



The Communicator

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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)

THE SWEET SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

"Way up in the lofty peaks of Colorado high country, was a meeting two city gals won't soon forget"

One summer, my girlfriend and I went on a relaxing, serenity-filled week for a much-needed retreat to a bed-and-breakfast in the backcountry mountains of Colorado. The aspen and snow-covered mountain peaks surrounded this secluded forest getaway. It was a lovely time for us, just what we needed from our busy city lives, away from phones and computers. Both being in AA, we needed to find a meeting where we were staying. We heard of a meeting in a nearby mining town about 20 minutes away.

It was a tiny town that consisted of a railroad track with a couple of blocks of run-down storefronts and a few dirt roads off the main drag that paralleled the railroad tracks. The street names had long ago blown away in the harsh winter gales. This town is known to have the lowest winter temperatures and worst weather in the Colorado high country. It was barren on its plateau, surrounded by lofty peaks. The winds would bluster through this place with such force that only the toughest mountain men and miners could stand to live there.

We turned down a road that was lined with small, weather-beaten homes huddled down the street in disarray. On the porch of one of the houses, we saw a group of huge, tough-looking men, all smoking and glaring at us as we slowly passed trying to find an address for the AA meeting. Having traveled before, I knew that if you go toward the smell of cigarette smoke, you will probably find an AA meeting. Cigarette smoke is AA incense, if you will. My friend was not too keen on stopping, much less getting out to inquire if we were close to the AA meeting. "We don't need a meeting that bad," she said, hoping I would agree with her. But I heard the voice of my sponsor echoing in my head, saying we need to be "willing to go to any lengths."

"Come on, I think this is the meeting address," I said with a gulp, trying to be brave by making a joke. "And they can only kill us." I parked on the other side of the dirt road and we slowly emerged from the car, staying close to the open doors for a quick retreat if needed. I decided to go for it. I yelled across the street, "Do you have any alcoholics over there?" One of the biggest and grizzliest men chimed back, "Only us drunks." And we all began to laugh.

My friend and I relaxed. We had a wonderful meeting with those hardened-looking soft guys. They made us city gals feel welcome, offering us their cookies and coffee, huddled around the potbelly stove with the Twelve Steps hanging on the wall. We asked how it was to attend meetings in the winter there. They shared that each member had a key to assure someone would make their way through sub-freezing temperatures and blinding blizzard winter nights to start a fire and get the coffee started so the doors would always be open for anyone who wanted or needed an AA meeting. They laughed, telling us that at those meetings it seemed that everyone would show up with the same AA mission.

They explained that when a winter meeting was over, they would shovel and tow each other from the snowdrifts that had accumulated during that hour, sending each on their way with a promise to call each other to make sure they all got safely home. If someone hadn't heard from one of the group, the closest one would head out again to help, as needed, to rescue the one who may have gotten stuck. They were a tough and tight bunch of mountain men and offered an open hand to the next newcomer or visitor who stepped across their threshold.

My friend and I over the years have talked about that amazing mountain retreat. We don't remember the name of the bed-and-breakfast, but we remember vividly, and tell the story with fondness and awe, about how our Higher Power led us to that Rocky Mountain meeting and those tough-looking, dedicated alcoholics on the Continental Divide.

~K.W. Tucson, Arizona

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Unity

* Indicates an online detailed flyer or registration form at www.greenbayaa.org

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

FLINTVILLE SPIRITUALITY MEETING*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2019

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Pizza lunch included

Please join us for this A.A. discussion and sharing

St. Edward & Isadore Church (South Entrance)

3667 Flintville Road
Suamico, WI 54313

DISTRICT 1 INTERGROUP

SATURDAY JANUARY 19 2019

4:30 Fellowship 5:30 Dinner

6:30 Speaker

Bring a dish to pass
Silent auction / 50-50 Raffle
Redeemer Lutheran Church
210 S Oneida Street
Green Bay, WI 54303

WOMEN'S RECOVERY WORKSHOP*

SELF-ACCEPTANCE AND SELF-ESTEEM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019

12:00 to 4:00 PM

The Bridge
2514 Jenny Lane
Green Bay, 54311

4TH AND 5TH STEP SPRING RETREAT*

MARCH 8-10, 2019

Friday night to Sunday noon

\$150 - includes 2 nights/5 meals

Registration deadline is... Feb 22, 2019

Questions? Call 920-737-2330

St Norbert Center for Spirituality
1016 N Broadway, De Pere, WI 54115

AA "OLDER TIMERS" PANEL

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Speakers with 30+ years of continuous sobriety share their Experience, Strength, and Hope of sobriety in the Green Bay Area.

Water and coffee provided. Please bring a snack to pass.

Sponsored by Area 74 and District 1 Archives and Events Committees

218 Club

218 S Oneida Street

Green Bay, WI 54303

ST PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

9 PM to Midnight

DJ Dancing 50/50 Raffle

Water and coffee provided, please bring a snack to pass

\$4.00 Donation at the door

The 218 Club

218 S Oneida St

Green Bay, WI 54303

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 13TH, 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

AREA 74 SPRING CONFERENCE

MAY 17-19, 2019

Hosted by District 02

Save the Date - See District 02 Website for more information

Liberty Hall and Conference Center

800 Eisenhower Dr.

Kimberly, WI 54136

Service

AREA 74 SPRING CONFERENCE HELP NEEDED

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED HOSPITALITY, REGISTRATION, GREETERS, AND SO MUCH MORE.

Consider donating food items, beverages, or paper and plastic supplies.

This can be done individually or from your group. A cash donation is also a good idea. Watch for a sign-up sheet to appear at your group's meeting shortly.

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GREEN BAY AREA CENTRAL OFFICE

It is time for our AA community members to help save the Green Bay Area Central Office (GBACO) from closing.

The GBACO is suffering from the lack of individual and group volunteers who aid in its daily operations. We are also suffering from a decline in financial support.

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) MEETING

December 13, 2018

District Committee Member (DCM) Report-Summary:

(Meeting Minutes Online: www.greenbayaa.org)

DCM Report: Hello GSRs and Committee Chairs. This weekend I will be attending the sharing session and ACM listed below. I encourage all GSRs and chairpersons to attend this and provide you input. **OPEN TO ALL AA MEMBERS OF AREA 74.** December 8, 2018 10:00AM OPEN SHARING SESSION/Area Committee Meeting. Reiter Center, 1858 S. Michigan Street, Three Lakes, WI

I am also hoping to get some help from groups in the district to provide open AA meetings every Wednesday at 6pm at Libertas. Flintville has committed to sponsoring this meeting for the first six months until it gets off the ground. Libertas expressed an interest in having AA meetings in their facility at about the same time Flintville was considering bringing a traveling meeting into them. How fortuitous. Hoping to get other groups and members to commit to carrying the message with us. Our 1st meeting will be Jan 2nd, 2019. Yours in service. Matt B., DCM

Addendum:

I attended the sharing session and Area Committee Meeting on Saturday, 12-8-18. Sharing session created the following topics of concern for area members.

- Financing for ASL at area events.
- Frequency of area committee meetings and use of time.
- How to encourage greater participation at District and Area levels.
- Doing an area inventory.
- Meeting Guide App

During the Area Committee Meeting it was determined that the ASL interpreter for Area events would need to have the Treatment and Accessibility committee and the Structures and Guidelines committee develop a more detailed set of guidelines for implementing this prior to a budget being created. Districts are encouraged to provide these services as budgeting will allow, but no area funds will be available until proved by Finance Committee.

For the upcoming year no changes will be made to the Service Schedule, but combining or eliminating meetings will be discussed for the 2021 schedule.

The Area is exploring conducting an Area inventory in the upcoming year. The inventory should provide some answers to increasing participation from AA members.

The Meeting Guide App is open to discussion and feedback from groups.

Secretary, Theresa D. The December 2018 minutes were reviewed by those present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes once the date of the Intergroup was changed from the 18th to the 19th. The motion passed.

Accessibilities, Joe H. Nothing to report.

Archives, Bill D. No report available.

Bridging the Gap, Marian K. Bridging the Gap is going well and they are using a lot of envelopes.

Central Office Coordinator to the District, Pat T. C. No report available.

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

Corrections - Men, Adam B. Everything is going well. The jail is looking into potentially starting a new option -- allowing the use of text messages and emails when sponsoring an individual. This practice was questioned by the group. There could be issues of favoritism and money.

Corrections - Women, Theresa D. Five new volunteers have taken the Safety Training Course at the Brown County Jail and are now on deck chairing meetings.

District Events Co-Chairs, Tamra D. and Lloyd Z. Is organizing the upcoming Intergroup, which will take place on January 19, 2019. There will also be a silent auction (donations needed) and a 50/50 raffle. They now have an Al-anon speaker. Events is going to collaborate with Bill D. (Archives) in organizing the "Oldtimer's Share" event.

Grapevine, Vacancy-No report available.

Newsletter, Ronald M. Nothing to report.

Webmaster, Debbie P. & Sam J. Nothing new to report. Still looking for people to step up and take over the Webmaster position.

Treasurer's Report, Patrick H. Prepared for the December 2018 Meeting
Starting Balance \$6,208.18

Deposits		Expenses		Ending Balance November 30, 2018	\$5,873.19
Flintville Early Risers	180.00	Tamra D. (Events)	109.77	Prudent Reserve	-1,300.00
Total Deposits:	\$180.00	Deb P. (Webmaster)	16.95	Total Funds Available	\$4,573.19
Subtotal:	\$6,388.18	DigiCopy	125.28		
		Matt B. (DCM)	262.00		
		Total Expenses:	\$514.99		

Patrick also provided a Revised/Final 2018 Budget Report. A motion was made and seconded to accept the November 2018 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Discussions re the budget for 2019 and ASL Interpreter were held. A motion that the budget for Accessibilities be increased to \$600.00 was made and carried.
- The budget for the Newsletter was addressed and the option to go to electronic delivery was discussed. A motion was made that the budget for The Communicator will be cut in half, was voted on, and carried. GSR's need to encourage their AA members to read The Communicator online.
- The "Now and Then" Area 74 Newsletter will now only be available online unless a submitted request for a printed copy is made.
- A motion was made and carried that the Big Books ordered for Corrections will be ordered directly through the GSO/AA World Services and not Hazelden.

New Business:

- Open chair positions were discussed: Grapevine, CPC, PI and Webmaster. Pat T.C. offered to assume the position of PI Chair and after a vote the motion carried. Thank you, Pat !!
- More GSR's are needed to represent the registered groups in District 01. There are over 20 groups without a GSR.
- The new meeting at Libertas will be held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. starting on Jan. 2, 2019. The Flintville group will support the first 6 months. Other groups are encouraged to take on supporting this meeting. No collection will be taken at this meeting.
- Fall elections for 2019 will be held in September/October.
- A tentative date for the "Oldtimer's Share" (organized by Bill D., Archives) has been selected, which is March 9th at 1:00 p.m. at the 218 Club.
- Tim D., the current GSR for Promise Seekers is stepping down and Tom D., the alt-GSR will now take his place. Thank you, Tom !

GSR Reports:

- Promise Seekers, Tim D. They have held their elections and all positions are filled.
- Women in the Present, Renae S. They handed out sheets with possible outing events like painting or pottery. Are circulating red can donations for the months of Dec. and Jan. Caroling at Bay Shore Nursing Home was a recent event. All of their service positions for 2019 have been filled.
- Road to Recovery, Gwen J. They are waiting to hold a business meeting.
- Early Birds, Pat T.C. The meeting is going good.
- Eye Opener/St. Matt's, William W. He is their new GSR.
- Never on Sunday, Bruce K. Their meetings are going well.
- Flintville Early Risers, Sean S. Attendance has been good, steady. The group is putting together a panel forum on prayer and meditation scheduled for a time, day, and place that is yet to be determined. More details to follow.
- Sisters in Sobriety, Sue C. They have been having really good meetings with many women present.

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