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## We are not a glum lot

### Area 74

#### Upcoming Intergroups

**November 29**

Faith Presbyterian Church  
806 Fritzie Ave  
Crivitz, WI

**December 13**

St. Pius Church  
500 W. Marquette Street  
Appleton, WI

### District 09

#### GSR Meetings

**November 02**

Fire Department  
113 Bissell Street  
White Lake, WI

**December 07**

1st American Lutheran  
511 Madison  
Oconto, WI

**Meeting start at 2PM**

**I don't know of any major event going on in the Area at this time.**

#### 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 still looking for an Alcoholic to take over the duties of maintaining our Website.**

**If you are interested please come to a GSR meeting. Next meeting is in White Lake on November 02**

# October's GSR Minutes

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

***Crivitz, WI October 05, 2008***

Alternate DCM Terry W. opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Tyler W. read the Traditions & a sign-in sheet was passed. There were 19 in attendance representing Menominee, MI, as well as Carter, Lakewood, Crivitz, Shawano, Wausaukee, Marinette & Peshtigo, WI.

Minutes from last meeting were read by Sue C.

Jay N. reported an available balance for the treasury of \$407.19 as of 10-02-08.

*Reports accepted as read.*

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

PI - Tyler W. reported having had a committee meeting prior to today's meeting. They talked a lot about Bridging the Gap and will meet next time with Sign Up forms for potential volunteers. Marinette County jail is having some heavily attended meetings, need more volunteers. Service Fun Fest went very well.

Newsletter-Brian V. reported all is well & presented a bill for expenses.

Archives-Terry S. reported nothing new. Looking forward to setting up display at Crivitz Intergroup.

Grapevine- Mary B. reported the Grapevine Workshop was a huge success & well attended from other districts as well as 09. Has 6 committee members and will plan a meeting, perhaps after the GSR meeting in White Lake next month.

Lending Library- Mary W. says lending is slow, has extra copies of the inventory list available. Encourages GSRs to pass it around in our group meetings.

Website- Karl reported still needing volunteers to update site. If meeting changes, please let him know.

*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.*

Central Office: John N. handed out a flyer with attached map for New Central Office; which is now open! He

pointed out the change in hours of operation and encourages donations.

Committee Budgets were discussed, and tabled to be further discussed at the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

2009 District Meeting Calendar was passed around with requests for changes if needed. There was discussion about holidays and groups that are not represented regularly. It was suggested that host groups would re-check for available dates.

Crivitz Intergroup planning committee would meet after this meeting. Flyer was passed out.

Karl attended the Area Committee meeting and asked us to consider 4 questions:

- 1) What are our expectations from the District?
- 2) What are our expectations from the Area?
- 3) What are our expectations from the DCM, Alternate DCM & Committee Chairs?
- 4.) What do group members expect from GSRs?

Area will be doing an Inventory. Area officers are available to speak regarding the function of the Area, with Q&A. District committee members are encouraged to make themselves available to groups similarly.

### **EDUCATIONAL TOPIC**

Tabled to next meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Next District Meeting** – November 2 in White Lake @ Fire Dept. Hall across from Lutheran Church on South side of town.

**November 29** Crivitz Intergroup @ Faith Presbyterian Church 511 Fritzie Ave. Entrée provided, bring a dish to pass. Dinner @ 6pm/ Speakers @ 7pm.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue C.

## District Treasures Report

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Balance            | 1501.08       |
| Prudent Reserve    | 600.00        |
| Web Site           | 141.30        |
| Intergroup Cede    | 175.79        |
| <u>Corrections</u> | <u>176.80</u> |
| Available Balance  | 407.19        |

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Deposits                        |              |
| Chronicle Subscription          | 8.00         |
| Tuesday Day at a Time Marinette | 20.00        |
| Tuesday Day at a Time Marinette | 25.00        |
| Tuesday Night Group Carter      | 45.00        |
| Lakewood Library Group          | 30.00        |
| One Day at a Time Marinette     | 20.00        |
| Friday Grapevine Menominee      | 10.00        |
| Wed 12X12 Menominee             | 50.00        |
| District Meeting Basket         | <u>10.00</u> |
| Total                           | 218.00       |

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Withdraws              |              |
| Mary B. Grapevine      | 162.00       |
| Mary W Lending Library | 26.92        |
| Brian V. Chronicle     | <u>49.59</u> |
| Total                  | 238.51       |

### Grapevine Workshop

Hi Friends!

Mary B in Menominee here. I just want to report that the AA Grapevine Workshop held here in Menominee MI at the Alano Club on September 21st was a great success. Jeff C., Area 74 Grapevine Chairperson and past Delegate, did a fantastic job of conducting the workshop. He set up the Area 74 Grapevine display with several large posters. My committee and I set up the District 09 display as well.

We had 28 people in attendance including people from Appleton, Neenah, Sturgeon Bay, Townsend, Marinette WI, and Menominee MI. I apologize if I missed anyone.

Our Agenda included: Duties of the Group Level Grapevine Rep, as well as the Duties at District and Area Levels. We also discussed Why Be a Grapevine Rep., and that The AA Grapevine is separate from AA World Service.

Jeff also talked about some of the history of The AA Grapevine. One fact that I found especially interesting is that Dr Paul ("Dr, Alcoholic, Addict" from 3rd Edition and "Acceptance Was the Answer" from 4th Edition of the Big Book) had originally sent in his story to be printed in an issue of The AA Grapevine.

There was discussion about how to use past issues of The AA Grapevine. Putting a copy in with a newcomer pack was mentioned. And, removing the staples and sewing them and taking them into the jails is another great use for past issues. The inmates love them and are always asking for more. They can also be placed in Dr's offices or waiting areas, and taken into hospitals.

There was also time for questions and answers. And a nice array of snacks were enjoyed by all.

Grapevine Catalogues, past issues of the magazine, and other handouts were on the tables for guests to take home with them if they chose to.

Many thanks to Jeff, and to Karl S, our District 09 DCM, and my GV committee members for all their help in putting this workshop together, as well as to our guests for their attendance.

And, just a reminder that The AA Grapevine magazine and products from the catalogue make great gifts for sponsees, sponsors, friends and newcomers.

Yours in Service,  
Mary B in Menominee



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

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| District 09 Treasure | Area 74 Treasure      |
| Jay Nelson           | Mary Jo Rone          |
| W8309 Cty C          | 2437 Sherman Creek Rd |
| Wausaukee, WI 54177  | Eau Claire, WI 54703  |



**Thank You for your support**



**Remember November is  
Gratitude Month.**

## **"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.

### **November Grapevine:**

**Special section: "Classic Grapevine"** Language of the Heart's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Twelve Steps in Thirty Minutes (July 1953), In Remembrance of Ebby (June 1966), Take Step Eleven—one Man's View (June 1958). Plus: **Paternity Leave**- Torn between recovery and responsibilities at home, a father puts meetings on hold. And, **Almost Beyond Hope**- Nothing was working except a sister's prayers. And MORE.

### **Humor from Grapevines Past:**

**A broken-down** bum on skid row was telling the sad tale of how he got there. "I was once a very wealthy man," he explained. "Most of my money went for booze, women, and high living. The rest I spent foolishly."

**A married couple** went to a party. After a while, the wife got a bad headache and decided to go home. Her husband, well boozed up, insisted on staying. After lying down for a while at home, the woman felt better and decided to return to the party. As a trick on her husband, she put on a different costume and mask before going back. Seeing him sitting in a corner, she disguised her voice and invited him to dance, then coaxed him out into the moonlit garden, where they hugged kissed for a while. To make the gag work, she went home again. When her husband weaved his way in later on, he complained that his feet were sore from dancing every number the band played. "You mean you never left the floor?" his spouse asked. "Only once," he replied. "The bartender at the club complained he never had any fun at parties, so I loaned him my costume for a while and tended bar for him."

**Two luses** were sitting in a bar. "Albert," asked one, "after you drink does your tongue burn?" "I don't know, Sam," replied the other after a moment's thought, "I've never tried to light it."

**A motorist** who had been stopped by a patrol car for weaving all over the highway kept protesting that he most certainly wasn't intoxicated. Meanwhile, one of the cops had drawn a chalk line on the pavement, and the suspect was led to it and told, "Let's see you walk along that." "Okay, okay," he answered. "I will if you put a net under it,"

### **Great Things Heard at Meetings –From the AA Grapevine:**

**"When it** came time for Step Six, the newcomer read aloud, 'were entirely ready to have God remove all these defective characters.'"

**"Failure** is not being knocked down; it's staying down."

**"An alcoholic** is a man with two feet firmly planted in mid-air."

**"Now that** I'm sober, I no longer wake up in the morning, roll over, and introduce myself."

**"When I** was drinking, I paid a high price for low living."

**"Although** I try, I do not always walk the way I talk. But today I am grateful – and so are others – that I don't walk the way I think!"

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.

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..

## **Step Eleven**

**Sought through pray and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.**

Prayer and meditation are our principal means of conscious contact with God.

We AA's are active folk, enjoying the satisfaction of dealing with the realities of life, usually for the first time in our lives, and strenuously trying to help the next alcoholic who comes along. So it isn't surprising that we often tend to slight serious meditation and prayer as something not really necessary. To be sure, we feel it is something that might help us to meet an occasional emergency, but at first many of us are apt to regard it as a somewhat mysterious skill of clergymen, from which we may hope to get a secondhand benefit. Or perhaps we don't believe in these things at all.

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**I know I'm not what I could be,  
I know I'm not what I should be,  
And I know I'm not yet what I want to be.  
But, THANK YOU, MY HIGHER POWER, that I'm not  
what I was!!!**

## **Tradition Eleven**

**Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.**

Tradition Eleven long form

Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think AA ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as AA members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.

**Announcing  
Green Bays Central Office is  
now open!!!**

**1270 Main Street Suite 102**

**Green Bay, WI**

**Monday-Friday**

**10:00AM-5:00PM**

**Saturday**

**10:00AM-2:00PM**

**Phone #'s**

**920-432-2600**

**920-432-2700**

**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 non-smoking meet-  
ing)

Rick from Peshtigo WI on Nov 26th

Scott C from Green Bay WI on Dec 24th

**Please announce at your meetings. Thanks!**

**To contact The Chronicle**

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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!!!**

|           |            |           |       |
|-----------|------------|-----------|-------|
| 8-Nov-97  | Charlene K | Marinette | 11yrs |
| 10-Nov-06 | Jim D      | Crivitz   | 2yrs  |
| 14-Nov-86 | Harold L   | Oconto    | 22yrs |
| 16-Nov-00 | Tom O      | Menominee | 8yrs  |
| 21-Nov-89 | Anita F    | Menominee | 19yrs |
| 22-Nov-03 | Bill M     | Crivitz   | 5yrs  |
| 27-Nov-77 | Bob W      | Shawano   | 31yrs |
| 30-Nov-00 | Barb       | Carter    | 8yrs  |

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