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DISTRICT 09 GSR MEETING JUNE 2, 2024 MENOMINEE, MI

Mary C. opened the meeting at 2:01 pm. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Introductions were not made. A sign-in sheet was passed; there were 10 members in attendance, representing Peshtigo, Porterfield, Oconto, Shawano, Marinette, Coleman, and Lakewood in WI and Menominee, MI. A member stated that Introductions were not made, however, the DCM said she would do Introductions later in the meeting.

Secretary Report: The minutes from the last District 09 Meeting from May in Suring were approved and accepted. The secretary requested that the GSR sharing be kept separate from the Officer and Committee Reports as it is difficult to take the minutes when we are all over the place during the meeting. The DCM said the meeting minutes are too long and just need to be a generalization of what is talked about.

Treasurer Report: Dan L. was not present but did have another member pass out his Treasurer Report. A correction was made to the date on the Treasurer Report from 04/31/2024 to 04/30/2024. Sara P stated that Dan provided her with the rent money and donut reimbursement at the last District Meeting for this meeting. Sara P. said she paid the Menominee Alano Club \$20 for today's rent and Carol P. was reimbursed \$20 for today's refreshments. The Treasurer Report was approved and accepted with the date change and addition added.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements were given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES: Ross P. absent. Todd E. reported that Ross will have the Archives Display set up at the I Am Responsible Workshop on May 22, 2024, in Oconto.

CORRECTIONS: Janet P. said meetings are going well in Marinette County Jail. She reported the Moose and Goose came through with Literature.

GRAPEVINE: Mike H. said he is willing to set up the Grapevine display at events if he is available. Mike said he will set up the Grapevine Display at the I am Responsible Workshop on May 22, 2024, in

Oconto. Mike confirmed that he will open the doors for the church for this upcoming District 09 Workshop. Mike reported he is the GSR for the Monday, Wednesday, Friday meetings in Oconto. Mike said the attendance is the same at all three meetings and everything is going well.

NEWSLETTER: Jolene B. reported 32 people are receiving the Chronicle each month.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Carol P. reported she attended the Area 74 Spring Conference in Ashland and learned about PI and Facebook from our ECR Trustee. Carol said AA does not do PSA's on Facebook like it does on radio or TV. Also, Carol reported that she learned that the last Sunday of every month there is an Area 74 Zoom Meeting for PI. Carol said Area 74 invested in a third party to place AA awareness flyers in 600 restrooms throughout the Area. Carol said to keep an eye open and share if you see one. They will be in plexiglass displays. Carol said she has not heard from or followed up with Bay City Radio regarding the PSA broadcasts for AA. Carol reported there was a newcomer at the meeting she attended last night and therefore, stated the newcomers are out there.

TREATMENT: Dee E. absent. Mary C. said Dick C. is the GSR for Lakewood and Carter meetings. Barry C. said he is willing to back up Dee with Treatment.

WEBSITE: (www.district09aa.org) Todd E. reported we have 42 meetings listed on the website. Todd said he added two new meetings in Oconto. He said he has 13 events listed on the website Event Page. Todd said he got the quarterly report from I Power and we had 2,105 visitors using 8,410 pages of our website. Todd said he would like to have a form filled out for a new meeting to be added to the website. Todd passed out the form he prepared and we reviewed it with the following changes: under other information add whether or not the meeting location is handicap accessible, under the meeting location with name and address add the day(s) of the week and time of the meeting.

***The Committee Reports were accepted and approved.

GSR SHARING

None given.

OLD BUSINESS

Carol P. gave an update and passed around the flyer for 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

Carol P. asked about a District 09 Members list being completed with members names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. Sara P., the current secretary agreed to complete this request for a District 09 Members list. Todd E. made a motion to go back to the old District 09 GSR Meeting Agenda we have always used. This motion was seconded. It was mentioned that the GSR Sharing would be separate from the Committee Reports. The DCM stated, "I'm not letting this go to the floor." Barry C. stated, "Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern." The DCM stood up, said this meeting is over, and walked out of the Alano Club and left. The members stated the District 09 Meeting was not over and agreed to continue on. Sara P. said as a past District 09 DCM she would be willing to finish conducting our district meeting. A motion was made and seconded that the Alternate DCM, Jim H., would be asked to be the District 09 DCM and if he cannot do it then Barry C. agreed he would be the District 09 DCM. A vote was taken and was unanimous that Jim H. would be the new District 09 DCM and Barry C. would be the alternate DCM. Next, we went back and did introductions as we had a new person attending their very first District 09 Meeting. Jolene B. asked what happened at the Area 74 Spring Assembly as no DCM Report was provided. A discussion was had about the main items that were talked about at the Delegate Report Back at the Area 74

Spring Assembly which was the Plain Language Big Book and the options for closing the Big Meetings at an International Convention. Todd E. reported he collected \$12.56 today at the District 09 Meeting when the basket was passed and he would be dropping it off to Dan L., our District Treasurer.

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

We closed the District 09 Meeting at 3:01 pm. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara P.
District 09 Secretary

June 2024 Report on District 09 AA Treasury

The last statement from Associated Bank is dated 05/01/2024 tom 05/31/2024

The ending balance is \$2,328.93

Petty cash is \$54.00

Grand total is \$2378.93.

Includes \$700.00 earmarked for prudent reserve

Service Fee -4.00

Thank you for donations from:

Gillett Monday night group

Wausaukee New Hope

Shawano The Red River Room

Report prepared by Dan L.

Treasurer District 09

W5820 N. Beach Blvd

Shawano, WI 54166

An-uh-nim-uh-tee

As a newcomer, the principle of anonymity was introduced to me quickly by the groups. I heard traditions 11 & 12 read at the beginning of meetings. People chanted “who you see here, what you hear here, when you leave here let it stay here” to close out the meeting. I saw this phrase on displays set up around the tables we sat at. Other AAs showed me how they practice this principle in their lives too. When speaking with another alcoholic before or after a meeting we talked about our own lives instead of other AA members. Members would share with me how they like their anonymity to be protected and what it would mean for them if it was broken. It was explained to me by long-timers that what is shared in a non-general way, like through sponsorship, is not meant to be shared with others inside or outside of the rooms. Also, I was told by long-timers that we do not share personal information about the people we know in AA to anyone. These suggestions were evident in the meetings and fellowship I attended in early recovery.

Since I first learned about anonymity, I have been mindful of my own and the anonymity of others. Practicing anonymity of myself and others at the public level is more straightforward compared to at the level within our Society. For example, at the public level, it is simple for me to not share photos, whether in press, radio, or film, of myself and other drunks participating in fellowship. Within our Society, I believe, there is a gray area for

me because I do not always want to keep my recovery a secret. If I do, this may inhibit me from carrying out our primary purpose. For example, in service work I may share my last name with other drunks so I can communicate with them more efficiently, but I am mindful to not share the privilege of knowing other AAs last name with anyone else.

Despite priding myself on practicing this spiritual principle, there are times we fall short. I am careful not to break other members’ anonymity publicly. But I have accidentally broken my own publicly. There have been



times AAs wanted to share with me about another alcoholic I did not know personally, and I asked them not to. God will decide who I am to know in AA—in God’s time. Also, I can recall a few times I have broken AA members’ anonymity who spoke at a speaker meeting by sharing with another drunk, who was not at that speaker meeting, who I heard speak. In similar ways, I have found other AAs have broken my anonymity.

As I continue to stay in AA, get to know more people in the fellowship, and get to be involved in service work, I am faced with more opportunities to adhere to this spiritual principle. I regret the times I have been presented with an opportunity to remind others about anonymity and took no action. Furthermore, I become fearful of our Society’s future when I hear someone use an alcoholic’s full name in a group or when I see pictures of us on public social media. I am finding anonymity is beginning to be taken lightly with AAs and they are more often choosing to break their own. I cannot help but wonder, is this a new AA? Am I the bleeding deacon? Should I jump on this bandwagon? I certainly do not want to be left behind. So, I do what AA teaches me—talk with another alcoholic, pray, and find a solution in the literature.

This we owe to A.A.’s future:

This is what I have found. When speaking with another alcoholic, I was encouraged to be an example for our fellowship. I shared my fear of possible backlash from other drunks if I were to speak up about the principle being broken. I was told that speaking up about anonymity would most likely humble the group and be met with acceptance since I am honoring the traditions. When I pray and listen to God, I am reminded the easy way is not always the right way. Keeping AA united may involve tough work. In our literature, our co-founder wrote multiple letters to the *Grapevine* on this spiritual principle. (Literature I have used is in *The Language of the Heart Bill W.’s Grapevine Writings*) What I have gathered is this: We are asked to give up something for the general welfare of AA in each tradition. Anonymity is a personal sacrifice of my ambitions and desires for the safety and survival of the AA society. These ambitions are usually ones of personal power, prestige,

To place our common welfare first;
To keep our Fellowship united.
For on A.A. Unity depend our lives,
And the lives of those to come.

public honors, and money. It is each AAs responsibility to draw the line on how far to break their anonymity without injuring our Society. In the past, my desire for prestige has gotten in the way of practicing this principle where instead I should have practiced self-effacement. For me, to protect AA means to show the newcomer I can be closed mouthed in that they do not fear to return to the rooms. It is not enough for us to say we are anonymous we must show it. Again, early in my recovery I saw this principle practiced. I did not fear showing up somewhere outside of AA for a non-member to recognize me as a recovering alcoholic. Today, I do have some fear of this. This fear is that I may give AA a bad name for my lack of emotional sobriety at times. But I also have hope that we are a fellowship that truly does want the best for AA and its members by following the traditions the best we can.

I will leave you with two things. One, on page 216 Bill W. writes, “So we are certain that if such forces ever rule our Fellowship, we will perish too, just as other societies have perished throughout human history. Let us not suppose for a moment that we recovered alcoholics are so much better or stronger than other folks; or that because in twenty years nothing has ever happened to AA, nothing ever can.” (Copyright 1988 AA Grapevine, Inc. Reprinted with permission). Two, the *Traditions Checklist from the AA Grapevine*. This is used by individuals and groups. A full list for all 12 Traditions is available at AA.org (Copyright November 1969 – September 1971 AA Grapevine, Inc. Reprinted with permission).

Tradition Eleven: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.

1. Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem *unattractive*?
2. Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?
3. Am I careful about throwing AA names around—even within the Fellowship?
4. Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering, alcoholic?
5. What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in Tradition Eleven? Where would I be?
6. Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?

Tradition Twelve: Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

1. Why is it a good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to *me* if AA as a whole disappeared?
2. When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?
3. In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?
4. Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to *my* standards, not its own?
5. Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is *my* part?
6. Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition—or belie it?
7. Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?
8. Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior—especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made *me* so smart?

9. Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?
10. Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?
11. Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?
12. What is the real importance of *me* among more than a million AAs?

-In spirit of this writing, Anonymous

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

Upcoming AA Fellowship & Service Opportunities

District 09 GSR meetings

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. *****

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
Rhineland

Area Committee Meeting

December 7, 2024// Virtual

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Fall 4th and 5th Step Retreat

(AA/Al-Anon/ACA)

October 18-20th, 2024

Place: St. Norbert Center for Spirituality, 1016 N Broadway, De Pere, WI 54115 (Webster Entrance)

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 space. 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 September 27th, 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 September 13th, 2024.

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

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

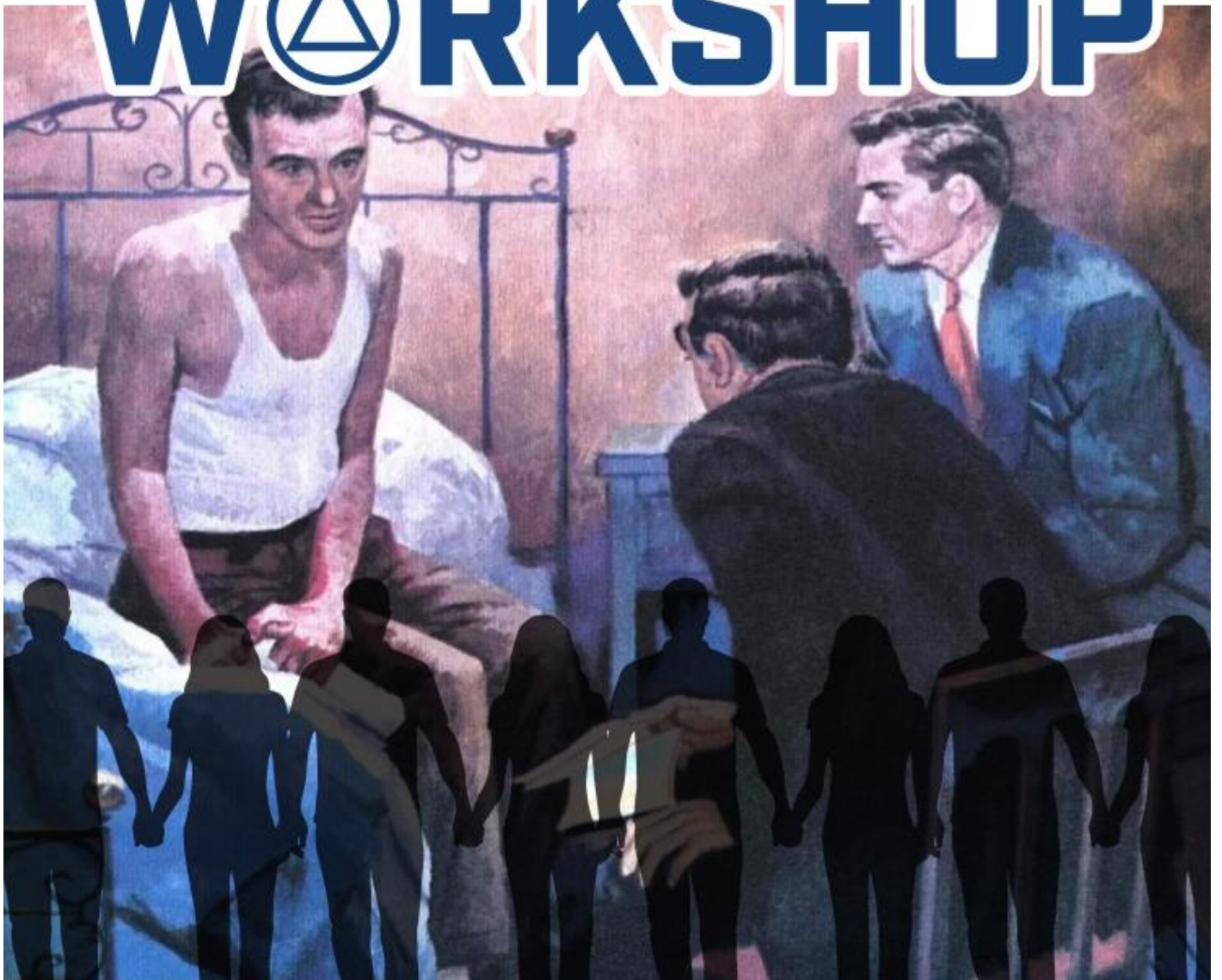
Registration: Fall 4th & 5th Step Retreat

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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AA OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

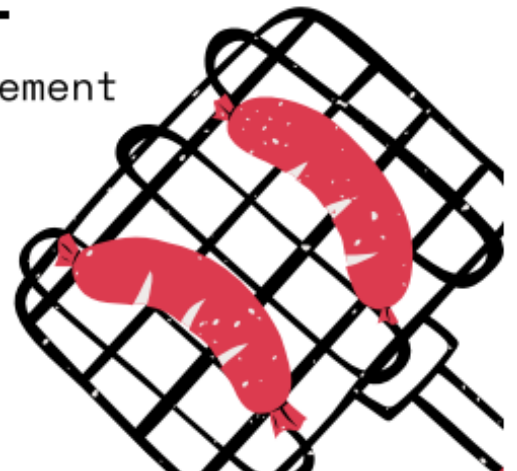
Hosted By:
One Day, One Step Women's Meeting

Friday, August 23rd, 2024

Food starts at 6:00 pm
Speakers start at 7:00 pm

Speakers:
Pamela K. & Ron K.

Holy Trinity Church Basement
510 Church RD.
Casco, WI 54205



AA WORKSHOP
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I CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT!

(Have you a sufficient substitute?)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024

HOLIDAY INN - MARQUETTE

1951 US 41

9:00 a.m - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time

\$10 suggested donation - No one will be turned away

Learn about:

- *Sponsorship
- *GSR and Home group
- *District and Area
- *Committees, such as Public Information,
Cooperating with the Professional Community,
Corrections
- *The 12 Traditions through a skit
- *Your delegate

[WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RSVP, BUT WALK-INS
ARE MOST WELCOME](#)

Text to Pat A. 248-866-4747 or amundin.2011@att.net

Note: Lunch will be on your own. There are MANY
restaurants and picnic areas.

speaker!

Pot Luck!

July 14

sunday!!

food: 6 pm

Nicholas Area 74 Delegate

Speaks: 7 pm

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44th

Green Lake Round-Up

44th**August 16, 17, 18th, 2024**Green Lake Conference Center – www.glcc.org
W2511 State Road 23 Green Lake, WI 54941**Open AA Meetings**Friday 8 PM **Mark L. Waukesha, WI**Saturday 8 PM **Bob D. Las Vegas, NV**Sunday 10 AM **Dianna G. Wauwatosa, WI***The infamous***Closed AA Meetings****ALKATHONS**

Pillsbury Robley Room: Fri 10 PM – Sat 9 AM

Sat 10 PM – Sun 9 AM

"Meeting in the Field" Sat 10 AM near tennis courts

Open Al-Anon Meeting

Saturday 6 PM TBD

Closed Al-Anon Meeting

Saturday 10 AM at the "Tea House"

Bring the whole family! There's something for everyone!!

(Camping, biking, swimming, boating, hiking, golf, volleyball, fishing, fellowship...)

Saturday Special Activities

Amy Siewert memorial 5K Fun Run/Walk Register Pillsbury Hall, Saturday 7:45 AM Race starts 8 AM	Volleyball Games-All day Saturday at the sand courts... <i>First come/First serve – other groups are onsite this weekend</i>
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~ Event Registration: \$15.00 per person ~

Bill W. tickets available – please reach out to Jenny S. (262) 501-9220

All proceeds are split according to the 7th tradition to carry our AA message (less conference expenses).

Accommodations are separate from the event registration.

Pre-Registration: Make checks payable to: "Green Lake Round-Up" Mail payment and registration form to: Green Lake Round-Up P.O. Box 684 Menomonee Falls, WI 53051	Event Contacts: Jenny S. (262) 501-9220 Chair Mark V. (262) 227-7440 Co Chair greenlakeroundupwi@gmail.com Event sponsored by: "Monday Night Action Group"- Mondays 7:30 PM Holy Cross Lutheran Church W156N8131 Pilgrim Rd. - Menomonee Falls, WI 53051	
On-site registration Friday	3 PM to 5 PM	Country Store
On-site registration Friday & Saturday	6 PM to 8 PM	Pillsbury Hall

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- SPEAKER 12-1-
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WICYPAA XXXII

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AA Picnic

Came to Believe

When: Sunday Aug 18th

Time: Noon-?

Where: Badger Park - Peshtigo
Big Pavillion

Why: **Fellowship** Rocks

Food - Bring a dish to pass, sign up sheets
at Alano

* Hot Dogs & Hamburgers provided

Opening Prayer @ 1pm

Speaker: Lauren K @ 3pm

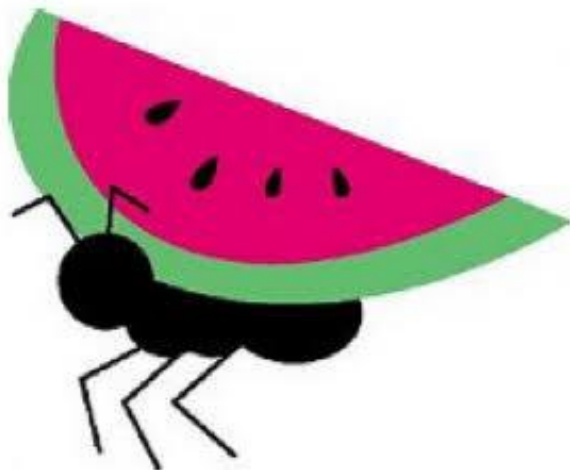
Games/Adult & Kids/Music

Ice Cream Truck

Sobriety Countdown

50/50 Raffle

Basket Raffle



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

Delegate’s Roadshow details below

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

*****July Sober Anniversaries*****

Steve C. 7/1/94	Jim B. 7/1/1988	Vicki K. 7/2/04	Barb H. 7/4/98
Nick 7/9/23	Barry K. 7/21/20	Tina C. 7/21/01	Arliss W. 7/22/90
Ron 7/23/88	Katrina 7/23/21	Jeanine 7/23/21	Jerilyn 7/25/96
Steve C. 7/31/89	Troy N. 7/13/21	Kelly M. 7/4/22	
Patti W. 7/4/13	Keesha M. 7/22/22		

DELEGATE TRAVELING ROAD SHOW!

“Delegate’s Report on the General Service Conference and More”

July 14th , 2:00pm: District 2, Solutions Club, 621 Evans Street, Oshkosh, WI

July 26 th , 5:00pm: District 17, 401 Kimberly Street, Iron Mountain, WI

July 27 th , 3:00pm, District 12, Serenity Club, 10339S. Florida Ave, Hayward, WI

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