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Delegate's Corner

Seasonal Greetings

I hope everyone is managing to stay warm during this chilly weather. For those who enjoy ice fishing as I do, this season offers its own rewards. Currently, my primary focus is preparing to share the agenda items and supporting materials for the 2026 General Service Conference, scheduled to take place in New York from April 26th to May 2nd of this year.

Preparation and Distribution of Agenda Materials

My efforts have been directed toward reorganizing the process so that all members of Area 74 can participate in discussions regarding agenda items and their background materials. To facilitate this, we have established three key opportunities for groups, Districts and Individual's to provide their group conscience, through GSRs, DCMs, and individual members. The process will begin with the release of agenda items and their background materials, anticipated during the second week of February. If the process mirrors last year, these materials will be distributed over several consecutive days. Upon receipt, I will promptly forward them to the Area DCMs, along with an updated contact list for Area 74 officers, committees, and past delegates.

Method Inspired by Area 20 (Northern Illinois)

As many of you know, I will be utilizing a method developed and used by Area 20 (Northern Illinois) for several years now. This method provides another distinct opportunity for the group conscience of Area 74 to be heard.

Opportunities for Participation

1. **Zoom Week:** Each conference committee will be represented, and agenda items will be presented by the respective Area 74 Chair. For example, Mike K, the Literature Committee Chair, will be present at the scheduled Zoom meeting. Additionally, the committee members will share the feedback collected so far at the Delegates' workshop on March 28th in Three Lakes, Wisconsin.
2. **Delegates Workshop:** The second opportunity to provide input will be at the Delegates Workshop in Three Lakes on March 28th. This event will be held at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes, Wisconsin. This will be a hybrid meeting. At this time, GSRs can share their group conscience, pose questions, and offer input on each agenda item directly to the committee chair if they have not already done so.
3. **Area Assembly:** The third and final opportunity before the delegate travels to New York for the General Service Conference will be at the Area Assembly in Rhinelander on April 18th. This meeting will allow GSRs a final chance to express their group conscience regarding specific agenda items.

Contact Information If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me personally. My contact details are provided below.

Outreach and Participation

I am very enthusiastic about implementing this approach to communicate agenda items and background materials to everyone in Area 74. In addition, I plan to attend as many district meetings as possible, whether in person or via Zoom. I have already begun scheduling these visits for February and, if necessary, will continue into March prior to the Zoom Week discussions, which are scheduled from March 15th to March 22nd. Please refer to the attached "Zoom Week" schedule for dates, times, committee discussion topics, Zoom IDs, and passwords. There may be some changes to the names of facilitators for specific meetings, so if your name is listed, do not be concerned; I will reach out to each individual beforehand to ensure everything runs smoothly. Everyone is welcome to participate in these discussions.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Bill Dornaus Area 74 Delegate Panel 76920-621-1258

or

delegate@area74.org

Greetings Area 74,

Well, we made it through our first Area Committee Meeting (ACM) this past January and are moving towards our Area 74 Assembly prior to the Panel 76 General Service Conference in New York. We are trying something new this year in preparation for our Delegates Workshop. We will be hosting online discussion meetings from March 15th to the 22nd on the final agenda items. The schedule should be found in our area newsletter.

In my debriefing conversations after the Area Committee meeting, from several participants, a word was used that gave me inspiration. "Clarity". For me, this word reminds me of my purpose as your Panel 76 Area 74 Area Chair. I look to my Higher Power to give me guidance and direction, many times my Higher Power does this through conversations with others. *I only know a little, more will be revealed.* Though mistakes will be made on our journey, we will grow together in this journey knowing that our primary purpose is to help the still suffering alcoholic.

One item that needs clarification is the Area Committee's decision to split the "Removing of the Past Delegates Voice and Vote" motion into two individual motions. The Area Committee will present to the Assembly one motion for Past Delegates to have their voices removed and one motion for Past Delegates to have their votes removed. These two motions will be presented with a second from the Area Committee to the Assembly. When a motion is sent to the Area Committee by the Assembly, the Area Committee is free to provide whatever solution they deem fit.

I'm hoping that our online discussion opportunities will help bring in new members from our area to see what this service experience is all about. I would ask that all of us in Area 74 service reach out to others in our fellowship to at least check this out. Oh, and don't fear about doing it right, just do it and trust the process to bring us through.

The greatest teacher, failure is – Yoda in The Last Jedi

Yours in service,

Brent Henslin

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2025-26		
2/13-2/15/2026	ECR Conference of Delegates Past & Present	Benton Harbor, MI
3/15 -3/22/2026	Pre-Delegate's Workshops	Host Districts
3/28/2026	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
10/16/2026	Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop	Quality Inn, Rhinelander, WI
10/17/2026	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

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

Literature NA	Date and time yet to be determined for regular meeting	ID. 891 5542 2038	PW. 227073
P.I. Last Wednesday of Month 7pm Central		ID 895-7760-2013	pw 938329
C.P.C. 3rd Tuesday 6pm Central		ID 830-3370-6847	PW. PI
Archives 3 rd Wednesday 7 PM central Time		ID 838-8679-0086	PW.478881
		ID 817-3019-4808	PW. 737159

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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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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DISTRICT MEETING February 2026 LIST

DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
1	Thursday	2nd Thur	6:30 PM	Nativity Lord Parish 2270 S Oneida St Door #4
2	Sunday	2 nd Sun	2:00 PM	Changing Lanes Alano 344 Broadway
3	Thursday	3rd Thur	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Zoom info wiaadistrict3.org
4	Thursday	1st Thur	6:00 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S. Main St
5	Weds	2nd Wed	6:45 PM	Alano Club 12 2926 Pomona Dr Zoom 829 0126 1204 PWdistrict09
6	Thursday	3 rd Thur	7:45 PM	Club 76 76 E Central Zoom 742 549 8793
7	Sunday	3 rd Sun	3:00 PM	2111 S Central Ave
8	Thursday	1 st Thur	7:00 PM	Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellen St
9	Sunday	1st Sun	2:00 PM	Peace United Church 208 E. Maurer St
10	Saturday	2 nd Sat	9:00 AM	1st United Methodist 724 Arbutus contact DCM for Zoom
11				No information Available
12	Saturday	1 st Sat	9:00 AM	Hayward Serenity Club, 10339 S Florida Ave & Zoom
13	Friday	1 st -Fri	5:30 PM	PIRC 410 Lakeshore Dr West
14	Sunday	2 nd Sun	6:00 PM	New Richmond Alano; 1448 N 4th Street
15				No information Available
16				No information Available
17	Friday	Last Fri	5:00 PM	401 Kimberly
18	Saturday			No Information Available
19	Monday	3 rd Mon	5:30 PM	Delta Alano Club 601 Michigan St
20	Saturday	July 12	11:00 AM	United Methodist Church, 1212 Morrison St
21	Tuesday	1 st Tues	6:00 PM	Portage Lake United Church, 1400 E. Houghton Ave
22	Thursday	1st Thur	5:30 PM	115 Club or Zoom: 399 417 5176 PW 115
23	Weds	1st Wed	5:00 PM	Spooner Health (Enter ER Door) 1280 Chandler Dr
24	Weds	1 st Wed	8:00 PM	Alano Club 411 E 2nd St S

DISTRICT MEETING March 2026 LIST

DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
1	Thursday	2nd Thur	6:30 PM	Nativity Lord Parish 2270 S Oneida St Door #4
2	Sunday	2 nd Sun	2:00 PM	Genesis Club 1213 N Appleton Ave
3	Thursday	3rd Thur	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Zoom info wiaadistrict3.org
4	Thursday	1st Thur	6:00 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S. Main St
5	Weds	2nd Wed	6:45 PM	Alano Club 12 2926 Pomona Dr Zoom 829 0126 1204 PWdistrict09
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8	Thursday	1 st Thur	7:00 PM	Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellen St
9	Sunday	1st Sun	2:00 PM	1st American Lutheran Church 511 Madison St.
10	Saturday	2 nd Sat	9:00 AM	1st United Methodist 724 Arbutus contact DCM for Zoom
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2026 GSC Agenda item discussion zoom meeting

Schedule Area 74

Zoom meeting ID 479-428-9816 password 1212144 for all meetings

The above zoom meetings are available to all area 74 members GSR's and DCM are encouraged to attend

Any Questions Please Call Bill Dornaus Delegate Area 74 Phone# 920-621-1258

920-621-1258

2026

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
AREA 74



DELEGATE'S WORKSHOP

WHEN:

Saturday, March 28th, 2026

Registration & Coffee @ 8am

Workshop begins @ 9am

WHERE:

Reiter Center

1858 S Michigan St, Three Lakes, WI 54562



ZOOM ID:
479-428-9816

PASSCODE:
1212144

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**All members
are welcome!**

Help inform our
Delegate during the
General Service
Conference about A.A.
issues that matter to
you and your groups.

**Are you new to
Service?**

Come and learn about
A.A.'s legacy of service
and meet new people

What happens?

Zoom breakout
sessions prior to
delegate's workshop
to review GSC
agenda items

Large group
discussions, gathering
the area group
conscience

ASL provided upon
request

Lunch - on your own



CARRYOVER FROM 2024	
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2024	\$32,060.63
Regular Savings Minimum Deposit	5.00
Carryover prudent reserve	\$3,000.75
TTL CARRYOVER 2023	\$35,066.38

REVENUE SUMMARY	
Group Contributions	27,884.93
* Other Revenue *	3,945.56
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	1,262.77
YTD Total Revenue	\$33,093.26

OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES	
Delegate	\$ 3,276.45
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	1,318.65
Treasurer	725.84
Registrar	328.30
Secretary	436.09
Archives	755.52
Corrections MI	849.68
Corrections WI	490.46
CPC	991.81
Finance	943.00
Grapevine	661.00
Literature	696.46
Now & Then	410.56
Public Information	808.75
Structures & Guidelines	484.00
Treatment/Accessibilities	646.00
YTD Chair Expenses	\$ 13,822.57

* OTHER REVENUE *	
Interest Income	8.67
Refreshment Contributions	244.00
Seed Money Return 2025 Conference	3,692.89
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Total Other Income	\$ 3,945.56

EXPENSE SUMMARY	
Chair Expenses	\$ 13,822.57
Committee Expenses	\$ 17,099.47
Other Expenses	\$ 12,872.55
2025 Conference Gain/Loss	\$ 692.89
	-
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 43,794.59

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	
Archives	1,789.10
Area Chair/Alt Delegate	826.78
Corrections Committee MI	1,662.40
Corrections Committee WI	
CPC Committee	1,518.67
Finance Committee	739.85
Grapevine Committee	-
Literature Committee	345.64
Now & Then Committee	540.00
Public Information Committee	8,354.75
Registrar Committee	37.44
Secretary Committee	105.49
Structures & Guidelines Committee	384.35
Treatment/Accessibility Committee	795.00
YTD Committee Expenses	\$ 17,099.47

TOTAL ASSETS	
Bal-Checking Account December 31, 2025	\$15,669.86
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
CHECKING BALANCE December 31, 2025	\$15,669.86
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit	\$5.00
Bal-Prudent Reserve January 30, 2025	\$8,690.19
TOTAL ASSETS December 31, 2025	\$24,365.05

TOTAL ASSETS - BANK PROOF	
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2024	\$32,060.63
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit	5.00
Carry Over Prudent Reserve	\$3,000.75
YTD Total Revenue	33,093.26
YTD Total Expense	43,794.59
TOTAL ASSETS December 31, 2025	\$24,365.05

OTHER EXPENSES	
Seat Delegate	2,200.00
Registrar Internet	-
Rent - ACM / Assembly	1,850.00
Treats - ACM / Assembly	926.38
Conference Seed Money	3,000.00
Other Misc Expenses	11.84
ECR Conference	-
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)	853.15
ECR Forum	400.00
CDPP - Trustee Election	100.00
International Convention	750.00
International Hospitality Room	250.00
Sec / Reg / Zoom Computer One-time expense	712.13
Seat Delegate - Additional Amount	-
Car/Group Reimbursement	660.00
Conference Speaker Expenses	-
Carry over from 2024 Expenses	1,159.05
YTD Other Expenses	\$ 12,872.55

Prudent Reserve Activity	
Beginning Prudent Reserve Balance	\$3,000.75
YTD Accrued Interest	8.67
Transferred From Prudent Reserve to Checking	-
Transferred From Checking to Prudent Reserve	5,689.44
Current Prudent Reserve Balance	\$8,690.19
YEAR TO DATE GAIN / LOSS	
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 33,093.26
YTD Total Expenses	43,794.59
YTD Net Gain (or Loss)	(\$10,701.33)

GROUP PARTICIPATION	
Active Groups As of November 30, 2025	635
Institutional Groups	23
Groups Contributing	89
	14.54%

Area 74 - 2025 YTD Budget Report
Year To Date 01-01-2025 - 12-31-2025_Final

OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget
Delegate	2,600.00	\$ 3,276.45	\$ (676.45)
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	1,700.00	\$ 1,318.65	\$ 381.35
Treasurer	1,000.00	\$ 725.84	\$ 274.16
Registrar	1,000.00	\$ 328.30	\$ 671.70
Secretary	1,000.00	\$ 436.09	\$ 563.91
Archives	1,000.00	\$ 755.52	\$ 244.48
Corrections MI	1,000.00	\$ 849.62	\$ 150.32
Corrections WI	1,000.00	\$ 900.16	\$ 509.52
CPC	1,000.00	\$ 991.81	\$ 8.19
Finance Expenses	1,000.00	\$ 943.00	\$ 57.00
Grapevine	1,000.00	\$ 661.00	\$ 339.00
Literature	1,000.00	\$ 696.46	\$ 303.54
Now & Then	1,000.00	\$ 410.56	\$ 589.44
Public Information	1,000.00	\$ 808.75	\$ 191.25
Structures & Guidelines	1,000.00	\$ 484.00	\$ 516.00
Treatment	1,000.00	\$ 646.00	\$ 354.00
YTD Chair Expenses	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 13,822.57	\$ 4,477.43

REVENUE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget
Group Contributions	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 27,884.93	\$ (3,884.93)
* Other Revenue *	6,500.00	\$ 3,945.56	\$ 2,554.44
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	200.00	\$ 1,262.77	\$ (1,062.77)
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 30,700.00	\$ 33,093.26	\$ (2,393.26)

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget
Archives	2,200.00	\$ 1,789.10	\$ 410.90
Area Chair Alt Delegate	950.00	\$ 826.78	\$ 123.22
Corrections Committee MI	1,000.00	\$ 1,662.40	\$ (662.40)
Corrections Committee WI	1,050.00	\$ -	\$ 1,050.00
CPC Committee	3,000.00	\$ 1,518.67	\$ 1,481.33
Finance Committee Expenses	1,950.00	\$ 739.85	\$ 1,210.15
Grapevine Committee	400.00	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Literature Committee	400.00	\$ 345.64	\$ 554.36
Now & Then Committee	662.30	\$ 410.00	\$ 252.30
Public Information Committee	8,200.00	\$ 8,554.75	\$ (154.75)
Registrar Committee	300.00	\$ 37.44	\$ 262.56
Secretary Committee	170.00	\$ 105.49	\$ 64.51
Structures & Guidelines Committee	1,000.00	\$ 384.35	\$ 615.65
Treatment/Accessibility Committee	6,400.00	\$ 795.00	\$ 5,605.00
YTD Committee Expenses	\$ 28,183.00	\$ 17,099.47	\$ 11,083.53

* OTHER REVENUE *	Budget	Actual	Budget
Interest Income	8.67	\$ 8.67	\$ 8.67
Refreshment Contributions	244.00	\$ 244.00	\$ 244.00
Seed Money Return 2025 Conference	3,692.89	\$ 3,692.89	\$ 3,692.89
2025 Conference Gain/Loss	692.89	\$ 692.89	\$ 692.89
Seed Money Return 2025 Conference	-	\$ -	\$ -
2025 Conference Gain/Loss	-	\$ -	\$ -
Prudent Reserve Transfer from Savings	-	\$ -	\$ -
Total Other Revenue	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,945.56	\$ (1,945.56)

OTHER EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget
Seat Delegate	2,000.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 400.00
Registrar Internet	120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00
Assembly & ACM Rent	600.00	\$ 1,850.00	\$ (1,250.00)
Assembly & ACM Expenses	600.00	\$ 926.38	\$ (326.38)
Conference Seed Money	3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Other / Misc Expenses	100.00	\$ 11.84	\$ 88.16
ECR Conference	1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)	1,000.00	\$ 853.15	\$ 146.85
East Central Regional Forum	1,000.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00
Conf. of Delegates past/present Trustee	400.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00
International Convention	750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ -
International Convention Hospitality Room	500.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Sec/Reg/Zoom computer/etime expenses	1,200.00	\$ 712.12	\$ 487.87
Car/Group Reimbursement	200.00	\$ 660.00	\$ (460.00)
Prudent Reserve	8,690.19	\$ -	\$ 8,690.19
YTD Other Expenses	\$ 21,760.19	\$ 11,713.50	\$ 10,046.69

EXPENSE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget
Chair Expenses	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 13,822.57	\$ 4,477.43
Committee Expenses	28,183.00	\$ 17,099.47	\$ 11,083.53
Other Expenses	21,760.19	\$ 11,713.50	\$ 10,046.69
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 68,243.19	\$ 42,635.54	\$ 25,607.65

5 Year Budget							
7th Tradition - Revenue	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Budget)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Budget)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Budget)
Group Contributions	\$ 15,741.73	\$ 22,887.86	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 22,026.35	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 29,110.77	\$ 24,000.00
Other Revenue	\$ 1,243.63	\$ 2,643.31	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -631.02	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 8,713.01	\$ 6,500.00
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	\$ 108.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 420.33	\$ 200.00
Total Revenue	\$ 17,093.36	\$ 25,663.17	\$ 30,700.00	\$ 21,495.33	\$ 29,700.00	\$ 38,244.11	\$ 30,700.00
Cking Yearly Beginning Balance	\$ 35,710.70	\$ 42,174.40	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 38,589.61	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 30,811.86	\$ 35,000.00
Til Rev + Yrly Beginning Bal	\$ 52,804.06	\$ 67,837.57	\$ 65,700.00	\$ 60,084.94	\$ 64,700.00	\$ 69,055.97	\$ 65,700.00
2025 (Actual) YTD	\$ 3,945.56	\$ 11,713.50	\$ 10,046.69	\$ 65,153.89	\$ 65,153.89	\$ 65,153.89	\$ 65,153.89

Area Officer and Committee Chair Expenses							
Officer Expenses	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Budget)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Budget)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Budget)
Delegate	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,777.12	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 3,524.93	\$ 2,600.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	\$ 724.00	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,251.17	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,014.37	\$ 1,700.00
Treasurer	\$ 180.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,302.09	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 963.02	\$ 1,000.00
Registrar	\$ 177.22	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 649.15	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,291.33	\$ 1,000.00
Secretary	\$ 93.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 709.70	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,117.53	\$ 1,000.00
Committee Chairs *	\$ 1,090.08	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 6,616.44	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 9,138.25	\$ 11,000.00
Officer / Chair Expense Sub-Total	\$ 3,264.30	\$ 3,264.30	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 13,305.67	\$ 18,300.00	\$ 18,049.43	\$ 18,300.00
Committee Expenses	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Budget)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Budget)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)
Archives	\$ 89.66	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 555.45	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,200.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	\$ 121,24	\$ 175,00	\$ 175,00	\$ 100,00	\$ 175,00	\$ 748.04	\$ 950.00
Corrections Committee MI	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 72,00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 955.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 836.00
Corrections Committee WI	\$ 0.00	\$ 35,00	\$ 600.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 434.74	\$ 1,050.00
CPC Committee	\$ 100.96	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 499.96	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 146.32	\$ 2,000.00
Finance Committee Expenses	\$ 328.35	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 578.36	\$ 1,950.00	\$ 507.90	\$ 1,950.00
Grapevine Committee	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 661.00
Literature Committee	\$ 80.75	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 531.47	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 345.64
Now & Then Committee	\$ 500.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 863.00
Public Information Committee	\$ 437.73	\$ 950.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,859.94	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,816.15	\$ 8,200.00
Registrar Committee	\$ 105.99	\$ 106.00	\$ 106.00	\$ 105.49	\$ 106.00	\$ 60.12	\$ 37.44
Secretary Committee	\$ 0.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 54.62	\$ 170.00
Struct & Guide Committee	\$ 250.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 140.84	\$ 800.00	\$ 346.49	\$ 1,000.00
Treatment/ Accessibility Committee	\$ 340.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 1,234.15	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 841.60	\$ 6,400.00
Committee Expenses Sub-Total	\$ 1,890.68	\$ 1,890.68	\$ 21,191.00	\$ 8,350.66	\$ 21,531.00	\$ 9,225.08	\$ 28,183.00
Other Expenses	2021 (Actual)	2022 (Actual)	2023 (Budget)	2023 (Actual)	2024 (Budget)	2024 (Actual)	2025 (Actual)
Seat Delegate	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,200.00
Registrar Internet	-	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 120.00
Assembly & ACM rent	-	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 776.32	\$ 600.00
Assembly & ACM expenses	121.90	\$ 275.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 371.64	\$ 926.38
Conference seed money	2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Other Fee's/Misc Expenses	750.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 118.84
ECR Conference	-	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)	-	-	-	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 981.89	\$ 1,000.00
East Central Regional Forum (BOY)	-	-	-	\$ 1,000.00	-	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Conf. of Delegates past/present Trustee	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
International Convention	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
International Convention Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00
Sec/Reg/Zoom computer OTE	808.11	-	-	\$ 200.00	-	-	\$ 1,200.00
Car/Group Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	\$ 200.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 200.00
Prudent Reserve Deposits	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
Other Expenses Sub-Total	\$ 4,396.96	\$ 5,480.01	\$ 8,495.00	\$ 14,170.00	\$ 12,370.00	\$ 8,939.85	\$ 13,070.00
Total Expenses	\$ 7,787.25	\$ 10,634.99	\$ 47,986.00	\$ 35,826.33	\$ 52,201.00	\$ 36,214.36	\$ 39,553.00
Total Revenue	\$ 13,248.76	\$ 17,093.36	\$ 30,700.00	\$ 21,495.33	\$ 29,700.00	\$ 38,244.11	\$ 30,700.00
End of Year Gain / Loss	\$ 5,461.51	\$ 6,458.37	(\$ 17,286.00)	(\$ 14,331.00)	(\$ 22,501.00)	\$ 2,029.75	(\$ 28,855.00)
Prudent Reserve	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00

Area 74 of Alcoholics Anonymous
Area Committee Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2026 | Reiter Center | Three Lakes, WI

The meeting opened at 8:10am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Opening remarks:

- Chair reviewed housekeeping notes and who has a voice and vote at area committee meetings, Introduction of New DCMs and AltDCMs, and reading of 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts

Attendance:

- 12 virtual attendees, 19 in-person attendees. Total attendees: 31

Roll call:

Officers

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

Standing Committee Chairpersons

- Archives – Paul Y.
- CPC – Pat T.
- Corrections MI – James H.
- Corrections WI – Kerry
- Finance – Terri B.
- Grapevine – Nicholas SS
- Literature – Mike N.
- Newsletter – Jeff C, Michelle Z.
- Public Information – Jane M
- Structures and Guidelines – James M.
- Treatment and Accessibilities –

DRAFT

District Committee Members (DCMs)

- District 1 – Alt Cory M.
- District 2 – Andrew T.
- District 3 –
- District 4 - Dan T.
- District 5 - Brian B.
- District 6 -
- District 7 -
- District 8 -
- District 9 -
- District 10 - Jedi Jeff M.
- District 11 -
- District 12 - Paul T.
- District 13 - Sunny L.
- District 14 -
- District 15 -
- District 16 - Therese K.
- District 17 -
- District 18 -
- District 19 -
- District 20 -
- District 21 - Lil K.
- District 22 - Melissa P.
- District 23 - Renell P.
- District 24 -

Approval of ACM minutes from July 2025: Motion Shane R. (seconded by James H): Vote: Passed unanimously.

Officer Reports: See Appendix A (Published on the Area 74 website Area74.org)

Old Business:

Motion: ECR CDPP Stipend for Past Delegates

Motion from D13 was read and the floor opened for discussion. Members discussed the purpose of supporting attendance at the ECR Conference of Past Delegates (ECR CDPP), including its value for service, leadership development, and representation at the General Service level. Questions were raised about whether the proposal should go to the Assembly, how it should be worded, and whether the funding should be a stipend or reimbursement. Several amendments were suggested regarding dollar limits, division of funds, and clarity of language.

Motion to Amend

Motion made by Nicholas SS, seconded by Brian B.

Proposed amended motion:

"Area 74 will provide a yearly line-item budget of \$1000 to past delegates who attend the ECR CDPP. The \$1000 will be evenly divided amongst the past delegates."

Vote:

- Yes: 12 in person, 5 online (17 total)
- No: 4 in person, 2 online (6 total)

Result: Amended motion passed by simple majority.

Minority Opinions

Concerns were expressed that:

- The motion had become too complicated.
- The amount per past delegate might be too high.
- The wording was unclear regarding stipend vs. reimbursement.

A request was made to reopen discussion.

Vote to Reconsider (Reopen Discussion)

- Yes: 7 in person, 5 online (12 total)
- No: 7 in person, 1 online (8 total)

Result: Motion to Reconsider passed.

Further discussion focused on clarifying whether the funds should be stipends or reimbursements and whether to return to the original motion with only the dollar amount adjusted.

Call the Question on Amended Motion

Called by Kerry, seconded by James.

Vote on call the question:

- Yes: 11 in person, 3 online (14 total)
- No: 3 in person, 1 online (4 total)

Result: Call the Question passed.

Vote on Revised Amendment

Proposed wording:

"Area 74 will provide a yearly line item reimbursement budget of up to \$1000 to past delegates who attend the ECR CDPP, to be evenly divided among delegates."

Vote:

- Yes: 9 in person, 3 online (12 total)
- No: 7 in person, 5 online (12 total)

Result: Amendment failed. Motion returned to the original version.

Call the Question on Original Motion

Called by Kerry, seconded by Mike N.

Vote on call the question:

- Yes: 14 in person, 5 online (19 total)
- No: 0

Result: Call to question passed.

Final Vote on Original Motion

- Yes: 14 in person, 7 online (21 total)
- No: 2 online, 0 in person (2 total)

Result: Motion carried.

Final Outcome:

The original motion passed and will be forwarded to the Assembly fo

Final comment from the mic that the process while frustrating at times was a great example of how we come to decision as a body politic. We were asked to figure it out, and we did.

District 13 Update on conference 2027

- See Appendix A under District 13 DCM report

Ad-Hoc Committee on Calendar Change:

- Brent H states that we are in the 2nd year. Asks that Ad-Hoc committee to resurrect itself and share information they may have on what has been working.

Motion: Removal of Past Delegate Voice and Vote

Discussion focused on whether Past Delegates should retain voice and/or vote at Area meetings. Members expressed concerns about equity, rotation of leadership, and whether Past Delegates having both voice and vote gives disproportionate influence compared to GSRs and DCMs. Some felt Past Delegate participation discourages newer members from speaking, while others emphasized the value of Past Delegate experience and minority opinion.

Several viewpoints were presented:

- Support for keeping both voice and vote.
- Support for keeping voice but removing vote.
- Support for keeping vote but removing voice.
- Support for removing both voice and vote.

Concerns were also raised about decorum, intimidation at the microphone, and whether Past Delegates should share experience through elected representatives rather than directly. It was noted that the issue affects Area structure and should ultimately be decided by the Assembly.

Two alternative motions were drafted:

1. One removing **voice** but retaining **vote** for Past Delegates.
2. One removing **vote** but retaining **voice** for Past Delegates.

Procedural discussion determined that the original motion and the two alternatives could be forwarded to the Assembly for consideration.

Motion made by: Brian B

Seconded by: Jeff

Action:

To forward the original motion along with two alternative motions (one addressing removal of voice and one addressing removal of vote) to the Assembly for decision.

Outcome:

The issue will be presented to the Assembly with three options:

- The original motion,
- A motion removing voice for Past Delegates, and
- A motion removing vote for Past Delegates.

Final determination will be made by the Assembly.

The two alternate motions as submitted by Brian B including background information:

Motion 1: That effective immediately Past Delegates of Area 74 no longer hold a voice at Area Assemblies.

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.

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.

Motion 2: That effective immediately Past Delegates of Area 74 no longer hold a vote at Area Assemblies.

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:

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DCM Reports:

- Brent H asked whether DCMs should give their reports verbally or just submit them to the secretary. Melissa preferred submitting reports to the secretary, while Mike N wanted DCMs to give reports to help everyone get to know them. The sense of the body was to have DCMs give their reports. See Appendix A for reports. (Available on Area74.org)

Presentation:

- Where Money and Spirituality Mix by Past Delegate Char V.

New Business:

Ad-Hoc: Conference Guidelines

- Nothing discussed

Ad-Hoc: Locations for Future Combined ACM/Assembly Meetings

DCM Assignments:

- Guidelines say will do in February, but we are at the ACM in January needing to do business. Brent H will have DCMs email him what 3 choices for committee positions they are interested in so that he can come up with assignments.

ACM Workshop Ideas:

- Jane PI had suggestion made to her about ASL/Accessibility, Bill D wants one on how to help DCMs regarding recruiting GSRs, and Nicholas SS would like how to better use the website for our knowledge and helping alcoholic who is still suffering.

Review Area 74 2026 Calendar: Dates to Remember

- Bill discussed deciding the location for the Delegate's Workshop. Andrew asked about the start time, and Brent H confirmed it would begin at 9 a.m. Pat T inquired about a group rate for the Assembly at the Quality Inn, which Brent H confirmed would be available. Jane stated she preferred not meeting at St. Stephens due to allergies.

Standing Committee Dates and Times- Update if Needed:

- PI changing from last Weds of the month to last Tues.

Area Standing Committee Reports:

- Brent H noted that the Structures and Guidelines Committee Chair position is open and that these reports are typically given at assemblies, though he was open to them being given at the ACM and sought a sense of the body. Char suggested committee chairs simply introduce themselves without giving reports, while Mike N requested hearing the reports. Reports were then given (see Appendix A.) Other open positions include Registrar and Alternate Secretary. Brent H offered to call a special assembly if needed. See appendix A for reports.

meeting closed at 3:17pm

Submitted by Elyssa C, Area 74 Secretary

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.

Archives Adventures February

Last month Marty L. brought us up to date on the Archives Committee progress.

Here's what's happening now. The next Archives Committee Weekend is scheduled for February 20-21. The start time is 10AM Friday and we will wrap up by 3PM Saturday. Room reservations are required by February 10. Sr Barb from St Anthony's has been quite flexible in the past, but has suggested that we get our reservation in the same timely manner as other groups.

Similar to the last get-together, we will rely on our sustenance from the "dish to pass menu" and our love affair with the new Kwik Trip which is about a mile or two away. The menu will be discussed at our monthly Zoom meeting which is February 18.

Our new scanner has been delivered to the Repository. When I dropped it off I believe I heard a little voice coming from the box that said, "Let me out, I'm ready to go to work!" Scanning 2-sided documents will make this process as efficient as possible.

Here's a request: We would like to put the Archives to use by entertaining suggestions from the membership. Just contact the Archives Committee chair. Ideas or questions will be sent over to the committee members and we will try to answer in a timely manner. The N&T is a great forum for sharing information that could help any AA achieve our purpose of helping those that suffer. We are here to serve you, but you need to tell us the best way to do that.

In service,

Paul Y., Archives Committee Chair

Area 74 Newsletter Guidelines (DRAFT PROPOSAL)

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. Its primary goals are:

- The newsletter is the medium for communication of Area 74 business
- Materials submitted by any Area Officer will be printed when provided in a timely manner
- To keep members informed of Area motions, reports, and service activities
- To provide a platform for experience, strength, and hope from trusted servants across the Area
- To promote transparency, inclusivity, and unity within the AA service structure
- To preserve a historical record of service activities and decisions in Area 74

Newsletter Frequency

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

Content Guidelines for Each Edition

Each edition of the newsletter should include the following sections, unless otherwise specified

1. Delegate Report

- First page: Delegate Report

2. Area Reports

- Area Chair/Alternate Delegate Report
- Area Committee Reports (Accessibilities, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Literature, PI, Treatment, etc.)
- Finance Report
- Treasurer mailing information is published in each edition
 - Treasurer's reports are published in the Area newsletter after each assembly
- Service Meeting Agendas
 - Should be published in the Area newsletter before Service Meetings

3. District Submissions

- All 24 Districts (Districts 1–24) are encouraged to submit brief reports from relevant officers. Each district may set internal expectations for which officer sends which report

4. Events Calendar

- Area workshops and assemblies
- District-level events (including workshops, round-ups, open speaker meetings, etc.)
- Regional or national events relevant to Area 74

Submission Guidelines

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

- **Deadline for Submissions:** 25th of the month preceding publication (e.g., March 25th for April 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 grammar, length, or clarity. Contributors will be contacted if major changes are needed

Distribution

The newsletter is distributed via:

- Email
- Area74.org website (PDF archives)

Newsletter Editors

Newsletter Editors are voted in. In the event of a tie, positions are confirmed by the voting membership.

Duties & Responsibilities

- Now & Then is currently done in Microsoft Word and could be transitioned to Microsoft Publisher or other publishing software if the new co-editors choose to do that
- One of the co-editors should be capable of close proof reading, as you will find that many alcoholics who may write something for publication do not pay much attention to grammatical rules
- It is necessary that one of the two (or both) have creative writing ability, because there will likely not be sufficient submissions from others to fill the pages on a routine monthly basis
- One of the co-editors should be detailed to handle financial matters
 - This requires paying bills, depositing receipts, and recording these transactions
- Anonymity of persons is to be protected by use of first names & last name initials only, no phone numbers without consent from contributor, and no personal addresses - Per Assembly Action

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.

SERVICE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Now and Then Co-Editor

Participate in producing, editing, and distributing the Area 74 monthly newsletter. The position entails on average 2-4 hours a month (actual work time), attend Area 74 Assemblies & Area Committee Meetings (zoom or in person). Expenses are covered as it is a service position within Area 74. The only requirements are an interest in being of service to the groups in Northern WI & the U.P. MI. Contact either of the current Co-Editors to discuss the position and with any questions about serving.

Michelle Z or Jeff C N&T Co-Editors

Area74newsletter@gmail.com

A Note on Service and Seeking a New Area Webmaster

In the spirit of rotation and healthy service, I'd like to share that I am beginning the process of seeking a replacement for my role as Area Webmaster. I fully understand—and want to emphasize—that this is not something that happens overnight. It will likely take time to find the right person and get them trained and comfortable in the role, and I am more than willing to help with that transition so the Area continues to be well supported.

I began serving as Area Webmaster in the fall of 2018. At that time, our very first task was a big one: redesigning the entire Area website from the ground up using WordPress. Along with that came migrating our hosting away from GoDaddy, resulting in meaningful cost savings for the Area. It was a challenging and rewarding way to begin service.

Midway through my tenure, our focus shifted heavily toward supporting the Meeting Guide app. We worked closely with districts to help post and maintain their meetings in the app—often doing the legwork for them. This effort could not have come at a more important time, as we collectively adapted to the COVID lockdowns. During that period, I gathered and shared many documents and resources to help groups navigate unfamiliar territory, especially around setting up Zoom and hybrid meetings. Watching the Fellowship adapt so quickly and creatively was truly inspiring.

In more recent years, much of our energy has gone into the Area Online Chat. We were able to get the chat up and running quickly and train volunteers to serve. Today, every month, a dozen or more questions are answered through that service. It is an amazing thing to witness—quiet, consistent, and often unseen—yet clearly making a difference.

Throughout all of this, the website has continued to serve as a hub for the Area: emails, meeting lists, conference online registration, events, minutes, agendas, newsletters, and many other resources have been posted and updated—sometimes quickly, sometimes more slowly—but always with the goal of being helpful and accessible.

I want to thank the Area for allowing me to serve in this way. It is something I will always look back on with deep gratitude and joy. In a role like this, we will never fully know all the ways we may have helped a suffering alcoholic—but I truly believe many seeds have been planted, and many lives have been helped.

If you or someone you know may be interested in learning more about the Area Webmaster position, I would be glad to talk and share what the role looks like. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve.

In service,

Lucas

Joanne S.
District 10 Treatment/Accessibility Chair

I recently had the opportunity to attend the Deaf AA Forum through GSO. The focus of the forum was on recovery, Tradition 5, how can we carry the message of AA to the deaf alcoholic.

The deaf alcoholic has different needs than the speaking alcoholic. There is a cognitive impact for the deaf alcoholic as the primary language for most deaf alcoholics is some form of sign language. This effects how the deaf alcoholic thinks, learns and accesses information as well as literature. It is important to include the deaf alcoholic in the process of their recovery.

There are online meetings for the deaf alcoholic. There may or may not have an interpreter. It is suggested that interpreters are certified professionals. It is suggested that the certified interpreter is fluent in ASL tone language and culture.

For me this forum is about tolerance of the person who is different. Accessibility is about AA being there for the alcoholic who still suffers.



Area 74 Online Chat Meeting

**7:00 PM Central Time on
last Monday of each month**

Google Meet joining info

- Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/npv-yxvg-nbn>
- Or dial: (US) +1 904-323-3555 PIN: 387 422 949#
- More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/npv-yxvg-nbn?pin=5346750935093>

Come learn, share, and help us make online chat even better.

Our mission is 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.

Questions?

Contact Lucas M. at webmaster@area74.org

Winterfest 2026

Saturday February 21st

Marshfield Wildwood Station Pavilion

4:30pm - 5:30pm Fellowship

5:30pm - Meal

6:30pm - Speakers

AA - Mary K, Colby

Alanon- Jessica H, Marshfield

Music/Karaoke with DJ Rock'n Don

Main Entrees provided

Bring a side dish or dessert to share (optional)

Come 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

 5:30 PM: DINNER 

—SPEAKERS—

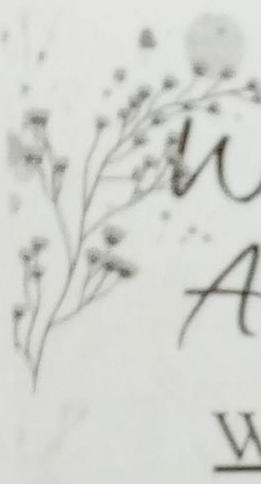
7:00 PM: PAUL Y (AREA 74 ARCHIVES CHAIR)
7:30 PM: MARK L. (WAUKESHA, WI)



HYBRID EVENT ZOOM ID: 892 1155 4684 PASSWORD: 740147

 This is a Disabled Accessible Facility

CONTACT PERSON: Bob D. 715-297-7039



Womens Alcoholics Anonymous workshop

Women in The Big Book

Three AA Panels sharing experiences, strength & hope

Saturday, April 25, 2026

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

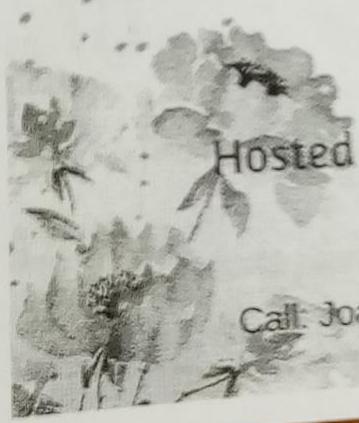


St. Augustine Church
39 S Pelham St
Rhineland

Potluck

Please bring a dish to pass.
main dish, coffee, and water will be provided

This is a closed meeting of alcoholics anonymous.
If you have a desire to stop drinking, you are welcome to
attend.



Hosted by: Sisters with a Solution AA Group

Questions?

Text: Debbie R. 920-737-4275

Call: Joanne S. 715-401-4879 or Nancy S. 715-580-0647



Green Bay WICYPAA

Host Committee

LECTIONS.



**Zoom Available
Meeting ID: 597 867
0473**

Passcode: 439600
Contact: Lauren K. for
questions
(920) 905-9793

Sunday, February 15th 2026
3:00 PM

The Bridge of Green Bay
2514 Jenny Ln. Green Bay, WI, 54302

Ready to be of service? Come join us!

- We have committee positions available for YOU. Whether you're a newcomer or been here a while, we would love to have you. We are NOT a glum lot. Come show the spirit of your "young at heart" energy and be a part of something beautiful and fun!

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

Writing Workshops for A.A.'s New Pamphlets

Following two Advisory Actions of the 74th General Service Conference (2024), the trustees' Literature Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous has opened calls for stories for two pamphlets: ["A pamphlet on the Asian and Asian American alcoholic"](#) and ["A pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic"](#).

To support A.A. members in the U.S. and Canada who identify as transgender, gender-diverse, or Two-Spirit, and those with ethnic or cultural ties to Asia, working groups of the trustees' Literature Committee - composed of members from these respective communities - are hosting virtual writing workshops (see schedule below and attached flyers). These sessions offer ideas, practical help, and Q&A on writing and submitting stories for the pamphlets, and are open to anyone who wishes to write their own story, help others in the community to write, or help carry the message about the call for stories.

Area Delegates are invited to share this information widely within their Areas and with local service entities (Intergroups/Central Offices, Literature/Accessibilities/Remote Communities committees, YPAA committees, etc.). Service entities interested in hosting their own workshop with support from working group members may contact literature@aa.org.

Schedule of Virtual Workshops is as follows (all workshops will be identical):

- Sunday, January 25th, 3 PM PST/6 PM EST
- Monday, February 16th (President's Day) 4 PM PST/7 PM EST
- Saturday, March 7th, 11 AM PST/2 PM EST

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Headline

Alcoholics Anonymous Welcomes Three New Nonalcoholic Trustees to the General Service Board

Press Release

(NEW YORK, NY) – January 22, 2026 – The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) has announced three new Class A (nonalcoholic) trustees have joined the board: Tom Ivester, M.D., of Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Kelly Parsley of Helena, Montana; and Veronica Ramirez of Weslaco, Texas. The trustees will serve six-year terms.

Class A trustees are friends of Alcoholics Anonymous selected for their professional expertise and the unique perspectives they bring to the General Service Board's work of supporting A.A. and carrying its message of recovery. Class A trustees also serve in certain public-facing roles; as nonalcoholics, they need not maintain anonymity in the media as do A.A. members.

Tom Ivester is chief clinical officer for Novant Health's triad region of North Carolina and a specialist in maternal-fetal medicine. Having grown up around Alcoholics Anonymous through his father's long-term sobriety, Ivester brings more than 30 years of medical and leadership experience. He serves on the Archives, Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community and Treatment and Accessibilities committees, where he hopes to help increase understanding of A.A. within the medical community.

Kelly Parsley is a professor of health sciences whose academic career has focused on alcohol use and abuse. Her connection to A.A. deepened after attending [open meetings](#), where she witnessed the Fellowship's impact firsthand. She serves on the Corrections Committee, as well as subcommittees on the [Plain Language Big Book](#), the forthcoming Fifth Edition of the Big Book, and the International Committee.

Veronica Ramirez is a retired chief probation officer for the Eastern District of Louisiana with more than two decades of experience in federal probation and community corrections. Throughout her career, she regularly referred individuals to A.A. and observed its effectiveness in supporting long-term change. She serves on the Corrections Committee, the Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities Committee, and the International Convention/Regional Forums Committee.

Founded in 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous is an effective and enduring program of recovery that has changed countless lives and is committed to making its program of recovery available to anyone who reaches out for help with a drinking problem. To find a local A.A. meeting, contact a local A.A. office or visit aa.org/meeting-guide-app to learn about the Meeting Guide app and how to use it.

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 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.

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