

DISTRICT 01 NEWSLETTER

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

OCTOBER 2004

DISTRICT 01 PO BOX 0632 GREEN BAY WI 54305

www.greenbayaa.org

GSR and District Service Meeting

Oct 21st
Third Thursday
6:30 pm

The Bridge
2514 Jenny La.
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 shared as we draw upon the service of our committees. The Newsletter and Meeting List are distributed. All members are welcome.

Pass it on.

District 01 Committee Officers

District Committee Member (DCM)	Kelly J.	469-0501
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Secretary	John S.	499-3939
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Grapevine	Bill L.	498-3759
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Intergroup	Pat T.C.	?
Newsletter	Marty S.	465-1401
Public Information	Vacant	?

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

Area 20 (North Illinois) www.aa-nia.org

AA Grapevine www.aagrapevine.org
(AA Grapevine Digital Archive access free through Oct 31, 04)

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)

For general and pre-registration information about the 2005 International Convention to be held in Toronto, Canada, go to the GSO web site under "Services for Members"

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

An AA group may
cooperate with anyone,
but should bind itself to no one.

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Langrage of the heart, Bill W.'s
Grapevine Writings, p. 22, with
permission.

Easy Does It

Traditions Checklist

Practice these principles . . .

Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

1. Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Alanon? Alateen?
2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

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Contact: Lynn L. 496-5899 Call in the evening

Committee Info

Grapevine Committee: Please bring in your past issues of the Grapevine to the GSR & District Service Meeting for re-distribution. Thank you, Bill L.

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Big Book, p. 66

And with us, to drink is to die.

Are We Sober Horse Thieves?

The Seventh Tradition: "Every AA Group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

Do we say to ourselves, "I'm just an average AA member, let someone else worry about supporting AA as a whole?"

Do we know what it is to support AA as a whole?

Do we support only our group and not AA?

Do we know where our monies go?

As we grow stronger in our recovery do we give back what was so freely given to us. Do we donate to distribute free AA literature, free District monthly news letters, free meeting lists.

Did we use the AA Hotline in our time of need? There is a cost for this service.

Do we go to meetings where there is no basket passed? Then who pays for the rent, literature, tokens etc.

Are we passing down our experience on what it takes to run AA in our community?

Isn't "Give what you can" just as important as "if you can't don't let it keep you from coming back?"

Do we believe that AA is a free ride and someone else should contribute to keep it alive?

Anita & Jamie

Footing the Bill

"Now, where do AA's services – worldwide, area, local – fit into our scheme of things?" asked Bill W. in an October 1967 article in the AA grapevine. "Why should we provide these functions with money?"

According to Bill, "The answer is simple enough. Every single AA service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible, whether it be a group, meeting place, a central or intergroup office . . . or the world service Headquarters . . .

"Though not costly, these service agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion – to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to a recognition on our part that AA must everywhere function in full strength – and that, under our Tradition of self-support, *we are all going to foot the bill.*"

(taken from, F-3, *Self-support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix*, p.6) with permission.

INCARCERATION

Meetings within walls.

Brown County Work Release, Huber

125 So. Adams St. Green Bay

Wednesday 8:00 pm Men and Women

Sunday 6:30 pm Men and Women

A call for women to attend.

Brown County Jail

3030 Curry Ln. Green Bay

Wednesday 6:00 pm Men

Wednesday 6:00 pm Women

Green Bay Corrections

2833 Riverside Dr. Green Bay

Monday 2:00 pm Men

Sanger B. Powers

N 375 County Rd. U Oneida

Tuesday 6:00 pm Men

CLEARANCE REQUIRED!

NEEDED INFORMATION

Name Social Security Number

Phone Address

Fill out an application.

Whatever your present degree of prosperity, share a portion of it with others.

Please, join us.

The Promise Seekers

Pop yourself in at one of our meetings,
... maybe two or three.

Central west side location. 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 join us.

Thank you,

Mike G. Ph. 366-1309 w/ questions

Lighten-up by letting go.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE WOLF'S DEN?

We are into the ninth month, and in the upper Midwest, it's Autumn, with all it's splendor. It truly is God's gift to all of us.

It's also our time to study the ninth step of our program . . . "Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."

This is often called the action step. With prudence, courage and humility, it is the time we begin clearing away the wreckage of the past. It is also the time that we must face some of our fears and confront 'that' about us which we do not want to look at nor admit. We will find out as we make amends to those we have wronged, that the burden of guilt and shame will be lifted and we will 'know a new freedom and a new happiness!' (Promises, p.83-4 of the 'Big Book')

This line in the Step states, "except when to do so would injure them or others." is a compelling statement. What exactly does this mean? It is all encompassing and you would know best, but for example, it might include the spouse if you had an affair. It may include family members. You will know when it's best left in God's hands. That's not to say it gives you the reason to cloak your need to make amends in the excuse that it may injure them. The fact is, you are going to injure many people because of your self-serving, deceitful alcoholic behavior and it's time to put your cards on the table.

Your spirit will be cleansed and your 'whole outlook upon life will change.' (Promises, p.83-4 of the 'Big Book')

With this process due to take a period of time, I wish you steady resolve and peaceful contemplation. Godspeed!

The birthstone for September is the Sapphire. We congratulate all those celebrating their AA Anniversaries, and wish those born this month a 'Happy Birthday!'

Lilly Tomlin . . . on 'Love'

If 'Love' is the answer, could you rephrase the question?

Alice Thomas Ellis . . . on 'Love'

There is no reciprocity. Men 'Love' women, Women 'Love' children, and children 'Love' hamsters!

Oscar Wilde . . . on Happiness

Some spread happiness wherever they go, and some spread happiness whenever they go.

Michael V. 'Gray Wolf'

Help Green Bay host WICYPAA XII

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.

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 memorable success.

True ambition is the profound
desire to live usefully and walk
humbly under the grace of God.

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Twelve and Twelve, p.124

Lack of power,
that was our dilemma.

If a mere code of morals or a better philosophy of life were sufficient to overcome alcoholism, many of us would have recovered long ago. But we found that such codes and philosophies did not save us, no matter how much we tried. We could wish to be moral, we could wish to be philosophically comforted, in fact, we could will these things with all our might, but the needed power wasn't there. Our human resources, as marshaled by the will, were not sufficient; they failed utterly. . . .

In the face of collapse and despair, in the face of the total failure of their human resources, they found that a new power, peace, happiness, and sense of direction flowed into them. This happened soon after they wholeheartedly met a few simple requirements.

Big Book, We Agnostics, p 44, 50. with permission.

But why shouldn't we laugh? We
have recovered, and have been
given the power to help others.

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Big Book, p132

AREA CALENDAR

September

18th Sat - **Bonduel/Shawano Intergroup**
Sorry to report that the Bonduel/Shawano Intergroup Committee has **cancelled** this year's intergroup. "It's hard to give up. We all enjoyed working and sharing and having all our friends visit. Yours in Service in the Fellowship." Mary W., Committee Member

30, 1, 2, 3 Thur-Sun **Men's Weekend Retreat**, Jesuit Retreat House, 4800 Fahrwald Rd. Oshkosh, WI 54901-7598 By Richard Dunphy, S. J., For men members of AA and Al-Anon. Four days=\$200 \$40 deposit. Call 800-962-7330

October

1, 2, 3rd Fri Sat Sun **Area 74, 2004 Fall Conference "Singleness of Purpose – The Cornerstone of AA"**, Park Inn, 1009 W. Park Av. Chippewa Falls, WI. Hosted by Districts 06 & 24 Registration \$16.00, Saturday Night Banquet \$14.00, Sunday Breakfast \$8.00. Mail registration by Sept 1st to: Fall 2004 Conference, PO Box 762, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729-0762

16th Sat **53rd Oconto AA Anniversary**, 1st American Lutheran Church, 511 Madison St., Oconto Diner at 6:00 pm. Turkey diner w/ all the fixings. AA and Al-anon speakers at 7:30 pm. Donation: Adult \$8, under 12 yrs. \$4 Contact: Ron O. 920-321-1072 Harold L. 920-834-3074

May we always be willing to learn from experience!

21st Thur **GSR and District 01 Service Mtg.** The Bridge, 2514 Jenny La. Green Bay, 6:30 pm This is where the Home Group GSR brings your consensus and has one vote to help form our District consensus. Bring past Grapevine issues for redistribution.

14, 15, 16, 17th Thur – Sun **14th Annual National/International Native American Indian Alcoholics Anonymous Convention**, Sheraton Hotel Bloomington, 7800 Normandale Blvd., Bloomington, MN 55429 24 hr. Marathon Meetings. AA Workshop's, Old Timers Meetings, Social POW-WOW, Talking Circles, Al-Anon Events & Meetings, Dance – Dance – Dance, Traditional Foods, Recreational Activities. For more info call 1-888-825-4167 or website: <http://www.nai-aa.org> **Contacts:** Kellymarie 651-793-4485, email: registration@nai-aa.org Will 702-321-8875, email: hospitality@nai-aa.org

Focusing on what I can contribute rather than what I want is the quickest way to improve my attitude. It also dissolves fear.

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

23rd Sat **Area 74 Fall Assembly**, Three Lakes Community Center, Three Lakes, WI

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

19th Thur **GSR and District 01 Service Mtg.** 218 Club, 218 So. Oneida, Green Bay This is where the Home Group GSR brings your consensus. Past Grapevine issues are redistributed.

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