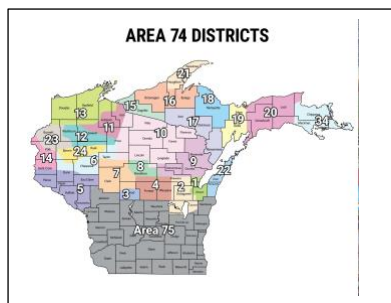




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Delegate's Corner

Thoughts from the Delegate to Area 74

A Foundation in Service

I have come to believe that we are all delegates in training. In my own journey, that proved true long before I recognized it. My preparation began years ago, before COVID, when I served my group in Door County as GSR. Looking back, I can see how that service helped shape my growth—not only in recovery, but also in service to the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Later, I served as DCM for District 01, Area 74, in 2020 and 2021. When COVID began, Zoom meetings became an unexpected but important part of that service experience. At the time, I did not realize how many those moments were preparing me for future responsibilities.

Serving as GSR and DCM, attending area committee meetings, and participating in committee work all became important steps in preparing me for what was to come.

As Area 74 Chair and Alternate Delegate, I also participated in monthly NAAD meetings (North American Alternate Delegates) and monthly Area Chair Zoom meetings. These experiences introduced me to many people who had traveled a similar path of service within the Fellowship.

Opportunities for Learning and Growth

Service has helped me see that recovery is not limited to applying the Twelve Steps in my own life. It has also deepened my appreciation for the Traditions, the Concepts, and the Warranties, which guide how we serve one another and the Fellowship as a whole. Together, these principles support our shared purpose of recovery, unity, and service.

As Alternate Delegate and Area 74 Chair, I was given many opportunities to learn, connect, and grow through service. These experiences helped me:

- + Learn from others serving in similar roles.
- + Connect with fellow alternate delegates and area chairs.
- + Gain a broader perspective on service across North America and Canada.
- + Attend the CDPP conference of delegates, both past and present.
- + Begin to understand Robert's Rules of Order and how they are applied in AA service structure.
- + Continue working on my shortcomings and character defects, recognizing that this ongoing effort is part of both recovery and growth.

Preparing for the General Service Conference

Before attending the 76th General Service Conference in New York, several things helped me prepare. As a first-term delegate, I was assigned a delegate buddy from the General Service Conference and another from the East Central Region. Their guidance was a great help and gave me more confidence during my first days at the conference.

One of the most important parts of my preparation was reading as much conference material as possible. I worked on understanding the proposed agenda items,

where they came from, their timelines, and how they were reviewed before becoming final agenda items at the General Service Conference.

Our committee also held a housekeeping Zoom meeting before the conference. Although we did not discuss agenda items, the meeting helped us prepare for how we would approach our work together and gave us a chance to connect before arriving.

One of the best suggestions I received was to review as much conference-related material as possible, including:

- *Agenda items and background information
- *Trustee reports
- *Financial reports
- *Available inventories and other supporting materials

Bill Dornaus Area 74 Delegate Panel 76

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FROM THE AREA 74 AREA CHAIR/ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Greetings Area 74,

We are halfway through the calendar year and hopefully well into our summer activities. While balancing Area 74 business along with summer activities and life in general, it seems quite busy to me.

This past month, I had the opportunity to speak in Manistique MI. at an Intergroup and it was thoroughly enjoyable. My thanks go out to Dean C and the rest of the gang for inviting me and putting out a great spread.

A reminder to our Officers, Committee Chairs and DCM's of our upcoming Area Committee Meeting in Three Lakes on July 18th. This will be in person and on Zoom. A draft of the agenda will be included in our Now & Then.

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!

*May 25, Gratitude should go forward, rather than backward. - AS BILL SEES IT, p. 29*Yours in service,

Brent Henslin

Panel 76 Area 74 Area Chair/Alternate Delegate

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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

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2025-26		
7/18/2026	Area 74 Area Committee Meeting	Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI
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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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

OR

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	Solutions Club 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 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
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12	Saturday	1 st Sat	9:00 AM	Hayward Serenity Club, 10339 S Florida Ave & Zoom	Hayward, WI
13	Friday	2 nd 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
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 rd Mon	5:30 PM	Delta Alano Club 601 Michigan St	Gladstone, MI
20	Saturday		11:00 AM	NO MEETING THIS MONTH	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

DISTRICT MEETING August 2026 LIST

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Area 74 Area Committee Meeting Agenda - Hybrid

Date & Time Saturday January 10, 2026

**Reiter Center
Three Lakes, WI
9 am to 4 pm**

Zoom Meeting ID:479 428 9816 Passcode: 1212144

Welcome and Housekeeping

Roll Call

Approve Minutes ACM Minutes January 2026

Reports: Registrar, Secretary, Treasurer, Alt. Delegate/Area Chair, Delegate

Unfinished Business:

**Ad-Hoc Committee on “Calendar Change” - Update
Committee on Structures and Guidelines - Update**

DCM Reports:

Presentation: TBD

New Business:

Literature Committee – Existing Literature Fund

Area Standing Committee Reports:

Close



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:
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DISTRICT 07 SUMMER PICNIC

JULY
11

NOON
TO 4PM



Cherokee County Park
108042 County Rd N, Colby, WI 54421

Please join us for the District 07 Annual Summer Picnic!

- The main dish will be provided but please feel free to bring a dish to pass.
- Amenities Include: Swimming Area, Fishing, Playground Equipment, Gazebo, Horseshoe Pits, Walking Trails/Paved Path

QUESTIONS: CONTACT KIM S. 715-660-6699

Happy Joyous & Free Attitude of Gratitude

District 16 U.P traveling intergroup celebration

Saturday July 11th

New location same as last year

Ojibwa senior center

208 Main St. Baraga Mi 49908

POTLUCK CONSIDER BRINGING A DISH

Great food ! Fellowship ! 50/50 tickets

Schedule 4pm corrections

5 pm GSR

6 pm Potluck Dinner

7pm Speakers Alanon & AA

DIRECTIONS

From USRT41

From the North turn R on Michigan Ave RT 38

From the South turn L on Michigan Ave RT 38

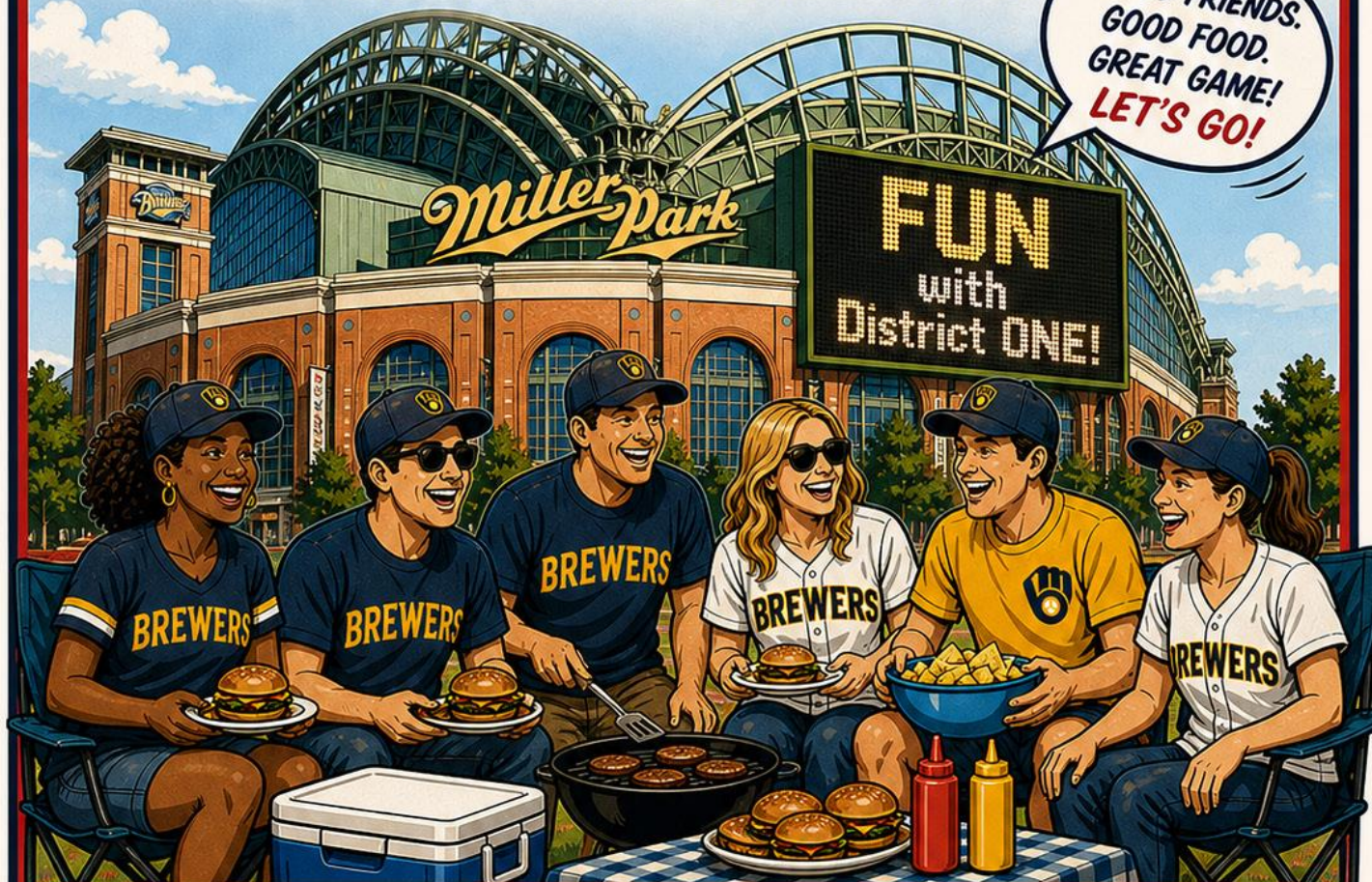
Turn Right on Main St

Go about two blocks, Building is on the Left

2026 BREWER BUS!

★ July 19th, 2026 at 1:10pm ★
Milwaukee Brewers vs. Miami Marlins

GOOD FRIENDS.
GOOD FOOD.
GREAT GAME!
LET'S GO!



TICKET PRICE: \$75 (INCLUDES BUS RIDE, GAME TICKET, FOOD, DRINKS AND FUN!)



ARRIVE AT NATIVITY CHURCH IN ASHWAUBENON AT 8:00AM,
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District06 Picnic

Get to know your Neighbors in the (CCV)
Central Chippewa Valley



o Speaker Tom M. of St. Cloud, MN

O Hamburgers, Brats, Spiritual Hot Dogs, Buns of Assorted Variety and
All the Condiments, Water and Plenty of Coffee; Provided by the District

**Special Dishes, Salads or Deserts to Pass
Are Welcome!**

(July 25th) Saturday 11:00 - 3:00 PM

**Bring Yourself, Friends & Family
Drinks and Comfortable Chairs**

Witt Park Pavilion, South Main St., Bloomer, WI 54724

Contact Jim Moran: (703) 403-1065 with any Questions



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

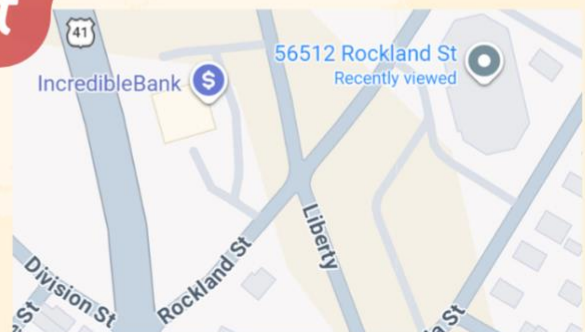
- 4:00 PM Corrections Meeting
- 5:00 PM GSR Meeting
- 6:00 PM POTLUCK
- 7:00 pm SPEAKERS AA & ALANON

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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Plain Language Big Book – Audiobook Edition

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.

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