



The District View

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District 05 meeting in
Menomonie Wisconsin!
1412 6th Street E
Menomonie, WI 54751-3331
3/12/2013 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 3 Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him.

Tradition 3 The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking

Concept 3 As a traditional means of creating and maintaining a clearly defined working relation between the groups, the Conference, the A.A. General Service Board and its several service corporations, staffs, committees and executives, and of thus insuring their effective leadership, it is here suggested that we endow each of these elements of world service with a traditional "Right of Decision."

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AA Area 74 Service Structure

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Area Chair Kim R.
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Treasurer Derek T.

AA District 05

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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 Chris D.
Webmaster Jason L.

***DISTRICT 05
TREATMENT WORKSHOP***

SATURDAY, MARCH 22nd, 2014

1 - 3 p.m.

@

MENOMONIE ALANO CLUB

544 BROADWAY, MENOMONIE, WI 54751 (Located on the first floor of the
Marion Building at the corner of Broadway and 6th)

Coffee & snacks will be provided!

For more information call Chris D.

@ 715-210-0637

District 05 Public Information Committee Report – February 12, 2014

1. Regular bi-monthly committee meeting was held November 20th, 2013, with five members present. We reviewed the activities of the committee over the past 2 yrs. under the leadership of chair Andy W., and thanked him for his dedicated and effective service.

Among the PI committee activities in 2012-2013:

- The AA “hotline” phone maintained by Chippewa Valley Intergroup is now listed in phone directories covering District 05.
- We assembled District 05 databases of all newspapers, TV stations and radio stations; all public libraries; all middle school and high school guidance counselors; all churches and other places of worship.
- Set up a PI Committee email address: dist05pi@gmail.com
- Member volunteers visited 266 churches in the district and provided them with AA contact information, meeting lists, and GSO-produced pamphlets.
- Mailed GSO-produced letters on AA anonymity tradition to all media outlets in the district. GSO requests this mailing take place annually.
- Current meeting lists and contact info mailed to 87 hotels/motels in the district.

2. Held a regular bi-monthly committee meeting January 15, 2014, with 17 people in attendance. The major agenda topic was final preparation for the Schools Project workshop held January 18th at Wesleyan Church in Eau Claire. We assembled information packets for our volunteers and for the schools. We also heard members’ ideas for future PI committee projects. Among the ideas discussed:

- Increased cooperation with other District 05 standing committees, especially with CPC.
- A project to establish an ongoing relationship with law enforcement agencies.
- A project to reach out to hospital emergency room personnel.
- Continuation of contacts with churches, hotels/motels, schools and media outlets.

3. The first schools project workshop on Jan. 18th was attended by 25 people. We are very grateful for help from Pete W., Ron S., Jim P. and Marybeth S. from CPC, Paul H., Charlie W. of the Monday Night Grp., and Wesleyan Church. We have had terrific cooperation from Arla Prestin, Al-Anon District 12 rep., and Denise Pazur, Area 61 Public Outreach, to include meeting lists and contact info in this project.

Another workshop will be held Saturday, February 22nd at the Alano Club in RF. Spread the word. Currently, we have 13 volunteers from River Falls, Menomonie, and Eau Claire willing to make school visits. The schools in these areas of the district have been sent introductory emails. We also need volunteers from the southern half of the district. All are welcome to serve.

4. Request for reimbursement:

Folders for volunteer packets:	\$10.58
60 ea. GSO pamphlets:	<u>\$27.00*</u> (missing receipt)
Total:	\$37.58

Next PI Committee meeting: Wed., March 19th at the River Falls Alano club at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Myron Mortell, District 05 PI Committee Chair

Eleva Step Group Annual
Traveling Potluck & Open Speaker Meeting
Saturday April 12, 2014

You are invited to join us in fellowship and good food at Eleva Lutheran Church. Eleva is 17 miles south of Eau Claire on highway 93. The church is located 1 block south of highway 10 and 1 block west of highway 93. Hot Beef sandwiches will be provided. *** **Please bring a dish to pass for the potluck!**

Schedule of Events

3:30PM – 5PM Corrections Panel & Workshop

Chairperson: Molly M.

Moderator: Pat K.

5PM Social Hour

6PM Potluck Supper

7PM AI-Anon Speaker : Rachel Z. (Eau Claire, WI.)

8PM AA Speaker : Brett Z. (Eau Claire, WI.)

For more information: Contact Nancy F. at (715) 514-2287

Recovery, Unity, Service
Vital in Our Changing World
Our Three Legacies

The Fall 2014 Area Conference Steering Committee met at Alano Club 12 in Eau Claire on February 2, 2014 and moved the ball forward toward the coming event. There were 19 people present on an otherwise cold winter afternoon. The atmosphere was heated up and kept tepid by chairman Gary S.

Treasurer: Bryon B reported that we have money to spend (seed money from the Area). The committee is now busy figuring out ways to spend it.

Program committee: Mary B had to step down as committee chair and Mike McG was unanimously elected in her place. Mary had led the group through the main speaker selection process so now it is up to Mike to organize the rest of the program panels and execute the plans. He is forming his committee as this is being written. He will be bringing panel topic suggestions to our next meeting and is looking for suggestions for panelists. These panelists need not be from the district.

Marybeth should a mock-up of the program she is designing and got approval from the committee to run with the design.

Hospitality committee: Nicholas S and the committee are looking for:

- Groups to host the hospitality room
- A Conference Host
- Some folks to introduce meetings
- Greeters/Schmoozers
- Three people to help with the ice cream social

Registrar: Cheryl L. reminds us to register early (and often). We are shooting for 400 attendees.

Publicity: Jason L. reported that the new flyer is on the District website as well as in the District View. That done, the steering committee then requested that Jason add a checkbox to the flyer for registrants to specify whether they are AA or Alanon and a space for attendees to name their home group so this can be printed on their name tags also. To this Jason responded, "It is done!" What a guy our webmaster is! He said he is submitting our flyer to the Area webmaster but will hold off on sending it to the "Now & Then" editor until the steering committee decides.

AI-Anon: Winnie M. and Arla P. reported that they are all set with panelists and speakers. They requested the committee's approval of an acknowledgement letter they are sending to panelists.

In the discussion that followed it was noted that AI-Anon has taken a larger role in recent years in our Area Conferences and that our colleague organization deserves the highest level of cooperation. They add much more to the Conference than just their numbers.

Alcothon/Dance committee: Jason B got the contract for the DJ, Doug Wozniak, approved by the committee. The dance will go from 9:30 – 12:30 and Jason says he retains artistic control over the playlist, so see him for suggestions.

Jason plans to have two groups host an hour meeting at the Alcothon on both Friday and Saturday night (four groups). He would like the groups to conduct the meeting just like they do at their regular meeting place and time. He already has a couple groups and is looking for a couple more.

Likewise, he is looking for one or more groups to host the early bird meeting (6AM – 7AM).

That's all the news for this month. All the committees and the steering committee itself are looking for you and your group's input and participation. Come to our next meeting: Eau Claire Alano Club 12, 1 PM March 2,2014

I'll be watching for you. Yours in Service, Pete W.

District 5 CPC

Cooperating with the Professional Community

Who are we?

The CPC Committee establishes connections between AA and various professionals who come in contact with alcoholics to educate them about the fellowship and its purpose. Examples of such "professionals" include: Doctors, nurses, counselors, law enforcement, clergy, educators, social workers, etc.

What do we do?

We make contact with these constituencies, send literature, give Q&A presentations, and in most instances, follow up ensure they have a steady supply of AA resources (e.g., updated meeting lists).

When do we meet?

*Currently: 2nd Monday of even months, 6:45 PM, @ Club 12 (EC) – **BUT THIS TIME IS ABOUT TO BE CHANGED AND BECOME MONTHLY.***

How can you help?

1) Join CPC: We need:

i) Core committee members who will outreach to various groups of professionals, set-up CPC presentations and serve as on-going contacts. These members will also conduct the month-to-month business of the committee, and develop a presentation format.

ii) At some point, we will also be developing a presenter list for those who are willing to serve CPC by making presentations to various groups of professionals.

2) Provide Contacts: If you know professionals in the district who would be interested in hearing a CPC presentation or otherwise developing a cooperative relationship with AA, please give us your contact info so that we may follow up and learn more.

If you are interested in joining, presenting, or have professional contacts:

> Call or e-mail: Jim P., D5 CPC Chair (jim.jpmusic@gmail.com, 715-864-3938)

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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 6:45pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month .

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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