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### April 2009 GSR Minutes

#### DISTRICT 09 MEETING

April 5, 2009  
Wausaukee, WI

Meeting opened by Karl S. at 2:00pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Traditions were read by Sue C. and introductions were made. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as circulated via e-mail with a couple of changes noted.

21 people were in attendance, representing Shawano, Marinette, Wausaukee, Peshtigo, Crivitz, Townsend, Lakewood, & Carter, Wisconsin; as well as Menominee, MI.

**DISTRICT INVENTORY:** Question: Does the DCM communicate effectively with the GSRs or do gaps exist? Karl is doing a great job with no gaps. His own personal hope is to be quicker about answering e-mails otherwise he is serving the members in a very effective and proficient manner. He explained his duties and responsibilities and meets all of them and goes the extra mile. Time was spent with many members praising Karl's abilities and leadership.

Question: Can improvements be made so that DCMs communicate better with GSRs? This question was already spoken about in the previous question. Great job, Karl! Thanks!

**Treasurers Report** Terry S. read his report and stated the necessity to go back over the past records to bring all records up to date. Balances were correct, just details needed updating. Available funds after all earmarks assigned are \$904.04 as of 4-05-09.

**OLD BUSINESS:** *Fun Fest:* Mary C. reported that all is going well for the Fun Fest and elaborated on some of the highlights. Still needed are young people / 1<sup>st</sup> step closed meeting chairpersons. Tom S. (musician) was introduced to the group and it sounds like a fun and informative event. Lots of ideas for service opportunities at this event are still going around, but it is going well! It should be lots of fun including a motorcycle ride in the morning from the .A.R.M., speakers during the day, and ending with music and a bonfire in the evening... and a lot more!

Terry S. noted that the Archives committee needed reimbursement for money spent on the display updates. Terry W., who is a signer on the bank account, will write that check so there is no conflict of interest, with Terry S. being the acting treasurer.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Terry W. mentioned that this is an election year, and that we should be thinking about people to replace outgoing district officers. He suggested we bring it to the groups, asking for people who may want to be nominated to serve in those positions. He noted that nominations would likely take place at the September meeting on August 30<sup>th</sup>; elections on October 4<sup>th</sup>, prior to the Fall Assembly.

Karl reported on the Spring Assembly, that he, Gloria O., Todd E. and Glenn W. attended. He noted that detailed minutes will be available in the Now and Then, but mentioned a few specific items of interest. Literature & Grapevine price increases in the near future, Greg S. will be stepping down as Co-Chair of the Now and Then. Area is looking for someone to assume that position. There were several motions made and voted upon that will also be available to read on the area 74 website. It was mentioned that a certain motion about who can vote was defeated due to the fact that of around 600 groups in the area, only about 50 GSRs to represent them attend the Assembly. Karl also asked GSRs to ask their groups if they approve of bringing in a facilitator for the area inventory from another state, approving or declining that the facilitator's costs should be paid for by the area (about \$500.00). He will bring that vote back to area after the next GSR meeting. There was lengthy dis-

## District 09 Treasures Report

Balance	1997.93
Corrections	176.80
Intergroup Cede Money	175.79
Prudent Reserve	600.00
<u>Website Fund</u>	<u>141.30</u>
<b>Available Balance</b>	<b>904.04</b>

### Deposits

Common Solutions	25.00
One Day at a Time	90.00
There is a Solution	10.00
Monday Night Women's	10.40
Wednesday Noon	55.00
Carter Group	40.00
Friday Noon	10.00
Midweek Miracles	<u>25.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>265.40</b>

### Withdraws

Sue C	50.00
Brian V	68.92
Brian V	<u>55.29</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>174.21</b>

Donations may be sent to District 09 Treasurer

Terry Spice  
160 Beebe Ave  
Peshtigo, WI 54157

Or

Area 74 Treasurer  
Mary Jo Rone  
2437 Sherman Creek Rd  
Eau Claire, WI 54703

cussion about all of this plus input by Todd and Gloria about their experience there.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Chairman absent, no report. Terry W. mentioned that since there have been so many absences by this committee chair that we may wish to replace him with someone who can make the meetings. It was suggested that GSRs ask their groups for volunteers to fill the position.

**CORRECTIONS:** Kimmery R. having a short meeting prior to the GSR meeting and that there is a lot of progress happening within her committee of 10. There is a rise in the number of volunteers and meetings are well attended by inmates. There are still some problems I certain jails with prisoners reporting that staff members are throwing away the literature donated to the jail and that prisoners get no Big Books or other literature. Kimmery is still working on putting together a contact list for those being released from incarceration. She asked for jail staff contact names to make an introduction to AA service in the jails and our primary purpose there. She will be having committee meetings every other month.

**NEWSLETTER:** Brian absent. No report. Terry W. asked if everyone was receiving their issue.

**ARCHIVES:** Terry S. claims no report.

**GRAPEVINE:** Mary B. reported about the new look of the Grapevine, and cost raises. Any complaints about the new formatting should be made to Mary and she will let the GV know how subscribers feel. There will be a committee meeting on May 31 before the district meeting. She will be attending a corrections workshop on May 30<sup>th</sup> in Fond du lac. Anyone interested in going can contact her as soon as possible. She has a bill for \$25.00 for updates to the display.

**MEDIA LIBRARY:** Mary W. absent. Terry W. reported that all is well and he has the library if anyone wants to check out materials.

**WEB SITE:** Karl reported that he, Jeff O., Debbie H., Mike S. are the committee keeping the website up to date. He has received reports that it looks good and is easy to navigate. Area rep has suggested that there be no last names or phone numbers listed on the websites, due to the 11<sup>th</sup> tradition. (Discussion tabled to next meeting) Website appears to be current as of today.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next district meeting: 5-03-09 at Fire Station next door to church at 113 Bissell St. White Lake, WI  
May 15-17 Area 74 Spring Conference Pine Mountain Resort N3332 Pine Mtn. Rd. in Iron Mountain, MI  
May 30 Oconto Intergroup First American Lutheran Church 511 Madison Dinner 6pm bring a dish to pass.  
June 19-21 NE Wisconsin Tri-State Roundup Radisson Hotel & Conference Center 2040 Airport Dr. in Green Bay  
June 27 WI & U.P. MI Corrections Conference 8am- 3:45pm Thompson Community Ctr. in Appleton \$10/person

**CLOSING:** 3:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer

**Recovery is a new way of life that involves our entire being!!!**

## "HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE"

The "AA Grapevine" is AA's national monthly magazine fondly referred to our "meeting in print" and is a splendid tool of recovery. The "AA Grapevine" has been published continuously since its first issue in June 1944. In addition to a monthly magazine, the Grapevine also produces anthologies, audiocassette tapes and audio CDs based on published articles, an annual wall calendar, and a pocket planner as well as many books. The complete list of Grapevine books and other materials are available in the Grapevine catalogue, available through your Group or District GvR.

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### April 2009 Grapevine:

**Special section: "Agnostics in Recovery."** **Coming to grips with a Higher Power: Finding My Way--** AA and Buddhism make a potent mix for a man on the edge. **Getting Spiritual in Spite of Myself--** Raised Catholic, a young man develops his own brand of spirituality in AA. **A God of My Understanding--** Agnostic as a beginner, she keeps her faith private. Plus: **Tiger in the Tank:** You never know what's going to help another drunk get sober. **Down But Not Out:** After several false starts, a sponsor learns that sponsorship keeps him in touch with the literature. And, **A Small Dry Leaf:** A Russian woman discovers service ... or does it discover her? And MORE.

### May 2009 Grapevine:

**Out of Africa:** Online AA helps a journalist stay sober. **Six-pack Lucky:** A former sailor stays sober by working the program and asking for help. **Addicted to Service:** A GSR considers the spirituality of saying no. Also, "The Reach of AA", And, "A White Towel Experience."

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### Humor from Grapevines Past:

**A man** chairing a meeting called on a young member to share. She said, "Oh, I've had a terrible day. I wasn't centered. I felt alienated. My child within was deprived. I wasn't self-actualized at all!" An old-timer who was hard of hearing leaned over and whispered to a friend, "What did she say?" The friend replied, "She says she's hungry, angry, lonely and tired."

**One wit** describes a pink elephant as a beast of bourbon. Perhaps that was the same person who said, "A hangover is whiskey that thinks the party is still going on."

**A drunk** in Dakota decides to go ice-fishing, skids out onto large expanse of ice, and proceeds to cut a hole in the ice with an ax. A huge voice booms from the sky, "No fish under that ice, pal." The drunk looks around; nobody there; resumes hacking ice. Again the voice: "Didn't I tell you? There's no fish under that ice!" This time the drunk stands up and yells back, "Shut up! Who do you think you are, God?" "No," comes the reply, "just the manager of this hockey rink."

**A newcomer** was sitting in the vack of the room before the meeting began, leafing frantically through the pages of the Big Book. An old-timer came up to her and asked, "What are you looking for?" "Loopholes," The newcomer replied.

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AA members become Grapevine Representatives (GvRs) by volunteering or being elected to the position by their group. The GvR then registers through the Grapevine office at PO Box 1980, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163-1980.

Ph: 1-800-631-6025 or go to [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org).

Does your group have an AA Grapevine Representative? If not, perhaps you can be the Grapevine Rep. It's a fun and easy way to do service. Contact me with questions or comments. I would love the opportunity to help. Love in the Fellowship and Yours in Service, Mary Bray – District 09 Grapevine Committee Chair. Ph: 906-864-0269..

# So what is there to do?

## GSR Meetings

**May 03**

White Lake Fire Department  
113 Bissell Street  
White Lake, WI

**May 31**

Menominee Alano club  
2218 13th Street  
Menominee, MI

Meetings start at 2PM

**Upcoming Speakers  
Common Solutions Group**

**7PM**

**Menominee Alano Club  
2218 13th Street  
Menominee, MI**

**Nancy C from Menominee, MI May 27  
Patti H from Menominee, MI June 24**

## Intergroup Schedule

**May 30**

First American Lutheran Church  
511 Madison  
Oconto, WI

**June 27**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
349 Main Street  
Seymour, WI

### Northeast Wisconsin Tristate Roundup

**June 19-21**

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

**Darren J (920)360-5700  
Char S (920)819-5509**

### Wisconsin & UP Corrections Conference

**June 27  
8:30-3:45**

**Thompson Community Cen-  
ter  
820 W College Avenue  
Appleton, WI**

### Area 74 Spring Conference

**May 15-17**

**Pine Mountain Resort  
N3332 Pine Mountain Road  
Iron Mountain, MI**

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### By living One Day at a Time the following have reason to celebrate!!!

|           |          |           |       |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|
| 1-May-06  | Ray      | Crivitz   | 3yrs  |
| 6-May-89  | John N   | Crivitz   | 20yrs |
| 9-May-97  | Kandi K  | Menominee | 12yrs |
| 10-May-81 | Tom L    | Lakewood  | 28yrs |
| 10-May-97 | Nancy C  | Menominee | 12yrs |
| 12-May-97 | Mike N   | Shawano   | 12yrs |
| 14-May-96 | Gerald H | Oconto    | 13yrs |
| 16-May-98 | Paul M   | Oconto    | 11yrs |
| 17-May-05 | Kay N    | Marinette | 4yrs  |
| 22-May-94 | Dan J    | Oconto    | 15yrs |
| 25-May-92 | Mary C   | Lakewood  | 17yrs |
| 28-May-03 | Sharon D | Menominee | 6yrs  |
| 29-May-89 | Jeff O   | Shawano   | 20yrs |
| 31-May-72 | Ron O    | Suamico   | 37yrs |

**Remember we all still have TODAY!!!**

***OCONTO  
INTERGROUP  
MAY 30, 2009***

*First American Lutheran Church  
511 Madison  
Oconto, Wisconsin*

*6:00 PM Ham & Rolls  
Please bring a dish to pass*

*7:00 PM G.S.R. Meeting*

*7:30 PM Al-Anon and A.A. Speakers*

*Door prizes through out the evening.  
50/50 Raffle*

*Join us for an evening of Food, Fun, and Fellowship*

*For more information contact:*

*Ellie 920-834-6298*

*Or*

*Christine 920-834-2287*

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