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#### Delegate's Corner

### The Seventh Tradition: Where Money and Spirituality Meet

As your Area 74 Delegate, I have been reflecting on our Seventh Tradition: "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions." It is one of the ways our Fellowship demonstrates independence, responsibility, and spiritual integrity. Yet, the spiritual principle of self-support also requires practical action. Spiritual work needs material support.

Today, in Area 74, out of approximately 650 active groups, 89 contribute to the Area. That means a small percentage of our Fellowship is carrying the financial weight of supporting the spiritual work we are all called to do. This isn't about judgment—it's an invitation to look honestly at our part. How much am I contributing to Area? How much is my home group contributing?

#### What Your Contributions Make Possible

With your contributions our Area continues to carry the message in remarkable ways:

- Public Information Committee – We have produced and distributed radio public service announcements across Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula, planting seeds of hope where people may not yet know A.A. exists.
- Corrections Committee – With great dedication, five new A.A. meetings have been started inside correctional facilities, offering a message of recovery where it is desperately needed.
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – This year our CPC Committee has met with professionals, shared resources, and staffed a booth at the Rural Institute of Alcohol and Drugs, ensuring that doctors, counselors, and social workers know where to send the still-suffering alcoholic.
- Delegate Support – Your generosity has allowed me to visit districts across Area 74 and to represent our voice at the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Registrar's Service – In the past two years, 35 new groups have been registered, giving them a connection to the wider Fellowship.
- Archives – We have secured a safe space for Area 74 Archives, protecting our history for future generations.
- Committees in Action – Across Area 74, multiple committees remain active, tirelessly carrying the message of recovery in ways that one group alone could never do.

#### A Spiritual Question with Practical Implications

Our contributions are not just about dollars and cents. They are a spiritual act—an expression of gratitude for the gift of sobriety and a commitment to ensure that others can find it too. When we pass the basket or make a group contribution, we are saying:

- I want the alcoholic in prison to find a meeting.
- I want the alcoholic in a small rural town to hear a radio announcement.
- I want the professional in a clinic to have A.A. literature on hand when someone asks for help.

This is where money and spirituality mix—not in self-interest, but in service.

So I ask you to reflect: Am I giving back in proportion to what I have been given? Is my group doing its part to support the life-saving work of Area 74?

#### Contributing Beyond Area 74

In addition to supporting the work of Area 74, we also have a responsibility to contribute to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. These contributions help keep A.A. strong at the national and international levels—ensuring that literature is developed, translations are made, the Meeting Guide app is supported, and the General Service Office is available to serve alcoholics, groups, and members everywhere. Our Seventh Tradition contributions ripple outward. They don't just sustain our local Area committees and activities; they also sustain the global Fellowship that unites us all. By doing our part, we are making sure that Alcoholics Anonymous is there tomorrow for the still-suffering alcoholic who has not yet found us.

Questions I ask myself and those I sponsor, how much are we putting in our basket? How much is our group sending to district? Area? GSB? Also, as an individual, how much am I contributing to those? Our United States and Canadian fellowship is approximately 1.5 million people with our 7<sup>th</sup> tradition contributions totaling about \$11 million. What is worth to me to ensure that AA is here tomorrow for the alcoholic that will need us?

Together, through spiritual generosity and material support, we ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous remains here—strong, accessible, and ready—for the next sick and suffering alcoholic.

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FROM THE AREA 74 AREA CHAIR/ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Happy September to all my fellow members of our great fellowship.

After just returning from this year's East Central Regional Forum, which was held in Indianapolis, IN. I am more jazzed, as Hawk would say, about being of service to my fellow Members of Alcoholics Anonymous. I had a wonderful opportunity to stay connected with other members of AA, that are on a similar service journey to me; to move forward with the intent to serve well or the best I can, if you will. This has been a great desire of mine for some time. And with the help of God or my higher power, if you will the opportunity for me to learn and grow, and sharing my experience with others is unlimited.

During the weekend that the ECR was held I had the opportunity to meet many of the people that serve our fellowship in our New York office, as well as many Trustees, both Class A and Class B. Some of them are new and some of them have been on board for a while. And some are Past Trustees. It boggles my mind; the commitment these people have for our fellowship. It's kind of crazy for this alcoholic. First thing I did when I got home on Monday morning was open up the service manual. Say the least, I have been inspired. Again. Such a blessing my life has become.

Now on to the future of Area 74 and all its members. Our Area elections are just around the corner. And the chance to continue to serve different service opportunities; for all of us. In closing, may you all have a blessed day. I hope to see you all soon. On the road of happy Destiny that we are blessed to be able to trudge. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Bill D. Area74 Alternate Delegate /Chair.

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**Send Area 74 Contributions To:**

**Area 74 Treasury**

**813 E Harrison St, Appleton, WI 54915**

**Very Important!!** Please include group number, group name,  
and address of group location or point of contact

If there is only a group name and location, or contact address, please include this. Thank You, Area 74 Treasurer  
[treasurer@area74.org](mailto:treasurer@area74.org)

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2024-25		
10/17/25	Area 74 Standing Committee Wkshp	Rhineland, WI
10/18/25	Area 74 Election Assembly	Rhineland, WI

**\*\*NOTE FROM THE DELEGATE:** The servants of Area 74 are excited to provide the **dates for the Area 74 Service Structure**. We are lucky to live in an area that hosts many conferences, workshops and fellowship events. As your trusted servants, we sometimes miss the chance to participate in local events because they conflict with the service events you have entrusted us to conduct. We hope that, by providing the Area 74 service structure dates in early fall; they can be considered as you plan your service and fellowship events for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you.

NOTE FROM CO-EDITORS: We have combined the general events and the Area 74 Service Structure events into one calendar.

**BOLD = AREA 74 events** UNBOLD = General AA events in our area

**PLEASE SEND ITEMS, ARTICLES, DISTRICT NEWS, STANDING COMMITTEE ARTICLES, GROUP OPINIONS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE UPCOMING ISSUES OF YOUR AREA 74 NEWSLETTER**

PLEASE SEND YOUR 2024 DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING INFORMATION TO  
[AREA74NEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AREA74NEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM)  
OR  
PO BOX 192 STURGEON BAY, WI 54235

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**List of Area Standing Committee Zoom Meetings**

Treatment & Accessibility ` 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month Time 7 PM ID. -817-2284-5094 P.W. h4z1FR

Corrections meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month 5:30 central Time Reoccurring Monthly ID. 891 5542 2038 PW. 227073

Literature NA ID 895-7760-2013 pw 938329

Date and time yet to be determined for regular meeting

P.I. Last Wednesday of Month 7pm Central ID 830-3370-6847 PW. PI

C.P.C. 3rd Tuesday 6pm Central ID 838-8679-0086 PW.478881

Archives 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7 PM central Time ID 817-3019-4808 PW. 737159

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CHECK WITH YOUR DCMs & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO

### DISTRICT MEETING September 2025 LIST

DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
1	Thursday	2nd Thur	6:30 PM	Nativity Lord Parish 2270 S Oneida St Door #4	Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	2:00 PM	Peace United Methodist 2300 W Wisconsin	Kaukauna, WI
3	Thursday	3rd Thur	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Zoom info wiaadistrict3.org	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	1st Thur	6:00 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S. Main St	Amherst, WI
5	Weds	2nd Wed	6:45 PM	Alano Club 12 2926 Pomona Dr Zoom 829 0126 1204 PWdistrict05	Eau Claire, WI
6	Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur	7:45 PM	Club 76 76 E Central Zoom 742 549 8793	Chippewa Falls, WI
7	Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	5:00 PM	TBD	Marshfield, WI
8	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Thur	7:00 PM	Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellan St	Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	1st Sun	2:00 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> American Lutheran Church 511 Madison	Oconto, WI
10	Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	9:00 AM	1st United Methodist 724 Arbutus contact DCM for Zoom	Rhinelander, WI
11				No information Available	
12	Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	9:00 AM	Hayward Serenity Club, 10339 S Florida Ave & Zoom	Hayward, WI
13	Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> -Fri	5:30 PM	Northern Lakes Alano 68600 Riverview Ct	Iron River, WI
14	Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	6:00 PM	New Richmond Alano; 1448 N 4th Street	New Richmond, WI
15				No information Available	
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17	Friday	Last Fri	5:00 PM	401 Kimberly	Iron Mountain, WI
18	Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	11:00 AM	308 Cleveland Ave - Rm.201 Gossard Building	Ishpeming, MI
19	Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	5:30 PM	Delta Alano Club 601 Michigan St	Gladstone, MI
20	Saturday	July 12	11:00 AM	United Methodist Church, 1212 Morrison St	Germfask, MI
21	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues	6:00 PM	Portage Lake United Church, 1400 E. Houghton Ave	Houghton, MI
22	Thursday	1st Thur	5:30 PM	115 Club or Zoom: 399 417 5176 PW 115	Sturgeon Bay, WI
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### Area 74 of Alcoholics Anonymous

## Area Committee Meeting Minutes

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**April 12, 2025 | Quality Inn | Rhinelander, WI**

The meeting opened at 8:29 AM with a prayer from Shane S followed by an introduction of new area assembly attendees.

Attendance:

- 16 virtual attendees, 54 in-person attendees. Total 60 attendees.

Opening remarks:

- Chair reviewed housekeeping notes and who has a voice and vote at area committee meetings.

Roll call:

Officers

- Delegate – Nicholas S
- Chair/Alt. Delegate – Bill D
- Registrar – Katie D
- Secretary – Shane R
- Treasurer – Brent H

Standing Committee Chairpersons

- Archives – Paul Y
- Cooperation with the Professional Community – Mike N
- Corrections MI – James H
- Finance – Bill L
- Grapevine – Bryon B
- Literature – Mike H
- Newsletter – Jeff C and Michelle Z
- Public Information – Shane S
- Structures and Guidelines – Sunny L
- Treatment and Accessibilities – Adam G

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District Committee Members (DCMs)

- District 1 – Mike N
- District 2 – Jane M
- District 3 – Allan B
- District 4 – Paul H
- District 5 – Pat T
- District 6 – Elyssa W
- District 7 – Justin H
- District 9 – Jim H
- District 10 – Don K
- District 13 – Sunny L
- District 18 – Pat A
- District 21 – Jon J
- District 22 – Melissa

Approval of assembly minutes from 10/12/2024:

- **Motion (seconded):** Approve 12/07/2024 ACM minutes. **Vote: passed unanimously.**

Reports:

- Appendix A – area officers and committee chairs
- Appendix B – treasurer

Old Business:

- Corrections Wisconsin vacancy:
  - **Nomination (seconded):** Kerry H. **Vote:** 54 yes, 1 no. Passed by substantial unanimity.
    - No other nominations.
- **District 13 Motion (see Appendix C for full motion)**
  - Discussion: The discussion revealed mixed opinions about the motion. Some groups supported it in principle but suggested setting an annual budget cap. One group unanimously supported it for this year only, while others opposed it, believing past delegates should fund themselves if they choose to attend. DCM feedback also varied—some supported funding all or at least the most recent past delegate, valuing their continued service. Others felt support should depend on delegates' willingness to contribute. Several districts backed the motion to help ensure delegates are well-prepared for the conference. A past delegate clarified that they only have a voice and vote during Sunday business meetings at the event, with no official role otherwise.
  - **Vote:** 46 yes, 12 no. Vote passes by substantial unanimity.
    - **Minority opinion:**
      - The discussion focused on prioritizing financial support for the current delegate over past delegates. Concerns were raised about the motion's ambiguity, especially regarding retroactive payments, and a suggestion was made to set a specific budget for such expenses. Overall, there was a preference for limiting funding to current delegates.
    - **Motion to reconsider (seconded):** 35 yes, 25 no. Motion passes by simple majority.
  - Discussion: The discussion highlighted differing views on the value of funding past delegates to attend the conference. Some felt the entire event—not just the Sunday business meeting—helps prepare the delegate. Others, including a past delegate, opposed the motion, suggesting that past delegates should be engaging year-round to support the delegate role. Concerns were raised about the motion's ambiguity, with a call for clarification, though there was some general support for the idea of financial assistance. One GSR questioned the overall benefit of the area having representation at the event.
  - **Vote:** 18 yes, 37 no. Motion fails.
  - Comment from delegate: general sense of body seems to be supporting past delegates attending this function, but we were unable to get the motion changed to reflect that during the assembly today. Hoping that
- **Now and Then Motion (see appendix C)**
  - Discussion: Several members expressed support for the motion, noting concerns about personal information being shared publicly. There was discussion around whether the issue lies in how information is submitted to or published in the newsletter. Some supported the idea of protecting anonymity, especially in sensitive areas like corrections, while others questioned allowing individuals to opt in to having their information published. It was noted that the newsletter used to be on a protected section of the website but is now publicly accessible, raising further privacy concerns. The delegate clarified that the motion only addresses the area registrar's roster and suggested simply not publishing it in the newsletter.
  - **Motion to amend (seconded):** Area 74 now and then will not publish the area roster.
    - Discussion: The discussion reflected concern that the amended motion could allow personal information to be published. A GSR expressed opposition to the amendment for this reason.
    - **Vote:** 35 yes, 13 no. Motion passes by substantial unanimity.
      - **Minority opinion:**
        - GSR does not feel roster should be completely removed from the newsletter.
      - **Motion to reconsider (seconded):** 14 yes, 37 no. Motion fails.
  - **Call to question:** 50 yes, 2 no. Motion passes with substantial unanimity.
  - **Amended motion vote:** 45 yes, 12 no. Motion passes with substantial unanimity.
    - **Minority opinion:**
      - Newsletter editor shared that the motion creates more problems for them.
    - **Motion to reconsider (seconded):** 24 yes, 27 no. Motion fails.
- **Archives Committee Motion (see appendix C)**
  - Discussion: The discussion centered on the proposal to establish a permanent location for archival materials. The Archives Chair and Archivist emphasized that the move would improve accessibility and reduce the burden of personal storage. While many GSRs shared that their groups supported the motion—seeing value in a centralized location—concerns were raised about future accessibility for archivists who may not live nearby. There were also questions about the display's public access, which will be a hybrid of storage and active display. Some concern was expressed about the site being a religious location, though not all districts saw this as an issue. The contract details are still pending but intended to be long-term. Overall, the move was seen by many as beneficial, despite some logistical and contextual concerns.
  - **Vote:** 53 yes, 8 no. Motion passes with substantial unanimity.
    - **Minority opinion:**
      - GSR shared they are in favor of the idea but would like to see the actual contract.
      - There was no motion to reconsider.

#### New Business:

- District 13 withdrew their two motions.
- Hospitality room motion (see Appendix C):
  - **Vote:** 60 yes, 1 no. Motion passes with substantial unanimity.

#### Conference Updates/Bids:

- Appendix D
- Area 74 Conference Bid:
  - District 13 expressed interest in a bid for this conference.
  - District 2 also expressed interest in a bid for this conference.
  - Will table discussion until the October assembly to allow both districts time to put a full bid together for review by the body.

#### GSR/DCM Report Back to Delegate:

- Appendix E
- Discussion prior to report back:
  - A GSR expressed concern that there was only about three weeks for groups to review and discuss agenda items before needing to provide feedback.
  - Another GSR also questioned the recent format change at the delegate's workshop, where groups no longer vote on agenda items.
    - The delegate responded:
      - There are no set guidelines for how the delegate's workshop should be conducted.
      - The current format was developed based on input from others and the delegate's own experience.
      - The delegate believes simple yes/no votes limit the ability to consider broader perspectives and make informed decisions for the good of AA as a whole.
      - The delegate emphasized that it is up to the area to establish expectations for how group feedback should be gathered—any changes to the process should be proposed through a formal motion and discussion.

Submitted by Shane R, Area 74 Secretary

Area 74 of Alcoholics Anonymous  
Area Committee Meeting Minutes  
July 12, 2025 | Reiter Center | Three Lakes, WI

The meeting opened at 9:43 AM with a prayer from Don K.

#### Opening remarks:

Chair reviewed housekeeping notes and who has a voice and vote at area committee meetings.

#### Approval of ACM minutes from 01/18/2025:

Motion (seconded): Approve 01/18/2025 ACM minutes. Vote: passed unanimously.

Request to correct draft minutes to reflect that Jane M is the DCM for district 2, not district 18, in

Appendix A. Draft minutes reviewed and already list Jane M as DCM for district 2. There is no district 18 DCM report listed in Appendix A.

#### Reports:

##### Appendix A

Breakout Discussions: The meeting split into two breakout discussions:

2026 area officer and standing committee budgets

DCM discussion

#### Workshop: Setting and Agenda (Jeff C)

#### Old Business:

Feedback on the two-year trial for area 74 schedule:

Overall, there was support for the current trial schedule, feeling that it has fostered progress, better communication, and stronger connections across the area. There was a shared sense that the changes have been

#### Election Assembly:

The delegate reviewed the election process. Voting is done by paper ballot and requires substantial unanimity. The group discussed whether the trustee should attend in person or virtually. While some favored in-person attendance for engagement and tradition, others noted the cost savings of a virtual visit.

Motion (seconded): Area 74 invite the ECR Trustee to facilitate the Area 74 Election Assembly

in 2025 via Zoom.us and not attend in person. Vote: 1 in favor, 15 opposed. Motion fails. Nominority opinion was shared.

#### 2026 Dates to Remember:

Suggestion to move July ACM to August.

Opposition to this as it may interfere with an event being planned in district 5. Will remain on the schedule for July.

Suggestion to move delegate's workshop to first weekend in March to allow more time to give

information to the groups and districts.  
Reminder that the second weekend of the month is when UP has their intergroup (coincides with January 10, 2026, ACM). Will move to the following weekend.

Setting the agenda for October 18, 2025, assembly:

Priorities:

- Election
- Budget
- Dates to remember
- Conference updates

Conference updates:

- 2025 conference recap – no report provided to ACM.
- 2026 ECR – flyers should be available in August. Recently toured facility. Only online registrations (information will be provided for how to register for those who cannot online) which will be done through Area 74 website.
- 2027 Forum – happening in Green Bay.
- 2027 conference bids – no bids.

Motions from April 12, 2025, Assembly for ACM:

“Area 74 will provide a yearly line-item budget of \$1,000 to past delegates to attend the East Central Region Conference of Delegate’s Past and Present. The \$1,000 will be evenly divided amongst the past delegates wishing to attend not to exceed \$250 per past delegate.” – Submitted by Max S, GSR for the Flimsy Reed Group, District 5  
Motion (seconded): table motions until next ACM. Vote: 13 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion passes.

The meeting closed at 4:17 pm with the responsibility statement.  
Submitted by Shane R, Area 74 Secretary



**Agenda for Area 74 Assembly**  
**October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Time 8:30 am Location - Quality INN Rhinelander**  
**668 W. Kemp St. Rhinelander WI. 54501 Phone- 715-369-3600**  
**Hybrid Zoom Meeting ID: 497 428 9816 Passcode:1212144**  
**DRAFT**

**8:00am New DCM-GSR orientation – this will be presented on our zoom meeting platform**  
**This will be accessible both in person and in a breakout, room A which will be an option for**  
**Those logged into zoom for the assembly**

**8:30 a.m. – Welcome, Prayer, Housekeeping, Opening Remarks**

- Introduction of ECR Trustee by Delegate
  - Trustee a brief background of her journey
  - Roll Call \_ secretary
  - Area Chair introduce Past Delegates in attendance
- Approval of Minutes from 4-12-2025.

**9:00 a.m. Election**

Lunch at discretion of election facilitator

**Business after election is completed**

**Dates to Remember 2026**

**Conference updates/Including bids**

**2025 recap from District 22 Sturgeon Bay Location**

**2026 Area 74/ECR Conference Dist. 05**

**2027 ECR Form update from Delegate**

**2027 Area 74 Conference Bids?**

**WICCYPAA Report**

**2026 Budget presentation – and approval**

**2-year trial for Area 74 to conduct Business 2027 Take a poll ?**

**Motions**

**Motion to Remove voice and vote of past delegates Dist. 05**

**Now and Then Guidelines Proposal from Editors**

**Area Committee chairs please submit your reports to the secretary**  
**Reports will be heard if time allows**

**Meeting Closed with responsibility statement.**

## **Motion from District 05**

### **Motion to Remove Past Delegates' Voice and Vote from Area Assemblies**

#### **Motion:**

District 05 of Area 74 moves, that effective immediately, Past Delegates of Area 74 no longer hold voice or vote at Area Assemblies. They may be invited by chair or assembly to share experience.

#### **Background & Rationale:**

This motion is proposed in alignment with AA's guiding principles of rotation, participation, and balance between authority and responsibility. While the experience of Past Delegates is deeply valued and respected, their continued voice and vote at assemblies raises concerns in the following areas:

1. Spirit of Rotation – Alcoholics Anonymous has long upheld the principle of rotation to encourage fresh leadership and the equitable sharing of service opportunities. Continuing to extend formal participation to Past Delegates may limit this dynamic by sustaining influence from individuals no longer currently serving in elected positions.
2. Right of Participation (Concept IV) – This Concept affirms the right of all current trusted servants to participate fully in decisions affecting their roles. When Past Delegates maintain voice and vote, it can dilute the voice of those currently serving in official capacities.
3. Authority and Responsibility Must Match (Concept X) – Voting privileges imply a level of authority. However, Past Delegates do not hold current service responsibilities within the Area structure.

Removing their vote ensures that only those with direct accountability and active roles make decisions affecting the Area.

District 06 of Area 74 has expressed that they stand in unity with the District 05 Motion.

The A.A. service manual in the Chapter "The Area Assembly and Activities" Section "Eligibility to Vote" states the following "Generally speaking, all committee members and officers and all G.S.R.s have one vote each in an assembly. Experience indicates that even though committee members and area officers are members of a group in the area that is represented by a G.S.R., they are entitled to a vote at the assembly. Alternates normally vote if the regular D.C.M. or G.S.R is not present."

The A.A. service manual in the Chapter "The Area Committee" Section "Past Delegates" states the following "but a role for the past delegate is gradually emerging that involves them in area activities and gives the area the benefit of their experience with worldwide A.A. but leaves area committees and new delegates free to run their own show." This section further states "They are called in for consultation or for special assignments, such as chairing area sharing sessions, speaking at special meetings designed to inform members about A.A. worldwide, or conducting workshops or orientation meetings for new G.S.R.s. Frequently, they are in line for committee chairperson of a state or provincial convention. Or they may be appointed by the area chairperson to be responsible for area public information, or to urge more widespread distribution of Conference-approved literature and the A.A. Grapevine."

This motion does not restrict the ability of Past Delegates to attend assemblies as observers or to be invited to speak or advise informally when their experience is sought. It simply reaffirms that governance and decision-making authority reside with those currently entrusted to serve.

# Area 74 Newsletter Guidelines

## PROPOSAL DRAFT

### Purpose of Now & Then Newsletter

The Area 74 Newsletter serves as a unifying publication for Alcoholics Anonymous members throughout Area 74, which includes 24 districts in Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Its primary goals are:

- The newsletter is a primary medium for communication of Area 74 service activity
- Materials submitted by any Area Committee Member will be printed when provided in a timely manner
- To keep members informed of Area 74 motions, service activities, and events
- To provide a platform for experience, strength, and hope from AA members within Area 74
- To preserve a historical record of service activities and decisions in Area 74

### Newsletter Frequency

The newsletter is published monthly since 1958, with each volume rolling over with the July edition.

### Content Guidelines for Each Edition

Each edition of the newsletter traditionally has included:

#### 1. Delegate's Corner

- First page: An article from the current Delegate

#### 2. Area Reports

- Area Chair/Alternate Delegate Report
- Treasurer mailing information is published in each edition
  - Treasurer's reports are published in the Area newsletter after each assembly
- Area 74 Area Committee Meeting, Assembly, Delegate's Workshop Agendas
  - Draft agendas should be published in the month prior to the Area 74 service meeting

#### 3. Monthly Submissions

- Each DCM is responsible for notifying the co-editors of when and where the scheduled District meetings are held.
- Area 74 Standing Committee scheduled meetings.
- Reports from Area 74 Standing Committee Chairs (on a rotating basis)
- Flyers/Registration Forms for upcoming Area 74 Service Events

#### 4. Dates to Remember

- Area workshops and assemblies
- East Central Regional or General Service Board events relevant to Area 74

#### 5. Event Flyers & Other Announcements

- Area 74 General Service Events
- District, Group, & Intergroup Events
- Announcements/letters from the General Service Board and GSO
- Announcements from AA International Convention

## Submission Guidelines

The newsletter lists only AA events, and not those of Alanon, NA, or other fellowships.

- **Deadline for Submissions:** 1 week prior to the last day of the month preceding publication (e.g., February 21<sup>st</sup> for March edition)
- **Length:** Keep submissions to 200–300 words when possible
- **Formatting:** Plain text in emails or Word documents is preferred. Flyers should be in PDF or high-resolution image format
- **How to Submit:** Send all content to the Area 74 Newsletter Editors at [area74newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:area74newsletter@gmail.com)
- **Editing Policy:** Submissions may be edited for formatting, grammar, length, or clarity. Contributors will be contacted if content changes are needed

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## Newsletter Editors

Newsletter Editors are approved by the Assembly following Area 74 traditional election guidelines.

Traditionally one of the co-editors is an active Past Delegate in Area 74

## Duties & Responsibilities

- Now & Then is published in a format at the discretion of the co-editors
- Publish the newsletter by the last day of the prior month (March 31<sup>st</sup> for April edition)
- Manage the financial responsibilities for the newsletter (paying bills, depositing receipts, and recording these transactions and managing the budget)
- Remind Area Committee Members of their responsibilities to the newsletter

## Newsletter Expenses

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## Contact

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CALLING ALL CURRENT/POTENTIAL GSRs/ DCMs.

***Information Sharing Session***

**Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 pm Central time

Zoom ID      479-428-9816      Password 1212144

Not sure you qualify to serve as a GSR (General Service Rep) or DCM (District Committee Member)? Here is your opportunity to find out what it takes to be a GSR or DCM. Hear testimonial from current and past GSRs and DCMs on the rewards you'll receive from serving in either of these two key positions.

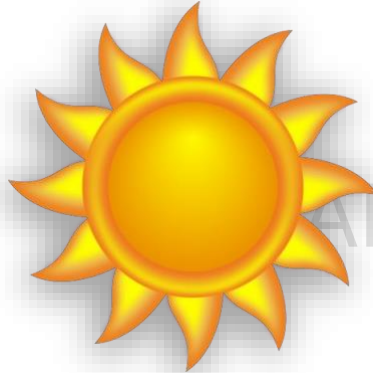
This is an open forum for you to ask questions and get an understanding of the benefits, responsibilities and personal growth you'll receive when serving in either the GSR or DCM service positions.

Spread the word – ALL are welcome!!!

# *Save the Date*

## AA District 23

### Picnic in the Park



Let's get together for food, fellowship and fun!

Sunday, 9/14/2025

11am-3pm

Food: Noon

Speaker: 1pm

**Narrows Park**

815 E Sawyer St, Rice Lake WI

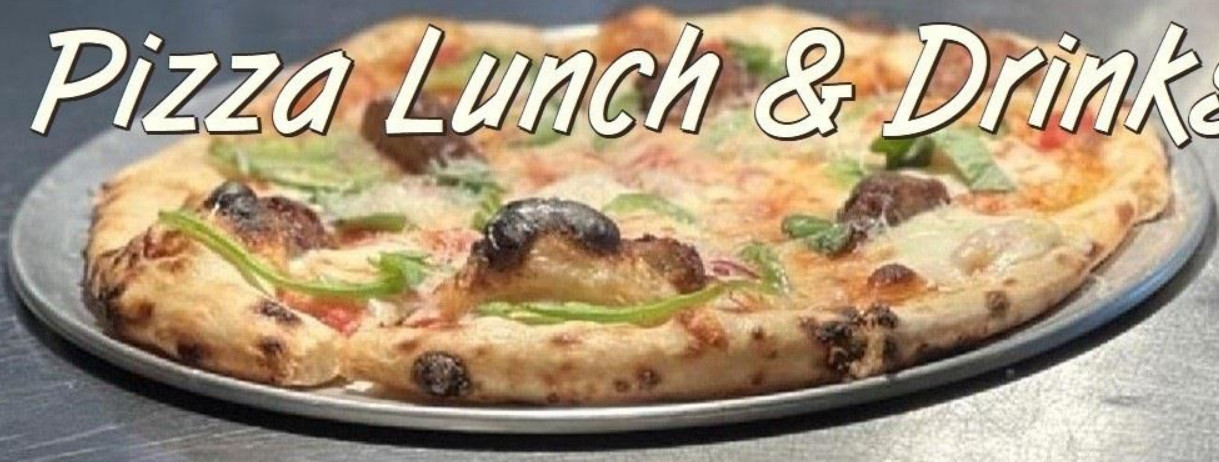
Meat, Buns, Cole Slaw, Water & Dinnerware  
will be furnished by District 23

Please bring to share:  
Side Dish/Dessert/Snack/Soft Beverage

Questions? Email [AADistrict23WI@gmail.com](mailto:AADistrict23WI@gmail.com)

District06 of A.A. Presents  
( STEPS IV & V Workshop )

# *Pizza Lunch & Drinks*



**Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Fellowship & Introductions begins at 11:00 AM

Pizza delivered for Lunch

**Speakers Begin at Noon**

A.A. Members Sharing their Experience,  
Strength & Hope Working the Fourth and Fifth Steps

**Todd D. - Elyssa C.**

\_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

**Paula P. - Shane SP.**

**Alano Club 76 (Tower Entrance)**

76 East Central Street in Chippewa Falls

Phone: (715) 529-4803 Email: [Club76chippewa@gmail.com](mailto:Club76chippewa@gmail.com)

**Please call with any questions or R.S.V.P.**

Jim M. (703) 403-1065

Elyssa C. (715) 471-0350

Leon B. 8/4/25



Local Area

AA Speaker Meeting With  
Potluck Meal Before Speaker

All Are Welcome

Monday September 8th

Starts at 6 P.M.

Victory Christian Center

W6880 Liberty Ln. Phillips, WI

Please come and join us for a  
night of fellowship



Any Questions  
715 492-7627



**Starting 9/05/2025**  
**Friday Night Big Book Group**  
**Will Host**

# **JOE & CHARLIE** **BIG BOOK STUDY**



Location: Alano Club 2111 S. Central Ave Marshfield, WI 54449 DAY: Friday Time: 7-8PM

Now & Then  
P.O.Box 192  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

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