



# The District View



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**District 05 Newsletter - February 2013**

## **A Great Experience (in prison!)**

### **a Voice and a Vote**

## **Flyers for Exciting Events in District 05!**

### **Step 2**

Came to believe that a power greater than ourselves  
could restore us to sanity.

### **Tradition 2**

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate  
authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in  
our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted  
servants; they do not govern

### **Concept 2**

When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the perma-  
nent charter for their General Service Conference,  
they thereby delegated to the Conference complete  
authority for the active maintenance of our world  
services and thereby made the Conference - excepting  
for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article  
12 of the Conference Charter - the actual voice and  
the effective conscience for our whole Society.

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## District 05 Monthly Meeting Minutes - January 9th, 2013

District 5 Meeting Minutes from January 9th, 2013

The meeting opened with the Responsibility Statement.

Introductions: 25 people present

Secretary's Report: Was accepted.

Treasurers Report: The beginning savings account balance was \$453.34 with .02 int. leaving the ending balance at \$453.45. Checking account beginning balance was \$951.10 with (3 group) contribution of \$85.00, and disbursements of \$17.42 (rent \$13.50, & Administration expenses of \$3.92) creating an ending balance of \$1018.68. Reimbursement was requested for \$18.23 and was approved. Year end reports were provided. Report was read and approved.

DCM Report: DCM discussed delegates work shop and area committee meeting and assembly April 6th and 7th in Eagle River, WI. DCM suggests GSR's try and attend. Background into New York will be provided. DCM would like Committees to write articles for the district newsletter. Requested reimbursement for gas and sub of \$25 for December Three Lakes trip. Approved.

Groups & Meetings Updates: Saturday AM 10:30 AM Women's meeting in River Falls at Alano club has been started and Sunday at 3PM at the Tri County Building at 23669 Washington Street in Independence has started also.

Workshop reports: Cheryl has been asked to make up flyers for the Treatment Committees workshop on April 13th. 11-3 at Club 12.

Old Business: Big Book study workshop 15 pre registrations. Next meeting Feb. 2nd at 9AM at Menomonie club. Looking for greater (a group to sponsor) Sunday noon for lunch has an opening for a group to sponsor. Hot wire has cheaper rates if staying at Super 8. Asking for Grapevine, Literature, Intergroup and Archives to provide items if they would like. Asked for \$10 for Rent and was approved. Discussion of places to have the Fall Conference of 2014 were Plaza Hotel, Best Western, Old Holiday Inn (Clairon now) -most felt that wasn't big enough to host it, Action City which was booked and 29 pines. More at a later date.

New business: Phil sent out flyers more than once a month. Prints out newsletters and puts them around at tables at the Clubs.

Quarterly Reports:

Archives: Looking for documents on what should be archived. Asking for the District to decide. Vote asked for next month. Maybe do group histories - do we keep district views?

CPC: Report provided. Requested payment for rent \$10 and \$20.23 to Mike S. to repay for mailing 7 big books. List of proposed activities were provided by the committee.

Treatment: Asked to District to help pay the cost of workshop in April. Asking for \$100 for and was approved to come out of Alternate DCM budget. Working with Arbor Place and might start a 2nd meeting. Added N/A hotline numbers on the folder for the treatment centers. Talked about providing the conference approved DVD at a cost of \$16 each for the treatment centers. Concerns were brought up about going over budget and suggestions were made to take to home groups to see if they would help sponsor the costs. The DVD's are about getting exposed to AA and sponsorship.

GSR Input and Questions: Talks about doing group history stories for the newsletters and maybe doing want ads in the newsletter to help it grow. Everyone liked the idea.

Concept 1 - wasn't time to present so Bob W. will do at opening of next meeting and Concept 2 by ?? and Tradition 1 to be presented by Renee as start of meeting but Renee will be out of town that week so DCM was informed. Tradition 2 presented by ???

We closed with the Serenity Prayer.

## **A GREAT EXPERIENCE**

I had the great opportunity to attend my first AA group meeting at the Stanly Prison with Pete W. from Eau Claire. The opportunity to listen and share with the AA inmates at Stanley gave me the feeling of truly carrying our message to the alcoholics who still suffers.

These inmates are hungry for outside contact, to listen and to share. Simple things that we take for granted such as current AA catalogs, 12 x 12, small supply of grapevine and meeting information once upon released. They do not have access to the internet to gather information or to order it.

The reception we received before and after the group meeting was truly heart warming. I would like to encourage anyone that may have the opportunity to try and attend one of these meetings. Stanley prison has AA meeting the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm. You do need to first submit and receive clearance to attend, but it is worth it. If interested to serve as a volunteer you can contact the AA Correction Chair through our District 5 web site.

Cowboy Bob W  
River Falls group

[Editors note: The District 5 corrections chairperson contact information is also listed at the beginning of this newsletter]

## **Voice and Vote**

How is my voice heard in Alcoholics Anonymous? This is a question that many in our fellowship have thought about, but probably not asked. It is important that each person is heard and that premise is part of the foundation of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The structure of AA was set up by our founders so that all who come into Alcoholics Anonymous have the opportunity to be heard. The process begins when a member attends the group conscience meeting for his home group and expresses his opinions to or asks questions of the "GSR", who is the group service representative for his home group. The group conscience meeting is the forum for discussion of any changes, concerns, proposed actions, and other issues regarding the home group and AA as a whole.

The GSR, in turn, expresses your and other members' opinions at the district and area levels so those opinions are part of the delegate's awareness when he/she attends the yearly General Service Conference in New York. After the annual conference, the GSR passes on the delegate's report on the conference to the home group members.

As members of Alcoholics Anonymous, we each have a vote to cast on any business that may be transacted in our home group. The general service representative casts a vote for his/her home group at the district meetings and area assemblies, keeping the groups' conscience as his guide.

It cannot be overstated how vital each person's voice and vote are in Alcoholics Anonymous and all its' business. If you have not been participating in your own group conscience meeting, please take advantage of this chance to be heard.

Gary S.  
District 05 DCM

# **Bridging the Gap between Treatment and AA**

**District 5 is sponsoring a  
Treatment Committee  
workshop at Club 12 on  
April 13 from 11-3pm.**

**Potluck at 11:00  
with maindish provided  
followed by workshop.**

# District 5 Big Book Seminar

Presenters :

## Roger B and Dennis B

From Minneapolis

Saturday, February 23, 2013: 9am - 5pm

Sunday, February 24, 2013: 9am - 3pm

## Menomonie Leisure Center

1412 6th Street East  
Menomonie, WI 54751



**BYOBB (Bring Your Own Big Book)**

[www.aainwestwis.org](http://www.aainwestwis.org)

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### District 5 Big Book Seminar Registration Form

Suggested registration donation – \$10

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to District 5 and mail this form to:  
District 5 Big Book Seminar, P.O. Box 261, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0261

## Accommodations for the Big Book Seminar

### Hotels and Motels in the Menomonie Area

**County Inn & Suites**

320 Oak Street, Menomonie, WI  
(715) 235-5664

**Motel 6**

2100 Stout Street, Menomonie, WI  
(715) 235-6901

**Super 8**

1622 North Broadway Street, Menomonie, WI  
(715) 235-8889

**Econo Lodge Inn & Suites**

1815 North Broadway Street, Menomonie, WI  
(715) 235-9651

**AmericInn Lodge & Suites**

1915 North Broadway Street, Menomonie, WI  
(800) 634-3444

### Letter from the Editor

Greetings and salutations to all of my friends in A.A.!

The 5th Tradition tells us "Each group has but one primary purpose - to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers". I hope to continue to expand the District View newsletter toward this end. We have an excellent opportunity to share our experience, strength, and hope through the District View by helping the newcomer to know that they are Not Alone, as well as inform them of the plethora of events and service opportunities available in our area.

While there has been a little growth regarding the content of this newsletter over the past few issues, we still have a very long way to go. This is where you come in! Do you like to write? Articles are gladly accepted to be considered for publication. While there are countless excellent publications available from the recovery world, the District View allows us the opportunity to share what's happening within our communities. Have you found a cartoon, graphic, quote, or article that you have found particularly inspiring for your own recovery? Send it in!

I do have one more request. At the current time we have around 100 A.A. meetings within our district. Print a few copies of this newsletter and leave them at your clubhouse for others to read. The more people that can read this, the more people will know about our events, our service opportunities, and all of the incredible things happening in our district.

Thank you all for your patience while I work to improve this newsletter. ALL suggestions are welcome so please never hesitate to email the District View at [thedistrictview@gmail.com](mailto:thedistrictview@gmail.com)

Thank you!



Alcoholics Anonymous School  
Volunteer Application

Your district Public Information Committee has been recently very active in carrying the message to those that still suffer from alcoholism. Reaching out to different parts of the many communities in our district is one way we have tried to help others. We would like to expand this agenda into the various high schools surrounding the area. There is a possibility that this may be a large project and would need many volunteers for help implementing this plan.

There are various ways you may contribute to this outreach program. We are looking for volunteers that would be willing to deliver literature to these schools, as well as possibly talking with a faculty member, such as a guidance counselor. Other options include talking to classes about alcoholism and possibly making a presentation, if requested. This project is still yet very premature but we would like to have a list of volunteers in case this gets off the ground quicker than expected.

If you are interested or willing to carry the message into these high schools, please fill out the information below.

Sincerely,

District 05 Public Information Committee

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Sobriety Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Sobriety Requirement of at least one year

I would be interested in: (Please check all that you are interested in)

\_\_\_\_ Talking with faculty and/or Guidance counselors

\_\_\_\_ Talking to students

\_\_\_\_ Pass out literature

\_\_\_\_ Make a presentation to classes within the school

\*Please Return form to Andy W. or any Public Information Committee member



### **Upcoming Events:**

For more information on upcoming events  
visit the District 05 website at  
[www.aainwestwis.org](http://www.aainwestwis.org)  
or speaking with your meetings GSR

#### **District 05 Big Book Seminar**

February 23rd & 24th 2013  
Menomonie Leisure Center  
See Flyer Inside!

#### **Treatment Committee Workshop**

Club 12  
April 13th 11am - 3pm  
See Flyer Inside!

If you have an event you would like  
to see listed in this newsletter,  
contact the editor at [thedistrictview@gmail.com](mailto:thedistrictview@gmail.com)

**Please Send Group Contributions To:**  
**District 05 Treasurers**  
**P.O. Box 261**  
**Eau Claire, WI 54702**

### **Monthly District 05 Events:**

**District 05 Monthly GSR Meeting** is held at 6:45pm, on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Leisure Center, 1412 Sixth St., Monomonie, WI. Any members are welcome to attend.

**District 05 Committees** offer AA service opportunities for alcoholics who want to help carry the AA message. Unless otherwise noted, committees meet at Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.

**Treatment Facilities Committee** meets at 6:45pm on the 2nd Monday of every month.

**Corrections Committee** meets QUARTERLY (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) at 7:45pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee** meets at 6:45pm on the 2nd Monday of even months.

**Public Information Committee** meets on the ODD months (Jan, Mar, May, etc.) at 6:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at River Falls Alano club

**Chippewa Valley Intergroup** meets at 6:30pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

\*\* Care is taken to include all events. If your event is not listed we regret the error. To list your group's event please contact your GSR, any district officer, or the newsletter editor before the 20th of the month preceeding the event.

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