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DISTRICT 09 MEETING

August 30, 2009

Peshtigo, WI

Meeting opened by DCM Karl S. at 2:00pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Traditions were read by Richard H. and introductions made. Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the Chronicle. 18 people signed the attendance sheet, representing Shawano, Marinette, Wausaukee, Peshtigo & Crivitz, Wisconsin; as well as Menominee, MI.

DISTRICT INVENTORY:

Question #16: *Does the DCM provide sufficient information to all GSRs to assure that the GSRs can actively and effectively perform their functions at their groups, at the district meetings and at the Area Assemblies?* Unanimously agreed that the DCM does a great job at informing as many GSRs as possible as needed, above and beyond the call. Great job, Karl!

Question #17: *Does the district carry its fair share of the job of helping Intergroup, Grapevine, Area Committee & GSO?* Yes, with the exception of attendance at Area and GSO levels. DCM suggests that more GSRs attend Area functions.

Question #18: *Does the district have an alternate DCM? If not, how can the district be helped by electing one?* YES! We have one!

Question #19: *Does the DCM participate regularly in district meetings, area meetings and assemblies?* YES... to all! Karl has missed very few, and only when extenuating circumstances have prevailed.

Question #20: *Does the DCM encourage GSR input when planning district meetings?* YES! He keeps us all in the loop and active participants.

Question #21: *What can be done to improve the district?* It was unanimously agreed that this district is running very well and the only thing lacking is more participation by those GSRs who don't attend district meetings. We do a great job at making needed changes in a timely manner.

Question #22: *Would the district problems be solved or improved by: a) Replacing the DCM? NO! b) Reorganizing into sub-districts and electing LCMs (Local Committee Member)? NO! We just need more participation. c) Consolidating the district with adjacent boundaries? NO! Already too spread out geographically with few meetings. e) Changing the district boundaries? No! Groups already affiliate with the closest district geographically. e) Dividing the district geographically to form additional districts? NO! Again, too few groups participating now. f) Implementing other alternatives not listed above?* This district is doing all we can. One suggestion is a central meeting location for district meetings, but there are no meetings held anymore in the middle of the district. Other than that, it was suggested to do the district inventories on a more frequent and regular basis, perhaps every other year... it reminds us of our place as servants. Also it was suggested that GSRs encourage group committee service structure (PI, Grapevine, Archives, etc...) and group inventories.

Question #23: *List any successful methods currently or previously used to deal with district problems.* Agendas sent out before meeting in time to be read and amended, if needed; accept minutes as printed in newsletter, rather than reading them each meeting; Minutes are usually sent out for input/corrections/omissions monthly via e-mail prior to being sent to newsletter; standing committees have meetings before/after district meetings. Makes for more accurate and concise committee reports... encourages the idea that there are no committees of ONE; Take messages back to our groups about elections and vacancies that need to be filled at the district level, to encourage participation.

Treasurers Report: John N. brought a print-out of the bank statement showing a balance forward of \$1956.09, without any designation for earmarked funds. He will bring a more detailed report next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Educational Panel/New GSR Orientation: Terry W. called for a meeting following the district meeting. Tentative date to be November 7.

Oconto Anniversary Dinner: Date will be October 10th. Need speakers and MC. Need help to put event together.

Wausaukee Intergroup: Gloria reported the date is November 14th at New Life Christian Fellowship Hall W 8050 Co. Hwy. C in Wausaukee. Flyer and information to come by next month.

Tapes from Dist. 17 Spring Convention: Gloria reported having not received requested price information, so tabled until next month.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations for District Officers were held, with elections next month. Nominees accepting nominations:

DCM: Gloria O. & Terry W.; **ALT. DCM:** Jeff O.; **TREASURER:** John N. **SECRETARY:** Gloria O **ARCHIVES:** Dan L.;

CORRECTIONS: Mary W.; **NEWSLETTER:** OPEN; **PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Todd E.; **GRAPEVINE:** OPEN;

TAPE/MEDIA LIBRARIAN: Terry S.; **WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR:** JEFF O.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Todd E. reported taking meeting schedules to all area motels. Shawano groups donated money to have more schedules printed for PI needs. Received rack for display at intergroups and requested a list of upcoming events to use display (list given by secretary).

CORRECTIONS: Kimmerly R. absent; Terry W. reported Shawano doing well; Yvonne P. reported Menominee is desperate for male volunteers, as there are no male meetings there now. Female meetings are doing alright, in spite of some volunteers quitting. Facility difficulties are making Menominee jail more difficult for volunteers to bring those meetings in, but will keep on trying. Marinette doing okay, but may need more males for evening meetings.

NEWSLETTER: Brian absent. No report.

ARCHIVES: Terry S. reported all is going well. He will bring the display to the Bonduel-Shawano (BS) Intergroup on Sept. 26th. Mary B. donated a copy of the original manuscript of the Big Book for the archives.

GRAPEVINE: Mary B. reported having gift subscriptions for door prizes at Intergroups in Shawano & Wausaukee and the Oconto Anniversary Dinner. She plans to set up the GV display at those events. She reminded us that she has order forms for GSRs wanting to remind their groups of the wall and pocket calendars being great gifts. She encouraged all to check out the Grapevine website for more information.

MEDIA LIBRARY: Mary W. reports that the library is available for checkouts. Reminded all to return the checked out materials in a timely manner, as she has some that have been out for an extended time (8 CDs and a copy of Bill W.'s own story) and if they are lost, or not coming back for whatever reason, then she will know to replace them and back them up with a duplicate, so they are not lost again.

WEB SITE: Karl S. reported updating the schedules with the 2 new meetings. He will be working to update the events page soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Next district meeting: 10-04-09 at Faith Presbyterian Church 806 Fritzie Ave. in Crivitz*
Oct. 10 Oconto Anniversary Dinner 1st American Lutheran Church 511 Madison in Oconto Bring a dish to pass, main entrée provided.

Oct. 17 Fall Assembly in Three Lakes, WI 8:30am New GSR Registration

Nov. 7th Service Workshop/New GSR Orientation: Details to be announced asap.

Nov. 14 Wausaukee Intergroup New Life Christian Fellowship Hall @ W8050 County Hwy C in Wausaukee

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

District 09 Treasures Report

Balance	1956.09
Corrections	226.80
Intergroup Cede Money	175.79
Prudent Reserve	600.00
<u>Website Fund</u>	<u>141.30</u>
Available Balance	812.20

Deposits 195.49

Withdraws 90.34

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

As of printing time there was still nomination open for the positions of The District Grapevine Chair and Newsletter writer.

AA is a Spirit

It cannot be touched. Nor can it be completely understood.
It is as wide as the whole world, yet small enough to fit snugly into the mind and the heart of man.
It has brought light where only darkness dwelt.
It has given hope to those who yearned in despair.
It has nourished forgiveness in those who knew no pity.
It has given strength to the weak, and humility to the strong.
It has given greatness to the common.
It has brought to the destitute a home.
It has transformed sorrow into a weapon of happiness.
It has given purpose to the trackless and shelter to the lost.
It has taught patience to the hurried and action to the slothful.
To the youth it has given vision.
To the age—promise.
To the lonely—companions.
To the restless—rest.
To the sick it has been a doctor.
To the dying it has revived the desire to live.
To those who have fallen, it has been a helping hand.
It has no judgment against the unteachable, nor has it praise for those who learn.
To the outcast it has been a family.
To the ignorant—wisdom.
To the wise—tolerance.
It has given to all men that which is most precious;
It has given love for truth with enough left over to share with each other.

(Reprinted from the AA Grapevine, June 1957)

New Meeting! The Rewind Group meets Saturdays from 1:30pm - 3:00pm. Menominee Alano Club 2218 - 13th Street in Menominee. Format: Speaker Tapes/Cds with discussion following. Open meeting... NO smoking!

Now Available from The AA Grapevine

2010 Wall Calendar

Full-color photographs taken by our readers, accompanied by brief quotes selected from Grapevine articles. The quotes aren't directly related to either AA or alcoholism, so the calendar may be displayed anonymously. Trilingual (English/Spanish/French).

\$9.00 each (1-24 copies) \$8.50 each (25 or more copies)

Also, 2010 Pocket Planner

A companion to the Wall Calendar, the Planner (annual) features a month-at-a-glance spread and quotations from the Calendar. Great for keeping anniversary dates. Trilingual (English/Spanish/French).

\$4.75 each (1-24 copies) \$4.25 each (25 or more copies)

"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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### October 2009 Grapevine:

**The Grapevine** features stories from a young man who isolates until he finds like-minded friends, a woman who initially perceives AA as a group for old white men, and more: **From boys to men:** A Latino from a small farming community talks about the AA friends who kept him sober. **Different:** A young African-American woman feels unique and turns away from AA, to return in pain several years later. **Walking two roads:** A woman who is half Native American shares her experience and hope in AA. **Also:** Wild thing; A few 24s. 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. **A Call for Articles:** The Grapevine seeks articles on these topics or on any part of recovery, from the Steps and Traditions to "What's On Your Mind?" **Coming in 2010:** January: The moment of truth—breaking through your denial about your alcoholism. February: YPAA everywhere—a special report on Young People in AA groups all over the world. March: Dealing with adversity—AAs coping, and staying sober and sane, through financial uncertainty.

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Humor from Grapevines Past:

A nonalcoholic, a heavy drinker, and an alcoholic all went to a bar together and each ordered a draft beer. Three flies then zoomed in and one landed in each man's beer. The nonalcoholic looked at the fly and pushed his glass away. The heavy drinker looked and the fly, flicked it away and took a gulp. The alcoholic picked up the fly and held it over the glass and yelled, "Spit it out! Spit it out!"

A drunk is driving through the city and his car is weaving violently all over the road, when the local law enforcement officer sees him and pulls him over. "So, where have you been?" the cop asked the driver. "I've been to the pub," slurs the drunk. "Well, it looks like you've had quite a few," says the cop. "I did all right," the drunk says with a smile. "Did you know," says the cop sternly, "that a few intersections back, your wife fell out of your car?" "Oh thank heavens!" says the drunk. "For a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf."

A well-dressed drunk leaving a nightclub one night slipped and fell down a flight of stairs, rolled into the gutter, and landed in the street. A crowd gathered. Someone helped the poor man to his feet and asked, "What happened?" "I don't know," the drunk said, "I just got here."

Late one evening, a boozed-up character entered a large department store, en route to an upper floor. He was about to step on the escalator when he saw a sign reading "Dogs must be carried on this escalator." Dejectedly, he looked around and then muttered, "Where the devil am I going to find a dog at this hour?"

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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..

## So what is there to do?

### GSR Meetings

**October 04**  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
806 Fritzie Avenue  
Crivitz, WI

**November 01**  
Fire Department  
113 Bissell St  
White Lake, WI

Meetings start at 2PM

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

**Germaine K from Menominee, MI Oct 28 (tentative)**  
**Dan L from Menominee, MI Nov 25**

### Intergroup Schedule

**October 24**  
Katherine Drexel Parish  
119 W 7th Street  
Kaukauna, WI

**November 14**  
New Life Church Fellowship Hall  
W8050 Cty Hwy C  
Wausauke, WI

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

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**October 8-11**  
**19th Annual National / International Native American Indian AA Convention**  
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center  
Green Bay, WI  
**All AA's welcome.**

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

|           |           |           |       |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| 1-Oct-07  | Dan L     | Shawano   | 2yrs  |
| 2-Oct-04  | Sue R     | Menominee | 5yrs  |
| 2-Oct-06  | Dave      | Crivitz   | 3yrs  |
| 4-Oct-92  | Harvey    | Oconto    | 17yrs |
| 4-Oct-99  | Dan P     | Oconto    | 10yrs |
| 10-Oct-01 | Jerry L   | Marinette | 8yrs  |
| 15-Oct-88 | Clarice P | Menominee | 21yrs |
| 16-Oct-99 | Jerry K   | Crivitz   | 10yrs |
| 18-Oct-96 | Mike A    | Carter    | 13yrs |
| 21-Oct-00 | Joy R     | Menominee | 9yrs  |
| 23-Oct-90 | Rita D    | Crivitz   | 19yrs |
| 24-Oct-07 | Kevin     | Wausauke  | 2yrs  |
| 26-Oct-98 | Shanti    | Shawano   | 11yrs |
| 30-Oct-06 | Pete      | Crivitz   | 3yrs  |

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