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# Now & Then

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### Delegate's Corner

Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need

(Excerpts from Bill W.'s article in the April 1959 Grapevine. See Concept IX, page 36 of "Twelve Concepts for World Service" for the full article)

Somewhere in our literature there is a statement to this effect: "Our leaders do not drive by mandate: they lead by example." In effect, we are saying to them, "Act for us, but don't boss us."... Therefore, a leader in A.A. service is a man (or woman) who can personally put principles, plans, and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him up and help him with his job. When a leader power-drives us badly, we rebel; but when he too meekly becomes an order-taker and he exercises no judgment of his own — well, he really isn't a leader at all.... Good leadership originates plans, policies, and ideas for the improvement of our Fellowship and its service. But in new and important matters, it will nevertheless consult widely before taking decisions and actions. Good leadership will also remember that a fine plan or idea can come from anybody, anywhere. Consequently, good leadership will often discard its own cherished plans for others that are better, and it will give credit to the source.... Good leadership never passes the buck. Once assured that it has, or can obtain, sufficient general backing, it freely takes decisions and puts them into action forthwith, provided, of course, that such action be within the framework of its defined authority and responsibility.... Another qualification for leadership is give-and-take, the ability to compromise cheerfully whenever a proper compromise can cause a situation to progress in what appears to be the right direction. Compromise comes hard to us all-or nothing drunks. Nevertheless, we must never lose sight of the fact that progress is nearly always characterized by a series of improving compromises. We cannot, however, compromise always. Now and then, it is truly necessary to stick flatfooted to one's conviction about an issue until it is settled. These are situations for keen timing and careful discrimination as to which course to take.... Leadership is often called upon to face heavy and sometimes long-continued criticism. This is an acid test. There are always the constructive critics, our friends indeed. We ought never fail to give them a careful hearing. We should be willing to let them modify our opinions or change them completely. Often, too, we shall have to disagree and then stand fast without losing their friendship.

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## **FROM THE AREA 74 ALTERNATE DELEGATE/ AREA CHAIR**

Good Day to All,

I was sitting in my living room drinking coffee, staring out my front window, and going through the routine for my daily prayer and meditation when I had a thought from the past. I used to think that I did not have enough time in my life to accomplish all the things that I wanted to get done. Some of these “things” were make more money in real estate, finish all the remodeling projects, spend more time hunting, and work on my hobbies. The basic thought was I needed more time for myself, and that is a selfish and self-centered thought.

The idea that I need more “me time” is dangerous for an alcoholic like me. The program of recovery in AA has lead me to believe that I need to look outward and be of service to God, my fellow Alcoholics and the rest of the world. Recently a lot of my time has been devoted to being of service to Area 74 but the way we organize our service meeting schedule, there is a little break in the action for the summer.

With that lull in service meetings, I find I can look towards other ways of being of service. If a group asks me to share my story at their meeting, I say yes. If a District asks me to participate in a workshop, I say yes. If a Group is having a social event with speakers, I will attend (I especially like picnics, they have food). When I am actively involved with my own recovery, those selfless actions keep me on the AA beam.

If you cannot find a service event in your District, start one. If you are not sure how to plan an event, ask around. There are plenty of AA members with that experience.

In Service

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**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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<b>DATES TO REMEMBER 2021</b>		
<b>8/7/2021</b>	<b>Area Comm Mtg</b>	<b>(Optional) Location TBD</b>
8/20-22/2021	East Cent Reg Conf	CANCELLED
<b>9/17-19/2021</b>	<b>Area 74 Fall Conf</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>9/18/2021</b>	<b>Area Election Assembly</b>	<b>Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St Three Lakes, WI</b>
<b>9/19/2021</b>	<b>Area Comm Meeting</b>	<b>Virtual Meeting Zoom.us info below</b>
<b>10/30/2021</b>	<b>Fall Assembly</b>	<b>Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St Three Lakes, WI</b>
<b>12/11/2021</b>	<b>Area Comm Meeting</b>	<b>Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St Three Lakes, WI</b>

**\*\*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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ZOOM info for all Area 74 Service Meetings:

Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882

Passcode: 1212144

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,84110965882# US (New York)

+13017158592,,84110965882# US (Washington D.C)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84110965882?pwd=OWJScFNFRmhGSFI4ZEIYbkFYVGY0Zz09>

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**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**

**Refer to [www.area74.org](http://www.area74.org) for the most up to date info on AA and COVID19 ramifications**

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**CHECK WITH YOUR DCMs & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO**

### DISTRICT MEETINGS July 2021 LIST

DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
1	Thursday	2nd Thur	6:30pm	ZOOM Green Bay, WI	
2	Sunday	2nd Sun	2:00 PM	Christus Lutheran Church 120 Main St., Zoom Only	Clintonville, WI
3	Thursday	3rd Thur	5:30 PM	<a href="http://wiaadistrict3.org">wiaadistrict3.org</a> for details	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	1st Thurs	6:30 PM	ZOOM 824 2227 0300	
5	Weds	2nd Wed	6:45 PM	Zoom 7160819669 Passcode: 300225	Menominee, WI
6	Thursday	15th	7:45 PM	Club 76	Chippewa Falls, WI
7	Sunday	18th	5:00PM	Alano Club 2111 S Central Ave	Marshfield, W
8	Tuesday		7:00pm	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St.,	Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	4th	2:00PM	Faith Presbyterian Church 806 Fritzie Avenue	Crivitz, WI
10	Saturday	10th	10:30AM	United Methodist Church Arbutus st	Rhineland, WI
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12	Saturday	2nd Sat	12:30PM	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue Zoom Also	Hayward, WI
13	Monday	5th	5:00pm	PIRC Partners in Recovery Club 410 Lakeshore Dr West	Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	2nd Sun	4:30pm	New Richmond Alano Club 1448 N 4th St	New Richmond, WI
15					
16	Saturday				
17	Monday	26th	6:00pm	105 W. Fleishiem	Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday		10:00am	NO MEETING this month	Ishpeming, MI
19					
20				Check website at <a href="http://www.district20area74aa.org">www.district20area74aa.org</a>	
21	Thursday	1st Thur	6:00pm	Portage Lake United Church 1400 E Houghton Ave	Houghton, MI
22	Thursday	1st Thur	6:00pm	115 Club 115 N 5th Ave	Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Weds	7th	6:30pm	1-712-775-7031 and the passcode is 983009	
24	Weds		8:00pm	Alano Club 411 E 2nd St S	Ladysmith, WI

### DISTRICT MEETINGS August 2021 LIST

DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
1	Thursday	12th	6:30 PM	Zoom	Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	8th	2:00 PM	St. Paul's Church 410 Wallace St.	Combined Locks, WI
3	Thursday	19th	5:30 PM	Alano Club, 1210 E Grand Ave, Zoom info: <a href="http://wiaadistrict3.org">wiaadistrict3.org</a>	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	5th	6:30 PM	824 2227 8300 Zoom ID	Amherst, WI
5	Weds	11th	6:45 PM	Zoom ID 7160819669, PW 300255	Menominee, WI
6	Thursday	19th	7:45 PM	Club 76, 76 East Central Street	Chippewa Falls, WI
7	Sunday	15th	5:00 PM	First United Church of Christ 111 S. 2nd St.	Colby, WI
8	Tuesday	3rd	7:00 PM	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St.	Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	8th	2:00 PM	Peace Church 208 E. Maurer	Shawano, WI
10	Saturday	14th	9:00AM	First United Methodist Church 724 Arbutus St	Rhineland, WI
11				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
12	Saturday	14th	12:30 PM	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue	Hayward, WI
13	Monday	2nd	5:00 PM	PIRC Partners In Recovery Club, 410 Lakeshore Dr West	Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	8th	5:30 PM	New Richmond Alano Club 1448 N 4th Street	New Richmond, WI
15				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
16	Saturday	7th	11:00AM	United Lutheran Church, 304 Main St.	L'Anse, MI
17	Monday	30th	6:00 PM	105 W. Fleishiem	Iron Mountain, MI
18	Saturday	14th	11:00 AM	106 N Main St	Ishpeming, MI
19				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
20	Saturday	14th	11:00 AM	United Methodist Church 1212 Morrison St.	Germfask, MI
21	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Thur	6:00 PM	Portage Lake United Church, 1400 E. Houghton Ave	Houghton, MI
22	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Thur	6:00pm	115 Club 115 N 5th Ave	Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> ?	6:00 PM	Conference Call 1-712-775-7031 Passcode 983009	Spooner, WI
24	Weds	4th	8:00 PM	Ladysmith Alano Club, 411 E 2nd St.	Ladysmith, WI

DISTRICT 03 SUMMER PICNIC

**JULY 17TH**  
**ROBINSON**  
**PARK 3-5**  
**FELLOWSHIP**  
**6 SPEAKER**

Join us in Wisconsin  
Rapids and celebrate!



# Three-District Area 74 Meet, Greet, ( and Eat! )

In Unity, Sponsored by Districts 12 , 13 and 23, We are hosting a Meet and Sharing session with our Panel 70 Delegate Char V. and Alternate Delegate/Area Chair Bryon B.

Make the road trip to join in informative sharing, questions and answers from the experiences of our current Area Officers, including a pot luck lunch from

Noon to 4:00pm

Saturday July 31st

Hayward Serenity Club.  
10339 Florida Avenue Hayward, WI.

This event will offer great fellowship we have been missing since the pandemic closed many locations. Weather permitting we'll meet outdoors-

Bring a lawn chair and your fellow A.A. friends. This will be a casual gathering for the pleasure of all A.A. members.

We invite and look forward to your presence for this summer event!



# Area 74 of Alcoholics Anonymous

## District 6 Picnic

### Three Mini Speakers & Potluck

July 31 2021 11am-3pm  
North Park (big pavilion)  
2701 9th ave, Bloomer WI

NO ALCOHOLIC TURNED AWAY!

SUGGESTED POTLUCK SIGN-UP (MEAT PROVIDED)

LAST INITIAL=SUGGESTED ITEM

A-D: APPETIZER

E-I: BUNS OR CONDIMENT

J-M: DESSERT OR FRUIT

N-R: HOTDISH

S-Z: SALAD OR SIDE DISH

PLEASE RSVP TO SANDY OR ELYSSA  
715.404.0244 OR 715.225.7046



# Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) Conference

## Area 74 A.A. Organization

With locations in Northern Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula of Michigan

Dates: May 20 – 22, 2022

Hosted by District 13 with AA meetings in Ashland and Bayfield Counties

**Held At:** AmericInn  
3009 Lake Shore Drive E.  
Ashland, WI 54806

Room Reservations: (715) 682-9950  
Room Rate: \$ 114.99 + tax per night  
Website: [www.americinn.com/hotels/wi/ashland](http://www.americinn.com/hotels/wi/ashland)

### Friday

Evening: Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker- Panel 72 Delegate evening event To Be Determined, and ice cream social.

### Saturday

Area 74 Assembly Meeting: 9:00am -3:30pm  
A.A and Alanon panels during the day.

Afternoon: Al-Anon Speaker -  
Evening: Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker –  
DJ entertainment after the speaker.

### Sunday

Area 74 Committee Meeting: 8:00am to 10:00am  
Morning after committee meeting: Alcoholics Anonymous Speaker –

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, alkathon, and hospitality room.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Only (\$ 20.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Badge: \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet (\$ 25.00) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Contact me about service opportunities

\_\_\_\_\_ Special room/banquet accommodations (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Makes checks payable to: Area 74 Spring Conference, mail to: 11090 E. Lund Road Maple, WI 54854.  
For more information, contact Marty L. at (715) -363-2418.



# GRAPEVINE News



## What's New For July 2021



Want to Help Another Alcoholic?

### 2021 Carry The Message Project

Grapevine & La Viña are great twelfth step tools!

Learn three easy ways to give [here!](#)  
Or visit our YouTube channel at [youtube.com/aagrapevine](https://youtube.com/aagrapevine).

## Vacancy for Nontrustee Director of AA Grapevine Board in 2022

The AA Grapevine Corporate Board will have a vacancy for the position of nontrustee Director following the General Service Conference in April 2022.



[aagrapevine.org/Vacancy-for-Nontrustee](https://aagrapevine.org/Vacancy-for-Nontrustee)



### 2 New Books Available!

*Free on the Inside: Stories of AA Recovery in Prison and Women in AA (Spanish-language)*

[aagrapevine.org/2-new-books](https://aagrapevine.org/2-new-books)

## Grapevine Rep Resources Page

Download GVR service resources, tools, postcards, and much more! Visit [aagrapevine.org/gvr-resources](https://aagrapevine.org/gvr-resources)



Check out the new audio story playlist on our GV Youtube channel!

[youtube.com/aagrapevine](https://youtube.com/aagrapevine)

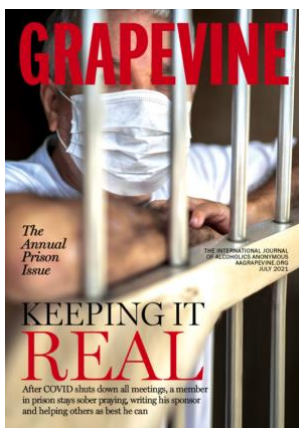


The ePub edition of AA Grapevine magazine replaces the old app

[store.aagrapevine.org](https://store.aagrapevine.org)



## What's New in Print and Online



### Grapevine

#### Current Issue Spotlight:

This month's Featured Section is "Annual Prison Issue." AA members inside and out of prison walls share powerful stories about getting sober and helping one another. Also included are stories of hope by members during the current **COVID-19 crisis**.

#### Submit Your Story for Upcoming Issues:

- **Beginners & Day Counters!** — Tell us about your first 90 days. What are the most important things that helped you? Any tips? How was your sponsor helpful? The literature? Fellowship? Slogans? (stories due July 15, 2021)
- **Adversity in Sobriety** — Tell us how you got through a tough time in sobriety. What AA tools did you use. How did your sponsor, the fellowship or prayer help? Share how you got through it. (stories due August 15, 2021)
- **Important:** We're looking for stories of experience with **each Step** and **each Tradition!** (Pick a Step or pick a Tradition and write about your experience!)



### La Viña

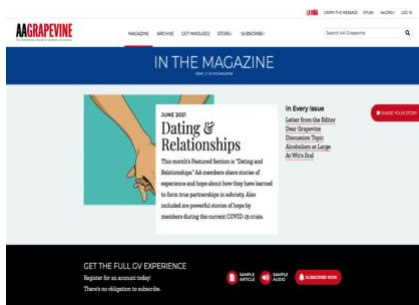
#### Current Issue Spotlight:

This month's Special Section is "La Viña's 25th Anniversary."

#### Submit Your Story for Upcoming Issues:

- **Acceptance** — (Stories due July 30, 2021)
- **Newcomer issue** — (stories due September 30, 2021)
- **The Three Legacies** — (stories due by October 17, 2021)
- **Important:** We are always looking for stories on **individual steps** and **traditions!**

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### AAGrapevine.org

Make your plans and add your events to our online calendar at [www.aagrapevine.org/share](http://www.aagrapevine.org/share)

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To listen to a free La Viña audio story (in Spanish), visit: [www.aalavina.org](http://www.aalavina.org).

### Area Chair/GVR Corner



Please let us know at [EA@aagrapevine.org](mailto:EA@aagrapevine.org) if your Area is planning any online virtual events.



If you attend area events we'd like to know! Also, if you take anonymity-protected photos at events, we'd love to post them on the [GV Display Gallery](#). Please send the information and photos to [EA@aagrapevine.org](mailto:EA@aagrapevine.org)

### Grapevine On The Road

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all staff and board travel have been suspended until further notice.

### Did You Know?

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