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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)

Six Drunks in Eden

I would like to share some of my thoughts on the long tradition of cooperation that the U.S. armed forces have enjoyed with Alcoholics Anonymous. As you probably know, the program of AA was co-founded by a former World War I Field Artillery officer of the U.S. Army, Lt. Bill W. I have often wondered how Bill's war-time experiences may have intensified his alcoholism and his subsequent recovery. If you doubt that WWI had a profound effect on Bill, you need only look at the first phrase of the first chapter of the Big Book: "War fever ran high ..."

AA was just in its infancy when WWII erupted. Thousands of men volunteered or were drafted for the war effort. The fledgling home office in New York, that would later become the General Service Office, worried whether the war would be too much for the newly sober AA members in military service.

To Bill's delight, and to the joy of those AA members serving on the home front, the war didn't prove to be too much. On the contrary, our newly sober AA members were surviving and thriving in their combat experiences. Perhaps they didn't feel the need to drink because they had already been through their own personal war. Perhaps the principles of AA kept them grounded and focused when the world around them seemed hell-bent on destruction.

When WWII ended, our AA members returning from war started meetings where they were stationed. AA in Europe took root in part due to the AA meetings started by military personnel in Germany, France, Italy, Austria and elsewhere. Many of these English-language AA meetings are still in existence today. Other AA meetings started by GIs invited local nationals to attend. Today, these meetings are conducted entirely by local nationals in their host-nation languages.

In 2009, I received orders to Iraq. I arrived there in the spring. To my disappointment, there wasn't an AA meeting established on our combat base. So, in keeping faith with our fellow sober sisters- and brothers-in-arms, I and a few other AA members started a meeting near the city of Basra in Iraq. Since Basra is believed by some to be the ancient home of the Garden of Eden, we had to name the meeting The Eden AA Group. I don't know if that meeting is still going on today, but it sure helped keep six drunks sober while we were deployed there. Additionally, I had the honor of attending AA meetings in the Iraqi cities of Tallil and Balad. All of these meetings were started by sober soldiers who wanted to give back that which was freely given to them.

Isn't it ironic that, not very long ago, many soldiers would have thought: I don't want to go through a war without getting drunk. Now I, and thousands of others like me, think, I don't want to go through a war without attending an AA meeting. ~Maj. JD Big Lake, Minn.

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www.aagrapevine.org

MEETING NOTICE - DISTRICT 01 ELECTIONS

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Election of District 01 Officers and Committee Chairs

Green Bay Central Office

1270 Main Street #102

Three years suggested sobriety time

See details and nomination form on Green Bay AA Service page

www.greenbayaa.org/service.html

AA SPEAKER MEETING-OPEN TO EVERYONE

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 8:00 p.m.
218 Club
218 South Oneida Street
Green Bay, WI 54303

AA SPEAKER MEETING & POTLUCK

1ST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
6:00 p.m.
Bring a dish to pass if you can
Genesis Club
1213 Appleton Street
Appleton, WI 54914

SERVICE AWARENESS WORKSHOP*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21, 2017
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Service Awareness Workshop
Learn about the opportunities for service work
in the District 01 Area
Presentation with Q & A
Lunch Provided
218 Club
218 South Oneida St
Green Bay WI 54303

KAUKAUNA INTERGROUP

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21, 2017
Doors 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Speakers 7:00 p.m.
Bring a dish to pass
St. Katherine-Drexel
119 West 7th St
Kaukauna, WI 54130

NAVARINO'S FRIDAY NIGHT AA MEETING & SPAGHETTI FEED*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017
Dinner 6:00 p.m. Speaker 7:00 p.m.
Please bring side dish or dessert to pass
Ascension Lutheran Church
W6106 Navarino Road
Shiocton (Navarino), WI 54170

HALLOWEEN DANCE*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017
9:00 p.m.- 12:00 a.m.
50/50 Raffle and Costume Contest
218 Club
218 South Oneida St
Green Bay WI 54303

AA RECOVERY - A FAMILY AFFAIR*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017
Open to All Family Members
Breakfast Followed by Speakers
8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Sts Edward and Isidore Church
3667 Flintville Rd
Suamico, WI 54313

SPEAK EASY-WAUPACA INTERGROUP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017
Fellowship 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Speakers following dinner
Bring a dish to pass
Faith Community Church
N2541 County Road K
Waupaca, WI 54981

HOLIDAY GRATITUDE MEETING

(CLOSED MEETING)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2017
10:00 a.m.
218 Club
218 South Oneida St
Green Bay, WI 54303

AA IN GREEN BAY 77 YEARS STRONG!*

DISTRICT 1 ANNUAL AA INTERGROUP CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2018
4:30 p.m. Fellowship 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Program
Redeemer Lutheran Church
210 South Oneida
Green Bay, WI 54303
The main dish will be provided - Please bring a dish to pass
Friends and Family are welcome
Volunteers needed: Please contact:
Laurie M.920-336-7698 - Cathy R. 920-619-0971
Tamra D. 920-321-4910

6TH ANNUAL WOMAN'S RECOVERY WORKSHOP

"The Ins and Outs of Sponsorship"
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Refreshments Provided
Panel Discussions, Speakers, Handouts, and Comradery
The Bridge
2514 Jenny Lane
Green Bay, WI 54303
Tamera R 920-222-1415
Laurie M 920-336-7698

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

AREA 74 FALL CONFERENCE*

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



New Comers Q&A

GSR Presentation

“LOVE AND TOLERANCE OF OTHERS”

In Relationships, Fellowship, Spirituality and Workplace

2018 Area 74 Spring Conference

May 18-20 2018 • Green Bay, WI

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center

2040 Airport Dr. • Green Bay, WI

Rooms: \$99 single/double. \$109 triple/quad (all rooms include breakfast)

Reservations call 920.494.7300 – provide conference name to receive above rate

Friday Night: Skit, Speaker TBD

Saturday: Panels - AA / Al-Anon, Al-Anon speaker,

Banquet & AA speaker Jeff C. Sturgeon Bay, WI, Assembly & Entertainment

Sunday Morning: Area committee meeting & Spirituality Speaker

Jeff G - Milwaukee

ONE FORM PER PERSON

Please check: _____AA _____Al-Anon

Full Name: _____ Registration ONLY... \$ 20.00

Address: _____ Banquet, **ADD \$24.00...** \$ _____

City: _____ ST _____ Zip _____ **Bill W. Fund donation** \$ _____

Dinner Choice: **Pasta Primavera(vegetarian)** _____ **Stuffed Pork** _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Online registration: greenbayaa.org - events (available after Oct 1st)

Name to appear on your badge: _____

Phone (____) _____ Email: _____

Makes checks payable to “2018 Area 74 Spring Conference” PO Box 22243, Green Bay, WI 54305.

Deadline for banquet submission: May 4, 2018 Questions? Call Tamra D 920-321-4910 or Jill V 920-461-8486

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) MEETING

September 14, 2017

District Committee Member (DCM) Report-Summary:

(Meeting Minutes Online: www.greenbayaa.org)

DCM Report: Hi all -- Wasn't it great to have such a good turnout for the 1st annual District 01/Central Office picnic! It was really a fun event. Thanks to everyone who made it happen and stayed to clean up. Unfortunately I wasn't able to stay and help because of some kind of pressing issues. I've been working on my plans for a DCM next year. I may have struck pay dirt. More to come. Thanks,, Bruce K. DCM, District 01

Secretary, August 2017 minutes were reviewed by those present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The motion passed. ~Theresa D.

Bridging the Gap, With a heavy heart, I am stepping down from my position as the Bridging the Gap chair. This has been a wonderful learning experience for me and someone with more time to offer should be given this position. I've been taking baby steps on cutting certain things in my life and this is one of them. As many of you know, I recently got married so I want to be more present in my marriage. I am currently working two jobs and going to school full-time. For awhile, I always thought in my head that this is all just temporary. I've gotten to the point to where my self-care has become rather important. Please share with your groups on this open position. Once this position is filled, I will be more than happy to share with this individual my knowledge and ideas on going forward with this position. Thank you all for your service and I will see you around in meetings. ~Christina S.

Corrections-Men, co-Chair. There is an ongoing need for men to conduct the jail meetings. ~Sean S.

District Events, Spring Conference planning is up and running. Jill V graciously accepted the Co Chair position for this event. Jill and I met with the Radisson at the end of August to go have a walkthrough of the rooms and go over policies. Main Speakers for Saturday Night and Sunday morning are secure. We are hoping the new delegate picked during the fall conference will speak on Friday night as tradition dictates.

The Theme we picked for the conference is 'Love and Tolerance of Others.' The theme reflects love and tolerance of others as it pertains in our relationships, spirituality, fellowship and in the work place. In the process of developing panel topics and finding Speakers.

We will be utilizing online registration and have decided to divide the Registration committee into two different components: Paper Registration and Online Registration. I talked with the chairperson of the Fall Conference in Eau Claire and he indicated they were nearing 50% online registrations as compared to paper. Online registration is targeted to be up and running on Oct 1st. We had our first meeting with all Committee chairs on September 11. Committees still needing chair persons are: Entertainment, Decorations, Greeters, Publicity, and Panel/Program Coordinator. Job descriptions and expectations were shared. Registration form was finalized and 250 copies will be handed out at Fall Conference

Laurie M and Cathy R have accepted Chair and Co-Chair positions for Inter Group slotted for Jan 20th. ~Tamera D.

Grapevine, I've added pictures of purple grapes and colorful posters to the display board. I've also gotten grape clusters to hang from the top of the board. I've also made purple bookmarks with information to contact me and put them in the slot. I have also made a vest from grape material. I sent a short Grapevine write-up to the newsletter, but it did not get printed – no room perhaps. I ordered Grapevine materials from New York to put with the display board. I set up the display at the 218 Club picnic. It was well received. Many liked my outfit with purple pants, and a t-shirt that has a big grape peeking out of our circle and triangle logo. And I now have purple fingernails. Theresa also set up the display at the District 1/Central Office picnic. Thank you Theresa.

Any GSR's here, I would appreciate if you would ask someone in your group to be their group's Grapevine Rep. That is part of my job. ~Mary B.

Newsletter, Nothing to report. ~Ronald M.

Public Information, Discussed the publication entitled "Newcomers Neighbor". ~Paul K.

Webmaster, Nothing new to report. Everything is going well. ~Debbie P.

HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

The Grapevine is a monthly AA magazine with stories from AA's like you and me.
It is lovingly called "AA's Meeting in Print"

To order a yearly subscription contact
www.aagrapevine.org or call 800-631-6025

The Grapevine has a new book available, "Making Amends" To order call at the number above.

Yours in love and service,

Mary B District 01 Grapevine Chair

Treasurer's Report, Patrick H. Prepared for the September 14, 2017 Meeting

Starting Balance as of 8/1/2017 \$5,621.33

Deposits		Expenses		Ending Balance August 31, 2017	5,501.83
The 218 Club	124.31	DigiCopy (Newsletter)	124.69	Prudent Reserve	-1,300.00
Mindfulness Walk	12.00	Missy F. (Events)	52.87	Total Funds Available	\$4,201.83
City of Green Bay	57.75	Redeemer Church (Events)	50.00		
How it Works	30.00	Newcomers (PI)	75.00		
Road to Recovery	59.00	Rena S. (Events)	100.00		
Total Deposits:	283.06	Total Expenses	\$402.56		
Subtotal:	\$5,904.39				

A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 2017 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Old Business: Jennifer A. supplied the Board with flyers for the upcoming "Panel Service Structure of AA" which is going to be held at the 218 Club on Oct. 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with lunch being served. She indicated that Ted L., is going to be a speaker. Ted L. is a former delegate for Area 74 and has also held a variety of other positions within the AA system. It was suggested that each Chairperson provide a job description for their particular chair which can be displayed at this panel discussion.

New Business: Bill D. was nominated for and accepted the Chair for Archives. Thank you, Bill!

We are in need of Chairpersons for Bridging the Gap and Women's Corrections.

Tamra D. is the Chairperson for the upcoming Spring Conference to be held at the Radisson in Green Bay in May, 2018. Jill V. will be assisting her as co-Chair. Bill D. has volunteered to Chair Hospitality with Paul K. assisting as co-Chair, Mary B. will be the Chair for the position regarding the Grapevine and Archives materials, Theresa D. will head up paper registration, along with Kathy B. as co-Chair. Vanessa M. will coordinate online registration. The Treasurer will be Dan. G. Open Chair positions still in need of a chairperson are: Publicity, Panel Coordinator, Entertainment, Decorations and Welcome/Greeter/Info. A hand-out was provided for distribution regarding this important upcoming event. Violet B. offered to contact the owner of the Radisson, Tina, so see if she might possibly be able to attend the next meeting of the Chairs for this event when they meet in October.

Preparations are also in the works for the District 1 "Intergroup Celebration" to be held on Sat., Jan. 20, 2018 at Redeemer Lutheran Church. A handout was provided to GSR's to circulate at their meetings seeking individuals to sign up for the various tasks involved in organizing such an event.

GSR Reports:

- Sisters in Sobriety, Violet B. Going well.
- Flintville Early Risers, Matt B. They are having a AA/Alanon/Ala-teen discussion panel called "AA Recovery - A Family Affair" on November 4th from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
- Women in the Present, Jill V. Going great with good attendance.
- DC/DC Divine Center, Gary M. Their Labor Day picnic was well attended with about 45 people present.
- Road to Recovery, Tim J. Doing great.
- Letting Go, Donna Y. Going well.
- Promise Seekers, Tim D. Everything is going great.
- Walk with Us, Henrietta D. The meetings are well attended and doing fine.
- At the meeting on Sept. 14th, the group voted in favor of waiting until next week's meeting to discuss our service to the Area 74 Conference here in Green Bay in 2018.
- St. Matthew's, Tamra D. Doing well.
- Early Birds, James R. "Peachy"

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