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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)

BREAK TIME

When you're at a service meeting and about to tear your hair out, remember—don't take yourself too seriously

Here's an idea: Let's get 45 different personalities into one room and try to get some business done. Welcome to the world of AA service work.

Would you like to know what your character defects are? Do AA service work. Would you like to spend an hour and a half discussing which kind of pastries to buy for an anniversary party? Then you may be cut out for AA service work. I feel, after over a decade of service to AA, that I have seen a lot. Sometimes I experience unique bonds of joy and work with amazing people whom otherwise I would never know. Sometimes I cry tears of gratitude for the opportunity to step up and make a difference. But there's a whole other side to it that isn't always wonderful.

Sometimes I feel like jumping off a bridge rather than going to a service meeting. Sometimes I want to throw things and scream at everyone at the top of my lungs, "Are you all nuts?!"

I've made excuses, skipped commitments and written a lot of inventories around service. I've even called my sober friend in Dallas just to talk to someone far enough away from New Hampshire so that I could tell someone how I really feel! I would not recommend serious service work until you've gone through the Steps. It's good if your spiritual tool kit is stocked with several options to manage the anger, frustration and madness that comes with service. I needed a sponsor, a service sponsor, a host of friends, God, Goddess and Higher Power—sometimes all at once—to survive doing certain AA service jobs.

How did people cope with AA service work before cell phones? I don't think I could make it through a meeting without texting at least one fellow member with my snarky thoughts. But luckily, after all the frustration and difficulty, something wonderful happens. Sooner or later, "Rule 62" becomes my mantra: Don't take yourself too seriously.

Sadly, Rule 62 is not everyone's mantra yet, but it may get to be yours, as it got to be mine. First, I learned not to be so serious a little bit at a time, and then most of the time. It's a gradual process that brought me to a path I once walked hand-in-hand with a sponsee of mine. She was a rare breed, a can of crazy, absolutely nuts. She was so dramatic and every little thing in her life was enormous and felt to her like it was going to be the end of the world.

One day, while she was freaking out about something I can't now recall (and neither can she!), she was ranting and raving and I was exhausted. I finally yelled, "Are you going to drink?" She said no, so I asked, "Well, are you going to die?" Again, she said no. I finished by asking, "Then who cares?" Then we both cracked up.

Born of my frustration and her drama, we'd found a new tool—Rule 62. And I offer it here to you to use if you'd like. I don't hold a copyright on it. The next time you're in a service meeting, 45 minutes deep into a 25-cent debate for the third time that year, ask yourself: Am I going to drink? Am I going to die? If not, then who cares? Welcome to Rule 62!
~Anonymous. Merrimack, New Hampshire

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ACCESSIBILITY MEETINGS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed to bring AA to members who are interested in but cannot attend typical meetings (home-bound, hospitalized, etc.).

This is a unique service opportunity for our District.

Contact: Joe H.

District 01 Accessibility Chairperson

920-569-2053 / accessibility@aa.org

31ST ANNUAL WOLF RIVER CAMPING TRIP*

AUGUST 10-12, 2018

Saturday Night Open Speaker and Bonfire

Make your reservation online

WWW.BEARPAWOUTDOORS.COM

Justine B. 847-445-6195 / SOBERCAMP30@GMAIL.COM

Bear Paw Outdoor Adventure Resort and Campground

N3494 Wisconsin Hwy 55

White Lake, WI 54491

STOCKBRIDGE INTERGROUP

SATURDAY AUGUST 18, 2018

5:00 p.m. - Doors Open / 6:00 p.m. - Dinner / 7:00 p.m. - Speakers

Sandwiches Provided - Bring a dish to pass

St. Mary's of the Seven Dolours Church

120 Davis Street

Stockbridge, WI 53088

PRESENTATION & GROUP DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Admission is Free

Reservation & Information:

5THSTEPRETREAT@GMAIL.COM or

Therese H. 920-336-3023 Tim S. 920-360-3869

St. Norbert Center for Spirituality (Killian Room)

1016 North Broadway

De Pere, WI 54115

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ANNUAL 218 SUMMER PICNIC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2018

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

Brats and burgers provided - Bring a dish to pass

Pavilion at Murphy Park

1627 Dousman Street

Green Bay, WI 54303

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY GRATITUDE MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2018

(Closed - Discussion Meeting)

10:00 a.m.

The 218 Club

218 S Oneida Street

Green Bay, WI 54303

IT'S IN THE BOOK'

8TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY PICNIC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2018

5:30 p.m. Food and Fellowship - Bring a dish to pass

Brats and burgers will be provided

7:30 p.m. meeting outdoors in the courtyard around the fire pit

The Divine Temple Church

421 Cherry Street

Green Bay, WI 54301

CENTRAL OFFICE SUMMER PICNIC

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Meat provided. Bring a dish to pass. Volleyball, human foosball, cribbage and board games. Family friendly and open to all.

Bay Beach Park (Shelter 6)

1313 Bay Beach Road

Green Bay WI, 54302

AREA 74 FALL CONFERENCE*

SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2018

Plaza Hotel & Suites

201 N 17th Avenue

Wausau, WI 54401

For more information: Area 74 Events

WWW.AREA74.ORG

BONDUEL-SHAWANO INTERGROUP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

5:00pm Social

6:00pm Dinner (Please bring a dish to pass)

7:00pm Speakers

First Presbyterian Church

100 W Presbyterian Street

Shawano, WI 54166

DISTRICT 01 OUTING SCRAMBLE*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

10:00 a.m. Tee Off

\$30 Per Person include 9 holes of golf, cart and cookout

Contact Lloyd Z. 920-713-0760 or TALLWOLF744@GMAIL.COM

Village Greens

302 Riverdale Drive

Green Bay, WI 54313

THE BRIDGE FELLOWSHIP CHILI DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018

5:00 p.m. Fellowship

6:00 p.m. Chili Dinner with all the Fixings

Open Speakers to Follow

The Bridge

2514 Jenny Lane

Green Bay, WI 54311

4TH AND 5TH STEP FALL RETREAT*

OCTOBER 12-14, 2018

Time: Friday night to Sunday noon

Cost: \$150 - includes 2 nights lodging, 5 meals, and refreshments

Registration deadline: September 28, 2018

St Norbert Center for Spirituality

1016 N Broadway

De Pere, WI 54115

AA WOMEN TO WOMEN MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

(Women's Closed Meeting)

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 - Registration will close at the first 200

Call Joy S. 262-215-7513 or Karlyn P. 414-975-6701

The Pass It On Club

6229 W. Forest Home Avenue

Milwaukee, WI 53220

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) MEETING

July 12, 2018

District Committee Member (DCM) Report-Summary:

(Meeting Minutes Online: www.greenbayaa.org)

DCM Report: Hello district chairs and GSRs: On August 11th I will be heading to the Area Committee Meeting in Three Lakes. The area will be once again discussing the tabled motions from the last conference. We have tonight's meeting and the August 9th meeting to provide group feedback on any and all of those items. We also will have an additional item to discuss as I received today a request from our area delegate that requires our immediate attention and feedback regarding the dates for the 2019 General Service Conference. I am forwarding that email to the district members for you to review prior to our upcoming district meeting.

1. Tabled motion from Dist. 02 on making the Now & Then Co-Editors two-year rotational positions.
2. Tabled Motion from CPC. To change the Now & Then newsletter to a primarily electronic distribution.
3. Tabled Motion from PI to direct the Area 74 Webmaster to publish the Now & Then Newsletter in the password secure area of the Area 74 website.
4. Motion from Treatment Accessibilities committee to provide ASL sign language interpreter for all Area 74 Service events.

~Yours in service, Matthew B., DCM District 1

Secretary, Theresa D. The June 2018 minutes were reviewed by those present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

Accessibilities, Joe H. He has posted on the "Recovery Friends" website, AA website, and in the Newsletter looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to bring the AA message to those that are home bound, hospitalized or to any other members would like a meeting but cannot get to one.

Archives, Bill D. No report available.

Bridging the Gap, Marian K. Bridging the Gap committee wants to emphasize the importance of having the applications filled in COMPLETELY and legibly. We are still experiencing delays in the communications between inmates and committee people. We are still trying to find out why. An ongoing problem is that the women that are being contacted are not writing back.

Cooperation with the Professional Community, Amy G. Nothing new to report.

Corrections - Men, Adam B. No report available.

Corrections - Women, Theresa D. Seven new volunteers have submitted applications and are awaiting the next Safety Training Course to enable them to chair a women's AA jail meeting.

Once this training has been completed, the Brown County Jail as OK'd that an additional weekly meeting can be added at the Huber Center!!!!!! With regard to Bridging the Gap, it will be announced at the jail meetings how important it is that when an inmate receives a letter from a BTG volunteer that they write back.

District Events Co-Chairs, Tamra D. and Lloyd Z. Lloyd Z. could not be present and Tamra presented his report on the successful Brewer Bus trip and gave details as to the upcoming golf outing. A future Mindfulness Walk, the possibility of a hay ride were also discussed. Are looking at again combining the District 01 picnic with the Central Office picnic which was done last summer.

Grapevine, Mary B. No report available.

Newsletter, Ronald M. Nothing to report.

Webmaster, Debbie P. & Sam J. She and Sam J. are in the process of re-designing our website and looking at various firewall protection systems/providers.

Treasurer's Report, Patrick H. Prepared for the July 2018 Meeting

Starting Balance as of 6/1/2018 \$5,081.99

Deposits		Expenses	Ending Balance June 30, 2018	5,306.71
Brewer's Bus	350.00	DigiCopy (Newsletter)	Prudent Reserve	-1,300.00
Total Deposits:	350.00	Total Expenses:	Total Funds Available	\$4,006.71
Subtotal:	\$5,431.99			

GSR REPORTS A motion was made and seconded to accept the June 2018 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

- Sisters in Sobriety, Sue C. Going great. A couple of weeks ago they had their "biggest meeting" ever !
- Women in the Present, Renae S. Their group is in the process of discussing the answers the members provided from the group inventory questions
- Early Birds, Kathy B. The meetings are going well -- attendance is good.
- Spiritual Awakening, Jennifer A. Meeting is going great. They have a business meeting scheduled for the end of the month.
- Never on Sunday, Bruce K. Meetings are going good.
- Fishermen's Paradise, David S. Their attendance numbers are up.
- Promise Seekers, Tim D. Going well. The group is discussing the possibility of a group inventory. Tim reiterated what was reported at the June 2018 District meeting.
- Letting Go, Donna Y. Their attendance levels are down a bit ... probably due to summer vacations.

"Heard It Through The Grapevine"

A Grapevine Joke: *I didn't think my hangover was that bad until I spent 10 minutes trying to log into my kid's Etch-A-Sketch!*

The AA Grapevine's September 2018 issue has a special section focusing on "Young and Sober" Read stories by members who got sober in their teens, 20's and 30's.

You can order your Grapevine Subscription by going to aagrapevine.org or by calling 1-800-631-6025.

The Group Grapevine Representative is an important service position. If your group does not have a GVR, perhaps you can be the Group GVR. You can contact me to find out what it's all about.

Mary B – District 01 Grapevine Chair at rosivr49@new.rr.com

Old Business: Discussion of the “Now and Then” items from assembly; discussion of accessibility recommendations from Area Committee.

Matt B., DCM addressed the cost of hiring an ASL interpreter. The general cost is \$50/hour with a 2-hr minimum -- so for a District 01 one-hour meeting the cost would be \$100.00. Quite costly at \$1,200/yr. Ultimately a motion of this nature will have to be brought to the individual groups. There are not many alternatives -- Area 74 has investigated different service utilizing “Apps” but after a cheaper introductory rate, the overall high cost was not acceptable.

- Letting Go, Donna Y. Input from the group was received re the “Now and Then” publication as well as the motion on the floor from Treatment/Accessibilities committee to provide ASL sign language interpreter for all Area 74 Service events. The group recommended a 2-year rotation of the Editors for the Now and Then, with the option of serving additional time if needed (and the individual agrees). They would like a hard copy of the publication sent to GSRs, as well as providing it to electronically to those wanting additional copies. Regarding “Accessibilities” the group felt that registration forms for Area 74 Assemblies/Conferences should include language questioning whether an individual may require any special needs. Committee chairs could provide “volunteers” whenever possible.
- Fisherman’s Paradise, David S. Accessibilities -- Need to find out if there is a need -- and provide accommodations on an “as-needed” basis. If there is, the cost should be paid.
- Women in the Present, Renae S. Yes to electronic delivery of the “Now and Then” publication. The group also voted to post the Now & Then on Area 74’s secure website. A 2-year rotation of editors may be too short of a term -- consider a 4-year rotation of editors. Accessibilities -- Need more information. What about options such as using Skype for an ASL interpreter or a system such as closed captioning? The biggest concern is the cost.
- Promise Seekers, Tim D. Their group conscience is as follows:
 1. They are in favor of the “Now & Then” Co-Editors follow a 2 year rotation*
 2. We agree that the “Now & Then” be distributed electronically. The option and mechanism for someone to receive a paper copy should be included in the motion.
 3. We are NOT in favor of publishing the “Now & Then” in a password secure area of the Area 74 website. We this should be studied in greater depth and possibly combined with item 2 above.
 4. We are NOT in favor of providing an A.S.L. (American Sign Language) Interpreter at any or all Area 74 Assemblies and Conferences as written in this motion. We would be in favor of providing this service only if this service was specifically requested for that particular event.*This motion needs further review to take into consideration of the background and skills necessary to carry out the position
- Theresa D./Secretary/Women’s Corrections: What are other Districts doing? What is New York, Chicago, the bigger cities -- how are they dealing with this?
- Early Birds, Kathy B. The position of editor of the Now and Then can be quite complex -- why should there be a 2-year limit on the position of editor? If a person is willing to stay on ... why not? Regarding accessibilities: the motion is too vague. The need for an interpreter should be specifically requested.
- Never on Sunday, Bruce K. Each GSR should ask their meeting members how many have read the last edition of the Now and Then. To continually generate so many paper copies is not environmentally good. If the publication is to be viewed on the Area 74 website -- this too poses a problem as last names are published.
- Accessibility Chair, Joe H. Perhaps contributions could be made by the individual AA groups by the passing around of an additional basket for this need. He will contact an AA friend who lives in Milwaukee who has used an ASL interpreter to see if perhaps he might be able to attend a District 01 meeting in order to address these concerns. Joe also indicated that anonymity should not be a factor in that the interpreter is bound by a code of conduct/nondisclosure agreement.
NOTE: A motion was put forth, seconded and agreed to that further discussion regarding Accessibility be tabled for further discussion under Old Business at the next District 01 meeting in August.

New Business: Discussion re proposed change of dates for the 2019 General Service Conference. District 01 voted on and agreed to the proposed dates of May 19 - 25, 2019. Theresa D. to return Poll Voting Sheet indicating acceptance via email to the GSO.

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