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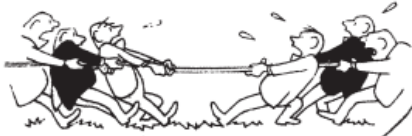
*A message of experience, strength, and hope on
Step 6: We were entirely ready to have God remove all these
defects of character.*

We were entirely ready to have God remove all of these defects of character. When I completed my 5th step with my sponsor, she gave me a list of my character defects. These are flaws in my character that serve me no more. This means I am ready to ask God to remove these things from me without any reservation whatsoever. I want to make progress in the building of my character, and these were the things that were destroying me. I'm asking God to help me improve myself every day. Many of my character defects are comprised of the seven deadly sins. I took comfort in and enjoyed many of these character defects but now that I am in recovery, it's time for me to retire them. This brings me to the 7th step which I perform every day.

-Keesha M.

The Sixth Tradition

An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.



We found that there are all kinds of goals, motives and ambitions...

...and the good name of A.A. could be smeared!



Reprinted from *The Twelve Traditions Illustrated* from A.A.W.S.

Located (& Read more!) at:
<https://www.aa.org/twelve-traditions-illustrated>

Upcoming AA & AA-related Fellowship & Service Opportunities

District 09 GSR meetings

June 4// 2PM// Alano Club 2218 13th St. Menominee, MI (District 09 Guidelines meeting to follow)

July 9// 2PM// Faith Presbyterian 806 Fritzie Ave Crivitz, WI

August 8// 2PM// Peace Church 208 E. Maurer St. Shawano, 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>

Save the Date! Area 74 Fall Conference

September 15-17, 2023// Holiday Inn Eau Claire, WI

Contact: Marybeth 715-559-2546

District 13 Sharing Event

June 10// Noon-4// Moon Lake Park Pavilion Iron River, WI
Lunch provided// Speakers on carrying the message//
aadistrict13wi.org

Oshkosh Host WICYPAA Committee Meeting

June 17// 1PM// Solutions Recovery 621 Evans St. Oshkosh, WI
54901// Multiple chair positions open

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

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

June 10th

11:30 am - 4:30 pm

"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


District Meeting begins at 9:00 am

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


Suggested donation: \$3.00




Raffle Drawing throughout the day (bring donations/baskets)



Al-Anon Literature will be available for sale



Sandwich & Sides Luncheon



sign up at drdistrict9@area61afg.org to bring something

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)

Waukesha Bid & Oshkosh Host

Presents

WICYPA
Bake Auction

Sat June 17th

- Bring your best baked goods
- Fun and Fellowship at 4pm
- Bake Auction to follow
- Main Speaker 7:30pm
- Bring a dish to pass for the potluck



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Winner of the auction
receives 20% of the
total bid for their
item

Milwaukee Alano Club
1521 N Prospect

ANY QUESTIONS

Quinn L 224-517-3450

Savannah J 920-205-4846

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)

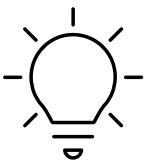
Phone: _____ Special needs: _____

AA _____ Al-Anon _____ ACA _____ Other _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____

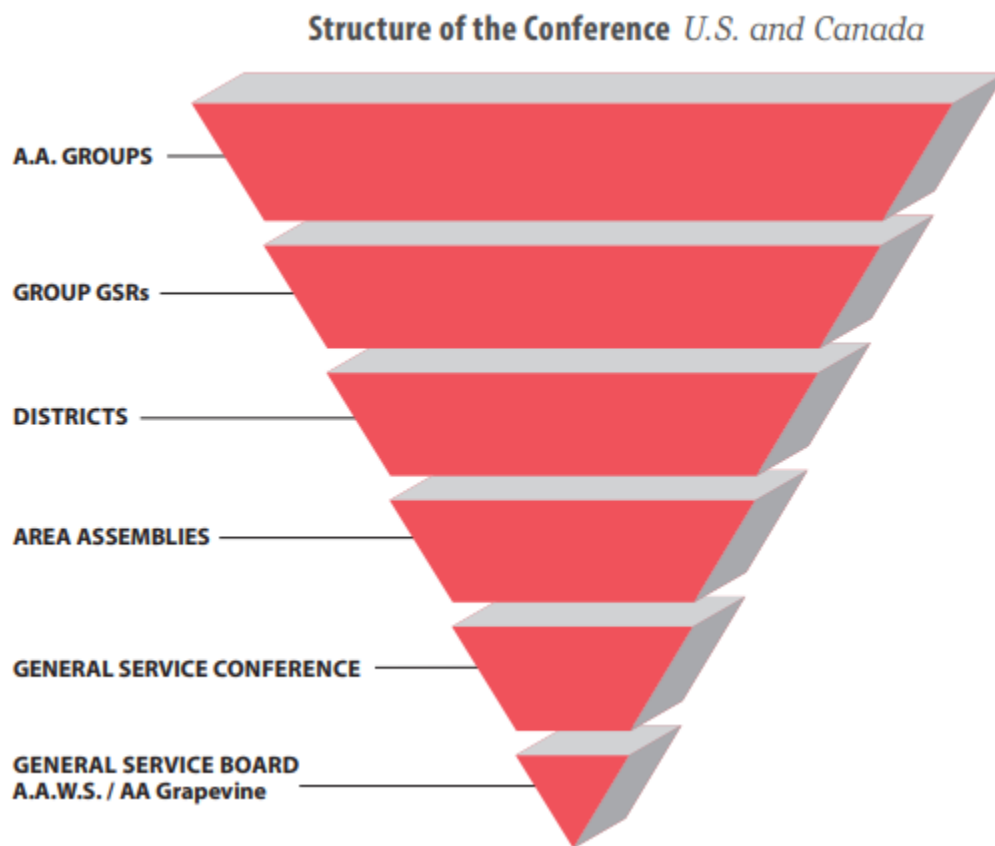
Please number your room preferences below. Rooms are available first-come first-serve. Room allocations will be based on when registrations are received and room availability. We do not guarantee you will get your 1st or 2nd choice

Twin Single: ___ Twin Double (Shared): ___ Queen: ___ Roommate Preference: _____



Spotlight Topic: Importance on having a Homegroup

Hi, my name is Paul and I'm an alcoholic. Our editor of The Chronicle, Jolene B., has asked me to write on the importance of a home group. I feel as though it is a great honor to discuss the most important part of the structure of AA. AA's structure is an upside-down triangle with AA Groups being at the top. "The group meets to form a group conscience on proposed changes or actions on matters relating to AA as a whole. The group's elected general service representative, or GSR, is tasked with: 1) making sure the group's conscience is heard and fully considered at the district and the area and 2) becoming part of the delegate's thinking at the conference. (page 4, The AA Service Manual).



So why is it important to have a home group? "...membership in a home group is one of the keys to continuing sobriety. In a home group, they accept service responsibilities and learn to sustain connections with other recovering alcoholics. The home group affords individual AA's the privilege of voting on issues that affect the Fellowship as a whole; it is the very basis of the service structure. While many AA members attend other groups as well, the home group is where they participate in business meetings and cast their vote as part of the group conscience of the fellowship as a whole. As with all group conscience matters, each member has one vote." (page 7, The AA Service Manual). So please participate in your home group when it comes time for a business meeting or "group conscience" because this gives a voice in how your group and AA as a whole. And remember, you are not alone!

- Paul Y., District 09 DCM

(Image: "Structure of the Conference" credit: *AA Service Manual* p. 3)

DISTRICT 09 GSR MEETING
MAY 7, 2023
SURING, WI

Norm F. opened the meeting for Paul Y. 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 8 members in attendance, representing Porterfield, Gillett, Oconto, Marinette, Coleman, and Lakewood in WI and Menominee, MI.

Secretary Report: The minutes from the last District 09 Meeting from April 2023 were approved and accepted.

Treasurer Report: Dan L. absent. No Treasurer's Report was received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Norm said the meeting on the District 09 Guidelines that was to be held today after the District Meeting is being moved to next month. An announcement was made that the Area 74 Spring Conference will take place from 05/19/2023 – 05/21/2023 at the Radisson Hotel in Green Bay, WI.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES: Ross P. absent. No report.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Carol P. stated she has a plan to build a relationship with churches that host AA meetings in District 09. Carol said she is going to send the pastors of these churches a letter thanking them for hosting AA meetings and also providing them with a packet which will include AA pamphlets. Carol said there are 14 churches in District 09 that host AA meetings. Carol reported she would also like to build a relationship with school counselors in District 09 and have pamphlets available for them if anyone is looking for help from AA. Carol said AA members could also be available to speak at Health classes in the schools.

District 09 will reimburse Carol as the PI Chair for the materials she will need for this project.

CORRECTIONS: Corrections Chair position is open. No report.

NEWSLETTER: Jolene B. said she is not hearing much back regarding the Chronicle. A discussion took place on how we can get the word out to AA members about the Chronicle.

GRAPEVINE: Mike H. absent. No report.

TREATMENT: Janet P. said she reached out to ADAPT in Marinette as the Treatment Chair but didn't hear back.

WEBSITE: (www.district09aa.org) Todd E. absent. No report.

GSR SHARING

Norm F. said the second Monday of the month, the AA meeting in Gillett will be held at 4:30 pm. instead of 5:30 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Sara P. gave a brief update on the translation of the Fourth edition of Alcoholics Anonymous into plain and simple language. Norm reported he attended the Moose and Goose on Saturday, April 15, 2023, in Seymour. He said there was a good turnout, it was a good fundraiser for literature, and good food.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

The Next GSR Meeting will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, June 4, 2023, at the Alano Club, located at 2218 13th Street in Menominee, MI.

We closed the District 09 Meeting with the Responsibility Statement at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara P.
District 09 Secretary

No new financial report for this month's issue

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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