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Thoughts on Step 1

It was, and still is very easy to see the unmanageability in my life. When I was drinking I would do, and think up the most craziest things to screw up my life. I got in trouble with the law more than once, I always had good paying jobs and couldn't seem to pay my bills ever, and I would not remember things I would do when I was drinking everyday. Now that I am sober I still have unmanageability in my life but it is not because I can't remember what I did the day before. It's because I screwed up my whole life so bad when I was drinking I am still, to this day trying my hardest to dig out of the hole I dug myself when I was drinking.

When I first came to AA I knew I had a drinking problem but I didn't know that I was powerless over alcohol, that first drink of the day was the killer for me. After that first drink I no longer could make decisions to benefit me or my family. This first step of AA taught me a lot in the first days of being sober. I could see that I was powerless over that first drink and that all I had to do was not take it. Once I realized this simple but very important step everything else just came to me, I wasn't baffled at simple decisions that I could now make on a daily basis, with a sponsors help and foresight of course.

I am grateful today of all of the bad stuff that happened to me back then, everything happens for a reason. That reason is for me to be alive, be a good father, and to be a good friend to those in need. Thank you Alcoholics Anonymous.

Josh

Step One

“We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable .”

Tradition One (Long Form)

“Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward. “

Concept One

“Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship . “

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District 5 Monthly Meeting Notes--Jan. 12,2011

Meeting opened by the DCM with the Responsibility Statement.

Introductions: 19 present with 1 visitor

Secretary's Report: Accepted as read with one correction. Northside's Potluck/Workshop is on Feb. 19 not Feb.18th.

Treasurer's Report:Beginning Savings Account balance is \$452.53 with.10 int. ending balance is \$452.63. Checking balance begins at \$1947.45 with \$10.00 disbursements leaving a balance of \$1937.45. The treasurer announced that she would be stepping down immediately. Adam K. has agreed to do the books until we elect a new treasurer next month.

DCM Report:

Paul was unable to attend the Area Committee meeting but reported on the Grapevine survey results.They are published in the Dec. "Now and Then". He also announced the Area Assembly will be held on April 2 in Three Lakes.

Discussion on the qualifications for a new treasurer was discussed. We have an alternate GSR who has qualifications needed by a treasurer wanting to take the position. The person has only 10 + months sobriety and the DCM thinks the qualifications are for 2yrs. sobriety. A motion was made by Nickolas as follows:"Adam will serve as interim treasurer until next month". This motion will allow GSR's to take the positions back to their groups for discussion and to see if anyone would be interested in the position.

Group and meeting updates:

A question was asked if the District would help a group out financially for a workshop they had planned. Through much discussion it was mentioned that the alternate DCM usually if asked will help set up workshops. District in the passed has helped out groups if the District is somehow affiliated with the workshop, otherwise the group would have to fund the workshop themselves. Paul asked that the GSR's take this back to their groups for discussion.

Workshops: Northside Workshop and Potluck to follow will be held on Feb. 19,2011. The workshop will be about Homegroups and the AA Hotline. A potluck will follow with Winnie M. Alanon and James P. AA as speakers.

Quarterly Report:

Archives: Al reported the materials are safe and dry and ready to display at any time.

CPC: Dick reported the committee is working on preparing for the presentation and information booth at the 2011 National Rural Institute on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, to be held in Menomo-

nie,WI in June, 2011. The GSO decided to send the CPC information display to the conference. The Area CPC and District CPC will be coordinating the volunteers to cover the 4+ day conference. A proposal written up by Dick to make a 1.5 hr. presentation at the conference on CPC activities within the District, Area and National level was accepted . Dick along with the Area, GSO chair will work on the presentation. More will follow as the time gets closer.

Treatment:No report...

The following dates to be marked on your calendars:

Jan. 22, 2011 Workshop and Potluck Club 12 E.C.

Jan.29,2011 Chili Feed 1st Congregation Church E.C.

Feb. 11-13 Conference of Delegates Past &Present Appleton,WI

Feb.19, 2011 Northside Workshop and Potluck

March 12 Delegates Workshop Iron Rivers,WI

April 2,2011 Three Lakes,WI Assembly

May 13-15 Sturgeon Bay, WI Spring Conference

Next month meeting on Feb. 9,2011

Quarterly Reports:

Corrections, PI,Webmaster

Meeting closed with the Serenity Prayer

Special Thanks...

Special thanks to Josh, and Sara for submitting articles for this month's issue of The District View!!

Thanks for sharing everyone!!

Got Experience? Pass It On!!!

Do you have an experience to share regarding an upcoming Step, Tradition or Concept?

Please email Jason L. at:
districtview@aainwestwis.org

to share any experience you have with Step, Tradition or Concept

Thank you for contributing to the District View.

Thoughts on Tradition 1

Tradition One: “Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.”

I had finally finished the steps, after two years of procrastination I was finally done. Wrong! I know today I must work the steps on a daily basis, over and over and over, if I want what this program offers me. Step 12 was done and so I had assumed my sponsor and I would start again with Step one or something else to work on. Wrong again! My sponsor stated, "now that we have finished working the steps in the book we will move on to the 12 Traditions." "Huh," I replied.

My sponsor and I sat down and read Tradition one out of the 12x12. I had questions and she was happy to answer them so that I could truly understand what the words in front of me meant. I am grateful for this now. I knew we had traditions, but never really looked into them or what they meant to AA in general. Tradition one, not complicated, yet very, very important, is critical to the program of AA. I am not an expert on this tradition. All I can do is share what I believe to be of importance in regards to this tradition. I know, as it does state in print, that without AA we will die and without unity, AA will die.

Each individual makes up this program and without each person, AA will wither away and I surely don't want to imagine a life like that. I am but one person of a much greater whole. I am no better, but no less than each and every single individual human being

“I am no better, but no less than each and every single individual human being that walks into the doors of AA...”

that walks into the doors of AA, the doors of a new life. I am very grateful to my sponsor for explaining this tradition to me. My awareness and learning in this program continues to live on. It is an endless journey and I still have much more to learn. My learning will die when I do.

Sara

In The Beginning

This section exists with hopes to connect to newcomers regardless of the Step, Tradition, or Month we are in.

However, since this month we are on Step 1, I have opted to go without an article for this section.

This will return next month as we look at Step 2.

Upcoming Event:

Traveling Potluck

Open Speaker Meeting and Workshop

Hosted by Eau Claire Northside Group
with Workshop presented by CVIG

At Hope Lutheran Church
NE corner of Eddy Lane and Starr Avenue
(3 blocks West of Hwy 53 on Eddy Lane)

Saturday, February 19, 2011

Pot luck (bring a dish to pass!)

Schedule of Events

2:00 – 4:00 pm Workshop Panels

Home Group Panel

CVIG AA “Hotline” Panel

5:00 Meet & Mingle

5:30 Potluck Dinner

7:00 Al-anon Speaker Winnie M (Eau Claire)

8:15 AA Speaker James P (Washington D.C.)

For workshop or potluck info contact Nicholas S.
or spc@chippewavalleyintergroup.org

See you there!!!

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month at Club 12, Eau Claire @ 6:00 p.m.
CVIG (Intergruop) meets on the 4th Wednesday of every

each month at Club 12, Eau Claire @5:30
NITY (CPC) COMMITTEE meets on the 3rd Wednesday of
COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMU-

Riverfalls Alano Club @ 6:30 p.m.
3rd Wednesday of each month at:
PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI) COMMITTEE meets on the

**DISTRICT 05 MONTHLY meeting 2nd Wednesday of each
month at Leisure Center, Menomonie @6:45**

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE meets QUARTERLY (Jan, Apr, July,
Oct) at 7:45 pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

TREATMENT FACILITIES COMMITTEE meets 1st
Monday of even months at Club 12, Eau Claire @ 6:45

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