



The Communicator

March 2023

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Why do Canadians call
Alcoholics Anonymous triple A?
AA, Eh.

An Irishman walks into an AA
meeting.
Just kidding.

About District 01

DISTRICT ONE COMMITTEE

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The District 01 Committee serves the AA groups and meetings of Northeast Wisconsin. We hold a monthly business meeting each month on the 2nd Thursday at 6:30 pm. Anyone is welcome. A great opportunity for service. Next meeting is March 9, 2023.

AREA 74

Invite an Area Committee to Present a Workshop to your District or group

Ever wondered about why we have committees in Area Service or what these committees do? Have you thought about getting involved in a committee?

Learn about how AA works in Corrections, PI (Public Information), CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community), Grapevine, Literature, and Treatment & Accessibilities.

Learn about the role of Archives, Structures & Guidelines, Finance, the Webmaster, and the Now and Then.

You also get to strengthen your sobriety in AA when you meet new people from other communities who work the AA program.

All you have to do is ask! Find email addresses for Area 74 Committee Chairs at area74.org under "Directory" "Area Standing Committees". Help us strengthen our ability to serve AA in Area 74.

**Hybrid
February 9, 2023**

Opened with the Serenity Prayer. 7th Tradition. Responsibility statement. 12 traditions

Attendance

DCM	Lauren P
Alt. DCM	Mike N
Secretary	Donna Y – dyoungwirth@new.rr.com Alt. Secretary - Cheryl R - czuraski@new.rr.com
Treasurer	Katie D
Newsletter/Webmaster	Doug F
Grapevine	Sherry W – absent
Corrections	Lindy H –Women; Eric E-Men
Bridging the Gap	Tim T.
PI	Open position
CPC	Open position
Archives	Jeff – absent
Accessibilities/ Hot Line	William W
District Events	Open position

GSRs: Eric V, Alt Andy H, John V S, Liv M, Alt Eric V, Alt, Sam J, Mary M, Matt B, Lynn B, Alt Lauren Z, Sean M, Liv M, Bruce K, Linda V., Paul, Deb P.

Visitors: Amber M.

GSR Reports:

Eric V – [Recovery Crusaders](#) held at Nativity of Lord Church at 8:00am Sunday. Group is going well. Attendance has been about 5-15 attendees. Good mix of sobriety. Encourage everyone to come early for some good fellowship before the meeting.-

Sean M., Alt GSR – [Early Risers](#) – Meets Saturday 8 a.m. @ St. John the Baptist Church. The Early Risers meet 52 weeks/year rain or shine regardless of holidays. Habitually, about 25-30 members with miraculous bonds of experience, strength, and hope have a closed discussion of recovery. In addition to the unfailing 8am meeting we have launched a 12&12 meeting that kicked off last Sept and begins at 7am in the basement of the old Chapel with a consistent group of 10-12 men and women. The last Sat of each month is a speaker meeting. Come join the Early Risers for a strong sense of sobriety, comradery, and cup of coffee.

Linda V – [Zoom into Recovery](#) – Meets 7 days a week @ 3pm on Zoom. *No written report*

Donna Y – [Letting Go](#) – Meeting Thurs. 1 p.m. @ 218. Getting ready for Women’s Relapse Workshop on Sat., Feb 11, 2023. Attendance lower due to illnesses.

Mary M., Lauren Z. Alt GSR – [Women in the Present \(in-person\)](#) –_meets from 7:00pm – 8:15pm on Thursdays at The Bridge. We’re now seeing approximately 20+ women in attendance each week, with newcomers & out-of-towners also joining us on a fairly regular basis. There is a nice mix of attendees with long-term, as well as early sobriety around the table. Members of our group are assisting with the planning and implementation of the Women’s Workshop that’s going to be held at The Bridge from 12:00pm – 4:00pm on Saturday, February 11, 2023. The focus of the workshop is on relapse & relapse prevention. Our next Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23rd, immediately following the regular meeting.

Melissa C, Alt Lynn L – [Saturday Sober Sisters](#) – Meets every Saturday via Zoom, 8:30-9:30 am. *No written report*

Paul K – [The Serenity Now Group of AA](#) – Meets at Calvary Lutheran Church in Green Bay every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 1 p.m. Attendance remains strong and has averaged between 45 and 60 members, sometimes even higher. The open meeting concept continues to attract new members of AA and AL-ANON, as well as family members to the meeting. There has been a good influx of new and returning members. Sobriety anniversaries have ranged from a few days or months to over 50 years. We have some newer attendees that have started helping with coffee and other meeting set-up activities as well. The group’s attention now turns to hosting the Annual Spring Conference from May 19-21, 2023. Volunteers are needed in all areas to provide a successful event.

Lynn B – [Eye Opener Group](#) – St. Matt’s, Saturday 10:00 am. - I am pleased to report our attendance has been increasing. There have been some “old timers” returning to St. Matt’s for a bit of nostalgia, being that this group is (I am told) either the oldest or the second oldest group in Green Bay. There is a lot of wisdom to be shared, so please check us out!

John v S – Never on Sunday – Bridge @ 9:30am Sunday. The meeting is well attended with average attendance being between 15 and 30 people. A great mix of short-, medium-, and long-term sobriety are represented. I'm happy to say we're seeing newcomers again. Our group will be hosting a spring BBQ dinner at the Bridge on Saturday April 22! Fellowship starts at 4:30, and a pulled pork dinner to follow at 5:30! Donations are appreciated or bring a dish to pass! All at welcome! Don't miss it!

William – Guest Speaker Meeting (GSM) – Wed. 7 p.m. @ 218 Club. *No written report*

Matt B – There is a Solution @ 8 a.m. Saturday at “The Bridge” – Matt B Alternate GSR. Dani B GSR.
No written report.

Duffy M – Early Birds – Sundays 7:30am at the 218 Club. *Absent. No written report*

Sam J – New Hope Group – Saturdays 9:00am at the Micah Center in Green Bay, WI.
Attendance is around 15-30, which includes the current residents of the Jackie Nitschke Center. We read out of the Big Book, which has quite a bit of good information

Liv M - GSR – Road to Recovery – 5:30pm Mondays at the 218 Club (Back Room). Attendance is back on track after the holidays, averaging around 10 people. The topic of the day is the chair's choice, often the Daily Reflections reading or another reading based on the step of the month. Come join us when you can!

DISTRICT CHAIR REPORTS

District Events –

- ❖ March 11, 2023 – Delegates Workshop in Three Lakes, WI
- ❖ March 18, 2023 – Came to Believe Group Celebrates 23 years – 512 McClellan St. Wausau, WI at 5:30pm
- ❖ April 1, 2023 – District 02 Service Workshop 10am-12pm at St. Mark’s Church in Neenah, WI
140 S. Green Bay Rd
Via zoom – 875 9555 4987
Pass code – 844696
- ❖ April 7-9, 2023 – HACYPAA (Heartland Area Conference of Young People in AA) in Wisconsin Dells, more info at hacypaa-7.square.site
- ❖ April 8, 2023 – Area Assembly in Three Lakes, WI
- ❖ April 15, 2023 – Annual Moose & Goose at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Seymour at 5pm
- ❖ April 22, 2023 – Spring BBQ Dinner at 4:30pm at The Bridge
- ❖ April 21-23, 2023 – 76th Superior Roundup at the Superior Fairgrounds Curling Club in Superior, WI
- ❖ May 19-21, 2023 – Area 74 Spring conference at the Radisson in Green Bay, WI hosted by District 1
- ❖ June 1-4, 2023 – RAFTYPAA (Rafting trip for Young People in AA) Silver Cliff, WI at Kosir’s Rafting Resort

Please contact me, Lauren P at 01dcm@area74.org if there are any other upcoming events that I may have missed. I will be updating this list monthly.

DCM – Lauren – This past month I attended our Intergroup here in Green Bay and was blown away by the amazing speakers that we had! Also had a great time seeing friends I haven’t seen in a long time and making new ones! This is definitely the fellowship that I crave! This past Sunday, I had a GSR, Liv, an alternate GSR, Lauren Z and myself go down to Oshkosh for the WICYPAA host elections. Amber M joined us on zoom. Liv was elected the Traditions Chair! Lauren Z, Amber and myself plan to join a sub-committee so we can learn everything we can about hosting a WICYPAA conference. The next committee meeting is this Sunday, February 12 at 5pm. Anyone can still join! We will be planning an event for March! More details to come after this Sunday. I have also been in contact with Kevin who is the Area CPC chair. We are looking at March or April for a possible CPC workshop, but there are a lot of events in those months. We might have to wait until after the Conference in May, but we shall wait and see what our higher power has planned for us!

Secretary – Donna – Please have reports to me by the first Monday following this district meeting, 2/13/2023.

Treasurer – Katie D – *Voted on and approved.* February 9, 2023

Starting balance \$7,540.90

Deposits

Intergroup \$1,229.00

7th Tradition January District Meeting	\$20.00
How it Works	\$85.00
Promise Seekers	\$50.00
Women in The Present(in-person)	\$83.33
Zoom into Recovery	\$117.00
Early Risers	\$172.00
Never on Sunday	\$292.42
Saturday Eye Opener	\$150.00

Total Deposits \$2,198.75

Payments

Site ground	\$(24.00)
Digicopy (Dec., Jan., & Feb.)	\$(82.30)
Mike Knuckles-church deposit – Intergroup	\$(75.00)
Lindy Hefner (Corrections Conference 2022)	\$(153.75)

Total Payments \$(335.02)

Subtotal starting balance + deposits - payments	\$9,404.60
Prudent Reser	\$(1,300.00)
Available Funds	\$8,104.60

Website/Newsletter report – Doug

Newsletter – I currently publish the newsletter after our district meeting on the 2nd Thursday of each month. I need to wait to get the corrected minutes. This puts our monthly newsletter publish date near the middle of the month. Question- Would we consider posting the meeting minutes somewhere other than the newsletter? I did have a question about archived newsletters. Someone was looking for meeting minutes. I did have the previous newsletters, but they were not on the website. I added 2022 archived newsletters to the website. Does anything more need to be done?

Website – I have dug in and learned more about how our website works and doesn't work. I can add pretty much anything anyone wants to the website. I have been grabbing stuff from Area 74 newsletter for some content. I had a request to add a link to download the "everything AA" app. It is an app that runs on your phone or tablet. It really is a nice app, but it is NOT affiliated with AA. The developer is Ben S. He is a member of AA. I certainly can add a link to it on our website. Thoughts?

Analytics – We have about 100 repeat visitors to our site each month. We have about 700 new users each month. Clearly the meeting info is what is viewed by a wide margin. Other than meetings and events, not much else is viewed. "Meetings" page(s) is 60% of our web traffic. "Events" page is 20% of our web traffic.

Grapevine – Sherry – absent - *No written report received.*

Corrections – Eric (men) – We can go back into Brown County jail, and The Marshall house DOC program on University Ave. Sanger B Powers needs volunteers for the 6:30pm Tuesday night meeting. Looking to make a list of volunteers, and meet really soon to set up a schedule. Reach out to me if interested. 920-205-7797.

Bridging the Gap – Tim T. – *No written report.*

Archives – Jeff E – *No written report*

Accessibility/Hot Line – William W – *Proposed Bylaws.*

Hotline Chairperson

- Implement a system to transfer the Hotline to the scheduled Hotline volunteer at 5:00 PM every day.
- Recruitment with meetings or groups that would like 5 of their members to take a day shift for service work opportunity.
- Coordinate with others to have Hotline shifts in places.
- Report regularly at the District Meetings.

DISTRICT EVENTS – Lynn L – There were 199 people who signed in but I believe there was closer to 250 in attendance. Profit of \$1229.16 – for District. Lynn is unable to continue with office due to family commitments.

OLD BUSINESS

AA Business cards were again discussed by Andy H.. Motion was made and approved to order business cards ~500 cards for \$50 – with cost being taken from PI budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Spring Conference Planning Report:

- Meeting on Feb. 3rd – discussions on Decorations & Cake (Amber M – new Chairperson); treasury update; hospitality; greeters; skit; panels; literature; publicity; Alanon; speakers etc. Concerns on low number of registered attendees – please get group members to register early!
- Next Spring Conference planning meeting will be on a Friday in March

Events Chair position vacant – get info to meetings for candidates to fill position.

Doug – discussed if we wanted to investigate electronic methods (PayPal, Venmo, others) for contributions. After much discussion, it was tabled to get more info. Anonymity was a concern as well as ease of operation.

New Group Conscience for earmarked 7th Tradition funds. After much discussion, this was tabled again until next meeting.

MOTION TO CLOSE – Motion to close was made and passed at 8:10 p.m.



2023 Area 74 Spring Conference

May 19-21, 2023 • Green Bay, WI

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center

2040 Airport Dr. • Green Bay, WI 54313

Rooms: \$99 single/double

Reservations call 920.494.7300 – provide conference

name to receive above rate **Friday Night:** Meet &

Greet activity, Interview w/Jeff C., and skit!

Saturday: Panels - AA and Al-Anon speaker, banquet & AA speaker & Assembly.

Sunday Morning: Area committee meeting & Spirituality Speaker

Friday Night begins with a meet and greet activity followed by an interview w/ Jeff C. The evening ends with original skit!

On Saturday enjoy panels, Al-Anon speaker, banquet, and AA speaker. Also, Area Assembly and Delegates report.

Sunday morning wraps up with the Area Committee meeting and a spiritual message from our main speaker.

Please check: _____AA _____Al-Anon ONE FORM PER PERSON

First Name: _____ Registration only \$20.00 _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____ Banquet \$25.00 _____

City: _____ ST _____ Zip _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** _____

Name to appear on your badge: _____

Phone (____) _____

Email: _____

Makes checks payable to “Area 74 Spring Conference” PO Box 13242, Green Bay, WI 54307. **Deadlines for banquet submission: May 5, 2023 Questions? Call Kimberly 231.622.3743/kimmyschuyler@gmail.com**

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 3

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood him*.

PRACTICING Step Three is like the opening of a door which to all appearances is still closed and locked. All we need is a key, and the decision to swing the door open. There is only one key, and it is called willingness. Once unlocked by willingness, the door opens almost of itself, and looking through it, we shall see a pathway beside which is an inscription. It reads: "This is the way to a faith that works." In the first two Steps we were engaged in reflection. We saw that we were powerless over alcohol, but we also perceived that faith of some kind, if only in A.A. itself, is possible to anyone. These conclusions did not require action; they required only acceptance. Like all the remaining Steps, Step Three calls for affirmative action, for it is only by action that we can cut away the self-will which has always blocked the entry of God— or, if you like, a Higher Power—into our lives. Faith, to be sure, is necessary, but faith alone can avail nothing. We can have faith yet keep God out of our lives. Therefore our problem now becomes just how and by what specific means shall we be able to let Him in? Step Three represents our first attempt to do this. In fact, the effectiveness of the whole A.A. program will rest upon how well and earnestly we have tried to come to "a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him."

- Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Steps and 12 Traditions pg 34,35

Tradition 3

The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking.

Tradition is packed with meaning. For A.A. is really saying to every serious drinker, "You are an A.A. member if *you* say so. You can declare yourself in; nobody can keep you out. No matter who you are, no matter how low you've gone, no matter how grave your emotional complications— even your crimes— we still can't deny you A.A. We don't *want* to keep you out. We aren't a bit afraid you'll harm us, never mind how twisted or violent you may be. We just want to be sure that you get the same great chance for sobriety that we've had. So you're an A.A. member the minute you declare yourself. To establish this principle of membership took years of harrowing experience.

- Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Steps and 12 Traditions pg 138

Responsibility Statement

I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible.



Meeting Guide App

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

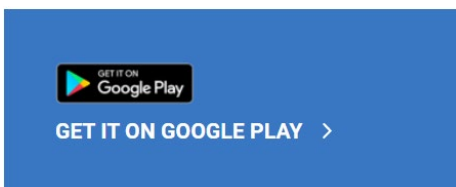
The app helps people find A.A. meetings and resources near them. A.A. service entities provide the meeting data for the app. Meeting Guide is available for iOS and Android smartphones.

About Meeting Guide

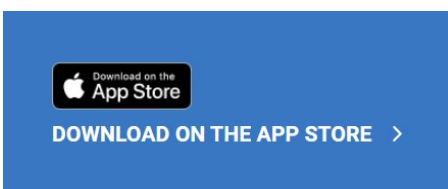
Meeting Guide syncs with area, district, intergroup/central offices and international general service office websites, relaying meeting information from more than 400 A.A. service entities directly to the app. Over 100,000 weekly meetings are currently listed, and the information is refreshed twice daily.

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



<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.meetingguide>



<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/meeting-guide/id1042822181>

