



The Communicator

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Green Bay Area 74 District 01
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HOTLINE - 920-432-2600

"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)

SECRET IN THE CUPBOARD

"You've been good for so many years, she poured vanilla extract in her coffee"

I identify my disease of alcoholism as a "Tasmanian Devil," lurking in my brainstem, ready to pounce at any moment. Is anyone able to relate to this?

It was November of 2014. I was just shy of 21 years of continuous sobriety, deeply immersed in AA service. I was treasurer for a large home group and a Hospital and Institutions volunteer for a juvenile detention facility. I was also attending meetings regularly, meeting weekly to work the Steps with my sponsor, reading AA literature with my sponsor and sponsoring other women. But on Thanksgiving Day I added a little vanilla extract to my coffee.

Just like that. All of a sudden, the Tasmanian Devil emerged and whispered in my ear, "You've been good for so many years. You can get away with this once in a while."

And so I began playing a dangerous game. For the next year and a half, I never left AA and continued with deep involvement in service, all the while infrequently taking sips off an industrial-sized bottle of vanilla extract I hid in the garage. I never got "drunk" and I rationalized what I was doing with the knowledge that I refused to indulge in other forms of booze. I managed to control my vanilla extract intake during that time. However, I soon resigned from my AA service positions.

One day our daughter, who was then newly sober, smelled the vanilla extract on my breath. She declared that I was no longer sober and demanded I call my sponsor. I took her advice and without saying so, my sponsor severed her relationship with me.

Pride and ego battled any effort to become capable of being honest with myself. The situation was not that bad, I told myself. After all, I hadn't lost anything (except long-term sobriety) and I continued to be cocky, minimizing the personal destructiveness unfolding in my soul.

All this time I felt God was with me, watching out for me. It was embarrassing to reveal my relapse to my home group. So I joined a women's group for a year, thus avoiding my acquaintances at my home group. I truly believed this alcoholic was living life as God intended. I needed to realize that the "brat within" exhibited a sneakiness that is a character defect that I need always watch out for.

Eventually, I decided to face the situation. I started intense Step work with my sponsor. I looked for opportunities to do service. The feeling of being embraced by my former home group members despite my slip allowed me to come to grips with the fact that I cannot outsmart this disease. Old-timers continue to warn me that the ghostly "yets" are a horrendous reality.

I have made earnest amends to my husband and daughter, who are both sober members in AA. I love AA. This Fellowship is the means through which I come to terms with the insanity of the idea that I can drink like a normal person.

Today I no longer store vanilla extract in my home, for fear that the Tasmanian Devil might return again. If it weren't for my sponsor, home group and my willingness to believe in a spiritual solution, I might still be trying to prove to myself that I'm immune to alcohol. Today, I am a 60-year-old newcomer. ~Cindy Jo M. Sacramento, CA

OPEN SPEAKER MEETING (weekly)

WEDNESDAYS 8:00 P.M.

The 218 Club
218 S. Oneida Street
Green Bay, WI 54303

DISTRICT 01 MEETING (monthly)

2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

6:30 p.m.

All Alcoholics Anonymous members are Welcome
Alcoholics Anonymous Central Office
1270 Main Street #102
Green Bay, WI 54301

CENTRAL OFFICE BOARD MEETINGS (monthly)

LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

6:30 p.m.

(CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)

Alcoholics Anonymous Central Office
1270 Main Street #102
Green Bay, WI 54301
For details: 920-432-2600

THE BRIDGE SPRING BBO FELLOWSHIP DINNER

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

Fellowship: 5:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Open Speaker Meeting to Follow

Bring a dish to pass

Donations are appreciated

The Bridge
2514 Jenny Lane
Green Bay, WI 54311

ANNUAL MOOSE AND GOOSE*

CORRECTIONS LITERATURE FUND RAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019

5:00 PM Set up & social time

6:00 PM Dinner (Bring a dish to pass)

7:30 PM Speakers

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

349 N Main Street
Seymour, WI 54165

ANNUAL 218 CLUB CHILI COOK-OFF

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

Noon till 4:00 p.m.

Contest starts at 1:00 p.m. Judging at 2:00 p.m.

Sign up at the 218 Club - traveling trophy for best chili

Not cooking? Come and vote for your favorite chili

\$4.00 suggested donation

The 218 Club

218 S. Oneida Street
Green Bay, WI 54304

AREA 74 SPRING CONFERENCE

MAY 17-19, 2019

Hosted by District 02

Liberty Hall and Conference Center

800 Eisenhower Drive

Kimberly, WI 54136

Event Details and Conference Registration:

WWW.DISTRICT02AA.ORG/11785.HTML

MEMORIAL DAY GRATITUDE MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019

(CLOSED MEETING)

10:00 a.m.

The 218 Club

218 S. Oneida St.

Green Bay, WI 54304

JULY 4TH GRATITUDE MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2019

(CLOSED MEETING)

10:00 a.m.

The 218 Club

218 S. Oneida St.

Green Bay, WI 54304

218 CLUB SUMMER PICNIC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2019

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Food, Games - bring a dish to pass Murphy Park

1637 Dousman St.

Green Bay, WI 54303

LABOR DAY GRATITUDE MEETING

(Closed Meeting)

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2019

10:00 a.m.

The 218 Club

218 S. Oneida St.

Green Bay, WI 54304

218 CLUB HALLOWEEN PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2019

9:00 p.m. - Midnight

DJ, Prizes for best-scariest costumes

\$4.00 suggested Donation

The 218 Club

218 S. Oneida St.

Green Bay, WI 54304

BEEN FEELING
MORE GRATITUDE,
LESS STRESS
WITH MORE
RESPECT FOR MY
DEEPEST
THOUGHTS..
NOT ALWAYS...
SOMETIMES.

HP BRINGS ME
TO THE 4TH STEP
(SELF-EXAMINATION)
AND WITH IT AN
HONEST DESIRE
TO CHANGE (THE
PROMISES).

“HAVING HAD
A SPIRITUAL
AWAKENING”
(12TH STEP) IS
WATCHING THE
PROMISES BEING
FULFILLED.

PERCEIVING THIS
BECOMES
GRATITUDE.
MARTY S.

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) MEETING

March 14, 2019

District Committee Member (DCM) Report-Summary:

(Meeting Minutes Online: www.greenbayaa.org)

DCM Report: Greetings GSR's and Chairpersons,
See "Delegate's Workshop" online:

Asst. Secretary, Theresa D. The February 2019 minutes were reviewed by those present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes.

Accessibilities, Joe H. No report available.

Archives, Bill D. No report available.

Bridging the Gap, Marian K. Everything is going good.

Cooperation with the Professional Community, Vacancy-No report available.

Corrections - Men, Adam B. Everything is going well.

Corrections - Women, Still having difficulties in getting people to sign to attend the Huber jail meetings.

District Events Co-Chairs, Tamra D. and Lloyd Z. Details for this event are up and running. The flyers for the Brewer Bus trip will be handed out. Lloyd is hoping they receive scholarships for the event so that more children may attend.

Grapevine, Vacancy-No report available.

Newsletter, Ronald M. Looking to step down from newsletter position this fall and encourages GSRs to solicit members from their groups to fill this position.

Public Information Chair, Pat. T.C. She has organized a committee to help with the distribution of the pamphlets to area churches, hospital and veteran facilities. She will need to make an additional purchase for more pamphlets.

Webmaster, Debbie P. & Sam J. Things are going well with the website. Sam J. has offered to take on the webmaster duties as he has been helping with the maintenance of the site for the past few months. We will finalize the transition at a future district meeting.

Old Business:

Recruiting GSRs from Inactive groups. This was tabled until next month pending distribution of the Inactive Group List to District 01 GSRs and Chairs. Debate over continuing the 50/50 raffle at District sponsored events was tabled until next month so that GSRs may return to their groups in order to provide them with more information as to the legality of the issue, the breaking of the 12 Traditions, as well as how this may affect members with a gambling addiction.

New Business:

Discussion was held as to if The Communicator/District 01 Website should have guidelines as to what events may or may not be included in its contents -- i.e., what is the definition of an "AA Event." It was suggested that those events not AA sponsored could be flagged with an asterisk* to indicate such status. The "Now and Then" newsletter for Area 74 was contacted. They said they do not currently have guidelines but often insert flyers that are not AA-sponsored events. Matt B. was going to check with other Districts to see if they have established any guidelines. An example of this in our District would be related to the inclusion of the 4th and 5th Step Retreat held at St. Norbert's Abbey as well as the "God Talks" with Father Bill. This topic was ultimately tabled so that more investigation could be conducted.

Sam J. was nominated for and accepted the position as our new Webmaster. Thank you, Sam!!!

Treasurer's Report, Patrick H. Prepared for the March 2019 Meeting

Starting Balance \$ 6,617.32

Deposits		Expenses		Ending Balance February, 2019	\$5,649.40
Spiritual Awakenings	157.19	Carrie G. (Accessibilities)	60.00	<u>Prudent Reserve</u>	-1,300.00
Sisters in Sobriety	26.28	Theresa D. (Corrections)	158.25	Total Funds Available	\$4,349.40
Serenity Now	200.00	USPS (Treasurer)	11.00		
Promise Seekers	100.00	Matt B. (DCM)	27.35		
<u>Women in the Present</u>	<u>100.00</u>	DigiCopy (Newsletter)	191.59		
Total Deposits:	\$513.47	AAWS (PI)	145.20		
Subtotal:	\$7,130.79	<u>Brewers Bus (Events)</u>	<u>888.00</u>		
		Total Expenses:	\$1,481.39		

A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the February 2019 Treasurer's Report.

GSR Reports:

- Promise Seekers, Tom D. Meetings are going well.
- Women in the Present, Renae S.
 - 1.) Announcements have been made at meetings encouraging women to attend the new Libertas Meeting
 - Attendance has been low for Libertas clients
 - Question was raised as to whether Libertas is 'promoting' the meeting
 - 2.) Reviewed the length of meeting opening. Group approved a revised version that is more concise
 - 3.) Discussed another outing for the group once per quarter
 - Group agreed on bowling in April. Date and time will be discussed at next meeting
 - 4.) AA Hotline: 4 women agreed to volunteer Friday evenings from 5pm – Saturday at 10am
 - 5.) Women's Workshop: Group voted that our share of income (split between 3 groups) should be held as prudent reserves for 2020 workshop
- Road to Recovery, Dale E. Kimberly S. is going to be the new GSR with Dennis H. as alt-GSR. His group still had questions about the District 01 budget along with whether there is a need for guidelines as to what events should or should not be included in The Communicator and on the GB AA website was discussed.
- Serenity Now, Tammie F. The meetings are going good and well attended. A preliminary vote on the 50/50 raffle at District events was recently held with the group deciding in favor of them. She will bring the issue back to the group for one last vote.
- Sisters in Sobriety, Sue C. Meetings are going well; attendance is good.
- Early Birds, Kathy B. Meetings are doing well.
- Letting Go, Donna Y. Absent but with report. The money collected from the recent Women's Workshop will be carried over to fund the workshop for next year.

The General Service Office has an urgent need for A.A. men to write to inmates through the Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS).

Currently there are 200 male inmates waiting for an outside A.A. member to write to them. (Female A.A. members in prison can get linked right away, thanks to all the female volunteers who have signed up.) We need your help to alleviate this problem.

CCS is not a traditional pen pal service or automatic sponsorship service. This service offers the opportunity for A.A. members on the inside and the outside to share experience, strength and hope with each other via postal correspondence. G.S.O. only makes the initial connection, which is a random match between inmates with a drinking problem and outside members of the same gender who live in another region or province away from the correctional facility. The CCS program does not assign sponsors, but a sponsorship relationship may develop after the initial contact is made.

For more information and forms to participate are available:

In English Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS)

In Spanish Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS)

In French Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS)

Mail Call means everything for those incarcerated. One on one sharing – one A.A. member to another – helps both the insider as well as the outsider. Those who participate express that carrying the A.A. message and sharing experience, strength and hope is everything. Please distribute CCS forms and send to corrections@aa.org

District 01 Committee Contact Information

District 01 Chairperson	dcmdistrict01@greenbayaa.org	Archives	archives@greenbayaa.org
Matt B. 920-217-6864		Bill D. 920-621-1258	
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Henrietta D. 920-530-3297		Marian K. 920-366-5950	
Newsletter	newsletter@greenbayaa.org	Public Info	PI@greenbayaa.org
Ronald M. 920-593-2915		Pat TC 920-301-3436	
Corrections Chairperson	corrections@greenbayaa.org	Grapevine	grapevine@greenbayaa.org
Adam B. 920-680-9496 (Men)		Coop with Prof. Comm.	cpc@greenbayaa.org
Theresa D. 920-490-7889 (Women)		Events	events@greenbayaa.org
Meetings List	meetinglist@greenbayaa.org	Lloyd Z. 920-713-0760	
Ronald M. 920-593-2915		Tamera D. 920-321-4910	
Treasurer	treasurer@greenbayaa.org	Webmasters	webmaster@greenbayaa.org
Patrick H. 920-819-5284		Debbie P. 920-676-7585	
Secretary	secretary@greenbayaa.org	Accessibility	accessibility@greenbayaa.org
Theresa D. 920-490-7889		Joe H. 920-569-2053	
Hotline			
Tom M. 920-562-2689			

**AA Hot Line
920-432-2600**

**Alcoholics Anonymous
District 01 Meeting List
April 2019**

Make copies for your members. Help
keep our meeting list up to date. Contact
with corrections:
meetinglist@greenbayaa.org

The Only Requirement Is The Desire To Stop Drinking

SUNDAY

Group Name	Time	Meeting Type	Location
	4:30 AM	C	218 Club
Very Early Birds	6:00 AM	C	218 Club
Early Birds	7:30 AM	C	218 Club
Never on a Sunday	9:30 AM	C	Bridge Commons
	10:00 AM	C	218 Club
	10:00 AM	C Española	St Willebrord Church
	5:30 PM	C	218 Club
The Comeback	7:00 PM	C 12 & 12	Bridge Room 2
	7:00 PM	C	Alleluia Luth. Church
	8:00 PM	C BB	218 Club

MONDAY

AM Big Book	8:30 AM	C BB	218 Club
Serenity Now Grp	Noon	O Dis	Calvary Luth. Church
	1:00 PM	C	218 Club
Road to Recovery	5:30 PM	C	218 Club (rear room)
Happy Hour	5:30 PM	C	218 Club
Oconto Group	7:00 PM	C Dis	1st American Luth. Ch.
It's in the Book	7:30 PM	C Dis	DC DC Divine Center
	8:00 PM	O BB	Bridge - Room 2
	8:00 PM	C 12 & 12	218 Club
Live and Let Live	8:00 PM	O G/L	The Richard Mauthe Center
	8:00 PM	C	Assumption of BVM Ch.

TUESDAY

NEW!!!	9:00 AM	C BB	218 Club
Living Sober	9:30 AM	O	Bridge Room #2
Serenity 2	Noon	O	Bridge Commons
How it Works	12:05 PM	C	526 Doty Street
Friends of Bill W.	12:30 PM	C	Bellin Psych. Center
Sister in Sobriety	1:00 PM	C W	218 Club
Happy Hour	5:30 PM	C	218 Club
Serenity Seekers	6:00 PM	C M	Bellin Psych. Center
	7:00 PM	C Española	Bridge Room 1
	7:00 PM	C M	Jackie Nitschke Center
	7:00 PM	C W	Jackie Nitschke Center
Fisherman's Paradise	8:00 PM	C BB	St. John the Baptist Church
	8:00 PM	C Step	218 Club

WEDNESDAY

Grapevine	7:00 AM	C Gv	218 Club
Spiritual Awakening	9:30 AM	C	The Bridge
Oconto Group	10:00 AM	O Dis	1st American Luth. Ch.
Serenity Now	Noon	O Dis	Calvary Luth. Church
Attitude Adjustment	Noon	C	St. John The Evan. Church
	1:00 PM	C	218 Club
Home By Dinner	4:00 PM	C W	218 Club (rear room)
Happy Hour	5:30 PM	C	218 Club
	6:00 PM	O	Libertas (enter before 6 pm)
Oneida AA Group	6:30 PM	O Dis	Three Sisters Library
	7:00 PM	C Española	Bridge Room 1
	7:30 PM	C	St. John The Evan. Church
Wed Night BB Grp	7:30 PM	C BB	Bellin Psych. Center

WEDNESDAY CONT.

Group Name	Time	Meeting Type	Location
Acceptance is the Answer	8:00 PM	C	Bridge Commons
Came to Believe	8:00 PM	C	St. Anne Episcopal Ch.
Oconto Falls	8:00 PM	C Dis	Masonic Lodge
Open Speaker	8:00 PM	O SP	218 Club

THURSDAY

Walk with us	9:30	C	Bridge Room 2
Serenity 2	Noon	O	Bridge Commons
Radical Hospitality	Noon	O Dis BB	St. Norbert (Knight Owl)
Letting Go	1:00 PM	C W	218 Club
The Way Out	5:30 PM	C BB	218 Club (back room)
Happy Hour	5:30 PM	C	218 Club
	7:00 PM	C Española	Bridge Room 1
Lux #1	7:00 PM	O	Immacu. Concept. of Mary
Women in the present	7:00 PM	C W	St. Norbert Abbey
	7:00 PM	C	Emmanuel Luth. Church
First Things First	7:30 PM	C	St Willebrord Church
	7:30 PM	C	Bellin Psych. Center
	8:00 PM	C	218 Club

FRIDAY

Promise Seekers	9:00 AM	C	Resurrection Luth. Ch.
↑ Last Friday of the month is a Big Book Meeting ↑			
Serenity Now Grp	Noon	O Dis	Calvary Luth. Church
Sober Horse Thieves	12:30 PM	C	218 Club
Happy Hour	5:30 PM	C	218 Club
	6:30 PM	C Steps 1,2,3	Jackie Nitschke Center
	7:00 PM	C Española	Bridge Room 1
Oconto Group	7:00 PM	C Dis	1st American Luth. Ch.
Winners Circle	7:00 PM	C	Bridge Commons
	8:00 PM	C	218 Club
Candlelight	10:00 PM	C	218 Club

SATURDAY

Flintville Early Risers	8:00 AM	C	St. Edward & Isidore Ch.
↑ Open speaker last Saturday of the month ↑			
Bob's Meeting	9:00 AM	C Dis	St. John The Evan. Church
	9:00 AM	C W	Knutson Hall
	10:00 AM	C Española	St Willebrord Church
Eye-Opener	10:00 AM	C	St. Mathew Church
	10:30 AM	C 12 & 12	218 Club
	1:00 PM	C Dis	218 Club
Our Eyes Wide Open	5:30 PM	C	218 Club
Candlelight Meeting	8:00 PM	O Candle	Bridge Commons
	8:00 PM	C	218 Club
Candlelight	10:00 PM	C	218 Club

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District 01
P. O. Box 632 Green Bay, WI 54305
www.greenbayaa.org
Meetings in NE WI & Upper Michigan



"REMEMBER"
Who you see here,
What you hear here,
When you leave here,
LET IT STAY HERE.

	<u>MEETING LOCATION</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>COMMUNITY</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
	1st American Lutheran Church	511 Madison St.	Oconto	920-834-2460
♿	218 Club	218 S. Oneida	Green Bay (West)	920-494-9904
	Doty Street	526 Doty Street	Green Bay (West)	920-366-1309
	Alleluia Lutheran Church	6725 Elmro Road	Greenleaf	920-532-3892
	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	124 E. Pulaski	Pulaski	920-822-5042
♿	Bellin Psychiatric Center	301 E. Joseph St.	Green Bay (East)	920-431-5533
♿	The Bridge	2514 Jenny Lane	Green Bay (East)	920-465-6878
♿	Calvary Lutheran Church	1301 S. Ridge Road	Green Bay (West)	920-360-3869
♿	Central Office-Area 74 Dist 01	1270 Main St #102	Green Bay (East)	920-432-2600
♿	Christ Alone Church	505 E. Allouez Ave.	Green Bay (East)	920-819-7945
♿	DC DC Divine Center	217 N. Madison St.	Green Bay (East)	920-264-4911
♿	Emmanuel Lutheran Church	349 N. Main St.	Seymour	920-833-2316
	Immaculate Conception of Mary	1412 Main St.	Luxemburg	920-845-2956
♿	Libertas	1701 Dousman St.	Green Bay	920-498-8600
♿	Jackie Nitschke Center	621 E. Walnut St.	Green Bay (East)	920-435-2093
♿	Masonic Lodge	170 N Washington St	Oconto Falls	920-834-3074
♿	Mauthe Center (Univ. of WI, Green Bay)	2420 Nicolet Dr.	Green Bay (East)	920-465-5133
♿	Resurrection Lutheran Church	1024 Shawano Ave.	Green Bay (West)	920-497-7052
♿	St. Anne Episcopal Church (use the back door)	347 S. Libal & G	De Pere (East)	920-336-9571
♿	St. Edward and Isidore Catholic Church	3667 Flintville Rd.	Flintville	920-822-1433
♿	St. John the Baptist Catholic Church	2597 Glendale Ave.	Howard	920-434-2145
♿	St. John the Evangelist Church	413 Saint John St.	Green Bay (East)	920-436-6380
♿	St. Matthew School (in the basement)	2575 S. Webster	Green Bay (East)	920-432-5223
♿	St. Norbert Pennings Activity Cntr-Knight Owl Rm	290 Reed St.	De Pere	
♿	St. Norbert Abbey Spirituality Center Myriam Room (Use Webster Street Entrance)	1016 N. Broadway	De Pere	
♿	St. Willebrord Catholic Church	209 S. Adams	Green Bay (East)	920-435-2016
♿	Three Sisters Library	2790 O Na Ste Lane	Oneida	920-869-9014
♿	Se Habla Espanol - Jessie		Green Bay	920-265-6202

KEY

ABSI	As Bill Sees It
BB	Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous
Chf	Children Welcome
BTB	Back to Basics
C	Closed Meeting (Alcoholics only)
CTB	Came to Believe
Dis	Topic Discussion
DR	Daily Reflections
G/L	Gay and Lesbian
Gv	Grapevine
LS	Living Sober
M	Men's Meeting
O	Open Meeting (Open to Public)
W	Women's Meeting
YP	Young People's Meeting
12&12	12 Steps & 12 Traditions
♿	Wheelchair accessible
SP	Speaker Meeting: An AA member shares their experience strength and hope

A Suggestion

When a newcomer is at your meeting, pass this meeting list around and add your name and phone number if you would like to share your experience, strength and hope with them.

_____ Men Preferred _____ Women Preferred
"YOU ARE NO LONGER ALONE"

Name

Phone
