



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)

"TIME AND THE RIVER"

An AA member shows how his life changed with sobriety

I came to the point of nothingness after having lived in hell for 48 years. I have experienced all kinds of wickedness, all of them masterminded by myself. There was no one to blame, although blaming someone would have allowed me a more or less decent escape. All I was looking for was how to live a life where I could live at peace with others, and myself.

I was cornered, with nowhere to go. They say, "God will never give you more than you can handle." I did not know this, but something moved me to surrender, and surrender I did. "Help!" I blurted out between sobs, as I cried the river of my life.

I walked through the doors of AA and said, "I am Jesus and I am an alcoholic. An alcoholic of my kind is an undesirable individual. I am nothing, I came from nothing, and I am going to remain nothing. All I want is not to drink, to not hurt anyone anymore. And I need help." How sweet is the medicine that I found in AA. I was told the magic words, "You are going to be OK."

I was encouraged to come back the very next day, and I could not wait to go and get more of that magic medicine called, love. I received my daily dose of love from some 30 people every day. Oh! How many times did I have their attention, and how many times did they sit down with me and put me to rest. It was the love of these people that helped me back to health. Soon I was enjoying a good six hours of sleep. It was wonderful.

I was able to come home when I said I would be home. The grass changed color from brown to green, and the sound of the lawnmower was music to my ears. I felt that all I was doing was just following directions, I never had time to think of something that I was going to do; I was always doing something that someone told me to do.

I heard my fellow AAs say things like: "I came home on time," "I got up and cut the grass," "I got up and surprised my wife with a clean table cloth and all the gear for breakfast ready to go." They suggested that I do what they did if I wanted what they had. And I did. I have never stopped. Time flew by: one year, then two, then it was five. I am now 24 years sober. It is me who tells newcomers, "It's going to be OK."

Today, I know what it is like to be nothing. That feeling is different from the one I used to feel when I came into AA. I came to AA to build my life, but I stayed to pray. The old feeling has become one of humility.

The music of Alcoholics Anonymous before the meeting is like practicing the tune that is going to be played. Then there is the rhythm of the meeting, compared to the waves of the ocean, there is a crest and then a dip, and we all move at the same time. This is how we can practice humility. It is with love and tears that I have written this small testimony, after 24 years of enjoying living sober, because of God and AA

—Jesus A.
Tarzana, Calif.

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Donate your AA Grapevines to Green Bay Central Office Archives-Editions Dated from 2010 to 2015

Unity

* Indicates an online detailed flyer or registration form at www.greenbayaa.org

NORTHEAST WISC. TRI-STATE ROUND UP*

JUNE 12-14, 2015

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
2040 Airport Drive
Green Bay, WI 54313

Cost: \$25 (after June 1st - \$30)

Round Up Saturday Banquet - \$25

Registration forms available - Online & Central Office

BARBECUE DINNER*

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015

The Bridge of Green Bay
2514 Jenny Lane

Green Bay, WI 54302

5:00pm Fellowship, 6:00pm Dinner

Open speaker to follow

Please bring a dish to pass—but not required!

SEYMOUR INTERGROUP*

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2015

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
349 N. Main Street
Seymour, WI 54165

Doors Open-4:00pm, Dinner-6pm, Meeting-7:15

2015 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS*

JULY 2-5, 2015 - Atlanta, Georgia

With the theme "80 Years – Happy, Joyous and Free."

Pre-registration deadline: May 12, 2015

Pre-registration fee: \$100

For more information: www.aa.org

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

circlecityroundup@yahoo.com

218 SUMMER PICNIC*

SATURDAY AUGUST 15TH 2015

At Murphy Park Pavilion

1627 Dousman

Green Bay, WI 54303

11 AM – 4 PM

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

Service

URGENT! HOTLINE Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed to take 12th step calls from the Hotline.

2+ years of sobriety is required.

Training meeting on Thursday, March 26th-6:30 PM at the Central Office.

Betsy N. (920) 362-9397

URGENT! Female Volunteers Needed for Corrections*

Female volunteers are urgently needed Wednesday 6:00pm, 1 or 2 times a month for the meetings at the Brown County Jail (3030 Curry Ln, Green Bay). Plenty of training provided. Please read the testimonials on our website to see what current volunteers have to say about their experiences!

www.greenbayaa.org/PDF/service/JailVolunteersStories.pdf

For more information, please contact Lynn

(920) 362-3455 or lynnlade49@yahoo.com

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

Bridging the Gap*

1270 Main Street #102

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bridging@greenbayaa.org

www.greenbayaa.org/service.html

Introduce newly released inmates to AA

Volunteers with minimum one-year sobriety & sponsor

Volunteers Needed Serving Brown County Jails*

Help Carry the Message Behind Bars!

Corrections Volunteers Needed

For Authorization Forms

Contact: Tim T. (920) 227-3156 or tetoepel@aol.com

Donate

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AA AREA 74 TREASURER

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Grand Central Station

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www.aa.org

--NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED--

Are you or someone you know interested in creating this monthly newsletter?

Learn more at:

Monthly GSR Meetings: 6:30 pm, Second Thursday, Green Bay Area Central Office - 1270 Main St. #102, Green Bay, WI 54302
District Chairperson Tom Y. dcmDistrict01@greenbayaa.org

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) MEETING

May 14, 2015

District Committee Member (DCM) Report-Summary:

(Meeting Minutes Online: www.greenbayaa.org)

District 01 DCM Report: Dear Friends, In District 01 we currently have 96 meetings a week held at 31 locations around the district. Our district meeting is well attended with around 20 participants. We have two new officers. Nate K. is our new Alternate DCM and Dean H. is transitioning into the treasurer's post. Pat our current treasurer has accepted a position in Arizona and will be leaving the state in October.

Our district picnic is set for August 15th at Perkins Park in Green Bay. Our District Events Co-chairs Jason and Josiah are brainstorming out of the box ideas to make the picnic fun.

The district archives received the gift of a large plaque from the family of Frank Neu. The plaque commemorates Frank Neu, a Green Bay businessman and Dr. W. W. Kelly both non alcoholics who just wanted to help. They traveled to Chicago and brought AA materials back to Green Bay in 1941. In 2016 we will be celebrating 75 years of AA in our district.

Planning the spring conference has taken most of the districts energy since the delegate's workshop. The Conference Chairperson Kimberly S. and all the volunteers have been working very hard to insure a successful conference. On behalf of District 01 I want to thank all the volunteers, conference committee chairs and all those throughout Area 74 that have helped us with putting on the conference.

In loving service. Thomas Y. DCM

Secretary, The April 9, 2015 minutes were reviewed by those present. A motion was made and seconded to accept these minutes. The motion passed. ~Marty S.

Bridging the Gap, Mary S. (Absent) Report received by email. I will continue to serve as chair for BTG during my illness..

Webmaster, Jack S. This month our website ran very smoothly. I received a request from our Correction Chair Tim to posts two things on our website. The first was CORRECTIONS OPPORTUNITY stating: Female volunteers are urgently needed 1 or 2 times a month. I posted an announcement on our home and service pages. The second was Wisconsin & UP Michigan Corrections Conference. I posted this on our events page. I would like to remind everyone that the District 01 Nomination Forms for our upcoming fall elections can be found on our service page.

As always please let me know if there is anything you would like me to change or add to our website. Yours in sobriety and service, Jack S.

Newsletter, Ronald M. Nothing to report.

Grapevine, Barbara S. Nothing to report.

Corrections, Tim T. Need women volunteers. Overall doing well.

District Events Co-Chairs, Jason P. and Josiah P. There was a discussion about including a dunk tank in our picnic festivities. The discussion was tabled and a request made to all our groups to think outside the box for ideas to make our picnic more entertaining.

Cooperation with the Professional Community, Amy G. I will be distributing meeting lists and copies of the May edition of The Communicator to the Vet Center and outpatient clinic.

Public Information Chair, Paul K. Purchased a public service announcement to play on radio stations to announce AA experience. Hopefully some stations decide to pass the message.

Archives, Bruce K. Attended the Archives Conference in Crivitz, WI on May 9th. Reps from seven districts were there plus the Area 74 Archives Chair. Came back with some great ideas so we will have two or three displays for our table at this Spring Conference highlighting our archives. The displays will be set up by Friday afternoon. Looking forward to a great Spring Conference. Respectfully, Bruce K.

Treasurer's Report, Pat H. Area 74 District 01 Treasurer's Report
Prepared for the May 12, 2015 GSR Meeting

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Starting Balance as of April 8, 2015 \$3,767.79

Expenses

City of Green Bay - Bus Ads	42.00
Color Master - Newsletters	143.50
T. Younger - Delegate Workshop	130.00
Total Expenses	\$-315.50

Deposits:

Promise Seekers	60.00
218 Club	103.24
Friends of Bill	100.00
Flintville Early Risers	180.00
It's in the Book	80.00
New Hope Group	125.00
Never on Sunday	75.00
Total Deposits	\$723.24
Ending Balance May 13, 2015	\$2,784.53
(\$1,300.00 for prudent reserve)	-\$1,300.00
Total Funds Available	\$1,484.53

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

Resources Online

"Keep Recovery in Your Head"

- Alcoholics Anonymous World Org: www.aa.org
- Recovery Short Stories (print/audio): www.aagrapevine.org
- AA Speakers Online/Download: www.aaspeakers.org
- Adult and Teenage Family & Friends of Alcoholic: www.al-anon.alateenorg
- Historical Resources of Alcoholics Anonymous: www.silkworth.net

GSR Reports

First Things First, Don D. Doing well.
Early Birds, Christina M. Doing ok.
Eye Opener, Geri L. Everything's going good.
It's In the Book, James R. All is well.
Never on Sunday, Paul K. Going well.
St. Mary's Luxemburg, Johneen Z. Going well.
Red Road, Matthew H. Going good.
Road to Recovery, Dean H. Going well.
Serenity Now, Jennifer A. OK.
Fisherman's Paradise, Tommy M. Our group is well attended.
Flintville Early Risers, Nate K. Going well. We are donating to the Bill W. Fund.
Sisters in Sobriety, Sue C. Going well.
Women in the Present, Betsy N. Our group continues to grow.



"Is this where the oldtimers sit?"

www.aagrapevine.org/celebrate-grapevine-70

Old Business

- A motion was made, seconded and passed to elect Nathan K. as District 01 Alternate DCM for the remainder of this term ending December 2015.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed to elect Dean H. as District 01 Treasurer for the remainder of this term ending December 2015.
- 2015 Area 74 Spring Conference, May 15-17, 2015 report:
Kimberly passed out and described the agenda of the 2015 Area 74 Spring Conference. She asked for a final report of the Chairs for the conference. Reports were received by: Lyn L. Registration, Dean H. Treasurer, Bret D. Panels, Josiah P. Youth Panels, Bill D. Hospitality, Betty P. and Sharilyn O. Alanon, Mark Greeter, Linda S. and Tom S. Entertainment, Don D. Alcathon and Terri L. Decorations. After the GSR and Committee Chair meeting adjourned, Kimberly gave a tour of the conference area.

New Business

- Mike G presented a plaque to District 01 Archives. The plaque came from Frank Neu's family. He started AA in Green Bay with Dr. W.W. Kelly in 1942. It will be displayed at the Central Office.
- A motion was made, seconded and passed that the money collected by the Seventh Tradition in this GSR and Committee Chair meeting be added to the Bill W. fund.

"THE 20 QUESTIONS"

She realized that you only have to answer one right—one important one

During the fall of 1989, my drinking seemed like it had gotten really out of control. Of course, I didn't have a clue that alcohol was my problem. I thought it was somebody else's fault. It wasn't mine. And it certainly wasn't my drinking.

I was at a bowling event for work and I drank one too many beers. I didn't drive home. I walked. I got home and as usual was obnoxious and loud toward my roommate. We wound up getting into a physical tussle.

The next day I went to work and saw an announcement in the coffee room about the employee assistance program. The announcement asked if you were having problems with other people. I was. So, I called the number. I went to my first session and the therapist gave me the 20 questions. How she knew to give me that, I don't know. Maybe my higher power.

The first question was, "Do you black out." I answered, "Yes." Apparently, it doesn't matter how you answer the rest of the questions.

My therapist was very loving and gentle with me in the way she approached me about my alcoholic behavior. My denial was very deep.

After many weeks of going to therapy, she sent me to my first meeting. I arrived late, and sat in the last row in the corner.

As the meeting was going on, I was crying. I'm not sure why, but I was. I stayed for the entire meeting.

I got sober in New Orleans and at the end of the meeting we recognize lengths of sobriety with chips. The leader of the meeting began giving out chips and he said that the first chip we have is a 24-hour chip. He asked if anyone had 24 hours of sobriety.

I had a little bit more than 24 hours so I didn't raise my hand. The leader could see that I was new and took a breath and then said, "Or a desire not to drink today?"

I had a desire not to drink so I raised my hand and went up to the front and he gave me a chip. Everyone clapped. I cried but also felt a huge relief. I could feel the warmth from people.

The group said in unison, "Keep coming back." I really believed they wanted me to come back.

So from that day to today, some 24 years later, I still keep coming back. I have an immense amount of gratitude and love for that group and its members. I will never forget what got me into AA and what keeps me here.

—Deborah D., Houston, Texas

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