

MAY * 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
May 17th 6:30 PM.
@ The Bridge
2514 JENNY LANE Green Bay

"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"*

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
Intergroup 06 Chair	Tracey	592-9337
Intergroup Co-Chair	Kimberly	
Newsletter	Brad E.	265-9945
Public Information	Elizabeth	497-1812
Webmaster Chair	Eric V.	468-9262

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

"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!**

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
March 15,2007

Those in attendance:

Stacy C. GSR-Women in the present Thurs. Night
Jack S. AA member
John S. GSR-Happy Hour Group Tues. 5:30 PM
Glenn F. Corrections Chair
Paula A.
Terri A. Alt. GSR-Walk with Us
Mark C. GSR-Thurs. Walk with Us
Jeff P. GSR-Mon. 8:30 am BB Meeting 218 Club
Elizabeth F. P.I. Chair / GSR-New Hope Shelter
Jim D. Hotline Chair
Peter H. Observing
Eric V. Webmaster
Lynn L. District 01 Treasurer
Sue A. GSR-Mon. Night Road to Recovery
Michael V. Retired Newsletter Chair
Angy P. GSR-Serenity Now
Bruce K. DCM District 01
Ben W. Road to Recovery
John L. Never on Sunday
Chris B. GSR-St. Matt's Eye Opener
Brian B. GSR-Spiritual Axiom Group
Michael B. Alt. GSR-Tues. Serenity Seekers
Brad E. Alt. GSR-Fisher's Paradise

The meeting opened with the serenity prayer.

Glenn F. read the traditions.

Stacey read the minutes from February 15, 2007. They were accepted as read. (Note: Elizabeth pointed out She was missing from the attendance list.)

Lynn L. read the treasurers report and it was accepted as read.

Committee Reports

NEWSLETTER- Michael V. reported this is his last newsletter. Thank You Michael! Brad E. is all set for next month. The deadline to get things into the newsletter is the 5th of each month. Brad can be contacted at the phone number and E-mail address listed on the front of the newsletter.

HOTLINE- Jim D. reported that the cost is averaging out lately to around \$131/month. He still needs to finish making calls to Hotline volunteers.

PUBLIC INFORMATION- Elizabeth reported that she didn't get to the PI workshop last month due to inclement weather. She is expecting new brochures and pamphlets any day now.

BRIDGING THE GAP- not present

ARCHIVES- not present

GRAPEVINE- not present

CORRECTIONS- Glenn has been speaking (sharing his story) at various correctional institutions throughout District 01. Sam has stepped down as a volunteer for downtown jail meetings after 27 years of service. We have a desperate need for volunteers—especially male volunteers. You need clearance so please contact Glenn to get an application. Lynn L. is communicating with Cindy at Brown County Corrections and they are working on getting the ban lifted for AA volunteers to hand out materials to inmates (the ban restricts volunteers from giving anything to inmates including books, grapevines, meeting lists, bridging the gap forms, etc...). April 20th is the annual Moose & Goose in Navarino. This

event is the biggest fundraiser for raising money for corrections literature so please help us spread the word and we hope to see you there.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.)-

Not present; but Phyllis reported to Bruce she has a committee formed. Also, she has been attending the Central Office informational meetings as a representative of C.P.C.

WEBMASTER- Eric V. has been keeping the website updated. We had 567 hits in February, averages out to 20/day. Most hits are on the meeting list and current newsletter. Eric will work with Brad E. to be sure the website and newsletter are connecting and the meeting list stays updated. Eric's email is: webmaster@greenbayaa.org

OLD BUSINESS- none

NEW BUSINESS- Open service positions for Dist. 01 will now be listed in the newsletter so group members can easily see what service positions need to be filled and so GSR's can easily communicate with home groups. It is the responsibility of the committee chairs to contact the newsletter editor (Brad E.) with available positions and with dates / times of committee meetings.

Insert included in current newsletter for the next Central Office informational meeting. It is important for each group to be represented. Please elect 2 members from your home group (one for alternate) to attend these Central Office feasibility meetings. It is a good idea to get the Central Office Guidelines from www.aa.org to understand the functions and needs of a Central Office.

The Spring Assembly is March 31 @ 9 am in Three Lakes, WI. Every voting member in the district should attend, but everyone is welcome.

Eric V. (webmaster) was contacted by The Bridge because they want to post pictures of the club on the district website. This will be discussed further next month.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by: Stacey C. and Debbie S.

From the Editor: I would like to take this opportunity to thank Michael V. for his continued commitment to the District 01 Newsletter. His mentoring and continued support is invaluable, and his continued commitment is very much appreciated as long as he wishes. I hope you enjoy Michael's 5th step article this month.

Thank You Michael!

AA DISTRICT 01
MARCH 15, 2007

TREASURE'S REPORT

Balance as of Feb. 15, 2007 \$1,754.83

Deposits:

Men's Serenity Seekers	\$100.00
Grapevine Wed. 7 AM Meeting	\$ 30.00
Never on Sunday	\$ 80.00
AA Sat. AM 3 rd Step Group	\$300.00
Total Deposits	\$510.00

Checks or Debits

The Bridge (rent)	\$ 15.00
Marty Slavek (newsletter) (\$55.00 paid by Michael G.)	\$ 30.00
Elizabeth Fagan (P.I. Workshop)	\$ 40.00
Marty Slavek (Newsletter for April)	\$ 85.00
All City Communications	\$131.45
Enclosure Fee	\$ 3.00
Total Checks or Debits	\$304.45

Balance as of March 15, 2007 \$1,960.38

OPEN VOLUNTEER SERVICE POSITIONS:

(These chairpersons are doing yeoman's work to fill the needs of District 01. Please, do what you can to help them out, no matter how little your contribution may seem. You will be appreciated! Contact any Committee Chairperson listed on the front page of this newsletter with your support. Thanks so much!)

URGENT NEED!

We have a desperate need for volunteers in the Corrections area of service, especially male volunteers. Our old time friends are retiring from this service after up to 27 years of service. 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

CENTRAL OFFICE EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE / GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

Contact: Sam S. cell 920-6603341

Kami F. Chairperson / Rep for Fri. 8pm Winner's Circle at The Bridge
Peter H. Alt Chair / Rep for Sun. 9:30am Never On Sunday at The Bridge
Richard S. Treasurer / Rep for Thurs. 6pm Back to Basics at Three Sisters Library
Debbie S. Secretary / Rep for Sat. 10am St. Matt's Eye Opener
Nancy T. Alt Sec.-Treas. / Rep for Mon. 5:30pm Road to Recovery 218 Club
Angy P. Representative for M-W-F 12pm-noon Serenity Now
Tim D. Representative for Tues. 6pm Serenity Seekers
Terri H. Representative for Thurs. 9:30am Walk with Us
Mark E. Representative for Thurs. 9:30am Walk with Us
Don D. Representative for Thurs. 7:30pm at St. Will's
Billie S. Rep. For Thurs. 7pm Women in the Present at St. Norbert Abbey
Shelly B. Alt. Representative for Sat. 10am Eye Opener at St. Matthew's
Sarah G. Representative for Tues. 1:30pm Women's Meeting
Jeff P. Representative for Mon. 8:30am Big Book at the 218 Club

So far there are 12 AA groups represented. Please, elect a rep. and alternate rep. for your group. This is how your voice is heard!

**Next Meetings: April 28, 2007
2pm @ The Bridge**

People from Menasha, Racine, & Fond Du Lac are coming to answer questions.

**May 12, 2007
2pm @ The Bridge**

Trying to get Milwaukee to come.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!!!

Editors' note: Our sponsors and respected old-timers tell us that SERVICE is a very important aspect of our recovery. It keeps us focused, and is the right thing to do in our Higher Powers eyes. The Central Office Exploratory meetings are a very simple and important way to explore your own ways of being of service and spreading the word of AA. After all, this is just another meeting of this great fellowship, and going to a meeting is important! Find out the importance of a Central Office, its needs, and whether we can support it. Please, if need be, step up and elect yourself to attend these very special meetings. Thank You! Everyone is welcome.

ANNUAL MOOSE & GOOSE

Corrections Literature Fund Raiser

April 20, 2007

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Exit hwy 47 at Rt 156. Go west of Navarino 3 miles.
Church is on the corner of Hwy 156 & Mc Donald Rd., Navarino, WI

5:00 PM SET OUT RUMMAGE ITEMS & SOCIAL TIME

6:00 PM DINNER

7:30 PM SPEAKERS

**Ham Raffle,
50/50 Raffle,
Silent Auction**
(bring your items to donate)

Meat donations needed.

Moose, goose, venison, duck, turkey, ham,
fish or whatever is very much appreciated.

With meat donations, or if you cannot prepare
the meat or for more information, you may contact:

Rolland G. (920)722-5417 Neenah
Roger W. (920)788-0529 Kimberly,
Terry & Mary W. (715)526-6758 Shawano
Ron O. (920)321-1072 Suamico

Your donations, AA literature or money
from groups are welcome.

You may mail contributions to:

Dick Garbelman
P.O. BOX 298
Shawano, WI, 54166

AA - WOMEN TO WOMEN

When: Saturday May 5, 2007

Time: 8:00 am – 12 noon

Where: The Bridge
2514 Jenny Lane
Green Bay WI 54313

Directions: University Ave. East to Rothe Ct. Go
left on Rothe and your first right is Jenny Lane.
Building is on the right.

8:00 am - 8:45 am
Coffee and fellowship

8:45 am - 9:45 am
Panel discussion: Sex & 15 min sharing

9:45 am - 10:00 am
Break

Join us for a morning
of sharing our experience,
strength and hope - as women.

This special sharing session
is open to women only.

10:00 am - 10:45 am
Panel discussion: Money & 15 min
sharing

10:45 am - 11:00 am
Break

11:00 am - Noon
Panel discussion: Leaving unhealthy
relationships and closing thoughts.

If you have any questions, please call Kimberly Schuyler at 920-592-9337.

**2007 SPRING CONFERENCE
SPONSORED BY AREA 74 – DISTRICT 11**

**PHILLIPS, WI
MAY 18TH, 19TH, & 20TH
PHILLIP'S COMMUNITY CENTER
174 EDYER, PHILLIPS, WI 54555**

Theme... .. “Our 12th step responsibility – Are we going to any length?”

Local available Motels include:

Super 8 Motel (715)-339-2898
Skyline Motel (715)-339-3086
Timber Inn, Inc (715)-339-3071
Country Side Motel (715)-428-2333

Questions? Contact Cliff P. (715)-332-5159
Email: buzzee@pctcnet.net

Registration Form (Please detach and include with payment)

Conference only: \$15.00 ----- Registration, Dinner, Breakfast: \$32.00

Registration & Banquet only: \$25.00 Registration & Breakfast only: \$22.00

NOTE: Limit of 250 for Saturday Banquet.....Register early!!

Name:-----

Phone:-----

Address: ----- City:-----

State: ----- Zip: -----

AA----- Alanon----- SPECIAL NEEDS:

Please make checks payable to : SPRING CONFERENCE – DISTRICT 11
P.O. BOX 113
PHILLIPS, WI 54555

"STEP 5"...

"ADMITTED TO GOD, TO OURSELVES AND ANOTHER HUMAN BEING THE EXACT NATURE OF OUR WRONGS"...

For this writer and member of this fellow-ship, this step was the one that caused me the most anxiety. I was at ease to admit to God and myself the exact nature of my wrongs as outlined in Step 4, but I was reluctant and even defiant about opening up to another human being about some of the things I had done.

Initially, I didn't trust anyone with my secrets and the fact is, some of what I'd done were of a criminal nature and could land me in difficulties with the authorities. Mostly drug related and thieves stealing from thieves. (No honor amongst thieves).

Why would there be honor from this alcoholic when I was morally bankrupt. It was my contention that I was just a better thief than they were and beat them at their own game? Either way, it's wrong.

I, as an addict, tended to carry around with me a can of gray paint. Nothing was black or white and nothing was right or wrong. Given enough time, I can rattle things around in my head and make things seem acceptable and not all that wrong. As an alcoholic, I was a master at it.

I'd minimize just about everything. Like...He's a crook anyway...or...He has a lot of money, He won't miss it...or...He had it coming anyway...and my very favorite saying was...(You hear people say, "He'll get his in the end"...Well, "I'm the end"! To me, the end justified the means?!

In relationships I became the classic "Gray Paint" guru. I'd say things like...I never really liked that person anyway...or...He treats his wife like crap and He deserved what I did...or...He dresses funny and he combs his hair funny?! The reason was immaterial, I justified my bad behavior in order to ease my conscience. Remember...Nothing Black or White and nothing "Right or Wrong"

Then came Alcoholics Anonymous and the steps that forced me to take a good look at myself and to take an honest and thorough moral inventory. Until a person does just that, an honest and thorough moral inventory of oneself, His chances of recovery from the disease of Alcoholism are virtually nil!

I did my fourth step with a passion and bared all because of what I heard at the meetings. The people stressed just how critical this step was and I took them very seriously. I heard it so many times from so many people, I took it to heart. That many people could not just be repeating this principle so many times just to hear themselves talk?!

After much contemplation, I asked my pastor at church if I could do my Fifth step with him. He didn't even know what a fifth step was and I gave him one of the Hazelton pamphlets to read and after he read it, he said he would be humbled to do so. He'd never been asked to do a fifth step before and was very 'Gracious' and kind. Being a man of God, he stated that he would not judge me nor would he pass judgment. He was not 'God'.

We prayed prior to my telling him "The exact nature of my wrongs" and we prayed after I'd spoken. I had even written in captions along side a couple items that I had written down,(I did write everything down) words to the affect, "Don't mention this to anyone"?! What was that all about? The fact is, those were the things I told my pastor first. I knew in my heart of hearts that those were the things that were going to get me drunk if I didn't get off them.

I not only felt a great sense of relief when I was done, but believe to this day that from that day forward, God embraced my heart and soul and took the compulsion to drink alcohol from me. "That truly was the first day of the rest of my life"! He had redeemed me as a person and set me on the path to freedom and 'Gratitude'! I could now see all the majesty of life and appreciate my fellow man as I'd never done before.

I stress to all, "Be honest and thorough from the very start"! Then, Watch how God will work in your life. Be witness to those 'Promises' that we read often from pages 83/84 of the Big Book start to come true for you.

You have begun the journey, free from those demons that have caused you to stay drunk. Your spirituality will be revitalized and You will be on the road to recovery. Your whole attitude and outlook upon life will change. You will suddenly realize that God is doing for you what you could not do for yourself.('Promises' P.83/84 of the Big Book)

Remember..."One Day at a Time"! Godspeed in your recovery and God Bless You!

"Gray Wolf"

"Anger is a basic human emotion.
It can be something as small as your ice-cream falling off your cone,
or as big as all those resentments that
nearly caused you to destroy your life with
alcohol!"
(Heard at a meeting)

Page 8

WICYPAA Flyer for Pancake
Breakfast/Speaker Event April 21,
2007