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Now & Then

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Delegate's Corner

Delegate's Message to Area 74 Members.

Hello to all fellow members of Alcoholics Anonymous Area 74. As many of you are aware, this year, we will be approaching this task of discussing GSC Agenda Items and their Background Information a little differently than in the past.

DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA ITEMS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

First and foremost, all members should have received the final list of agenda items as well some of you may have seen the Background information if you have not seen the background Information please go to the Area 74 website area74.org Please pay special attention to those items that have been highlighted on the final agenda item list, as these are most likely particularly relevant to Area 74 and the future of Alcoholics Anonymous; best guess that is. Note on our website the Background is protected as to adhere to our traditions on personal information; just click where indicated for access.

ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to try something new in Area 74. Our aim is to engage as many members as possible in all committee discussions and to make the most of the technologies available to us—tools that Bill W. and Dr. Bob could have only dreamed about. I believe they would have supported our efforts to evolve and embrace these changes.

EMBRACING CHANGE

As we move forward with this new approach, I ask for your patience, tolerance, and love. Change is often challenging, but it is essential for growth.

SUPPORT AND ORGANIZATION

One significant difference this year is the collaboration with Brent H., our Area 74 Chair /Alternate Delegate, who will be working alongside me. Together, we are developing new tools to help us stay organized during discussions and to efficiently capture feedback from all our GSRs and their groups, as well as from our DCMs and their districts.

As someone who is not very technologically savvy, I truly appreciate his support, and I hope these changes will benefit all of us. Any questions please reach out to me,

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Bill Dornaus Area 74 Delegate Panel 76
920-621-1258 or delegate@area74.org

Greetings Area 74,

March is arriving and I hope Spring is soon to appear. The pace picks up for us as we prepare our Delegate for the “Panel 76 General Service Conference”.

On February 13th through the 15th Bill and I attended the “Conference of Delegates Past and Present (CDPP)” and learned more about how the conference in New York operates. I have also been attending the monthly North American Alternate Delegate (NAAP) and North American Area Chair (NAAC) online meetings. They are giving me insight into how other areas operate and some of the technology that they use to accomplish this. It is quite interesting.

Bill and I have been working on getting out the Final Agenda and Background information along with finalizing our Discussion Zoom Meeting schedule. I am excited about what we are trying to do with our Delegates’ Workshop. Bill and I are hoping that not only will we be able to gather a good sense of Area 74 thoughts on agenda items and as a bonus we will have the opportunity to spread some knowledge about AA as whole.

My deepest apologies to our DCMs and to Structures and Guidelines for fumbling up our monthly Zoom meetings. I will be trying to get those set up and going so we can continue working towards our primary purpose.

When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new. – Dalai Lama

Yours in service,

Brent Henslin

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2025-26

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 ` 4 th Thursday of the Month Time 7 PM	ID. -817-2284-5094 P.W. h4z1FR
Corrections meeting 4 th Sunday of the Month 5:30 central Time Reoccurring Monthly	ID. 891 5542 2038 PW. 227073
Literature NA Date and time yet to be determined for regular meeting	ID 895-7760-2013 pw 938329
P.I. Last Tuesday of Month 7pm Central	ID 830-3370-6847 PW. PI
C.P.C. 3rd Tuesday 6pm Central	ID 838-8679-0086 PW.478881
Archives 3 rd Wednesday 7 PM central Time	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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CHECK WITH YOUR DCMs & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO

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 Green Bay, WI	
2	Sunday	2 nd Sun	2:00 PM	Genesis Club 1213 N Appleton Ave 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	3:00 PM	2111 S Central Ave Marshfield, WI	
8	Thursday	1 st Thur	7:00 PM	Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellan St Wausau, WI	
9	Sunday	1st Sun	2:00 PM	1st American Lutheran Church 511 Madison St. Oconto, WI	
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	PIRC 410 Lakeshore Dr West Ashland, 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			No Information Available	
19	Monday	3 rd Mon	5:30 PM	Delta Alano Club 601 Michigan St Gladstone, MI	
20	Saturday		11:00 AM	No Meeting 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 April 2026 LIST

DIST	DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	
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 Inc 621 Evans st Oshkosh, WI	
3	Thursday	3rd Thur	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Zoom info wiaadistrict3.org Wisconsin Rapids, WI	
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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	
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17	Friday	Last Fri	5:00 PM	401 Kimberly Iron Mountain, WI	
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19	Monday	3 rd Mon	5:30 PM	Delta Alano Club 601 Michigan St Gladstone, MI	
20	Saturday	April 4	11:00 AM	Zoom 462 866 9916 PW D206178 1212 Morrison St Germfask, MI	
21	Tuesday	1 st Tues	6:00 PM	Portage Lake United Church, 1400 E. Houghton Ave Houghton, MI	
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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**

www.area74.org



**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



76th General Service Conference Committees

Below are the final agenda items for the 76th General Service Conference (GSC) committees as of February 2026, which includes standing items for each committee, ongoing items from the prior Conference, and new items that are being forwarded to the Conference.

The final list of agenda items includes the committee distribution by the Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) plan.

Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) Process Summary

Question – Why do some agenda items seem to be misplaced?

Answer – The EDW process allows new agenda items to be assigned to Conference Committees with shorter agendas.

The EDW process was developed to provide a fair and balanced experience for all Conference members. EDW addresses the issue of uneven committee workloads by assigning some new agenda items to less busy committees. This allows for more meaningful participation across the Conference and helps distribute work more evenly.

Each year, the EDW Subcommittee reviews November's preliminary Conference agenda and proposes adjustments to balance committee workloads. Their plan is reviewed and approved by the trustees' General Service Conference Committee, then forwarded to the General Service Board for final approval during the January Board Weekend. The approved EDW plan is reflected in February's final Conference agenda.

The 2021 General Service Conference started a three-year EDW trial (2022–2024). After the third year, the 2024 General Service Conference formally approved the EDW process after gathering feedback through surveys and sharing sessions.

Agenda Items

1. Agenda

- a. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2027 General Service Conference.
 - b. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference.
 - c. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference.
 - d. Review the 2026 General Service Conference Evaluation Form and the 2025 Evaluation Summary.
 - e. Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.
 - f. Discuss offering 10 minutes of presentation time during the General Service Conference to La Vigne. (PAI 91)
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2. Cooperation with Professional Community

- a. Review progress report on AAWS LinkedIn page.
 - b. Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals.
 - c. Review content and format of CPC Kit and Workbook.
 - d. Review progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org.
 - e. Consider a request that stand-alone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professionals.
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3. Corrections

- a. Review content and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
 - b. Review progress report on development of a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A.
 - c. Consider a request to update the pamphlet "The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs."
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4. Finance

- a. Review Self-Support Packet.
 - b. Discuss motion to add wording to Item F-3, "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix."
 - c. Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook.
 - d. Consider a request to discuss the location of the General Service Conference (GSC) (PAI-22).
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5. Grapevine / La Vina

- a. Review AA Grapevine Workbook.
 - b. Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine and La Vina book topics for 2027 or after.
 - c. Review the five-year plans for both Grapevine and La Viña
 - d. Review the progress on the AA Grapevine survey of the membership to identify relevance, usefulness and financial viability of products and services provided by Grapevine, such as the magazines, books (print, digital, and audio), podcast and social media (Instagram and YouTube).
 - e. Review the AA Grapevine/LaViña Media Platforms report.
 - f. Consider that the AA Grapevine, Inc., accept contributions.
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6. Literature

- a. Annual review of recovery literature matrix.
- b. Review content and format of Literature Kit and Workbook.
- c. Review progress report on the development of the Fourth Edition of the book *Alcohólicos Anónimos* – Spanish.
- d. Review draft of the Fifth Edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- e. Review progress report on the update to the book *Living Sober*.
- f. Review progress report on the development of a *Plain Language Big Book* amendment process.
- g. Review progress report of subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish-speaking members for tools to access the Big Book.
- h. Review progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the Asian and Asian American alcoholic.

- i. Consider publishing the personal stories from the Fourth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* not included in the draft Fifth Edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
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7. Policy and Admissions

- a. Review GSO general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection.
 - b. Review dates for the 2030 General Service Conference.
 - c. **Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW)**
 - i. Discuss the suggestion to discontinue the annual review of service kits and workbooks by Conference committees.
 - ii. Discuss the suggestion that a similar number of agenda items be assigned to each Conference Committee.
 - iii. Discuss creating a "Conference Committee on Digital Communications."
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8. Public Information

- a. Review progress report on PSA Development and Review Plan
 - b. Review report on the GSO Podcast, "Our Primary Purpose."
 - c. Review report on AAWS YouTube Channel.
 - d. Review report on Google Ads.
 - e. Review report on Meeting Guide app.
 - f. Review report on GSO's A.A. website.
 - g. Review report for AAWS "Online Business Profiles."
 - h. Review AAWS Social Media Policy.
 - i. Review proposed plan for 2026 Membership Survey.
 - j. Review draft revision of the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" (P-47).
 - k. Review content and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook.
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9. Report and Charter

- a. Discuss the A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition.

- i. Review list of editorial updates.
 - ii. Consider request to remove a quote from Dr. Bob in *The AA Service Manual*.
 - iii. Review progress report on the development of a new "Amendments" section to be added to *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*.
 - b. Discuss the General Service Conference Final Report.
 - c. Discuss workflow and anonymizing practices for the Final Conference Report.
 - d. Discuss progress on classification of AAWS and AA Grapevine Literature.
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10. Treatment and Accessibilities

- a. Review progress report on the Military/Veteran Interview Project.
 - b. Review contents and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
 - c. Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.
 - d. Review the A.A. Guidelines on Accessibility.
 - e. Consider a request to review locally produced safety-related video service material and provide input on the potential for this video service material to be adapted for use by GSO.
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11. Trustees

- a. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - i. Pacific Regional Trustee
 - ii. Eastern Canada Regional Trustee
- b. Review slate of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- c. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- d. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.
- e. Review Progress Report on process for receiving motions to censure.
- f. Review progress report on the revision to the pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different?"
- g. Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated."

- h.** Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated."
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12. Archives

- a.** Review content and format of Archives Workbook.
 - b.** Consider a request to define eligibility for Area-level service for members residing outside of the geographic area they want to serve. (PAI 46)
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13. International Conventions / Regional Forums

- a.** Review progress report from Subcommittee on Inclusion of Sovereign State Flags in the IC Flag Ceremony.
 - b.** Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums.
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14. Inventory Implementation

- a.** Review Inventory Implementation Report.

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.

SERVICE POSITION 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

Area 74 Webmaster – Service Opportunity

Serve as the Area 74 Webmaster by maintaining and updating the Area website and related online services. Responsibilities include updating meeting information, events, documents, and supporting Area services such as the Meeting Guide app and Area Online Chat.

The position entails on average 1-2 hours per week, attendance at Area 74 Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings (Zoom or in person), and coordination with Area trusted servants as needed. Expenses are covered, as this is a service position within Area 74.

Some general comfort with technology and web-based tools is helpful, along with an interest in being of service to the groups of Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Please contact webmaster@area74.org for more information or to discuss serving.

In service,

Lucas

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.

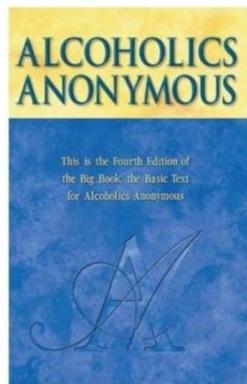
AREA 74 LITERATURE

At cost AAWS Literature – a service of A74

February 1 2026

AREA 74 PRICING AHEAD OF AAWS INCREASE EFFECTIVE THIS MONTH

Greetings Fellow Travelers. AAWS announced a \$3 PER COPY price increase effective February 1st. I was able to procure some limited stock at pre increase level. Please contact me for availability.



The Big Book

Mike Nuckles-Area 74 Literature

Chair 920-228-2019 mike.nuckles62@gmail.com



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>
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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



AA Area 74
2026 Archives workshops
February 20-21; April 24-25; November 6-7.
10 am Fri. until 3pm Sat. Each weekend & overnight
accommodations contact Barbara Knauf bknauf@sarcenter.com
715-443-2236 EX 114

Location
St. Anthony's Spirituality Center
300 E. 4th St., Marathon, WI 54448.
Call for more information:
Candace B.
bahrccb@yahoo.com
715-203-6137

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



5:30 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



Tuesday Night AA Newbold Group

Hosting

Open Speaker Meeting and Corned Beef and Cabbage



Saturday, March 21st, 2026

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



Dinner at 6:00
(Bring a Dish to Pass)
Speaker Meeting at 7:00pm

AA Speaker

Treatzie D.
Rhineland, WI



Al-Anon Speaker

Becky K.
Lac du Flambeau, WI



OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

Come hear Cindy (AA) and Linda (Al Anon) share their experience strength and hope

Windsor Center Auditorium

612 W. Adams St. (Hwy. U.S. 2)

Iron River, MI

Saturday, April 18, 2026

4:00 p.m.

Refreshments to follow.



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

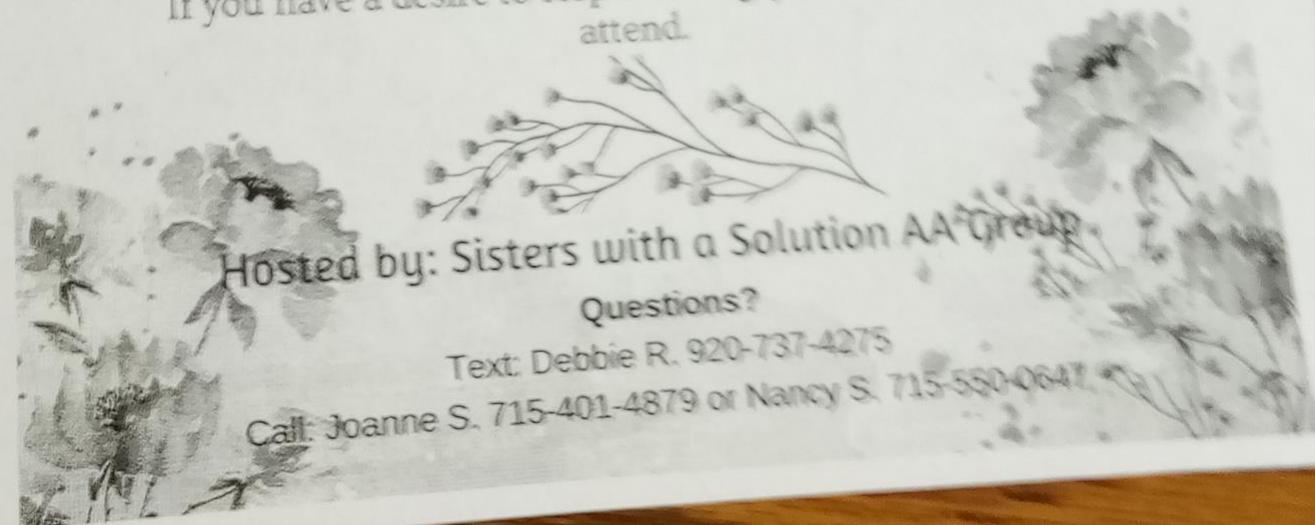
Rhineland

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.



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Questions?

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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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I had the opportunity to stand on the stage at the 2025 International Convention and gain a real-time perspective on the line in Tradition One where it says that “each of us is a small part of a great whole.” While we may each be a small part, each one of us is a vital part.

The future of Alcoholics Anonymous is up to each one of us. Whether A.A. is here in the future for the still-suffering alcoholic will depend upon the efforts of us all.

In the book *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, Bill speaks of what is required of us as A.A. members — a sacrifice of much time and little money. When I look up the word “sacrifice” in the dictionary, it says “giving up something of value for something with a higher calling.” So, a sacrifice of time is not my spare time, because spare time, like spare change, has little value. A sacrifice of time is the time where I might prefer to be doing something else.

Every minute I have had for the past 27 years has been given to me by Alcoholics Anonymous. But for Alcoholics Anonymous, I would not have seen my children finish elementary school, graduate from high school, graduate from university or get married. I would not have seen my grandchildren born. I would not have had the opportunity to laugh and cry with my family and friends. I would not have the best friend that I do. When I think of the time I give to Alcoholics Anonymous, I must ask myself, as you may ask yourself, am I really making a sacrifice for Alcoholics Anonymous? For me, that one hour where I go to my home group is not a sacrifice. Nor are the two or three or four hours I spend attending other meetings. If I am involved in service outside of my home group, whether that is acting as a General Service Representative, taking a meeting into a hospital or prison, volunteering with a central office or intergroup, or meeting with sponsees, this may be the beginning of a sacrifice. But even if I do that for 10 hours a week, that is less than 6% of my time in a week. Would I gladly give up 6% of my time to spend the other 94% with

my family? Would my family happily give up 6% of my time for another 27 years with me? Would I gladly give up 6% of my time to have this life? Would I happily give up twice that? For me, I would gladly give up much more than that. This life is worth far more than that.

All of the money in my pocket today was earned by me in the last 27 years. A dead man would have no money in his pockets. Everything I have, I owe to Alcoholics Anonymous. When I put money in the basket, I am simply giving back to Alcoholics Anonymous a very small fraction of what Alcoholics Anonymous has given to me. When the basket comes by, or when there is an opportunity to be of service, I ask myself, what am I willing to sacrifice to help save that still suffering alcoholic from dying an alcoholic death? I find I am often not satisfied with my own answer.

What I know is that there are tens of millions of alcoholics who need our help. Am I willing to sacrifice a few things: time, money, my opinions, my need to be right? I ask myself, am I really a different person than I was when I got to Alcoholics Anonymous, or am I still concerned with my own comfort, my own wants and needs or my own decisions about what I must have in order to have a good life? Have I actually achieved any degree of humility? For me, sacrifice has a good deal to do with humility. Again, sometimes I am not happy with my own answer.

If asked, what would I report about the sacrifices that I have been willing to make to help some alcoholic I will never meet avoid being doomed as we once were? What would I report that I have done to help that person be given the opportunity for a new life the way we have been given that opportunity.

Scott H.
Chair of the General Service Board

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