

The Alcoholics Anonymous Newsletter

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VISIT OUR WEBSITES

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

The next District Committee meeting is scheduled to take place at the Bridge at 6:30 pm Thursday, June 9th, 2011

DISTRICT COMMITTEE OFFICERS

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After a four-month absence our monthly AA Newsletter is back in publication. There are a few minor differences but our primary purpose stays the same, to carry the message.

The size of the newsletter has changed to four page format with meeting list insert. We plan to continue to include all the information our readers have come to expect,

A big thank you to the groups and individuals who participated in the survey. The recommendations from the survey guided us through this transition.

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/>

Step Five

“Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.”

The Twelve and Twelve states “few steps are harder to take than Five. But scarcely any step is more necessary to longtime sobriety and peace of mind than this one.”

The program teaches us how to uncover our darkest fears and secrets. The path to real freedom and serenity is revealed during this step

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AA HOTLINE – 432-2600

Tradition Five

“Each group has but one primary purpose-to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

Twelve and Twelve, pg. 150

Focusing on what AA does best ensures the preservation and unity of our fellowship. The greatest gift any alcoholic is the sharing of his or hers experience, strength, and hope. This one is one the main messages our founders intended for us to remember Individual meetings vary their formats and focus but their purpose remains consistent. This is comforting and sometimes life saving for the alcoholic who is away from his or her home.

MINUTES OF DISTRICT MEETING (4-14-11)

The Meeting came to order at 6:30PM with Marty C. presiding and with the reading of the Responsibility Statement and the Traditions.

**DCM report was given by Marty C. (DCM)
M/S/C to accept Secretary's report as given.
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Report was given on group allegedly operating out of our Traditions and the problem was reportedly solved.

Discussion was held on motion to staff the Central Office and was voted on and carried. Contact is Marian K. She has all the records in her possession.

Report was given on Newsletter progress and we're told there will be a Newsletter by the Next District Meeting (4-12-11) Newsletter report will follow.

Meeting List will be updated monthly and will be an insert in the Newsletter.

Additional copies will be printed for corrections and Treatment Centers.

Current meeting list date (4-14-11) Discard old copies.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

Newsletter Co-Chairs: This past month Jack S. and I met with the previous editor to obtain the Newsletter's format. After meeting with Angie P. it was realized that the Number 1 problem facing the monthly publication is getting the announcements and/or ads in before the deadline. The size of these is way too large. We ask this committee to establish new guidelines. We are looking at May 12, 20011 for our first Newsletter.

Grapevine Chair: Nothing new to report.

Corrections Chair: Absent.

Bridging the Gap Chair: Nothing new to report.

Webmaster Chair: Absent.

Archives Chair: Absent.

District Events Co-Chairs: Nothing new to report.

CPC Chair and PI Chair reports: On March 30, 2011, Paul S. and Ivan C. made a presentation to the staff at Brown County Crisis Center using the AA Central Office PowerPoint presentation as the outline for the presentation.. I've asked the coordinator for feedback about the presentation but have received none as yet.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35PM with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Don G. (Secretary)

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

Message from Marty C. (DCM)

Hello Family

First of all, I hope you all will join me in giving grateful thanks to Jack S. and Gary K. (new Newsletter Co-Chairs) for getting our newsletter up and running again. They have both put much time and effort into getting our newsletter back to you, the AA member. It has a new format and look. Jack and Gary have accomplished this task for half the amount it was costing us before. I feel this is a remarkable feat. Thank you guys so much.

I would also like to welcome Gary K. to the Green Bay recovering community. He comes to us from Indianapolis IN. He reminds me of myself when I first moved to Green Bay from Sturgeon Bay. He has service work in his blood and has jumped in, willing to serve however he can. So when you see Gary around give him a big Green Bay welcome and let him know how much his commitment to service is appreciated.

We are getting new GSR's at the District 01 Meetings a group at a time. I'd like to stress the importance of having a group Steering committee. Your GSR is the voice of your group conscience. The GSR carries the voice of your group to the District 01 Committee Meeting and to the Area 74 Assembly (which they should attend), then the Area 74 Delegate carries that same group conscience and the conscience of all the 24 districts in Area 74 to the General Service Conference in New York every year. So, it is vital to the survival of our beloved fellowship as a whole for the voice of AA to start at the group. Please, please, please take part in AA as a whole. Please elect a GSR for your homegroup and please encourage them to attend the District 01 Committee Meetings (2nd Thursday of each month at the Bridge @ 6:30 PM) and the Area 74 Spring, summer, winter, and Fall Assemblies. There are four Assemblies per year now instead of two so we can get more done in a shorter period of time. I will be glad to keep you informed of the Assembly dates or you can find them in the Now & Then or on the Area 74 org. website.

The 2011 Spring Conference is coming up in Sturgeon Bay from Friday May 13th –Sunday May 15th. Some highlights of the conference will be the main speaker, Bob D. from Las Vegas NV. A few years ago, I attended a two day Big Book Study that Bob conducted. He knows the Big Book inside and has much experience to share. He has done Big Book studies all over the world and has several Big Book studies out on CD (Gopher State Library). Another highlight will be on Sunday morning, Lee C. from San Diego, CA. is a Big Book Historian and will be giving a presentation on the history and origin of our Big Book. He is said to have the best collection of pictures and archives in the country. It should be pretty informative and interesting. Last, but not least, there will be a GSR Sharing Session. I would encourage all GSR's to attend. This is where the GSR's have the opportunity to sit down with each other and the Area 74 Chair for an informal sharing session. They discuss problems, ideas, and solutions their groups are having, getting feedback from each others experience, strength, and hope. It's a very rewarding experience. I hope to see you all there.

On Loving Service,

Marty C. DCM District 01

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Green Bay Area Central Office

1270 Main Street, Suite102
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 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.

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**

Area 74 District 01 Treasure's Report

Prepared for the April 14th, 2011 GSR Meeting

Starting Balance as of March 10, 2011 **\$2,987.85**

Checks Written:

3/10/2011	1848	Bridge GSR Meeting	-\$15.00
3/10/2011	1849	Ivan C. Bus Ads -	-\$84.00
3/10/2011	1850	Marty C. Del-Assem	-\$200.00
3/25/2011	1851	Marty C. Gas Money	-\$60.00
4/13/2011	1852	Jack S. P.O. Box	<u>-\$49.64</u>
		Total Expenses	-\$408.64

Deposits

4/11/2011		Wed. Grapevine 218	\$45.00
4/13/2011		Mon. Pulaski Group	\$57.00
4/13/2011		GSR Meeting Donations	<u>\$19.00</u>
		Total Deposits	\$121.00

Ending Balance as of 4/14/11 **\$2,710.21**

Prudent Reserve -\$650.00

District Events -\$1,032.35

Total Funds Available **\$1,027.86**

Submitted by Jack S. Treasure District 01

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A drunk walks into a bar, sits down, and demands a drink. "Get out" says the bartender. "I don't serve drunks here." The drunk staggers out the front door, only to come back in through the side door. He sits at the bar, bangs his fist and demands a drink. "I just told you to get out, didn't I? Now LEAVE!" The drunk gets off his stool, stumbles out the side door, and, comes back inside through the back door. Once again, he sits at the bar and loudly asks for a drink. The bartender, now glowing mad, looks at the drunk and yells, "I TOLD YOU, NO DRUNKS ALLOWED, NOW GET OUT!" The drunk looks up at the bartender and slurs, "How many bars do you work at, anyway?"

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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 . Submissions written in the body of an email cannot be used, no exceptions. Please keep font size to #14 Maximum for ads, and #12 for article content. Deadline for submissions is noon on the first Thursday of the month. Thank you for your support. By following these guidelines, everyone can hve their voices heard.

Deadline for next month's ads and articles is June 2nd , 2011.

Things To Do and Places To Go

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Area 74 Spring Conference

May 13, 14 & 15
Stone Harbor Resort & Conference
Center
Sturgeon Bay, WI
Call 920-559-8427

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Weyauwega Intergroup

Speaker: Fr. Jim V.
Saturday May 21, 2011
First Presbyterian Church
200 South Pine Street
Weyauwega, WI 54983

Manistique Intergroup

June 4, 2011
First Baptist Church
323 Walnut Street, Manistique
(Across from the courthouse)

1:00 pm	GSR Workshop
4:00 pm	Corrections Meeting
5:00 pm	GSR Meeting
5:00 pm	Open AA Meeting
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:00 pm	Speaker

Annual WI/UP Corrections Conference

June 18, 2011
First Presbyterian Church
100 Presbyterian Street
Shawano, WI
9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Contact: Terry W.

715-526-6758 or 715-584-8252

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Why It Works

The AA Group & The Twelve Traditions
A Closed AA Workshop

When: Saturday, June 18, 2011
Where: Solutions Recovery Club
621 Evans Street
Oshkosh, WI

3rd Annual Northeast Wisconsin Tri-State Roundup

June 24th – 26th, 2011
Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
2040 Contact: Jamie O. at 920-562-3245
Airport Drive
Green Bay, WI 54313
Email: jmejonah@yahoo.com

Intergroup/Panel Schedule

June 25, 2011
Seymour Intergroup
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
349 North Main Street
Seymour, WI

Washington Island

AA/Al-Anon Weekend

July 7th – 10th, 2011
745 East Side Road
Washington Island, WI 54246
Call: 920-847-2662

Email: campingretreat@yahoo.com
www.washingtonislandcamping.com

Second Annual Spiritual Retreat

July 20th-22nd, 2011
Saint Meinrad Archabbey
200 Hill Drive
St. Meinrad, IN 47577
Single Rate \$225.00 Double Rate \$375.00
All Meals & Lodging Included
Reservations: \$25.00 Deposit
Contact: Br. Maurus Zoeller, OSB
800-581-6905 or 812-357-6585
Email: mzoeller@saintmeinrad.edu

Area 74 Fall Conference

September 16th – 18th, 2011
Best Western Hudson House
1616 Crestview Drive
Hudson, WI
Email: areafallconference2011@yahoo.com