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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)

"Florida or Bust"

Three friends muster all the sobriety they can to enjoy a rocky road trip down south

We were three sober women, traveling 1100 miles from Dayton, Ohio to Pine Island, Florida to visit a mutual AA friend. And even though we had never before spent that much time together, we were excited and had great expectations, anticipating the warm air and white sand. We left at 3:30 in the morning. We wanted to drive for nine hours and stop at a hotel at the halfway point of our journey so we could soak up some southern rays by a pool.

We left with a prayer for our safe journey. But no more than 20 miles outside Dayton, red flashing lights stopped us. The running lights on our trailer—which held three kayaks, one bike and all our camping gear—were not working correctly. The police officer warned us to get the lights checked, pronto. So, off we headed to a place where we could get new wiring to replace the bad.

As we pulled away from the berm where we had been pulled over, our car hit a torn tire tread lying by the road that nearly caused us to lose control. We continued on to find a store, and tried and tried to get the wiring connectors to work as the packaging suggested. We were getting nowhere. Then, in a last-ditch attempt, we wired them all together and voila!, we had running lights again.

Of course, while lying on the cold ground to replace the bad wiring we noticed that something underneath the car had been ripped loose by the tire tread we had hit. Not even 60 miles and just three hours away from our starting point, we had already been challenged on our journey. But we hoped we had put the worst of our troubles behind us and forged ahead, laughing and, not being a glum lot, anticipating good times to come. Whatever had been torn loose by the tire would be taken care of by a mechanic when we arrived at our final destination.

The next four hours went pretty smoothly and we shared a lot about ourselves and experiences in and out of AA. Then a warning ding began to sound off from the car's computer, indicating some sort of problem. Was it caused by the piece we'd seen hanging under the car? We didn't know, so we agreed to add it to the list of things that would be checked out by the mechanic in Florida. By the time we arrived at our halfway point, it was too late to enjoy the pool. We entered the supposedly four-star motel where we had room reservations. But what we found was a long way from four stars. So, off to another motel we went. Well, that was not better than the first. Off we went to a third motel. We were so exhausted that none of us were willing to say it was too small, and by morning we were willing to say that the mattresses were pretty nice.

Our next destination was a beautiful campground in Ft. DeSoto, Florida. Oh, it was beautiful alright. But Florida was not the 70 degrees we had anticipated when we packed for the trip. No, it was about 45 degrees and raining. Exhausted and nearly spent, we decided to wait out the rain and get something to eat before setting up our campsite. Feeling for our girl, the owner of the trailer and toys, who was feeling "in the hole," we went to the restaurant she suggested and then to a hardware to buy a new tarp because the one covering her trailer had been whipped to pieces.

Raincoats were in order but the store was sold out. We bought Visqueen to make ourselves temporary covers while we set up our site in the steady rain. We soon learned that leaving the doors to the car open was a bad idea. A pack of raccoons in the park had turned our car into a munching ground of treats. The tent we were setting up had a broken pole and we all struggled as we tried to keep a tarp over the screened ceiling of the tent so we could be dry while we slept. Patience was wearing thin for all of us. Winds whipped through the campground the following day. But we were still in fair spirits, waiting on the good weather we had so anxiously anticipated. We made the best of a bad situation and checked out the local history of Ft. De Soto and walked the beaches along the Gulf of Mexico while the strong wind blew sand and cold waves at us.

Finally, the sun broke through on the fourth day and we lay on the beach, digging our bare feet into the sand. One of us curled in a blanket. We were having the moments of peace and serenity we had wanted to find in Florida and were working our individual programs and thanking our Higher Power as we understood him or her for the bit of sun, regardless of the sand buzzards (seagulls) stealing our snacks.

As of that moment, none of the toys had been used. Waves were too high for kayaking or fishing and by the next day it was time to leave for our final destination to visit our spiritual guru, who helped us each recognize the challenges we had overcome.

Finally, we made it. On Pine Island, the sun began to shine brighter, the temperature rose, and, \$400 later, the car was repaired. We all rode bikes. The kayaks entered water. We ate fish we didn't catch, attended an AA meeting, played cards, drank smoothies and ate fruit. We laughed and smiled.

Reading this, you might be wondering what our story has to do with sobriety. Well, we didn't drink. We didn't tear the arms off each other as we struggled to set up the tent in the rain. We didn't scratch eyes out fighting for what each thought we should do next. Each of us had been tried and tested in one way or the other during our trek. The principles of AA—honesty, hope, faith, courage, integrity, willingness, humility, understanding, discipline, perseverance, spirituality and responsibility—each had played their part. -Susan B. Stories reprinted with permission AA Grapevine: The Int'l. Journal Alcoholics Anonymous

www.aagrapevine.org

**WISCONSIN CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS***

(WICYPAA XXIV)
JANUARY 13-15, 2017
"Sunlight of the Spirit"
Crown Plaza Milwaukee Airport
6401 South 13th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53221
www.wicypaa.org

GREEN BAY AA INTERGROUP*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2017
Doors open 4:30 p.m. Dinner 5:00 p.m.
Speakers 7:00 p.m.
Please bring a dish to pass
Redeemer Lutheran Church
210 South Oneida Street
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

SATURDAY NITE LIVE

Saturday, Jan 14th, 7 p.m.,

Solutions Club, 621 Evans Street, Oshkosh WI

(Doors open 5pm, Potluck Dinner 6pm, Speakers 7pm)

OPEN AA SPEAKER MEETING

FRIDAY, JAN 20TH, 8 P.M.,

Peace United Methodist, 2300 Wisconsin Avenue, Kaukauna WI

OPEN AA SPEAKER MEETING

FRIDAY, JAN 27TH, 8 P.M.,

Ascension Lutheran Church, 3 miles west of Navarino,

Corner of Hwy 156 and McDonald Road

GSR DISTRICT WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, JAN 28TH 1230PM - 4PM,

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2330 E. Calumet St, Appleton, WI

NEW
BIG BOOK STUDY
"The Way Out"
218 CLUB
(back room)
Thursdays - 5:30 pm

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

NO COST

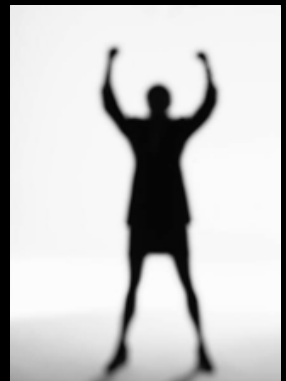
Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 12:00 to 4:00 PM

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

December 8, 2016

District Committee Member (DCM) Report-Summary:

(Meeting Minutes Online: www.greenbayaa.org)

District 01 DCM Report: Dear Friends: On October, 29th I attended the Area 74 Assembly in Three Lakes, WI. There were elections of finance committee and structures & guidelines committee members, approval of structures and guidelines chair, approval of finance committee chair, and nomination of both East Central Regional Trustee and US Trustee at large candidates. The 2017 Area 74 budget was presented, voted on, and accepted. There was also a presentation on a motion to define the terms "Co-" and "Alt-" within the guidelines which was sent back to committee.

One item that may affect our district in the future due to our planning and hosting the 2018 Spring Conference is the following motion:

"Motion: The Area 74 Archives Committee moves that the following item be added to the Area 74 Conference Planning Guidelines under the "Planning a Conference" heading:

The Conference Program Chair will coordinate with the Area 74 Archives Committee a Past Delegate's Sharing Session for each conference that will not conflict with any other conference program event. The Archives Committee will host the session as a part of the Conference and cooperate fully with the Conference Planning Committee." The body voted to send this motion back to committee for further consideration.

The minutes from this Assembly are available and I would be happy to try to answer any questions you have about them. On December 10th, I will be attending the next Area committee meeting in Three Lakes.

As the year comes to an end and I look back on my first year as your DCM, I just want to thank all the members of the District, GSRs and Committee chairs who have attended the monthly District meeting. To me it represents a commitment to the growth of AA in Green Bay. Thank you for allowing me to serve. ~Nate K.

Secretary, The November 10, 2016 minutes were reviewed by those present A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. ~Theresa D.

Bridging the Gap, Nothing new. ~Christina M.

Corrections-Women, Laurie M., co-Chair. Still waiting for a night training class for volunteers for the jails. Have 3 more women who need this training waiting in the pipe line. Still looking for additional men and woman to take meetings into the jails in Brown County. Contact Laurie M @ 920-336-7698 or Sean S @ 920-445-9594 for complete information.

Corrections-Men, Sean S., 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.

District Events, Preparations are underway for the upcoming Green Bay AA Intergroup to be held on January 28, 2017. The doors open at 4:30 p.m. with the dinner at 5:00. There will be both an AA speaker and an Alanon speaker, with one starting at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. It will be held at Holy Redeemer Church (adjacent to the 218 Club). Flyers were passed around to GSRs for distribution at their meetings. That information is also available on the Green Bay AA website. The GSRs were also provided with sign-up sheets to be circulated at the meetings which outline those areas where help is needed. Items will also be needed for the silent auction and raffles--please contact Missy regarding this. She also suggested that perhaps the \$50 that was not used in the 2016 budget for the Grapevine be used towards two subscriptions to be offered at the event as an item. ~Missy F., Lloyd Z.

Webmaster, Nothing new regarding the website itself. With regard to the budget, the budget for 2016 was incorrectly stated. Our subscription to the hosting service is a 3 yr. contract and no monies on that contract were due in 2016 - only a miscellaneous fee for 21.99. I am renewing the contract this year, so I will spend \$250-300. ~Debbie P./Sam J

Public Information, Nothing to report. ~Paul K.

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*

Cooperation with the Professional Community, Area 74 CPC Barry Brewer attended the November 10th district meeting. He and I were able to discuss a few topics. One of the issues we covered was additional locations to deliver copies of The Communicator and meeting lists to. Barry suggested providing copies to the police department. I took his suggestion and while I was there I delivered copies to the Aging Disability Resource Center (ADRC). Thanks for the helpful suggestions Barry!

On Dec 5, I participated in a CPC conference call with Barry from Area 2, Grant from Area 8 & Diane from the Marshfield area. It was extremely informative and Diane was nice enough to forward copies of the medical professional bundles that she distributes to all of us. I will print copies to submit to the district members for review.

Nate forwarded an e-mail request to me that he received from Laurin Maddux, who is the Regional Clinical Director for Strategic Behavioral Health. She contacted him to let him know that they will be opening a new psychiatric hospital in Green Bay after the first of the year. They will be offering detox and chemical dependency services. Laurin inquired about working with someone to offer introduction meetings as a way to connect patients to the AA community. I will reach out to her and see if we could offer speakers like we have at the Curry Lane meetings. Any questions please let me know. ~Amy G.

An annual projection of the District 01 budget for 2017 was discussed:

	Projected 2016	Actual 2016	Projected 2017
DCM	\$500.00	\$130.00	\$500.00
Secretary	\$25.00	\$150.00	\$25.00
Treasurer	\$-	\$-	\$-
Corrections	\$150.00	\$355.65	\$150.00
Grapevine	\$50.00	\$-	\$50.00
Newsletter	\$1,800.00	\$1,938.00	\$2,000.00
Public Info.	\$600.00	\$621.00	\$800.00
Archives	\$250.00	\$-	\$50.00
CPC	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Bridging the Gap	\$100.00	\$-	\$50.00
Webmaster	\$250.00	\$21.00	\$300.00
P.O. Box rental	\$80.00	\$82.00	\$85.00
Special Events	\$2,000.00	\$1,507.01	\$2,000.00
Hotline	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00

New Treasurer's Report, Patrick H. Prepared for the December 8, 2016 Meeting	
Starting Balance as of 11/1/2016	5,043.88
Deposits	
Flintville Early Risers	180.00
Never on Sunday	100.00
Total Deposits:	280.00
Expenses	
ColorMaster-Newsletter	178.00
Total Expenses:	178.00
Ending Balance November 30, 2016	5,145.88
Prudent Reserve	1,300.00
Total Funds Available	3,845.88
A motion was made and seconded to accept the December, 2016 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.	

GSR Reports:

- Sisters in Sobriety, Sue C. Going great.
- Flintville Early Risers, Matt B. Going well.
- Serenity Now, Kelly K. A business meeting was recently held. Allocation of funds was decided. It was decided that the group would purchase Big Books to hand out to newcomers at the meeting.
- Women in the Present, Jill V. Going good.
- Road to Recovery, Tim J. Their group is purchasing two hams for the 218 Club Christmas day event. Donations of \$95 each to the District, Area, and General Service Office, as well as approximately \$190 to the Central Office are in the process of being made.
- St. Matt's Eye Opener, Tamra D. Going well.
- Early Birds, 7:30 am, Sunday, 218 Club, James R. "Peachy!"

Old Business: None.

New Business: There is a need for a Grapevine Chair. One of the main responsibilities of that Chair is to attend AA events/conferences and set up a display.

District 01 Committee Contact Information

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