

DISTRICT 01 NEWSLETTER

"The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop drinking"

NOVEMBER 2004

DISTRICT 01 PO BOX 0632 GREEN BAY WI 54305

www.greenbayaa.org

GSR and District Service Meeting

Nov 18th
Third Thursday
6:30 pm

218 Club
218 So. Oneida St
Green Bay

Each member speaks only for herself or himself. In the Home Group, the GSR brings our consensus to the D C M. Consensus is formed as we draw upon the service of our committees. The Newsletter and Meeting List are distributed. All members are welcome.

Serving at the District level
gives a whole new meaning to
"How It Works."

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Many members who desire to serve beyond the home group find themselves walking through the door of the GSR and District Service Meeting. Generally, they have been sober over a year and recognize the promises coming into their life. Gratitude has replaced despondency; the desire to give back is growing. When you are ready, please consider this important service. All are welcome.

Visit our web sight a convenient place to find a meeting

District 01	www.greenbayaa.org
(our meeting list and past newsletters are posted here)	
Area 74 (North WI + UP)	www.area74.org
(w/ links to Districts 01 02 04 05 06 07 09 10 12 14 15 16 18 22 23 24)	
Area 75 (South WI)	www.area75.org
AA Grapevine	www.aagrapevine.org
WICYPAA	www.wicypaa.org
(Wisconsin Conference of Young People in AA)	
G.S.O. (General Service Office in NY)	www.aa.org
(A list of online meetings is available, upon request, from GSO)	

Support our new meeting

"FRIDAY NIGHT ALIVE"

Women's Closed mtg.

Friday 7:00 pm Discussion format Non-smoking

Last Friday of the month is a Speaker Meeting.

Victory Baptist Church, 1537 University Av., Green Bay

Contact: Mary K. 920-837-2707

"KEEP IT SIMPLE"

Wednesday, 6:30 pm Open mtg Non-smoking

Big Book - Basic 12 Step Study

Port Plaza Towers, 302 N. Adams St., Green Bay

NATIVE GROUNDS COMMUNITY CENTER

235 N. BROADWAY, GREEN BAY

Thursday Open Meeting
9:30 am Non-smoking

Reading and Discussion Format

Contact: Elizabeth 497-1812

FLINTVILLE "EARLY RISERS"

Sat 8:00 am Step Meeting Closed Non-smoking

The last Saturday of the month is a Birthday Meeting

Sts. Edward and Isidore Catholic Church, Marion Room

Contact: Tom W. 920-822-1433

From Green Bay: North on Hwy 41, left onto Cty 'B',
left onto Cty 'M', ¼ mi. on the right.

BIG BOOK MEETING

♿ BELLIN PSYCHIATRIC CENTER
301 E. JOSEPH ST., GREEN BAY

WED 7:30 PM CLOSED NON-SMOKING

CONTACT: JOHN G. 469-9103

...the Twelve Steps of our AA program are not crammed down anybody's throat. They are not sustained by any human authority. Yet we powerfully unite around them because the truth they contain has saved our lives, has opened the door to a new world. Our experience tells us these universal truths work. The anarchy of the individual yields to their persuasion. He (and she) sobers up and is led, little by little, to complete agreement with our

Recovery - Unity - Service

Committee Info

Corrections

Big Book: Portable softcover, unabridged Fourth Edition, 4.5" x 7". This item from our *Conference-Approved Literature & Other Service Material Catalog*, B-30 on p. 4, is \$4.60 a copy.

"New or used," **Sam S.** says, "I try and make sure everybody gets a Big Book. It's an ongoing thing. There's four Meetings a week. Can't use hard covers in jail."

Consider donating some books to Sam for placement in our jails. Call him at: **660-3341**. Many of us know it's a good place to put a Big Book!

Grapevine Committee

Please bring your past issues of the Grapevine to the GSR & District Service Meeting for re-distribution. Grapevines are timeless. They don't lose their relevance.

'06 Spring Conference Planning Meeting

On Monday, November 15th at the Bay Family Restaurant, 4:45 pm, the '06 Spring Conference will be planned. Here is an opportunity to serve and socialize. **Contact Dean H. 438-1594**

Bridging The Gap/Treatment

This Chair Remains Vacant

The purpose of the Bridging the Gap is to connect AA members in a treatment or correctional center with Alcoholics Anonymous in our community. **As a temporary contact** you would meet with them, go to their first few meetings, and help them get acquainted and comfortable among new friends, talk about getting a Sponsor and a home group.

The quality of this moment
reflects the quality of my life.

Traditions Checklist

Practice these principles . . .

Tradition Eleven: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

1. Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem *unattractive*?
2. Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?
3. Am I careful about throwing AA names around – even within the Fellowship?
4. Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering alcoholic?
5. What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?
6. Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for him/herself?

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Help Green Bay host WICYPAA XII

January 28, 29, 30, 2005

The Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous meets annually. Every one is welcome. **We define "Young People" as anyone with room to grow.** There are no age restrictions. In the past we have had people in their teens and in their seventies involved. The conference provides an opportunity for AA members from all over Wisconsin and the rest of the world to come together to share their experiences, strength, and hope. Like any other conference, it is an opportunity to learn more about the program and sobriety. The conference consists of several closed and open AA meetings, alkathons, panels, speaker meetings and events.

Download a registration form from our District 01 Website: greenbayaa.org or pick one up at the Bridge or The 218 Club. You can also register at the door.

We are asking for volunteers to help with: Greetings Decorating Registration Hospitality and Alkathons.

If you are interested, please contact:

Glenn F. 920-496-9557 funmaker@sbcglobal.net

Candace B. 920-235-6703 bahrcc@sbcglobal.net

Nadine S. 920-833-1354 strongmedband@aol.com

Help make Green Bay's first WICYPAA Conference a success.

WICYPAA LINE UP

Friday, 28th - Smudging, Speaker Meeting, Big Book Trivia/Jeopardy, Al-Anon Meeting, Karaoke or Dance, Alkathon begins.

Saturday, 29th - Panels: Sponsorship, Fear of economic insecurity . . . will leave us. Children of Alcoholics Al-Anon, Sex and Relationships, Tradition #3: "The only requirement for membership is the desire to stop drinking." Detachment and Love Al-Anon, The Party Has Just Begun, Double Winners Al-Anon, Al-Anon and Al-Ateen Speakers, Banquet w/ speaker: **Kip C. from Vista, CA.**, Dance, Alkathon Resumes.

Sunday, 30th - Alkathon Closes, Sunday Morning Speaker: **Dean P. Kaukauna, WI**

Newsletter/Meeting List

District 01 sponsors this newsletter and meeting list.

Opinions expressed herein are individual. Each member speaks only for herself and himself.

Past issues of the newsletter and our meeting list are available on our website: www.greenbayaa.org

The deadline is November 10th for the December issue.

Please indicate if your submission is for the newsletter, the meeting list or both.

Send to: District 01 Newsletter, PO Box 0632, Green Bay, WI 54305

Leave a message: Marty S. 465-1401

Email: martyjs@athenet.net

When you're traveling on the road and go to a meeting, please pick-up a newsletter of the district your in if one is available and pass it on to our newsletter. Thanks, Marty S.

Let's try to be the best people we can be and "share our lives" with the ones we love.

Good bye my friend, Bill

We lost a special member of our great fellowship since our last newsletter was published and **I would like to pay tribute to Bill Dekker.**

Bill came through the doors about four and a half years ago and left the gift of his love to carry on for years to come. Bill shared the love of life and of program where ever he traveled.

I always knew that Bill would be sitting in the front room at the 218 club when I came out from the back at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday morning. He'd smile, give me a hug and say, "When are you going to let Dean find himself a woman?" Bill was always thinking of other people.

I first heard of Bill's illness from my sponsor on Thursday night and I 'didn't find time' to contact Bill on Thursday or Friday, and on Saturday I was informed that he passed away. **What does it take to get us to pay attention to the important things in life? . . . Our relationships!**

Let's try to be the best people that we can be and "share our lives" with the ones we love. Bill's SMILE will be missed by many.

In loving service,

Kelly J

This we owe to AA's future:

To place our common welfare first;
to keep our Fellowship united.
For on AA unity depend our lives,
And the lives of those to come.

1970 International Convention

I need no longer be alone.

In His arms the desire to drink is gone.
I lay powerless and watch it go.

Others, like me, watch it go in growing gratitude . . . it becoming obvious I'm carried through life despite myself.

Fellowship I find with no purpose other than to help the still suffering alcoholic! What a wonderful way to spend my time.

As I help, i am Helped.
As I serve, i am Served.

As I look back, . . . it keeps getting better.

marty s.

The other day I was overcome with gratitude. Thanks, HP.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE WOLF'S DEN?

We have coasted into the fall season, the tenth month of the calendar year and change is in the air. Cool breezes, leaves changing color and I find it a time for reverence and inner reflection. It's appropriate then that the tenth step of our program suggests we do that very thing often . . ."CONTINUED TO TAKE PERSONAL INVENTORY AND WHEN WE WERE WRONG PROMPTLY ADMITTED IT."

As we continue working the previous nine steps, we can put what we've learned into practice. We review circumstances as they happen and we do some self-searching, spot inventory and when wrong promptly admit it and make immediate amends. Doing this keeps us from emotional hangovers of negative emotion that kept us drunk in the past. The obvious being the recognized list of the major human feelings . . . The 'seven deadly sins' of PRIDE, GREED, LUST, ANGER, GLUTTONY, ENVY AND SLOTH. (p. 48 in the 12 & 12)

Taking a spot inventory often and doing a review of each day, we put to the forefront any of our failings and go about making the changes necessary to grow in our recovery.

Resentments and anger of any kind, whether we feel it's justified or not, is a recipe for disaster. They must be dealt with promptly. We find as we grow in our recovery that this step becomes second nature and we don't carry that garbage that could lead to a relapse.

I pray you walk with your eyes open and it's with love and compassion that you deal with your fellow man and most of all with yourself. **GODSPEED IN YOUR RECOVERY!**

The Birthstone for the month October is the Opal, Tourmaline. Congratulations to all those celebrating an AA Anniversary and 'Happy Birthday' to those born this month!

"DEFINITIONS" from *The Little book of Humorous Quotations*

Future: That period of time in which our affairs prosper, our friends are true and our happiness is assured. Ambrose Bierce

Gossip: Hearing something you like about someone you don't. Earl Wilson

Modesty: The gentle art of enhancing your charm by pretending not to be aware of it. Edgar Watson Howe

Contraceptives: What Protestants use on all conceivable occasions. Anonymous

An Alcoholic: A man you don't like who drinks as much as you do. Dylan Thomas

Michael V. "Gray Wolf"

**GSR's,
District Committee Members and
All AA Members**
are invited to attend our annual
DISTRICT 01 HOLIDAY MEETING

at The Bridge of Green Bay
2514 Jenny Lane, Green Bay

Saturday, December 11, 2004

At 6:30 pm the business meeting begins.
At 7:30 the sociability and Fellowship begins.

PIZZA will be served

with salads, veggie's and, of course, abundant desserts.
Coffee will be free.

Soda and bottled water will be for sale.

Please bring a dish to pass.
Donations to pay for the pizza
will be gratefully accepted.

**All AA members
are welcome!**

AA: Women to Women

This is a closed AA meeting.
9:00 am - 2:45 pm

**A day of sharing; . . .to foster the
sharing of ideas, feelings and issues, . . .to
create a safe atmosphere that nurtures
honesty and becoming, . . .to explore the
positive energy among AA women.**

Held twice a year in October and April, the attendance is usually 120 women. This is the tenth year going. Call to register.

For more info **Contact:**

Mary A. 414-774-7974

Karelyn P. 414-327-7915

Held at:

The Pass It On Club

6229 West Forest Home Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53220
phone: 414-541-6923

**More and more, the AA groups
are realizing that they are
spiritual entities,
not business organizations.**

"Winners Circle" Group

Friday At 8:00 pm
now meets at
The Bridge, 2514 Jenny La.
Green Bay

**A great strength is gained when
I admit I'm powerless.**

Come join us.

The Promise Seekers

Central west side. Fridays, 9:00 am.

Resurrection Lutheran Church, 1024 Shawano Av.

Is sobriety all that we are to expect of a spiritual awakening? No, sobriety is only a bare beginning; it is only the first gift of the first awakening. If more gifts are to be received, our awakening has to go on. As it does go on, we find that bit by bit we can discard the old life – the one that did not work – for a new life that can and does work under any conditions whatever. *As Bill Sees It, p. 8*

Stop in and share your experience, strength and hope.

Mike G. Ph. 366-1309 w/ questions

**Tell us, if you can,
what holds AA together?**

Why doesn't AA tear apart, too? If each AA has personal liberty which can amount to license, why doesn't your AA Society blow up? It ought to, yet it doesn't."

Our friends of the world outside, so puzzled over this paradox, are apt to miss a most significant statement as they read our point one. It is this: "AA must continue to live or most of us will surely die."

*Language Of The Heart, Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings; p. 33,
with permission."*

**Want to find a meeting place?
Looking where to move?**

The **Victory Baptist Church** has room available for several AA Meetings. The days open are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:30 am thru 2:30 pm, located at 1545 University Av., Green Bay, where Elizabeth St. intersects University. Plenty of parking. This Church sponsors and operates a walk-in day room called "Warming Center" where coffee and a light lunch are available at no charge from 10 am to 3 pm, Monday thru Friday.

Contact: Pastor Tony Madden 437-0511

AREA CALENDAR

October

21st Thur **GSR and District 01 Service Mtg.** The Bridge, 2514 Jenny La. Green Bay, 6:30 pm While most AA members attend other groups regularly, the Home Group is where we participate in business meetings and cast our vote as part of the group conscience of the Fellowship as a whole. Each member has one vote. The GSR brings this group conscience to the GSR and District Service Meeting.

22 23 24th Fri Sat Sun **53rd Annual Area 75 AA Fall Conference, "Stepping with the Big Book"** Holiday Inn Express, Janesville, WI., Hosted by District 30, Registration Fee: \$12, Saturday Banquet: \$21.50, Sunday Breakfast Buffet: \$14.50, Register by 15th to: Conference Treasurer, Area 75 Conference, PO Box 8092, Janesville, WI 53547-8092 Website: www.area75.org **Contact: Lori or Ray 608-741-7712**

By the Grace of God I met my Sponsor upon release from a halfway house.

23rd Sat **Area 74 Fall Assembly**, Three Lakes Community Center, 1858 Michigan St., Three Lakes, WI Orientation: 8:30 am, Roll Call: 9:10, Treasurer's and Secretary's Report: 9:20, Conference Reports: 9:30, Area 74 Standing Committee Reports: 10:15, DCM Reports: 11:15, Lunch catered on site: Noon, Panel Discussion: 12:30 pm, Area 74 Delegate's Report: 1:00, Elections: 1:15, Conference Updates: 1:45, Reports: 2:30, Old Business: 3:00, New Business: 3:45.

30th Sat **Kaukauna Intergroup**, St. Mary Church, 119 W. 7th St., Kaukauna 6:00 pm Doors open, 6:30 Pot Luck Supper, 7:30 Speakers, AA and Al-Anon. Bring a dish to pass and bring a friend.

November

18th Thur **GSR and District 01 Service Mtg.** 218 Club, 218 So. Oneida, Green Bay Through your GSR, your group's voice is heard at district meetings. Your group is strengthened by the shared experience of other groups.

20th Sat **WICCYPAA XII Chili Dinner**, First United Methodist Church, 325 E. Franklin St, Appleton. 6:00 pm doors open, 6:30 chili supper, 7:30 AA Speaker – Bill E, Milwaukee, Al-Anon Speaker – To Be Announced. Bring a friend and a dessert or side dish to pass. Donations will go to help support WICCYPAA XII Conference on January 28-30, 2005 in Green Bay, WI Sponsored by the Friday Night Kaukauna Group Any questions please e-mail **Denise at: SmityDA@netscape.net**

27th Sat **District 09 Intergroup**, 1st American Lutheran Church, 511 Madison St., Oconto, WI. Potluck meal 6:00 pm, bring a dish to pass. Al-Anon and AA speakers. **Contact: Tami C. 920-834-3412**

December

11th Sat **District 01 Holiday Meeting**, The Bridge, 2514 Jenny Lane, Green Bay. GSR's, District Committee Members and all in AA are invited to attend this annual celebration of our service in sobriety. The business meeting begins at 6:30 pm. At 7:30 the sociability and Fellowship begins. **PIZZA** will be served with salads, veggie's and, of course, abundant desserts. Coffee will be free. Soda and bottled water will be for sale. Please bring a dish to pass. Donations to pay for the pizza will be gratefully accepted.

Contact: Jim D. 468-8141

All AA Members Are Welcome!

I got down on my knees for the first time in thirty years. The prayer I said was simple.

... a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience.

