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Delegate's Corner

Good day to All,

The General Service Conference is gearing up and I am looking forward to the process. On the 20th of January There was a Delegate Committee Chair Orientation. Since I am the Alternate Chair for the Conference Committee on Agenda, I was invited. The main purpose was to review some of the procedures and updates. There was an Advisory Action passed at the 72nd GSC that stated the Final Agenda Items and background material will be released simultaneously in English, Spanish, and French. To implement that advisory action, it caused shifting of resources and funding. Tom W, the General Service Office Manager, is extremely hopeful that the background material will be translated on time and both the Final Agenda Items and the background material will be released on or shortly after 2-15-2023.

We have a standing meeting with the East Central Regional Trustee the happens on the first Wednesday of the month. This last meeting was centered around getting to know the new Panel 73 Delegates. The weekend of February 11th and 12th, Nicholas SS and I will be heading to Ohio for the Conference of Delegates Past and Present. At the Conference I will meet, in person, the newly elected Delegates for the ECR and try to pass on some of my experience from the previous GSC. That was done for me and it helped to take away some of the anxiety.

Concept IV(short form) reads "At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.". The Delegate's workshop in March gives each member a place and time to participate in the discussion of the Agenda Items for the 73rd General Service Conference. I hope as many as possible take the time to participate. AA needs your input.

In Grateful Service,
Bryon B Delegate Panel 72 Area 74
715-579-5820
delegate@area74.org

Send Area 74 Contributions To: Area 74 Treasury
PO Box 171 Manistique, MI 49854
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

FROM THE AREA 74 ALTERNATE DELEGATE/ AREA CHAIR

Greetings and salutations Area 74!

We are trudging along into 2023 and the Area 74 Service Season is about to begin! Bryon Benson and myself will be traveling to Dayton, OH for the Conference of Delegate’s Past and Present the weekend of February 10 – 12. After that the Delegate’s Workshop is around the corner and then Assembly and conference time. These next few months are going to go fast!

Many of you know our Registrar Kathy P stepped down from her position on January 1, 2023. I want to take a moment and thank her for her willingness to serve this past year. Thank you, Kathy. You will see an attached announcement in this issue of the Now & Then announcing a special assembly on 2/19/23. We will be electing a new Registrar on that date. It would be great for the Area to have a robust election so please continue to look for people willing to serve and have them contact me at 414-803-9906 to learn more about the position. There will not be any other business at the assembly. I contemplated the appropriate action to fill the Registrar’s position and after prayer and consult have determined this is the healthiest step for the Area. Our current Area Treasurer Dean has been assisting and doing a great job of doing some of the Registrar’s tasks while continuing to be the Area Treasurer. One option was to wait until the next Area Service meeting which would be the ACM on 3/11/23. In consultation with Dean and prayer and a sooner rather than later fulfillment of the Registrar position is in the best interest of the Area.

I want to share a little story. I was recently fortunate enough to be a 5-day Western Caribbean cruise with 3 friends from AA. Cruise ships have a scheduled time and place for “Friends of Bill” to gather. At our first meeting on the ship I met Don. Don was 24-days sober and on a family vacation and struggling with irritability, restlessness, and discontent. The fellowship showed up for Don in the middle of the Caribbean and he stayed sober the entire cruise and reports to me he now has a sponsor and a home group! What a humbling gift to be able to be there for Don and to be able to carry the message to anyone, anywhere.

Be well everyone and hope to see many of you online on February 19th

In love and service,

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider

Panel 72, Area 74 Alt-Delegate / Area Chair

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| DATES TO REMEMBER 2023 | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| 2/12-2/13/2023 | CDPP | Conference of Delegates Past & Present | Columbus, OH |
| 3/11/2023 | Delegate's Workshop | Reiter Center | Three Lakes , WI |
| 3/11/2023 | Area Committee Mtg | Reiter Center | Three Lakes , WI |
| 4/8/2023 | Winter Assembly | Reiter Center | Three Lakes , WI |
| 4/23 – 4/29/2023 | Gen Serv Conf | 73 rd General Service Conference | NY, NY |
| 5/19-5/21/2023 | Spring Conference | Area 74 Spring Conference | District 01 Green Bay, WI |
| 5/20/2023 | Area 74 Assembly | Delegate's Report | 73rd GSC Spring Conf District 01 Green Bay, WI |
| 5/21/2023 | Area Committee Mtg | Held at Area 74 Spring Conf | District 01 Green Bay, WI |
| 6/23-6/25/2023 | East Central Regional | East Central Regional Conference /Indiana State Convention | |
| 8/5/2023 | Area Committee Mtg | (Optional) Reiter Center | Three Lakes , WI |
| 9/22-9/24/2023 | Area 74 Fall Conf | Area 74 Fall Conference | Eau Claire, WI |
| 9/23/2023 | Area 74 Area Assembly | Held at Area 74 Fall Conf | Eau Claire, WI |
| 9/24/2023 | Area Committee Mtg | Held at Area 74 Fall Conf | Eau Claire, WI |
| 10/14/2023 | Election Assembly | Rhineland, WI | |
| 11/17-11/19/2023 | ECR Forum | East Central Regional Forum | Independence, OH |
| 12/16/2023 | Area Committee Mtg | (Optional) Virtual | |
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****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>

Invite an Area Committee to Present a Workshop to your District or group!

Ever wondered about why we have committees in Area Service or what these committees do? Have you thought about getting involved in a committee?

Learn about how AA works in Corrections, PI (Public Information), CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community), Grapevine, Literature, and Treatment & Accessibilities.

Learn about the role of Archives, Structures & Guidelines, Finance, the Webmaster, and the Now and Then.

You also get to strengthen your sobriety in AA when you meet new people from other communities who work the AA program.

All you have to do is ask! Find email addresses for Area 74 Committee Chairs at area74.org under “Directory” “Area Standing Committees”. Help us strengthen our ability to serve AA in Area 74.

CHECK WITH YOUR DCMs & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO

| DISTRICT MEETING Feb 2023 LIST | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|--|----------------------|
| 1 | Thursday | 2nd Thur | 6:30 PM | Hybrid Nativity Lord Parish 2270 S Oneida St Door #4 | Green Bay, WI |
| 2 | Sunday | 2nd Sun | 2:00 PM | 344 Broadway St | Wrightstown, WI |
| 3 | Thursday | 3rd Thur | 5:30 PM | Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Zoom info wiaadistrict3.org | Wisconsin Rapids, WI |
| 4 | Thursday | 1st Thur | 7:00 PM | Peace Lutheran Church 293 S. Main St | Amherst, WI |
| 5 | Weds | 2nd Wed | 6:45 PM | Zoom ID 829 0126 1204 PW district05 | |
| 6 | Thursday | 3rd Thur | 7:45 PM | Club 76 | Chippewa Falls |
| 7 | Sunday | 3rd Sun | 5:00 PM | 2111 S. Central Ave. | Marshfield |
| 8 | Thursday | 1st Thur | 7:00 PM | Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellan St | Wausau, WI |
| 9 | Sunday | 1st Sun | 2:00 PM | Peace Church 208 E. Mauier | Shawano, WI |
| 10 | Saturday | 2nd Sat | 9:00 AM | 1st United Methodist 724 Arbutus contact DCM for Zoom | Rhineland, WI |
| 11 | | | | No information Available | |
| 12 | Saturday | 1st Sat | 9:00 AM | Hayward Serenity Club, 10339 S Florida Ave & Zoom | Hayward, WI |
| 13 | Monday | 1st Mon | 5:00 PM | Chequamegon Bay Serenity Club 310 Stuntz Ave. | Ashland, WI |
| 14 | Sunday | 2nd Sun | 6:00 PM | New Richmond Alano 1448 N 4th St | New Richmond, WI |
| 15 | | | | No information Available | |
| 16 | | | | No information Available | |
| 17 | Sunday | Last Sun | 5:00 PM | 401 Kimberly | Iron Mountain, WI |
| 18 | Saturday | 1st Sat | 11:00 AM | 106 N Main St | Ishpeming, MI |
| 19 | | | | No information Available | |
| 20 | Saturday | 1st Sat | 11:00 AM | United Methodist Church, 1212 Morrison St | Germfask, MI |
| 21 | Tuesday | 1st Tues | 6:00 PM | Portage Lake United Church, 1400 E. Janghton Ave | Houghton, MI |
| 22 | Thursday | 1st Thur | 6:00 PM | 115 Club or Zoom: 399 417 5176 PW 115 | Sturgeon Bay, WI |
| 23 | Weds | 1st Wed | 5:00 PM | Shell Lake Alano Club 267.807.9601 PW 983009# | Shell Lake, WI |
| 24 | Weds | 1st Wed | 8:00 PM | Alano Club 411 E 2nd St S | Ladysmith, WI |

DISTRICT MEETING Mar 2023 LIST

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| 9 | Sunday | 1st Sun | 2:00 PM | First American Lutheran Church, 511 Madison St | Shawano, WI |
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Special Assembly – Registrar Election
2/19/23 @ 9am CST
Online Only

Zoom ID: 881 5982 2879 Passcode: 1212144

9:00 a.m. – Prayer

9:05 a.m. – Welcome and Opening Remarks
- Roll Call

9:15 a.m. – Resignation of Registrar on 1/1/23

Job Responsibilities – Guidelines - Area 74

Position is from 2/19/23 – 12/31/23 – eligible for additional full 2-year rotation.
- Nominations

9:55 a.m. – Update on Delegate’s Workshop

10:00 a.m. – Close w/Responsibility Statement

**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
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Area 74 Delegates Workshop and Area Committee Meeting

Saturday March 11th, 2023 Hybrid Meeting

Reiter Center
1858 S Michigan Street
Three Lakes, WI

Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882 Passcode: 1212144

The doors, both virtual and physical, will be open at 9:30 AM CST Meeting starts at **10:00 AM CST**
There will be a limited number of Committees meeting by Zoom. The details are still being worked out.

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| 10:00 AM | Welcome by Delegate and Area Chair Explanation of process |
| 10:15 AM | Break out into discussion groups led by Standing Committee Chairs |
| 12:15 PM | Lunch |
| 1:00 PM | Reconvene into Discussion Groups by Committee |
| 2:00 PM | Workshop Committee Reports |

Area Committee Meeting to follow workshop

THE RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

THE DOCTOR'S NIGHTMARE

I spend a great deal of time passing on what I learned to others who want and need it badly. I do it for four reasons: Sense of duty. It is a pleasure. Because in so doing I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me. Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip.

Unlike most of our crowd, I did not get over my craving for liquor much during the first two and one-half years of abstinence. It was almost always with me. But at no time have I been anywhere near yielding. I used to get terribly upset when I saw my friends drink and knew I could not, but I schooled myself to believe that though I once had the same privilege, I had abused it so frightfully that it was withdrawn. So it doesn't behoove me to squawk about it for, after all, nobody ever had to throw me down and pour liquor down my throat.

If you think you are an atheist, an agnostic, a skeptic, or have any other form of intellectual pride which keeps you from accepting what is in this book, I feel sorry for you. If you still think you are strong enough to beat the game alone, that is your affair. But if you really and truly want to quit drinking liquor for good and all, and sincerely feel that you must have some help, we know that we have an answer for you. It never fails, if you go about it with one half the zeal you have been in the habit of showing when you were getting another drink.

Your Heavenly Father will never let you down!

(Above from the Big Book, pages 180-181)

Dr. Bob. Co-Founder of Alcoholics Anonymous, sober for 15 years, carried the A.A. message to 5,000 alcoholic men and women; that is nearly a person a day, every day, for fifteen years!

We AAs have not been paying our dues!

The longer our Sobriety, the greater is our debt to A.A.

Every year each member of A.A. needs to bring one or more alcoholics through the 12 Steps, the 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts. If we did so, we would eliminate two-thirds of AA's problems.

Many of our present members need to be 12-Stepped; no one has ever taught them how to walk someone through our Program.

One old-timer, one newcomer, one mid-timer, working the program together. We need to get responsible.

Where can we find AA prospects? Usually at the meetings. If you're looking for the perfect prospect, he's probably sitting next to you.

The joy of living is the theme of A.A. 's Twelfth Step!

From:

M-F Ontonagon Harbortown Group

Group Conscience Statement

January 25, 2023

U.P TRAVELING INTERGROUP

***Where:
Negaunee Township Hall***

***Sponsored by:
Nite group***

When: February 11th

***TIMES: CORRECTIONS 4PM
GSR 5PM
Dinner 6pm***

Al-Anon/AA Speakers 7pm

***PLEASE CONSIDER
BRINGING A DISH TO PASS***

SPRING INTO RECOVERY

DELTA INTERGROUP

March 11, 2023

Central United Methodist Church
322 S. Lincoln Rd Escanaba, MI

Corrections Mtng: 4:00 pm

GSR Mtng: 5:00 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm

AA & Alanon Speakers: 7:00 pm

Contact: Bonnie B. (715)505-0379

upgal2016@gmail.com

Sam F. (906)241-0084

samfrizze@gmail.com





AA DISTRICT 12 WORKSHOP

SPONSORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

NOON – 3PM

Hayward Serenity Club
10339 S Florida Ave

haywardwiareaaa.org

Panel Discussion + Speed Sponsorship

Snacks & Bevs Provided

Open Meeting

CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP

HELP US: **CELEBRATE**

23 YEARS and Counting/keep the date

Where: St. Stephen's Church

512 McClellan St.

Wausau, Wisconsin 54401

When: Saturday, March 18, 2023

Dinner from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Main dish provided

Please bring a dish to pass

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Area 74 Service Speaker

Nicholas S. Alt. Delegate/Chair

Main Speaker: 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Jayne W.

From: Eau Claire, WI HYBRID EVENT: CONTACT BOB FOR ACCESS



 **This is a handicap accessible facility**

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

District 02 AA Service Workshop

April 1st 10am - 12pm

Come learn about the AA service structure - all are welcome!

Join us in person or virtually:

St. Mark's Church

**140 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah, WI
54956**

OR Via Zoom link: 875-9555-4987

Passcode: 844696

**Refreshments and snacks will be
provided, bring a friend!**

materials covered can be found at aa.org

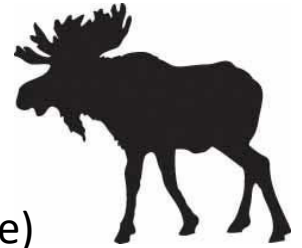




ANNUAL MOOSE & GOOSE

(Along with other assorted American Cuisine)

CORRECTIONS LITERATURE BENEFIT



Saturday, April 15, 2023

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
349 N Main St, Seymour, WI

5:00 PM Set up & social time

6:00 PM Dinner (bring a dish to pass)

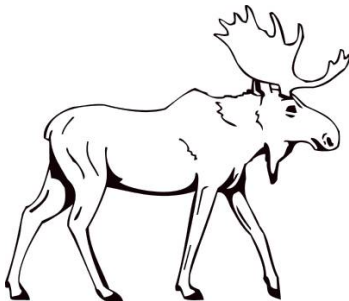
7:30 PM Speakers

VOLUNTEERS AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED.
PLEASE HELP US MAKE IT ANOTHER GREAT EVENT.

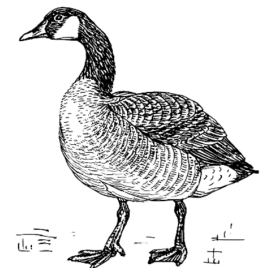
MEAT DONATIONS NEEDED

Moose, Goose, Elk, Venison, Turkey, Fish, etc. all donations appreciated. If you can't prepare it, please contact us.

Ham Raffle, 50/50 Raffle, Silent Auction. Your donations, AA literature or money from groups welcome.

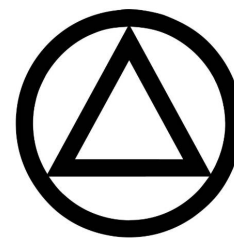
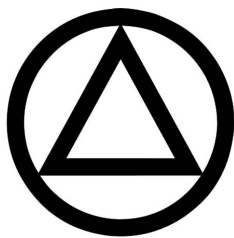


Contact Fred B. (920) 595-0062



2023 Area 74 Spring Conference

May 19-21, 2023 • Green Bay, WI



Radisson Hotel & Conference Center

2040 Airport Dr. • Green Bay, WI 54313

Rooms: \$99 single/double

Reservations call 920.494.7300 – provide conference name to receive above rate

Friday Night: Meet & Greet activity, Interview w/Jeff C., and skit!

Saturday: Panels - AA and Al-Anon

Al-Anon speaker, banquet & AA speaker & Assembly.

Sunday Morning: Area committee meeting & Spirituality Speaker

Friday Night begins with a meet and greet activity followed by an interview w/ Jeff C. The evening ends with original skit!

On Saturday enjoy panels, Al-Anon speaker, banquet, and AA speaker. Also, Area Assembly and Delegates report.

Sunday morning wraps up with the Area Committee meeting and a spiritual message from our main speaker.

ONE FORM PER PERSON

Please check: _____AA _____Al-Anon

First Name: _____ Registration ONLY... \$ 20.00

Last Name: _____

Address: _____ Banquet, **ADD \$25.00...** \$ _____

City: _____ ST _____ Zip _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED \$** _____

Name to appear on your badge: _____

Phone (____) _____

Email: _____

Makes checks payable to “Area 74 Spring Conference” PO Box 13242, Green Bay, WI 54307. **Deadlines for banquet submission: May 5, 2023**

Questions? Call Kimberly 231.622.3743/kimmyschuyler@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!!

Area 74 Spring Conference

May 17,18,19, 2024

Americinn - Ashland, WI.

“This is an experience you must not miss. We know you will not want to miss it”

From Chapter Seven, Page 89 of our Big Book

New comers in recovery - FREE Registration for those with one year or less of sobriety.

Speakers, Panels, A.A. Meetings, Dining, Dancing, Hospitality, Fellowship, Ice Cream and Music! More to be revealed! See you There!!

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