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Delegate's Corner

Greetings and Happy New Year,

My name is Char V. I am an alcoholic. It is an honor and privilege to be serving as your Area 74 Panel 70 Delegate for Northern Wisconsin and the Greater part of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. My home group is the Kaukauna Group in District 02. I have a sponsor and sponsor others. I have served in a few positions at the Area, District, Home Group and at a Central Office. I have been blessed to have many service-oriented people in my life that have shared their experience. District 02 has been rooted in the importance of General Service work with having several trusted servants serve as Delegate. My friend's words always bring it back to basics when I feel confused with the process and ask, "Why do we do this?" He simply states, "I want a chair to be there for my grandkids if needed."

Within an hour of being elected, I was invited to share my story at the 2020 Spring Conference in Ashland, Wisconsin Friday May 15, 2020. I hope to see you there. An Area conference is an opportunity to participate in the three legacies of AA (Recover, Unity and Service) for the weekend. The theme of conference is 2020 A Vision for You. On Saturday May 16, 2020 I will giving a report on the 70th General Service Conference which has the theme "2020: A Clear Vision for You." I am excited to see what vision Area 74 can offer the alcoholic who still suffers in and out of the rooms. How can we best serve? What can we do to help our Districts and Groups? What new ideas will be brought forth for discussion and vote? What practices can be strengthened? What does not work? When did the Delegates' Corner turn into a full front-page Newsletter article? Why do we do the things we do? So many questions to be researched. So many questions yet to be asked. This is not an easy overnight deal. It will take many voices to find an agreeable direction. Every voice is as important as the next. We need the voice of the General Service Representative be it in questions or statements. My dear friend Rolland G. would say, "Good job, ask the questions. Keep em honest."

In the past few months I spent time preparing for this new journey. I have been reading the ever-important Service Manual, the 2019 Final Conference Report, Past Advisory Actions as it pertained to a proposed 2020 General Service Conference (GSC) agenda item, the trustee Report and the November General Service Board (GSB) Report. I have worked on projects in my home to be better organized and taking care of the things that need to be handled. I attended the East Central Regional (ECR) Conference in October and asked a least 10 current or past Delegates tell me what I need to know for the GSC. The answers ranged from pack light to get to the microphone as soon as possible. Each did say It was an experience that that few are given. This is a humbling statement. Of course, I need to hear the voices of Area 74 on the General Service Conference Agenda Items to prepare me for sharing our experience and collective conscience.

I attended the Area Committee Meeting (ACM) in December and left with a feeling of bewilderment. We heard the voices from the Assembly on the concerns with planning and hosting an Area conference. Our Area Chair saw fit to add a discussion to the ACM agenda. Many ideas were shared in both sessions. Now What? I want to hear what your thoughts are on having a Conference Advisor, increasing seed money for conferences, having a conference committee, Districts working together to host a conference, are the current Guidelines enough? What does this fellowship want to see happen?

I look forward to meeting you and hearing your thoughts at the Delegate's Workshop Saturday March 7, 2020 in Beautiful Three Lakes, Wisconsin.

In Love & Service,

Char Van Deraa

Panel 70, Area 74 Delegate Northern Wisconsin/Upper Peninsula of Michigan

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From the Area Chair

Greetings Area 74,

Hello Area 74! Dawn here from District 20. First, I'd like to thank you for allowing me to serve you as Area 74 Chair Alternated Delegate Panel 70. I am grateful for this opportunity more than I can express. It is my great pleasure to introduce our interviewee of the month, Karen. I asked if she would share why she still loves serving our Fellowship. The following was her reply.

Greetings-

When Dawn asked me to write an article for the Now and Then about "What has kept me in service?" the first thought that entered my mind was ----I'm crazy!!! We were at the Fall Conference and the voting for officers had just ended. I somehow had talked myself into standing for the Correction Chair for U.P., and seeing no one else wanted the position there was no problem with getting voted into that slot.

My service started with emptying ash trays (everyone smoked at that time) and washing coffee mugs after the meeting. It was maybe a year later that I was talked into doing the Monday night meeting at detox for the treatment center. I'd never been to treatment so I couldn't understand why they wanted me to do that, but I did whatever they told me to do. I don't know if I ever helped anyone but they helped me. The main thing I learned was that memorizing the Big Book didn't keep anyone sober. Many of the people in detox were people I knew from meetings. They all knew a lot more about A.A. than I did. When I first started this I'm not sure I'd even read the Big Book. They would tell me all kinds of good things, but knowing it isn't the same as applying it to your life on a regular basis. I went there every Monday night for 10 years. I'm a slow learner!!!

Around year two or three, two men came to my home and asked if I wanted to go to Waupun. My answer was, "Why would I want to go to Waupun prison?" Their answer was, "You're an alcoholic aren't you?" That started my love and passion for corrections. Also around that time lots of women started coming to A.A. Now another love, sponsorship. I've done many different kinds of service over the years but my love and passion for corrections and sponsorship has never left me.

So why do I stay in service? After thinking about it, the answer is gratitude to God for the gift of sobriety and to Alcoholics Anonymous for the new way of life they have given me. I've been sober since February 14, 1977. Now after all these years I pray I never get the idea in my head I don't need to work all the steps any more. The 12th step says, "We tried to carry the message to alcoholics." It doesn't say for 10 or 20 years. This program is a way of life that I've been blessed to have been given. It's still one day at a time, meetings and doing the next right thing. It's worked for me all this time and with your help and the Grace of God I know it will work today.

Thank you and God bless,
Karen

In Service,

Dawn Marie M

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and address of group location or point of contact**

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Thank You, Area 74 Treasurer treasurer@area74.org

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

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
5/15 -17, 2020	Area 74 Spring Conference	AmericInn 3009 Lakeshore Dr	Ashland, WI
5/16 Sat	Area Assembly	AmericInn 3009 Lakeshore Dr	Ashland, WI
5/17 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 Inventory	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
9/11-9/13	Area 74 Fall Conference	Best Western Plus Eau Claire Conference Center	Eau Claire, WI
9/12/2020	Area Assembly	See Above	Eau Claire, WI
9/13/2020	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 JAN 2020

DISTRICT	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
1	Thursday	9 th	6:30 PM	Central Office, 1720 Main St. #102 Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	5 th	2:00 PM	Emmanuel United Church of Christ 1306 Michigan St Oshkosh,
3	Thursday	16 th	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	2 nd	7:00 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S Main St. Amherst, WI
5	Weds	8 th	6:45 PM	Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6 th St E, Menominee, WI
6				No information Available
7	Sunday	19 th	5:00 PM	Marshfield Alano Club Marshfield, WI
8	Tuesday		7:00 PM	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St., Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	5 th	2:00 PM	Faith Presbyterian Church 806 Fritzie Avenue Crivitz, WI
10	Saturday	11 th	9:00 AM	First United Methodist Church 724 Arbutus St Rhinelander,
11				No information Available
12	Saturday	11 th	12:30 PM	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue Hayward, WI
13	Monday	6 th	5:00 PM	Chequamegon Bay Serenity Club, 310 Stuntz Ave., Ashland WI
14	Sunday	12 th	5:30 PM	New Richmond Alano Club 1448 N 4 th St New Richmond, WI
15				No information Available
16				No information Available
17	Monday	27 th	6:00 PM	Alano Club 105 W Fleshiem St Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday	4 th	11:00 AM	Party's Unlimited 106 N Main St Ishpeming, MI
19				No information Available
20	Saturday	4 th	11:00 AM	United Methodist Church, 1212 Morrison St., Germfask, MI
21	Thursday	2 nd	6:30 PM	United Methodist Church 57235 Calumet Ave Calumet, MI
22	Monday	6 th	6:00 PM	Hope Church 141 N 12 th Ave & Michigan St, Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Sunday	5 th	6:30 PM	Lakeview United Methodist Church 23980 Co. Rd. "X", Hertel,
24	Weds		8:00 PM	Alano Club 411 E 2 nd St S Ladysmith, WI

DISTRICT MEETING LIST FEB 2020

1	Thursday	13 th	6:30 PM	Central Office, 1720 Main St. #102 Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	9 th	2:00 PM	Sherwood community Center/ Amer Legion Pk W389 Clifton Rd
3	Thursday	20 th	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	6 th	5:30 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S Main St. Amherst, WI
5	Weds	12 th	6:45 PM	Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6 th St E, Menominee, WI
6				No information Available
7	Sunday	TBD	5:00 PM	Marshfield Alano Club Marshfield, WI.
8	Tuesday		7:00 PM	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St., Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	2 nd	2:00 PM	Peace Church 208 E. Maurer Shawano
10	Saturday	8 th	9:00 AM	United Methodist Church Arbutus st Rhinelander, WI
11				No information Available
12	Saturday	8 th	12:30 PM	Serenity Club Hayward, WI
13	Monday	3 rd	5:00 PM	Chequamegon Bay Serenity Club 310 Stuntz Ave., Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	9 th	5:30 PM	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	6:00 PM	Alano Club 105 W Fleshiem St Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday	8 th	11:00 AM	Marquette Hope United Methodist 111 E. Ridge st Marquette, MI
19				No information Available
20	Saturday	1 st	11:00 AM	United Methodist Church, 1212 Morrison St., Germfask, MI
21	Thursday	6 th	6:30 PM	United Methodist Church 57235 Calumet Ave Calumet, MI
22	Monday	3 rd	6:00 PM	Hope Church 12 th Ave & Michigan St, Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Sunday	6 th	6:30 PM	Lakeview United Methodist Church 23980 Co. Rd. "X", Hertel, WI
24	Wednesday	5 th	8:00 PM	Alano Club 411 E 2 nd St S Ladysmith, WI

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Area 74 - 2019 YTD Budget Report

OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Delegate	2,600.00	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 980.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate	1,300.00	655.00	645.00
Treasurer	700.00	160.00	540.00
Registrar	700.00	524.21	175.79
Secretary	700.00	370.00	330.00
Archives	700.00	230.00	470.00
Corrections MI	700.00	-	700.00
Corrections WI	700.00	65.15	634.85
CPC	700.00	758.00	(58.00)
Finance Expenses	700.00	395.00	305.00
Grapevine	700.00	407.00	293.00
Literature	700.00	774.71	(74.71)
Now & Then	700.00	301.50	398.50
Public Information	700.00	397.47	302.53
Structures & Guidelines	700.00	272.00	428.00
Treatment	700.00	364.00	336.00
YTD Chair Expenses	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 7,294.04	\$ 6,405.96

REVENUE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Group Contributions	\$ 31,087.00	\$ 27,205.72	\$ 3,881.28
* Other Revenue *	2,500.00	5,016.89	(2,516.89)
Anniversary & Individual Contributions	350.00	307.40	42.60
YTD Total Revenue	\$ 33,937.00	\$ 32,530.01	\$ 1,406.99

COMMITTEE EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Archives	1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Area Chair / Alt Delegate	475.00	290.00	185.00
Corrections Committee MI	300.00	-	300.00
Corrections Committee WI	35.00	2.50	32.50
CPC Committee	1,040.00	366.16	673.84
Finance Committee Expenses	1,050.00	760.27	289.73
Grapevine Committee	400.00	380.36	19.64
Literature Committee	97.00	56.95	40.05
Now & Then Committee	7,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00
Public Information Committee	420.00	110.05	309.95
Registrar Committee	197.00	221.74	(24.74)
Secretary Committee	53.00	-	53.00
Structures & Guidelines Committee	660.00	279.59	380.41
Treatment Committee	165.00	-	165.00
YTD Committee Expenses	12,892.00	4,467.62	8,424.38

* OTHER REVENUE *	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Interest Revenue		4.31	
Refreshment Contributions		332.00	
Seed Money Return Spring Conf		1,000.00	
Spring Conference Gain/Loss		2,680.58	
Seed Money Return Fall Conf		1,000.00	
Fall Conference Gain/Loss		-	
Prudent Reserve Transfer from Savings		-	
Total Other Revenue	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,016.89	\$ (3,016.89)

OTHER EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Seat Delegate	1,800.00	1,800.00	-
Registrar Internet	120.00	-	120.00
Assembly & ACM Rent	550.00	400.00	150.00
Assembly & ACM Expenses	275.00	305.16	(30.16)
Conference Seed Money	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Other / Misc Expenses	100.00	8.00	92.00
ECR Conference	750.00	375.00	375.00
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)	1,000.00	378.00	622.00
East Central Regional Forum	750.00	-	750.00
Conf. of Delegates past/present Trustee election every 4 years		-	-
International Convention		-	-
International Convention Hospitality Room donation		-	-
Sec/Reg computer/onetimeexpens		-	-
Prudent Reserve		-	-
YTD Other Expenses	\$ 7,345.00	\$ 3,266.16	\$ 4,078.84

EXPENSE SUMMARY	Budget	Actual	Budget Remaining
Chair Expenses	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 7,294.04	\$ 6,405.96
Committee Expenses	12,892.00	4,467.62	8,424.38
Other Expenses	7,345.00	3,266.16	4,078.84
YTD Total Expenses	\$ 33,937.00	\$ 15,027.82	\$ 18,909.18

CARRYOVER FROM 2018		
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2018	\$	14,463.06
Regular Savings Minimum Deposit	\$	5.00
Carryover prudent reserve		3,002.15
TTL CARRYOVER 2018	\$	17,470.21

OFFICER & CHAIR EXPENSES		
Delegate	\$	1,620.00
Area Chair-Alt Delegate		655.00
Treasurer		160.00
Registrar		524.21
Secretary		370.00
Archives		230.00
Corrections MI		-
Corrections WI		65.15
CPC		758.00
Finance		395.00
Grapevine		407.00
Literature		774.71
Now & Then		301.50
Public Information		397.47
Structures & Guidelines		272.00
Treatment		364.00
YTD Chair Expenses	\$	7,294.04

COMMITTEE EXPENSES		
Archives	\$	-
Area Chair/Alt Delegate		290.00
Corrections Committee MI		-
Corrections Committee WI		2.50
CPC Committee		366.16
Finance Committee		760.27
Grapevine Committee		380.36
Literature Committee		56.95
Now & Then Committee		2,000.00
Public Information Committee		110.05
Registrar Committee		221.74
Secretary Committee		-
Structures & Guidelines Committee		279.59
Treatment Committee		-
YTD Committee Expenses	\$	4,467.62

OTHER EXPENSES		
Seat Delegate	\$	1,800.00
Registrar Internet		
Rent - ACM / Assembly		400.00
Treats - ACM / Assembly		305.16
Conferece Seed Money		
Other Misc Expenses		8.00
ECR Conference		375.00
ECR Trustee Travel (Election Assembly)		378.00
ECR Forum		
CDPP - Trustee Election		
International Convention		
International Hospitality Room		
Sec / Reg Computer One-time expense		

REVENUE SUMMARY		
Group Contributions		27,205.72
* Other Revenue *		5,016.89
Anniversary & Individual Contributions		307.40
YTD Total Revenue	\$	32,530.01

* OTHER REVENUE *		
Interest Income	\$	4.31
Refreshment Contributions		332.00
Seed Money Return Spring 2019 Conference		1,000.00
Spring 2019 Conference Gain/Loss		2,680.58
Seed Money Return Fall 2019 Conference		1,000.00
Fall 2019 Conference Gain		-
		-
Total Other Income	\$	5,016.89

EXPENSE SUMMARY		
Chair Expenses	\$	7,294.04
Committee Expenses		4,467.62
Other Expenses		3,266.16
YTD Total Expenses	\$	15,027.82

TOTAL ASSETS		
Bal-Checking Account November 30, 2019		\$32,303.25
Outstanding Checks		338.00
CHECKING BALANCE November 30, 2019		\$31,965.25
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit		\$5.00
Bal-Prudent Reserve December 31, 2019		\$3,002.15
TOTAL ASSETS November 30, 2019		\$34,972.40

TOTAL ASSETS - BANK PROOF		
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2018		\$14,463.06
Regular Savings - Minimum Deposit		5.00
Carry Over Prudent Reserve		3,002.15
YTD Total Revenue		32,530.01
YTD Total Expense		15,027.82
TOTAL ASSETS November 30, 2019		\$34,972.40

Prudent Reserve Activity		
Beginning Prudent Reserve Balance	\$	3,002.15
YTD Accrued Interest		0.01
Transferred From Prudent Reserve to Checking		2.15
Transferred From Checking to Prudent Reserve		
Current Prudent Reserve Balance	\$	3,000.01

YEAR TO DATE GAIN / LOSS		
YTD Total Revenue	\$	32,530.01
YTD Total Expenses		15,027.82
YTD Net Gain (or Loss)	\$	17,502.19

GROUP PARTICIPATION		
Active Groups As of Jan 1, 2019		630
Institutional Groups		23
Groups Contributing		222
		36.57%

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!

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 01

District 01 serves Brown County and portions of Shawano & Oconto Counties. 73 mtgs. are held every week at 30 different locations. Since the city of Green Bay is in Dist. 01, the Green Bay Packers football team attracts many out-of-towners who are looking for AA mtgs., believe it or not. Football and tailgating may go together, but evidently, so do football and sobriety.

The DCM, GSRs, and other AA members travel approx. 130 miles to get to Area Assemblies and other general service meetings held in Three Lakes, WI. Dist. 01 its groups host jail meetings, intergroups, picnics & holiday parties as well as 4th & 5th step retreats at St. Norbert's Abby in DePere.

On Feb 12, 1981, Jack C, a member since 1950, put forth the following history: AA first came to Green Bay in 1942, brought to town by Frank N., an insurance salesman, and Dr. Weber Kelly (not an AA member). The first meeting was an 8PM speaker meeting and the first club was the 706 Club (address unknown).

UPCOMING EVENTS: Jan 25 Intergroup 4th & 5th Step Retreat March 20th-22nd

Details on these events & others in District 01 can be found a www.greenbayaa.org
Past Delegates from Dist 01: Virgil E. 1952-53, George C. 1956-57, Robert Z. 1964-65,
Paul S. 1974-75, Ted L. 2002

DISTRICT 02

District 02 has the distinction of being the only AA district in North America that has implemented the LCM service structure – Local Committee Member. Look to the service manual for a thorough description of the LCM, but in a nutshell, a large district can divide itself up into “sub-districts” that are represented at the regular district meeting. (From Co-Editors- maybe someone from Dist 02 could write an article for the Now & Then describing how this operates).

Appleton and Oshkosh are the major cities within District 02. It has a Central Office, hotlines in both Appleton and Oshkosh, and a website (www.district02aa.org). If you're in District 02, you can't complain about not being able to find a meeting – approximately 110 meetings a week take place here, along with a few special meetings that occur during the EAA Air Venture show in Oshkosh. This busy district also publishes its own newsletter that highlights upcoming events such as open speaker meetings and service-related meetings. The newsletter is accessible through their website.

This district is very active in service at the Area level and hosts a pre-Delegate's Workshop event in February to better inform GSRs, DCMs and any other interested AA members about the items of concern for the upcoming General Service Conference. The people who attend this workshop speak very highly of how helpful they find it.

Past Delegates from Dist 02: Dick H. 1980-81, Christina H. 1984-85, Paul H. 1990-91,
Tom C. 1996-97, Steve H. 2010-11

From the Area 74 Grapevine Chair

Happy New Year Area 74,

I am super excited to be starting my journey as the Area 74 Grapevine Chair for this next two-year rotation. Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 74 in this capacity. The Grapevine is our meeting in print. Written, edited, illustrated and read by A.A. members, Grapevine Magazine is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another. The International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous delivers contemporary stories of recovery and has served as a tool of Twelve Step work for over 75 years. Grapevine Representatives are the link between A.A. Grapevine and the groups. It is a fun way to get involved in service work. All you have to do is announce the latest issue at your meeting and let people know how they can participate by sending in stories or jokes. It's easy to get started. Simply let your Homegroup know that you are interested. If you need further information, please feel free to contact me and I will be more than willing to get you started in this new year as a Grapevine Representative. The January 2020 issue of the Grapevine has a special section featuring stories by A.A. members about their experiences with spirituality, belief, and prayer.

I will look forward to seeing you at Area 74 events where I will have the Grapevine Display set up. If any District would be interested in putting on a Grapevine Workshop I am all in! Please check out the A.A. Grapevine website at www.aagrapevine.org and see all that is available.

In Love and Service,
Sara P.
grapevine@area74.org

8:00 pm Night Groups

At: Marquette Alano Club Sponsoring

February Intergroup

We serve:

Spaghetti and Meatballs

Salad

Garlic Toast

A dessert

We ask (if you can) please bring a dish to share

February 8th

Negaunee Community Center/ Township Hall

4 p.m. Corrections

5 p.m GSRs

6 p.m Dinner

7 p.m Speakers

We look forward to seeing you.

Came to Believe Group's 21st Anniversary Celebration

Where: St. Stephen's Church

512 McClellan St.

Wausau, Wisconsin 54401

When: Saturday, March 14, 2020

Dinner from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Main dish provided

Please bring a dish to pass

7:00 - 7:15 p.m. Area 74 Service Speaker: Gloria O.

Main Speaker: 7:15 p.m.

Karen K.

From Iron Mountain, MI



 **This is a handicap accessible facility**

Contact person: Bob D. (715) 297-7039

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

Additional Motel/Hotel Accommodations along US Highway 2 in/near Ashland WI 54806:

Best Western Chequamegon (distance from AmericInn 2.3 miles)

101 Lake Shore Drive W.

Ashland, WI 54806

(715) 682-9095

Website: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotels-in-ashland/best-western-the-hotel-chequamegon/propertyCode.50135.html

Super 8 Ashland (distance from AmericInn 3.4 miles)

1610 Lakeshore Dr. W.

Ashland, WI 54806

(715) 682-9377

Website: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/ashland-wisconsin/super-8-ashland-wi/overview>

Quality Inn Ashland (distance from AmericInn 5.0 miles)

30600 US 2

Ashland, WI 54806

(715) 682-5235

Website: <https://www.choicehotels.com/wisconsin/ashland/quality-inn-hotels/wi270?pmf=yext&mc=llyxyxpx>

Fast Food Restaurants driving West from AmericInn along US Highway 2/Lake Shore Drive in Ashland:

Culvers (distance from AmericInn is 0.8 miles)

2101 Lake Shore Dr. E.

(715) 682-4045

Burger King (distance from AmericInn is 2.2 miles)

122 Lake Shore Dr. East

McDonalds (distance from AmericInn is 2.8 miles)

750 Lake Shore Dr. W.

Arbys

824 Lakeshore Dr. W. (distance from AmericInn is 2.8 miles)

Subway (distance from AmericInn is 2.8 miles)

901 Lake Shore Dr. W.

Restaurants driving West from AmericInn along US Highway 2/Lake Shore Drive in Ashland:

Breakwater Restaurant (distance from AmericInn is 1.0 miles)

1808 Lake Shore Dr. E.

(715) 682-8388 Open till 9pm

El Dorado (distance from AmericInn is 3.9 miles)

2320 Lake Shore Dr. W.

(715) 682-9658 Open till 9pm

Ashland Family Restaurant (distance from Americinn is 1.9 miles)

620 Lake Shore Dr. E.

(715) 682-4543 Open till 9pm

Deep Water Grille (distance from Americinn is 3.0 miles)

808 Main St. W.

(715) 682-4200 Open till 10pm

**SAVE THE
DATE**



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BEST WESTERN PLUS

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