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“We are like the passengers of a great liner the moment after rescue from shipwreck when camaraderie, joyousness and democracy pervade the vessel from steerage to Captain’s table.”

--Alcoholics Anonymous, Page 17

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About District 1

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The District 1 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 January 11th, 2024.

District 1 Monthly Meeting

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November 9, 2023

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

Attendance – 23 attendees signed the attendance sheet.

DCM Mike N**
Alt. DCM Eric V. **
Secretary Donna / Cheryl R/ Brooke **
Treasurer Paul K
Newsletter/Webmaster Doug F/ Andy H.**
Grapevine Sherry W / Kati**
Corrections Bruce
Bridging the Gap..... Tony P **
PI Glenn**
CPC Deb P **
Archives..... Jeff **
Accessibilities Joe**
Hot Line William W/ Mary & Mark **
District Events..... Melanie B**
Literature Chair Doug**

**elected for next term

GSRs: Alt Lynn L, Linda V, Erceal, Eric V, Alt Andy H, Mary M, Duffy, Melissa C, Deb P, Sean

VISITORS: Glenn S, Bill D, Gwen

- 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.

GSR Reports:

- **Deb P. alt GSR – Zoom Women in the Present** – 7:00pm – 8:00pm. Thursdays. 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. 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. On the Agenda for the meeting on Nov. 30th is a rotation of service positions within our group and discussion about whether or not our group will continue meeting at the Abbey or return to The Bridge for our meetings (due to issues related to cost, building access and storage).

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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). No written report.

Matt B. – There is a Solution – Saturdays, 8:00am @ The Bridge. No written report.

- **Eric V. – Recovery Crusaders** – 8:00 a.m. Sunday @ Nativity of Lord Church. Attendance is good, and increasing. We are averaging about 18 people each week. We are getting out of town visitors and people returning back to the program. 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. No written report.

John v S/ Erceal – 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 meeting has been consistent each week with a guest speaker the last Sat of each month. The 'early-early risers' 12&12 meets 7am in the old Chapel and will begin a series of listening to speakers and reflect together on the message. "There is a calmness to a life lived in gratitude, a quiet joy." R.H. BLUM
- **Paul K. – The Serenity Now Group of AA**– Calvary Lutheran Church every Mon., Wed., & Fri. from 12:00 to 1 p.m. Group attendance averaged between 60 and 70 members per meeting. The membership welcomed back several former members, new members, and visitors this month. Attendance is strong and enthusiasm for service work shows in the number of Calvary Members that were elected to district officer positions as well as volunteer work being supplied to help in AA activities. The first Intergroup meeting is currently in the planning phases with the date of January 27 chosen for the event. There are several activities planned for the upcoming holiday season and the support from the Calvary Membership is very encouraging.
- **Linda V – Zoom Into Recovery** – meets 7 days a week at 300 PM. This is a discussion group with a steady attendance between 8-10 We would love to see new faces or faces we haven't seen in a while. Come check us out.
- **Donna Y – Letting Go** – Meeting Thurs. 1 p.m. @ 218. We have elected a new Alt. GSR – Sheri and continue to seek a new GSR.
- **William – Guest Speaker** – Wed. 7 p.m. @ 218 Club. No written report

DISTRICT CHAIR REPORTS

- **DCM – Mike N** - Greetings fellow Trusted Servants! Congratulations to all who participated in our own Elections Assembly last month and to those new Trusted Servants elected to the 2024-'25 rotations of service. I'm very excited about the direction and enthusiasm for sobriety and service work in our district. District 1 was well represented in the Area 74 Elections Assembly in Rhineland on October 14th and the enthusiasm was again contagious. Our own (Miller) Bill D. pit his hand in the air and was elected the next Alternate Delegate/Area Chair. Same for Katie D. as the Area 74 Registrar and Jeff E. continuing as the Archivist which is a non-rotating position. Given the enthusiasm of others, yours truly was elected the new CPC Chair. Congratulations and prayers for those embarking into new and unknown territory. November will bring a concentration on our own district and continued sobriety during the holiday season. November being Gratitude month, I encourage members and groups to consider Gratitude contributions to GSO as in the last Quarterly Report, GSO was down to 5 weeks operating capital in the Prudent Reserve Fund.
- **Secretary – Donna** – October Minutes were voted on and approved.
- **Website/Newsletter report – Doug** – Website – I have added a space to post service opportunities. If your group has a need for volunteers, email webmaster and it will get posted. Newsletter report: Nothing New to Report.

Grapevine – Sherry W. – No written report.

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- **Corrections – Bruce K.** – Spent \$300.00 for AA books to give to the Chaplain and for the men's meeting. Women's meeting needs BB. Jail Volunteer training was held. Should have 5-6 new volunteers. Raised the budget for corrections in 2024 to \$1,200.00. We still need a new corrections Chair for 2024.

Bridging the Gap – Tony volunteered and was voted in as Bridging the Gap Chair. Report-

- I received the Bridging the Gap paperwork(changed all to reflect new PO Box). Am still searching for more info.
- I reached out to Brown County Jail Chaplain Dallas Palmer today. He is off on leave and will be returning next week. I will meet with him to give him BTG forms and pamphlets. He works closely with the AA members who volunteer for meetings and the jail staff who facilitate programming.
- I contacted Samantha Jandrin who is programming director (facilitates recovery meetings) at GBCI (GB Prison). She stated there have been no AA meetings involving an outside volunteer since before the Covid 19 outbreak. I will reach out to her again to get her BTG forms and pamphlets
- I recently attended a Jackie Nitschke Alumni meeting and requested BTG forms be distributed to residential clients. I was told staff would be okay with that. I will get forms and pamphlets distributed to the Center.
- I contacted Sanger Powers (State Correctional Facility) programming director Scott Propheter. I will send him forms related to BTG.
- I also contacted Jeff R. who is a BTG Chair for one of our border districts. He stated he's be willing to help me with anything I need.
- I am working on creating a list of contacts to assist with BTG. I will be in contact with one of our former BTG chairs, she may already have a list of contacts.
- **CPC – Deb P.** – The CPC Committee met this month. At this meeting we discussed how we were going to move forward with our work. We decided on what materials we were going to distribute. We also decided what professionals we were going to reach out to first. Pamphlets will be ordered from GSO. We will be adding a label to the pamphlets which lists the URL for both aa.org and green-bayaa.org. Some of us are also attending the monthly PI/CPC working meetings sponsored by the GSO.

P.I. – Glenn S. volunteered and was voted in as new PI Chair.

Archives – Jeff E. – absent. No written report.

Hotline – Mary / Mark – Mark/ Mary volunteered and were voted in as new Hotline Co-Chairs.

- **District Events – Melanie B** – For the month of November (gratitude month) we will have a can at 11/10 event as well as a can at The Bridge for donations. At the end of the month, we will be sending donations to GSO. With holidays here, planning a "Spirit of Giving" Saturday, December 9th, 7:30-10:30pm at the 218 Club. Open event but adults only please. 8pm closed meeting in back room. Pizza party, fellowship and a white elephant (optional \$10 max) gift exchange. Will be having a canned food drive as well. Intergroup planning going well. Formed a sub-committee of 16 enthusiasts' folks helping out. Asking GSRs to get the word out about food donations (dish to pass) from groups as well as Raffle baskets.

EVENT ▾	DATE/TIME ▾	LOCATION ▾
Gratitude Panel & Ice Cream Social	November 10th, 2023; 7-9pm	St. John the Baptist School Commons, 2597 Glendale Rd, Green Bay, WI
East Central Regional Forum	November 17th-19th, 2023	Independence, OH
Soberfest	November 17th-19th, 2023	Lake Geneva, IL
Gratitude Meeting	November 23rd, 2023	218 Club
Spirit Of Giving	December 9th, 2023; 7:30-10:30pm	218 Club; 218 S Oneida St, Green Bay, WI
Monthly District 1 Meeting (Door #4)	December 14th, 2023; 6:30pm	Nativity Of Our Lord Church; 2270 S Oneida St, Green Bay, WI

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Area Committee Meeting Via Zoom	December 16th, 2023	ID 841-1096-5882; Password: 1212144
Gratitude Meeting	December 25th; 2023; 10am	218 Club; 218 S Oneida St, Green Bay, WI
New Year's Eve Dance	December 31st, 2023; 9pm-12am	218 Club; 218 S Oneida St, Green Bay, WI
Gratitude Meeting	January 1st, 2024; 10am	218 Club; 218 S Oneida St, Green Bay, WI
WICYPAA	January 12th-14th, 2024	Oshkosh, WI
District 1 Intergroup (Emily S. & Lisa V.S. guest speakers)	January 27th, 2024; 4:30pm	Redeemer Lutheran Church; 210 S Oneida St, Green Bay, WI

****NOTE**** food will be served after Gratitude Meetings on Thanksgiving and Christmas-bring a dish to pass. 218 Club will be open all day on those days. Blessings and HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all. This list will be updated monthly. Let me know of any additions at mike.nuckles@twc.com ODAAT Friends!

Accessibilities – Joe H. volunteered and was voted in as Accessibilities Chair

Treasurer – Paul K –		***PCMCU Bank Account
	Starting Balance	\$8,183.45
Deposits		
13-Oct	Early Riser Group	\$157.00
13-Oct	Letting Go	\$46.50
13-Oct	Sisters in Sobriety	\$30.00
26-Oct	218 Club	\$150.00
14-Oct	Cash Donation - District Mtg	\$23.00
26-Oct	How It Works	\$60.00
31-Oct	Recovery Crusaders	\$66.00
31-Oct	BYOBB	\$21.25
	Sub-Total	\$553.75
30-Sep	Dividend	\$1.06
	Sub-Total	\$554.81
	Total	\$554.81
Disbursements		
1006	AA Literautre Bill D.	\$295.00
DC	SG Hosting Service	\$321.75
		\$0.00
	Total	\$616.75
**Checks not cashed as of 11/9/23		
	Bank Balance	\$8,121.51
(Beginning Balance + Deposits - Disbursements)		
	Less Prudent Reserve	\$1,300.00
	Net Available Funds	\$6,821.51

OLD BUSINESS

- Open District Positions: Corrections – Men and Women
- Motion on District Literature Chair – The Motion was made, voted on and approved to add the office of Literature Chair to the District 01 Board. Doug volunteered for this position and he was voted in. A motion was made and approved to allot \$2000 for this new position.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2024 Budget discussion from outgoing/incoming District Chairs – Paul passed out proposed Budget and asked current Officers/Chairs to get back to him on whether these numbers are appropriate for next year.
- Discussion on return of District GSR meetings to hybrid format. After much discussion it was decided that committee would investigate with other districts how effective this was for them.

Motion to close

Close with Lord's Prayer

STEP 12

"Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

The joy of living is the theme of A.A.'s Twelfth Step, and action is its key word. Here we turn outward toward our fellow alcoholics who are still in distress. Here we experience the kind of giving that asks no rewards. Here we begin to practice all Twelve Steps of the program in our daily lives so that we and those about us may find emotional sobriety. When the Twelfth Step is seen in its full implication, it is really talking about the kind of love that has no price tag on it.

Our Twelfth Step also says that as a result of practicing all the Steps, we have each found something called a spiritual awakening. To new A.A.'s, this often seems like a very dubious and improbable state of affairs. "What do you mean when you talk about a 'spiritual awakening'?" they ask.

Maybe there are as many definitions of spiritual awakening as there are people who have had them. But certainly each genuine one has something in common with all the others. And these things which they have in common are not too hard to understand. When a man or a woman has a spiritual awakening, the most important meaning of it is that he has now become able to do, feel, and believe that which he could not do before on his unaided strength and resources alone. He has been granted a gift which amounts to a new state of consciousness and being. He has been set on a path which tells him he is really going somewhere, that life is not a dead end, not something to be endured or mastered. In a very real sense he has been transformed, because he has laid hold of a source of strength which, in one way or another, he had hitherto denied himself. He finds himself in possession of a degree of honesty, tolerance, unselfishness, peace of mind, and love of which he had thought himself quite incapable. What he has received is a free gift, and yet usually, at least in some small part, he has made himself ready to receive it.

--Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, Pages 106-107

TRADITION 12

"Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities."

The spiritual substance of anonymity is sacrifice. Because A.A.'s Twelve Traditions repeatedly ask us to give up personal desires for the common good, we realize that the sacrificial spirit— well symbolized by anonymity— is the foundation of them all. It is A.A.'s proved willingness to make these sacrifices that gives people their high confidence in our future.

But in the beginning, anonymity was not born of confidence; it was the child of our early fears. Our first nameless groups of alcoholics were secret societies. New prospects could find us only through a few trusted friends. The bare hint of publicity, even for our work, shocked us. Though ex-drinkers, we still thought we had to hide from public distrust and contempt.

When the Big Book appeared in 1939, we called it "Alcoholics Anonymous." Its foreword made this revealing statement: "It is important that we remain anonymous because we are too few, at present, to handle the overwhelming number of personal appeals which may result from this publication. Being mostly business or professional folk, we could not well carry on our occupations in such an event." Between these lines, it is easy to read our fear that large numbers of incoming people might break our anonymity wide open.

--Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, Page 184



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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.

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

Check out our District 1 Website!

Our website is a great resource for all things related to AA in the greater Green Bay, Wisconsin area to include an integrated meeting finder page, a listing of current and future events in the district as well as a listing of service/volunteer opportunities available.

You can view our website on any device including a home computer/laptop, a tablet device like an iPad or even your smart phone.

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