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Delegate's Corner

Greetings Northern Wisconsin and Most of U.P. of Michigan!

The dog days of summer are in full swing and speaking of dogs..... LOL – I can't resist. My husband and I have taken a bit of a breather from showing – mostly because this time of year our dogs are out of coat and just enjoy laying in the air conditioning. Jason showed them in Duluth while I was attending a District 2 invitation, and he is taking them to Milwaukee the weekend of August 2nd for temperament testing – more on that in a minute. We did have a lovely weekend showing in Marshfield on the weekend of July 20th and 21st. Sage and Keira ran fast cat for the first time and that was fun to watch. Sage and Keira are going to take the AKC temperament test in Milwaukee this weekend. The point of the test is to evaluate a dog's response to a variety of stimuli – the dog will pass if they have desirable traits – emotionally stable, inquisitive, cooperative, and appropriately social. The dog will fail if they have undesirable traits; fear, shyness, lack of cooperation, and an inability to recover from unfamiliar or unexpected situations – examples of these are being afraid of strangers, obsessive barking, and aggression. I was thinking that when most alcoholics come into Alcoholics Anonymous, we wouldn't pass a temperament test we have all the negative traits. It seems to me as we work the steps and begin to build a relationship with god our temperament begins to change and I think we might be able to pass! We begin to become emotionally stable, inquisitive, cooperative, and appropriately social! The difference seems to be is that my dogs didn't need meetings, sponsorship and the 12 steps to achieve that!

We are now less than a year away from the AA International Convention in Vancouver, July 3rd – July 6th, 2025. I am so looking forward to attending and am hoping for many from Area 74 area as well. I would love to make a list of people attending and perhaps we could meet up and get a group picture! Please keep checking AA.org for more information.

Being informed and a part of are vital to our recovery and service and there are some great opportunities coming up for some of our Area Committee Chairs and your District Committee Chairs that I hope you consider attending and I hope that our Area encourages and funds our committee chairs to be at events like the 7th Annual National Corrections Conference November 8th – November 10th in Charlotte; the national technology conference is September 13th – September 15th in St. Louis (same weekend as our conference ☹), the National A.A. Archives Workshop in Des Moines, IA, September 26th – September 29th, and the Bridging the Gap Conference September 6th – September 8th, in Missoula, MT. These are great events to learn, get connected, and get inspired. That inspiration can lead to transformative work on the ground in Area 74. Historically Area 74 has not financially supported our Area Committee Chairs attending these events and I hope we can begin those discussions and Committee Chairs I hope you consider going, we can't sit on the sidelines and let others do the work!

In July I gave a Delegate's Report for District 2 and joined them for their monthly District Meeting. It was a wonderful afternoon and was invited to share my story and speak a little bit that evening at a great meeting in Appleton – where 4 deer joined right outside the window and seemed rather captivated by my experience, strength, and hope – they stuck around longer than some newcomers!

I was traveling for work and was unable to attend our Area 74 Finance Committee Meeting on July 9th. I did attend the Structures and Guidelines Committee meeting on July 18th. I was in Iron Mountain, (District 15) on Friday, July 26th – thank you for the invitation. On Saturday, District 12 treated me to a wonderful potluck after my delegate report and then asked for me to share my experience, strength, and hope. I have so appreciated the invitation to share my experience at the General Service Conference and with our General Service Office and staff.

The East Central Region will be selecting a new Trustee at the 75th General Service Conference. I have been in contact with all from our Area that are eligible to stand and if any are willing, we will be reviewing their resumes and selecting someone as our candidate at the September Assembly in Stevens Point. There is more information from GSO in this issue of the Now & Then.

As of the end of July I am just barely under budget, I submitted expenses reimbursements totaling \$246.97 for travel to the different events. I will be going over budget. I have to travel to an event in Marquette, MI on August 2nd and 3rd, travel to WICYCAA event on August 4th, a District 1 event on September 6th and 7th, and the assembly in October in Rhinelander. I suspect approximately \$500 over budget. I will be attending these events regardless of Area 74 approving the budget overage.

If you haven't registered for the Fall Conference and booked your hotel rooms do so now! The Fall Conference that began in a hot tub is just around the corner!

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Delegate's Activity: I share the list of my activities, so the Fellowship is aware of what their delegate is connected to and involved in and to also raise awareness of these activities and make myself available for questions, clarification, and hopefully invites to events in your District.

- 7/14/24: District 2 Delegate Report Out and Speaking
- 7/18/24: Area 74 Structures and Guidelines Committee Meeting
- 7/26/24: District 17 Delegate Report Out
- 7/27/24: District 12 Delegate Report Out

FROM THE AREA 74 AREA CHAIR/ALTERNATE DELEGATE

My August 2024 Thoughts and adventures as your area 74 Alt. Delegate and Chair.

I am so grateful and blessed to be able to be of service to the fellowship at the area level and to have the opportunity to grow towards the person that our creator intended me to be. Thank God for sponsorship and the people He has brought into my life, and the freedoms AA and sobriety has given me.

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer as I have. In July some of my high points are as follows. The chance to help newcomers is by far my most rewarding gift of sobriety - the secret sauce if you will on being joyous, happy and free. Learning to play nice in the sand box of life gets a bit crazy at times but gives us the opportunity to do the next right thing perhaps after maybe not being my best at times, room to grow for sure.

A few events that happened in July: I was able to attend some of the mutable zoom meetings available to me like NAAD or the area chair and Share, monthly meetings the area chair or DCM monthly meetings (need to get to this one). Perhaps I need to adjust my fishing schedule.

On July 18th we had a very productive Structure and Guidelines committee meeting. Hats off to Sunny for an over the top presentation and effort! On our area chair meeting on the 15th of July, we had an exultant presentation by several of my fellow Area chairs, who focused on how Roberts' rules of order are applied when discussing motions on the floor of the Assemblies and Area Committee meetings. I got a few pointers which will help me and keep us all informed on where we are in these discussions.

Mary and I hosted a sober picnic on July 13th despite some record high temperatures, we still had about 75 to 80 people attend. And I know of one new member who came out being witness to our demonstration that we can have fun in sobriety as well as have a great time with AI-Anon partners. And as a bonus, our delegate Nicholas was amazing on the cleanup after.

Coming events in my life, an August service event in Marquette Mich on August 2nd District 18. Structure and guidelines meeting on August 8th , and an ad hoc committee on August 26 regarding the 2025, 2026 schedule for area business meetings.

September 7th there will be a service workshop on Sponsorship as it relates to getting involved in service work in my home district 01. And our Fall Conference is September 13,14, and 15 in Stevens Point. Well, that's enough out of me!!

Thank you for letting me be of service!

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2024		
8/3/24	Area Comm Mtg (optional)	Virtual
9/13-9/15/24	Area 74 Fall Conf	District 04 Holiday Inn Stevens Point, WI
9/14/24	Area Assembly	District 04 Holiday Inn Stevens Point, WI
9/15/24	Area Comm Mtg	District 04 Holiday Inn Stevens Point, WI
10/12/24	Fall Assembly	Quality Inn Rhinelander, WI
12/7/24	Area Comm Mtg	Virtual

****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

Send Area 74 Contributions To:

Area 74 Treasury

813 E Harrison St, Appleton, WI 54915

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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 The last weekend of July the General Service Board held their quarterly board weekend meeting and here is an update from that meeting.

“UPDATE FROM THE JULY GENERAL SERVICE BOARD WEEKEND REGARDING PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK: A TOOL FOR READING ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The General Service Board (GSB) reviewed correspondence received since the 74th General Service Conference (GSC) pertaining to Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous which included letters of concern, appeals, process concerns, and letters of support. Each person who submitted correspondence will receive a personal response. Related floor actions that were proposed but then forwarded to the applicable board/committee by group conscience of the GSC were also reviewed and will also be receiving individual responses. The discussion of these matters resulted in the General Service Board affirming its desire and responsibility to implement Advisory Actions of the General Service Conference that carry by substantial unanimity and expressing agreement with the work of the Trustees Literature Committee. The Trustees Literature Committee (TLC) reviewed the 2024 Conference Committee on Literature (CCL) memo to A.A.W.S. Publishing regarding 10 additional “minor editorial changes” which were intended by the CCL to be included as part of those given as examples in the Advisory Action. In past Conferences, when minor formatting, grammar, or style changes have been suggested, the editorial notes have been sent directly to Publishing without being included in Advisory Actions. The memo to Publishing also included an additional 36 suggestions for which the Conference Committee had not formed a group conscience and about which they were asking the Publishing Department to use its discretion to determine whether and how to implement. After careful consideration, the TLC agreed to proceed with Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous based on what was stated in the Advisory Action from the 74th GSC plus the first 10 “minor editorial changes” from the Publishing memo. The Advisory Action stated: The draft manuscript Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous be approved with minor editorial changes to include: • Relocation of the “A.A. Steps Table” to constitute an Appendix (on the Twelve Steps) at the back of the new publication. • Replace the references to “addiction” and “addicted” with language related to alcoholism. The AAWS Board has been discussing pricing, format and print dates, and began preparations pending the outcome of the discussions at the July General Service Board meeting. An announcement from AAWS Publishing Department will be widely distributed in the coming weeks once some formatting matters are finalized.

It is expected that the Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous will be available in November 2024. The AAWS Board approved a list price of \$11.00.

If you have any questions regarding the Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous, please contact me directly.

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider Area 74 / Panel 74 Delegate

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CHECK WITH YOUR DCMs & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO**DISTRICT MEETING August 2024 LIST**

DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
1	Thursday	2nd Thur	6:30 PM	Nativity Lord Parish 2270 S Oneida St Door #4	Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	2nd Sun	2:00 PM	St Paul Catholic Church 410 Wallace st	Combined Locks, 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	6:00 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S. Main St	Amherst, WI
5	Weds	2nd Wed	6:45 PM	Alano Club 12 2926 Poloma Dr Zoom 829 0126 1204 PWdistrict05	Eau Claire, WI
6	Thursday	3rd Thur	7:45 PM	Club 76	Chippewa Falls
7	Sunday	3rd Sun	5:00 PM	TBD	Marshfield, WI
8	Thursday	1st Thur	7:00 PM	Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellan St	Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	1st Sun	2:00 PM	Peace United Church 208 E Mauer St	Shawano, MI
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	6:00 PM	PIRC	Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	2nd Sun	6:00 PM	New Richmond Alano; 1448 N 4th Street	New Richmond, WI
15				No information Available	
16				No information Available	
17	Friday	Last Fri	5:00 PM	401 Kimberly	Iron Mountain, WI
18	Saturday	1st Sat	11:00 AM	308 Cleveland Ave - Rm.201 Gossard Building	Ishpeming, MI
19	Monday	3rd Mon	5:30 PM	Delta Drop In 1500 N 19th St	Escanaba, MI
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. Houghton Ave	Houghton, MI
22	Thursday	1st Thur	5:30 PM	115 Club or Zoom: 399 417 5176 PW 115	Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Weds	1st Wed	5:00 PM	Spooner Health (Enter ER Door) 1280 Chandler Dr	Spooner, WI
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13	Monday	Mon 9th	6:00 PM	Northern Lakes Alano 68600 Riverview Ct	Iron River, WI
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Ask The Delegate:

“It appears that Area 74 is losing money – we are spending more than we take in – isn’t that concerning to you?”

My experience with AA finances always makes me chuckle. Many of us begin to learn financial responsibility in Alcoholics Anonymous and yet the way we manage our AA finances can seem counter intuitive. In Alcoholics Anonymous our traditions and concepts teach us that having money for no real stated purpose isn’t wise – in fact, is dangerous. This is my view of Area 74 finances. The last number of years we have been stockpiling money. Some of it was due to Covid some of it due to inactivity. As our checking account grew, at one point to over \$50,000, groups stopped sending in money. The last couple of years our Area seems to have a new pulse, gay chatter can be heard across the districts and work is being done and equally, money being spent. I believe groups will respond when the need arises. Many years ago, when I was the DCM for District 5, our checking account had dropped to approximately \$500. I panicked. What were we going to do? How were we going to keep the lights on? I was planning a beautiful letter – selling the wonderful work the District was doing, guilting groups in sending money and shaming those that didn’t – it was going to be brilliant. A much wiser man than me said “Do you trust God?” He shared with me that it will be ok. The GSRs will let their groups know and they will respond, and if they don’t, we will look at where we cannot spend money. He said decisions based on financial fear are old ways of thinking.

So I think Area 74 is in a robust financial state and as we spend our money down the groups will respond, if they don’t then we can adjust our sails.

Have a question?

Email it to delegate@area74.org

Call / Tex 414-803-9906

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

PLEASE SEND YOUR 2024 DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING INFORMATION TO
AREA74NEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM

OR

PO BOX 192 STURGEON BAY, WI 54235

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Hello Area Grapevine Chairs,

The AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour podcast needs your help!

We’re seeking recommendations for guests on the AA Grapevine Half-Hour Variety Hour podcast.

We’re looking for members who...

- are **lively**;
- are **good storytellers or communicators**; and
- have a good Internet connection.

We’re hoping to interview “garden-variety drunks” who have been sober at least a year. No special AA skills, service positions, or attributes necessary!

If you know someone you think would be a good speaker on the podcast, send us their contact info. And ask your GVRs to help! (We do not accept self-recommendations.)

Please write podcastscheduling@aagrapevine.org with your ideas, and please pass it on. We appreciate you!

In gratitude, The Podcast Team

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We thank all the A.A. members and Alanon that attended and participated in the Area 74 Spring Conference 2024. A special thank you to District 12 for their help in hosting another great conference. Panelists from Home Groups - Port Wing, Cornucopia, YPAA , District 04 , Alanon and District 12. The Iron River Group for the Ice Cream Social, the musicians for the Friday night entertainment, The Hybrid guys for the Saturday night entertainment, and of course our 4 speakers sharing their recovery journey with us all.

And last but not least our East Central Region Trustee for her experience and insight in the workings at the General Service Office.

After a slow start to registrations, we ended up with an attendance number of 227 with 16 being newcomers with one year or less of sobriety. We served 160 banquet dinners on Saturday night, a sobriety countdown went from 46 years to 18 days of sobriety!

Financially, we again finished with a gain as our expenses in Ashland are exceptionally low for a conference of this size. The AmericInn provides great pricing for renting their facility. The conference financial result is a \$1,053.30 gain on our budgeted projection. Splitting that with the Area is \$ 526.65 returned to the Area as 50% of the gain.

As instructed by the Area Officers, the unplanned, non-budgeted cost of the trustee’s expenses to attend were \$981.89 , leaving \$2,018.11 of the seed money returned along with the \$526.65 gain results in a return to the Area of \$ 2,544.76 of the \$3,000.00 borrowed to start up the conference.

We, along with District 12 thank you for your support and participation in the spring conference.Planning Co-Chairs - Adam G. and Marty L.District 12 and 13.

Quarterly Contribution Report for Area 074 - N. Wisc./Upper Peninsula Mi.

Group Contributions Summary
Q2 2024 - 4/1/2024 through 6/30/2024

District Name	Contributions (USD) per District		Groups Listed with GSB per District		Groups Contributing to GSB			
	Quarterly Group Contributions	Year to Date Contributions	Total Groups	Active Groups (Regular, Virtual)	Number of Groups	% Total Groups	Number of Active Groups	% Active Groups
District Unknown	\$0.00	\$0.00	24	4	0	0%	0	0%
District 01	\$1,136.96	\$2,416.87	116	48	8	6.9%	8	16.67%
District 02	\$188.52	\$426.88	74	6	1	1.35%	1	16.67%
District 02A	\$815.00	\$1,590.00	30	21	4	13.33%	4	19.05%
District 02B	\$440.00	\$820.00	24	13	12	50%	10	76.92%
District 02C	\$75.00	\$75.00	16	10	1	6.25%	1	10%
District 02D	\$130.00	\$320.00	15	11	2	13.33%	2	18.18%
District 02E	\$0.00	\$130.00	17	11	0	0%	0	0%
District 02F	\$225.00	\$465.00	27	17	3	11.11%	3	17.65%
District 03	\$260.00	\$410.00	20	13	2	10%	2	15.38%
District 04	\$241.10	\$1,069.52	50	25	3	6%	3	12%
District 05	\$2,015.29	\$4,016.09	125	64	10	8%	10	15.62%
District 06	\$13.35	\$13.35	28	10	1	3.57%	1	10%
District 07	\$283.00	\$403.00	49	22	4	8.16%	4	18.18%
District 08	\$220.00	\$420.00	68	28	3	4.41%	3	10.71%
District 09	\$76.40	\$293.63	64	31	2	3.12%	2	6.45%
District 10	\$967.30	\$2,162.30	77	36	8	10.39%	8	22.22%
District 11	\$0.00	\$75.00	22	11	0	0%	0	0%
District 12	\$179.00	\$275.00	56	23	1	1.79%	1	4.35%
District 13	\$0.00	\$133.00	27	13	0	0%	0	0%
District 14	\$375.00	\$591.00	63	33	3	4.76%	3	9.09%
District 15	\$0.00	\$0.00	25	4	0	0%	0	0%
District 16	\$0.00	\$100.00	35	11	0	0%	0	0%
District 17	\$335.40	\$375.40	54	25	6	11.11%	6	24%
District 18	\$1,164.00	\$1,864.00	73	28	6	8.22%	3	10.71%
District 19	\$50.00	\$50.00	54	14	1	1.85%	1	7.14%
District 20	\$50.00	\$195.00	32	19	1	3.12%	1	5.26%
District 21	\$0.00	\$0.00	42	17	0	0%	0	0%
District 22	\$211.25	\$535.33	39	19	3	7.69%	3	15.79%

Saturday September 14, 2024
Hybrid -zoom Meeting ID: 479 428 9816 Password 1212144
Holiday Inn & convention center
1001 AMBER Ave. Stevens Point Wisconsin

7:30 New GSR and New DCM Orientation conducted by Past Delegate Char V.

8:00am - Welcome and opening remarks-Prayer Housekeeping.
Rollcall Introductions of new GSRs and new DCMs
Approval of Minutes from 5-18-2024

8:30am -9:30 Workshop on discussion of motions -Roberts rule

9:30 am to 9:45 Break

9:45am-11:00 Officers Reports (4 Minutes) Chair, Secretary, Registrar, Treasure, Delegate
Standing committee Reports (3-Minutes) Archives, CPC, Corrections WI., Corrections Mich.
Finance, Literature, Now&Then, Public Information Structure &Guidelines, Webmaster,

AD Hoc -Calendar review Committee.

Old Business

Now &Then Flyers from outside Area 74

Alternates for Secretary, Treasurer, registrar.

12pm-1:00 Lunch

1:00 pm

New Business

- Trustee Nominations
- Motion from Back-to-Basics group / District 05

Conference updates

- Spring 2024 District 13
- Fall 2024 District 4
- 2025 District 22
- 2026 Conference Bids?
- WICYPAA

Motion to close; close Assembly

Area 74 Area Committee Meeting Agenda -9-15-2024 Hybrid
Holiday Inn Convention Center 1001 Amber Ave. Stevens Point Wi.
Zoom Meeting ID: 479 428 9816 Passcode: 1212144

Prayer

Welcome and Housekeeping

Roll call

Approve Minutes From 5-19-2024

Reports: up to 4 minutes

DCM Reports

Delegate's Report

Workshop Report – Area Chair

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Close with Responsibility Statement

Area 74 2024 Fall Conference

Wisconsin Alcoholics Anonymous District 04, Area 74, is excited to announce their hosting of the 2024 Fall Conference on September 13-15. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Stevens Point, WI.

In addition to speakers, meetings and topical panels, the conference will include a Family Feud game night, the airing of recovery-focused movies, a comedy show, a dessert social and an open mic. In accordance with the central conference theme of "Action is the Magic Word," the planning committee has put a great deal into the activities of the conference, and are excited for you to join them

Registration – including lodging and banquet dinner information – is available on the District 04 website, along with the program of events. Please visit the following link for more information.

<https://www.aawidistrict04.org/event/area-74-2024-fall-conference/>

The Deadline for mail-in registrations will be August 28, 2024. If you cannot get your registration mailed by then, you can still bring the paper registration filled out to register at the conference on the day of.



Area 74 Public information monthly meeting

Zoom ID: 830 3370 6846

Password: PI

The District PI Chairs are invited to the Monthly Area 74 PI meeting.

Meeting starts at 700 pm CST

The Meeting is always on the last Wednesday of the month.

The focus of the meeting is to come together to share ideas on how to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic and how the Area can be of service to your District.

Any question contact

Shane S – Area 74 PI Chair

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Language of the Heart
Lenguaje del corazón
Le langage du cœur

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

July 3–6, 2025 | Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Date: July 16, 2024

To: Regional Trustees, Area Delegates and Area Committee Officers in the East Central and Southeastern Regions

Re: **April 2025 Vacancies for Class B Regional Trustees**

Dear A.A. Friends,

At the General Service Conference in April 2025, Class B regional trustees from the East Central and Southeast regions will be elected to succeed Cathi C. and Tom H., respectively.

The notification of regional trustee vacancies is distributed widely within the A.A. fellowship by G.S.O, using available channels of distribution including, but not limited to, use of the Corporation's and A.A.W.S.' mailing lists [electronic and paper], publication on Websites and posting in Box 4-5-9, and whenever possible, in the next available issues of Grapevine and La Viña magazines.

Each area in your region may nominate a regional trustee candidate, and the suggested procedure for this is outlined in the enclosed, "Procedures for Electing Regional Trustee Candidates in the U.S. and Canada."

While a background with business or other professional experience is helpful, the General Service Board is also interested in other strengths that regional trustees can bring.

Time Required of Regional Trustees:

Since much is asked of the trustees with respect to their time, please be sure your candidate understands the commitment.

Trustees are expected to attend the following:

- Three Quarterly Board weekends (Summer, Fall & Winter) - meetings typically run from Saturday morning through Monday noon.
- A fourth Quarterly meeting (Spring) combined with the General Service Conference (seven days) in April/May.
- Special meetings of the Board.
- Trustees serve on committees of the General Service Board and may also serve on trustees' subcommittees involving multiple telephone and video conference calls.
- Regional Forums in their own region.
- Rotational attendance at Regional Forums in other Areas.
- May be asked to serve two years on either the A.A. World Services Board or A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board, which meet more frequently than the General Service Board and also include possible corporate board subcommittees.
- Frequently invited to participate in regional or area activities such as service conferences, area assemblies, etc.

Trusteeship is for four successive annual terms. Applicants are encouraged to discuss this time commitment with their families and employers. Trustees are reimbursed for travel, hotel and meal expenses.

Prior Conferences have recommended that no area submit the same person as candidate for both regional and trustee-at-large/U.S. or Canada at the same Conference. Also, a General Service Conference delegate is not eligible as a trustee candidate until one year after their last Conference. Panel 73 delegates will not be eligible for a trustee position at the 2025 Conference.

As soon as possible after your area has elected a candidate for regional trustee, the General Service Conference delegate only must send to the secretary, trustees' Nominating Committee, nominating@aa.org, the name and contact information of the candidate. The secretary, trustees' Nominating Committee will forward a link to a Resume Sheet, or email a PDF form, for the candidate to complete. The candidate completes the Resume Sheet and submits it by one of the following: electronically via an online link; emailed to nominating@aa.org; by fax 212-870-3003; or by mail General Service Office, Nominating Coordinator, 475 Riverside Drive Suite #1100, New York, NY 10115 - to be received before the January 1, 2025 deadline.

The 27th General Service Conference recommended that any elected candidates' resume sheet submissions received by G.S.O. after the January 1 deadline be returned to the delegate in the submitting area, and not be considered. (In other words, the candidate will not be eligible for election in April 2025).

Please prepare the resume carefully. A 1983 Conference Action recommends that all resumes be presented to the Trustees' Nominating Committee and the Conference Committee on Trustees exactly as received, with the exception that spelling and grammatical errors may be corrected by the General Service Office staff preparing resumes for distribution. Original resumes are retained for reference.

If your area chooses not to elect a regional trustee candidate, please let us know. It would be helpful if resume forms and all other correspondence pertaining to trustee elections are addressed to: Attn: Secretary, Trustees' Nominating Committee, at the General Service Office in New York City or by email to nominating@aa.org.

We look forward to hearing from you, as soon as your election takes place, and all here send warm wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Scott H.
Chairperson, General Service Board

Included: Procedures for Electing Regional Trustee Candidates in the U.S. and Canada

cc: Trustees' Nominating Committee

General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous
P.O. Box 459 | Grand Central Station | New York, NY 10163 USA | (212) 870-3400 | www.aa.org

PROCEDURE No. 11

PROCEDURES FOR ELECTING REGIONAL TRUSTEE CANDIDATES IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

Notifications of Class B regional trustee vacancies will be emailed to Area Delegates, Area Committee Officers and the regional trustee in regions scheduled to elect regional trustee candidates. This notification will be sent following the conclusion of the 2nd quarterly meeting of the General Service Board.

QUALIFICATIONS

Ten years of sobriety is recommended but is not mandatory. Candidates should have experience in both Conference Area and local A.A. service. They should have the background and the willingness to make decisions on matters of A.A. policy and should recognize that trustees serve the entire Fellowship rather than geographical areas. In seeking applications for vacancies in Alcoholics Anonymous, the Fellowship is committed to creating a large file of qualified applicants that reflects the inclusiveness and diversity of A.A. itself.

Business or Professional Experience: It has proved desirable to have some of the trustees experienced in business and professional matters. Because the primary business of the General Service Board, calls for important budgetary and administrative decisions, such qualifications are regarded as welcome additions to sound A.A. experience.

Time Required of Regional Trustees:

All candidates should be aware of the significant time commitments required of the regional trustees. Trustees are expected to attend a minimum of: three quarterly Board weekends, with meetings running from Saturday morning through Monday noon; a quarterly meeting combined with the General Service Conference (seven days) in April/May; and any special meetings of the Board. Regional trustees also serve in rotation for attendance at regional forums other than in their own regions. In addition, regional trustees are asked to serve two consecutive one-year terms on either the A.A. World Services Board or AA Grapevine Corporate Board, which meet more frequently than the General Service Board. Trustees serve on committees of the General Service Board and may also serve on trustees' subcommittees or corporate board subcommittees, whose work often involves tele and video conference calls. Trustees are often invited to participate in regional or area activities such as service conferences, area assemblies, etc. Trusteeship is for four successive annual terms. Applicants are encouraged to discuss this time commitment with their family and employer. Trustees are reimbursed for travel, hotel and meal expenses.

Prior Conferences have recommended that no area submit an individual as a candidate for both regional trustee and trustee-at-large/U.S. or Canada in the same year. Also, a General Service Conference delegate is not eligible to be submitted as a trustee candidate until *one year after* their last Conference.

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PROCEDURES FOR ELECTING REGIONAL TRUSTEE CANDIDATES
IN THE U.S. AND CANADA (Continued)

PROCEDURE RECOMMENDED FOR ELECTION OF REGIONAL TRUSTEE CANDIDATES

1. Each area may select one candidate. A candidate may be selected from each of the Conference areas or two or more areas may jointly propose a single candidate.
 2. The General Service Conference delegate and committee members should decide how their area will select its candidate. Each area will make its own decision:
 - a. Will the candidate be selected at a meeting of the Area Committee?
 - OR
 - b. Will the candidate be selected by G.S.R.s and committee members at the Area Assembly and, if so, when and where will the Assembly be held?
 3. The Third Legacy procedure, particularly the practice of written or electronic ballots, two-thirds vote, automatic withdrawals, drawing by lot (if necessary) should be used, whether the election is by the Area Committee or by the Assembly.
 4. For Resume Sheet Submissions:
 - a. As soon as possible after the election, the General Service Conference delegate only must send to the General Service Office secretary, trustees' Nominating Committee, nominating@aa.org, the name and contact information of the candidate.
 - b. The secretary, trustees' Nominating Committee will forward a link to a Resume Sheet, or email a form, for the candidate to complete.
 - c. The candidate completes the Resume Sheet and submits it electronically to nominating@aa.org; or by fax 212-870-3003; or by mail General Service Office, 475 Riverside Drive Suite #1100, New York, NY 10115; to be received before the January 1 deadline.
- Important! The 27th General Service Conference recommended that any elected candidates and resume sheet submissions received by G.S.O. after the January 1 deadline be returned to the delegate in the submitting area, and not be considered.
5. If a trustee candidate withdraws after the January 1 deadline, that area may not submit another candidate.
 6. The Notification of Regional Trustee Vacancies is distributed widely within the A.A. fellowship by G.S.O, using available channels of distribution including, but not limited to, use of the Corporation's and A.A.W.S.' mailing lists (electronic and paper), publication on Websites and posting in *Box 4-5-9*, and whenever possible, in the next available issues of *Grapevine* and *La Viña* magazines.

PROCEDURES FOR ELECTING REGIONAL TRUSTEE CANDIDATES
IN THE U.S. AND CANADA (Continued)

7. The final election of a regional trustee nominee from among area candidates will be made at a joint meeting of the Conference Committee on Trustees, the Trustees' Nominating Committee of the General Service Board, and the General Service Conference delegates from the electing region during the Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference. All delegates from the electing region and an equal number of voters—one-half from the Conference Committee on Trustees and one-half from the Trustees' Nominating Committee—are eligible to vote in the election. Third Legacy method of election will be followed.
8. The slate of members and officers of the General Service Board will be presented at the General Service Conference. Election to the General Service Board will follow at the Annual Meeting of the members of the Board, following the General Service Conference.
9. For unexpected vacancies,
 - a. If a vacancy for a Regional Trustee occurs prior to September 1 in the first year, then the nomination to fill the vacancy would occur at the following General Service Conference (GSC) for the affected region (Refer to Procedure 11 Recommended for Election of Regional Trustee Candidates #1 through #8). An individual elected to fill such vacancy shall not be eligible to serve more than three consecutive one-year terms.
 - b. If a vacancy for a Regional Trustee occurs between September 1 in the first year and August 31 of the third year then the delegates from the affected region would be given an option, should they decide to fill such vacancy, to nominate an individual to fill such vacancy and any such individual, if elected, may not serve more than five or six one-year terms, as the case may be, or leave the position vacant, depending on when the vacancy occurs.
 - c. If the vacancy is filled, the Regional Trustee would be expected to serve two years on one of the two affiliated corporate boards.

Area Treatment and Accessibilities Committee Meeting

Hello Area 74,

The area treatment and accessibilities committee needs your help. Our goal as a committee is to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholics in treatment settings and make Alcoholics Anonymous more accessible to those who need it. Bill and Bob did a great amount of their service work in hospitals and treatment settings. They were willing to sacrifice their time to make the message accessible to those who needed it and had success in helping others get free from this disease. Being a part of a committee offers fellowship, spiritual growth, and an opportunity to help others along the way. If you are looking to be of service, please email treatment@area74.org or join our monthly committee meeting on zoom on the 4th Friday of the month at 6PM.

Zoom ID: 5348299691 Zoom Password: h4z1FR

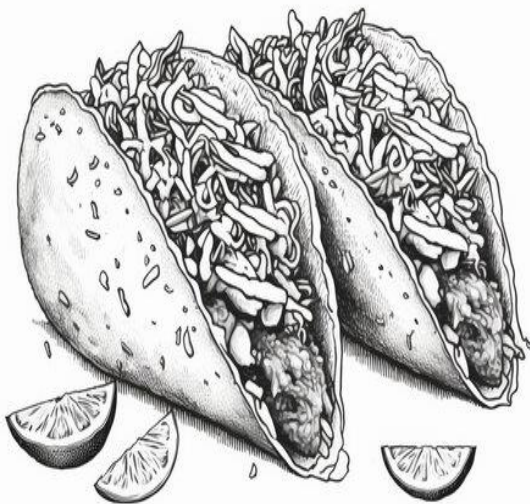
WESTERN WISCONSIN TRAVELING POTLUCK

Hosted by Back to Basics

Saturday August 10, 2024

KC Hall – 2708 Thomas Drive

Eau Claire WI



4:00 pm: Social Hour

5:00 pm: Taco Bar and Ice Cream Social

6:00 pm: AA Speaker – Mike H from Marshfield, Wi

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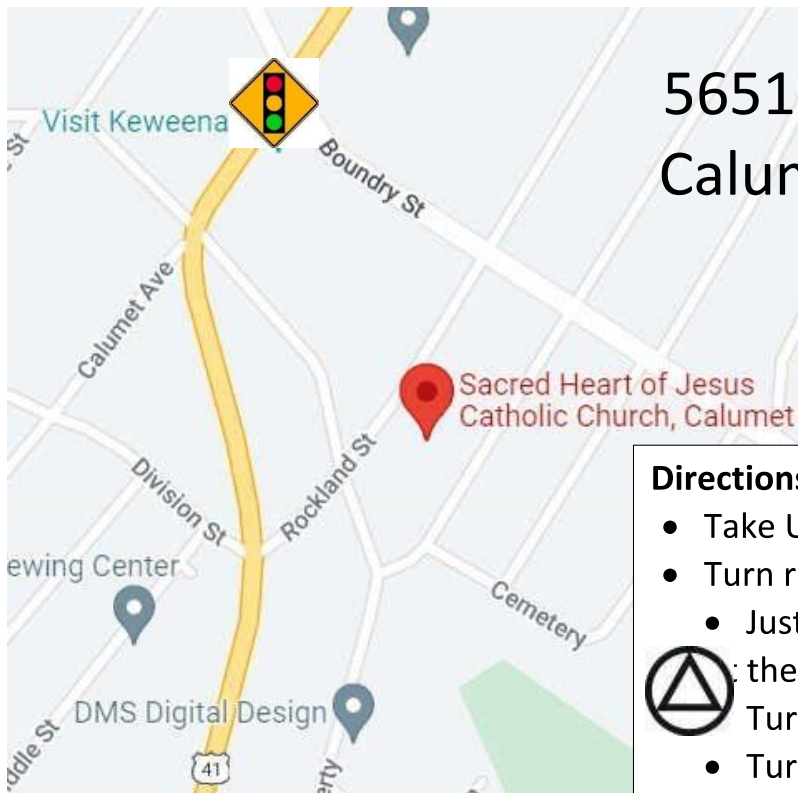
Alcoholics Anonymous

District 21 - Area 74

Intergroup


Saturday, August 17, 2024

Sacred Heart Catholic Church



56512 Rockland St
Calumet, Michigan

Directions from Hancock

- Take US-41 north to Calumet
- Turn right (straight) on Rockland Street
 - Just before IncredibleBank
-  : the traffic light, you've gone too far
- Turn right on Boundry Street
 - Turn right on Rockland Street

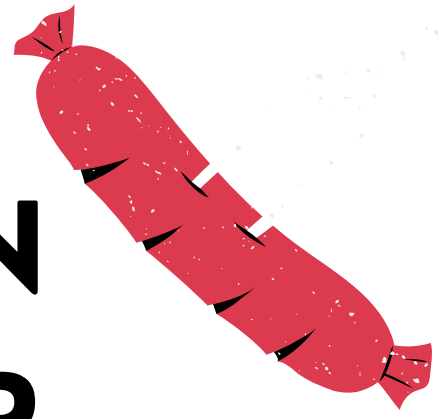
Schedule

4:00 PM Corrections

5:00 PM GSR

6:00 PM Potluck

7:00 PM Speakers



AA OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

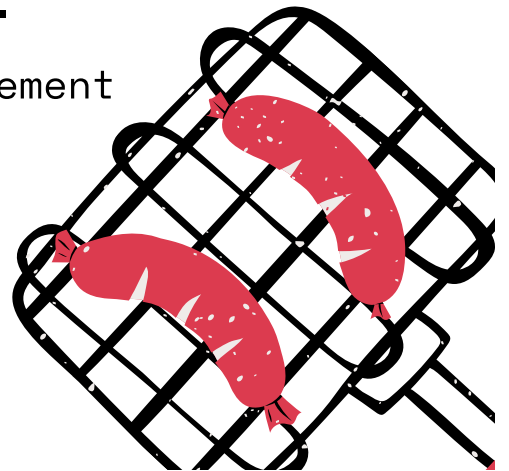
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One Day, One Step Women's Meeting

Friday, August 23rd, 2024

Food starts at 6:00 pm
Speakers start at 7:00 pm

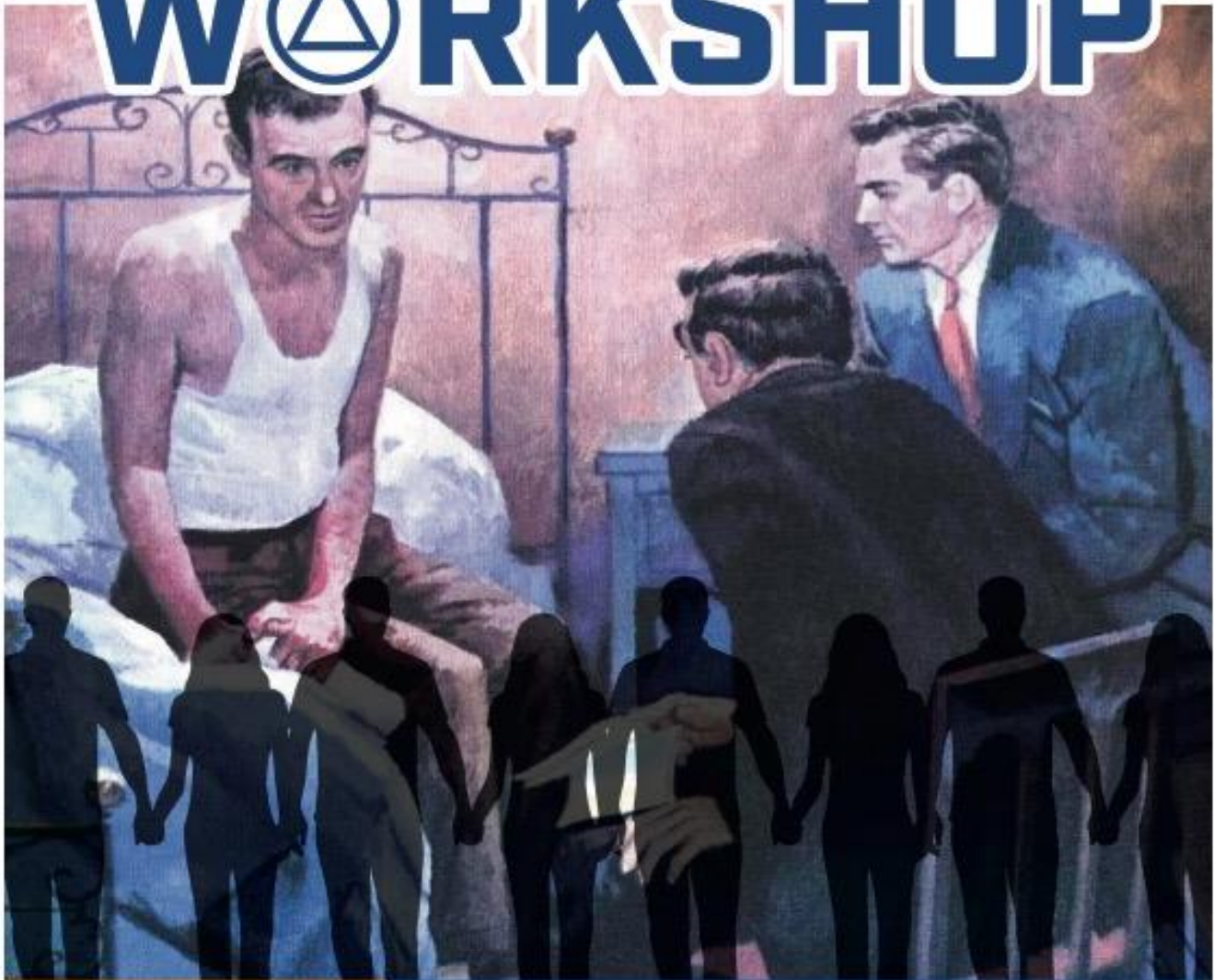
Speakers:
Pamela K. & Ron K.

Holy Trinity Church Basement
510 Church RD.
Casco, WI 54205



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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2024



8:00AM - 3:00PM



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SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024
AA WORKSHOP

SERVICE:
WHAT AN ORDER! I CAN'T GO
THROUGH WITH IT!

Topics to include:

AA service structure

Sponsorship

AA Traditions

Join District 18 in exploring what makes AA work.

Holiday Inn, 1951 US 41, Marquette, MI

Suggested donation - \$10 More details to come

District 16 Harbortown
Alcoholics Anonymous Inter-Group
Saturday, September 21, 2024
100 Cane Court, Ontonagon, MI

4pm - Corrections Meeting

5pm - GSR Meeting

6pm - Pot Luck Dinner

7pm – Speakers

Come one, come all, to the beautiful
Harbor Town of Ontonagon
Enjoy a wonderful Pot Luck Dinner!
Bring a dish to share!

DIRECTIONS:

Drive through town on River Street; turn R onto Houghton Street.

Follow Houghton St six blocks to the Ontonagon

Housing Commission sign. Turn R on Prehnite Street.

Follow Prehnite three blocks to Cane Court.

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Deaf Alcoholic Vodcast

We are so excited to announce that for the first time in the history of Alcoholics Anonymous deaf alcoholics can share their stories with other deaf alcoholics through mass media in American Sign Language.

How? Grapevine & La Viña YouTube Channel

What is a vodcast? A vodcast, also known as a podcast, is a type of online video content that is basically a podcast with a video element.

The primary purpose of the Deaf Alcoholic Vodcast is to carry the message to “deaf” alcoholics.

Our vodcast team made four **prototype** vodcasts and sent them to Grapevine to be considered for a Deaf Vodcast playlist on Grapevine and La Viña YouTube Channel.

Anonymity: If full-face photographs and other easily identifiable photos or videos of A.A. members are published or broadcast, even though their full names are not given, these are considered anonymity breaks.

For deaf alcoholics to be able to share their story in American Sign Language, we hire an interpreter to copy-sign their story.

At this time we are not aware of any mass media *forum* for deaf alcoholics to share their recovery stories with other deaf alcoholics in American Sign Language. Historically access committees have hired interpreters and translated the deaf persons' story into an English audio recording or written English for Grapevine magazine or the Box 459 newsletter.

The funding for the ASL vodcast project is the responsibility of our [Deaf Alcoholic Vodcast Team](#). We make the videos and provide them to Grapevine.

With Grapevine's guidance, we have written out guidelines to help AA Access Committees work with the deaf alcoholics and the Deaf Alcoholic Vodcast team to make videos to submit to Grapevine.

If your AA Access Committee would like to learn more about this email the Deaf Alcoholic Vodcast Team. deafgvteam@gmail.com

HIGHLIGHT

90th Anniversary International Convention — *Vancouver 2025!*

Next year over the Fourth of July weekend (July 3–6, 2024), A.A. members from around the world will be converging on Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada to celebrate A.A.'s 90th birthday with a broad spectrum of sobriety-related meetings, panels, and workshops on what we are calling the 2025 Vancouver Convention Campus, that includes the Vancouver Convention Centre, the BC Place stadium and other locations throughout the city of Vancouver.

Held in different locations every five years, A.A.'s International Conventions have been hosted in U.S. and Canadian cities with cultures and personalities as varied as the alcoholics who travel to them for the celebration, and in Vancouver some 50,000 attendees will celebrate not only their own sobriety and newfound lives, but also their great desire to pass on the message of recovery to another alcoholic who may not yet have heard that there is hope.

The theme of the 2025 International Convention will be “Language of the Heart” — a phrase from A.A.'s basic text, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, recognizing the importance of our twelfth suggestion: Carry this message to other alcoholics!

Over the years, many nonalcoholic professionals have addressed the Convention as guest speakers on a wide range of important topics, and hundreds of other meetings will share the diverse experience, strength and hope of A.A. members from around the world.

Professionals who would like to find out more about the Convention may contact the International Convention Desk at the General Service Office of A.A.: (212) 870-2025, or access G.S.O.'s A.A. website at www.aa.org/international-convention. Members of the media may contact the Public Information Desk at (212) 870-3119. ■



Language of the Heart
Lenguaje del corazón
Le langage du cœur



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

July 3–6, 2025 | Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Greetings from the P.I. Desk:

The Public Information desk is pleased to announce that two new videos from the Young People's Video project are now available on aa.org.

[“Young and Sober in AA: It could save your life”](#)

[“Young and Sober in AA: I thought drinking made me an artist”](#)

We hope you'll share them with young people in A.A. in your community and anyone you think might be interested in this message of hope and recovery. These can also be used for Public Information or CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) presentations.

Please note: more videos from a range of young people (including videos in French and Spanish) are coming soon. We look forward to sharing them with you.

Warm regards,

Misha Q.

Public Information Coordinator
Pronouns I use: she/her/hers
General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous
475 Riverside Drive, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10115
(212) 870-3119

If you need help with a drinking problem, want to know more about Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.), or want to find A.A. near you, resources are provided at www.aa.org.
Information for [press/media](#)

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