

Serving Pierce, Pepin, Buffalo, Eau Claire and Trempealeau & parts of Saint Croix, Dunn Chippewa counties

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

#### **Message from our Pat T - District Committee Member**

Hello District 5,

I don't have much to share for the newsletter this month. I am feeling incredibly grateful. AA has given me so much and I hope to be able to freely give what has so freely been given to me. I wish everyone a joyous holiday season!

Yours in service, Pat T DCM D05

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Next District 05 of Area 74 Monthly GSR Meeting: Wednesday, January 8th @ 6:45PM Conference Organizational Meeting: Wednesday, January 8th @4:45pm

2nd Wednesday of each month. In-person and virtually.

Alano Club 12 2926 Pomona Drive Eau Claire, WI 54701 Zoom Meeting Id: 829 0126 1204 Password: district05

To learn about various agenda items and reports from Area 74, visit <a href="http://district05.org">http://district05.org</a>.



Grapevine Important Updates Here
DISTRICT 05 THE VIEW NEWSLETTER

Send an email to: <a href="mailto:newsletter@district05.org">newsletter@district05.org</a> to request a digital copy in your inbox each month.

AREA 74 NEWSLETTER SIGN UP

To sign up to receive a copy of the Area 74 Newsletter "Now and Then", please email <a href="mailto:nowandthen@area74.org">nowandthen@area74.org</a>

Step one, we admitted we are powerless over alcohol and that our lives had become unmanageable. In my very first experience, after just a meeting or two, I immediately recognized my powerlessness over alcohol and the unmanageability of my life, though I didn't fully comprehend the severity and progression of my alcoholism at that time, and I allowed my misconceptions about God to keep me away from Alcoholics Anonymous.

Years later, I returned with willingness, believing I understood my powerlessness better. I had tried everything to quit drinking on my own and consistently failed. This time, I was willing to work with a sponsor and engage in step work. Through reading the Doctor's Opinion and More about Alcoholism, I gained a deeper understanding of what it meant to be a true alcoholic - one of the seemingly hopeless variety. Despite experiencing months of serenity, and having seen the results of abstinence, I must have had reservations because I ended up drinking again for thirty days before returning to recovery. I'm now grateful for that relapse because it solidified my understanding that I can never safely drink alcohol. The unmanageability of my life was apparent from the beginning, and through meetings, sponsorship, and step work, my life improved significantly. I think this gave a false sense of security to me.

Initially, I thought my life would eventually become manageable, but through continuing to practice this program and its principles, especially with a solid third step practice, I've learned that I shouldn't be managing my life - there are aspects that aren't mine to control. Recently, when I received negative news about my employment affecting my working hours, I took an inventory to determine my role in the situation. Though upset for a few days, I realized none of it was mine to own - I had caused no harm. My life is still unmanageable today, and I am just as powerless over alcohol as the first day I walked through the doors.

The days when I accept my alcoholism and life's unmanageability are the days I can maintain serene mindfulness instead of agitated manipulation. When I find myself trying to manage the unmanageable or control things beyond my control, the best way back to serenity is simply believing in my higher power - requiring just a shift in perspective. Then turning my will and life over to that power, and doing an inventory. I can't just practice one step, as Bill wrote "practice these principles in all of our affairs".

This all starts and stops for me with step 1. This program is remarkably simple, yet I often forget that it works. Staying involved in service work and my home group helps me remember how the program works and continue practicing it. Having worked through the twelve steps and surrounding myself with men who believe in sponsorship, I've found that carrying the message to others serves as a powerful reminder of my powerlessness and my past. It's an honor to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous, and though I initially wanted to decline when asked to write this, I had no excuse not to.

Brian B Alcoholic, Eau Claire, Wi

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Just click on an event to open the flyer for that event or visit the District 05 website for updated event listings: <a href="http://www.district05.org/calendar/">http://www.district05.org/calendar/</a>

- Oct 3-5 2025 : Recovery on the River (preregistration open)
- Jan 11th 2025 : Emotional Sobriety Workshop, Menomonie
- Jan 8th 2025 : 2026 ECR and Area Conference Organizational Meeting

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#### AA Grapevine, Inc. Announces a Price Increase on Books

December 2024, New York, NY: AA Grapevine, the international monthly journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, will add a \$1.00 increase to all book prices beginning February 1, 2025. This affects both Grapevine and La Viña titles. AA Grapevine does not accept contributions or advertising and strives to be self-supporting through the sale of print and digital magazine subscriptions, books, and other items. The 2025 price increase will help AA Grapevine, Inc. keep up with the steadily rising paper, printing, and shipping costs that all publishers currently face. AA Grapevine looks forward to and relies on your continued support. If you have any questions regarding this price increase, please contact Customer Relations.

Read the	complete ann	ouncement			

#### Announcing:

A.A. Service Manual, Revised and Updated 2024-2026 Edition NOW IN PRINT!

December 20, 2024 Dear A.A. Friends,

We are delighted to announce that the new *A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service: 2024-2026 Edition, Revised and Updated (Item BM-31)* is now available in print format – in English. Available now for ordering on the AAWS webstore!

<u>Order</u> the A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service: 2024-2026 Edition, Revised and Updated (English, Item BM-31)

**NOTE:** The digital version in English is also available for reading on <u>aa.org</u>. And French and Spanish (in both digital and print editions) will follow soon, in early 2025.

With all best A.A. wishes,

David R. Karina C. Malini Singh

Publishing Director Group Services Staff coordinator Director of Operations

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#### District 05 Treasurer's Report:

#### **DECEMBER 2024 REPORT**

Beginning Bala	nce	
CHECKINGS		3,807.42
SAVINGS		612.69
OUTGOING		
11/14/2024	Administration: Emails	\$ 38.28
11/16/2024	Administration: Zoom Account	\$ 16.87
12/4/2024	Treatment: PLBB	\$ 330.00
12/10/2024	Grapevine: Display*	\$ 84.38
12/10/2024	Treatment: Treatment Workbooks	\$ 30.60
12/10/2024	PI: AA.org - Literature	\$ 257.55
12/10/2024	PI: Amazon - Literature Rack*	\$ 206.10
12/10/2024	Administration: PO Box	\$ 182.00

INCOMING		
12/10/2024	669717	\$ 100.00

Ending Balance		
CHECKINGS		3,052.12
SAVINGS	0.20 INTEREST	612.89

\*has not been cashed

2024 BUDGET	STARTING	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	REMAINING
ADMINISTRATION	\$1,800	\$ (68.68)	\$ (52.87)	\$ (153.82)	\$ (110.47)	\$ (16.87)	\$ (136.87)	\$ (16.87)	\$ (16.87)	\$ (16.87)	\$ (136.87)	\$ (32.28)	\$ (198.87)	\$841.79
ALT. DCM	\$250					\$ 25.00								\$275.00
ARCHIVES	\$65				\$ 500.00									\$565.00
CORRECTIONS	\$500				\$ (117.01)				\$ (419.38)	\$ 1,200.00				\$1,163.61
CPC	\$250			\$ (42.00)							\$ (178.30)			\$29.70
DCM	\$700			\$ (98.48)		\$ (235.48)	\$ (245.37)			\$ (170.02)	\$ 50.00			\$0.65
GRAPEVINE	\$50						\$ (33.10)						\$ (84.38)	\$32.52
LITERATURE	\$50						, , , ,						, , , , , ,	\$50.00
NEWSLETTER	\$25													\$25.00
PI	\$1,500		\$ (615.00)			\$ (36.00)	\$ (273.75)	\$ (90.00)					\$ (450.22)	\$35.03
SPECIAL NEEDS	\$50		(0.000)			(20.00)	(273.10)	(22.00)					, (1001LL)	\$50.00
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WEBSITE	\$120													\$120.00
WORKSHOPS	\$2,400													\$2,400.00

Treatment Budget

Treatment Budget						
START	400					
JAN	-25.11					
FEB	-37.98					
MAR	-194.69					
APR	-60					
MAY						
JUN	-30					
JUL		650				
AUG	-468.91					
SEP						
ост	-30	29				
NOV	-232.22	365.05	-330			
DEC	-30.6					

Total Outgoing -1439.51

Total Budget 1442.05

Leftover 2.54

#### **BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2025** START INCREASE/FULL SPENT IN 2024 LEFT FOR 2024 % USED 2025 PROPOSAL \$1,800 \$1,800 958.21 1,100.00 ADMINISTRATION 841.79 53% \$250 \$275 275.00 ALT. DCM 0% \$65 \$565 565.00 ARCHIVES 536.39 \$1,700 \$ 1,163.61 1,700.00 CORRECTIONS 32% \$250 \$250 220.30 29.70 250.00 CPC 88% \$700 749.35 (49.35)99.00% 1,200.00 \$50 \$150 117.48 32.52 180.00 78% LITERATURE 50.00 0% \$25 NEWSLETTER \$25 25.00 0% 1,464.97 \$1,500 \$1,500 \$ 35.03 1,500.00 98% \$50 \$50 50.00 SPECIAL NEEDS 0% \$400 1,442.05 1,439.51 1,200.00 TREATMENT 0.09 99%

\$120

\$2,400

WEBSITE

WORKSHOPS

\$120

\$2,400

YTD Incoming: \$5,287.51

YTD Outgoing: \$5,475.34

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## **Great Service Opportunity!**

2026 ECR and Area Conference organizational meeting

1/8/2025 4:45pm

Alano Club 12

2926 Pomona Drive Eau Claire, WI 54701

Zoom ID: 829 0126 1204 PW: district05

Suggested Roles to be filled

Conference Chair/Co-Chair

Treasurer/Co-treasurer

**Facilities** 

Transportation/shuttles

Meals

Overnight accommodation

Registration

PI/Outreach

Programs/agenda

Hospitality

Entertainment

Please contact Pat Treacy, cell 847-721-0977, dcm@district05.0rg with questions.

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#### **District 05 GSR Meeting Minutes**

District 05 GSR Meeting Minutes – Wednesday December 11th, 2024, 6:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. (Zoom)

Opening: Serenity Prayer – GSR'S Present (5 in person- 4 online) - - Max- 12th Tradition

Welcome:

Introductions, Housekeeping, Anniversaries, Speaking Engagements, Review of

Membership Guidelines

Reports (3-5 minutes each)

Note: Email reports to secretary prior to monthly GSR meetings

Officers

• DCM (Pat T)

o Organizational meeting flyer is out, meeting is on 1/8/24 at 4:45pm just before the district meeting at the Alano Club, several chair positions available—please come and see if you fit into one of the roles—it is highly rewarding and good experience

----Please bring to your groups----

o Special accessibilities chair is looking to pass the torch–be great if we could find someone to

fill the spot

o Actively reviewing the guidelines, one more meeting before we finish the draft and present the

changes to the groups

o Attended a zoom call with the corrections committee

Corrections committee for wisconsin died suddenly, condolences go out to Hawk's family

Another meeting on 12/30 at 5pm-zoom info available-reach out to Pat or Nicholas

o Delegate is going to host DCM call on 1st Tuesday of the month (zoom)

o Half way through our term in district-I welcome any feedback on the district service

o Attended the ACM-for DCMs on Dec 7th-talked about celebration for life for Hawk this thursday,

also funeral service for andy b on friday-two sad losses for our fellowship

o How do we get more involved as committee members?

o Our next district meeting will be 1/8/25 6:45pm, at Club 12 and online.

Questions:

Brian: Do you have any updates on the Area Finance Committee?

Pat: I have no update on that particular issue. The upcoming meeting will be addressing it.

Received a letter to suspend contributions to the area because of some issues with the delegate.

Will see if I can forward it. There's finance issue discussions that will be brought up.

Brian: We have volunteers that will help oversee the inventory for the finance committee as a third

party.

Jim: Suggestion-Maybe that inventory should be shared so we can discuss it.

Max: there was inventory data already done

Max: Did you talk about the special assembly?

Pat: I did not. Dec 9th there was a special assembly. Char V for trustee was nominated with 20-4 vote. Congrats Char.

Max: Did you mention structures with guidelines?

Pat: yes

Max: I was thinking about the February time frame.

Pat: We will talk about it later down in business.

- Alt. DCM (Courtney R.)
- o Not much to report
- o No recent workshops
- o Been communicating with Isaiah mostly
- o If you have a workshop for your group bring it to my attention
- Secretary (Joe S)
- o Reminder to email reports before next month's meeting

o area74.org under links has new group forms and group change forms that are fillable pdf's.

Please email forms to me as well (jsargeant3@gmail.com), so I can update our list.

Max motioned to approve minutes-Brian seconded

-Vote taken- 5- in person, and 6- online

\*\*\*Minutes Approved, GSR Passed\*\*\*

• Treasurer (Kaufua)

o Detailed report circulated.

o As a courtesy for Pat-I try to send report 24 hrs ahead of time so anything not within that time

will not be reflected on the report o Paid PO box, and it is under mine and Pat's name (he is a

secondary to it)

o Black bar on the sheet is the treatment committee which has a separate sheet

o 4th sheet is budget proposals

o Archives is not on the printout because it was not received prior to sending it to Pat

o text or send to personal email if you want a reimbursement (in case district email is not working)

o kaufua\_xiong@hotmail.com

o (715) 579-3350

Balances: Savings = \$612.89

Checking = \$3,052.12

Discussion:

Patti: PO box for one year?

Kaufua: Yes. Do you feel like we are paying too much?

Patti: Yes, but don't change it because you will lose your box #.

Max: Is there a budget breakdown?

Kaufua: Yes there is. If you want I can send you the statement.

Max: For each month?

Kaufua: Yes

Max: What about proposals?

Kaufua: It's on the fourth sheet.

Max: Do we have line items?

Kaufua: No they don't. They are here to argue their points tonight.

Committees

Corrections (Pam S)

Got our first pre-release form in PO Box! Please let me know if you need a form.

o Jim and Carey went to the county board meeting in Buffalo County.

■ Clark and Buffalo fell off Wed and Sat meetings

■ Trempealeau is a good one

■ Talk to Jim S to get on the tele-zoom meetings

1st tuesday at 6pm

Jake attended the conference—he will give his experience

Jake: I attended virtually because I was sick. Still a cool experience. Listened to speakers and panelists. People who were murderers and had life sentences. There was inmate to inmate sponsoring. There was a bid process for 2026 in another state. Learned about history about meetings being held in prisons. Highest attended corrections conference since inception. I learned that at the 2015 convention in Atlanta, the main speaker was currently spending time in prison in Georgia.

• PI (Doug)

Helping tomorrow with a treatment event at McKinley

o Been invited to DHS eau claire to sit on one of their groups (drug court) in february

o Looking to change meeting time-conflicts with another committee meeting

#### • CPC (Jim P)

- There seems to be an ongoing synergy regarding an effort to engage juvenile detention and youth services staff about the utility of AA in their work. Some of our members have made informal suggestions via face-to-face contact. I have sent emails to likely contacts that I have found through the web pages. Nothing concrete has materialized yet
- We are going to be cancelling our December meeting. There are activities in progress that we have not heard responses on. We will have our next meeting on Monday, January 13th, at 7 PM, at Starbucks on Clairemont in Eau Claire.
- --Please update the website to reflect this!--
- Treatment (Isaiah A)
- Purchased 30 PLBB and distributed them to treatment centers we host meetings at. Looking to hear feedback from them. Arbor place seems to be the most active and responsive.
- o Reached out to multiple community businesses offering information about AA– the McKinley Charter School replied. Tomorrow (12/11) there's an open house–Sue and Kyrstin will be at an open table with some literature (1:30-5:00PM)...the principal seems very interested in working with us. Moving forward, we will see if we can provide them with literature. I was surprised to see how responsive the school was
- Natalie H did a wonderful job in coordinating speakers. She will be transitioning off the committee at the end of the year.
- Special Accessibilities (Jim S)

N/A

Pat: Jim S is looking to pass his position for Special Accessibilities. Anyone interested please get a hold of me.

• Committee to Review Guidelines Update

Max: Finalizing changes. Met 3 or 4 times and going to bring a marked up doc to the committee

and send it out before the February meeting for everyone to review and approve (or disapprove).

Pat: We removed alot of implications and made it more concise Max: each committee chair can

jump to their sections and review it.

Pat: This is not an overnight approval. It will take time.

• 2026 ECR and Area 74 Conference organizational meeting 1/8/25 4:45pm

• Send Contact Info to: secretary@district05.org (or jsargeant3@gmail.com ) and

dcm@district05.org

**New Business:** 

Budget proposals for 2025

Jim: Just an idea—one way to make the budget more accurate year to year—create a discretionary

budget line that's labeled "misc" and may help the committees that go over their budget.

Administration: Proposing \$1100

Alt-DCM-\$275

Archives-\$640

Corrections-\$1700

CPC-\$250

DCM-\$1200

Grapevine:\$180 Literature-\$50 Newsletter-\$25 PI-\$1500 Special Needs-\$50 Treatment-\$1200 Website-\$563 Workshops-\$2400 voting: 5 in person and 6 online-in favor none opposed...passed unanimously. \*\*Budget Approved for 2025\*\* Discussions: Max: I wanted to give Weaver the opportunity to talk about new technology. Weaver: Big picture is moving our email, etc. to one of the bigger email hosts to make it easier for the 2 year position rotation for anybody who wants to take it over. That is why the increase. Max: There a way to have zero downtime? (for transitioning) Weaver: We should be pretty close to no downtime. Brian: We just paid for some services...will it be prorated back? Weaver: No. There's a stagger in the charges. It's a corporate way of making more money. Max: Regarding history, I don't know what kind of email backups we get, but will we be able to maintain all of that? Weaver: My plan is to move everything. I think that should be possible, but I haven't figured it all out yet. I will start in January if the proposal passes. I will talk about them to everyone first before I pull any triggers. My plan is to keep it all though.

Jim: We should have more flexibility for the workshop spending, that is why there was so much

left.

Pat: It was discussed that it was strictly for district committee related things.

Patti: This is from the Northside trying to put on a workshop but not being able to pay the rent. The

budget is an incentive for the district to put on workshops. It was for everyone and not just

committee members.

Weaver: It is a separate issue that needs to be addressed another time and not be the focus of

this meeting.

Pat: It was based on a \$200 per month per potluck.

Service Workshop Venue (Isaiah)

o Idea is to put on a nice event and do a lot of outreach to districts and have chairs and members

to be more interested and knowledgeable in their positions.

Budget proposal is for \$2000

o Having it at a hotel looks more attractive. We would like to host it at the Best Western in Eau

Claire (\$1200 for venues)

Having a working lunch type style would be a good thing instead of having people leaving to go

get food (\$600 for lunch catering) o Any extra expenses and coffee (\$200)

Patti: Date?

Isaiah: March 29th, 2025

Pat: We have money for that?

Isaiah: I was hoping the workshop budget would be okay for it?

Pat: It is not.

\*Some discussion and cross talking over where the original purpose of the budget came from\*

Brian: I would like to open for discussion on removing some of the restrictions on using the workshop budget.

Pat: I will add that to new business. Bring it back to your groups and discuss how we want to use

the workshop budget. Do we want to take the 200 per month for potlucks and allocate it for that instead?

Max: Is it safe to say the language of the "workshop" budget confused you? Maybe we should rename it from "workshop" to maybe a "potluck" budget.

Kaufua: Present a motion so we can vote on it.

Pat: Isaiah needs to bring forth a motion for this specific event.

Brian: I would like for individual groups to discuss it.

Pat: I agree. We will put it on new business for next month

Open Mic (2mins)

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 8th @ 6:45PM—-Conference Organizational meeting @4:45pm

Reports Due:

Open Forum, Sharing Session

Closing: Responsibility Statement

"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be here. And for that: I am responsible."

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## General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

475 Riverside Drive, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10115 / Telephone: (212) 870-3400

Please direct all communications to:

Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 459, New York, NY 10163 Fax: (212) 870-3003

November 24, 2024

To: GSRs, Alt GSRs, DCMs and Chairs, Area Officers and Committee Chairs, Delegates, Alt Delegates, Appointed Committee Members, Non-trustee Directors, Trustees, GSO Employees, Intergroups and Central Offices, Group Contacts

Dear A.A. Friends:

The response to the release of the Plain Language Big Book has been heartwarming. The initial print run of just over 70,000 copies sold out in only two weeks!

In preparation for a second printing, the General Service Board noted revisions that better align with the 74th General Service Conference's recommendation (Advisory Action) to move ahead with the printing of the book.

Prior to the first printing, the General Service Board made adjustments to align with the Conference's direction. However, the Board now realizes the adjustments that were made fell short. A regrettable and unintentional mistake had been made. We have worked together to correct those mistakes quickly.

The changes outlined below may be very consequential for some, and less significant for others, but the Board feels responsible to see that the Advisory Action from the Conference is carried out.

In addition to the changes to the text of the Plain Language Big Book outlined below, the language on the back flap will be amended to better reflect the progress of this project. The third sentence will now read, "The 72nd GSC reviewed a progress report, and sample chapters were reviewed at the 73rd GSC."

My sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused any of our members, and I appreciate your patience and understanding. The order for the second printing has been placed to include the changes outlined below. We expect the book to be back in stock in approximately 4-6 weeks.

Thank you again for your understanding. I hope you find the Plain Language Big Book a useful tool for reading the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, and helpful with carrying our life saving message.

- On page 64, remove the sentence "It seems to control and punish people who are addicted to it" from the last paragraph.
- On page 9, remove the definition of "Addiction" from the Glossary section.
- On page 11, revise the sentence "Dr. Silkworth ran the Charles B. Towns Hospital for Drug and Alcohol Addictions in New York City during the 1930s."
   To read:
  - "Dr. Silkworth ran the Charles B. Towns Hospital for alcoholism and drug addiction in New York City during the 1930s."
- On page 14, revise the sentence "I help people recover from their alcohol and drug addictions"
   To read:
  - "I help people recover from their alcoholism and drug addiction."
- "On page 139, revise the sentence "In one of these cities there is a well-known hospital for the treatment of alcohol and drug addiction."
   To read:
  - "In one of these cities there is a well-known hospital for the treatment of alcoholism."

Concept 12 – The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. 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, substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government; that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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#### Awesome, Most Rewarding Service Opportunity!

Plans are underway with the Chippewa County Jail to begin AA meetings beginning in mid-to-late January 2025. To begin, meetings will be for the male population there. This rewarding service opportunity is open to anyone with at least 2 years of continual Sobriety.

A short application form for background check is required by the Jail.

Please contact Claire Z, at 715-239-5484 or czelaskobiz@gmail.com to receive an application form and more details. You can also contact John BB at 715-429-0393, the Corrections Committee representative for District 06, for details.

At this time, we are seeking male AA members to attend the mens inmate meetings currently being planned on Saturday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. beginning in mid-to-late January.

Sign up will take place by email and calendar assignments monthly for the coming month. Each meeting should have between 2 and 4 members in attendance to ensure the meetings are covered (as Jim S. does with the Correctional Treatment Facility meetings in Chippewa). A weekly NA meeting for female inmates specifically is being coordinated also. The same application form applies. More details will be shared via the NA community.

Thank you for adding this to your service work - or starting your service journey here with this hugely gratifying opportunity!

If you have an application form and are ready to send it in, please send it via mail, or email as an attachment, or by fax to Allison Lebakken, as follows:

Deputy Allison Lebakken Program Director Chippewa County Sheriff's Office

Jail Division 50 E Spruce Street Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Email: <u>alebakken@chippewacountywi.gov</u>

Jail Fax: 715-726-7827

When you have sent your application form in, please text Claire Z at 715-239-5484 or John BB at 715-429-0393 to let either know so that a meeting list of approved members can be created.

#### **AREA 74 2024 Dates to Remember**

Area 74 –Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Northern Wisconsin

The servants of Area 74 are excited to provide the "Dates to Remember" calendar for the Area 74 Service Structure. We are lucky to live in an area that hosts many conferences, workshops, and fellowship events. As your trusted servants, we sometimes miss the chance to participate in local events because they conflict with the service events you have entrusted us to conduct.

We hope that, by providing the Area 74 Dates to Remember, calendar in early fall; it can be considered as you plan your service and fellowship events for the coming year.

We look forward to seeing you at the following events:

December 7, 2024 Area 74 Committee Meeting - Virtual

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News and Notes from the General Service Office of A.A.®

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Greetings Fellow Servants,

Please begin reviewing and familiarizing yourself with the attached potential agenda items. Discuss these at District, share with your GSRs and ask me questions. This is not the finalized list and we do not have background information yet, but this is what we will be discussing at the Delegate's workshop and 75th General Service Conference. The full list of submitted PAIs (Potential Agenda Items) will be made available soon.

[[These documents were not posted in this newsletter, please contact Nicolas if you would like him to email them to you: thenjshow@aol.com ]]

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider, A74/P74 Delegate

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Dear AA Friends,

Greetings from the General Service Office (GSO) Corrections Desk:

The 2024 General Service Conference has requested that GSO gather shared experience on how A.A. members encourage and engage members in corrections service. In keeping with this suggestion we are requesting that you share your experience in corrections service. Please complete the following survey by clicking link below:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5J7PVS5

We appreciate receiving your feedback no later than December 15, 2024 when the poll will close. We are grateful for the dedication of A.A. members like you who make it possible for the A.A. message to be carried to those on the inside.

Nick S., Corrections Coordinator

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### INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

July 3-6, 2025 | Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

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November 25, 2024 Dear A.A. Friends,

We are delighted to announce the new *A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service: 2024-2026 Edition, Revised and Updated (Item BM-31)* is now available in digital format.

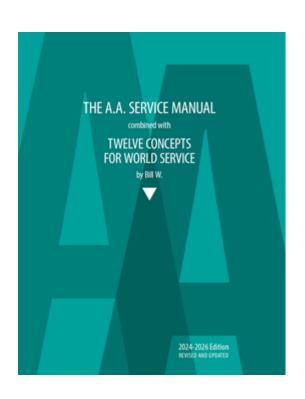
<u>View</u> the A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service: 2024-2026 Edition, Revised and Updated.

Print editions will be coming off press soon, and we will update you when they are available for ordering.

With all best A.A. wishes,

David R. Karina C. Malini Singh

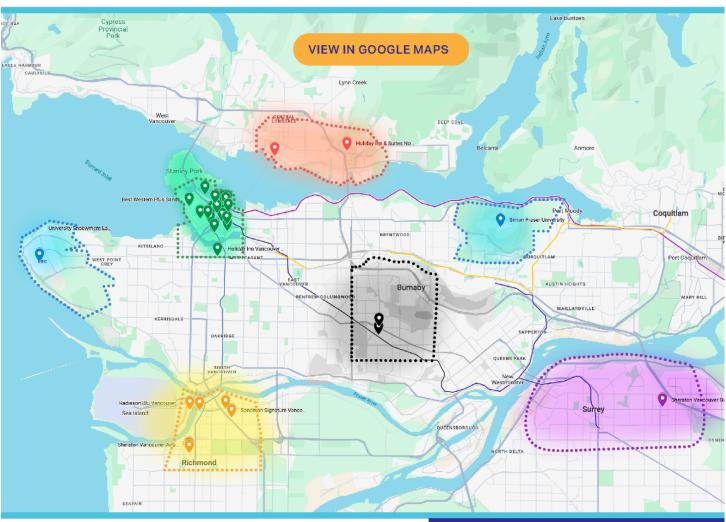
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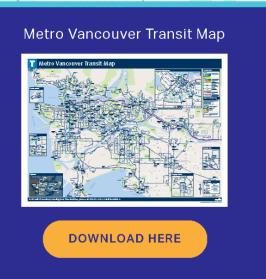


#### 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

# **Vancouver Housing**



- Downtown Area \$221-\$549 CAD
- Burnaby \$360-\$422 CAD
- North Vancouver \$224-\$355 CAD
- Richmond \$200-\$309 CAD
- Surrey \$245 CAD
- Dormitories \$71-\$191 CAD





	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Best Western Plus	21 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Century Plaza Hotel Vancouver	15 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Coast Coal Harbour	8 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Delta Hotels Vancouver Downtown Suites	13 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Fairmont Hotel Vancouver	14 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Fairmont Pacific Rim	3 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Fairmont Waterfront	6 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Georgian Court Hotel	18 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Hilton Vancouver Downtown (formerly Westin Grand)	17 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Holiday Inn & Suites Vancouver Downtown	19 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Holiday Inn Vancouver Centre	24 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Hyatt Regency Vancouver	10 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
JW Marriott Parq Vancouver	23 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Metropolitan Hotel Vancouver	13 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Opus Hotel Vancouver	15 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Pan Pacific Vancouver	6 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront	6 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sandman Hotel Vancouver Downtown	16 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sandman Suites on Davie	19 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre	e 15 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sutton Place Hotel Vancouver	16 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
The DOUGLAS, Autograph	22 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
The Westin Bayshore Hotel	17 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel	5 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
YWCA Hotel	17 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE



\$360-\$422 CAD		
	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Element Vancouver Metrotown	37 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Holiday Inn Express Vancouver-Metrotown	31 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
North Vancouver \$224-\$355 CAD		
\$221 \$000 <b>0</b> /1 <b>0</b>	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Holiday Inn & Suites North Vancouver	47 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier	25 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Richmond		
\$200-\$309 CAD	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Hilton Vancouver Airport	49 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Vancouver Airport Marriott Hote	l 46 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Radisson Blu Vancouver Airport Hotel & Marina (formerly Delta Vancouver Airport)	45 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sandman Signature Vancouver Airport	49 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
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Sheraton Vancouver Airport	46 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Westin Wall Centre Vancouver Airport	42 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Surrey \$245		
	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel	1 hour 3 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
<b>Dormitories</b> \$71-\$191 CAD		
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Simon Fraser University	1 hour	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE