



The District View

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District 05 meeting in
Menomonie Wisconsin!
1412 6th Street E
Menomonie, WI 54751-3331
4/9/2014 at 6:45pm

If you have or know of an alcoholic with the willingness to serve at the district level, this is the chance and time to do so! You can't keep what you have unless you give it away.

*Always looking for experience, strength and hope experiences to add to future newsletters. Submissions can be made to The District View email at the top of this page.

Step 4 Made a fearless and searching moral inventory of ourselves.

Tradition 4 Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

Concept 4 At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

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AA Area 74 Service Structure

Delegate Mary Jo R.
Area Chair Kim R.
Secretary Scott K.
Treasurer Derek T.

AA District 05

DCM Nicholas S.
Alt. DCM Paul H.
Secretary Shane S.
Treasurer Ron S.

AA District 05 Committees

Archives Derek B
Corrections Molly M.
CPC Jim P.
Grapevine Gary S.
Literature Wayne W.
Newsletter Ron S.
Public Info Myron M.
Treatment Chris D.
Webmaster Jason L.

District 05 Monthly Meeting March 12th, 2014

6:45pm Open meeting with the Serenity Prayer!

Introductions: Attendance - 21

Concept 3: presented by Dave S. Tradition 3: presented by Gary S.

SECRETARY REPORT: (Shane S.)

- Passed around contact list to be updated
- EMAIL: Shane your Committee Reports before each Monthly Meeting.
- Committee Reports due for April are: Archives, CPC, Treatment, Treasures, Fall Conference, and WICYPAA

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Ron S)

- Zero group deposits "Concern"
- Savings Balance - \$454.08 Checking Balance - \$790.15

WORKSHOP REPORT: (Pete W)

- Gave a detailed report on the progress of the Fall Conference.

LITERATURE REPORT: (Wayne W)

- Planning on getting a copy of the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Big Book
- Been to 3 workshops, 2 public information workshops, and a GSR workshop.

NEWSLETTER REPORT: (Ron S)

- District view sign-up sheet seems to be working. Went from 52 to 75 E-Mail Recipient's
- Groups to submit articles to the newsletter ENCOURAGED!
- No Expense Report

GRAPEVINE REPORT: (Gary S)

The AA Grapevine Inc. is one of the two operating entities of the General Service Board, with its own corporate board, staff, and financial structures separate from that of the General Service Office. The first issue of the Grapevine, published as a large format newsletter in June 1944, was the brainchild of six AA members in the New York area. The print run of this issue was 1200, of which 165 were subscribers. What is a GRAPEVINE REPRESENTATIVE? Does your group have a GVR? A GVR represents a group by informing and linking our magazine to the members of the group. Additionally, the GVR should promote and encourage members to subscribe to the grapevine. A GVR is engaged in active twelfth step work, while becoming more aware of AA history. Please consider becoming the GVR for your group. I have all the Grapevine materials for district 05 and recently brought the display to the PI workshop in Eau Claire, and River Falls, as well as the GSR/Service workshop in Eau Claire.

If you would like to have the Grapevine display at your event, please contact me.

DCM REPORT: (Nicholas S)

- Monthly Conference Call –attended on 2/26 – attended by 6 DCM + 1 alternate
- Informed Area Chair/Delegate – District 05 frustration with webmaster
- Fall Conference Flyer
- Updated Meeting List
- Delegates Workshop/Assembly (March 29/30)
- Updating Group/Contact info – Handout email
- Meeting/Group Update – How do we proceed? – Updates to me next Month to be forwarded
- Spring Conference (May 16 – 18)
- Carpooling/Room Sharing
- Please register, only have 6 registrations.
- Encouragement to invite people to this meeting – committee chairs as well monthly
- Corrections Workshop in Eleva
- Molly has communicated with Pat and dialogue is moving positively forward
- Groups/Events attended:
- Service Workshop in Eau Claire
- Feedback?
- PI Workshop in River Falls
- Feedback?
- Monday night Wesleyan, no longer have a gsr, provided them with info, contact information
- Eau Claire Early Risers
- Northside Group in EC - Contribution
- Club 12 Banq
- Special Needs – ASL interpreter in Eau Claire - Treatment, read guidelines
- Requested Reimbursement of \$107.02 for conference registrations and admin supplies

GROUP UPDATES:

- Ellsworth Meeting is Active

NEW BUSINESS:

Topic “Self Supporting” Remind our groups of our 7th Tradition, Donation Request or Contributions to District, To put out a blurb in the Newsletter about Self Supporting.

- Nicholas to draw up a letter to the groups talking about what’s going on with District.
- Shawna R, to give report at our monthly meeting about the progress of the WICYPAA Conference coming to Eau Claire, January 2015. Email Shane before next Meeting!
- Chippewa Valley Round-Up report to be given also.
 - Request for reimbursement of \$135.99 to Myron M. for PI Committee. Approved!
 - Just a Reminder to all committee Chairs that you do have a budget to work with!

GSR SHARING SESSION:

- Jason L. (Back to Basics Group) will be having a workshop on June 21st. They have a committee of 3.
- More Information to come.

OPEN SHARING SESSION:

- Pete W, Talked about bringing AA Pamphlets and giving out at workshops ect...
- Shawna R, talked about WICYPAA kick off dance, March 15th, 2014.

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 9TH, 2014 QUARTERLY REPORTS DUE:

ARCHIVES,CPC,TREATMENT,TREASURES, ALSO FALL CONFERENCE, AND WICYPAA REPORTS. EMAIL YOUR REPORTS TO SHANE BEFORE MEETING!

TRADITION 4 & CONCEPT 4

IN LOVING SERVICE

SHANE SPECKIEN

Greetings fellow AA's,

I hope this edition of our monthly newsletter finds you well. It is my hope that many of you might be reading this newsletter or receiving it directly for the first time. We launched an idea in February to increase the readership by asking AA members to sign up to receive this publication via email free of charge. Our district thought this was a great tool to keep all members of our district informed of the goings-on in Alcoholics Anonymous in Western Wisconsin.

I would like to take a moment to talk about how I came to sponsor 3 individuals. One man found himself in treatment after his 4th dui, another in a correctional facility after issues with the law, and the 3rd at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire counseling services after having academic struggles. All 3 of these potential alcoholics were directed to Alcoholics Anonymous through those respective institutions. How is that you ask? It is an active committee structure in our district committed to carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to places that come into contact with potential members. Our treatment committee carries the message of recovery into treatment centers, corrections committee to jails, and cooperation with professional community committee to those who have professional jobs that may encounter potential alcoholics asking for help. These 3 committees are active, vibrant, and expanding in district 5.

The meeting lists found on the tables of your AA meeting are maintained through our district webmaster as well as the up-to-date web page itself.

Our Public Information Committee has reached 100's of churches in our district and is establishing a contact program with high school guidance counselors.

Our committees have carried the message of AA to literally thousands of potential alcoholics and members of Alcoholics Anonymous over the past few years and they continue to think of ways to reach the still suffering alcoholic.

I do not write about these items gratuitously, but rather with excitement and passion. I attend a monthly conference call with the other DCM's from our area and am proud to say our district is as active as a district there is in our area. We are providing opportunities for our AA members to fulfill all 3 legacies of AA by providing ample service opportunities. This type of activities rarely get mentioned in our weekly meetings or from the podium and my wish is by reading this you may begin to ask how to get involved. I truly believe service is the secret and it is how we carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

I extend a deep thank you to the AA members of District 05 and the AA Groups of District 05 that have in the past and continue to support our district efforts. These committees need you and your groups help, this isn't work that can be done by a few or for free. It takes time and resources. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to learn more about getting started in service. If you or your group would like, financial contributions to support this work can be made directly to the District 05 Treasurer at PO Box 261, Eau Claire, WI 54702.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to our district as a whole and I would love to hear from you.

Nicholas S
District 05 DCM

Do you know the AA dress code? See page 5.

WICYPAA XXII WORKSHOP & SPAGHETTI FEED

Saturday, April 26, 2014 – Club 12

Eau Claire, WI

2PM – 7PM

(Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous)
WICYPAA XXII Conference coming to Eau Claire – January 2015!

Workshop featuring panelists from Waukesha,
Milwaukee, and St. Paul. “YPAA” panel from
2PM-3PM. “Sobering up Young” panel from
3PM-4PM.

All-you-can-eat Spaghetti Feed from 4:30-6:30

Suggested Donation - \$5

SNA Open Speaker – Mark H. from Waukesha

2014 1st Quarter CVIG report to District 5 Committee

Cell Phone

- Number of Calls - 50 in Jan & Feb of 2013, 65 in Jan & Feb of 2014
- Number of Groups that carry the cell phone - 7
- We'd like to get that number up to 12

Number of Individuals that carry the cell phone - 9 in Menomonie and EC that help to cover 3 uncovered months

Literature

- Groups purchasing literature through CVIG - 17
- Many individuals
- Number of Big Books sold in 2013 - I asked Bob B. and although he didn't have an exact number, he said at least 400, easily.

Bridging the Gap

- Three requests received so far this year from soon-to-be released inmates

Special Projects

Picnic

- 65 people attended the 2013 picnic
- Next picnic will be on September 13, 2014 – Riverview Park

Looking into:

- Possibly chartering a bus to the AA International (2015)
- What can we do for your group?

Financial

- Spent \$200 under budget
- Operations broke even
- Literature broke even
- Literature doesn't finance operations (only group contributions do)

It takes about \$150 per month to maintain the cell phone and administrative operations. Keep the Group contributions coming in!

- 15 Groups contributes in 2013 Thank you – Thank you – Thank you!
- 3 individuals contributed financially in 2013 Thank you – Thank you – Thank you!

AA Dress Code: Come as you are...then change ☺ Submitted by Myron M.

Recovery, Unity, Service
Vital in Our Changing World
Our Three Legacies

The Fall 2014 Area Conference Steering Committee met at Alano Club 12 in Eau Claire on March 2, 2014 . Fourteen were present on another cold winter afternoon. Chairman Gary S. apologized for being late and then opened the meeting. (I don't know if this qualifies as a good example of practicing step 10.)

Program committee: Mike McG. Could not be at the meeting but he passed on the information that the subcommittee now has 6 members and that they are working on the following:

- Selecting 6 panel topics
- Selecting panelists and facilitator for each panel
- Working on scripts for all meetings and panels
- Finding an MC for Saturday night

Treasurer: Bryon B sent out the current budget to all committee members and requested that it is just a guideline. That each committee should submit a budget reflecting their anticipated needs.

Hospitality committee: Nicholas S reported:

- Five groups have volunteered to staff hospitality room – looking for more
- Selected a skit chairperson
- Sending out letter to groups requesting various levels of help
- Will be meeting at First Baptist Church in EC on – date
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Decorating Committee: Marybeth volunteered to put together a team to decorate the facilities according to the theme, etc.

Registrar: Cheryl L reports that we already have 9 registrations, which is more than double the pre-registrations District 2 currently has for the Spring 2014 Conference. Registration will take place from 3PM to 10PM on Friday at the conference, as well as 7:30 AM to whenever on Saturday. There will be a registration table and a pre-registration table for 6 people to work at. Contact Cheryl if you are interested in helping with registration.

Publicity: Jason L says the Flyer is finally complete. However, there are some flyers out there with a 4-digit P.O. box number. If you see any such flyers, please pull them. The correct PO Box is 664.

Alcothon: Jason B says he has 4 groups signed up to host their own version of an AA meeting at the Alcothon. He is still looking for 2 groups for Friday night and 1 group for Saturday night. This is an excellent opportunity to show folks from all over the area what District 5 AA is like!

Al-Anon: Arla P. reports that her committee is ready to execute their plan. Everything is lined up. She asked a question about whether the literature display would be behind locked doors during panels and meetings. This prompted a lot of discussion and several unanswered questions around space and availability of displays that will be followed up at our next meeting.

Special Needs Committee: Another new committee was formed to be headed by Shawna R. She will look into whether the conference will have any special needs facilities or services to provide. One example talked about is an ASL interpreter for the Saturday Night speaker.

Things are definitely moving ahead. The committee is getting busier and busier and they are still looking for more help. Talk it up with your group and either come to the next meeting or let Gary S. know you are available.

That next meeting is:

Eau Claire Alano Club 12
2926 Pomona Drive
Eau Claire, WI
April 6, 2014, 1 PM
I'll be watching for you.
Yours in Service,
Pete W.

Eleva Step Group Annual
Traveling Potluck & Open Speaker Meeting
Saturday April 12, 2014

You are invited to join us in fellowship and good food at Eleva Lutheran Church. Eleva is 17 miles south of Eau Claire on highway 93. The church is located 1 block south of highway 10 and 1 block west of highway 93. Hot Beef sandwiches will be provided. *** **Please bring a dish to pass for the potluck!**

Schedule of Events

3:30PM – 5PM Corrections Panel & Workshop

Chairperson: Molly M.

Moderator: Pat K.

5PM Social Hour

6PM Potluck Supper

7PM AI-Anon Speaker : Rachel Z. (Eau Claire, WI.)

8PM AA Speaker : Brett Z. (Eau Claire, WI.)

For more information: Contact Nancy F. at (715)-514-2287

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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., Menomonie, 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 1st Tuesday of each month 7pm.

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 preceding the event.

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