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"Our very first problem is to accept our present circumstances as they are, ourselves as we are, and the people about us as they are. This is to adopt a realistic humility without which no genuine advance can even begin."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W.,
March 1962, "What Is
Acceptance", Best of the
Grapevine, Volume 1

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 July 13, 2023.

DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING May 11, 2023

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

Attendance - 18

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

GSRs: Mark P, Mike C, Deb P, Liv M, Mary M, Dani B. Committee members who are also GRS or Alt: Paul K, Mike N, William W.

Visitors: Janis T, Erceal E, Katie D

GSR Reports:

Dani – [There is a Solution](#) – Saturdays, 8:00am @ The Bridge. *No written report.*

William - [Guest Speaker](#) – Wed. 7 p.m. @ 218 Club. Attendance has been a steady 10 to 12 on average and have had meetings of over 40+ in attendance. Speakers are needed. A sign-up board is at the 218 Club white board. Al-anon is discussing of having a speaker once a month which is appreciated. Candy is always on hand and coffee too.

Donna Y – [Letting Go](#) – Meeting Thurs. 1 p.m. @ 218. We have nothing new to report.

Duffy M – [Early Birds](#) – Sundays 7:30am at the 218 Club. *Absent*

Mark P – [Recovery Crusaders](#) – 8:00 a.m. Sunday @ Nativity of Lord Church. *No written report.*

John v S – [Never on Sunday](#) – The Bridge 9:30am Sundays. The meeting is very strong with average attendance between 15-30 people. We have a good mix of short, medium, and long-term sobriety represented. We had our Spring BBQ on April 22. Turnout was great and the food was better! Thank you to all who attended! We will be hosting breakfast at the Spring Conference on Sunday, May 21st. Our volunteers are accounted for and the menu looks delicious, so come see us between 6 and 10 if you want a bite to eat!

Mary M. – [Women in the Present \(in-person\)](#) – 7:00pm – 8:15pm on Thursdays at The Bridge. We continue to see 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 working with the BYOBB group in planning for our Friday night Hospitality Room service commitment at the Spring Conference in May. Our group also has fellowship activities planned for June and July. Activities include a bonfire & Founder's Day meeting and a kayak trip (our 2nd annual). Most of our events are open to any woman in recovery. Our next Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25th, immediately following the regular meeting.

Deb P alt GSR – [Zoom Women in the Present](#) – 7:00pm – 8:00pm Thursdays. As stated in the monthly meeting the Women in the Present Zoom meeting is well attended. 16 members participated this week. We are in the process of getting our group registered with the GSO and are actively looking for a GSR, but for now I will be reporting as the Alternate GSR.

Lynn B – [Eye Opener Group](#) – St. Matt's, Saturday 10:00 am. *Absent* due to practicing for conference skit.

Paul K – [The Serenity Now Group of AA](#) – Calvary Lutheran Church in Green Bay every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 1 p.m. Group attendance varies between 40 and 55 members per meeting. We have seen an increase in new member visits as well as past members returning to the in-person meetings. We are currently encouraging members to volunteer their time and assist with the staffing requirements for the Spring Conference. This event is being held at the Radisson in Green Bay May 19th through May 21st. We continue to ask for volunteers to fill three critical positions at the district level. Open positions include: Accessibilities Chair, Events Chair, and CPC Chair. Please contact your group's GSR for more information. Finally, as we approach the warmer months, activities are being planned that share our common goals and allow us to enjoy the fellowship of our members. Please plan to attend some of the events or perhaps attend a different meeting in the near future.

Melissa – [Saturday Sober Sisters - Zoom](#) – Meets @ 8:30 am to 9:30am – Saturdays. We hold consistent with 15-20 attendees weekly and really have a variety as far as length in sobriety goes including long term sobriety. Powerful group.

Sean – [Early Risers](#) – Saturday 8 a.m. @ St. John the Baptist Church. (Cardinal Ln. and Glendale Ave. in Howard)
Mike N. (GSR) / Sean M. (A-GSR) **“Hello, May! M- Make this month count, A- Accomplish your goals, Y- You can do this.”**
The Early Risers meet every Saturday 52 weeks/year. The group consists of 30+ friends in recovery and gathers in a closed discussion to support living clean and serene. The 1st Sat is a step meeting, 2nd Sat is an open discussion with the 3rd Sat a focus on the 12 traditions for the specific month, followed by a speaker meeting the last Sat of the month. “All things seem possible in May.”

Liv M - GSR - [Road to Recovery](#) - 5:30pm Mondays at the 218 Club (Back Room). Attendance is great, averaging around 12 people each week. We recently made a group conscience decision to update our script with language requesting that people ask permission before physically touching another fellow, e.g., giving a hug. The majority of the group felt that this is an important step in ensuring that newcomers don't feel uncomfortable or pressured, and is a way to live our values of inclusivity and tolerance toward all.

Mike C (for Sam J GSR) – [New Hope Group](#) – Saturdays 9:00am to 10:00am @ Micah Center. *No written report.*

DISTRICT CHAIR REPORTS

District Events -

- ❖ May 12, 2023 – Spring Conference planning meeting – 6:45pm at 218 Club
- ❖ May 19-21, 2023 – Area 74 Spring conference at the Radisson in Green Bay, WI hosted by District 1
- ❖ May 21, 2023 – WICYPAA Host is having Volleyball Tournament at the Gratitude Club in Fond du lac at 12pm. This will go all day long. Sign up your team with the QR code on the flyer.
- ❖ May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day Gratitude Meeting at 10am at 218 Club
- ❖ May 29, 2023 – AA Open Picnic at Temple of Divine Mercy at 5:30pm. Closed meeting to follow at 7:30pm. Hosted by “It’s in the Book” group
- ❖ June 1-4, 2023 – RAFTYPAA (Rafting trip for Young People in AA) Silver Cliff, WI at Kosir’s Rafting Resort (There will be an outreach table at the spring conference with more information)
- ❖ June 17, 2023 – WICYPAA Host and Waukesha Bid for WICYPAA are having a Bake Auction in Waukesha
- ❖ June 23-25, 2023 – East Central Regional/Indiana State Convention
- ❖ July 4, 2023 – 4th of July Gratitude Meeting at 218 Club at 10am
- ❖ July 22, 2023 – Seymour Intergroup
- ❖ September 15-17, 2023 – Area 74 Fall Conference at the Holiday Inn in Eau Claire, WI
- ❖ October 6-8, 2023 – 4th and 5th Step Retreat at The St. Norbert Abbey
- ❖ November 17-19, 2023 - East Central Regional Forum in Independence, OH

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 –Hello all! This past month I attended the annual Moose and Goose in Seymour. It was the first time having it since COVID and they raised over \$3000 for corrections literature! How amazing is that! I was unable to attend the WICYPAA talent show event as I was on a canoeing trip. After that event however, the host has over 400 people registered for the conference next January! The host did a walk-through of a hotel that same weekend. No contract signed yet so no dates yet. The next WICYPAA planning meeting is Sunday, May 14 at 5pm at Solutions in Oshkosh. Our next event is Sunday, May 21 which is a Volleyball Tournament! That is the last day of the spring conference here, but the event will be going on all day so I plan to help out as soon as we are done cleaning up the conference here. Speaking of our conference, the last planning meeting is this Friday May 12 at 6:45pm at the 218 Club! Please come and find out how you can be of service! One of the ways you can help is that I am running some sort of AA trivia game on Saturday night of the conference and I’d like to have a few people help me brainstorm and to make the game happen. Please contact me if you are interested in that. My school semester is coming to an end this week and I will have a lot more time to make it to some extra meetings and hopefully meet some more newcomers. I look forward to seeing you all at the conference very soon!

Secretary – Cheryl Alt –**April Minutes were voted on and approved.**

Treasurer – Paul K – *Voted on and approved.* May 11, 2023

Starting Balance	\$7,415.06
Deposits	
Letting Go	\$41.50
Early Riser	\$119.00
Zoom Into Recovery	\$120.00
Spiritual Awakening	\$94.00
Women In the Present	\$40.00
Total	\$414.50
Disbursements	
DigiCOPY	\$44.84
Total	\$44.84
Bank Balance	\$7,784.72
(Beginning Balance + Deposits - Disbursements)	
Less Prudent Reserve	\$1,300.00
Net Available Funds	\$6,484.72

Website/Newsletter report – Doug – Website report: Nothing new to report. All is well.
Newsletter report: Nothing new to report. All is well.

Grapevine – Sherry W – *no written report.*

Corrections – Lindy & Eric – Hi family!

We have 3 women and 4 men approved to go in to the jails. Once more get approved we will make a calendar. Need to get with Treasurer about getting books. We have little Red Books for \$2 a piece but they're not conference approved. We will check and see if they're corrections conference approved. May 16th is the next available date for training at BCJ. We need grapevines for the jail. We will attend the next Area 74 meeting to get Moose and goose funds for books. We have \$11 large print big books, no stories in the back though.

Discussion from Corrections report: one member concerned and wants to verify with her group about using non-AA approved literature (the little Red Book) in the jails. Mike N attended the past Corrections Conference and said while these books are not AA approved literature, they were approved by Corrections to be used in the jails for the Big Book. Question was asked if we can we get the proof these books were approved by the Corrections Committee? The red books are most cost-effective vs the cost of a regular big book and identical to the shortened version of the Big Book. They are just printed by a different company. Corrections does have a budget for literature but it will not sustain the current need of books. Lindsay and Eric will look into getting money from Area 74 for literature (money raised by the Moose and Goose). Lindy will ask the Librarians at the facilities to bring any found, used AA books back to the AA meetings.

Inmates were asking for Grapevines to read. Sherry W can get some old Grapevines to Lindy. Lindy and Eric will try to get a count of the number of books used per month to help with the corrections budget.

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

Hotline - Hotline is going smooth as usual with transfers. I did get a request for the Zoom IDs be sent to volunteers again. That is being done after I have relayed the message to all the day shift contacts for the Hotline. Trying to get word out for a replacement Hotline Chair for August for when my term is over. Any questions, please let me know by email or phone.
Discussion on Hotline: William will be retiring at the end of August from the hotline.

Archives – Jeff E – *No written report.*

CPC – Open Position

District Events – Open Position

Accessibilities – Open Position

OLD BUSINESS

- Events Chair position vacant
- CPC Position vacant
- Creating a list of numbers of people available to give rides to meetings: it was determined that this is something done at the group level.

A GSR asked if the discussion regarding ear marking money was ever finalized. It was not, so this was tabled for next month's old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- Next conference committee meeting will be on a Friday, May 12 at 6:45pm at 218 Club
- What is a quorum for District 01 discussion
How many members are needed to be present to complete business? What do we feel is an approximate number? Examples: 2 officers and 3 GSRs, 5 people in attendance. Or 4 officers and 3 GSRs, 7 people in attendance? Maybe we should look at attendance and base number of people on average attendance.
***Please discuss with your groups to continue discussion next month.**
- If no events chair is elected, start thinking about getting a subcommittee together for planning a summer picnic sometime in July or August. Also, what other activities would you like to see our district put on for its members? Mike said we can have Bonnie from Iowa come to do a workshop on steps and traditions (she was the AA speaker at our past inter-group and is a wealth of knowledge). What else would our groups like to see as possible one or two-day workshops. Please get some ideas and suggestions.

Motion to close
Close with Lord's Prayer or Serenity Prayer

At Wits End

A cow goes to its first AA meeting and learns that no matter how far down the scale she has gone, her experience can benefit udders.

David L.

Columbus, Ohio

Checking in

Sponsor: So, how's your recovery going?

Sponsee: Not so great.

Sponsor: Do you struggle with negative thoughts?

Sponsee: No, I'm great at them!

Lora E.

Franktown, Colo.

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

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

“THIS is the Step that separates the men from the boys.” So declares a well-loved clergyman who happens to be one of A.A.'s greatest friends. He goes on to explain that any person capable of enough willingness and honesty to try repeatedly Step Six on all his faults—without any reservations whatever—has indeed come a long way spiritually and is therefore entitled to be called a man who is sincerely trying to grow in the image and likeness of his own Creator. Of course, the often-disputed question of whether God can—and will, under certain conditions—remove defects of character will be answered with a prompt affirmative by almost any A.A. member. To him, this proposition will be no theory at all; it will be just about the largest fact in his life. He will usually offer his proof in a statement like this: “Sure, I was beaten, absolutely licked. My own willpower just wouldn't work on alcohol. Change of scene, the best efforts of family, friends, doctors, and clergymen got no place with my alcoholism. I simply couldn't stop drinking, and no human being could seem to do the job for me. But when I became willing to clean house and then asked a Higher Power, God as I understood Him, to give me release, my obsession to drink vanished. It was lifted right out of me.”

- Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Steps and 12 Traditions pg. 63

Tradition 6

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.

THE moment we saw that we had an answer for alcoholism, it was reasonable (or so it seemed at the time) for us to feel that we might have the answer to a lot of other things. The A.A. groups, many thought, could go into business, might finance any enterprise whatever in the total field of alcoholism. In fact, we felt duty-bound to throw the whole weight of the A.A. name behind any meritorious cause. Here are some of the things we dreamed. Hospitals didn't like alcoholics, so we thought we'd build a hospital chain of our own. People needed to be told what alcoholism was, so we'd educate the public, even rewrite school and medical textbooks. We'd gather up derelicts from skid rows, sort out those who could get well, and make it possible for the rest to earn their livelihood in a kind of quarantined confinement.

Yes, we of A.A. did dream those dreams. How natural that was, since most alcoholics are bankrupt idealists. Nearly every one of us had wished to do great good, perform great deeds, and embody great ideals. We are all perfectionists who, failing perfection, have gone to the other extreme and settled for the bottle and the blackout. Providence, through A.A., had brought us within reach of our highest expectations.

- Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Steps and 12 Traditions pg. 155

Responsibility Statement

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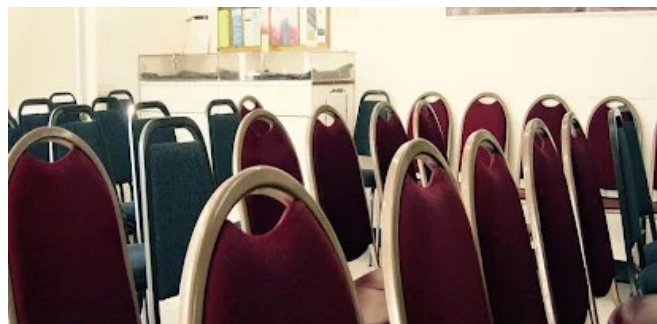


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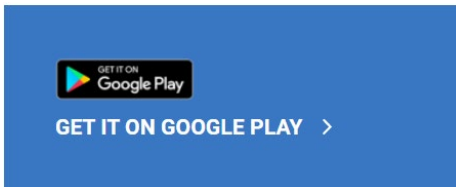
The app helps people find A.A. meetings and resources near them. A.A. service entities provide the meeting data for the app. Meeting Guide is available for iOS and Android smartphones.

About Meeting Guide

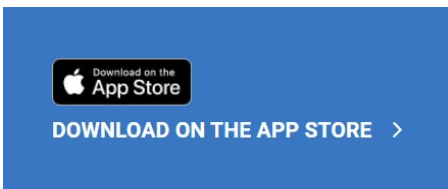
Meeting Guide syncs with area, district, intergroup/central offices and international general service office websites, relaying meeting information from more than 400 A.A. service entities directly to the app. Over 100,000 weekly meetings are currently listed, and the information is refreshed twice daily.

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
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- A news feature with the latest from the General Service Office and Grapevine



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