



# The Chronicle

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## **District 09 GSR Meeting Minutes**

Sunday January 7, 2024

Faith Presbyterian Church 806 Fritzie Ave Crivitz, WI

13 people in attendance

Meeting started at 2:05 pm by DCM Mary. Mary asked that as we introduce ourselves, we do our updates.

Paul, past DCM and current Area Archivist, started the meeting with an update on the Treasurer Report. Paul met with Treasurer Dan L. yesterday and reported that his health has greatly improved. Paul presented the report to all, with correction to the year from 2023 to 2024. Motion was made to approve by Jim, seconded by Todd, with correction. Paul, GSR Suring Big Book Study Group going strong with approximately 6 people per meeting. He noted that there has been an increase in the number of "older" members and how they bring interesting perspective to the rooms. They have created a phone list for their group.

Ross, District Archivist, said that he is ready for events. As a GSR for the Sunday night Peace Church in Shawano, he reported that things are slow.

Mike, Grapevine Chair, said that he is ready for events. As a GSR for Oconto Lutheran Church, he reported that there is approximately 8-10 in attendance for one of the meetings and 5-6 in attendance for the other. He also said there is a new recovery center in town at 1108 Pecor Street. They do have AA meetings on Wednesdays at 7pm and the meeting is not on the schedule. Todd and Mike are going to update with the current information.

Jolene, Newsletter/ The Chronicle, reported there are currently 24 subscribers to The Chronicle. A great increase from last year. Mary asked about hard copy subscribers and if there was a subscription fee. It was noted that stamps are going up to 69 cents. Jolene said there is currently no service for hard copy. Jim added that he has one sent to him and thanked Sara. Jolene is looking for contributors to The Chronicle and asked Mary to contribute for February. Mary said yes, she will contribute for February.

Carol, Public Information, was asked about the St. James Saturday 6:30pm meeting in Marinette. There was a problem with a missing keyholder and there was no one to open the church for the

meeting. It was a one-time problem and has been resolved. There are now two key holders. This is a good reminder of the importance of a contact list for all members. PI update passed around business cards with the intention that they are posted around the district. The cards have a QR code linked to the district's list of meetings.

Janet, Co-Treatment, had nothing to update. Janet as GSR reported that the Women's Monday Night 5:30pm Alano Club Menominee meeting is doing well. Average of 14 women each Monday and more attendees on speaker nights (first Monday of the month). Janet did invite Mary to speak.

Dee, Treatment, is interested in the Recovery Center in Oconto and Shawano. Dee said there is serious recovery going on at Koinonia Treatment Center. There is a local AA meeting not at the facility, but well attended by Koinonia Treatment folks.

Mary, GSR for Back Door group in Lakewood, said the meetings are well attended.

Todd, Area Webmaster, provided a committee report on January 7, 2024. We have 38 meetings listed on the website. Updated the website event page. Will update contact page when finalized.

Mary DCM shared for the GSR at Casino Tuesdays at 7pm in Carter. Said the meetings are seasonal and less attended in winter. Meeting has been around for 50 years. Mary referenced the November meeting and time issue. Mary's plan is to give District meeting attendees an option, if the meeting is running late, to continue or not to continue, group conscience. Mary would like to keep meetings to an hour with respect to groups' time. Mary did pass around forms. The forms are Area 74 Per Car Reimbursement Request Form. It's a form to use for reimbursement for gas expenses incurred while traveling to stand along Area 74 service member. There is a max of \$35.00. It does not apply if the member is eligible by their service position (like officers or committee chairs). The form needs approval from the Area Finance Committee/Treasurer.

#### **Next District Meeting: February 4th, Shawano at Peace Church 2pm.**

Mary also reminded all that March 2<sup>nd</sup> in Wausau there's an Area Committee Meeting at Stephen Lutheran Church. March 30<sup>th</sup> in Rhinelander there's an Assembly. May 17-18 in Ashland, WI is the Spring Conference.

Paul reminded everyone of the District 01 Intergroup January 27<sup>th</sup>. There is information in The Chronicle.

Jolene, Newsletter/ Alternate GSR, asked questions from the November meeting notes regarding: Alternate DCM and Treasurer. The question of Alternate DCM was discussed, and it was brought to the floor to ask Jim to be the Alternate DCM. Jim accepted and none opposed.

Jolene, Newsletter/ Alternate GSR also asked that with the new rotations if a service workshop could be helpful. Paul reminded us that we had been working on a service workshop with Districts 9 and 10 combined, but it died. Mary said she had been working to have a three-day meeting at Potawatomi Casino or Phil's filling station in Townsend. Todd did suggest that maybe two workshops, one up north and the other south maybe an option. **Bottom Line: GSR's are asked to ask the rooms what they think of a service workshop and bring the answer back to February meeting in Shawano.**

Paul, past DCM and current Area Archive Chair, asked to discuss New Business. The questions of recognizing sobriety anniversaries in The Chronicle. Paul said this has been a tradition that has gone by the wayside. **Bottom Line: GSR's are asked to ask the rooms what they think of recognizing sobriety anniversaries in The Chronicle. GSR's please bring responses back to the district meeting February in Shawano.**

Motion to close by Ross and Seconded by Todd.

## **January 2024 Report on Area 74 District 09 AA Treasury**

The last statement from Associated Bank for this account is dated 12/01/2023 to 12/31/2023.

The ending balance is \$2121.38

Donations received but not deposited: 2 checks for \$100.00

Thank you for donations from: Carter Springs Group, Carter, WI; Lakewood Backdoor Group, Lakewood, WI

Petty Cash: \$40.00

Grand Total is \$2261.38

Includes \$700.00 earmarked for prudent reserve

Report prepared by Dan L., Treasurer District 09

W5820 N Beach Blvd Shawano, WI 54166

## **Meet your District Committee Member (DCM)**

The DCM position assumes responsibility for all District activities. My name is Mary C. I have accepted the DCM position for 2 years in District 09. My first AA meeting was at the age of 26 at the White House in Des Moines, Iowa. My second meeting was in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1982. For the following 10 years, I was in and out of the AA program. My last drink was in Seabrook, Texas. I go about every 3 years to visit the Clear Creek Club. I have enjoyed total sobriety for 31 years.

## **The Magic of WICYPAA**

Hello recovery friends, my name is Madrene, I'm 29 years old, and I'm from Green Bay, WI! When I started my recovery journey nearly a year and a half ago, I could never have imagined what it has turned into today! I owe a large part of my amazing journey to the AA program and the fellowship it provides.

When I first started getting sober, it was lonely. My social circle changed, and I had to find new, healthier circles. I think many people starting off sobriety experience loneliness because we lose the socialization and connection, we sought from the drinking environments we used to be a part of. Like many alcoholics, I also used alcohol as a social crutch to "fit in" and connect with people. AA has provided a community of people I can relate to and connect with without alcohol. Fellowship has been instrumental in my recovery, I learned I can't do it alone! The 12 steps, the fellowship, and the service opportunities are what keep me sober and give me a purpose and passion for life again.

Through AA I found YPAA (Young People of Alcoholics Anonymous) and attended my first WICYPAA (Wisconsin Conference of Young People in AA) in January.

YPAA is an amazing outlet for young people (or young at heart) in the program that need fellowship and want to participate in fun and exciting social events.

I was a little nervous about going because new environments and people can be scary, but I'm so glad I chose to give it a chance, it did not disappoint! WICYPAA was filled with young and vibrant people from all different walks of life, all there accepting and loving one another for a common purpose, recovery. It's all about spreading the message to the still suffering, meeting, and connecting with new people, enjoying the fellowship, and having fun without substances!

WICYPAA was filled with games, karaoke, speakers, meetings, themed dances, and my favorite part - the sobriety countdown. I had experienced sobriety countdowns at other events, but none compared to this one! There was music, dancing, and crowds of people running around and cheering for the people standing to share their sobriety time. It ranged from people sober for 40+ years all the way to 2 days of sobriety. Everyone was embraced and celebrated just the same. The energy in the room was incredible and something I'll never forget.

I met so many new people to relate to and share recovery experiences with. Everyone was welcoming and there was so much positive energy. I remember sitting in the karaoke room watching everyone singing along, dancing, having fun, and celebrating one another. I remember thinking to myself how cool it was that strangers could come together and feel safe and accepted enough to embrace the present moment and just be themselves, sober!

If you're new to AA and/or YPAA I would recommend checking out WICYPAA next year in Waukesha or any of the YPAA events and seeing what it's all about. It's an amazing opportunity to connect with like-minded people in recovery and make lasting friendships.

After experiencing WICYPAA, some of my fellows from Green Bay were inspired to put together a committee for a bid to bring WICYPAA to Green Bay. I'm excited to get my hands in and apply for a service position! If you're interested in getting involved, we would love to see you February 18th at 12:00 at The Bridge of Green Bay - 2514 Jenny Ln, Green Bay, WI 54302. Help us spread the message and see what fellowship and service can do for your recovery!

YPAA proves that AA and recovery doesn't have to be boring, and we can keep the AA community fun, thriving, and vibrant!

**New FEATURE on [aa.org](http://aa.org)**

## **Your Frequently Asked Questions**

**We've taken more than 100 of the most frequently asked questions by A.A. members, people looking for help for their drinking problem, and others and launched a central resource on [aa.org](http://aa.org) where you can easily find answers and links to related information. We will continue to update and expand this list to include even more helpful information.**

**Visit the new FAQ feature at [aa.org/faqs](http://aa.org/faqs)**

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Box 459

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# Upcoming AA Fellowship & Service Opportunities

## District 09 GSR meetings

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 Wausau  
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 Wausau  
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

\*\*\*\*\*Zoom Information for all Area 74 meetings available in the Now & Then newsletter. Contact [area74newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:area74newsletter@gmail.com) for your subscription. \*\*\*\*\*

## Delegates Workshop & Area Committee Meeting

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

## Conference Delegates Past

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

Register at [area22indiana.org](http://area22indiana.org)

## Winter Assembly

March 30, 2024// Quality Inn Rhinelander

## Area Assembly & Area Committee Meeting

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 & Area Committee Meeting**

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

Register at <https://www.aawidistrict04.org/event/area-74-2024-fall-conference/>

**Fall Assembly**

October 12, 2024// Quality Inn Rhinelander

**Area Committee Meeting**

December 7, 2024// Virtual

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**AA Winterfest Potluck**

February 24, 2024//Food, fellowship, speakers//5-8pm//Marshfield  
Wildwood Pavillion 1800 S Roddis Ave, Marshfield, WI

**Women's Recovery Workshop**

Step 2: Restore Us To Sanity// February 3, 2024//12 - 4pm// The Bridge,  
Green Bay, WI

**AA Speaker & Chili Cook Off**

February 18, 2024// 12-2:30pm// 2617 Club 1578 Strongs Ave  
Stevens Point, WI

**AA Traveling Intergroup**

February 10, 2024// 4pm-7pm// Lovemarq Church 728 West Kaye Ave  
Marquette, MI

**Save the Date**

\*July 3-6, 2025 AA 2025 International Convention Vancouver, BC, Canada

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Donations**

District 09: Dan L.W5820 N. Beach Blvd Shawano, WI 54166

Area 74: Area 74 Treasurer 813 E Harrison St Appleton, WI 54915 (include group name,  
number, location & point of contact)

GSO: PO Box 2407 James A Farley Station New York, NY 10116-2407 OR [contribution.aa.org](http://contribution.aa.org)

# 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

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Content, questions, suggestions are welcome.



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# Join us for a FELLOWSHIP of the SPIRIT

February 10, 2024  
The Bridge Commons

*What is the AA Fellowship?      How do you become part of it?*  
*How does the fellowship impacted my recovery?*

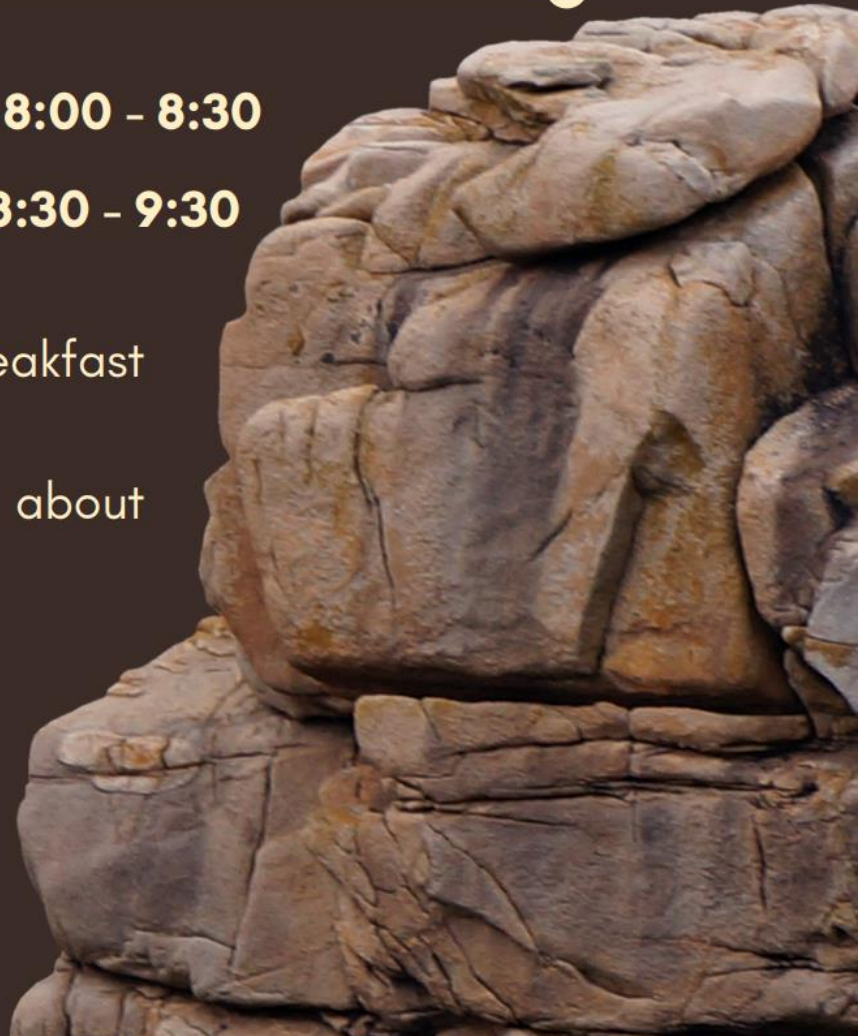


**Breakfast and Fellowship: 8:00 - 8:30**

**Discussion and Meeting: 8:30 - 9:30**

- Feel free to bring a breakfast dish to pass
- Come to enjoy hearing about AA fellowship

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to Green Bay!

# GREEN BAY BID FOR WICYPAA

*Wisconsin Conference of Young People in AA*

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**FEB 18TH - 12PM**

Questions?  
Contact  
Lauren K.  
(920) 905-9793



**The Bridge of Green Bay  
2514 Jenny Ln.  
Green Bay, WI 54302**

## **Spring 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Step Retreat**

(AA/Al-Anon/ACA)

**May 17-19, 2024**

**Place:** St. Norbert Center for Spirituality--1163 S Webster Ave, De Pere WI 54115

**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 advise on doing 4th steps and to listen to “5<sup>th</sup> steps” throughout the weekend in a private setting. Attendees are encouraged to do as much of their 4<sup>th</sup> Step as possible prior to attending the Retreat. Other opportunities to share in fellowship include open meetings, closed meetings, forgiveness exercises, guest speakers, and live music. There are a variety of settings available for personal and private reflection. The St. Norbert Center for Spirituality has been newly renovated throughout the facility. Each participant will have their own bathroom/shower within their own room. Retreatants will all have their own room unless “room sharing” is requested.

*6 months sobriety/active recovery suggested*

**Retreat is limited**

**First Come, First Serve**

**Please make your reservations early!**

**Registration deadline is April 26, 2024**

*( 3 Partial Scholarships available courtesy of the Mike A. Scholarship Fund-Please call Judy G to inquire)*

**Send \$150 deposits to: Steps Retreat, PO Box 5262, De Pere WI 54115**

**Deposits are not refundable after April 16, 2024.**

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

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

### **Registration: Spring 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations are always accepted. These funds are used to manage costs and provide scholarships**

# Before you go!

\*\*\*Contact your District Members at [district@district09aa.org](mailto:district@district09aa.org)  
or come to the next GSR meeting listed above under  
“Fellowship and Service Opportunities”

DCM: Mary C.	Alternate DCM: Jim H.
Secretary: Sara P.	Treasurer: Dan L.
Archives: Ross P.	Corrections: Open
Grapevine: Mike H.	Newsletter: Jolene B.
PI Chair: Carol P.	Treatment: Dee E.
Webmaster: Todd E.	Literature: Norm F.

\*\*\*View the district’s website at [district09aa.org](http://district09aa.org)

**\*\*\*Take note of the NEW mailing address for Area 74  
Treasury listed under “7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Donations” box**

\*\*\*Check out this letter and questionnaire from the Trustee’s  
Literature Committee.

Please direct all  
communications to:

P.O. Box 459  
Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163  
Fax: (212) 870-3003

November 13, 2023

Dear Trusted Servants:

A.A.'s Co-Founder, Bill W., in his 1953 address to the General Service Conference, stated that he did not consider himself the author of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the Big Book (*Our Great Responsibility*, p. 92). He also alluded to the fact that in the various A.A. literature published prior to his passing, he borrowed heavily from other sources, and that other A.A. members made significant contributions.

On the other hand, addressing the historical context of some of the writings of our Founders, many members in our Fellowship have expressed strong sentiment against any changes in the first 164 pages of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the Big Book, as well as the Preface, the Forewords, The Doctor's Opinion, Doctor Bob's Nightmare, and the Appendices. In fact, as early as 1995 and most recently in 2022, Advisory Actions designed to protect the above-referenced contents have been passed by the General Service Conference.

In response to a Committee Consideration from the 73rd General Service Conference suggesting that trustees' Literature Committee *seek input from the Fellowship (including but not limited to Area delegate feedback) regarding any possible future changes to literature written by A.A.'s Founders*, the trustees' Literature committee agreed it would be beneficial to gather shared experience from the Fellowship regarding this topic.

We would like to hear from you – the top of the triangle! While we hope that the suggested questions will help to spark thoughtful sharing and discussion, please feel free to add questions that we may not have thought of that you feel may best inform the discussion. Most of all, we are grateful for and thank you for your participation.

In fellowship,

The trustees' Literature Committee (2023-2024)

Attachment: Suggested Questions

## **HOW SHOULD WE TREAT A.A. FOUNDERS' WRITINGS SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Do you think that A.A. Founders would object to or embrace revisions to their writings? If yes, why? If not, why?
2. Do you think the Founders' writings are effective in reaching new members? If not, what measures do you think can be taken to resolve this issue?
3. What reasons would you consider for changing our Founders' writings?
4. How do you feel about changing A.A. Founders' writings to replace outdated references?
5. What suggestions do you have for preserving the Founders' writings, along with keeping pace with our current A.A. Society and its future?
6. Should there be a special Conference process for approval of changes to our Founders' writings? (e.g., super, or qualified majority – 75%, and/or 2-year consideration process.)
7. What additional ideas, thoughts or suggestions can you share about changing or not changing the Founders' writings?

Note: Please be as concise as possible in your responses to the questions