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Delegate's Corner

Greetings Area 74:

I am writing this month's article for the Now and Then after returning from the East Central Regional Forum which was held July 12-14, 2019, at the Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport in Detroit, Michigan. Regional Forums are weekend-long informational gatherings that bring together A.A. members with representatives from the General Service Board and the A.A. World Services and AA Grapevine Corporate Boards, as well as with Grapevine/LaVina and General Service Office staff. It was a full weekend filled with lots of A.A. information and lots of A.A. Fellowship with friends that I have made from all over. As a seated Delegate, I had the honor of moderating a workshop on Leadership at the Forum. There was a total of 326 registrants who attended this ECR Forum in Detroit. You are able to view the events from this weekend, by going to the aa.org website and clicking on Regional Forum Information and then scrolling down to Forum Reports.

I am looking forward to the upcoming Area 74 Fall Conference in Waupaca, WI and am hoping many of you are planning to attend. This is our Area 74 Election Assembly at which time we will be holding elections for our next two-year rotation of "trusted servants". You are invited and strongly encouraged to join us at this exciting service meeting as we elect the next rotation of Panel 70 Area Officers and Standing Committee Chairs. I am amazed to think my current position as Delegate is winding down. What an awesome ride I have had! I would like to share that any service position I have held whether at the Group, the District or the Area has given me way more than what I have had to give out. I plan to continue to give back to Area 74 and help out in any way I can to assist our upcoming trusted servants as they trudge this road down our service structure.

We will not be holding an Area 74 Committee Meeting in the month of August and therefore, I would like to suggest members review their Service Manuals and think about our upcoming elections. I would encourage anyone interested in standing for an Area position at the elections in September to contact the current person or any person who has served in that capacity in the past to ask questions you may have about the service position. I am always available to any A.A. member who has any question regarding service or any other A.A. related matter. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

In Love & Service, Sara Plansky-Pecor Panel 68, Area 74 Delegate Northern Wisconsin/Upper Peninsula of Michigan delegate@area74.org 715.938.7752

From the Area Chair

Greetings Area 74,

I hope this finds you all well and sober. Things have been quiet on the service front as of late for me, with the exception of my new position as coffee maker for my home group, I have not had much going on lately. The next time we all meet will be at the Fall Conference in Waupaca, Wisconsin September 20-22nd. We will have an Assembly on Saturday, and Area Committee Meeting on Sunday. For this years Assembly we will have no business as it is a voting Assembly for all our service positions in 2020. I have always enjoyed voting Assemblies and this year will be no exception as it gets me out of Chairing the Assembly Iol. For personal reasons I have decided not to stand for any position in the Area for the 2020 rotation, I plan to come back and try to serve in the Area again in the next rotation after this one. In the meantime, I am still going to serve in my Home Group and District wherever there may be a need. I want to thank all of you for all the service opportunities you have bestowed upon me over the years, it has been a growing experience and a tremendous honor. I look forward to seeing familiar faces stepping up for the various positions but also hope to see some newer folks take the plunge and dive in.

After this Assembly, we will have our Winter Assembly in Three Lakes in October. As is usual, this Assembly will have a heavy load of business we need to address. The 2020 Budget, confirming 2020 Service dates, possible recommendations from 3 different Ad-Hoc committees, a motion from the Grapevine Committee, are just some of the things that will be on the agenda. I will be proposing to the Area Committee, which is tasked with setting the agendas for our Assemblies, to reverse the order of how we traditionally have addressed things at Assemblies. Basically we would start in immediately with business and put officer and chair reports along with conference update reports on the back end of the day. We did this last October when we also had a heavy load and it worked out well. That's all I got for you this month thus far, God bless and keep you all and see you soon God Bless,

Jeff D. alternate Delegate/Area Chair.

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| 2019 Dates to Remember | | | | |
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| Area 74 –Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Northern Wisconsin | | | | |
| 9/5-8/2019 | National AA Archives Workshop | Hotel St. Regis 3071 W. Grand Blvd | Detroit, MI | |
| 9/20-22/2019 | Area 74 Fall Conference* | Ramada 110 Grand Seasons Dr | Waupaca, WI | |
| 9/21/19 Sat | Area 74 Election Assembly* | Ramada 110 Grand Seasons Dr | Waupaca, WI | |
| 9/22/19 Sun | Area 74 Area Committee* | Ramada 110 Grand Seasons Dr | Waupaca, WI | |
| 10/18-20/2019 | East Central Regional Conference* | Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport | Milwaukee, WI | |
| 10/26/19 Sat | Area 74 Fall Assembly* | Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St | Three Lakes, WI | |
| 12/14/19 Sat | Area 74 Area Committee* | Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St | Three Lakes, WI | |
| 7/2-5/2020 | International Convention of AA | COBO Center (Downtown) | Detroit, MI | |

^{**}NOTE FROM THE DELEGATE: The servants of Area 74 are excited to provide the dates 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 service structure dates in early fall; they can be considered as you plan your service and fellowship events for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you.

NOTE FROM CO-EDITORS: We have combined the general events and the Area 74 Service Structure events into one calendar. **BOLD = AREA 74 events** UNBOLD = General AA events in our area

The Area 74 Treasury has a new contribution mailing address effective immediately.

Send Area 74 Contributions To: Area 74 Treasury

P.O. BOX 1191 Appleton, WI 54912-1191

Very Important!! Please include group number, group name, and address of group location or point of contact

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

Thank You, Area 74 Treasurer treasurer@area74.org

PLEASE SEND ITEMS, ARTICLES, DISTRICT NEWS, STANDING COMMITTEE ARTICLES, GROUP OPINIONS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE UPCOMING ISSUES OF YOUR AREA 74 NEWSLETTER

*****NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR NOW & THEN*****

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P.O. BOX 192

STURGEON BAY, WI 54235

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| 2 | Sunday | 11th | 2:30 pm | St. Paul's Church 410 Wallace St. Combined Locks, WI |
| 3 | Thursday | 15th | 5:30 PM | Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Wisconsin Rapids, WI |
| 4 | Thursday | 8 th | 7:00pm | Peace Lutheran Church 293 S Main St. Amherst, WI |
| 5 | Weds | 15th | 6:45 pm | Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E, Menominee, WI |
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| 8 | Tuesday | | 7:00pm | Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St.,, Wausau, WI |
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| 16 | Saturday | _ | 11:00 am | Ontonagon United Methodist Church, 109 Greenland, Ontonagon, MI |
| 17 | Monday | 26th | 6:00pm | 105 W. Fleishiem Iron Mountain, MI |
| 18 | Saturday | 3 rd | 11:00 am | Party's Unlimited 106 N Main St Ishpeming, MI |
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| 21 | Sunday | 4 th | 7:00 PM | Holy Trinity Church Hwy 41 Chassell, MI |
| 22 | Monday | 5 th | 6:00pm | Hope Church 12th Ave & Michigan St, Sturgeon Bay, WI |
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AREA 74 SURVEY CONCERNING ASSEMBLIES and AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Greetings and thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey. This survey was developed to study the effectiveness, efficiency and facilitation of four Assemblies/Area Committee meetings per year. Your responses are valuable to the health and welfare of Area 74.

Currently Area 74 holds four Assemblies per year. The Standing Committee Chairs report to the Assembly at least once per year. Since 2011, Assemblies have been held as follows:

- April stand-alone event (Three Lakes WI), focused on the General Service Conference (GSC) agenda items
- May held in conjunction with the Area 74 Spring Conference (rotating location), focused on the Delegate's Report on the GSC.
- September held in conjunction with the Area 74 Fall Conference (rotating location); in odd years the entire Assembly is devoted to elections.
- October stand-alone event (Three Lakes WI); includes annual budget.

Currently the Area Committee Meeting (ACM) includes reports from the District Committee Members (DCMs) and is held four or five times per year as follows:

- March after the Delegate's Workshop (Three Lakes, WI).
- May during the Area 74 Spring Conference (rotating location).
- August optional (Three Lakes, WI).
- September during Area 74 Fall Conference (rotating location).
- December (Three Lakes, WI).

This survey can be completed as an individual or as a group conscience. Please complete the survey only one time as an individual.

- 1. Fill out online at www.area74.org, this will be automatically tallied when you hit the submit button at the end.
- The link below will go directly to the online survey; https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeiwT8055YTCH2-9jc2xp330ECUe2MqxkvwebZwSr4cbfzn5g/viewform?usp=sf_link
- 3. The survey can be returned via email to survey@area74.org or to address below.

Area 74 Treasurer PO Box 1191 Appleton, WI. 54912

Please share this survey and links! We are hoping for as many responses as possible.

Survey ends Saturday August 31, 2019

Definitions (Links to pamphlets).

DCM--https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/aa-literature/f-12-your-dcm

GSC--https://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/service-material-from-the-gso/smf-116-the-general-service-conference-structure-us-and-canada

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOW TO DISSEMINATE ISSUES OF THE N & T

We have heard much positive feedback about the electronic version of the Area 74 newsletter. The most frequent problem many groups are relaying to us is it takes too much paper/ink to print off copies of the monthly issues. We have been instructing members through direct correspondence on what to do and thought it might be beneficial to include methods to get the newsletter, or portions of it, to other members of the group(s).

Some suggestions:

- 1. Have individuals send an email to area74newsletter@gmail.com and they can be added to the distribution list for free and receive their own copy.
- 2. Distribute to other home group or AA members via email by forwarding the original email to them.
- 3. Update the Group Information (new GSR or Contact) with the Area 74 Registrar by submitting a Group Change Form and getting the group info updated. If your updated info includes an email address your group will receive an electronic version automatically. If no email is submitted, the Registrar will provide information on how to proceed.
- 4. Print off the whole electronic version in Black & White to save cost
- 5. Print off the portions of the newsletter the group would like to have in hard copy. Almost every printer has the option to print off only certain pages of a document.

Ex. The Group decides to only print information directly attributed to the communication between the Group and the Area Committee, and to print copies of Area 74 Conference fliers.

Instructions: a. Select 'Print'

b. Under <u>PAGES</u> Click on 'From' Add page to start Ex. 1 Click on 'To' Add page to end Ex. 9

OR if not consecutive pages

- c. Under <u>PAGE RANGE</u> Enter page numbers or page ranges separated by commas (e.g. 1-3,6,8,10-12,17,18) thus eliminating unwanted pages.
- 6. Use the Enrollment Form and pay the \$25 subscription fee to receive an abridged version.

We hope sharing these options helps in distributing the Now & Then, your written communication vehicle between the Area Committee and your group and individual members of Area 74

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Financial statement for Now & Then 1.1.19 thru 6.30.19

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| BEGINNING BALANCE | 1.1.2019 | | | 890.58 |
| DEPOSIT FROM AREA 74 | | | 2000.00 | |
| SUBSCRIPTION FEES RECEIVED | | | 100.00 | |
| PRINTING COSTS | | 889.88 | | |
| POSTAGE | | 288.83 | | |
| PO BOX RENTAL YRLY | | 70.00 | | |
| EMAIL SERVER COST | | 54.44 | | |
| COMMITTEE TRAVEL EXPENSE | | 48.38 | | |
| OFFICE EXPENSES LABELS, INK, ENVELOPES | | 123.56 | | |
| ENDING BALANCE CASH ON HAND | 6.30.19 | | | 1515.49 |

The following proposal and enrollment form was passed by the Area Assembly on April 27,2019.

Approved Plan --- Now & Then for Opt-into Hard Copy Area 74 Assembly April 27, 2019

MOTION PASSED: The October 28^{th} Fall 2018 Area 74 Assembly passed a motion: The Area74 newsletter, the Now & Then, will begin using electronic distribution for the monthly issues produced. Groups with no ability to receive an electronic copy may opt \Box in to receive a printed hard copy via US Postal Service paid for by group contributions received by Area 74. Any other entity or person may receive a printed hard copy provided they pay for the cost of production and postage in advance.

BACKGROUND: The following proposal with action plan and enrollment form comes from the Now & Then Coeditor and the Coeditor elect (pending assembly approval). The Coeditors and the Now & Then Conversion committee spent many hours and numerous conference calls developing this proposal and are in unanimous support of this recommendation. The Coeditors thank the Now & Then Conversion committee for their dedication, input, and support throughout the process of implementing the transition to a primarily electronic delivery of the newsletter.

PROPOSAL: Area 74 will provide and mail an abridged hardcopy version of the Now & Then, the Area 74 monthly newsletter (shortened to manage cost), to any registered group in Area 74 that has NO ability to receive an electronic version upon request as long as all of the following criteria are met:

- 1. They are a registered AA Group listed with the General Service Office (Note: the Co-editors will offer assistance registering with GSO if needed).
- 2. The Group has a valid, current mailing address to which the newsletter may be sent successfully.
- 3. The GSR or group contact completes and submits a Now & Then Enrollment Form (see below) to the Now & Then to subscribe and must subsequently renew every 12 months thereafter to re-enroll if the need continues.

ACTION PLAN: The committee recommends that this proposal occur in two steps:

- 1. All registered groups with no known email address in the New Vision Database (aka GSO registered group list) will be sent a letter asking them to send a completed Group Change Form including an email address to the Area 74 Registrar. If the group does not want to send an email address to the Registrar they can complete the Now and Then Enrollment Form and send it to the Now & Then Co-editors instead.
- 2. Any Group submitting a New Group Form, or a Group Change Form (subsequent to the initial mailing contact) will be sent a Now & Then Enrollment Form by the Registrar if no email address is listed on the form.

In service,

Jeff C. Co-Editor and Michelle Z. Co-Editor elect (pending Assembly approval)

MOTION FROM AREA 74 GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE

Motion: The Grapevine Committee recommends that the Area 74 Assembly discuss and approve an agenda item request for the 70th General Service Conference (GSC):

Alcoholics Anonymous Grapevine, Inc (AAGV) develop a digital service material piece in looped audio/visual format and make available for use and download by groups, GVrs, district & area Grapevine Committees and workshop presenters. This service material could be used in displays via tablet, smartphone or laptop to assist trusted servants in carrying the message of AA GV and therefore reach more alcoholics who still suffer. The looped presentation might include all things Grapevine: history, ways to subscribe, how to submit personal stories, etc.

Background

District 21 GVr reached out to Area 74 GV Chair regarding the availability of service material that would assist group, district and area grapevine reps in carrying the message of the AA Grapevine at their respective displays. She was looking for something digital that could loop on a laptop, tablet, etc. and help do the talking if someone was not immediately present at the display. And besides, many people receive information in this format, so it might be a more appropriate form of communication for today and tomorrow.

Area 74 GV Chair reached out to the Outreach Coordinator in NY:

"I've been asked by a GVr if GV has a loop promo (for lack of a better term) video in CD or digital format that could be run on a laptop at a GV display. Her thinking is she'd like to have something that runs at a display table because that is how some people are better able to pick up information about GV and it could be displayed while someone may not actually be present (i.e. at a conference or workshop). Do you have something like this? We discussed if perhaps there wasn't, we might submit as a GSC agenda item in the future to request that be developed. Do you get requests for something like that?"

From the Outreach Coordinator in NY:

"We will be presenting a few "explainer videos" via youtube in the coming months, so as we say, more will be revealed! "

Based on this feedback, the GV Chair formed a committee consisting of Lil R., Steven S. Rachel Mc. and Sara P. The Committee met via conference call on June 28 and July 11. The committee agreed that Youtube explainer videos would not necessarily satisfy the need expressed. More and more people receive and process information though digital channels and a "screen". GV displays may not always be in a place with WiFi access; the committee felt strongly that a downloadable and portable format of a looped service piece would help to spread the message of the AA Grapevine and therefore reach more alcoholics who still suffer. The committee discussed and agreed with moving forward with an agenda item request for the 70th General Service Conference.

Respectfully submitted, Area 74 Grapevine Committee

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The 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous



(https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/international-convention-2020)

The 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held July 2–5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan with the theme "Love and Tolerance is our Code." A.A. members and guests from around the world will celebrate A.A.'s 85th year at this event with big meetings held Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning in the Ford Field Stadium. Other meetings, scheduled or informal, will take place throughout the weekend in the COBO Center in downtown Detroit.

We know many are excited about the International Convention and eager for detailed information. As the time gets closer, additional information about the Convention and Detroit, our host city, will be provided.

This website will be updated as more information becomes available. Also watch for articles in our quarterly news bulletin, Box 4-5-9, which is mailed to the general service representative of every group in the U.S. and Canada listed with G.S.O. and is also posted on the website. Registration forms will be mailed in August 2019 to all G.S.R.s, central offices, intergroups and international G.S.O.s. Online registration will be available September 9, 2019, on aa.org. Advanced registration for the convention between September 9, 2019 and April 14, 2020 will be \$115.00 (USD) per attendee. Registration after April 15, 2020 will be \$140.00 (USD) per attendee. For further information please see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on this same page.

We look forward to seeing you in Detroit!

AA Grapevine Non-trustee Director Opening

AA Grapevine's Corporate Board has started its search to fill the vacancy for one non-trustee director, which will open following the 2020 General Service Conference.

Interested A.A. members are encouraged to submit a resume.

resumes@aagrapevine.org

Submit Your Story for Upcoming Issues

- My Spiritual Awakening (due July 20)

- Getting Through Tough Times in Sobriety (due August 20)

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5:00 pm GSR

6:00 pm Potluck Supper - bring a dish to pass

7:00 pm Speakers

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Save the Date Sept 7, 2019

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(Beautiful Door and Kewaunee County)



141 South 12th Avenue Sturgeon Bay, WI

Saturday Sept. 7th

10:00 to 3:00

10:00 – 10:30 Registration and Fellowship

10:30 - 11:30 Panel Step 3 - "How do I turn things over?"

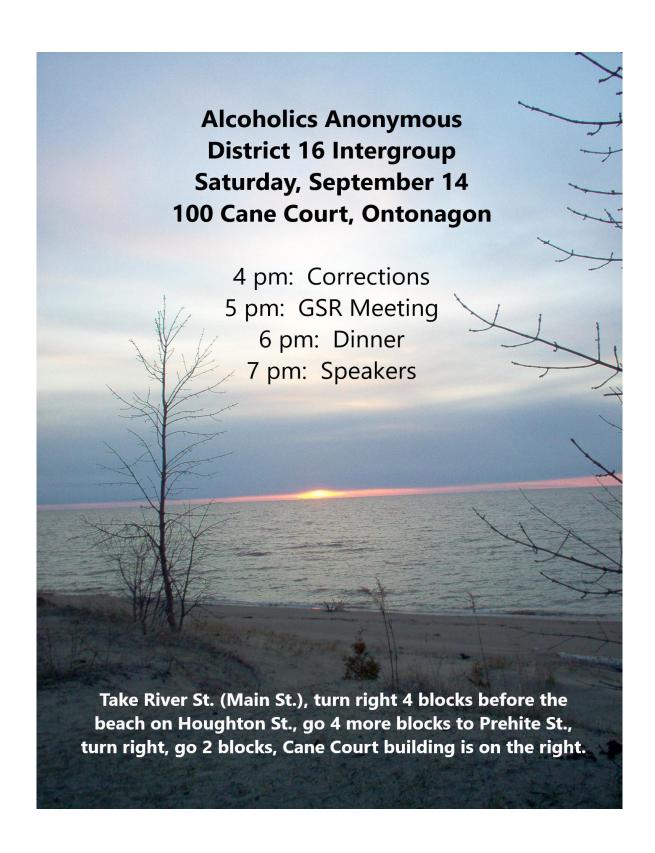
11:30 – 12:45 Lunch and Fellowship

12:45 - 1:45 Panel Step 6&7 "How Do I Drop The Rock?"

2:00 - 3:00 Speaker - Bev. M. Appleton

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AGENDA

Noon—1:00 Lunch

1:00--2:00 Introductions

2:00—4:00 Questions and Answers

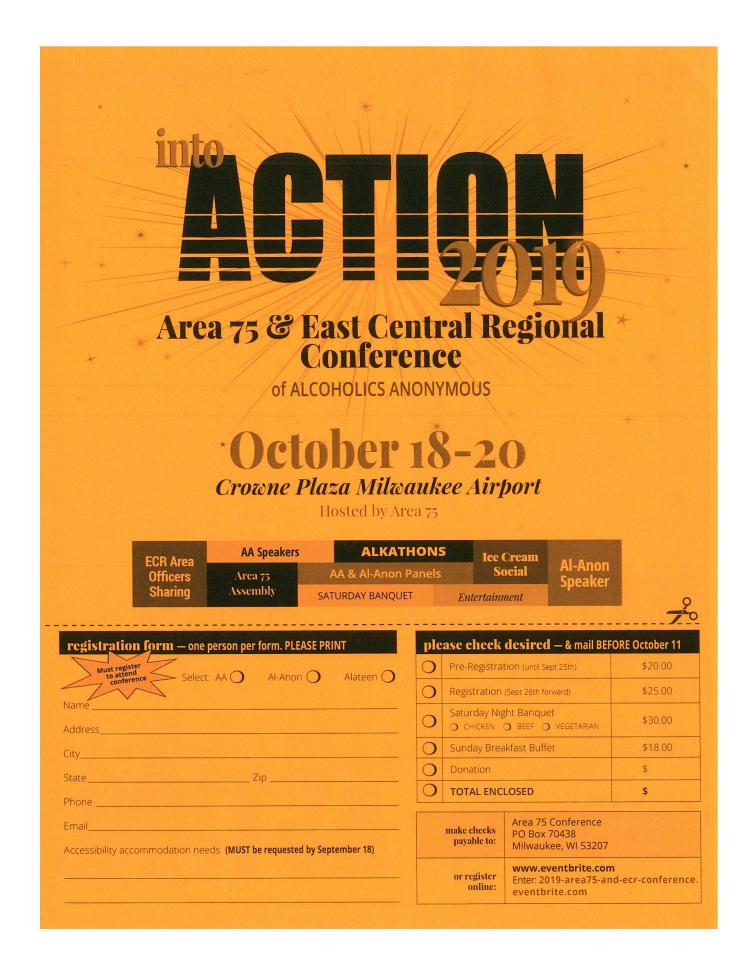
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| SATURDAY, OCT. 19 | | | |
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| 8a-6p | Registration | | |
| 9a-10:30a | Area 75 Assembly | | |
| 9a-12:30p | AA / Al-Anon Panels | | |
| 12:30p-1:30p | Lunch ON YOUR OWN | | |
| 1:30p-3p | Al-Anon Speaker: Jeri V.— Milwaukee, WI | | |
| 3p-4:15p | AA / Al-Anon Panels | | |
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| 7:30p | Countdown | | |
| 8p-10p | AA Speaker: Jim M. — Oceanside, NY | | |
| 10p-midnight | Entertainment | | |
| 10p-6a | Alkathon | | |

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| 8:30a | Breakfast Buffet | | | |
| 9:30a | AA Speaker: Elizabeth N Fox Point, WI | | | |
| 10:30a | Closing | | | |

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