



The District View

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District 05 meeting in
Menomonie Wisconsin!
1412 6th Street E
Menomonie, WI 54751-3331
11/12/2014 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 10 Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it

Tradition 10 Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Concept 10 Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

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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 Committees

Archives Derek B
Corrections Molly M.
CPC Jim P.
Grapevine Gary S.
Literature Wayne W. AA District 05
Newsletter Ron S.
DCM Nicholas S
Public Info Myron M
Alt. DCM Paul H.
Treatment Kevin K.
Secretary Shane S.
Webmaster Jason L.
Treasurer Ron S.

Area 74 – District 05 Monthly Meeting

September 10, 2014

6:45 opened with serenity prayer!

No Traditions or Concepts were presented tonight.

GSR'S in attendance (9) Total in Attendance (20)

MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary's report: Shane

- Sent around contact list for any updates to be made. I will update and send out new contact list.
- Reports due tonight were, Treasurer, Grapevine, Literature, Newsletter, Inter-Group, and Wicypaa.

Treasurer Report: Ron

Savings Account:

Starting balance: \$454.38

Ending Balance: \$454.44

Checking Account:

Starting Balance: \$1,016.67

Transactions:

2219 \$30.00

2220 \$90.00

2221 \$9.03

2223 \$25.09

GROUP DEPOSITS \$120.00

Ending Balance: \$982.55

- Committee Chairs, start looking at what your budget might look like for next year.

ALT. DCM REPORT: Paul

- There will be a Work Shop on ANONYMITY. Public Information will be hosting this workshop in River Falls at the Alano Club on October 18th, 2014. Time: 3-6pm. There will be two panels of speakers.

LITERATURE REPORT: Wayne

Literature display was set up at 6 district 05 workshops this year. Thanks to Gary S for bringing it to two workshops that I was unable to attend Requests from groups for literature have been handled by relaying contact info for Chippewa valley intergroup as discussed at previous district meetings. I have had no negative feedback by handling it this way.

Starting cash balance from previous literature chair \$26.00

Total book sales 25.25

Balance 51.25

Literature purchases 69.00

Ending balance -17.75

Purchases include 75th anniversary Big Book and pamphlets including 30 copies of Many Paths to Spirituality to be handed

out for groups to review.

I would like to request a \$17.75 reimbursement for purchases which could come from the annual literature budget.
APPROVED!

NEWSLETTER REPORT: Ron

- The newsletter group continues to grow. We are at 151 subscribers. I continue to receive reader submissions and flyers, but there is only so much that can be put to print. Any suggestions are welcomed. No Expenses to report.

- The "Now and Then" Area Newsletter was emailed out this past week. In the newsletter, the Agenda for the assembly on Saturday for the Fall Conference is in there.

WICYPAA Report: Shawna

- Co-Chair – A letter was sent to all of the districts with a letter and a flyer. There was one response from District 04 DCM with questions which were answered. The same letter and flyer were sent to Area 74 Website and Now & Then. A letter was submitted to the secretary.

- Treasurer/Co-Treasurer – See Income Statement Sheet Provided. Current Balance in checking account: \$1,941.00. A budget update will be provided at the next meeting.

- Registration – The PayPal account has been established and will be on WICYPAA shortly

- Programs – Things are moving in a good direction. The flight for Butch M. (main speaker) was booked already. Panelists will be confirmed at the next subcommittee meeting. Next Meeting: Wed. Sept. 17th at 5:30 at First Baptist Church.

- Events – If you or others have questions about events please contact Jimmy L.

- Family fun event at Demmler Park down by the end of Brackett Rd... Event time: 3pm – 7:30 then Matt D will speak at SNA. Fellowship back down at the park following SNA.

- Sept. 10th at Racys @ 5pm Subcommittee meeting.

- October Event will be in Mpls possibly at the Downtown Alano Club. Nicholas S. will be the speaker.

- Nov. 22nd – Drag Show at Club 12 following SNA – Kendra will be the speaker that night. Cost is \$70 to rent the facility.

- NYE Dance – WICYPAA will be the dance. The speaker will be from Chicago that night. Nick W. and his father will be the DJ.

- Club 12 would like two pre-dated checks for Nov. and Dec. events held at the club.

- Outreach – The Wausau outreach was attended by a couple of members from the committee. WICYPAA was introduced to the area!! Thanks to those who attended!

- Derek was able to drop off flyers in Nebraska at an event.

FALL CONFERENCE: -WICYPAA will have three volunteers but not sure of the time just yet. Jackie will keep us informed. Jackie will make a list for people's home groups to donate food and/or money

WICYPAA CONFERENCE: -MNYPAA is interested in hosting the hospitality room at the WICYPAA conference

- Discussion about contacting other YPAA's for hosting hospitality

- Traditions – There was a question brought up about traditions. Are we being careful not to break any traditions? People from the Host Committee stated that they have discussed this with their sponsors and various other people. There were no changes to the event after discussion.

Next Host Committee Meeting Date/Time – September 21, 2014 @ 3pm Location – club 12

GRAPEVINE REPORT: Gary

- Gary will be going through the Grapevine Display to update!

- First 6 months of this year, GV had a net profit of \$155,000. That's Huge

- GRAPEVINE IS CELEBRATING 70 Years

- Go to www.aagrapevine.org to check it out, and sign up. It's a great 12 step tool for your RECOVERY!

- Nicholas talked about doing twelve step work through the Grapevine Magazine.

INTERGROUP REPORT: Bob

- Get your order in by October 1st to the CVIG before the price increase

- CVIG Picnic, Where: River View Park, in Eau Claire. When: September 13th 2014, Time: 11am-4pm.

DCM REPORT: Nicholas

Thank you for last month's evening with the delegate. Great event.

Participated in monthly conference call.

Groups visited: Whitehall Tuesday night, Tuesday night Step by Step in Eau Claire, and District 8 Workshop in Wausau, EC County Jail.

Reminder group events/flyers should be emailed to webmaster if you want them on the website.

Please check important district/area dates before planning workshops/events – groups too!

Reminder to update meeting list it must be emailed to webmaster.

Request for reimbursement of \$21.87 APPROVED!

Group Updates:

- Two group Blair Meetings, are they dark, or Alive. Pete W. will check on.
- Augusta group: Thursday Night Meeting, 7pm what's going on with that meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jason L. gave a detailed report on meeting directory criteria. "We will have a vote next month on whether we keep the same process in place for updating the District 05 Meeting list directory, or do we make a change"

Next meeting October 8th, 2014

In loving service Shane Speckien

DCM REPORT

This time of year is always a reflective time for me. It was in September in of 2008 when I was fully engulfed in in-comprehensible, pitiful, demoralization. I did the geographic cure moving from Milwaukee to Eau Claire and as you might suspect, that did not work out so well. I could not have imagined in September of 2008 that 6 years later I would be involved in a weekend of recovery so powerful I was moved to tears..... multiple times.

The Area 74 2014 Fall Conference was a journey full of opportunities for personal growth. As a member of the committee, I provided me the opportunity to see how fear can manifest itself in service work. Service work is the perfect opportunity to practice principles before personalities. The committee didn't always agree on decisions that had to be made but we all participated in the process of tradition 2, "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – A loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience."

Nearly 400 people attended the conference the weekend of September 26 – 28 and lives were transformed. We have conferences to conduct our business, mingle with friends, and have fun! Let us not forget however, we gather frequently so the newcomer can find us. I want to share with you the experience of a new member of Alcoholics Anonymous:

"Leading up to the Area 74 Fall Conference I was excited and nervous. After arriving at the conference Friday afternoon my anxiety was immediately put at ease with the warm welcome from other recovering alcoholics who had smiles, hugs and handshakes for everyone. This atmosphere only made me feel more welcome and willing to go to almost any length to maintain my sobriety and help others.

I feel I was fortunate to have been asked to take on a commitment for the conference. This commitment allowed me to get out of myself by helping others throughout the entire conference weekend.

The speakers and panels throughout the weekend helped me understand further how this disease affects everyone differently but yet similarly. This further solidified my willingness to do anything to maintain my sobriety. In particular the Al-Anon speaker provided me with new insight into the problems created in my marriage and family due to my alcoholism and showed me how this can all be changed if we are willing to change. My sponsor was a large part of helping me to be willing to maintain sobriety, change and volunteer at the conference. This makes me understand how important a good sponsor is for all recovering alcoholics. TJ O. Sobriety date: 8/12/2014

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the members, groups, and friends of Alcoholics Anonymous in District 5 for showing up in such strong numbers. Our friends throughout Area 74 were moved by the pocket of enthusiasm that was demonstrated this past weekend. It is a privilege to be a servant in Alcoholics Anonymous and all of you continue to bless me with opportunities. If there is anything I can do for your group, meeting, or yourself, please let me know.

Yours in service,

Nicholas S.

District 5 DCM

Motion to the 2014 Area 74 Fall Assembly – Creation of WICYPAA Liaison Position
October 18, 2014 – **Passed Unanimously**

We recommend:

- That Area 74 creates a "Liaison Position" named – "WICYPAA (Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) Liaison". This person would have a voice only and be a non-voting member of the Assembly.
- The Liaison will be elected by the WICYPAA Advisory Council and will furnish reports to the Area 74 Assembly body as requested by the WICYPAA Advisory Council and provide information on WICYPAA when requested.
- The Liaison will notify the Area 74 Chairperson when WICYPAA has a report to give so he/she can be added to the Assembly agenda
- The Liaison will be listed in the Area Contact Directory.
- That the Area 74 Guidelines be updated to reflect the addition of this position in the following manner:

"Currently Article I – Membership, Section 3.00 states: Area Webmaster and Archivist are non-voting members at the business meeting". Will be changed to the following (changes/additions are in "Bold font"):

Article I Membership

Section 3.00 Non-Voting members of the Assembly

Section 3.01 Area Webmaster

Section 3.02 Archivist

Section 3.03 WICYPAA (Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) Liaison with voice only

Article III DCM's, Area Officers, and Duties

Section 12.0 The WICYPAA (Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) Liaison reports to the Area 74 Assembly body as requested by the WICYPAA Advisory Council, participates during Assembly discussion, and will notify the Area 74 Chairperson when they have a report to give so they can be added to the Assembly agenda.

Article VI Election of Area Officers and Chairpersons

Section 5.0 Exceptions to the election procedure stated above:

Section 5.03 The WICYPAA (Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) Liaison will be elected by the WICYPAA Advisory Council.

Respectfully submitted by:

Nicholas S., DCM 05

Barbara K., Chairperson Area 74 Structures and Guidelines Comm.

Marty L., Past Delegate Panel 62/Area 74

Sara P., DCM 09

Derek T., Area 74 Treasurer

Bob M., Past Delegate Panel 50/Area 74

Reasons to support this motion would be:

- Numerous times for over 15 years our Assembly has been discussing what the role of WICYPAA in our Area should be – approving this motion will help clarify.
- This will encourage young members of our Area to get involved in Area service by attending and taking part in our Assembly process and by understanding what our Area servants do.
- Liaisons will be reimbursed for gasoline expenses by the WICYPAA advisory council.
- The Area 74 service structure will have a better understanding of WICYPAA and having a Liaison at our Assemblies might stimulate opportunities for us to cooperate.
- This is a "win-win" opportunity for carrying the message to Alcoholics of all ages looking for recovery from alcoholism in Area 74.

To see a fellowship grow
up about you...



we are never alone.

wicypaa



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 or visit 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

A Memorable Weekend

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who attended the Area 74 Fall Conference in Eau Claire. Based on what I observed and heard from many attendees, it seems as if everyone enjoyed our weekend of fellowship and recovery opportunities. On behalf of the district 05 conference planning committee, I am deeply grateful to each of you for participating and making our conference a great success.

When we had our first committee meeting in June 2013 and established sub-committees and chairs, I had no idea how much work would be necessary to put a conference together.

Through the diligence of the chairpersons and members of each sub-committee, responsibilities were identified, delegated, and accomplished. As with any event of this magnitude, there were some unforeseen issues that arose, but all were handled with dignity, grace, and patience.

I must share with you just a few of the “higher-powered” incidents that I witnessed over the weekend. The first moment took place late Friday afternoon when a fellow AA arrived at the hotel after a five hour drive. While being welcomed by our greeters, this AA stated that he felt like he was “home” and was so happy to be at the conference. The second happening took place on Saturday afternoon when an AA member asked Penny P. (the Sunday morning speaker) to discuss one of the traditions. Penny graciously obliged and soon there were a dozen or more persons gathered around. The third “God-cident” occurred Saturday evening when twelve persons from a local treatment center arrived to hear Butch G. tell his story, but none were able to pay the registration fee. We were able to subsidize them with the generously donated contributions out of the “Bill W. Fund”. As I welcomed them and shook hands, I could see the gratitude in their eyes. As I said earlier, these are only three of the many special moments that took place throughout the weekend.

In addition to the many devoted AA’s and Alanon’s who worked tirelessly on conference committees, it was truly wonderful to see so many district 05 groups volunteer to staff and stock the hospitality room, to facilitate an Alcathon time slot, or to help with a myriad of other needs. I would again like to express my personal thanks to all those who helped make the Fall Conference a loving, unified, and spiritual weekend. This was an epic example of “it works when we work it” together!

Gary Savall

Chairman, Area 74 Fall 2014 Conference

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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 1st 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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