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EDITOR'S NOTE

I now have everything set to start emailing The Chronicle to anyone who would like to receive it that way. Hopefully I will be able to actually send it. One, I have to force myself to sit behind the computer longer and two my computer has to let me. I have done test trials with different documents with different people and all looks well.

Please submit all articles by the 18th of the month for printing in next Chronicle.

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Concept III

To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. -the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives-with a traditional" Right of Decision."

Do we understand what is meant by the "Right of Decision"? Do we grant it at all levels of service or do we "instruct"?

Do we trust our trusted servants - G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegates, the Conference itself?

WEBSITES TO VISIT

AA Grapevine	www.aagrapevine.org
Area 74	www.area74.org
District 01	www.greenbayaa.org
District 02	www.district02aa.org
GSO	www.aa.org

WANT TO DONATE?

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3056 Summer Place
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2006 GSR MEETINGS

	Starts 2 PM
Mar. 5	1st American Luth. 511 Madison St. Oconto, WI
April 2	Alano Club 2218 13th St. Menominee, MI

Step Three

Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him.*

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Treasurers Report

January 2006

Starting Balance	1422.52
Expenses	- 66.29
Donations	+ <u>68.45</u>
Current Balance	1424.68
Dedicated Funds	
Prudent Reserve	600.00
Corrections Committee	0.00
Intergroup Seed	275.79
Website Fund	<u>400.00</u>
Total	1275.79
Available Balance	148.89
Expenses	
Chronicle	56.29
Faith Presp. Church	<u>10.00</u>
Total	66.29
Donations	
Crivitz Chapter	19.45
Wednesday Noon	26.00
GSR Basket	<u>23.00</u>
Total	68.45

Tradition Three

The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I over impressed by celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?
6. When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?

An early was that of slips or relapses. At first nearly every alcoholic we approached began to slip, if indeed he sobered up at all. Others would stay dry six months or maybe a year and then take a skid. This was always a genuine catastrophe. We would all look at each other and say, "Who next?" Today, though slips are very serious difficulty, as a group we take them in stride. Fear has evaporated. Alcohol always threatens the individual, but we know that it cannot destroy the common welfare.

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GSR MEETING MINUTES
PEACE CHURCH
SHAWANO, WI
FEBRUARY 5, 2006

Terry W. opened the meeting the with Serenity Prayer and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Jerry K. read the Traditions. Introductions were made and a sign-in sheet was passed. There were 18 in attendance representing: Carter, Crivitz, Lakewood, Marinette, Menominee, Peshtigo, and Shawano. There was one visitor from Shawano.

The Minutes from January's GSR meeting were not read as a motion to accept the minutes as they appeared in the Chronicle by Mary W. the motion was seconded by Tom L. M/C. Jim H. read the treasurer's report. Mary C. made a motion to accept the report as read. Brian V. seconded the motion. M/C.

Committee Reports:

Public Information:

Richard H. reported that it was business as usual. Richard did make a purchase of the requested pamphlets and has them available for those who are interested. Mary and Richard are planning on meeting after the meeting to discuss the Beginner Packets, that they have been working on. The plan is for the district will give out the packets to new groups who become register within the District and GSO.

Corrections:

Joy reported that there were changes in the jail meetings in the Marinette and Menominee area. It is hoped that the new meeting night will increase the attendance at the AA meetings. It appears that there is a conflict with another activity on the same night as the AA meetings are scheduled. The women's Monday night meeting will now meet on Tuesday nights and the men's meeting will also be moved to Tuesday night. Joy stated that she did receive an updated sheet from the Shawano area. She has also received soft cover Big Books from Ron O. and the Moose & Goose committee and last years event. The Big Books will be given to the inmates who are attending the jail meetings. Joy said that a volunteer donated many old Grapevines to the committee to distribute to the jail meetings, and that it was very helpful. Terry W. asked that each GSR ask his or her group if they would be willing to donate old copies of the Grapevine to the inmates as it is one of the few items they are allowed to read. Joy stated the she has not been able to speak with Jim from the Oconto area but she will continue to try.

Newsletter:

Brian V. said he is continuing to work on a new format and making sure everyone is receiving their copy of the Chronicle. He is working on getting the copies of the newsletter sent by email to those who requested it. Please, remember make sure all items for the Chronicle are submitted by the 18th of each month. This is two days earlier than the previous deadline.

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Archives:

Kevin reported that it has been a quiet month and there was nothing new to report.

Grapevine:

Mary B. reported that she has not had any new Grapevine Representatives recently. She has been able to attend local speaker meetings and set-up her wonderful display. She is hoping to get to other meetings in the future. She will continue to keep her message in the monthly Chronicle

Tape Library:

Bill reported that he has the tapes with him as usual. He reported that he will not be at the next month's meeting as he will be out of town. He stated that he will be on a cruise. Have a great trip, Bill!

Old Business:

Website: Mary reported that we needed to decide on a domain name. Mary stated we should use one that was simple and gave examples of other domain names used by other districts. A discussion was held. Mary C. made a motion that we accept the suggestion to use district09aa.org. John seconded the motion. M/C.

Phone List: Kimmery reported that she and Mary have discussed the idea of including addresses with the phone list and therefore will need more time compiling the information. She also requested that new GSRs fill out a

group change form and give it to her at the end of the meeting. Mary and her will use the information off of the sheets to make sure the information is current. They are hoping to have the list completed by next month's meeting.

New Business:

The Hotline:

It was brought up that in the past, other members worked very hard at gathering information about the possibility of the hotline. It was decided at that time that there was no backing from the groups from the district to support a hotline. It was discussed how each of the groups have local contacts and numbers listed in the phone book of contact people listed under Alcoholics Anonymous, and that it seems to be working. A further discussion was held. Jim H. made a motion that the idea of the hotline be dropped until a need is discovered in the future. Kevin seconded the motion. M/C.

Guidelines of District 09:

Richard H. reported that the committee has not had a chance to meet on the guidelines, as of yet. However, each of the committee members has been gathering information to be considered in forming of the new guidelines of District 09. Mary W. brought copies of the job duties for chair persons when the District first originated. A discussion was held. It was brought up that GSO does have suggested guidelines. Mary W. made a motion that 5 copies of the guidelines and regulations be purchased. Mary C. seconded the motion.

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M/C.

District Inventory:

Terry W. made a motion to do a district inventory as an educational topic each month. Brian V. seconded the motion. M/C.

Announcements were made and an educational topic was not given.

Terry W. closed the meeting with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully,

Kimmery R.
Secretary

This month in history

1941: Cleveland, Ohio has first AA women's group meeting.

1944: The New York AA intergroup is established.

1945: *Time* magazine reports Detroit's WWJ radio station's pioneering broadcast by AAers is the first such radio program in the US.

1945: The Jefferson Barracks in MO believed to have held first AA meeting on military installation

1955: The circle and triangle was adopted by GCS.

1966: Ebby T. Bill W.'s sponsor dies sober.

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

"Upcoming Speakers"

for the Wednesday Common Solutions Group.

The 4th Wednesday of each month is speaker night

at 7pm at the Alano Club
2218 13th Street
Menominee MI

March 22nd: Pat P. from Green Bay

April 26th: Jamie O. from Green Bay

May 24th: Jon from Appleton

June 28th: Shelly from Green Bay

"SPRING FLING!!"

Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday, April 8,
200 Emmanuel Luth. Church,
2901 13th St.,
Menominee MI,
(in the basement)
4:30pm - Fellowship

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PLACES TO GO - THINGS TO DO

- Mar 5 GSR meeting 1st American Luth. 511 Madison Oconto, WI
Mar 24 Neenah Intergroup Our Savior Luth. 809 S Commercial St. Neenah, WI
Neenah Intergroup is on a Friday not Saturday
Apr 21 Moose and Goose Corner of Hwy 156 and McDonald Rd.
May 19-21 2006 Spring Conference Green Bay, WI
Comfort Suites Conference Center 1951 Bond St. Green Bay, WI

AA Birthdays for March

Mar 1	Sally C.	Menominee	3yr	Mar 17	Dorothy H.	Menominee	26yr
Mar 4	Lyle H.	Shawano	31yr	Mar 19	Karl S.	Menominee	5yr
Mar 6	Hazel G.	Lakewood	25yr	Mar 21	Richard H.	Menominee	14yr
Mar 7	Nonie J.	Menominee	15yr	Mar 23	Chuck L.	Peshtigo	23yr
Mar 7	Nathan S.	Menominee	2yr	Mar 23	Rich S.	Peshtigo	5yr
Mar 8	Jan D.	Menominee	34yr	Mar 27	M. J.	Lakewood	23yr
Mar 17	Dick L.	Lakewood	38yr	Mar 29	Jeff	Menominee	5yr

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