



The Communicator

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Step 12

"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

The last of the 12 Steps is to carry the message to others and to put the principles of the program into practice in every area of your life. For those in recovery programs, practicing Step 12 is simply "how it works," as the founders of the fellowship discovered for themselves in those early days.

As the history of Alcoholics Anonymous so clearly indicates, it was working with others who were still suffering that kept Bill W. and Dr. Bob sober. The same principle is true for all members of 12 step groups: "to keep it you have to give it away."

If nobody was doing any 12th-step work, the program would simply cease to exist. Without the service work of those who came before, no members would be here now.

Benefits of Step 12

Step 12 allows people who have worked the program to work with others who are still struggling, which benefits both the person in recovery as well as those who are still going through the program. Being of service to others can:

- Remind you of the early days of recovery (and why you've worked so hard to move past that phase)
- Keep you accountable and prevent you from becoming complacent in your recovery
- Give you a sense of purpose
- Enhance your fellowship with others
- Inspire someone else to stay the sober path
- Help provide insight to someone else in recovery
- Allow you to become a trustworthy person for someone in recovery

Making It Work

Twelve-step work isn't just going out to help the one who still suffers, but going to meetings and setting an example. Here are a few ways to work step 12 during an AA meeting:

- Make coffee
- Speak up during comments
- Say "yes" when asked to do service work or speak at a meeting
- Offer to give a ride to those who otherwise would not go to a meeting

Follow-up is also an important part of a 12th-step call. Calling the person in a few days to see if they might want to go to a meeting with you shows that you are for real.

**District I Monthly Meeting - Zoom
November 12, 2020**

Attendance

DCM: Bill D.
Alt. DCM: Steve R.
Secretary: JeriLyn K.
Treasurer: Kimberly S.
Newsletter: Kimberly S.
Grapevine: Mary B.
Corrections Adam-Men /Brenda -Women
Bridging the Gap: Marian K. (not present)
PI/CPC: Linda S.
Archives: Jeff E. (not present)
Accessibilities: Bruce K
Webmaster: Dean H.
District Events: Lauren P. /Lloyd Z. (not present)

Introductions and GSR's reports:

William W., Eye Opener, 10:00 a.m. Saturday, St. Matthew's Church - Meetings have moved inside. Attendance has been good.

Becky K., Walk with Us, 9:30 am, Thursday, The Bridge - Attendance has been well.

Bruce K., 9:30am Sunday at The Bridge - Meeting going well.

Heather H., Women in the Present, 8pm, Thursday, St. Norbert Abbey – We have decided to remain on Zoom and the Abbey is not reopening until 2021.

Lynn R., Road to Recovery, 5:30, Monday, 218 Club – We remain on Zoom and attendance is getting better. They discussed whether to remain a group or change to a meeting. They have decided to stay a group.

Lauren/Events: Not present. Lauren spoke with Bill and this spring we will have a gathering of some sort.

Bill/DCM : I attended the Area assembly meeting on October 24 via Zoom. A motion was brought forth to bring in a outside facilitator to conduct the area inventory. This was approved by the body of attendees. Jim M/ District 05 will search for a facilitator.

A motion made by District 05 to budget \$1,200.00 to help district 06, which is currently dark, to get back online. After much discussion and several failed votes, the motion was withdrawn.

The area needs to elect two Structure and Guidelines committee members. To qualify for the positions, you must have held a DCM or GSR position.

The 2021 Area budget was approved.

See below for 2021 Area 74 dates. All meetings are in Zoom format until further notice.

March 6, Delegate workshop

April 18 – 24, 71st General Service Conference via remote meeting technology.

May 14 – 16, Area 74 2021 Spring Conference, hosted by District 20

September 17 – 19, Area Fall conference Bids being submitted.

October 30, Area Assembly

December 11, Area Committee meeting

I also attended the monthly Area DCM call on October 27. We discussed concept IV as an on-going learning opportunity for all of us. We also had a great open and honest discussion on the struggles within our districts and growth opportunities. There was strong attendance by the DCMs and a very upbeat vibe.

Secretary's report from Oct: Meeting minutes approved.

Corrections (Men): Not too many letters come in this past month. Did receive a donation from the women in the present. After much discussion Heather will purchase the books from the central office and give them to Adam.

Grapevine: I attended a Grapevine Workshop via Zoom on Saturday, October 31. Debbie talked about how to announce the new GV to your group if you are the group's GVR. Brad talked about, "What is the Grapevine?" And Leslie talked about how we grow with the Grapevine. It was also suggested to laminate Grapevine covers and tape them around coffee cans for collection cans at Grapevine events or displays.

PI/CPC Report – Linda S: WIXX radio add was presented and approved. Lynn R. is assisting Linda with Facebook research as well as a meeting list on Green Bay Crime report.

Webmaster: Nov 2020 newsletter uploaded to website

- Several meeting change requests / these are addressed on a case by case basis
- Meeting app not updated yet. (working with area 74/GSO)

Website Traffic: Oct-Nov 2020

900 site visits

600 non-bounce sessions (page views)

50% mobile traffic

Ave 30 users per day

Goals for Website

- Redesign website using WordPress
- Install 12 Step Meeting Finder plugin
- Meeting plug-in easily links to GSO app
- Site would have new look/functionality
- Timeline is January 2021

Newsletter: November newsletter emailed out. Email Kimberly S. with any corrections or suggestions. Printing came out fine and Bill D. will distribute to 218, Bridge and Central Office.

Old Business:

Discussion on extending chair position term by two months to help transitions of new chairperson.

New Business:

1. Bill will obtain requirements to bid on Spring 2022 Conference.
2. Seeking a new Treasurer position. Kimberly will cover till we find a new one.
3. Please email Jerilyn and Kimberly your updates as this makes it easier to paste and copy into one document, rather than takes note during the meeting.

Close with Lord's prayer. Meeting adjourned at 8pm

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AA information flows down from New York, to the Area 74 Delegate to our local District Committee Member, to General Service Representatives, then to individual groups. Group information flows back up the same chain. This is why it's important for AA groups to have a GSR.

AA Humor

A man and his wife were awoken at 3:00 am by a loud pounding on the door. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push.

“Not a chance,” says the husband, “it is 3:00 in the morning!” He slams the door and returns to bed.

“Who was that?” asked his wife.

“Just some drunk guy asking for a push,” he answers.

“Did you help him?” she asks.

“No, I did not, it is 3:00 in the morning and it is pouring rain out there!”

“Well, you have a short memory,” says his wife. “Can’t you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us?”

The man does as he is told, gets dressed, and goes out into the pounding rain.

He calls out into the dark, “Hello, are you still there?”

“Yes,” comes back the answer.

“Do you still need a push?” calls out the husband.

“Yes, please!” comes the reply from the dark.

“Where are you?” asks the husband.

“Over here on the swing,” replied the drunk