



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)

LUCK OF THE IRISH

If you're very far from home and desperate enough, finding a meeting in Ireland can be quite remarkable

Life was good. With 18 months in AA, I was doing what I was supposed to do. Making meetings, being active, doing service and feeling grateful. I was sober and I felt I was ready to make a trip back to Ireland and visit my family. I never told them I was in AA because I still had some shame about being an alcoholic. But I went back and all went well. I felt I didn't need a meeting, and I managed. Nobody had to know anything other than I had just stopped drinking.

That trip went so well, I decided to return about a year and a half later. On this second sober trip, one morning I went down to the local store for a newspaper. As I came out, I saw an old schoolteacher of mine crossing the street heading my way and I emotionally went to pieces. He used to love to physically punish me with his swishing cane, as it came down on my 12-year-old fingers. He would also put his hands on my face. One hand held my face steady and the other hand slapped me repeatedly. He was brutal and I feared him more than anyone I ever came across.

My emotions scared me that day. I had rushes of anger and rage. I wanted revenge. I was ready to strike out. For some reason, I turned away and returned to the house and stayed in my room all day, confused, not knowing what to do or who to ask for help. I had no AA contacts or information and only a prepaid cell phone. I felt truly alone.

A while back at a New York AA meeting, someone had shared that he'd gone to a meeting in this part of Ireland. He said it was in this town, up on a hill. I'd forgotten about that meeting on the hill until right then. I knew of one hill in town, so I decided to go there. By the time I got there, it was a cold, wet, dark winter night. The hill was badly lit. Nobody was around, not a soul was anywhere to ask. I waited, hoping I might see people going into a house or down to a basement or something. Nobody. I went down the steps to several basements. I knocked. No answer.

It was getting late so I tried one more basement. It had a black wrought iron gate in front of the door. I rang the bell and the door swung open and a lovely young lady in her slip smiled and said hello. I asked her if there was a meeting there. She said, "What kind of a meeting?"

"An AA meeting," I answered. "What is that?" she asked. I said it was a meeting for people who had a drinking problem. She said she had never heard of such a thing. I thanked her for her time and left.

I went back down the hill to the main street. Colored lights, bars, restaurants, clubs, discos—all places where I used to drink. I began to feel powerless and forsaken as I stood at the bottom of the hill in a daze.

Then all of a sudden, I heard people arguing in the house behind me. Their voices got louder. Just then, their front door swung open and a middle-aged couple emerged. The woman (she might have been a landlady) was shouting at the guy. She said she was sick of his carrying on and he had to stop drinking.

"I can't," he yelled. "Why don't you go to AA?" she asked. "I don't know where it is," he replied.

Without saying another word, she grabbed him by the collar of his long black coat and dragged him up the hill and vanished down into a basement. I walked up slowly in their direction and the lady came back up out of the basement, still angry and unaware of my presence. So I went down the steps and halfway down the drunk guy was coming back up.

I hope he makes it some day. But I made my meeting and I'm still sober. Life is good.

~Anonymous

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GREEN BAY AREA CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Central Office Board Meetings
6:30 p.m. Last Tuesday of the Month
Central Office
1270 Main Street #102
Green Bay, WI 54301
For details: 920-432-2600

CHAIRPERSON WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018
6:30 p.m.
218 Club
218 South Oneida Street
Green Bay, WI 54303

2ND ANNUAL BREWER BUS TRIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018
Milwaukee Brewers vs St Louis Cardinals
Miller Park Stadium Start at 1:00 p.m.
Bus Departure: 9:30 a.m.
Bus Return: 6:30 p.m.
De Pere Park & Ride
Lawrence Dr, De Pere, WI 54115
Ticket \$50 per person
Ticket price includes:
Food, Bus Ride and Brewer Ticket
Lloyd 920-713-0769

SEYMOUR INTERGROUP

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2018
5:00 p.m. Set-up & Social
6:00 p.m. Dinner (Bring a dish to pass)
7:30 PM Speakers
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
349 N. Main Street
Seymour, WI 54165

4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY GRATITUDE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018
Closed - Discussion
10:00 a.m.
The 218 Club
218 S Oneida Street
Green Bay, WI 54303

PRIMARY PURPOSE WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2018
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Food, Facts, and Fellowship
Panel Discussion Topics:
Sponsorship, Home Groups, and Spirituality
Continental breakfast and lunch provided
For more info or to be included in the lunch count
Call Todd V. 920-266-6000
Solutions Recovery Club
621 Evans Street
Oshkosh, WI 54901

31ST ANNUAL WOLF RIVER CAMPING TRIP*

AUGUST 10-12, 2018
Meetings, Rafting, Hiking and more
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

AN EVENING OF "GOD TALK" WITH FATHER BILL PRESENTATION & GROUP DISCUSSION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Admission is Free
Donations will be accepted to the 4th & 5th Step Retreat Scholarship Fund
Reservation Contact 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

ANNUAL 218 SUMMER PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Brats and burgers provided - Bring a dish to pass
Come join us!
Pavilion at Murphy Park
1627 Dousman Street
Green Bay, WI 54303

AREA 74 FALL CONFERENCE*

SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2018
Plaza Hotel & Suites
201 North 17th Avenue
Wausau, WI 54401
For more information: Area 74 Events
WWW.AREA74.ORG

"Heard It Through The Grapevine"

The AA Grapevine's June 2018 issue has a special section focusing on "Travel in Sobriety" Read about how AA members stay sober while on the road.

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!*

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 roslyr49@new.rr.com

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) MEETING

April 12, 2018

District Committee Member (DCM) Report-Summary:

(Meeting Minutes Online: www.greenbayaa.org)

DCM Report: I attended the conference committee and everything is going well with planning and we appear to be close to making budget. Our delegate will be providing the delegate's report at the assembly on Saturday.

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

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

Accessibilities, Joe H. Some of the pamphlets that were left from the Intergroup this past January were taken to the 218 Club and some were given to P.I.

Archives, Bill D. Getting ready to assist with setting up the display at the upcoming Spring Conference. The shelves for archives at the Central Office still need to be filled.

Bridging the Gap, Marian K. Bridging the Gap is running smoothly with a fabulous committee of 7 women and 3 men. Blank request forms can be found at the Central Office in our designated "mail cubby."

Cooperation with the Professional Community, Amy G. Bringing literature to the Bellin Community Center.

Corrections - Men, Adam B. Two more volunteer applications were received for chairing the men's meetings. He is planning on driving a carload down to the June 2nd Corrections Conference in Madison.

Corrections - Women, Theresa D. All of our 5 new volunteers have attended their first Huber jail meeting and everything is running smoothly. The jail meeting at the Brown County Curry Lane is in need of additional volunteers.

District Events Co-Chair, Tamra D. As of Monday there were over 180 registered/ 56 hotel rooms booked. Closed banquet registration today. Closing on line and paper registration for conference only on the 14th After that will be walk in registration by check or cash for conference only. Have \$210 in the Bill W. fund with 3 requests for scholarships so far. Looking to fill 2 panel slots --*My Will vs Gods Will and Love* and *Forgiveness of Self*. Final program completed. Got Dr Bob's face and Lois's face to add to Bill's for photo booth. Confirmed we will be taking speakers out for dinner Friday night along with a guest and Matt, our DCM. Finalized room set up and AV requests with the Radisson.

Grapevine, Mary B. I am ready for the Area 74 Spring Conference coming up this month. I still have a little work to do on the Agenda for the Grapevine Workshop coming up on June 3rd at the 218 Club.

Webmaster, Debbie P. & Sam J. She and Sam J. are in the process of re-designing our website and is reviewing other District websites for ideas.

Old Business: Discussion was had with regard to Accessibilities. This issue should address all disabilities, not just deafness. Area 74 is in the process of setting up a budget for this, and will be discussed at the next Assembly at the conference in Wausau this fall.

New Business: None

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

Starting Balance as of 4/1/2018 \$4,071.25

Deposits		Expenses		Ending Balance April 30, 2018	4,584.72
Winner's Circle	100.00	Lloyd Z. (Events)	5.17	Prudent Reserve	-1,300.00
Brewer's Bus	250.00	Marian K. (Bridging the Gap)	50.40		
Flintville Early Risers	180.00	DigiCopy (Newsletter)	125.28	Total Funds Available	\$3,284.72
Early Birds	70.00	Matt B. (DCM)	23.00		
Letting Go	18.00	Chase Bank (fee)	27.95		
Saturday Eye Opener	104.63	Total Expenses:	\$231.80		
Sisters in Sobriety	22.64				
Total Deposits:	745.27				
Subtotal:	\$4,816.52				

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

In 1995, the GSC recommended that: Based on an expressed need, a Spanish edition of the Grapevine be produced, contingent on the following: the Grapevine Corporate Board proceed to gather information and develop a business plan for a bimonthly Spanish edition of the Grapevine, for presentation to the trustees' Finance Committee, and that funding for up to five (5) years be obtained from the General Service Board Reserve Fund, with start-up costs estimated at \$84,000 for the first year.

It was further recommended that if a Spanish edition is established, the monthly Spanish articles be removed from the English-language Grapevine, and that if, after five (5) years, the Spanish edition of the magazine is determined to be no longer feasible, publication be discontinued.

GSR REPORTS

- **Sisters in Sobriety**, Sue C. Going great.
- **Women in the Present**, Renae S. Finalized process of collecting/organizing group inventory questions. Answers to what we're doing well and what could be improved upon will be discussed at our next business meeting.
 - Position descriptions will be reviewed/updated annually
 - All trusted servants must attend the business meeting or send quarterly reports
 - Discussed how to make the meeting location easier for newcomers
- **Early Birds**, Kathy B. The meeting is well attended. At their business meeting, discussed obtaining a subscription to the Grapevine for the library.
- **Walk with Us**, Anne Marie K. The meeting is well attended. Going good !
- **Spiritual Awakening**, Jennifer A. Spiritual Awakening Group had our business meeting 2 weeks ago and discussed money disbursement. Our secretary Janis T and Tony opened a checking account. They are also acting as our Treasurer and co-Treasurer. We also firmed up our meal plans for the hospitality room for the Spring conference
- **DC/DC Divine Center**, Gary M. The meeting is going very well. They are planning a Memorial Day event/cook-out. Will have a bonfire that evening.
- **Serenity Now**, Tammie F. Meetings are still very well attended.
- **Bob's Meeting**, Amy P. The official name of this meeting will now be B.O.B. "Believe our Book" Good attendance -- 40-50 always!
- **Never on Sunday**, Bruce K. Meetings are going good and are well attended.
- **Fishermen's Paradise**, David S. He is the new GSR.
- **Promise Seekers**, Tim D. Going good.
- **Letting Go**, Donna Y. Going fine.

This is AA

George thought this AA thing wasn't for him at first. Luckily, after treatment, Mike took him to his home group

In thinking about this Tradition, I'm reminded of my friend George. In the fall of '94, I was on our local intergroup call list. Late one evening, I was asked to give George a call, as he might want help. George said that he had tried "AA" before but it had never worked—during several previous stays in treatment, he'd gone to meetings there. It was a great surprise to George when I said that most of those meetings were run by the facilities; they were not AA groups, but a function of the treatment center or hospital. I said I would be glad to meet him and show him the program of recovery that worked for me—as outlined in our book *Alcoholics Anonymous*—and introduce him to an AA group.

Because of the amount of alcohol George had consumed, I suggested a medically supervised detox. After that, I agreed to meet him at my home group. Unexpectedly I had to leave early, so I arranged for George to be met by a fellow member, Jimmy D.—who became George's sponsor.

Eight years later, when Jimmy D. died, George talked about the wonderful way of life Jimmy had shared with him. George and I often reminisced about how he had given up hope of finding sobriety, and how he thought he had tried AA but had never been introduced to the program of recovery.

"While an AA group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never to go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied," AA's Sixth Tradition, long form, says. (AA's Third Tradition, long form, adds: "Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group, provided that as a group they have no other affiliation.") ~Mike M. Fort Wayne, Indiana

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