



# The Communicator

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Green Bay Area 74 District 01  
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*"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."*

30th Anniversary Alcoholics Anonymous International Convention-Toronto, Canada (July 1965)

## **"I LOVE THAT GUY"**

*I love that guy who has to get used clothes for free at the pantry because he spent all of his money again on alcohol and drugs, because I was that guy.*

*I love that guy who spent his whole paycheck in a few hours on alcohol and drugs, because I was that guy.*

*I love that guy who's sold his own vehicles, and one of his landlord's, to support his alcohol and drug addictions, because I was that guy.*

*I love that guy who sold his food stamps to buy booze, because I was that guy.*

*I love that guy who goes to several meetings a day just so he can get in out of the weather and drink free coffee, because I was that guy.*

*I love that guy who searches butt cans outside AA meetings when nobody is looking, because I was that guy.*

*I love that guy at the meeting who sits quietly in the back of the room because he's afraid to talk, and afraid to not talk, thinking people will tell him to leave, because I was that guy.*

*I love that guy at the meeting who desperately wants to stay for the "meeting after the meeting" and ask someone for help, but he's so frozen with fear that he sneaks out the door, because I was that guy.*

*I love that guy who became so spiritually, mentally, and physically worn out he thought robbing a bank would finally stop the madness, because I am that guy.*

*I love the guy who's sitting behind bars, waiting to be sentenced, who decides to go to the jail AA meeting just to get out of his cell for an hour to break the boredom, and finally finds that elusive sobriety he's been seeking for 23 years, because I am that guy.*

*I love that guy who is deathly afraid to do a fearless and thorough Fourth Step, because he can't face sharing with another human being all the horrible things he's done in his life, but he does it anyway, because I am that guy.*

*Finally, I love all the alcoholics who put a dollar or two in the basket when I couldn't and sometimes wouldn't ... who shared their experience, strength and hope with me when I couldn't and wouldn't share mine ... who poured me a cup of coffee and smiled like they were glad to see me, even when I couldn't smile back ... and who gave me so many rides to and from meetings and encouraged me to "keep coming back."*

*Thank you God and AA for the opportunity to spend the rest of my life trying to help other alcoholics like that guy—because that guy is me.*

—Bill W., El Reno, Okla. us

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***"Hi Again. Would you please volunteer 3 1/2 hours once?"***

**GREEN BAY AREA CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**CONTACT FOR DETAILS**  
Eric S. 920-785-4096 (call/txt)

**Typical Shifts:**

Mon-Fri: 10:00 am - 1:30 pm or 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm  
Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

1270 Main St. #102  
Green Bay, WI 54302

## 20TH ANNUAL "KEEP IT SIMPLE"

### AA & AL-ANON RETREAT\*

JULY 21-24, 2016

Washington Island Campground  
745 East Side Road  
Washington, WI 54246

Registration forms online and at The Bridge or 218 Club

## 59TH CHILTON INTERGROUP

JULY 23, 2016

5:15 p.m. - Doors Open; 6:00 p.m. - Potluck

7:00 p.m. - Meeting

Good Shepherd Parish Hall  
54 East Main Street  
Chilton, WI 53014

## MINDFULNESS WALK &

### SUNSET BONFIRE OPEN MEETING\*

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016

7:00 p.m. - Fellowship, Snacks and Dessert  
8:00 p.m. - Mindfulness Walk (15-30 Minutes)  
8:45 p.m. - Open Bonfire Meeting

Bring a Blanket or Chair - An Evening Under The Stars

Everyone Is Welcome

Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve  
2024 Lakeview Drive  
Suamico, WI 54313

## 2016 ILLINOIS STATE CONFERENCE\*

### & EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

"Our Real Purpose..."

AUGUST 12-14TH, 2016

AA & Al-Anon Speakers - Literature - Archives  
Workshops - Alcathons - Panels - Dance  
Fellowship - Fun!

Pheasant Run Resort  
4051 East Main Street  
St. Charles, IL, 60174

## 218 SUMMER PICNIC\*

SATURDAY AUGUST 20, 2016

Hamburgers and Brats will be served - Bring a dish to pass

Activities and games for all ages !!!

Murphy Park Pavillion  
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
1627 Dousman Street  
Green Bay, WI 54303

## OSHKOSH INTERGROUP

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2016

5:00 p.m. Doors Open

6:00 p.m. - Potluck

7:00 p.m. - Speakers

St. John's Episcopal Church  
1513 Pinewood Lane  
New London, WI 54961

## DISTRICT 01 PICNIC - CELEBRATING 75 YEARS!\*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

12:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Rain or Shine)

Open To All!

Main Dish Will Be Provided

Please Bring a Dish to Pass

Soda, Coffee, and Water Available

Water Balloon Volleyball, Pie in Face Game,

Minute to Win It, Kickball, and More!

Colburn Park (North Building, Enter At Fisk St.)

901 South Fisk Street

Green Bay, WI 54304

## AREA 74 2016 FALL CONFERENCE\*

"Our Spiritual Way of Life"

SEPTEMBER 16-18, 2016

Ice Cream Social; Four Entree Buffet

Twelve Step Skit & Caboodle; Live Dance Band

AA Service & Spiritual Speakers

St. Ann's Center

320 Pine Street South

Turtle Lake, WI 54889

## SOBRIETY GATHERING\*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

from 9:00 a.m. - until...

Parish Hall

2936 Freedom Road (Co. Rd. E)

Oneida, WI 54155

(Donations Appreciated)

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9:00 am - BREAKFAST

12:00 p.m. - LUNCH

Panels, Meetings and Speakers: AA, Al-Anon & Alateen

EVENING FEAST

Dance Band/DJ/Open Mic

NO FEE OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Confirm for planning purposes by phone or email

Wes M: 920-544-9709 ([westmartin@new.rr.com](mailto:westmartin@new.rr.com))

Gary: 920-362-0206; Paul N: 920-370-3317

Janet M: 920-869-2278

## AREA 75 2016 FALL CONFERENCE\*

OCTOBER 21 - 23, 2016

Hosted by District 3

AA, AlAnon, AlaTeen Speakers, Panels and more

Holiday Inn

4601 Calumet Ave

Manitowoc, WI 54220

"discount lodging rates - "AAI"

Registration: [WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM)

Conference Registration: \$18

Saturday Buffet: \$23 (optional)

Sunday Breakfast Buffet: \$12 (optional)

**Cookie S.** Minnetonka, MN - **Bud S.** Manchester, NH

**Vern H.** Kerrville, TX - **Bill F.** Marietta, OH

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# GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) MEETING

June 9, 2016

## District Committee Member (DCM) Report-Summary:

(Meeting Minutes Online: [www.greenbayaa.org](http://www.greenbayaa.org))

**District 01 DCM Report:** Dear Friends, Last month the district met and voted on hosting the 2018 Area 74 Spring Conference. Since then I presented the bid to the Area at the most recent assembly in Ashland on May 14th. I learned a bit on the spot about what the Area expects in the form of a complete bid! Either way, the Area did vote and accept the bid. I've been asked to have more information available at the next Area Committee Meeting in Three Lakes on August 6th. I'm impressed by our District's willingness to host the conference again so soon knowing how much work gets put into planning and running such an event. Now it's time for AA members throughout District 01 to step up and serve.

At this assembly I also saw our Area Delegate, Derek, give his report on his experience at the General Service Conference. I found it informative and very well put together. I also appreciated the personal experience expressed within it. If you need a copy to read for yourself just let me know. Thank you ~Nate K.

The Area 74 Delegate Report was summarized and discussed following the DCM Report.

**Secretary,** The May 12, 2016 minutes were reviewed by those present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. ~Theresa D.

**Archive,** Going well. Nothing new to report. ~Bruce K.

**Bridging the Gap,** Going well. ~Christina M.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community,** The district meeting attendees continued an earlier discussion about distributing copies of The Grapevine. It was suggested that if a meeting has available funds, it could purchase a Grapevine subscription. The members of the meeting could use the group conscience to decide where to distribute the magazine. The district meeting attendees suggested distributing copies of The Grapevine to locations like libraries, public laundry facilities and doctor's office waiting rooms. Any questions please let me know. Thanks, ~Amy G.

**Corrections,** They do need support at all meetings. Sobriety requirements need to be investigated. There is safety training and a background check. There is a need to put together a form to outline these requirements. ~Sean S./Laurie M.

**District Events Co-Chair,** Reminder the speaker event is this Friday, June 10th at the 218 Club beginning at 7:30pm. This is an open meeting and we encourage everyone to attend. Breakfast with Derek has been changed to Bay Family at 9:30 on Military Ave. on Saturday, June 11. Derek is staying at Kimberly & Dean's instead of the Radisson.

The final numbers on the voting for items members would be interest in are as follows: #1 bonfire, #2 mindfulness guided meditation, #3 movie night, #4 group hike, #5 camping, #6 scavenger hunt, #7 hay ride.

We also received a nice list of panel topics to choose from for future panels.

**Mindfulness Walk and Bonfire.** On Saturday, July 30, 2016, there will be a guided mindfulness walk by Kip M., followed by open sunset bonfire meeting at Barkhausen Waterfowl Preserve. Snacks and desserts will be provided. Flyers were distributed to everyone in attendance. ~Kristen C./Kimberly S.

**Newsletter,** Nothing to report. ~Ronald M.

**Webmaster,** Nothing new to report. ~Debbie P./Sam J.

**Treasurer's Report,** Dean H. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 06/09/16 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed. Starting Balance as of 06/10/2016 \$5,923.14

Deposits		Expenses	
Never on Sunday	100.00	ColorMaster (Newsletter printing w/inserts)	239.00
Seymour AA	42.00	Christina M. (Corrections Conference)	36.51
(Intergroup Inserts)		Winston S. (Corrections literature)	319.14
TOTAL DEPOSITS	142.00	Barkhausen (District Events/rental fee)	126.00
SUBTOTAL	6,065.14	Kimberly S. (District Picnic-Rental/Supplies)	122.36
		TOTAL EXPENSES:	843.01
		ENDING BALANCE 6/9/16	5,222.13
	Prudent Reserve	\$1,300.00	
	Total Funds Available	\$3,922.13	

*Green Bay Area 74 - District 01*

*General Service Representatives (GSRs)*

*It is critical to the vitality of our members that you, an alternate, or group member periodically attend monthly district meetings.*

**Webmaster**, Maintenance of the website is going well. In progress (not published yet) is the addition of the “add to calendar” option for events on the Events page. Summary of usage statistics for May follow. The stats have been declining slightly each month since January, which doesn’t surprise me due to the New Year’s Resolution effect. ~ Debbie P./Sam J.

			Avg	Max
<b>Total Hits</b>	<b>50512</b>	<b>Hits p/ Hour</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>3586</b>
<b>Total Files</b>	<b>33541</b>	<b>Hits p/ Day</b>	<b>1629</b>	<b>6459</b>
<b>Total Pages</b>	<b>20180</b>	<b>Files p/ Day</b>	<b>1081</b>	<b>4352</b>
<b>Total Visits</b>	<b>7477</b>	<b>Pages p/ Day</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>5394</b>
		<b>Visits p/ Day</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>241</b>

**New Business:**

\*District 01 has won the bid for the 2018 Area 74 Spring Conference, to be held May 18-20, 2018! Requesting the GSR’s circulate a sign-up sheet to their group asking members if they have any interest in holding a chair position for the Conference. A brief job description was provided. The following position have already been filled: Co-chairs – Kimberly S. & Kristen C., Treasurer – Angie L., Registration – Dean H., Hospitality – Bill D., Secretary – Renae.

Open chair positions include: Decorations/Speaker Gifts/Cake, Greeter, Entertainment, Alkathon, Panels, Flyers/Posters/Signs and Alanon.

\*Annual District Picnic. The District Picnic is schedule for Saturday, September 10, 2016 at Colburn Park. Flyers were disbursed for GSR’s. 75 Years of AA in Green Bay will continue to be celebrated.

\*In November [2016] we will hold a relapse panel. In January [2017] will be the Intergroup which may be moved back to the Redeemer gym. In February [2017] the Women in the Present Group does the Women to Women event.

**Old Business:** None.

**GSR Reports:**

- **Letting Go, Donna Y.** Doing very well. Continues to be attended.
- **Early Birds, 7:30 am, Sunday, 218 Club, James R.** Going well.
- **Serenity Now, Jennifer A.** Everything is going famously.
- **Flintville Early Risers, Tom B.** Are looking to have an alternative GSR and a secretary. There is a picnic scheduled in August.
- **Walk with Us, Henrietta D.** The meeting continues to be well attended with approx. 15-20 members. The New York Office sent a flyer regarding “Your Seventh Tradition Contributions.” She is sharing this with the Central Office in case they did not receive it.
- **Sisters in Sobriety, Sue C.** Going well. Everything is fine.
- **It’s in the Book, Gary M.** Going well. The Memorial Day weekend picnic went well.
- **Women in the Present, Jill V. Renae S.** The group has purchases a subscription to the Grapevine. The group will decide where this will be placed.

**DEAR GRAPEVINE, WE SHARE OUR PAIN;**

In 1994, after 15 years sober, I received a phone call from the NYPD that my youngest son, Brendan, had been hit by a car on his way to school and died instantly. At his wake, a fellow AA shared that he had lost two children in their early 20s to cancer. He assured me that I would be OK, which has turned out to be true.

This year, on the anniversary of Brendan’s death, I picked up my Grapevine as I do each morning, and the first article I saw was Carol K.’s “Turning Points” (February 2016). The story begins with these words: “I have empathy for a man I know in AA whose son died far too soon as mine did. Both his son and mine were young and full of promise.” I shared this warm coincidence at my home group meeting that morning. Thank you Grapevine, for providing a forum where we can share our sober experiences—good and bad—and the power of our program.

—David P., Buffalo, N.Y.

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