



# 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)

## NEVER TOO LATE

*It took a little time, but she learned to love her mom, thanks to the wonder of Step Nine*

I was nearly 50 years old when I made my first attempt at making amends to my mom, who was the first name on my Eighth Step list.

My part went like this: "Mom, I'm sorry we haven't gotten along so well all these years and I want you to know that at least half of the arguments we've had were my fault." To which she responded, "Well, I wish you would tell that to your brother because he thinks everything is my fault."

That was it.

Over the following years I tried to change my attitude, to be more understanding and accepting of Mom, but it didn't seem to improve our relationship. I especially resented her trying to control me, a 57-year-old woman, sober for 10 years.

After the deaths of my dad and my brother, she and I became closer in our mutual loss, but still our relationship was not what I wanted or needed it to be. I could tell she wanted it to be better also.

So I took a chance. One day I said, "Mom, I want us to get along better than we are. I want this with all my heart. I am willing and ready to change. Tell me one thing I can change in me to help us. Think about it, tell me and I will do it."

Her response was, "I don't need to think about it. I have two things you could do."

No wonder we're not getting along, I thought. Now she's even trying to control my amends. "OK, Mom, tell me what it is and I will try to do it," I replied.

"Sometimes you could agree with me," she said. That hit me like a brick. She was right. I knew it immediately and told her so. I also told her that I planned on changing this, starting right then, and I did.

My stubborn defiance slowly began to melt away. Not only did I stop arguing and realize that I could agree with my mom, but I also started complimenting her and letting her have her own way. I respected her opinions and told her I was proud of her. I thanked her for all of the good things she had done for me, past and present.

Did I ask her to change anything? I did not, but she did gradually change. She called to tell me she should have let me cry when I was

little. She sent cards and letters expressing her love and letting me know she was proud of me. She stopped criticizing and trying to control her adult daughter. She did, however, ask me to retire so we could spend more time together. And could I quit smoking and dye my hair blonde?

I am going on 30 years sober now and I will never forget the lessons I have learned as a result of making amends. When I lost my mom a few years later, there were no regrets about our relationship. We finally communicated through love and laughter, tears and hugs, and lots of loving words. I learned that it's never too late to change. It may sound strange, but since my mom's been gone, I love her more each year.

Oh, yeah ... my mom's second request of me that day? She told me she'd like to get a hug from me the way I hugged my AA friends. Again, she was right. So I started doing that and she hugged me back—genuine, heartfelt and loving hugs.

~Linda W. Westland, Michigan

## 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

## 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](http://WWW.GREENBAYAA.ORG/EVENTS.HTML)

## ANNUAL MOOSE AND GOOSE FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, MAY 26, 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 North Main Street  
Seymour, WI 54165

## MEMORIAL DAY GRATITUDE MEETING

MAY 28, 2018  
Closed-Discussion  
10:00 a.m.  
The 218 Club  
218 South Oneida Street  
Green Bay, WI 54303

## IT'S IN THE BOOK'S MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC

MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018  
Picnic 5:00 p.m. Open Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Divine Temple Church  
421 Cherry Street  
Green Bay, WI 54301  
Brats and burgers provided  
Bring dish to pass  
Outdoor Fire Pit Meeting

## 23RD ANNUAL CORRECTIONS CONFERENCE\*

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018  
Goodman Community Center  
149 Waubesa Street  
Madison, WI 53704

## AA GRAPEVINE WORKSHOP\*

SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018  
1:00 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Panels include Speakers  
Featured Speakers: Derek T. (Area 74 Grapevine Chairperson)  
Sara P. (Area 74 Delegate)  
Bring Your Questions and Friends  
Snacks Provided  
Mary B. [ROSLVR49@NEW.RR.COM](mailto:ROSLVR49@NEW.RR.COM)  
218 Club  
218 South Oneida Street  
Green Bay, WI 54303

## 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

## 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](http://www.bearpawoutdoors.com)  
Justine B. 847-445-6195  
[SOBERCAMP30@GMAIL.COM](mailto: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:  
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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: Area 74 Events  
[WWW.AREA74.ORG](http://WWW.AREA74.ORG)

## GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) MEETING

April 12, 2018

### District Committee Member (DCM) Report-Summary:

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

**DCM Report:** I attended the winter assembly in Three Lakes this past Saturday. It was a full agenda and some items ended up being tabled for the spring assembly in Green Bay. One tabled item was the proposal to provide ASL interpreters at all area conferences, so we will not be providing one at the upcoming conference. There is a long list of items that were presented and/or voted on for Delegate to take to conference in New York. Of those many of the items concerning changes to the big book which were approved in committee were voted against in the assembly. I will provide details of these at our district meeting. Once again the law suit over the original manuscript drew a good deal of attention. The area seems still poised to admonish the board of directors for their part in this, but I think based on timeline report provided to all of us recently, that the board did the best they could under the circumstances. Hopefully all of you received copies of the timeline and have had the opportunity to review and draw your own conclusions. Looking forward to discussing this and other items with you at the district meeting.  
Yours in service, Matthew B., DCM District 1

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

**Accessibilities,** Joe H. On April 8th I went to the Assembly in Three Lakes. I also joined the area 74 treatment and accessibility committee. Right now I am working on getting an ASL interpreter for Area 74 events. The proposal for an ASL interpreter was tabled until the next Assembly in May at the conference.

**Archives,** Bill D. The new display case for archive materials is now in the GB Central Office. At the upcoming Spring conference, there will be archives from our Central Office, Area 74 and a table for the Oneida Indian Tribe collectibles.

**Bridging the Gap,** Marian K. Envelopes with embossed stamps have been distributed to most of the BTG committee people and we are back on track to doing a good job.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community,** Amy G. No Report.

**Corrections - Men,** Adam B. Approximately 4 men attended the recent jail safety training course. Two men have agreed to act as sponsors within the jail system.

**Corrections - Women,** Theresa D. Five women who had signed up at the Intergroup held this past January to chair the AA women's jail meetings completed the jail safety training course held last Wednesday and are now ready to step into action.

**District Events Co-Chair,** Tamra D.

- Lloyd is organizing the Brewer Bus to attend the Brewers vs. Cardinal game on June 24th. Flyers were circulated to the GSRs to pass out at their meetings. Tamra reported on the Spring Conference as follows:
- As of Monday there were over 100 people registered (compared to 98 this time last conference)
- Please emphasize to groups to please register ASAP
- I am shooting for 250 to break even = \$5000
- Have \$210 in Bill W fund- 3 requests for scholarships so far
- Still looking for hospitality slots to be filled Saturday late night from 8-12pm and Sunday 6:30-10 am...if they don't get filled we believe we can get by with leftovers. People staying at the hotel will have a hot breakfast buffet included with their room every day
- A more finalized program was completed
- Wes from Oneida will be doing a Welcome/Blessing and smudging on Friday night, also will be bringing I believe their oldest Big Book to display with Archives
- Panels are filled
- Working with Radisson for room set ups and logistics
- Photo booth will be setup... (Six Bill W's face on a stick ordered)
- Two yoga sessions and four guided meditations will be offered
- In the notes from last conference the Alka-thon did not go over well so we opted to offer 2 candle light meetings at 1130 pm instead (if needed)
- A preliminary "Schedule of Events" for the 3-day conference was circulated.

**Grapevine,** Mary B. The Grapevine Workshop is all set up for June 3rd from 1pm to 4 at the 218 Club. To get the word out, I sent the workshop information to the District 01 Newsletter, the Communicator, as well as the District 02 Newsletter in Appleton, and the Area 74 Newsletter, the Now and Then. I have made flyers of the workshop. There are some at the 218 Club, and I will pass some around here. Please announce at your meetings. Please encourage your groups to have a Grapevine Representative. Also, I have been working with Patrick to set up a Grapevine Workshop at the 218 Club, on a Sunday in June (hopefully June 3rd). I have speakers for the event including, Area 74 Delegate, Sara P, and Area 74 Grapevine Chairperson, Derek T. I also have past Area 75 Grapevine Chairperson, Dave D. from Fond du Lac. The workshop would be held from 1pm to 4pm. I have been working on an Agenda for the event.

**Webmaster,** Debbie P. The website is updated weekly on Sunday. Getting the updates for the website emailed to Webmaster by 7:00 p.m. Sunday night has been going well. Have considered removing some content and links from the Green Bay AA web site page, instead directing them to links that can be found on the main AA GSO's webpage. Sam J. will be joining to assist with webpage management.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Contained in Matt B's DCM report.

**Treasurer's Report**, Patrick H. Prepared for the April 2018 Meeting  
Starting Balance as of 3/1/2018 \$5,304.94

Deposits		Expenses		Ending Balance March 30, 2018	4,071.25
218 Club	143.09	Milw. Brewers	670.00	Prudent Reserve	-1,300.00
How It Works	30.00	Nationwide Travelers	911.50		
Serenity Now	200.00	DigiCopy (Newsletter)	125.28		
Never on Sunday	100.00	Total Expenses:	\$1,706.78		
Total Deposits:	473.09			<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$ 2,771.25</b>
Subtotal:	\$5,778.03				

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

### **GSR REPORTS**

- Bob's Meeting, Amy P. Attendance is good, usually 40+ including the Jackie Nitschke clients. I just heard from New York and they are finalizing our official group right now, so we are technically not official yet. The GSO told her that the group must choose a different name for the meeting and not use a person's name.
- DC/DC Divine Center, Gary M. The meeting is going very well.
- Early Birds, Kathy B. Meetings are going very well. Slots of time for Registration for the upcoming Spring Conference have been filled. Would like to get additional members to act as back-ups if needed.
- Flintville Early Risers, Sean S. The meeting is doing well. They have agreed to take a time slot for the hospitality suite for the upcoming Spring Conference.
- Never on Sunday, Bruce K. Doing well. This coming Sunday they will be holding their business meeting. They are taking a time slot for the hospitality suite for the upcoming Spring Conference and are looking for volunteers to help with this.
- Promise Seekers, Tom D. Going well.
- Serenity Now, Tammie F. Meetings are still very well attended. Last week the group celebrated their 14-year Anniversary !
- Sisters in Sobriety, Sue C. Going great.
- Spiritual Awakening, Jennifer A. The Spiritual Awakening Group has scheduled the next business meeting for Wednesday, April 25th at 10:30am. We will be discussing disbursement of funds and organizing our time slot for the hospitality room at the Spring Conference.
- St. Matthew's, Tamra D. Everything is going well. They have a business meeting scheduled for April 28th. Tamra will be stepping down as the group's GSR. Thank you Tamra for your service !!
- Women in the Present, Renae S. The group approved their 2018 budget. Finalized their group inventory handout -- to be submitted to meeting members.

### **"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](http://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](mailto:rosivr49@new.rr.com)

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