

DCM Reports
Area 74 Area Committee Meeting
Sunday May 18, 2014
Neenah, WI

District 01 Tom Y.

District 01 encompasses all of Brown County. In District 01 we currently have 89 meetings a week. Of those we have 40 active groups. Attendance at our monthly district meetings are about 20 persons including committee members and GSRs.

The district committee approved changes to the District Bylaws and the revised document is being uploaded to the District website.

Planning for the 2015 Spring Conference is underway. The conference committee met at the Radisson Hotel and toured the facility. The next committee meeting will be held in July.

In loving service,

Thomas Younger DCM District 01

District 02 Barry B.

Welcome to District 02! Our 2014 Spring Conference Committee along with me thanks you for your support in attending this weekend's Area 74 conference. I sincerely hope that you are finding the weekend's activities valuable to your continued recovery and perhaps will recharge your batteries in the areas of Unity, Recovery and Service.

Our district has 6 Sub-districts all with elected Local Committee Members (LCMs) to assist the DCM and alternate-DCM. Currently, the district has 6 standing committees helping carry the message to those in need. All of our LCM positions as well as standing committee chairs are filled. We have one service position open, the liaison to our Fox Valley Central Office. We continue the process of trying to fill that position. Our district has voted to rent a P.O. Box to handle district contributions to the treasurer as well as correspondence to the other standing committees. We will be transferring the use of the Spring Conference P.O. Box to the District following this weekend's activities.

The Archives committee meets every other month. They are currently taking an inventory of what is at hand in the District Archives.

The Corrections committee does a great job of carrying the message into the correctional institutions within our district. Our committee coordinates with the Outagamie and Winnebago County coordinators to carry the message into those facilities. The Corrections literature Moose and Goose fund raiser was held on May 2 in Navarino, WI. Thanks to those who helped with the event as well as those who shared their stories from the inside and experiences doing this type of service work carrying the message to those who are incarcerated.

The Grapevine Committee continues to promote the Grapevine magazine in our District. They continue to give away a yearly subscription to the Grapevine magazine at each intergroup within District 02.

Our District newsletter continues to give our members the most up to date information as to what is going on in District 02. Our current circulation is 94 hardcopy and 444 electronic subscriptions. This represents an increase of 4-5% since my last report in March.

The Public Information (PI) committee had been working on updating the District 02 website. They are now working on updating their list of high school counselors within the District.

Our Treatment committee keeps in contact with thirteen treatment facilities within our district. All facilities have meeting lists, literature and BTG forms. They are currently working to assess the continued needs of the treatment facilities. The committee has an active Bridging the Gap member and are actively recruiting speakers for the facilities.

Our Fox Valley Central office has sold out completely the 200 75th Anniversary Big Books that were ordered. They have put in another order to meet demand.

Following this conference, we hope to focus on hosting some workshops within our District. We likely will be reaching out for help from Area Committee chairs where appropriate.

Our District meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month at rotating venues within the district. We continue to average between 20-40 attendees. Our next meeting will be held at the Janssen Center in Appleton on June 8, 2014.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and I hope you are having a terrific time in Neenah, WI,
Barry B.

District 02 DCM

District 03 Mike M.

2015 Fall Conference Report to be Held September 18,19,&20th of 2015 at the Mead Inn in Wisconsin Rapids.

We had our first meeting April 26,2014. Conference chair and Co-chairs were nominated,accepted, and approved.

Secretary, we have 2 treasurers,hospitality,public information,program chair, registration chair were all nominated, accepted,and approved.

Our registration chair informed me that they could not fulfill there obligation so we w ell be looking for another registration chair. Also have been encouraging people to come to the conferences and ask questions for there committee.

Yours in service,

Mike Molepske D.C.M. District 03

District 04 Gail Z.

District 04 now has 30 meetings in 15 locations. All but four are registered with GSO and have a GSR or a group contact person listed. There is new group starting in Waupaca on Tuesday night, which means we will have a meeting in Waupaca every day of the week.

The issues surrounding the move of our 2617 Club have been resolved. Although an "outside issue," the Club is the meeting place of 7 of our meetings in Stevens Point. The 2617 Club will be purchasing the Masons Building at 1758 Strongs Av., Stevens Point. The name will remain 2617 Club and the sign will be moved. Meetings are remaining at the current address at least through May 31.

The May Intergroup at the Church of the Intercession was well attended – increased attendance over the last two years. Plans are now underway for the August 16th District 04 picnic at Iverson Park in Stevens Point. We will be having two speakers – one early in recovery to talk about what AA is has done for him (Tim N) and one with a few years of recovery who is active in service work to talk about how AA is allowing her to give back (Gail Z). We are also planning a GSR workshop for August (date to be determined), led by past and current DCM(s). Scott Kramar is currently working on a flyer, and we will be using the "Area" Power Point presentation put together by Kim.

I continue to be amazed by the miracles of sobriety and am honored to be of service.

Gail Zalewski

DCM District 04

District 05 Nicholas S.

District 05 DCM Report

April 12th Corrections workshop in Eleva (Well attended)

May Service Workshop (Good attendance)

Push to increase our monthly newsletter membership by signing up individual members email addresses

New committee checking into special needs request in our district.

January 2015 Wicypaa Conference in Eau Claire

Planning a road trip to Lake Tomahawk on 6/14

Corrections Committee is taking their committee meeting on the road to each county to spark enthusiasm

CPC event in Menomonie – see CPC Area Chair new sense of energy at Area level and a sense of shifting voices being heard

Renewed spirit of cooperation with our CVIG

Spirit of cooperation with our WICYPAA Group

District level team addressing ways for the district to address special needs

Committees are collaborating on working with drug courts in our district.

Average attendance at monthly meeting is 23 with 14 gsr

Spiritual talk to the body:

DCM's pushing our area committees to be active

Sense of unity

Sense of service

Alcoholic who is not here, but more importantly not in our meetings, in the restaurant business we state the most expensive item is an empty chair, in AA the empty chair is the deadliest. We are hosting the fall conference and we have seating capacity for over 400 people on Saturday night, my hope is we have standing room only, we have had spirited debate about how to make that happen often muddied down by money and who pays and how much. I continue to respond with "Why are we doing this?" "Who are we doing this for?" We pushed for a super low registration cost of \$15 and my wish for future area 74 events is that registration is no different than our meetings, we are fully self-supporting through voluntary contributions. Carry the message to as many suffering/recovering alcoholics as possible and trust that god will provide the resources for us. This mode of operating out of fear is so counter to the teachings of our book.

We shouldn't get muddied down in how we are doing things or even who is doing things, our big picture should be is "what as an area are we doing?" I challenge each of us to focus not on what isn't working; rather what can we do to fill the chairs, our membership has been stagnant for a number of years and that to me, is alarming. We should leave this weekend with a sense of purpose, inspired, charged, and a reminded of why we do this. Find someone who is new in recovery, find someone who is attending their first conference and listen to how their lives are changed. Remember why we do what we do. This service work is a vehicle that allows to do 12th step work, and 12th step work is the gift of the program.

Thank you for your service,

Nicholas S

District 05 DCM

District 07 Bret C.

District 07 has about 8-10 members attending monthly meetings the 3rd Sun of each month at 5pm. I am bringing numerous copies of the Delegates Report to share at our meeting. We have the basic district positions filled along with a literature chair. A intergroup was held on 4/05/14 in Abbotsford, WI with about 35 attending. We have interest in volunteering at the Stanley Correctional Facility to bring

more AA meetings for the inmates. We are planning a district picnic in Aug. There is a new Mon night meeting in Abbotsford, Big Book study at 6pm and meeting at 7pm. We hope to continue to increase attendance at meetings and carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic

Respectfully submitted,
Bret Carroll District 07 DCM

District 08 David J.

DCM Report to the Area Committee

District 8 covers Marathon County and the southern half of Lincoln County including the cities of Merrill, Wausau, Mosinee, and Weston. The district has about 36 registered groups. Our district GSR meeting is held the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at Mount View Care Center in Wausau.

We lost our Spanish-speaking meeting that was held at the Alano Club, but we gained The Third Legacy Group of Weston which begins May 24th and meets at the Weston campus of Highland Community Church at 9AM Saturdays. We welcome them. The Came to Believe Group of Wausau is in the initial stages of planning an AA event, possibly having the Delegate give her Delegate's report. It may become a district function if other groups want to join. And Also the Keep It Simple Group of Wausau has a monthly speaker meeting held the third Thursday of the month at 5:30 at the Alano Club.

As far as service opportunities within the district we do have volunteer opportunities at the Crisis Center located at Northcentral Health Care Center. We also have weekly men's and Women's jail meetings at the Marathon County Jail where they have access to Big Books. Groups in our district sponsor literature racks located around the district. We do have two service positions in the district that are open; Grapevine Representative and Corrections Chair.

The DCM wants to get out to more of the groups of the district this spring and summer and offer his services to the groups and keep the lines of communication open.

We have had between 8 and 11 GSRs attending our monthly district meetings. District is O.K. we can always do more.

Thank you,
David Johnson,
DCM District 8

District 09 Sara P.

District 09 has been busy. We held our 9th annual Spring Fling on April 26th in Menominee, Michigan. Everything went well, the speakers were awesome, and we had 60 people in attendance. Last Saturday, May 10th we held a District 09 Spring Workshop in Shawano. The topic of the workshop was The Home Group – Key to Continuing Sobriety. There were 16 people in attendance and lots of good discussion. District 09 held its last district meeting on Sunday, May 4th. The district committee chairs agreed to work hard on recruiting AA members in the district to join them as committee members so we do not have committees of one. We have developed a committee to begin working on how we will reach out to the groups in the district and talk to them on the responsibilities of general service work. We are continuing the process of cleaning up our list of groups to assure they are accurate as well as their contact information.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Sara Plansky-Pecor
DCM District 09

District 10 John O.

District 10 has held 2 Committee meetings since my last report and in that time we we have completed updating our contact list.[many cups of coffee and many hours of phone calls.] District 10 has a new and updated meeting list,we just finished that prior to the conference. The Workshop Committee is wrapping up loose ends in preparation for the June 14 Event. It's exciting and should be a marvelous and fun event. District 10's new Grapevine Board is on display with hopes of creating interest for other districts to create their own. Corrections renewed 2 subscriptions to the grapevine. AA continues to be active in treatment and we feel blessed to continue to be invited to the out-patient facility in Eagle River and Woodruff. District 10's Web Page continues to be updated every month we are at www.northwoodsaa.org . And finally we are researching the need for AA to make house calls for AA members with Special Needs

Respectfully Yours in Service
John Obermann DCM District 10

District 13 Sheryl M.

District 18 Kurt K.

After being a dark district for approximately 3 months, our district has held 2 district meetings. The first was on April 5, 2014, in which there were 5 members present. The purpose of this meeting was to brainstorm ideas on how to generate interest in service at the district level, and what we could do to bring our district out of the dark. After our district meeting, we attended different groups to promote the importance of service and encourage all GSR's to attend the next district meeting.

The next district meeting was held on May 3, 2014. We had 16 people attend, 13 of which were GSR's. During this meeting, our group conscience elected a DCM, an alternate DCM, a secretary, and our treasurer still remains in that service position.

We hold district meetings on the first Saturday of every month at 10:00 am, alternating between meeting facilities.

On our agenda for next month, we are going to discuss what kind of service committees we think would be most beneficial to our district in regards to our primary purpose and we will be discussing the steps we need to take in forming these committees and maximizing their effectiveness.

We will continue to attend different meetings in hopes of having discussions regarding the importance of service and the important roles our trusted servants play in carrying the message. We also hope to convey the importance of an active GSR to each group, along with the importance of keeping group information, including the GSR and their current contact information, up to date at the district level. We feel that much of our area is either misinformed or lacks understanding in what exactly service consists of as well as the differing levels of service work. We hope to inform the groups so that they can make informed decisions based on our traditions, concepts and their group conscience.

Our area seems to have many people who are committed to be involved with carrying the message within treatment centers, jails and prisons on a regular basis. The concern is that this is not done with much organization or structure. It is our hope that we can get some of these people to become involved in service at a district level, possibly chairing a committee so that we may be more effective in our primary purpose.

We are currently in the process of sorting through group information from past DCM's and much of that information appears to be out-of-date. Some groups appear to not even be registered with GSO. Right now, we are currently working on starting anew with group information due to the lack of current, up-to-date information. We are working to organize and compile the necessary information for all groups within our district so that we may best serve all groups within District 18.

On June 21, Ishpeming will be celebrating 60 years of Alcoholics Anonymous in the town. Our Area Delegate, Mary Jo R., will be giving her report from May's General Service Conference prior to the celebration. Following that, there will be a potluck dinner, a history of how Alcoholics Anonymous has come to be what it is today in Ishpeming. Mary Jo will also be sharing her experience, strength and hope later in the evening as the guest speaker.

Our district hopes to continue to have the interest in service grow and attendance at district meetings to stay strong. We can hopefully get in contact with groups who do not currently have a GSR or those who have a GSR that does not attend district meetings to become more involved in giving their group a voice. We believe a true group conscience is that which speaks from every group within our district.

We will continue to meet on a monthly basis to take inventory of our district and find ways in which we can be more effective. We look to maintain an active presence at the district level and will continue to attend different groups, get in contact with those who are not represented, and to stress the importance of service work to Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

Kurt Kangas
DCM, District 18

District 20 Dawn M.

District 20 is the eastern-most district of Area 74 in the Upper Peninsula. There are approximately 21 groups in our District. Attendance at our monthly District meeting is healthy and growing!

- We continue to reach out the hand of AA to the still suffering alcoholic through our website and our hotline (906) 440-1343. We continue to rotate the hotline phone monthly between groups, trading off at each District meeting
- AA meetings at Correctional Facilities:
 - Newberry Correctional Facility meetings continue with great success. I would like to read a letter sent to the Men that are taking the meeting into the facility: (Att.)
 - Our District 20 Corrections Chair (Clifford S.) is working with the Men in Munising to restart the AA meeting at the Alger Max Facility outside Munising. Support is building!
- A District 20 Newsletter started in January 2014 is a great success and can be accessed on our web site @ <http://www.district20area74aa.org>

- Committee updates:
 - Corrections Chair: Clifford S. was voted in at the March District 20 meeting. (See above for update)
 - Literature:
 - Archives: GSR's have received Group Information Sheets; Jim S. said he is starting to hear from some of the Groups already.
 - Treasurer:
- District 20 Workshop: We are still at the pre-planning stage.
- Dean C. Alt. DCM: The U.P. Traveling Intergroup will be hosted by Manistique (in Dist. 20) on June 14th.

Thank you
Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Marx
DCM, District 20



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April 30, 2014

Derek Tait
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Dear Mr. Tait:

I want to take a moment to personally thank you for all you do for the Newberry Correctional Facility. For years, the Department of Corrections has had programming reduced for a variety of reasons. The time and effort you donate to the NCF operation is invaluable at offsetting those reductions.

I'll also note that Corrections is a tough business, as we seldom see the benefits of our efforts. While you may at times wonder if you are making a positive impact, you continue to return time and time again. I assure you that your efforts are making a difference and you are improving lives.

On behalf of the facility staff and the prisoners who benefit from all your efforts, I extend my sincere thanks!

Sincerely,


Mitch Perry, Warden
Newberry Correctional Facility

MJP/ro

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District 22 consists of Door and Kewaunee counties. 20 plus groups make up the district. The snowbirds are returning so spring is here.

A new open speaker meeting has been started in the northern door. Jeff C. was the first speaker and he did a great job. The meeting is held every 2nd Sunday of the month at the Lutheran church in Juddville.

District meetings are held the first Thursday of every month. Attendance is not the greatest but we are managing well. Financial contributions are up and we are looking for new people to be of service.

I am thankful to serve.

Brian Larson

DCM

District 22