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Grand Central Station  
P.O. Box 459  
New York, NY 10163

### 2006 GSR MEETINGS

Starts 2 PM

Oct 01 Faith Presb. Church  
806 Fritzie Ave.  
Crivitz, WI

Nov 05 St. James Church  
Bissel & Church St.  
White Lake, WI

Dec 03 1st American Lutheran  
511 Madison  
Oconto, WI

### DISTRICT 09 GSR MEETING

October 01, 2006

Crivitz, WI

Meeting opened at 2:00 PM by DCM, Tammy N. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Traditions were read by Richard H. and introductions followed.

There were 17 members in attendance. Minutes from the meeting in September were read and accepted.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Jim H. reported that after all donations and bills, balance forward was \$479.28. Motion to accept carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Richard H. reported we are well established at UW Marinette with the new meeting there on Thursdays and they are welcoming literature to be displayed in various locations on the campus. Otherwise all is going well and we have literature displayed around the area. Richard has literature available if anyone needs it for their committee or group.

**CORRECTIONS:** Joy P. was absent. Sue C. reminded us about the upcoming quarterly meeting October 29, 2PM at the Alano Club in Menominee. Tammy reported that jail meetings are going well in Oconto, and we were reminded that if we have Grapevines that we want to donate, they are always welcome at

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the jails.

**NEWSLETTER:** Brian V. absent. Mary W. asked if members were able to open e-mailed Chronicles, due to new formatting. Many could not. Will aim to return to PDF format for ease of opening. Mary also reports that the mailed circulation of the Chronicle is now at an all time high of 51. Way to grow, Chronicle!

**ARCHIVES:** Kevin H. reported donation of an original copy of the Saturday Evening Post with the Jack Alexander article in it from Richard H., via Mary B. Mary B also donated photos from the International AA Convention in Toronto last fall.

**GRAPEVINE:** Mary B. reported October issue has special subscription offer to buy one at regular price and get a gift subscription to give away for ½ price. Note: it cannot be used to buy a 2<sup>nd</sup> year for your own subscription. New book available called “Emotional Sobriety”, through Grapevine, Wall and Pocket calendars are on sale for 2007 at this time. Catalogues available for Spanish language literature. Grapevine has new toll free phone number: 1-800-631-6025. There are still 2 gift certificates available to be given. Message from Karl S., Alt. DCM; “Thanks to Mary W. and Brian V. for updated meeting list.”

**TAPE LIBRARY:** Bill L. reported still no carrying case for CDs to keep them safe. Big Book on CD has been received and is a welcome addition to media library. List of titles continues to be updated as more items are donated and purchased. Thank you Mary W. for your hard work in updating list of tapes

and CDs.

**WEB SITE:** Jamie S. absent. Website looks good per message from Karl S.

*Motion carried to accept committee reports.*

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Sue C. has jewel cases and will donate them for any loose CDs or copies made to be loaned by the tape library. Mary W. has located a carrying case for CDs in plastic cases. Motion to purchase made and accepted.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was made about money that was earmarked to be used for the November Intergroup that will not be held. Motion was made and accepted to donate \$50 each to General Service Office in New York, Central Office and Area 74.

Mary B. stated that there are still 2 gift certificates available to be given. Discussion made that one will go to next Spring Oconto Intergroup and the other will go to an Intergroup next fall.

Question was asked for definition of “Intergroup”, as we use it ... defined as an open Pot Luck Dinner & Speaker Meeting and Fellowship function for members within a multi-group area. May cover several districts of AA.

Karl S. has schedule for next year’s GSR meetings.

Announcements for October were made and

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the following announcements were made for  
November '06:

Appleton, WI

Grapevine Workshop Friday, November 10 at  
Community Church on Hwy 23 West  
(2.5 miles West from Hwy 41 in Fon du lac)

Doors open 3:00 PM, workshop at 5:00 PM  
Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM

Guest Speaker at 8:00 PM: Robin B., AA  
Grapevine, Inc. Executive Editor

Contact: Kathy H. Dist. 02 Grapevine Rep.  
242-1503

5<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration of Fox Valley Central  
Office November 11, at 324 Nicollet Blvd.,  
Menasha, WI

Bring a dish to pass. Hot Sandwiches will be  
served

For more information call: 920-720-0522 or  
on the web: [foxvalleyaa.org](http://foxvalleyaa.org)

**EDUCATIONAL TOPIC:** None - tabled  
until next month. Terry W. will bring topic.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer at 2:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue C.  
Secretary

### 2006 Intergroups

Oct 28 St. Mary's Church  
119 W. 7th St.  
Kaukauna, WI

Nov Open

Dec 16 St. Pius Church  
500 W. Marquette St.

### Treasures Report

September 2006

Starting Balance	1912.97
Expenses	-51.40
Donations	+ <u>124.00</u>
Current Balance	1985.27
Dedicated Funds	
G.S.O.	25.00
Prudent Reserve	600.00
Corrections Committee	250.00
Intergroup Fund	275.79
Website Fund	<u>355.50</u>
Total	1506.29
Available Balance	479.28
Expenses	
Peshtigo Group (Room Rent)	20.00
Chronicle	<u>31.40</u>
Total	51.40
Donations	
Basket	17.00
BS Intergroup Flier	10.00
Wed Noon	20.00
Lakewood Library (for GSO)	25.00
Sara Plansky	<u>52.00</u>

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Total 124.00

### Remember November is Gratitude Month

**Concept XI:** The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

Do we understand how the roles of nontrustees directors and nontrustee appointed committee members help serve and strengthen the committee system?

How do we encourage our special paid workers to exercise their traditional "Right of Participation?"

Do we practice rotation in all our service positions?

### 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  
Don K from Ishpeming MI on

October 25

Kathy P from Gwinn MI on November 22

Mary Jo from Palmer MI on

December 27

**Please announce at your meetings.**

**Thanks!**

### "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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### November Grapevine:

Special Section: Classic Cartoons and Humor from the Grapevine, And, "Half-Measures Highway" - He found "good" reasons to miss meetings, Plus, "How the Universe Works" - A false alarm brought real help. *And MORE!*

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### More Humor from Grapevines Past:

\*A huge St Bernard was sitting inside a parked Volkswagen. A wino walked by, stared at the dog, which seemed to fill the small car and muttered, "They must've put him in there when he was just a pup." --June 1980

\*Two chaps were chatting idly in a bar. "When's your birthday?" asked one. "June 23rd," answered the other. "Yeah, but what

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year?" persisted the first. "Every year, you dummy!" he answered. --Sept. 1984

\***Two Scotsmen** from the highlands were staying at a hotel for the first time. After they had put away a good amount of malt whiskey, one of them left the room. He returned shortly with a very red cheek. "What happened to ye, mon?" asked his friend. "A wee bit of a mistake," answered the other. "I thought the sign on a door down the hall read LADDIES ONLY." --Sept. 1984

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"**Funny Things Happen**" - (A true story, in part, from Jan. 1985 AA Grapevine): After an AA meeting, I walked my pigeon to her car. I suddenly saw a skunk in my neighbor's driveway. I silently pointed this out to my friend, and we stood motionless while the skunk came within inches of her shoe. "Let's say the Serenity Prayer," I suggested. "God grant me the serenity..." was scarcely out of our lips when the skunk turned, moved on down the road, and disappeared into the woods. "I know prayer works, but I have never seen anything like this.!" She shrieked out with relief. We were both grateful that the skunk chose not to share.

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"**3 New Items** from the Grapevine: "Emotional Sobriety - The Next Frontier" is a new book which features selected stories from the Grapevine describing paths toward happiness and serenity that AAs travel.(\$7.95)

Also, the new 2007 Grapevine Wall Calendar(\$8) and the Pocket Planner(\$4) are now available. To order, you can use the toll free number,

1-800-631-6025. Or, to order online: "<http://www.aagrapevine.org/>" Or you can use the address below.

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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 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.  
P.O. Box 103, Menominee, MI 49858  
Ph: 906-864-0269..

## **AA** Responsibility Pledge

**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...**

### 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.

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Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem unattractive?

Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?

Am I careful about throwing AA names around-even within the Fellowship?

Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering, alcoholic?

What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?

Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?

### AA Grapevine Special!

Give one gift subscription of The AA Grapevine magazine at \$18. and get a second gift subscription at half price.

That's 2 gift subscriptions for \$27!

To order online:

["http://www.aagrapevine.org/"](http://www.aagrapevine.org/) or to order by phone: 1-800-631-6025 or see your meeting's Grapevine

Representative for an order form. If your meeting does not have a Grapevine Rep, perhaps you can be the Grapevine

Rep. It is easy and fun! For more information, contact me, the District 09

Grapevine Committee Chairperson,  
Mary Bray, at 906-864-0269..

The AA Grapevine: Even if it saves  
your life only once this year, you still  
get 11 more issues!

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Please announce at your meetings.

Thanks!

**No Deadline given for The Grapevine  
Special**

### **Step Eleven**

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

From pages 87 and 88 of BB

As we go through the day we pause, when agitated or doubtful, and ask for the right thought or action, We constantly remind ourselves we are no longer running the show, humbly saying to ourselves many times each day "Thy will be done." We are then in much less danger of excitement, fear, anger, worry, self-pity, or foolish decisions. We become much more efficient. We do not tire so easily, for we are not burning up energy foolishly as we did when we were trying to arrange life to suit ourselves.

**It works-it really does.**

### **History of AA in November**

**1895** Bill W. born in East Dorset, VT

**1939** First west coast meeting held in San Francisco.

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**1940** San Diego first AA meeting held in apartment

**1940** First AA group formed in Minneapolis

**1947** Anchorage has first AA meeting

**1950** Dr. Bob dies of cancer

**1966** Big Book is published in paperback

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### PLACES TO GO - THINGS TO DO

- Nov 05 GSR Meeting Faith Presb Church 806 Fritzie Ave. Crivitz, WI  
Nov 11 5th Year Fox Valley Central Office Fund Raiser St. Patrick's Center  
324 Nicollet Blvd. Menasha, WI

### AA Birthdays

|       |          |           |        |
|-------|----------|-----------|--------|
| 11-08 | Char K   | Marinette | 9 yrs  |
| 11-11 | Jack V   | Menominee | 25 yrs |
| 11-14 | Harold L | Oconto    | 20 yrs |
| 11-16 | Tom O    | Menominee | 6 yrs  |
| 11-21 | Anita F  | Menominee | 17 yrs |
| 11-22 | Bill M   | Crivitz   | 3 yrs  |
| 11-26 | Delores  | Shawano   | 21 yrs |
| 11-30 | Barb     | Lakewood  | 6 yrs  |

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