

DCM Reports
Area 74 Area Committee Meeting
Saturday, August 9, 2014
Three Lakes, WI

District 01

Tom Y.

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. Two committee chairs, corrections and CPC recently resigned their positions.

Corrections was filled immediately.

GSRs were tasked with asking their groups to volunteer to host a workshop. One group has volunteered so far. The date and topic has not been finalized yet.

The district picnic will occur September 13th at Perkins Park in Green Bay. Planning for the 2015 Spring Conference is coming along. Conference Chair Kimberly S. has been having planning meetings at the Radisson hotel familiarizing volunteers with the layout. Groups are needed to man hospitality. The theme for the 2015 Conference is - **Strength, Courage & Wisdom**. It is taken from the idea that it takes **Strength** to walk into the doors of AA, **Courage** to continue on the path of AA and **Wisdom** to maintain gratitude in AA.

If you or your group would like to help with Spring Conference 2015 please contact Kimberly S. at kimmvschuyler@gmail.com or 920.592.9337

In loving service,
Thomas Younger DCM District 01

District 02

Kristy K.

District 02 which extends from Clintonville in the north to Oshkosh in the south and from Weyauwega in the west to Brillion and Chilton in the east currently hosts over 130 meetings. Since last report, 2 new meetings have formed. A women's meeting on Wednesday evening in Oshkosh and a Saturday meeting in Omro have formed.

Our district has lost a number of servants recently and is working to replace those service positions. Our Fox Valley Central Office liaison position which had been vacant for a number of months has now been filled. Our Grapevine committee chair position is also open presently. District 02 has 6 Sub-districts all with elected Local Committee Members (LCMs) in 4 of those. Recently the LCMs for the Genesis Club groups in Appleton and the Neenah-Menasha area subdistricts have stepped down. Efforts are being made to fill those positions, but in the interim, the D.C.M. and Alternate D.C.M. will work to provide district services to those groups.

The funds from the Spring Conference have been dispersed. The Area was reimbursed the \$1000 seed money we received and was also presented a check for \$719.30 from the conference profits. A check for \$719.29 will be given to the District 02 treasurer at the August District meeting on August 10. We request that these checks be cashed within the month so that we can close out the bank account.

Our district has procured a P.O. Box to handle district contributions to the treasurer as well as correspondence to the other standing committees.

The Archives committee meets every other month. They are currently trying to organize and catalog the “old-timer” interviews that have been done. They are also looking to upgrade the District display and will be purchasing the Markings video from GSO.

The Corrections committee continues to carry the message into correctional facilities within our district. They are making sure the correct Bridging the Gap form that the inmate completes to begin the BTG process. They are keeping current on any changes in procedure for volunteers. Bridging the Gap requests have declined in our district quite substantially. Inmates have not been requesting this service as in the past.

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 454 electronic subscriptions. Electronic copies continue to increase.

The Public Information (PI) committee is working on updating the District 02 map for the website. They have been working on stuffing informational packets for delivery to high school counselors within the District. A motion on publishing flyers on the District website was introduced and then rescinded for additional editing.

Our Treatment committee keeps in contact with thirteen treatment facilities within our district. All facilities have meeting lists, literature and BTG forms.

Our Fox Valley Central again has a liaison to attend the steering committee meetings and report back to the district at district meetings.

A sponsorship workshop is being planned and hosted by a group in Oshkosh. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for October 4 at Solutions Recovery Club in Oshkosh. They are currently developing a list of panelists and speakers.

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 tomorrow (August 10) at St. Paul’s Church in Combined Locks, WI.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,
Kristy K.

District 02 Alt. DCM

District 03

Mike M.

The District is holding monthly meetings for the Fall 2015 Conference. We have flyers available. Attendees are reminded that they can pay for their rooms or room the weekend of the conference when they arrive.

District 03 will be hosting a workshop for AREA 74 [November 1st](#) in Wisconsin Rapids at the Alano Club. We are coordinating with Jeff D. Area 74 finance chair on this event.

Yours in service
Mike Molepske
DCM District 03

District 07

Bret C.

District 07 is having issues with personalities over principles. Attendance at our GSR meeting is actually down. There was a picnic for the district that was held on 8/2/14. There will be a fall get together in early November. There is interest in our district regarding corresponding with inmates through the CCS. We received a BTG request forwarded from Dist 02 BTG rep re: inmate leaving an Oshkosh facility. This is being forwarded to interested individuals.

Respectfully submitted,
Bret Carroll District 07 DCM

District 08

David J.

Hello everyone, my name is David J. I am an alcoholic, DCM from District 8. I have just two things to report. First, the district has been planning and working on the upcoming district event scheduled for [September 6, 2014](#) we call, "An afternoon with our Delegate." We start at 1pm with a report from our Delegate. We then have several small presentations; one from the Grapevine Committee, the Treatment Committee, and a presentation on A.A. and people with special needs, followed by a pot luck and then our speak Mary Jo R. We hope to see you there. The other point of interest is we have registered the [Friday](#) Nooners group and they now have a GSR and Alt. GSR.

In Service,
David J

District 09

Sara P.

District 09 covers parts of Forest County, Langlade County, Marinette County, Menominee County, Oconto County, and Shawano County in Wisconsin as well as parts of Menominee County in Michigan. District 09 has 33 registered groups and of those 33 groups four of them are county jail groups. We have 41 meetings in our district with four of them being jail meetings. This information regarding our current groups and meetings is all up to date. We recently updated our district website meeting list with all the current information. District 09 holds monthly district meetings and we rotate the location of where these meetings are held throughout the district. For the first six months of this year, we have averaged 17 people at our district meetings each month. Currently all service positions are filled in our district.

District 09 held its last district meeting on Sunday, August 3rd. We decided we are not going to put on a Fall Workshop in our district but instead make a commitment to attend another district's upcoming workshop. The district committee chairs continue to work hard on recruiting AA members in the district to join them as committee members so we do not have committees of one. Prior to our last district meeting, a newly formed committee met to discuss our plans on how we will reach out to the groups in the district in order to find out what they need from the district and to talk with them about getting involved with general service work. On Saturday,

September 20th, District 09 will host the Bonduel-Shawano Intergroup at St. James Lutheran Church which is located at 324 South Andrews Street in Shawano, Wisconsin. Fellowship will begin at 5 pm. with dinner at 6 pm. and AA and Al-Anon speakers at 7:15 pm. I brought copies today for this upcoming event and we also have a flyer for it on our district website.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Sara Plansky-Pecor
DCM District 09

District 10

Jan K.

In John O.'s absence, we (members of the committee for the District 10/Area 74 Workshop) were asked to give a short synopsis of the events leading up to, and including the Workshop: "Courage to Change — A Closer Look at Steps 6 through 9," held on June 14, 2012 at the Lake Tomahawk, WI Community Center.

This was the fourth workshop our District has put together over the last five years so we had some experience and good ideas to get started. We had to have it approved by our District first, and ask for \$200 "seed money" to get us started. After this was approved, we began by setting up a meeting place, and then we met on a bi-monthly basis to start, back in March. An idea, premise, or theme was discussed, followed by a tentative date, whether to hold an all-day event, and any ideas for panels and speakers. Once we made those determinations, a proper location could be discussed. We chose the Lake Tomahawk location due to its size and central locality to the many groups we have in District 10. Once we established the date, we were able to get a tentative flyer together. June has always been a good month for us in the past as there are usually no Area events scheduled for that month. Labels with the event's date and location were made for donation cans and distributed among the many AA groups in our District, along with requests for volunteers. There were just a handful of us to start, but the volunteers grew as the event became near.

Our committee as individuals had many great ideas and we worked together well as a group. Everyone had particular tasks, including communication with Area and District representatives for involvement. From discussing the theme, panels, speakers, potluck, and putting on a "skit", we decided to make it an all-day event.

Specific speakers were lined up for the panels as well as an Alanon and AA speaker for the evening portion of the event, and the committee decided to be the actors in the "Traditions Play". Our Area Delegate, Mary Jo R., Area Chair, Kim R., and Area Grapevine Representative Marty L. were asked to participate, and one of our committee members offered to host them at her home. This worked out well because not only was it convenient and cost-effective, but we then had the opportunity to share food and fellowship prior to the event.

The workshop was well attended, and since the committee offered a homemade light lunch, an Alcathon, and a potluck dinner, the attendees were not inconvenienced to leave the event, and costs were kept to a minimum. We held our District 10 committee meeting in the morning, which was very well attended, and attendance as a whole was steady throughout the event with approximately fifty people for the potluck, AA, and Alanon speakers.

Volunteers seem to come out of the woodwork when AA Service and Fellowship is involved. Everyone chipped in to help set up, tear down, and clean up. We also involved one of the clients from a local treatment facility to share in the experience.

At our post-workshop meeting, it was determined by our treasurer that after reimbursing our District's seed money and all of the expenses were paid, we had a little over \$270 to go to the Inner Group Fund, which can be used for the next event.

Our heart-felt thanks and sincere gratitude go to all who served and shared this event with us, and to Area 74, Mary Jo, Kim, and Marty who not only helped make this event possible, but also made it enjoyable, educational, spiritual, and a memorable one as well.

Jan K.
District 10

District 13 Sheryl M.

Our district has only four to five people coming so as it stands we're just trying to keep it a float...

Sheryl McLemore
DCM District 13

District 18 Kurt K.

District 18 held a district meeting on August 2, 2014, in Marquette. We have been moving forward and showing growth in the district—averaging 10 GSR's and 5 guests at our district meetings. We have elected a Correction Chair and a P.I. Chair. We are continuing upkeep on our website and hotline, which were previously implemented. Our district meetings will now rotate locations between groups within our district interested in hosting our meetings. Prior to each district meeting we hold a 30 minute service orientation/question and answer session, in which we read through and discuss the service manual, Area guidelines, pamphlets and Robert's Rules of Order. We are also trying to limit our meetings to an hour and a half in duration.

As for myself, I am still trying to attend all groups within our district to get information to them, receive feedback and let them know the district is here to serve them. Our district aims to host one workshop by the end of the year, and we have asked the GSR's to ask their groups if they would be interested in hosting a workshop put on by the district.

Kurt Kangas
District 18 DCM

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:
 - The prison meeting at Newberry Correctional Facility is going to register as an AA Group.
 - Our District 20 Corrections Chair (Clifford S.) continues to work with the Men in Munising to restart interest at the Alger Max Facility outside Munising.
- We are extremely excited that we have formed an exploratory committee, Dean C. & Derek T., regarding an Area Conference bid!
- The 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:
 - Committee activity is growing
- District 20 Workshop:
 - Tentative date is set
 - Our Three Legacies is the topic

Thank you
Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Marx
DCM, District 20

District 23

Jay H.

Overview:

- District 23 held unexpected 'out-of-rotation' elections of new officers on June 4, 2014, after many months of erratic operation with rapidly and steadily declining attendance of both GSRs and standing or acting district officers. Up until this time no interest had been exhibited by any A.A. members in the district to either nominate or be nominated to hold a district office. The following positions were immediately filled with new officers:

DCM - Jay Hands; Alternate DCM - Steve Schreiber; Treasurer - Dorie Washburn; Secretary - Scott Heck

By way of both helping and determining of the course of these elections, a small host (5-6) newly minted GSRs attended the June district meeting. Three of the newly elected officers came from these ranks. The new GSRs and Alternate GSRs came out of a highly localized "GSR Workshop/Forum" series which ran May through June 2014 in Shell Lake, WI and totaled eight hours of agenda driven GSR educational topics. The last formal workshop was highlighted by the attendance of 2014 Area 74 Delegate Mary Jo R. - giving her summary of the 2014 Delegates report from the GSC.

Preceding these elections, all district standing committees had long since ceased to exist and/or function. No-to-precious-little accrued funds had been spent to fulfill the district's stated purpose over the previous six month period of 2014. Therefore, an apparent failure to act on the responsibilities embodied in the district's statement of purpose, which reads "*Provide Assistance to the groups in District 23 in carrying out their purpose*" and alternately to, "*Assist groups in the message to alcoholics who still suffer*" was seen to exist. Confusion over the district's self-identity was self-apparent in that it had started to define itself as a district "Board of Directors" in lieu of an "A.A. District Committee".

- A new enthusiasm and willingness to institute the necessary changes for the re-vitalization of the district seems to have begun. This is due to newly elected officers, bolstered by a consistent 'up-tick' in meeting attendance by newly minted GSRs, in combination with re-dedication by important past officers and GSRs.

Some Highlighted Specifics:

The following has transpired within the past two months:

- A resolution was passed re-instituting the Twelve Traditions, Twelve Steps and the A.A. Service Manual and Twelve World Concepts as clearly identified guiding principles of the district.
- An "Out-reach" effort has started, wherein the DCM has traveled to out-lying groups in an effort to re-connect them with the district, encourage group GSR and Alt. GSR selection and education, promote district meeting attendance, encourage purchases of A.A. conference approved literature, and fill out the District 23/Area 74 Archives form for sharing group histories.
- An Area 74 and local Shell Lake A.A. Group's previously organized "Unity A.A. Round-up" has been adopted and supported by District 23.
- A newly contacted group has offered to organize and host "Sponsorship" and "4th Step" workshops, with the District's support and involvement – which then, by way of extension, will include Area 74 inclusion.
- DCM, Alternate DCM and a recent past DCM meet regularly to overview meeting agendas and discuss topics of import relative to future agenda items to be addressed.
- Meeting agendas (with all pertinent attachments) are made available by e-mail to district GSR meeting attendees 9-10 days in advance of the regularly scheduled district committee meeting, as well as to all newly re-contacted A.A. group contacts.
- Direct district involvement with Area 74 has been reinstated and importance of same reinforced.
- A informal program has been started wherein the DCM and/or the Alternate DCM encourages and transports any interested A.A. group member(s) to Area 74 Assemblies with them to witness "the other legs" of the A.A. Legacy triangle; Unity and Service.
- A Literature Committee has been reinstated with a newly nominated and elected Chairperson (a recent-past DCM) and has started to place committee members and form a 'game-plan' for action in fulfilling the district's purpose. Other standing committees' reinstatement will follow in the immediate future.

- Feed-back from the July and August district committee meetings has been overwhelmingly positive.
- A number of new groups have registered and/or are in the process of doing so.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jay Hands, DCM
District 23/Area 74 – A.A.