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A message of experience, strength, and hope on
Step 5: Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human
being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Step 5 is an easy/difficult step to do. Step 5 is an ego deflation. We cannot live with our character defects alone; we need to share them with another. We need to learn to communicate, so we are not alone. We as members need step 5. If we do not do a fearless step five, we will risk a relapse because all the character defects will swell and may result in a relapse.

Our secrets must be enlightened to God, ourselves, and another human being for us to clean house and sweep our side of the street. Benefits of step five: Rid of isolation and feelings we did not belong. Step 5 is the answer. It is a beginning of forgiveness, no matter what we have done.

We begin to forgive others and pray for them. Step 5 is a very important step.

-Janet P.

A message of experience, strength, and hope on
Tradition 5: Each group has but one primary purpose—to
carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

“. . . our Society has concluded that it has but one high mission—to carry the A.A. message to those who don't know there's a way out.” (p. 151, 12X12). Early in my recovery, I came to the tables and would listen to other's ES&H. I wouldn't come early or stay late for the parking lot meetings. I loved popcorn style meetings because I didn't have to share and in round-

robin meetings I always passed. In that hour, I thought I was doing enough to stay sober. I was staying sober, but I was still suffering. I was terrified to speak in meetings. I didn't believe I had anything good to contribute to the meetings and was missing that hope part. I felt that AA could go on with me just standing on the outskirts.

Along the way, I came to believe that AA really is a program of action, and I could not get by moving through it passively. I was doing a disservice to AA, which saved my life, and myself. I had to trust that sharing in the rooms, even if it didn't sound coherent, meant I was getting well. Often, I would leave the meeting feeling more at peace and it was amazing if someone after the meeting said they related.

When carrying the message to other alcoholics, I help them see how AA is working in my life. I am told to come to the rooms and tell on myself. I get to share my mistakes which keeps me honest. I get to share my achievements which show how my Higher Power is working in my life. Through it all, the suffering AA sees us sober with hope.

-Jolene B.

AA & AA-related Fellowship & Service Opportunities

District 09 GSR meeting

June 4// 2PM// Alano Club 2218 13th St. Menominee, MI

Area 74 Spring Conference

May 19-21// Radisson Hotel and Conference Center 2040 Airport
Dr. Green Bay, WI

Registration only \$20// add Banquet \$25

Contact Kimberly 231-622-3743

88th Founder's Day

June 9-11// Akron, Ohio// Registration due by May 15//

foundersday.org// Lindy H. organizing a bus phone 906-290-4383

Area Committee Meeting

August 8// Reiter Center 1858 S Michigan, Three Lakes WI



RAFTYPAA 2023

On The Shore of Life!

Thursday, June 1st -
Sunday, June 4th
Silver Cliff, WI

Kosir's Rapid Rafts & Campground//W14073 County Road C
Silver Cliff, WI 54104//raftypaawi@gmail.com// Please do not call
venue to pre-register for the conference// <https://raftypaa-wi.square.site/> Contact Solan B. 262-332-8666

2023 District 9 Al-Anon Annual Workshop *New Hopes, New Friends, Renewed Recovery*

Speaker Panel:

AA Speaker: Norm F. Gillett, WI
Al-Anon Speaker: Joanne F. Gillett, WI
Area 61 Delegate

June 10th

11:30 am - 4:30 pm



**Raffle
Drawing
throughout the day
(bring donations/baskets)**

Group Panels:

New Hopes – Dells Delton Group
New Friends – Baraboo Group
Renewed Recovery – Listen & Learn
Green Lake Group

"We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery."

"Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics. We do this by practicing the Twelve Steps, by welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and by giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic."

From the Suggested Al-Anon Preamble to the Twelve Steps



**Al-Anon Literature
will be available for sale**

Sandwich & Sides Luncheon



sign up at drdistrict9@area61afg.org
to bring something

District Meeting begins at 9:00 am

For more information or questions
email: drdistrict9@area61afg.org

Suggested donation: \$3.00



Trinity United Methodist Church - 461 E Park St, Montello, WI

(This address is not correct, but it will get you close, it's the driveway on the left after the Crawford Funeral Home)

4th and 5th Step Fall Retreat

(AA/Al-Anon/ACA)

October 6-8, 2023

Place: St. Norbert Center for Spirituality--(People of all religious beliefs or of none are welcome)

Time: Friday 5pm to Sunday noon

Cost: \$275.00 – Includes 2 nights/5 meals--(Snacks and beverages provided throughout retreat)

This retreat setting is designed to provide a safe and trusted environment for the participants to learn and grow in “working recovery”. Group presentations on Steps 4-7 are offered. Experienced facilitators in recovery are available to listen to “5th steps” throughout the weekend in a private setting. Attendees are encouraged to do as much of their 4th Step as possible prior to attending the Retreat. Other opportunities to share in fellowship include open meetings, closed meetings, forgiveness exercises, and guest speakers. There are a variety of settings available for personal and private reflection. The St. Norbert Abbey has been completely remodeled throughout the facility. As a result, costs have risen significantly and are reflected in the increased registration fee. The retreatant’s rooms are now either twin singles, twin doubles (shared room), and queen, all with their own private baths.

6 months sobriety/active recovery suggested

Retreat is limited to 30

We anticipate a very high response!

Please make your reservations early!

Registration deadline is September 15, 2023

(3 Scholarships are available—please call Judy G to inquire)

Send \$150 deposits to: Steps Retreat, PO Box 5668, De Pere WI 54115

Deposits are not refundable after September 5, 2023.

Cash/Checks/Money Orders ONLY—No Charge Cards accepted

Any questions? Call Judy G (920) 737-2330

Registration: Fall 2023 4th & 5th Step Retreat

Name: _____ **Gender M/F**

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____ (Will be used to contact you w/confirmation and retreat information)

Phone: _____ **Special needs:** _____

AA _____ **Al-Anon** _____ **ACA** _____ **Other** _____

Emergency contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please number your room preferences below. Rooms are available first-come first-serve. Room allocations will be based on when registrations are received and room availability. We do not guarantee you will get your 1st or 2nd choice

Twin Single:__ **Twin Double (Shared):**__ **Queen:**__ **Roommate Preference:** _____

Featured Topic:

“Then I went to state prison for my current offense. I thought, ‘I am gonna die here, and I deserve it.’...I have found that sober living is possible for me only through complete and total surrender to a higher power...”

10 years into a 15-year prison sentence and 9 months sober at 37 years old, read Christopher B.’s ES&H in this issue’s *Sharing from Behind the Walls*. Found here [Sharing from Behind the Walls | Alcoholics Anonymous \(aa.org\)](#)

DISTRICT 09 GSR MEETING April 2, 2023 Wausaukee, WI

Paul Y. opened the meeting at 2:00 pm. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions were read and introductions made. A sign-in sheet was passed; there were 14 members in attendance, representing Crivitz, Shawano, Porterfield, Gillett, Suring, Oconto, Marinette, Coleman, and, Lakewood in WI and Menominee, MI. **Secretary Report:** The minutes from the last District 09 Meeting from March 2023 were approved and accepted.

Treasurer Report: Dan L. was not present, however, there was a Treasurer’s Report provided. The Treasurer’s Report was approved besides the one question for Dan of the Church Rent being listed as \$25 and not \$20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DCM, Paul Y., reported the Annual Moose and Goose will take place in Seymour, WI on Saturday, 04/15/2023. Paul announced the Area 74 Spring Conference will take place from

05/19/2023 – 05/21/2023 at the Radisson Hotel in Green Bay, WI. Several other events were announced, and all will be posted on the District 09 website. Paul shared that pamphlets are going up one third in price.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES: Ross P. present stated he had nothing to report.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Carol P. present stated she had nothing to report.

CORRECTIONS: Corrections Chair position is open. No report given. John N. discussed his service with Corrections over the years and that it does do some good. Mary C. said she received information from the DCM from District 10 about an upcoming orientation on 04/18/2023 from 4 pm. – 6 pm. by zoom. Paul Y. said there are resources if anyone is willing to go into Corrections.

NEWSLETTER: Jolene B. said she had nothing new to report but did have a question on whether to print an AI-Anon flyer in the Chronicle. A discussion ensued and it was agreed to print the flyer in the Chronicle as there was an AA speaker for the event. We also

discussed subscriptions to the Chronicle as not everyone has email and a printer.

GRAPEVINE: Mike H. said he is open to setting up the District 09 Grapevine display for a Group or Intergroup if contacted.

TREATMENT: Treatment Chair position is open. No report given. Janet P. is still interested in taking on the Treatment Chair position. Dee from Lakewood said she would also still be interested in helping Janet with the Treatment Committee.

WEBSITE: (www.district09aa.org) Todd E. reported we have 38 meetings listed on the website. Todd said he now has 20 events on the website with 5 being new. Todd said in March we had 654 visitors to the website using 2596 pages on the website. He also added the District Guidelines to the Resource Page on the website.

GSR SHARING

Mary C. said the meeting at the Carter Casino on Tuesday nights and the Backdoor Group on Thursday nights are open meetings. Ross P. said he is the GSR for two groups in Shawano. Ross said they have some new faces who found the meetings off the website. Janet P. said the Mustard Seed group is going well with 15-20 people consistently attending and more with the first Monday of the month being a speaker meeting. Janet said the meeting is a closed women's meeting but is open for the speaker meeting which is held the first Monday of the month. Mike H. said they average about seven people at the meetings in Oconto and they give a Big Book to new members to their group. Norm F. said the Monday night meeting in Gillett has the same five or six people show up all the time. Paul Y. said the Suring Thursday night meeting averages about four to five people. Carol P. said the Monday, Wednesday, Friday meeting at noon at First Trinity on Wells Street in Marinette now has a GSR and Patti W. attended the District Meeting today. Carol said they gave a woman a 51 year medallion at their meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul Y. said the old business is that there is still talk about a workshop being held between District 09 and District 10. Paul said there is a committee already set up for planning this workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Y. said the new business is to review the District 09 Guidelines as they are simply outdated. A motion was made that a meeting will take place after the District Meeting in May in Suring for those assigned to the committee for reviewing the District Guidelines.

The Next GSR Meeting will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, May 7, 2023, at United Methodist Church, located at 314 Main Street in Suring, WI.

We closed the District 09 Meeting with the Responsibility Statement at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara P.
District 09 Secretary

Financial Report March 2023

Beginning Balance	1917.39
Service Fee	-4.00
Balance	1913.39
Earmarks	-700.00
Liquid Assets	1213.39
Petty Cash	86.00
Church Rent	-25.00
Basket	25.00
Petty Cash Balance	86.00

Thank you for your donations!

7th Tradition Donations

District 09:

Dan L.

W5820 N. Beach Blvd

Shawano, WI 54166

Area 74:

Area 74 Treasurer

PO Box 171

Manistique, MI 49854

(include group name & number)

GSO:

PO Box 2407

James A Farley Station

New York, NY 10116-2407

OR

contribution.aa.org

How to contact your district committee members

district@district09aa.org for DCM,
ALT DCM, Secretary, Treasurer,
Grapevine, Public Information,
Website, and Archives

OR

Show up to the next District 09 GSR
meeting listed above with your
questions, concerns, ideas, and to
get involved in service work!

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