



# The District View

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District 05 meeting in  
Menomonie Wisconsin!  
1412 6th Street E  
Menomonie, WI 54751-3331  
1/14/2015 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 1** We admitted we were powerless over alcohol - that our lives had become unmanageable.

**Tradition 1** Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

**Concept 1** Final responsibility and ultimate authority of A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

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Treatment Kevin K.  
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## Happy New Year District 05!

I cannot believe that 2014 has come to a close! What a year it has been. It has been a privilege serving as your District Committee Member (DCM). All of you have taught and shown me so much. It sure was busy this past year. Let us reflect on some of the work all of you did carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. District 05 was involved in/presented over 10 workshops this past year. This is a testament to our active groups and committees working diligently to engage our recovery community in service opportunities that enable us to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic in jails, prisons, treatment facilities, schools and more.

Our workshops have also aimed at understanding and practicing our traditions while doing service work. Countless alcoholics were reached as a result of our workshops this past year, thank you for all your hard work!

Our CPC, Treatment, PI, and Corrections committees have been thriving and have accomplished much and have set goals to work towards in 2015 – they can use your help!

District 05 hosted the Area 74 Fall Conference! Nearly 400 alcoholics and al-anons gathered for a weekend of celebration of our three legacies and it was wonderful!

We have done a lot and there is a lot more planned! Wicypaa will kick off the New Year on January 9 -11 at the Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire. Our P.I. Committee is hosting an anonymity workshop on Jan. 31 in Menomonie Alano Club. District 5 will be presenting Big Book Seminar which will be free and open to all who wish to know more about our book on February 7 at the Menominee Leisure Center.

Our first monthly GSR meeting of 2015 will be Wednesday, January 14 at 6:45 – please join us, it would be an honor to have you there.

In Service,

Nicholas S.

District 05 DCM

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## District 05 Monthly Meeting

**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

6:45pm opened with Serenity Prayer

Introductions: GSR'S present- (10) total in attendance (21)

### Nicholas S. Comments:

- Nicholas read an article from Bill W. on “Responsibility of Leadership” and spoke to the group with a deep heart about his shortcomings and failures of leading last month’s meeting, and apologized for that, showing his humanness!

### Secretary’s Report: Shane

- Sent around contact list will update Soon!
- Reports Due: Grapevine, Literature, Newsletter, and CVIG
- Reports Due next month: Archives, CPC, Treatment, and Treasures Report.

### Treasures Report: Ron. S

- Savings Acct: \$454.62
- Checking Acct: \$1,190.83
- Total cash assets: \$1,645.45

### Workshop Report: Paul H.

- River Falls treatment workshop was a success! Hoping to expand treatment over to the west side of our district
- Anonymity Work Shop, When: January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Where: Menomonie Alano Club. Time: 1-4pm

- Big Book Seminar, When: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Where: Menomonie Leisure Center. Save the Date! More information to come, It will be free to attend!

**Grapevine Report: Gary S.**

- Gary has been busy attending the workshops and bringing grapevine display with.
- Gary will be at the Anonymity Workshop on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

**Literature Report: Wayne W.**

- Literature was set up at two workshops since the last report was given.
- 2 books sold for a total of \$19.75, which is the replacement value.
- Wayne said he will have purchase replacements to have on display for the next district 05 function.
- *There are 37 hardcover Big Books available for the district to distribute from the Fall Conference 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. Wayne has those books.*

**Newsletter Report: Andy W.**

- Thank you Andy for stepping in, and getting the newsletter out this month!

**Fall Conference Report: Bryon B.**

- Bryon brought a final copy of the financial report. Any questions with the report please contact Bryon.

**Wicypaa Conference Report: Shawna R.**

- Shawna was not present to give her report. Come and support Wicypaa on January 9,10,11<sup>th</sup> at the Plaza Hotel, in Eau Claire.

**Intergroup Report: Bob B.**

- Bob brought a new order form that will go in effect on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 for literature purchases.
- Contact Bob at 715-590-2026 if you have any questions.

**Group Updates: Jason L.**

- The Blair and Augusta meetings our now off the meeting list.
- A new meeting on Friday in Eau Claire has been added to the meeting list. "6:30pm, Awesome Women Empowered (Women Only!) Big Book. Affinity house 3042 Kilbourne Ave."

**DCM Report: Nicholas S.**

Registered for the 2015 Conferences and booked hotel, please do the same. Carpool room pooling!

Attended the treatment committee workshop in River Falls on 12/6/2014

Registered for the 2015 International Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous – Please look into it!

[www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)

Area Committee Meeting this Saturday in Three Lakes – Will not be attending

Conference Call was Thanksgiving Eve – did not attend.

I again thank you for your patience as this past 1-2 months have not been leadership by example. I have had a post-conference hang-over and lost proper balance in managing my time allotment to AA, school, work, and family. I seek to improve upon that balance that will allow for more consistent constructive leadership!

**Old Business:**

- Newsletter Editor: Ron S. has stepped down from Newsletter Editor. Last month Andy W. was suggested to be our next newsletter editor. Andy was present at the meeting and spoke to the

group, and took his name out of the hat for our next Newsletter Editor.

- After much discussion and a vote by the group, we have a new Newsletter Editor. Eric K. Eric brings much experience, and will do great. Congrats Eric for being of service!

### New Business:

#### **BUDGET FOR 2015:**

- I have attached Ron's proposed budget. Please open, and look it over. Committee Chairs and GSR'S please take back to your groups and discuss. Bring back next month for any revisions and a statement, why.
- A motion was brought forward to vote on at our next district 05 monthly meeting, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. **On the creation of an AD HOC COMMITTEE. I have attached the motion, please open and look it over, and take back to your groups to discuss.**

#### **Reimbursements that were approved today!**

- \$87.00 to Nicholas S. for Expenses
- \$23.00 to Jason L. for copies of the meeting list.
- \$50.00 gift card to the care taker of our Facility.

NEXT MEETING JANUARY, 14<sup>th</sup> 2015

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## **Lighting the Fire Under My Recovery**

Greetings fellow District 05 members,

I hope by now you have all heard about WICYPAA (Wisconsin Conference of Young People in AA) and the upcoming conference. If not, I hope to take a minute and illustrate my experience with WICYPAA and how it has truly ignited a fire under my program of recovery.

My first experience with WICYPAA, or for that matter, any sort of YPAA event, was in Madison, for the 2014 WICYPAA conference. I, like some others I've spoken with, attended this conference harboring a bit of contempt prior to investigation. I was certain this YPAA scene was nothing but a bunch of young kids running amuck with no clue what a "good" program of recovery looked like. I sat through the Friday night opening events, arms crossed, convinced I was above all the hootin' and hollerin' going on. The speaker that night shared her story of recovery and it resonated with me. I spent the next day attending some amazing panels and connecting with people on a level I had never experienced before, both individuals from Eau Claire as well as others from throughout the country as a whole. To make a long story short, by Sunday I was sitting on a fellow member's shoulders, waving the Wisconsin state flag, using up what little voice I had left from all the hootin' and hollerin' I was doing throughout the weekend. Most importantly though, I left that conference committed to joining the next WICYPAA host committee, charged with carrying this message to the suffering alcoholics in our back yard, Eau Claire. In one weekend, I went from believing YPAA

was a farce, to an inability to express my love and passion for this movement.

Since that weekend in January, I've been blessed to serve as Chair of the 2015 WICYPAA conference, to be held January 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Plaza Hotel in Eau Claire. To put it simply, it has been a humbling experience that has challenged me and allowed me to grow in my own recovery. I know this conference has done the same for many of my fellow committee members and countless others in our community. We've laughed, we've cried, we've made new friends and gotten angry with others... we've stayed sober. Not only have we stayed sober, but this conference has allowed us to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic in ways I never imagined. A handful of us have started one of the first "Young Person's" meetings on the UWEC campus, along with a student organization committed to reaching out a hand to the struggling college student. I continue to see an increasing amount of "young people" grab hold of this program, but also a growing number of our more "senior" members step up and get involved.

So what am I trying to say? It doesn't matter how old or young you are, I would love nothing more than to see you in January at the Plaza hotel. Whether, like me, you come to prove that this whole YPAA scene is a complete farce, or you come to simply participate in an amazing AA conference, I can guarantee you won't leave the conference the same. What have you got to lose? AA will always refund your misery if you want!

Matt D.  
Wicypaa XXII Chair

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

## To Area Delegates/Panel 64s and Panel 63s:

Warm Holiday greetings from all of your friends at G.S.O.! To the Panel 63s who are rotating, please pass along the following information to your incoming delegate.

Before anymore time slips by, we need your help to provide some accurate information about the 2015 International Convention. It has been brought to our attention that there is some misinformation that is circulating in some groups that the 2015 International Convention has "sold out." As you know, this is not the case.

Please note the following:

- Registration is still open and the International Convention is not "sold out."
- The Georgia World Congress Center (Convention Center) in Atlanta has ample space to welcome and accommodate more registered attendees than we have had in the past.
- We have ample seating in the Georgia Dome for everyone who has registered and for tens of thousands more registered attendees.
- There is plenty of housing available in Atlanta and outlying areas as our convention hotel block has been extended and will continue to expand to meet the needs of our attendees.
- We have added Dorms to our housing mix for those who are interested in lower room rates and information can be accessed through a link on the [housing page](#) from our website.

### Changing from Hotel to Dorm Housing:

Dorm housing is available on a first-come, first-served basis and reservations must be done directly through the dorm facility, *not through the Housing Bureau*. If an attendee makes a dorm reservation and subsequently needs to cancel their original hotel reservation made through the Housing Bureau, the hotel cancellation fee will be waived *only if done by February 15*.

We encourage everyone to keep going to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) for Convention information.

We hope you will plan to join us in Atlanta!

With appreciation for all your service, helping others,

Eva S., G.S.O. Staff

2015 IC Coordinator



# **Chippewa Valley Intergroup (CVIG)**

**Since 2007, CVIG has tried to help still suffering alcoholics connect with people who have found a solution, be a resource for AA groups, and to encourage AA unity.**

**CVIG is known for three things:**

- 1. Coordination of a 24/7 hotline: 800-471-9876**
- 2. Providing Literature to groups and individuals at the lowest possible cost**
- 3. Annual Fall Unity Picnic**

**We invite you to join with us in a spirit of service and unity.**

**Right now there are opportunities to help with: literature, cellphone, 12-step work, web development and other special projects including the annual picnic.**

**Feel free to talk with:**

**Randy D, Bob B, Lori B, Mike M, Brett Z, John S or Eric M or any of the Intergroup Reps...**

**...Or you can join us at a monthly meeting where we try to imagine how we can better serve the AA Community!**

**CVIG meets regularly on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6PM at Club 12.**

**The District View is a nonprofit newsletter published by District 5 in Area 74 for the purpose of providing local communication between the district committee, groups within the district, and individual AA members.**

**It is published monthly for members of the AA fellowship. Electronic subscription to The District View is free.**

**Print subscriptions are available at the cost of \$10 per year but members are urged to use the electronic option. Approved AA related fliers may be inserted into the District View for a nominal fee, contact the editor for more information.**

**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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