

**Area Committee Meeting March 11, 2017  
Three Lakes, WI  
Minutes**

The meeting opened at 4:38 pm.

Welcome to first-time attendees.

Housekeeping by Sara P including voice/vote explanation, vote by substantial unanimity unless otherwise stated, and 4 minutes for DCM reports & 2 minutes for comments.

**Third Step Prayer**

Traditions read by Diane, D 07

Timer: Dawn, D 20

Counter: Sheryl, D 20

**Roll Call: Area Officers**

Area Chair / Alternate Delegate, Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar

**Committee Chairs**

Archives, Corrections WI, CPC, Finance, Grapevine Chair, Now & Then, Literature, Treatment

**DCMs:**

02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 10, 13, 16, 20, 21

**Minutes from the 12/10/16 Area Committee Meeting were approved without changes.**

**Delegate's Report – see page 3**

**DCM Reports – see page 6**

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

- 1) **Approve April 8, 2017 Winter Assembly Agenda – Sara P, Area Chair**  
Under Now & Then items put co-editors in place of editors. Also, Bruce K will handle 2018 Spring Conference Bid.  
**Brent Motion: to vote on the April agenda as amended. Michelle Z 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.**
- 2) **Approve May 20, 2017 Spring Assembly Agenda – Sara P, Area Chair**  
Replace Jennifer A with Bruce K  
Remove 2018 Fall Conference bid and 2019 Spring Conference bid.  
**Motion: to vote on the May agenda as amended. Kim, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved.**
- 3) **Area 74 Archives and the Grapevine Collection – Gail Z, Archives Chair**  
Over the last several years, the Area 74 Archives Committee has been working on an Archives Committee Handbook and Catalog. The purpose of these documents is to give the Committee a framework in which to operate, and to record the contents of the Area 74 Archives for the members of Area 74.

The Archives Handbook contains our Mission Statement, which reads as follows: "The mission of Area 74 Archives Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous is to document permanently the work of Alcoholics Anonymous of Area 74, to make the history of the Area accessible to AA members and other researchers, and to provide a context for understanding AA's progression, principles, and traditions."

Area 74 currently maintains a collection of Grapevine magazines. The collection was donated to the Area in 1981 by Paul S. after he asked to address the group on the archives at the 1981 Spring Conference in Marquette, Michigan on April 4, 1981. This information is contained in the Area 74 minutes. Paul S. stated that he had about 33 years of copies of the Grapevine. Len D. suggested we compile a complete set for the Area. The item was to be discussed at the Fall Conference in 1981, and anyone with old copies of the Grapevine was to let the conference know. There is no further reference to the acquisition of the Grapevine issues in the minutes or a discussion on the matter at the Fall Conference.

The Archives Committee does not feel that the Grapevine Collection fits the mission of Area 74 Archives, because the Grapevine is not "the work of Alcoholics Anonymous of Area 74." The Grapevine is published by AA Grapevine, Inc. Although the Grapevine collection does provide a framework for our history, it is not Area 74 history per se.

The Area 74 Archives Committee is considering discontinuing the collection. The Archives subscription to the Grapevine would not be renewed. Area 74 Archives would only retain issues that contain stories written by Area 74 members. The Area 74 Archives Committee has a list of those issues identified in our Archives Handbook. In addition, the current Area 74 Grapevine collection is only available to Area 74 members at some Area 74 Conferences. The collection is incomplete. All issues of the Grapevine from 1944 to the present are available digitally anytime through the Grapevine website with an online subscription.

The Area 74 Archives Committee is looking for feedback on this issue before a motion is brought to the Assembly in May.

In Service,  
Gail Z.  
Area 74 Archives Chair

Bob M: Sometime in the 90s there was a motion not to collect Grapevines.  
John O: Will volunteer to take them off your hands if that's what you want to do.

**Next Area Committee meeting is May 21, 2017 in Munising, MI**

Thanks to Kurt Alt DCM from District10 for providing the refreshments.

**Jeff motioned to close the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Meeting closed at 6:03 pm with the 7<sup>th</sup> Step Prayer.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Z, Area Secretary

## Delegate's Report

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Delegate to the General Service Conference. It truly is an honor and a privilege. It feels good to be a 2nd year Delegate. Being a first-year Delegate reminded me of my first year of sobriety where I had to walk through everything for the first time — 1st birthday, 1st holidays, etc. I am happy to share that I survived the first year and I am approaching this year feeling a bit more like a whole person and not a fragmented deer in the headlights :)

I'll provide you today with an overview of my activities since we last met in December. I'll review some upcoming commitments and close out with some highlights from AA as a whole.

I attended the East Central Region's Conference of Delegate's Past and Present in Perrysburg, Ohio. There was a total of seven trusted servants from Area 74 traveling together in a passenger van. It started in Appleton and went up and around Lake Michigan thought the UP and down through the entire state of Michigan. It was Unity in Action. This event helps prepare the newly seated Delegates in our five-state region for the experience of the General Service Conference in New York. At last year's CDPP, my name was drawn as this year's Alternate Chair for the Mock Conference Committee meeting. I worked with the chair, Laura G., before the conference to prepare the background for the mock agenda item, which was basically a reconsideration of a previous General Service Conference Advisory Action to NOT allow changes of the AA Preamble. Even for a mock committee meeting, there was very heated debate. Thanks to our own Bob M. for acting as the Recording Secretary. Ironically, Laura G. and I are also paired as Chair and Alternate on the Literature Committee. We are developing a strong service friendship. Also at this weekend, I prepared and presented my highlights from the 66th General Service Conference. I also had the opportunity to prepare and deliver a two-minute presentation of each of Area 74's Trustee candidates: for Trustee at Large U.S., Len D. and Class B East Central Regional Trustee, Marty L. It was an honor to be a part of that and I am very much looking forward to participating in the election process for the two Trustee positions at this year's General Service Conference.

During the ECR weekend I also attended a meeting as the Wisconsin representative on the 2020 International Convention ECR Hospitality Suite Ad Hoc Committee. No concrete news on this yet, but I will report back as it comes available. We are exploring the idea whereby each Delegate Area in the region can bring a board or trifold table top presentation to showcase their Area to visitors of the ECR Hospitality Suite.

Much of my attention of late has been concerned with the upcoming General Service Conference and preparing for this weekend's Delegate's Workshop. I sent all the background material the day it came out, February 15, to give DCMs and hence the groups got as much time as possible to prepare and discuss this year's agenda items. I sent reminders out to all committee chairs and facilitators so they had plenty of time to prepare. I also sent letters and flyers out to all Past Delegates w/out e-mail to encourage their participation at today's event. I want to thank all the facilitators, recording secretaries and participants for all the work you put in today. I have been reading the background material every chance I get. While it is a lot to digest, I feel much more comfortable with the process this year and am better able to get to the 'meat and potatoes' of each item and cut through some of the 'papering up' in the background material.

I have received several communications from the Chair of the Literature Committee.

There is an effort to improve communication between each trustee's committee and its corresponding Delegate Chair. This has, in turn, provided more information and communication with our committee.

I have submitted all of the forms required for my attendance at the General Service Conference April 22-29. I will be driving to New York this year, solo, and I will leave on Thursday, April 20 and arrive late Friday. Pre-Conference events are scheduled for Saturday, including a meet and greet in the afternoon and the Delegate's Only and Remote Communities meetings on Saturday night. I have been invited to read the opening reading at the opening meeting of the Conference on Sunday morning. 2nd-year Delegates who are not serving as Committee Chairs will be invited to participate in some fashion at the GSC: opening readings, speaking at the opening dinner, presenting on a panel or acting as a vote counter. What an honor!

I'll be creating a bookmark this year to take to New York. There is a tradition every year that Delegates bring a memento to share with other Delegates. It is kind of an icebreaker when you meet another Delegate to exchange an item. Last year I created a pin and that was on the bulky side to take to NY. The bookmark will be easier to manage. If you didn't get a pin yet, I have more to share!

I have been invited to participate on a panel at the East Central Regional Conference July 14th-16th, 2017 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The flyers are out and they are available on the entry table. There will be opportunities for others from Area 74 to participate and I will be in touch regarding those opportunities at a later date.

I attended District 20 meetings in January and March. I am very excited that my home district is hosting this year's Spring Conference and I really hope that all of you are able to attend. The conference planning committee chair and DCM, Dean C., has worked tirelessly to keep our district active and to rally the troops to prepare for the Conference. District 20 is small in numbers, but huge on enthusiasm and participation.

I have written articles for the January, February and March issues of the Now & Then. I have participated in teleconference calls for Area 74's Structures and Guidelines and Finance Committees.

I will be speaking at the Came to Believe Group's anniversary celebration in Wausau on March 25.

I have fielded an inquiry for a potential future GSC agenda item from a group in Area 74. I will be working with the GSR to serve in any way I can; the item will likely show up as a discussion item at District 1 and/or Area 74 prior to the submission deadline for the 2018 GSC.

I have been forwarding all communication I receive from our ECR Trustee, GSO and Grapevine as I receive it. I have also been forwarding pertinent information to Past Delegates as I receive it from the East Central Regional Secretary, Kathi C. (i.e. passing of Past Delegates)

## **AA as a WHOLE**

As some of you may have seen, a new service piece was published by AAWS entitled *Safety in AA*. I did send it out to all on the Area Committee and Past Delegates. It is also posted on [aa.org](http://aa.org) and can be easily found by clicking the "What's New" button on the

homepage. This was not conference approved and like other service material represents the collective experience gathered by GSO. As discussion on the topic of safety continues, I will look forward to hearing your feedback on this piece.

I did send out the AAWS Highlights from the January 2017 Board meeting, but here are just a couple of highlights from the highlights:

- GSO 12-month unaudited report shows the following:
- Net sales were \$13,189,258 (2.1% under budget)
- Total expenses were \$15,415,815 (\$718,660 or 4.4% under budget)
- Contributions were \$7,154,146 (\$834,869 more than budgeted)
- Overall, excess revenue over expense (profit) is \$1,464,625; the budgeted loss for 2016 was \$26,690. So, the fellowship appears to be responding to last year's 'doom and gloom' outlook.
- The Finance Committee recommended that the 2017 budget reflect a bottom line profit of \$397,798.
- There has been an uptick in activity in relation to international licensing and translations in 2016 over 2015.
- The Big Book is now available in 69 approved translations
- 33 languages are printed and distributed by AAWS
- 37 are licensed, printed and distributed by local entities abroad.
- 22 are printed by both AAWS and International entities
- Work is continuing on the improvement of the ebook platform; work continues on the pagination issue.

Also, to note, the deadline for submission of resume forms for the open Appointed Committee Member for the Trustee's Public Information Committee has been extended until March 15.

To date, I have used approximately \$807 of my \$2600 annual budget.

I want you to invite me to your district! Please invite me for a post-General Service Conference presentation. I will likely be preparing a power point again this year and I can make it as long or as short as you want. It can be a part of your regular district meeting or it can be a special presentation. You can add me on for a half hour to a committee workshop or I could come speak at an Intergroup. The presentation of this year's General Service Conference can be tailored to your audience. Of course, I will be presenting at the Spring Conference in May, but please do not hesitate to ask me to come after that. I do not mind traveling and I want to be of service. I know more districts this year had pre-Delegate's Workshop events to discuss agenda items. Close the loop by inviting your Delegate to present what he saw, heard and felt at the 67th General Service Conference!

Thank you for all the work today in preparing me for the Conference. I am very grateful for the support. I also want to thank Sara P. for her amazing participation as Alternate Delegate while serving as Area Chair. It is a huge job. I also want to thank my service buddies and Past Delegates who share their experience, strength and hope with me, especially Bob M. who is a wealth of history and knowledge and Mary Jo, Len and Marty. The underbrush can get rather thick in the Service Jungle and I feel supported by good people who have my back. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve Area 74 and A.A. as whole. I do not take this responsibility lightly and I hope you will continue to pray for me over the next 9 months, 2 weeks and 6 days.  
Respectfully submitted,

Derek T., Delegate  
Panel 66 Area 74  
Northern Wisconsin/Upper Peninsula of Michigan

## **DCM Reports:**

### **District 02 -- Char V.**

The members of District 02 continue to embrace the unity of the fellowship by attending Intergroups. These are not a District 02 sponsored events; however, the groups do a wonderful job of hosting. Our next intergroup will be next Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup> in Neenah Wisconsin. Sara P the Area 74 Alternate Delegate/Area Chair will be sharing her experience, strength, and hope with us.

Since our last ACM District 02 held its annual GRS workshop, we also embarked on a new adventure of holding a pre-delegate's workshop. We found this to be most helpful in soaking up the GSC Agenda Items and the related background.

Our committees continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. We have feet on the ground.

We continue to work on cleaning up our guidelines and present a workable guideline to carry into the future.

The Annual Moose and Goose Corrections Literature Fundraiser will once again be held in District 02 in Seymour Wisconsin on April 22, 2017. District 02 intends to place a bid for the 2019 Spring Conference.

### **District 03 -- Stephen W.**

1. District 03 consists of the communities of Wisconsin Rapids, Port Edwards, and Nekoosa.
2. Our district currently has 11 active groups. Three of those being "open" meetings.
3. Our District meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Alano club.
4. The Tuesday Night Working With Others group holds an open speaker meeting on the 2nd Saturday of each month. This speaker meeting continues to grow with each passing month.
5. Our Public Information committee is thriving and continues to provide comprehensive information to our community.

Thank you,

Stephen Webster  
DCM District 03

## **District 04- Jeff D**

District 4 covers Portage & western Waupaca counties with 29 meetings and groups. All committees are currently filled and active. Meetings at Portage & Waupaca Co jails. Treatment committee holds an orientation meeting once a month for inpatient and outpatient. PI/CPC committee is planning an emotional sobriety workshop in August. James Lee from Florida will facilitate. Intergroup corned beef and cabbage next weekend. September Sara P will speak at annual Turkey feed. District meetings slowing down in enthusiasm and participation.

## **District 05 – Bryon B**

Over the last couple of months, we have had some openings with our Chair positions. We now have a new Archives Chair and a new Grapevine chair as of last District GSR meeting. All our positions are filled.

The Fall Conference Planning Committee has been meeting every month. Meetings are well attended and the process is going well. Speakers have been selected. There is now a way to register on line. On the main page of the District 05 web page there is a link. [www.district05.org](http://www.district05.org). There is an additional fee for the online registration or pay by check via mail. We encourage all members to register early.

The new web page for District 05 will be up and running in the next few months. It will have a mapping function built into it and the data for the meetings be automatically uploaded to a server and accessible by a phone app called "Meeting Guide". Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

In service

Bryon B

## **District 07 – Diane D.**

**CPC:** Health Professional bundles are being distributed to groups, two per group. As one is given out, district is prepared to replace it. This gives me, the DCM an opportunity this year to visit each group in my district. **SIDE NOTE:** A recovery story – a lady called asking about open meetings for her friend, a very shy, medical-profession student required to observe an AA meeting for course on alcoholism and addiction. Thus, the lady was helping by calling for information and accompanying her young friend. They attended the meeting, visited with us, gratefully received information and parted. A few days later, the lady called me back, in tears, crying for help for herself. This is truly how we are used in God's world to serve Him, through helping others. The meeting was not so much for the student, but for the friend who was dying in the grips of alcoholism. By the Grace of God, she was brought to the Fellowship of AA, now attending meetings and doing step-work weekly with a sponsor. **MORAL OF THE STORY:** No matter how long I've been in the program of AA, I continue to give back, even when I'm tired, overloaded, discouraged and just wanting to throw in the towel. Somehow, God sends me a message that shows me how very important every voice is, in our precious Fellowship of AA.

**MORE CPC:** To follow that CPC story, District 07 has distributed all their meeting list pamphlets, printed for organizations, medical facilities and businesses...even Laundromats. District 07 gets many calls from folks through printed meeting lists or on the A74 website. With the next meeting list update, I will be asking for a few more phone numbers of willing, able and stable AAs. Who is willing to introduce a new person with a desire to stop drinking to the Fellowship of AA by by meeting with them, taking them to a meeting, helping find a sponsor or temporarily sponsor them, arranging for them to get a Big Book, and encouraging them to connect with an established Homegroup. **QUESTIONS** for my District: What does it mean to put my phone number 'out there'? What am I willing to give of myself? Have I grown emotionally and spiritually to share with the new comer? If not, how do I learn to grow?

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR GSC:** Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, we had a special meeting to review the GSC Agenda items in full. It was small, but very good discussion. Bottom line, I am grateful for the time invested to prepare me better to share at Delegate's Workshop. This year, we have one District meeting prior to Assembly. This gives one more opportunity for groups to express their voice in District 07, should they be willing.

**JAIL MEETINGS:** District 07 touches four counties. Clark Co. is the only one where meetings halted because of a medical condition of the man taking those meetings into the jail. The others all have AA meetings going on at the co. jails, on a weekly basis, for men. We have a ray of hope that a meeting may develop in Clark Co. Jail...something which has been a struggle for some time. We continue to work on that.

**SERVICE ACTIVITY:** GSR involvement is still at a 'low ebb', but those attending are serious in their individual service activity. Always discussing how to encourage involvement, and bottom line is sponsors setting examples for sponsees. If sponsors don't do service work, how does the sponsee learn?? I am stressing in the meetings I attend, the importance of expressing our voice in AAWS, before our voice is lost.

### **District 8 – Joe W.**

Our district now has over 40 registered groups. We hold our monthly district meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at Mount View Care Center. With around 15 to 18 members attending. Our district covers Northern Marathon and Southern Lincoln Counties. We have a couple Home Groups hosting Anniversary potluck speaker meetings coming up. The Monday and Thursday Keep It Simple Group will host theirs on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>. at 12:30 at the Alano Club 711 McClellan St. Wausau, WI. the speaker will be Lisa M. from Rockford IL. Then the Came To Believe Group will host their 18<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary potluck speaker meeting on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>. at 6:00 at St. Stephens Church 512 McClellan St. Wausau, WI. They will have two Speakers Dawn M. from Grand Marais, MI. and Derek T. From Paradise, MI.

We are excited to now have a District 08 website and the address is [www.aawausauwi.org](http://www.aawausauwi.org) Its something our district has been very excited about.



We also have a couple of our committee Chairs wanting to put together a couple of workshops one on Corrections and another Traditions.

We also have been working very hard on putting together a bid for the fall of 2018 conference. We already have a hotel and conference place all set and a main speaker that will commit to come if we get the bid. Our district is getting really excited about be able to host a conference. So much so that our last district meeting lasted for over 3 hours.

### **District 10 – Kurt, Alternate**

Had a workshop last week. Entertaining & educational. Breakout panel on Promises, and Anger in Recovery. About 50+ people came.  
Looking for more GSRs to come to the District meetings.  
Trying to get at least 12 groups to sign up for a month to cover the hotline.  
Corrections going strong but could use more volunteers.  
Strong support for CPC and Treatment. Treatment committee sets up temporary contacts.  
Contact List chair is constantly updating  
Website continuously updating.

### **District 13 – Sonny**

Ashland & Bayfield Counties. 23 meetings. Previous 2 District meetings had newcomers which is rare. Now have at least 3 new attendees, so have 7 people. Finances are OK. Hotline receives about 10 calls/mo. Bayfield Co jail has women reps that bring meetings, only 1 for the men. 0 at Ashland co jail. PI updating list again. Short presentation on Delegate's workshop for the new people and talked about conference in Munising to encourage newcomers to attend.

### **District 16 – Fred**

Greetings from District 16, on the shore of Gitchee Gumee

We are currently showing signs of growth both in numbers attenders and in people actually working through the Twelve Steps. Although we have a serious shortage of qualified Sponsors (that is members bring alcoholics through the Twelve Steps and also members that can teach the Traditions and Concepts.

While District 16 encompass over two counties we only have roughly one hundred members. This year we are hosting two UP Inter-Groups, one in July in L'Anse and the other in September in Ontonagon. We hope to have a workshop "Our Common Ground" with our Northern neighbors, District 21, possibly prior to an Inter-Group.

Our District Newsletter is still well received featuring all Three Legacies. Both jail meetings are showing very good results. Our new alternate DCM, Zully, has been very active in the Baraga county and I have focused mostly on Ontonagon county. Again, as I said in my last report, progress, although slow, is still happening.

District meetings are still regular and effective with about eight people attending. Most members are beginning to feel optimistic about the future but we still need a lot more participation and prayer.

Yours in Service,  
Fred Martin  
DCM  
District 16

## **District 20**

District 20 is located in east central Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We have 22 meetings covering 3200 square miles and every day of the week.

- Last District meeting was March 4th.
  - A very brief “normal” meeting followed by reviewing GSO agenda items for today’s delegates Workshop. Great exchange of information. Lucky to have our delegate attend.
- Forwarded paperwork to the registrar to change a GSR to a contact, new alternate DCM, new GSR and a spreadsheet that accurately reflects District 20 meetings, group numbers, group names, meeting addresses and GSR/contacts, phones and addresses.
- Workshop scheduled for October 7<sup>th</sup> 2017. Topic will be determined by groups but will be based on one of the Area 74 committees.
- I have been involved in the Monthly DCM and PI Committee conference calls.
- Next U.P. Intergroup is April 8<sup>th</sup> in Iron Mountain MI.
- Spring 2017 Conference status.
  - Flyer on table. Please get registrations in. About 60 received so far.
  - Flyer includes motels that have given a discounted rate. Rooms are going fast.
  - Registration--\$18. Banquet--\$22. Stuffed chicken breasts and beef tips buffet.
  - We will have an onsite lunch available (Pasties) probably at no additional cost.
  - Skit on Friday night
- Next District meeting is April 1st

## **District 21 – Ron**

First, I would like to apologize for missing our December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. I had every intention of attending, but our area went from green grass to five feet of snow in three days starting on the 9<sup>th</sup>! My head said get in the truck and drive, my heart and my gut told me to stay home and be safe.

District 21 covers northern Houghton and Keweenaw counties in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The area includes two universities with current enrolments of about 12,000, tourism is our major year-round industry, and thus our recovery population is very transient. We strive to be available to all who visit and study here, be it the alcoholic in recovery, the alcoholic who still suffers, or their families and friends. Because of this, and because we have many self-professed "double winners", we recognize and support two allied programs, Al-anon (two meetings) and ACOA (one meeting). We currently have 20 regularly scheduled meetings as our six seasonal meetings have been discontinued until spring. We cooperate with Houghton County's drug court, as well as local residential treatment facilities and shelters, and although not in our district we continue to support A.A. meetings at Michigan Department of Corrections, Baraga Max.

Our 24 hour A.A. hotline is answered by Dial Help in Houghton, meetings are listed in our local newspaper, and meetings are mentioned on local radio stations, all at no charge. Our *abridged meeting schedule, A.A. pure*, can also be found on the Area 74 website.

Today a core group of 12 to 15 GSR's, chairpersons and officers, most with multiple responsibilities, have filled all district positions. One of our woman's group is hosting a mini retreat on April 1st, and we are currently working on this year's May 13<sup>th</sup> inter group. As a service to all groups we have ordered and are stocking over twenty AA publications, plus an array of pamphlets. Bulk orders, with no shipping costs, keep literature prices low and many people happy. Since starting this a little over a year ago, we have ordered and sold about \$2500.00 worth of literature.

I have reached out to all groups as DCM stressing financial responsibility and asking for their financial support, be it large or small. There has been considerable fall out due to Area 74's refusal to accept a donation from WICYPPA. The question most asked is why a registered group, whose donations are accepted by GSO, is shunned by Area 74? Members of WICY, MICY and ICCY, (Wisconsin, Michigan, and Illinois) have weighed in on this subject and as a result almost all groups are distributing their funds *only to our district and GSO*.

On the subject of our Fall Conference speaker, I played the disc at two of our meetings, it was well received by all, but the question came up about the "*two minute commercial at the beginning*"...

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Schreiner,  
Area 74, District 21, DCM

**District 23** – (Jay not present, but he sent in this report)

The following areas represent where District 23 has been directing its energy to be of optimum service to our A.A. Groups in particular, and to Area 74 in general:

The district has been devoting a large share of its energy to planning for our annual Spring Workshop 2017, in this case hosted by our *“Full Flight From Reality”* Big Book Study Group, District 23 and Area 74. The workshop is entitled, **“A.A.’s Last Leg – An Up-side Down Organization – A General and Twelfth Step Service Workshop for Home Groups”**. This event is slated for the Saturday of April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Come support our effort – perhaps you’ll learn something new! The flyers are out in the March *“Now & Then”* newsletter as well as posted on the Area 74 Website.

We’ve written, designed and published a tri-fold **“SERVICE WORK”** brochure directed specifically to our District 23 to help A.A. members and groups therein recognize the opportunities at their disposal locally to engage in our *“Third Legacy”*. This has been very well received, and will be available at our April 29<sup>th</sup> workshop.

An A.A. Approved Literature *“Reading Club”* has been established, using as their vehicle the FreeConferenceCall.com network. The first group will start off reading **“DR. BOB and the Good Oldtimers”**. We anticipate a series of such *“Book Clubs”* to be sprouting up in the district, once word gets out. We recommend each group limit itself to five committed members so as to keep conversation manageable and allow all a chance to read within the one hour a week format. A likely second group will be starting up soon, with their first choice being to read and explore **“The A.A. Service Manual”**.

The **“District 23 Annual Compilation Report for 2016”** was finally completed and distributed district-wide this March (four months behind the normal schedule), and has been received with much enthusiasm by the District 23 A.A. groups and their respective GSRs. The table of contents for the twenty-eight page annual report includes by way of addenda the following:

- District 23 Treasurer’s **“DISTRICT 23 FINANCIALSUMMARY REPORT 2016”** – (Addendum #1)
- District 23 **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT”** - (Addendum #2)
- District 23 **ANNUAL GENERAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT” - Income/Expense 2016”** – (Addendum #3)
- Dist. 23 **SUMMARY EXPENSE REPORT 2016; DCM, ALT.DCM, TREAS.”** – (Addend. #4)
- District 23 **“DCM’s 2016 EXPENSE REPORT (SCHEDULES 1 & 2) WITH SUMMARIES”** – (Addenda #4.a & 4.b)
- District 23 **“AREA 74 FALL CONFERENCE FINANCIALREPORT”** – (Addendum #5)
- District 23 **“SECRETARY’S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2016”** – (Addendum #6)
- District 23 **“ANNUAL LITERATURE & PI COMMITTEE REPORT”** – (Addendum #7)
- District 23 **“ARCHIVE REPRESENTATIVE’S 2016 REPORT”** – (Addendum 8)
- District 23 **“CORRECTIONS LIASON ANNUAL REPORT”** – (Addendum 9)
- District 23 **“DCM’s MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE DISTRICT 23 GSR COMMITTEE for 2016”** (Addendum 10)
- District 23 **“DCM’s PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE AREA 74 COMMITTEE (AMC) –** (Addendum 11)

The district spent its fifty percent 'proceeds-after-expenses' (\$984.21) from hosting the "**Area 74 2016 Fall Conference**" on cases of 'Big Books' and '12X12s' to distribute to groups in need – particularly those starting out as new groups and existing groups of small numbers.

**The District 23 GSR Committee Meetings continues to focus on creating the opportunity for groups**, through their respective GSRs, and District Officers to explore further areas of service to our groups. The vehicle we have been using on our agenda to facilitate this activity is the open-ended "*What's on Your Mind*" format; wherein there is no pre-planned or directed topic for discussion – relying more on our Higher Power's presence to inspire relaxed conversation which might lead us into doing "*the next right thing*". This activity has been very successful thus far, and we anticipate we'll have a number of new directions to follow in the near future.

Two District 23 groups have been stimulated to take on considering hosting our **annual fall workshop**, although as of yet no firm plans or dates exist – we'll keep you posted in future repots!

"Thank You" for the Opportunity to Serve A.A.,

Jay Hands, DCM;

District 23/Area 74 – A.A.

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