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Delegate's Corner

Greetings Area 74, Below are the General Service Conference Final Agenda Items that your Delegate would really appreciate getting your Group's conscience feedback at the March 7th Delegate's Workshop and the April 4th Winter Assembly. If you or your group has not received the background information from your DCM, please contact Char V. (Contact info below)

I. Agenda

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2021 General Service Conference.
- B. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2021 General Service Conference.
- C. Review workshop topic ideas for the 2021 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form, process and 2019 Evaluation Summary.
- E. Review the 2019 January conference call participant survey results.
- F. Discuss report on the Conference Agenda Process from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference.
- G. Discuss the General Service Conference schedule.

II. Cooperation with the Professional Community

- A. Consider a request to discontinue the pamphlet "A.A. in Your Community."
- B. Consider a request to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals.
- C. Discuss progress report on LinkedIn page implementation.
- D. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.

III. Corrections

- A. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

IV. Finance

- A. Review the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix."
 1. Consider a request to revise the pie chart percentages on page 12.
 2. Consider a request regarding contribution percentages to service entities.
 3. Consider draft language related to the "virtual basket."
- B. Review Self-Support Packet.

V. Grapevine

- A. Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine book topics for 2021 or later.
- B. Review progress report on AA Grapevine Workbook revisions.
- C. Review progress report on actions taken from the findings of the AA Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey.
- D. Consider revising the A.A. Preamble to use gender neutral pronouns. For example, "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other..."
- E. Consider a request to change the language of the first sentence of the A.A. Preamble as follows: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share..."
- F. Consider a request to develop an AA Grapevine pamphlet on how the AA Grapevine can be utilized to carry the A.A. message.
- G. Consider a request to change the name of the General Service Conference Committee on Grapevine to the Conference Committee on Grapevine and LaViña.
- H. Consider a request for AA Grapevine, Inc. to establish an Instagram account in line with the Twelve Traditions.

VI. Literature

- A. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.”
- B. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “The Twelve Concepts Illustrated.”
- C. Review progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet on A.A.’s Three Legacies.
- D. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “Too Young?”
- E. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “Young People and A.A.”
- F. Review progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A.
- G. Review draft update of the video “Your General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure.”
- H. Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in Living Sober and “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship.”
- I. “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated” pamphlet:
 1. Discuss draft update of the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”
 2. Consider not retiring the existing version of the pamphlet “The Twelve Traditions Illustrated.”
- J. A.A.W.S. Policy:
 1. Review “A.A.W.S. Policy on Publication of Literature: Updating Pamphlets and Other A.A. Materials” approved in January 2020.
 2. Review proposed “A.A.W.S. Policy on Conversion of Written Conference-approved Literature and Service Material into Video Format.”
- K. Consider if proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution.
- L. Consider requests to revise the book Alcoholics Anonymous:
 1. Add pages 3 through 41 of the pamphlet “The A.A. Group” as an appendix in the next printing.
 2. Revise the first 164 pages.
- M. Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous:
 1. Develop a Fifth Edition.
 2. Develop a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous with updated stories and revisions to Appendices III and V.
 3. Add a proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition foreword of the book Alcoholics Anonymous at the time it is published.
- N. Consider development of a draft Fourth Edition of the book Alcoholicos Anónimos.
- O. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic.”
- P. Consider requests to revise the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions:
 1. To remove the phrase “opposite sex” from paragraph two on page 117 in the chapter “Step Twelve.”
 2. To reconsider use of the phrase “lustful enough to rape” in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter “Step Six.”
- Q. Consider request to add a subtitle to the booklet Living Sober.
- R. Consider requests to revise text related to open meetings in the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”
- S. Consider request to revise text related to self-support in the pamphlet “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”
- T. Consider revising the pamphlet “Questions & Answers on Sponsorship”:
 1. Change the suggestion that sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex.
 2. Expand the section on “Service Sponsorship” and retitle the pamphlet to include service sponsorship
- U. Consider request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet “G.S.R.: Your Group’s Link to A.A. as a Whole.”
- V. Review recovery literature matrix.

VII. Policy/Admissions

- A. Consider a proposed process for approving observers to the U.S./Canada General Service Conference.
- B. Consider implementing electronic voting for trustee elections.
- C. Review G.S.O. general manager’s report regarding General Service Conference site selection.
- D. Consider continuing the review of dates for the General Service Conference with timing and year(s) to review as requested by the general manager.
- E. Consider a proposed process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference committee.
- F. Consider a proposed process for equitable distribution of Conference committees’ workload.
- G. Review the Floor Action process.

VIII. Public Information

- A. Review 2019 annual reports from the trustees’ Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org.

- B. Discuss a progress report on the A.A.W.S. Meeting Guide app.
- C. Review the 2019 trustees' Public Information Committee progress report on the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account.
- D. Review the 2019 trustees' Public Information Committee progress report on the use of Google AdWords/Grants to carry the A.A. message.
- E. Discuss a request to adjust all A.A.W.S. video titles for search engine optimization (SEO).
- F. Review a report regarding the 2020 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.
- G. Review a draft plan to create video shorts based on A.A. pamphlets.
- H. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):
 - 1. Review the 2019 Report on the "Relevance and Usefulness of Video Public Service Announcements."
 - 2. Review the distribution and tracking information for the video PSA "Changes."
 - 3. Review a report regarding the new financial reporting system for PSA media valuations.
 - 4. Review a progress report on the development of two PSAs.
- I. Discuss a request "to create a new form of communication" to address anonymity on social media.
- J. Consider a request to develop a plan to create an A.A. podcast.
- K. Review "A.A. Triennial Membership Survey" report.
- L. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

IX. Report and Charter

- A. Discuss General Service Conference Final Report.
- B. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.)
- C. Consider restoring the two paragraphs and the accompanying footnote in the Concept Eleven essay of The Twelve Concepts for World Service that were removed by an advisory action of the 66th General Service Conference.
- D. Consider amending a sentence in Article 4 of the current Conference Charter.
- E. The A.A. Service Manual, 2020-2022 Edition.
 - 1. Review the draft and the agenda items that were forwarded to Publishing during the period of the redesign project.

X. Treatment and Accessibilities

- A. Discuss the report on the review of materials related to Bridging the Gap activities.
- B. Consider request to develop a Bridging the Gap Workbook.
- C. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic."
- D. Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- E. Review contents of Accessibilities Committee Kit and Workbook.

XI. Trustees

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
 - 1. West Central Regional Trustee
 - 2. Western Canada Regional Trustee
- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Consider the revised "Procedures for a Partial or Complete Reorganization of the General Service Board, the A.A.W.S. or AA Grapevine Boards."

XII. Archives

- A. Consider requests to develop a book on A.A. history from 1955 through the present.
- B. Review Archives Workbook.

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- A. Discuss methods of closing the Big Meetings at the International Convention.
- B. Discuss upcoming 2020 International Convention.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.
- E. Consider a request to change the language of the first sentence of the A.A. Preamble as follows: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share..."
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FROM THE AREA CHAIR

Hi Area 74,

Dawn here, Area 74 Chair/Alt Delegate Panel 70. I am enjoying this more each month. I love reading and submitting your articles about what keeps YOU active in AA service!

This month we have the opportunity to get to know Rich M.

Greetings Area 74!

I was recently asked, "what keeps bringing you back to service work?" After pondering the question for a time, I came up with two answers – the newcomer, and my AA family. I believe working with the newcomer is one of the most important things we can do to stay sober ourselves. Whether it's listening to them in a newcomer meeting, or guiding them through the 12 Steps, it's a stark reminder of where I once was: that guy who was the "raw nerve" sitting at his first meeting, having admitted defeat but with no idea of how to go forward. It takes me back to where the AA community as a whole took me in with open arms, with absolutely no judgment, and giving me the tools to rebuild my life. Some of the best meetings I've attended have been newcomer meetings.

The Big Book tells us "practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drink as intensive work with other alcoholics." Doing this gives me a sense of purpose. Whether it's supporting my fellows at the tables or working one-on-one with a sponsee, it keeps me accountable to myself, my program, and my Higher Power.

I think it's true when they say you either love or hate Service work, and I've found that I love it! My current sponsor has a strong service background, and this has rubbed off onto me. From making coffee to chairing meetings, from being a GSR to now the alternate DCM for my district, I know firsthand that active service is something I need to do to stay "on the beam." Whether it's with my AA family at an Area event or one-on-one with the newcomer, I must work with others so that I can continue to stay sober.

So, this is what keeps bringing me back to Service work. As the Big Book says, "your job now is to be at the place where you may be of maximum helpfulness to others, so never hesitate to go anywhere if you can be helpful." So with that, I think I'll keep coming back...

With Gratitude,
Rich M.
Paradise, MI

Thank you from my heart for allowing me to serve YOU as Area Chair. I invite all to send me an article on what keeps you involved in service, please feel free to contact me any time.

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Thank You, Area 74 Treasurer treasurer@area74.org

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2020

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 Committee Meeting	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 Mtg	See Above		Eau Claire, WI
10/24/2020	Area Assembly	Reiter Center	1858 S. Michigan St	Three Lakes, WI
12/12/2020	Area Committee Mtg	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

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as the newsletter is using the mailing list from Oct 2019 (the last available list from the GSO database) plus any updates we have been able to include from you in our mailing list. Until the Registrar has access to the database at GSO we have no other comprehensive list to access. Both the registrar and the Co-Editors are diligently working to get the information as up-to-date as possible but some of this is out of our control. Any help (patience & tolerance too please!!) you and your groups can provide is, and will be, greatly appreciated.

DISTRICT MEETINGS MARCH 2020 LIST

DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
01	Thursday	12 th	6:30 PM	Central Office, 1720 Main St. #102	Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	8 th	2:00 PM	Genesis Club 1213 Appleton St	Appleton, WI
3	Thursday	19 th	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave.	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	5 th	7:00 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S Main St.	Amherst, WI
5	Weds	11 th	6:45 PM	Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E,	Menominee, WI
6	Thursday	19 th	7:45 PM	Club 76	Chippewa Falls, WI
7	Sunday	15 th	5:00 PM	2111 S Roddis Ave	Marshfield, WI
8	Tuesday	5 th	7:00 PM	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St.	Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	1 st	2:00 PM	First American Lutheran Church 511 Madison St	Oconto, WI
10	Saturday	14 th	9:00AM	First United Methodist Church 724 Arbutus St	Rhineland, WI
11				<i>No information Available</i>	
12	Saturday	15 th	12:30PM	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue	Hayward, WI
13	Monday	2 nd	5:00 PM	Chequamegon Bay Serenity Club, 310 Stuntz	Ashland WI
14	Sunday	8 th	5:30 PM	New Richmond Alano Club 1448 N 4th St	New Richmond, WI
15				<i>No information Available</i>	
16				<i>No information Available</i>	
17	Monday	30 th	6:00 PM	Alano Club 105 W Fleshiem St	Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday	14 th	11:00am	Party's Unlimited 106 N Main St	Ishpeming, MI
19				<i>No information Available</i>	
20				Check website at www.district20rea74aa.org	
21	Thursday	5 th	6:30 PM	United Methodist Church 57235 Calumet Ave	Calumet, MI
22	Monday	2 nd	6:00 PM	Hope Church 141 N 12th Ave & Michigan St,	Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Sunday	1 st	6:00 PM	Spooner Health Ctr 1280 Chandler Dr	Spooner, WI
24	Weds	4 th	8:00 PM	Alano Club 411 E 2nd St S	Ladysmith, WI

DISTRICT MEETINGS APRIL 2020 LIST

DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
01	Thursday	9 th	6:30 PM	Central Office, 1720 Main St. #102	Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	12 th	2:00 PM	First Congregational Church 724 E. South River St.	Appleton, WI
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 6th St E,	Menominee, WI
6	Thursday	16 th	7:45 PM	Club 76	Chippewa Falls, WI
7	Sunday	19 th	5:00 PM	First united Church of Christ 111 S 2 nd St	Colby WI
8	Tuesday	7 th	7:00 PM	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St.	Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	5 th	2:00 PM	St Augustine Catholic Church 507 Church St	Wausaukee WI
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12	Saturday	11 th	12:30PM	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue	Hayward, WI
13	Monday	6 th	5:00 PM	Chequamegon Bay Serenity Club, 310 Stuntz	Ashland WI
14	Sunday	12 th	5:30 PM	American Legion Hall Memorial Dr.	Amery, WI
15				<i>No information Available</i>	
16	Saturday		11:00AM	United Lutheran Church 304 Main St.	L'Anse, MI
17	Monday	27 th	6:00 PM	Alano Club 105 W Fleshiem St	Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday	11 th	11:00am	First United Methodist Church 111 E. Ridge sT	Marquette, MI
19				<i>No information Available</i>	
20				Check website at www.district20rea74aa.org	
21	Saturday	4 th	6:30 PM	St. Francis Assisi Rectory 505 First St	Dollar Bay, MI
22	Monday	6 th	6:00 PM	Hope Church 141 N 12th Ave & Michigan St,	Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Sunday	5 th	6:00 PM	Spooner Health Ctr 1280 Chandler Dr	Spooner, WI
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The 2020 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous

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



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

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

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

We look forward to seeing you in Detroit!

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SPOTLIGHT ON THE DISTRICTS

DISTRICT 05

Hello and Welcome from District 05

District 05 covers 7 counties including: Eau Claire, Pepin, Buffalo, Trempealeau, Pierce, and part of St. Croix County. Basically, we are located on the border of Wisconsin and Minnesota. The city of Eau Claire has two rivers that split the town, Eau Claire and Chippewa river. Eau Claire is French for the meaning, "Clear Water". Eau Claire was built up from the logging industry and has a paper mill on the Chippewa River.

A little bit of AA history, in 1940, Ed. K wrote New York central office, which later became GSO and got the AA Big Book from them, this book would be used to create the first Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and after three years of existence the group had 9 consistent members. The Group name was "Group One, Eau Claire. In 1945 the Chippewa Falls group sprung from this group. Menominee group in 1946 and Osseo group just south of Eau Claire in 1947. The oldest running meeting in District 05 is the Colfax Group.

Currently, District 05 has 110+ meetings in which 40+ meetings are in the Eau Claire area. There are over 20 cities in district 05, with River Falls and Prescott being the most western cities. Then you head south down two Alma and Pepin which they are located on the Mississippi River. District 05 is very excited for our new neighbor north of us, district 06. District 06 has been dark for many years, and recently they turned on the lights with electing Jim M. as there DCM and many other service positions. District 05 is committed to helping District 06 get up and running.

Our District has been heavily involved in service work to the alcoholic that still suffers in and out of the rooms. Eau Claire has hosted the 2014 and 2017 Fall Conference and this year District 05 will be hosting the 2020 Fall Conference held on September 11-13 th . Our theme for the conference is "Our Common Welfare Comes First". We are very excited to host this, and our Chairperson, Bryon B. and his committee are doing a great job on planning this conference in a short amount of time.

Our Monthly GSR meeting is held in Menomonie on the second Wednesday of each month starting at 6:45pm to 8:45pm. We invite you and welcome any of you to our monthly meeting. We have many newly elected GSR's, Officers, and committee Chairs that play a vital role on carrying the message to the alcoholic that still suffers in our district. Our Public Information, Corrections, Treatment, and CPC are very active with their committees. Nicholas S., our Public Information Chair and his committee, just landed a booth at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair this summer on getting the message of AA out there to our public.

In closing, we'll leave you with this quote from the book, "Our Great Responsibility". As we know, all AA progress can be reckoned in terms of just two words: Humility and Responsibility. Our whole spiritual development can be accurately measured by our degree of adherence to these magnificent standards. Ever-greater willingness to accept and to act upon clear-cut obligations. These are truly our touchstones for all growth in the life of the spirit. They hold up to us the very essence of right being and right doing. It is by them that we are enabled to find and to do God's will.

In Love and Service

Shane Speckien DCM district 05

DISTRICT 06

Not sure how much info I have on district 6 as it has been dark for a long time. I moved here 3 ½ years ago from Northern Virginia, Area 71. At that time it was more about getting some meetings going in our location—Bloomer, WI, as there were no meetings in this area.

As our meetings expanded—we now have 2 additional meetings that have spun out of the original Bloomer meeting, and as more folks came in, it became apparent that it was time to start thinking about turning the lights back on in district 6, all we needed were the right folks. God has a plan—I was asked to speak at the annual dinner at Club 76 in Chippewa falls—our southernmost town—and I kept hearing from God "tell your service story". I finished the talk by sharing that the 1st 3 meetings I tried to go to when I moved out here had closed their doors—and I asked the question--would these meetings still be here if the district was alive, and other groups could come around those groups and give them support until they could stand on their own, or my wife so aptly put it—you know what you are doing, what about the newcomer?

I had several folks come up to me after the talk, and ask what they could do to help get the district up and running again. We formed a committee to reach out to every meeting that we knew of, and held a meeting on January 23 to see how much interest there was in getting the district active again—we had approximately 20 folks show up, all excited to get the district going. We set up our next meeting for 2/20 to formally organize the district. We elected our DCM, ADCM, Treasurer and Secretary. We also formed 4 committees, Treatment, Prisons, PI, and CPC.

We have had great support from District 5, and have told Amy B, their Treasurer, that she is now our District 6 Service Sponsor. Our committee chairs will be coming along side their committee chairs to help them learn the ropes, and we will be doing some joint functions with them. Shane S, the DCM for District 5 and I have also been working together, with our ADCM also coming along side. Shane has asked me to tell my service story at their district meeting on 3/11. I have also asked him to do the same at our April meeting on 4/16.

God has blessed us in that most folks are new to this type of service, but both myself, and our ADCM John B have been DCM's before in different geographical areas. John in Denver, and myself in Virginia, Area 71. I also have experience as a committee chair and area officer for Area 71. As part of our meetings we will be reviewing a Tradition and Concept every month.

I have no idea how many meetings we have in the district, as we are still searching for any that we missed—but to date we have found something like 18 to 20..

Bloomer is our northern most town, Chippewa Falls to the South. Sand Creek to the west and Stanley to the east.

We are starting well behind the curve, as we needed to formally get our EIN from the IRS, open a bank account even though we have very little money, and order in service manuals for our folks. We have also been scrambling for coverage of the various Area functions, as most of us did not have clear calendars when we organized. My wife and I will be on a vacation that we planned 6 months ago, so I will be missing our 2nd district meeting, but John is stepping in for me. John and I both have conflicts for the Delegate's workshop, but our Treasurer Tim N will be stepping in for us—the spirit of service.

I have been trying to wrap my head around the various area functions, and sat with Nicholas S, and played connect the dots between our area 74 functions, and the area 71 functions.

Man plans and God laughs, my old home group in Lovettsville, VA asked me how I was going to stay involved in service when I moved out here. I responded that I would find a nice home group and become their coffee maker. It is clear that God had other plans and wanted me back in the fray.

I pray everyday that since we now have a start, that this district will grow and flourish, and all of our meetings on our meeting list will be found by the newcomer. I hope this helps.

In Love and Service

Jim Moran DCM 06

Area 74

Delegate's Workshop & Area Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 7, 2020

Reiter Center
1858 S. Michigan Street
Three Lakes, WI

- 9:00 AM Welcome by Delegate and Area Chair
- 9:30 AM Committees meet to discuss 2020 General Service Conference agenda items
- 12 Noon Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 PM Workshop Committee Reports

Area Committee Meeting to follow

Delegate's Workshop AGENDA 2020

General Service Conference Agenda Items will be sent to your DCM for distribution. Please review/discuss with your groups and Districts prior to the Delegate's Workshop

March 7, 2020

Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan Street Three Lakes, WI

9:00 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:10 AM	Discuss Procedure and Committee Assignments
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Committees meet to discuss the 2020 General Service Conference Agenda Items
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Area Committee Reports

Area 74 Area Committee Meeting Agenda

March 7, 2020

Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan Street Three Lakes, WI

The Area Chair will open the meeting following the Delegate's Workshop

Approve Minutes from December 14, 2019 Area Committee Meeting

DCM Reports

Delegates Report

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Approve April 4, 2020 Winter Assembly Agenda – Dawn M. (Area Chair)

Approve May 16, 2020 Spring Assembly Agenda – Dawn M. (Area Chair)

Next Area Committee Meeting May 17, 2020 District 13 Ashland, WI

6:00 PM Close Meeting

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



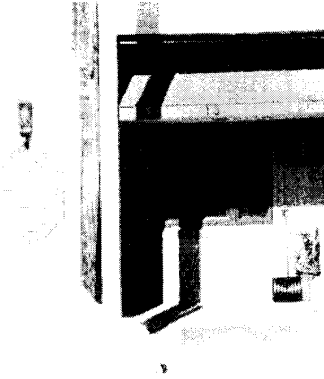
 This is a handicap accessible facility

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

WINNEBAGO LAND CENTRAL OFFICE



1st Central Office
1st and Macy
Old Post Office Bldg.



2nd Central Office
14 E. 6th St.



Current Central Office
280 N Main St.

30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday March 28th, 2020

10:30am till 2:30pm

First Presbyterian Church

1225 Fourth Street

Fond du Lac, WI. 54935

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: CHAR V. FROM APPLETON, WI

Agenda: 10:30am to 11:00pm – Coffee & Registration

*11:00pm to 11:45pm - History of W.L.C.O. Beginnings in Fond du Lac
(March 1990 till present)*

11:45pm to 12:00pm - 12th Step Call to Central Office (Skit)

12:00pm to 1:00pm - Light Luncheon & Social Hour

(sandwiches, coffee, water & cake provided)

1:00pm to 1:30pm – “Our Office” - Groups 7th Tradition Responsibility

1:30pm to 2:30pm - Keynote Speaker

Please share a Snack or Dish to Pass

Questions or Inquiries - Contact Jeff Z. (920) 517-6219

Area 74



WINTER ASSEMBLY

Saturday, April 4, 2020

Reiter Center
1858 S. Michigan Street
Three Lakes, WI

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| 8:30 AM | New GSR & DCM Orientation |
| 9:00 AM | Welcome
Roll call
Approval of March 7th, 2020 Minutes
Area Officer Reports
Committee Reports
Unfinished Business |
| 12 noon | Lunch |
| 1:00PM | New Business
Conference Reports
WICYPAA Report |
| 3:00 PM | Close of Meeting |

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, AI-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

**SAVE THE
DATE**



**AREA 74
FALL CONFERENCE**

HOSTED BY DISTRICT 5

SEPTEMBER 11-13, 2020

BEST WESTERN PLUS

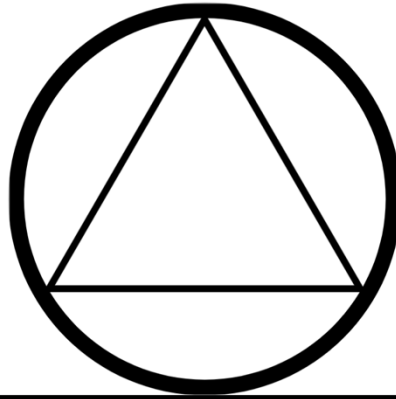
EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN

Speakers, panels, banquet!!

Save the Date!

District 04 Area 74 Workshop

Safety in AA: Our Common Welfare



**Saturday
Oct. 17, 2020
1-4pm**

**Faith Community Church
N2541 County K
Waupaca, WI 54981**



Planning Committee
Meets 3rd Thurs.
of the month
7:15pm
Peace Lutheran Campus in
Stevens Point

- Speaker will be Madeline P. from Oregon.
 - Coffee and water will be provided.
 - Bring a snack to share if able!
 - If you need ASL, email district04safetyinaa@gmail.com.
- Have questions?
Call or text Cynthia B.
#715-252-3324

Area 74 Officers as of January 1, 2020 (Panel 70)

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Co-Secretary							
Registrar	Dean C.	140 North Houghton	Manistique, MI.	49854		630.824.7516	akadculiton@gmail.com
Co-Registrar							
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Alt Treasurer							

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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 individual members of Area 74 .

YOUR ASSISTANCE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!!

FROM THE NOW & THEN CO-EDITORS PERTAINING TO UPDATING THE ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST

ALL members and groups, Please send your updated email addresses to

area74newsletter@gmail.com or nowandthen@area74.org

as the newsletter is using the mailing list from Oct 2019 (the last available list from the GSO database) plus any updates we have been able to include from you in our mailing list. Until the Registrar has access to the database at GSO we have no other comprehensive list to access. Both the registrar and the Co-Editors are diligently working to get the information as up-to-date as possible but some of this is out of our control. Any help (patience & tolerance too please!!) you and your groups can provide is, and will be, greatly appreciated.

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Now & Then
P.O. Box 192
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

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