



# The Communicator

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"Alcoholics are the people who treat  
loneliness with isolation."

**DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING  
(HYBRID)  
August 11, 2022**

**Attendance**

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

**GSRs:** Mary M., Melissa, Mike N., Paul W., Donna, John S., Cheryl, William, Lynn, Linda, Jon, Jerilyn, and Duffy.

**GSR Reports**

**Mike N – Early Risers** – Meets Saturday 8 a.m. @ St. John the Baptist Church. *We are fortunate to have a splendid mix of senior and young sobriety.*

*We will be beginning a Joe & Charlie-type study of the Big Book Before meetings with a tentative launch date of September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7a.m. We are grateful to several of our long-time members who have volunteered their time and resources in perpetuating the tradition of this group to carry the message of recovery contained within the pages of our “Design for Living”.*

**Donna Y – Letting Go** – Meeting Thurs. 1 p.m. @ 218 – Attendance is growing with lots of new comers.

**Cheryl – BYOBB** - Meeting meets Tuesday at 7:00pm at St John the Baptist in Howard. *We have regular attendance of approximately 10 alcoholics reading the Big Book and discussing. We celebrated a one-year anniversary. We do recover from a hopeless state of mind and body. Come join us.*

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

*6-10 women usually attend our monthly Business Meeting – which is held the last Thursday of the month, immediately following the meeting. We are still looking for an Alternate GSR. Lately, the majority of those attending the Business Meeting are relatively new to sobriety (< 1 Year), which has led to some “communication issues” that we will continue to work on addressing at future meetings.*

*At our next Business Meeting, we will be voting on a potential change in our meeting format. It was suggested that we consider adding a “personal share-type” meeting one Thursday a month. After the 15-minute personal share, individuals attending will have an opportunity to speak using a “popcorn-type” format. For the last month or so, we have been polling group members/attendees to get a group conscience as to whether they are/are not in support of this change.*

*We will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> social event on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Those that choose to join us will be launching their own or a rented kayak from Suamico Paddle at 10:00am. This activity is open to family and friends, as well. The intent of these get-togethers, outside of our group meeting, is to provide an opportunity to get to know one another better and to promote service work.*

**Melissa – Saturday Sober Sisters** - meets every Saturday via Zoom, 8:30-9:30 a.m. *Numbers remaining steady at 12-16. Our meeting is now official as we received our group number from the GSO last week*

**Robert W/ Linda. – Zoom into Recovery** Meets daily @ 3 p.m. *Zoom Meetings going very well with attendance 26-30 daily. Celebrated with our second annual Picnic on Aug 7th, attendance of members and family. Great fellowship and gratitude. Meeting continues daily via zoom at 3 pm. Mondays are 1st step meetings. Newcomers and members can request a 1st step meeting any day if they should desire.*

**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.- **No written report.**

**Lynn B - Eye Opener Group**, St. Matt's, Saturday 10:00 am. *A business meeting was held on August 30th. We discussed the current issues impacting the new Treasurer and were reminded her service will discontinue when she goes to Florida in December. We will need someone to step up as a new Treasurer at that time. We discussed adding a role of Secretary. We also, through a vote of group conscience, voted to begin handing out annual anniversary cards at the anniversary meeting, which is the last Saturday of each month. I am told this was a much-appreciated practice when it was done previously. Attendance continues to be good and there have been some new comers. Weather permitting, we continue to enjoy meeting outside under the shade tree. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. If it's too hot we do go inside*

**John v S – Never on Sunday** - @ Bridge @ 9:30am Sunday. *Nothing new to report. Attendance is between 15-25 people on average. Lots of short term, medium term, and long-term sobriety showing up every week. But still a lack of newcomers.*

**William - Guest Speaker Meeting**, Wed. 7 p.m. @ 218 Club - Attendance has been growing. This is a meeting where there is a speaker that tells their story for a 15 to 30-minute period and the meeting is open after to questions. Coffee and Candy are available as an added bonus for those attending.

**Jerilyn - Zoom into the Present**, Thurs. 7 p.m. – **No written report.**

**Duffy - Early Risers**-7:30 a.m. Sunday – Attendance is still strong, averaging 30-35 people. We just re-started serving coffee, the meeting has a nice blend of newcomers and some longtime sobriety. Plus, a strong presence of Veterans. The meeting has started running 65-70 minutes, but people are able to leave after 60 minutes if necessary.

## **DISTRICT CHAIR REPORTS**

### **District Events- Lynn L -**

- ❖ August 13, 2022 – Moose & Goose planning meeting at 12pm (hybrid) – tentatively planning for April 2023
- ❖ August 13, 2022 – 218 Club Summer Picnic at Murphy Park
- ❖ August 12-14, 2022 – AA Wolf River Camping Trip in White Lake, WI
- ❖ August 12-14, 2022 – Illinois State and East Central Regional Conference – Lisle, IL
- ❖ September 9-11, 2022 – National AA Technology Workshop (NAATW) via Zoom
- ❖ September 17-18, 2022 – Area Assembly and Area Committee Meeting in Rhinelander, WI
- ❖ September 24, 2022 – Fall BBQ Dinner at the Bridge at 4:30pm
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**DCM – Lauren Hello all!** I’ve been working with Sara S from District 22 and the service workshop will be on October 22 at Hope United Church of Christ in Sturgeon Bay from 9-4. We are looking for panelists and volunteers for our planning committee. Our first committee meeting will be August 21 at 7pm via zoom. I have a signup sheet on the table for anyone who wants to help out! Other than that, not too much else going is going on. Please feel free to ask me any questions!

**Secretary – Donna – Voted on and approved. Added the option to text reports to me – 920-680-8636**

**Treasurer – Katie D. – Voted on and approved.**

### **July 14, 2022 Treasurer’s Report**

Starting balance	\$	7,716.72
<b>Deposits</b>		
District 1 - 7th Tradition 6/9 & 7/14	\$	21.00
August 6 Picnic Donations	\$	103.00
How it Works	\$	250.00
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>374.00</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Digicopy - July	\$	(24.00)
Adobe AcroPro (newsletter) Autopay - August	\$	(15.81)
Mike Nuckles – ice/picnic	\$	(12.00)
Lynn Lacrosse - picnic supplies	\$	(112.00)
Paul Krueger – picnic gazebo rental	\$	(42.20)
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(206.01)</b>
Subtotal starting balance + deposits - payments	\$	7908.71
Prudent Reserve	\$	(1,300.00)
Available Funds	<b>\$</b>	<b>6584.71</b>

Picnic Breakdown-Income = \$ 103.00 ;Expenses = (\$ 166.00);  
Total for the Event = \$ 63.00

**Newsletter/Webmaster** – Doug *We had some bugs with the meeting app. I received some help from Eric. I don't think we found what the problem was, but it did get resolved. I am trying to get items posted soon after they get sent to me. Any input is welcome. I looked at the analytics from July. I saw an interesting spike in (1) time users on July 5<sup>th</sup>. I would like to believe that was in response to our radio add. The vast majority of our website users are 28 days + active users.*

**Grapevine** – Sherry - *Grapevine news, "Calling on stories for 5th edition of Big Book". Deadline for submissions is 10/31/2022. Suggested format for typed manuscripts is 3500 words, double spaced, in 12-point font. Handwritten manuscripts approximately 5-6 pages. To submit a story visit: [aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th](http://aa.org/submit-bigbook-english-5th)*

*Include your complete name, address and email/phone info on the first page of submission. Anonymity of all authors will be observed. Stories will be accepted in English, Spanish and French. Contact 5BBStory@aa.org if you have any questions. There's also a call for stories of Black and African American stories for an updated pamphlet for black community. Email stories to: pamphletstories@aa.org*

**Corrections-** Lindy and Eric – *We are getting closer to getting AA meetings in BCJ via zoom. They're working on some technical stuff. Dallas (the Chaplain) is really excited to get this started.*

**Bridging the Gap – OPEN POSITION-** Mike N. *sent along some info on BTG to encourage getting someone to file this position*

**Archives - Jeff E -** *No big updates from local district stand point, but want to remind folks that there are*

*-Group History Forms to share with GSR's and other archive material on the website.*

*-Created 2 new displays based on older Press Gazette newspaper series on AA in Green Bay from 1940's.*

*-Attending Area Archives committee meeting 8/25 and working with area archive committee to find a central location to store and display Area and district archives.*

*-Looking into having an event at Manifest church called "Night at the Archives".*

**Accessibility/Hot Line** – William W – *Is there anyone to help who could work with me on this- someone to act as a helper with this position. Accessibility Report - District 1 - The Hotline has been transferring very smoothly since I made a trip to Akron, OK. Thank you to the Hotline volunteers for their time and service work with the Hotline. With the change of individuals after 2 years of service. 3 days are available if a meeting or group would be interested in a day shift for the Hotline.*

*On another subject- I had a phone call come into the Hotline as I was filling in for a volunteer for a 2-hour period*

*It came from a Bellin Memorial employee. She had a patient looking for a meeting with someone who spoke a different language. I am going to make a few calls within the circle I have developed through service work with the District 1 to find a person for this topic. Any suggestions would be appreciated. I may never receive a call from this individual though it would be great to get prepared if this happens again. This could also be CPC/PI-related.*

**CPC/PI position is Open.** Linda is willing to continue to help us with radio ads until we can fill the position.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Spring Conference** – *Discussion on needing help from groups in Hospitality Rooms. Next organization meeting to be held in Sept.*
- **Intergroup**– *in January.*
- **Lauren-** *Discussion has begun about moving District Meeting to in-person ONLY- no zoom. Will check with Katie as to when contract is up and further discussion @ September District Meeting.*

**Motion to close, Closed with Lord's Prayer**

## **Area Announcements for September 8, 2022**

📅 **September 9, 2022 – Recovery Crusaders 1 Year Anniversary Celebration at 5:30pm at Nativity Church**

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Therapist: "You've gotta learn to feel your emotions instead of masking them with drugs and alcohol"

Me:



**MAKING AMENDS INVOLVES  
MORE THAN SAYING**



**“I’ve been sober for so many years. It wasn’t like you flick a switch, and you’re sober. It takes a while. You have to learn how to do everything all over again. You can measure how long that takes in terms of years.”**

— **Joe Walsh**

If you spend all your time worrying about yesterday and living in fear of tomorrow you're pissing all over today.

When my sponsor used to ask me how it's going and I'd just say "fine"

He'd ask which one Fucked up , insecure, neurotic, emotional

"Alcoholics are the people who treat loneliness with isolation."

If I'm feeling nuts it's because I *am* NUTS - Not Using The Steps.

We got good news and we got bad news.

The good news is that the 12 Steps are only suggestions. The bad news is that we ain't go any other suggestions.

## **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 9**

**9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.**

After we have made a list of people we have harmed, have reflected carefully upon each instance, and have tried to possess ourselves of the right attitude in which to proceed, we will see that the making of direct amends divides those we should approach into several classes. There will be those who ought to be dealt with just as soon as we become reasonably confident that we can maintain our sobriety. There will be those to whom we can make only partial restitution, lest complete disclosures do them or others more harm than good. There will be other cases where action ought to be deferred, and still others in which by the very nature of the situation we shall never be able to make direct personal contact at all.

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 83

### **Tradition 9**

**9. AA, as such, ought never to be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.**

Power to direct or govern is the essence of organization everywhere. Yet Alcoholics Anonymous is an exception. It does not conform to this pattern. Neither its General Service Conference, its Foundation Board, nor the humblest group committee can issue a single directive to an A.A. member and make it stick, let alone mete out any punishment. Who is more unpopular than the oldtimer A.A., full of wisdom, who moves to another area and tries to tell the group there how to run its business?

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, p. 175-176

## **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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