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Delegate's Corner

Hello to all of you find members of our beloved fellowship.

Summer Reflections

Summer 2026 seems to be flying by, and my life could not feel fuller. At times, balancing my Delegate responsibilities with my personal life can be challenging, but I am blessed with a very understanding soul mate in my dear Mary—and, of course, a good dog.

Recent Fellowship Events

Things went well at our ECR/Area 74 conferences in late June, and the experience provided another opportunity for being of service and growth. On July 11, Mary and I hosted our annual sober picnic at our home, which included an open sharing meeting. On July 18, Area 74 held our second ACM of the year in Three Lakes. We experienced a few technical issues—one of the downsides of Zoom land—but the patience shown by those who attended online was greatly appreciated. The tech team is working on the problem.

Service and Purpose

On July 26, I participated in a service workshop hosted by the 218 Club in District One. The workshop focused on chairing meetings, the AA service structure, and sponsorship. It is always a privilege to help deepen understanding of our fellowship and support our primary purpose: reaching the still-suffering alcoholic.

Looking Ahead to August

On August 2, I will attend the District 09 monthly meeting and share a GSC report with those in attendance. Later in August, I will also speak at a District One summer event at Badger Park in Peshtigo.

Closing Reflection

As we come out of the seventh month of the year, I have been reflecting on the Seventh Tradition and on our financial responsibilities. As your Delegate, I believe it is part of my responsibility to help bring forward the important—and sometimes difficult—conversation about our financial needs. Please remember a Dollar doesn't go far these days.

These contributions help A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine/La Viña continue carrying the A.A. message to the still-suffering alcoholic.

Greetings Area 74,

August is rolling in and the Summer continues. Sober Life keeps me busy in more ways than I could imagine. nArea Committee Meeting, Broken Bones, EAA AirVenture, Hospital trips, fallen trees, power outages and storm damage are a few of the things in my journey through sobriety this past month, and I sneaked a little work in there also. Last but certainly not least - meetings. I currently have a neighbor's tree laying across my fence, storage shed and garage. I am quite happy that the storage shed I built with help from others is holding most of the weight of the tree.

Our Area Committee Meeting had a few glitches with the sound and online meeting, but we were able to work around some of the problems. Thank you to those who struggled through and Alan B for patience and understanding. We should have all the equipment issues squared away by our October Assembly.

A continued reminder, the 2027 East Central Regional (ECR) Forum will be held in Green Bay, WI next June. This is in our back yard and will not be so close again for some time to come. 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!

Our real purpose is to fit ourselves to be of maximum service to God and the people about us.

– Alcoholics Anonymous 4 th Edition, p. 77

Brent Henslin

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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

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2025-26		
10/16/2026	Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop	Quality Inn, Rhinelander, WI
10/17/2026	Area 74 Assembly	Quality Inn, Rhinelander, 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

List of Area Standing Committee Zoom Meetings

Treatment & Accessibility ` 4th Thursday of the Month Time 7 PM ID. -817-2284-5094 P.W. h4z1FR

Corrections meeting 4th 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 830-3370-6846 PW. PI

C.P.C. 3rd Tuesday 6pm Central ID 838-8679-0086 PW.478881

Archives 3rd Wednesday 7 PM central Time ID 817-3019-4808 PW. 737159

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**PLEASE SEND YOUR 2026 DISTRICT MONTHLY
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PO BOX 192 STURGEON BAY, WI 54235

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CHECK WITH YOUR DCMs & OTHER TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR CURRENT INFO

DISTRICT MEETING July 2026 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	2 nd 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 Pomona Dr Zoom 829 0126 1204 PWdistrict05	Eau Claire, WI
6	Thursday	3 rd Thur	7:45 PM	Club 76 76 E Central Zoom 742 549 8793	Chippewa Falls, WI
7	Sunday	3 rd Sun	3:00 PM	2111 S Central Ave	Marshfield, WI
8	Thursday	1 st Thur	7:00 PM	Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellen St	Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	1st Sun	2:00 PM	1st American Lutheran Church 511 Madison St.	Oconto, 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	Saturday	1 st Fri	5:00 PM	Immanuel Lutheran 22555 Elm St.	Cornucopia, WI
14	Sunday	2 nd Sun	6:00 PM	New Richmond Alano; 1448 N 4th Street	New Richmond, WI
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16				No information Available	
17	Friday	Last Fri	5:00 PM	401 Kimberly	Iron Mountain, WI
18	Saturday			No Information Available	
19	Monday	3 rd Mon	5:30 PM	Delta Alano Club 601 Michigan St	Gladstone, MI
20	Saturday		11:00 AM	1212 Morrison St 462 866 9916 PW: D206178	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	Weds	1 st Wed	8:00 PM	Alano Club 411 E 2nd St S	Ladysmith, WI

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Area 74 Online Chat Meeting

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

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.

Questions?

Contact Lucas M. at webmaster@area74.org



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

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

715-203-6137

AA District 9

Presents

A Very Special Opportunity

The 12 Step Play

A Journey of Recovery, Community, and Fellowship

Join us for a Special Performance

and an Afternoon of Great Food and Sober Fellowship

Where: First American Lutheran Church

511 Madison Street

Oconto WI

When: Saturday, September 26th, 2026

Starting at Noon

Why: AA wants YOU to be a Super Star

What to expect: The District will provide Pizza and refreshments

Bring a side dish or dessert to share with the group

If you want to help set up or participate in the play, please arrive

One hour early at 11:00 A.M.

Deaf AA Support Line

Have a problem with alcohol?

There is a solution!

A.A. has a simple program that works.

It's based on one alcoholic helping another.

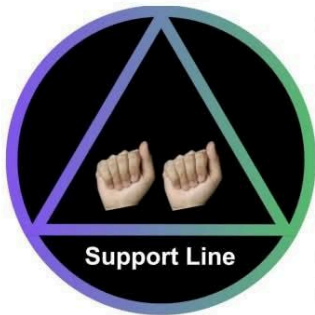


 **Call Us:** (503) 714-3331 or

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Leave a sign-mail and the best time for us to return your call

A Deaf AA member will get back to you within 24 hours



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We offer support related to recovery from alcoholism.

Deaf AA & ASL Interpreted Meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous District 21 - Area 74



Aloha!

Intergroup

"Carrying the Message with Love, Unity & Service"

Inspired by Ho'oponopono - Hawaiian Prayer of Forgiveness

Bring A Side Dish or Dessert to Share!

Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle

AA & Al Anon Speakers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

- 4:00 PM Corrections Meeting
- 5:00 PM GSR Meeting
- 6:00 PM POTLUCK
- 7:00 pm SPEAKERS AA & ALANON

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

56512 Rockland St ~ Calumet

Directions from Hancock

- Take US 41 North to Calumet
- Before Incredible Bank, Turn right onto Rockland Street, Church on right side
- 📍 for corner signs to event!



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

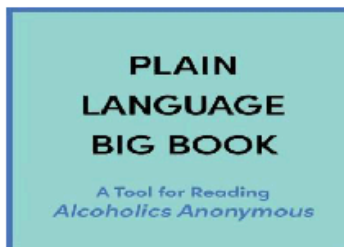
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A tool for understanding the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*

New from A.A. World Services, Inc., the *Plain Language Big Book* audiobook is intended to help listeners better understand the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* — fondly called "the Big Book" by generations of A.A. members and considered the basic text of the A.A. program of recovery.

This new format describes A.A.'s Twelve Step program in simpler language than the original Big Book, which was first published in 1939.



The *Plain Language Big Book* presents in simpler language:

- ✓ The ideas contained in the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*
- ✓ Specific A.A.-related words and phrases used in the original 1939 book
- ✓ Vocabulary in the original book that may be dated or not familiar to readers
- ✓ The core content of the original Big Book without member stories — often called the "abridged edition."

Upon publication, the audiobook will be available at <https://onlineliterature.aa.org/audiobooks> for purchase.

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- ✓ Publication (on-sale) date: June 15, 2026
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