

The District 05 View

FEBRUARY 2026

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

Tradition 2: "For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

Message from DCM Brian B.

Hello everyone and thank you for allowing me to serve as your DCM. I would like to give a brief introduction to myself and my service because this is my first of many letters to our district newsletter in this new role. My name is Brian and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is July 10th, 2020. My Home group is the Back to Basics group. We meet Thursdays 7:00 PM at the KC Hall on Thomas Drive in Eau Claire, WI and we would love to have you join us. I spent the last two years as the GSR for this meeting. I've been actively involved in several different committees at the district level along with several events that were not at all related to the district. I have been attending Area 74 functions for the last two years, and am currently chairing a committee for the East Central Regional/ Area 74 Conference to be held in Eau Claire in June. I want to thank everyone who participated in this year's district elections, and especially all those that have been of service before I found my way to the rooms and through to today.

So far as DCM, I've been able to chair our first GSR meeting. I think it went well, I know it was a longer meeting but we had a lot of new people at the district level and reports from all committees. I'd like to remind everyone that anybody is welcome to attend District meetings as long as they have a desire to stop drinking or stay stopped. I also attended the Area Committee Meeting in Three Lakes Wisconsin. There was some healthy discussion on removing the past delegate's voice and vote at area level; this motion was brought forward by District 5 last fall to the assembly. I encourage anyone to come to the district meeting and participate in our discussions on this topic moving forward. I also had the pleasure of being invited by our past delegate, Nicholas S, to attend a District 7 meeting in Marshfield, WI. We brought our experience and strength to help a district that lost a lot of activity over the past two years.

I would like to encourage anybody reading this today to think about how they have been of service to AA. When I came into this program, it was during "The COVID years". Then everything was virtual. I did get sober on step work and sponsorship with very few meetings. It was obvious proof that this program does work. It was not until I added service to my program, just as our three legacies say, did my life truly begin to flourish. Today I find myself preferring to be of service than to attend a regular meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. I guess what I'm trying to say is there are plenty of ways to serve this district and to serve our area. I know that without this program, I wouldn't have the life that I have today. So me giving back a little time for everything that AA has given me is truly a pleasure and an honor. I feel blessed to be of service to this district and I want everyone to feel welcomed. How can District 05 be of service to you, your group, or the still suffering alcoholics inside and outside of our rooms? Let me know.

"We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny.

May God bless you and keep you - until then.” Pg 164 Alcoholics Anonymous

Brian B DCM District 05
dcm@district05.org

Next District 05 of Area 74 Monthly GSR Meeting: Wednesday, February 11th @ 6:45PM
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 <http://district05.org>.

DISTRICT 05 THE VIEW NEWSLETTER

Send an email to: newsletter@district05.org to request a digital copy in your inbox each month.

Member Share - Step 2 Paul H. ~ Fall Creek

This step is the next link in the strong chain of twelve that will pull us out of Alcoholic insanity. I came to the program with a belief and faith in a Higher Power. I also had tried, on my own, to tap into this power, but was unable to do so. I was not confident this would work for me. I could see it working in others.

How did my fellow AA's do that? Then it came to me that I was over-thinking this. All I needed to do was let God in, with the trust that a small child has in their Father. I did not know how to trust in my Higher Power! When I slowly started to trust in my higher power and as I let go of my own stubborn ego and the belief that I needed to be in control..... that is when the miracle began to happen. I began to be at peace with myself and my God. I was at last able to breathe. I became truly happy with my life and comfortable in my own skin.

To those of you that have not experienced this I will say to you. Stay with it! This is the deal you asked for when you proclaimed you were ready to go to any lengths to be sober. It is not easy, but it does not need to be difficult either. The fellowship will be with you on this joyous journey, as we trudge this road together.

District Events Calendar

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

New/Changed Meetings:

- Haven House, starting January 20th 2026: Tuesdays 3p
- EC Pacific Group Starting time will be 7 PM (not 7:30) beginning February 5, 2026

2026 Event Flyers:

- June 26th-28th 2026 : 2026 ECR & Area 74 Conference (Eau Claire)
 - CLICK HERE TO REGISTER: <https://area74.org/2026-ecr/>
- April 25th 2026 : Eleva Step Group Annual Western WI Traveling Potluck (Eleva)

WE ARE NOT SAINTS CONVENTION

We are so excited to share with you a flyer (end of this newsletter) for our upcoming convention, the 34th Annual We Are Not Saints Convention! Please share out this flyer to your committees, homegroups, sponsorship families, websites, members, clubhouses, et al as you see fit! We hope to see you there and share a weekend of speakers, panels, and fellowship! Register at wearenotsaints.com.

ABOUT AA NEWSLETTER

About AA is the newsletter from the General Service Office of the U.S. and Canada for professionals in all fields who deal with alcoholics. This issue takes a look at A.A.'s "Singleness of Purpose". Thank you for subscribing to the G.S.O. Digital Delivery service! Click here for the current issue of [About AA](#).

Treasurer's Report

Contact the treasure if you have questions or need reimbursement:

- treasurer@district05.org | (715) 579-3350

Carry the Message Behind the Walls – MEN’S AA Volunteers Needed

Are you—or someone you know—interested in bringing an AA meeting to incarcerated individuals? We currently have **openings for male AA volunteers** in two nearby county jails: Trempealeau County (Whitehall) and Buffalo County (Alma).

Contact Jim S. at 715-577-3432 for Trempealeau County and Kerry H. at 608-418-0308 for Buffalo County.

Concept 2 - The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

District 05 GSR Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 14th, 2026 6:45
p.m. – 8:15 p.m. (Zoom)

Zoom ID: 829 0126 1204
PW: district05

Meeting minutes for January, Here is the link for the August minutes where we brought up the motion for past delegates for reference.

<https://district05.org/minutes/2025/202508-Aug-District-05-GSR-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>

Also attached is the Guidelines Article concerning past delegates (also for reference)

Opening: Serenity Prayer – GSR’S Present (7 in person-- 3 online) - -

Welcome: Introductions, Housekeeping, New to District

Reports

(3-5 minutes each)

Note: Email reports to secretary prior to monthly GSR meetings

Officers:

DCM (Brian B)

I attended the ACM (Area Committee Meeting) in Three Lakes, Wi and have submitted a for a reimbursement of 171.67. This includes a split hotel room in Rhinelander, food and mileage.

Notes from the ACM

- Area contributions should be mailed to PO Box 1002, Eau Claire, Wi 54702
- There are open service positions at the area level.
 - Treatment and Accessibility Chair
 - Registrar
 - Alt Secretary
- A couple of ad-hoc committees will be reviewing the area wide change to move to 1 conference a year and moving the assemblies out of the conference.
- The area chat feature is looking for volunteers to answer newcomers through the Area74.org online chat feature.

- There was healthy discussion about the motion for a stipend for past delegates to attend the conference of delegates past and present. This will be brought to the spring assembly.

- Stipend to attend the East Central Region Conference of Delegate's Past and Present "Area 74 will provide a yearly line item budget of \$1000 to past delegates to attend the East Central Region Conference of Delegates Past and Present. This \$1000 will be evenly divided amongst the past delated wishing to attend, not to exceed 250 per past delate.

Submitted by Max S, GSR for the Flimsy Reed Group, District 5

- There was a healthy discussion about the motion to remove past delegates "voice" and "vote". There is still some division on both pieces and it is recommended that the best way to get a clean and accurate consensus of the group's consciousness is that the original motion be repealed and replaced with 2 motions, one covering each piece of the original motion.

Attached below is the original motion (motion 2).

- The original bid for area 74 2027 conference may be repealed because they are struggling to find affordable

	<p>room rates. The rates they quoted the ACM seemed in line with today's current hotel prices. I am uncertain if a move would actually change any costs.</p>	
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(Motion 2)

Motion from District 05

Motion to Remove Past Delegates' Voice and Vote from Area Assemblies

Motion:

I move that effective immediately, Past Delegates of Area 74 no longer hold voice or vote at Area Assemblies. They may be invited by chair or assembly to share experience.

Background & Rationale:

This motion is proposed in alignment with AA's guiding principles of rotation, participation, and balance between authority and responsibility. While the experience of Past Delegates is deeply valued and respected, their continued voice and vote at assemblies raises concerns in the following areas:

1. Spirit of Rotation – Alcoholics Anonymous has long upheld the principle of rotation to encourage fresh leadership and the equitable sharing of service opportunities. Continuing to extend formal participation to Past Delegates may limit this dynamic by sustaining influence from individuals no longer currently serving in elected positions.

2. Right of Participation (Concept IV) – This Concept affirms the right of all current trusted servants to participate fully in decisions affecting their roles. When Past Delegates

	maintain voice and vote, it can	
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dilute the voice of those currently serving in official capacities.

3. Authority and Responsibility Must Match (Concept X) – Voting privileges imply a level of authority. However, Past Delegates do not hold current service responsibilities within the Area structure. Removing their vote ensures that only those with direct accountability and active roles make decisions affecting the Area.

This motion does not restrict the ability of Past Delegates to attend assemblies as observers or to be invited to speak or advise informally when their experience is sought. It simply reaffirms that governance and decision-making authority reside with those currently entrusted to serve.

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Alt. DCM (Kaufua)

- Thus far I have had three groups total reach out to me and confirm a month for the Traveling Pot Luck. I do remember Northside mentioning last year that they had selected a month but have yet to confirm anything with me directly. Other than that, I have submitted the Pot Luck Sign Up flyer and the Monthly District Meeting

Invite flyer to the Newsletter
Editor to help outreach
through all of District 05.

Secretary (Joe S.)

- As always, remember to email reports before the next meeting
- Area74.org under links has new group forms and group change forms that are fillable pdf's. Please email forms to me as well (secretary@district05.org), so I can update our list.

—Motion to approve minutes—

—Seconded—

—Vote taken—

7- in person, and 3-online

*****Minutes Approved Unanimously, GSR Passed*****

Treasurer (Moriah M)

- Detailed report shared.
- send an email or text if you want a reimbursement
- treasurer@district05.org

Balances:

Savings = \$615.35

Checking = \$2,114.08

-Motion to approve report-

-Seconded-

-Vote taken-

7-in person, and 3-online

*****Treasurer's Report Approved, GSR
Passed*****

Committees (All):

CPC (Eric M)

- meeting tomorrow at 6pm
at caribou coffee

Corrections (Nate)

- trying to get
Trempealeau county jail to
start up women's meeting

PI (Kevin)

- small group met
- want to keep our presence at
the fair
- Meeting the first monday at
5:45

Special Accessibilities (Sarialinn)

- meeting in February

Treatment (Sue)

- n/a

Newsletter (Ben)

- n/a

Grapevine (Tim)

- n/a

Literature (Patti)

- no meeting time or place yet, but will let you know

Webmaster (Weaver)

- If you are an incoming chair, you do NOT already have access to your email

account—get ahold of me. Paper passed around.

- Please send updated group information
- If meeting guide app is wrong contact me to fix

Archives (Max)

- We have a heated storage unit transferred over to me.
- Met a week ago and went through a few bins
- If you have old pamphlets, send them our way and we can archive them
- I want to cancel our U-Haul. I have an office where we can put them, cutting the cost by 50%.

<p>Old Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee to Review guidelines update o have a draft, going to review with Pat-going to see if we can set up a new committee for the guidelines • _____ Contact information to secretary@district05.org and dcm@district05.org • Volunteers for Area Chat • District 5 Motion re-committed to ACM in January <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o We should rewrite the motion and send the voice part and the vote part separately. <p>Open discussion to GSR's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New email credentials for Officers and Chairman 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change forms for incoming GSR's and Alt-GSR's • Haven House relationship with AA Discussion open to GSR's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o how the agreement came about and thoughts shared on it in general 	
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<p>New Business:</p>		
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	GSR's: WICYPAA CVIG Recovery on the River	
Open Mic (2mins)		

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, February 11th @ 6:45PM—**

2026 Reports Due: Corrections, PI, CPC, Treatment, Special Accessibilities

Closing: **Responsibility Statement:**“I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.”

GUIDELINES

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. General Membership in Area 74 of Alcoholics Anonymous is open to all persons who have a desire to stop drinking. (See Tradition 3.)

Section 2. Voting Membership at Area 74 Service Meetings, either at the Area Conference or Area Assembly, is limited to the following:

Section 2.1 Group GSRs or Alternate GSRs, such that each AA Group in the Area is afforded one vote.

Section 2.2 District DCMs or Alternate DCMs, such that each of the Districts of the Area is afforded one vote.

Section 2.3 Area Officers, namely the Delegate, the Area Chair/Alternate Delegate, the Secretary, the Registrar and the Treasurer, are each afforded one vote. The Alternate Secretary shall vote in the absence of the Secretary, the Alternate Registrar shall vote in the absence of the Registrar, and the Co-Treasurer shall vote in the absence of the Treasurer.

Section 2.4 Area 74 Standing Committee Chairpersons, such that each Committee (Newsletter, Literature, Correctional Institutions, Grapevine, Treatment/Accessibilities, Public Information, Cooperation With The Professional Community, Finance, Archives and the Structures and Guidelines) are afforded one vote.

Section 2.5 Past Delegates of Area 74, such that each former Delegate from the Area is afforded one vote.

Section 2.6 In the event that the same person qualifies to vote under two or more of the above provisions, he or she shall be afforded one vote only.

Section 2.7 In the event that a GSR or a DCM qualifies to vote in another capacity, his/her duly elected alternate may vote in his/her place, such that each AA group and each district shall be afforded one vote.

Section 3. Non-voting members of the assembly.

Section 3.1 Area Webmaster.

Section 3.2 Archivist.

Section 3.3 WICYPAA (Wisconsin Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous) Liaison with voice only.



Western Wisconsin Traveling Open Speaker Meeting

**at Hope Lutheran Church
NE corner of Eddy Lane & Starr Avenue
(3 blocks west of Hwy 53 on Eddy Lane)**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH, 2026

**Potluck Supper (bring a dish to pass!)
& Open Speaker Meeting**

Hosted by the Northside Group & Hope Come Together

Schedule of Events

5:30 Potluck

6:30 Open Speaker Meeting

AA Speaker: (TBD)

Al-Anon Speaker: Shelly R, Cadotte, WI



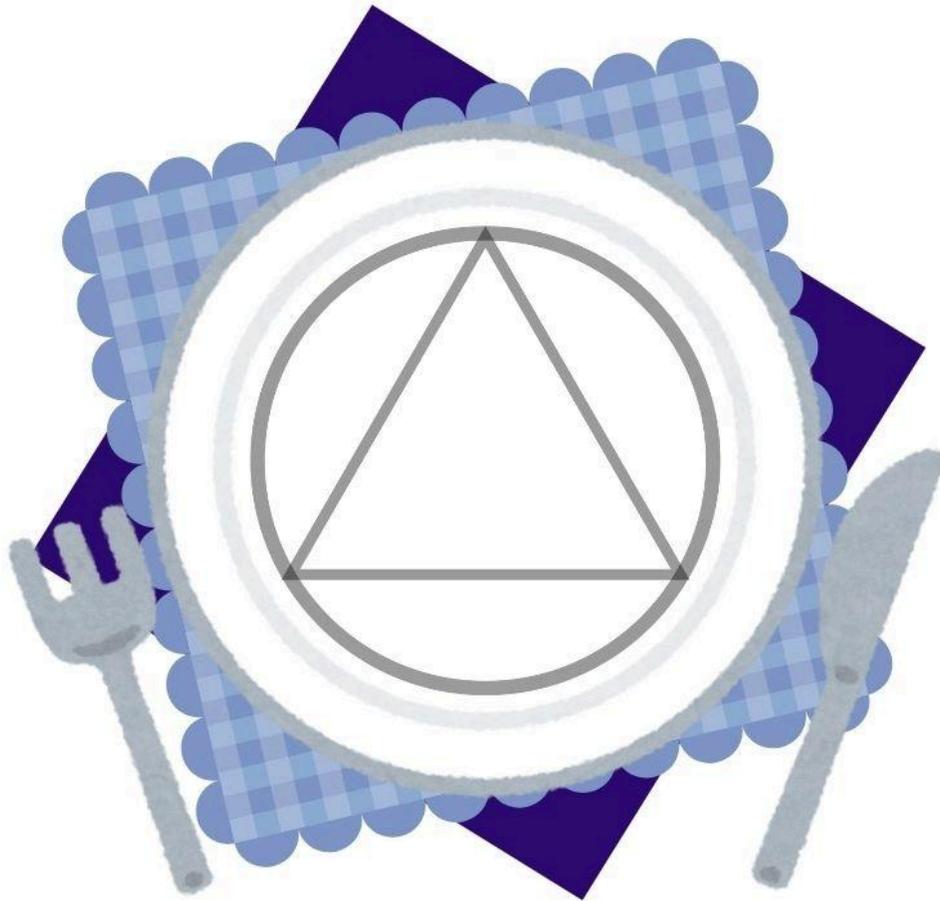
IS YOUR GROUP READY TO SERVE UP SOME SPIRITUALITY?

SIGN UP FOR THE DISTRICT 05 WESTERN WI TRAVELING POTLUCK

2026 & 2027

REACH OUT TO KAUFUA (DISTRICT 05 ALT. DCM)

715-579-3350 | alt_dcm@district05.org



**DISTRICT PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE
UPON REQUEST:**

- WORKSHOP
- ARCHIVES DISPLAY
- LITERATURE DISPLAY
- GRAPEVINE DISPLAY



AREA 74 DISTRICT 05

We want to hear YOUR voice.

www.district05.org

We invite each AA group in District 05 to have their GSR attend our monthly District meeting, held on **the second Wednesday of each month at 6:45pm.**

WHETHER IN PERSON OR ON ZOOM

2926 Pomona Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54701

ID: 829 0126 1204

PASSWORD:district05

DON'T HAVE A GSR? That's OK! We're here to help and answer any questions you may have.

REACH OUT TO BRIAN B. (DISTRICT 05 DCM)
715-379-7614 | dcm@district05.org

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