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Delegate's Corner

Happy New Year!

2025 is upon us and a new year awaits. It is interesting that the new year brings hopes, plans, resolutions, and goals for many of us – all things we could have started on November 12th or May 18th but something about the “new year”! The last couple of months have been somewhat quiet in my AA life – more about that later. I’ve received a few inquiries asking about the dogs! We have had a busy couple of months. We were in Philadelphia in November for the National Dog Show and our boy Azul was Best of Breed and took a working group 4th! He even received some NBC television time! We are going to be at the Westminster Kennel Club dog show in New York City in February and most excitedly – Sage and Keira are expecting puppies! They are due on January 8th!

It was just a little over 4-years-ago that Sage was born. He came from a breeder in Oklahoma. We drove to pick him up in March and the breeder encouraged us to consider showing him and my response was “No.” I told her that that wasn’t what we were interested in. During our drive home my husband asked if we could think about showing him. My reply was again a solid “no”. The drive continued and I was feeling unsettled, I was feeling a bit disturbed, and it truly was somewhere in the middle of Iowa that I had an awakening.

"There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all arguments, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance—that principle is contempt prior to investigation." – credited to Herbet Spencer in the book Alcoholics Anonymous.

My job is to respond to opportunities that are put in front of me, to be open to them and not closed off sheerly based out of ignorance.

2025 is the beginning of Area 74’s 2-year trial of a new calendar and shift to 1 conference a year. We kick things off in a couple of weeks at the Area Committee Meeting in Three Lakes. The AREA COMMITTEE is comprised of the Area Officers (Delegate, Alt-Delegate, Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar), Area Committee Chairs (CPC, Treatment, Grapevine, Literature, Finance, Public Information, Archives, Corrections, Structures & Guidelines, Now & Then) and DCMs. The AREA COMMITTEE MEETING is open to all AA members but only those listed above have a voice and vote. I am looking forward to the daylong event and some good conversation to help improve the health and wellbeing of our Area.

In December I filled in and chaired an Area 74 Corrections Committee Meeting and I have the privilege of speaking at a wonderful virtual event set up to review the 2024 Final Conference Report.

I hope all of you had a great holiday season and am looking forward to seeing you this year, please reach out if I can be of any help to you, your committee, district, or group.

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider

A74/P74 Delegate

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FROM THE AREA 74 AREA CHAIR/ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Hello to all in Area 74 and thank you for letting me be of service.

Reflecting on the past year of 2024, I can't help but think of how many opportunities there were for my personal chance to practice these principles of our beloved fellowship in all my affairs; from feeling inadequate at times and completely comfortable at times and anywhere in between. One thing that brings comfort to me is when a fellow member says they are grateful that others and I show we don't have to be perfect. Recovery in my life has once again given me a certain willingness to keep moving forward despite my own thinking which can give me a false interpretation of reality at times (imagine that from a real alcoholic). I have had the opportunity in so many ways to learn and grow as I move forward with intent to be the best servant leader I can be. It can at times be a challenge for me. But if I believe all things in my life happen for a reason and that God's got my back if you will and God chose me to fulfill this service position with the help of you folks of course. Consulting widely and listening more than I talk a couple of things that will serve me well going forward. Like in my everyday recovery life, being constantly on the watch for being selfish self-centered and being aware of fears and how these things affect me. If I leave judgment of others to God, my life flows much like a lazy river rather than being judgmental and creating a torrent of emotions in my mind.

Going forward in my monthly thoughts in our newsletter through the Now and Then. One thing I will do is to try and hold myself accountable on sticking to a budget which is graciously given by Area 74 for the position of area chair and alternate delegate. In taking responsibility for the use of these funds and understanding the rate they are used throughout the year would be helpful to the Finance Committee. And for me, putting things in print will help keep me on task in my current service position to try and realize where my efforts fit into our primary purpose of still reaching out to the still suffering alcoholic.

In December I had the opportunity to attend the concepts retreat that is held in December in Mid-state Wisconsin. This was a great lesson in humility for me seeing so many long-time trusted servants and just being one of many. Their abundance of knowledge was enlightening, and I walked away with a desire to be the best person I can in recovery and service to our great fellowship.

Once again thank you for letting me be of service,
Bill D. Area74 Alternate Delegate /Chair.

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**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 2024-25

1/18/25	Area 74 Area Committee Meeting	1858 S. Michigan St Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI
2/7-2/9/2025	Conference of Delegates Past/Prsent	Holiday Inn Trade Center, Champaign, IL
3/8/25	Delegate's Workshop	Wausau, WI
4/11/25	Area 74 Standing Committee Wkshp	Rhineland, WI
4/12/25	Area 74 Assembly	Rhineland, WI
5/16-5/18/25	Area 74 Spring Conference	Sturgeon Bay, WI
7/3-7/6/2025	AA International Convention	Vancouver, British Columbia – Canada
7/12/25	Area 74 Area Committee Meeting	1858 S. Michigan St Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI
8/22-8/24/25	East Central Regional Conference	Indianapolis, IN
10/17/25	Area 74 Standing Committee Wkshp	Rhineland, WI
10/18/25	Area 74 Election Assembly	Rhineland, 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

Ask The Delegate:

During my term as Delegate, I will share with you, the Fellowship of Area 74, questions that I get asked each month and my reply. I believe that if one person, group, committee has that question, others will as well.

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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CHECK WITH YOUR DCMS & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO

DISTRICT MEETING January 2025 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	First United Methodist 325 E Franklin St.	Appleton, 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 Pomona Dr Zoom 829 0126 1204 PWdistrict05	Eau Claire, WI
6	Thursday	3 rd Thur	7:45 PM	Club 76	Chippewa Falls
7	Sunday	3 rd Sun	5:00 PM	TBD	Marshfield, WI
8	Thursday	1 st Thur	7:00 PM	Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellan St	Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	1st Sun	2:00 PM	Faith Presbyterian Church 806 Fritzie Ave	Crivitz, WI
10	Saturday	2 nd Sat	9:00 AM	1st United Methodist 724 Arbutus contact DCM for Zoom	Rhineland, WI
11				No information Available	
12	Saturday	1 st Sat	9:00 AM	Hayward Serenity Club, 10339 S Florida Ave & Zoom	Hayward, WI
13	Friday	1-Fri	5:00 PM	PIRC 410 Lakeshore Drive West	Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	2 nd 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	1 st Sat	11:00 AM	308 Cleveland Ave - Rm.201 Gossard Building	Ishpeming, MI
19	Monday	3 rd Mon	5:30 PM	Delta Drop In 1500 N 19 th St	Escanaba, MI
20	Saturday	1 st Sat	11:00 AM	United Methodist Church, 1212 Morrison St	Germfask, MI
21	Tuesday	1 st 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
24	Thursday	2nd Thur	6:30 PM	Nativity Lord Parish 2270 S Oneida St Door #4	Green Bay, WI

DISTRICT MEETING February 2025 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	Changing Lanes Alano Club 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	6:00 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S. Main St	Amherst, WI
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7	Sunday	3 rd Sun	5:00 PM	TBD	Marshfield, WI
8	Thursday	1 st Thur	7:00 PM	Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellan St	Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	1st Sun	2:00 PM	Peace Church, 208 E. Maurer,	Shawano, WI
10	Saturday	2 nd Sat	9:00 AM	1st United Methodist 724 Arbutus contact DCM for Zoom	Rhineland, WI
11				No information Available	
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24	Weds	1 st Wed	8:00 PM	Alano Club 411 E 2nd St S	Ladysmith, WI

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Area 74 Area Committee Meeting Agenda - Hybrid
Date & Time January 18th 2025
Location Reiter Center and Hybrid.
Time 9:30 am to 4:30 ?

Zoom Meeting ID:479 428 9816 Passcode: 1212144

Prayer

Welcome and Housekeeping

Roll call sectary

Past Delegates Introductions Chair

Approve Minutes

From ACM on 12-7-2024

Reports:

DCM Reports 2 minutes please be timely

Delegate, s report.

Area Chair report.

Workshop Moving forward in 2025 standing committee's

Suggested direction. Given by Delegate - Area Chair

Unfinished Business:

Continued conversation of Finance Committee

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New Business:

Delegates workshop in March

Discuss Area Standing committee workshop April 11th

To be held in Rhinelander at the Quality Inn

Set and approve agenda for April 12 Assembly

To be held in Rhinelander at the Quality inn

Close with Responsibility Statement

ASK THE DELEGATE

Recently I received a letter from a group within our Area and subsequently the group sent the letter to all the DCMs in Area 74. The letter was addressed to the Area the Treasure and myself and specifically addressed concerns with me. The body of the letter is below.

December 9, 2024

To: Area 74 Treasurer c/o treasurer@area74.org

Area 74 Delegate c/o delegate@area74.org.

A motion has been made, seconded and carried forward by a vote of substantial unanimity of the XXXX Group, Area 74, District 04, to temporarily cease group contributions to Area 74 effective December 1, 2024. This contribution will instead be sent to the District XX Treasurer to be incorporated into the District's bank account and used to carry the A.A. Message to the still-suffering alcoholic. This motion has been considered and voted upon due to disagreement by the XXXXX Group members with the current, and recently past, Area Delegate's discontinuation of soliciting and including GSR votes, on behalf of their respective groups, on Conference Agenda Items at the Area 74 Delegate's Workshop, or at the March 30 Assembly in Rhinelander, preceding the 2024 General Service Conference.

There cannot be any acceptable excuse for this inaction. Accordingly, the Delegate was not properly informed of the Area 74 groups' conscience when he voted at the 2024 General Service Conference. Our A.A. Service Manual states: Every A.A. member has a voice in the Fellowship's present and future – and A.A.'s welfare is central to the agenda of every General Service Conference. As stated in Concept I, "The A.A. groups today hold ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world services – those special elements of over-all service activity which make it possible for our Society to function as a whole." Thus, one of the most important items for an assembly program (or a district meeting) is a good look at the agenda of every General Service Conference. Assemblies and district meetings provide an ideal time to find out our problems and solutions that are shared by A.A. groups everywhere. [Emphasis provided] Without the ability for groups to consider and vote on General Service Conference Agenda items prior to the General Service Conference, the "ultimate responsibility and final authority" of the group is rendered impossible and the "upside down triangle" has ceased to exist. This action, or inaction, appears to be the result of well-intentioned leadership rather than a deliberate choice to follow AA's Traditions and Concepts of Service; however, as most A.A.'s know, the road to our demise is often paved with good intentions. This motion will be reviewed every six months by the XXXXX group with the hope that Concepts of Service is restored to Area 74 trusted servants."

My response:

To: XXX Group, District XX, Area 74,

It is always inspiring to see groups discussing, participating and practicing our steps, traditions, and concepts.

A couple of thoughts have come to mind that I think – which is always dangerous – a *thinking alcoholic* might be helpful for the discussion. What does Concept 1 look like in action? How do we give groups the ultimate authority? How does concept 1 intersect with Concept 2 – which gives the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services? What does it mean for Concept 3 – which give the "right of decision."

Where does concept 4 land in all of this? Our "Right of Participation". When is the group responsible for participating in the process? I was a bit disheartened and frustrated that the group had been discussing or upset about this issue for some time and the first I heard of this groups' frustration was this letter, dated on December 9th and the decision to suspend financial support of Area Services without discussion or informing myself of the group's dissatisfaction.

Groups of course have the right to send money or not send money. I'm not certain that withholding funds is the most effective way to have your voice heard or to facilitate change – I believe that occurs from one alcoholic talking to another. I was very pleased to receive the letter offering an explanation for withholding funds and that this will lead to robust spiritual conversation.

My hope is that the GSR of this group and or the DCM of this district will bring this issue up to the Area Assembly and begin a conversation. This could be an opportunity for a wonderfully healthy discussion for our Area to have. Our Area Guidelines nor the AA Service Manual as I understand it give clear direction on assemblies voting on Conference Agenda items. For every group that feels one way another group feels another, and we are lead back to our second tradition – our ultimate authority and our subsequent obedience to spiritual principles to stay whole.

My intentions in preparing for the 75th General Service Conference are quite similar to last year. I will be holding a day long delegate's workshop in Wausau on Saturday, March 8th. I will have multiple virtual listening sessions; I will be available to come to your home group and districts and I intend on inviting all the GSRs and DCMS to share their group's conscious at our Area Assembly in April.

I have a sign that hangs in my office that always reminds me of where god is; "the journey is the destination."

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider
A74/P74 Delegate

**Area 74 of Alcoholics Anonymous
Area Committee Meeting Minutes
Zoom December 7, 2024**

The meeting opened at 8:02 am with the Serenity prayer.

Attendance: Five Officers, four Committee Chairs, eleven DCMs, two Past Delegates

Opening Remarks: Chair reviewed housekeeping notes and who has a voice and vote at Area Committee meetings. Bill requested if we could hear DCM reports at end of meeting.

Roll Call:

Officers – Delegate, Alt Delegate/Area Chair, Registrar, Secretary, Treasurer

Standing Committee Chairs – CPC, Grapevine, Now & Then, Structures & Guidelines

DCMs – 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 18, 22

Pat T D05 moved to approve ACM minutes from September 15, 2024, Pat D18 2nd

Approved.

Delegate's Report:

Good Morning Members of the Area 74 Area Committee Meeting,

A few updates from the Delegate. I've sent out the preliminary agenda items for the 75th General Service Conference. The final items will be selected at the January Board weekend. What I sent out will give you an idea of what we will be discussing at conference and the March Delegate's workshop – March 8th in Wausau, same location as last year. I emailed out information regarding the PLBB and from my viewpoint, small changes to the 2nd printing. It is not back in stock. At the International Convention each region can host a hospitality suite and the ECR is. I am on that committee. The hospitality suite will be at the Hyatt Regency and Area 74 has in the past made a financial contribution to the suite. Last time I believe it was \$500, the suite provides trinkets, coffee, water, etc. I will keep you updated and most likely at the April Assembly have an ask for a contribution. On Monday, December 2nd, I made the decision to pull the Area 74 Corrections committee together as an ex-facto chair. The committee had not met since the Delegate's workshop. In attendance were myself, Bill D, James – Michigan Corrections Chair and the three assigned DCMS, Pat T – District 5, Don K – District 10, Jon J – District 21, and Geno P, the current Area 75 Corrections chair to share his experience. We are meeting again on Monday, December 30th at 5pm CST – all are welcome to attend. We especially encourage District Correction Chairs to attend. Please get the word to them. With that said, we are looking for a Wisconsin Corrections chair. If you know anyone interested have them to reach out to Bill or myself to learn more about the position.

Historically there has been a monthly DCM call or zoom and it has lost some steam. Mimicking what we do in the ECR, with the trustee and ECR delegates, I am going to host a monthly informal chat with the DCMs, a chance for them to ask questions, share experiences, etc. As of now this will be on the last Tuesday of Each month at 7pm CST.

I want to take a moment and expand a bit beyond my words in the now and then and reflection on year 1 as delegate and my hope for year 2.

Last meeting in Minocqua was frustrating. Not pleased with my roll in discussion. Wants a do-over to pause and pray about our love for the program. Loves being right. Loves when he thinks he's right. His hope to do a better job to not add to tension. Some people think Nicholas is not as neutral as past delegates have been. Nicholas does have a vision and an agenda for Area 74. When changes were made to schedule, he had a sense that there was a strong desire to do something different. Wants an Area that serves the districts and serves the still suffering alcoholic. Nicholas has been very inspired by committee

Ex dates to remember, what does it mean? What am I supposed to be at? What am I supposed to do there?

In love and service,

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider

A74/P74 Delegate.

2025 Conference Report

Prelim program in place, speakers are being contacted, hospitality room is an issue for conference because of hotel (may only be open specific hours), are asking for financial support for hospitality room. The hotel will maintain the room. Has a checking account setup now. Next meeting is Monday, December 9, 2024. Looking for people to fill the committees.

Area Chair: Bill. Use the Now and Then to make people aware of what committees they serve on and their duties. DCMs should make sure to get their district chairs to the corresponding Area Standing Committee meeting. Publish list of when the meetings are. Challenge standing committee chairs to have an agenda for a plan of action. Need a backup IT person.

No Old Business

New Business:

Workshop, Brent H, Treasurer, Progress Report. Committee is actively discussing how to make the committee more efficient. The committee is looking to do an inventory. Reviewed the budget. We're meeting the 7th tradition numbers.

Looking at guidelines to review Finance Committee procedures. Bill L, Nicholas, Brent, Mary Beth, Terri, Char are on the committee.

What's not working with the Finance Committee? How to handle overages? Nine officers/committee chairs went over budget. Looking on how to be more efficient with that. Help the committee chairs be aware that they're nearing their budget limits.

Hotel expenses and meals have increased (chair budgets, not committee budgets)

Was the seating Delegate's budget corrected? We added an additional \$400.

Do you want the feedback from the finance questions you sent out?

Bill D wanted to know if any DCMs do not understand their committee assignments.

Nicholas asked if we were going to talk about what we want our next ACM (8 hour day) will look like Grapevine, the ACM can put together a generic doc to instruct Area Chairs on what to work on.

Brent: wants feedback about publishing Treasurer's reports in the Now & Then. Monthly or quarterly?

Pat T likes monthly. Brent guidelines are the minimum, no limit on the maximum.

January 18, 2025 is the next ACM

Now & Then cannot publish info that has not yet been approved by the assembly.

Bill needs to set the agenda. Work with past delegates

Melissa no new DCM workshop, each committee chair have a preliminary agenda for their committee for the day. Pick one goal for the year for each committee. Chair committees come up with itinerary and brainstorm and come up with a goal or goals.

What are allowable and not allowable expenses? Stipends, travel etc. If we're spending money to help alcoholics it's good.

Don K Workshop breakout and how we do a workshop

Jeff C We have the ACM on 1/18/25, then we have the Area Standing Committee Workshop on 4/11

Nicholas we have the ACM, the night before each assembly we have standing committees meet

Michelle moved to start the next ACM at 9:30 am, Bryon B 2nd

Vote 12 yes 2 no

DCM Reports -no time. Written reports at the end of the minutes.

*******DCM REPORTS CAN BE ACCESSED on area74.org under 'Service/Committee/Reports' WHEN THEY ARE APPROVED AND POSTED*******

The meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Z standing in for Secretary Shane R

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 [715-497-0650](tel:715-497-0650) pi@area74.org

AREA 74 ARCHIVES ANNOUNCEMENT

The Area 74 Archives Committee invites all interested parties to participate in our next Archives Committee meeting to be held virtually on the third Wednesday (Nov. 20) of each month at 7:00 PM.

Zoom ID is 817 3019 4808 and password is 737159

Please contact:

Area 74 Archives Chair Paul Y. at 920-590-0406 or archives@area74.org

Area74 Archivist Jeffery E. at 414-587-8556 or ArchivistArea74@gmail.com

Great Service Opportunity!

2026 ECR and Area Conference organizational meeting

1/8/2025 4:45pm

Alano Club 12

2926 Pomona Drive Eau Claire, WI 54701

Suggested Roles to be filled

Conference Chair/Co-Chair

Treasurer/Co-treasurer

Facilities

Transportation/shuttles

Meals

Overnight accommodation

Registration

PI/Outreach

Programs/agenda

Hospitality

Entertainment

Please contact to Pat Treacy, cell 847-721-0977, dcm@district05.org with questions.

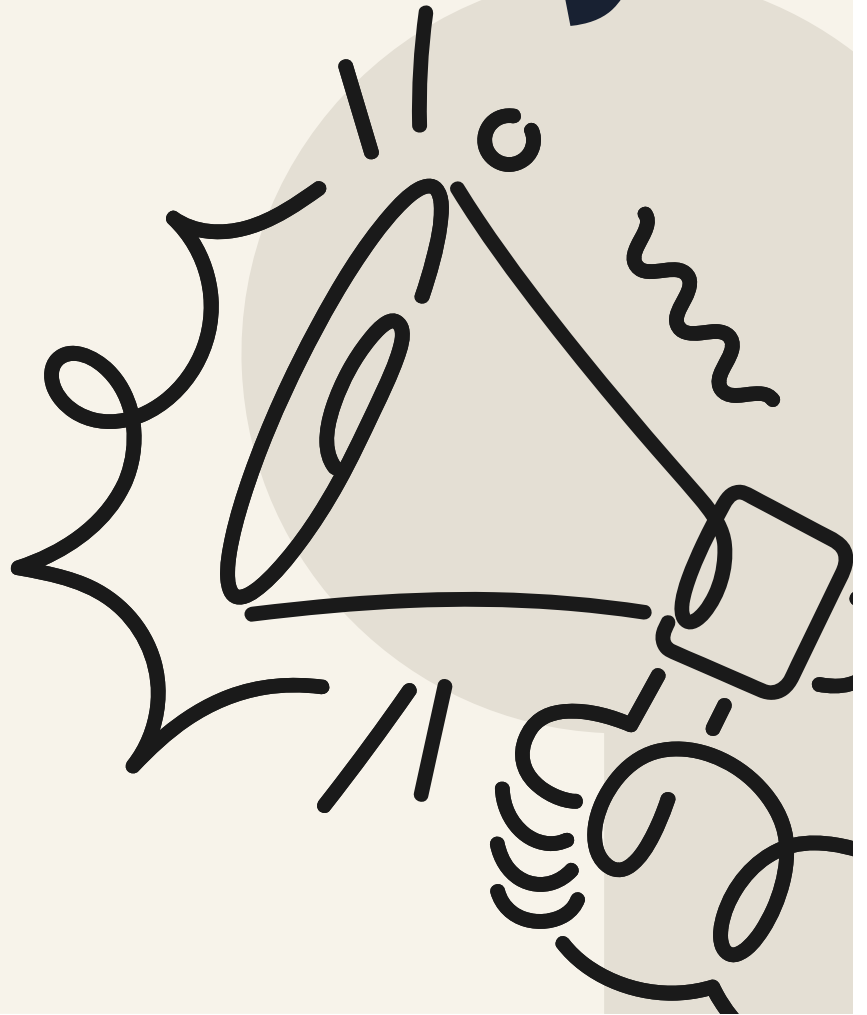
Service Opportunity

Area 74
Alternate
Secretary

Eligibility:

Substantial sobriety
Service experience at
group and district
levels

Contact Shane R
secretary@area74.org
715-379-3688



U.P TRAVELING INTERGROUP

Where: LoveMarq Church

728 W Kaye Ave. Marquette

Sponsored by: The Nite Group at the Alano
Club

When: February 8th

TIMES: Corrections 4PM

Gsr 5PM

Potluck Dinner 6pm

Al-Anon/AA Speakers 7pm

Came to Believe Group

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

JOIN US!

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
512 McClellan St.
Wausau, WI, 54403

**MAIN DISH PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS**

 5:30 PM: DINNER 

—**SPEAKERS**—

7:00 PM: NICHOLAS S. (AREA 74 DELEGATE)

7:30 PM: DEBBIE D. (CONCORD, CA)



HYBRID EVENT ZOOM ID: 892 1155 4684 PASSWORD: 740147

This is a Disabled Accessible Facility

CONTACT PERSON: Lindsey S. 715-370-1431



SAVE THE DATE

2025 Area 74 Conference

May 16th, 17th & 18th, 2025

Stone Harbor Resort & Conference Center
107 North First Ave
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Hosted by District 22

Call/Text/Email with questions:

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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. ■



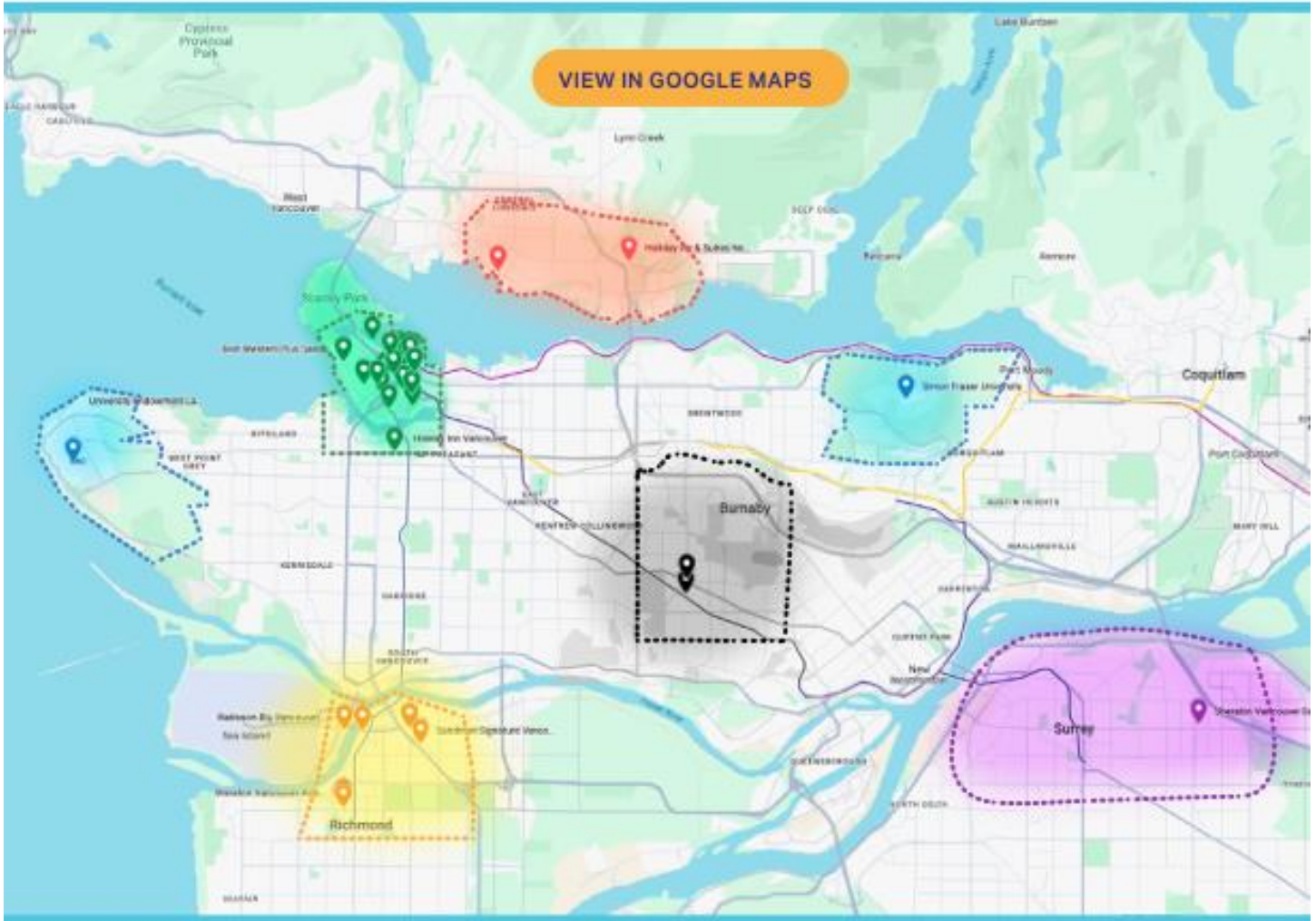
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2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Vancouver Housing



Downtown Area
\$221-\$549 CAD

Burnaby
\$360-\$422 CAD

North Vancouver
\$224-\$355 CAD

Richmond
\$200-\$309 CAD

Surrey
\$245 CAD

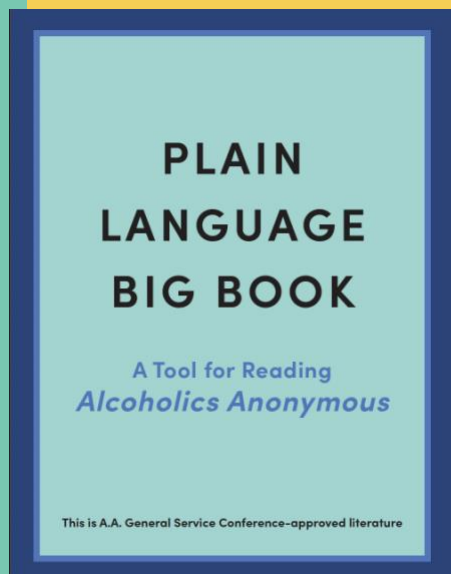
Dormitories
\$71-\$191 CAD

Metro Vancouver Transit Map



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Announcing: a new book from AAWS on sale November 1, 2024



The *Plain Language Big Book* is a tool to help readers understand the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, which was first published in 1939. This new book is designed so that the A.A. Twelve Step program of recovery from alcoholism may be easily understood and accessible by all people who have a desire to stop drinking.

Members of A.A. fondly call the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous* “the Big Book.” It is the basic text of the A.A. program. The *Plain Language Big Book* has been written to present the original ideas and same spiritual message of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

This new text is not intended to replace the much beloved Big Book. Rather, the *Plain Language Big Book* is a book crafted over several years by A.A. members and publishing professionals to support alcoholics on the path to recovery. The book is intended to help people who have a problem with alcohol gain access to A.A.’s lifesaving message.

For years, A.A. members have expressed a need for a *Plain Language Big Book*. Based on the shared experience of A.A. members, some people may not have regular contact with other A.A. members to help them understand the A.A. program of recovery and the specific vocabulary as it is used throughout the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Other people have a hard time reading, especially books that were written long ago. This *Plain Language Big Book* is written in simpler language to support readers in their recovery.

This book is published in accordance with Advisory Actions passed by substantial unanimity of the General Service Conference (GSC) of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 2021, the 71st GSC advised that this book be developed. Progress reports, then sample chapters were reviewed at the 72nd and 73rd GSCs. The final draft of the *Plain Language Big Book* was reviewed and approved by substantial unanimity at the 74th GSC, in April 2024. This process and outcome adopts this text as Conference Approved Literature.

The *Plain Language Big Book* covers the core content of what is the “abridged version” (the edition without personal stories) of the original Big Book.

Readers are also encouraged to seek out the current edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and meet with A.A. members to support their own individual paths of recovery from alcoholism.

The *Plain Language Big Book* is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK: A Tool for Reading *Alcoholics Anonymous*

- **Publication (on-sale) date: November 1, 2024**
- **List Price \$11.**
- **Item B-90**
- **192 pages; 8 ½' x 11"**
- **Softcover format with flaps**

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