



# The Communicator

November 2023

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**“Trade your expectation for  
appreciation and the world  
changes instantly.” – Tony  
Robbins.**

## About District 01

### DISTRICT ONE COMMITTEE

POSITION	NAME	EMAIL
DCM	Mike N	DCMDISTRICT01@GREENBAYAA.ORG
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Hotline	William W	ACCESSIBILITY@GREENBAYAA.ORG

The District 01 Committee serves the AA groups and meetings of Northeast Wisconsin. We hold a monthly business meeting each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm. Anyone is welcome. A great opportunity for service. Next meeting is December 14th, 2023.

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**DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING**  
**October 12, 2023**

Opened with the Serenity Prayer. 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition. Responsibility statement. 12 Traditions

**Attendance – 30** 22 attendees signed the attendance sheet.

<b>DCM</b>	Mike N
<b>Alt. DCM</b>	Mark P
<b>Secretary</b>	Donna Y – <a href="mailto:dyoungwirth@new.rr.com">dyoungwirth@new.rr.com</a> absent. Cheryl R filled in.
<b>Treasurer</b>	Paul K
<b>Newsletter/Webmaster</b>	Doug F absent
<b>Grapevine</b>	Sherry W
<b>Corrections</b>	Bruce
<b>Co-Chair</b>	Lee – absent
<b>Bridging the Gap</b>	<b>Open position</b>
<b>PI</b>	Linda S
<b>CPC</b>	Deb P
<b>Archives</b>	Jeff
<b>Accessibilities</b>	<b>Open position</b>
<b>Hot Line</b>	William W
<b>District Events</b>	Melanie B

**GSRs:** Lynn B, Linda V, John VS, Eric V, Sean M, Liv, Alt Andy H, Mary M, Duffy, Kati S, Matt B, Alt Mark P, Melissa C, Linda V

**VISITORS:** Glenn S, Bill D

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- Only sitting chairs or alternates acting on their behalf, GSR's or alternates acting on their behalf may speak, vote and/or second motions
- If you represent a group and are a District Chair, you must decide if your vote is in favor of your Group or your vote is as a District Chair
- Sometimes, the business at hand takes longer than 1 hour. Please don't leave until business is completed if you are a voting member. We are trusted servants and every group deserves to have a voice and be informed. In that spirit, this committee will allow each GSR up to 2 minutes to give a report from their group immediately following their introductions.
- **Please submit your reports to the secretary by the Monday after the district meeting**

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**GSR Reports:**

**Deb P. alt GSR – Zoom Women in the Present – 7:00pm – 8:00pm.** Thursdays. Group meets online at 7PM each Thursday. The meeting is a discussion meeting based on a reading from the Grapevine or Daily Reflections, chosen by the meeting chair, this meeting continues to be well attended, averaging 9-12 members joining each week

**Mary M. – Women in the Present – 7:00pm – 8:15pm** Thursdays 7:00pm at the **St. Norbert Abbey's Center for Spirituality 1163 S. Webster Ave, De Pere, WI** (use the north facing parking lot and entrance into the building).

Approximately 30 women are in attendance each week and the number of women attending continues to grow. Most weeks we have a nice mix of "old-timers," newcomers, and out-of-towners.

Currently our group has a private/closed Facebook page for sharing information and reaching out to each other, a daily gratitude-sharing text group, a Book Club that meets at noon on the 1st Sunday of the month at Kavarna and usually one activity a month for meeting attendees. Many of our fellowship activities are open to any woman in recovery and, occasionally family members/friends. Members of our group recently held two "workdays" in order to develop and "finalize" position descriptions, meeting format, etc. for our group.

Several members of our group have also shown interest/gotten involved in service work at the District level.

Due to limitations on access to our meeting room at The Abbey, our Business Meetings are being held at 6:30pm on the last Thursday of the month – just prior to our regular meeting. We're going to try to utilize email communications prior to each Business Meeting in order to accomplish our goals.

Submitted in Grateful Service

Eye Opener Group – St. Matt’s, Saturday 10:00 am.

**Melissa** – Saturday Sober Sisters - Zoom – Meets @ 8:30 am to 9:30am.. *No written report*

**Liv M** – Road to Recovery – 5:30pm Mondays at the 218 Club (Back Room). All is well in the back room! We’d love to have you join us.

**Matt B.** – There is a Solution – Saturdays, 8:00am @ The Bridge. Due to personal reasons Dani has stepped down from her role as our GSR. I will be stepping in to complete her term until the end of the year.

We have held our group elections and have new members stepping up for the 2024 -2026 term.

Their info will be provided through GSR change forms.

Our group is doing well and still strong averaging 10-20 at our meetings.

We are holding an event in October and I am sending a flyer for it with this email.

**Eric V.** – Recovery Crusaders – 8:00 a.m. Sunday @ Nativity of Lord Church. Attendance is good, we have a core group of 5-7 with most weeks’ attendance of about 15. There is a small group there about 20-30 minutes early for some before meeting fellowship.

**Duffy** – Early Birds – Sundays 7:30am at the 218 Club. The 7:30 a.m. Meeting at the 218 Club is going well. We’re averaging 20-25 people, with a balance of early sobriety and several old-timers. There is a large number of retired members of the military also attending and Coffee is being served.

**John v S** – Never on Sunday – The Bridge 9:30am Sundays. *No written report.*

**Sean** – Early Risers – Saturday 8 a.m. @ St. John the Baptist Church. (Cardinal Ln. and Glendale Ave. in Howard). The Early Riser’s morning meeting has been consistent each week with a speaker the last Sat of each month. October attendance is up with regular attendees, newcomers, and visitors. Take from Autumn, one of our greatest lessons – *letting go*.

**Paul K.** – The Serenity Now Group of AA – Calvary Lutheran Church every Mon., Wed., & Fri. from 12:00 to 1 p.m.

The Serenity Now Group of AA meets at Calvary Lutheran Church in Green Bay every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Group attendance averaged between 55 and 68 members per meeting. The membership continues to grow through members returning for various reasons and new members of all ages. We have also welcomed visitors from other cities, AL-ANON and family members to our open meetings during the month of September. Sobriety birthdays this month ranged from one day to 43 years.

The first Intergroup meeting is currently in the planning phases with the date of January 27 chosen for the event.

I continue to stress volunteerism to our group and reminded the group to remember that the elections for officers are coming up in October, and that their involvement in the AA process makes the group stronger and more diverse.

**Donna Y** – Letting Go – Meeting Thurs. 1 p.m. @ 218. We have had a number of our special ladies who have had surgeries lately but are returning and doing well. Our meeting continues to flourish with a blend of newcomers and long-term sobriety. Lot of emotions and laughs are shared as well as growth and healing.

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

## DISTRICT CHAIR REPORTS

### District 01 Events:

- October 12-District Elections Meeting Nativity Church door #4
- October 14-Area 74 Election Assembly-Rhineland, WI
- October 21- “Spirituality In AA”.8am closed Meeting, fellowship 8:30-9:30. The Bridge. 2514 Jenny Lane.
- November 9-District Meeting Nativity Church door #4

- **November 10<sup>th</sup> Gratitude Panel & ice cream social. 7-9pm St. John the Baptist School Commons, 2597 Glendale Rd in Howard**
- **November 23rd-Gratitude Meeting, 10am, 218 Club.**
- **November 17-19-East Central Regional Form, Independence, OH**
- **December 14-District Meeting Nativity Church door #4**
- **December 16- Area Committee Meeting, Reiter Center, Three Lakes.**
- **January 12-14 WICYPAA XXX1-Oshkosh**
- **January 27, 2024-District 1 Intergroup, Redeemer Lutheran Gymnasium**

**This list will be updated monthly. Let me know of any additions at [mike.nuckles@twc.com](mailto:mike.nuckles@twc.com) ODAAT Friends!**

**DCM – Mike N** - Greetings fellow Trusted Servants! Congratulations to Melanie B. and Debbie P. for being elected to District 01 Events and Cooperation With Professional Communities Chair positions respectively. I look forward to working with you both for the remainder of this rotation and further down the road if that's the will of HP. In September I was privileged to represent District 1 at the Fall Conference Assembly where I was able to meet Bob W., General Manager said of GSO. "Young Bob" told his inspiring story as the featured speaker. As an alcoholic in recovery, I certainly identified with his story, coming away with the main message of "servant leadership" born of the desire to help others and the positive effect of service work on quality of sobriety and true happiness. I hope to meet him again when I travel with Bill D. and others to the East Central Regional Forum in Independence, Ohio November 17th-19<sup>th</sup>. Closer to home I am astounded and hopeful at the level of cooperation in the preparation committees for the November Gratitude Panel and District 1 Intergroup in January. In short, RECOVERY ROCKS! As we head into the holiday season and officer rotation, I expect an elevation of personal vigilance and commitment to the principles of AA as well as Mother Nature. Until we meet again...

See you November 9th! One day at a time!

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

**Website/Newsletter report – Doug – Website** – No issues. I added content under the "resources" tab. I hope to be involved in the literature committee next term and I added a few AA approved pieces to our website.

Newsletter report: All is well. Keep on the lookout for new content next month as a new trusted servant takes over.

I will not be able to attend the District meeting tomorrow night. I am willing to be of service. I am willing to serve on the committee for literature or assist with CPC.

It has been a pleasure to serve. I look forward to seeing how Andy will improve what is already here.

**Grapevine – Sherry W.** – *No written Report*

**Corrections – Bruce K.** – *No written Report*

**Bridging the Gap** – Tim T resigned from this position so it now open. Please bring to your groups.

**Hotline – William** – The Hotline is going well with great teamwork. The Chair position also looks like it will be filled for the next term. Any groups looking to do service work, please let me know and I will relay it to the next Chair. Thank you all for your time and service work.

**Archives – Jeff E** – *No written report*

**Corrections – Female** – **open position**

**CPC – Deb P** – The committee has been having discussions on which audiences we want to target first and how we would approach this.

**District Events – Melanie B** – Have created an Event Committee and we meet every 2 weeks. Things are running smoothly for the Gratitude meeting come November 10th. Have also created another subcommittee for the Intergroup for January 27th. We have already met once and have a good handle on things. A group of very enthusiastic people with the passion to be of Service. We will be meeting again on November 8th for more planning.

**Accessibilities – open position**

**PI** – Linda S - *no written report*

For The Period Ended October 12, 2023

Starting Balance		\$8,231.33
Deposits		
9-Sep	Cash Donations - District Picnic	\$136.00
14-Sep	Cash Donation - District Mtg	\$11.00
Sub-Total		\$147.00
30-Sep	Dividend	\$1.03
Sub-Total		\$148.03
Total		\$148.03

Disbursements			
1003	Mike Nuckles	Conference Exp.	\$156.34
1004	Doug Feck	Sept. Mtg List	\$20.58 **
1005	Doug Feck	Aug. Mtg List	\$18.99 **
		\$0.00	
		\$0.00	
Total			\$195.91

\*\* Checks not cashed as of 10/9/23

Bank Balance	\$8,183.45
(Beginning Balance + Deposits - Disbursements)	
Less Prudent Reserve	\$1,300.00
Net Available Funds	\$6,883.45

Submitted by: Paul K.

\*\*\* Account Established August 2, 2023.

**Paul K said District 1 might be able to get a free mail PO Box since it does not have an address for mail to be delivered too. He is looking into this.**

### OLD BUSINESS

Open District Positions:

- Women's Corrections: no nomination or volunteer.
- Accessibilities: no nomination or volunteer.

Discussion on 2023 budget spending and surplus: we need to be doing more to reach the suffering alcoholic.

### NEW BUSINESS

- 2024-25 Officer Elections. (Miller Bill D.-past DCM facilitated). Effective January 1, 2024.

**DCM:** Mike N      **Alt DCM:** Eric V

**Treasurer:** Paul K      **Secretary:** Brook K

**Newsletter/Webmaster:** Andy H

**Grapevine:** Kati S

**Corrections:** Male and Female **Open**   **Bridging the Gap:** **Open**

**CPC:** Deb P                      **PI:** Glenn S

**Hot Line:** Mary M    **Events/Activities:** Melanie B

**Accessibilities:** **Open**

- Motion to District 1 Committee:

Create a District 1 Literature Chair within the District 1 Committee with the same voting rights as other District 1 chairs. Duties of District 1 Literature Chair to be as follows:

- Purchase and maintain an inventory of AA approved literature to be used by Groups, Committee Chairs and individuals within the AA Fellowship Community.
- Set up Literature displays for District 1 events
- Attend District meetings regularly and keep the Committee updated on availability and revisions to AA Literature
- Work closely with other Committee Chairs (CPC, PI, Corrections etc.) to ensure availability of needed Literature to reach the still suffering alcoholic.
- Report regularly on inventory levels and sales.

**After some discussion, it was determined this motion needs to go back to the groups for discussion. Since the central office has closed, we no longer have direct access to literature.**

- A motion passed to give corrections/Bruce K, \$300 for literature to put in the jails.
- A member brought up going back to hybrid for the district meetings so all people who want to participate can. It was discussed that there is a cost involved and more discussion is needed. Will be further discussed at the next district meeting.

Closed with Lord's 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 11**

**“Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”**

Prayer and meditation are our principal means of conscious contact with God.

We A.A.'s are active folk, enjoying the satisfactions of

dealing with the realities of life, usually for the first time in our lives, and strenuously trying to help the next alcoholic who comes along. So it isn't surprising that we often tend to slight serious meditation and prayer as something not really necessary. To be sure, we feel it is something that might help us to meet an occasional emergency, but at first many of us are apt to regard it as a somewhat mysterious skill of clergymen, from which we may hope to get a secondhand benefit. Or perhaps we don't believe in these things at all.

To certain newcomers and to those one-time agnostics who still cling to the A.A. group as their higher power, claims for the power of prayer may, despite all the logic and experience in proof of it, still be unconvincing or quite

objectionable. Those of us who once felt this way can certainly understand and sympathize. We well remember how something deep inside us kept rebelling against the idea of bowing before any God. Many of us had strong logic, too, which “proved” there was no God whatever. What about all the accidents, sickness, cruelty, and injustice in the world? What about all those unhappy lives which were the direct result of unfortunate birth and uncontrollable circumstances? Surely there could be no justice in this scheme of things, and therefore no God at all.

Sometimes we took a slightly different tack. Sure, we said to ourselves, the hen probably did come before the egg. No doubt the universe had a “first cause” of some sort, the God of the Atom, maybe, hot and cold by turns. But certainly, there wasn't any evidence of a God who knew or cared about human beings. We liked A.A. all right, and were quick to say that it had done miracles. But we recoiled from meditation and prayer as obstinately as the scientist who refused to perform a certain experiment lest it prove his pet theory wrong. Of course we finally did experiment, and when unexpected results followed, we felt different; in fact we *knew* different; and so we were sold on meditation and prayer. And that, we have found, can happen to any- body who tries. It has been well said that “almost the only scoffers at prayer are those who never tried it enough.”

Those of us who have come to make regular use of prayer would no more do without it than we would refuse air, food, or sunshine. And for the same reason. When we refuse air, light, or food, the body suffers. And when we turn away from meditation and prayer, we likewise deprive our minds, our emotions, and our intuitions of vitally need- ed support. As the body can fail its purpose for lack of nourishment, so can the soul. We all need the light of God's reality, the nourishment of His strength, and the atmosphere of His grace. To an amazing extent the facts of A.A. Life confirm this ageless truth.

- **Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Steps and 12 Traditions pg. 98,99**

[12 Steps and 12 Traditions - Alcoholics Anonymous](#)

## **Tradition 11**

**“Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.”**

**With its legions of well-wishers, A.A. could never have grown as it has. Throughout the world, immense and favorable publicity of every description has been the principal means of bringing alcoholics into our Fellowship. In A.A. offices, clubs, and homes, telephones ring constantly. One voice says, “I read a piece in the newspapers . . .”; another, “We heard a radio program . . .”; and still another, “We saw a moving picture . . .” or “We saw something about A.A. on television. . . .” It is no exaggeration to say that half of A.A.'s membership has been led to us through channels like these.**

**The inquiring voices are not all alcoholics or their families. Doctors read medical papers about Alcoholics Anonymous and call for more information. Clergymen see articles in their church journals and also make inquiries. Employers learn that great corporations have set their approval upon us, and wish to discover what can be done about alcoholism in their own firms.**

**Therefore, a great responsibility fell upon us to develop the best possible public relations policy for Alcoholics Anonymous. Through many painful experiences, we think we have arrived at what that policy ought to be. It is the opposite in many ways of usual promotional practice. We found that we had to rely upon the principle of attraction rather than of promotion.**





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## Meeting Guide App

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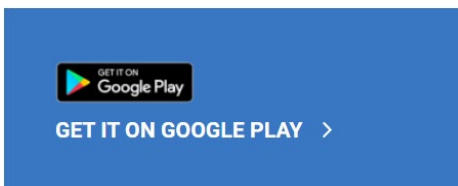
The app helps people find A.A. meetings and resources near them. A.A. service entities provide the meeting data for the app. Meeting Guide is available for iOS and Android smartphones.

### About Meeting Guide

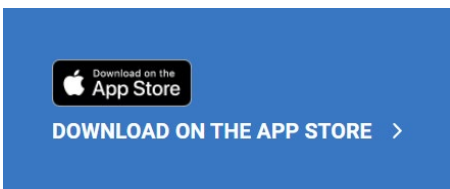
Meeting Guide syncs with area, district, intergroup/central offices and international general service office websites, relaying meeting information from more than 400 A.A. service entities directly to the app. Over 100,000 weekly meetings are currently listed, and the information is refreshed twice daily.

### 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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