

# 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**

## VISIT OUR WEBSITES

DISTRICT 01 [www.greenbayaa.org](http://www.greenbayaa.org)  
 Central Office [www.aagreenbay.com](http://www.aagreenbay.com)  
 AREA 74 [www.area74.org](http://www.area74.org)  
 AREA 75 [www.area75.org](http://www.area75.org)  
 AA GRAPEVINE [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org)  
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### **Recognize the Funk**

Regardless if we have 2 or 22 years of sobriety we can fall into that space where we just don't have the fire we once had igniting our program. It can appear to happen over night. But, the reality is it

happens over time. First, we may cut down on our weekly meeting or stopped calling our sponsor, maybe we don't pray as frequently.

Before we know it we find fault in everything and everybody around us. The pink cloud has now turned dark gray and what we have worked so hard to achieve is now slipping away. The peace and serenity we so once cherished is now taken for granted. The old me is coming back.

However, we no longer have to stay in this funk or frame of mind. We have been afforded the tools to regain strength and hope. We have the choice to re-invest ourselves into the program and do what works, and for me, that means helping others.

### *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/>

### **Green Bay Area Central Office, Inc.**

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

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

*The next District Committee meeting is scheduled to take place at the Bridge at 6:30 pm Thursday, July, 14th, 2011*

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## Step Seven

**“Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.”**

“Humbly asked Him “ suggests our approach to Step Seven is one of humility. Being humble is something we alcoholics rarely practiced in our old lives but has been consistently reoccurring in our step work.

“The Seventh Step is where we make the change in our attitude which permits us with humility as our guide, to move out from ourselves toward others and toward God.” (Twelve and Twelve pg 76)

**IF YOU WANT TO DRINK THAT IS YOUR BUSINESS  
 IF YOU WANT TO STOP DRINKING, THAT'S OUR BUSINESS**

**AA HOTLINE – 432-2600**

MINUTES OF DISTRICT MEETING (6-09-11)

The meeting came to order at 6:35 PM with Marty C. (DCM) presiding. Opened with the reading of the Traditions and the Twelve Traditions.

DCM report by Marty C. ---Hello Family, I attended the Area 74 Spring Conference, Area 74 Committee Meeting, and the Delegate's Report from the 2011 General Service Conference. Attendance was around 300 AA's and Al-Anons (about 20 from Green Bay). It was a fun Conference and a good time was had by all. The main speaker, Bob D. from Las Vegas and the History of the Big Book Presentation by Lee C. from San Diego, were both very powerful.

I have one hard copy of the Delegate's Report I'll pass around. If you would like a copy for your group, make sure I have your e-mail address and I'll be glad to send it to you. I'll touch on a few of the major items. 1) We have lost the copyrights to the Twelve Concepts. How did this happen? I asked the same question. The response I got was; the attorneys we employ to keep an eye on these things were not paying close enough attention to our time frames to renew our copyrights and someone snagged them out from under us. 2) Putting the Grapevine Magazine on the Apple Network is in the works. I serve on the Area 74 Grapevine Committee. When we reviewed and discussed this at the Delegate's Workshop, we found 7 Traditions this motion was in violation of. The group conscience we gave to our Area 74 Delegate, was to vote against this. He opted to vote in favor of it. When I asked him why he voted opposite of the groups he represented, he kind of blew me off and said, "That's just the way it went". This is not the first time he has done this. Our group conscience is not being heard at the General Service Conference. This is very disturbing to me. 3) The Grapevine lost \$400,000 in 2010 and \$94,000 so far in 2011. The Grapevine loss is covered by the reserve fund that is controlled by the General Service Board. The reserve fund consists of Literature sales, and Group Contributions.

At the Area 74 Committee Meeting we discussed several things. The 2nd Annual Concepts Workshop (I have flyers) hosted by Dist's 01 & 02 will be Sat. aug 20th at St. Mark's Church in Neenah, WI. Starting at 9 AM. We discussed our new four assembly year that will start in 2012 and how that will work. It will speed up the time it takes the area to conduct business. Lastly, we talked about increasing the delegate's budget from \$1,200 to \$3000. The reason for this is the GSC is in NYC every other year and in Rye, NY every other year. This saves AA about \$600,000 per year. This also only allows the Delegate to visit the GSO the years they meet in NYC. If all Delegate's budgets were increased, they could meet in NYC every year.

Summer is here and there will be picnics and fun summer events. So keep an eye out for fliers. In Loving Service, Marty C. DCM Dist. 01

M/S/C to accept Secretary's report as given.
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Old Business:
Report on Central Office Staffing—Keep pounding the pavement-need more volunteers.
Report on helping struggling Districts. It was determined that this is the Area's Responsibility

New Business:
Tom M. is stepping down as BTG Chair—we are needing a replacement.
Judy G. gave a report on upcoming Concepts Workshop. Flyer was presented.
A name change for AA-Al-Anon meeting (Tue-Thur) was approved
A suggestion was presented by Phyllis W. on the possibility of having baby sitters At some meetings. Phyllis and Eileen G. will pursue that request and come up with a reply to this.

P. I. Chair Report by Ivan C.:
Provided additional copies of the Big Book, 12& 12 and Living Sober to the Brown County Library in downtown Green Bay and Howard Locations

District Events Report by Debbie S.:
Debbie S. and Judy G. met to start planning of the District 01 Summer Picnic, which will also include a Traditions Panel and the 2012 District Elections. It will be held Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Green Isle Park in Allouez. We will be using the pavilion.

Newsletter Co-Chair report by Jack S. and Gary K:
The second edition of our new newsletter went very smoothly without any problems. Starting with this issue, we will not be charged any sales tax. Color

Master Printing has been very good to work with. It was the consensus of every one at the meeting that the editors should advertise "out of District" events in the newsletter if there is room to print them.

Grapevine Chair Report by John R. S.:
The Grapevine is offering a 7-day free trial just for signing up to their website. Sign up at www.aagrapevine.org Read the stories, pass it along, and urge other AA's to sign up.

There was also some discussion on better organization and participation for the Oconto and Oconto Falls area meetings.

The following Committee Chairs were absent:
Corrections—Winston S.
Bridging The Gap—Tom M.
CPC---Paul S.
Archives—Wayne B.
Webmaster—Ron M.

Adjournment
Respectfully submitted by Don G. (Secretary)

Area 74 District 01 Treasurer's Report
Prepared for the June 9, 2011 GSR Meeting

Table with financial data: Starting Balance as of May 12, 2011 \$2,541.66; Color Master - May Newsletter -\$82.29; Ivan C Bus Ads -\$42.00; The Bridge GSR Meeting -\$15.00; Total Expenses -\$139.29; Deposits: Donations from GSR Meeting \$12.00; Live and Let Live Group \$50.00; The 218 Club \$80.50; Serenity Seekers \$120.00; Total Deposits \$262.50; Ending Balance as of June 9, 2011 \$2,664.87; (\$650.00 for prudent reserve) -\$650.00; (Minus District Events) -\$1,032.35; Total Funds Available to spend \$982.52

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack S.
Treasurer District 01

Message From Marty C. (DCM)

## 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](http://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 AI-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.

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District 01 is in need of someone to step up to take over as the Bridging the Gap/Treatment Chairperson.

This person will be responsible for the following duties.

- Assist people coming from jail, correctional facilities and treatment centers who are transitioning into the general public (i.e. getting newly released members to AA meetings ASAP).
- Provides liaisons for people to feel welcomed into the AA community.
- Provides phone numbers and meeting information for people coming out of institutions.
- Provides communication from other alcoholics (i.e. letters, phone calls, etc) while in institutions.
- Reports and attends regularly at District Meetings.

## New Meeting

**Saturdays at 7:00am**

**Big Book Study Group**

**Sts. Edward and Isidore Catholic Church**

**Flintville Rd. Flintville, WI**

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**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. at 920-432-2600

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

### Humor from Grapevines Past:

Two drunks were staggering along a railroad track when one tiredly complained to the other, "I sure wish we'd get to the bottom of this flight of stairs." "The stairs aren't the worst of it," grumbled the second drunk. "It's the low handrail that bugs me."

### **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](mailto:newsletter@greenbayaa.org) and we will put you on our mailing list.

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### 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](mailto: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.

**Deadline for next month's ads and articles is August 4, 2011.**

AA should be a way of life

Things To Do and Places To Go

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**Recovery on the Lake**

July 15, 16 and 17, 2011  
N1530 Mallard Bay Road  
Keshena WI

Contact: Debbie C: 715-799-3259  
Boobie: 715-851-0838  
Davey M: 715-799-4319

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Need more information? Call David J. (715) 571-0442

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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 Concept 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](mailto:ConceptsWorkshop@area74.org)

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**The Central Office's Picnic/Speakers/Fundraiser**

Date: July 23<sup>th</sup>

Time: 2:00 until ???

Location: VFW Bellevue

(3323 Kewaunee Road, Green Bay)

A \$2.00 donation is suggested at the door

Brats, Hotdogs, and Hamburgers (with the appropriate condiments) will be provided by the Central Office.

Bring a dish to pass if you can.

Hot and Cold Beverages will be for sale.

If you have an item that you would like to donate for the Silent Auction or Specialty Auction, please contact Lois at 920-946-4772 or contact the Central Office at 920-432-2600

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**FRIENDS OF BILL W,s**

**12 Step High Group**

7:00 AM Coffee 8:00 AM

July 25 through July 31

**Open AA Meetings at the  
2011 EAA Fly-In**

Beginners meeting every morning along with a regular AA & Alanon Speaker meeting on July 30  
We Meet Daily at Tent #1 in the Nature Center on the EAA Grounds at Whitman Airport Oshkosh WI

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The 14th Annual

**Chippewa Valley Roundup**

AA with Al-Anon Participation

July 29, 30, & 31, 2011

Plaza Hotel and Suites • Eau Claire, Wisconsin

For any additional information contact:

Chippewa Valley Roundup

P.O. Box 1033

Eau Claire, WI 54702

[chippewavalleyroundup.com](http://chippewavalleyroundup.com)

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**Central Wisconsin Traveling Intergroup**

Hosted by District 08

Open AA Speaker Meeting **Richard T.** From: Oshkosh, WI.

When: August 6, 2011

Where: St. Anne Catholic Church  
700 W Bridge St, Wausau, WI.

Fellowship Starts at 5:00 P.M.

Potluck Starts at 6:00 P.M.

Speaker at 7:00 P.M.

Main dish will be provided Please bring a dish to pass.

- 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

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**Area 74 Fall Conference**

September 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Best Western Hudson House

1616 Crestview Drive

Hudson, WI

Email: [areafallconference2011@yahoo.com](mailto:areafallconference2011@yahoo.com)

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**8<sup>th</sup> 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

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Stateline Retreat 2011

December 8, 9, 10, 11, 2011

Las Vegas, NV