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Delegate's Corner

Greetings Area 74:

As I sat in my blind over opening weekend of deer hunting pondering on what I would write about in my December article for the Now and Then, I couldn't help but reflect on my first year as Delegate. What an experience it has been! I am forever grateful to have been able to serve Area 74 as the Delegate to the 68th General Service Conference. I thank each of you for allowing me to serve in this position over the past year. My life has been extremely active and my sleep activity has went way down but I will reassure you all that I am ready to do it all over again in 2019!!!

One of the Presentations at the 68th General Service Conference was on Fiduciary Responsibility and Intellectual Property. You can find this Presentation by David N., A.A.W.S. Director, in the 2018 Final Report starting on Page 21. This is a very interesting read and I would suggest you take a look at it over the next couple months. This Presentation obviously had to do with the Manuscript Litigation that took place in Alcoholics Anonymous. On Page 24 of the Final Report, David N., points out a current concern involving the alcoholicsanonymous.com domain name and this current website. We were asked at the General Service Conference to bring these concerns involving this website back to our groups and areas for discussion. I wanted you all to be aware of this situation and to be able to discuss it with your Homegroup.

On November 2, 2018, Greg Tobin, General Manager of Alcoholics Anonymous put out the following letter which I passed on to the Area 74 Committee: "We are pleased to announce that Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., has licensed the Meeting Guide technology. Meeting Guide was launched in November 2015 and provides a platform for local A.A. entities (Areas, Intergroup/Central Offices, Districts, etc.) to post their local A.A. meetings and currently provides information to more than 100,000 users, reflecting some 86,000 meetings. Since the meeting information is all made available through the app's mobile-friendly interface, those seeking a meeting have a simple, one-stop place to look. The collated meeting information will be available in the future through G.S.O.'s website, www.aa.org, and will be a component of the proposed A.A.W.S. app. The intent of incorporating the Meeting Guide component is to make it easier for members to find A.A. meetings. A.A. Intergroup/Central Offices, Districts and Areas that provide online meeting lists are invited to have their meetings displayed through the Meeting Guide. If you are already synchronizing your meetings through the Meeting Guide app there is no additional action necessary. When the new aa.org website launches at some point in 2019, your information will be seamlessly included.

Please note the meeting information database will operate completely independently from the Fellowship New Vision (FNV) database that is currently supported by G.S.O. Meeting Guide is a separate tool that offers A.A. entities full control of their local meeting information and collects it in one place. Users of this new portal will be linked to the service entity providing the information. Participation is, of course, voluntary, but the more connected the service is to the Fellowship as a whole, the more powerful a tool it will become. The current listing of Intergroups and Central Offices and other local entities in "A.A. Near You" on aa.org will not be impacted. Those wishing to contact A.A. in their community will still have access to the information that is currently available on the site. We have developed instructions about how to connect with this new resource at <https://meetingguide.aa.org>. If you have any questions about this initiative or how to synchronize your meetings to this database, dedicated support is in place. We welcome your input and suggestions." As Area 74 Delegate, I also welcome your input and suggestions.

Hoping to see you at the Area 74 Committee Meeting on Saturday, December 8, 2018. We will be holding a Sharing Session on this day which offers ALL AA members a time to use their experience, strength, and hope to contribute ideas and opinions about the welfare of A.A.

In Love & Service,

Sara Plansky-Pecor

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From the Area Chair

Greetings Area 74,

I hope this finds everyone well and sober. Even though this is an article for December, my mind has been drifting towards gratitude, which is a typical November topic. I think because my 11th anniversary was just the other day, I have been looking back on a lot of things. It is hard sometimes to comprehend just how much things have changed over the years. I can still recall vividly, the days of my drinking and just how awful an existence I had been living. I remember very well the Four Horsemen (Terror, bewilderment, frustration, and despair) as every day reminders of how hopeless life had become. Then one day eleven years ago, fear of drinking was just a little bit more intense than the fear of not drinking, and I made my way into Alcoholics Anonymous and life has never been the same since. There is so much to be grateful for today that trying to narrow it down to one single thing is impossible. I am of course grateful for sobriety itself, without which nothing else would be possible. I am also grateful to AA itself for providing not only a solution for Alcoholism but also a way of living that has afforded millions a new lease on life. I am grateful to our founders for leaving us three legacies which endure and thrive today. I am grateful for the many people who have touched my life who have demonstrated the Three Legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous in their lives and shown me directly how to do the same. I am grateful that the Three Legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous have allowed me to become a part of something much bigger than myself, and to become a useful human being living with purpose. How empty and superficial my life was before Alcoholics Anonymous, it really was just existing, not life as I know it today. I can say with absolute confidence that none of these things would have come to pass had I not been shown A's three legacies. I tried sobriety much earlier in life and only scratched the surface of recovery, taking what I wanted and leaving the rest. It kept me sober for a time but real peace and satisfaction in life eluded me. I missed the message of unity and service that first time around. I was a meeting maker until I wasn't, and I didn't make it. This anniversary is nostalgic for me because I went back out drinking for eleven years and now by the grace of God, I have enjoyed eleven years of continuous sobriety. I know with absolute certainty that without being united with my fellow Alcoholics, and without trying to give back and serve them, that life would just be existence, sober or not. I know that I would be missing two thirds of what AA has to offer. So to finish, I would like to thank you, the members of Alcoholics Anonymous, for welcoming me to this wonderful family and allowing me to serve you.

God bless you all

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DCMs AND GSRs

AREA 74 NEEDS UPDATED GROUP INFO

Please update your contact information with the Area 74 Registrar. The registrar can be reached multiple ways – By Mail – Area 74 Registrar c/o Gerri Ann Z– 141 North Birch Street - Gwinn, MI 49841. By Phone 906.346.2470. By email – gsrdistrict18@gmail.com . To get the forms, go to the GSO website www.aa.org. Click on “Information About A.A.”; For A.A. Members. That takes you to another webpage where you will click on “Getting Involved in General Service”. This will take you to another webpage where on the right side of the page will be two topics; one called “General Service Representative (GSR)” and the other “District Committee (DCM)”. Click on either one, which will take you to another webpage where the change forms will be located on the right side of the page

UPCOMING EVENTS				
MARQUETTE INTERGROUP	December 1, 2018	Fr. Marquette Middle Sch	414 W College Ave	Marquette, MI
DIST07 Workshop	December 4 7:00pm	Marshfield Alano Club	2111 S Central Ave.	Marshfield, WI
Area Committee Meeting AREA 74 AC INVENTORY	December 8, 2018 10AM-4PM	Reiter Center	1858 S Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
East Central Regional Conf of Delegates Past/Present	Feb 8-10,2019			Schaumburg, IL
Area 74 Delegates Workshop	Saturday March 9	Reiter Center	1858 S Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
Area 74 Winter Assembly	Saturday April 27	Reiter Center	1858 S Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
Area 74 Spring Conference	May 17-19	Liberty Hall Banquet & Conference Center	800 Eisenhower Dr.	Kimberly, WI
Area 74 Assembly	Sat May 18 9AM	Liberty Hall B & C Center	800 Eisenhower Dr.	Kimberly, WI
Area 74 Area Committee	Sun May 19 8 AM	Liberty Hall B & C Center	800 Eisenhower Dr.	Kimberly, WI
AA General Service Conf	May 19-25	Crowne Plaza	Times Square	New York, NY
Delegate’s Report & Area Committee Mtg (optional)	Sat June 22	Reiter Center	1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
East Central Regional Forum	July 12-14	Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport		Romulus, MI
Area 74 Fall Conference	Sep 20 – 22, 2019	Ramada of Waupaca	110 Grand Seasons Dr	Waupaca, WI
Area 74 Election Assembly	Sat Sept 21	Ramada of Waupaca	110 Grand Seasons Dr	Waupaca, WI
Area 74 Area Comittee	Sun Sept 22	Ramada of Waupaca	110 Grand Seasons Dr	Waupaca, WI
East Central Regional Conf	October 18-20			Milwaukee, WI
Area 74 Fall Assembly	Saturday Oct 26	Reiter Center	1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
Area 74 Area Committee	Saturday Dec 14	Reiter Center	1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI

2018 Dates to Remember

Area 74 –Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Northern Wisconsin

OPEN TO ALL AA MEMBERS OF AREA 74

December 8, 2018 10:00AM

OPEN SHARING SESSION/Area Committee Meeting

Reiter Center, 1858 S. Michigan Street, Three Lakes, WI

2019 Dates to Remember

Area 74 –Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Northern Wisconsin

The servants of Area 74 are excited to provide the “Dates to Remember” calendar for the Area 74 Service Structure. We are lucky to live in an area that hosts many conferences, workshops and fellowship events. As your trusted servants, we sometimes miss the chance to participate in local events because they conflict with the service events you have entrusted us to conduct.

We hope that, by providing the Area 74 Dates to Remember, calendar in early fall; it can be considered as you plan your service and fellowship events for the coming year.

We look forward to seeing you at the following events:

<i>February 8-10 (CDPP)</i>	<i>East Central Regional Conference of Delegates Past and Present Schaumburg, IL.</i>
March 9, 2019	Delegates Workshop, ACM Reiter Center, 1858 S. Michigan Street, Three Lakes, WI
April 27th, 2019	Winter Assembly Reiter Center, 1858 S. Michigan Street, Three Lakes, WI
<i>May 19-25, 2019</i>	<i>69th General Service Conference, New York</i>
May 17-19, 2019	Area 74 Spring Conference –District 02, Kimberly, WI
May 18, 2019	Assembly
May 19, 2019	Area Committee Meeting
June 22 nd , 2019	Delegates report on the 69 th General Service Conference. (optional Area Committee mtg. to follow). Reiter Center, Three Lakes,
July 12-14, 2019	East Central Regional Forum Romulus, MI
September 20-22, 2019	Area 74 Fall Conference – District 04, Waupaca, WI
Sept 21, 2019	Voting Assembly
Sept 22, 2019	Area Committee Meeting
October 18-20, 2019	East Central Regional Conference Milwaukee, WI
October 26 th , 2019	Area 74 Assembly Reiter Center, 1858 S. Michigan Street, Three Lakes, WI
December 14, 2019	Area 74 Committee Meeting Reiter Center, 1858 S. Michigan St., Three Lakes, WI

AREA 74 ARCHIVIST NEEDED

Anyone who has an interest in serving as the Area 74 Archivist, please submit that information to me.

Below is an excerpt from page 8 of the Area 74 Guidelines as to the duties and procedure for confirming a new Archivist.

Section 10.00 The Area Archivist will be a non-rotating member of the Area Archives Committee; will be responsible for the collection, the documents, and artifactual items of Area 74; takes care of and maintains the physical integrity or condition of the collection; develops finding aids, so as to add to the collection; is responsible for ensuring the protection of members and the confidentiality of all AA records. An AA Archivist is the “keeper of the past.” The Archives Committee using the Archives workbook as a guide will select the Archivist and recommend to the Area Assembly for approval.

In service,

Bryon B

Area 74 Archives Committee Chair

DISTRICT MEETING LIST DECEMBER 2018

DISTRICT #	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
1	Thursday	13th	6:30pm	Central Office, 1720 Main St. #102 Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	9th	2:00pmM	Shepard of the Hills N1615 Meadowview Dr. Greenville, WI
3	Thursday	20th	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	3rd	7:00pm	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S Main St. Amherst, WI
5	Weds	12th	6:45	Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E, Menominee, WI
6				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
7	Sunday	16th	4:00PM	DCMs Home 812 S Vine Ave. Marshfield, WI
8	Tuesday	11th	7:00pm	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St., Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	2nd	2:00pm	United Methodist Church 314 Main St Suring, WI
10	Saturday	8th	9:00AM	*****THE REITER CENTER THREE LAKES, WI*****
11				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
12				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
13	Monday	3rd	5:30pm	Chequamegan Bay Serenity Club 310 Stuntz Ave., Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	9th	5:30pm	New Richmond Alano Club 1448 N 4th Street, New Richmond, WI
15				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
16				NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER
17				
18	Saturday	1st	11:00am	Party's Unlimited 106 N Main St Ishpeming, MI
19				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
20	Saturday	1st	11:00AM	United Methodist Church 1212 Morrison St Germfask, MI
21	Thursday	6th	6:30pm	The Salvation Army 408 Racine St Hancock, MI
22	Monday	3rd	6:00pm	Hope Church 12th Ave & Michigan St, Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Sunday	2nd	6:30pm	Lakeview United Methodist Church 23980 Co. Rd. "X", Hertel, WI
24				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE

DISTRICT MEETING LIST JANUARY 2019

DISTRICT #	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
1	Thursday	10th	6:30pm	Central Office, 1720 Main St. #102 Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	13th	2:00 PM	First United Methodist Church 325 E Franklin St Appleton, WI
3	Thursday	17th	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Wisconsin Rapids, WI
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15				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
16	Saturday	20th	11:00AM	United Lutheran Church, 304 Main St., L'Anse, MI.
17				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
18	Saturday	5th	11:00am	First United Methodist Church 111.E. Ridge St Marquette, MI
19				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
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Marquette Intergroup

Saturday, December 1

Father Marquette

Middle School

414 W College Ave, Marquette

Speakers—TBA

PLEASE bring a
dish to pass:

Based on last name

A-I—Appetizers

J-Q—Side Dishes

R-Z—Desserts

4p.m.—Corrections

5p.m.—GSR Meeting

6p.m.—Dinner

7p.m.—Speakers

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF AREA 74

**SHARING SESSION INVITATION
SATURDAY DECEMBER 8TH 10 AM**

The Area 74 Assembly on October 27th voted to hold an open sharing session at the upcoming Area Committee meeting December 8th in Three Lakes, WI. This sharing session is open to ALL members of Alcoholics Anonymous and everyone who attends, has a voice for the sharing session. We will begin at 10 a.m. central time and go until 2:45 p.m. with the Area Committee meeting to follow at 3 p.m. The topic will be open ended, you can speak to whatever is on your mind concerning AA as a whole. I hope to see a great turnout and look forward to meeting some new faces.

*******SERVICE IS THE SECRET !!*******

DIST 07 Speaker Meeting

December 4, 2018 7:00 pm

GUEST SPEAKER: Jeff D, Area 74 Chair/Alternate Delegate

Alano Club, 2111 S Central Ave. Marshfield, WI

Questions call Mike H 715-207-9801 or Phil D 715-207-5066

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