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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 Luth
511 Madison
Oconto, WI

DISTRICT 09 GSR MEETING

September 10, 2006

Peshtigo, WI

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

Traditions were read by Richard H. and introductions followed.

There were 16 members in attendance.

Minutes from the August meeting were read and accepted.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer present. Chairperson accidentally overlooked asking for report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Richard H. reported attending the UW Marinette Town Meeting regarding prevention of under age drinking. The event was a good experience that will become ongoing. People there were very receptive to the AA presence. On Saturday, August 26, he and Sue C. had an AA booth at the Menominee Health Fair at the Marina Park. We were welcomed and handed out a good number of pamphlets and information, in spite of blustery weather. It was a very good experience. Richard will follow through to see if we will be included in the next Health Fair. Mike W. has volunteered to co-chair with Richard doing Public Information Service in the Western portion of the district in

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PLACES TO GO - THINGS TO DO

- Oct 01 Crivitz GSR Meeting Faith Presb. Church
806 Fritzie Ave Crivitz, WI
- Oct 07 Area 74 Corrections Workshop Contact Wausau, WI
Contact LeRoy O. 715-532-7196
- Oct 28 Kaukana Intergroup St Mary's Church 119 W. 7th Kaukana, WI

AA Birthdays

10-02	Sue R.	Menominee	2 yrs
10-04	Chi. Bob	Crivitz	34 yrs
10-04	Harvey	Oconto	14 yrs
10-04	Dan P.	Oconto	7 yrs
10-11	Sally H.	Crivitz	23 yrs
10-15	Clarice P.	Menominee	18 yrs
10-15	Rick J.	Lakewood	3 yrs
10-16	Jerry K.	Crivitz	7 yrs
10-18	Mike A.	Lakewood	10 yrs
10-21	Joy R.	Menominee	6 yrs
10-23	Rita D.	Crivitz	16 yrs

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Wisconsin. Thank you Mike!

CORRECTIONS: Joy P. was absent. Sue C. reminded us about the upcoming quarterly meeting October 29, 2PM at the Alano Club in Menominee. Jim H. mentioned that there is \$250.00 available for Corrections from the District. Terry S. reported that he spoke with Ron O. from the Moose n Goose and if Corrections needs money for literature, it is going fast, best to put in request soon for needed literature. Mary B. reported that there will be a Corrections workshop all day on October 7 in Wausau. There is also one upcoming in Milwaukie, but no flyer was available at this time.

It was reported that jail meetings going are well in Menominee on Tuesdays, Wednesdays in Marinette are good, and meetings for Huber and regular jail in Shawano are doing well per Terry W. No recent updates on the other jail meetings that were struggling.

NEWSLETTER: Brian V. absent. He will not be available to attend next month, per Terry S.

ARCHIVES: Kevin H. absent. No report.

GRAPEVINE: Mary B. reported that she is getting positive response to humor being included in her report to the Chronicle. She also reported that there will be a Grapevine Workshop on November 10 in Fon du Lac, WI with panel discussions, a potluck and speaker, Robin B; the Executive Editor of the Grapevine magazine. It begins at 5 PM at the Community Church, Hwy 23 West . Call Dave B. at 920-929-0398 for more information on this event.

Mary spoke to Bob M., the Grapevine Director, who asked her opinion on the new glossy magazine cover. She said it was great!

TAPE LIBRARY: Bill L. reported donations from Karl S. of 2 video tapes and speaker tapes from the Fall Conference. Titles read of CDs available. CD list will be typed up in addition to current tape list. Discussion was made about the pros and cons of posting of tape library contents on the web site for check out. Bill prefers to keep it simple.

WEB SITE: Jamie S. absent. Sue C. reports speaking with Jamie S. yesterday, who has updated the website, asking for current meeting list for the district. Meeting list will be posted when updated with all new meetings.

Motion carried to accept committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mary B. reported that she did indeed order and receive the CDs from the Grapevine, for the library and they are very good. Currently the CDs are on loan. Mary will bring them to Bill when they are returned to her. These have individual tracks, so they're easier to restart from any ending point.

Concern was expressed by Mike W. regarding starting CDs where they left off. Many members can do it and others cannot. How it is done seems to be dependent on the type of CD player each one has.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion was made and accepted to spend the

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\$85.00 to purchase Big Book on CD to add to the media library.

Terry S. reported attending a planning meeting for the 2007 Area Assembly and passed out a copy of the projected budget. GSRs are encouraged to get a group conscience from their meetings to accept or reject the budget; to attend the Assembly and vote according to their group's vote.

Announcements:

1. New open meeting begins Thursday, September 14 at 2 PM at UW Marinette Main Building, Room 200. Contact Jay N. 715-582-0451 for more information.

2. New meeting in Shawano, Mondays 7PM at a private home 313 W. Wescott Ave. Contact Mary W. 715-526-6758 for more information.

3. Bonduel Shawano Intergroup is September 23 at St. James Lutheran Church / School 324 S. Andrews St. Shawano with dinner, GSR meeting and speakers.

4. No groups in District 09 showing interest in hosting November Intergroup. Terry S. spoke to people in District 02 willing to host the event. We are grateful, so long as there *is* an intergroup meeting.

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC: None - tabled until next month.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer at 3:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue C.

Secretary

Treasures Report

August 2006

Starting Balance	1914.67
Expenses	-97.70
Donations	<u>+96.00</u>
Current Balance	1912.67
Dedicated Funds	
Prudent Reserve	600.00
Corrections Committee	250.00
Intergroup Fund	275.79
Website Fund	<u>355.50</u>
Total	1481.29
Available Balance	431.68
Expenses	
Jim Van Horn(Grapevine)	23.00
Richard Hruska (Public Info)	3.03
Sue Collier (Secretary)	30.00
Chronicle	<u>41.67</u>
Total	97.70
Donations	
2 Chronicle Subscription	16.00
Basket	25.00

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Sunday Night Big Book	25.00
Wednesday Noon	<u>30.00</u>
Total	96.00

STEP TEN

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

... which suggests we continue to take personal inventory and continue to set right any new mistakes as we go along. We vigorously commenced this way of living as we cleaned up the past. We have entered the world of the Spirit. Our next function is to grow in understanding and effectiveness. This is not an overnight matter. It should continue for our lifetime. Continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear. When these crop up, we ask God at once to remove them. We discuss them with someone immediately and make amends quickly if we have harmed anyone. Then we resolutely turn our thoughts to someone we can help. Love and tolerance of others is our code.

And we have ceased fighting anything or anyone- even alcohol. For by this time sanity will have returned. We will seldom be interested in liquor. If tempted, we recoil from it as from a hot flame. We react sanely and normally, and will find that this has happened automatically. We will see that our new attitude on liquor has been given to us without any though...

**Excerpt From
Big Book Pages 84 and 85**

2006 Intergroups

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

Nov **Open Date**

Dec 16 St. Pius Church
500 W. Marquette St.
Appleton, WI

THIS IS HISTORY

1937: AA meetings held weekly at Bill and Lois W's home in Brooklyn, first New York AA group.

1939: Bill W. gets his drivers license.

1941: New Haven, CT first AA group formed.

1945: AA Grapevine adopted as national publication. 3,000 subscribers.

1945: Group formed in Savannah, GA

TRADITION TEN

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

1. Do I ever give the impression that there

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really *is* an “AA opinion” on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? AL-Anon? Alateen?

2. Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the “AA opinion”?
3. What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?
4. Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?
5. What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?
6. Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?
7. How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

"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.

October Grapevine:

Special Report: Hitting Bottom Hard - and bouncing high: Young People in AA celebrate forty-eight years of ICYPAA And, "*Life Without the Fall*" - Plus, "*One Blackout Too Many - A Group Inventory*" And MORE!

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

\*THE UCLA Medical Center has various-colored lines painted along the hallway floors, each tint leading to a different department. An ill-looking woman was told by the receptionist to follow the green line to a certain doctor. She teetered along the stripe, placing each foot ahead of the other, heel to toe. After traveling about ten feet, she called back to the receptionist, "I think I should explain that I'm here because I'm sick--not drunk."

\*A DRUNK decides to try horseback riding, even though she has had no lessons or prior experience. She mounts the horse unassisted, and the horse immediately springs into motion. It gallops along at a steady and rhythmic pace, but the drunk begins to slip from the saddle. In terror, she grabs for the horse's mane, but cannot seem to get a firm grip. She tries to throw her arms around the horse's neck but she slides down the side of the horse.

The horse continues its rhythmic galloping, impervious to its slipping rider. Finally, giving up her frail grip, the drunk attempts to throw herself to safety. Unfortunately, her foot has become entangled in the stirrup and she is now at the mercy of the galloping horse as her head is struck against the ground over and over. She

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is mere moments away from unconsciousness when, to her great good fortune, the Wal-Mart manager comes over and shuts the horse off."

\***AFTER eighteen** holes and a brisk shower, a curious golfer watched his playing partner struggling into a girdle. "How long you been wearing that thing?" he asked.

"Ever since my wife found it in the glove compartment of my car," replied the other.

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"Funny Things Happen" - (A story, in part, from Dec. 1972 AA Grapevine): "At about a month sober, I was attending a business convention in the hospitality suite of a swank hotel. The booze was flowing freely and memories of days gone by were somewhat overwhelming and an AA meeting sure wouldn't have done any harm.

"A plain ginger ale," I said in a stage whisper to the bartender. I noticed a guy at the other end of the bar watching. He held his glass up in a toast toward me and said, "Easy does it." I tried to focus on his glass, to analyze the color for alcoholic content from afar. It was impossible to tell. "A day at a time," I said as I returned the sweeping motion of the toast. He smiled and edged his way toward me. "First things first," he said. "But for the grace of God," I replied, and we both started to laugh as though one of us had just come up with the punch line of the evening. "I'm Ed F.," I said, playing out the charade to the last. "Bob M.," he replied. We shook hands. We took our ginger ales to a quiet corner, and we had ourselves a real fine little AA meeting."

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"**And remember** Dr. Bob's warning shortly before he left us. Speaking of our AA program, he said, '*Keep it simple. Let's not louse it all up with Freudian complexes and things that are*

*interesting to the scientific mind, but have very little to do with our actual AA work.'*" -- AA Grapevine - December 1972

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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: (212) 870-3400)

Does your group have an AA Grapevine Representative? If not, then perhaps you can be the Grapevine Rep. It is a fun and easy way to get involved. Contact me with any 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 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...

CONCEPT TEN

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

1. Do we understand "authority" and "responsibility" as they relate to group

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**conscience decisions by G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s
and area delegates.**

**2. Why is delegation of “authority” so
important to the overall effectiveness of
A.A.? Do we use this concept to define the
scope of “authority?”**