

# THE CHRONICLE

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CIRCULATION 61

### We are not a glum lot

#### Area 74

#### Upcoming Intergroups

**July 26**

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Chilton, WI

**August 23**

United Methodist Church

709 Pine Street

New London, WI

#### District 09

#### GSR Meetings

**June 29**

1st American Lutheran

511 Madison Street

Oconto, WI

**August 03**

Peace Church

208 E Maurer

Shawano, WI

**Meeting start at 2PM**

#### Other things to do

#### In Area 74

**July 11-13**

Keep It Simple Weekend

AA Al-Anon Retreat

Washington Island

Door County

Contact Gunter R.

(920)856-6354

**July 25-27**

Chippewa Valley RoundUp

Plaza Hotel and Suites

Eau Claire, WI

For info see website

[chippewavalleyroundup.com](http://chippewavalleyroundup.com)

#### Web Sites of Interest

#### District 09

[district09aa.org](http://district09aa.org)

#### Area 74

[area74.org](http://area74.org)

#### Grapevine

[aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org)

#### General Service Office

[aa.org](http://aa.org)

#### District 09 Officers

DCM Karl S

Alt DCM Terry W

Archives Terry S

Corrections Sam Z

Grapevine Mary B

Newsletter Brian V

Public Info Tyler W

Secretary Sue C

Lending Library Mary W

Treasurer Jay N

Web Site *OPEN FOR SERVICE*

**District 09 is in need of a recovering alcoholic to take over the web-site responsibilities. If you are interested please come to a GSR meeting. Next meeting to be held in Menominee, MI at the Alano Club**

# June GSR Minutes

## ***District 09 GSR Meeting Minutes***

***Menominee, MI June 1, 2008***

DCM Karl S. opened the meeting at 2:05 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Jay N. read the Traditions & a sign-in sheet was passed. There were 22 in attendance representing Menominee, MI, as well as Crivitz, Shawano, Lakewood, Carter, Wausaukee, Oconto & Peshtigo, WI.

Minutes from last meeting were read by Sue C.

Jay N. reported an available balance for the treasury of \$714.54.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

PI - Tyler W. reported pamphlets are in, but he missed the Oconto Intergroup.

Corrections-Sam Z. reported buying literature for jails. Has receipt for books to turn in. Had 1<sup>st</sup> committee meeting today with good turnout. Each shared personal experiences of how its helped them. Kimmery volunteered to be co-chair for the committee. Was really good. Jail meetings are going well.

Newsletter-Brian V. reported that he has resolved internet problems. He has extra copies of the Chronicle.

Archives-Terry S. reported nothing new happening for his committee.

Grapevine- Mary B. passed out new GV catalogs for the groups and spoke to Jeff C, area GV rep. who gave her suggestions and is willing to speak in late Sept. More information to come.

Lending Library- Mary W. reported ordering items for the lending library. Some missing items have been returned although there are still outstanding items. She has plans to post inventory list on website and in the Chronicle in the future, and hopes to have each GSR

talk about the lending library in their groups. She has a list of materials she still hopes to order from both GSO and the Grapevine catalogs. Will see what gets donated before ordering.

Website- Karl has made corrections to some website pages and will continue to learn more. 2 people have expressed interest in working on the website and the group is in favor of having them work together.

*Moved to accept all reports, motion passed.*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

*Donations may be made to Green Bay Central Office at P.O. Box 1791 Green Bay, WI 54305-1791*

Workshops: Terry W. reminded about the committee meeting following the district meeting today.

Central Office: John N. reported no meeting in May. Should be one in June and he plans to attend.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Information about intergroups regarding protocol/history/start ups & costs was shared as a result of a motion to dissolve the dedicated intergroup funds in the district treasury. Jay is keeping a \$50.00 minimum fund, as Oconto intergroup has not yet returned any of the money they received.

Questions asked about if DCM should be reimbursed for costs accrued in attending as-

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# District Treasurer Report

## May 2008

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Expenses	191.64
<u>Donations</u>	<u>99.00</u>
Current Balance	1631.63
Dedicated Funds	
Prudent Reserve	600.00
Web Site	141.30
Intergroup	175.79
Available Balance	714.54
Expenses	
Brian Vogt (The Chronicle)	61.64
Grapevine subscription	20.00
Jill Kotcon Oconto Intergroup	100.00
<u>White Lake meeting room</u>	<u>10.00</u>
Total	191.64
Donations	
May GSR meeting Basket	15.00
Tuesday meeting	20.00
AA Attitude	19.00
Tuesday meeting	<u>45.00</u>
Total	99.00

semblies and other required functions. Discussion made and district does pay those expenses.

Karl announced the election of a new MI Corrections Chairperson. He is also looking to see if the report from the Delegate from NY will appear in new issue of the Now & Then. If not, he will bring report to dist. meeting.

### EDUCATIONAL TOPIC

Terry W. spoke about dangers of being “committees of one”; and the importance of sharing the load. He stressed the importance of service work to enhance a person’s sobriety.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**July 26** *Pass It On Fest 6229 West Forest Home Ave. Milwaukee, WI*

**October 3-5** *Area 74 Fall Conference in Stevens Point, WI. Registration Forms available.*

Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue C.

### Announcing Upcoming Speakers

for the monthly speaker meeting of the  
Common Solution Group

Speakers are the 4th Wed of each month  
at 7:00pm at the Alano Club

2218 13th Street in Menominee MI

(The speaker meeting is an OPEN meeting)

Rodney Mc from Green Bay WI on July 23rd

Ashley C from Green Bay WI on Aug 24th

Green Bay is in the works of opening a Central Office for AA. They are still looking for donations.

Donations may be sent to:

Green Bay Central Office

PO Box 1791

Green bay, WI 54305



**Would you or your group like to donate?**



District 09 Treasure  
Jay Nelson  
2430 Mary St Lot E  
Marinette, WI 54143

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



**Thank You for your support**





**STEP SEVEN**

***Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.***

When we have finally admitted without reservation that we are powerless over alcohol, we are apt to breath a great sigh of relief, saying, "Well, thank God that's over! I'll never have to go through *that* again!" Then we learn, often to our consternation, that this is only the first milestone on the new road we are walking. Still goaded by sheer necessity, we reluctantly come to grips with those serious character flaws that made problem drinkers of us in the first place, flaws which must be dealt with to prevent a retreat into alcoholism once again. We will want to be rid of some of these defects, but in some instances this will appear to be a passionate persistence to others which are just as disturbing to our equilibrium, because we still enjoy them too much. How can we possibly summon the resolution and the willingness to get rid of such overwhelming compulsions and desires?

But again we are driven on by the inescapable conclusion which we draw from AA experience, that we surely must try with a will, or else fall by the wayside. At this stage of our progress we are under heavy pressure and coercion to do the right thing. We are obligated to choose between the pains of trying and the certain penalties of failing to do so. These initial steps along the road are taken grudgingly, yet we do take them. We may still have no very high opinion of humility as a desirable personal virtue, but we do recognize it as a necessary aid to our survival.

But when we have taken a square look at some of these defects, have discussed them with another, and have become willing to have a them remover, our thinking about humility commences to have a wider meaning...

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**TRADITION SEVEN**

***Every AA group ought to be fully self supporting, declining outside contributions.***

Then our trustees wrote a bright page of AA history. They declared for the principle that AA must always stay poor. Bare running expenses plus a prudent reserve would henceforth be the Foundation's financial policy. Difficult as it was, they officially declined that ten thousand dollars, and adopted a formal, airtight resolution that all such future gifts would be similarly declined. At that moment, we believe , the principle of corporate poverty was firmly and finally embedded in AA tradition.

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**The 12 Steps keep us from committing suicide.**

**The 12 Traditions keep us from committing murder.**

## "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.

### July Grapevine:

**Special section: AA's Inside** "Working the program while doing time". **Varsity** Alcoholic: A moment of clarity in a county jail. **The Party's Over:** HP gets behind the wheel, plus: **Good, Bad, or Indifferent:** How "the deal" works for newcomers, old-timers, and anyone in between.

### Humor from Grapevines Past:

\***A shaky**, shabby gent dropped in at an Intergroup office and began talking to a member there. During the course of the disconnected conversation, the bewildered prospect asked the AA member how long he had been sober. "Six months," came the reply, "How long have you been off the juice?" The visitor shuddered and said, "About six blocks."

\***Resentment** involves the decision and the plan to change someone else  
instead of myself. -February 1965

\***Sign** in a bar: "If you're enjoying our hi-fi music, it's time for you to go home.  
We don't have any hi-fi music."

\***A train** had jumped the tracks just outside of a western town, and a lion had escaped. A posse of lawmen and cowboys had gathered at the tavern to have some fortifying liquid nourishment before riding out to try to capture the beast. They were all downing their whiskeys, except for one little old fellow who was drinking ginger ale. "What's the matter with you, Max?" someone asked. "Have some booze!" "Not me," came the answer. "Whiskey gives you too much courage."

\***A man** went to his physician for a checkup. "Do you drink much beer or liquor?" inquired the medico. The old gent admitted that he did, whereupon the doctor advised, "Well, if you quit, you'll live to be eighty." "It's too late," commented the patient sadly. "I'm eighty-five already."

\***Bartender** to a patron, "Some people sure are strange. There was a fellow used to come in here who hadn't kissed his wife for ten years. Then he went and shot a guy who did. -May 1974

\***A general** handyman in an English village, who'd had occasional spells if drinking, had been sober for a long time. One day, however, a nosy and terribly respectable old woman stood up at a church meeting and accused him of reverting to his drunken ways, her evidence being that she had seen his wheelbarrow parked outside the local pub for several hours. The wrongfully accused man made no defense. That evening, he put his wheelbarrow alongside her front gate and left it there overnight. -Aug.1980

\***Our minds** are like parachutes -- they function only when they are open.

\***Nothing** is more confusing than an AA member who gives good advice, but sets a bad example. -March 1977



The AA Grapevine has a new updated products catalogue.

To get one, see your group's GvR, or call me at the # below.

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 P.O. Box 1980, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163-1980. Ph: 1-800-631-6025.

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..

District 09 Lending Library  
{Formerly The Tape Library}

We've changed our name because we're expanding to include not just tapes but a larger collection of CD's, VHS tapes, and DVD's. We hope to add books from GSO and the Grapevine in the near future.

The last 2 months we've added 8 tapes (Joe & Charlie) donated by Brian V. 40 CD's, several from GSO & The Grapevine and 31 from Brian V. 3 DVD's 1 donated by Karl S., and we've also added 1 VHS tape on corrections from GSO. I'm in the process of getting a new list available, so you will be able to take advantage of our library to learn or be entertained. We have a wide variety of subjects.

If anyone has tapes, CD's, DVD's, VHS tapes or books they'd like to donate, we'd greatly appreciate adding them to our library.

Until next month's update, Have a great day! Your Lending Library Chairperson, Mary W.

You can reach me at:

Mary Weinmann

313 W. Wescott Ave.

Shawano, WI. 54166

Email: [slowhand1@charter.net](mailto:slowhand1@charter.net) 715-526-6758 or 715-304-8329



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To receive hard copy of newsletter send \$8.00 along with mailing address. Make payment to District 09 treasure Jay Nelson.

Newsletter may be sent free of charge through email.

Fliers are \$10.00 per page per month.

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

1-Jul-94	Steve C	Menominee	14yrs
2-Jul-01	Keith L	Crivitz	7yrs
2-Jul-04	Vicki K	Marinette	4yrs
4-Jul-98	Barb H	Lakewood	20yrs
15-Jul-04	Brenda	Marinette	4yrs
16-Jul-06	Jay N	Peshtigo	2yrs
20-Jul-07	Tom	Crivitz	1yr
21-Jul-07	George R	Lakewood	1yr
22-Jul-90	Arliss W	Coleman	18yrs
25-Jul-96	Jerilynn K	Shawano	12yrs
30-Jul-72	George S	Shawano	36yrs
31-Jul-89	Steve C	Oconto	19yrs

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