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Delegate's Corner

Greetings Area 74:

Happy New Year!!! As we welcome in 2019, I want to welcome Gloria O. as our new Area 74 Finance Chair and Dave K. as our new Area 74 Structures and Guidelines Chair. I also would like to welcome Gary S. as our new Area 74 Finance Member and Terry W. as our new Structures and Guidelines Member. A huge THANK YOU to Jason L. as our past Area 74 Finance Chair and Dawn M. as our past Area 74 Structures and Guidelines Chair. The Area Finance Committee and the Area Structures and Guidelines Committee are set up on a rotation where one member is elected in the even year and two members are elected in the odd year. Jason L. and Dawn M. just completed their two-year rotation – both serving their second year as Chair of their Committee. Thank you both for your service to Area 74.

Many of us are starting our second year of our two-year rotation in our current service position. I will tell you that I am just as excited this year as I was last January to be serving as Area 74 Delegate. This has truly been a life changing experience and I have had the opportunity over the past year to learn so much about myself, general service, and A.A. as a whole. I am looking forward to attending the 69th General Service Conference as a second year Delegate. The theme for the 69th General Service Conference will be “Our Big Book — 80 Years, 71 Languages.” The following will be presentation/discussion topics for the 2019 General Service Conference: Yesterday's World — Our Legacies Begin, Today's World – Demonstrating Integrity, Anonymity and Service, and Tomorrow's World — Courage to be Vigilant. The entire Fellowship is encouraged to use these topics when planning conferences/workshops throughout the year. As a second year Delegate, you receive a ‘Loving Invitation’ to participate in the General Service Conference. I was asked to give a presentation on the topic of ‘Yesterday's World – Our Legacies Begin’.

As Delegate, I will be attending the General Service Conference in New York from May 19-25, 2019. It is stated on S49 in the Service Manual that as voting members of the Conference, delegates bring to its deliberations the experiences and viewpoints of their own areas. It is going to be extremely important for Area 74 to work together so that I can be fully prepared to carry out this task and let your voice be heard at the General Service Conference. Please mark your calendars now for the upcoming Delegates Workshop scheduled for Saturday, March 9, 2019, which will be held at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes, WI. The Delegates Workshop is a time when the groups in Area 74 get together to discuss the agenda items that will be addressed at the General Service Conference in May in New York. Please note that all Area 74 A.A. members are welcome and needed to participate at the Delegates Workshop.

Area 74 consists of 24 Districts. The following Districts do not have an active District Committee Member (DCM): 6, 9, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19, 22, and 24. Recently, District 12 became an active District in Area 74 once again and now has a newly elected DCM and a number of active General Service Representatives (GSR's). If there are A.A. members in Area 74 that want to become active as a District and need help making that happen, please reach out. We are here to reach out the hand of A.A. throughout the Districts of Area 74 to help the still suffering alcoholic. I was told from the beginning when I walked through the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous that this is a WE program. We need the AA groups in Area 74 to attend the assemblies and let their voice and vote be heard. We have so many opportunities for growth and unity in Area 74 over this next year. I hope you will check out the 2019 Area 74 Dates to Remember and adjust your schedules in order to participate in Alcoholics Anonymous and be a part of our Service Structure.

In Love & Service,
Sara Plansky-Pecor
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From the Area Chair

Greetings Area 74,

By the time this article comes out it will be a new year. I have been thinking on how things went this last year and find there is much room for improvement on my part. Just this last month I found my performance as your Alternate Delegate/Area Chair to be rather poor. It started with our sharing session in Three Lakes on December 8th, at which I did not give very good direction when starting out, which caused quite a bit of confusion to start out. Then the following week I was asked to speak for the Came to Believe group in District 8, March 16th and agreed to do so, only to realize the day after that I will be in North Carolina that week. The following week I travelled to Kaukuana in District 02 for a workshop. My portion of the workshop was to present on the Traditions and Guidelines and to say I stumbled badly would be an understatement. I was ill prepared and it showed. Then I started thinking further back and all the myriad of mistakes I have made and had a moment of clarity. I was focusing only on the negative, not a single thought to anything that I may have done right, or at very least of something good that had happened throughout the year. It occurred to me also that I am not the only one who tends to focus on the negative. It seems quite a few of us are fixated on all that may not as we think it should be in Area 74. With the new year upon us I intend to try and live in a more positive light and to not get so hung up on all my failures and defects. This is not to say I plan to ignore my shortcomings and not try to improve upon them, the 10th step of Alcoholics Anonymous calls for me to continually be on the watch for selfishness, fear, resentment, and dishonesty. I tend to miss dishonesty in my inventories, especially when I am focused on nothing but the negative. If I am thorough in my inventory and not practicing self deceit, then I can see that not everything in my life or everything I do is negative; when I find myself thinking in only negative terms, I am practicing dishonesty.

I definitely think we have work to do in Area 74 to become more effective and useful to the groups we serve. I think we are going to need to look at how we are conducting our business and how effective are we in that business. I think we need to find ways to generate more interest in service work. I think we are going to need to take a look at the rising costs of our conferences and the burden they are putting on host districts. There are many other things we are going to have to improve upon, many things that will still come up. I also think there are things we do quite well, I need to remember that when I am feeling down on our Area. We take great care and time to inform and prepare our Delegate for the Conference every year. Many of our committees do good work and continue to try and do so. We as an Area are committed to providing ASL (American Sign Language) interpreters for our Service meetings (we haven't figured out exactly how we are going to implement it yet, but we are working on plan). Our Website is receiving a much needed overhaul and already information is more readily available on it. We continue to have many dedicated and passionate people from all over our Area suit up and show up, some for many years, but also some newer folks.

I have much to improve upon in the coming year to serve you all more effectively, but I also believe I have done some good things for our Area and so I will try to continue to bring those assets to the table while patiently trying to improve upon the defects. I challenge everyone to do the same, and to give yourselves and each other an honest accounting. We are neither all good or all bad as an Area. I for one am proud to be a member of Area 74 and feel fortunate to be able to serve.

Happy New Year and may God bless you all,

Jeff D. alt Delegate/Area Chair

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1304 S. Lawe St Appleton,, WI 54915**

**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

UPCOMING EVENTS				
District 01 Intergroup	January 18, 2019 4:30, 5:30 Din	Redeemer Lutheran Church	210 S. Oneida St	Green Bay, 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

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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:

February 8-10 (CDPP)	East Central Regional Conference of Delegates Past and Present Schaumburg, IL.
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
May 19-25, 2019	69 th General Service Conference, New York
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

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	2:00pm	First United Methodist Church 325 E Franklin St Appleton, WI
3	Thursday	3 rd Thur	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	9th	6:45	Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E, Menominee, WI
6				NO MEETING
7	Sunday	13th	4:00pm	DCMs Home 812 S Vine Ave. Marshfield, WI
8	Tuesday		7:00pm	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St., Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	6th	2:00pm	Faith Presbyterian Church 806 Fritzie Avenue Crivitz, WI
10	Saturday	12th	9:00AM	First United Methodist Church 724 Arbutus St Rhinelander, WI
11				No information Available
12	Saturday	12th	12:30pm	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue Hayward, WI
13	Monday	7th	5:30pm	Ashland Serenity Club 310 Stuntz Ave., Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	13th	5:30pm	New Richmond Alano Club 1448 N 4th St New Richmond, WI
15				No information Available
16				NO MEETING
17	Monday	28th	6:00pm	Alano Club 105 W Fleshem St Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday	5th	11:00am	Party's Unlimited 106 N Main St Ishpeming, MI
19				No information Available
20				Check website at www.district20rea74aa.org
21	Thursday	3rd	6:30 PM	United Methodist Church 57235 Calumet Ave Calumet, MI
22	Monday	7th	6:00pm	Hope Church 141 N 12th Ave & Michigan St, Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Sunday	6th	6:30pm	Lakeview United Methodist Church 23980 Co. Rd. "X", Hertel, WI
24	Weds		8:00pm	Alano Club 411 E 2nd St S Ladysmith, WI

DISTRICT MEETING LIST FEBRUARY 2019

DISTRICT #	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
1	Tuesday	12th	6:30pm	Central Office, 1720 Main St. #102 Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	10th	2:00pm	Sherwood community Center/ Amer Legion Pk W389 Clifton Rd Sherwood, WI
3	Thursday	3rdThurs	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	7th	5:30 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S Main St. Amherst, WI
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14	Sunday	10th	5:30pm	Amery Legion Hall Memorial Dr Amery, WI
15				No information Available
16	Saturday		11:00 AM	Ontonagon United Methodist Church 109 Greenland Ontonagon, MI
17	Monday	25th	6:00PM	105 W Fleshem St Iron Mtn, MI
18	Saturday	2nd	11:00AM	Marquette Hope United Methodist 111 E. Ridge st Marquette, MI
19				No information Available
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24				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO AREA 74 NOW & THEN NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

The following motion was approved at the October 28th assembly

MOTION APPROVED BY ASSEMBLY ACTION: The Area 74 newsletter, the Now & Then, begin using electronic distribution for the monthly issues produced. Groups with no ability to receive an electronic copy may opt-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.

The practical application of this is as follows;

- Email delivery is free of charge
- Email delivery will be the default form of delivery. Any registered group will need to opt-in to mail delivery if they have no ability to receive the free electronic copy. Mailed copies are paid for by group contributions
- Any member of AA can receive the email version free of charge.
- Any member of AA can receive a printed hardcopy for \$25 for 12 copies per year.
- To opt-in to a printed copy, purchase a subscription or get on the email distribution list send an email to area74newsletter@gmail.com or follow the directions in the Now & Then or below.
- Any individual or group subscription sent to the Now & Then should also be sent to the Area registrar at registrar@area74.org. It is a big job keeping our records straight and this will help greatly. Please include the group number and group name.

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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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

NOW & THEN Co-Editor

REQUIREMENTS OF THE POSITION:

1. DESIRE TO BE OF SERVICE TO THE FELLOWSHIP IN AREA 74
2. SOME RUDIMENTARY COMPUTER SKILLS ARE NECESSARY WHICH INCLUDE FAMILIARITY WITH MICROSOFT WORD (MAINLY COPY/PASTE) AND WITH EXCEL SPREADSHEETS (ENTERING/SORTING DATA)
3. FAMILIARITY WITH THE GENERAL SERVICE STRUCTURE OF AREA 74
4. AVERAGE OF ABOUT 6 HOURS PER MONTH FOR PUBLISHING THE NEWSLETTER AND EDITING THE DISTRIBUTION LISTS.
5. AVAILABILITY TO ATTEND AREA 74 ASSEMBLIES & AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND HAVE 2-4 CONVERSATIONS PER MONTH WITH THE OTHER CO-EDITOR

THERE ARE OTHER DUTIES THAT ARE NECESSARY NOW THAT AREA 74 DECIDED TO GO WITH PRIMARILY ELECTRONIC FORMAT AND DISTRIBUTION. THE CO-EDITORS WILL HAVE A KEY ROLE IN ESTABLISHING THE PROCESSES, GUIDELINES, AND PROCEDURES THAT COME WITH SUCH A CHANGE.

IF INTERESTED, CONTACT JEFF C. , THE CURRENT CO-EDITOR TO EXPLORE FURTHER THE OPPORTUNITY. area74newsletter@gmail.com or 920.559.2500 cell

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NOW & THEN CONVERSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Purpose of Now and Then Conversion Committee

To complete conversion from US Postal Service to primarily digital distribution

Assist Co-Editors with creating guidelines for publication in new format

Figure out best ways to inform groups/members of new distribution

The committee has met several times and has been working on the following items:

1. **Price/cost of printing/mail using US Postal Service** - cost of monthly issue to be \$25 for 12 mos.
2. **What methods is the N&T going to utilize to 'promote' the changeover** -- see this issue and look for mailing to registered groups with good mailing addresses. Post announcement on Area 74 website . Seek assistance from Area Committee members, GSRs , and AA members to make announcements, The committee is still trying to come up with other ideas for 'marketing'
3. **What is the procedure(s) for groups WITH NO MEANS TO RECEIVE N&T BY ELECTRONIC DELIVERY to opt in to receive a hard copy?** Using every method we can think of and will continue to do so. Developing an opt-in form and parameters for groups to follow in notifying the Co-Editors.
4. **Build the email list** Co-Editor & Area 74 Registrar have been collaborating. List is up to about 700 as of publication of the Jan 2019 issue. The database has about 250 group emails, N&T has 450 email subscribers other than the registered groups' contacts.
5. **Decide on new email server to handle larger mailings** Committee chose Gmail for Business with a cost of \$11 month for up to 2000 emails daily.
6. **How can we reach groups in 'dark' districts with no active DCMs?** Currently researching which districts are under represented and how we can reach groups in those districts
7. **What parameters do we need to establish for materials to include in future issues and what is going to be included in hard copies vs digital versions?** Discussion starting and we are open to suggestions from the Area 74 membership

The committee has 7 members ranging from an AA member familiar with Area 74, Area Committee members (S & G committee member, DCMs, N&T Co-Editor) and a couple other experienced trusted servants who serve other positions besides as AC members. It is a good mix and everyone is participating in our weekly calls and taking on tasks to keep moving forward. Jeff C. N & T Co-Editor

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

Welcome to
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS



Marquette Alano Club Open Speaker meeting

**Time at 8pm
The Last Sunday of each month**

**January 27th
(Area 74 Delegate)
Sara P.**

Came to Believe Group 20th Anniversary

Where: St. Stephen's Church

512 McClellan St.

Wausau, Wisconsin 54401

When: 03/16/2019

Meal Time: 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

If you can please bring a dish to pass. We'll provide main dish.

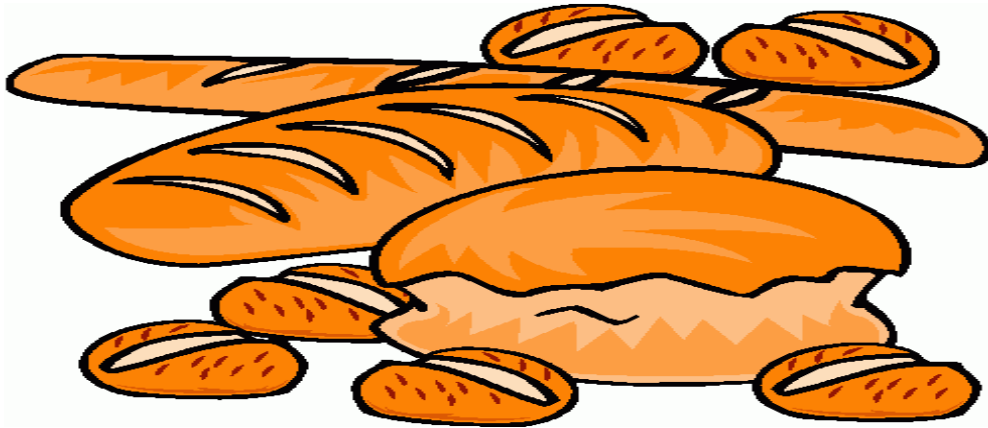
Contact person, Randy O. 715-581-7534

7:00 - 7:15 Area Service Speaker

Main AA Speaker: @ 7:15 p.m.

Claire H.

From: Dublin, CA



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YOUR DISTRICT OR LOCALES SO
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OF THE AREA 74 NEWSLETTER!!

THANK YOU!!!!