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A message of experience, strength, and hope on <u>Step 7</u>: Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

As an alcoholic I always chose comfort over character. After identifying my character defects in step 5 and 6 I was apprehensive. I quickly realized that step 7 is one of the most important steps for me to take. Being humble enough to admit I am not and never will be perfect was extremely hard for me to do. A whole lifetime geared towards self-centeredness can't be set in reverse overnight, learning that gave me hope. There are times that certain situations can cause some of my character defects to resurface, I have to continuously ask for Gods help in removing them. The 7th step prayer is part of my daily routine. While doing my 7th step with my sponsor, I gained the desire to make honesty, tolerance, and true love of man and God a priority of mine. Knowing my truth and admitting my character defects, instead of hiding from them, has given me peace. By humbling myself I have learned what serenity means. -Allie K.

A message of experience, strength, and hope on <u>Tradition 7:</u> Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Tradition 7 is a new life concept for many AAs. We have lacked responsibility financially and expected others to pay our way. Now we learn we need to work together to maintain our groups. Self-supporting donations in our meetings helps us pay bills and buy supplies. We maintain our independence from the outside world by declining offers of monies which seem to have strings or conditions attached.

As in all the Steps and Traditions, Tradition 7 also works in our personal life. Honesty, integrity, and responsibility grow as we become independent, useful, and decent human beings. We give more, take less; help others and do for ourselves with pride.

Finally, we grow in Respect, Honesty, and Acceptance. We love who we are, AA saves us. Peace is our greatest gift from AA.

-Mary, Wausaukee

<u>Upcoming AA & AA-related Fellowship & Service Opportunities</u>

District 09 GSR meetings

July 9// 2PM// Faith Presbyterian 806 Fritzie Ave Crivitz, WI August 8// 2PM// Peace Church 208 E. Maurer St. Shawano, WI September 10// 2PM// First American Lutheran Church 511 Madison St. Oconto, WI

Oshkosh Host WICYPAA Committee Meeting

July 16// 5PM// Solutions Recovery 621 Evans St. Oshkosh, WI 54901// H&I Chair open!

Seeking Story Submissions

Literature Committee is seeking personal stories for the pamphlet "A.A. for the Native North American Alcoholic" Due 10/31/23 Details in Spring 2023 Box 4-5-9 issue or aa.org/newsletters

What is AA According to the Big Book?

July 15 @12pm & July 16 @9am// St. John the Baptist Church 2597 Glendale Ave Green Bay, WI 54313 Speakers from Illinois & workshop

Recovery on the River Jamboree "No Middle of the Road Solution"

October 6-8// Best Western Plus Eau Claire Conference Center 3340 Mondovi Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701// Registration recoveryontheriver.org

Fun Committee

First committee meeting July 10// 1PM following Noon BB study// 1st Trinity Lutheran Church 920 Wells St. Marinette, WI// Help in planning fellowship activities





2023 AREA 74 FALL CONFERENCE - \$25

September 15th - 17th, 2023

Saturday Speaker - Bob W. (General Manager -New York)

The Holiday Inn South - 4751 Owen Ayres Court. Eau Claire, WI - (715) 830-9889

(Reserve your room by August 15, 2023 - \$134.95)

Additional Room Block located at Candlewood Suites (715) 839-0967

NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
PHONE: EMAIL:			
Willing to be of services: Yes / No AA / Alanon Bill W. Donation			
Please indicate any special accommodations by 8/1/2023: ASL Other			
DEADLINE FOR BANQUET / LUNCH BUFFET SUBMISSION: August 1, 2023			
BANQUET # (ADD \$30) LUNCH BUFFET# (ADD \$15)			
CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Area 74 Fall 2023 Conference			
Mail in Form to: 2517 Paul St., Eau Claire, WI 54701			

Questions: (715) 559-2546 - area74fallconference2023@outlook.com





Seymour Intergroup Saturday July 22,2023

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

349 N. Main Street, Seymour

Doors open @ 4:30pm, Dinner @ 6pm Hot sandwiches provided,

We are a small group so <u>please</u> bring a side dish to share.

Don't come alone, bring a friend or two..

Meeting starts @ 7:00

AA Speaker: Sara P Porterfield, WI

Alanon Speaker: (TBA)

Door Prizes & Fellowship

Air Conditioned....Wheel Chair Accessable Coffee, Soda & Water available

50/50 raffle





AUGUST 12, 2023



HOTTEST DANCE OF THE SUMMER TO FOLLOW

\$10 SUGGEST DONATION

GRILLED PINEAPLLE AND PUNCH TO QUENCH YOUR THIRST

SHOW US YOUR BEST TROPICAL ATTIRE

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1521 N PROSPECT AVE MILWAUKEE, WI 0 0 0

QUESTIONS?

CALL KEVIN (414)-704-3932

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:		Zip:	
Email:			
Phone:	Special needs:		
AA Al-Anon A	CA Other	_	
Emergency contact:		Phone:	
Please number your roor	n preferences below. Rooms are av	railable first-come first-serve.	
Room allocations will be	based on when registrations are re	ceived and room availability. We	
do not guarantee you wil	get your 1st or 2nd choice		
Twin Single: Twin Dou	ble (Shared): Oueen: Roomm	ate Preference:	









Spotlight Topic: AA in Corrections

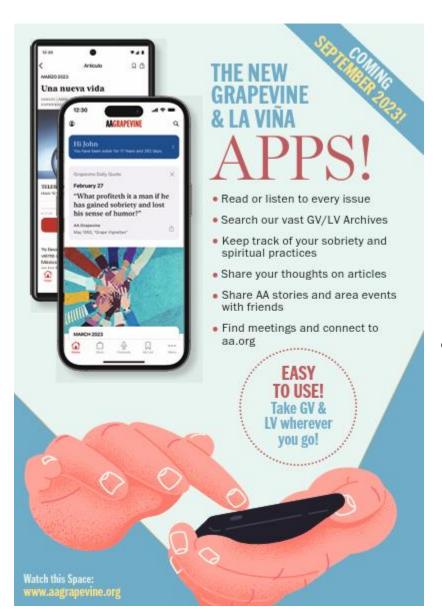
Hi, my name is John, I am an alcoholic. I have been very fortunate in the fact that I have never been arrested or spent a night in jail. I have driven drunk 1,000 times but never was issued a DUI. I reached out for help, and I received it from above. I had three different sponsors, but until I had my fourth sponsor who took me to the prison with him as a guest, halfway enroute to Green Bay, he tells me that I was the guest speaker for the day. What a shock that was, but I was asked to come back, and I did for the next seven years as a volunteer. After my sponsor moved to Milwaukee, I went to Green Bay for another year. Now I go to the Marinette County Jail as a volunteer to two meetings a week on Monday and on Wednesday, it helps to keep me sober.

I have been sober now for over 34 years one day at a time. I have a better life now than I ever had when I was drinking. I know that I would be dead very shortly if I ever would pick up that first drink.

A quote from the Grapevine story a while back God did not open the gates to heaven to let me in, he opened the gates of Hell to let me out.

If you want to enhance your sobriety volunteer for some service work, it works wonders.

- With Hope, Love and Sharing God Bless **John N.**



A Note on a Spiritual Experience

One of my favorite memories of having a spiritual experience was when I realized the sign in the club house that reads Keep It Simple Stupid really meant for me, turn it over to God as I understood Him & turtle down. -Steve S.

DISTRICT 09 GSR MEETING JUNE 4, 2023 MENOMINEE, MI

Paul Y. opened the meeting at 2:03 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 9 members in attendance, representing Porterfield, Gillett, Suring, Marinette, Coleman, and Lakewood in WI and Menominee, MI.

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

<u>Treasurer Report</u>: Dan L. absent. Paul Y. prepared a Treasurer's Report in Dan's absence which was approved and accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Y. provided flyers for upcoming events.

COMMITTEEREPORTS

ARCHIVES: Ross P. absent. No report.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Carol P. has the packets ready to go to the 14 churches that host AA meetings in District 09. The packets include a letter to the pastors thanking them for hosting AA meetings and also providing them with AA pamphlets.

<u>CORRECTIONS</u>: Corrections Chair position is open. No report. A member reported there were 230 people who attended the Moose and Goose in Seymour which is a Corrections Literature Fundraiser.

NEWSLETTER: Jolene B. said she has nothing new to report regarding the Chronicle. Numerous members provided compliments on a job well done on the Chronicle for Jolene.

GRAPEVINE: Mike H. absent. No report. **TREATMENT**: Janet P. said she has nothing to report on Treatment.

<u>WEBSITE</u>: (<u>www.district09aa.org</u>) Todd E. absent. Todd contacted Paul to report the website is up to date.

GSR SHARING

Patti W. was present and is a new GSR for the noon AA group in Marinette. Mary C. said the Tuesday 7 pm. group in the Carter Casino is going good. She said they have good activity with 8-10 people attending. Mary said they get

moved around in the casino but things are going good. Janet P. said the Monday night Woman's Group in Menominee, Michigan is going well with about 20 members attending. Janet said it's going strong and they have a speaker meeting on the first Monday of the month. Norm F. said the Monday night group in Gillett is still holding its' own. He said there has not been anyone new for a while but stated the treats are going good. Paul Y. said the Thursday night Suring group is holding its' own. Paul said several members are coming back for the summer.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul Y. reported the workshop with Districts 09 and 10 is still being discussed. Paul said he chit chatted with the District 10 DCM at the Area 74 Spring Conference about the workshop. He said this event has not been abandoned.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Y. reported that Dan L. wants to step down as District 09 Treasurer due to health reasons. Paul spoke with the Associated Bank in Shawano regarding this matter. A motion was made to add two additional signers, Norm F. and Paul Y., to the account in Dan's absence. Norm and Paul agreed to cover the Treasurers' duties until the next rotation. Paul had petty cash today for the \$20 rent reimbursement for the District 09 meeting at the Alano Club in Menominee, Michigan. Carol P. was reimbursed for the donuts for the District Meeting. Norm mentioned a debit card from a different bank may be the way to go for the District 09 Treasury. Paul had prepared a letter for the Associated Bank in Shawano and we added the two names to be signers for the account which was signed by the District 09 Secretary, Sara P.

We agreed to review and be prepared to discuss the District 09 Guidelines at the next District 09 Meeting in July.

Paul was asked to comment on the Area 74 Assembly which was held in May at the Spring Conference. Paul said Area 74 now has a new Registrar. He reported that the Optional Area Committee Meeting which is scheduled tentatively for August was cancelled. Paul read his DCM Report that he shared at the Area Committee Meeting which was held in May at the Spring Conference.

A member brought up the topic of gender identity and pronouns stating her daughter had recently brought this topic up to her. Another member said this was an outside issue and no discussion took place.

The Next GSR Meeting will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, July 9, 2023, at the First Presbyterian Church located at 806 Fritzie Avenue in Crivitz, WI.

We closed the District 09 Meeting with the Responsibility Statement at 2:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sara P. District 09 Secretary

June Financial Report

The last bank statement is dated 04/01/23 to 04/30/23
Ending balance is \$1843.77
Donation checks received but not yet deposited.
Total of 6 checks is \$304.56
Petty cash balance is \$0
Grand total is \$2148.33
Includes \$700 earmarked for prudent

May bank statement not received.

Twelve Traditions

Discussion

Dive into the traditions and share ideas

MONTHLY - 2ND TUESDAY

5:30pm - 6:30pm

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

743 S. Monroe St. GB

Closed women's meeting

No need to RSVP

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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