

The Alcoholics Anonymous Newsletter

**“the only requirement for
membership
is a desire to stop drinking”**



**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**

Serving the Greater Green Bay Area District 01

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DISTRICT 01 www.greenbayaa.org
 Central Office www.aagreenbay.com
 AREA 74 www.area74.org
 AREA 75 www.area75.org
 AA GRAPEVINE www.aagrapevine.org
 GSO NEW YORK www.aa.org

*Next District Committee Meeting is September 11, 2011, 6:30pm
at the Bridge. Deadline for Ads and Articles is September 4, 2011.*

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Bridging the Gap has New Chairperson

During July's District 01 meeting Rick B. was voted in as our new "Bridging the Gap"

chairperson. Rick's main responsibilities include assisting our new member's transition from jails, prisons, and treatment centers back to society.

Rick is looking for people who are interested in helping. If you are interested please contact him at 660-4928.

Speaking for the greater area members of our community I wish to express our gratitude and a warm welcome to Rick, best of luck my friend.

The Editor

ADDRESSES OF SERVICE ENTITIES

Groups wishing to contribute funds beyond prudent reserves towards supporting service entities can send donations to:

GSO
 Grand Central Station
 BOX 459
 New York, NY 10163
 (212) 870-3400
 FAX (212) 870-3301
<http://aa.org>

Area 74 Treasurer
 P.O. Box 245
 Wausau, WI 54402
 (If possible, please include
 a Group number and name.)
<http://www.area74.org/>

District 01
 BOX 632
 Green Bay, WI 54305
<http://www.aagreenbay.com>

Green Bay Area Central Office, Inc.
 1270 Main St., Suite 102
 PO BOX 179
 Green Bay, WI 54305
<http://www.aagreenbay.com/>

***District 01 Committee Chair Elections
 Summer Picnic September 10***

If you want to drink that is your business

If you want to stop drinking, that is our business.

Green Bay Area AA Hotline – 432-2600

Step Eight

“Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.”

If we have done a thorough job in Step Four we have already made a list of people we have harmed. It is now time to become “willing” to make amends-“If we haven't the will to do this, we ask until it comes.”

We are preparing “to sweep away the debris which has accumulated out of our effort to live on self-will and run the show ourselves.” By doing this “we may develop the best possible relations with every human being we know.” (Quotes taken from AA Big Book pg. 76 and Twelve and Twelve)

MINUTES OF DISTRICT MEETING (7-14-11)

The Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM with Marty C. presiding. Opened with the reading of the Responsibility Statement and the Twelve Traditions. M/S/C to allow people out of the committee circle speak.

Report by DCM: Hello Family,

Summer is here and it is time for picnics and fun. The G. B. Central Office Picnic will be Sat. July 23rd, the 218 Club's will be Sat. Aug. 20th and our District 01 Picnic/Elections will be Sept. 10th. Individual groups may also be having picnics for their home group members. So, if you're not sure, check to see if your home group is having a picnic.

On Sat. Aug 20th, Dist.'s 01 & 02 will be hosting the 2nd Annual Area 74 Concepts Workshop in Neenah WI at St. Mark's Evangelical Church--- 140 S. Green Bay Rd. from 9AM---4PM with a bonfire to follow. If you want to get involved in service, this would be a great event to attend.

I will be attending the Area 74 Committee Meeting on Sat. July 16th in Three Lakes, WI. I will have a full report and the minutes from that meeting at the Aug. Dist. 01 Meeting.

We are in need of a Bridging the Gap Chairperson. This would be a great service position for someone who is looking to get involved in service.

Well, that's about it for this month. Everyone enjoy our summer and be safe. **In Loving Service, Marty C. DCM Dist. 01**

M/S/C to accept Secretary's Report as read.
M/S/C to accept Treasurer's Report as given.

Rick B. was nominated, he accepted and was voted in as BTG Chair replacing Tom M who recently resigned. Cindy O. will be assisting him.

Phyllis W. gave a report on the babysitting idea at meetings. Nothing positive yet.

M/S/C to increase the amount of money requested by Committee Chairs that need more than budgeted. Some Chairs have not requested any of the money budgeted to them.

District Elections coming in Sept. at the District Picnic.

I sent out a verbal request for GSR's to send to me their Group Name, their GSR name and their Group Service number.

Newsletter Co-Chair Report:

Overall the entire new newsletter went very smoothly with little exception. However, this month I had a difficult time getting information for the upcoming events. All Districts and Groups need to get me the flyers for all upcoming events on a timely basis, please do not wait until the last minute. This month we sent out 11 flyers for area and district events. At the present time, I am sending our newsletter, meeting list and all flyers that I have to 39 e-mail contacts.

This month's newsletter has one new meeting listed. There is also an ad for our new District 01 Bridging the Gap/Treatment Chairperson. We also listed the responsibility of this Chairperson.

Each month, in the Things to Do & Places to go we will try to use larger type for all our District Events

.Respectfully submitted by Jack S. and Gary K. (Newsletter Co-Chairs)

Committee Chair Reports:

Paul S.---CPC Chair: No significant activity to report.

Wayne B.---Archives: Nothing new to report.

Debbie S. ---Dist. Events Co-Chair: Nothing new to report.

Following Committee Chairs were not present:

John R. S.---Grapevine

Winston S.---Corrections

Respectfully submitted by Don G. (Sec.

Area 74 District 01 Treasurer's Report

Prepared for the July 14, 2011 GSR Meeting

Starting Balance as of June 9, 2011 \$2,664.87

Color Master - May Newsletter	- \$78.00
Village of Allouez-picnic-deposit	- \$40.00
Ivan C Bus Ads	- \$42.00
Ivan C Literature	- \$42.35
The Bridge GSR Meeting	- \$15.00

Total Expenses - \$217.35

Donations from GSR Meeting \$21.00

Flintville Early Risers \$100.00

Winners Circle \$45.00

Total Deposits \$166.00

Ending Balance as of July 14, 2011 \$2,613.52

(\$650.00 for prudent reserve) - \$650.00

(Minus District Events) - \$992.35

Total Funds Available to spend \$971.17

Respectfully Submitted, Jack S.



Jack S.

Message from Marty C. (DCM)

Hello Family,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. There are picnics galore in our recovering community. There is plenty of fun to be had by all.

I'd like to welcome Rick B. to our Dist. 01 Committee. Rick was elected to serve as Bridging The Gap Chairperson. Thank you Rick, for your willingness to serve. Rick is replacing Tom M., who had to step down in July. Tom did an AWESOME job and fine tuned the process of building bridges between our recovering community and alcoholics coming out of jails, treatment centers and institutions. Please keep Tom in your prayers and thank him for his commitment to service, when you see him.

Do you know anyone interested in serving at the district level? Our Dist. 01 elections are coming up next month at our Dist. 01 Picnic - Sat. Sept. 10th (see back page). The following service positions will be open for nominations: DCM, Alt. DCM, Secretary, Treasurer, Archives Chair, Corrections Chair, Grapevine Chair, Webmaster, Newsletter Chair, Public Information Chair, Bridging The Gap Chair, Cooperation With Professional Community Chair and District Events Chair. If you know anyone who is interested in serving our district or anyone you think might be a good fit in any of these positions, please make sure they attend the District

Elections at the District Picnic to be nominated. These positions are two year commitments. Descriptions of the responsibilities of these service positions are in our Dist. 01 By-Laws. If you need a copy of the by-laws, you can contact me or any Dist. 01 Comm. Member.

There was an article in last month's (July) newsletter called "Recognize The Funk". I especially identified with the last paragraph. Serving and helping others, ignites a fire in my soul. When I find myself in a funk, disregard myself and go find someone to help or something to help with, I tend to forget about the funk. This has worked for me over and over and over again. It is also my experience that people, who stay involved in service, STAY SOBER.

In Loving Service, Marty C. DCM-Dist. 01

WOULD YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW ATTEND AA MEETINGS IF CHILD CARE WAS PROVIDED?

I recently heard about an AA group in another district that decided upon group conscience to provide child care for members during their meetings. The "baby-sitter" (a daughter of one of the group members) is paid \$10 from the group's self-supporting contributions.

I thought this arrangement was a good way to help the still suffering alcoholic who might not otherwise be able to attend meetings because of child care responsibilities; and wondered if District 1 could better serve our primary purpose by offering child care during an AA meeting.

We talked about the need for and possibility of offering child care for AA members during AA meetings during our last District Meeting. Eileen shared her experience with an "Al-Atot" program she was once involved with. It was agreed that it would be up to the individual groups to decide if child care is something they could offer for their members. Arrangements for how a group would provide the service would be decided through each group's conscience.

I was asked to submit the idea in the next District Newsletter, in hopes of generating conversation, feedback, and action within our District's groups about this subject. Would you or someone you know attend AA meetings if child care was provided? Is there an hour during the week when you or someone you know would attend an AA meeting if child care was available? Could your group provide child care for your members? Would you be interested in helping to form a new group that provides child care?

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above questions: 1) Bring this up at your group's business meeting; 2) Come to the next District meeting; and/or 3) Contact the DCM or Newsletter chair listed in the newsletter. Your feedback and interest would be greatly appreciated! Sincerely,

Phyllis W.

Green Bay Area Central Office

1270 Main Street, Suite 102
P.O. BOX 1791

Green Bay, WI 54305-1791

920-432-2600

Office and AA HOTLINE

Website: www.aagreenbay.com

Mission Statement: To Assist the Individual Groups of AA in NE Wisconsin in their common purpose of carrying the AA message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Office Hours: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday-Friday, and 10:00am – 2:00pm Saturday.

Literature: View our selection of AA, and Al-ANON related books and pamphlets for sale. In addition, we carry anniversary tokens, medallions, coffee mugs, and cards. We can also special order.

Donations: The Central Office welcomes donations from groups and individual AA's.

Volunteer: If you like to volunteer at the Central Office, come in and ask for Dave S. or Al E. We are in need of staffers so please help.

Service Keeps You Sober

Please help the Green Bay Central Office stay open to serve you!

- Needed:** Volunteers to work at the Central Office during "business" hours
- When:** Mon-Fri: 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or 1:30p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Location:** 1270 Main Street, Suite 102,
Green Bay, WI
- Responsibilities:**
- *Answer the phone, including AA Hotline. (For Hotline calls, you will refer the caller to one of the trained volunteers on our list.)
 - *Process payments for customers who come in wishing to purchase literature, mugs, stickers, ect.
 - *Assist with special projects as needed.

Call Marian K or Al E. **920-432-2600**

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Hello Friends

Remember, this is your Newsletter. If you have something to submit, please send it to us at

newslettergreenbayaa.org
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New Meeting

Saturdays at 7:00 am
Big Book Study Group
Sts, Edward and Isidore Catholic Church
Flintville Rd. Flintville, WI

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

There was this guy at a bar, just looking at his drink. He stays like that for half an hour. Then, this big truck driver sits next to him, takes the drink from the guy, and just drinks it all down. The poor man starts crying. The truck driver says, "Come on man, I was just joking. Here, I'll buy you another drink. I just can't stand to see a man cry."

"No, it's not that. This day is the worst of my life. First, I fall asleep, and I go late to my office. My boss, outrageous, fires me. When I leave the building, to my car, I found out it was stolen. The police said that they can do nothing. I get a cab to return home, and when I leave it, I remember I left my wallet and credit cards there. The cab driver just drives away." "I go home, and when I get there, I find my wife with the gardener. I leave home, and come to this bar. And just when I was thinking about putting an end to my life, you show up and drink my poison."

Newsletter Guidelines for Ads and Articles

Submissions should be written in MS Word (do not use Power Point, Note Pad, ect.). Do not send any submissions in PDF. All submissions must be subject to editing. Save document into a Word file, attach the saved file to an email and Email to NEWSLETTER@GREENBAYAA.ORG. Submissions written in the body of an email cannot be used, no exceptions. Please keep font size to #10 Maximum for ads, and #8 for article content. Deadline for submissions will be noon on the first Thursday of the month. Thank you for your support. By following these guidelines, everyone can have their voices heard.

BE GREEN ITS FREE

If you would like a copy of our monthly newsletter and the most up to date meeting list send us an e-mail at newsletter@greenbayaa.org and we will put you on our mailing list.

Deadline for next month's ads and articles is September 04, 2011.

Grapevine Short Takes...

"I told my sponsor the problem with instant gratification is that it takes too long."

"Don't regret growing old; it's a privilege denied to many."

"No one will be harmed or get drunk on reality."

"May all who receive the gift of AA realize what a present it is." "It's a choice: That drink will never grow legs and jump into your mouth."

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Tradition Eight

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."

"Money and spirituality do not mix. Every time we have tried to professionalize our Twelfth Step, the result has been exactly the same; Our singleness of purpose has been defeated."

When we have employed workers however, "The job was not to do Twelfth Step work; it was to make Twelfth Step work possible."

Quotes taken from **Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg.166, 168**



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TREASURER

A. A. was founded on the premise that it would be self-supporting through member contributions.

For the past 51 years, contributing a single dollar has been almost a tradition.



1960 - \$.25
 1970 - \$.20
 1980 - \$.35
 1990 - \$.50
 2000 - \$1.00
 2011 - \$1.50



1960 - \$.25
 1970 - \$.65
 1980 - \$1.65
 1990 - \$2.00
 2000 - \$3.00
 2011 - \$6.00



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Today's dollar has only 16 cents of the purchasing power of a 1960's dollar.



1960 - \$1.00
 1970 - \$1.00
 1980 - \$1.00
 1990 - \$1.00
 2000 - \$1.00

Acknowledging these economic facts, why not responsibly compensate?

**BY DROPPING IN
2 BUCKS FOR 2011**

For those who can't afford it, the important thing is to keep coming back.

*AA should be a way of life
Things To Do and Places To Go*



Escanaba MI Speaker Meeting and Pot Luck

Last Saturday of every month
Drop In Center, 1500 North 19th Street
6:30pm Pot Luck, 7:30 Speaker

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2011 Concepts Workshop

When: August 20, 2011 9:00 am
Where: St. Mark's Evangelical Church
140 S. Green Bay Road
Neenah, WI

Learn about the Twelve Concepts for World Services and how they fit into the Three Legacies of the Program.

Lunch will be provided and Service Manuals will be available for purchase.

For more information, please contact ConceptsWorkshop@area74.org

218 CLUB SUMMER PICNIC

August 20, 2011 11:00 AM-6:00 PM
Murphy Park

1627 Dousman St, Green Bay, WI 54303

Please bring a dish to pass

New London Area AA Groups welcome you to the August 27, 2011 Intergroup
Where: St. John's Community Center for Inner Peace 1513 Pinewood Lane
Registration - 5 p.m. Dinner - 6 p.m. Speakers - 7 p.m.

AA Speaker: Roger W from Kimberly Al-Anon Speaker: Mary S. from Appleton

Hot sandwiches will be provided.
Please bring a dish to pass [with something in it :
Call 920-291-5830 Jim S.

District 01/Green Bay Summer Picnic and Elections

Saturday, September 10, 2011

Green Isle Park Pavilion

2500 Greene Avenue

Village of Allouez

9:30 am

Panel Discussion of the AA Traditions

10:45 am

AA District 01 Committee Chair Elections

12:00 noon

Sloppy Joe Picnic

Games for the Family

Please bring a dish to pass

Contacts: Debbie S. (920) 819-7638 and

Judy G. (920) 347-9584

Area 74 Fall Conference

September 16th - 18th, 2011

Best Western Hudson House

1616 Crestview Drive

Hudson, WI

Email: areafallconference2011@yahoo.co

4th and 5th Step Spring Retreat

(AA and Al-Anon)

November 18-20, 2011

Place: St Norbert Center for Spirituality

ANY QUESTIONS? Call Therese 920-336-3023 or 920-639-0360



8th ANNUAL AA INTERGROUP

November 26, 2011

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

806 Fritzie Ave

Crivitz, WI

Behind and one block North of Village Hall, Enter by East (right side of building) Front doors from parking lot

Dinner @ 6pm

Bring a dish to pass

Speakers @ 7pm

AA - Jim P. from Kimberly, WI

Al-Anon - Connie O. from Suamico, WI

Stateline Retreat 2011

December 8, 9, 10, 11, 2011

Las Vegas, NV

Register on line www.statelineretreat.org