



The District View

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District 05 meeting in
Menomonie Wisconsin!
1412 6th Street E
Menomonie, WI 54751-3331
9/10/2014 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 9 Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

Tradition 9 AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve

Concept 9 Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of AA, must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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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.

Area 74 – District 05 Monthly Meeting

August 13th, 2014

“AN EVENING WITH OUR DELEGATE”

6:45pm opened with the Serenity Prayer

INTRODUCTIONS: GSR's (15) Total attendance (45)

Brief overview of district/district activities:

- Corrections, Public Information, treatment, and CPC talked about what they do and the purpose of their committees.

Reimbursements: APPROVED!

1. Corrections - \$30.00 for rent
2. Public Information - \$124.53
3. Rent for district meeting - \$27.00
4. DCM - \$25.09

MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORT'S

TREASURER REPORT: Ron S.

Savings Account balance: \$454.38

Checking Account balance: \$826.67

Group Deposits: \$190.00

WEBMASTER REPORT: Jason L

- Everything was updated on August 1st, 2014
- Please be sure to email me (webmaster@aaainwestwis.org) Event flyers so I can post them on the website.

PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT: Myron M.

The PI Committee held a regular bi-monthly meeting on July 16th at the RF Alano Club with 7 in attendance.

Much discussion focused on recent messages from the General Service Conference PI Committee regarding the topic of anonymity, with an emphasis on online communications. In GSC-PI's view, "Because the ranks of our ever-changing membership exist in an ever-changing world, the committee acknowledged that such efforts truly have no end-point, and might best be incorporated as a regular part of local AA discussions and events." Their recommendation to use various means of communication to stimulate AA members' discussion on how to maintain anonymity at the public level has spurred our committee to schedule a District 05 Workshop on Anonymity for Saturday, October 18th at the River Falls Alano Club. We will also entertain any invitation to bring this workshop to the eastern side of the district, perhaps to Menomonie or Eau Claire, at a later date—should a group wish to host it. A flyer for the October 18th workshop is being prepared. Our committee members see anonymity as an issue that easily falls within the purview of PI, and one that must be addressed by this committee on an on-going basis in the coming years.

The committee also decided to act upon the request from our DCM to address, on a local basis, the need for AA support of county Drug/Alcohol Court programs. On August 7th, three PI committee members met with Mary Kelly, drug court coordinator for Pierce County in Ellsworth, WI. She was quite specific about ways in which AA's could be useful to her clients. We have begun asking for AA volunteers for this service work by asking members to make the following announcement at the meetings they attend. Please feel free to use any of it for your own local efforts.

"Three AA's from River Falls met with Mary Kelly, Drug Court Coordinator for Pierce County. We offered AA's hand and it was very enthusiastically received. Her clients are people who have run afoul of the law due to problems with alcohol and/or drugs. They have been screened and chosen as candidates for one last chance to avoid long jail time through successful participation in this program. While the details of our stories may vary, THEY ARE WHERE WE WERE when we came to AA.

The primary service needs are basic and vital 12th Step work:

--Volunteers to provide rides for newcomers to and from AA meetings only.

--Temporary sponsors to help newcomers get settled in AA: exposure to a variety of AA meetings; introductions to other AA members, and their phone numbers; introduction to AA literature, especially the Big Book; answering basic questions about AA membership, and sharing your experiences; perhaps helping the newcomer find a sponsor.

--Sponsorship based squarely upon the Big Book and the 12 Steps.

Your qualifications for this service work are your experience as an alcoholic/addict and recovery in AA. This is just one drunk talking with another.

If you think you can help or have any questions, see me after the meeting. I have phone numbers for you to call. Thanks for listening."

We will also provide speakers about AA at monthly drug court group meetings.

The PI Committee will hold its next meeting Wednesday, August 20th. All school project volunteers will be contacted by phone and invited to attend. We will work to match them up with schools yet to be visited.

We request reimbursement for these expenses:

\$90.00 Hager Telecom – yellow pages listing for C. V. Intergroup hotline
\$ 9.03 St. Paul Intergroup – AA pamphlets for schools project
\$25.50 Andy W. – pamphlets and folders for drug court team
\$25.09 DCM expenses

CORRECTIONS REPORT: Molly M

The committee requests rent for the monthly meetings (\$30 for \$10/month). The committee also requests that any information be updated to reflect that the committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month (currently, the meeting directory has old information on it).

LITERATURE

-Volunteers in each county in district 05 are aware of the AA approved literature that the corrections committee has available to the inmates, when literature gets low in any of the district 05 jails. District 05 corrections committee did supply AA approved literature to District 06, last month, because the Chippewa Prison was in need, and does not have their own literature supply, or corrections committee.

OUTREACH THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

-Contact has been made with all counties in District 05. There are volunteers going into the jails in each county, except the Whitehall jail in Trempealeau County. Jim S. has graciously volunteered to get the Trempealeau jail meeting started, and AA members in Trempealeau County are continuing to show interest in participating with Jim, after he gets the meeting started.

-At this time, none of the counties in the district see value in moving the corrections committee meeting to different locations each month (traveling corrections committee meeting), which was an idea the committee came up with and offered to each county.

-Since the district has decided not to have traveling corrections committee meetings, the committee has decided to make an attempt at uniting the volunteers from different counties by holding a corrections party (which is actually a workshop but sounds more attractive as a party). The corrections party will hopefully be held in Menomonie, in hopes of getting local volunteers to participate in volunteering at the Dunn county jail. (Currently, the majority of volunteers for Dunn drive from Eau Claire County, and we desperately need more volunteers!) The committee is hoping to hold the corrections party in October, and send personal invites to jails and volunteers throughout the district. At the party, there will be folders supplied for each volunteer as a potential reference for themselves as volunteers, as well as for the inmates they serve.

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS

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 message of AA to inmates. Current volunteers: please bring your spouses with you on this wonderful journey!

Yours in service,

Molly Morse, Corrections Committee Chair (aquaristgirl@yahoo.com / 715-577-0847)

FALL CONFERENCE REPORT: Shane S

Those Present: Nicholas S, Gary S, Shane S, Arla P, Winnie M, Mark M, Marybeth S, Cheryl L, Brian B, Shawna R, Paul H, Bryon B, Pete W, Matt D, and David G.

PROGRAM: Marybeth

- Paul H will meet with Pam from the Plaza to go over the Program times.
- Marybeth went over the program flyer, looking really good.
- Registration will end on Saturday at 7:45pm

REGISTRATION: Cheryl

- 57 Registrations
- 55 Meals
- All envelopes and badges are made out, looking to do a stuffing session at some point!

TREASURER: Bryon B

- Shane emailed out the correct financial spreadsheet and RCU statement from Bryon on Monday.
- A check for \$981.40 is to be paid out to our speakers Larcine G, and Butch G for their Airfare.

HOSPITALITY: Nicholas S

- Ordered and received Badges. Requested a check for \$53.17. APPROVED!
- Skit is written & Cast. Rehearsal dates are set.
- Spiritual tool kits are being built
- Constructing a list for roaming greeters in process.
- Groups have been contacted to host the hospitality room.
- Gift Baskets are coming along!
- Hand crafted 7-tradition cans are being made up

ALCOTHON: Jason B

- Jason is looking for two spots to be filled on Saturday night. Please contact Jason.
- Send out form to D.J

SPECIAL NEEDS: Shawna R

- Shawna has contacted 2 interpreters from Eau Claire

AL-ANON: Winnie M, and Arla P

- When and where food donations go?
- Bring at their shift or store in hospitality room
- Books and Pamphlet's, etc... give to Nicholas at the next fall conference meeting

Gary S. typed up a written opening statement for the Panelist and Speakers. Gary will email out opening statement to the fall Conference Group!

RECORDING: Mark M

- Emailed Dicobe the names for registration
- Mark will also email Dicobe the program flyer

HOSPITALITY AND REGISTRATION LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. Contact Cheryl or Matt D.

Next meeting September 7th, club 12 @ 1pm.

NEXT MONTHS BUSINESS:

Meeting directory criteria. Webmaster & PI will get together and draw up guidelines for adding meetings to the district 05 meeting list.

Mary Jo R. from Eau Claire, Wisconsin gave a 30 minute presentation on her experience as Area 74 delegate!

Question and Answer session followed!

Question: Where is the AA pamphlet "Many paths to Spirituality?"

Answer: MJ asked the fellowship to review the pamphlet!

Question: Ongoing Anonymity concerns in general.

Answer: We have to be mindful about our Anonymity in this digital world!

Question: "zest" to Singleness of purpose hurting the fellowship?

Answer: Our purpose is to help the "ALCOHOLIC THAT STILL SUFFERS"

Question: Your experience in regarding YPAA, "young people in AA" and how it
Relates to AA as a whole.

Answer: YPAA is recognized as an AA group or entity.

Question: Where does our Area stand in comparison to others?

Answer: Mary Jo feels our Area is very active, and is very proud to represent
Our Area!!!!

UP COMING EVENTS

Chippewa valley inter group Picnic, September 13th

Fall Conference in Eau Claire, September 26, 27, 28th

Work shop in River Falls on Anonymity, October 18th

In Loving Service, your secretary

Shane S.

You Are All Invited!!!

COME ONE, COME ALL to the Area 74 Fall Conference.....(flyer is in this issue)!

On behalf of District 05 and the Fall Conference Planning Committee, we invite you to join us at the Plaza hotel in Eau Claire, WI for a weekend of fellowship and recovery. It has been a very positive and rewarding experience for many people in our district to have participated in the process of planning and organizing this important event.

When our first planning meeting was held in June 2013, I was very pleased that 16 people showed up and we were able to fill most of the positions necessary to start the process. We have continued to meet on a monthly basis to brainstorm and for committee chairpersons to report updates on their assigned responsibilities. Fortunately, Area 74 provided a set of written guidelines for conference planning which was extremely helpful. But of course, there are always those pesky details or unusual questions that pop up and are just not in the guidelines. So this has been a grand learning experience for all of us.

From the tiniest details, such as how many paper cups needed, to selecting the speakers and panel topics, everyone has worked very diligently to make our Fall Conference exciting and informative. We all look forward to seeing all of you in Eau Claire on September 26-28 for a weekend of spiritual growth and recovery.

2014 Fall Conference Chairperson,

Gary M. Savall

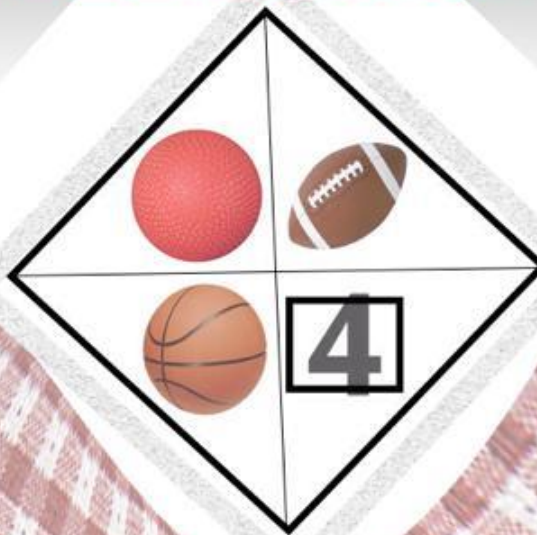
WICYPAA XXII

SATURDAY SEPT. 20

DEMMLER PARK

ON PUTNAM DRIVE

EAU CLAIRE



**FAMILY FUN PICNIC: 3-730 PM
BRING A DISH TO PASS & A CHAIR**

JOIN US AT 8

**FOR THE SNA OPEN SPEAKER:
MATT D.**

**FELLOWSHIP AT THE PARK AFTER MEETING
WICYPAA XXII WILL BE HELD
JAN 9-11 IN EAU CLAIRE**

AA 2015 Fall Conference Area 74

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Voting Conference

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SEPTEMBER 18-20 - 2015

Hotel

451 E. GRAND AVE.

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS

AA Speaker

Saturday - 5:00pm Room B
Sheldon F. - from Las Vegas

Al-Anon Speaker

Saturday - 2:30pm Room B
TBA



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL TIM N. 715-451-2900

Make checks payable to:
Area 74 Fall 2015 Conference

Mail to:
P.O. Box 111
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-0111

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Special needs: _____

Please check one: vegetarian dinner: roasted pork loin: roasted turkey:

AA I'd like to volunteer

Al-Anon I'd like to volunteer

Registration \$18.00

Banquet \$24.00

Room + tax \$89.00

To see a fellowship grow
up about you...



we are never alone.

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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

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**“Recovery, Unity, Service
Our Three Legacies—
Vital in our Changing World”**

Area 74

2014 FALL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 26 – 28, 2014

The Plaza Hotel & Suites

1202 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701

Rooms: \$99 + tax (Includes Continental Breakfast)

Reservations: 715-834-3181 (Reference: 2014 FALL CONFERENCE)

Friday Night Open Speaker Meeting

Featuring Kim R. (Alternate Area 74 Delegate)

Saturday Afternoon Al-Anon Speaker

Featuring Larcine G. (Hawthorne, CA)

Saturday Night Banquet & Speaker

Featuring Butch G. (Hawthorne, CA)

Sunday Morning Speaker

Featuring Penny P. (Livermore, CA)

Area Assembly AA & AL-ANON Speakers Alkathon Hospitality Room AA & AFG Panels

REGISTRATION FORM – ONE FORM PER PERSON

Please Check One: AA Al-Anon

*7th Tradition *(Registration Donation to help someone who could not afford to attend and/or buy Big Books.) \$ _____

Name _____ Registration ONLY \$ 15.00

Address _____ Banquet, **ADD \$22.00** \$ _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____ **TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ Email _____ @ _____

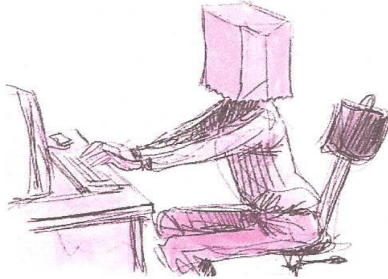
PLEASE CHECK FOR SPECIAL NEEDS _____ PLEASE CHECK FOR VEGETARIAN DINNER _____

Please Check One: AA Al-Anon Homegroup Name: _____

Make Checks Payable to: “Area 74 Fall Conference 2014” P.O. Box 664 Eau Claire, WI 54702

For More Information Contact: Cheryl L. 715-210-2262

ANONYMITY



There will be two panels of speakers:

3:00 *A Tradition of Anonymity*

4:00 *Anonymity in the Information Age*

District 05 Public Information Committee

is proud to sponsor a workshop on anonymity. Join us as we discuss the spiritual foundation of our fellowship and compare and contrast its roots with the challenges we are now facing in the Information Age.

Refreshments and social hour will be after the discussion panels, followed by the normal Saturday Night Speaks, open speaker meeting.

October 18, 2014 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

River Falls Alano Club
W9896 770th Ave
River Falls, WI

For more information please contact Paul M.
at 715-245-0167, paulausible@gmail.com

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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 ODD numbered months 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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