



The Communicator

June 2022

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You Don't Get Over an Addiction by
Stopping Using.
You Recovery by Creating a New Life
Where It's Easier to Not Use.
If You Don't Create a New Life,
Then All the Factors That Brought You to
Your Addiction Will Catch up with You
again.

**DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING
(HYBRID)
June 9, 2022**

Attendance

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

GSRs: Mark P, Lynn B, Duffy M., Mary M., Melissa, Polly, John VS., Mike N., Paul, Donna, Robert W., John S.

GSR Reports

Mark P – Recovery Crusaders –Meets Sundays 8:00am Nativity of Our Lord Church- **No Written report.**

Donna Y – Letting Go –Meeting Thurs. 1 p.m. @ 218 - Nothing new to report.

John S/Cheryl – BYOBB - Meeting meets Tuesday at 7:00pm at St John the Baptist in Howard. *This meeting will be an official group as of 6/22/2022. We did not get our group number yet but I did receive confirmation from the NY GSO that they received our paperwork and we are registered. Cheryl and Jon both attended the Area 74 Conference in Ashland, WI and went to the new GSR workshop. Our Area 74 delegate reported on the 72nd General Service Conference that he had just attended in April. He provided a wealth of information; it was a little overwhelming for a first timer. Looking forward to learning more about how this all works.*

Mary M – Women in the Present (in-person) –Meets from 7:00pm – 8:15pm on Thursdays@ The Bridge.

Since starting to meet in-person again, we have seen meeting attendance increase. We have between 13-17 women in attendance each week and about 7 of those attending on a regular basis have 1 year or less of sobriety. Many of those that attend for the 1st time keep coming back. Six to ten women usually attend our monthly Business Meeting – which is held the last Thursday of the month, immediately following the meeting.

We currently have the following positions filled: GSR, Secretary, Treasurer and Grapevine Representative. One of our newer members recently accepted the role of “Activities Chairperson.” We hope to schedule some fun get-togethers that will provide an opportunity to get to know each other better and promote service work. We are still looking to fill the Alternate GSR position.

One of our members recently updated the phone/email contact information for our group. We’ve also put together “Welcome Packets” that include a coupon for a Big Book that will be given to a newcomer when she returns for her second meeting.

At our monthly Business Meeting we’ve just begun to review the Group Inventory that was done in 2018 (when the in-person and Zoom groups were still one large group). We are considering whether or not it would be a benefit to the group to revisit this process and get updated feedback.

Mike N - Early Risers- Meets every Saturday morning, INCLUDING HOLIDAYS, at 8 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church in Howard.

This past month saw steady attendance and continued involvement on the District and Area levels with several members attending the Area 74 Spring Conference in Ashland May 20-22 as well as our DCM giving a powerful share of her experience, strength and hope on May 28th.

Our Group is actively seeking to fill the service positions of Treasurer and Alternate GSR as well as adding a committee on Corrections headed up by Tony P., thank you for your service.

The Gauntlet is active, the environment healing and friendly and the coffee strong. Consider joining us some Saturday in community.

Melissa - Saturday Sober Sisters-meets every Saturday via Zoom, 8:30-9:30 a.m. *Attendance was down a bit in but I know of several that were traveling. That being said we did still have 1 newcomer. No new news other than that to report.*

Robert W. – Zoom into Recovery Meets daily @ 3 p.m. on Zoom. Meetings going well with a daily attendance of 22-27 members. Mondays will continue to be dedicated First Step meetings. The group has decided to include in the meeting script to ask daily and acknowledge any new comers. It will be asked if they need a First Step meeting specifically that day.

Paul – The Serenity Now Group of AA meets at Calvary Lutheran Church in Green Bay every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Group attendance continues strong; averaging over 40 members per session. There has also been an uptick in visitor and family support participation.

We continue to ask for volunteers to help distribute AA materials to facilities assisting individuals with the recovery process.

Serenity Now was well represented at the conference held in Ashland in May. Many thanks go to those individuals for their participation.

Finally, as we approach the summer months there are many activities planned to share our common goals, and join in fellowship. Please plan to attend some of the many picnics planned for this summer.

Duffy – Early Birds meet on Sunday's 7:30 AM at the 218 Club.

The meeting is still going well, attendance ranges from the 25 to almost 40. We have seen several newcomers this year, and a larger number of women are attending on a regular basis.

This meeting also continues to have a strong presence of retired Veteran's.

Lynn B - Eye Opener Group, St. Matt's, Saturday 10:00 am. Attendance has increased with the return of our snow birds and members who have returned after some time away. We have a number of people who attend regularly with over 40 years of sobriety! Their shares include knowledge and wisdom that is extremely beneficial for all of our newer members (myself included!). I am pleased to announce someone has stepped up to be our treasurer until December. We will be moving the meeting outside for the summer months, weather permitting, so bring a lawn chair or blanket!

John v S – Never on Sunday - @ Bridge @ 9:30am Sunday. Average number is probably 20. The trend of no new people or people returning after an absence has continued the last month.

Polly- Zooming Women in the Present continue to meet every Thursday evening from 7 to 8:15 pm.

All women are welcome. Attendance averages 10 to 15. My attempts have been made to secure assistance in registering our meeting with GSO and I have not received a reply. I will pursue another avenue to do so.

No further business to report.

DISTRICT CHAIR REPORTS

District Events- Lynn L – No written report.

- ❖ June 25, 2022 – Seymour Intergroup Emmanuel Lutheran Church, doors open @ 4:30pm, dinner at 6:00pm. Bring a dish to pass
- ❖ June 29, 2022 – Meeting for 2023 Area 74 Spring Conference. 6 p.m. in Lobby of Radisson Hotel.
- ❖ July 12, 2022 – Coming Out of Isolation Open Meeting & Ice Cream Social @ Bridge. 5:30 – 8 p.m.2
- ❖ August 13, 2022 – 218 Club Summer Picnic at Murphy Park
- ❖ August 12-14, 2022 – AA Camping Wolf River Camping Trip in White Lake, WI
- ❖ August 12-14, 2022 – Illinois State and East Central Reginal Conference – Lisle, IL
- ❖ September 9-11, 2022 – National AA Technology Workshop via Zoom
- ❖ September 17-18, 2022 – Area Assembly and Area Committee Meeting in Rhinelander, WI
- ❖ October 7-9, 2022 – Recovery on the River Jamboree in Eau Claire, WI
- ❖ November 11-13, 2022 – National Corrections conference in Schaumburg, IL
- ❖ November 18-20, 2022 – Sober fest in Lake Geneva, WI
- ❖ January 6-8, 2023 – WICYPAA in Eau Claire, WI

DCM – Lauren Hello all! A few weeks ago, I attended the Area 74 Spring Conference. Bryon gave his Delegate Report from the General Service Conference in New York. I won't share all of it here because it's A LOT, but if you want to learn more, I can send you the link to his report. A few important items I did want to share with you are there will be a video animation of the pamphlet "The Twelve Concepts Illustrated". They will begin working on this in 2023. The committee reviewed a progress report of the Big Book being translated into plain and simple language along with gender neutral and that was passed. There will still be printings of the original Big Book in its original form. There was a floor action about the wording in the 12&12 that we voted on to go back to the original text and that motion died. The words will stay the way that they changed them to. I also learned that weekend that when groups, districts or areas donate to the GSO in New York it goes directly to the General Service Board where they record the donations and then it goes to the GSO after

that. Ask me if you have any questions on anything, otherwise Bryon our delegate said he would love to hear from you as well. His email is bryonbenson@gmail.com. There will be no Fall Conference this year because we didn't have any districts bid for it, but we will still be having the Area Assembly and Area Committee Meeting in Rhinelander, WI.

Secretary – Donna - You can have until Mon or Tues. this week to get reports to me since I will be out of town this weekend. Voted on and approved

Treasurer – Katie D. – Voted on and approved.

June 9, 2022 Treasurer's Report

| | | |
|---|-----------|-------------------|
| Starting balance | \$ | 6,970.90 |
| Deposits | | |
| District 1 5/12 meeting - 7th Tradition | \$ | 20.00 |
| Zoom Into Recovery | \$ | 205.26 |
| Sisters In Sobriety | \$ | 9.50 |
| Post Office East Side Refund | \$ | 37.50 |
| Early Birds 8 A.M. | \$ | <u>275.00</u> |
| Total Deposits | \$ | 547.26 |
| Payments | | |
| Adobe AcroPro (newsletter) Autopay - June | \$ | (15.81) |
| Lauren Pritzl - Area 74 Conf. | \$ | (331.19) |
| Spectrum – Autopay May | \$ | (39.00) |
| Spectrum Phone Pay-off | \$ | (74.99) |
| U.S. Post Office - West Side Box* | \$ | <u>(182.00)</u> |
| Total Payments | \$ | (642.99) |
| Subtotal starting balance + deposits - payments | \$ | 6,875.17 |
| Prudent Reserve | \$ | <u>(1,300.00)</u> |
| Available Funds | \$ | 5,575.17 |

*Valid from 5/2022 thru 6/2023

Newsletter/Webmaster – Doug

Website Report May 2022

I am continuing to learn about Siteground and Wordpress. I have been able to fix some of the bugs. I have received some feedback and I am trying to post the items that have been sent to me. Thank you for your feedback.

Analytics

77% of users are on a phone

22% of users are on desktop

1% on tablet or other

| <i>Page</i> | <i>Pageviews</i> |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| /meetings/ | 378 |
| /aa-resources/ | 17 |
| /aa-resources/events/ | 16 |
| /meetings/?tsml-day=1 | 15 |
| /meetings/?tsml-day=5 | 15 |

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|------------------------|----|
| /march-newsletter-22/ | 12 |
| /locations/218-club | 11 |
| /locations/the-bridge/ | 11 |

Grapevine – Sherry – No written report.

Corrections- Lindy and Eric – No written report.

Bridging the Gap – OPEN POSITION

Archives – Jeff- No written Report

Accessibility/Hot Line – William W - Hello, District 1,

The Hotline had a successful transfer from Spectrum to T-mobile. I would like to thank Katie for her time and effort with this. I do have someone in line to handle the Hotline while I am on vacation from late June into early July. Monty is who will be handling the transfer. He is a fellow Hotline volunteer and I appreciate his time filling in for me. Call volume has not changed dramatically with a phone call or 2 per shift. I am extremely happy with the progress the Hotline has taken since I have handled the AccessibilityChair with District 1. The Hotline now has a meeting or group responsible for each day shift. Please let me know if you have any questions about this report or changes that need to be made.

OLD BUSINESS-

- *CPC/PI position is Open. Linda is willing to continue to help us with radio ads until we can fill the position*
- *P.O. Box for District has successfully moved to west side. Please direct any correspondence to P.O. Box 11421*

NEW BUSINESS

- *BTG position is OPEN*
- *Plans are being made to host a service workshop with District 22 (Door County)perhaps in Sept./Oct.- William volunteered to investigate.*
- *Radio Ads for 4th of July was discussed and looking for groups to make donations toward the cost.*
- *Kimberly is starting to Plan for Area Spring Conference. First meeting will be @ the Radisson on June 29th @ 6 p.m.*

Motion to close

Close with Lord’s Prayer or Serenity Prayer

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Steps and Traditions

The Traditions are designed to keep the GROUP from destroying itself; the Steps are designed to keep US from destroying OURSELVES!

Step 6

6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

The reason why Step 6 is so important in the process is that it focuses on the *willingness* to change the old behaviors that contributed to the alcohol problem. Stopping drinking without addressing those behaviors makes it easier to slip back into your old habits. That is why Steps 4 through 7 are in the middle of the 12 steps. If you don't admit you have shortcomings and take steps to address those issues, then a spiritual awakening may never come. It's all about being honest with yourself and those around you. Identifying your shortcomings and admitting them is not the end of the process. Becoming "entirely ready" to do something about them is key to the solution.

Tradition 6

6. Our groups ought never endorse, finance or lend our name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

As individuals, members of 12-step support groups are free to endorse, finance, or affiliate with any organization, religion, political party, the charitable or civic organization they wish. But as a group, such endorsement could lead to misunderstanding and confusion.

With so many outside organizations in recent years attempting to use the name of Alcoholics Anonymous or Al-Anon Family Groups to promote their treatment programs or therapy approaches, it's more important than ever that Tradition 6 be observed.

Although individual members may recommend or even be employed by such organizations, the group as a whole should avoid associating its name with these outside enterprises, namely professional treatment facilities or therapists.

Have you heard this one?

nothing is so bad; a drink won't make it worse
we are only as sick as our secrets
this too shall pass
keep coming back it works if you work it
you will intuitively know
you will be amazed
don't drink, read the big book, and go to meetings

Please email your favorites. I would like to publish a list in the next issue. Please advise if I can post your name. Ex. John D.
newsletter@greenbayaa.org

Events

May 20-22, 2023. Area 74 Spring Conference <https://d.docs.live.net/c271b74c9e3f5059/Documents/AA/Alcoholics-Anonymous%2074-A.A.-Conference.pdf>

June 18th Planning meeting for Moose & Goose at the Genesis Club in Appleton, WI. This meeting is hybrid. No contact info provided.

June 25 Seymour Intergroup. 4:30 – 9.00 pm. <https://www.greenbayaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Seymour-Intergroup-062522.pdf>

June 29 Planning meeting for Area 74 conference 2023 <https://www.greenbayaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/area-74-spring-conference.pdf>

July 12th Coming out of Isolation – Returning from Covid. July 12th The Bridge Green Bay.
<https://d.docs.live.net/c271b74c9e3f5059/Documents/AA/Coming%20Out%20of%20Isolation%20-%20Dani%20edits.pdf>

August 13th 218 Club Picinic

<https://www.greenbayaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/218-Club-Picnic-2022-PDF-1.pdf>

Resources

<https://www.aa.org/resources/literature>

Meeting Guide App

Meeting Guide is a free-of-charge meeting finder app.

The app helps people find A.A. meetings and resources near them. A.A. service entities provide the meeting data for the app. Meeting Guide is available for iOS and Android smartphones.

About Meeting Guide

Meeting Guide syncs with area, district, intergroup/central offices and international general service office websites, relaying meeting information from more than 400 A.A. service entities directly to the app. Over 100,000 weekly meetings are currently listed, and the information is refreshed twice daily.

Meeting Guide features

- Listing of both in-person and online meetings
- A default view that provides a list of meetings showing time, location and meeting name
- A meeting detail view that offers extra information such as meeting format and any notes provided by the group
- A search function to find meetings by location or keyword
- A daily quote feature lets users read from "Daily Reflections"
- Multiple access points that make finding local A.A. contact information easy
- A news feature with the latest from the General Service Office and Grapevine



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