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DISTRICT 09 GSR MEETING MARCH 3, 2023 OCONTO, WI

Mary talked about a gathering at the Potawatomi/Carter. There is an upfront cost, but if you leave it clean you will be reimbursed. Mary said she may have nine people interested in planning. She is working to get help.

Started without introduction, jumped into: Carol (PI) and **“I am Responsible” /service workshop** event update. The committee (Jolene, Janet, Bill, Mary) prior to the district meeting. Since the District is so big, the plan is to hold two events, one in Spring and one in Fall. Each event would be a half day event and the point would be how to get people involved in service. The committee agreed that Bill from the Area would be invited to the next meeting (April 7 1pm Wausaukee) and the format would include overview of service, panel discussion, and breakout of meet and greet. The location of the first event is likely in Oconto and the committee is talking to Mike regarding available dates of the Church. We will need committees to plan food, agenda, finance, and communication. Anyone who would like to be involved in the committee please contact any of the committee members.

Mary **Opened the meeting** with the Serenity Prayer. Introductions: Mary C Townsend; Bob, Gerald, Dar, Mike, Ross, Karen Oconto; Carol P Marinette; Bill, Jim, Olivia Shawano; Paul Suring; Jolene Coleman; Janet Menominee.

Secretary Report Carol P – Standing in for Sara – Jolene approved the minutes from the last meeting and seconded by Jim. Meeting Update, hunger of service work.

Treasurer Report – treasurer Dan L not in attendance, Paul spoke on behalf of Dan who called Paul at noon unable to attend. Paul said we need to approve or correct the treasure detail as stated in The Chronicle. Jim made a motion to approve the Treasure Report and Carol P seconded. Unanimous acceptance. Mary did not see the report. Paul’s meeting share: Thursday Night meeting, 6:30 “only Church on Main Street” started as Big Book Study, spotty attendance, but have restarted 4-5 folks. Old timer says to take your time with the big book. May only study a few sentences. Slow learn on the Big Book.

Archives Report – Ross: One new thing to report. Found a proper 3rd addition dust jacket for 1st printing of the 3rd addition Big Book in the archives. Cost of fifty cents. Ross’s GSR update: they

have had a few new people at the Sunday Night Big Book in Shawano hoping they keep coming back. Also, if you need the Archives at an event, he is willing to set up a display anytime.

Grapevine Report– Mike nothing new. If you have an event and would like Grapevine display, please let him know. Mike is the GSR for 3 meetings in Oconto. 10 people Monday and 6-7 on Wednesday. Getting new faces and they are coming back. There is a meeting by Brothers Three recovery meeting. They are starting a Big Book meeting on Saturday. 7pm Wednesday night Gerald filled in information. Gerald GSR Oconto - for Monday Big Book Oconto 7pm. Saturday they are starting Joe & Charlie Meeting. Just getting started up and they would like to have games.

Newsletter Report– Jolene nothing new. She has a question to Janet regarding Janet to submit an article for April Chronicle about Corrections, Janet agreed. Mary asked about posting anniversaries. Mary does not like the idea, but Mary is asking the groups. It was approved last month to publish sobriety dates. Jolene stated as an Alternate GSR for the Monday night group, she passed around a piece of paper that give people to opportunity to have the anniversary date published in The Chronicle. It is voluntary. She asked that other GSRs do the same. If people want their sobriety date to be published in The Chronicle, it is their option. Email list to Jolene. She will start publishing in April. She needs help with the list and maintaining the list. Paul added maintenance of the list was done by Brian B in the past and he may be interested in helping Jolene maintain the list.

Corrections Report – Janet contacted Paul about John N in Crivitz/Wausaukee about going to jail cells in Marinette and Menominee. Janet met a gentleman in Wausaukee that would like to step down. There is a need for someone to carry it on, he is elderly. Janet is waiting for a response from James. Need contact for Shawano, anyone going to Shawano jails? Per Bill Charlie and Justin one of counselors there. Janet asked if there is anyone for the women? Janet announced the Moose & Goose April 13th Seymour. Janet & Yvonne went to the Marinette Jail last Tuesday where there were 6-7 women. Yvonne is trying to open AA to the Menominee Jail but had no luck. GSR update: 16 people at women's meeting. Mary will be speaking at the Women's 5:30 tomorrow. Mary found a booklet by AA on how to speak to the public. Jolene asked if there was a flyer for the Moose & Goose yet. None yet as of today.

Public Information Report – Carol passed around cards to post to carry the message. Paul did ask about the cost. We have gone through 400 and PI has had member contributions to pay for the cost of the business parts. Paul would like more. He has had good experience and feedback.

Treatment Report – Dee not in attendance

Website Report – Todd not in attendance, sent in his report. We have 43 meetings listed on the website. Added 3-day meeting in Shawano. Updated the website event page. Updated contact page. Worked with Dan L to set the website committee budget. We have been spending \$298.92 /YR.

Alternate DCM Report – Jim H Shawano has had an influx of mature folks attending their midday meetings. Might want to make sure towns have a midday meeting for the older population. The meeting at the Presbyterian Church is at 11am. The Recovery center closed. Trying to open a meeting at Hope Church.

Karen – Attends Bill/Bob meeting. Trying to get another meeting at Hope Church 9am Monday through Friday.

Olivia – Women's meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 is moving to the Presbyterian Church. I was attending the Bill/Bob at Recovery Center. Then they split. Olivia is the GSR. (Yeah) has been attending. There are at least 10 people. The Recovery Center is a bit sketchy. Olivia would like to see an Alano Club in the area. Olivia is trying to learn more about meetings and Alano Clubs. Mary asked if Olivia is registered as a GSR for her meeting. They will meet after the meeting.

Bob- Back after long relapse, currently meeting in Oconto. When he was looking for a meeting, he struggled to find a meeting in Oconto. Found a flyer at the laundromat. Looking for district help for the still struggling alcoholics.

Mary- talked about her meeting District 10.

Dar – Mike’s backup. Oconto Wednesday is her home group from 10-11. Average of 6-12 folks.

Carol- Update 3 grapevine stories displayed at the Alano Club.

Old Business: Flyer. Janet emailed Area 74 District 09 Michigan Corrections and is looking for Michigan Chair. Paul – There are two corrections chairs for the Area. One for Wisconsin, one for Michigan. If the district has a question of the Area Corrections, it will depend on the state as to where to direct the questions. This confirms Janet’s point about the fact that the Area is looking for someone to fill the Area’s Michigan Corrections Chair. Mary – Talked about Johnnie and there have been 70 translations of the Big Book. Plain Language Big Book in process. One fella thinks women should be in the kitchen. New Group Listing form for Olivia.

New Business: Carol – was there any update from yesterday’s meeting? Paul – Yes there was an update. Tonight, we will be receiving a lengthy email from our delegate, Nicholas. He is preparing for the General Service Conference. Everyone should take back to the groups. It is Mary’s job to disseminate the information to the GSR and to gather the information back from The GSRs. That is the DCM’s job to report back by 30th of March. The information is digital, does not have to be distributed manually, it can be emailed. Mary asked about expectations and the fact that emails will be key. We passed around a list of emails. Jolene asked when the GSRs can expect the email tonight? Paul said they are hoping it comes out tonight. Mary said it may take a couple of days. Carol – just to clarify, we get the emails then we need to ask the rooms and we need to get back to you prior to the next district meeting, right? Are we going to overload Mary? There will be 14 emails from GSR. Jolene – our Delegate is preparing a survey. Paul – there are two different things. The Survey contact will happen after the delegate goes to GSO. But the annual conference is coming up in mid-April, so there is not much time to work on it. Paul suggests once they are disseminated, just pick out a few things. No need to get too detailed about it. We are not expected to go through all the details. If there are “hot button” issues, make that judgement call. It is a good conversation topic. Any feedback that gets back to Mary will go to the Delegate. Mary – conversation regarding Area Budget for Delegate.

Closed.

March 2024 Report on Area 74 District 09 AA Treasury

The last statement from Associated Bank is dated 02/01/2024 to 02/29/2024

The ending balance is \$1893.47

Petty Cash: \$20.00

Grand total is \$1913.47

Includes \$700.00 earmarked for prudent reserve

Report prepared by Dan I.

Treasurer District 09

W5820 N Beach Blvd

Shawano, WI 54166

What's this? Public Information AKA PI

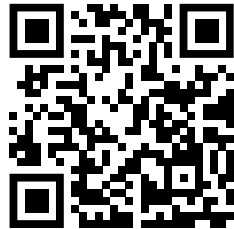
My name is Carol and I am an alcoholic. I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to always be there. That is **our** responsibility statement. I have been honored to be of service as your District 09 Public Information (PI) chair for approximately a year and a half. It's been an experience like none other. It's an opportunity for me to be creative and meet amazing people. It is suggested to be an area chair you are working the steps and are active in the rooms. That is the heart of my recovery, but PI is service to our community, and it is truly fun. The goal is to find that struggling person, who suffers and hand them the keys to their new life. There are other committees at the Area level, like: Literature, Archives, Corrections, Grapevine, and Treatment. PI's focus is:

- Giving presentations about A.A to schools and organizations.
- Providing information about A.A. through digital and print materials.
- Ensuring local media have accurate information about A.A. through PSAs, anonymity-protected interviews, and press kits.

One of the actions we have taken is to make available a business size card, that states:

If you want to drink
that's **your** business.

If you want to quit
that's **our** business.



Scan with smartphone
or tablet

The purpose is to make the cards available to the public as a means of introduction to AA. If you want business cards to hand out or post in public place, please contact me. The QR code is linked to our District 09 website and lists the district's meetings. If you would like some cards to pass around, I can supply as many as you would like. If this type of service sparks your interest, please contact me. If you would like to be involved in any type of service work, please contact me, or come to our district meeting. My experience has been that it is fun and has helped keep me sober and I am forever changed and grateful. Help in carrying the message is truly welcome.

Please join us as we trudge the road to happy destiny.

Carol P. call or text: 630-291-2336

Our Principle of Humility

In our literature, *Came to Believe...*, there is a story titled “A Lesson in Humility”. A member shared, they were asked to give a few words at their church and while preparing these words they developed into a sermon. The member talks of how people will really enjoy hearing what they have to say. When the time came to talk, the member recounts being unable to share due to an incredible thirst. The member writes,

“God was telling me, ‘You are an alcoholic. That is all you are. Not a preacher, not a teacher, not a speaker. Just an alcoholic, recovering by My grace.’ And that was that. A lesson taught with humor. A lesson I must never forget: The important thing is not what I do or where I live or what my name is; the important thing is that I am a recovering alcoholic, by the grace of God, through membership in A.A.” (p. 113).

For years I let my pride and ego get in the way of being connected with others in the world and with God. I either had to be the best or suffer the worst. There was no middle ground that is necessary for change or progress. My ego persisted when I could not take a compliment or believed my feelings were more important than someone else’s. My pride flourished when I took criticism at work poorly, was fearful to ask for any sort of help, or, even in sobriety, wanted to have the best share at a meeting.

With practice of contrary action, guidance from a sponsor, and faith in a Higher Power, I can overcome my defects and find the peace that comes with humility. When I receive a compliment, I can respond with a simple thank you. During conflict I can listen to understand. At work, I welcome criticism so I can develop new skills. I have faith asking for help is a sign of strength. In meetings, I only share what I know to be true and works in my life through my experience, my strength, and my hope. Humility is to be one of many people. When I accept I am no different but just am, the world hums freely around me and those conscious contacts with God come more often. In all these things, I trust I am doing God-pleasing action which is all this drunk can ask for.

-Friend of Bill W.

Upcoming AA Fellowship & Service Opportunities

District 09 GSR meetings

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 13th 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// 1st 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

Open Speaker Meeting Hosted by One Day, One Step Women's Meeting

May 10, 2024// 6PM Tacos, 7PM Speakers// Holy Trinity 510 Church Rd
Casco, WI

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>

******Zoom Information for all Area 74 meetings available in the Now & Then newsletter. Contact area74newsletter@gmail.com for your subscription.******

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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“Bloom into Sobriety” Intergroup

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



7th 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

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Email _____

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Registration Only = \$15.00

Registration **and** Banquet = \$40.00



Amount Enclosed- \$ _____

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Questions - Call Marty 715-363-2418

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Saturday, April 13th

Fellowship at 4:30 pm

Pulled Pork Dinner served at 5:30 pm



Open speaker to follow

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but not required!

Spring 4th and 5th 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 “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, 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 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: _____
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5:00 PM Social time
6:00 PM Dinner (Bring a dish to pass)
7:30 PM Speakers

*COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 8:30AM AFTER THE
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W4878 Cliff View Drive, Sherwood, WI 54169

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PARTICIPATION & ACTION

Friday

3:00p Coffee & Welcome

5:00p Open AA Meeting

7:00p AA Speaker,

Anna V, Eau Claire

Ice Cream Social to Follow

Saturday

9:00a Coffee & Welcome

10:00a Yoga Y12SR

12:00p Meditation Workshop,

Richard M

2:00p Young in Sobriety panel

3:15p Talking Circle,

John D

Saturday cont....

6:15p Al Anon Count Down

6:30p Al Anon Speaker:

Jenny I, Michigan

7:30p AA Count Down

8:00p AA Speaker

Roger B, Minneapolis

Dance & Photo Booth

DJ, Ryan R

Sunday

9:30a ACA Meeting

11:00a AA Speaker, TBA

Thank you Are 35!



Before you go!

***Contact your District Members at 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 to be published in the newsletter

***View the district’s website at district09aa.org

***Take note of the NEW mailing address for Area 74 Treasury listed under “7th 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 74th General Service Conference Agenda Items on Area74.org

****April Sober Anniversary****

Stephanie A. 4/10/23

Jolene B. 4/20/17

**Thursday Night Men's Brotherhood
Steps & Traditions Closed Meeting of
Alcoholics Anonymous**

NEW MEETING LOCATION

Zion Lutheran Church

1254 S. Union Street

Shawano, WI 54166

7:00 PM

1st – 3rd Thursday Step Discussion

4th Thursday Tradition Discussion

Newcomers Welcome – Topic Meeting

Men's Only

Contact:

Jim V: 920-621-7113 or

Dennis: 715-526-8058

For directions and information