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Delegate's Corner

As your Delegate I am busy with conference week. I am looking forward to giving a delegate report in May.

At Char's request we are printing an excerpt from page 155 of As Bill Sees It:

“Built by the One and the Many

We give thanks to our Heavenly Father, who, through so many friends and through so many means and channels, has allowed us to construct this wonderful edifice of the spirit in which we are now dwelling – this cathedral whose foundations already rest upon the corners of the earth.

On its great floor we have inscribed our Twelve Steps of recovery. On the side walls, the buttresses of the A.A. Traditions have been set in place to contain us in unity for as long as God may will it so. Eager hearts and hands have lifted the spire of our cathedral into its place. That spire bears the name of Service. May it ever point straight upward toward God.”

Char V.

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FROM THE AREA 74 ALTERNATE DELEGATE/ AREA CHAIR

Good Day to All,

As I pen this article I am on a vacation with my wife, and our Delegate is sitting through hours of online meetings for the General Service Conference. Those two situations make me contemplate two thoughts that apply to my life. The first is that my life is blessed, and the events of my life have worked out better than I planned or deserved, and the second thought is, "Service is the Key."

As best as I can figure out, one of the reasons my life turned out well is because of service. Not necessarily service at the District level or Area level (but that is definitely included), but service to my home group, the meetings that I attend, the men I sponsor, and the other aspects of my life that are part of my recovery.

Being of service comes in all kinds of different forms and situations, not just in AA. When I am of service to someone and I have no expectation of a reward, my spiritual life grows. That growth of my spiritual life is something I need every day.

The Big Book mentions that "**Selfishness—self-centeredness!** That, we think, is the root of our troubles." When I am being of service and I have no expectation of a reward, I find that I have no time to be selfish or self-centered. As I try to follow the 12 Steps to the best of my ability, I find that I have had and continue to have spiritual awakenings. I have now concluded that the goal for me moving forward is spiritual growth through the 12 steps, and the byproduct of that spiritual growth is a life beyond my expectations.

Thank you all for allowing me to be of Service,

Bryon B

Area 74 Alternate Delegate/Area Chair

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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

DATES TO REMEMBER 2021		
5/14-16/2021	Area 74 Sprg Conf	Virtual See Flier page 17 for Zoom info
5/15/2021	Area Assembly	Hybrid Mtg Reiter Center Three Lakes, WI & Zoom.us See Zoom info below 9 A.M.
5/16/2021	Area Comm Mtg	Virtual only Zoom.us See Info below 10 A.M.
8/7/2021	Area Comm Mtg	(Optional) Location TBD
8/20-22/2021	East Cent Reg Conf	CANCELLED
9/17-19/2021	Area 74 Fall Conf	TBD
9/18/2021	Area Assembly	At Fall Conference
9/19/2021	Area Comm Meeting	At Fall Conference
10/30/2021	Fall Assembly	Reiter Center 1858 S. Michigan St Three Lakes, WI
12/11/2021	Area Comm 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

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ZOOM info for all Area 74 Service Meetings:

Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882

Passcode: 1212144

One tap mobile

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

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



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 for the most up to date info on AA and COVID19 ramifications

CHECK WITH YOUR DCMs & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO

DISTRICT MEETINGS May 2021 LIST

DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
1	Thursday	13 th	6:30pm	ZOOM Green Bay, WI	
2	Sunday	2 nd	2:00	St Mark's Church 140 S Green Bay Rd. Zoom Only Neenah, WI	
3	Thursday	20 th	5:30 PM	wiaadistrict3.org for details Wisconsin Rapids, WI	
4	Thursday	6 th	6:30 PM	ZOOM 824 2227 0300	
5	Weds	12 th	6:45 PM	Zoom 7160819669 Passcode: 300225	
6	Thursday	20 th	7:45 PM	Club 76 Menominee Falls, WI	
7	Sunday	16 th	5:00PM	Alano Club 2111 S Central Ave. Amherst, WI	
8	Tuesday	4 th	7:00pm	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St., Wausau, WI	
9	Sunday	2 nd	2:00pm	United Methodist Church 314 Main St Suring, WI	
10	Saturday	8 th	9:00AM	United Methodist Chch Arbutus St Rhinelander, WI	
11				NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	
12	Saturday	8 th	12:30PM	Alano Club 10339 South Florida Avenue Zoom Also Hayward, WI	
13	Monday	3 rd	5:30pm	Chequamegon Bay Serenity Club 310 Stuntz Ave., Ashland, WI	
14	Sunday	9 th	4:30pm	New Richmond Alano Club 1448 N 4th St New Richmond, WI	
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16	Saturday		11:00AM	United Lutheran Church, 304 Main St., L'Anse, MI.	
17	Monday	No mtg	6:00PM	105 W. Fleishiem Iron Mountain, MI	
18	Saturday	8 th	10:00am	106 N Main St Zoom 439 255 9096 Ishpeming, MI	
19					
20				Check website at www.district20area74aa.org	
21	Thursday	6 th	6:00pm	Portage Lake United Church 1400 E Houghton Ave Houghton, MI	
22	Thursday	6 th	6:00pm	115 Club 115 N 5 th Ave Sturgeon Bay, WI	
23	Sunday	2 nd	6:30pm	1-712-775-7031 and the passcode is 983009	
24	Weds	5 th	8:00pm	Alano Club 411 E 2nd St S Ladysmith, WI	

DISTRICT MEETINGS June 2021 LIST

DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
1	Thursday	10 th	6:30pm	ZOOM Green Bay, WI	
2	Sunday	13 th	2:00PM	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2330 E Calumet Zoom Only Appleton, WI	
3	Thursday	17 th	5:30 PM	wiaadistrict3.org for details Wisconsin Rapids, WI	
4	Thursday	3 rd	6:30 PM	ZOOM 824 2227 0300	
5	Weds	9 th	6:45 PM	Zoom 7160819669 Passcode: 300225 Menominee, WI	
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7	Sunday	13 th	5:00PM	First United Church of Christ 111 S 2nd St Marshfield, WI	
8	Tuesday	3 rd	7:00pm	Mount View Care Center, 2400 Marshall St., Wausau, WI	
9	Sunday	6 th	2:00pm	Alano Club 2218 13th St Menominee, MI	
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**Minutes for Area 74 Assembly
Saturday April 10, 2021**

Assembly called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Area Secretary – Bryon B.

Roll Call Approval of Minutes (September 12,2020)

Area Officer Reports – see appendix 1

Secretary – no questions

Registrar – no questions

Treasurer – Question on did we have a delegate seating expense this year and what amount – we contributed \$1800.00 as reflected in the lower left-hand corner of the treasurer's report.

Delegate – no questions

Standing Committee reports – see appendix 2

Presentation from Jeff C on GSO Board

- Question from Delegate asking Jeff's thoughts on if the proposed plan is a good plan.

- Delegate asked Jeff to share his thoughts on the censure – Jeff felt the board would hear the information and thought it would be a pretty big step to do so and would be disruptive to our unity.

- Comments from GSR regarding article in Box 459 and our traditions in relation to the board of trustees

Discussion GSC Agenda Items and Delegates Workshop Reports

Literature

Revision to 1st 164 Pages of Book Alcoholics Anonymous

- Unanimously opposed, Char clarified that the motion that the motion changed from request to audit to request to revise

- GSR brought forward that we should look at the book a bit more piecemeal rather than all or nothing

- GSR thought it was dummifying down the information and that we should not lose what was written

- DCM – everybody was against any changes

- GSR and District as a whole agree there should be no changes – great concern.

- Gender neutral pronouns are outside issues and we should not enter.

Approve audit and revision of first 164 pages of the Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous

o Sense of body is that there should be no revision to the first 164 pages of the book.

Add pages from the group pamphlet to the next printing of the Big Book

- GSR thought it would be overkill and concensus would be against it

Consider a possible 5th edition book of Alcoholics Anonymous with updated stories and no changes to the first 164.

- GSR was in favor of it

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- Clarification of whose input – committee chairs, groups, or individuals. Clarification that it should be from groups.

- GSR was in favor of it

- Same process as previous editions

- GSR shared that many are operating in fear and should remember what Bill said – the Big Book is not set in stone

- GSR shared are we willing as a fellowship to look at any kind of change and keep those doors open – we should

- be open-minded about all changes and willingness to grow along spiritual lines

o Delegate stated we are very close to making changes to Alcoholics Anonymous as whole which has the

o possibility to make some of appalled and some of us rejoice

Vote was overwhelmingly in support of this

Appendices 3 & 5 be updated

- GSR shared in favor of it, with footnotes

- GSR shared her group upholds the traditions of AA they wish to remain current with the current views of those societies

- GSR thought the information should be update

- GSR pointed out that the book was written for the alcoholic of the hopeless variety and we should stick to that

- GSR wants to separate the two issues – the medical view and the religious view

o Changes to Appendix 3 – Medical

▪ **Consensus was to modify**

o Changes to Appendix 5 - Religious

▪ **Consensus was split with a slight lean to not changing**

Does Area 74 Support a brand-new simplified language book?

- DCM shared he does not have an opinion until he knows what the version is and more specific information.

- GSR shared opposition to the new book – people should go through book with sponsor

- Do we want the conference to approve these publications?

- GSR shared that history of this going back to Dr. Bob requesting it. Not everyone has the benefit of working with a sponsor; corrections, remote locations, etc, - group is in favor this motion. Shared that Bill W. encouraged us to change.

- What is the expressed need in volume?

- Book is not changing content or volume?

- Treatment centers make these available. Group is opposed to this request.

- GSR shared that their group was in favor.
- Secretary shared that we are gripped by fear and denying still suffering alcoholics that opportunity to have a spiritual experience through the steps.
- DCM shared support of this motion due to personal experience in their local county jail.
- GSR wanted to address the issue of unity – accessibility and availability within our fellowship
- GSR shared that book has been translated into many languages already to make AA more accessible – this would be similar for those at a lesser literacy level – this does not take away, it adds to. This isn't about us; this is about the still suffering alcoholic.

○ Create a simplified Big Book?

○ **Consensus: In favor of book**

○ Does Area 74 Support a work-book?

- GSR is opposed
- DCM is in favor of the work-book
- GSR is in favor of work-book
- GSR is in favor of work-book
- GSR is opposed to a work-book but perhaps some guidelines. Concern that a workbook is people a false sense of completion
- DCM shared he was brought to AA through a book called AA Awakening written by Dan Sherman
- Committee chair shared that the book is to be studied, not sure why there would be a workbook
- GSR shared against the workbook

○ Create a workbook?

- **Consensus - opposed to work book 14-yes, 24-no**

Grapevine

Change of preamble to gender neutral pronouns

- DCM shared opposition
- GSR shared opposition
- Grapevine Chair shared the history of the motion
- GSR shared his group is in favor of changing the preamble to include gender neutral language, we discuss this because people have said, "I need this".
- Committee chair shared that the preamble was written in a Grapevine article for the intended audience of non-alcoholics and is in favor of the change
- GSR supported change with the word "fellowship"
- DCM shared her opposition to the motion
- GSR shared her group was in favor of it.
- DCM shared her support of the motion
- Concerns about gender neutral language is being part of a movement and AA is getting involved in outside issues
- GSR shared that this change promotes unity
- GSR was opposed to change
- Will committee recommendations be shared for topics?

○ What recommendation was the committee made?

- Recommendations were to change it and agreed with options #1 & #3

Consensus of change on preamble – 18 – yes, 19 -no –

Literature

- Item E, consider request to revise 12 steps and 12 traditions – removing phrase "opposite sex" on page 117

- GSR supports changing this
- GSR opposes change
- GSR opposes change

- **Consensus is not to change, 7- yes, 24 -no**

- Item E, consider request to revise 12 steps and 12 traditions – removing the phrase "lustful enough to rape"

- **Consensus is not to change, 10 – yes, 10- no**

- Item F, consider request to add subtitle to book "Living Sober"

- **Consensus is not to change it, 10 – yes, 27 – no**

Finance

- Discuss mechanization of group contributions; online 7th tradition contributions

- Opposed to online contribution
- Clarification that the pamphlet is about redoing the pamphlet to be more applicable to current times
- Delegate stated that the power of the purse is lacking as individuals increase, groups power in the purse is lessened.
- Committee chair shared that power of the purse is a concern, 60 people gave a total of \$200,000
- They don't have to listen to us anymore because of the money they have from individual groups

- Will the mechanization make it easier for groups to contribute?
- Since the pandemic began contributions have increased. Power of the purse has not been taken away.
- Prior to pandemic I could have contributed individually and has the technology and comfortability made it easier we have just seen the numbers increase

- **Consensus, concerned with number of individual contributions sent to GSO, yes - 11, no – 26**

CPC

- Discuss progress report on Linked-in and motion, “The Area 74 CPC Committee recommends to the Area 74 Assembly the following, “The LinkedIn page of Alcoholics Anonymous created by AAWS inc. be discontinued.” And that the Area 74 Delegate take the motion as a floor motion to the 71st GSC.
- GSR shared that he is opposed to the Delegate for a floor motion
- Past Delegate stated this is not an efficient motion to achieve the desire outcome of the motion
- This might be an opportunity to recruit non-alcoholic trustees
- Delegate shared on are we inadvertently harming others by posting what we do when we have told me people no. Delegate also stated that she felt that a floor actions was not the most responsive.
- Chair stated 2/3 majority needed
- **Yes – 8, 21%, No – 30, 79%**
- **Minority Opinion**
- Why do we place trusted servants on a committee and they come back with recommendations & it is voted down
- It may not be an effective way of passing the motion, but are we losing anything by trying?
- **Vote to reconsider, yes – 14, no – 23**
- **Motion stays failed**

Old Business

- Area 74 Inventory Follow Up – see appendix 3
- Area inventory open, on Area website, [Area 74 Inventory](#)
- How we do Business Motion - tabled

Presentation on updated Guidelines and vote – tabled

New Business

- Follow up on CAB Passed Motions - Present formats for Agendas. - tabled

Conference Updates / Including Bids

Spring 2021 Conference Cancelled.

- Conference will be virtual
- Fall 2021 (Open)
- Spring 2022 (District 13)
- Fall 2022 (Open)
- Spring 2023(Open)
- Bid by district 1 - 5/19/23 – 5/21/23, approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 4:24

Appendix 1

Registrar report April 10th, 2021 assembly

Since my last report GSO has rolled out the new interface for Registrars. It is called Fellowship Connection. This replaces the Fellowship New Vision package. I have done two online training classes in December and February on the package.

I am now able to make changes and view reports. There are still some random delays between when I make changes in the editor and when they actually show up in the reports. Those delays and the items below that need GSO approval explain some of the time lapse between when I enter data and when it actually shows up. Sometimes it is immediate and sometimes several weeks.

They are still trying to figure out a way to register Online Meeting. I know there is a big focus on this.

I continue entering and checking on data.

Can Do (without GSO approval):

- Add/edit/assign Position Holders.
- Edit/update Group information.
- Adjust start/end dates when adding a Position Holder (the system auto-fills a 2-year period when you enter a start date. You can then edit those dates).
- New Individual Request.
- Request to create a New Group (requests are approved by GSO).
- Update Group name to be sent to GSO for review.

CANNOT Do:

- Delete an individual.
- Delete a group.
- Remove an individual from Service Positions (workaround is to make service date end date today).
- Edit or Assign a position holder without an email address (workaround is to go into that person's record and add an email address).
- Assign Area positions (these need to be assigned by the Records team).
- Change a Group name (need approval GSO).
- Change a District (need approval by GSO).

Secretary's Report:

Greetings fellow 74'ers. What a year it has been! It has been nearly 6 months since this body last gathered and I hope we are here today in good health and good spirits.

I remember in March and April of 2020 multiple conversations with my sponsor; he shared his fears, his worries, and his hope. He would often say; "I don't know where god is in all of this buddy but if we are patient and if we seek, we will surely find him." I hope that was your experience during this really difficult year – that you were able to find god amongst the calamities.

To our delegate, Char – thank you for carrying our message to the upcoming General Service Conference. Your commitment to our traditions and concepts is a great example for all of us and your love for Alcoholics Anonymous and Area 74 evident.

As for the secretary – he purchased a new laptop as per the budget and Microsoft software. The laptop is user friendly, has a camera and weighs about 27 less pounds than the old one. All of the files have not been transferred yet – they will be and then I will ask the body what to do with the old lap-top.

I also become a puppy parent a few weeks ago to a now, 15-week-old Tibetan Mastiff, all of my years of sponsoring newcomers has helped prepare some, and I have a lot to learn. So, if you see me getting up and leaving the screen for moment it is to redirect him from chewing on something he is supposed to, letting him outside to go potty, or to show him a little love – all things you did for me!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service to Area 74 – it truly is a privilege.

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider
Area 74 – Secretary

Delegate Report

Hello Area 74,

My name is Char. I have a desire to not drink today. I am currently serving as your Area 74 Delegate to the General Service Conference that will begin next Saturday afternoon with the 1728 and remote communities meeting and one of the two scheduled Delegate only sessions. We will be meeting for 8 days via a zoom platform. I am most excited to be part of electing our next East Central Regional Trustee. I want to keep this report as brief as possible as we have much discussion and reaching a group conscience on our agenda items. Very briefly I will share what I have been doing.

Four 1-hour General Sharing Sessions with the Conference Literature Committee (CLC). We also had a one-hour Disposition meeting and a one-hour joint Meeting with the Trustees Literature Committee and CLC. The majority of the TLC was in attendance and it was productive a meeting. The seated Delegates had another get to know you meeting via Zoom. I attended the Mock Conference Training session this Thursday. We also had an East Central Regional Meeting in March where 2nd year Delegates shared their experience with the 70th General Service Conference and Panel 71 Delegates shared their 2-minute Area highlights. I continue to serve the seated delegates as the 2021 mail lady. Delegates send their questions, concerns, conference and workshop information to me and I route it all out to the delegates. The best part of the job is coming up with a subject line that gets people's attention.

I have read, reviewed, meditated, and talked with others on the background material for this year's conference. The last time we met I shared that we had a poll vote to allow appointed committee members attendance at the GSC with a voice only for purposes of points of information. The vote passed and 3 minority opinions were given. I submitted a brief two sentence minority opinion, Some one wished to change their vote. We then voted to reconsider and that vote was passed with a simple majority. Discussion was opened again. After the allowed amount of time the discussion was closed and a poll vote was launched. The motion did not reach substantial majority and it subsequently failed. This means Appointed Committee Members will not be in attendance.

The members and groups continue support Alcoholics Anonymous carry the message with 7th tradition contributions. This may be the closest time in our history that we have not had to heavily rely on literature Sales. I look forward to giving you a full report in May on the conference and the activities of the General Service Board and the two operating corporations.

Appendix 2

PI

Hello,

My name is Dani M., currently serving as your Public Information chair for Area 74. Thanks everyone for the opportunity to serve. It has been a blessing and I have learned more than I anticipated! My committee consists of Dan DCM from District 03 and Lucas our Webmaster, unfortunately Lil recently stepped down.

Since my last report given in Fall 2020, my committee has continued to meet to discuss how we can better carry the message and from requests from the districts at ACM/conferences, it was suggested that we needed to help districts who are not on the meeting guide app, get set up. The PI committee began meeting weekly and bi-weekly for a couple months starting in January, to come up with a workshop. Diane D from district 7 offered to help by creating power points and documentation. We came up with 3 sections for the workshop, the first section was given by me to show how the Area 74 webpage has been updated the last few years, general navigation and how to get the app set up with Area 74 assistance. Section two was presented by Lucas this was a bit more techy for the districts who manage their own website and want to know how to get the app set up on their website, the final section was presented by Dan S. on how to download, install, and navigate the meeting guide app.

We presented this on zoom on March 20th at 10am. We submitted a flyer to the Now and Then for the February edition, unfortunately we forgot to update the flyer and resubmit for the next month, and maybe due to that, the result was that we had only one person attend the session. We have linked the documentation that we created area 74 page, under meetings, then meeting guide.

Our webmaster has changed area 74 website to a secure website recently and has made adjustments to accommodate the meeting guide plug in, documentation as requested along with a new page for website creation to assist the districts on creating their own websites.

I would like to personally thank Diane D for all of her hard work on the workshop creation, documentation and taking meeting notes.

With love and service-

Dani M. Public Information Chair Area 74

NOW & THEN SPRING 2021 ASSEMBLY REPORT

Distribution:

Electronic version:

846 recipients

35% open the email.

296 emails were opened

20 Hard Copy mailings

5 to individual subscribers

15 to groups

Spending less than \$600 per year as opposed to \$7000 in 2018

We are still looking for articles from Area 74 groups and members for inclusion in your Area 74 newsletter. Every month we try to feature a 'Spotlight on the Districts' but are receiving articles from less than half the Districts. We publish anything a group or member wants to publish that pertains to Alcoholics Anonymous. So far we have only contacted one member to explore the appropriateness

of their article and they edited the article and it was published in a timely fashion. Other than that, we have not any problem with inappropriate content in submissions for publication. Thank you!

Members of the Area Committee that submit monthly articles or other materials for publication have been good about getting the articles etc to us in a timely fashion. Generally, we try to mail the hard copies two days from the end of the month so the groups will receive the newsletter prior to the first and we send the email version out the last day of the month. We could get it out a little sooner but usually there are last minute additions so we hold out as long as we can. Each edition takes us around 8-10 hours of work to produce and distribute to the subscribers. We have streamlined the process pretty well and share the duties equitably, so despite the time commitment we both enjoy serving in the capacity of Co-Editors. Jeff has been one of the Editors for close to 3 years and Michelle has been participating for over 18 months. We are by no means tired or disenchanted with serving the Area as editors of the newsletter and appreciate the opportunity to serve. However, if anyone has an interest in serving, just let us know and, in the spirit of rotation, we would be glad to discuss the process of producing the newsletter and the commitment it takes to be Co-Editors. Just to re-iterate, we are not looking to step down but if there is an interested party, we would certainly not want to deny anyone the opportunity to serve.

In service to AA

Michelle Z
Jeff C

**Grapevine Committee Report
Area 74 Winter Assembly
April 10, 2021**

Greetings Area 74 Assembly. My name is Sara Plansky-Pecor and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving Area 74 as your Grapevine Committee Chair. A.A. Grapevine is the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous in print, digital, and audio. Written, edited, illustrated, and read by A.A. members and others interested in the A.A. program of recovery from alcoholism. Grapevine is a lifeline linking one alcoholic to another. Often referred to as our "meeting in print", A.A. Grapevine communicates the experience, strength, and hope of its contributors and reflects a broad geographic spectrum of current A.A. experience with recovery, service, and unity. Founded in 1944, Grapevine does not receive group contributions but is supported entirely through magazine and web subscription sales and additional income derived from the sale of related items. As Bill W. expressed it in 1946, "The Grapevine will be the voice of the Alcoholics Anonymous movement." Each issue features a special section with a unique topic. The April 2021 Special Section is Fun in Sobriety. AA members share stories about diving into life, enjoying sobriety, and having some fun.

You can subscribe to the Grapevine via print, online and/or the new ePub edition which replaces the old Grapevine APP. EPUB is short for electronic publication.

Since my last Grapevine Committee Report presented at the September 2020 Area 74 Assembly, I have not had much activity due to the pandemic. I have passed on information I have received regarding virtual Grapevine Workshops being conducted around the country. I was asked by an A.A. member in Area 74 if I could find some articles that his sponsor who had passed wrote in the Grapevine years ago. I was so thankful to be able to assist with this request and find these articles. I also was contacted by a District who was not receiving the Grapevine subscriptions they had paid for to be sent into their local jail. I was able to reach out to the Grapevine Customer Service at the General Service Office and try to find out why this District was not getting their subscriptions. I submitted an article to the April Now and Then asking if anyone wanted to place an order for Grapevine books and I offered to bring them to the Assembly today. However, I did not receive any requests.

I attended the Area 74 Delegate's Workshop & Area Committee Meeting in Three Lakes on March 6, 2021. I presented a report on the background information for this year's Grapevine Committee for the 71st

General Service Conference at the Delegate's Workshop. Due to COVID protocols I was unable to set up our Area 74 Grapevine Display or print materials inventory at the Reiter Center on that day.

I have not provided a cash and/or inventory accounting as of yet to the Finance Committee due to the fact that I have only had the Grapevine material inventory at one event so far this rotation.

I am hopeful we may be able to go back to in person A.A. and Area 74 events and am looking forward to the opportunity that I may be able to set up our Grapevine Display or coordinate a workshop if there is expressed interest; please let me know if your district is interested in doing a workshop together in the future.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Finance

Greetings One and All

My name is Brent Henslin, currently serving as your Area 74 Finance Chair. I would also like to thank our current Committee members: Barry B, Barry M, Char V, Dave K, and Derek T. Thanks also to the committee for handling our March meeting during my absence for a supposed quick medical procedure ,, LOL.

We continue to meet monthly and we have now moved to the zoom platform to handle our meetings. We have been working on updating our financial structure in our guidelines. You will be able to review the finance committee's proposed updates on the draft provided.

Thank You for allowing me to be of service.

Brent H

CPC

Hi, my name is Sara S., and I am your CPC chair. I'd like to thank our current CPC Committee members Bob H, Marilyn S., and Terri B.

In October, I contacted Phillip D., Area 74 Archivist, and set aside some of the memorabilia that was in the old display case and took pictures of everything for the Archivist.

In October, CPC Committee met to discuss what to do with our old literature. It was decided to split the old literature between three Districts ... District 6, District 10, and District 21. That literature was sent out in February.

In November, the CPC Committee was informed that the Trustees' Committee took NO Action on the Area 74 CPC Agenda Item: "The LinkedIn page of Alcoholics Anonymous be discontinued".

In February, we received the CPC Agenda Items for the 71st GSC, and reviewed them.

In March, the CPC Chair and two of our committee members attended the Delegates Workshop.

In March, the CPC Committee met with the Area 74 Delegate, Char V. to discuss the LinkedIn page and we reviewed the actual LinkedIn page online. We found some concerns about the page. We suggest that AA member take a look at the page and give us some feedback.

In April, the CPC Committee met and discussed the recommendation for a GSC Floor Action. We also reviewed the CPC recommendations from the Delegates Workshop.

With Covid, it is more difficult to be in contact with the Professional Community, yet we are looking at other options such as a virtual CPC Workshop. If anyone has experience with virtual workshops, please contact the CPC Committee.

We also have on our Agenda to restock the Area 74 CPC Chair literature.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 74,

Sara S

Area 74 CPC chair

Any Questions?

Appendix 3

Area Inventory

Hello everyone. My apologies for not being able to make the meeting today, but my congregation is attending a memorial for one of our members that passed due to Covid.

Our Area 74 Inventory survey is now available for every AA member in Area 74 to complete. A link is posted on the opening page of the Area 74 website, in the electronic version of the Now and Then (just click on the link), in the mailed version of the Now and Then (you will have to input the link manually), on the District 6 website, district06area74.org (click on the useful links tab). In addition, I have asked all our DCMs to embed the link in their website.

The survey will close on 4/30/21, and the input will be forwarded to our facilitator, Cindy F. for summary. Once the summary is completed, she will forward back to the committee for review and analysis.

The committee will give another update at the 5/16 assembly, and should be ready for a full discussion, as per the area dates to remember, on 8/1.

In Love and Service
Jim M

AREA INVENTORY

Shown below is the link for our Area 74 inventory. This is open to all members of AA located in Area 74. Your answers will be submitted anonymously to our outside facilitator. One response per individual.

Thank you for your response to this survey as it will help Area 74 grow and respond to the needs of the alcoholic that still suffers.

This survey will open on 4/10/21, and close on 4/30/21

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**Agenda for Area 74 Assembly
Saturday May 15th, 2021
Reiter Center, Three Lakes WI
Zoom Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882
Passcode: 1212144**

8:30 a.m. – **Orientation conducted by Past Delegate**

9:00 a.m. – **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes (04/10/2021)

Area Officer Reports

Secretary

Registrar

Treasurer

Delegate

Delegates report from 71st General Service Conference

12:00 p.m. - Lunch

1:00 p.m.

(the Delegates report will be continued after lunch if needed)

Old Business

Area 74 Inventory Follow Up

How we do Business Motion

Presentation on updated Guidelines and vote

Follow up on CAB Passed Motions - Present formats for Agendas.

New Business

Conference Updates / Including Bids

Spring 2021 Conference Cancelled. Virtual Speakers on Zoom

Fall 2021 (Open)

Spring 2022 (District 13)

Fall 2022 (Open)

Spring 2023(District 01)

Fall 2023 (Open)

4:00– Closing & Wrap up

Area 74 Area Committee Meeting Agenda

Sunday May 16th, 2021

Zoom Meeting

Zoom Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882 Passcode: 1212144

10:00 PM to 12:00 PM CST

10:00 PM CST

Prayer

Welcome and Housekeeping

Roll call

Approve Minutes from 03-06-2021 Area Committee Meeting

Draft minutes were sent out via email by the Secretary

Reports:

DCM Reports

Delegates Report(optional)

Unfinished Business:

Update from Inventory Ad Hoc Committee

New Business:

Discussion: Proposed short ACM meeting on 8-7-2021 with the rest of the time devoted reviewing the Inventory results. Hybrid format?

ECR Trustee may not want to appear in person for Election Assembly on 9-18-2021

Discussion: How long do we continue to have Hybrid meetings? Do we need to create another position(Audio Visual Tech). Where do we go from here?

12:00 PM Close Meeting

Spotlight on District 09

District 09 is not the largest district in Area 74, but it is mainly in the largest county--Marinette County, along with portions of Shawano, Oconto, Forest and Menominee counties in Wisconsin along with Menominee, Michigan, county. We use 17 locations for 37 meetings--which are pretty much meeting in person now. We rotate our district meetings, held on the first Sunday of the month, to six different locations: Crivitz, Shawano, Oconto, Wausaukee, Suring, and Menominee, MI. Four of our six district meeting locations are over 100 miles--round trip--for me since I live in the northern end of our district. It is the same mileage for me to the meeting in Shawano as it is to Three Lakes.

District 09 was started in 1974 with 4 members. Some of our "founding fathers" were Armond Z., Carl D., Bob W., and Dale K. who met in the basement of Faith Presbyterian Church in Crivitz, which is where the Crivitz meeting of AA is still held. Average attendance grew to 8-12 members,; with an AI Anon meeting alongside AA.

In Marinette one of our "founding mothers" was Germaine, one of the earliest females in AA. When she joined the Big Meeting Upstairs, she had over 60 years of sobriety and was an inspiration for many of us. She was also a contributor to Grapevine magazine.

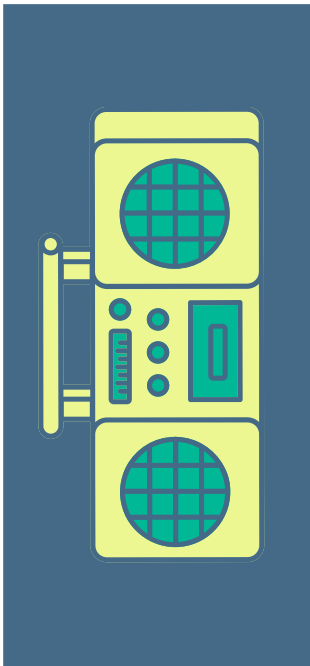
District 09 has held Intergroups and workshops. We have regular meetings in Marinette, Menominee, MI., Shawano and Oconto county jails. We have discussed hosting a conference and we are happy to be the home district of Past Delegate Sara P.

Even though we had no DCM during the last rotation, we do have a DCM and an Alternate DCM at present, so we are confident that AA is alive and well in District 09, and we look forward to a promising future.

In service,
Gloria O., DCM District 09

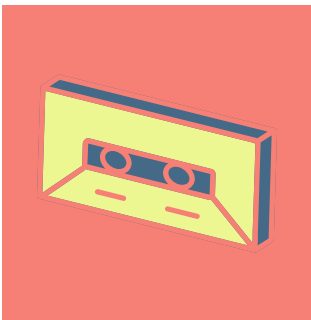


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Welcoming Speakers
Marena M.
&
David K.
Both from Chicago
May 14th & 15th,
7:00 P.M. EST**



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**AREA 74 SPRING
CONFERENCE
2021**
Hosted by District 20



7th Tradition basket through Venmo @Spring-Conference. All contributions in excess of self support will be shared in the service structure.

GRAPEVINE News



What's New For May 2021

Grateful? Help Carry The Message By Gifting An AA Grapevine/ La Viña Subscriptions

We can't reach our members behind the walls right now, but our message of hope and recovery can. These are some actual quotes from AA members in prison who have received a "Carry the message" subscription.

- “ Thank you to those who care enough to help us in here. We're trying so hard to stay sober ”
- “ I'm writing from my prison cell to thank the Grapevine staff and all those members who contribute to the "Carry the Message" project ”
- “ So many (prisoners) have touched my heart and given me hope - I don't ever want this subscription to end ”
- “ Seeing the alarm welcoming spaces being used as AA sanctuaries for people in recovery is so heartwarming. This, my friend, is what keeps me going and gives me hope ”
- “ I'm sitting here in prison and I have 75 days left today. Thank you so much for Grapevine ”

2021 CARRY THE MESSAGE PROJECT

Click [HERE](#) to learn more

Want to Help Another Alcoholic?

2021 Carry The Message Project

Give a gift subscription to an Alcoholic In Need

Learn three easy ways to give [here!](#)
Or visit our YouTube channel [here!](#)

2 New Books!
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25th anniversary of La Viña!

This year La Viña celebrates 25 years of sharing the lived experiences of the Spanish-speaking alcoholic community.

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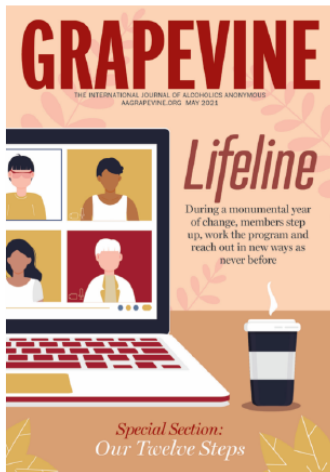
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What's New in Print and Online



Grapevine

Current Issue Spotlight:

This month's Featured Section is "**Our Twelve Steps.**" AA members share inspiring stories of experience and hope about how the Steps changed their lives. Also included are powerful stories of hope by members during the current COVID-19 crisis.

Submit Your Story for Upcoming Issues:

- **Remote Communities & Sober Holidays** — Do you live in a remote community? Do you have challenges getting to AA? Do you serve on a remote communities committee? Share with us. Also, how do you stay sober through the holidays? Tell us about an alkathon you had! (stories due June 15, 2021)
- **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)
- We're always looking for stories of experience with each **Step** and each **Tradition!**



La Viña

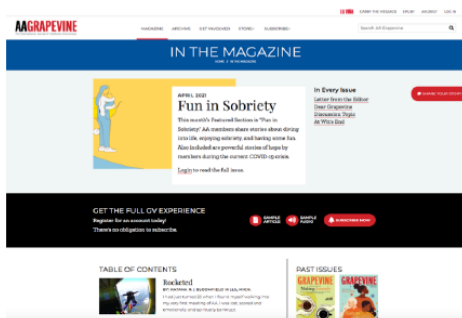
Current Issue Spotlight:

This month's Special Section is "**Spirituality.**"

Submit Your Story for Upcoming Issues:

- **The family and AA** — (Stories due May 30, 2021)
- **Acceptance** — (Stories due July 30, 2021)
- **Newcomer issue** — (stories due September 30, 2021)
- We are also looking for stories on individual **Steps** and **Traditions!**

Visit La Viña online store, [click here!](#)



AAGrapevine.org

Make your plans and add your events to our online calendar at www.aagrapevine.org/share

Grapevine is always looking for stories, photographs, and illustrations. Please visit www.aagrapevine.org/share to learn more about how you can participate with Grapevine.

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

Area Chair/GVR Corner



Please let us know at 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

Grapevine On The Road

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

Did You Know?

In 1966, the Grapevine Conference Committee recommended: "Delegates should lend their efforts toward increasing readership of the magazine in each area."

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Oregon District 4

Presents

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Sowing Seeds of Sobriety

with

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for Recovery & Service**

**Facilitator, Reilly K.
Past Delegate Panel 66, Oregon Area 58**

**Saturday, May 15, 2021
2PM-4PM PT**

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SPANISH TRANSLATOR PRESENT
CLOSED CAPTIONS PROVIDED

Explore

History & Anatomy of Grapevine/La Viña

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Carry the Message Outreach Resources

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