



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)

"WHY WE DO IT"

Service beyond the group ensures that AA will be here for the alcoholic not yet in the door

We were sitting in a workshop at our area assembly on a Sunday morning. It was my first experience at an assembly, and I was wondering, Why are we here? I was not feeling well. I was in pain, exhausted and feeling sorry for myself. The workshop was entitled "The Concepts: Why We Have Them and Why They Work." I was there only because of my DCM's suggestion. I had tried to read the Concepts once, but they were a distant third to the Steps and Traditions in the competition for this alcoholic's heart and attention. So I sipped my coffee and mentally grumbled. It was a miracle I was there at all, I thought. Twenty-four years earlier, at age 44, I had come into the rooms desperate and defeated. AA welcomed and hooked me, and I was on the path to a sober life.

I had found AA while living in a small, rural town. I made coffee, was the home group treasurer and tried to be of service on a local level. I had no idea that we lived in a "district" within an "area" of an overall AA structure. Our Seventh Tradition money went only for rent, coffee and literature. I had never heard of GSRs and DCMs until my wife, also in recovery, and I moved to Virginia many years later.

In the meantime, our youngest child, born into a sober home, had gone off to college and progressed rapidly into the disease he had inherited from both of us. He came home after his first semester defeated by the disease, and tried to get sober in local meetings, but relapsed and asked to go into a rehab. The recovery community of AA, and the Twelve-Step rehab program he entered, saved my child's life, just as AA had saved my life, the life of my wife and the lives of all of us in AA. But as I sat and grumbled in that workshop I was far away from any gratitude.

The workshop leader, Susan C., a former delegate, was reading from a speech given in 1954 at the opening of the General Service Conference and printed in The A.A. Service Manual:

"We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in AA that rebirth that has brought us back to life."

Those words, read aloud, were like a hand reaching in and yanking me out of my self-pity (and I have no doubt whose hand that was). I welled up with tears of gratitude, thinking of my wife and son, knowing that our son had been that "child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism." And I knew it in my heart.

Susan continued reading the eloquent words from that speech:

"We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must ensure can never invade AA. ... We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services. ... We need it to ensure that changes within AA come only as a response to the needs and the wants of all AA, and not of any few. We need it to ensure that the doors of the halls of AA never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unmasked and feel welcome. We need it to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is."

I sat there and thought that I must do everything I can to strengthen and maintain our Steps, Traditions and Concepts. I'm responsible to be of service to this divine gift, this radically democratic and loving program of AA. I'm responsible to do what I can to support Grapevine and GSO. I'm responsible to do what I can to ensure that AA is there for my grandchildren and great-grandchildren and generations to come who may be destined for alcoholism. I want them to be able to crawl, someday if they need to, into the arms of AA.

—Warren G., Woodward, OK

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DISTRICT 01 MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2016

6:30 PM

All AA members are Welcome
Central Office
1270 Main St
Green Bay, WI 54302

218 CLUB STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016

7:00 PM

All members who attend meetings at the 218 are welcome
Committee meetings are held to review what is happening
with meetings held at the Club

218 Club
218 South Oneida St
Green Bay, WI 54303

AREA 74 2016 SPRING CONFERENCE*

MAY 20-22, 2016

Friday Night-Ice Cream Social
Saturday Night-Banquet, Speaker, and Dance
Sunday-Morning Speaker

AmericInn
3009 Lakeshore Dr
Ashland, WI 54806
Phone: 715.682.9950

Registration & Banquet \$41
Registration only \$18

Rooms are \$107 plus tax, per night, double occupancy
Contact: Sheryl @ Crazy_bear63@yahoo.com

OPEN SPEAKER MEETING & POT LUCK DINNER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2016

Meal 7:30 PM & Meeting 8:00 PM

218 Club
218 South Oneida St
Green Bay, WI 54303

CENTRAL OFFICE CELEBRATION PICNIC

JUNE 5, 2016

11:30-3:30 PM

Joannes Park
205 S Baird St

Green Bay, WI 54301

Families and children are welcome
Hot dogs, chips, cookies, and beverages provided
Please bring a dish to pass

Music, water balloon toss, and other games.
Josiah P. 920-264-2107 / Tracy R. 920-562-5383

SEYMOUR INTERGROUP*

SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2016

Doors open 4:30 PM & Dinner 6:00 PM

Meeting -7:15 PM

AA Speaker & Al-Anon Speakers
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
349 North Main St
Seymour, WI 54165

Hot sandwiches provided
Please bring a side dish to share

218 CLUB OPEN SPEAKER EVENT - DEREK T.*

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016

7:30 PM Fellowship & Snacks

8:00 PM Derek T. of Paradise, MI

Stick around for delicious desserts following the speaker!

218 Club
218 South Oneida St
Green Bay, WI 54303

DISTRICT 20 WORKSHOP*

SATURDAY JUNE 18, 2016

AA Workshop by Members and for Members on
Giving Back Through Sponsorship

Join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and sharing
11:00-5:30 PM

St. Therese Catholic Church
8137 M-77

Germfask, MI 49836
Dean: 630-824-7516

20TH ANNUAL "KEEP IT SIMPLE"

AA & AL-ANON RETREAT*

JULY 21-24, 2016

Washington Island Campground
745 East Side Rd

Washington, WI 54246

Registration forms online and at The Bridge or 218 Club

218 SUMMER PICNIC*

SATURDAY AUGUST 20, 2016

Hamburgers and Brats will be served - Bring a dish to pass
Activities and games for all ages !!!

Murphy Park Pavillion
11:00 - 4:00 PM

1627 Dousman Street
Green Bay, WI 54303

SOBRIETY GATHERING*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

from 9:00 am - until...

Parish Hall

2936 Freedom Road (Co. Rd. E)
Oneida, WI 54155

Open Event - No Cost
(Donations Appreciated)

9:00 am - BREAKFAST

Panels, Talking Circle

12:00 pm - LUNCH

Panels

Meetings: AA, Al-Anon & Alateen
EVENING FEAST

Dance Band/DJ/Open Mic

Speaker: AA, Al-Anon, Alateen

NO FEE OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Confirm for planning purposes by phone or email
Wes M: 920-544-9709 (westmartin@new.rr.com)

Gary: 920-362-0206; Paul N: 920-370-3317

Janet M: 920-869-2278

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) MEETING

April 14, 2016

District Committee Member (DCM) Report-Summary:

(Meeting Minutes Online: www.greenbayaa.org)

District 01 DCM Report: Dear Friends, In March and the first week of April I attended the Delegate's Workshop and the Area Assembly. During these two events the Delegate heard the voice of the Area's representatives including DCMs and GSRs from throughout Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. On the topic of a plain language version the Big Book, those in attendance voted against considering this with substantial unanimity.

The business of the Area is also taken care of at the Assemblies. There was a discussion on the issue of changing the words "business meeting" to "service meeting" within the Area's Bylaws. It was voted on and passed. There was also lengthy discussion on the General Service Board's Feasibility Study and their strategic plan "Serving The Fellowship". Just being present at these meetings and seeing the principles of AA put into practice as well as the passion behind what seems at first such simple proposal is quite a learning experience for me. It is my hope that more of us have the opportunity to take part in these Assemblies. Not only so we can be represented, but also see the effort and concern that goes into making and keeping AA the way it is. The minutes from the most recent Assembly are currently being put together. Once completed, I will report on the rest of Assembly topics. It's amazing to me how much discussion and detail gets put into these minutes.

May 20-22nd is the Area Spring conference in Ashland, WI. Here the Delegate will give his report on the General Service Conference. This spring and summer there are several District events including a visit and talk from our Area Delegate, Derek T. Lastly, if you're interested in hearing a report from any of the Area events I have attended, or simply want to hear more about a discussion item from any of the meetings, just let me or your GSR know and I'd be happy to bring it to your group.

Yours in service, Nate K. DCM

Secretary, The March 10, 2016 minutes were reviewed by those present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. ~Theresa D.

Archive, Going well. Nothing new to report. ~Bruce K.

Bridging the Gap, Going well. She will be attending a Correction Conference on April 30th in Madison. ~Christina M.

Cooperation with the Professional Community, I have gotten in touch with Barry B - the Area 74 CPC chair. I look forward to hearing his ideas for how to better serve as the District 01 CPC chair. I will continue to distribute copies of The Communicator to the Vet Center, the Veterans Outpatient Clinic and the Bellin Cancer Center. ~Amy G.

Corrections, Nothing new to report. ~Sean S./Laurie M.

District Events Co-Chair, Sober Bowling night was discussed and that event flyer circulated. There is an upcoming event on "Sponsorship -- Challenges Facing Both Sides" to be held on May 21, 2016. A flyer for that event was circulated.

There is an upcoming speaker event to be held on June 10, 2106. Derek T, Area 74 Delegate, will be the speaker. A flyer was circulated on that event. Further discussion was had as to if there were any GSRs who would like to meet with Derek for breakfast the following morning. It was voted on, and agreed to, that Derek T's expenses should be paid for by the District.

A discussion was had as to if our District wants to make a bid for the 2018 Spring Conference. This should be brought for discussion to the home groups to gauge the interest and the results brought to the next District meeting.

A pool of volunteers to assist with District events was provided in a handout to be circulated among home group members.

Also for circulation to home group members was a handout in the form of a "voting document." This will provide the District Event co-Chairs with information as to what the fellowship may be looking for in terms of planning future events. The results will be tallied by Kimberly and Kristen and they will let everyone know which activities and panel topics the fellowship is interested in.

If you have any questions on any events, please call/text Kimberly at 920-370-3581 or Kristen C. at 920-309-0390. ~Kristen C./Kimberly S.

Newsletter, Nothing to report. ~Ronald M.

Public Information, Beverly can no longer hold this Chair. Bruce K. is going to check in with the counselor for those meetings and intersect with Kimberly S. who has signup sheets from her home group. ~Beverly V.

Webmaster, Nothing new to report. Maintenance on the website is going well. ~Debbie P./Sam J.

Treasurer's Report, Dean H. A motion was made and seconded to accept the 04/14/16 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed. (See Page 4)

Treasurer's Report, Dean H. Prepared for the April 14, 2016 Meeting

Starting Balance as of 03/10/2016 \$5,741.76

Deposits

Friends of Bill	\$100.00
Flintville Early Risers	\$180.00
Promise Seekers	\$160.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$440.00
SUBTOTAL	\$6,181.76

Expenses

ColorMaster (Newsletter printing Feb. 2016)	\$169.00
ColorMaster (Newsletter printing Mar. 2016)	\$169.00
Total Expenses:	\$338.00
Ending Balance April 14, 2016	\$5,843.76
Prudent Reserve	\$1,300.00
Total Funds Available	\$4,543.76

Service

FEMALES & MALES NEEDED BROWN COUNTY JAIL MEETINGS

Wednesday night jail meetings, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
3030 Curry Lane, Green Bay, WI 54311
pre-authorization needed and training provided

Please contact:

Sean S. 920-468-9283 (Men)

Laurie M. 920-336-7698 (Women)
corrections@greenbayaa.org

GREEN BAY AREA CENTRAL OFFICE & HOTLINE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Eric S. 920-785-4096

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

Old Business: None.

New Business: A discussion was had as to when the Minutes of the meeting should be posted (i.e. should there be a week waiting period to allow for revisions and/or additions before they are posted). It was agreed that the Minutes could be posted as is, and if there are revisions and changes, those would be incorporated at the next District meeting. The remaining items of new business centered on the report by the Events co-Chairs as to upcoming events

GSR Reports:

- **Early Birds, 7:30 am, Sunday**, 218 Club, James R., Don D. Going well. No changes.
- **Walk with Us**, Henrietta D. The meeting continues to be well attended with approx. 10-20 members. They announce at each meeting that the Central Office is in need of service workers to answer phones and attend to the office.
- **Flintville Early Risers**, Tom B. They are actively recruiting an alternate GSR.
- **It's in the Book**, Gary M. Going well.
- **Letting Go**, Donna Y. Doing very well. Well attended.
- **Oneida AA Club**, Matt H. Going well. Nothing new to report.
- **Serenity Now**, Jennifer A. Everything is going good.
- **Sisters in Sobriety**, Sue C. Going well.

DEAR GRAPEVINE: REAL-TIME RECOVERY

In "For the Birds" (February 2009 Grapevine) Carol A. wrote about staying sober in Guatemala using online resources.

I am a member of the Twelve Step Committee of Online Intergroup of AA (www.aa-intergroup.org). We have been around since about 2000, and have helped thousands of alcoholics. Our group consists of many from around the world. I have seen many AA loners get involved in our committee and bolster their own sobriety.

I wanted to remind people in situations like Carol's that this is real Twelfth Step work: a realtime way to help alcoholics who are looking for help. We can help people find their way to AA and provide a bit of a support group if needed.

-- Mark E. Flower Mound, Texas

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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

District 01 Committee Contact Information

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Seymour Intergroup

Saturday 25 June 2016

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church
349 N. Main Street, Seymour**

**Doors open @ 4:30pm, Dinner @ 6pm
Hot sandwiches provided,
please bring a side dish to share.**

Meeting starts @ 7:15
AA Speaker and Alanon Speakers

Door Prizes & Fellowship



Wheel Chair Accessible Coffee, Soda & Water available

POC- Curt H..920-606-5387