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Delegate's Corner

Good day to my fellow members of Area 74 Alcoholics Anonymous.

I returned from New York with a grateful heart after attending the 76th General Service Conference, an experience I will remember for a lifetime. I felt well prepared thanks to the support of Area 74's past trusted servants, current members active in-service work, and the many quiet voices in our rooms and meetings. My trip to New York also gave me the chance to reflect on some of my lingering shortcomings and character defects. Thankfully, none of them derailed my experience, but they did remind me to keep moving forward in recovery and in service, striving to be the best I can be. I look forward to giving my full report in June at the ECR Conference/Area 74 Conference. My respect for those who act on our behalf at the Tip of the service triangle has never been stronger. In today's world, it is easy to criticize, but as the saying goes, there can be contempt prior to investigation. Being in the conference room and taking part in the vote to approve the 5th edition of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous was an indescribable experience. Casting my vote on behalf of the members of Area 74 was a powerful spiritual moment in my life. As we all know, there is still much work to do. One important lesson I took away is that our fellowship faces real financial concerns. Perhaps one of the biggest is asking ourselves what our part is in supporting our revenue needs through the 7th Tradition. Do I take an honest look at what I place in the basket and remember that, without Alcoholics Anonymous, many of us would not have had any money in our hands at all? I do not mean to stand on a soapbox, but the facts are the facts, and I must ask myself: can I do more?

Thank you again. For letting me be a service.

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

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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FROM THE AREA 74 AREA CHAIR/ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Greetings Area 74,

Well, we have made it through the first Holiday of the summer. I do hope everyone had a chance to enjoy it. And as is usual for me anyway, it was busy.

I recently accepted the resignation of our Area 74 Secretary Elyssa C. We greatly appreciate her service to the Area and wish her well on her continued journey of sobriety. We now need to fill this position as well as our Registrar and Treatment and Accessibilities Chair.

Looking forward to seeing and talking to all of you who will be attending our combined Area and East Central Regional conference (ECR) in Eau Claire on June 26th to 28th. It looks like it will be a very busy but fun-filled weekend so see you there.

A continued reminder, the 2027 East Central Regional (ECR) Forum will be held in Green Bay, WI next June. This is in our back yard and will not be so close again for some time to come. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other members of AA from our 5-state region, AA trustees, Chair of the Board, Staff Members, Grapevine people, Finance people, and Publishing people. The best thing is we get to ask questions!

May 25, Gratitude should go forward, rather than backward. - AS BILL SEES IT, p. 29

Yours in service,

Brent Henslin

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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
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 830-3370-6846 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

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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 June 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	Prince of Peace Church 2330 E Calumet	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	5:00 PM	No. Lakes Alano Society 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			No Information Available	
19	Monday	3 rd Mon	5:30 PM	Delta Alano Club 601 Michigan St	Gladstone, MI
20	Saturday	June 6	11:00 AM	1212 Morrison St Methodist Chrch ID 462 866 9916 PW D206178	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

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Advisory Actions

Confidential Report — may contain PII. Vote tallies shown as In Favor – Opposed (2/3 substantial unanimity required for an Advisory Action). Items are summarized; refer to the Final Conference Report for exact recommendation language.

AGENDA

- The committee recommended the theme for the 2027 General Service Conference: **“Honoring Our Past, Embracing Our Future.”** (129–2)
- The committee recommended the following presentation/discussion topics for the 2027 GSC: **“The Spirit of Rotation: Cultivating Leadership,” “Anonymity, Our Spiritual Compass,” “Innovation Meets Tradition.”** (129–2)
- The committee recommended the 2027 GSC workshop topic: **“Unexpected Spiritual Lessons.”** (124–5)

CORRECTIONS

- The committee recommended an update to the pamphlet **“The A.A. Member — Medications and Other Drugs”** (P-11), with a progress report or draft brought back to the 2027 GSC. (129–5; PAI 50 & 56)

FINANCE

- The committee recommended that **F-3 “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix,”** page 12, in the Q&A on AA Grapevine support, be revised. (121–10; PAI 99) The existing Q&A:

Q: *Can our group make financial contributions to AA Grapevine?*
A: *No. AA Grapevine, Inc. is not set up to take contributions from groups or individuals. Groups and individual members support the Grapevine by purchasing Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and other Grapevine publications and using them in their Twelfth Step work.*

be replaced with:

Q: *How can our group support AA Grapevine / La Viña?*
A: *AA Grapevine, Inc. does not accept contributions from groups or individuals. Groups and individual members support the Grapevine by purchasing Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and other Grapevine publications and using them in their Twelfth Step work. When your group is discussing how your funds should be used, you may consider purchasing subscriptions, gift certificates, books and other materials, or supporting the Carry the Message project to ensure that Grapevine and La Viña continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. For further information, visit aagrapevine.org.*

LITERATURE

- The committee recommended that the **Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous** be approved with minor editorial changes. (125–9) The Fifth Edition includes revised Appendix III (Medical View), Appendix V (Religious View), Appendix IV (Lasker Award footnote □ aa.org), and Appendix VI (How to Get in Touch with A.A.).
- In accordance with the 2021 Conference Advisory Action authorizing development of the Fifth Edition, the draft Big Book includes a new foreword, an updated preface, and updates to expand on existing ideas in Appendices III and V. Appendix IV was revised to include a footnote directing readers to the awards page on aa.org. Appendix VI was revised to reflect more current best practices.
- In keeping with the “A.A. World Services, Inc. Policy on Publication: Keeping A.A. Literature Current” (Advisory Action

Advisory Actions (continued)

- 2020; revised by AAWS Board 2022), the GSO Publishing Department maintains editorial responsibilities for the Fifth Edition, including: editorial fine-tuning (footnotes, punctuation, capitalization, spelling, page numbers, headings); finalizing titles/order of personal stories; editorial review of title page, jacket copy and table of contents; coordinating workflow between the book designer, typesetters, copyeditors, proofreaders and printers; designing the book cover and jacket; listing other A.A. literature in the final pages; and determining potential inclusion of QR codes per AAWS best practices.
- The committee recommended that the word **“Eskimo”** be removed from **“Chapter 7: Working With Others”** of *Alcoholics Anonymous* and replaced with a neutral, non-racial term. (112–22) An amendment to extend the change to the 12 & 12 Tradition Eight essay failed at this stage (50–82), but was later passed via **Floor Action #6**.

POLICY/ADMISSIONS

- The committee recommended that, following the **78th GSC**, the **Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW)** process be discontinued. (93–39)

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- The committee recommended conducting a **pilot 2026 Membership Survey**, budget not to exceed **\$10,000**, exploring how to include groups not listed by the General Service Office (GSO). The pilot uses the 2022 Membership Survey questionnaire for comparison and samples listed and unlisted groups in 3–5 areas. A progress report will be brought back to the 2027 GSC.
- The committee recommended approval of the revised pamphlet **“Understanding Anonymity”** (P-47), retitled **“Anonymity – Our Spiritual Foundation.”** (91–41)

REPORT & CHARTER

- The committee recommended adding to the FAQ in Chapter 1 — **“What happens if a group decides not to hear a GSR report?”** — of the **2026–2028 Edition of The A.A. Service Manual / Twelve Concepts for World Service**. The answer covers alternate sharing methods (with respect for Tradition Eleven) and the spiritual importance of two-way GSR communication. (123–5 — *recommit from 75th GSC*) The answer reads:

If a group decides not to hear a GSR report during a meeting, the information can still be shared in other ways. This may include a written report with printed copies, email, group messaging, a shared online document, or posting the report on a bulletin or noticeboard. When utilizing these methods, it is important to respect Tradition Eleven and protect anonymity, so that members' names are not publicly available.

Hearing the GSR report is important because it helps keep the group connected to A.A. as a whole. As co-founder Bill W. explained, A.A. groups hold the ultimate responsibility for A.A. world services. The GSR serves as the communication link between the group and the larger Fellowship by sharing the group conscience with the Conference and bringing Conference actions back to the group. This two-way communication allows the group to have a voice in A.A., strengthens unity, and provides spiritual benefits by helping members stay informed, involved, and connected to the Fellowship beyond the home group.

- The committee recommended approval of a draft of a new **“Amendments”** section for inclusion at the beginning of the

Advisory Actions (continued)

Twelve Concepts for World Service section of the Service Manual. (130–1)

TRUSTEES

- The committee recommended that the trustees' Literature Committee **produce an animated video** based on **"The Twelve Steps Illustrated"** (P-55), with a progress report to 2027. (104–27; PAI 103)
- The committee recommended that the trustees' Literature Committee **explore producing an animated video** based on **"The Twelve Traditions Illustrated"** (P-43), with a progress report to 2027. (Original "produce" 110–21; amended to "explore producing" by simple majority; PAI 104)

INVENTORY IMPLEMENTATION

One-time committee, follow-up to the 75th GSC inventory.

- The committee recommended that the **Inventory Implementation Report** be committed to the General Service Board for review and follow-through. (112–17) Recommendations included:
 - Conference committees made aware of all PAIs through the **quarterly PAI Status Grid**.
 - Year-round PAI submissions encouraged (cut-off only for the immediately upcoming GSC).
 - Conference inventory recurring on a **five-year cadence beginning 2031**, with an implementation committee following each.
 - GSB **sharing session** on the roles and responsibilities of trustees, directors, delegates, and Staff.

Floor Actions Resulting in Advisory Actions

Floor Action #2: Suggested area contribution for delegate expense to attend the Conference be increased from \$2,200 to \$3,000 (amended down from a proposed \$4,800). (Amend 95–33; final 104–27)

— Lisa E, Panel 76, Area 70, Vermont · April 29, 2026

ACTION	VOTES				OUTCOME
	TOTAL	YES	NO	2/3	
Amendment (\$4,800 □ \$3,000)	128	95	33	86	Motion Passed
Final (Amended) Recommendation	131	104	27	88	Motion Passed

Floor Actions Resulting in Advisory Actions (continued)

Floor Action #4: AAWS offer a print version of the 2026 Final Conference Report for purchase at \$3.31/copy; if production costs are not covered by sales, the FCR print version ends after the 2027 GSC. FCR prepaid orders to be taken ASAP. (Original 70–59 SM; reconsidered; final 89–44)
— Jodi B, Panel 75, Area 21, Southern Illinois · May 1, 2026

ACTION	VOTES				OUTCOME
	TOTAL	YES	NO	2/3	
1st Vote on Original Recommendation	129	70	59	SM	Simple Majority only
Vote on Motion to Reconsider	—	—	—	—	Motion Passed
Final Vote on Recommendation	133	89	44	89	Motion Passed

Floor Action #6: Remove the word "Eskimo" from the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Tradition Eight chapter essay, and replace with a neutral, non-racial term. (103–31)
— Patrick C, GSO Staff, International Assignment · May 1, 2026

ACTION	VOTES				OUTCOME
	TOTAL	YES	NO	2/3	
Original Recommendation	134	103	31	90	Motion Passed

Floor Actions Not Resulting in Advisory Actions

Failed (Simple Majority Only)

Floor Action #1: No communication to the Fellowship regarding the A.A. Reserve Fund balance be distributed without including currently approved draws. (72–56; failed 2/3)

— Jon S, Panel 75, Area 32, Central Michigan · April 29, 2026

Conference Declined to Consider

Floor Action #3: Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook. (declined 98–37)

— Adrian O, Panel 76, Area 8, San Diego/Imperial California · April 29, 2026 (same request was also TNA at the Finance Committee)

Floor Action #5: Suspend printing of the Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous until the Conference develops further consensus around procedures and practices respecting changes to "Founders' Writings." (106–26)

— Michael R, Panel 75, Area 11, Connecticut · May 1, 2026 (Note: the Fifth Edition text was approved by Literature Committee Item B above; this floor action paused actual printing.)

Area 74 of Alcoholics Anonymous
Area Assembly Meeting Minutes
April 18th, 2026 | Quality Inn | Rhinelander, WI

Attendance:

- 20 virtual attendees, 60 in-person attendees:

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–PatT
- Corrections MI – James H
- Corrections WI – Kerry H
- Finance – Terri B
- Grapevine & La Vina – Nicholas SS
- Literature – Mike N
- Newsletter – Jeannette C and Michelle Z
- Public Information – Jane M
- Structures and Guidelines – James
- Webmaster – Lucas M
- Treatment & Accessibility – Vacant

(Brent H. standing in)

District Committee Members (DCMs)

- District 1 – Mike N
- District 2 – Andrew T
- District 3 – Al B
- District 5 – Dan T
- District 6 – John BB
- District 7 – Kim S
- District 8 – Terry
- District 10 – Norm
- District 12 – Paul

Total: 80 attendees- including over 15 new GSRs!!!

9:00 am– Welcome, Prayer, Housekeeping, Opening Remarks

- New GSRs DCMs introductions- So many new ones!!! Yay!!!
- Roll Call
- Area Chair introduce Past Delegates in attendance

- Approval of Minutes from October 18th, 2025

- o Motion: James
- o 2nd: Al
- o Vote: Unanimous

Area Officer Reports: See Appendix A at End of Minutes Old Business

Nominations: Descriptions in Area Guidelines. Area Chair states he can assign someone but prefers to have it be by nominations. They will caucus later today.

- Webmaster

- o An individual expressed interest in the webmaster position and asked about

the expected start timeline. Someone with prior experience spoke in support. It was noted that the PI committee already has a selection process, and concerns were raised that others may not have had an equal opportunity to be considered. The current webmaster and others emphasized following established guidelines, which state that the PI committee selects a nominee before presenting it to the full body. There was general agreement that no decision should be made at this time. The Area Chair confirmed the PI committee will meet to select a nominee and may later call a special online assembly. The interested individual agreed to follow the guidelines.

- Registrar

- o Chair called for nominations three times. No nominations were made o Vote: NA

- Treatment & Accessibilities

- o Chair called for nominations three times. No nominations were made o Vote: NA

- Reimbursement of \$250.00 for Past Delegates to Attend Conference of Delegates Past & Present

- o Vote:

- ♣ Yes: In person: 46; Online: 16; Total: 62
- ♣ No (Opposed): In person: 1; Online: 2; Total: 3
- ♣ Result: 93% in favor

- ♣ Minority Opinion: Shared
- ♣ Call to Change Vote: No members came forward
- ♣ Outcome: Motion passed

- Remove Past Delegate's VOTE: Motion and background information read. Much discussion by GSRs, DCMs, Committee Chairs, and Past Delegates,

- o Vote:

- o ♣ Yes: In person: 33; Online: 18; Total: 51
- o ♣ No (Opposed): In person: 17; Online: 1; Total: 18
- o ♣ Result: 74% in favor
- o ♣ Minority Opinion: Shared
- o ♣ Call to Change Vote: No members came forward

- o ♣ Outcome: Motion passes
- • Remove Past Delegate VOICE: Motion read. Much discussion by GSRs, DCMs, Committee Chairs, Past Delegates, and Delegate.

o Vote:

- o ♣ Yes: In person: 10; Online: 5; Total: 15
- o ♣ No: (Opposed): In person 37; Online: 10; Total: 47
- o ♣ Result: 24% in favor
- o ♣ Call for Minority Opinion: None shared.
- o ♣ Outcome: Motion fails
- • Motion to Approve Area 74 Newsletter Guidelines: Area Chair states background information was included in the Now and Then and asks for questions and comments. Current Now & Then chair attempting to publish guidelines online again so we have them again and stated there were just a few amendments and not a major change.

o Vote:

- o ♣ Yes: in person: 44; online: 9; Total: 53
- o ♣ No: (Opposed): In person: 0; Online: 0; Total: 0
- o ♣ Result: 100% in favor
- o ♣ Call for Minority Opinion: Not applicable; no opposing votes
- o ♣ Outcome: Motion passes

BREAK FOR LUNCH

New Business

- The finance committee moves to increase the 2026 “per car/reimbursement” budget from \$200 to \$1,000.

o Question/motion from past delegate that restates the below motion. Confirmation of this by Area Treasurer

o Background information: The “Car/reimbursement” budget for the last two years was set at \$200. The actual expense in 2024 was \$600 and in 2025 was \$660. Area 74 only has \$25 remaining in the budget for 2026.

- Ad-Hoc Committee Reports: Guidelines, Calendar Change, Future Locations o Committee on Area 74 Schedule Evaluation:

Meetings: The Committee on Area 74 Schedule Evaluation has met twice since the January assembly. Survey: A survey has been created and is to be distributed today. Sharing session: A sharing session is recommended and should be held to review survey results and gather additional input. Ongoing work: The committee will continue to meet and evaluate the results and requests a discussion and sharing session at the Area committee meeting in July. Prepared by: Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider, Ad-Hoc Chair. 04/18/2026

- 2027 ECR Forum
- Conference Updates- Including Bids

- • 2026 Area 74/ECR Conference
- • 2027 Area 74 -District 13: Room rates are very high. Have talked to many hotels.

\$179 per night. Committee is considering lowering registration fee from \$25 down to \$20 to help offset cost of hotel and asks for sense of body on if the hotel is affordable at that price range or they need to withdraw their bid. People spoke in favor of the rate and one person brought up the Area contributing to the cost of the rooms. View stated that according to Area guidelines we only help the host committee of that district recoup funds if they go into the red, but don't contribute to personal hotel bills. Informal vote. Many votes in favor, none opposed. Ask from committee to get the seed money to proceed.

- • WICYPAA! Committee chair relayed what the conference is and how important it is by quoting the Big Book and from personal experience and importance of the conference to future alcoholics.
- • East Central Regional Forum: It was shared that we be of service especially if you don't know what it is. The board has decided they won't pay for ASL. Forms on back table.

Presentation: Website: Informal vote to skip the presentation. Majority in favor.

++++++APPENDICES AND ADDITIONAL COMPLETE MINUTES ON AREA74.ORG++++++



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

East Central Regional Delegates and Finance Committee Members
(all other conference attendees are welcome to observe)

As the Finance Committee Chair for Area 74, our committee would like to invite all our ECR Delegate partners and their Area Finance Committee members to a special Finance Round-Table Discussion meeting at the **ECR/Area 74 Conference on June 27th from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Centennial Room (320 A&B).**

Discussions will be focused on areas regarding how money and spirituality mix in the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. We are looking for feedback from our ECR partners regarding how their Area Finance Committees handle their Committees' budgets, stipends, reimbursements etc.

Below are just a few of the areas we'd like some feedback on:

1. Does your Area Finance Committee have standards for stipends such as gas, meals, lodging, activities, etc.?
 - a. If so, what are the parameters?
2. What do your requested Reimbursements generally look like at your Area business meetings?
 - a. Do you require receipts?
 - b. When are disbursements/reimbursements made (end of day, lunch, etc.)?
3. Is there a limit or caveat for the requested reimbursements as long as they are within budgets established?

Thank you for your willingness to serve & share our questions with your Area Finance Committees. We hope to see you at the ECR Round Table on Saturday.

Sincerely,

Terri B.

Finance@area74.org


Deaf AA Support Line

Have a problem with alcohol?

There is a solution!

A.A. has a simple program that works.
It's based on one alcoholic helping another.

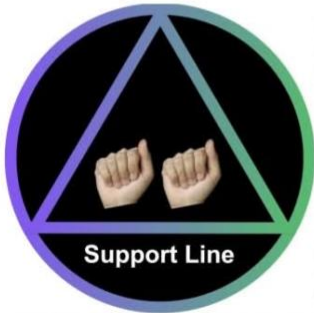


 **Call Us:** (503) 714-3331 or

 **Email Us:** deafaasupline@gmail.com

Leave a sign-mail and the best time for us to return your call

A Deaf AA member will get back to you within 24 hours



Deafaa.org

We offer support related to recovery from alcoholism.

Deaf AA & ASL Interpreted Meetings



2026 FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION



Saturday June 13th, 2026 12:30-4:30pm

@ the Hayward Serenity Club

10339 S. Florida Ave. Hayward Wisconsin

Hosted by Districts 12,13, and 23

***Wisconsin Archives**

***Local "Old-Timers" Panel**

Main Speaker GREG U. from Winnipeg , CAN

Come join us as we celebrate the fellowship that is A.A.

Lunch provided

Sobriety countdown!

MANISTIQUE INTERGROUP 2026

Saturday, June 13th, 2026

First Baptist Church

319 Walnut Street

Eastern Standard Time:

- Corrections at 4:00 pm
- GSR Meeting at 5:00 pm
 - Al-Anon meeting at 5:00 pm
 - AA meeting at 5:00 pm
- Dinner at 6:00 pm
- Speakers at 7:00 pm
 - AA Speaker— Brent H. Area74
Chair
 - Al-Anon Speaker--TBA

50/50 AND PRIZE DRAWINGS

Sub sandwiches

If the mood hits you, please bring a dish to pass

ANNUAL AA "WOMEN IN RECOVERY" RETREAT

A Program of Spiritual Action
JUNE 12, 13, & 14, 2026

At the
St Norbert Abbey
1016 North Broadway, De Pere WI 54115
(Near Green Bay)
Use the Webster entrance

\$275. Per person
Includes 2 nights and 5 meals

(Snacks and beverages provided throughout the retreat)

Hurry as beds are limited!
Hear speakers and panels
And join in group discussions
Join with friends and make new ones

For more information

Contact retreat coordinator, Mary Bray 920-771-0124, no text

Email: braymary827@gmail.com

Or

Carol P 630-291-2336 (text or call) email: carol@runnerless.com
Send \$150. Down payment by March 15, 2026 and
\$125. Balance due by April 4, 2026 to:

Make checks payable to: Women in Recovery and send to
Women in Recovery 3130 Broadway Dr #312, Freedom WI 54913

Detach below and send with check

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Ok to share phone/email with other attendees? Y/N

Email _____

Special Dietary needs _____

Special Physical needs _____



Coming May 23rd, 2026!!

You're invited to attend

Rule 62 Men's AA Meeting!!

Saturdays at 9 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

Rhineland, WI.

(downstairs)

**Closed Discussion group based on the
writings of Bill W. from "As Bill Sees It"**

**This meeting will be hybrid, more information to follow.*

Meet us for breakfast at 8 a.m. at the

Rhineland Family Restaurant!

721 W.Kemp Street



New Beginnings Speaker Meeting



Every 2nd and 4th Thursdays

At Solutions Recovery

Noon till 1pm

Thursday, June 11 – Jenni P

Thursday, June 25 – Patrick D



Seymour Intergroup
Saturday June 20, 2026

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
349 N. Main Street, Seymour

Doors open @ 4:30pm, Dinner @ 6pm

Hot sandwiches provided,

We are a small group so please bring a side dish to share.

Don't come alone, bring a friend or two..

Meeting starts @ 7:00 pm

AA Speaker: Jodi B delegate area 21 southern Illinois

Alanon Speaker: (TBA)

Door Prizes & Fellowship

Air Conditioned....Wheel Chair Accessable Coffee, Soda & Water available

50/50 raffle

THE GAY CHATTER

presents

A WESTERN WISCONSIN TRAVELING POTLUCK

BRUNCH

AND 9TH ANNIVERSARY EXTRAVAGANZA!

Sunday, June 14 | 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Cannery Park Shelter

18 Maple St, Eau Claire, WI

BRUNCH | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

PANEL | 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

"With complete abandon"

Panelists will share
their experience with
this topic.

BRING A BRUNCH DISH TO PASS

INCLUSIVE EVENT (OPEN SPEAKER PANEL)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT JOE P. (HE/HIM): 608.957.4040

DISTRICT 07 SUMMER PICNIC

JULY
11

NOON
TO 4PM



Cherokee County Park
108042 County Rd N, Colby, WI 54421

Please join us for the District 07 Annual Summer Picnic!

- The main dish will be provided but please feel free to bring a dish to pass.
- Amenities Include: Swimming Area, Fishing, Playground Equipment, Gazebo, Horseshoe Pits, Walking Trails/Paved Path

QUESTIONS: CONTACT KIM S. 715-660-6699

Happy Joyous & Free Attitude of Gratitude

District 16 U.P traveling intergroup celebration

Saturday July 11th

New location same as last year

Ojibwa senior center

208 Main St. Baraga Mi 49908

POTLUCK CONSIDER BRINGING A DISH

Great food ! Fellowship ! 50/50 tickets

Schedule 4pm corrections

5 pm GSR

6 pm Potluck Dinner

7pm Speakers Alanon & AA

DIRECTIONS

From USRT41

From the North turn R on Michigan Ave RT 38

From the South turn L on Michigan Ave RT 38

Turn Right on Main St

Go about two blocks, Building is on the Left

2026 BREWER BUS!

★ July 19th, 2026 at 1:10pm ★
Milwaukee Brewers vs. Miami Marlins

GOOD FRIENDS.
GOOD FOOD.
GREAT GAME!
LET'S GO!



TICKET PRICE: \$75 (INCLUDES BUS RIDE, GAME TICKET, FOOD, DRINKS AND FUN!)



ARRIVE AT NATIVITY CHURCH IN ASHWAUBENON AT **8:00AM**,
WITH BUS DEPARTURE AT **8:30AM**.



TAILGATING WITH BURGERS, BRATS, CHIPS AND WATER INCLUDED.
BYO SODA. SALADS OR DESSERTS TO PASS WELCOMED.



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR FOR TAILGATING.



PLEASE CONTACT MARK WENCK, TREASURER,
ABOUT PAYMENT AT mewenck@proton.me
OR CALL OR TEXT **920-265-9049**.



SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER!



District06 Picnic

Get to know your Neighbors in the (CCV)
Central Chippewa Valley



o Speaker Tom M. of St. Cloud, MN

O Hamburgers, Brats, Spiritual Hot Dogs, Buns of Assorted Variety and All the Condiments, Water and Plenty of Coffee; Provided by the District

**Special Dishes, Salads or Deserts to Pass
Are Welcome!**

(July 25th) Saturday 11:00 - 3:00 PM

**Bring Yourself, Friends & Family
Drinks and Comfortable Chairs**

RECOVERY

Witt Park Pavilion, South Main St., Bloomer, WI 54724

Contact Jim Moran: (703) 403-1065 with any Questions



2026 ECR & AREA 74 CONFERENCE

WHEN

June 26 - 28, 2026

WHERE

**University of Wisconsin - Eau
Claire - Davies Center**

77 Roosevelt Ave, Eau Claire, WI

**FEATURING • AA & AI- Anon Speakers • Panels •
Area Archives • Banquet • Entertainment • Fellowship
Trustee Report • Sobriety Countdown • Hospitality Room**

WWW.AREA74.ORG FOR REGISTRATION

2026ECRAREA74CONFERENCE@GMAIL.COM



REGISTRATION COST

\$35.00

No One Turned Away

LODGING

UWEC Dorms

**\$35 / \$40 per person per
night**

Visit www.area74.org to
reserve dorm lodging

MEAL OPTIONS

Saturday Breakfast \$22

Saturday Lunch \$16

Saturday Banquet \$35

Meal Package \$ 70

Continental Sunday Breakfast

FAQ

Hotel lodging available

Shuttle Service from dorms to event

Online registration only

Contribution to the online platform is
optional

Email with any questions

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



2026 ECR & AREA 74 CONFERENCE

UW-Eau Claire | Davies Center | June 26-28, 2026

REGISTER



Scan me!

FRIDAY, JUNE 26			
6:30 PM - 8:45 PM	Evening Program AA Speakers Beverly F, Lakewood, OH & Brian B, Eau Claire, WI <i>Ojibwe Room</i>		
8:45 PM - 10:45 PM	After-Hours Fellowship <i>Ojibwe Room</i>	Film Bill W. <i>Woodland Theater</i>	AA Meeting 8:45 PM - 9:45 PM: Saturday Night Alive <i>Chancellors Room</i>

📍 Check out the Davies Center map on the back!

WHAT ELSE?

Ongoing Activities

Registration Open | 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Hallway (3rd Floor)

Hospitality Open | 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Alumni Room

Archives/Literature Open | See posted hours
Ho-Chunk Room

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 MORNING & AFTERNOON			
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Breakfast (if purchased, 7:45 AM - 8:45 AM) <i>Riverview Cafe, Hilltop (Upper Campus)</i>		AA Meeting Early Risers
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Trustee's Report <i>Dakota North (340)</i>	AI-Anon Panel Steps, Traditions, Concepts & Me <i>Dakota South (340A)</i>	AA Meeting Gay Chatter
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	AA Panel Defining & Meeting Special Needs <i>Dakota North (340)</i>	AA Panel Beyond the Hype: YPAA to GSO <i>Dakota South (340A)</i>	AA Meeting Freedom from Bondage
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch (if purchased) <i>Riverview Cafe, Hilltop (Upper Campus)</i> 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM		AA Meeting Brown Bag
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	AA Panel Service with Purpose <i>Dakota North (340)</i>	AA Panel 12 Concepts <i>Dakota South (340A)</i>	AI-Anon Meeting Love is Service in Action
2:45 PM - 3:45 PM	Area 74 Delegate <i>Dakota North (340)</i>	AI-Anon Panel Changing My Perspective - One Day at a Time <i>Dakota South (340A)</i>	No meeting
3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	Open Fellowship and Networking <i>Davies Center, 3rd Floor</i>		AA Meeting Back to Basics

All meetings in this column held in Chancellors Room

WHAT ELSE?

Ongoing Activities

Registration Open | 8:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Hallway (3rd Floor)

Hospitality Open | 7:00 AM - 11:00 PM
Alumni Room

Archives/Lit. Open | See posted hours
Ho-Chunk Room

Films

Bill W. | 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Pleasure Unwoven: An Explanation of the Brain Disease of Alcoholism | 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM
Woodland Theater

AREA 74 WORKSPACES

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Public Information | *Mohican Room*

Grapevine | *Centennial A*

Finance | *Centennial B*

Treatment/Accessibilities | *Oneida Room*

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Structures & Guidelines | *Mohican Room*

Corrections MI/WI | *Centennial A*

Literature | *Centennial B*

Archives | *Potawatomi Room*

CPC | *Oneida Room*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



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SATURDAY, JUNE 27 EVENING			
5:00 PM - 6:15 PM	Al-Anon Speaker Ellie H, Bloomington, MN <i>Ojibwe Room</i>		
6:15 PM - 7:15 PM	Banquet Dinner (if purchased) <i>Ojibwe Room</i>		
7:15 PM - 8:30 PM	AA Speaker Chris S, Blairstown, NJ <i>Ojibwe Room</i>		
8:30 PM - 10:45 PM	After-Hours Entertainment <i>Ojibwe Room</i>	Film <i>My Name is Bill W.</i> <i>Woodland Theater</i>	AA Meeting 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM <i>Chancellors Room</i>

SUNDAY, JUNE 28	
7:45 AM - 8:45 AM	Breakfast (if purchased) <i>Ojibwe Room</i>
8:45 AM - 10:15 AM	WICYPAA Host Report AA Speaker Andrew I, La Crosse, WI Closing Remarks <i>Ojibwe Room</i>

WHAT ELSE?

Ongoing Activities

Registration Open | 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Hallway (3rd Floor)

Hospitality Open | 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Alumni Room

DAVIES CENTER | 3RD FLOOR



- Alumni Room | 350
- Centennial Room | 320
- Centennial A | 320A
- Centennial B | 320B
- Chancellors Room | 311
- Council Oak Room | 260
- Dakota Ballroom | 340
- Dakota North | 340
- Dakota South | 340A
- Ho-Chunk Room | 320E
- Little Niagara Room | 211
- Menominee Room | 320F
- Mohican Room | 310
- Ojibwe Ballroom | 330
- Ojibwe Center | 330
- Ojibwe A | 330A
- Ojibwe B | 330B
- Ojibwe C | 330C
- Oneida Room | 320D
- Potawatomi Room | 320C
- Terrace | 301
- Woodland Theater | 328

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.

registrar@area74.org

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

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P.O. Box 192
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

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