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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)

HOLDING MY BREATH

The scene she witnessed at the checkout line was hard to swallow, but it made her grateful she was sober and free

One day I ran to the pharmacy to buy floss for my 7-year-old daughter. "The dentist said I need to floss every night, Mom," she had insisted. Good luck with that, I thought, while I promised to go get her some.

In front of me in the checkout line at the drugstore was an older man, about 60, with gray hair and glasses. His clothes were worn but neat and clean. He was purchasing only one item: a small bottle of mouthwash, not much bigger than the sample-sized bottles they give out at the dentist. My heart ached for him as he attempted to be nonchalant with the cashier.

"Look at that! I have exact change," he said with mock surprise as he counted coins with shaking hands. The cashier played along. "It's great when people have the exact amount."

She knows, right? I thought. She must have known that he was buying mouthwash not for his bad breath, but for the 27 percent alcohol it contains. It must be a common occurrence at a pharmacy. Personally, I have never drunk the stuff. But I've heard at meetings about people so desperate for alcohol that they would drink anything: mouthwash, rubbing alcohol or even perfume. I know a woman who got a DWI from drinking mouthwash. I'm not judging. I get it. I've just never been there.

I have what they call a high bottom, which means I came into AA before things really got bad. I've never had a DWI, even though I should have had many. I have never been to jail or even rehab. I've never had anyone report me to the Department of Children and Family Services.

Not yet, my sponsor reminds me. Her point being that I'm one drink away from all of it. Alcoholism is a progressive disease that keeps developing even though I've stopped drinking. One sip of vodka and the next thing you know I could end up just like this guy, trying to get a quick fix from a small bottle of mouthwash.

He declined a bag for his purchase and put the bottle in his pocket. If he had turned around, I might have said something to him. I might have told him how to get to a meeting. Maybe I would have given him my Big Book, which is always in my purse. Or I might even have given him money so that he could go to the bar next door and buy an actual drink instead of ingesting the chemicals that are in the mouthwash.

But he didn't turn. He walked out. Would he drink it in the car? Or would he take it home? How long would that last him before he would be "jonesing" again? I was worried for him.

I looked at the floss in my hand and felt a wave of gratitude. My family was waiting for me at home. My young children could count on me to show up for simple things, like taking them to the dentist and buying them floss. Thankfully, I don't need to swig mouthwash from a small bottle to make it through the day. Not yet, anyway.

~Elizabeth J. Shrewsbury, New Jersey

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GREEN BAY AREA CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
To learn more about the Central Office come to our monthly board meeting!!

1270 Main St. #102
Green Bay, WI 54301
For details: 920-432-2600

GREEN BAY AREA CENTRAL OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

ST PATTY'S DAY POTLUCK

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018
Dinner 6:30 pm
Please bring a dish to pass
First United Methodist Church
324 East Franklin Street
Appleton, Wisconsin 54911

GREEN BAY CENTRAL OFFICE OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship-Food-Meet Volunteers
Green Bay Central Office
1270 Main Street #102
Green Bay, WI 54301

2018 EATIN' MEETIN

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018
Doors Open - 5:00 p.m. Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
Speakers - 7:00 p.m.
Hot Sandwiches will be provided.
** Please bring a dish to pass **
Saint Mark's Lutheran Church
140 South Green Bay Road
Neenah, WI 54956

ST PATRICK'S DAY DANCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.
DJ / Dancing - Raffles
Bring a snack
\$4.00 Donation at the Door
The 218 Club
218 South Oneida Street
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54303

SPRING BBO DINNER*

APRIL 7, 2018
Featuring Southern Style Pulled Pork
Fellowship 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Open Speakers to Follow
The Bridge
2514 Jenny Lane
Green Bay, WI 54302

ANNUAL MOOSE AND GOOSE

APRIL 14, 2018
Fellowship 5:00 p.m. Pot Luck 6:00 p.m.
Speakers 7:00 p.m.
AA Material and Meat Donations needed
Corrections Literature Fund Raiser
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
349 North Main Street
Seymour, WI 54165
Contact Rolland G. 920-722-5417

13TH ANNUAL SPRING FLING

SATURDAY APRIL 28, 2018
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
2901 13th Street
Menominee, MI 49858
Downstairs Fellowship Hall
Parking Front and Back - Elev in back
5:00 Fellowship
6:00 Pot luck (Main Entrée provided)
7:00 AA & Al-Anon Speakers
Prizes and Food and Fun and Friends

4TH AND 5TH STEP RETREAT*

MAY 11-13, 2018
Friday night to Sunday noon
Cost \$150 - includes 2 nights lodging and 5 meals
Snacks and beverages provided throughout retreat
St Norbert Center for Spirituality
1016 North Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115

AREA 74 SPRING CONFERENCE*

MAY 18-20, 2018
Friday Night - Skit/Speaker
Saturday - Panels/Banquet/Speaker
Sunday - Area 74 Meeting/Speaker
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
2040 Airport Drive
Green Bay, WI 54313
To register for this event online:
Area 74 2018 Spring Conference Online Registration
www.greenbayaa.org/events.html

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

AREA 74 FALL CONFERENCE*

SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2018
Plaza Hotel & Suites
201 North 17th Ave
Wausau, WI 54401
For more information: District 08
Website
www.aawausauwi.org

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) MEETING

February 8, 2018

District Committee Member (DCM) Report-Summary:

(Meeting Minutes Online: www.greenbayaa.org)

DCM Report: With the Delegates Workshop fast approaching I have forwarded the agenda to district members for review. It is my goal to quickly disseminate assembly items electronically to allow for timely responses prior to workshop and assembly. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Henrietta for accepting the Alt-DCM position and thank all group and district officers for their continued service. I will be forwarding the District Guidelines for review as it is important to be aware of our guidelines and duties. Yours in service, Matthew C Buchholz, DCM District 1

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

Accessibilities, Joe H. Pamphlets regarding accessibilities were provided at the recent Intergroup held in January. A budget of \$150.00 was established for this chair.

Archives, Bill D. He is still trying to contact the Area 74 Archives contact person.

Bridging the Gap, Marian K. The Bridging the Gap (BTG) committee is doing a great job of keeping up with the requests for contacts from both the jail and the work- release inmates. The Central Office has a designated spot for our mail which works well.

Cooperation with the Professional Community, Amy G. Copies of the Communicator, meeting lists & the latest issue of the Grapevine went to the Vet Center & Outpatient Clinic.

Corrections - Men, Adam B. We had attended the intergroup last month and had what I feel to be a successful time. New applicants have been arriving steady since. We are however still in need of sponsors for male inmates. I will bring flyers to our next meeting regarding this need for sponsorship. The Huber time has been changed -- originally guys were meeting at 6:15 and that time has changed to 6:00pm on Sunday nights. All other meeting times at Curry lane for Wed. and Sun. will continue to remain the same. Lastly, June 2, 2018 there will be a corrections conference in Madison. This will be a one day event. If anyone is interested in attending I will be having a car or two going down so carpooling would be an option. If interested please let me know. I am planning on printing off flyers for this event and will bring them to the next meeting for GSR's to take back with them. Overall men's correction meetings are doing great, thanks to our volunteers.

Corrections - Women, Theresa D. The Corrections display at the recent Intergroup in January was a big success. I received 5 volunteer applications from women to chair the AA meetings in the jail. These applications have been submitted for approval to Brown County Jail. Now we just have to wait for the next training session to be scheduled. When writing to a person in jail, we can no longer use regular stamps on the envelope but must use pre-paid postage stamped envelopes.

District Events Co-Chair, Tamra D.

1. We have one outside person registered for conference. Funds were successfully transferred to checking account
2. Registration supplies ordered. Also soliciting help for assembly and printing of welcome packets.
3. Intergroup generated several volunteers
4. Our Al-Anon rep has had some family issues and has not been at meetings but will be at the next meeting Monday, Feb 12. She has one panel put together right now. I found out that Al-Anon is having their spring conference the same weekend as ours in Wisconsin Rapids so volunteers maybe thin.
5. Panel coordinator is still looking for 2 people to fill the AA and Anonymity panel. Also looking for 2 room monitors and 1 back up monitor
6. Hospitality still has 3 slots to fill. Early and late Saturday and also Sunday morning. A committee member brought up a concern about taking the donation of coffee and water offered by Paul's Pantry. Will have a discussion on this.
7. Magnets were ordered and arrived (sample passed out)
8. Our next meeting is Monday, February 12, 2018

Grapevine, Mary. B. I set up the Grapevine Display at the Green Bay Intergroup on January 20th. I wore my Grapevine attire of grapes and purple and I received compliments on both the display and my outfit. As far as I know, I won't be setting up the Grapevine display again until the Area Spring Conference in May. I have received reimbursement for my expenses for the raffle Gift Grapevine subscription. Thank you Patrick. I forgot to look at her name, but the winner was a young woman of about 20, and she was quite excited to get the GV subscription. I am very proud of my daughter, Pamela's Al-Anon Speak. She is such a beautiful soul. For the Area 74 Spring Conference in May, I have all my "positions" filled for helping me in the Grapevine/Literature/Archives room.

Webmaster, Debbie P. Nothing new to report.

"HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE"

The AA Grapevine March 2018 issue has a special section focusing on "AA and Families". Members share how both AA and alcoholism have touched their families. The Grapevine is packed with great stories, jokes and more.

A yearly subscription is \$28.97. You can order yours by going to aagrapevine.org or by calling 1-800-631-6025.

A subscription also makes a great gift for a sponsee or a sponsor.

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

Treasurer's Report, Patrick H. Prepared for the February 2018 Meeting
 Starting Balance as of 1/1/2018 \$5,913.00

Deposits		Expenses	Ending Balance January 31, 2018	4,633.39
Letting Go	21.75	Laurie M. (Intergroup)	Prudent Reserve	-1,300.00
Sat. Morning Eye Opener	104.38	Central Office Hotline	Total Funds Available	\$3,333.39
Early Birds	92.00	Mary B., Grapevine		
Road to Recovery	22.20	DigiCopy (Newsletter)		
Flintville Early Risers	180.00	GB Metro (PI)		
Sisters in Sobriety	28.32	Joe H. (Accessibilities)		
Total Deposits:	448.65	Total Expenses:		
Subtotal:	\$6,361.65			

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

Old Business: Chair positions still open: Public Information. Mission statement needed for the Accessibilities Chair.

New Business: The email sent by Matt which included two attachments, the Agenda Topics for Delegates Workshop and the District Guidelines, was not reviewed by many prior to this meeting. Theresa D. will resend to all as there is only one District meeting prior to Matt B. attending the Workshop so that our opinions and any comments made by this Group can be heard.

The 2018 budget was voted on and approved.

It was decided by unanimous vote that future District 01 meetings will be held at the Bridge and not at the Central Office. This has now been changed back to the Central Office as a room was not available at The Bridge.

GSR REPORTS

- Early Birds, Kathy B. Members from this group have been able to fill all of the time slots for Registration on Friday evening for the upcoming Spring Conference.
- Letting Go, Donna Y. An Alt-GSR was elected for the group, Pat T.C
- Promise Seekers, Tim D. Things are going well. Membership remains steady at 24-30. We have a group conscience to discontinue distribution of paper copies of the "Now & Then". People that want to receive it can order a copy by e-mail free of charge. We will have a service meeting on Fri. 2-9-2018 with the purpose of establishing a comprehensive budget, which we have not had before.
- Serenity Now, Theresa D. Meetings are still very well attended
- Sisters in Sobriety, Violet B. Going great.
- Spiritual Awakening, Jennifer A. Their group has volunteered to take a slot for Hospitality at the upcoming Spring conference.
- St. Matthew's, Tamra D. Everything is going well. The group has taken on a slot of time for hospitality on Saturday for the upcoming Spring Conference.
- Women in the Present, Renae S. At their last business meeting, a format regarding cross-talk was incorporated. A group inventory was held. They circulated a sheet looking for comments and feedback re what can be done to improve fellowship.

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