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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)

REMOVING CHARACTER DEFECTS: PROGRESS, NOT PERFECTION

When men and women pour so much alcohol into themselves that they destroy their lives, they commit a most unnatural act. Defying their instinctive desire for self-preservation, they seem bent upon self-destruction. They work against their own deepest instinct (Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, 64). Alcohol was often used to cope with maladies; often difficulties born long ago. At this stage, the obsession to drink seems to have been lifted and we shall have to come to grips with some of our worst character defects and take action toward their removal as quickly as we can (Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, 69). The Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous are a design for living that will, without fail, realign our natural desires.

Every normal person wants to eat, to reproduce, to be somebody in the society of his fellows. He wishes to be reasonably safe and secure as he tries to attain these things. Indeed, God [as you understand him] made man that way. He did not design man to destroy himself by alcohol, but He did give man instincts to help him to stay alive (Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, pg 64). Since most of us are born with an abundance of natural desires, it isn't strange that we often let these desires and instincts far exceed their intended purpose. When they drive us blindly, or we willfully demand that they supply us with more satisfactions or pleasures than are possible or due us, that is the point at which we depart from the degree of perfection that our God wishes for us here on earth. That is the measure of our character defects (Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, 65).

Few of us can quickly or easily become ready to aim at spiritual and moral perfection. Many want to settle for only as much perfection as will get us by in life. The difference between "the boys and the men" is the difference between striving for a self-determined objective or for the perfect objective which is of God (Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, 68). Only Step One, where we made the 100 percent admission we were powerless over alcohol, can be practiced with absolute perfection. The remaining eleven Steps state perfect ideals. They are goals toward which we look (Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, 68).

If we would gain any real advantage in the use of Step Six on problems other than alcohol, we shall need to make a brand new venture into open-mindedness. We shall need to raise our eyes toward perfection, and be ready to walk in that direction. It will seldom matter how haltingly we walk. The only question will be "Are we ready?" (Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions, 68).

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"Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character."

TRADITION SIX

"An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose."

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Dear Grapevine:

As is true with all of us, alcoholic and non-alcoholic alike, when we honestly face ourselves we find many instances of our own shortcomings, and of our own faulty handling of our problems, which has made them grow like veritable Frankensteins to our own undoing. Whether we like it or not, therefore, each wife, I feel, must face the fact that she had no little share in the development of her husband's alcoholic problem, whether it was in coddling, the holding of resentment, lack of understanding, wearing the cloak of martyrdom, or whatever the form. Realization of her part in the problem is for some wives the first step forward, and can play a large part in the ultimate outcome. Hence I feel she should have a share in the working out of the problem, and should not be shut out from any of the joys which go hand in hand with A.A. growth.

I'd like especially, therefore, to address my remarks to the husband who wrote some time ago that his wife is "jealous of A.A." My observation of A.A. has been that the men who do the best job and get the most out of the group, and consequently out of life, are the men whose wives are as interested as they--who try sincerely and conscientiously to find out and to understand what it is all about, and then take it unto themselves.

For most of us, actually to share in a common interest with our husbands, after the long years of lone-wolfing while the wall of misunderstanding and resentment grew higher and higher between us, is a joy almost beyond our former fondest imaginings. New wives should meet and talk with wives whose husbands are making A.A. work, and should go to as many open meetings as possible. What I learned mostly from attendance at meetings was, as was pointed out in a recent Saturday Evening Post article on the new psychosomatic treatment of war-shocked soldiers, that we all are pretty much the same inside and our individual personality problems not at all unique. Bring your wife with you, I say; let her laugh with you at yourself and herself as some other A.A. relates some experience similar to yours which seemed so tragic at the time; let her thrill with you as she sees, as time goes on, the lines of worry and strain erased from the faces of the new men and their wives; get her to pass along to some newer wife the joy she has found; get her to take her own part in it all. Then she won't have time to be jealous, and life will have a new meaning and fullness for you both. And as the months pile up, she can share with you some of the other interests mentioned in the column "Time on Your Hands," and perhaps as we did last summer, listen to a Stadium concert and, as night takes possession of the sky, have creep into her heart that "peace which passeth all understanding."

Faithfully yours, A.A. Wife

Montclair, New Jersey
February 1945

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Area 74 District 01 Treasurer's Report

Prepared for the May 8, 2014 GSR Meeting

Starting Balance as of 04/13/2014		\$2,222.13
Expenses		
Color Master - Newsletters	\$143.50	
The Bridge - rent	\$15.00	
City of Green Bay - Bus adds	\$42.00	
Total Expenses-		-\$200.50
Deposits:		
April 10, 2014 7th Trad	\$10.50	
Road to Recovery	\$100.00	
It's in the Book	\$122.50	
Serenity Now	\$300.00	
Fisherman's Paradise	\$30.00	
Total Deposits+		+\$563.00
Ending Balance May 07, 2014		\$2,584.63
(\$1,300.00 for prudent reserve)		\$1,300.00
Total Funds Available to spend		\$1,284.63



"I had a layover in Omaha ... which led to a hangover in Des Moines."

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Send your short story about recovery to *The Communicator*: newsletter@greenbayaa.org

BACK TO BASICS SEMINAR

All 12 Steps in four sessions
EACH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
6:30 pm

Green Bay Area Alcoholics Anonymous Central Office
1270 Main St, Green Bay, WI

Suggested Text:

Back to Basics - Alcoholics Anonymous Beginners' Meetings
by Wally P.

6TH ANNUAL

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN TRI-STATE ROUND UP*

JUNE 13-15, 2014

Round Up Registration: \$15 After June 1st \$20

Saturday Dinner at 5:30 pm (\$25-Meal Price)

NEW Tri-State Round Up

Registration, Payment, Information

PO Box 22533

Green Bay, WI 54305

(920) 492-1269

Lodging Information: Radisson Hotel and Conference Center

2040 Airport Drive

Green Bay, WI 54313

14TH ANNUAL

MIDWEST MOTORCYCLE AA CONVENTION

Hosted by the Freedom, Faith, and Fellowship AA Group

JUNE 20-22, 2014

Pearl City, IL 61062

WWW.MMAAC.ORG

THE BRIDGE OF GREEN BAY SPAGHETTI DINNER

FUNDRAISER*

JUNE 21, 2014

THE BRIDGE OF GREEN BAY

2514 Jenny Ln Green Bay, WI

Dinner: 5:30 - 6:30 Speaker: 7:00

The Bridge needs a new roof. This fund raiser
will help start this effort.

CENTRAL OFFICE - OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014

Green Bay Area Central Office

1270 Main St, Green Bay, WI

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Gratitude Meeting: 10:00 am (chair-Char)

Pot Luck (Bring a Dish to Pass)

Bake Sale (donations needed)

SEYMOUR INTERGROUP

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2014

Doors Open - 4:30 pm, Dinner - 6:00pm

Speaker Meeting - 7:15 pm

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

349 N. Main St, Seymour, WI

Hot sandwiches provided-Bring a dish

RECOVERY ON THE LAKE-CAMPOUT

JULY 11-13, 2014

Mawacehseneyah Comm. Cultural & Language Cntr.

W2266 CTY HWY VV, Keshena, WI 54135

Camping - Sacred Fire - Wellbriety Circles for all ages

ARM Ice Cream Social - Children Activities

24-hour Coffee Pot - Port-a-Pots

Registration: \$10 p/person

Send to: Recovery on the Lake c/o David Miller

PO Box 892, Keshena, WI 54135

Bonnie (920) 445-6759

Boobie (715) 444-1150 Davey (715) 799-4319

CIRCLE CITY ROUND UP*

JULY 18-20, 2014

Indianapolis Marriott East

7202 East 21st Street

Indianapolis IN 56219

Celebrate Recovery - Unity & Service with the Fellowship
Sobriety Countdown - Banquet - Speakers

218 CLUB SUMMER PICNIC*

SATURDAY, AUG 23, 2014

Murphy Park

1627 Dousman St, Green Bay, WI

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Food - Activities for all ages

Bring a Dish to Pass

SOBRIETY UNDER THE STARS CAMPOUT*

AUG 29-SEPT 1, 2014

Christian Harbor Youth Camp

Holcombe, WI

Cabins and Tents Only, No RVs

Registration Fee Required

Fran Jarstad (715) 532-5370

AA - AREA 74 FALL CONFERENCE*

“Recovery, Unity, Service - Our Three Legacies”

SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2014

The Plaza Hotel and Suites

1202 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI

Contact: Cheryl L. (715) 210-2262

Service

Green Bay Area Alcoholics Anonymous 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

Terry H. at (920) 432-2600

1270 Main St, Green Bay, WI 54302

Volunteer Responsibilities Include:

Process the purchase of literature, mugs, and stickers

Answer phone including AA Hotline - Refer hotline calls to trained
volunteers

2015 Area 74 Spring Conference

Kimberly S. (920) 592-9337

Volunteers needed.

Bridging the Gap*

1270 Main Street #102

Green Bay, WI 54302

bridging@greenbayaa.org

www.greenbayaa.org/service.html

Introduce newly released inmates to AA

Volunteers with minimum one-year sobriety & sponsor

Donate

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PO Box 632 Green Bay, WI 54305

AA AREA 74 TREASURER

P.O. Box 84 Paradise, MI 49768

www.area74.org

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Grand Central Station

P.O. Box 459 New York, NY 10163

(212) 870-3400

www.aa.org

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) MEETING

May 8, 2014

District Committee Member (DCM) Report-Summary:

(Meeting Minutes Online: www.greenbayaa.org)

Dear Friends:

I attended the Area 74 Delegates workshop and assembly this past month and was happy to see we had two of our GSRs attend. I hope this is a sign of good things to come. The GSR is the voice of the group and the more GSRs we can have attend Area Assemblies the bigger the influence the groups of District 01 will have. The next Area Assembly will be May 17, 2014 in Neenah. With this being right down the road I am challenging the GSRs of our District to attend exercising their group's conscience and learning the workings of AA at the Area level. The Area Assemblies also give the GSR the opportunity to interact with their counterparts throughout the area, making friends and sharing ideas that will make the groups stronger. I look forward to seeing you there. We have a strong district with great GSRs and committee chairs. I encourage all GSRs to attend our monthly district meetings. If you are a group member and your GSR is not attending please ask them to represent your group at the meeting. I also encourage any AA member to come and visit our meeting to see how your trusted servants conduct the districts business. The more people we have attend the more good ideas we will have. It is my goal to make District 01 the district other districts look to as a model.

In loving service,

Tom Y. DCM

Secretary: The minutes of the April 10th meeting were reviewed by all present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the April 10th meeting minutes. Passed. Thank you for the emailed and written reports I have received to include in the minutes. ~Marty S.

Newsletter: I bring the latest issue of The Communicator to this meeting for distribution in our District. The remaining newsletters will be placed in the Central Office. ~Ronald M.

Grapevine: Made collection boxes for passed Grapevine issues. One is at The Bridge and the other is at the 218 Club. Help to pass on the Grapevine. They will go to the jails. Thank you. ~CJ D..

Webmaster: This month I had to take care of a problem that was brought to my attention by our Area Delegate Mary Jo R. I was asked to post the agendas for the 64th General Service Conference on our web site. While I was on vacation in Mississippi I got a call from Mary Jo. She informed me that the agendas had last names on them and GSO wanted the agendas removed. At that point I had already removed the posting on our web site. However, because the pdf files were still in our pdf file you could still find the agendas in a google search. I call Ron our past web master and he was able to remove the files and the problem was solved. So I would like to thank Ron for solving the problem when I could not do it without being at home. In the future I will need to check all documents closer before I post them. The documents that I was asked to post had over 300 page. So I would ask all of you to please check all document very closely before you ask me to post them on our website. I would also, like to let all groups know that The New Group and GSR Change Forms can now be found on our website on the service page. ~Jack S.

Cooperation with the Professional Community: Went to the Golden House and met with the Director. ~Jennifer A.

District Events: No report - Absent.

Public Information: Committee group has delivered all packets. Voted to accept "Alcoholics Anonymous" on the top of the district meeting list. Looking into radio public service announcements. ~Paul K.

Bridging the Gap: All is great with BTG. Lots of wonderful new volunteers, many jail requests and some healthy connections being made. Thanks to all the people that make this service work. ~Mary S. absent-report submitted by Marty S.

Archives: Will have a conference call with Gloria, the Area 74 Archives Chair on May 15th. ~Bruce K.

Treasurer's Report: Area 74 District 01 Treasurer's Report (see page 2) Prepared for the May 08, 2014 GSR Meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Passed. ~Pat H.

Corrections: No report - Absent.

GSR Reports

Early Birds: Our group will go through with the newcomers' packet to give to people brand new to the AA program. An idea was brought up during our business meeting and we will be bringing it up to our group to see if they would be interested in doing a Speaker Meeting the last Sunday of the month or whichever Sunday the group decides. ~Christina M.

Fisherman's Paradise: Nothing new to report. ~Ronald M.

Flintville Early Risers: We have a well-attended meeting. We have to go out back to get more chairs. ~Tom Y.

It's In The Book: Going well. ~Pat H.

Never on Sunday: Al E. is GSR for our group. ~Paul K.

Red Road: Nothing new to report. ~Marty S.

Serenity Now: Going strong. Business as usual. ~Jennifer A. GSR Alternate

Sisters in Sobriety: Our group voted to start a Corrections Literature Box to collect donations and purchase AA literature. ~CJ D.

Old Business

• Revision of the District 01 Bylaws As Chair of the Ad Hoc committee to review the District 01 Bylaws of July 1st 2009, Bruce K. made those changes and brought the revised version to us during our March 13th Meeting. No feedback was received and no comments made so a motion was made to accept the May 8th 2014 revision. Motion seconded and passed.

New Business

• Blackie D. introduced himself as member of an AA group in District 22. He asked if his group could change its affiliation from District 22 to District 01. Tom Y said he would talk to the DCM of District 22 and would look into the matter. This item is tabled for now.

• 2015 Spring Conference, Tom Y. Planning for the 2015 Spring Conference is coming along. Conference Chair Kimberly S. has been attending the District 02 planning meetings learning from their group. District 01 would like to formally thank District 02 for all they have done.

• Tom Y distributed to those present a copy of the Area Assembly Minutes from March 30, 2014. He asked that they be brought back to the groups and discussed during the business meeting.

Remember to attend the 2014 Area 74 Spring Conference, May 16, 17, 18. If you plan to only attend the Assembly, the registration fee of \$17 for the conference is waived.