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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)

SPIRITUAL PROGRESS TAKES ACTION - SOBRIETY IS REQUIRED

The alcoholic is like a tornado roaring his way through the lives of others. Hearts are broken. Sweet relationships are dead. Affections have been uprooted. Selfish and inconsiderate habits have kept the home in turmoil. We feel a man is unthinking when he says that sobriety is enough (Alcoholics Anonymous, 82). A remorseful mumbling that we are sorry won't fill the bill at all. There is a long period of reconstruction ahead. We must take the lead (Alcoholics Anonymous, 83).

When making our Step Eight list, we might ask ourselves what we mean when we say that we have "harmed" other people. What kinds of "harm" do people do one another, anyway? To define the word "harm" in a practical way, we might call it the result of instincts in collision, which cause physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual damage to people. If our tempers are consistently bad, we arouse anger in others. If we lie or cheat, we deprive others not only of their worldly goods, but of their emotional security and peace of mind. We really issue them an invitation to become contemptuous and vengeful. If our sex conduct is selfish, we may excite jealousy, misery, and a strong desire to retaliate in kind (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, 80).

Suppose that in our family lives we happen to be miserly, irresponsible, callous, or cold. Suppose that we are irritable, critical, impatient, and humorless. Suppose we lavish attention upon one member of the family and neglect the others. What happens when we try to dominate the whole family, either by a rule of iron or by a constant outpouring of minute directions for just how their lives should be lived from hour to hour? What happens when we wallow in depression, self-pity oozing from every pore, and inflict that upon those about us? Such a roster of harms done to others makes daily living with us as practicing alcoholics difficult and often unbearable (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, 80). Have faith. There is a new way of living.

We should, of course, ponder and weigh each instance carefully. We shall want to hold ourselves to the course of admitting the things we have done. We should avoid extreme judgments, both of ourselves and of others involved. We must not exaggerate our defects or theirs. A quiet, objective view will be our steadfast aim. Whenever our pencil falters, we can fortify and cheer ourselves by remembering what A.A. experience has meant to others. It is the beginning of the end of isolation from our fellows and from God (Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, 82).

Knee pads and elbow grease: Belief in a power much greater than ourselves, a desire to live without using alcohol, and willingness to take actions that initially feel incredibly uncomfortable. When reviewing our design for living, as described in Alcoholics Anonymous, we realize this life changing journey will undoubtedly produce incredible results. However, these rewards are earned by effort.

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"Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all."

TRADITION EIGHT

"Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."

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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

GREEN BAY AA DISTRICT 01 ANNUAL PICNIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2014
12:00 - 5:00 pm
Perkins Park Pavillion
600 North Fisk Street
Green Bay, WI 54303
Main dish provided. Bring a dish to pass.
Soda & water for purchase
\$5 suggested donation
Jason: 920-412-3733

BONDUEL-SHAWANO INTERGROUP*

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014
St James Lutheran Church
324 S Andrews St Shawano WI 54166
5:00 pm Fellowship 6:00 pm Dinner 7:15 pm
AA and Al-Anon Speakers
Please bring a dish to pass

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

4TH & 5TH STEP FALL RETREAT*

OCTOBER 10-12, 2014
AA and Al-Anon
St. Norbert Center for Spirituality
1016 N. Broadway, De Pere, WI 54115
Cost: \$140 - includes lodging, meals, & snacks
Therese (920) 336-3023 or (920) 639-0360
Tim S. timsiebers@sbcglobal.net

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

2015 Area 74 Spring Conference

Kimberly S. (920) 592-9337
Committee Chairs & 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

Volunteers Needed Serving Brown County Jail*

Help Carry the Message Behind Bars!
Corrections Volunteers Urgently Needed
For Authorization Forms
Contact: Tim T. (920) 227-3156 or tetoepel@aol.com

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.

24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN AA CONVENTION*

SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 20, 21, 2014
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
Radisson Fort McDowell Resort & Casino
10438 N. Fort McDowell Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85264
Registration Form: www.nai-aa.com
(855) 99-NAIAA

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

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA

(WICYPAA)
JANUARY 9-11, 2015
The Plaza Hotel and Suites
1202 W. Clairemont Ave
Eau Claire, WI
Conference Info & Registration: www.wicypaa.org
Hotel reservations (715) 834-3181

Donate

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54305
(920) 432-2600
www.aagreenbay.com

AA AREA 74 TREASURER

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www.area74.org

AA GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE (GSO)

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

Area 74 District 01 Treasurer's Report

Prepared for the July 10, 2014 GSR Meeting

Starting Balance as of 06/12/2014	\$2,489.59
Expenses	
Color Master - Newsletters	\$143.50
The Bridge - rent	\$15.00
Bridging the Gap (Mary S.)	\$30.00
Park Permit - City of Green Bay	\$100.00
Bus Ads - City of Green Bay	\$42.00
Total Expenses-	-\$330.50
Deposits:	
June 12, 2014 7th Tradition	\$18.00
Flintville Early Risers	\$180.00
Total Deposits+	+\$198.00
Ending Balance July 10, 2014	\$2,357.09
(\$1,300.00 for prudent reserve)	\$1,300.00
Total Funds Available to spend	\$1,057.09

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE (GSR) MEETING

July 10, 2014

District Committee Member (DCM) Report-Summary:

(Meeting Minutes Online: www.greenbayaa.org)

Dear Friends:

We are now half way through the year. Looking back I see we have made much progress in the past six months. Our committee chairs are doing an excellent job, planning for the 2015 Spring Conference is going well and AA meetings have started back up at Sanger B. Powers correctional.

In early August I will be attending the Area 74 committee meeting in Three Lakes. At this meeting we will be planning the agenda for the assembly held at the 2014 Fall Conference in Eau Claire. If your group has an item they would like to have on the assembly agenda please contact me prior to August 8th. In addition to planning the agenda we will also be working on putting together a sharing session on improving service in the groups and districts. I strongly recommend attending the Fall Conference. You will meet a lot of AAs dedicated to service and have a lot of fun as well. I look forward to seeing you there. In conclusion I would like to thank everyone for their hard work serving your groups and the district.

In loving service,
Tom Y. DCM

Secretary: Corrections to the June 12, 2014 Secretary Report are as follows:

- Treasurer's Report, Pat H. Area 74 District 01 Treasurer's Report Prepared for the June 11, 2014 GSR Meeting. The correct date is June 12.
- AREA 74 SPRING CONFERENCE 2015 Update Report The correct email address for Kimberly S. is kimmvshuyler@gmail.com. Next meeting (added the meeting time). We would like to invite anyone interested in helping with the conference to the next meeting, Sunday at 4:00 pm, July 20, 2014 at the Radisson Hotel, Plaza Club. Dean H. will be in the lobby to help direct everyone to the meeting room. A motion was made and seconded to accept with changes the June 12, 2014 minutes. Passed.

Archives: The archives have been moved to the display cases at the Central Office. Stop and see them! The Area 74 Archives Chairperson has scheduled a conference call today at 7:15 pm with other District Archives Chairs. ~Bruce K.

Bridging the Gap: BTG is doing fine. ~ Mary S.

Cooperation with the Professional Community: Absent. ~Jennifer A.

Corrections: The Sanger B. Powers Correctional Center AA meeting is going again. It meets at the Correctional Center on Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Please register with the Corrections Chair to receive clearance before you plan to attend (corrections@greenbayaa.org). Absent. ~Ron O.

District Events: Jason announced several events that were of interest. The Communicator and our website (www.greenbayaa.org) has the events listed with all the details. Date has been set for the District Picnic 2014. It will be held Saturday Sept 13th at Perkins Park Pavilion from 12pm-5pm. Perkins Park is located at 600 N. Fisk Ave. Green Bay, WI. Originally planned for Triangle Park Pavilion, but the rental fee was raised to \$200. I considered it more prudent to spend \$100 for Perkins Park Pavilion instead. Rental fee has been paid to reserve our spot for the day. District will provide a main dish, to be decided by the August District 01 meeting. Please bring a dish to share. A donation of \$5 is suggested, if you are able, to help cover expenses. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Jason P. at 920-412-3733. ~Jason P. & Joshua P.

Grapevine: Nothing to report. ~CJ D.

Newsletter: Nothing to report. ~Ronald M.

Treasurer's Report: Area 74 District 01 Treasurer's Report (see page 3) Prepared for the July 10, 2014 GSR Meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Passed. ~Pat H.

Public Information: Wisconsin Public Radio will not broadcast any AA ads but a 30 minute discussion/call in is possible. Is there anyone who would be willing to speak on AA's behalf and answer questions? ~Paul K.

Webmaster: ~Jack S. Absent

GSR Reports

Early Birds: Group well attended and going well. ~Christina M.

Eye Opener: I am serving as the new GSR for this group. ~Geri L.

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

Flintville Early Risers: Nothing to report. ~Nate K.

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

Letting Go: We received an email from New York with our group number. We are waiting for the group handbook to arrive then we will seek a volunteer to be our Treasurer. ~Donna Y.

Never on Sunday: Our group is volunteering to help Kimberly; also a new AA closed meeting at the Bridge on September 11th at 5:30 pm. ~Al E.

New Hope: Going well. ~ John C.

Red Road: Things are going well. ~Marty S.

Road to Recovery: Nothing to report. ~Chad

Serenity Now: Going well and will distribute some money soon. ~Bob K.

Sisters in Sobriety: Our group is doing well. ~CJ D.

Unnamed Meeting: A new Open meeting will begin on Tuesday, 9:00 am, beginning August 5th in the Green Bay Area Central Office, 1270 Main St. Suite #102. It will be as kid-friendly as possible. Childcare is not provided. Some toys will be available. Note: This is a meeting that may have distractions and some interruptions. A flyer announcing this meeting was passed out to all present. ~Katie S.

Old Business

•2015 AREA 74 SPRING CONFERENCE UPDATE 7/10/14 FOR DISTRICT 01 MEETING
Received \$1000 seed money from Area; opened checking account. Credit application approved by Radisson.

If individuals or groups would like to be involved in the conference, we invite everyone to attend the next planning meeting Sunday, July 20, 2014 at 4pm, Radisson Hotel. Meet Dean H. in lobby.

If you or your group would like to help with Spring Conference 2015 please contact Kimberly S. at kimmvschuyler@gmail.com or 920.592.9337

Open Chairperson Positions include:
Cake & Decorations (Chairperson and Co-Chair)
Event Coordinator (Chairperson-assist with banquet space)
Secretary (Must have internet, computer, typing skills & attend all meetings)

Individual & Group assistance needed for:
Hospitality (Groups to sponsor blocks of time)
Greeter (Groups or individuals needed all around property)
Decorations (Groups or individuals to help decorate for banquet)

Panel:
Panels 1 & 2 will focus on "What It Was Like" before quitting drinking.
Panels 3 & 4 will focus on "What Happened" once we got into early sobriety.
Panels 5 & 6 will focus on "What it's Like Now" to remain sober.
Panels 7 & 8 will focus on gratitude and the adoption of new attitudes in sobriety.

In addition to the panels above there will be:
AA Young Person Panels
Alanon Panels
Alateen Panels

The theme for the 2015 Conference is - "Strength, Courage & Wisdom." It is taken from the idea that it takes **Strength** to walk into the doors of AA, **Courage** to continue on the path of AA and **Wisdom** to maintain gratitude in AA.

Kimberly suggested that sponsors and sponsee together serve at the conference to encourage the concept of service.

•Tom Y. requested ideas from the groups for future workshops for our district.

New Business

Resignation of Corrections Chair. Tom Y. announced that the Corrections Chair is now open.

<u>District 01 Committee Contact Information</u>			
District 01 Chairperson	dcmdistrict01@greenbayaa.org	Archives	archives@greenbayaa.org
Tom Y. 920-471-3502		Bruce K.	
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Ron O. 920-321-1072		CJ D. 920-221-5443	
Meeting List Changes	MeetingList@greenbayaa.org	Coop with Prof. Comm. (CPC)	cpc@greenbayaa.org
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Marty S. 920-465-1401		Webmaster	webmaster@greenbayaa.org
		Jack S. 414-477-3843	

Recovery

Resources Online

"Keep Recovery in Your Head"

Alcoholics Anonymous World Org: www.aa.org

WI Young People in AA (WICYPAA) www.wicypaa.org

Recovery Short Stories (print/audio): www.aagrapevine.org

AA Speakers Online & No Cost Download: www.aaspeakers.org

Adult and Teenage Family & Friends of Alcoholic: www.al-anon.alateen.org

Al-Anon's monthly magazine-*The Forum*: www.al-anon.alateen.org

Historical Resources of Alcoholics Anonymous: www.silkworth.net

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