



# The Chronicle

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**ATTENTION AA's!** Well, did that get your attention?

Many of you have been involved in District 09 service structure through the current rotation. Thank you very much. Many more have stepped up for service in the upcoming rotation for 2024-2025. Again, a huge thank you. We still have a few positions vacant and that's my reason for this reminder.

I've heard some people decry the service meetings as a place where nothing gets done and is just a waste of their time. I'd like to remind them that most of us wouldn't have time to waste if we had not found our way through the doors of these meeting rooms.

My sponsor(s) insisted that service is not an option but is an obligation. Whether that obligation is to the group or to ourselves is something only we can answer. I'll just assume that you were grateful that AA was there when you needed it!

I am a big fan of the "We" form of our Responsibility Statement: WE are responsible when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help. WE want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, WE are responsible.

Yours in service, Paul Y. District 09 DCM

## Experience, strength, and hope on **Step 12**: Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

My name is Debbie and I'm an alcoholic. My sobriety date is December 26, 2001. Here are some thoughts on Step 12. Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps... what was my spiritual awakening? It was many small ones. As they came about, I knew there was no such thing as coincidences. I have had many small spiritual awakenings with the same feeling of immense inner peace and calmness that I believe comes from my Higher Power who I call God. I have found out that each step brings me closer to having a relationship with God. With the help of God and Alcoholics Anonymous I don't have to drink, I have a purpose, and I can help other alcoholics.

How do I try to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous? First, it's a we program. I pass on what I have learned from my AA sponsor and AA members. At meetings I rarely pass, I share my experience. I hang around after the meeting to talk to newcomers and other members. I put my phone number on women's lists. I am willing to sponsor women the same way I have been sponsored by reading the Big Book and working the steps. I also encourage them to sponsor and to be of service in and outside of AA. Outside of AA I carry the message by being a good person and sharing my experience, strength, and hope when called upon. I have shared my experience at a jail, treatment center, tech school classroom and a club for AA meetings. I share openly to anyone who wants to know how I stay sober.

Practicing these principles in all of our affairs means living the AA program wherever we are... home, work, church, meetings, social events, etc. My sponsor has enlightened me on how much the word usefulness is used in the Big Book. This word has helped me. How can I be useful? Wipe down tables at an AA meeting, home dinner table, work lunch table, social event banquet table. Say hi to the newcomer, your family member, a coworker, someone at a social event. Helping other alcoholics helps me to stay sober, stay accountable, and helps me live the program. I have set God and working the steps aside at times and the result was always the same. I became restless, irritable, and discontent. I have a choice. Stay in the problem and relapse or live in the solution and recover. Today I choose to stay in the solution of Alcoholics Anonymous.

- **Debbie S.**

## Experience, strength, and hope on **Tradition 12**: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Our principle of humility is the most obvious one that is expressed in this tradition. The *Twelve Steps & Twelve Traditions* states "... anonymity is real humility at work. . . we try to give up our natural desires for personal distinction as A. A. members both among fellow alcoholics and before the general public. . . each of us takes part in the weaving of a protective

mantle which covers our whole Society. . ." (pg. 187). When I was newly sober in AA, I was on a pink cloud like many that came before me. I was excited for the solution AA had for me. My life was slowly becoming more manageable, but I had a lot of work ahead of me, specifically working the steps. I certainly felt a desire to tell others, like coworkers and friends of friends, about my membership in AA. Looking back, I am thankful I listened to the other AAs reminding me to keep my mouth closed. I am told that I have alcoholism and not alcoholwasm. I am forever an alcoholic and that means I have shortcomings. If I were to disclose my membership in AA that could give a bad name to AA as my disease is dependent upon a spiritual reprieve. Before working the steps and creating a solid recovery program, I was still running around in self. By putting my personal desire aside to break my anonymity, even today, I have a better opportunity of attracting a newcomer to this program through practicing humility, honesty, integrity, and love, all while protecting AA.

In relation to my fellow alcoholics, I hear the anonymity closing at the end of a meeting and am reminded not to disclose who I saw or what I heard. By keeping who and what I hear to myself, I protect that person in the meeting. I protect their sobriety and mine as I depend on them to keep showing up. Trust is paramount in keeping the fellowship healthy and growing. There is no discord in my AA way of life when I preserve my anonymity and anonymity of my fellows. We all get along just fine.

- **Jolene B.**

## **7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://contribution.aa.org)

## **Upcoming AA Fellowship & Service Opportunities**

### **District 09 GSR meetings**

January 7, 2024// 2PM// Faith Presbyterian Church 806 Fritzie Ave Crivitz

February 4, 2024// 2PM// Peace United Church 208 E. Maurer St Shawano

March 3, 2024// 2PM// 1<sup>st</sup> American Luth. Church 511 Madison St Oconto

April 7, 2024// 2PM// St. Augustine Church 507 Church St Wausaukee

May 5, 2024// 2PM// United Methodist Church 314 Main St Suring

June 2, 2024// 2PM// Alano Club 2218 13<sup>th</sup> St Menominee

July 7, 2024// 2PM// Faith Presbyterian Church 806 Fritzie Ave Crivitz

August 4, 2024// 2PM// Peace United Church 208 E. Maurer St Shawano  
September 8, 2024// 2PM// 1<sup>st</sup> American Church 511 Madison Oconto  
October 6, 2024// 2PM// St. Augustine Church 507 Church St Wausaukee  
November 3, 2024// 2PM// United Methodist Church 314 Main St Suring  
December 2024 no meeting

**Trustees' Literature Committee seeking stories**

**What:** Do you think you're different pamphlet being updated

**When:** Submit your story by April 30, 2024

**Where:** <https://www.aa.org/news-and-announcements>

**Why:** to better represent diversity

**Area Committee Meeting (Optional)**

December 16// 8AM-10AM// Virtual ID 84110965882 Passcode 1212144

**Delegates Workshop & ACM**

March 2, 2024// St. Stephen Lutheran Church Wausau

**Conference Delegates Past**

February 9-11, 2024// Area 22 Muncie, IN.

**Winter Assembly**

March 30, 2024// Quality Inn Rhinelander

**Area Assembly & ACM**

May 18-19, 2024// Ashland

**ECR Conference**

June 7-9, 2024// MI State Convention Grand Rapids, MI

**Area Committee Meeting (Optional)**

August 3, 2024// Virtual

**Area Assembly Meeting & ACM**

September 14-15, 2024// Holiday Inn Stevens Point

**Fall Assembly**

October 12, 2024// Quality Inn Rhinelander

**Area Committee Meeting**

December 7, 2024// Virtual

**New Years Alkathon**

December 31, 2023- January 1, 2024// 4PM-4PM// 2617 Club  
1578 Strongs Ave Stevens Point// Contact: 715-570-3108

**Save the Date**

\*July 3-6, 2025 Convention Centre and BC Place Stadium in Vancouver,  
BC, Canada



January 27th, 2024 • Doors Open At 4:30pm

# District 1 INTERGROUP

 Redeemer Lutheran Church • 210 S Oneida St, Green Bay, WI

AA SPEAKER:

→ **EMILY S.** ←

AL-ANON SPEAKER:

→ **LISA V.** ←

**WELCOME & FELLOWSHIP:** 4:30pm - 5:00pm,

**DINNER:** 5:00pm - 6:00pm

**COUNTDOWN & RAFFLE DRAWINGS:** 8:00pm

→ Contact **MELANIE B. AT 920-360-9240** For Raffle Donations Or Service Opportunities ←



# Area 74 Spring Conference May 17-19,2024

## *Life will take on new meaning!*

AmericInn , 3009 Lake Shore Drive E.

Ashland, Wisconsin 54806 715-682-9950

Room Rate - \$129.99 plus tax per night, Includes Hot breakfast Room and Water Park Pass! **Room Rate held until April 17, 2024** [www.americinn.com/hotels/wi/ashland](http://www.americinn.com/hotels/wi/ashland)

- Friday Night events include current Delegate's Story of Recovery and service, Musical Jam Session, almost world famous Tetzner's Ice Cream and alkathon!
  - Saturday events include Delegate's Report, Standing Committee Open House, Panels, speakers, Banquet, Entertainment and Alkathon!
  - Sunday events include Spiritual Speaker, Area Committee Meeting, and farewells.
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ **One registration form per person.**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Free if one year or less of sobriety. **Banquet is \$25.00 if free registration applies.** \*\*\*\* Please still send in a registration.\*\*\*\*

Registration Only = \$15.00

**OR**

Registration **and** Banquet = \$40.00

Amount Enclosed- \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please note here any special needs we can help with. \_\_\_\_\_

***Banquet registration must be received by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024***

Make checks payable to - District 13 Area 74 Conference

Mail to Area 74 Conference 11090 E. Lund Rd. Maple,WI 54854

Questions - Call Marty 715-363-2418



~We got the bid, so save the date!~

**ACTION** is the magic word!!!

Area 74

2024 Fall Conference

Host: District 04

Where: Holiday Inn & Convention Center

1001 Amber Ave. Stevens Point, WI 54482

When: Friday through Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Why: "We must go further, and that means more action!"

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OSHKOSH, WI PRESENTS

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JANUARY 12-14 2024

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**\$109<sup>+</sup> NIGHT**

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\$20**



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QUESTIONS? CONTACT [WICYPAA31@GMAIL.COM](mailto:wicypaa31@gmail.com)

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PHONE NUMBER .....	
CITY STATE .....	

**\*\*\*Registration open online at  
[wicypaa31.com](http://wicypaa31.com)\*\*\***



**WISCONSIN'S BID FOR ICYPAA PRESENTS:**

# **ELECTIONS** **ROUND TWO**

**LAKE AREA CLUB - OCONOMOWOC**

**PLUS PIZZA PARTY**

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE  
INCLUDE:**

ALT. TREASURER	GRAPHICS
EVENTS	& MERCH
PROGRAMS	HOTELS
BID BOOK	A/V
PRAYER	AND MORE!

**SUNDAY**

**12PM-2PM**

**10  
DEC**

**2023**



**QUESTIONS? SLOAN B. [262] 332-8666**



# RAFTYAMA

JUNE 6-9, 2024

KOSAR'S RAPID RAFTS  
SILVER CLIFF, WISCONSIN

**\$20** PRE-REG  
INCLUDES CAMPING  
AND FIREWOOD

WHITewater RAFTING  
SPEAKERS VOLLEYBALL  
RESENTMENT BURNING BAGS  
FELLOWSHIP yOGA BBQ  
DANCE UNDER THE STARS  
AND MUCH MORE!



REGISTER  
TODAY





WICYPAA XXXI HOST PRESENTS

# CHALLENGE PALOOZA



**DECEMBER 9**

**12PM UNTIL 3PM**

**OSHKOSH, WI**

MERCH  
4 SALE

**621 EVANS ST, OSHKOSH, WI 54901**

*Last Event Until the Conference!*

**BRING A NEWCOMER!**

**AUCTION STYLE . FELLOWSHIP . SPEAKER**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT JAY (920)-808-3874**





**DISTRICT 09 GSR MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 5, 2023**  
**SURING, WI**

Paul Y. opened the meeting at 2:05 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 13 members in attendance, representing Gillett, Porterfield, Suring, Oconto, Coleman, Shawano, Marinette, and Lakewood in WI.

**Secretary Report:** The minutes from the last District 09 Meeting from October 2023 were approved and accepted. Sara P. stated she will not be present at the 01/07/2024 District 09 Meeting and will need someone to fill her for her and complete the minutes. Carol P. agreed to do so.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Paul Y. passed out the Sample Area 74 2025 Calendar/Dates to Remember with the new schedule accepted for Service Meetings at the Area for 2025 and 2026. Paul read a quote stating, I've never seen anyone drink themselves smart, successful or happy. Most end up broke, bitter and alone.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ARCHIVES:** Ross P. said he has nothing new to report for Archives. Ross stated the District 09 Archives are available if anyone is interested in seeing them..

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Carol P. said she has nothing new to report except there is an event being held at the Marinette High School on Wednesday, 11/08/2023 called Sullivan's Message and she will have a literature rack set up there.

**CORRECTIONS:** Corrections Chair position is open. No report.

**NEWSLETTER:** Jolene B. said the Chronicle has one new email subscriber.

**GRAPEVINE:** Mike H. absent. Dar stated if anyone would like the Grapevine display set up for an event they are willing to set it up.

**TREATMENT:** Janet P. absent.

**WEBSITE:** ([www.district09aa.org](http://www.district09aa.org)) Todd E. absent.

**GSR SHARING**

Jim H. said they average 5 people at the 12x12 group on Tuesday night in Shawano. Dee said the Lakewood group on Thursday night is being held at the Presbyterian Church and not at the library. Dee said their group is averaging 5-6 people. Mary C. said the Carter group ranges from 3-12 people. Ross P. said the group in Shawano on Sunday night at Peace Church is a Big Book Study and is business as usual. He said they recently gave out a Big Book to someone who didn't have one. Ross said the Monday night group in Shawano has a core group that shows up and recently had two new members. Bill C. said he is the Alternate GSR for the Lunch with Bill and Bob group at the Recovery Center in Shawano. Bill said about 20 people attend this group. Dar said 5-6 people attend the Monday, Wednesday, and Friday meetings in Oconto. Dar said they give out their numbers to the newcomer but said she is tossing out that maybe they should get the newcomers number. A member said if called they would feel harassed. Another member said they were called by someone from the group and that is why they are here in AA today. Jolene B. said she is the Alternate GSR for the Monday night woman's meeting in Menominee, Michigan. Jolene said attendance is consistent and there is a core group of women that attend. Jolene said there is always a great parking lot meeting after the meeting. Norm F. said the Monday night group in Gillett is doing good and the treats are always awesome. Paul Y. said the Suring group on Thursday has 3-4 core people that attend. Paul said they are going back to a Big Book study format. Paul said

they had changed their format and their attendance went down.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Paul Y. said we need two members to take on the positions for District 09 as Alternate DCM and Corrections Chair. Paul asked that this information about these two open positions be brought back and shared at the groups in District 09. Paul said John N. has religiously went into the Marinette County Jail to carry the message but stated we do not know what is going on in the Shawano County Jail. A discussion ensued around what will happen if the DCM is unable to attend a meeting and we do not have an Alternate DCM. It was suggested that a past DCM could chair the District 09 Meeting if necessary based on their experience. Paul stated District 09 still has some Service Manuals available which are being provided by the District to anyone interested in service.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Paul confirmed the following 2024 Dates to Remember for the District 09 Meetings.

January 7	Crivitz
February 4	Shawano
March 3	Oconto
April 7	Wausaukee
May 5	Suring
June 2	Menominee
July 7	Crivitz
August 4	Shawano
September 8	Oconto
October 6	Wausaukee
November 3	Suring
December	No District Meeting

Paul reviewed the Area 74 Dates to Remember for 2024. We have the Delegate’s Workshop on 03/02/2024 in Wausau. We have the Area 74 Assembly on 03/30/2023 in Rhinelander. The Spring Conference will be held in Ashland, WI on 05/17/2024 – 05/19/2024. The Fall Conference will be held in Stevens Point, WI on 09/13/2024 – 09/15/2024.

We discussed how District 09 Meetings will be conducted for 2024 if the incoming DCM leaves at 3 pm. No resolution was found. Jim H. agreed to stand as Alternate DCM if another member is willing to stand as Treasurer.

Paul thanked everyone for allowing him to serve District 09 as DCM over this past rotation. Paul said he has gratitude for how this has helped his personal life and his AA life. We thanked Paul for his leadership, compassion and humility while serving District 09 as our DCM. Paul is looking forward to his new position as Archives Chair for Area 74 beginning in January 2024.

**The Next GSR Meeting will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, January 7, 2024, at Faith Presbyterian Church located at 806 Fritzie Avenue in Crivitz, WI.**

We closed the District 09 Meeting with the Responsibility Statement at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sara P.  
District 09 Secretary

**Financial Report as of 11/05/2023:** The last statement for this account is dated 09/01/23-09/30/23. Ending Balance is \$2384.14// Donations received in October: 3 checks for \$109.24 Cash \$20 (added to petty cash)// Paid out: check #1157 \$600 to Paul Y. DCM expense reimbursement 2023 Petty Cash \$39// Grand total \$1932.38 includes \$700 earmarked for prudent reserve Report prepared by Paul Y.