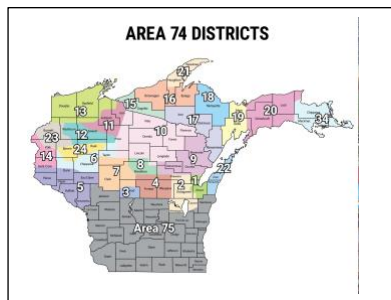




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Delegate's Corner

Dear Area 74

As I reach the end of my time as your Area 74 Panel 74 Delegate, my heart is overflowing. There are no words big enough for what these past two years have meant to me. Serving you has not just been an honor — it has been a gift that changed me, softened me, and brought me closer to the person God always intended me to become.

To the past delegates whose example lit the way—Steve H., Mary Jo R., Derek T., Sara P., Marty L., Char V., and Bryon B.—thank you. I didn't just watch you serve; I learned how to love this Fellowship by watching you love it first. You showed me that leadership in A.A. is quiet, steady, and rooted in something deeper than personality or opinion. I carry pieces of each of you with me. To the past delegates who keep showing up — thank you for your commitment to our beloved fellowship.

To the DCMs and GSRs, the true heartbeat of Area 74—you are the pulse that keeps this whole structure alive. You are the ones who sit in cold church basements on Tuesday nights when no one else shows up. You are the ones who drive hours on icy roads so the message can reach one more group, one more newcomer, one more still-suffering alcoholic. Your courage and commitment have humbled me again and again. Serving you has been one of the greatest privileges of my life.

The future of Area 74 is not just secure—it is bright and full of promise. Our committees have been doing real, meaningful work, and their momentum depends on us. They need human hands, people willing to show up and stay willing. And they need financial support from our groups so the work can continue.

Our next slate of officers—Bill, Brent, Shane, and Elyssa—will carry us forward with the same dedication and love they have shown for so many years. Let us not rest on what has already been done. Let us choose faith over fear, refusing to be confined by “what we have always done,” and instead asking, with open hearts: What might be possible? And may we move into that future with compassion, with kindness, and by making space for every voice, especially the ones that have waited the longest to be heard.

These past two years have taught me that the Traditions and Concepts are not rules — they are love in motion. The Traditions reminded me that unity is not about winning, but about staying together. The Concepts showed me that no one leads alone, and that true authority in A.A. comes only from service and sacrifice. When we place principles before personalities — when we trust the group conscience even when it breaks our hearts — something sacred happens. A loving God really does show up and do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

I have been carried every step of the way. All the car rides across long stretches of highway, the late-night conversations, the laughter that came when I didn't think I could take one more thing, the hard truths spoken with love — those moments saved me. Area 74 took me farther than any map could trace — from the gutters of downtown Minneapolis to a life I never believed I deserved. I stand here only because you walked beside me when I could not walk alone.

As you read this, somewhere someone is being arrested. Someone is being hospitalized. Someone is getting fired, getting thrown out of their home, or contemplating suicide. And in that darkest moment, they will decide they need help. The work we do in service ensures that when that moment comes, A.A. is there — that the hand of hope is waiting, that a meeting is available, that no alcoholic has to die because they couldn't find us. That is why we show up. That is why this matters.

On a personal note — many of you have asked, and I haven't written about them in a long while — our beautiful dogs continue to fill our lives with joy. We are overwhelmed and honored to share that we have received an invitation to Westminster in New York City in February 2026. It is one of those moments I never imagined back when life felt small and broken — proof that sobriety keeps giving us reasons to stay grateful and amazed.

To my sponsees, who saw less of me but kept growing anyway — thank you for your grace. And to my husband, who sacrificed more than most will ever know — thank you for loving me through every mile, every meeting, every moment. Nothing about this journey was mine alone.

Area 74 — thank you for allowing me to serve you. Thank you for trusting me, stretching me, and loving me into someone new. You have given me more than I could ever repay. I leave this role not with sadness, but with a full heart and deep peace, knowing that the work continues and that we are in good hands.

With love beyond measure and eternal gratitude,

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider A74/P74 Delegate
Email: delegate@area74.org
Phone: 414-803-9906

Hello to all my fellow members of Area 74 and beyond.

I am grateful for the chance to move forward and serve our fellowship as best I can. I've heard that settling for merely "good" can be the enemy of doing your best, so I'm committed to giving my all. I know there is always room for growth. Serving as the Area Chair and Alternate Delegate has been a meaningful part of my service journey, providing opportunities for ongoing personal growth. Thank you for allowing me this experience; it helps me continue to seek guidance from my higher power and listen to my God conscience. To continually work on my character defects and shortcomings, pride, and ego. As for my insecurities, they are never far away. Fear has a funny way of showing me there is work to be done. The need for me to continually use the tools of the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous: the steps, the traditions, the concepts, along with sound sponsorship and the ability to be teachable and reachable. To strive to be the best servant leader I can, going forward as your Area 74 Delegate elect .

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Bill D. Area 74 Delegate Elect.

Send Area 74 Contributions To:
Area 74 Treasury
PO Box 1002 Eau Claire, WI 54702

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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DATES TO REMEMBER 2025-26		
1/10/2026	Area 74 Area Committee Meeting	Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI
2/13-2/15/2026	ECR Conference of Delegates Past & Present	TBA
3/21/2026	Area 74 Delegate's Workshop	St Stephens Church Wausau, WI
4/17/2026	Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop	Quality Inn, Rhinelander, WI
4/18/2026	Area 74 Assembly	Quality Inn Rhinelander, WI
4/26-5/2/2026	General Service Conference	New York, NY
6/26-6/28/2026	ECR Regional Conference & Area 74 Conf.	Eau Claire, WI
7/18/2026	Area 74 Area Committee Meeting	Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI
10/17/2026	Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop	Quality Inn, Rhinelander, WI
10/18/2026	Area 74 Assembly	Quality Inn, Rhinelander, 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

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 December 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	First United Methodist Church 722 Franklin St	Appleton, 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	NO MEETING THIS MONTH	
10	Saturday	2 nd Sat	9:00 AM	1st United Methodist 724 Arbutus contact DCM for Zoom	Rhinelander, 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	
16				No information Available	
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
23	Weds	1st Wed	5:00 PM	Spooner Health (Enter ER Door) 1280 Chandler Dr	Spooner, WI
24	Weds	1 st Wed	8:00 PM	Alano Club 411 E 2nd St S	Ladysmith, WI

DISTRICT MEETING January 2026 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	Solutions Club 621 Evans St	Oshkosh, WI
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Archives Committee Proposed Guidelines

The Archives Committee is responsible for establishing policies, budgets and procedures, through its group conscience. It maintains final responsibility and authority for the use of the Archives.

All items collected will be consistent with AA's primary purpose of maintaining sobriety and helping other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

The Area 74 Archives Committee and archivists have the responsibility to evaluate all items for appropriateness and relevancy to Area 74 history and growth. All approved items will be cataloged and put in the Area 74 repository.

The Archives Committee will have final decisions on items to collect, display and or preserve. The Committee welcomes input from the membership of Area 74.

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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 2026 DISTRICT MONTHLY

MEETING INFORMATION TO

AREA74NEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM

OR

PO BOX 192 STURGEON BAY, WI 54235

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Area 74 Online Chat Quick Start Guide

💙 Our Mission

To make sure the hand of A.A. is always there for anyone who reaches out — including those who prefer to type instead of call. Your calm, kind presence can make all the difference.

💬 How the Chat Works

Visitors to area74.org can type questions. These appear in Slack (through **Smallchat**) in the [#online-chat](#) channel.

Each message thread shows:

1. Where the visitor was on the website
2. The visitor's typed question

All chats are **anonymous** — your name and photo are not shown.

🚦 Step-by-Step Workflow

1. **Watch for new chats**
 - a. You'll hear a "typing" sound or see a red dot in Slack.
 - b. Go to the [#online-chat](#) channel.
2. **Claim it**
 - a. Click the thread and send a friendly "Hi" right away.
 - b. Add the 👁️ eyeball emoji to show others you're handling it.
3. **Find or write your response**
 - Check [#committee](#) for pinned "prepared responses."
 - Copy (Ctrl + C) and paste (Ctrl + V) the message into the reply box.
 - Press **Enter** to send.
4. **Finish up**
 - If resolved, mark the thread with a ✅ green check emoji.
 - If it turns into a **12-Step** call, follow the phone training procedures.
5. **Need help?**
 - Use @ to mention another volunteer.
 - If urgent, call **715-558-4560**.

💻 What You'll Need

- At least **one year of continuous sobriety**
- Completion of **phone training**
- Access to **internet and Slack**
- The Slack workspace: **area-74.slack.com**
- Main channels:
 - [#online-chat](#) — live chats from website visitors
 - [#committee](#) — announcements

🕒 Tips & Expectations

- Try to reply **within 5 minutes** when possible.
- Be warm, brief, and kind — newcomers may be anxious.
- Don't worry if you don't know everything; we support each other.
- Remember: your role is to connect, not to counsel.

👤 Getting Started

Email webmaster@area74.org to request training and a slack invite.

Once you're in:

- ✅ Enable notifications for the [#online-chat](#) channel
- ✅ Review the prepared responses
- ✅ Wait for your first chat — and thank you for your service!



Howdy Folks!

- Are you having some Winter Blues?

Then— JOIN 'JOLLY JANE'
AND SOME PI VETERANS

(Yes! Public Information = PI)

We're gonna have some Big
Fun taking over Area PI

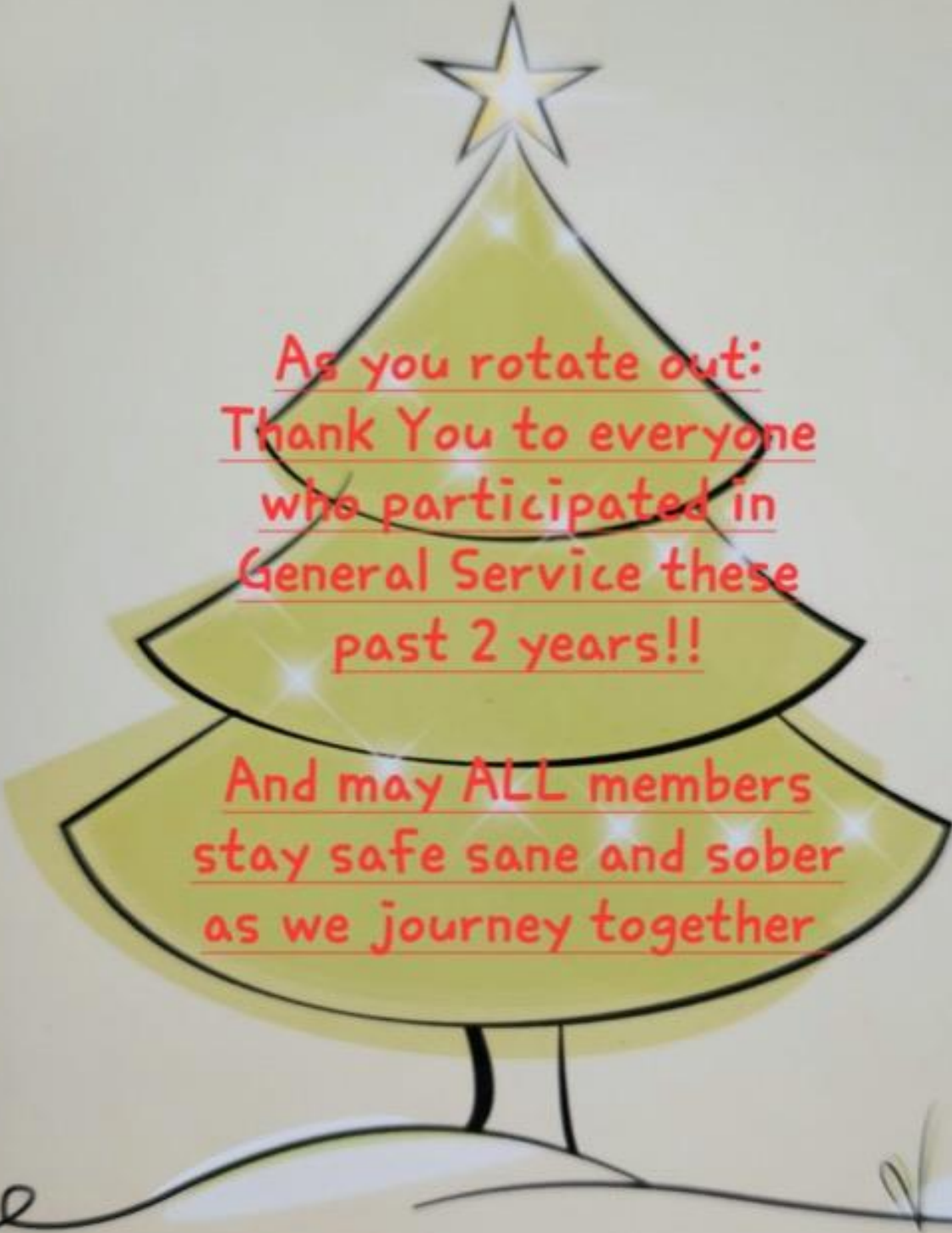
for 2026-27!!

YOU can help us ... inform the Public
about AA ... "Your imagination will be
fired," said Bill W. We're a fun bunch—
you won't want to miss this!

CALL 920-427-3235

ASK FOR PI CHAIR

PI@Area74.org



As you rotate out:
Thank You to everyone
who participated in
General Service these
past 2 years!!

And may ALL members
stay safe sane and sober
as we journey together

Season's Greetings

Please direct all
communications to:
P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163
Fax: (212) 870-3003

To: GSRs, DCMs, Trustees, Non-trustee Directors, Area Officers and Committee Chairs, Delegates, Appointed Committee Members, Intergroups and Central Offices, Group Contacts, GSO and Grapevine Employees

October 23, 2025

Dear A.A. Friends:

Wishing you all warm fall greetings from the General Service Office. This season always brings thoughts of gratitude for the many blessings of sobriety that so many throughout the world have found as a result of the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. It's fitting that October begins the annual recognition of our gratitude, as it coincides with the Thanksgiving holiday in Canada and the U.S. in November. This time of year many of us reflect on the blessings our sobriety has given us and pay those blessings forward to ensure hope for the alcoholic whose sobriety begins today and for the alcoholic not yet born.

Among the many things I'm grateful for is our two-country structure and the unity it demonstrates to A.A. around the world, and the inclusiveness of our Fellowship. The composition of all three of our boards reflects this, and together we have trudged the road of happy destiny for over 90 years as the Fellowship has spread to nearly every country around the world. I am especially grateful for the many Canadian friends I have made throughout my years in A.A., which reminds me of a phrase I have often heard within the halls: "friendships in A.A. are lasting."

I recently learned of a great story from the GSO Archives of the early days of A.A. in Canada that reminds me of the wonderful example many of my Canadian A.A. friends reflect.

In 1944, a young Quebec banker named Dave B. reached a horrible alcoholic bottom. He read the Big Book, which his sister in Connecticut had previously sent him. He contacted AA Headquarters in New York and his call was answered by Headquarters secretary, Bobbie B., who told him, "we'll help you." Bobbie B. sent Dave the names of 400 Canadian alcoholics who had written the New York Office seeking help and Dave B. became what Bill W. would later call a "marathon Twelfth-Stepper," tirelessly calling on drunks. By 1949, in an astonishing spurt of growth, the Fellowship had spread across Canada, from Toronto to the Northern Territories, from the Maritime Provinces to British Columbia. Vast distances sometimes separated people from their meetings – and still do – by car, plane, snowmobile, dogsled and skis, they managed to get there.

Without a doubt, some reading this letter now are sober as a result of Dave B's efforts and the assistance he received from his sister and GSO. Today, GSO continues to deliver services to the Fellowship with the same spirit: "We'll help you!"

From its early days in 1941, when Rev. George Little, the Toronto minister and nonalcoholic, discovered the Big Book and worked tirelessly to share it with many problem drinkers, to the remarkable efforts of Dave B. and his "marathon Twelve Stepping," A.A. continues its rich history in Canada. We saw this enduring spirit front and center this summer when Vancouver, British Columbia, welcomed 33,700 members and friends from around the world to the International Convention, which marked the 90th anniversary of A.A. Several thousand local members came together to assist in hosting a joyful and memorable experience that united us all in love and service.

Reflecting on the sacrifices made by those who came before us, we can clearly see the many ways they safeguarded our Fellowship through the years and maintained the integrity of our A.A. message. Their dedication has paved the way for each of us to receive the gift of sobriety. We are now each responsible for honoring our legacy by carrying forward their example to ensure that others who have yet to find us have the same opportunity we had.

Your GSO coordinates and delivers an array of services to support members and your group's efforts to honor this legacy. The list is too long to include here, but I encourage you to learn more about them. Highlights may be found in our overview of [SERVICES PROVIDED BY GSO/AAWS](#) and our [Seventh Tradition Fact Sheet](#). Also, several new services are added each year through actions taken at the annual General Service Conference, many of which result in special projects. Notable projects are the development of the 5th edition of the Big Book and the 4th edition of the Spanish Big Book. The implementation of projects like these often requires the formation of special trustee committees that need support and coordination. And I would be remiss not to mention our gratitude for the opportunity to plan and support the International Convention. Many of our employees provided support for the Convention, including coordinating public information opportunities, staffing various display and information booths, and working on numerous behind-the-scenes planning and logistical details. Carrying out this work is a great example of the service GSO provides to the Fellowship.

Your contributions to the General Service Board are a great expression of your gratitude for A.A. and for the substantial sacrifices made by those who came before us. They are also vital to ensure the preservation of our Fellowship for the alcoholic who still suffers.

In the spirit of the season and gratitude for our Fellowship, please consider a special contribution to the General Service Board. You can make a contribution through [aa.org here](#) or by mail.

When contributing by check, please make your check payable to the General Service Board and use the applicable mailing address:

Checks in Canadian Dollars	Checks in U.S. Dollars
General Service Office Post Office Box 459 Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163	General Service Office Post Office Box 2407 James A. Farley Station New York, NY 10116-2407

With gratitude for all the sacrifices you make for A.A.,



Bob W.
General Manager, GSO

Appleton Area A.A. Intergroup

Saturday, December 13th, 2025

St. Pius X Church
500 W. Marquette St.
Appleton, WI

Come early and help set up & decorate at 2:00 pm

Registration & Coffee – 5:00 p.m.

Dinner – 6:00 p.m.

Speakers – 7:00 p.m.

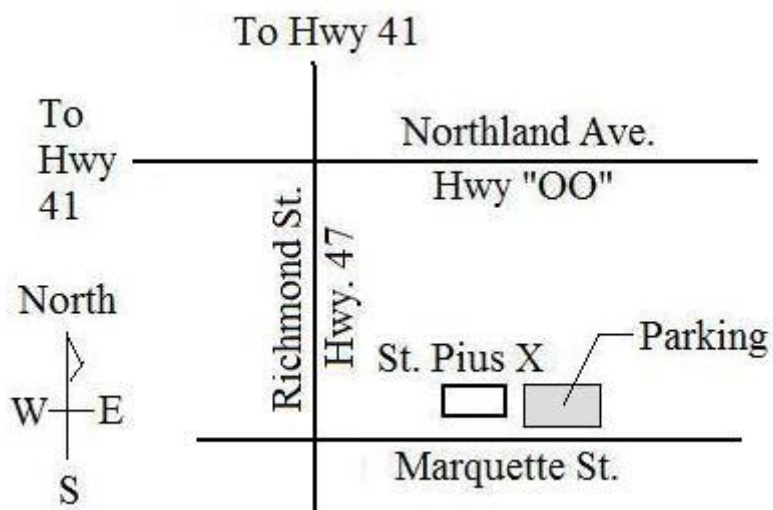
Al-anon Speaker – Kimmery W.

A.A. Speaker – Brad N.

Bring a dish to pass (in disposable container please)

Meat, buns, potato salad, baked beans, provided

Door Prizes from Appleton Area Groups



DISTRICT 1

PLEASE CONSIDER A GOOD FAITH CONTRIBUTION

INTERGROUP

PASS IT ON!

2026

SATURDAY JANUARY 24TH, 2026

LOCATION:

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH

2270 S ONEIDA STREET; GREEN BAY, WI 54304

PLEASE ENTER USING DOOR #6

TIME: 5PM-9PM

OPEN EVENT

- * BASKET RAFFLE
- * 50/50 RAFFLE
- * PRAYER BOARD

ENJOY THESE DISPLAYS:

- ARCHIVES
- LITERATURE
- GRAPEVINE

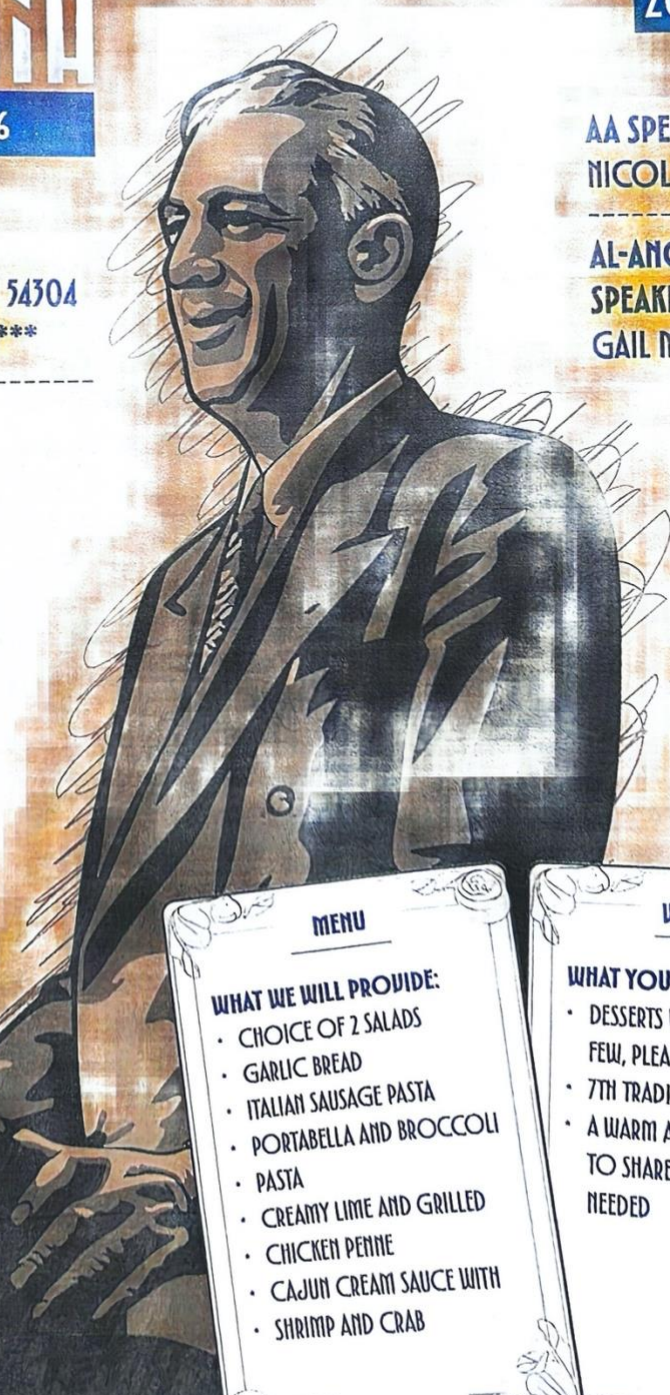
AA SPEAKER:

NICOLAS S

AL-ANON

SPEAKER:

GAIL M



MENU

WHAT WE WILL PROVIDE:

- CHOICE OF 2 SALADS
- GARLIC BREAD
- ITALIAN SAUSAGE PASTA
- PORTABELLA AND BROCCOLI
- PASTA
- CREAMY LIME AND GRILLED
- CHICKEN PENNE
- CAJUN CREAM SAUCE WITH
- SHRIMP AND CRAB

WISH LIST

WHAT YOU CAN BRING:

- DESSERTS WELCOME...JUST A FEW, PLEASE!
- 7TH TRADITION DOLLARS
- A WARM AND KIND SMILE TO SHARE - NOTHING ELSE NEEDED

Came to Believe Group

CELEBRATING 26 YEARS

JOIN US!

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

512 McClellan St.

Wausau, WI, 54403

MAIN DISH PROVIDED

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS



5:00 PM: DINNER



—SPEAKERS—

6:30 PM: PAUL Y. (AREA 74 ARCHIVES CHAIR)

7:30 PM: MARK L. (WAUKESHA, WI)



HYBRID EVENT ZOOM ID: 892 1155 4684 PASSWORD: 740147



This is a Disabled Accessible Facility

CONTACT PERSON: Bob D. 715-297-7039

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

October 20, 2025

To: All General Service Conference Members

From: Teddy B.W., Chair, Trustees' Literature Committee

Re: Call for stories – "A.A. for the Transgender Alcoholic," pamphlet **Deadline: March 31, 2026**, pamphletstories@aa.org

In 2024, there was a General Service Conference advisory action that "a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A. be developed." In response, the trustees' Literature Committee has opened a call for recovery stories.

The trustees' Literature Committee is seeking stories of personal recovery from all transgender, non-binary, genderqueer, Two-Spirit, and gender non-conforming members in the A.A. structure of the United States and Canada.

Stories of recovery may include but are not limited to:

- • Experience, Strength, and Hope
- • Steps, Traditions, and Concepts
- • Sponsorship and Service
- • Experience in A.A. meetings
- • Safety and Belonging through AA principles
- • Sobriety and Mental Health
- • Social and Medical Transitioning in Sobriety
- • Diversity of Gender Identity and Expression
- • Ethnic, cultural, and geographical backgrounds
- • Diversity of socio-economic status
- • Atheist/Agnostics
- • Newcomer Experiences
- • Diverse Abilities
- • YPAA/Older Alcoholics
-

The suggested format for typed manuscripts is 500-1,000 words, double spaced, in 12- point font. Handwritten manuscripts should be approximately 5 to 8 pages. Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of your manuscript. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files. The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not.

Instructions for submitting your manuscript:

Deadline: Please submit on or before **March 31, 2026**.

Website submissions:

<https://www.aa.org/submit-story-aa-for-the-transgender-alcoholic-pamphlet> **Email submissions:** pamphletstories@aa.org

Subject Line: A.A. for the Transgender Alcoholic

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