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"I'm pretty tired, think I'll go home now."

Gump's run begins after Jenny leaves him, and he ends up running for three years, two months, 14 days, and 16 hours. His inspirational journey across America teaches the viewing audience that in order to move on, you must first put the past behind you.

About District 01

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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 August 13, 2023.

DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING

June 8, 2023

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

Attendance - 18

DCM	Lauren P
Alt. DCM	Mike N
Secretary	Donna Y – dyoungwirth@new.rr.com Alt.- Cheryl – czuraski@new.rr.com
Treasurer	Paul K.
Newsletter/Webmaster	Doug F
Grapevine	Sherry W. – absent
Corrections	Open–Women; Eric E-Men – absent

Bridging the Gap	Tim T.
PI	Open position
CPC	Open position
Archives	Jeff – absent
Accessibilities	Open position
Hot Line	William W.
District Events	Open position

GSRs: Deb P, Melissa C., Liv M, Mary M, Dani B., Linda V, Sean M., Paul K, Lynn B., Donna Y. , Mike N., William
VISITOR: Erceal E.

GSR Reports:

Deb P alt GSR – [Zoom Women in the Present](#) – 7:00pm – 8:00pm Thursdays. *No written report.*

Melissa – [Saturday Sober Sisters - Zoom](#) – Meets @ 8:30 am to 9:30am– Saturdays. *No written Report.*

Liv M – [Road to Recovery](#)– 5:30pm Mondays at the 218 Club (Back Room). Attendance is great, averaging around 12 people each week. We had former home group member visiting this month from out-of-state, which was a treat for all. We also have an upcoming get-together on June 26th after the meeting, where we'll be picnicking at a nearby park. Join us for food and fellowship!

Mary M. – [Women in the Present \(in-person\)](#) – 7:00pm – 8:15pm on Thursdays at The Bridge. Attendance at our meetings continues to be steady, with approximately 20+ women in attendance each week. We also have newcomers & out-of-towners joining us on a fairly regular basis. There is a nice mix of those with longer-term and shorter-term sobriety around the table.

Members of our group have been approved to volunteer for the women's meeting at the BC Jail, which is held at 6:30pm on Mondays and two of our members have already attended meetings within the last several weeks.

Our group has fellowship activities planned for June and July. On Saturday, June 10th there will be a Founder's Day meeting and bonfire at Lauren P.'s house, beginning at 6:00pm. A number of our WITP group members are also walking or running together in the Bellin that morning. On Saturday, July 8th at 10:00am we will be launching from Suamico Paddle for our 2nd Annual Kayaking trip down the river. Most of our events are open to any woman in recovery.

Our next Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 29th, immediately following the regular meeting. Among other things, we will be discussing whether or not our group will continue using non-AA approved reading materials (i.e., Hazelden devotional books, The Language of Letting Go, etc.) during our meetings

Dani – [There is a Solution](#) – Saturdays, 8:00am @ The Bridge. Attendance is pretty steady at around 15 people with a range of sobriety, including newcomers. Please join us! We held an event in May on the Traditions and it was very well attended. As a group, we decided to set aside one meeting a month (3rd Saturday) to focus on the traditions. We are currently discussing ideas for our next event

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. Never on Sunday meets every Sunday at 9:30 am at the Bridge. Attendance is steady with an average number between 15 and 30. A good mix of short-, medium-, and long-term sobriety are represented. Some newcomers are also finding their way to our meeting again. The breakfast that never on Sunday hosted during the spring conference was a great success. We fed lots of people but also had lots of food leftover. Most of which was donated to various other area meetings.

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). 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 open discussion with the 3rd Sat a focus on traditions for the specific month followed by a speaker meeting the last Sat. Of the month. A sober alcoholic is like a turtle on a fence post – You know it had help. – Anon.

Paul K. – The Serenity Now Group of AA– Calvary Lutheran Church every Mon., Wed., & Fri. from 12:00 to 1 p.m. Group attendance varies between 45 and 60 members per meeting. The open meeting concept continues to attract concerned family members and friends seeking more information on the group and addiction. The Spring Conference was held the third weekend of May with over two hundred members participating. The area host groups of the hospitality suite also ensured participants were welcomed and well cared for. Chocolate and sweets included. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents. We continue to ask for volunteers to fill critical positions at the district level. GSRs should continue to seek group members to fill these important roles. Finally, several groups are planning picnics and other activities that allow us and our families to enjoy the fellowship of our members. Please plan to attend some of these events with great food and meet some new friends.

Lynn B – Eye Opener Group – St. Matt's, Saturday 10:00 am. *No written Report.*

Donna Y – Letting Go – Meeting Thurs. 1 p.m. @ 218. We are working on updating call list. Numbers are beginning to stabilize.

Sam J – New Hope Group – Saturdays 9:00am to 10:00am @ Micah Center. Offered a counter– proposal from their group on the Motion brought forth in the letter from the There is a Solution Group – for a different “prospective” on this issue.

William - Guest Speaker – Wed. 7 p.m. @ 218 Club. The meeting is going well with speakers signing up on the board at the 218 Club. The 1st 2 weeks of July have speakers signed up. Coffee is available as well as candy to snack on.

DISTRICT CHAIR REPORTS

District Events -

- ❖ June 10, 2023 – Luncheon and Area Committee Sharing Event hosted by District 13 in Iron River, WI at Moon Lake Park from 12-4pm.
- ❖ June 17, 2023 – WICYPAA Host committee meeting at 1pm at Solutions in Oshkosh
- ❖ 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 15-16, 2023 – AA Workshop at St. John the Baptist in the school commons
 - Saturday starts at 12pm
 - Sunday starts at 9am
- ❖ July 22, 2023 – Seymour Intergroup at Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 4:30pm
- ❖ August 12, 2023 – 218 Club Picnic at Murphy Park Pavilion from 12-4pm
- ❖ September 4, 2023 – Labor Day Gratitude Meeting at the 218 Club at 10am
- ❖ 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
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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 was the Area 74 conference hosted by our district. We had 259 people registered for the event! Thank you to everyone who helped to make that weekend a huge success! Last weekend I attended RAFTYPAA. The main speakers came from California and Arkansas! Both stories were absolutely breathtaking! Especially the Saturday night speaker and she mostly talked about how she applies the traditions to her relationship with her family. Such a unique way of sharing her story! I feel completely rejuvenated and spiritually refueled after both of those weekends. Nature is where I feel closest to my higher power. If anyone would like to read the Delegate's Report, please let me know and I will email it to you along with his email. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Bryon, he would love to share more of his experience in New York with you!

Secretary – Donna Y. –**April Minutes were voted on and approved.**

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

Starting Balance	\$7,784.72
Deposits	
Saturday Eye Opener	\$450.00
Promise Seekers	\$ 50.00
Walk With Us	\$200.00
There is A Solution	\$140.00
Cash – April District Meeting	\$ 16.00
Cash – May District Meeting	\$ 20.00
Total	\$876.00
Disbursements	
Total	\$000.00
Bank Balance	\$8,660.72
(Beginning Balance + Deposits - Disbursements)	
Less Prudent Reserve	\$1,300.00
Net Available Funds	\$7,360.72

Website/Newsletter report – Doug – Website report: I don't have anything new to report. The website is functioning properly, with no issues. I haven't received any feedback positive or negative, so I assume it is pleasing to all who read it. I sometimes see flyers at meetings I go to announcing events or potlucks. If anyone would like to have it posted, send me an email. I took the calendar widget off the website. It is difficult to maintain, and no one looks at it anyway. I post the events in a list form as a post and under resources. I didn't hear any feedback, so I am thinking its ok.

Newsletter: Nothing to report. I was reading district 2 newsletter. They mail copies to subscribed members. They also have their meeting list included. Any thoughts?

Grapevine – Sherry W – *no written report.*

Corrections – I will be stepping down immediately from the Women's Corrections Chair position. Eric and I will not be at the District Meeting tonight since we are heading to Founders' Day. Eric has \$248 from the Moose and Goose Dinner and has given it to Tim for purchase of 125 Little Red Books for use by Corrections.

Bridging the Gap – Tim T. – I'm the Bridging the Gap Chair. We've given the Brown County Jail Chaplain the Bridging the Gap forms to give to inmates who are being released and want someone to help them get to their first meeting on the outside. We announce the Bridging the Gap program at every Male and Female AA meeting.

Hotline - Looking for the next chairperson for the Hotline. My term is up at the end of August and would like to show the process of this chair position for the District before my term is up. The Hotline is going smooth with transfers and volunteers for shifts. Out for a replacement Hotline Chair for August for when my term is over. Any questions, please let me know by email or phone.

Archives – Jeff E – *No written report.*

Corrections – Female position – Open Position

CPC – Open Position

District Events – Open Position

Accessibilities – Open Position

OLD BUSINESS

- Quorum – discussion continues on what constitutes. Secretary will review monthly minutes to determine what is average attendance number and discussion will continue next month.
- Summer picnic Committee – Lauren will chair this event .
- Red Book discussion – After much discussion about whether to use the Little Red Book or the Big Book for Corrections meeting, a motion was made, seconded and passed to allow Corrections Committee decide.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lauren’s resignation- *I accepted a full-time choir director position at a high school in the fall. This fall the school is having their annual musical which I will have almost no free time. I also found out recently I have a torn ACL and meniscus and my surgery is coming up in a couple of weeks. All of this going on while I’m planning for my wedding in a couple of months. I just need to take care of myself right now. Prayers are appreciated! Thank you for allowing me to be of service!*
- Discussion on “how many conferences and assemblies should be held a year” was brought up. It was requested that it be brought back to groups for discussion. Discussion will then continue at District Meeting next month.
- **There is a Solution** Group brought up for discussion the following *motion* “*We move that all Chairpersons and/or Officers serving Greater Green Bay AA District 01 serve the fellowship of AA exclusively and do not also represent other fellowships or entities of which they may belong*”. Bring to your groups for discussion.
- Motion from Liv – **Road to Recovery**- “*Require the monthly’s treasurer’s report to include which budget is being used for each listed disbursement, & to separately include a breakdown of the remaining balance for each budget category.*”. – This format is used by the Area treasurer in their report.

Motion to close @ 8:20 p.m. Close with Lord’s Prayer or Serenity Prayer

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

Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

SINCE this Step so specifically concerns itself with humility, we should pause here to consider what humility is and what the practice of it can mean to us.

Indeed, the attainment of greater humility is the foundation principle of each of A.A.'s Twelve Steps. For without some degree of humility, no alcoholic can stay sober at all. Nearly all A.A.'s have found, too, that unless they develop much more of this precious quality than may be required just for sobriety, they still haven't much chance of becoming truly happy. Without it, they cannot live to much useful purpose, or, in adversity, be able to summon the faith that can meet any emergency.

Humility, as a word and as an ideal, has a very bad time of it in our world. Not only is the idea misunderstood; the word itself is often intensely disliked. Many people haven't even a nodding acquaintance with humility as a way of life. Much of the everyday talk we hear, and a great deal of what we read, highlights man's pride in his own achievements.

With great intelligence, men of science have been forcing nature to disclose her secrets. The immense resources now being harnessed promise such a quantity of material blessings that many have come to believe that a man-made millennium lies just ahead. Poverty will disappear, and there will be such abundance that everybody can have all the security and personal satisfactions he desires. The theory seems to be that once everybody's primary instincts are satisfied, there won't be much left to quarrel about. The world will then turn happy and be free to concentrate on culture and character. Solely by their own intelligence and labor, men will have shaped their own destiny.

Certainly, no alcoholic, and surely no member of A.A., wants to deprecate material achievement. Nor do we enter debate with the many who still so passionately cling to the belief that to satisfy our basic natural desires is the main object of life. But we are sure that no class of people in the world ever made a worse mess of trying to live by this formula than alcoholics. For thousands of years, we have been demanding more than our share of security, prestige, and romance. When we seemed to be succeeding, we drank to dream still greater dreams. When we were frustrated, even in part, we drank for oblivion. Never was there enough of what we thought we wanted.

- Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Steps and 12 Traditions pg. 70-71

Tradition 7

Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Self supporting alcoholics? Who ever heard of such a thing? Yet we find that's what we have to be. This principle is telling evidence of the profound change that A.A. has wrought in all of us. Everybody knows that active alcoholics scream that they have no troubles money can't cure. Always, we've had our hands out. Time out of mind we've been dependent upon somebody, usually money-wise. When a society composed entirely of alcoholics says it's going to pay its bills, that's really news.

Probably no A.A. Tradition had the labor pains this one did. In early times, we were all broke. When you add to this the habitual supposition that people ought to give money to alcoholics trying to stay sober, it can be understood why we thought we deserved a pile of folding money. What great things A.A. would be able to do

with it! But oddly enough, people who had money thought otherwise. They figured that it was high time we now—sober—paid our own way. So our Fellowship stayed poor because it had to.

There was another reason for our collective poverty. It was soon apparent that while alcoholics would spend lavishly on Twelfth Step cases, they had a terrific aversion to dropping money into a meeting-place hat for group purposes. We were astounded to find that we were as tight as the bark on a tree. So A.A., the movement, started and stayed broke, while its individual members waxed prosperous.

Alcoholics are certainly all-or-nothing people. Our re-actions to money prove this. As A.A. emerged from its infancy into adolescence, we swung from the idea that we needed vast sums of money to the notion that A.A. shouldn't have any. On every lip were the words "You can't mix A.A. and money. We shall have to separate the spiritual from the material." We took this violent new tack because here and there members had tried to make money out of their A.A. connections, and we feared we'd be exploited. Now and then, grateful benefactors had endowed clubhouses, and as a result there was sometimes outside interference in our affairs. We had been presented with a hospital, and almost immediately the donor's son became its principal patient and would-be manager. One A.A. group was given five thousand dollars to do with what it would. The hassle over that chunk of money played havoc for years. Frightened by these complications, some groups refused to have a cent in their treasuries.

- Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Steps and 12 Traditions pg. 160-161

Responsibility Statement

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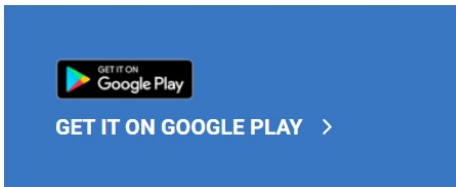
The app helps people find A.A. meetings and resources near them. A.A. service entities provide the meeting data for the app. Meeting Guide is available for iOS and Android smartphones.

About Meeting Guide

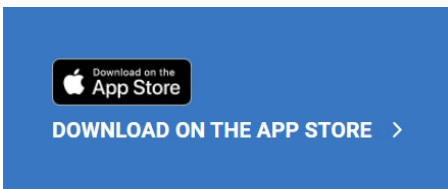
Meeting Guide syncs with area, district, intergroup/central offices and international general service office websites, relaying meeting information from more than 400 A.A. service entities directly to the app. Over 100,000 weekly meetings are currently listed, and the information is refreshed twice daily.

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
- 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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