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Delegate's Corner

Greetings Area 74:

Happy Gratitude Month! Traditionally November is known as gratitude month. I have been taught that gratitude is shown through action. I am very grateful for so many things in my life today. I am grateful for my sobriety and for our beloved program of Alcoholics Anonymous. However, I believe to be grateful means to give back. The best way for me to describe gratitude would be to reiterate what is stated on Page 77 in our Big Book, "Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us."

As your current Delegate, one of my duties is to help the area committee 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 2019, 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.

I recently attended the East Central Regional (ECR) Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from October 18-20, 2019. On Friday evening, I was honored to carry the Wisconsin state flag for the flag ceremony that took place at the start of the ECR Conference. I participated in the Delegate's breakfast on Saturday morning. Later in the morning, I had the opportunity to share on a panel entitled "Into Action through Grapevine." The main speakers at the ECR Conference were awesome. It is always a good time to be able to see my friends from our five-state region. There were also about a dozen A.A. members from Area 74 in attendance at the ECR Conference.

Brenda B., General Service Office staff on the Corrections Desk, recently put out a Request for Sharing. *"The committee requested that the staff on the corrections desk ask for shared experience from A.A. members involved in corrections service for tools currently being used to create local databases with correctional facility meeting information, the status of the meetings, contacts, possible needs, and any other relevant information, and that the information be considered for a possible service piece or added to the Corrections Workbook, as appropriate."*

As some of you may know the 2019 Conference Committee on Corrections considered a request that the General Service Office establish and help maintain a database of Correctional facilities in each service Area in the U.S. and Canada and the status of meetings held there in and took no action. The committee noted the merits of the goal but considered that the diverse experiences and needs in different areas would be better served by a tool, or resource, that would help Areas develop their own database tailored to their needs. Please send your shared experience to the corrections desk at G.S.O. by January 15, 2020.

A.A. members are definitely getting excited about the next International Convention in Detroit, MI which will be held July 2 – 5, 2020. Registration and housing opened September 9th and as in the past, members are able to register online. Once you register for the Convention you will receive housing information by the same method you sent in your registration. For more information about the International Convention, go to aa.org and you will find all the answers to your questions.

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 and sober. I am writing this a week before our final Assembly of the year and my last Assembly as our Area Chair/Alternate Delegate. I have been recollecting what has transpired over the last couple of years in our Area and find that there is positive and negative. Of course, this is just my recollection of things and is purely subjective, but I think the positive has outweighed the negative over the last couple of years. With the passing of the motion to go to a primarily electronic newsletter, we are now able to reach many more alcoholics in our Area and save a tremendous amount of money doing it. Going to electronic means we no longer need to worry about coming in every month under a certain number of pages and so opens the doors to having a greater variety of articles by many people. So far, I have not seen many other people submitting articles but like anything it takes time for people to acclimate to new things. I envision in the future a great deal more will be done with the newsletter with more and more folks submitting articles on a variety of subjects. I see the potential for not only service- related articles but also recovery based ones as well, but time will tell. Another positive I have seen is the passing of the motion to provide an ASL interpreter at assemblies when needed. This motion when passed, did not have in detail how or when to actually start this, nor was any money budgeted for it at the time, but the intent is there, and going forward in 2020 we should start seeing the first attempts to make this happen. Another thing I have noticed in our Area that seems to be a big help to the groups is our Literature sales. Due to higher shipping costs, I have seen more and more groups in the districts take advantage of buying from the Area Inventory, which is able to buy in larger amounts which greatly reduce the shipping costs. Overall I have seen over the last couple of years a lot less of the infighting and politicking which has troubled us in the past. It seems we are treating each other kinder with more tolerance at our meetings, with less people dominating the microphone 20 to 30 times an Assembly. There is still much to do in Area 74 and that will always be true, there are still things we struggle with and maybe always will, but I believe the Area is headed in a more positive direction in service to our groups. Soon a whole new group of servants will be taking over in the new year, and I would like to ask all the outgoing servants to please make yourselves available to help out the incoming ones. We will have time at the December Area Committee Meeting for incoming and outgoing Chairs and Officers to talk one on one, but I think its important to be of help to these new servants throughout the course of the new year to share past experience so they hopefully can move forward and avoid some of the problems of the past. I thank all of the outgoing Area servants for all your hard work, and I welcome all of the incoming Servants and wish you all the best going forward.

God Bless,

Jeff D. alternate Delegate/Area Chair.

**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**

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

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2019 & 2020 Dates to Remember
Area 74 –Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Northern Wisconsin

12/14/19 Sat	Area 74 Area Committee*	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
3/7/2020 Sat	Delegate's Workshop	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
4/4/2020 Sat	Spring Assembly	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
4/19 - 4/25/2020	General Service Conference		Rye, NY
May15 -17, 2020	Area 74 Spring Conference	AmericInn 3009 Lakeshore Dr	Ashland, WI
May 16, 2020 Sat	Area Assembly	AmericInn 3009 Lakeshore Dr	Ashland, WI
May 17, 2020 Sun	Area Committee Meeting	AmericInn 3009 Lakeshore Dr	Ashland, WI
7/2-5/2020	International Convention of AA	COBO Center (Downtown)	Detroit, MI
8/1/2020	Area Committee Meeting	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
9/11-9/13 2020	Area 74 Fall Conference	Best Western Plus Eau Claire Conference Center	Eau Claire, WI
9/12/2020	Area Assembly	See Above	Eau Claire, WI
9/12/2020	Area Committee Meeting	See Above	Eau Claire, WI
10/24/2020	Area Assembly	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
12/12/2020	Area Committee Meeting	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI

****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

DISTRICT MEETING LIST NOV 2019

DISTRICT	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
1	Thursday	14th	6:30 PM	Central Office, 1720 Main St. #102 Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	10th	1:00 PM	Shepard of the Hills N1615 Meadowview Dr. Greenville, WI
3	Thursday	21st	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	7th	7:00 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S Main St. Amherst, WI
5	Wednesday	13th	6:45 PM	Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E, Menominee, WI
6				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
7	Sunday	17th	4:00 PM	DCMs Home 812 S Vine Ave. Marshfield, WI
8	Tuesday	5th	7:00 PM	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St., Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	3rd	2:00 PM	united Methodist Church 314 Main St Suring, WI
10	Saturday	9th	9:00 AM	United Methodist Church Arbutus st Rhinelander, WI
11				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
12	Saturday	9th	12:30 PM	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue Hayward, WI
13	Monday	4th	5:30 PM	Chequamegan Bay Serenity Club 310 Stuntz Ave., Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	10th	5:30 PM	New Richmond Alano Club 1448 N 4th Street, New Richmond, WI
15				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
16				NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER
17	Monday	25th	6:00 PM	105 W. Fleishiem Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday	2nd	11:00 AM	Party's Unlimited 106 N Main St Ishpeming, MI
19				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
20	Saturday	30th	11:00 AM	United Methodist Church 1212 Morrison St Germfask, MI
21	Sunday	3rd	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Church Rockland St Calumet, MI
22	Monday	4th	6:00 PM	Hope Church 12th Ave & Michigan St, Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Sunday	3rd	6:30 PM	Lakeview United Methodist Church 23980 Co. Rd. "X", Hertel, WI
24				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE

DISTRICT MEETING LIST DEC 2019

1	Thursday	12th	6:30 PM	Central Office, 1720 Main St. #102 Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	8th	2:00 PM	First United Methodist Church 325 E Franklin St Appleton, WI
3	Thursday	19th	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	5th	7:00 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S Main St. Amherst, WI
5	Weds	11th	6:45 PM	Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E, Menominee, WI
6				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
7	Sunday	15th	4:00 PM	DCMs Home 812 S Vine Ave. Marshfield, WI
8	Tuesday	3rd	7:00 PM	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St., Wausau, WI
9				No meeting this month
10	Saturday	14th	9:00 AM	United Methodist Church Arbutus st Rhinelander, WI
11				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
12	Saturday	14th	12:30	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue Hayward, WI
13	Monday	2nd	5:30 PM	Chequamegan Bay Serenity Club 310 Stuntz Ave., Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	8th	5:30 PM	Amery Legion Hall Memorial Dr Amery, WI
15				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
16	Saturday	22nd	11:00	United Lutheran Church, 304 Main St., L'Anse, MI.
17	Monday	30th	6:00 PM	105 W. Fleishiem Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday	7th	11:00	First United Methodist Church 111.E. Ridge St Marquette, MI
19				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE
20	Saturday	28th	11:00	United Methodist Church 1212 Morrison St Germfask, MI
21	Sunday	1st	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Church Rockland St Calumet, MI
22	Monday	2nd	6:00 PM	Hope Church 12th Ave & Michigan St, Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Sunday	1st	6:30 PM	Lakeview United Methodist Church 23980 Co. Rd. "X", Hertel, WI
24				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE

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!

VISIT THE ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WEBSITE

www.aa.org

There you can checkout both Audio and Visual
Links for invitations and further information including
frequently asked questions

(FAQ)

about attending the 2020 International Convention
being held in our East Central Region

What Are Regional and Local Forums?

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack Norris, then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure.

Regional Forums

Originally, at the invitation of a region, four Regional Forums were held each year. Since the U.S./Canada service structure is composed of eight regions, a Regional Forum was held in alternate years in each region on a rotating basis. In October 2006, the General Service Board approved the concept of an Additional Regional Forum to be held upon request in each region every eight years also on a rotating basis, bringing the possible number of Regional Forums held each year to five. In 2012 the General Service Board agreed to discontinue Additional Regional Forums after completion of the eight region cycle in 2016.

The location and agenda for Regional Forums are decided jointly by the Regional Trustee, Area Delegates and G.S.O. The responsibility for initiating contact with the hotel is assumed by a local A.A. Host Contact working with the Forums Coordinator and Regional Trustee. The Forums Coordinator at G.S.O. distributes registration forms to groups and service workers throughout the region and, working with the Host Contact and Regional Trustee, coordinates the details of the Forum.

There is no registration fee for Regional Forums or Additional Regional Forums. The General Service Board covers the expenses of meeting rooms. In many places, area committees, districts and groups cover or defray the transportation and lodging expenses of the trusted servants representing them at a Forum.

Local Forums

In October 2006, the concept of Local Forums was approved by the General Service Board. The purpose of Local Forums is to bring Forum information to A.A. members in remote, sparsely populated areas, urban neighborhoods or underserved A.A. communities. Any A.A. community or service entity may request a one-and-a-half or two day Local Forum. Unlike Regional Forums, the responsibility for Forum expenses such as meeting room rental and miscellaneous expenses are assumed by the Local Forum Committee. The General Service Board will send two participants, one from the Board and one from the General Service Office or Grapevine office and display literature at Board expense. Like Regional and Additional Forums, Board participation in Local Forums requires the approval of the trustees' Committee on International Conventions/Regional Forums. The Regional Forums Coordinator works closely with the Local Forum organizing committee to create an agenda that is responsive to local needs.

As all Forums are intended to be sharing sessions, no formal actions result. Sharing at Forums is captured in Forum Final Reports which are distributed to all attendees. Regional Forums Final Reports are available on G.S.O.'s A.A. Website. Forums provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas. Regional Forums and Local Forums carry A.A.'s message of love and service by improving communication at all levels of our Fellowship.

CONGRATULATIONS

PHIL D.

District 07 Marshfield

on nomination and acceptance as
our next Archivist. Thank you to
Pete W for serving us so well
during your tenure as Area 74
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.

Section 5.02 The Area Archivist and Webmaster are selected by their respective Committees and approved by the Area Assembly. These are non-rotating positions.

2020 A VISION FOR YOU

AREA 74 2020 SPRING CONFERENCE May 15-17, 2020

AmericInn, 3009 Lake Shore Dr. Ashland Wi

Phone: 715.682.9950

Rooms are \$115 plus tax, per night, double occupancy.

(hotel reservation deadline for price guarantee is April 15, 2020)

Friday Evening: AA Speaker-Panel 70 Delegate
Saturday: Area Assembly, topic panels, Al-Anon & AA speakers
Sunday Morning: Area Assembly & AA speakers

The Area 74 Alcoholics Anonymous Conference will include speakers and panels, Area 74 Assembly and Area 74 Committee meetings, a dinner banquet, DJ and dancing, ice cream social and alkathon.

AREA 74 2020 Spring Conference REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Registration Only _____ \$20 _____

Name on Badge _____ Add Banquet \$25 _____

Address _____ Total Enclosed _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

_____ Contact me about service opportunities _____ Special accommodations _____

For more information contact Marty L. (715)363-2418. Make checks payable to Area 74 Conference 2020, P.O. Box 996, Ashland, WI 54806

HOW TO PRINT AND DISSEMINATE ISSUES OF THE NOW & THEN

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 PAGES

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 PAGE RANGE

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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Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

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