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DISTRICT 09 MEETING

June 28, 2009

Oconto, WI

Meeting opened by Alt. DCM Terry W. at 2:03pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Traditions were read by Jody P. and introductions made. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the Chronicle with minor changes.

19 people signed the attendance sheet, representing Shawano, Marinette, Wausaukee, Peshtigo, Crivitz & Carter, Wisconsin; as well as Menominee, MI.

DISTRICT INVENTORY:

Question #10: *Do the GSRs truly represent their respective groups?* Most shared that those GSRs who attend the district meetings and/or have service positions in the district and area levels represent their groups well.

Question #11: *Do GSRs stick with us or does turnover seem excessive? If turnovers are excessive, what are some suggested remedies?* Comments included that GSRs in service stick, as District meetings are well attended. It is more problematic getting members to volunteer for the service positions. Many GSRs have been serving for much more than 2 years, and we need to encourage the spirit of rotation. Discussion about how to attract people to do service work and how current GSRs can help prospective GSRs to find the position attractive.

Treasurers Report New treasurer, John N reported that he has not yet received any changes from last month's report. He will have a new report ready next month to reflect income and expenditures.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fun Fest: Gloria reported that all is well with the Crivitz Fire Dept. regarding the campfire. Also, Tom, the musician has undergone surgery, but will be there to perform by the campfire. Mary C. reported that all is going well. Still needed are volunteers for child care and a youth speaker.

Donut Money Survey: Groups voted that if a group needs reimbursement for donuts, or other refreshments, district will pay up to \$20 for the fare. Previous allowance was \$10.

NEW BUSINESS:

Terry W. suggested putting on an educational panel speaker event including a new GSR orientation. A sign up sheet was passed around to determine interest for the committee to make this happen. This was tabled until next month, or when the committee can meet.

Oconto Anniversary Dinner needs volunteers for speakers. Date not confirmed, but will be in October. It was suggested that it be held 2nd week to avoid other events around that time. Information tabled for now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Todd E. reported taking meeting schedules to Shawano Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center, Police/Sheriff Departments and the probation/Parole Office for Shawano area. He read an inventory of the pamphlets and booklets he has available and will want to place an order for the pamphlets he is short on. Terry W. suggested that he might get any materials from the former PI chair and then determine what he needs to order, as well as utilizing the proper forms

District 09 Treasures Report

Balance	2212.77
Corrections	226.80
Intergroup Cede Money	175.79
Prudent Reserve	600.00
<u>Website Fund</u>	<u>141.30</u>
Available Balance	1068.88

Deposits

None at this time

Withdraws

None at this time

Donations may be sent to District 09 Treasurer

John Netzel
W10649 Williston Spring Rd.
Crivitz, WI 54114

Or

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

A newcomer may ask.

What can I do if I am worried about my drinking?

Seek help. AA can help.

Personal note people don't worry about non problems.

Which means if you are worried it is a problem.

for introductory letters from GSO. He was planning an order in July, and will re-inventory after receiving the materials from the former PI Chair.

CORRECTIONS: Kimmery R. reported attending the Corrections Conference on Saturday. She emphasized how the inmates value the volunteers coming in to carry the message. The conference gave guidance regarding the Bridging the Gap program and that if anyone wants to volunteer, she will see that they are given the proper information and forms to fill out. Still need more volunteers. There will be a half hour meeting for volunteers next month before the district meeting. She received one box of the Mini-Big Books from the Moose n Goose, and requested funds for 3 more cases to be ordered from GSO. Motion was made and carried for her to receive those funds.

NEWSLETTER: Absent. There was one problem reported about receiving the Chronicle via e-mail, otherwise, all is well.

ARCHIVES: Terry S. reported receiving some materials from Karl and read a few excerpts from the Archives quarterly newsletter. He suggested we check it out at the GSO website.

GRAPEVINE: Mary B. reported having purchased the 3 gift subscriptions for Intergroup raffle gifts before the rates go up on July 1.

MEDIA LIBRARY: Mary W. absent; terry W. has materials with him if wanted.

WEB SITE: Jeff O. reported some changes with the programming and software for the website. There was question about where we send updates to meeting schedules. If there is a change in the meetings, please advise Karl S.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Next district meeting: 8-02-09 at Peace Church 208 E. Maurer in Shawano*

Meeting Closure: Lakewood Saturday 10 AM. Effective immediately.

Sept. 18-20 **Fall Conference** Clearwater Hotel/Convention Ctr. Business Hwy 13 South Marshfield, WI

CLOSING: 3:15 pm with the Lord's Prayer

Green Bay Central Office has a new phone #.

(920)432-2600

"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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### **August 2009 Grapevine:**

**The Grapevine features** a story from an AA who achieves his dream to swim the English Channel, a member embracing life despite chronic pain, and a teenage runaway: **Swimming the Channel:** He uses lessons from his sponsor and AA to accomplish a long-anticipated goal. **Life with No Limit:** A member with chronic pain learns to enjoy life anyway. **Wild Thing:** A teen runaway on a city's streets drinks to cover her fear. **Also:** My father's example; Slow motion train wreck; Safe haven. And MORE.

### **Bill W said:**

**The Grapevine** is not written by a bunch of high-domed ivory tower boys in New York. YOU write it.

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Humor from Grapevines Past:

An elderly lady entered a bar and ordered a scotch and water. She said, "Give me three fingers of scotch and one finger of water." The bartender said, "Don't you mean one finger of scotch and three fingers of water?" "No," the lady snapped back. "I want three fingers of scotch and one finger of water. I can hold my scotch, but I can't hold my water!"

An usher in a posh movie theater noticed a drunk sprawled across three seats. "Sorry sir," the usher said, "but you're only allowed one seat." The man groaned but didn't budge. The usher became impatient. "Sir, if you don't get up, I'm going to call the manager." Again, the drunk only moaned, which infuriated the usher who turned and marched back up the aisle in search of the manager. In a few moments, both the usher and the manager returned and stood over the man. "All right, buddy," the manager said, "what's your name?" "Sam," the drunk moaned. "Where did you come from, Sam?"

With pain in his voice, Sam slurred, "The balcony."

Heard at Meetings: *Alcoholism is contagious. I caught it after going to a few AA meetings. *To a woman whose last drink was a swig of vanilla, an old-timer said: "Don't bake and go to meetings."

Food for Thought: *Buying a drink for the house is a good way of meeting a lot of people you can live without. *A bar is a place where you start out fit as a fiddle and wind up tight as a drum. *The morning after is when the getting up gets you down. *What do you call a psychiatrist who works in an apron? A bartender. *Intoxication is feeling sophisticated—even when you can't pronounce it. *When anyone says they never drink anything stronger than pop, see what Pop drinks. *Many a tippler goes out for an eye-opener and comes home blind.

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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.

Yours in Service, Mary Bray – District 09 Grapevine Committee Chair. Ph: 906-864-0269..

## **A Declaration of Unity**

**This we owe to AA's future  
To place our common welfare first;  
To keep our fellowship united.  
For on AA unity depende our lives,  
And the lives of those to come.**

# So what is there to do?

## GSR Meetings

**August 02**  
Peace Church  
208 Maurer  
Shawano, WI

**August 30**  
Good Shepherd Luth  
311 Pine St  
Peshtigo, WI

Meetings start at 2PM

**Upcoming Speakers**  
**Common Solutions Group**  
7PM  
**Menominee Alano Club**  
2218 13th Street  
Menominee, MI

**Dave D from Fon du lac, WI Aug 26**  
**Tom P from Appleton, WI Sept 23**  
**Germaine K from Menominee, MI Oct 28 (tentative)**  
**Dan L from Menominee, MI Nov 25**

## Intergroup Schedule

**August 22**  
New London, WI

**September 26**  
Shawano

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**Fall Assembly**  
**September 18-20**  
Clearwaters Hotel and Conference Center  
Business HWY 13 South  
Marshfield, WI

**Fall Conference**  
**October 17**  
Three Lakes, WI

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

|           |         |             |       |
|-----------|---------|-------------|-------|
| 1-Aug-76  | Tom L   | Crivitz     | 33yrs |
| 1-Aug-03  | Jim L   | Shawano     | 6yrs  |
| 4-Aug-02  | Sara P  | Porterfield | 7yrs  |
| 5-Aug-03  | Bob M   | Menominee   | 6yrs  |
| 6-Aug-89  | Alice H | Crivitz     | 20yrs |
| 10-Aug-06 | Todd    | Menominee   | 3yrs  |
| 18-Aug-00 | Barb K  | Menominee   | 9yrs  |
| 21-Aug-96 | Jeff M  | Oconto      | 13yrs |
| 23-Aug-86 | James   | Oconto      | 23yrs |
| 24-Aug-86 | Nick J  | Crivitz     | 23yrs |
| 24-Aug-92 | Judy L  | Crivitz     | 17yrs |
| 28-Aug-91 | Dick S  | Peshtigo    | 18yrs |
| 29-Aug-05 | Jim J   | Menominee   | 4yrs  |

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