

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

*The next District Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place at
the Bridge at 6:30 pm Thursday, October 13th, 2011*

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My father never read the instruction manual

My father never read the instruction manuals on any product he purchased and consequently he never learned about all the features or proper maintenance the manufacturers suggested. So, one may ask, *what does this have to do with my alcoholism?* If you never read the Big Book you may be depriving yourself of its total message.

Within the first one hundred and sixty-four pages of the Big Book (Alcoholics Anonymous) it describes in detail our disease and a solution to our dilemma. However, to receive its benefits we must first read it and then, try our best to work it.

In Loving Service
Gary K. Co- 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, 2011
(Green Isle Park Pavilion, 2500 Greene Avenue)***

**Cooperation with the
Professional Community:**... Paul S.
CPC@greenbayaa.org

Step Nine

***“Made direct amends to such people wherever
possible, except when to do so would injure them or
others.”***

Comments By: Gary K. Co-Editor

One of the qualities needed to do this step is courage and according to Webster’s Dictionary, **“courage implies firmness of mind and will in the face of danger or extreme difficulty.”** While in the grip of alcohol I was unable to admit any wrongs much less make any amends to anyone. Even as I worked this step, in some cases “extreme difficulty” described my feelings accurately however, it did not hinder any reconciliation.

The timing of my amends was as important as the amends themselves. Some amends were made immediately and others were performed as circumstances allowed. I also attempted amends with a previous deceased relative via letter. This turned out to be a very powerful tool regarding the progress of my recovery. All in all the experience strengthened my freedom with the past and my serenity with the present.

Green Bay Area AA Hotline – 432-2600

If you want to drink that is your business

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

MINUTES OF DISTRICT MEETING (8-11-11)

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

DCM report was given by Marty C. M/S/C to accept it as given.
M/S/C to accept the Secretary's report as read.
M/S/C to accept the Treasurer's report as given.

Next District Meeting will be held at Green Isle Park along with the District Picnic and the District Elections. on Sept. 10. People must be present at the Meeting to be nominated and elected to District Office.

Some discussion was held on financing the Concepts Workshop in Neenah and it was decided to let District 02 handle it this time.

There was no feedback from Phyllis W. on childcare at Meetings. The idea was tabled until the Oct. 9th District Meeting.

DCM Report: Hello Family
Not much happened this month I attend the Area 74 Committee Meeting in Three Lakes, WI on Sat. July 16th. A motion came out of the Area 74 Comm. to adopt the original scope for the Structures and Guidelines Comm. The Finance Comm. recommended no increase in the Delegate's Budget at this time. We also discussed possible formats for the new four year assembly year. I'd like to welcome Rick B. to the Dist. 01 Comm. I met Rick last fall and he expressed a desire to serve. Thank you so much for your commitment. September's Dist. 01 Mtg. Will be held on Sat. Sept. 10th—10:45 AM at the Dist. 01 Picnic. The District elections will be the business conducted along with Standing Comm. and Dist. Officer's Reports. If you know of anyone interested in serving at the district level or you have a nomination for a district position, please make sure they know that they have to be present. Jack S. and Rick B. have not served full terms in their respective service positions. Both have voiced a desire to serve an additional two year term as Chairpersons of their Committees. However, they both will need to be renominated, thank you guys for your willingness to serve. (In Loving Service, Marty C.—DCM.

Committee Chair Reports:

District Events Report---Judy G. and Debbie S. met and went over the District Picnic Agenda. (Judy G. & Debbie S.)

Cooperation with Professional Community Report---No new speaking requests to date. There is a program sponsored by Brown County Human Services at Meyer Theatre on Thursday, September 15, 2011. Two videos will be shown, "Recovery Happens in Brown County" and "Families Recover in Brown County". September 17th is the date for Celebrate Recovery Event at Bay Beach. Speakers, displays, socializing with a big emphasis on recovery. This is sponsored by many of the treatment providers in Brown County. (Paul S.)

Public Info Report---Nothing new to report other than, planning to order more literature. (Ivan C.)

No reports from:
Newsletter (Jack S. & Gary K.)
Bridging the Gap (Rick B.)

Following Chairs were absent:
Grapevine (John R. S.)
Corrections (Winston S.)
Webmaster (Ron M.)
Archives (Wayne B.)
Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by: Don G. (Secretary)



Message from Marty C. (DCM)

The Area 74 Concepts Committee is deeply sorry for any problems that arose as a result of postponing the August 20, 2011 workshop. Since the Area decided they were not in a position to financially support the workshop, we are asking GSR's to go back to their groups and ask the following questions:

1) We have asked District 01 to present the same questions to their GSR's. If District's 01 & 02 both agree to support the workshop we will be asking for \$200 seed money from each District. If the groups decide to go ahead with the workshop, we will be putting out donation baskets and will practice the 7th Tradition. Money collected will be used first to offset expenses; and any extra money will be returned to the District(s) as the return of seed money. The question we would like you to ask your Home Groups are:

(a) Would you support the District financially helping to host the workshop?

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

**Area 74 District 01 Treasurer's Report
Prepared for the August 11, 2011 GSR Meeting**

Starting Balance as of July 14,, 2011	\$2,613.52
GBACO Big Books	-\$16.88
Color Master - July Newsletter	-\$78.00
Marty C Area Committee Meeting	-\$120.00
Ivan C Bus Ads	-\$42.00
The Bridge GSR Meeting	-\$15.00
Total Expenses	-\$271.88
Donations from GSR Meeting	\$18.00
7 AM Grapeview at 218	\$34.00
New Hope Groups	\$400.00
Pulaski Monday Night	\$55.00
Road to Recovery	\$75.00
Sisters of Sobriety	\$34.75
Total Deposits	\$616.75
Ending Balance as of August 11, 2011	\$2,958.39
(\$650.00 for prudent reserve)	-\$650.00
(Minus District Events)	-\$992.35
Total Funds Available to spend	\$1,316.04

Respectfully submitted
Jack S.
Treasurer District 01



Tradition Nine

“A.A., as such, ought never be organized: but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

9-Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our over-all public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

Green Bay Area Central Office

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Green Bay, WI 54305-1791
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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.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A drunk walks into a bar and notices a banner that says "win \$10,000; ask bartender for details". He asks and the bartender says "well, you see that man at the end of the bar?" The drunk looks over and sees a huge, burley dude. The bartender says "if you can knock him out with one punch, you go to the second step... The door right behind that big guy opens into a room containing an alligator with a sore tooth. If you can pull his tooth and come out alive, you move on to step three... Those stairs next to the door go up to an eighty year old hooker's apartment. She has never been satisfied by any man. If you can satisfy her, you win the money!" The drunk says ok and orders a double shot of whiskey. He belts that down, walks to the end of the bar and POW! Knocks the big dude out. He orders another double, belts it down, walks to the door, steps inside and closes the door. BAM, CRASH, GROWL is all the bartender and patrons can hear for a few minutes and then total silence. Five minutes later, the drunk walks out of the room bloody, clothes shredded. He orders another double, drinks it and says "o.k., where's the hooker with the sore tooth?"

Submitted by: Jack S

About the A.A. Concepts

Submitted by: Gary K.

"A.A.'s Twelve Steps are principles for personal recovery. The Twelve Traditions ensure the *unity* of the Fellowship. Written by co-founder Bill W. in 1962, the *Twelve Concepts for World Service* provides a group of related principles to help ensure that various elements of A.A.'s service structure remain responsive and responsible to those they serve."

(The above writing appears on page 574 of Alcoholics Anonymous)

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.
- 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](tel:920-432-2600)

Heard at a Meetings...

"If all is not lost, where is it?"

"Being asked to be a sponsor is an honor, a gift – another chance to strengthen my own sobriety."

"We cannot be carried. We have to participate in our own recovery."

"I am not powerless over my attitudes, or assuming responsibility for my own recovery." "Comfort the disturbed. Disturb the comfortable."

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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 #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
October 6, 2011*

Support the A.A. Grapevine

You can order your own subscription of the Grapevine magazine by going to: www.aagrapevine.org or call:

1-800-631-6025



IF YOU ARE NOT A HOME AND NEED HELP

Appleton Hot Line
920-731-4331
Oshkosh Help Line
920-410-4620



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

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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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Area 74 Fall Conference

September 16th – 18th, 2011
Best Western Hudson House
1616 Crestview Drive
Hudson, WI

Email: areafallconference2011@yahoo.co

"Families Recover in Brown County"

September 17th
Celebrate Recovery Event at Bay Beach.
Speakers, displays, socializing with a big emphasis on recovery.

3rd Sunday Breakfast & Open Speaker Meeting

Ramada Plaza Hotel
1 North Main Street
Fond Du Lac, WI
September 18, 2011
Breakfast at 10 AM & Speaker at 11 AM

Save the Date!!!

District 25
Annual Fall Intergroup
Saturday October 8th, 2011
Lakeside Park Pavilion
Fond du Lac, WI
Door Open at Noon
Workshops at 1:00 PM

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

SENIORS IN SOBRIETY

2012 International Conference
March 14-17 2012 in Yuma, Arizona
Visit www.bit.ly/sisconference
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God grant me the
Serenity
to accept the things I
cannot change...
Courage to
change the things I can
and **Wisdom** to
know the difference...

BELIEVING
IN
GOD
BEATS
OUR
OLD
KNOWLEDGE

HAVE
YOU
CALLED SOMEONE TODAY

