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Delegate's Corner

Greetings Area 74:

As you read this article, I will already have returned from the 69th General Service Conference which is being held from May 19 – 25, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Times Square in Manhattan, New York. As I sat here this evening thinking about what I would write about for my June Now and Then article, I reflected on what is my role as Delegate at the Area and what are my duties and responsibilities?

According to our A.A. Service Manual, the term Delegate is defined as: "The man or woman elected every other year to represent the area at the annual Conference meeting in New York and to bring back to the area the results of that meeting." The Duties of the Delegate are clearly stated in our A.A. Service Manual and though the high point is to attend the yearly General Service Conference in New York, the Delegate's job goes on year-round and involves all aspects of the Conference structure. It also states in the A.A. Service Manual that the delegate has a demanding job not only because a large amount of time and work are involved but because it is the delegate's responsibility to serve the US/Canada Conference as a whole.

WHY DO WE NEED A CONFERENCE?

The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairman of our board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting:

"We may not need a General Service Conference to insure our own recovery. We do need it to insure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to insure recovery of a child being born tonight, destined to alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth which brought us back to life. "We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effects of the human urge for power and prestige which we must insure can never invade A.A. We need it to insure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing overintegration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its services.

"We need it to insure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to insure that the doors of halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to insure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is."

As the Area 74 Delegate it will be my responsibility to report to groups, districts, and the area back home on what took place at the General Service Conference. I will look forward to reporting back to you when I return from the Conference. Please feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you for allowing me to serve you!

In Love & Service,

Sara Plansky-Pecor
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From the Area Chair

Greetings Area 74,

I hope this finds you all well and sober. I am writing to you a week after the Spring Conference held in Kimberly, WI. The conference was a complete success and a testament to AA unity in action. There were a lot of fears going into this one, hotel issues and the changing of the schedule for the Conference in New York (which meant our Delegate would not be able to attend and report back to the Assembly) were just some of the challenges this conference faced. The folks in District 02 met these challenges and put on an excellent conference and the fellowship responded with well over 300 registrations and a full banquet. It has been my observation over the years that when faced with challenges and a call for help goes out, the fellowship always responds, I have seen it time and time again. Having said that, I would like to make a call for help to all the groups in our Area, we need your voice and vote at our Assemblies. Representation by the groups has still been light (around 30 to 35 GSR's is average), with over 600 registered groups in our Area only around 5% of the groups are being heard. The primary purpose of the Area is to serve the groups, it's elected officers and committee chairs are in place to carry out the will of the Assembly. The ultimate authority and responsibility rests on the shoulders of the groups, so I ask the groups to get your GSR to our Assemblies. I have had some feedback from GSR's on attending Area events and the inherent cost associated with doing so. Many GSR's have expressed that 4 assemblies per year (2 of which being held at conferences) are a heavy financial burden on their groups. Many have told me they usually have to pay out of their own pocket to attend. The cost of everything today is definitely way up from years past, and having 4 assemblies (2 at conferences) is definitely a potential heavy expense. I would challenge all groups in our Area to maybe try and take a special collection from home group members to fund your GSR to attend. See how your members respond, it may surprise you. I intend to do this at my next home group meeting. Another idea is to set aside a small percentage of funds taken in collections per month to fund your GSR, over time this could really add up and perhaps become self-sustaining. At our last Assembly a motion was put forward to create an Ad-Hoc committee to look at the frequency and efficiency of our current business meeting schedule. It is possible this committee may come back with recommendations that may alleviate some of this, we will see at October's Assembly what that committee comes up with. All of this of course is just my opinion and ideas, I am sure there is plenty more that could be done going forward. I do think that our Assemblies have made progress in the last couple of years and that our Area is headed in the right direction.

God bless you all,

Jeff D. alt Delegate/Area Chair. davisjeff7953@gmail.com

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

2019 Dates to Remember Area 74 -Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Northern Wisconsin			
6/22/19 Sat	Delegate's Report & Area Committee Mtg (optional)*	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
7/12-14/2019	East Central Regional Forum*	Sheraton Detroit Metro Airport	Romulus, MI
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

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*****

NOW & THEN
P.O. BOX 192
STURGEON BAY, WI 54235

DISTRICT MEETING LIST JUNE 2019				
DISTRICT	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
1	Thursday	13 th	6:30 PM	Central Office, 1720 Main ST #102, Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	9 th		Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2330 E Calumet, Appleton, WI
3	Thursday	3rd	5:30 PM	Alano Club, 1210 E Grand AVE, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	6 th	7:00pm	Peace Lutheran Church, 293 S Main ST, Amherst, WI
5	Wednesday	12 th	6:45	Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E, Menominee, WI
6				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
7	Sunday	23 rd	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	2 nd	2:00pm	Alano Club 2218 13th ST, Menominee, MI
10	Saturday	8 th	9:00AM	United Methodist Church, Arbutus ST, Rhinelander, WI
11				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
12	Saturday	8 th	12:30 PM	Alano Club 10339 South Florida AVE, Hayward, WI
13	Monday	3rd	5:30pm	Chequamegon Bay Serenity Club, 310 Stuntz AVE, Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	9 th	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	24 th	6:00pm	105 W Fleishiem, Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday	2 nd	11:00am	First United Methodist Church, 111.E Ridge ST, Marquette, MI
19				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
20		ct.		Check website at <u>www.district20area74aa.org</u>
21	Saturday	1 st	6:30pm	St. Francis Assisi Rectory, 505 First ST, Dollar Bay, MI
22	Monday	3 rd	6:00pm	Hope Church, 12th AVE & Michigan ST, Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Sunday	2 nd	6:30pm	Lakeview United Methodist Church, 23980 Co. RD "X", Hertel, WI
24				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
				TRICT MEETING LIST JULY 2019
1	Thursday	11th	6:30 pm	Central Office, 1720 Main St. #102 Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	14th		Christus Lutheran Church 120 Main St., Clintonville, WI
3	Thursday	3rd	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	11th	7:00pm	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S Main St. Amherst, WI
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9	Sunday	7th	5:00pm	Alano Club of Marshfield 2011 s. Central Ave., Marshfield, WI
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Hello, my name is Sara Plansky-Pecor and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving Area 74 as your panel 68 Delegate. I would like to extend a very special welcome to any new GSR's, DCM's or AA members here today for their first Area Assembly. We are so grateful to have you here today to participate in this important event for Area 74. I also want to thank each of you for allowing me the privilege to be able to serve Area 74 in this capacity. Please know that I will continue to do everything I can to be able to best serve Area 74 and our beloved program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I attended the District 01 AA Intergroup in Green Bay on January 19, 2019. On January 27, 2019, I shared my story at an open speaker meeting at the Marquette Alano Club.

I had the honor of attending the 46th Annual East Central Region Conference of Delegates Past and Present during the weekend of February 8 - 10, 2019. This event was held in Schaumburg, Illinois. The purpose of the Conference of Delegates Past and Present is to provide new delegates with a simulated General Service Conference atmosphere and provide a sharing experience relevant to the upcoming General Service Conference. We had four past and present Area 74 trusted servants attend this event. I had an enjoyable weekend and this experience gave me the opportunity to get acquainted with the other Delegates from our five-state region. I gave a five-minute presentation of my experience at the 68th General Service Conference during this event.

The background material came out on the Dashboard the same day it was promised which was February 15, 2019. As most of you know this became quite a project for me last year and I promised to do a better job in delivering this information to all involved. Thanks to the help of our East Central Regional Trustee, Mark E., the process to deliver this background information went very smooth this year. All background information including several additional items have been sent out via email to Area 74 DCM's, Area Standing Committee Chairs, Area Officers, and Past Delegates.

On March 2, 2019, I attended the Pre-Delegate Workshop in District 02. Thank you to all of those who took part in this event as you definitely helped me get started in preparing myself on the General Service Conference Agenda Items.

Last year, I attended the West Central Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference and found it to be very helpful. Although I was unable to attend this year as the dates conflicted with the Pre-Delegate Workshop held in District 02, I was able to receive a copy of this Service Conference and listen to it on audio recording.

On March 9, 2019, I attended the Delegate's Workshop and Area Committee Meeting held here at the Reiter Center. Thank you to all who participated in the Delegate's Workshop and helped me to prepare for the upcoming General Service Conference.

On April 13, 2019, I shared my story at the 11th Anniversary of the Keep It Simple Group at the Alano Club in Wausau, WI. Later on this same day, I attended the Annual Moose & Goose Corrections Literature Fund Raiser in Seymour, WI.

I would like to announce that next Saturday, May 4, 2019, is the 24th Wisconsin/Upper Michigan Corrections Conference which will be held in Madison from 9 am. – 3 pm. This event has been a combined effort from volunteers in Corrections from Wisconsin and Michigan for many years.

I have received the Quarterly Contribution Reports by District from the General Service Office through 03/31/2019. I have them here today and will pass them out to each DCM present. The General Service Office informed Area 74 that for the first three months ending 03/31/2019 we had 15.45% of groups contributing compared to 13.14% at the same time in 2018. Area 74 contributed \$6,968.54 to the General Service Office from the start of this year through 03/31/2019. 114 groups from Area 74 have made contributions to the GSO so far this year.

I continue to have almost daily contact either by phone or email with numerous people from Alcoholics Anonymous from Area 74 and elsewhere. I did contact the General Service Office after a question was asked at the Area 74 Committee Meeting last December regarding the history of the Meeting Guide App and the decision to link with it through aa.org. Greg Tobin, the General Manager, informed me that this was a corporate board decision and the General Service Board was fully informed. I have received several emails from A.A. members in Area 74 asking me questions to bring to the upcoming General Service Conference.

I have submitted all necessary forms required for my attendance at the General Service Conference May 19-25, 2019. I will continue to serve on the Grapevine Committee at the Conference this year. I will be flying solo to LaGuardia Airport in New York on Friday, May 17th. I am meeting my sponsor and past Area 74 Panel 58 Delegate, Dodie A., at the airport as she is going to be my guest this year at the General Service Conference. I have been invited to make a presentation during the GSC on "Yesterday's World-Our Legacies Begin". This presentation will be printed in the 2019 Final Report. As many of you may know, there is a custom at the General Service Conference that is totally voluntary in which Delegates bring a token from their Area to give to the other Delegates as a nice way to get to know one another. I am following in Derek's footsteps and will be bringing along an Area 74 bookmark as my memento. I ordered extra bookmarks to share with you and will have them available at the upcoming Service Meetings in Area 74 throughout this year.

I have continued to write monthly articles for the Now & Then. I have participated in teleconference calls for Area 74's Structures and Guidelines and Finance Committees. I participate in two other weekly conference calls when I'm available: one that is currently studying The "God" Word pamphlet and the other which studies the Service Manual and other service topics. I am chairing the planning committee for the upcoming Conference of Delegates Past and Present that Area 74 is scheduled to host in February 2021. We are having our first planning committee meeting by phone conference this upcoming Thursday.

I continue to forward all communication I receive from our ECR Trustee, Mark E. and General Service Office as I receive it. Thank you to Derek T., Past Area 74 Panel 66 Delegate and current Area Grapevine Chair, for forwarding on all Grapevine communication to our Area. I did forward to the Area Committee and Past Delegates the General Service Board unapproved

minutes and committee reports from the Board Weekend in January. I have also sent out the AAWS Highlights from both January and March as well as the recent Corporate Board Reports. I am hoping this information is being passed on to the Fellowship in Area 74 through the DCM's in each district. If you are not receiving these email correspondences and would like to, please let me know and I will be more than happy to forward them to you. We want as many A.A. members to be informed of what is going on in our Fellowship as we possibly can.

I have been invited to participate on a panel at the East Central Regional Conference which will be held on October 18-20, 2019 in Milwaukee, WI. The flyer and registration are out for this upcoming event and they are available at the front table.

I recently forwarded an email from the Interim Corrections Coordinator stating A.A. members are urgently needed for Corrections Correspondence Service – especially for men. Derek recently forwarded an email regarding two new handy reference "Mini Catalogs" that were designed to help folks discover what is new and revised in our A.A. literature and other items.

We are moving closer and closer to the next International Convention in Detroit, MI in 2020. An animated 2020 International Convention video flyer is now available for download through GSO's website. Registration and housing will open in September and as in the past, members will be able to register online.

There were 1,641 new A.A. groups in the U.S. and Canada listed with G.S.O. in 2018.

- Contributions for 2018 were \$8,384,721. This was \$184,721 (2.25%) greater than budgeted and \$24,731 (0.29%) less than 2017.
- Net Sales of \$14,020,149 were \$240,149 (1.74%) more than budgeted and \$326,777 (2.39%) greater than 2017.
- Gross Profit from literature was \$9,452,615 and represented a 67.4% Gross Profit Percentage, compared with 68.4% for the year 2017.
- Total Revenue (gross profit from literature plus contributions) was \$17,837,336 or \$377,091 (2.16%) greater than budgeted and \$65,953 (0.37%) greater than 2017.
- Total expenses for the year of \$17,382,733 were \$424,181 (2.5%) greater than budgeted and \$1,370,186 (8.56%) greater than 2017. The increase in expenses was due to open positions being filled, along with increased costs of professional fees, IT systems, the communications audit, and financial controls improvements, such as legal reviews of our numerous contracts. Professional fees were \$15,820 higher than budget and included the \$135,000 settlement for the manuscript case.
- Net profit for the year 2018 was \$454,603; \$47,090 less than budgeted and \$1,304,234 less than 2017.

2019 Budget: The A.A.W.S. Board approved the budget of the General Service Office for 2019, which reflects gross sales of \$15,000,000 and a bottom line profit of \$501,221. After review by the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee, the 2019 budget was approved by the General Service Board.

The 25th World Service Meeting took place in Durban, South Africa, October 7-11, 2018, with 72 delegates from 45 countries, including Bolivia and Turkey, who attended for the first time. Established in 1969 "to carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic, wherever in the world he or she may be..." the World Service Meeting has been held every other year since 1972, alternating between New York and a city outside the U.S./Canada structure, as chosen by the WSM itself.

In the Spring 2019 issue of Box 459, there is an article introducing a new book being published by AAWS. During the course of 20 General Service Conferences, Bill W. gave more than 33 talks, 16 of which are now gathered in the new book Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951–1970, which is scheduled for publication in early May 2019. Not only does Our Great Responsibility represent the first time these talks have been made available in print form to the general reader, but it is also the first original book from Alcoholics Anonymous in over 30 years.

Please mark your calendars for the East Central Regional Forum which will be held July 12-14, 2019 in Detroit, MI. I brought flyers for the ECR Forum. It is free to attend this event and you can register at aa.org. This is a chance for all A.A. members to meet staff from GSO and members of the General Service Board.

Through today, I have used \$490.00 of my \$2600 budget for 2019.

I would like to thank each of you for your presence here today and your participation in our Area 74 Assembly. I appreciate you being a direct link in shaping the future of our Fellowship. Thank you for helping me prepare for the upcoming General Service Conference. If I can be of service, please free to contact me at any time. I ask that you keep me and all trusted servants attending the 69th General Service Conference in your prayers over the next month. I am sad that I will miss our Area 74 Spring Conference. However, I will look forward to seeing you all here on June 22, 2019, for my Delegates Report back from the General Service Conference. Thank you for this humbling experience to serve Area 74 and the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In Love & Service,
Sara Plansky-Pecor
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Area 74 Assembly Minutes April 27, 2019

Reiter Center Three Lakes WI

8:30 AM - New GSR / DCM Orientation

1. 9:00 AM – Welcome and Housekeeping

GSRs in attendance.

Housekeeping/Announcements including voice/vote explanation, GSRs, DCMs, Officers, Chairs, Past Delegates vote by substantial unanimity unless otherwise stated. 2 minutes to share. By voice vote are all willing to participate with these guidelines? Yes.

- 2. The Assembly opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- 3. Roll Call
 - a. Area Officers:

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

b. Area Committee Chairs:

Archives (not present today), CPC, Corrections MI (not present today), Corrections WI, Finance (could not be present today), Grapevine, Literature, Now & Then, Public Information, Structures & Guidelines (not present today), Treatment, Webmaster

c. DCMs:

01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 10, 12, 13, 18, 20 Alt DCM, 21 Alt DCM, 23

Past Delegates:

Panel 56 Jeff C Panel 62 Marty L Panel 66 Derek T

4. Approved Minutes from Assembly on 10/27/2018.

A motion was made to approve the Minutes. 2nd. Passed.

5. Area Officer Reports (attached)

Registrar

Secretary

Treasurer

Alt Delegate/Area Chair Report

- **Delegate's Report (attached)**
- 6. Reports from Committees on Conference Agenda Topics:

Please see attached document titled: GSC Agenda Topics A74 – Committee **Reports 4-27-2019.** Please note, this document was originated by GSC (black font) Delegate's Workshop Committee Reports from March 9, 2019 (red font)

Assembly held on April 27, 2019 "votes/feedback/comments" (blue font)

7. Unfinished Business:

- Confirm Now & Then Co-Editor move this to May Agenda. a.
- Confirm new Archivist Move to May Agenda.

8. New Business:

Discuss proposals from Now & Then regarding implementation of electronic distribution. (See attached: Proposal from Now & Then for Opt-into Hard Copy) Dean, committee member represented today on this topic.

Assembly questions and comments:

- Background information was provided as to why and how the action plan was developed and included cost savings.
- "opting in", is that considered dictating to our DCM's?

Assembly voted on Now & Then Proposal presented today:

In favor of proposal 48

Oppose 3

Minority opinion:

- After hearing minority opinion, chair asked if anyone wanted to change vote? None. Motion/Proposal passes.

2. Structures & Guidelines to present guideline changes regarding passed motions from October 2018 Assembly.

Now and Then Motion:

- Diane presented to Assembly the draft of placement of Proposed changes to the Current Area 74 Guidelines v05-2018. (See attached)
- Assembly was in consensus of the placement presented today by Structures and Guidelines with a friendly amendment by adding the word "abridged" for Article IV, Section 7.00.

Assembly vote: all in favor: 48 No one opposed.

YPAA Money Motion: Diane read draft.

Chairman opened discussion to Assembly:

Why placement in Article III, Section 8 and not in Guidelines under Contributions too? Because YPAA does not always fall under Area 74 Area.

No more discussion.

ASL interpreter Motion: Diane read where this motion will be placed in Area 74 Guidelines.

Assembly does not have any changes to this.

*Motion for Proposal titled: "Area 74 form an Ad Hoc committee to assist the Co-Editors in establishing guidelines and/or parameters for future content of the Area 74 newsletter." (See attached).

This motion was handed out by co-chair Jeff C. Jeff C. could not be available at the time this motion came up on the agenda. All Assembly voted in favor to Table until May Assembly.

3. Elect interim Corrections Michigan Chair. Any nominations from Assembly today? None. Will be added to May Assembly Agenda. Please let GSR's know there's a need.

9. Conference Updates & Bids:

2019 Spring Conference Update Report – District 02 – May 2019 Barry Co-Chair presented today. Registrations at 123 of today. Still need more 85 Banquet orders. I.E. Past Delegate Panel.

2019 Fall Conference Update Report – District 04 – September 2019, Michael 2019 Conference Chair. 15 registrations already. All speakers are lined up. Panel speakers filled/placed.

2020 Spring Conference Update Report – District 13 – May 2020 by Marty, Conf Comm Chair. The Area 74 Spring Conference in 2020 will be held in District 13 in Ashland, Wisconsin at the AmericInn hotel and conference center. We have secured contracts with the hotel, the caterer, entertainment, and Gopher State Recording. We also have our main speakers committed. The hotel room rate includes hot breakfast and access to the water park. They also will provide all our coffee needs at no additional charge. Rooms must be reserved by April 15, 2020. The caterer/banquet payments must be made to our conference committee by May 10, 2020. We are planning and budgeting your event on 200 registrations and 180 banquets. Plan to attend the Conference and welcome to District 13. 2020 Fall Conference Bid – No bids proposed today.

Report from WICYPAA Liaison for Area 74. Lukas, Dist 05, GSR, Shawna no longer here. New rep., Justin Jinkens. Quick update, January 2020 next WICYPAA. See their website for more information.

Motion to close meeting. 2nd. Meeting closed at 4:20 pm with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting: May 18, 2019 at 9 am in Kimberly WI, District 02 Hosting Spring Conference. Respectfully submitted,

Vickie R Ackley Area 74 Secretary

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

NEW MAILING ADDRESS FOR THE NOW & THEN

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY MAY 31, 2019

NOW & THEN

P.O. BOX 192

STURGEON BAY, WI 54235

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 will be the default form of delivery.
- Email delivery is free of charge.
- Any member of AA can receive the email version free of charge.
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- Any member of AA can receive an abridged hardcopy subscription for \$25 for 12 copies per year by completing the Area 74 Newsletter Enrollment form.
- 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.
- Group subscriptions for email delivery or requests for hard copy postal delivery sent to the Now & Then should also be sent to the Area Registrar at registrar@area74.org, or by mail to Area 74 Registrar c/o Gerri Ann Z— 141 North Birch Street Gwinn, MI 49841. It is a big job keeping our Database records upto-date and this will help greatly. Please include the group number and group name.

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cost to the group.

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)

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Individual AA members and groups may purchase an abridged hardcopy subscription of the Area 74 newsletter. If you or your group would like to purchase an annual hard copy subscription of the newsletter please complete and mail the below enrollment form along with a check made out to "Now & Then".

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^{**}The Area 74 Assembly will set the price for a yearly subscription by proposing a price for the following calendar year in the newsletter's budget request voted on at the Fall Assembly each year.

PROPOSAL FROM NOW & THEN CO-EDITOR(s) (ADOPTED 5/18/19)

Area 74 form an Ad Hoc committee to assist the Co-Editors in establishing guidelines and/or parameters for future content of the Area 74 newsletter.

The new electronic format and delivery system allows for a greatly expanded version of the monthly newsletter. In the past, the content of the newsletter was determined by basically three factors:

- 1. The budgeting and cost of printing and postal charges for production of the newsletter
- 2. The content that the Assembly determined should be printed in the newsletter
- 3. Editorial license

The new format means that the newsletter can be further utilized as a valuable communication tool between the groups & members of Area 74 and also between the Area Committee and the groups & members. It would seem prudent to set some direction for the Editors for future content of both hard copy and electronic versions. This not meant to eliminate editorial 'license' but provide some consistency from rotation to rotation and to begin to provide precedent for forthcoming editions.

The Ad Hoc committee could address, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. Content from the Area Committee to be included in the newsletter
- b. Types of articles, fliers, announcements
- c. Guidance for who can submit items for inclusion
- d. The size and scope of the newsletter
- e. Responsibilities of the Co-Editors for producing newsletters
- f. The need, or not, for a more permanent Area Newsletter committee
- g. Other subjects determined by the Ad Hoc committee members

The proposal is for the Ad Hoc committee to include the Co-Editors, 2 or 3 Area Committee members, 2 or 3 GSRs or other interested AA members - a total of 7 – 9 people to serve on the Ad Hoc committee.

Jeff C Now & Then Co-Editor

The 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous

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same page.

(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

We look forward to seeing you in Detroit!

FROM YOUR AREA 74 FELLOWSHIP

To Any Lengths by Jerry K.

When I first got to AA was I ready to go to any lengths? I thought I did, but was I? It took many years of denial, thinking I was able too, but all I did was hear or read the words not knowing what that truly meant. The 12 Steps were written for a purpose long ago and remain the same yet today. You'll get from the program what you put into it. I'm just realizing that now after years of contented sobriety and understanding what God's will for me is. I was a slow learner but never gave up on my Higher Power whom I claim to be God. As stubborn and controlling that I was, I wanted what I wanted, and that was right now. Giving up drinking wasn't a problem—living my life was.

Every step involving life's problems refers back to Step 3, and if you have not established a conscious contact with God at this time, living a serene and contented life can be a struggle. I can attest to that. I lived on an emotional roller coaster long after I had my last drink. We surrendered our alcohol in the 1st Step, came to believe in the 2nd, and now were supposed to go to any lengths in the 3rd Step. I struggled with this step for so many years. Like I said, fear was the primary reason--fear of the unknown, what was going to happen if anything at all. I lived in a bubble or what you may call my comfort zone for so many years. I refused to let anyone near this protective shield I built or interfere with my life in it. Inside that bubble with me were all my character defects--guilt, shame, self-esteem, self-centeredness, self-respect, self-will, self-denial, self-conscious, fear, inferiority complex, pride, dishonesty, and resentment, you name it. Actually steps 6 and 7 tells us to give our defects of character and shortcomings over to God and have him remove them but he really doesn't, why! because were human. I can only try to improve my conscious contact with him as our 11th step reminds us too but yet I still fail at times. They were there and were all mine, and I did not want or did I know how to deal with them, not knowing they would eventually effect my life in years to come. After years of denial and self pride I had to once again surrender my will and continue to do that thru prayer and meditation on a daily basis. This has released me from bondage of self, as the big book says.

Making that decision in the 3rd Step was the turning point in my life. God was now going to be in control of all my affairs. I must say I don't always get what I desire, but I get what I need, and that's all I ask for. There may come a time when I get what I desire, but it'll be on His time, not mine. Sometimes there are hardships, pain and struggles I have to deal with, but I now understand he allows those things to happen as well as feelings of joy, happiness and laughter. God works his miracles in many different ways, all that is required is for us to open a blind eye and a deaf ear. Sometimes it is self-pride, resentment, and humility that get us all into trouble and luxuries I surely can't afford. All I have to do is look into the mirror and tell myself your looking at the problem, and yet remember that we claim spiritual progress rather than spiritual perfection and take responsibility for my actions. Is it easier said then done, I don't think so, but it has worked for others in the past so I know it will work for me and anyone else whose willing to try.

Step 3 simply implies that we can leave our comfort zone at times and go to any lengths to improve our conscious contact with God. This takes courage because change is difficult for everyone. Establishing a relationship with God is a must, I believe, so it must take a leap of Faith. This I did and continue to do, and that relationship did not happen accidentally. It required my deliberate decision once again to extend my comfort zone and reprioritize in order to make room for God in my life. I don't believe a true spiritual relationship can be achieved through an inspiring weekend retreat, reading the Big Book now and then, taking in a few meetings only when it's convenient, or meditating a few minutes a day on the way to work. It has to be a lifetime commitment, just like our alcoholism, one day at a time. If you're satisfied with a shallow relationship with God, so be it. My goal still is to carry the message too the alcoholic who still suffers and to try and practice these principles in all my affairs. I come up short sometimes, but I keep on trying. Most of the time I keep an attitude of gratitude for my sobriety and this wonderful program. Don't take me wrong, yes meetings are very important, but if you don't benefit anything from them or wish to share with the group members your just wasting your time. Come join us as we trudge the road to happy destiny from page 164 of the big book.

Greetings Area74,

Certain people at the area assemblies are always asking where are the GSRs and DCMs? Well let me tell where they are and why.

- 1. There are 4 assemblies per year. My district can barely afford to send me as a DCM. How can we expect all of our groups to send their GSRs?
- 2. The order in which business is conducted at these assemblies seems to be a little backwards to me. We are hearing reports first and then we get to actual area business and by the time we get to the actual business part I feel our GSRs and DCMs are ready to be done. Why not take care of actual business first?
- 3. I have been a DCM for 1 ½ years and I have never had a meeting, conference call, or discussion with anyone in the committee that I sit on.
- 4. We have had two sharing sessions so far with a lot of great topics that were talked about. Two topics that came up a couple of times were the 4 assemblies per year and the area taking an area inventory. There has been no action taken so why waste time with a sharing session?
- 5. What happened to keeping the conferences simple? Why are they becoming so extravagant?
- 6. According to the Service Manual on pg S39, our GSRs should be a part of setting the Agenda for the assemblies. Why aren't they? I think its time that Area 74 takes an inventory on why our GSRs and DCMs are not attending our assemblies?

These are just a few things that have really stuck out to me in my experience as a DCM. Attending the area assemblies I feel I have lost my fire a little bit and I feel it has a lot to do with the items above that I have mentioned

Shannon R. District 18 DCM

In Loving Service,

THANK YOU!!!!!

The Committee for the 2019 Spring Fling would like to thank Area 74 for the donation of the large print Big Book as well as your support and attendance at this year's event. Your support and service to AA is a wonderful example of how we all work together in order to make us all stronger. "I" can't make it without "Us" being there for one another.

So, on behalf of the committee as one of its chair persons, "gratitude, gratitude, gratitude"!!!

Sue C., Menominee, MI

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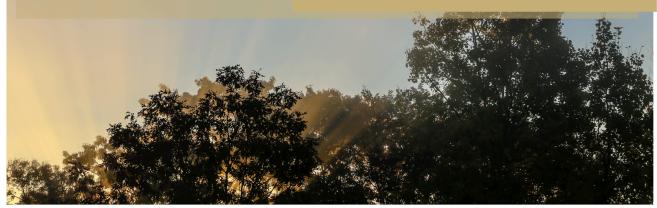
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Meeting starts @ 7:00 pm

AA Speaker: Rich H., Hebron, Illinois

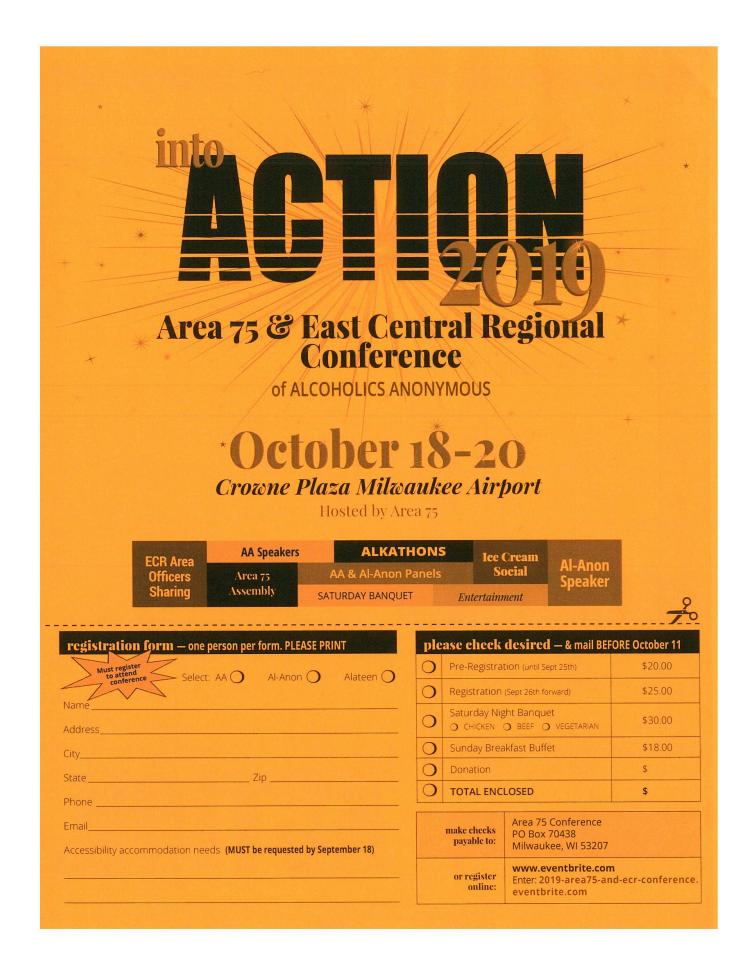
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9a-12:30p	AA / Al-Anon Panels		
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7:30p	Countdown		
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10:30a	Closing	

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For by this time sanity will have returned.

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(Alcoholics Anonymous, Ch. 6, Into Action, pg. 84 & 85)



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