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*******Calling All District 09 Members!!!***

Nominations for District chairs are to be held at the August 6th GSR Meeting listed below. You must be present to be nominated. Come and get involved in Service work. ****

A message of experience, strength, and hope on **Step 8**: Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

Step 8 has challenged me to put into action everything I have learned by doing the work in steps 1-7. Steps 1-7 prepared me for step 8 and reminded me of the progress I have made in my recovery.

For me, being willing to make amends is harder than actually making the amends. I had to revisit my past behaviors, be honest with myself, and hold myself accountable for things I was not proud of in my active addiction. I was able to find the courage and humility to admit that my actions harmed the people on my list.

I asked my higher power for forgiveness. With his help, I was able to find compassion in my heart to forgive myself. I cannot ask others forgiveness if I haven't forgiven myself.

- **Andrea H.**

A message of experience, strength, and hope on **Tradition 8**:
Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but
our service centers may employ special workers.

Early on, AA members recognized that no request for, or acceptance of, carrying the message ever be made. Yet, as the membership rapidly grew, service areas were unable to be met adequately by member volunteers alone, and that a service structure consisting of paid employees, of both members and nonmembers, be created, with this important directive: Its function be only to facilitate, not carry, the carrying of the message.

Looking back, my early experience in AA focused almost solely on the Steps, as I worked to establish a foundation for my sobriety. Over the years, however, my perspective has broadened, as has my appreciation for the Traditions.

Today, examining Tradition 8, I think of the benevolence found in, “Freely you have, freely give.” The “payment” I receive for carrying the message is found in the affirmation of my commitment to AA. And, of the decision to establish a service structure which has enabled AA to grow robustly, I need look only to the G.S.O., the AA Conference-Approved Literature And Other AA Material catalog, and the Grapevine, as some resultant examples—a wealth of resources available to assist us in carrying the message.

- Pachy F.

Upcoming AA & AA-related Fellowship & Service Opportunities

District 09 GSR meetings

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

September 10// 2PM// First American Lutheran Church 511

Madison St. Oconto, WI

October 1// 2PM// Augustine Catholic School 507 Church St.

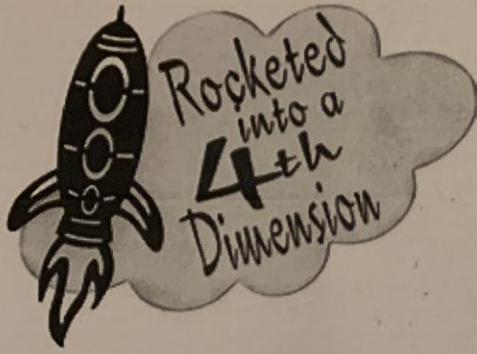
Wausaukee, WI

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



AA

Step Three Picnic

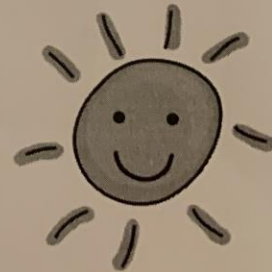
Sponsored by Mon Noon 1st Trinity

Sunday August 13th
@ Red Arrow Park
12-Dark

- John Barleycorn Hole Tournament
- Boccia Ball
- Kids Activities
- Main Dish will be served
- Please bring a dish to pass

AA Speakers at 3:00 pm
\$5.00 Donation Suggested
Bring a dish to pass

Contacts: Carol P 630-291-2336
This Picnic is a Work In Process
Please watch the **Menominee, MI Alano Clubhouse Facebook**
For updates



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BAY BEACH PARK

09.09.2023

SHELTER 06 NOON - 4PM

**WE'LL HAVE BRATS, HAMBURGERS,
HOT DOGS & BEVERAGES**

Bring a side to share and your own chair

**Questions? Want to be of service?
Contact Lauren P. at 920-905-9793**



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Call (715) 838-9989 to reserve a room.



\$20 with pre-registration

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Friday, October 6
Kent C., AA, Sandusky, OH

Saturday, October 7
Iris R. Al-Anon, Kenosha, WI
Polly P. AA, Jacksonville, FL

Sunday, October 8
Rachel Z., Al-Anon, Eau Claire, WI
Brett Z., AA, Eau Claire, WI

Register online at www.recoveryontheriver.org or return this form by September 25, 2023 to: Recovery on the River PO Box 1945 Eau Claire, WI 54702

name _____

Pre-Registration: \$20

phone _____ email _____

Banquet: \$30

(circle one) Al-Anon Alateen AA

Bill W Donation: _____

Contact me about service opportunities

T-Shirt: \$20

Please check for special accommodations

T-Shirt Size: _____
(S,M,L,XL,XXL,XXXL)

Total Enclosed: _____

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registration@recoveryontheriver.org

Payment Method:
Cash/Check/Credit Card

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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



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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: _____ **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:** _____

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CITY STATE

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Spotlight Topic: Enlarging Our Spirituality through Step 11

Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out!!!! So, I recently celebrated seven years of sobriety and recovery, I went to a meeting that Sunday morning and announced my seven-year anniversary, and in my head, I was thinking to myself that this was such a menial task, that this was such a small unimportant accomplishment until a fellow member spoke and said, “that is 2,555 days”. Then it soaked in, WOW, now that is something to be proud of, considering I was unable to not drink or drug for one measly day for the last five years or so of my active addiction.

But getting back to step 11, in the first few years of recovery I used to be of more use to others. For example, when a new man came into a meeting I would greet them, try, and drag them to another meeting, give them a ride home and so on. On several occasions these men accepted my help and have been in recovery as a result of me giving away freely what was given to me. On other occasions, never saw or heard from them again but all I can do is try to carry the message. I have also sponsored two gentlemen, both who are still sober. One man stopped coming to meetings for the most part, but we are in contact on occasion. The second man I sponsored is still working the program and has since found a new sponsor that I believe has more experience and devotion than myself. For several years I started slacking on meetings and lost the accountability that I once had at numerous meetings. At the beginning of my recovery, I was chairing 2-3 meetings per week, where had my passion gone? What happened? Step eleven has been part of my morning prayer for quite some time now and in the past few months I knew in my heart from attending different meetings what God’s plan is for me. I’m reasonably good with prayer but not so much with meditation. I’ve been told praying is talking to God and meditation is listening to God. I recently ran into an old AA member who was back out drinking, it almost made me physically sick and definitely made me emotionally sick. There was the answer I had been looking for, to help the man and woman who is sick and still suffers. That was my sign that I need to start attending more meetings and SEEK those who I can be of use to. After all, to seek is an action word, time to stop resting on my laurels.

This past Saturday I was at a men’s meeting, and I saw someone new, I could see his pain and feel his pain even before the newcomer introduced himself. It turned out this man had just gotten out of the same rehab that I had attended at the beginning of my journey to a new life that I never could have dreamed of. Four of us took this man into a separate room for a first step meeting. We shared then he shared, and it was a very emotional 1 1/2 hours. We all shared our phone numbers and after the meeting he told me he would probably be calling me; he had said that he just felt a connection with me. I checked on him later that day just to continue the attraction of what HOPE this program offers. Lo and behold he showed up Sunday morning for another meeting. Someone asked if he had gotten a sponsor and he said, “yes and he pointed to me”. So it’s my belief that the knowledge of his will for me and the power to carry that out is that I abruptly volunteered to be a part of his first step meeting and the power to carry that out was when I shared what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now and being willing to help this man to recover from a hopeless state of mind and body. Thank you God and the fellowship of AA.

-Dennis S., Ingleside, IL.

DISTRICT 09 GSR MEETING
JULY 9, 2023 CRIVITZ, 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 10 members in attendance, representing Crivitz, Porterfield, Gillett, Suring, Oconto, Marinette, Coleman, Shawano, and Lakewood in WI.

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

Treasurer Report: Paul Y. prepared a Treasurer's Report which was approved and accepted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Y. shared a quote he learned of from Rollie G. stating, "The Big Book was designed to change the alcoholic not the other way around."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES: Ross P. said he has nothing new to report for Archives. He shared that the District 09 Archives are residing in his garage and are available.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Carol P. reported the information she sent to the churches must have been received as she has seen it displayed at three churches. Carol said her August goal is to contact the high schools.

CORRECTIONS: Corrections Chair position is open. No report.

NEWSLETTER: Jolene B. said she has been told the printed newsletter is missed.

GRAPEVINE: Mike H. said there is not much to report for the Grapevine. He stated if anyone would like the Grapevine display set up to please let him know.

TREATMENT: Janet P. absent. No report.

WEBSITE: (www.district09aa.org) Todd E. absent. Todd left a voice mail message for Paul stating he updated the website. Todd said if anyone sees anything needing to be updated on the website to please let him know. Members commented that Todd is doing an excellent job with the website.

GSR SHARING

Mary C. said the Tuesday 7 pm. group in the Carter Casino is doing great. She said they are averaging 10-14 members at the meeting. They are located in the Maple Room. Ross P. said the Sunday night and Wednesday night groups in Shawano have had poor attendance. Ross said they are still there to carry the message and have 2-3 people attending. Jim H. said the Tuesday night group in Shawano is a 12x12 meeting. He said when attended it's a good meeting. Jim said they average about four people. He said every now and then they get someone in dire need of a meeting and are thankful they have the doors open. Norm F. said the Monday night group in Gillett has had a new member show up at the last two meetings. Norm said it's a humbling experience for him. Paul Y. said the Thursday night Suring group has had no changes. Mike H. said the Oconto group has about 7-8 members at all three of their meetings. He said it's usually the same people that attend all three meetings. Mike said he prints off the District Minutes and the Chronicle for the Group. Mike stated the group was impressed with Carol P. sending out a Thank You to the churches in the District. Carol P. said the noon group on Mondays at First Trinity Lutheran Church in Marinette is sponsoring a Third Step Picnic at Red Arrow Park in Marinette on August 13th. Carol said there is a committee working on this event.

Carol P. announced that an AA member from Menominee, MI sent in their story to the Grapevine and Lindy H. had her story printed in the July edition of the Grapevine. Carol questioned whether an AA meeting is being held in the Marinette and Menominee jails for women. She will call the jail and check on volunteering to carry the message in to the jail for women. Another member questioned what to do when members talk too long in meetings. Experience with this matter was offered.

OLD BUSINESS

A member questioned if the workshop with Districts 09 and 10 is still going to happen. Paul Y. stated nothing has been decided.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Y. passed out a Summary from the Area regarding the CAB Reloaded and the 2021 Area Inventory. He asked members to bring this Summary back to the groups. Paul encouraged District 09 members to attend the Service Meetings held in Area 74. Norm F. reminded everyone that nominations for all District 09 Officers and Committee Chairs will take place in August and elections will be held in September.

Next, we reviewed and discussed the District 09 Guidelines. We agreed to remove Article IV, Section 6.05 from the Guidelines. We agreed to remove Article IV, Section 8.00 from the Guidelines. We agreed to add to Article V, Section 1.02 of the Guidelines \$20 amended 7-2023. We tabled Article VII, the Financial Structure, of the Guidelines so that we can all think about this further.

The Next GSR Meeting will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, August 6, 2023, at Peace Church located at 208 E. Maurer Street in Shawano, WI.

We closed the District 09 Meeting with the Responsibility Statement at 3:30 pm.

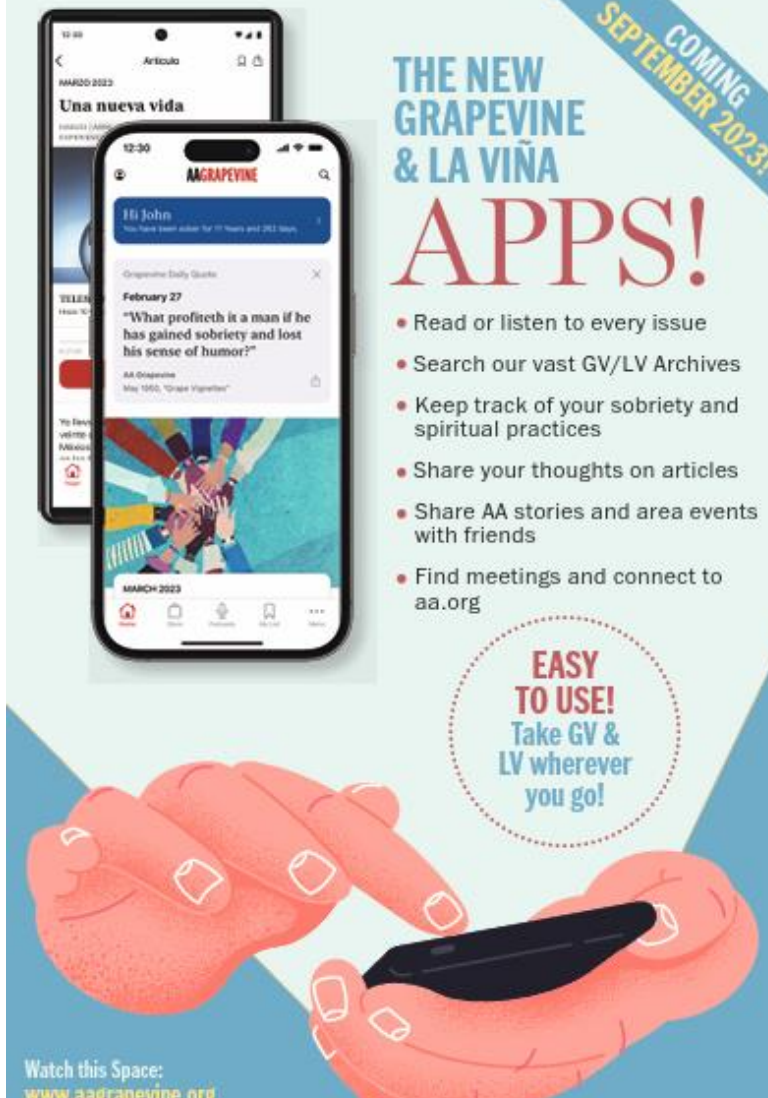
Respectfully submitted, Sara P.
District 09 Secretary



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



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July Financial Report

The last bank statement is dated
06/01/23 to 06/30/23
Ending balance is \$2140.33
Donation checks received but not yet deposited.
1 check \$45
Petty cash balance is \$46
Grand total is \$2231.33
Includes \$700 earmarked for prudent reserve

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

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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
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