



# 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)

## **"Special Delivery"**

*He was ready to make amends to the mail carrier his dog attacked. But how would he ever find him?*

The first time I knelt in prayer, I felt ridiculous. I was convinced prayer would not work. Although I had contempt and belligerence where God and religion were concerned, I knew deep down that turning my will and my life over to an entity greater than myself might be a good idea. I thought that perhaps the Ninth Step Promises I read about might be worth the effort after all. And it was the Ninth Step that compelled me to share this story.

Several years before I came to AA, I made a geographical move to Lower Greenville Avenue to be closer to the bars. It was a fitting place for an alcoholic in his cups. But one day after the move, my German shepherd attacked our mail carrier and tried to bite him. To make a long story short, my mail was stopped and my dog was quarantined. I promised the mail carrier I would pay for his uniform and cover his co-payment at the clinic. I did not make good on that promise. Keeping my freezer stocked with vodka was much more important.

By 2004, I'd been in AA for a few years and I was almost done with the amends process. Suddenly, I remembered the mail carrier and my broken promises. Right then, I decided to make amends to him as soon as possible.

Ten years after the incident, I knew it would be difficult to even find the mail carrier. The workers at the local post office would not give out personal information about their employees and my first drive through the neighborhood left me convinced that I would never find him. I was despondent. But I didn't give up.

The second time I went to search for him in the neighborhood, I forgot that it was Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Of course, there was no mail delivery that day. I was getting very frustrated. My will to make this amend was completely out of control. I arrived home and was hurrying to get to a meeting when I heard a knock at my door. It was a man from the U.S. Mission collecting money for the homeless. My first thought was to tell him that I didn't have any money. But before I could tell him that, I had an epiphany, a sudden realization that God wanted me to give money to the homeless. I had been complaining to my sponsor about money and he kept suggesting I give my last dollar to the homeless and turn my finances over to God. So I gave the man my last five dollars.

## **GREEN BAY AREA CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**CONTACT FOR DETAILS**  
920-432-2600

**Typical Shifts:** Mon-Fri: 10:00 am - 1:30 pm; 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm, and Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: 1270 Main St. #102 Green Bay, WI 54302

Then came my third attempt to make my amends to the postman. This time I took another approach. I prayed and asked God for help. Whenever I got discouraged, I would stop the car and again pray for help. As I drove around, I stopped to pray again and again. Then on the next street, I spotted a mail carrier. I stopped to tell him my story. He told me that he knew of a guy named Willie who delivered mail on Richmond who matched my description.

The mail carrier agreed to pass my phone number along to Willie, who called me the next day. I arranged to meet him at a local fast-food restaurant for lunch the following day.

I arrived early and waited anxiously. I recognized him the moment he walked in the door. We sat at a table and I told him I had been wrong. He remembered me. I asked him what it would take to make the situation right. He thought it over and said the financial cost to him from my dog's attack was about \$60. I handed him \$100 and asked if that would cover it. It would, he said. And then he said something I will never forget. "This is a God deal," he told me. "I've been praying for God to help me find the funds for my dental co-pay, which is exactly \$100."

That day I learned that when two people are in prayer, God works at the speed of light. I felt a new freedom like I had never known before. There was a vast improvement in my conscious contact with God that started that day. To me, God meets you where you are. -Michael. Dallas, Texas

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## MEN'S SPONSORSHIP AND STEP 11 SYMPOSIUM

FEBRUARY 11, 2017  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Crossroads Community Church  
520 South Oakland Avenue  
Green Bay WI 54303

## 5TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RECOVERY WORKSHOP\*

*Making Amends in Your Steps to Recovery Step 9*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2017

12:00-4:00 p.m.

Snacks & Refreshments included

Please Bring a Dessert or Snack For The Refreshment Table

Free Child Care

The Bridge

2514 Jenny Lane

Green Bay, WI 54302

Tamra R. 920-222-1415 & Laurie 920-366-7698

## CHILI WHEN IT'S CHILLY INTERGROUP\*

FEBRUARY 25, 2017

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Registration

Chili at 5:30 PM

Speakers at 7:00 PM

Please bring a dish to pass

New Location !!!

St. Jude Apostle Parish-Leannah Hall

1025 W 5th St.

Oshkosh, WI 54902

## EATIN MEETIN INTERGROUP\*

MARCH 18, 2017

5:00 PM - Doors Open

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Speakers at 7:00 PM

Please bring a dish to pass

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

140 S. Green Bay Rd.

Neenah, WI 54956

## 4TH AND 5TH STEP SPRING RETREAT\*

MAY 12-14, 2017

(AA and AI-Anon)

Friday night to Sunday noon

Cost: \$140 - includes 2 nights/5 meals

(Snacks and beverages provided throughout retreat)

St Norbert Center for Spirituality

1016 N Broadway

De Pere, WI 54115

### *Not forgotten*

I enjoyed the September humor issue. However I was sad to read the letter, "The Birdcage" by Bruce H., who feels Grapevine has "become a tool for agendas like LBGT, agnostics, or countless other special interest groups."

The next day I found a bunch of old Grapevines at my AA meeting, and I opened the July 1978 issue, "AA and Prison." The first story I read was "Not Just Locked Up and Forgotten." It was a call for AAs to support meetings in prison, which wasn't widespread in 1978. Inmates were often looked upon as not worthy of AA. It seems Grapevine was giving so-called "special interest" groups a voice way back in 1978! Thanks for giving alcoholics a chance to share their experience, strength and hope!

~Dan M., Ridgewood N.J.

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## The 5th Annual WOMEN'S RECOVERY WORKSHOP "Making Amends in Your Steps to Recovery" Step 9

NO COST

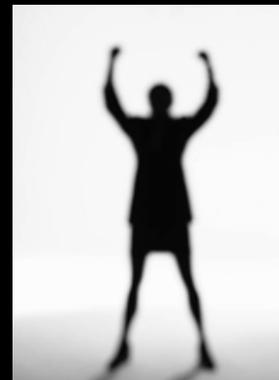
Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 12:00 to 4:00 PM

HOSTED BY: Women in the Present, Letting Go, & Sisters in Sobriety AA Groups

The Bridge  
2514 Jenny Lane  
Green Bay, WI 54302

An Open Meeting during which panels of group members facilitate active participation and discussions on recovery issues pertinent to women. Free on-site Child Care available. Snacks and Refreshments included.

QUESTIONS? Contact: Tamra R at (920) 222 - 1415 or Laurie at (920) 366 - 7698



# GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) MEETING

January 12, 2017

District Committee Member (DCM) Report-Summary:

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

**Secretary**, The December 8, 2016 minutes were reviewed by those present A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. ~Theresa D.

**Bridging the Gap**, A handout was provided for the GSRs to bring to their groups. The handout, entitled "Looking for simple service work" explains what Bridging the Gap does (writing letters to incarcerated men and women) and asks for names and phone numbers for those who would be interested. ~Christina M.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community**, I shared the pamphlet list that was forwarded to me from Diane, the CPC from the Marshfield area, with the district members. Diane includes these pamphlets in the information that she distributes to members of the professional community in her area. I will place an order for (4) pamphlets and request reimbursement at the February district meeting. Any questions please let me know. ~Amy G.

**Corrections-Women**, co-Chair. Nothing new to report. ~Laurie M.

**Corrections-Men**, co-Chair. It was suggested that the GSRs bring the idea to their groups of the possibility of having their group take responsibility for scheduling or manning the 3 current men's meetings at the Brown County jails. They are currently being managed by one or two volunteers and this often creates lapses in coverage and inconsistency in meeting attendance at times. The meetings that need scheduling assistance are:

- Sunday Night –Jail/Detention Center 3030 Curry Lane, 6:30 pm.
- Sunday Night-Work Release Center, 125 S. Adams St. 6:15 pm.
- Wednesday Night-Jail/Detention Center 3030 Curry Lane, 6:30 pm.

The corrections district chair coordinates the volunteers and can pass them on to the groups that are scheduling the meetings. At this time there are plenty of volunteers, assistance is needed in making sure they are linked to a jail meeting. Sean S. would be happy to attend any of the group's business meetings to discuss. ~Sean S.

**District Events**, If you have not sent me your volunteer signup sheets please do so. I need them by Monday. If any of the chairs would like to have an information table setup in regards to what you do at the intergroup to show the community what you do and get more people involved please let me know by 1/20 so I know how much room I will need. For example, grapevine, bridging the gap, corrections, these would all be great things to have information available. I will have an informative table in regards to the 2018 spring conference and a book for people to signup for that event. Anyone that is going to participate in this the time frame for the information tables will be 4:30-6:30. If everyone can let their home groups know that DarJune is the drop off point for the silent auction that would be great. Any questions or comments please email me. ~Missy F., Lloyd Z.

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

**Public Information**, Meeting list and other literatures are going out to different attorneys private and public, most hotels (general managers) for their employees or guest and also surrounding businesses will mostly receive just a meeting list ~Paul K.

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

**Treasurer's Report**, Patrick H. Prepared for the December 8, 2016 Meeting

Starting Balance as of 11/1/2016	\$5,145.88		
Deposits		Expenses	
Serenity Now	300.00	Debbie P., Webmaster	21.99
Road to Recovery	99.00	Nate K. (DCM)	260.00
Pulaski Monday Night	61.30	Central Office (Hotline)	600.00
Total Deposits:	460.30	Theresa D. (Secretary)	150.00
		Total Expenses	1,031.99
Subtotal:	\$5,606.18		
Ending Balance December 31, 2016	\$4,574.19		
Prudent Reserve	\$1,300.00		
Total Funds Available	\$3,274.10		

A motion was made and seconded to accept the January, 2017 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

## *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.*

*Second Thursday Monthly , Green Bay Area Central Office  
1270 Main St. #102, Green Bay, WI 54302*

## GSR Reports:

- Early Birds, 7:30 am, Sunday, 218 Club, James R. Going great.
- Flintville Early Risers, Matt B. In a recent business meeting, the group decided that they would adopt and take on the scheduling of one of the jail meetings.
- Letting Go, Donna Y. Doing well.
- Promise Seekers, Tim D. Going good.
- Road to Recovery, Tim J. All is going well.
- Serenity Now, Kelly K. A member of the group expressed concern regarding the hotline ... wanting to know the status and how phone calls and the transfer of phones was being handled. Bruce K. offered to get her this information.
- Sisters in Sobriety, Sue C. Going well.
- St. Matt's Eye Opener, Tamra D. Going well. They have an upcoming business meeting.
- Women in the Present, Jill V. Everything is going very well with the group. They are currently working on their own version of Roberts Rules of Order to keep the business meetings more structured. At December's business meeting, a motion was made to only use prayers from conference approved literature, which would exclude The Lord's Prayer. After much discussion, it was voted unanimously that whoever is chairing the meeting could close the meeting any way they like. They also discussed getting a checking account for the group. If anyone has input on that, it would be greatly appreciated.

**Old Business:** The AA hotline was again discussed. Matt B. indicated that if the hotline is taken on a Thursday night and there are no volunteers for Friday or the weekend -- that is a big problem as no one person should have to do it all weekend, and worse yet to not even be notified of that fact. There has, and is, an ongoing issue with call forward and staffing is still a major problem. In order to gain more information as to the status of the hotline, it was suggested that members of District 01 should attend the next meeting of Central Office which is scheduled for the last Tuesday of the month, in this case that being January 31st at 6:30 p.m.

**New Business:** Nate K. is no longer able to act as DCM. Jennifer A., alternate DCM, is not able to assume the full-time position of DCM. There is a dire need for a new DCM. GSRs are encourage to bring this to their groups. Angela P. has volunteered to assume the position of Grapevine Chair. Her approval to that chair was unanimous. Bruce K. will aid her in getting started. Thank you, Angela !! And thank you, Bruce !!

Rena S. provided information with regard to a seminar entitled "Our Common Welfare Workshop" to see if the District would be interested in sponsoring such an event. It was decided to table the discussion until an Event Chairperson was in attendance.

A workshop entitled "Men's Sponsorship and Step 11 Symposium" is scheduled for February 11, 2017 at Crossroads Community Church. Flyers for distribution were handed out for this event. This event will also be posted on the website.

### WORDS THAT ARE DIFFICULT TO SAY WHEN DRUNK:

1. Innovative
2. Preliminary
3. Proliferation
4. Cinnamon

### WORDS THAT ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO SAY WHEN DRUNK:

1. Specificity
2. Anti-constitutionality
3. Passive-aggressive disorder
4. Transubstantiate

### WORDS THAT ARE DOWNRIGHT IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY WHEN DRUNK:

1. No thanks, I'm married.
2. Nope, no more booze for me!
3. Sorry, but you're not really my type.
4. No thanks, I'm not hungry.
5. I'm not interested in fighting you.
6. Thank you, but I won't make any attempt to dance. I have no coordination and would hate to look like a real fool!
7. Oh no, I must be going home now as I have to work in the morning.

## District 01 Committee Contact Information

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