eloquently written by our founders it reads . . . "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of 'God' as we understood Him." I call this the 'Faith' with works seep! It is the very foundation of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Our 'Will' and our "Lives"? That brief part of the step resounds surrender to a power greater than ourselves. The disease of alcoholism has brought us to our knees and a search for a spiritual answer is our only hope. (p. 25 of the 'Big Book')

"There is a solution" states we had all come to the point where we had but two choices . . . one was to go to the bitter end . . . the other was to accept spiritual help.

This being a 24 hour program, we are given a daily reprieve based of our spiritual well-being. **A conscious contact with a 'Higher Power' is essential for continued growth in this program.** As alcoholics, we are 'self-will' run riot. When we turn our 'will' over to the care of "God" as we understand Him to be, the Promises of this program begin to come true for you. (p. 83-4 of the 'Big Book')

I pray you embrace Him now and that He guides you in your recovery!

The birth stone for the month of March is the Aquamarine/Bloodstone. Congratulations to those celebrating their A A Anniversaries and 'Happy' Birthday to those born this month!

"Quotable Quotes"

On racism . . . by Abraham Joshua Herschel

"Racism is man's gravest threat to man – the maximum of hatred for the minimum of reason."

On woman . . . by Charlotte Whitten

"Whatever women do, they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult."

On women . . . by Mark Twain

"Give a woman an inch and she thinks she's a ruler."

On forgiveness . . . by John F. Kennedy

"Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names."

Michael V. 'Gray Wolf'

Not doing it perfectly the first time is no reason to quit!

CALENDAR

May

13, 14, 15th Fri, Sat, Sun **2005 Spring Conference, Area 74** Holiday Inn Express Rhinelander, WI Reservations: 715-369-3600,

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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> Other nearby hotels: AmericInn 715-369-9600; Super '8' 715-369-5880

19th Thur **GSR and District Service Meeting**, The Bridge, 2514 Jenny Lane, Green Bay Third Thursday at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

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

Comment: From Flyer dtd 02-07-05

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

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

J u l y

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6 Spirituality is, always, *beyond control*. We can't hold it in our hands and touch it, manipulate it, or destroy it. Because it is *beyond control*, it is also *beyond possession*: We can't own it, lock it up, divide it among ourselves, or take it away from others.

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 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

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

Comment: From a Flyer

When we are truly ready to learn and grow, life will meet us at our level of need, on time and in a most useful way.

... we must always be asking ourselves if the *spirit* which now binds us together in our common cause will always be stronger than those personal ambitions and desires which tend to drive us apart. . . Though the individual AA is under no human coercion, is at almost perfect personal liberty, we have, nevertheless, achieved a wonderful unity on vital essentials.

Language Of The Heart, Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings; p. 33, with permission.

Resentment is the poison of spiritual life.

Let go and let God.