



The Communicator

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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)

"TOMORROW NEVER COMES"

He had promised himself many times to quit but it was never the right day

As I sat on my couch that morning, it was just another day. It had started like so many other days. I got up early, took my child to day care and my wife to work. I would start the day with the best intentions of getting some great work done and really catching up on things for my job. I pulled my computer out, hooked it up and then the thought hit me that it would be great to have 'just a couple of beers' to help me get past the boredom of the administrative tasks that lay ahead.

I only lightly considered that I had gone through the 'two-to-three drink' scenario hundreds of times without a single success, but somehow my brain thought today might be different. So, I went to the local mini-mart, bought a 12-pack of cold beer. Deep down, I knew that when I got home, I would drink every one of them. The truth is, I drank one of them on the way home from the store. That too had become a habit.

I had become a daily drinker in the previous five years. Before that, I had been a binge drinker. Although, the binges were becoming more and more frequent. I had started hiding my liquor. I lied constantly about my drinking. I would leave town "for work," so that I could be free to drink as much as I wanted and not be seen by anyone I knew. I could get as sloppy as I wanted. Often, I told myself, "I have to quit drinking." But then, I'd think, "What's different about today? I'll quit tomorrow." Tomorrow never came.

On this particular morning, at around 9:30, I sat there filled with self-hatred for "doing it again." I had finished ten beers. I was concocting lies and explanations for my wife and trying to make up work I hadn't done to report to my boss. But meanwhile, I was also figuring out whether or not I could get away with another 12-pack. I wanted it for that evening. I thought I'd cook out on the grill. I was a good husband and always tried to help out with the activities of the family. If you're a drinker like I was, you'll understand the irony in that statement.

But then, in that moment, I somehow knew that I was done drinking. Tomorrow had come.

I visited my first Alcoholics Anonymous meeting that evening, still smelling of alcohol. I don't really recall how I knew about AA, but I did know that's where you went if you were an alcoholic. So, I went and I began the greatest journey I could never imagine.

I don't remember much of that meeting, but I do remember hearing all the things that were good for me – "progress not perfection," "attraction, not promotion," that AA was "self supporting." But more than the words I heard, I felt something different. While the people they were alcoholic, imperfect, troubled, they were still laughing and smiling.

But then I heard someone say that it had taken God to get him sober and that that was what the program was all about. There it was. A deal breaker for me. I had separated myself from all things religious or God-related when I was 19.

But, I took the book of Alcoholics Anonymous home that evening and began reading. I read the first 164 pages by the end of the next day and was overwhelmed with how much sense it made. I think it only fair to say that I also thought it was very poorly written, elementary in structure, and I certainly could help fix it up a bit!

I'm still sober today. I have not had a drink or a drug since that June day in 2007. I have thought about drinking, but the compulsion is gone and I've developed a relationship with God, as I understand God.

I now get to help other drunks like me reach out and gain their own understanding and trust in God, as they understand him. Alcoholics Anonymous, the God I still don't understand, the 12 Steps, my friends, my sponsors, my sponsees, and all the thousands of meetings I have attended, have allowed me to gain a peace that I never knew I wanted.

—Daryl R., Oregon

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CIRCLE CITY ROUND UP*

JULY 17-19 2015

Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Airport
2501 South High School Rd.
Indianapolis, Indiana 46241
Registration \$25 (\$35 w/banquet)
Marcy (812) 241-6357
circlecitoundup@yahoo.com

58TH CHILTON INTERGROUP*

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2015

Good Shepherd Parish Hall
54E Main Street
Chilton, WI 53014

Doors Open 5:15pm, Potluck 6:00pm, Meeting 7:00pm

OPEN AA & AL-ANON MEETINGS

AT THE EAA NATURE CENTER IN OSHKOSH*

SUNDAY, JULY 19 TO SUNDAY, JULY 26

12 Step High Meetings Held Daily
Greeting & Fellowship - 7:00 AM
Meeting - 8:00 AM

No admission charge for meetings
Saturday July 25 - Speaker Meeting
3000 Poberezny Road
Oshkosh, WI 54902

Molly - MSHOWS@NORTHNET.NET
Jeanne-marie - ITSJH8@GMAIL.COM
920-312-0676

18TH ANNUAL KEEP IT SIMPLE

AA/ALANON RETREAT

JULY 24TH - 26TH, 2015

Washington Island Campground
745 East Side Rd.
Washington, WI 54246
Spike: 920-883-5544

WashingtonIslandRetreat@gmail.com

CENTRAL OFFICE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2015

Calvary Lutheran Church
1301 S Ridge Rd
Green Bay, WI 54304
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Bring children and friends for a joyful afternoon!

Speakers will be Matt B. and Jennifer A.
Questions? Call Josiah P. at 920-264-2107

PICNIC AT THE BRIDGE OF GREEN BAY*

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2015

2514 Jenny Lane Green Bay, WI 54302

Picnic - 5:30 pm, Winner's Circle meeting - 8 pm

Winner's Circle is celebrating its 45th-ish birthday. Join us!

218 SUMMER PICNIC*

SATURDAY AUGUST 15, 2015

At Murphy Park Pavilion
1627 Dousman
Green Bay, WI 54303
11 AM - 4 PM

SOBRIETY GATHERING PARISH HALL

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2015

8:30 am - till

No Fee (Donations) Meals Provided

AA, Alanon, Alateen Meetings

BREAKFAST-LUNCH-FEAST

DJ/LIVE BAND

2936 Freedom Road (County Road E)

Oneida, WI 54155

westmartin@new.rr.com

Wes M 920-544-9709

REGISTRATIONS:

Wes Martin, 1219 Chief Hill Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313

DISTRICT 01 SUMMER PICNIC*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2015

11:30am-4:30pm

Perkins Park Pavilion

600 N Fisk St

Green Bay, WI 54303

District will provide main dish, please bring a dish to pass if you are able. Soda, coffee and water available. Volleyball, board games and card games, playground for children.

Suggested donation \$5

Jason P. 920-412-3733 or Josiah P. 920-264-2107

4TH AND 5TH STEP SPRING RETREAT*

(AA/AL-ANON)

OCTOBER 2-4, 2015

Friday night to Sunday noon

St Norbert Center for Spirituality

(People of all spiritual beliefs welcome)

Cost: \$140 - includes 2 nights/5 meals

(Snacks and beverages provided throughout retreat)

Send \$40 deposit to:

Step Retreats

PO Box 574

Green Bay, WI 54305

Judy G. 920-737-2330

Service

DISTRICT 01 AA WEBMASTER NEEDS YOUR HELP

Looking for several individuals willing to check one page of our website at least weekly to keep our website accurate. If there are any mistakes or links that do not work you would report it to the webmaster. This is a very simple and would take little of your time.

But it would be a great help.

Please contact Jack at webmaster@greenbayaa.org.

Green Bay Area Central Office

Central Office Volunteers Needed:

Mon-Fri: 10:00 am - 1:30 pm or 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Betsy N. (920) 362-9397

1270 Main St. #102, Green Bay, WI 54302

Donate

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Green Bay, WI 54302
(920) 432-2600
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AA DISTRICT 01 TREASURER

PO Box 632 Green Bay, WI 54305

AA AREA 74 TREASURER

PO Box 84 Paradise, MI 49768
www.area74.org

AA GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE (GSO)

Grand Central Station
PO Box 459 New York, NY 10163
(212) 870-3400
www.aa.org

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) MEETING

June 11, 2015

District Committee Member (DCM) Report-Summary:

(Meeting Minutes Online: www.greenbayaa.org)

District 01 DCM Report: Dear Friends, As you all know last month our district hosted the Area 74 spring conference. I am very proud of how our district came together to create a wonderful experience for all who attended. I received many compliments on how well the conference was organized. I told them I had the very important job of staying out of the committee and volunteers way. A special thank you goes out to all those who gave of their time, talent and treasure to make the conference a rousing success. It is now time to look forward to the second half of the year. Our district picnic is only two months away and in just four months we will be holding elections for the next group of officers. If you would like to bring your service to the next level please come to the district meetings and see what we are all about. We will be starting the nomination process in August and our election will occur in October. I was told in early sobriety the way to stay sober was to stick with the winners and do what they did. What they did was serve others and spread the message. Being in district service gives you the opportunity to do both. You will also get to have a lot of fun in the process. In loving service. Thomas Younger, DCM

Secretary, The May 14th minutes were reviewed by those present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the May 14th minutes. The motion passed. ~Marty S.

Bridging the Gap, Mary S. Absent. Report given by Tom Y. Going good.

Webmaster, Jack S. The only thing I have to reports is this that the website is running wonderfully. Yours in sobriety and service.
Newsletter, Ronald M. Nothing to report.

Grapevine, Barbara S. Barb passed out to those present an English language and a Spanish language flyer for subscription to the Grapevine and La Viña. She also passed out a flyer suitable for posting at a meeting place titled "HELP CARRY THE MESSAGE TO ALCOHOLICS IN NEED." She announced that the Grapevine Chair for Area 74 will be open soon.

Corrections, Tim T. Absent. Report by Email. I'm pleased to announce that we've added three (3) new volunteers, with a couple more showing interest. The jail staff is having difficulty scheduling training for our new volunteers, but is allowing us to bring them in with us until training can be arranged. I attended a very informative conference in Lake Tomahawk last weekend and got to hear state parole/probation officers offer suggestions on how we might make our jail contacts more effective. A panel of former inmates shared their experiences in jail while sentenced for alcohol and drug related offenses. This Saturday, I am participating in a panel on the Corrections Volunteer Experience at the Tri-State Roundup held at the Radisson. We're still looking for female volunteers for one hour meetings at 6:00 on Wednesday nights at the Curry Lane Jail. Yours in service, Tim T

District Events Co-Chairs, Jason P. and Josiah P. A discussion was heard about the District 01 Picnic and the 218 Club Picnic scheduled for the same day. It was reasoned that the 218 Club has already published its picnic information and District 01 has not yet done so, that the date of the District 01 Picnic be changed from Saturday, 15th to Saturday, 22nd. It will be at the same place and same time. (Perkins Park Pavilion, 600 N Fisk St., Green Bay, 11:30am-4:30pm). Motion made, seconded and passed. Jason said that having a dunk tank at the District picnic would be impractical and expensive, that other ideas be sought.

Cooperation with the Professional Community, Amy G. Absent.

Public Information Chair, Paul K. P Absent.

Archives, Bruce K. Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report, Pat H. Area 74 District 01 Treasurer's Report

Prepared for the June 11th, 2015 GSR Meeting

Starting Balance as of 05/14/2015 \$3,979.03

Expenses

Color Master - Newsletters 151 .75

Total Expenses 151.75

Deposits:

Donation 250.00

Sisters in Sobriety 33.63

Total Deposits 283.63

Ending Balance June 11, 2015 \$4,110.91

(\$1,300.00 for prudent reserve) \$-1,300.00

Total Funds Available \$ 2,810.91

Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Passed.

District 01 Committee Contact Information

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		Webmaster Jack S. 414-477-3843	webmaster@greenbayaa.org

GSR Reports

Early Birds, Christina M. Well attended.

Eye Opener, Geri L. Good, going well.

Letting Go, Donna Y. Nothing new to report.

St. Mary's Luxemburg, Johneen Z. Going well.

Red Road, Matthew H. Going well.

Road to Recovery, Dean H. Well attended.

Serenity Now, Jennifer A. Serenity Now is still going strong. Our group summer party has been set for July 25th, 12-5 pm at Tim S's house in Kewaunee. I am announcing that the Central Office Ice Cream Social is scheduled for that same day.

Flintville Early Risers, Nate K. Going well.

Sisters in Sobriety, Sue C. Going well.

Walk With Us, Henrietta D. Walk with Us Gp ref. # 896015 has voted to donate \$100 to District 01.

Old Business

2015 Area 74 Spring Conference final report by Dean H., Conference Treasurer.

The Conference was a success. All seed money was returned. The Conference bank account will be closed when two outstanding checks clear. No one was turned away from attending when the Bill W. Fund ran out of money as their expenses were absorbed by the Conference. We received more registrations than expected. Kimberly deserves the lion's share of the credit. She put this conference on her back! Kimberly and I thank everyone who gave their selfless service to bring about this success. Service work keeps me sober!

Balance Sheet

Income	Amount
Area 74 Seed Money	1,000.00
(295) Paid Registrations	5,912.00
(187) Paid Dinners	4,675.00
Hospitality Donations	808.93
Bill W. Fund	568.31
Total Income	\$12,964.24

Bill W. Fund Info:

Bill W. Sponsorships (Paid by Donations) 28
Bill W. Sponsorships (Absorbed by Conf.) 13
Total Bill W. – Scholarships 41

Expenses

Checks 32.14
PO Box 89.00
Printing 120.97
Hospitality 951.26
Radisson 7,554.85
Registration Supplies 56.98
Refunds (7x \$45) 315.00
Friday Night Speaker Dinner 100.00
Seed Money to Area 74 1,000.00
Big Books 19.60
Decorations; Speaker Gifts 410.68
Total Expenses \$10,650.48

Registration, Dinner, & Bill W. Fund Breakdown

Registration Info: Amount Pre-Registrations (Includes Bill W.) 231
Walk up Registrations (Includes Bill W. Paid & Comp) 123
Total Registrations (Includes Bill W. Paid & Comp) 354

Dinner Info:

Pre-Paid Dinners (Includes Bill W. Paid & Comp) 187
Walk Up Dinners 17
Total Dinner Count 204

Total Proceeds 2,313.76
Check to District 01 1,156.88
Check to Area 74 1,156.88

Items to note

Total estimated income for Spring Conference \$12,450.00
Total estimated cost for Spring Conference \$10,170.00
Remaining balance would have paid back
\$1000 seed money & split \$1280 between
District 01 & Area 74 (or \$640 each) 2,280.00

Total actual income for Spring Conference \$12,964.00
Total actual cost for Spring Conference \$9,650.00
Remaining balance will pay back the \$1000
seed money & split \$2314, between District 01 & Area 74 (\$1156 each) 3314.00

Actual income was higher and expenses lower due to all speakers declining travel reimbursement (saved \$600), registration exceeding estimated (increase \$500), and hospitality donation exceed estimated (increase \$350). Through the Grace of HP, Kimberly S. and Dean H. were applauded with much thanks and gratitude from District 01 for their service in bringing about this successful conference.

New Business

Tom Y. passed around a list of meetings and groups that may not be active. He asked everyone to look at the list and let him know at the next GSR and Committee Chair (July 9th) meeting which are inactive.

It was announced by Tom Y. that next year will be 75 years of AA presence in Green Bay. Any thoughts or ideas from our groups?

Adjourned at 7:20 pm by a motion made, seconded and passed. The meeting was closed with The Our Father.