

Area 74 Area Committee Meeting Agenda
Saturday, March 28, 2015 ~ 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Reiter Center, 1858 S. Michigan St., Three Lakes, WI

Housekeeping

3:30 Opened Meeting with Serenity Prayer

Traditions

Roll Call:

Area Officers: Delegate, Area Chair/Alternate Delegate, Treasurer

Standing Committee Chairs: Archives, Archivist, Corrections MI, CPC, Finance, Grapevine, Literature, Now & Then, Structures & Guidelines, Treatment

DCM's: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21,23

Approve minutes from December 13, 2014

Minutes approved as submitted.

Delegates report (see reports section page 2)

DCM reports (see reports section page 4)

New Business

Approve Addition of Addendums to December 13, 2014 ACM – Motion made and seconded to approve adding Addendum 1 and Addendum 2 to the end of the December 13, 2014 ACM Minutes. The approved Addendums 1 and 2 will be added to the end of the December 13, 2014 ACM Minutes after “Meeting closed at 3:20 PM“, in a section labeled Addendums. A final version of December 13, 2014 ACM Minutes will be saved and distributed to the Area Committee and will become the permanent archive.

Approve Assembly Agenda - Sunday March 29, 2015 Motion and second to approve – Approved unanimously.

Ad-hoc Committee update – Derek T (Committee Chair) (Report following DCM reports)

Area 74 Ad Hoc Committee • Conducting Area Business
Report to Area 74 Area Committee
03.28.15

The C.A.B. Ad Hoc Committee was appointed by the Area Chair/Alternate Delegate at the December 13, 2014 Area Committee Meeting with approval (by vote) of the Area Committee. The ad hoc committee was tasked with exploring some of the challenges and issues faced by trusted servants in Area 74:

- Availability and accessibility of minutes, past motions and other pertinent information
- Timing & logistics of our annual service meeting calendar
- Assembly formats & sharing sessions
- Accountability of trusted servants in regards to equipment and tasks they have been asked to perform

The original appointed members included the Now and Then Co-editor, the Structures & Guidelines Chair, the Area Chair/Alternate Delegate, the Secretary/Registrar, the Area Archivist, one Past Delegate and one other Area Committee member. Due to resignations, the original committee was modified and now includes:

- Marty L., Grapevine Chair; Area 74 Past Delegate
- Bob M., Now and Then Co-Editor; Area 74 Past Delegate
- Sara P., DCM District 9
- Kim R., Area 74 Chair/Alternate Delegate
- Pete W., Area 74 Archivist
- Derek T., Area 74 Treasurer
- Gail Z., DCM District 4

The C.A.B. Ad Hoc Committee has met 8 times via conference call on the following dates: December 21, 2014, January 7, January 21, February 4, February 18, March 4, March 18 and March 25, 2015

The ad hoc committee's conference call meetings were varied in discussion topics, but mainly focused on developing the scope statement of the committee. The ad hoc committee respectfully submits this scope to the Area Committee for approval. If approved, the ad hoc committee will begin a review of Area 74 practices.

Respectfully submitted,
Derek Tait

Chair, Ad Hoc Committee, Conducting Area Business

Motion: to approve Scope Statement as submitted. Requires substantial unanimity.

**Conducting Area Business (C.A.B.) Ad Hoc Committee of the Area Committee
Appointed and supported by the Area Committee on December 13, 2014
Presented to Area Committee on 03.28.15**

Scope Statement

1. During 2015, this Ad Hoc Committee will complete a review of the Area 74 practices in the following areas:
 - Handling and documentation of Area information
 - Accountability of Area officers, chairs and committees as to the tasks the Assembly asked them to perform
 - Efficiency, effectiveness and facilitation of four Assemblies/Area Committee Meetings per year format since January 2012 (approved April 2010)
2. The ad hoc committee will report the findings of the review to the Area Committee.
3. Based on Area Committee feedback, the Ad Hoc Committee will:
 - Prioritize committee findings
 - Develop and submit to the Area Committee, a plan to distribute findings to appropriate committees for resolution
 - Recommend a means to evaluate the resolutions

The Ad Hoc Committee will update the Area Committee throughout this process.

- Vote was 20 in favor and 2 opposed.
- Minority voice heard. One person in the majority wished to change their vote. Vote to reconsider failed; 5 in favor and 14 opposed. Original motion carried.

Approve Skeletal Draft of Spring Assembly Agenda – May 16, 2015

By simple majority, the WICYPAA report will be placed on the May 16, 2015 Spring Assembly Agenda immediately following the Area Officer Reports, and before the Delegates Conference Report to the Assembly. At future Assemblies, WICYPAA will be placed on the Agenda following Area Committee Reports.

The ACM will be unable to approve agenda prior to the May 17th Spring Assembly.

Discussions lead to an understanding that the Area Chair has prerogative to adjust the agenda as appropriate.

Area Committee Members Sharing Session

Time was allocated to allow Area Committee members a chance to express any comments or concerns pertinent to Area 74.

- No comments made

Motion made and seconded to adjourn and voted in the affirmative.

Next Area Committee May 17, 2015 or TBD

6:00 PM Close Meeting with Serenity prayer

Reports

Delegates Report

March 28, 2015 – Area Committee report / March 29, 2015 – Assembly report

2015 Theme of the General Service Conference: Celebrating 80 Years of Recover, Unity and Service – The Foundation for our Future

Presentation Topics: Our Common Welfare Through Gratitude in Action

Diversity in AA – Our Heritage of Inclusion

Safety and Respect – Practicing the Principles Begins in our Home Group

Safeguarding our Traditions through the Evolution of Technology

Inventory – Looking Back to Move Ahead

Since our last meeting in December – I have been to the WICYPAA conference held in my home district, District 05, to a workshop in District 20 in Germfask, MI, to the Conference of Delegates Past & Present in Bay City, MI, and to a workshop in District 7 in Marshfield. I also serve as a member of the Area Finance Committee and Area Structures & Guidelines committee in which we meet via tele-conference calls – and once a month the ECR trustee holds a conference call for the delegates of the Region.

Update on the requested General Service Conference agenda items on the literature price increase that was unanimously approved at the Area 74 October 2014 Assembly.

- I mailed two letters on November 8, 2014 (one to the Conference Coordinator, Mary C., and one to the Chairperson of the General Service Board, Terry Bedient). Both immediately acknowledge receipt of the letters. I then followed up with an email to them and cc as follows: the letter to the GSB Chairperson was also emailed to Bill F, ECR Trustee; Clayton V, Secretary of GSB; Julio E, Assistant Secretary to the

GSB; and Phyllis H, General Manager of the General Service Office / the letter to the Conference Coordinator was also emailed to Bill F, ECR Trustee; Phyllis H, General Manager of the General Service Office; William N, AAWS Board Chair.

- Response from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference, which met on January 31, 2015 – the committee discussed the request and after review the committee agreed to take no action. The committee noted that review of proposed pricing is not in the scope of the Conference Literature Committee and that pricing of literature published by AAWS falls under the purview of the AAWS Board. / the committee discussed and agreed to forward to the trustees' Committee on Finance the 3 bullet points under item #2.
- Response from the trustees' Finance Committee (via Don M.) – declined to take action. The following information recorded in their minutes: "In response to a request from an Area that the Trustees Finance and the entire GSB consider whether the October 1, 2014 literature price increase was adequately considered and discussed, it was pointed out by the Treasurer that the increase was explicitly discussed at the February 2014 meetings when the 2014 budget was approved and then again at the July 2014 meetings when the amounts were actually determined and agreed upon. After considerable discussion, the Trustees Finance Committee decided to take no action. *The Trustees Finance Committee did however request that information be prepared by the AAWS Self-Support Committee describing their efforts to date and sent as a discussion item to the Conference Committee on Finance.*" This is item C of the Finance Committee agenda. In May during my report on the GSC I will give an update on the discussion and any actions taken on this item.
- I will submit copies of letters, background and email responses for the Area 74 Archives.

Regional updates:

- At the Conference of Delegates Past & Present held in early February we hold our annual Regional business meeting. At this meeting handbooks are handed out to the new incoming delegates, we have reports from the regional secretary, treasurer, and historian. We held elections for the positions of Treasurer (Ola P.) and Historian (Mark E). Steve S., one of the 11 "special workers" mentioned in the 8th tradition and also known as an AA Staff member, was in attendance and gave a brief report and was our Saturday night speaker. Steve's assignment at the GSO is Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities. As part of this assignment he coordinates the Loners-Internationalist Meeting (LIM) – this is a confidential bimonthly bulletin sent to Loners, Homers, Internationalists, and to Loner Sponsors and Port Contacts. The bulletin contains excerpts from LIM members' letters and is distributed only to the members. Speaking of staff members, GSO is accepting applications for a staff position, if you are looking for a career change and would like to work in the General Service office – see me for more information.
- Our ECR Trustee, Bill F, also gave a report on the General Service Board meeting that took place Jan. 30 to Feb. 3. Bill serves on the Grapevine Board, is also a member of the Archives, Literature committees and Chairperson of the Corrections committee. One of the things that makes this Board weekend unique is the active participation of the delegates who chair the Conference Committees. At this weekend a decision of the final agenda items that will be forwarded to the GSC is made. I did forward the full set of minutes to all Area Committee members, so if you did not get it and would like it please see me.
- We had 3 items under old business that we discussed and voted on:
 - updating the CDPP guidelines was passed
 - Hosting a hospitality room at the 2015 International Convention. The ad hoc committee is still working with on some details and will continue to keep us updated as new information is available. Our room will be the Maple A suite in the Omni Hotel and is provided at no cost to the Region. The committee is asking that each delegate area contribute \$350 to help cover the cost of providing water in the hospitality room. As an area we are able to have an information sheet that highlights Area 74 in the room if we would like. I think this would be a great idea but think that this should be a group effort. So if I can get 5 people (north, south, east, west and central) who have graphic design and/or marketing experience who would like to work with me via tele-conference and email to put this together. Our Area budgeted \$500 for the hospitality room so if you contribute our \$350 to the region it will leave us with about \$150 to cover the cost of printing this flyer. This would be a quick project – we would need to have something

ready for approval for the May Assembly. If you are interested please see me before we leave for the day.

- The last item was discussion on the motion to combine the East Central Regional Conference with the ECR Conference of Delegates Past and Present. There was a lengthy discussion on this item, but the final results of the vote was that it did not pass.

From GSO

- Phyllis H, our General Manager of the General Service Office will be retiring her position this year – the Board is currently looking at candidates to fill that position.
- Publishing: for the 12 months of 2014 we had total gross sales of \$17,120.00 this was 14% over budget for the year (figure includes digital book sales). Over 1.1 million copies of the 4th edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous were distributed plus 20,000 as eBooks. The newest eBooks that are available are Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age and As Bill Sees It (both in English). Links to order eBooks can be found at www.aa.org.
- Finances: unaudited GSO financial update for the 12 months of 2014 are, Net Sales - \$16,872,280.00 / Gross Profit (literature) - \$9,893,976.00 / Contributions - \$6,898,068.00 / Total operating expenses - \$15,415,814.00. Of note, net sales were 14.7% greater than budgeted and operating expenses were 3.8% less than budgeted.
 - I received the Quarterly Contribution report from GSO for contributions received through December 2014 – 37% of the groups in our area have made financial contributions to the General Service Board – this is up from 2013 by about 1%.
- 75th Anniversary Book – 177,888 books sold during 2014, yielding a gross profit of \$984,848.00. An early reorder created an overstock situation and required an accounting write-off of 125, 00 books in the amount of \$823,152.00. Net profit was \$161,696.00. 40,000 books on hand are budgeted and expected to sell in 2015.
- There is a need for especially for male AA members to participate in the Corrections Correspondence program. This program provides AA members on the outside to correspond with AA members in correctional facilities. Currently there are around 35 men in corrections facilities that have requested an outside contact that cannot be filled. Please consider being a part of this AA service opportunity. I have forms if you are interested or if you would like more information you can contact the staff member who coordinates the Corrections desk.

The deadline for requests for Local Forums in Wednesday, April 1st – I do have information and request forms if there is a standing committee or district that is interested in hosting a local forum I have the information sheets and request forms with me

REGIONAL FORUMS

Regional Forums, which originated in 1975, are weekend-long sharing and informational sessions which provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas. They are also designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, the Grapevine Board; and G.S.O. and Grapevine staff members stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers throughout the A.A. service structure. G.S.O.'s staff member on the Regional Forums assignment coordinates details for the Forum and works closely with the volunteer host chair who recruits volunteers to assist staff with hospitality, set-up and registration during the Forum. Forums are held on a rotating basis, at the request of each region. There is no registration fee for Regional Forums. The General Service Board covers the expenses of meeting rooms. As all Forums are intended to be sharing sessions, no formal actions result. Sharing is captured in Forum Final Reports, which are distributed to all attendees, and are available on G.S.O.'s website. Regional Forums carry A.A.'s message of love and service by improving communication at all levels of our Fellowship. This year the East Central Region will host a Regional Forum in Milwaukee, WI November 13-15. I have flyers.

District 01 DCM Report

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 very successful workshops were put on by groups in the district. February 7th the third annual Women in Recovery Workshop was held in Green Bay and on February 28th a workshop on Carrying the Message was held in Flintville. The groups are eager to host them again next year.

It has been decided to move the date of the district picnic to earlier which is normally held in September to earlier in the summer to improve attendance.

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. Please register if you have not already.

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 DCM Report

District 02 which is the southernmost district in Area 74 extends from Oshkosh in the south to Clintonville and Bonduel in the north. 132 meetings meet within our district weekly. Two of District 02's sub-districts have open positions for LCM.s. Positions are open for the Genesis Club in Appleton and the Northern Winnebago sub-district (Neenah-Menasha area). Our alternate D.C.M. and I are continuing to fill in visiting those groups.

District 02 held our 6th annual G.S.R. workshop on January 17, 2015 in Seymour. It was very well attended. We had over 40 participants. We had a great turn-out of GSRs and other interested individuals. Thanks to all who helped out setting up the event or making presentations.

On April 11, 2015, the Annual Moose and Goose Corrections Fundraiser will be held at a new location and on a different day. It will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Seymour, WI. The event had been held on Friday night, but will be moving to Saturday night. I have brought flyers for the event.

The Archives committee meets every other month. They are continuing working toward upgrading the District Archives display. They are also working toward obtaining obituaries and group histories for the Archives binder.

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. The committee chair & BTG facilitator will be attending a Transition Fair hosted by the Oshkosh State Correctional Institution on Tuesday, May 14, 2015 & will bring literature and A.A. information.

The Grapevine Committee is working to promote the Grapevine within the District. They are again having contests to award a one year subscription to the Grapevine with acronym contests. Our Area Chair has won the last 2 issues, so the fix must be in. Our chairperson is also reaching out to the GSR.s in the district to see if they have a GVR in their group.

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 427 electronic subscriptions. He recently had to find a new printer as the former printer closed their doors earlier this year.

The Public Information (PI) committee continues to work on updating the District 02 website. They will be using the same printer as the newsletter for their printing needs. They are investigating venues to distribute A.A. information (libraries, doctor's offices, retirement communities, etc.)

Our Treatment committee keeps in contact with twelve treatment facilities within our district. They have recently updated the Facilities and Staff list. Six facilities currently have a rotation of speakers available. All facilities have meeting lists and literature racks. The Bridging the Gap program continues to pair members with newly discharged individuals from the treatment centers.

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. Any A.A. is invited to attend. Our next meeting will be held April 12, 2015 at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Appleton.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve

Barry B.

District 03-DCM Report

No Report

District 04 DCM Report

District 04, covers Portage and western Waupaca County and remains very active. We continue to average 20-25 people at our district meeting in Amherst. We have three new GSR's attending from groups that are registered with GSO, but were "quiet" in the past. One will attend for the first time in April. We have only 3 unregistered groups in the district.

The district budget was approved in January, and Committee work is picking up. The Corrections Committee has jail meetings active in both Portage and Waupaca counties. CPC/PI is working on a mailing to physicians in the district. CPC/PI is also planning an Emotional Sobriety Workshop for June. Treatment is getting AA pamphlets and meeting lists to outpatient facilities in the district. Literature has been taken to the local Crisis Center, and some former residents have volunteered to be of service there. We have a new Archives Chair who is working with the Archivist to scan the documents in our Archives collection.

We had district participation in and representation at recent workshops: the GSR workshop in District 02 and the Women in Sobriety workshop in District 01.

One of our groups -- the Ya Hey Dere Group -- is celebrating their 25th Anniversary tonight, with an open speaker. Tanya B. from Waupaca, our District Secretary, will be speaking.

We will continue to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic through the work of the various committees throughout 2015.

Thank-you for allowing me to be of service.

Gail Zalewski
DCM District 04

District 05- DCM Report

No Report

District 07 DCM Report

Attendance at GSR meetings continues to be between 6-10 members. We are in the process of developing a set of guidelines for the district. We are loosely following area guidelines format.

We had a work shop on March 14th to go over the agenda for the delegates workshop. Mary Jo was gracious enough to be present and able to help us focus on specific areas. It was very informative to have her there with all the members that were there being very impressed with the result.

We are having a intergroup get together on April 11th in Abbotsford with speakers and a potluck. There is also a district picnic planned for August 15th at the Cherokee park west of Colby, WI.

The Alano club in Marshfield, WI holds a Friday Fun Night for AA members to come together for games and fellowship.

There are at least 3 District 07 AA members going to Atlanta for the international convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Bret Carroll DCM District 07

District 08 DCM Report

Hi I'm David an alcoholic, currently serving as DCM from District 8.

District 8 is doing well. We are Most of Marathon County and southern Lincoln County.

We hold a monthly GSR meeting the first Tuesday of every month at 7pm at Mount View Care Center in Wausau, where we usually have 7-8 GSRs in attendance.

Our district corrections chair position is currently open. As a district we are working together to organize a bid for host an Area 74 Conference. We plan on putting a bid in at the May Spring Assembly.

News from the district, starting April 1st North Central Health Care Facilities in Wausau will be re-opening their Substance Abuse Day Treatment program.

The Came to Believe Group held their anniversary in March and was well attended with a pot luck and Alanon and AA speakers.

Coming up in April the Surviving In Sobriety Group will hold a pot-luck speaker meeting Saturday, April 18th at noon at the Alano Club in Wausau. Look for the flyer on the Area 74 website's Calendar of Events.

And that is all I have,
Thanks David J.

District 09 DCM Report

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 35 registered groups and of those 35 groups four of them are county jail groups. We have 41 meetings in our district with four of them being jail meetings. We are currently doing another clean-up of our contact persons for the groups listed in our district. District 09 holds monthly district meetings and we rotate the location of where these meetings are held throughout the district. For the first three months of this year, we have averaged 16 people at our district meetings each month. We continue to look for a person who would be interested in serving as the Corrections Chair for our district.

I am continuing to reach out to the groups in District 09 as the DCM. My goal is to have met with each group in our district prior to the end of my rotation as DCM. Our District has a newsletter called the

Chronicle. Our current circulation is 18 hardcopy and 123 electronic subscriptions. Electronic copies are continuing to increase especially with the outreach to the groups.

We have our 10th annual Spring Fling scheduled for Saturday, April 25th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Menominee, Michigan which consists of a potluck dinner, AA and Al-Anon speakers, and fellowship. On Saturday, May 9th we have a District 09 Spring Archives Workshop planned to be held at the Faith Presbyterian Church in Crivitz, Wisconsin. The workshop will be held from 10:00 am.-2:00 pm. This workshop will be partially presented by two archivists informing us on how and what to collect, how to preserve what we have, and how to look for our own history. There will be displays on various items from Area 74 and various districts around our area. Please join us for these upcoming events. We brought copies today for these upcoming events and we also have flyers for them on our district website.

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

District 10 DCM Report

District 10 plans to host a workshop in Lake Tomahawk on June 13th. Stay tuned for more details..

District 10 printed wallet cards with our hot line # [\[715\]-367-7920](tel:7153677920) along with our web page www.northwoodsaa.org, they were handed out to our GSR's to distribute to their groups.

District 10 purchased Public Service Announcements from GSO and they are playing on 4 local radio stations

The AA Hotline # for District 10 will be added to the Rhinelander and surrounding area phone book in June.

Corrections for District 10 covers four counties. They are Lincoln, Vilas, Onieda and Langlade. A Forest County men's jail meeting will start soon.

In Service
John O.
DCM Dist.10

District 11-DCM Report

No Report

District 14 DCM Report

After a full year of having the DCM position vacant and very little activity, District 14 has regrouped with renewed excitement. As of January 2015 with a newly elected DCM and with the aid of those still dedicated to their positions we have re-established our mission to carry the message to those who still suffer from alcoholism.

Monthly District meetings occur the second Sunday each month. Attendance at these meetings in the past was very limited with only 2 or 3 individuals attending. Through everyone's efforts and increased knowledge several new GSR's have been elected with the registration of these meetings. As a result the attendance to the District meeting has increased to 10 - 15 people each of the last two months. Many hours were spent increasing District, Area and GSO knowledge, registering meetings, updating meeting schedules and times, posting schedules, and assuring support for new and old AA attendees. Currently we still have several positions still looking for a volunteer including Treatment, Literature, Public Information and Archives. The interest in these positions has just started to grow especially within treatment. The Corrections activity has been very strong in both the St. Croix County Jail and the State CIP where 6 - 8 meetings occur monthly within these facilities and on Monday - Thursday 3 inmates attend AA meeting outside the confinements accompanied by a State Approved Chaperone.

Two new meetings have begun at the Hudson Alano Club and are being registered. One of these meeting is specifically focused on AA for the newcomer. This meeting is weekly where newcomers and interested

parties can ask their questions and gain knowledge of the journey from a mixture of people living in sobriety. A additional AA meeting has been started at Grace Place (homeless housing in New Richmond) on Friday mornings to assist clients on facing getting back in society sober. An evening meeting is also in the plans. These are strictly done on a volunteer basis and are not affiliated with Grace Place.

A Sponsor/Sponsee workshop is being planned for the end of May/ beginning of June. The workshop will take place at the New Richmond Alano Club and be a panel style workshop. This is a big step for the District and the first of many as we increase involvement and stress the importance of service work that can reach so many people.

Also, it was voted and approved to exhibit at both the St. Croix County and Polk County fairs in an effort to reach our hands to others. District 14 exhibited in the past but discontinued last year.

All of these activities could not of been realized without peoples willingness to pay it forward in service and 12 step work. Several small steps go a long way

Keith Bevers

District 16 DCM Report

Greetings Area 74, from District 16 on the warming shores of Lake Superior.

It is a privilege and an honor to serve as District 16's new interim DCM. We serve Baraga, Ontonagon, and the south end of Houghton counties

We currently meet bi monthly in District 16, with an attendance of around 10 representatives from 14 meetings. I have been out of the area for the last twenty years and have only been back since last December, so it is taking a little while to get up to speed.

This district has a lot hope for the recovering alcoholic who has a desire to stop drinking. With a wealth of long term sobriety and a variety of meetings there is lots of experience, strength and hope to draw from.

Some time at the end of May or early June we are hoping to put on a sponsorship workshop. We will be talking about this at our next District meeting. We are looking at restarting a CPC committee in the not too distant future. We are also working on archiving many of our group's histories. Although we currently have a scheduling conflict with the next area assembly we will have our next meeting some time in May.

Yours in service
Fred Martin
Ara 74, District16

District 18-DCM Report

Hello everyone,
District 18 is doing good. We are having good attendance at our district meetings,8- 12 every month. We had a pre delegates meeting in our district ware we went through the agenda and looked into the back ground information on the topics the group wanted more information on. We had five people in attendance. Our pi and corrections committees are slow taking off but we are moving in positive directions. Though we don't have a lot of participation in the committies we have many people that go into treatment centers and correctional institution. We have a web site and a hot line phone for our district. We have 33 meetings that meet 53 times a week. As for me I continue to go to different meetings in our district and talk about service how the district is doing and of different area assembly and workshops coming up. I continue to work on getting all the groups up to date with area and gso. I think as long as we work on unity and continue to talk about the tradition, concepts and service manual we will continue to move in a positive direction.

Thanks for the oppportunity to serve
Kurt Kangas- District 18 DCM

District 19 –DCM Report

No report

District 20 DCM Report

District 20 is located in east central Upper Michigan

We have 23 meetings weekly scattered over hundreds of miles

District meetings are held monthly at 6:00 PM in Germfask MI.

Attendance at District Meetings is usually 10-15 people.

District has a DCM, Alternate DCM, secretary, treasurer and chairs for literature, archives, corrections and newsletter.

We are active in corrections with current meetings at Newberry Correctional Facility and upcoming ones at Alger Max in Munising.

We have a very active literature committee that supplies literature, at cost, to the entire District.

We also publish a monthly newsletter to the district.

We held a workshop in January of this year on the Three Legacies of service. We had a lunch then panels and question and answer sessions on each of the legacies followed by our normal district meeting. Kim, Mary Jo, Marty and Sara all were kind enough to serve on a panel. There were about 30 people attending and the entire event was well received.

We plan another workshop in June, topic to be determined.

District 20 has a website. www.district20area74aa.org

The other thing we do in the UP is a monthly Intergroup. This is a gathering of all the AA groups in the UP, held in a different city each month. There is a dinner, speakers and meetings. The next one is April 11th in Kingsford Michigan. Flyer on table.

We will be submitting a bid for Spring Conference 2017

Respectfully,
Dean

District 21 DCM Report

D 21 has a strong core group of AA members currently offering 22 meetings a week in our district. Three groups of two men rotate weekly offering meetings at Baraga Maximum Security Prison on Wednesday evenings.

Involvement is increasing at the district level. Our grapevine position was recently filled by two people, one handling grapevine literature and another distributing it to meetings throughout the district.

We have an AA hotline number (a track phone) answered by Dial Help daily, going to voice mail with male and female contact phone numbers for after hours.

District 21 will sponsor an Intergroup May 2nd at the National Guard Armory, 57707 Military Dr. Calumet, MI 49913

- 4pm (est) Corrections meeting
- 5pm GSR meeting
- 6pm Dinner (potluck)
- 7pm Alanon/AA Speakers
- 8:30 Music and Dance
- All are welcome to attend

Mark Koppana: DCM District 21

District 23 DCM Report

Effective in January, District 23 rolled out and implemented its 2015 "District 23 Committee Meeting Schedule for 2015" as follows:

- January 7; March 4; April 1; June 3; July 1; September 2; October 7 (District Elections) & December 2 at the traditional location addressed at Grace Episcopal Church 119 W. Humbird St., Rice Lake, WI (All meetings start at 6:30 PM)
- A newly established alternate location is on hand for February 4; May 6; August 5 & November 4 addressed at Grace United Methodist Church in Webster, 26503 Muskey Ave. & Elm St. N.
- The District's first alternately located meeting was held on February 4th and was very well received, with fifteen in attendance. With one meeting location long since having been established in the extreme lower southeast portion of the District (Rice Lake) and one now established in the far western mid-portion of the District (Webster), the District Committee feels all groups in our District 23 now share equanimity in ease of meetings access. A direct and immediate consequence of this move has brought additional inquiries of group members on becoming GSRs, and requests for the District's address to facilitate sending 7th Tradition contributions. We hope this move will stimulate more group activity in general and specifically stir additional interest in co-sponsored A.A. events such as workshops. (All meetings start at 6:30 PM)
- Since last June, as a direct result of our newly instituted "Phase I" and "Phase II" district outreach plan, we currently have 22 newly minted GSRs, with an alternating average of 13 voting members present at our District Committee Meetings over the last 8 months. Please plan to drop in and join us if you're in either of the areas mentioned.

In cooperation with one of our A.A Groups and Area 74, we have planned a spring workshop entitled, "Our Common Welfare – A.A. Workshop" scheduled for April 18, 2015, in Turtle Lake, WI. Our flier just came out in the March Area 74 "Now & Then" newsletter, as well as circulated by way of the Area 74 Website and other electronic means. We've been led to anticipate a large attendance, including several surrounding Districts. We hope to see you there on the 18th!!!

In cooperation with another A.A. Group in the District, discussion has started aimed at having a "Speaker Meeting" and dinner for all A.A. Groups in the District on a Saturday night in the future. DCM will meet with the group's ad hoc planning committee and GSR to help start the planning process and speaker search.

Considerable discussion has ensued at the District and group levels regarding the Area 74 Delegate's Workshop and Assembly held this weekend. We anticipate GSR participation to be around five GSRs and perhaps more. This is a "watershed" experience for District 23, whereas in the past only a DCM would show, on occasion.

Since last June, the District has established two standing committees (Literature & Archives) with a third in the works (Grapevine), and one being considered for near-future (Public Information).

The District 23 Committee continues to reorganize and consolidate changes in its operational procedures to better help our groups achieve their collective primary purpose, and to help with the District 23 and its standing committees' continuity and sustainability going into the future.

District 23 has 54 meetings listed currently on the Area 74 website, and is up-dated monthly.

I thank District 23 and Area 74 for the opportunity to be of service to A.A.

Respectfully Submitted,
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