



# The Communicator

July 2022

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## **Nothing Changes If Nothing Changes**

Despite being one of the more commonly repeated AA slogans, it sounds simple, yet its meaning can elude us. Like many AA slogans, this refers to how we work the principles of the program.

Do we sit around and wait for things to get better? Or do we transform into the person we wish to become by rolling up our sleeves and working at it? But if we continue living essentially the same lifestyle, we can't expect to make much progress as human

# DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING

(HYBRID)

July 14, 2022

## Attendance

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

GSRs: Mark P, Mary M., Melissa, Mike N., Paul W., Donna, John S., Cheryl, Bruce, William, Lynn, Linda.

Guests - Mike & Matthew

## GSR Reports

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

Donna Y – Letting Go – Meeting Thurs. 1 p.m. @ 218 – *Attendance down because of summer vacations etc.*

John S/Cheryl – BYOBB - Meeting meets Tuesday at 7:00pm at St John the Baptist in Howard. *Now an official group and we did receive our group number. We have regular attendance of 10 or so alcoholics and also had a new comer come back the following week. When we have a new comer, we read Chapter 3, More About Alcoholism to focus on step 1. The 4th Tuesday of the month we read a person story. You are welcomed to join us any Tuesday.*

Mary M – Women in the Present (in-person) – Meets from 7:00pm – 8:15pm on Thursdays @ The Bridge. *No Written report.*

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

*As the Road of Happy Destiny was trod by our group founders it was said that "wherever there was a resentment and a coffee pot, an AA meeting could be held. In that tradition, resentments were always there but the coffee pot disappeared during Covid. This too has largely passed, the coffee pot has reappeared and resentments are being healed every Saturday morning, rain, shine, snow or holiday, at 8am at the St. John the Baptist School Commons, corner Cardinal and Glendale in Howard.*

Melissa - Saturday Sober Sisters - meets every Saturday via Zoom, 8:30-9:30 a.m. ever. *A bit lighter attendance with summer months, but we have had newcomers. 12-16 regulars and holding strong.*

Robert W/ Linda. – Zoom into Recovery Meets daily @ 3 p.m. on Zoom. *Meetings going well, attendance range daily 22-26 people. Mondays are 1st step meetings.*

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 averages over forty members with Al-anon, family members, and AA members visiting the area frequently. The open meeting format provides an excellent platform to express personal viewpoints.*

*The first planning meeting for the 2023 Spring Conference was held June 29th. The group is soliciting volunteers for many positions where assistance is needed. Bridging the Gap is currently looking for a new chairperson. Contact your GSR if interested. The District Picnic is scheduled for August 6th from 12 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Ashwaubomay Pk.- Shelter #2. Bring a dish to pass*

Bruce - Spiritual Awakening Group - Zoom Meeting on Wed. @ 9:30 a.m. *Has 10-15 attendees. We have set up a Venmo account for 7th Tradition donations. We are discussing ways to attract more newcomers.*

Lynn B - Eye Opener Group, St. Matt's, Saturday 10:00 am. *Not much to report this month. Attendance continues to be good and we are enjoying meeting outside under the shade tree. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.*

John v S – Never on Sunday - @ Bridge @ 9:30am Sunday. *Nothing new to report. Same old same old this month. Average meeting size between 20-30 people. Lots of long term and medium sobriety. Not much in the way of newcomers for about 2 months now*

**William - Guest Speaker Meeting, Wed. 7 p.m.- Meeting has been increasing with attendance and speakers. A board meeting is being set up soon if anyone is interested in attending and finding out more about what goes behind the GSM (Guest Speaker Meeting). Coffee is coming back and there is always candy for those in attendance.**

**DISTRICT CHAIR REPORTS**

**District Events- Lynn L -**

- ❖ August 6, 2022 – District 1 Picnic at Ashwaubomay Park 12-4pm
- ❖ August 13, 2022 – Moose & Goose planning meeting at 12pm (hybrid) – tentatively planning for April 2023
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**DCM – Lauren Hello all! As I discussed last month, we will be hosting a service workshop with District 22, Door County. The date will either be October 15 or 22 and it will be held in Sturgeon Bay. Sara S, from Kewaunee will be the co-chair with me for the event and we are looking to put together a planning committee. Please contact me if you are interested in service work for this event! Other than that, I don’t have anything else to report on. I will be out of town this week so Mike will fearlessly lead us all into victory over alcohol this week!**

**Secretary – Donna – Voted on and approved**

**Treasurer – Katie D. – Voted on and approved. When groups are donating money for advertising, the money should be sent to the district and not Linda directly so it can be tracked.**

**July 14, 2022 Treasurer’s Report**

Starting balance	\$	6,875.17
<b>Deposits</b>		
BYOBB	\$	45.00
Recovery Crusaders	\$	79.50
Serenity Now (for corrections)	\$	200.00
Serenity Now (\$250 for advertising)	\$	<u>550.00</u>
Total Deposits	\$	874.50
<b>Payments</b>		
Adobe AcroPro (newsletter) Autopay - July	\$	(15.81)
Digicopy	\$	<u>(17.14)</u>
Total Payments	\$	(32.50)
Subtotal starting balance + deposits - payments	\$	7716.72
Prudent Reserve	\$	<u>(1,300.00)</u>
Available Funds	\$	6,416.72

**Newsletter/Webmaster – Doug - *I am starting to learn my way at maintaining the website. I have had help from multiple people in the program. I started a blog page and have added a few items. I have had some help with getting this started. The person helping me has been in the rooms a while and has lots of wisdom to share (I hope). I intend to allow comments. I am not sure if it is working. The only comment I received so far was written in Russian. Last month I was asked to research the effectiveness of the radio ads on web traffic. It looks like we had much more traffic the week after Memorial Day, than the week preceding Memorial Day.***

**Grapevine – Sherry – *No written report.***

**Corrections- Lindy and Eric – *We are unable to make it to district, but we have some great news regarding getting meetings back into the jail! Dallas and Leah have been working really hard on getting zoom set up in the jail. They should be starting up very soon. This is great because we can do this right from home. Jeff E. Went to the jail last week and helped Dallas set it up and gave him a good idea on how to run it. The one cool thing that came out of Covid is definitely zoom! If anyone is interested in helping us facilitate Brown County Jail AA meetings in this fashion, please let us know. This is a big deal because we are some of the very first meetings like this in the country. Also, if anyone has a copy of the jail meeting format, could you send it to us?***

**Bridging the Gap – *OPEN POSITION***

**Archives – Jeff - *No written Report***

**Accessibility/Hot Line – William W -**

***Would like to say thank you to Serenity Now, Never on Sunday, BYOBB, Early Riser, Women in Present, Recovery Crusaders and the newest meeting - There is a Solution for their time and service work with the Hotline. The Hotline will be having a Zoom meeting for a refresher for those new on the Hotline and those that wouldn't mind a refresher. More information on that in near future.***

**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**

- ***Spring Conference – Discussion on needing help from groups in Hospitality Rooms. Next organization meeting to be held in Sept.***
- ***Jackie Nitchie Center – 2 new Meetings forming on Tues 7 pm CMD & CWD & Fri.6:30 p.m. Closed “Happy Hour”***
- ***Paul W. – Continues to work on cleaning up Meeting List.***

**Motion to close**

**Close with Lord’s Prayer or Serenity Prayer**

## **A.A. Oldtimers...On the Seventh Step**

***A.A. Grapevine, May 1945, Vol. 1 No. 12***

**Editorial: On the 7th Step**

***“Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.”***

We all know that it is God's will that we live clean, wholesome lives; that we think clearly and become persons of honest decision. This we know we cannot do until we become our real selves, so, in desperation, we alcoholics revert to prayer. We humbly ask God to remove our shortcomings; to restore us to our natural selves, so that we may think clearly on our problems.

Emerson says, "None will ever solve the problem of his character according to our prejudice, but only in his own high unprecedented way."

Character is undoubtedly accumulative, and in removing shortcomings it stands to reason that we are striving to build character. This can be done by observing our errors, and, one at a time, correcting them on the spot.

We have already accepted this "Power greater than ourselves" as a reality. Something to which we can pray, expecting to receive help. So now we ask for courage to look at our shortcomings honestly. To recognize them for what they really are, and not what we might wish them to be.

What are some of our shortcomings? Let us list just a few: 1. Excessive drinking. 2. Resenting help. 3. Resenting the good fortune of others. 4. Defending ourselves when we know we are in the wrong. 5. Jealousy and envy of all kinds. 6. Shunning responsibility.

Through the grace of God we have found A.A., which teaches us that we are sick people and that alcohol in any form or amount is out. So we stop drinking. That takes care of our number one problem.

We must be willing to accept help of all kinds without resentment. This takes a little time, as we are the world's most sensitive persons. We know too well that we have neglected all of our talents and abilities for alcohol, and we have terribly guilty feelings, made more acute by persons who are already in better circumstances than we are. Nevertheless, we learn to suffer our hurt feelings and start building a constructive, happy life.

Defending what we call our "pride" is one of the most difficult shortcomings to remove. Many of us have thought of pride as something virtuous, something to be honored. Well, what have we left, we who are humbly seeking help, that we can put on exhibition as virtue? Often we cannot actually put our finger on anything in our make-up of which we are really proud. So we break down our false pride, and exchange it for humility.

The most beautiful art in the world is simple, with few lines, little fuss and complications. So we try being simple for a change. Just plain honest simplicity. We look for the best in our fellow man, "Pardon the wrong in him; hark to the song in him."

By accepting God's help, we learn to think clearly; to play fairly; and to give generously.

Elizabeth W.

Boston, Massachusetts

## 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 7

#### **7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.**

My Creator, I am now willing that you should have all of me, good and bad. I pray that you now remove from me every single defect of character which stands in the way of my usefulness to you and my fellows. Grant me strength, as I go out from here, to do your bidding. Amen

### Tradition 7

#### **7. Every AA group ought to be self-supporting, declining outside contributions.**

This means that only A.A. members contribute financially to A.A. – and even A.A. members are limited in the amount they can contribute. This keeps A.A. free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose — to help the alcoholic who still suffers. The amount of the contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world.

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## 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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