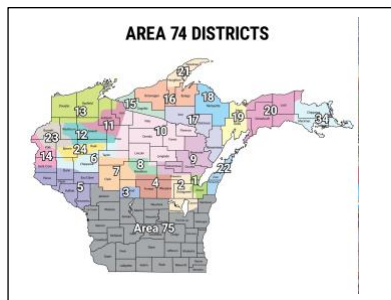




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Delegate's Corner

Friends,

Our Area, like Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, depends upon the willingness of its members to serve. Without a healthy and informed Area, there cannot be healthy and informed Districts. Without healthy and informed Districts, there cannot be healthy and informed Groups. And without informed Groups, we will not have informed A.A. members. The chain of service runs both ways—it starts with the individual member and extends outward, and it also begins at the top of our structure and flows back down.

A mentor of mine often reminds me of the deadly nature of this disease. If it weren't for Alcoholics Anonymous, many of us simply would not be alive. And as he says, *a dead person has no time*. Every moment of time I have today is a gift of this program. The question becomes: how much of that time am I willing to give back to the Fellowship that saved my life?

As we prepare for our upcoming elections, I encourage each of you to prayerfully consider where you might serve. When we stand for a position, we must think carefully about both the responsibilities of the job and the unique skills and experiences we bring. No two A.A. members are alike—our diverse backgrounds and strengths are what make us uniquely qualified to serve.

And when we vote, we are asked to think not of popularity or friendship, but of who is best suited to serve the Fellowship in that role. It is through this process that A.A. ensures its future—by entrusting service to those who are both willing and able.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Rhinelander. I especially hope you can join us on Friday night, the 17th, to spend some time with our first-year trustee, Sherri S. It will be a wonderful opportunity to connect, learn, and strengthen the spirit of service that binds us together.

In love and service,

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider A74/P74 Delegate

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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

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FROM THE AREA 74 AREA CHAIR/ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Hello to all my fellow members of our wonderful fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous,

Can you believe it? Fall of 2025 is upon us. What's next? Elections at the group, district and area levels of the Good old Service Triangle. Continuing service at the area level, I should I be afforded that opportunity. It is my belief that a continued effort to focus on engaging our group's GSR's and DCM'S as well as their alternates in our area service efforts is of the utmost importance. To fulfill our primary purpose of reaching out to the still suffering alcoholic is our primary reason why we do what we do. We have made some exciting progress in reaching the still suffering alcoholic in our communities, but there is still much work to be done. With the help of our GSR's and DCM's that realize how their involvement with the area committees strengthens their personal recoveries as we trudge the road of happiness together, we will be most effective. As for my service journey, the privilege to sponsor other men in their recoveries is such a gift, to witness others change and grow is Indescribable.

As your alternate delegate I have an opportunity along with the other Alternate delegates From the East Central region, which area 74 is part of, there are 14 of us in total. We will be giving a presentation on October 1st on our monthly Zoom meeting of the North American alternate delegates. I am looking forward to this as we have been gathering at other East Central regional functions to bond and share our service journey with each other.

Back to Area 74 with the help of my Higher Power I pray I can always be listening as to hear the gentle voices in our fellowship, be informative and inclusive, and strive to be open-minded to suggestions. As I move forward with the intent of serving the best I can. It is a great privilege to be of service this is one of many gifts Alcoholics Anonymous has given to me.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Bill D. Area74 Alternate Delegate /Chair.

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**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

OR

PO BOX 192 STURGEON BAY, WI 54235

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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

Ask The Delegate:

During my term as Delegate, I will share with you, the Fellowship of Area 74, questions that I get asked each month and my reply. I believe that if one person, group, committee has that question, others will as well.

Have a question?

Email it to delegate@area74.org

Call / Tex 414-803-9906

PROPOSED DATES TO REMEMBER 2026

January 10th Saturday Area 74 ACM Reiter Center Three lakes WI

February 13th to 15th East Central Region Conference

of Delegates Past and Present

March 21st Area 74 Delegates Workshop Location

To Be Announced

April 17th Standing Committees Workshops

Quality INN. Rhineland WI.

April 18th Area 74 Assembly Quality INN Rhineland, WI

April 26th to May 2nd General Service Conference

June 26th to 28th ECR and Area 74 Conference

Hosted by Dist. 05 Eau Claire Wisconsin

July 18th Area 74 ACM Reiter Center Three Lakes Wi.

October 16th Area74 Standing Committee Workshops Rhineland Wi.

October 17th Area 74 Assembly Rhineland Wi.

List of Area Standing Committee Zoom Meetings

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

Corrections meeting 4th 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 3rd Wednesday 7 PM central Time ID 817-3019-4808 PW. 737159

CHECK WITH YOUR DCMs & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO**DISTRICT MEETING October 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 nd Sun	2:00 PM	Emmanuel Lutheran 349 N. Main St.	Seymour, 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 rd Thur	7:45 PM	Club 76 76 E Central Zoom 742 549 8793	Chippewa Falls, WI
7	Sunday	3 rd Sun	5:00 PM	TBD	Marshfield, WI
8	Thursday	1 st Thur	7:00 PM	Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellen St	Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	1st Sun	2:00 PM	Good Shepard Lutheran 331 Pine St.	Peshtigo, WI
10	Saturday	2 nd Sat	9:00 AM	1st United Methodist 724 Arbutus contact DCM for Zoom	Rhineland, WI
11				No information Available	
12	Saturday	1 st Sat	9:00 AM	Hayward Serenity Club, 10339 S Florida Ave & Zoom	Hayward, WI
13	Friday	1 st -Fri	5:30 PM	Northern Lakes Alano 68600 Riverview Ct	Iron River, WI
14	Sunday	2 nd 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 st Sat	11:00 AM	308 Cleveland Ave - Rm.201 Gossard Building	Ishpeming, MI
19	Monday	3 rd 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 st 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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Agenda for Area 74 Assembly DRAFT
October 18th, 2025, Time 8:30 am Location - Quality INN Rhinelander
668 W. Kemp St. Rhinelander WI. 54501 Phone- 715-369-3600
Hybrid Zoom Meeting ID: 479 428 9816 Passcode:1212144

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

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- Roll Call _ secretary
- Area Chair introduce Past Delegates in attendance
- Approval of Minutes from 4-12-2025.
- Introduction of our new ECR Trustee
- Brief talk on Her service journey

9:00 a.m. Election

Lunch at discretion of election facilitator

Business after election is completed

Conference recap /Bid –(Information needed prior to Budget discussion)
2025 recap from District 22 Sturgeon Bay Location
2026 Area 74/ECR Conference Dist. 05

2026 Budget presentation -approval

2026 Dates to remember

2027 ECR Form update from Delegate
2027 Area 74 Conference Bids?
WICYPAA Report

Additional Motions

Motion: Proposed Guidelines for Area 74 Newsletter (The Now & Then)

Motion: Remove Voice & Vote of Past Delegates - District 05

Motion: 1-year extension of trial of service meeting schedule - Area 74 Chair

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

Meeting Closed with responsibility statement.

5 Year Budget

7th Tradition - Revenue	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Budget)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Budget)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Budget)	2025 (Actual) YTD	2026 (Budget)
Group Contributions	\$22,887.86	\$24,000.00	\$22,026.35	\$23,000.00	\$22,026.35	\$23,000.00	17,709.72	\$23,000.00
Other Revenue	\$2,643.31	\$6,500.00	\$12.28	\$6,500.00	\$12.28	\$6,500.00	3,939.01	\$6,500.00
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	\$132.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	644.75	\$200.00
Total Revenue	\$25,663.17	\$30,700.00	\$22,138.63	\$29,700.00	\$22,138.63	\$29,700.00	22,293.48	\$29,700.00
Ching Yearly Beginning Balance	\$42,174.40		\$38,589.61	\$35,000.00	\$38,589.61	\$35,000.00	32,060.63	\$35,000.00
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Area Officer and Committee Chair Expenses

Officer Expenses	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Budget)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Budget)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Budget)	2025 (Actual) YTD	2026 (Budget)
Delegate	\$2,600.00	\$1,649.34	\$2,600.00	\$ 1,777.12	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	2,052.75	\$2,600.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	\$1,300.00	\$1,298.35	\$1,700.00	\$2,251.17	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	1,149.65	\$1,700.00
Treasurer	\$700.00	\$892.78	\$700.00	\$1,302.09	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	588.54	\$1,000.00
Registrar	\$700.00	\$965.24	\$700.00	\$649.15	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	154.55	\$1,000.00
Secretary	\$700.00	\$208.78	\$700.00	\$709.70	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	191.48	\$1,000.00
Committee Chairs *	\$7,700.00	\$ 5,543.02	\$7,700.00	\$3,201.96	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	4,136.97	\$11,000.00
Officer / Chair Expense Sub-Total	\$3,264.30	\$10,557.51	\$14,100.00	\$ 9,891.19	\$18,300.00	\$18,300.00	10,357.82	\$18,300.00

Committee Expenses

Committee Expenses	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Budget)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Budget)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Budget)	2025 (Actual) YTD	2026 (Budget)
Archives	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$55.45	\$1,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$75.65	\$4,300.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	\$715.00	\$55.00	\$715.00	\$65.00	\$715.00	\$950.00	559.46	\$750.00
Corrections Committee VI	\$720.00	714.40	\$1,600.00	\$195.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	696.81	\$1,620.00
Corrections Committee VII	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$1,050.00	282.81	\$3,500.00
CPC Committee	\$1,040.00	\$47.51	\$1,040.00	\$499.96	\$1,040.00	\$3,000.00	1,198.67	\$2,625.00
Finance Committee Expenses	\$1,230.00	\$456.42	\$1,950.00	\$578.36	\$1,950.00	\$1,950.00	562.61	\$2,150.00
Grapevine Committee	\$200.00	16.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$21.00	\$875.00
Literature Committee	\$400.00	75.00	\$860.00	\$531.47	\$1,000.00	\$700.00	151.54	\$1,281.10
Now & Then Committee	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$50.00	\$1,000.00	\$863.00	\$40.00	\$910.40
Public Information Committee	\$950.00	\$283.14	\$5,000.00	\$4,859.94	\$5,000.00	\$8,200.00	673.56	\$10,450.00
Registrar Committee	\$106.00	\$0.00	\$106.00	\$105.49	\$106.00	\$300.00	37.44	\$625.00
Secretary Committee	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$170.00	105.49	\$370.00
Struc & Guide Committee	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$140.84	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	334.96	\$1,350.00
Treatment / Accessibility Committee	\$4,400.00	481.25	\$6,400.00	\$1,234.15	\$6,400.00	\$6,400.00	640.00	\$7,900.00
Committee Expenses Sub-Total	\$1,890.68	\$ 2,828.72	\$21,191.00	\$ 8,315.66	\$21,331.00	\$28,183.00	5,048.08	\$38,706.50

Other Expenses

Other Expenses	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Budget)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Budget)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Budget)	2025 (Actual) YTD	2026 (Budget)
Sec Delegate	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	2,200.00	\$2,600.00
Registrar Internet	\$120.00	\$105.50	\$120.00	\$73.84	\$120.00	\$120.00	1,450.00	\$1,200.00
Assembly & ACM rent	\$400.00	\$1,051.50	\$600.00	\$800.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	699.58	\$2,500.00
Assembly & ACM expenses	\$275.00	\$268.00	\$1,750.00	\$812.26	\$600.00	\$600.00	3,000.00	\$1,075.00
Conference seed money	\$2,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	-	\$3,000.00
Other Fee's Misc Expenses	\$100.00	\$ 1,052.72	\$100.00	\$643.30	\$100.00	\$100.00	-	\$200.00
ECR Conference	\$750.00	\$75.00	\$1,000.00	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	-	\$1,000.00
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)			\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00	-	
East Central Regional Forum (ECRF)						\$400.00	100.00	
Conf. of Delegates past/present Trustee						\$750.00	750.00	
International Convention						\$500.00	250.00	
International Convention Hospitality						\$1,200.00	712.13	
Sec/Reg/Zoom computer OTE		\$3,518.77	\$200.00	\$529.58	\$200.00	\$1,200.00	-	\$1,200.00
Other Expenses Sub-Total	\$5,480.01	\$8,495.00	\$14,170.00	\$8,258.98	\$11,220.00	\$12,870.00	9,161.71	\$11,695.00
Total Expenses	\$10,634.99	\$21,881.23	\$49,461.00	\$26,465.83	\$50,851.00	\$59,353.00	\$24,567.61	\$68,701.50
Total Revenue	\$17,093.36	\$30,700.00	\$22,138.63	\$29,700.00	\$22,138.63	\$29,700.00	\$22,293.48	\$29,700.00
End of Year Gain / Loss	\$6,458.37	\$8,818.77	(\$27,322.37)	\$3,234.17	(\$28,712.37)	(\$29,653.00)	(\$2,274.13)	(\$39,001.50)
Prudent Reserve	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	3,000.00	\$8,690.19

Motion from Area Chair

Motion:

That Area 74 extend the two-year trial of the modified schedule by one additional year, through calendar year 2027.

Background

- In 2023, following multiple years of work through Area Inventory and the “Conducting Area Business” and “Conducting Area Business Reloaded” projects, Area 74 unanimously approved a two-year trial of a modified schedule.
- The modified schedule includes:
 - **Two Area Committee Meetings** (January and July)
 - **Two Area Assemblies** (April and October)
 - **One Area Conference** (timed and hosted by a District).
- The trial was intended to provide experience with this structure, giving the Area time to evaluate its effectiveness in carrying out Area business and serving the Fellowship.

If the trial is not extended, the former schedule will automatically resume in 2027, which included **four assemblies and two conferences**. Planning and coordinating a return to the prior schedule would require significant lead time.

Extending the trial by one year allows:

- More time for groups, districts, and Area officers to evaluate and discuss the impacts of the modified schedule.
- Thoughtful conversation across the Fellowship in Area 74 before a **final decision is made in 2026**.

The intent of this motion is not to make the modified schedule permanent at this time, but to provide sufficient space for informed and spiritual decision-making.

What this Motion Does Not Do

- It does **not** make the modified schedule permanent.
- It does **not** prevent the Area from returning to the former schedule if that is the Fellowship’s decision in 2026.
- It does **not** bypass group conscience — it simply extends the time for that conscience to be gathered.
- It does **not** change the content or purpose of Assemblies, Committee Meetings, or the Area Conference — only their scheduling remains under trial.

CALLING ALL CURRENT/POTENTIAL GSRs/ DCMs.

Information Sharing Session

Monday, October 13th

6:30 pm Central time

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!!!

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 21st 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
- **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 31st 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

The editorial staff shall request appropriate funding from the Finance Committee when necessary to meet the costs of publication. Area 74 Now and Then will use electronic publication for the monthly issues produced.

Contact

For questions, contributions, or to join the newsletter committee, contact the Newsletter Editors at area74newsletter@gmail.com or through the Area74.org website.

October 17th Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop

Location - Quality Inn Rhinelander wis.

668 W. Kemp St. Rhinelander Wis. 54501

In person only --at this time

6:00 pm Gathering in banquet hall
 6:15 opening remarks By Delegate and Chair
 6:30 committees to start discussions
 7:45 committee wrap up and reporting
 8:00 pm Introduction of our New ECR trustee by Delegate
 Question and answer period to follow.
 9:00 Closing Prayer

What is Fellowship Connection?

Fellowship Connection is the General Service Office (GSO) database that stores AA Group records. DCMs have read-only access to this system, helping ensure effective communication between AA members, districts, and the General Service Office.

Why is this important information for a DCM?

DCMs play a key role in:

- Tracking new groups in their subdistricts
- Monitoring changes in GSRs
- Keeping group status updates (active/inactive)

How Does GSO Support DCMs?

The General Service Office understands that the DCM's role is essential in assisting with data stewardship, so DCMs have read-only access to Fellowship Connection as an aid to "facilitate the widely desired goals of exact information, stronger communication, & responsible use of A.A.'s resources."



Collaboration is Key!

While DCMs have read-only access in Fellowship Connection, district registrars do not. That's why DCM/Registrar teamwork is essential! Let your district registrar know if a group in your subdistrict has dissolved, but you see an "active" status for the group in Fellowship Connection so we can get it corrected or any other incorrect information you may see.

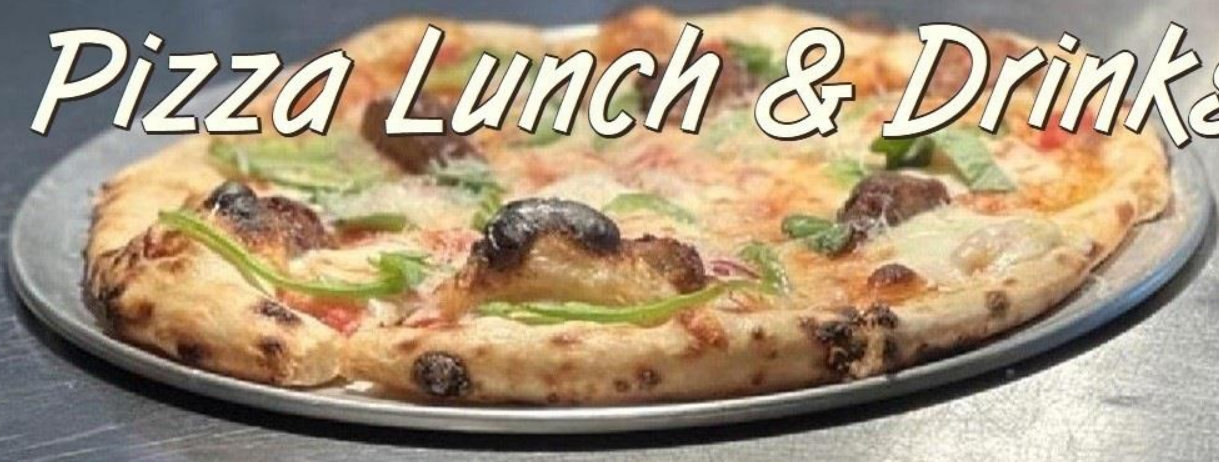
Thank you for your time today and all you do! 😊

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Lea Ackerman, Area 15 Registrar Panel 75
registrar@area15aa.org

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

Pizza Lunch & Drinks



Saturday, October 11th 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.

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Paula P. - Shane SP.

Alano Club 76 (Tower Entrance)

76 East Central Street in Chippewa Falls

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

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Leon B. 8/4/25



Open Speaker Meeting

Hosted by

Tuesday Night AA Newbold Group

Saturday, October 25th, 2025

First United Methodist Church
724 Arbutus St. Rhineland, WI 54501

Sloppy Joes Dinner at 6:00
(Bring a Dish to Pass)

Speaker Meeting at 7:00pm

AA Speaker

Oscar U. – Stevens Point, WI

Al-Anon Speaker

Pam M. – Stevens Point, WI



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