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## Delegate's Corner

Greetings Area 74:

Happy Gratitude Month! As your current Delegate, one of my duties is to help area committees obtain financial support for the area and General Service Office. Therefore, I would like to suggest that as a show of gratitude for your sobriety in 2018, you consider making an anniversary contribution to Area 74 and/or the General Service Office. The contribution guidelines for Area 74 allow for individual contributions to the Treasury. Please consider giving \$1 for every year of sobriety you have at this time.

As a first year Delegate, I was required to provide Area Service Highlights at the 68<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. Area Highlights are a brief snapshot of what is happening in your area. During the General Service Conference, each regional trustee introduces the first year area Delegates in the region at the podium. Each first year Delegate then gives a two-minute area report. I have not shared my Area Highlights with you as I knew they would be printed in the Final Report of the General Service Conference. However, after receiving the Final Report from the 68<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference I noticed my Area Highlights were edited and therefore, I wanted to share with you what I prepared and presented on behalf of Area 74 at the 68<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference.

“Area 74 includes the Northern half of Wisconsin and most of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Area 74 has 676 groups and consists of 24 districts. We hold a Delegates Workshop, four assemblies, two conferences, and at least four area committee meetings per year. Two of our four assemblies are stand-alone events while the other two assemblies are held during our Area sponsored Spring and Fall Conferences. Our conferences are held at different locations throughout the area and are established based on a bidding process by the districts. The Area 74 service structure includes our area officers as well as 11 standing committees. We have a monthly Newsletter, “Now & Then”, which has been continuously printed since July 1959. Our Area 74 Website is part of our Public Information Committee. We are fortunate to have strong participation by our past delegates. Our past delegates do have a voice and a vote at our assemblies. We have active area committees and Area 74 is committed to carrying AA’s message. We continue to face challenges in our area service and struggle with how to increase participation by GSR’s and DCM’s at the area level. I am excited to move forward with this year’s rotation of Panel 68 servants in Area 74 and to follow as our Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous states on page 77, “Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us.” I am truly humbled for this experience to serve Area 74 and the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

Please note, the second from the last sentence of my Area Service Highlights was edited. On page 61 of the 2018 Final Report under the heading Area Service Highlights – Panel 68 Delegates, it states, Only first-term delegates give Area Highlights. Per 2018 Conference Advisory Action, these highlights are presented “in their entirety.”

Wishing each of you a very Happy Thanksgiving!!!

In Love & Service,  
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## From the Area Chair

Greetings Area 74,

I hope this finds you all well, I am writing this a few days before our upcoming Assembly. Talking with a fellow Area servant yesterday, it was brought to my attention that no one has come forward to fill the vacant co-Editor position for the Now & Then. This was also true of the vacant Archivist position the last I had heard. I am wondering why no one is willing to step forward, but thinking back on my own reluctance, not all that long ago, regarding the service position I am currently serving in has brought some thoughts to mind. At the voting Assembly last year, I had a much different idea about how I was going to serve the Area than how I am today. Even though I was eligible to serve as Alternate Delegate/Area Chair and had relevant experience to consider standing for the job, I really did not want to. The job seemed to me, to be far too time consuming and difficult. It seemed to be a potentially confrontational position which I was also not too keen on. I convinced myself that I was not ready nor competent enough to fulfill the duties of the position, and that there were others more imminently qualified. Thanks to some awesome mentors in Alcoholics Anonymous that God has put in my life, I was able to see that all those reasons were pure rubbish, born out of Selfishness and Fear. If I am honest, what I have always wanted is to be of use, so long as it is convenient and doesn't demand too much of me. Most of my life prior to Alcoholics Anonymous has been about satisfying my wants and being comfortable. To this day when I am not in good spiritual condition, I fall back to comfort over character. It has been my experience thus far that living for comfort and wants is a shallow and unfulfilling existence. The greatest experiences of my life have almost always come when I step out of comfort and do the things I don't want to do. Genuine peace and happiness have always been the bi-products of doing as God would have me do, not what I want to do. The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous tells us on page 68 that "Just to the extent that we do what we think He would have us, and humbly rely on Him, does He enable us to match calamity with serenity." I have found this statement to be 100% true in my life and have seen it evidenced in others. I still have my doubt and fear regarding my role here and I question my performance in this role you have elected me to constantly, but when I talk to God about it, I know absolutely that I am doing what he would have me do.

I would like to challenge anyone who has maybe considered standing for co-Editor or Archivist to really consider what God would have you do. Is fear and selfishness the real reasons for holding you back? Both jobs can seem intimidating when thinking about them, but they can also seem so rewarding and important at the same time. I can tell you from my experience thus far, that nothing is really as hard as it seems when you ask God to guide your decisions, and walk with you while trudging the road to happy destiny.

God bless you all

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**If there is only a group name and location, or contact address, please include this.**

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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](mailto:gsrdistrict18@gmail.com) . To get the forms, go to the GSO website [www.aa.org](http://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				
<b>DIST 20 CPC WORKSHOP</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 3RD</b>	<b>POSTPONED</b>		
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 Committee	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

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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>69<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> , 2019	Delegates report on the 69 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> , 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

## \*\*\*\*\*ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*\*\*\*

The NOW & THEN Area 74 newsletter will soon begin to be distributed electronically rather than by US Postal Service delivery.

Any Group with the necessity of receiving a hard copy by postal delivery can do so by notifying the Now & Then Co-Editors and Area 74 Registrar. Otherwise, the primary delivery method will be electronically. Any other entity or person who wishes to receive a hard copy must pay in advance with a yearly (12 month) subscription of \$25.00

**ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION WILL NOT START UNTIL AFTER DECEMBER 2018. NO CHANGES UNTIL THEN**

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## ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF AREA 74

### SHARING SESSION INVITATION SATURDAY DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 10 AM

The Area 74 Assembly on October 27<sup>th</sup> voted to hold an open sharing session at the upcoming Area Committee meeting December 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**DISTRICT MEETING LIST NOVEMBER 2018**

<b>DISTRICT #</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
1	Thursday	8th	6:30pm	Central Office, 1720 Main St. #102 Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	11th	2:00p	Shepard of the Hills N1615 Meadowview Dr. Greenville, WI
3	Thursday	15th	5:30	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	1st	7:00pm	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S Main St. Amherst, WI
5	Weds	14th	6:45	Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E, Menominee, WI
6				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
7	Sunday	18th	4:00P	DCMs Home 812 S Vine Ave. Marshfield, WI
8	Tuesday	6th	7:00pm	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St., Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	4th	2:00pm	United Methodist Church 314 Main St Suring, WI
10	Saturday	10th	9:00A	United Methodist Church Arbutus st Rhinelander, WI
11				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
12				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
13	Monday	5th	5:30pm	Chequamegan Bay Serenity Club 310 Stuntz Ave., Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	11th	5:30pm	New Richmond Alano Club 1448 N 4th Street, New Richmond, WI
15				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
16				NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER
17	Monday	26th	6:00pm	105 W. Fleishiem Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday	3rd	11:00a	Party's Unlimited 106 N Main St Ishpeming, MI
19				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
20	Saturday			United Methodist Church 1212 Morrison St Germfask, MI
21	Thursday	1st	6:30pm	The Salvation Army 408 Racine St Hancock, MI
22	Monday	5th	6:00pm	Hope Church 12th Ave & Michigan St, Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Sunday	4th	6:30pm	Lakeview United Methodist Church 23980 Co. Rd. "X", Hertel, WI
24				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE

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15				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
16	Saturday	22nd	11:00A	United Lutheran Church, 304 Main St., L'Anse, MI.
17				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
18	Saturday	1st	11:00a	First United Methodist Church 111.E. Ridge St Marquette, MI
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Hello Area 74,

My name is Lucas Munns and I am an Alcoholic. I am also your new Area 74 webmaster. Thank you for allowing me to be of service and develop/maintain a much-needed resource in our area. I wanted to introduce myself and share some ideas.

Currently, I am living in Eau Claire, WI (District 5). My sobriety date is June 15, 2015. I have worked the twelve steps with my sponsor and have had the privilege of sponsoring other men. My home group is the Monday, There is a Solution Group, at 5:00 PM in Eau Claire, WI.

I started getting involved with the Area assemblies by becoming the GSR of that group earlier this year. I have learned a lot about general service and met many wonderful people since then. It's amazing how much goes on at this level of service in Alcoholics Anonymous. At the delegate's workshop I heard about things I never knew existed like La Vina, pamphlets, AdWords, original manuscripts, and much more.

Web development has been an interest of mine since High School. Although I struggled with the disease of Alcoholism throughout my schoolwork, I managed to graduate from UW Eau Claire in 2015 with a major in Computer Science. I discovered the program of Alcoholics Anonymous shortly after that. I am passionate about these parts of my life, so working on the Area 74 website is a great fit!

I met with the Public Information chair at the last assembly and we came up with some steps to get us started for the website. Firstly, we want to get everything updated. I know firsthand what it is like to go to a meeting and nobody is there. I will do my best to update meeting directories, conferences, and events so alcoholics can find us. This will take precedence over any other work I am doing on the website.

Secondly, we want to make the website as secure as possible. I have heard from a few people that this could be an issue. We will have to do some research to see if any security threats exist in the code and the supporting software. The protected area of the website is one area of the code we will look closely at and see if there is anything to improve. Once we know what we are dealing with we can decide what to do next.

Thirdly, we would like to redesign the website. Unfortunately, I am not a graphic designer. Fortunately, there are many great HTML, CSS, and JS libraries out there that we can leverage like Bootstrap or Foundation that make this a lot easier and provide prebuilt designs. I had some other ideas like creating a custom Area 74 banner and color scheme too. If there are any graphic designers out there, I would love to work with you.

I want you to know that the Area 74 website is all of ours. If you have any thoughts or ideas on how we could improve it, please send us an email. I have already heard some great suggestions and I am taking notes. There is a lot of work to do, but I know we can get it done. I look forward to working with you and helping alcoholics in need!

Sincerely,

**Lucas Munns**

*Area 74 Webmaster*

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## **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



# 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.

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### Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Workshop

A chance for professionals and those of us in recovery to meet and exchange experiences. **ALL AA MEMBERS WELCOME**

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#### Sponsored by Area 74/District 20 Alcoholics Anonymous

Come join us in Munising, Michigan to meet professionals working with alcoholics in their careers. We will have representatives from the court, law enforcement, medical, ministry and recovery fields. There will be brief introductions followed by a question and answer session. Lunch will be provided

When: Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018  
Time: Noon--4:00 P.M.  
Where: Get Away Drop-In Center  
Address: 226 W. Superior St.  
Munising, Michigan.

#### AGENDA

Noon—1:00 Lunch  
1:00--2:00 Introductions  
2:00—4:00 Questions and Answers

**THIS WORKSHOP HAS BEEN POSTPONED  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

# ***U.P TRAVELING INTERGROUP***

***Where:***

***St. John Catholic***

***325 S. Pine St.***

***Ishpeming Mi.***

***Sponsored by:***

***T&T Group***

***When: November 10th***

***TIMES: CORRECTIONS 4PM***

***GSR 5PM***

***Dinner 6pm***

***Al-Anon/AA Speakers 7pm***

***PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING A DISH  
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