



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)

"HE SNOOZES, SHE RAGES"

For weeks, she went out of her way to drive this guy to meetings, only to watch him doze!

This "simple" AA program teaches us so many things. We learn tolerance, acceptance and honesty. We learn to identify our character defects and embrace the opposite. We learn to do the next right thing, and we learn to keep our side of the street clean. In fact, some of us go the extra mile and clean our side and then cross the street to clean up the rest of the neighborhood. We're continuously learning as we navigate the road of recovery.

I'm a huge proponent of Twelfth Step work. I often find that doing service seems to help others a tad less than it ultimately helps me. That can mean picking up the phone and reaching out to a woman. Sometimes it's as simple as baking cookies and taking them to my AA meeting. Other times, it's simply shaking a hand. Twelfth Step work takes many forms, but at the end of the day, it always yields reciprocal benefits. Some of my service includes driving a fellow to a meeting and back. Many years ago, I used to pick up a gentleman to take him to our meeting; then I would take him back to his home before heading back to mine. I'm a proponent of women working with women and men working with men. However, there is some service work where it is appropriate to help anyone, regardless of gender.

This particular fellow frustrated me week after week. I would pick him up and we'd engage in delightful banter on the way to the meeting, where he'd enjoy the coffee and cookies and would chat quite animatedly during fellowship. But as soon as the speaker began reading "How It Works," my passenger would fall asleep. He'd sleep through the entire meeting! I would wake him up in time for the closing prayer. We would talk and laugh the whole way home. Yet, resentment was building inside me. I was frustrated that I took the time to go get him so he could just fall asleep at the meetings. I was embarrassed. His inappropriate behavior was making me look bad to the other members. If he slept through the meeting, how could he possibly benefit from my service work? Clearly, my ego told me, he was wasting my time.

I never addressed the issue with my passenger friend. For months, I took him to meetings and listened to the speaker while he slept. For months, I allowed my resentment to fester and grow. Better yet, I allowed my ego to swell because I felt I was better than my fellow. I was receiving the full benefits of AA by fully participating in the meeting. Yes, I was really, really working a great program.

Almost a year later, my home group celebrated our anniversary. As many of you know, this is the most special meeting of the year. One of the circuit speakers came to our meeting to lead. I pulled out all my bells and whistles to create a professional-looking monster-sized vegetable tray to accompany our pizza dinner. The night was grand and I was so looking forward to listening to the message. I parked myself in the front row, directly in front of the speaker so as not to miss a word he said. Soon, I felt a commotion around me. People were getting up. They were gravitating toward the edge of the room to seek out hands to hold. What? What is happening? I asked myself. The meeting had just begun, or had it? Actually, it was over! I had fallen asleep in the front row, in front of our speaker, on this, the most special meeting of the year.

Mortified, embarrassed and truly humbled, I joined my fellows and finished the Lord's Prayer. I quickly made a beeline for the anniversary coordinator and extended my most sincere apologies. She didn't know what I was talking about, as she had no idea I had fallen asleep. The entire ride home (I was driving alone this week), I thought about what had happened. I recognized how dirty my side of the street had become. My ego projected a picture of white picket fences and rose bushes. But in fact, I was seeing my street through rose-colored glasses. I was judging my friend who I gave rides to and allowing myself to think, for months, that I was so much better than him.

The experience was more than humbling. It was a necessary reminder to me that sometimes just showing up, just shaking a hand, or exchanging a word with a fellow is all we need. It's our Higher Power that guides us to meetings and we get what we need from each and every meeting we attend. Driving my friend to a meeting was the benefit I could provide him. It was not for me to decide what else he needed. Driving my friend to meetings was helping me. I was being of service, I was learning, and, above all, I eventually learned a most important lesson.

My friend has since moved away and I cannot take him to meetings. However, I have taken many other fellows to meetings. And many of these fellows too have succumbed to sleep during our meetings. But now I recognize my part in the service work and remind myself that their program is their program, and my program is my program. I just have to do the next right thing and keep my own side of the street clean. It's not for me to try and tidy the entire AA neighborhood.—Samantha R., Columbus, Ohio

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MOVIE NIGHT AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2015

Interested in learning more about A.A. founder Bill W.?
1270 Main St
Green Bay, WI 54302
7:30 - Popcorn and Water Provided
Bring a snack to share, if you would like
Josiah P. 920-264-2107

KAUKAUNA INTERGROUP*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

Registration & Fellowship: 5:00 pm
St. Katharine Drexel
119 W. 7th St.
Kaukauna, WI 54130
Dinner: 6:00 pm

AA: WOMEN TO WOMEN*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2015

9:00 am - 2:30 pm
The Pass It On Club
6229 W. Forest Home Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53220
Refreshments and Lunch Provided
Registration Required: \$10 (no walk-ins)
Deadline: October 16, 2015
Joy S. 262-215-7513
Karelyn P. 414-975-6701

GRAPEVINE WORKSHOP*

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2015

(Time Unknown)
Genesis Club
1213 N. Appleton St.
Appleton, WI 54911
Sponsored by District 02

HALLOWEEN DANCE*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2015

9 PM - Midnight DJ/Dancing/Costume Contest
218 Club
218 S Oneida St
Green Bay, WI 54303

3RD ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015

12:30 - 4:00 pm
St. Matthew's Parish
130 Saint Matthew Street
Green Bay, WI 54301
Proceeds for the Jail and Prison Programs

GENESIS CLUB'S OPEN AA SPEAKER AND POTLUCK

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2015

6:00 pm
Genesis Club
1213 Appleton Street
Appleton, WI 54911
(Bring a dish to pass)

AA GROUP FORUM*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015

10 am - 2:30 pm
Group Discussion/Panel/Forum
Crossroads Community Church
520 S Oakland Ave
Green Bay, WI 54303
Refreshments and Lunch Provided
Sponsored by:
Flintville Early Risers
Sunday Morning 730 Early Birds
Road to Recovery
District 01

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL FORUM*

NOVEMBER 13-15, 2015

This forum occurs every tenth year for our five state region of Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio
Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel
16401 South 13th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53221

CENTRAL OFFICE GRATITUDE CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 14, 2015

3:00 pm - Until ?
Speaker at 7:00 pm
DarJune Cafe
1301 S. Broadway
Green Bay, WI, 54304
Silent auction ...donations needed.
Please drop donations of at DarJune
All are welcome
Don: 920-366-4880 or Josiah 920-264-2107

SHERWOOD INTERGROUP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015

Town of Harrison Hall
W5298 Hwy 114
Menasha, WI 54952
5:00 pm doors open, 6:00 pm dinner, and
7:15 open speaker meeting

Service

FEMALES 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:
Tim T.
920-227-3156
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
Betsy N. 920-362-9397
1270 Main St. #102, Green Bay, WI 54302

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) MEETING

September 10, 2015

District Committee Member (DCM) Report-Summary:

(Meeting Minutes Online: www.greenbayaa.org)

District 01 DCM Report: Summer is coming to an end and the year is flying by. The fall conference is only a few weeks away. This is a great opportunity to see old friends and to meet a lot of new ones. There will also be an area assembly at the conference. This is the voting assembly where our new Delegate and other area officers will be elected. All GSRs should attend. This is your opportunity to bring your groups conscience to the area.

We have a good group of GSRs that attend the district meetings but we would love to see a lot more. Less than 25% of the groups in the district are represented at the district meetings. Ask your GSR if they are attending the district meetings? If not encourage them to do so. If your group doesn't have a GSR it is a great service opportunity to become one.

Our District 01 elections will take place at our October District meeting. Nomination forms can be found on the district website. If you are interested in any of the district positions please fill out a nomination form and bring it to the district meeting.

In closing I wish to thank all the people who have made our district successful and look forward to seeing you soon.
In loving service, Thomas Younger, DCM

Secretary, The August 13, 2015 minutes were reviewed by those present. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The motion passed. ~Marty S.

Bridging the Gap, Mary S. Absent. Mary's report was given by Nate K. Someone is handing out bridging the gap forms and is not documenting who gave them out and whom they were given to. Please ask the group to document anytime a Bridging the Gap form is handed out. Thank you.

Webmaster, Jack S. Dear Friends,
First off I would like to thank Sam and Deb P. for their help checking the pages of our web site to make sure they are running properly. I would also, like to thank everyone who sent me information to be posted on our events page. At this point our web site is running very smoothly.

Newsletter, Ronald M. Absent.

Grapevine, Barbara S. Absent.

Corrections, Tim T. Absent.

District Events Co-Chairs, Jason P. and Josiah P. Dear Friends,
Fall is in the air today! Where has summer gone? I am grateful for the beautiful weather, in particular the great weather we were blessed with for the District Picnic on Saturday, August 22nd. Perkins Park again proved to be a good location, with its quaint covered shelter and spacious yard. Thanks to Patrick H. for providing us with the volleyball net. It certainly was not an Olympic game, but we did have fun!
Thanks to Ben B. for grilling the meat, which we were able to purchase at cost from the A & W restaurant on Monroe Ave in downtown Green Bay. Also, thanks to A & W for graciously allowing us to use their grill to prepare all the meat. Thanks to JP and Lee for helping to set up in the morning. A gracious thanks also to the friendly and helpful staff of the Green Bay Park and Rec Department. The following are the financial figures from the picnic:

Total Donations:	\$ 258.85
Expenses:	\$ 333.99
Webster Ave Market:	\$ 91.62
A & W Restaurant:	\$ 84.12
GB Park and Rec:	\$158.25
Cost to District:	\$75.14

We are working with Calvary Lutheran to obtain a date for the upcoming Intergroup/Meet N Eat. Date will most likely be Saturday, January 16th or 23rd of 2016. Any preferences for a date? It would be nice to select a date well in advance to avoid conflicts in scheduling. Lane has agreed to be our Emcee. If anyone has any ideas for AA or AI Anon speakers please let one of us know.
Yours in Sobriety, Josiah P. and Jason P.

Cooperation with the Professional Community, Amy G. Absent.

Archives, Bruce K. I'm looking for volunteers to help sort through a large donation of old AA books, minutes, magazine articles, Grapevine, etc. An update will be given at the October District meeting.

Public Information Chair, Paul K. Absent. Report given by Tom Y. We now have a digital version of the public service announcements. They can be downloaded.

Treasurer's Report, Dean H. Area 74, District 01,
 Treasurer's Report Prepared for the September 10, 2015 GSR Meeting

Starting Balance as of 8/13/2015 \$ 5,469.99

Deposits

Road to Recovery	45.00	
7AM Wed. Grapevine Meeting		30.00
218 Club	116.48	
Never on Sunday	200.00	
Sisters in Sobriety	22.94	
Total Deposits	\$414.42	
Subtotal	\$5,884.41	

Expenses

Color Master (Printing)	151.75	
City of Green Bay (Advertising - PI)	42.00	
A & W Restaurant (Picnic)	84.12	
Webster Market (Picnic)	91.62	
Total Expenses	\$ 369.49	

Ending Balance as of 9/10/2015 \$ 5,514.92

Prudent Reserve \$ 1,300.00

Total Funds Available \$ 4,214.92

A motion was made and seconded to accept the August 13 Treasurer's Report. Passed.

*Old Business

* **District 01 elections will be held at the Central Office on October 15th during our next GSR and Service Committee Meeting.** Nominations can be submitted before the election. Forms can be downloaded from the District 01 website: <http://www.greenbayaa.org/PDF/service/NominationForm2015.pdf> or picked up at the Central Office and need to be signed by the nominee before submission. The District Chair service commitment is the recommended two year cycle.

* **Elections for Area 74 Committee Chairs and Delegate will be held September 19th at 8:30 am in the Hotel Mead, 451 East Grand Av., Wisconsin Rapids.** All GSRs are encouraged to attend this election cycle.

New Business

* **A motion was made, seconded and passed to change the next GSR and District Committee meeting from October 8th to October 15th.** The motion passed.

* **“What is an AA Group? How is it different than a meeting?”** This Forum will be held Saturday, November 7th from 10:30 to 2:30 pm at Crossroads Community Church. It is sponsored by Flintville Early Risers, Sunday Early Birds, Road to Recovery, Serenity Now and District 01.

Women in the Present, Betsy N. Everything is going well.

Letting Go, Donna R. Our group continues to grow. Going well.

It's in the Book, James R. Going well.

Road to Recovery, Griffin W. Our group is doing well. We are going green by recycling medallions and Grapevines. The group service committee brings agenda items to the group. We will co-host the upcoming workshop “The AA Group, Discussion/Panes/ Forum” with Flintville Early Risers, Sunday Morning 7:30 Early Birds and District 01. It will be on Saturday, November 7th. A flyer is passed out to those present. The flyer is also found on the District 01 website (http://www.greenbayaa.org/PDF/Events/Group_workshop2015.pdf), at the Central Office and the September Communicator.

Serenity Now, Jennifer A. Things are going well. We had a business meeting and agreed to change our format a little bit. It is being implemented now.

Eye Opener, Geri L. Going strong.

Flintville Early Risers, Nate K. Going well.

Sisters in Sobriety, Sue C. Going well.

Adjourned at 7:10 pm by a motion made, seconded and passed. The meeting was closed with The Our Father.

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