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“We learned that we had to fully concede to our innermost selves that we were alcoholics. This is the first step in recovery. The delusion that we are like other people, or presently may be, has to be smashed.”

--Alcoholics Anonymous, Page 30

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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 6:30pm. Anyone is welcome. A great opportunity for service. Next meeting is January 11th, 2024.

District 1 Monthly Meeting

December 14, 2023

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

Attendance – 19 attendees signed the attendance sheet/24 attended

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

**elected for next term

GSRs: Alt Sue, Linda V, Eric V, Alt Andy H, Alt Bill, Mary M, Sam, Deb P, Sean

VISITORS: Al, Jennifer B

- Only sitting chairs or alternates acting on their behalf, GSRs 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 Zoom Women in the Present 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. We added the ZOOM credentials to the District 01 Meeting List and App so that new attendees would not have to call the AA Hotline for the information.
- **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. At our November Business Meeting we had a rotation of service positions within our group. Our new GSR for 2024-2025 is Lauren Z. No decision was made as to whether or not our group will continue meeting at The Abbey. The group set

a deadline of February 2024 to make a decision to return to The Bridge or another, yet-to-be-determined, location for our meetings. 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. Our next meeting business is scheduled for December 28, 2023.

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. ***This meeting is defunct as of 12/26/23.***

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 15 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 M. – 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 on the last Sat of each month. The '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. The Early Riser's morning meeting meets every Saturday year-round and has witnessed continued growth with attendance up. Step study, open discussion, tradition, and guest speaker month end. The meeting covers a wide range of sobriety with a great group of participants. Merry Christmas to all and to all Season's Greetings, don't pick up that first drink, and go to AA meetings!

- **Paul K. – The Serenity Now Group of AA**– Calvary Lutheran Church every Mon., Wed., & Fri. from 12:00 to 1 p.m. Group attendance reached a new attendance record of 75 attendees during November. Attendance remains strong with mild weather and visitors attending during the holiday season. The first Intergroup meeting is currently in the planning phases with the date of January 27 chosen for the event. Volunteers are currently being recruited to assist in making this another successful event. There several activities planned for the upcoming holiday season and the support from the Calvary Membership has been very encouraging. Thanks to all of you for making my tenure as GSR a very rewarding experience. Bobby L. will be assuming the GSR role and I'm sure that his positive attitude and support of the program will provide continued support for the Serenity Now Group.

Linda V – Zoom Into Recovery – meets 7 days a week at 300 PM. This is a zoom discussion meeting that meets seven days a week at 3:00 o'clock. Mondays are always a first step meeting. Come and check us out.

- **Donna Y – Letting Go** – Meeting Thurs. 1 p.m. @ 218. Letting Go has lots of good news to report. Two of our long-time members have become our GSR (Julie H.) and Alt. GSR (Sherry). We are proud to have them step up to serve us on the District Board. We also decided to hold a Christmas Get together for "renewing old friendships and sharing some good food and drinks(non-alcoholic, of course)" on December 28 and hoping to see some we haven't seen for a while. Finally, we took a group conscience and decided to donate our quarterly collection totally to the GSO to help their current financial situation.

William – Guest Speaker – Wed. 7 p.m. @ 218 Club. Open Speaker Meeting Report - The meeting did hold a business meeting a few weeks ago which was great. The meeting is working on finding a GSR, secretary and treasurer for the meeting. Attendance has been a solid 10 to 15 each week with speakers signing up on the whiteboard at the 218 Club. Coffee and Candy are always available.

District Chair Reports:

- **Mike N - DCM** –With gratitude I can report your DCM was busy both carrying and receiving “the message” of sobriety. November 10th saw 50+ family and friends show up for our 1st annual Gratitude Panel...Melanie will report more on this later. November 17th-19th Bill D. and I attended the East Central Regional Forum in Independence, Ohio. Forums are where GSO board members and staff put on workshops and answer questions from the membership, and there were many. Definitely an eye-opener. December 1st-3rd I attended the 17th Annual Concepts Retreat in Pine Lake, WI in which I definitely has the opportunity to practice humility amongst the giants (midgets?) of service. Through it all I continue to try and be open to all views and continue to grow in “servant leadership, patience, tolerance, kindness and love. Seems a good time of year to practice these.
Yours in service and..See you on January 11th! One day at a time!

- **Secretary – Donna/Brooke** – November Minutes were voted on and approved.

- **Website/Newsletter report – Doug** – Website –Nothing has changed since last month. Andy is assuming the responsibilities of the website, and he is doing a spectacular job. I am grateful to have been of service these past 2 years. Thank you. I look forward to my new role as literature chair! One day at a time!

Grapevine – Sherry W. – No written report.

Corrections – Bruce K. – No written report.

- **Bridging the Gap – Tony P** – Over the course of the last month, Bridging the Gap paperwork, applications and pamphlets have been successfully redistributed to The Brown County Jail, The Green Bay Correctional Institution, Sanger Powers Correctional Facility and The Jackie Nitschke Center. I have received applications from several individuals interested in assisting in Bridging the Gap service work. My “committee” is growing, and I am grateful. Corrections service work is important, and I have seen it firsthand.

CPC – Deb P. – The CPC Committee met again this month. At this meeting we discussed the progress we have made, issues that we ran into when reaching out to agencies. I attended the 2ND ANNUAL CPC AND PI online conference sponsored by GSO on Dec 2-3. I also attended the December monthly PI/CPC working meeting on Dec 9. I learned much about CPC/PI efforts during these events and shared info from both events with the CPC/PI groups.

P.I. – Glenn S. – No written report.

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

- **Hotline – Mary/Mark** – Updated guidelines for 1st and 2nd Tier call-takers. Established sobriety requirement for volunteers of 6 months for 1st Tier and 1 year for 2nd year unless there is a letter of support from their sponsor. 1st Tier call-takers may handle a call as 2nd Tier if they are 2nd Tier qualified. Updated the responsibilities of group contacts persons. Specifics for the above may be obtained from Mark W at mwenck57@gmail.com.

- **District Events – Melanie B – Events December report:** 1st annual :) Attitude of Gratitude panel on November 10th at Saint John the Baptist Church had 51 in attendance. Had 7 speakers and a wonderful turnout. Fellowship and ice cream that followed. Look forward to planning again for November 2024. Collected money throughout November for Gratitude Month to send to GSO. Thank you to The Bridge for having a collection can. We ended up collecting \$527. 1st annual :) Spirit of Giving was on December 9th at The 218 Club. Was a success had well over 50 attendees. Back meeting had around 15 in attendance. Great laughs and fellowship ran strong. Next Intergroup planning meeting is December 18th. Getting closer to the Saturday, January 27th event. Asking GSRs to get the message out that we are looking for raffle donations, baskets, services and goods. Next planning meeting TBD. Event Committee met in early December and tossed around "ideas" for future events for 2024. Some events include golf outings, Brewers Bus, bowling event, 5k walk/run, game night, summer picnic, fall hayrides and much more. We meet again Wednesday, January 3rd at 9am at Bayview restaurant. Looking to form a sub-committee for a brewer's bus summer. Contact Melanie B 920-360-9240 for more information.

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Events As Of December 2023:

EVENT ▾	DATE/TIME ▾	LOCATION ▾
Area Committee Meeting Via Zoom	December 9th, 2023	ID 841-1096-5882; Password: 1212144
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
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
Women's Recovery Workshop	February 3rd, 2024; 12-4pm	The Bridge; 2514 Jenny Lane, Green Bay, WI
Service Workshop (Sara P)	February 8th, 2024; 5pm	Nativity of Our Lord Parish; 2270 S Oneida St, Green Bay, WI
Conference of Delegates Past and Present	February 9th-11th, 2024	Muncie, IN
Delegates Workshop/Area 74 Committee Meeting	March 2nd, 2024	Wausau, WI
Area 74 Winter Assembly	March 30th, 2024	Rhineland, WI (Quality Inn)
73rd General Service Conference	April 14th-20th, 2024	Brooklyn, NY
Area 74 Spring Conference	May 17th-19th, 2024	Ashland, 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: No written report.

District 1 Monthly Meeting

Treasurer – Paul K – December 2023 Report:

			Starting Balance	\$8,121.51
Deposits				
Cash	15-Nov	Ice Cream Social Donations	\$142.75	
Cash	15-Nov	District Meetings Donations	\$89.00	
Check	15-Nov	Zoom Into Recovery	\$200.00	
Check	22-Nov	Saturday Eye Opener	\$100.00	
Sub-Total				\$531.75
	31-Oct	Dividend	\$1.03	
Sub-Total				\$532.78
Total				\$532.78
Disbursements				
	1008	St. John Church Rent IC Social	\$50.00**	
	1009	Sue Druckery Cleaning IC Social	\$75.00**	
	1010	Mark P. IC Social Supplies	\$65.00	
	1011	Mike N. Midwest Conf Exp	\$171.57	
	1012	Marcos Dist Xmas Party	\$216.16	
	1013	Debbie P. CPC Exp	\$56.35**	
	1014	Digicopy	\$26.91**	
Cash		Nativity Dist. Mtg Rent	\$30.00	
	DC	SG Hosting Service	\$49.00	
Total				\$739.99
Bank Balance				\$8,122.56
			**Checks not cashed as of 12/12/23	\$208.26
Balance Net of Uncashed Checks				\$7,914.30
Less Prudent Reserve				\$1,300.00
Net Available Funds				\$6,614.30

Old Business:

- **Open District Positions:** Corrections- Mens and Womens: no new prospects at this time; continue to get the word out about it at the meetings.
- **2024 Budget discussion and proposal:** discussion from outgoing/incoming District Chairs; 2024 Budget approved.

New Business:

- **New GSR workshop.** Prior to the District meeting on 02/08/24 beginning around 5:30pm.
- **District meetings:** yes, starting with the January meeting and Tradition/Concept 1. Mike N/Brooke K volunteered to start off the meeting with 1-2 minutes on Concept 1 and Tradition 1.
- **Tabled:** Discussion on return to hybrid

Motion to close

Close with Lord's Prayer

Be safe and carry our message this holiday season.

Step 1

"We admitted we were powerless over alcohol—that our lives had become unmanageable."

WHO cares to admit complete defeat? Practically no one, of course. Every natural instinct cries out against the idea of personal powerlessness. It is truly awful to admit that, glass in hand, we have warped our minds into such an obsession for destructive drinking that only an act of providence can remove it from us.

No other kind of bankruptcy is like this one. Alcohol, now become the rapacious creditor, bleeds us of all self-sufficiency and all will to resist its demands. Once this stark fact is accepted, our bankruptcy as going human concerns is complete.

But upon entering A.A. we soon take quite another view of this absolute humiliation. We perceive that only through utter defeat are we able to take our first steps toward liberation and strength. Our admissions of personal powerlessness finally turn out to be firm bedrock upon which happy and purposeful lives may be built.

We know that little good can come to any alcoholic who joins A.A. unless he has first accepted his devastating weakness and all its consequences. Until he so humbles himself, his sobriety— if any— will be precarious. Of real happiness he will find none at all. Proved beyond doubt by an immense experience, this is one of the facts of A.A. life.

--Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, Page 21

Tradition 1

"Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity."

THE unity of Alcoholics Anonymous is the most cherished quality our Society has. Our lives, the lives of all to come, depend squarely upon it. We stay whole, or A.A. dies. Without unity, the heart of A.A. would cease to beat; our world arteries would no longer carry the life-giving grace of God; His gift to us would be spent aimlessly. Back again in their caves, alcoholics would reproach us and say, "What a great thing A.A. might have been!"

"Does this mean," some will anxiously ask, "that in A.A. the individual doesn't count for much? Is he to be dominated by his group and swallowed up in it?"

We may certainly answer this question with a loud "No!" We believe there isn't a fellowship on earth which lavishes more devoted care upon its individual members; surely there is none which more jealously guards the individual's right to think, talk, and act as he wishes. No A.A. can compel another to do anything; nobody can be punished or expelled. Our Twelve Steps to recovery are suggestions; the Twelve Traditions which guarantee A.A.'s unity contain not a single "Don't." They repeatedly say "We ought . . ." but never "You must!"

--Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, Page 129

How GSO Serves A.A.

The GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE serves as a hub of communication for A.A. groups in the U.S. and Canada and as an exchange point for A.A. experience accumulated over the years. GSO staff coordinate a wide array of activities and services. Also located at GSO is Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., which oversees the publication, translation and distribution of A.A. literature.

The General Service Office in New York City serves all A.A. groups in the United States and Canada. GSO also offers services to A.A. overseas, especially in countries where there is no service structure. Many other countries have their own general service offices as well. The U.S./ Canada office works with committees of A.A.'s General Service Board and the General Service Conference (U.S. and Canada). GSO has broad responsibilities to its member groups, including the following:

- To collect and organize shared experience on group challenges and solutions, and to pass this information along to A.A. groups and members throughout the U.S. and Canada when asked.
- To work with alcoholics overseas and in the armed forces; with those living in areas with no meetings; with housebound and seagoing A.A.s; and with members in treatment and correctional facilities.
- To respond to letters requesting information about A.A. and the help it provides for alcoholics.
- To publish the A.A. newsletter, Box 4-5-9, and other bulletins; to publish and distribute A.A. books and pamphlets approved by the General Service Conference; and to provide a sampling of complimentary literature and service materials to each new group.
- To disseminate public information at the national and international levels for A.A. as a whole, in cooperation with print and electronic media as well as with organizations concerned with the treatment of alcoholism.
- To coordinate and support the work of General Service Conference committees.
- To maintain the GSO Archives.
- To operate and maintain the aa.org website and the Meeting Guide app.

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Look for this app icon on the app download stores listed below for your mobile device.



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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