



# The Chronicle

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## DISTRICT 09 GSR MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2023 SHAWANO, WI

Mary C. opened the meeting at 2:02 pm. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Traditions were read and introductions made. A sign-in sheet was not passed; there were 13 members in attendance, representing Porterfield, Suring, Oconto, Shawano, Marinette, and Lakewood in WI and Menominee, MI.

**Secretary Report:** Sara P. thanked Carol P. for completing the minutes from the District 09 Meeting from January 2024. These minutes from the last District 09 Meeting were approved and accepted. Sara passed out the 2024 District 09 Meeting Schedule. Sara stated she will not be present at the 03/03/2024 District 09 Meeting and will need someone to fill in for her and complete the minutes. Carol again agreed to do so.

**Treasurer Report:** Dan L. prepared a Treasurer's Report which was approved and accepted.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No Announcements were given.

### **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 having an event and would like him to set it up.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Carol P. stated she went through 350 business cards which have a QR code that is linked to the District's Meeting List. Carol passed around some business cards and said to spread them around in the community. Carol said if we pass out 350 of these business cards we should have three new members.

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

**NEWSLETTER:** Jolene B. absent. Jolene sent her report to the Secretary, Sara P., stating to thank Mary C. for contributing to the Newsletter and to let Jim H. know he will be featured in the March issue.

**GRAPEVINE:** Mike H. stated if anyone would like the Grapevine display set up to please let him know.

**TREATMENT:** Janet P. reported she is helping Dee with the Treatment position. Janet said she brought old copies of the Grapevine and business cards to Libertas and Biehl's Bridges to Recovery in Marinette.

**WEBSITE:** ([www.district09aa.org](http://www.district09aa.org)) Todd E. reported the District 09 Website was renewed for another year through iPower. Todd said District 09 has 40 meetings listed on the website. Todd added two day meetings in Shawano to the website. Todd said he updated the website Event Page and the Contact Page.

### **GSR SHARING**

Ross P. said the group in Shawano on Sunday night at Peace Church is a Big Book Study. Ross said some new people trickled in with the New Year and their group gave out a couple Big Books. Ross said otherwise it's the same core people that attend. Bill C. said the Lunch with Bill and Bob group at the Recovery Center in Shawano is experiencing some personality issues and two of the meetings have now moved to the Presbyterian Church. Bill said the meetings are still at the Recovery Center on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Mike H. said he is the GSR for all three Oconto meetings. Mike said the same members attend all three meetings but there have been a couple new faces which is nice. Carol P. said the Monday night 5:30 pm. woman's meeting in Menominee, Michigan has a speaker once a month and on that evening the meeting is open to women and men. Carol said their meeting would love to hear Mary C's story at their speaker meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Todd E. brought up an old item of business pertaining to what District 09 is going to do with the money in the treasury. An in-depth discussion took place with members stating we should check with groups that are lacking anything and provide them with assistance for whatever they are in need of, keep the money until it's needed, give out Grapevine subscriptions, etc. We agreed to bring this question back to the groups to find out what they want done with the money. Another discussion took place on putting sobriety anniversary dates back in the Chronicle. A vote was taken and the majority of members agreed to approve putting the sobriety anniversary dates back in the Chronicle for those who wish to have their date published in the Newsletter. We discussed having a District 09 Workshop. Lots of ideas were shared on where to have it. Carol P. discussed the Workshop flyer Jolene B. prepared as an example for District 09 to use. A committee was formed to look into doing a Service Workshop in District 09. The committee will consist of Carol, Todd, Bill, Janet, and Mary. They plan to meet just prior to the next District Meeting in March in Oconto.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Janet P. stepped up and offered to stand as District 09 Corrections Chair. A vote was taken and Janet was voted unanimously to serve as the Corrections Chair for District 09.

**The Next GSR Meeting will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, March 3, 2024, at First American Lutheran Church located at 511 Madison Street in Oconto, WI.**

We closed the District 09 Meeting with the Serenity Prayer at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara P.

District 09 Secretary

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

The last statement from Associated Bank for this account is dated 01/01/2024 to 01/31/2024

The ending balance is \$1897.47

Petty Cash: \$27.00

Change to Petty Cash: +\$4.00) New balance \$27.00

Paid Web IPower for 1 year website \$298.92

Grand Total is \$1924.47 End of FEBRUARY

Includes \$700.00 earmarked for prudent reserve

Report prepared by Dan L.

Treasurer District 09

W5820 N Beach Blvd

Shawano, WI 54166

## **Meet your Alternate District Committee Member**

Greetings fellow travelers. I am Jim H., the new alternate DCM. Most of you don't know me but I just celebrated 39 years of sobriety. I have numerous skills to share which I learned over time. I would like to use my position to help the GSRs. I understand the barriers some GSRs may have to getting a voice heard at the district level. Time is precious and expenses are increasing so I am proposing you text me with your group's questions, suggestions, and voice. My phone number is 1-715-584-1236. Please list your name, home group and what you want the District 09 GSR meeting to know.

## **Some Words on "Meeting Makers Make It"**

My very first meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous was very scary! I felt terrible, embarrassed, shame, intimidated—I don't belong here. Will somebody see me that I know? I wanted to leave so no one saw me. I was afraid of speaking because what if what I have to say isn't important? Well, what happened is that everyone welcomed me. They were friendly and told me to "keep coming back"! It was intimidating again because I wasn't expecting unconditional acceptance. We all share an understanding of what alcoholism is and the importance of sharing our experiences and our stories. It's so amazing that our stories are so alike! At a recent meeting, we discussed how we alcoholics understand things that non-

alcoholics don't understand... drinking is not a social activity, it is an obsession... once we start, we can't stop.

During COVID, we had a new challenge. It was difficult because we didn't have our in-person meetings. But the persevering members were able to give us virtual meetings to get through this difficult time. I found myself tuning into those meetings almost every day. Also, I was a member of a meeting that met every week outside in a park for almost two years (even in winter... never missed a meeting). We recently were able to find a church to allow us to meet in an access building. We really appreciate it and thank God for helping us find it! PS my dog is allowed to come to this meeting and has become our mascot. This group has been together with the same members for over ten years. We share each other's good times and bad. We also look forward to new members joining us. Everyone's story is important and motivating. Since COVID, I have found three meetings that I attend every week, as well as others.

Also, I have relapsed. I again experienced the pain, shame, and embarrassment of coming back to a meeting. And guess what? Everyone overwhelmingly supported me! I was given unconditional love! Often, I try to find an excuse to not go to a meeting... I'm tired, it's cold, it's dark out, I'm busy with something else. But when I go, I always take back some knowledge, hope, and courage that I didn't expect. So, keep coming back, it works if you work it!

**-MaryJo H.**

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

### **District 09 GSR meetings**

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>

### **AA for the Native North American Alcoholic**

What: updating pamphlet

When: submissions due April 30, 2024 (extended)

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

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### **Delegates Workshop & Area Committee Meeting**

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

### **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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**Green Bay WICYPAA Bid Committee**

March 3, 2024 business meeting// 5PM// The Bridge 2514 Jenny Ln.  
Green Bay, WI

**Came to Believe Group Celebrating 24 Years**

March 16, 2024// 5:30PM Dinner, 7PM Speakers// St. Stephen Lutheran  
Church 512 McClellan St. Wausau, WI// Zoom ID: 892 1155 4684  
Password: 740147

**Delta County Intergroup “Lucky to be Sober”**

March 9, 2024// Central United Methodist Church 322 S. Lincoln Rd.  
Escanaba, MI// 4PM Corrections// 5PM GSR// 6PM Dinner// 7PM Speakers

**“Bloom into Sobriety” Intergroup**

April 13, 2024// 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church 1210 Stephenson Ave. Iron Mountain,  
MI// Corrections 4PM// 5PM GSR// 6PM Dinner//7PM



**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.

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      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

**HOLIDAY INN & CONVENTION CENTER -  
STEVENS POINT WI**

# **AREA 74 2024 FALL CONFERENCE**

**HOSTED BY DISTRICT 04**

**ALSO  
FEATURING  
ALANON  
PARTICIPATION!**



**4 SPEAKERS  
YOU DONT  
WANT TO  
MISS!**

**ACTION IS THE  
MAGIC WORD!**

**FRIDAY - SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 13-15  
2024**



**HAVE QUESTIONS? EMAIL  
FALLCONFERENCE2024@GMAIL.COM**

## **Subscriptions**

The Chronicle may be sent free through e-mail by contacting [09thechronicle@gmail.com](mailto:09thechronicle@gmail.com)

Content, questions, suggestions are welcome.



# RAFTYAMA

JUNE 6-9, 2024

KOSUR'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



# HACYPAA VIII

Heartland Area Conference of Young People in AA

“Their roots grasped a new soil”

OMAHA, NE  
MAY 17-19  
2024

REGISTER  
NOW!  
[hacypaa8.com](http://hacypaa8.com)



## Wyndham Omaha

655 North 108th Ave, Omaha NE 68154

402-509-5535 (mention HACYPAA to get \$89 room rate)

# SPRING BBQ DINNER

at The Bridge

2514 Jenny Lane in Green Bay

*All are  
Welcome!*

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Fellowship at 4:30 pm

Pulled Pork Dinner served at 5:30 pm

Open speaker to follow



Donations appreciated  
or bring a dish to pass -  
but not required!

## **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: Janet P.
Grapevine: Mike H.	Newsletter: Jolene B.
PI Chair: Carol P.	Treatment: Dee E.
Webmaster: Todd E.	Literature: Norm F.

\*\*\*GSRs send your group members’ sobriety anniversary dates to [09thechronicle@gmail.com](mailto:09thechronicle@gmail.com) to be published in the newsletter

\*\*\*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

\*\*\*AA Grapevine yearly subscription cost is increasing on April 15, 2024 to \$36.00 Source:

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/announcement>

\*\*\*Review the 74<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference Agenda Items on [Area74.org](http://Area74.org)

\*\*\*Read this 10<sup>th</sup> step letter from the Trustees’ Literature Committee

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

February 7, 2024

### **A TENTH STEP FROM THE TRUSTEES' LITERATURE COMMITTEE**

We appreciate and thank all who took the time to discuss the "proposed" questions and provided sharing. However, we realize that for the vast majority, our correspondence was unclear as to its intent and that caused confusion. We apologize for this confusion.

The November 13, 2023, correspondence enclosing "proposed" questions was not intended to be a "survey." Instead, we hoped the questions would spark discussions at the local level. And that the local sharing would be provided to the Area Delegates.

However, in a subsequent meeting with the delegates, it was stated that the sharing could be forwarded to the General Service Office. As a result, many in the Fellowship sent us individual letters relating their viewpoints on the matter.

We realize now that this invitation confused matters and inadvertently circumvented the Conference process wherein the Area Delegates bring to the Conference the sense of their respective Areas.

We have gathered the sharing received and will provide this sharing to the regional trustees who will in turn distribute to the Delegates in their Region. You may be interested to know that there is a sharing session planned for this year's General Service Conference on this very topic – "How Should We Treat Writings by A.A.'s Founders." To be clear, this is just a sharing session – not a voting or policy making discussion.

While we admittedly missed the mark with the November 13 correspondence, one silver lining is that members are discussing this important subject. We hope you continue to discuss in your local areas and connect with your Area Delegate. For more information about the Conference process and how we work together "to help the alcoholic who still suffers," you may want to access the pamphlet "Circles of Love and Service" <https://www.aa.org/circles-love-and-service>.

With gratitude for your service and participation.

The Trustees' Literature Committee (2023-2024)