

THE CHRONICLE

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VOLUME 101

CIRCULATION 61

We are not a glum lot

Area 74

Upcoming Intergroups

May 24

1st American Lutheran
511 Madison
Oconto, WI

June 28

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Hwy 55 and Hwy G
Seymour, WI

District 09

GSR Meetings

May 04

Fire Station
White Lake, WI

June 01

Alano Club
2218 13th Street
Menominee, MI

Meeting start at 2PM

Other things to do

In Area 74

May 16-18

Spring Conference
Best Western Bridgewood
Resort Hotel
Neenah, WI

Web Sites of Interest

District 09

district09aa.org

Area 74

area74.org

Grapevine

aagrapevine.org

General Service Office

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
Tape 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. The next meeting is in White Lake at the fire station on May 04

April GSR Minutes

District 09 GSR Meeting Minutes

Menominee Alano Club

Menominee, MI. April 6, 2008

DCM Karl S. opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Richard H. read the Traditions & a sign-in sheet was passed. There were 18 in attendance representing Menominee, MI, as well as Crivitz, Shawano, Lakewood, Carter, Townsend & Peshtigo, WI.

Minutes from last meeting were read by Sue C.

Jay N. reported an available balance for the treasury of \$707.66.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PI- Tyler W. reported the need to order the start up literature kit available from GSO for \$15.15. Motion made & passed to let him buy it.

Corrections-Sam Z. reported meetings are going well.

Newsletter-Brian V. reported all is well.

Archives-Terry S. reported receiving the donation of issues of the Now & Then and Chronicles from John N. He also received a donation from Wally in Shawano of other historical information. Otherwise he is still working to get through all the materials and it's a slow, but rewarding endeavor.

Grapevine- Mary B. was nominated to resume the office of Grapevine Rep and has agreed to resume that office. Vote was unanimous. Welcome back, Mary. Mary W. brought materials for the transfer to the newly elected officer.

Tape Library- Mary W. was nominated to serve as Media Librarian and accepted the nomination. She was unanimously voted in and we welcome Mary to that office. Mary already has plans to revamp the current library, inventorying the useable materials and replacing some with CDs, and some new materials that are easier to hear and understand. She will prepare a proposal for replacement and present it to the District in the future.

Karl has some CDs to donate and copies will be made for lending.

Website- Karl reported he is grateful for Jill's help and is working to keep the website updated. He has noted that there are some items still being updated by the former webmaster. Karl welcomes the help until a new webmaster can be elected into office.

He reported that changing the header on the home page is a much larger task than previously thought, and will continue to seek direction to complete that with the new artwork showing the district boundaries.

Questions were asked about access for future webmasters. Plans are in place for access to be had by not only the webmaster, but the DCM as well. Possibly more access may be needed, but for now, just the webmaster and the DCM have the pass code.

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. called for a meeting after the District meeting to begin the planning. Sign up sheet from last month was used to determine who will be on the planning committee. It was decided to research available dates and places. Menominee Alano Club suggested as one location possibility. Once when and where is decided, format and topics will be determined and speakers invited.

Central Office: John N. reported having attended the meeting on April 5 at the Bridge in Green Bay. The treasurer-elect can not fulfill his commitment in that office due to health problems, and a new one will be elected. Committees are being formed to serve the new office, including fundraising. They are almost half way to the needed funds to open the doors of the new office. Next meeting will be April 17th 7 pm at The Bridge.

Crivitz Health Fair

Richard H. reported receiving a letter of invitation to attend that function on May 3rd. Richard will be accompanied by Jay N., Terry S. & Karl S. He requested the donation of a Big Book as a raffle gift. Vote passed that the book be donated by the Corrections Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

It was reported that ADAPT has referred people to a Sunday meeting in Coleman, which may be outdated information. Mary B. will send out updated meeting lists.

Karl S. reported about his attendance at the Spring Assembly.

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District Treasurer Report April 2008

Starting Balance	1711.75
Expenses	124.00
<u>Donations</u>	<u>137.00</u>
Current Balance	1724.75

Dedicated Funds	
Prudent Reserve	600.00
Web Site	141.30
<u>Intergroup</u>	<u>275.79</u>
Total	1017.09

Available Balance 707.66

Expenses	
Moose N Goose Donation	100.00
Oconto Meeting Room	10.00
<u>Donuts</u>	<u>14.00</u>
Total	124.00

Donations	
Day at a time (Marinette)	15.00
Wednesday 12X12(Menominee)	16.00
Spring Fling Flyer	10.00
Tuesday Day at a time	20.00
Friday Grapevine	30.00
Basket Oconto	27.00
<u>Basket</u>	<u>19.00</u>
Total	137.00

**Life is a trial by the mile,
It is a chinch by the inch.**



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



District 09 Treasure	Area 74 Treasure
Jay Nelson	Mary Jo Rone
2430 Mary St Lot E	2437 Sherman Creek Rd
Marinette, WI 54143	Eau Claire, WI 54703



Thank You for your support



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Many issues were discussed and voted upon and he has notes regarding those discussions. Many points of interest were brought forward and once again, we were reminded of the importance of the GSRs being the voice of the groups to the Assemblies. We don't want the groups to be left out of the decision-making processes.

Another major point that Karl made had to do with the availability of Area officers & committee members being willing and available to speak at local events. They are a valuable resource in the sharing of information.

Karl brought back a lot of information from that Assembly and encourages member to view his notes for more information to share with our groups.

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC

Tabled until next month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next District Meeting – May 4th in White Lake next door @ Fire Department Hall across from Lutheran Church (South of Town)

May 16-18 Area 74 Spring Conference Neenah, WI

May 24 - Intergroup in Oconto, WI

October 3-5 Area 74 Fall Conference in Stevens Point, WI. Registration Forms were passed out.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue C.

STEP FIVE

“Admitted to God, to ourselves, and another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.”

This feeling of being at one with God and man, this emerging from isolation through the open and honest sharing of our terrible burden of guilt, brings us to a resting place where we may prepare ourselves for the following Steps toward a full and meaningful sobriety.

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TRADITION FIVE

“Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

The unique ability of each AA to identify himself with, and bring recovery to, the newcomer in no way depends upon his learning, eloquence, or on any special individual skill. The only thing that matters is that he is an alcoholic who has found a key to sobriety. These legacies of suffering and recovery are easily passed among alcoholics, one to another. This is our gift from God, and its bestowal upon oth-

ers like us is the one aim that today animates AA's all around the globe.

There is another reason for this singleness of purpose. It is the great paradox of AA that we know we can seldom keep the precious gift of sobriety unless we give it away.

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AA HISTORY

1935: Bill W and Dr Bob meet for first time on May 12th

1938: AA members start writing The Big Book

1940: First meeting in Washington DC reported

1941: First Wisconsin meeting held in Milwaukee

1941: First meeting reported in Jacksonville, Florida

1946: The Grapevine publishes Long form of Twelve Traditions

1951: Lois W. and Annie B start Al-Anon

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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.

"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.

May Grapevine:

You Are It: An AA finds "God with skin" and a path to sobriety. Mail Order Sponsor: A man recalls how he was brought to AA. Addressing the Wound: An AA comes to terms with past cruelty. ...and other stories about staying away from meetings and then returning; the importance of Tradition Five to AA and alcoholics; getting sober after sixty; and going to any lengths to get sober in Kenya. *And MORE!*

Humor from Grapevines Past:

***Reverend:** "Don't you know, sir, that brandy is your worst enemy?" Half-bagged parishioner: "Yes, Reverend, but just last Sunday, you said we should love our enemies." --May 1993

***A drunken** citizen was walking along the waterfront one day when he came upon two policemen staring intently down into the water beside a wharf. "Whaddya lookin' for?" he asked them. "We're looking for a drowned man," replied one of the cops. "Whatcha want one of *them* for?" asked the drunk. --June 1974

*"**Jim**, as your doctor, I'm just going to have to tell you to quit drinking or you may grow to be stone deaf." Jim answers, "Well, I guess I'll be deaf, then. I like what I drink better than what I hear." --Dec. 1987

***One night** a young girl was watching her parents get ready for a party. When she saw her dad donning a tuxedo, she warned, "Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit." "Why not, honey?" "Because it always gives you a headache the next morning." --Feb. 2003

***California** offers the observation that it doesn't make any difference how keen your eyesight may be if your brain is out of focus. --Dec. 1987

***A nice** definition of AA: AA is an exit ramp on the interstate of insanity. --Dec. 1987

***Doctor** to one of our future brethren: "You're a fine figure of a man. I'd say you were in great shape for a man of sixty-five, if I happened to forget that you're only forty-seven." -- May 1993

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 get involved. 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..

I am responsible, when anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to be there, For that I am responsible.

Moose N Goose Wrap Up

The Moose & Goose Corrections Fund Raiser was a huge success. Approximately 200 people were in attendance. There was 1903.78 in funds raised for corrections. Thanks to all who donated meat and auctions items; which includes include the smoker, rocking chair, packer afghan, and 2 baskets. All helped raise funds. Only one person got stuck in the mud. The kitchen help, set up crew with table and chairs, audio people and Pat & Dick for keeping the funds together. Thanks. Thanks to The Sanger B. Powers Institution for letting Robert & Rick attend this meeting and share their stories with us, and Ron O. for driving Robert & Rick to Navarino. Ashley did a real good job sharing her story as well. Our wrap up speakers Chuck McC., Nate Area 74 chair and the ladies carrying the message behind the walls deserve a real big Thanks.

The Moose & Goose Committee chaired by Tyler W. Thanks everyone.

The new book committee will be

Pete Hansan Rolland Genske

920-766-0618 920-722-5417

Kaukauna, WI Menasha, WI

Financial Report from Moose & Goose

Donations	483.75	Gross	2351.28	2008 Corr. Check	1903.78
Raffle/Auction	1078.77	Expenses	247.50	2007 Corr. Check	1507.03
Collection	763.53	Church Donation	200.00	2006 Corr. Check	1707.03

Note of Gratitude

The committee for the 3rd Annual Spring Fling would like to express our gratitude to all of you who came and supported our event. We all had a wonderful time and with speakers like AA's Rollie and Sally from Al-Anon, we had a winning combination from the podium. We laughed and cried and were very grateful to see more than 700 years combined sobriety ranging from 58 years down to 2 and a half weeks sobriety among the 62 people who signed the guest list.

We're already doing preliminary planning for next year's event and we are really excited the way it all came together with the help of our Higher Power and those of you who came and shared. Again, we are grateful beyond words. Thank You seems small, but it will have to do.

In AA gratitude and love,
Mary, Sue and the Spring Fling gang!

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

1-May-06	Ray	Crivitz	2yrs
6-May-89	John N	Crivitz	19yrs
9-May-97	Kandi K	Menominee	11yrs
10-May-81	Tom L	Lakewood	27yrs
10-May-97	Nancy C	Menominee	11yrs
12-May-97	Mike N	Shawano	11yrs
14-May-96	Gerald H	Oconto	12yrs
16-May-98	Paul M	Oconto	10yrs
17-May-05	Kay N	Marinette	3yrs
22-May-94	Dan J	Oconto	14yrs
25-May-92	Mary C	Lakewood	16yrs
28-May-03	Sharon D	Menominee	5yrs
29-May-89	Jeff O	Shawano	19yrs
31-May-72	Ron O	Suamico	36yrs

Remember we all still have TODAY!!!