



# The District View

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District 05 meeting in  
Menomonie Wisconsin!  
1412 6th Street E  
Menomonie, WI 54751-3331  
12/10/2014 at 6:45pm

If you have or know of an alcoholic with the willingness to serve at the district level, this is the chance and time to do so! You can't keep what you have unless you give it away.

\*Always looking for experience, strength and hope experiences to add to future newsletters. Submissions can be made to The District View email at the top of this page.

**Step 12** Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

**Tradition 12** Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities

**Concept 12** The Conference shall observe the spirit of AA. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action

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## AA Area 74 Service Structure

Delegate Mary Jo R.  
Area Chair Kim R.  
Secretary Scott K.  
Treasurer Derek T.

AA District 05  
DCM Nicholas S.  
Alt. DCM Paul H.  
Secretary Shane S.  
Treasurer Ron S.

## AA District 05 Committees

Archives Derek B  
Corrections Molly M.  
CPC Jim P.  
Grapevine Gary S.  
Literature Wayne W.  
Newsletter Ron S.  
Public Info Myron M  
Treatment Kevin K.  
Webmaster Jason L.

## District 05 Monthly Meeting

**November 11th, 2014**

6:45pm opened with Serenity Prayer.

Introductions: GSR's (6) Total in attendance (16)

### Secretary's Report: Shane

- Sent around Contact list, I will make changes and send out soon!
- Reports due are: Corrections, PI, Webmaster, Newsletter, CVIG, and Wicypaa
- Reports due next month are: Grapevine, Literature, Newsletter, CVIG, and Wicypaa

### Treasurer's Report: Ron

- Savings- \$454.56
- Checking- \$872.20
- Group Deposits- \$290.00
- Current Balance - \$1,140.33
- \$100.00 was approved to Ron for the rent

### Workshop Reports: Nicholas

- Correctional Workshop, When: November 15th, 2014. Where: Alano Club 105N. 21st street in Menominee, from 1-4pm.
- Treatment Committee Workshop, When: December 6th, 2014 from 1-4pm. Where: River falls Alano Club.
- Anonymity Workshop, When: January 31st, 2015 from 1-4pm. Where: Menominee Alano Club.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

### Corrections Report: Molly

The committee requests rent for the monthly meetings (\$30 for \$10/month) to club 12. Approved!

-The committee continues to brainstorm new and exciting ideas to encourage more people to volunteer in their local jails, however, we do rely on AA members to encourage their spouses and friends to participate in carrying the AA message to inmates. Current volunteers: please bring your spouses with you on this wonderful journey!

-On Saturday November 15th we will hold our first annual corrections committee party. It will be centrally located in the district, and volunteers from all counties in district 05 are planning to attend. The event will be at the new AA club in Menomonie (105 N. 21st St.) from 1:00-4:00. The panel will consist of volunteers from different counties in district 05 and district 06, as well as a professional from the Dunn county jail. There will be a potluck, then the main speaker, Jo MC from Montello, WI, who has 27 years of experience volunteering in correctional facilities.

-The Drug Court in Eau Claire County has requested that the current AA volunteers going into the Eau Claire county jail consider doing one-on-one visits with certain inmates. The corrections committee is open to the idea, but will need a question/answer time with Pat I, from Drug Court, prior to committing. After the committee has clarification about this, it will have to be explained to each volunteer in order for each individual to determine whether or not they will participate.

### **Public Information Report: Myron**

The committee held a regular bi-monthly meeting August 20th at the River Falls Alano Club with 6 members in attendance. We moved forward with our efforts to identify volunteers for the Drug Court support effort. We now have 13 River Falls area members who have offered their help, and their contact information has been provided to the drug court coordinator. With the start of the school year, we also renewed our efforts to match volunteers with school guidance counselors, especially in the smaller towns on the west side of the district. This project is progressing slowly, but steadily. The committee held an extra monthly meeting on September 17th, specifically to finalize plans for the Anonymity Workshop held October 18th in River Falls. Six members were in attendance. The workshop had approximately 30 people in attendance. We were very pleased with the wide-ranging and in-depth discussion among the AA audience, as this was our stated goal in hosting the workshop. It is our intention that an Anonymity workshop should be an annual event in River Falls. A second such workshop has been scheduled for January 31, 2015 in Menomonie. A flyer has been prepared and submitted for disbursement. Panelists have been identified, and planning is nearly complete. Our final bi-monthly meeting of 2014 will be held Wednesday, Nov. 19th at 6:30pm at the Alano Club in River Falls. We will review committee activities for the year and look ahead to 2015.

### **Webmaster Report: Jason L.**

The website is current with all submitted information as of 5:41pm today. I anticipate no further budget expenses for this year's budget except for my previously pledged support of our Grapevine Rep's project. Please submit meeting changes and flyers as soon as they are available and I'd be happy to get them posted. I did move text from the body of the document to the header that 'nudges' people to check the website for the most current version. NOTE: I did not send it to the secretary as I anticipated changes tonight regarding the Blair and Augusta meetings.

### **Intergroup Report: Bob**

Bob gave a report on the inventory left of Big Books, Daily Reflections, and Literature that is left over at the old prices. Put your order in today, Bob Says!

### **WICYPAA Report: Shawna R**

WICYPAA is now 2 months away and we are down to the wire on preparations. I received a letter to present to District 05 asking for group donations. Any help the groups can contribute would be gratefully appreciated. The WICYPAA programs Chair sent me a letter to present to this body at our monthly District meeting. I have given you copies of this letter to take back to your group conscious for consideration. Thank you! WICYPAA is now capable of registering attendees on line at [www.wicypaa.org](http://www.wicypaa.org). Discounts on early registration ends on December 9th. We have an exciting event coming up. A 3 Legacy's workshop and spaghetti dinner will be held on Saturday November 22nd from 2-5. There will be panelists from Madison and the Twin Cities along with a few our local AA's, Helen I., Mark M., and John S. The speaker at Saturday Night Alive that night is Megan from a young lady from Madison. Finally WICYPAA has set up mobile capabilities and can register people using smart phones and card readers. If there is anyone who wants to register tonight and see how this works see me afterwards. You just need a Visa, MasterCard or American Express.

“TO SEE A FELLOWSHIP GROW UP ABOUT YOU... WE ARE NEVER ALONE”  
2015 WICYPAA XXII – JANUARY 9th, 10th, 11th 2015  
THE PLAZA HOTEL & SUITES, EAU CLAIRE, WI

### **WISCONSIN CONFERENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA**

The WICYPAA 2015 Conference, hosted in Eau Claire, is seeking financial contributions/donations to cover the cost of items to be purchased for the Hospitality Room during the conference. Such items include: plates, napkins, plastic ware, beverages, coffee, sweetener, creamer, etc. Our hope is to create a hospitality area where people can gather for quality fellowship and unity. Any contributions will help provide the opportunity to do just that. What is WICYPAA ? The Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous meets annually. Everyone is welcome. We define Young People as anyone with room to grow. There are no age restrictions. In the past we have had people in their teens and in their seventies involved. The conference provides an opportunity for AA members from all over Wisconsin and the rest of the world to come together to share their experiences, strength, and hope. Like any other conference, it is an opportunity to learn more about the program and sobriety. Make checks payable to: “WICYPAA XII” Box 3231 Eau Claire, WI 54702 For more information or donation of items contact: Matt A. 602-320-8877

## **Group Updates:**

- Jason L. will be checking with Pete. Won two groups: Augusta, and Blair. Meetings to see if they need to be removed from the meeting list.

## **DCM Report: Nicholas**

I visited a history of Big Book event in Sparta put on by Area 75/District 01 – District 5 event?  
Visited CPC Meeting/Drug court summit  
Visited Treatment Committee Meeting  
Working with 2 groups in Eau Claire regarding possible new GSR's  
Visited/helped MNYPAA group with guidance  
International Conference – Visit website and get information to your groups!  
Please submit group/committee flyers to webmaster. Most central place to retrieve information.  
Reimbursement for gas/travel \$30 APPROVED!

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Big Book Study, nothing new to report. Bryon B, Kevin K, and Shawna R. will be heading up the big book study. Any questions or if you want to be a part of please contact one of the three.
- Shawna R. was elected our new Special Accommodation Committee Chairperson. Congrats to Shawna!
- Structure of our district meeting: After much discussion, we as a group decided to continue to keep the same format each month. GSR'S and Committee Chairs are encouraged to bring new faces to the district meeting!
- There was a hand out for the 2015 events for Area 74- Northern Wisconsin/upper Peninsula of Michigan dates to remember.

## **FALL CONFERENCE FINAL NUMBERS:**

- 374 paid registrations
- 400 total registrations
- 20 unpaid registrations ( used 7th tradition)
- 254 meals
- Left over was \$1032.39 Area 74 received \$516.20, and District 05 received \$516.19

## **New Business:**

- Ron S. is stepping down as newsletter editor. Thank you Ron for your service!
- After much discussion on what we should do for the Newsletter Editor position and the Webmaster position when it comes vacant. Jason L presented a motion to and it reads as is.  
That the Webmaster and the Newsletter Editor position should be chosen as we have done in the past. By a vote to approve the recommendation of the outgoing person and not an open election.  
(Amendment) further, the outgoing person is recommended to announce their desire to step down and allow adequate notice (minimum 30 days) for interested candidates to contact them and give an informed recommendation.  
A vote of (8) favored (4) opposed to keep the webmaster/newsletter editor position to be chosen as we have done in the past, was passed tonight!  
Andy W. has been recommended to step in and take over the position of Newsletter editor position.  
GSR Sharing Session: Ran out of time!  
Open Sharing Session: Ran out of time!

## **Next Meeting, December 10th, 2014**

- Quarterly Reports due: Grapevine, Literature, Newsletter, Wicypaa

# A Christmas Message from Bill W.

ALL MEMBERS

Greetings On Our 10th Christmas, 1944

Yes, it's in the air! The spirit of Christmas once more warms this poor distraught world.

Over the whole globe millions are looking forward to that one day when strife can be forgotten, when it will be remembered that all human beings, even the least are loved by God, when men will hope for the coming of the Prince of Peace as they never hoped before.

But there is another world which is not poor. Neither is it distraught.

It is the world of Alcoholics Anonymous, where thousands dwell happily and secure.

Secure because each of us, in his own way, knows a greater power who is love, who is just, and who can be trusted.

Nor can men and women of AA ever forget that only through suffering did they find enough humility to enter the portals of that New World. How privileged we are to understand so well the divine paradox that strength rises from weakness, that humiliation goes before resurrection; that pain is not only the price but the very touchstone of spiritual rebirth.

Knowing it's full worth and purpose, we can no longer fear adversity, we have found prosperity where there was poverty, peace and joy have sprung out of the very midst of chaos.

A Great indeed, our blessings! And so, Merry Christmas to you all--

from the Trustees, from Bobbie and from Lois and me.

Bill Wilson

To see a fellowship grow  
up about you...



we are never alone.

wicypaa



XXII

Jan. 9-11. 2015

HOTEL -TBA  
EAU CLAIRE, WI

WI Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous

JOIN US FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP... YOUNG PEOPLE IS ANYONE WITH ROOM TO GROW!

Reserve under WICYPAA by Dec. 20th for room discounts

Email: [chair@wicypaa.org](mailto:chair@wicypaa.org) or visit [wicypaa.org](http://wicypaa.org) for updates on hotel bid winner!

WICYPAA is not liable for childcare or chaperoning of minors. Minors attending the conference must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian at all times.

WICYPAA Registration: Early Bird Special \$15  (before Dec. 20, 2014)

Regular Price \$20  (after Dec. 20, 2014)

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to make a Bill W. donation to  
WICYPAA

I'd like to volunteer!

I'm an Al-Anon or Alateen   
(please circle one to specify)

I'd like to attend the Banquet  
(Saturday nite) \$25

I'd like to attend the Breakfast  
(Sunday morning) \$15

Mail registration to: WICYPAA XXII, PO BOX 3231, Eau Claire, WI 54702

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**Monthly District 05 Events:** District 05 Monthly GSR Meeting is held at 6:45pm, on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Leisure Center, 1412 Sixth St., Menomonie, WI. Any members are welcome to attend.

District 05 Committees offer AA service opportunities for alcoholics who want to help carry the AA message. **Unless otherwise noted, committees meet at Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.**

**Treatment Facilities Committee** meets at 6:45pm on the 2nd Monday of every month.

**Corrections Committee** meets QUARTERLY (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) at 7:45pm on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee** meets at 7pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at Club 12 in Eau Claire.

**Public Information Committee** meets on the ODD months (Jan, Mar, May, etc.) at 6:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at River Falls Alano club

**Chippewa Valley Intergroup** meets at 6:30pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

\*\* Care is taken to include all events. If your event is not listed we regret the error. To list your group's event please contact your GSR, any district officer, or the newsletter editor before the 20th of the month preceding the event.

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