DCM Reports Area 74 Area Committee Meeting Sunday September 28, 2014 Eau Claire, 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. All committee chairs are now in place with the filling of the CPC position.

The Flintville group is planning a workshop on carrying the message. The workshop will be held in early March. The Fisherman's Paradise group suggested doing a workshop on relationships. The district picnic occurred September 13th at Perkins Park in Green Bay. It was well attended. The district website www.greenbayaa.org has been updated. The website now includes an AA PSA video. The website is now easier to navigate and has information for everyone from the newcomer to the old timer. Planning continues for the 2015 Spring Conference. 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 Barry B.

District 02 which is the southernmost district in Area 74 extends from Oshkosh in the south to Clintonville and Bonduel in the north. The district hosts 130 meetings weekly. District 02 does have six Local Committee Member (L.C.M.) subcommittees who assist the D.C.M. with meeting attendance among other duties. Currently the sub-district positions at the Genesis Club in Appleton and the Northern Winnebago sub-district (Neenah-Menasha area) are vacant. Our alternate D.C.M. and I are continuing to fill in visiting those groups. Our Grapevine committee chair position is also open presently.

The checking account for the 2014 Spring Conference has been closed as all funds were disbursed. Thanks again to Area 74 for allowing us this wonderful experience to host a conference in District 02. The Archives committee meets every other month. They are currently in the planning stages to upgrade the district Archives display. They have purchased the HOPE video, the Brief Guide to A.A., the 2011 membership survey and the new Many Paths to Spirituality pamphlet for the Archives from G.S.O. They are currently inventorying their collection of past Grapevine issues to identify needed issues and to pass on excess copies.

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 continuing to look for volunteers to go into these correctional facilities. They are looking for servants to bridge gaps in Oshkosh and Kaukauna. The Corrections P.O. Box has been moved to Appleton from Oshkosh. A corrections workshop will be held on November 8 at Solutions Recovery Center in Oshkosh.

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 456 electronic subscriptions. Electronic copies continue to increase.

The Public Information (PI) committee continues to work 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. They are also working on updating the A.A. Hotline Business card for redistribution. A motion on publishing flyers on the District website was introduced and approved by the district at our August meeting.

Our Treatment committee keeps in contact with thirteen treatment facilities within our district. All facilities have meeting lists, literature and BTG forms. The Bridging the Gap program continues to pair members with newly discharged individuals from the treatment centers.

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 will be held next weekend on October 4 from 9:00AM to 2:00 PM and hosted by a group in Oshkosh. The workshop will be held at Solutions Recovery Center in Oshkosh. I have brought some flyers for the event.

I have begun the preplanning stages with our area CPC chair to host an informational workshop from the professional community. The date, most likely in 2015 is still to be determined. Our District meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month at rotating venues within the district. We had been looking for a sponsor for our May meeting as our former venue has backed out. We have found a sponsor for that meeting. We continue to average between 20-40 attendees. Our next meeting will be held October 12, 2014 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Seymour.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Barry B.

District 03 Mike M.

District 03 DCM Report for September Fall conference

At our last District meeting there where 4 GSR's present. Our district Treasurer and 2 guests. It was a good turn out for our District. Groups are doing O.K. We have a total of 11 Meetings in our District.

Some of or groups have higher attendance then others but all are holding there own. Reminded all who where present about the Area 74 workshop being held Saturday November 1st at 1:00 at the Alano Club in Wisconsin Rapids. Corroborating with Jeff D. Area 74 Finance chair. We had a discussion on getting a volunteer list to help Riverview hospital in dealing with patients who come in with Alcohol related problems. Should we pass around a sign up sheet at the our group meetings. Or just get feed back on the level of willing Volunteers This subject will be brought back up at our next District meeting on October 16th A Thank was given to Dani M. our District Secretary for undertaking the job of updating our meeting lists and also sending a copy to the Area 74 Web Master.

Yours in service Mike Molepske

District 04 Gail Z.

District 04 now has 30 meetings in 14 locations. All but three are registered with GSO and have a GSR or a group contact person listed. A new group started in Waupaca on Tuesday night, which means we now have a meeting in Waupaca every day of the week.

The issues surrounding the move of our 2617 Club were resolved. Although an "outside issue," the Club is the meeting place of 8 of our meetings in Stevens Point. The 2617 Club moved to 1578 Strongs Av. on August 10. Now that the move is complete, our CPC/PI Committee has new meeting lists available in two formats – full size and pocket size (thank-you, District 08, for the format idea). The updated meeting list has been posted to our website, www.aawidistrict04.org.

The District 04 picnic was held at Iverson Park in Stevens Point on August 16. We had great attendance, in spite of some rainy weather. The Archives were on display. We had 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).

The annual Intergroup at St. Bronislava's was held on September 6, sponsored by the Third Legacy Group. The speaker was Jim C. from District 02, with 54 years of sobriety. We had our usual turkey feed and great group of people. We had literature for sale. We also had our first District Archives display of Group Histories! Although this project is just getting started, we wanted to give people an idea of what we are looking for on the group history forms.

We elected a new District Secretary at our September meeting, per district guidelines. Tanya will take office in October. We voted to split our Archives Chair and Archivist positions. The Archivist will be non-rotating, to parallel the Area. After the meeting, our Archives Chair resigned. We will fill both positions at the district meeting on October 2. We will also elect next year's Picnic Chair at that meeting.

Right now we are finalizing plans for a GSR workshop for October 4 at the 2617 Club. It will run from 10 to noon. It will be based on the Power Point that is available on the Area website – thank-you Gary and PI Committee! It will be put on by the current and past DCM(s) – Gail Z, Scott K, Bob S and John S. I continue to be amazed by the miracles of sobriety and am humbled to be of service.

Gail Zalewski

DCM

District 04

District 05 Nicholas S.

Our district has been actively excited in planning for this weekend's fall conference. It has been a true joy watching the district come together to support this event. It has been a collaborative effort both amongst groups and individual AA members.

Our corrections committee has been busy and is now actively involved in AA speakers carrying the message into 6 of our county jails. They are planning a corrections "party" in the month of November. Our treatment committee is exploring ideas on improving and increasing the outreach to treatment facilities in our district.

The PI committee has been busy communicating with the Drug Court in Western Wisconsin in regards to what that cooperation might look like. This is also true of our CPC, Treatment, and Corrections committee in Western Wisconsin.

The CPC committee has assisted in helping a "Young Persons" meeting begin on the UWEC campus. Our newsletter readership has reached 150+ electronic subscriptions. Our district has been discussion guidelines for new meetings to be added to our meeting directory.

Yours in service, Nicholas Schneider

District 07 Bret C.

There were 8 participants at our last GSR meeting. We are having a Fall Festival on Nov 8th in Marshfield, WI. A day for fellowship and food.

There has been a new entity in the city of Marshfield called Marshfield Recovery Community. We allowed them to provide a list of our meetings and contact numbers for AA. We felt that participating in this entity would be a conflict of interest based on our traditions.

We are currently working on establishing guidelines for our district. This would allow a seamless transition from current officers to newly elected next year.

A Friday Fun Night meeting was started where games played after the 7 pm meeting and before a campfire meeting. There has good attendance especially with younger members. In service,

Bret Carroll DCM District 07

District 08 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 currently has 34 registered groups and of those 34 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 as well as the one posted with the area with all the current information, however, there are already changes that need to be made. District 09 holds monthly district meetings and we rotate the location of where these meetings are held throughout the district. For the first nine months of this year, we have averaged 16 people at our district meetings each month. All service positions in our district were filled, however, I was informed earlier this week our district Corrections Chair is stepping down. As the DCM for District 09, I am currently reaching out to the groups in the district and asking if they would allow me to come to their meeting 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 hosted the Bonduel-Shawano Intergroup at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano, Wisconsin. This intergroup went well and had 81 people sign in although there may have been ten to fifteen more people that attended. The district's lending library was completely updated and a new listing is now available on the district website. The district's Grapevine Chair and Treatment Chair attended the workshop an afternoon with our delegate in District 08 which was held on September 6th. They enjoyed the presentations by the Area Grapevine Chair, Marty L. and the Area Treatment Chair, Gary S. They reported gaining a lot of useful information for their current positions.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Sara Plansky-Pecor DCM District 09

District 10 John O.

District 10 revised their meeting list on 9-14-2014. We also update our web page monthly. You can reach us at northwoodsaa.org

2 new meetings {sorry guys; these are both women's meetings} have formed. One is currently being registered and has a GSR. The other is still early in it's development.

We held our Dist. Committee meeting on Sept. 13th, with 16 people in attendance. Great participation. The meeting went 2 hours. I'll share

one topic that was of interest; The Vilas County Corrections is looking for female volunteers, now please don't laugh because this is new for us; AA volunteers must now pass background checks and attend a sexual harassment class.

This has been a very eventful summer for Dist. 10. Since our workshop in June we have had 2 picnics; one in Mercer, put on by the Mercer Group. And one in Conover, put on by the Three Legacy's Group from Eagle River. Both well attended with lots of family fellowship. The Newbold Group continues to host a potluck every other month with AA and Alonon speakers. Another great turn out last Sat. The last event of the summer was held at the Nicholet Area Technical College Campus.It was titled Rocken in Recovery. The Koinonia Treatment Alumin sponsored the event with a marvelous Harvest Picnic. AA was invited to attend and participate and we did. This was a great opportunity for Dist 10 to Cooperate with the Professional Community and where we displayed AA literature, pamphlets and books.

Respectfully Yours in Service John Obermann DCM District 10

District 13 Sheryl M.

District 18 Kurt K.

Hello everyone,

District 18 is going good. We are staying at around ten Gsr at our district meetings. We are continuing to go out to our home groups and other groups to talk about service. I have a little packet of pamphlets and a flyer with the groups number and registered name, district, area and gso's contributions address. Along with my contact info. We have decided to keep doing our service oriented orientation 30 minutes before are district meeting. Most of our Gsr attend it and we are just going over different pamphlets, service manual 12 traditions and 12 concepts and different area service information. For the guests that attend the district meetings one is now a alter net and I think one is going to become a Gsr. The pi comity and the corrections comity are starting out. We had a past delight DCM at our last district meeting and got feed back from him. We have lots of ideas and are trying different things weather they work or not we will let you know.

In loving service 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:
 - BOTH prison meetings at Newberry Correctional Facility are now registered AA Groups.
 - 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 had a request to start a meeting from one of the Directors at the Facility.
 She has ordered books and a meeting will be starting soon.
- Committee updates:
 - We voted as a district to bid on the Spring 2017 conference at the Spring 2015 conference and we are actively working to explore all locations and catering options in both Munising and Manistique.
 - Literature: Putting in an order October 1st!
- The District 20 Newsletter stared in January 2014 is a great success and can be accessed on our web site @ http://www.district20area74aa.org
- District 20 Workshop:
 - o Date is set for January 31st, 2014
- I have started visiting the Groups/meeting in our District. My goal is to attend all of the meetings at least once.
- We have a healthy treasury with lots of groups contributing.

Thank you Respectfully submitted, Dawn Marx DCM, District 20

District 22 Brian L.

District 22 consists of Door and Kewaunee counties and Washington Island with 22 groups. We have recently gone through our groups list to find active GSRs. Unfortunately over half our groups don't have an active GSR. I have been actively trying to get to all the group's to encourage participation. We recently received a donation from the Ellison Bay group of over \$1000 and \$250 from the Sister Bay group.

Our meeting schedule has been updated and so has our website. We can be seen at <u>doorcountyaa.org</u>. Our district is doing well financially. Our service structure needs some work. Progress not perfection. I continue to enjoy service work and encourage others to get involved.

Gratefully yours,

Brian Larson DCM District 22

District 23 Jay H.

Historical Overview:

- As reported before, the previous District 23 Committee held late, unexpected and unannounced, 'out-of-rotation' elections of new officers on June 4, 2014; thus creating a three month term of office until the next previously slated set of elections was to occur in October. The following GSRs were immediately nominated and elected at that time:

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

The past 3-month terms, as referenced above, were up at the end of September. This necessitated yet another round of elections held at our District Committee Meeting on October 1st 2014. This term will last for 1 year, bringing the next set of elections due in October 2015. This will bring District 23 into alignment with the 2 year "odd year" rotations of Area 74. Current election results were as follows: DCM - Jay Hands; Alternate DCM - Steve Schreiber; Treasurer - Dorie Washburn; Secretary – Mark Salmon (past Secretary Scott Heck stepped down)

We have additional points of information to share directly below.

Some Highlighted Specifics:

- The newly and first-time formed "District 23 Archives Committee" was established with the nomination and election of GSR Deanna L. as the Archive Representative and committee chair. We now have two standing committees established, with the formation of the Literature Committee having just preceded this Archive effort. We are looking to form a PI/CPC Committee in the near future.
- Meeting agendas (with all pertinent attachments) continue to be sent out by e-mail to all District Committee Members 9-10 days in advance of the regularly scheduled District Committee Meetings, as well as to all newly re-contacted A.A. group contacts. This has proved to be a boon in helping create a general interest; by deeper dissemination of information into the District at large, and by creating well-informed, "HP-attended", group conscience voting. This in turn, has increased both quality of discussion and meeting-time efficiency.
- An informal invitational program continues wherein the DCM and Alt. DCM encourage other
 District Committee Members and A.A. Group Members to attend Area 74 Assemblies and/or
 Conferences. This time around, in addition to the DCM, two Group GSRs (one a District Officer &
 the other a Standing Committee Chair) will be attending the October 18th Area 74 Assembly in
 Three Lakes.
- Again, new groups continue to form and register, and are generating new or replacement GSRs.
 The District 23 Meeting List continues to grow, and is up-dated monthly.
- Feed-back from the District Committee Meetings continues to be overwhelmingly positive.

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