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DISTRICT 09 GSR MEETING MAY 5, 2024 SURING, WI

Mary C. opened the meeting at 2:04 pm. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Introductions were made. A sign-in sheet was passed; there were 13 members in attendance, representing Peshtigo, Porterfield, Suring, Oconto, Shawano, Marinette, Coleman, and Lakewood in WI.

Secretary Report: The minutes from the last District 09 Meeting from April in Wausaukee were approved and accepted with two corrections made: The International Conference is being held in 2025 not 2024. Bryon V. not Bill C. are working on collecting more under the Newsletter report.

Treasurer Report: Dan L. said there is no Treasurer Report. Paul Y. stated the Treasurer Report is in the Chronicle. Dan provided Sara P. with the rent money and donut reimbursement for the next District Meeting which will be held on June 2, 2024, in Menominee, MI.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements were given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CORRECTIONS: Janet P. absent. Carol P. spoke for Janet, the current District 09 Corrections Chair. Carol said Janet is working with Corrections in Marinette and Oconto. Carol said Janet is working on getting some books. Mary C. said she ordered literature for Corrections. Paul said Char V. will be dispersing the funds from the Moose and Goose. Paul said they order books and distribute them. Carol passed out flyers for the upcoming 'I Am Responsible' Workshop being held on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 10 am. – 2 pm. at the 1st American Lutheran Church located at 511 Madison Street in Oconto, WI. Carol asked for members to help distribute these flyers to each town in District 09. She passed around a sign up sheet to help out for this Workshop. Carol said there will be a meeting with Bill D., Area 74 Chair, at the Conference in Ashland. Carol said there is no time set for this meeting with Bill yet. Carol asked Sara P. to do

a 10 - 15 minute closing wrap up at the Workshop. Sara agreed to do so. Carol said she is looking at a \$500 budget for this Workshop. Carol said the breakdown for the costs would be \$100 for printing, \$270 for food, \$50 for rent, and \$50 for handouts. It was mentioned that there may be \$25 for some refundable deposit.

ARCHIVES: Ross P. absent.

GRAPEVINE: Mike H. absent. Dar said she was off for a month and half and now has went back. Dar said there are 6 sometimes 12 in attendance on Wednesday mornings for the meeting in Oconto. Dar said she can't speak on Monday or Wednesday as she does not attend those meetings.

NEWSLETTER: Jolene B. said Paul Y. emailed her the AA birthday list today and so therefore, that portion will be added to the Chronicle. Jolene asked if the Literature Chair is a filled position or not. It was mentioned that Norm F. is the District 09 Literature Chair and is willing to be contacted. Therefore, we agreed to leave Norm on as the contact person for Literature Chair for the Newsletter and the Website.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Carol P. reported she is working with Bay City Radio to have the PSA broadcast. Carol said the PSA is from the General Service Office in New York and is very generic and refers the still suffering alcoholic to aa.org to find a local meeting. She said she hopes we hear them on the radio soon. Carol said she is still positing the "if you want to drink" business cards throughout the area. It was mentioned we still need to put out meeting lists for those who do not have smart phones.

TREATMENT: Dee E. absent.

WEBSITE: (www.district09aa.org) Todd reported we have 39 meetings listed on the website. Todd said he has 15 events listed on the website Event Page. Todd said he asked about Shawano doing an Intergroup and said more information will be coming regarding this matter.

GSR SHARING

Jim H. said the Tuesday 7 pm. 12x12 meeting in Shawano is doing good. They average about six people. Jim said the meeting is held at the Presbyterian Church. Bill C. said the meeting on Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 am. at Hope Church in Shawano started four to five months ago. Bill said the groups there are good. Bill said he is the temporary GSR. He said everything is temporary until they get their feet on solid ground. Dan L. said he is just coming back as the District Treasurer as he's been sick. Dan said it is good to be back. Dan was thanked for all his years of service to District 09 and told we are glad he is back. Tanner said the 7 pm. Oconto Wednesday night group is held at the Recovery Center located at 1008A Pecor Street. Tanner said the 5 pm. Oconto Saturday night group is also held at the Recovery Center and is a Joe and Charlie meeting. Arliss W. said he goes back quite a way. Arliss said he was involved in getting District 09 started back in the early 1990's. Arliss said his health is not the best. He said they got an AA business meeting going in Peshtigo for the Sunday night meeting at 7 pm. at Good Shephard Church. Arliss said there are 6-12 people that attend this meeting. Barry C. is the GSR for this Sunday night meeting in Peshtigo. Barry said the meeting has been going really good. Barry said they have an Al-Anon Meeting held at the same time as their AA meeting and on the last Sunday of the month they come together and combine the AA and Al-Anon meeting. Bill C. asked about the Group Change Form and was given information and told to contact the Area 74 Registrar. Mary C. stated as the DCM she has been attending meetings throughout the

District and is looking into what groups need information on regarding service. Mary said it's been fun. She said she is pushing people to go to the International Conference as it's a wonderful experience.

OLD BUSINESS

We talked again about the upcoming I Am Responsible Workshop being held in District 09 on Saturday, June 22, 2024, from 10 am. – 2 pm. at the First American Lutheran Church in Oconto, WI.

NEW BUSINESS

Jolene B. asked about the decision on the budget that Carol P is requesting for the upcoming Workshop being held in June in Oconto. After some discussion, a motions was made and approved for the \$500 budget request for Carol for the Workshop. Paul Y. read the District 09 treasury report and showed that District 09 has enough money to cover this budget request.

The Next GSR Meeting will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, June 2, 2024, at the Menominee Alano Club located at 2218 13th Street in Menominee, MI.

We closed the District 09 Meeting at 3:05 pm. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara P.
District 09 Secretary

May 2024 Report on District 09 AA Treasury

The last statement from Associated Bank is dated 04/01/2024 tom 04/31/2024

The ending balance is \$1922.47

Petty cash is \$80.00

Grand total is \$2002.47

Includes \$700.00 earmarked for prudent reserve

Thank you for donations from:
Wausaukee 12 Steps North Group
Lakewood Back Door Group

Report prepared by Dan L.
Treasurer District 09
W5820 N. Beach Blvd
Shawano, WI 54166

Terminally Unique

I spent about my entire first year around the tables of AA convinced I was terminally unique. I was not like the others in the room. There was no way I, at 29, could be an alcoholic. I heard horror stories of prison sentences, divorces, secretive drinking, abusive relationships. Lives that sounded clearly unmanageable. I just wanted to stop hating myself after every time I drank. Essentially, I wanted to drink like a normal person. I was convinced AA would show me how.

I spent nearly an entire year unable to string more than 2 months of sobriety together. Each time I put alcohol in my body it got worse. I slowly began to realize I wasn't hiding alcohol from my husband only because I didn't have a husband. I wasn't getting sent to jail only because I hadn't been caught. With each drink I came to accept just how unmanageable my life was becoming. I was sick and tired of being sick and tired. I needed to change.

I opened the Big Book. When the Big Book compared alcoholism to an allergy a light bulb went off. I began to realize it didn't matter how often I drank, what I drank, or why I drank. It only mattered what happened when I drank. When I put alcohol in my body there was no telling what was going to happen. I am completely allergic. I was never going to be able to drink like a "normal" person. It's a deadly allergy that I have to surrender to daily. Our disease wants us to think we are special and different. Our disease wants us to think we are the exception to the rule.

The more time I have spent around the tables the more I realize I am anything but terminally unique. I have found a group that understands the way my brain works, the way I operate, and the way I see the world. I have found rooms of people who have what I want. I have found hope in accepting and surrendering my disease to my higher power and in carrying this message to the next alcoholic. I am forever grateful to the program of AA for providing me with the solution to my allergy.

- Amanda B.

Upcoming AA Fellowship & Service Opportunities

District 09 GSR meetings

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

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

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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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

Save the Date!

2025 AA International Convention

July 3-6, 2025




AA.org/ International-Convention



Grapevine: Current Issue Spotlight:

This month's issue is **"Happy Birthday Grapevine!"** To celebrate the magazine's 80th anniversary, this month we are featuring powerful stories by AA members about how much Grapevine has meant to them.

Submit Your Story! Upcoming Topics...

Remote Communities — Do you live far from AA meetings? Are you a Loner? Stationed far away? Do you have a language or cultural barrier? Are you homebound? Do you use online meetings? Is it difficult to find AA meetings where you live? Tell us how you stay sober. Are you involved in Remote Communities service? (stories due June 15, 2024)

Spiritual Awakenings — Share your personal journey with Step Two! How did you find your Higher Power? Did you struggle with Step Two? What helped you? (stories due June 15, 2024)

Long-time Members — Let's hear from our oldtimers! What was AA like when you came in? What have you learned over the years? What have been your challenges and joys? (stories due July 15, 2024)

More upcoming topics: LGBTQ+, Atheist/Agnostic, Fun in Sobriety, Technology in AA!

Important: We're looking for stories of experience with each Step and each Tradition! We also need your jokes!

**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**

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Content, questions, suggestions are welcome.

RAFTYAMA

JUNE 6-9, 2024

KOSIR'S RAPID RAFTS
SILVER CLIFF, WISCONSIN

\$30 PRE-REG
INCLUDES CAMPING
AND FIREWOOD

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

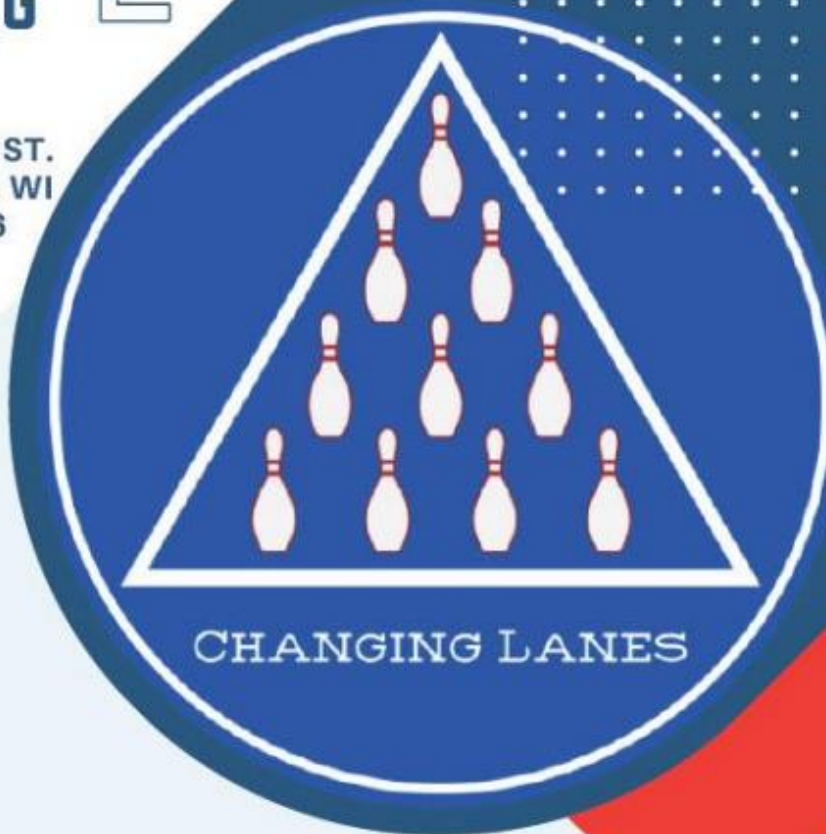


REGISTER
TODAY



CHANGING LANES

344 BROADWAY ST.
WRIGHTSTOWN, WI
920-532-9046



FOUNDERS DAY JUNE 7-9, 2024

Celebration

89TH ANNIVERSARY

- Register to camp at the club by calling or texting Karen @ 608-852-6510
- Speaker Meetings
- Campfires
- Bowling
- Alcoholics Anonymous Trivia



Guest speakers

MADONNA- SARASOTA, FL
JOHN- GREEN BAY, WI
ANNETTE- WAUPACA, WI
TERRY- SHERWOOD, WI

Saturday June 22, 2024 10AM-2PM



I AM RESPONSIBLE

1st American Lutheran Church
511 Madison st Oconto WI

Speakers from Area 74 & District 09, Food,
Fellowship, Grapevine Drawing

Contact Carol P. 630-291-2336

Seymour Intergroup

Saturday June 15, 2024

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

349 N. Main Street, Seymour

Doors open @ 4:30pm, Dinner @ 6pm

Hot sandwiches provided,

We are a small group so please bring a side dish to share.

Don't come alone, bring a friend or two..

Meeting starts @ 7:00

AA Speaker: Mike N GreenBay WI

Alanon Speaker: (TBA)

Door Prizes & Fellowship

Air Conditioned....Wheel Chair Accessable Coffee, Soda & Water available

50/50 raffle

Join

our bid committee

for

WICYPAA!

Looking to dive
into service work?
Help us spread the
message!

**WHAT IS
WICYPAA?**

WI Conference
of Young
People
in AA

Meetings 1st
Sunday of every
month @ 5pm!
Zoom available

QUESTIONS?

Lauren K. (920) 905-9793

Lauren Z. (920) 266-3934



**THE BRIDGE OF GREEN BAY
2514 JENNY LN. 54302**



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

***Get 10% discount off your Big Books to celebrate 85 years of this text. Available May 1 to July 31 at AAWS webstore.

*****June Sober Anniversaries*****

Scott 6/1/08	Juliet Y. 6/10/06	Ken L. 6/18/97	Dennis 6/28/16
Jame W. 6/2/12	Tom H. 6/10/90	Steve S. 6/20/91	Sue C. 6/30/06
Brenda V. 6/3/09	Karl E. 6/10/00	Mary W. 6/24/85	Barry B. 6/28/81
Pattie H. 6/6/91	Sonny P. 6/14/79	Karl E. 6/25/00	Bonnie V. 6/18/90
DJ 6/8/95	Ellen S. 6/15/08	Mike B. 6/28/86	Ed V. 6/9/90

Happy Birthday Grapevine!

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JUNE 1944 - 2024

WONDERFUL YEARS

**HELP US
CELEBRATE!**

Get your groups and areas involved...

- Tell everyone about our exciting new app!
- Subscribe to the app!
- Send us your story!
- Become a Grapevine Rep!
- Get your group or district to hold GV event!
- Use Grapevines in your AA meeting.
- Give your sponsee or a newcomer a GV subscription!
- Listen in and tell people about our fun, weekly Grapevine Podcast!
- Send us a beautiful photo for our Instagram account!
- Hold a Grapevine Workshop.
- Join our Carry the Message project!
- Get your group to support Grapevine!
- Subscribe to the Grapevine & La Viña YouTube Channel