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#### Delegate's Corner

Greetings to all members of Area 74 Alcoholics Anonymous.

As we approach Spring 2026, the season brings activities such as maple syrup harvesting, spring fishing, and garden and flower bed planning. Preparations are also underway for our Area 74 delegate's participation in the General Service Conference Panel 76, which will be held in New York City from April 26th to May 2nd. I am deeply honored to have this opportunity in my recovery to represent our collective voice at the General Service Conference as your Panel 76 Delegate.

This year, as your delegate, I am adopting a different approach to reviewing agenda items and their background, inspired by Area 20's practices—thanks to Delegate Lisa S. for her insights and collaboration. I would also like to express my gratitude to our Alternate Delegate and Area Chair, Brent H., for his invaluable support throughout this process; this is very much a team effort.

Recently, Brent and I concluded over a week of Zoom meetings with past delegates, current service members, and anyone interested in participating. For our first event of this kind, the outcome was encouraging and productive. Following this, our Delegates workshop took place on March 28th in Three Lakes, Wisconsin.

We remain committed to sharing information effectively within Area 74 and leveraging available technology to foster inclusivity and transparency. In April, there will be a committee workshop and further discussions on Friday the 17th, and Assembly on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> providing a final opportunity for groups in area 74 via their GSRs to offer feedback or convey their group conscience on agenda items most relevant to Area 74 and its membership. As Area 74 Delegate it is with humility and honor that I will take the Area Conscious. On items of great interest to us here in northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula Michigan.

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**Send Area 74 Contributions To:**  
**Area 74 Treasury**  
**PO Box 1002 Eau Claire, WI 54702**

**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](mailto:treasurer@area74.org)**



By the time you read this we will have gone through our Pre Delegate Workshop online meetings and held the Delegates Workshop. Hopefully GSR's and DCM's will have received the information they need to take back to their groups and districts to get their informed group consciences to bring to the April Assembly.

Looking ahead, the 2027 East Central Regional (ECR) Forum will be held in Green Bay, WI next June. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other members of AA from our 5-state region, AA trustees, Chair of the Board, Staff Members, Grapevine people, Finance people, and Publishing people. The best thing is we get to ask questions!

I have an interesting story about one of the Forums that I attended, and it certainly was a Humbling and Learning experience.

I was watching people arrive and get in and out of the elevators Friday night. One gentleman came up to the elevator dressed in ragged hoody, cutoff jeans, worn old tennis shoes, a plastic bag full of clothes and long hair all disheveled. I thought to myself, well there are all kinds of us here at this event. Well, much to my surprise the following morning, this same gentleman stepped out of the elevator in a suit and tie and his hair pulled back neatly. He was a "Sharp Dressed Man". I thought to myself "OK God I get the point", but my Higher Power wasn't done yet.

Char and I found seats in the meeting hall to watch the opening panel of current Delegates, and sure enough, there that gentleman was, sitting at the table of Delegates. "OK God, I get it, I have no business judging others". Not Done Yet. As luck would have it, that gentleman was the last of the Delegates to speak. That gentleman opened his mouth and said "My sponsor said, I must have a story before I can tell one. I now have a story to tell". I heard the most eloquent speaker that day. NOT DONE YET! Char poked me and said, "short list speaker". She had no idea of my previous judgement.

A few weeks later Char and I were attending a Concepts Retreat, when lo and behold that gentleman walked through that door along with his Alternate Delegate. We got brave enough (Char first) to go over and talk with these gentlemen. This wonderful gentleman spoke at our District intergroup hosted by our home group.

Moral of the story is you must attend the ECR forum in June 2027. You just never know what God has in store for you.

*"We used to be skeptical about large A.A. gatherings like conventions, thinking they might prove too exhibitionistic. But, on balance, their benefit is huge. While each A.A.'s interest should center principally in those about him and upon his own group, it is both necessary and desirable that we all get a larger vision of the whole. – Bill Wilson Letter 1956*

Yours in service,

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## DATES TO REMEMBER 2025-26

<b>4/17/2026</b>	<b>Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop</b>	<b>Quality Inn, Rhinelander, WI</b>
<b>4/18/2026</b>	<b>Area 74 Assembly</b>	<b>Quality Inn Rhinelander, WI</b>
4/26-5/2/2026	General Service Conference	New York, NY
<b>6/26-6/28/2026</b>	<b>ECR Regional Conference &amp; Area 74 Conf.</b>	<b>Eau Claire, WI</b>
<b>7/18/2026</b>	<b>Area 74 Area Committee Meeting</b>	<b>Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI</b>
<b>10/16/2026</b>	<b>Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop</b>	<b>Quality Inn, Rhinelander, WI</b>
<b>10/17/2026</b>	<b>Area 74 Assembly</b>	<b>Quality Inn, Rhinelander, WI</b>

**\*\*NOTE FROM THE DELEGATE:** The servants of Area 74 are excited to provide the **dates for the Area 74 Service Structure**. We are lucky to live in an area that hosts many conferences, workshops and fellowship events. As your trusted servants, we sometimes miss the chance to participate in local events because they conflict with the service events you have entrusted us to conduct. We hope that, by providing the Area 74 service structure dates in early fall; they can be considered as you plan your service and fellowship events for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you.

NOTE FROM CO-EDITORS: We have combined the general events and the Area 74 Service Structure events into one calendar.

**BOLD = AREA 74 events** UNBOLD = General AA events in our area

### List of Area Standing Committee Zoom Meetings

**Treatment & Accessibility** ` 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month Time 7 PM ID. -817-2284-5094 P.W. h4z1FR  
**Corrections** meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month 5:30 central Time Reoccurring Monthly  
 ID. 891 5542 2038 PW. 227073  
**Literature** NA Date and time yet to be determined for regular meeting ID 895-7760-2013 pw 938329  
**P.I.** Last Tuesday of Month 7pm Central ID 830-3370-6847 PW. PI  
**C.P.C.** 3rd Tuesday 6pm Central ID 838-8679-0086 PW.478881  
**Archives** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday 7 PM central Time ID 817-3019-4808 PW. 737159

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**PLEASE SEND ITEMS, ARTICLES, DISTRICT NEWS, STANDING COMMITTEE ARTICLES, GROUP OPINIONS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE UPCOMING ISSUES OF YOUR AREA 74 NEWSLETTER**

PLEASE SEND YOUR 2026 DISTRICT MONTHLY

MEETING INFORMATION TO

[AREA74NEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AREA74NEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM)

OR

PO BOX 192 STURGEON BAY, WI 54235

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

**DISTRICT MEETING April 2026 LIST**

<b>DIST</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	
1	Thursday	2nd Thur	6:30 PM	Nativity Lord Parish 2270 S Oneida St Door #4	Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	2:00 PM	Solutions Club Inc 621 Evans st	Oshkosh, 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 <sup>rd</sup> Thur	7:45 PM	Club 76 76 E Central Zoom 742 549 8793	Chippewa Falls, WI
7	Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	3:00 PM	2111 S Central Ave	Marshfield, WI
8	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> Thur	7:00 PM	Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellan St	Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	1st Sun	2:00 PM	1st American Lutheran Church 511 Madison St.	Oconto, WI
10	Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	9:00 AM	1st United Methodist 724 Arbutus contact DCM for Zoom	Rhinelander, WI
11				No information Available	
12	Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	9:00 AM	Hayward Serenity Club, 10339 S Florida Ave & Zoom	Hayward, WI
13	Friday	Apr 2	5:30 PM	PIRC 410 Lakeshore Dr West	Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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			No Information Available	
19	Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	5:30 PM	Delta Alano Club 601 Michigan St	Gladstone, MI
20	Saturday	April 4	11:00 AM	Zoom 462 866 9916 PW D206178 1212 Morrison St	Germfask, MI
21	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> 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	Weds	1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	8:00 PM	Alano Club 411 E 2nd St S	Ladysmith, WI

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13	Friday	May 7	5:30 PM	PIRC 410 Lakeshore Dr West	Iron River WI
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## 76TH GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Below are the final agenda items for the 76th General Service Conference (GSC) committees as of February 2026, which includes standing items for each committee, ongoing items from the prior Conference, and new items that are being forwarded to the Conference.

The final list of agenda items includes the committee distribution by the Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) plan.

### **Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW) Process Summary**

Question – Why do some agenda items seem to be misplaced?

Answer – The EDW process allows new agenda items to be assigned to Conference Committees with shorter agendas.

The EDW process was developed to provide a fair and balanced experience for all Conference members. EDW addresses the issue of uneven committee workloads by assigning some new agenda items to less busy committees. This allows for more meaningful participation across the Conference and helps distribute work more evenly.

Each year, the EDW Subcommittee reviews November’s preliminary Conference agenda and proposes adjustments to balance committee workloads. Their plan is reviewed and approved by the trustees’ General Service Conference Committee, then forwarded to the General Service Board for final approval during the January Board Weekend.

The approved EDW plan is reflected in February’s final Conference agenda.

The 2021 General Service Conference started a three-year EDW trial (2022–2024). After the third year, the 2024 General Service Conference formally approved the EDW process after gathering feedback through surveys and sharing sessions.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **1. Agenda**

- a. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2027 General Service Conference.
- b. Review presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference.
- c. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2027 General Service Conference.
- d. Review the 2026 General Service Conference Evaluation Form and the 2025 Evaluation Summary.
- e. Discuss progress report on Conference improvement.
- f. Discuss offering 10 minutes of presentation time during the General Service Conference to La Vigne. (PAI 91)

#### **2. Cooperation with Professional Community**

- a. Review progress report on AAWS LinkedIn page.
- b. Review progress report on the development of outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals.
- c. Review content and format of CPC Kit and Workbook.
- d. Review progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org.
- e. Consider a request that stand-alone audio/visual clips be created when developing any new/revised videos for professionals.

#### **3. Corrections**

- a. Review content and format of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
- b. Review progress report on development of a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in A.A.
- c. Consider a request to update the pamphlet “The A.A. Member – Medications and Other Drugs.”

#### **4. Finance**

- a. Review Self-Support Packet.
- b. Discuss motion to add wording to Item F-3, “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.”
- c. Consider a request to create a Twelve Step study guide or workbook.
- d. Consider a request to discuss the location of the General Service Conference (GSC) (PAI-22).

#### **5. Grapevine / La Vina**

- a. Review AA Grapevine Workbook.
- b. Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine and La Vina book topics for 2027 or after.
- c. Review the five-year plans for both Grapevine and La Vina
- d. Review the progress on the AA Grapevine survey of the membership to identify relevance, usefulness and financial viability of products and services provided by Grapevine, such as the magazines, books (print, digital, and audio), podcast and social media (Instagram and YouTube).
- e. Review the AA Grapevine/La Vina Media Platforms report.
- f. Consider that the AA Grapevine, Inc., accept contributions.

#### **6. Literature**

- a. Annual review of recovery literature matrix.
- b. Review content and format of Literature Kit and Workbook.
- c. Review progress report on the development of the Fourth Edition of the book Alcohólicos Anónimos – Spanish.
- d. Review draft of the Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.
- e. Review progress report on the update to the book Living Sober.
- f. Review progress report on the development of a Plain Language Big Book amendment process.
- g. Review progress report of subcommittee exploring the needs of Spanish-speaking members for tools to access the Big Book.
- h. Review progress report on the development of a pamphlet for the Asian

and Asian American alcoholic.

- i. Consider publishing the personal stories from the Fourth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous not included in the draft Fifth Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous.

## **7. Policy and Admissions**

- a. Review GSO general manager's report regarding General Service Conference site selection.
- b. Review dates for the 2030 General Service Conference.
- c. Equitable Distribution of Workload (EDW)
  - i. Discuss the suggestion to discontinue the annual review of service kits and workbooks by Conference committees.
  - ii. Discuss the suggestion that a similar number of agenda items be assigned to each Conference Committee.
  - iii. Discuss creating a "Conference Committee on Digital Communications."

## **8. Public Information**

- a. Review progress report on PSA Development and Review Plan
- b. Review report on the GSO Podcast, "Our Primary Purpose."
- c. Review report on AAWS YouTube Channel.
- d. Review report on Google Ads.
- e. Review report on Meeting Guide app.
- f. Review report on GSO's A.A. website.
- g. Review report for AAWS "Online Business Profiles."
- h. Review AAWS Social Media Policy.
- i. Review proposed plan for 2026 Membership Survey.
- j. Review draft revision of the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" (P-47).
- k. Review content and format of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

## **9. Report and Charter**

- a. Discuss the A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition.
  - i. Review list of editorial updates.
  - ii. Consider request to remove a quote from Dr. Bob in The AA Service Manual.
  - iii. Review progress report on the development of a new "Amendments" section to be added to The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service.
- b. Discuss the General Service Conference Final Report.
- c. Discuss workflow and anonymizing practices for the Final Conference Report.
- d. Discuss progress on classification of AAWS and AA Grapevine Literature.

## **10. Treatment and Accessibilities**

- a. Review progress report on the Military/Veteran Interview Project.
- b. Review contents and format of Treatment Kit and Workbook.
- c. Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.
- d. Review the A.A. Guidelines on Accessibility.
- e. Consider a request to review locally produced safety-related video service material and provide input on the potential for this video service material to be adapted for use by GSO.

## **11. Trustees**

- a. Review resumes of candidates for:
  - i. Pacific Regional Trustee
  - ii. Eastern Canada Regional Trustee
- b. Review slate of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- c. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- d. Review slate of directors of AA Grapevine, Inc.
- e. Review Progress Report on process for receiving motions to censure.
- f. Review progress report on the revision to the pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different?"
- g. Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet "The Twelve Steps Illustrated."
- h. Consider a request to produce an animated video based on the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated."

## **12. Archives**

- a. Review content and format of Archives Workbook.
- b. Consider a request to define eligibility for Area-level service for members residing outside of the geographic area they want to serve. (PAI 46)

## **13. International Conventions / Regional Forums**

- a. Review progress report from Subcommittee on Inclusion of Sovereign State Flags in the IC Flag Ceremony.
- b. Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums.

## **14. Inventory Implementation**

- a. Review Inventory Implementation Report.

### Archives Committee Proposed Guidelines

The Archives Committee is responsible for establishing policies, budgets and procedures, through its group conscience. It maintains final responsibility and authority for the use of the Archives.

All items collected will be consistent with AA's primary purpose of maintaining sobriety and helping other alcoholics achieve sobriety.

The Area 74 Archives Committee and archivists have the responsibility to evaluate all items for appropriateness and relevancy to Area 74 history and growth. All approved items will be cataloged and put in the Area 74 repository.

The Archives Committee will have final decisions on items to collect, display and or preserve. The Committee welcomes input from the membership of Area 74.

### SERVICE POSITION AVAILABLE

Now and Then Co-Editor

Participate in producing, editing, and distributing the Area 74 monthly newsletter. The position entails on average 2-4 hours a month (actual work time), attend Area 74 Assemblies & Area Committee Meetings (zoom or in person) Expenses are covered as it is a service position within Area 74. The only requirements are an interest in being of service to the groups in Northern WI & the U.P. MI. Contact either of the current Co-Editors to discuss the position and with any questions about serving.

Michelle Z or Jeff C N&T Co-Editors

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## **A Note on Service and Seeking a New Area Webmaster**

### **Area 74 Webmaster – Service Opportunity**

Serve as the Area 74 Webmaster by maintaining and updating the Area website and related online services. Responsibilities include updating meeting information, events, documents, and supporting Area services such as the Meeting Guide app and Area Online Chat.

The position entails on average 1-2 hours per week, attendance at Area 74 Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings (Zoom or in person), and coordination with Area trusted servants as needed. Expenses are covered, as this is a service position within Area 74.

Some general comfort with technology and web-based tools is helpful, along with an interest in being of service to the groups of Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Please contact [webmaster@area74.org](mailto:webmaster@area74.org) for more information or to discuss serving.

In service,

Lucas

**Friday April 17, 2026**  
**Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop**

Location - Quality Inn Rhinelander wis.  
668 W. Kemp St. Rhinelander Wis. 54501  
(In person only)

6:00 pm Welcome and Introductions

- DCM Extravaganza
- Face to Face Meeting Time
  - Set Goals for 2026
  - Increase participation
- ASL by Jane
- Closing Remarks

**Agenda for Area 74 Assembly**

**April 18, 2025 -Time 9:00 am Location - Quality INN Rhinelander**  
**668 W. Kemp St. Rhinelander WI. 54501 Phone- 715-369-3600**  
**Hybrid Zoom Meeting ID: 497 428 9816 Passcode:1212144**

**8:30 am New GSR and New DCM Orientation**

**9:00 am– Welcome, Prayer, Housekeeping, Opening Remarks**

- Roll Call
- Area Chair introduce Past Delegates in attendance
- Approval of Minutes from October 18th, 2025

**Area Officer Reports**

- Chair -Delegate-Secretary-Registrar-Treasurer

**Old Business**

- Reimbursement of \$250.00 for Past Delegates to Attend Conference of Delegated Past & Present
- Remove Past Delegate vote
- Remove Past Delegate voice
- Motion to Approve Area 74 Newsletter Guidelines

**Presentation** Website

**New Business**

- Motion to Include Correctional Correspondence Service Template Letter in Corrections Workbook/Kit
- Ad-Hoc Committee Reports
  - Guidelines
  - Calendar Change
  - Future Locations

: 2027 ECR Forum

**Conference updates/Including bids**

- 2026 Area 74/ECR Conference
- 2027 Area 74 -District 13
- WICYPAA!

**Agenda Items for 76<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference Discussion Meeting**  
**Close with Declaration of Unity**

# Area 74 Newsletter Guidelines

## Purpose of Now & Then Newsletter

The Area 74 Newsletter serves as a unifying publication for Alcoholics Anonymous members throughout Area 74, which includes 24 districts. Its primary goals are:

- The newsletter is the medium for communication of Area 74 business
- Materials submitted by any Area Officer will be printed when provided in a timely manner
- To keep members informed of Area motions, reports, and service activities
- To provide a platform for experience, strength, and hope from trusted servants across the Area
- To promote transparency, inclusivity, and unity within the AA service structure
- To preserve a historical record of service activities and decisions in Area 74

## Newsletter Frequency

The newsletter is published monthly, with each volume rolling over with the July edition.

## Content Guidelines for Each Edition

Each edition of the newsletter should include the following sections, unless otherwise specified

### 1. Delegate Report

- First page: Delegate Report

### 2. Area Reports

- Area Chair/Alternate Delegate Report
- Area Committee Reports (Accessibilities, Archives, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Literature, PI, Treatment, etc.)
- Finance Report
- Treasurer mailing information is published in each edition
  - Treasurer's reports are published in the Area newsletter after each assembly
- Service Meeting Agendas
  - Should be published in the Area newsletter before Service Meetings

### 3. District Submissions

- All 24 Districts (Districts 1–24) are encouraged to submit brief reports from relevant officers. Each district may set internal expectations for which officer sends which report

### 4. Events Calendar

- Area workshops and assemblies
- District-level events (including workshops, round-ups, open speaker meetings, etc.)
- Regional or national events relevant to Area 74

## Submission Guidelines

The newsletter lists only AA events, and not those of Alanon, NA, or other fellowships.

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- **Deadline for Submissions:** 25th of the month preceding publication (e.g., March 25th for April edition)
- **Length:** Keep submissions to 200–300 words when possible
- **Formatting:** Plain text in emails or Word documents is preferred. Flyers should be in PDF or high-resolution image format
- **How to Submit:** Send all content to the Area 74 Newsletter Editors at [area74newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:area74newsletter@gmail.com)
- **Editing Policy:** Submissions may be edited for grammar, length, or clarity. Contributors will be contacted if major changes are needed

## Distribution

The newsletter is distributed via:

- Email
- Area74.org website (PDF archives)

## Newsletter Editors

Newsletter Editors are voted in. In the event of a tie, positions are confirmed by the voting membership.

## Duties & Responsibilities

- Now & Then is currently done in Microsoft Word and could be transitioned to Microsoft Publisher or other publishing software if the new co-editors choose to do that
- One of the co-editors should be capable of close proof reading, as you will find that many alcoholics who may write something for publication do not pay much attention to grammatical rules
- It is necessary that one of the two (or both) have creative writing ability, because there will likely not be sufficient submissions from others to fill the pages on a routine monthly basis
- One of the co-editors should be detailed to handle financial matters
  - This requires paying bills, depositing receipts, and recording these transactions
- Anonymity of persons is to be protected by use of first names & last name initials only, no phone numbers without consent from contributor, and no personal addresses - Per Assembly Action

## Newsletter Expenses

*The editorial staff shall request appropriate funding from the Finance Committee when necessary to meet the costs of publication. Area 74 Now and Then will use electronic publication for the monthly issues produced.*

## Contact

For questions, contributions, or to join the newsletter committee, contact the Newsletter Editors at [area74newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:area74newsletter@gmail.com)

# Motion to Include Correctional Correspondence Service Template Letter in Corrections Workbook/Kit

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Submitted by Area 74 Corrections Committee

To: The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous

Subject: Proposal for Inclusion of Correctional Correspondence Service (CCS) Template Letter in Corrections Workbook or Corrections Kit

The Area 74 Corrections Committee, with the support of Area 74 groups, respectfully submits the following motion for consideration by the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous:

**Motion:** That the Corrections workbook or Corrections kit be updated to include a template letter for the Correctional Correspondence Service (CCS). This template letter, referenced and attached as part of this motion, is intended to provide guidance to individuals outside correctional facilities who wish to initiate contact with inside members participating in CCS.

**Rationale:** The inclusion of a CCS template letter will assist members in making appropriate, respectful initial contact with individuals inside correctional facilities. The template offers guidance on how to correspond without requiring detailed sobriety information in the first letter, ensuring privacy and comfort for both parties. This addition will help foster meaningful connections and support the spirit of service within the CCS program, consistent with the principles of Alcoholics Anonymous.

We believe this motion aligns with AA's commitment to outreach and service, and will enhance the effectiveness of the Corrections workbook and kit for all participating members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Area 74 Corrections Committee  
On behalf of Area 74 groups and the area as a whole



# Area 74 Online Chat Meeting

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**7:00 PM Central Time on  
last Monday of each month**

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## **Google Meet joining info**

- Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/npv-yxvg-nbn>
  - Or dial: (US) +1 904-323-3555 PIN: 387 422 949#
  - More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/npv-yxvg-nbn?pin=5346750935093>
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**Come learn, share, and help us make online chat even better.**

Our mission is to make sure the hand of A.A. is always there for anyone who reaches out – including those who prefer to type instead of call.

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## **Questions?**

Contact Lucas M. at [webmaster@area74.org](mailto:webmaster@area74.org)



# **OPEN SPEAKER MEETING**

**Come hear Cindy (AA) and Linda (Al Anon) share their experience strength and hope**

**Windsor Center Auditorium  
612 W. Adams St. (Hwy. U.S. 2)**

**Iron River, MI**

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

**4:00 p.m.**

**Refreshments to follow.**



**AA Area 74**  
**2026 Archives workshops**  
**February 20-21; April 24-25; November 6-7.**  
**10 am Fri. until 3pm Sat. Each weekend & overnight**  
**accommodations contact Barbara Knauf [bknauf@sarcenter.com](mailto:bknauf@sarcenter.com)**  
**715-443-2236 EX 114**

**Location**  
**St. Anthony's Spirituality Center**  
**300 E. 4th St., Marathon, WI 54448.**  
**Call for more information:**  
**Candace B.**  
**[bahrccb@yahoo.com](mailto:bahrccb@yahoo.com)**  
**715-203-6137**



# *Speaker Meeting*

Hosted by  
One Day, One Step



## ***Speakers***

Kimmary- Appleton

Jon-Appleton

**Friday April 24, 2026**

Ham Dinner at 6:00pm

Speakers at 7:00pm

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Holy Trinity Parish Church

510 Church Ave

Casco WI 54205

Contact Melissa P. 920-536-0848





Womens Alcoholics  
Anonymous workshop

Women in The Big Book

Three AA Panels sharing experiences, strength & hope

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Saturday, April 25, 2026

10:00 am to 1:00 pm



St. Augustine Church

39 S Pelham St

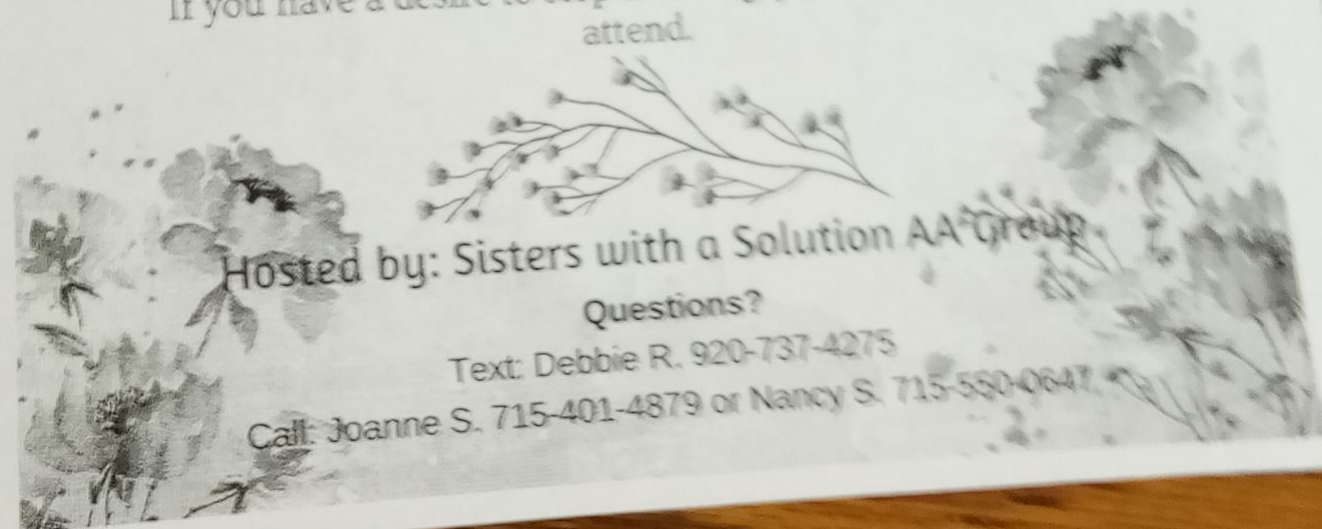
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Potluck

Please bring a dish to pass.

main dish, coffee, and water will be provided

This is a closed meeting of alcoholics anonymous.  
If you have a desire to stop drinking, you are welcome to  
attend.



Hosted by: Sisters with a Solution AA Group

Questions?

Text: Debbie R. 920-737-4275

Call: Joanne S. 715-401-4879 or Nancy S. 715-550-0647

**CAST YOUR VOTE!**

# THE **SOUP-ER** FISHING OPENER

**— COOK-OFF —**

Reel in the best soup in the lake!



**SATURDAY, MAY 2ND**

Gathering Starts: 4 PM | Soup Served: 5:00 PM | Speaker: Chuck N. at 6:00 PM  
AA Open Speaker Meeting at 6:45 PM

📍 **Stanfold Lutheran Church, Rice Lake, WI**



**The Big Catch Award**  
— Best Overall —



**Hook, Line & Sinker**  
— Crowd Favorite —



**Tall Tale Trophy**  
— Best Soup Name —

## Catchy Soup Names?

- Walleye Good Chili
- Bass-ically the Best Bisque
- Reel Deal Chicken Noodle
- Lunker Lentil Soup

**Soup & Sammies  
Potluck!**

Bring a dish to share!

**Don't let this event be the one that got away!**



# **U.P. TRAVELING INTERGROUP**

## **MAY RECOVERY BE WITH YOU**

**MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**CRYSTAL FALLS TOWNSHIP HALL  
1384 W. US2, CRYSTAL FALLS, MI 49920**

**CORRECTIONS: 3PM**

**GSR: 4PM**

**DINNER: 5PM**

**SPEAKER: 6PM**

**(Central Time Zone)**

**SLOPPY JOES AND SALADS**

**BRING A DISH IF YOU WISH**

**DOOR PRIZES-50/50 DRAWING**



Freedom From Bondage  
Women's Meeting of AA  
Presents...

**A Western Wisconsin  
Traveling Potluck  
&  
Open Speaker Meeting!**

Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>  
1-4pm

Alano Club 12  
2926 Pomona Dr.  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

Main dish provided-  
bring dish to pass if able.

ANNUAL AA "WOMEN IN RECOVERY" RETREAT

A Program of Spiritual Action  
JUNE 12, 13, & 14, 2026

At the  
St Norbert Abbey  
1016 North Broadway, De Pere WI 54115  
(Near Green Bay)  
Use the Webster entrance

\$275. Per person  
Includes 2 nights and 5 meals

(Snacks and beverages provided throughout the retreat)

Hurry as beds are limited!  
Hear speakers and panels  
And join in group discussions  
Join with friends and make new ones

For more information

Contact retreat coordinator, Mary Bray 920-771-0124, no text

Email: braymary827@gmail.com

Or

Carol P 630-291-2336 (text or call) email: carol@runnerless.com  
Send \$150. Down payment by March 15, 2026 and  
\$125. Balance due by April 4, 2026 to:

Make checks payable to: Women in Recovery and send to  
Women in Recovery 3130 Broadway Dr #312, Freedom WI 54913

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Detach below and send with check

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Ok to share phone/email with other attendees? Y/N  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Physical needs \_\_\_\_\_

# 2026 ECR & AREA 74 CONFERENCE

## WHEN

June 26 - 28, 2026

## WHERE

University of Wisconsin - Eau  
Claire - Davies Center

77 Roosevelt Ave, Eau Claire, WI

FEATURING • AA & AI - Anon Speakers • Panels •  
Area Archives • Banquet • Entertainment • Fellowship  
Trustee Report • Sobriety Countdown • Hospitality Room

[WWW.AREA74.ORG](http://WWW.AREA74.ORG) FOR REGISTRATION

[2026ECRAREA74CONFERENCE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:2026ECRAREA74CONFERENCE@GMAIL.COM)



## REGISTRATION COST

\$35.00

No One Turned Away

## LODGING

UWEC Dorms

\$35 / \$40 per person per  
night

Visit [www.area74.org](http://www.area74.org) to  
reserve dorm lodging

## MEAL OPTIONS

Saturday Breakfast \$22

Saturday Lunch \$16

Saturday Banquet \$35

Meal Package \$ 70

Continental Sunday Breakfast

## FAQ

Hotel lodging available

Shuttle Service from dorms to event

Online registration only

Contribution to the online platform is  
optional

Email with any questions

## What is Fellowship Connection?

Fellowship Connection is the General Service Office (GSO) database that stores AA Group records. DCMs have read-only access to this system, helping ensure effective communication between AA members, districts, and the General Service Office.

## Why is this important information for a DCM?

*DCMs play a key role in:*

- Tracking new groups in their subdistricts
- Monitoring changes in GSRs
- Keeping group status updates (active/inactive)

## How Does GSO Support DCMs?

The General Service Office understands that the DCM's role is essential in assisting with data stewardship, so DCMs have read-only access to Fellowship Connection as an aid to "facilitate the widely desired goals of exact information, stronger communication, & responsible use of A.A.'s resources."



## Collaboration is Key!

While DCMs have read-only access in Fellowship Connection, district registrars do not. That's why DCM/Registrar teamwork is essential! Let your district registrar know if a group has dissolved, but you see an "active" status for the group in Fellowship Connection so we can get it corrected or any other incorrect information you may see.

Thank you for your time today and all you do! 😊

**Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.**

registrar@area74.org

Now & Then  
P.O.Box 192  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

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