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**DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING
(HYBRID)
FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

Attendance

DCM	Lauren P.		
Alt. DCM	Mike N.		
Secretary	Donna Y.	Alt. Secretary	Cheryl R.
Treasurer	Katie D.		
Newsletter/Webmaster	Doug F.		
Grapevine	Sherry W.		
Corrections	Eric-Men/Lindy H.-Women		
Bridging the Gap	Gail N.		
PI/CPC	Linda S.		
Archives	Jeff		
Accessibilities/ Hot Line	William		
District Events	Lynn		

*Facilitator for our 1st “Hybrid Meeting” – Stewart L.

Visitors

Mary, Bill D. (newly elected “Area 74 Information Chairman”) has “AA Big Books”, “As Bill Sees It”, “12 x 12”, “Daily Reflections” and many more for sale at cost. Call Bill @ 920-621-125 & Tony.

GSR Reports

John/ Bruce – Never on Sunday- *All is going well. 25-30 people attending.*

Mark P. – Recovery Crusaders

Robert – Zoom into Recovery (*Every day @ 3 p.m.*)- **New Zoom Meeting – Morning Wisdom** (*Sat., Sun., & Wed. 10 am.*)

Tom S. – Road to Recovery- *Attendance is up. Ready for Business Meeting.*

Polly – Women in the Present- *We continue to have a steady average of 18 people attending our meeting and newcomers joining us periodically. We are in contact with Abbey regarding the potential in the future to resume meeting there in person. Our extra collections have supported literature for the jails in the past and we revisit the discussion at our business meeting.*

William – Eye Opener

Paul – Serenity Now – *Group attendance remains strong with Covid guidelines implemented. I have been to attend several group meetings while in Texas. The members have been very hospitable and I will present some procedures for consideration at our group. (i.e., Celebration of anniversaries monthly on a specific day when recipients can recount how they joined AA and its impact on their life. We continue to look for volunteers for the “Hotline”.*

Mike N./ Duffy- Early Risers- *The Early Risers group of Alcoholics Anonymous (Saturday 8am, St. John the Baptist in*

Howard) continues to flourish with the continued emphasis on service, carrying the message and on the 12 Traditions

of AA. Whether meeting in the school Commons or the basement of the Heritage (old) Chapel, group unity persists.

Masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing is available as well as the return of fellowship around the coffee pot.

Donna Y. – Letting Go – *We discussed Newsletter printing and agreed we would like to see it printed Quarterly.*

DISTRICT CHAIR REPORTS

District Events- Lynn L.

- ❖ 4th and 5th Step Spring Retreat – April 22-24, 2022- last one until after May 2023- due to remodeling at the Abbey.
- ❖ Past/ Present Delegates Conference in Appleton February 11-13th
- ❖ St. Patrick's Day Dance @ 218 Club March 18th.
- ❖ District Intergroup Potluck April 2nd, Redeemer Lutheran Church- 5 p.m. -?

DCM – Lauren – *Hello all! I don't have anything to report this month, but I'm excited to be volunteering for the hospitality suite @ Past/Present Delegate Conference this weekend.*

Secretary – Donna, Cheryl

GSR'S and District Chairs = Please get your reports to Donna or Cheryl ASAP!

Treasurer – Katie D. – *Report was read and approved.*

Newsletter – Doug- *The January issue of Communicator was my first attempt at a newsletter. On submitting to printed I had 6 pages instead 4 pages and the cost would've tripled. A 4 page newsletter won't provide much content*

Questions:

1. *What would we like to see in our newsletter and Frequency?*
2. *Would we consider an email subscription be sent out electronically?*

***** Further discussion and decision will be continued under new business *****

Grapevine – Sherry - *There is a 2022 Carry the Message Project. AA Grapevine is collecting up to 7 minute long stories from fellowship in form of audio recordings, or you pick a topic of your choice from making amends to a particular step. If picked Grapevine will publish it the form of You Tube playlist or another media platform. February's Grapevine was mainly about getting through tough times. Reminder about Grapevines new weekly podcast every*

Corrections- Adam- *Pen pal program continues to go well (since we are not able to go into facilities due to Covid) and has expanded to Oshkosh*

Bridging the Gap – Gail N.- *Bridging the Gap has 11 writers. They have mostly been given insiders to write to but many of them have been discharged before getting the letters because of jail crowding they have been letting the alcohol OWI offenders get out right away.*

We have started a group email with Eric, Lindy, Adam and the jail administrator now so we should be getting a list of insiders who want an AA pen pal and will be splitting it up between us and doing some letters.

CPC/PI – Linda- *Discussion about running PSA again for St. Patrick's Day. Motion made and approved to run ads with donation from Central Office funds.*

Archives – Jeff – *Getting info organized.*

Accessibility/ Hot Line – William W.- *Accessibility Report - Hotline is getting new volunteers. Calls are at a steady pace of 1 to 2 calls a shift and volunteers are taking the proper steps to get the call to the 2nd tier. Zoom IDs and Passwords, meetings times, and locations are a majority of why callers are calling the Hotline. The discussion has started on a ride program for those needing assistance to meetings and sober living homes.*

Webmaster – Doug- *I have tinkered with the website a little bit. I am able to make changes to meetings, posts, events etc. If we want any structural changes to the website, I would need help*

Questions:

1. *Are we satisfied with the content?*
2. *I am going to add a link to download the "meeting app" from the GSO*
3. *GSO has lots of media I can link to if we want to add content. Flyers, videos, blogs*
4. *By a wide margin, the most looked at page is meetings. Also, by a wide margin it is being viewed on a phone.*

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary – Nominated and Elected – Donna Y – Secretary; Cheryl – Alt. Secretary

Men's Corrections- Nominated and Elected – Eric E.

Women's Corrections- Nominated and Elected – Lindy H.

NEW BUSINESS

Events – Intergroup – Lynn - *Saturday April 2nd 5-9pm Redeemer Lutheran Church. Main dish will be provided, bring a dish to pass. 2 Speakers will follow dinner, followed by raffle drawings and a count down. Volunteers needed.*

Newsletter – *Feedback from Groups- After much discussion, the motion was made, accepted and voted to move into the digital word and no longer print the Newsletter. The Meeting List will be printed monthly with info on Zoom meetings as well as using a "QR" code to get to AA Website and all current info and Newsletter.*

4th & 5th Step Retreat

Dear Friend of the 4th & 5th Step Retreat,

Just a quick note that we are filling nicely as we approach the April 8th Signup Deadline. Information can be found on the website.

There are still about 5 or 6 openings left.

If you are interested, please sign up right away.

If you have already registered, we have your information.

If you have questions, please call Judy G.

There are not currently any scholarships left at this time.

We are still accepting donations from area groups if you are so inclined (please mail to the PO Box on the registration & indicate it is a donation)

Please share this information with others at your meetings, sponsees, fellow recoverers, etc. Feel free to send this info to other recovery people you know around the State (Madison, Milwaukee, etc.).

Great News, we just found out that as of right now, the Abbey will not be requiring masks (so they will be optional)!

Also, please note that the Abbey will be undergoing significant remodeling starting in May 2022 so this will be the last weekend 4th & 5th Step Retreat until May/June 2023.

Understanding Anonymity

Two of A.A.'s traditions address anonymity. The Eleventh Tradition states that 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. The Twelfth Tradition says that Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Anonymity is often referred to as the greatest single protection the Fellowship has to assure its continued existence and growth. In stressing the equality of all A.A. members — and unity in the common bond of their recovery from alcoholism — anonymity serves as the spiritual foundation of A.A.

If we look at the history of A.A., from its beginning in 1935 until now, it is clear that anonymity serves two different yet equally vital functions:

Anonymity at the Personal level

- At the personal level, anonymity provides protection for all members from identification as alcoholics, a safeguard often of special importance to newcomers.
- As valuable as privacy is to new members, most of them are eager to share the good news of their A.A. affiliation with their families. Such a disclosure, however, is always their own choice.

Anonymity at the Public level

- At the level of press, radio, TV, films, and on the internet practicing anonymity stresses the equality of all A.A. members. Maintaining anonymity at this level puts the brakes on those who might otherwise exploit their A.A. affiliation to achieve recognition, power, or personal gain.
 - When using social media and other online platforms, A.A. members are responsible for their own anonymity and that of others. When we break our anonymity in online forums, we may inadvertently break the anonymity of others. Protecting anonymity is a major consideration for A.A. members who are moving online in ever-growing numbers.

Facts About Anonymity

It is the A.A. member's responsibility, and not that of the media, to maintain our cherished Tradition of anonymity.

- A.A. members generally think it unwise to break the anonymity of the member even after the member's death, but in each situation, the final decision must rest with the family. A.A. members, though, are in agreement that the anonymity of still living A.A. members should be respected in obituaries or in any type of printed remembrance or death notice.
- A.A. members may disclose their identity and speak as recovered alcoholics, giving radio, TV and online interviews, without violating the Traditions — so long as their A.A. membership is not revealed.
- A.A. members may speak publicly as A.A. members only if their full names or faces are not revealed. They speak as individual members, but not for A.A. as a whole.

Steps and Traditions

3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.
3. Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence, we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

How Does Step 3 Work?

In step 3 of AA's 12-step program, you focus your attention on learning about your higher power's will for you. You turn your life over to your higher power and turn away from your own will.

The decision is made, and it's followed by action.

One of the most powerful tools AA participants use in this step is the Serenity Prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr. The Serenity Prayer states,

“God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.”

This prayer helps AA participants accept the serenity that comes with understanding you cannot control other people, but you can control your reaction to a situation.

There might also be things in your own life that you can change, but you can decide to surrender and trust a higher power to help you with the things you cannot change or control.

The Third Step Prayer

“God, I offer myself to Thee, to build with me and to do with me as thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy power, Thy love, and Thy way of life. May I do Thy will always.”

AA Intergroup 2022

April 2, 2022

5-9 pm

**Redeemer Lutheran Church
210 South Oneida St
Green Bay, WI**

Welcome and fellowship 5:00 – 5:30

Dinner 5:30 – 6:30

Main dish provided. Bring a dish to pass.

Countdown and Raffle drawings 8:30 pm

Speakers

Al-Anon

Dawn K

AA

Kady D

Contact Lynn L. for donations or service opportunities. 920-228-0863

**St. Patricks
Dance & Potluck
Saturday March 19th 9:00 till midnight
Location : 218 Club**

Live DJ, Door prizes, potluck.

Please bring a dish to pass if you are able.

Questions? See Patrick H

The doctor told his patient he wasn't sure of th diagnosis, but hought it could be due to alcohol. The patient replied, "That's ok doc. I'll come back when you're sober"

You're riding a horse at full speed. Ther's a giraffe on your right, keeping up with you, and there's a lion directly behind you, right on your tail. What do you do? **Get your drunk a... off the carousel!**