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DISTRICT 09 GSR MEETING NOVEMBER 3, 2024 SURING, WI

Jim H. opened the meeting at 2:00 pm. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Traditions were read and introductions were made. A sign-in sheet was passed; there were 10 members in attendance, representing Oconto, Marinette, Coleman, Crivitz, Porterfield, Suring, Gillett, Shawano, and Lakewood in WI.

Secretary Report: The minutes from the last District 09 Meeting from October in Wausaukee were approved and accepted. The secretary, Sara P., reported she sent an email to the Area 74 Registrar with the DCM & ALT DCM Information Change Form. Sara said she contacted Barry C. and he is willing to stay on as Alt. DCM, however, he is currently working Sundays. Sara also reported she completed the 2025 District 09 Meeting List. She sent a DRAFT copy to every one on the email list. Sara agreed to contact Ross and Arliss to confirm the Shawano and Peshtigo District Meetings for 2025. Mike H. said he will confirm the Oconto District Meetings for 2025 and let Sara know.

Treasurer Report: Dan L. was present and reviewed his Treasurer Report. The Treasurer Report was approved and accepted. A discussion was had about sending contributions down the triangle, the reimbursement for the District 09 DCM, and a District 09 member being reimbursed to attend the International AA Conference in July 2025. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse our DCM for his expenses. This motion passed. Sara P. was provided a \$25 printing reimbursement for the 2024 year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES: Ross P. absent.

CORRECTIONS: Open position. Janet P. stepped down from this position. John N. said he will no longer be doing jail meetings in Marinette as of May 2025.

GRAPEVINE: Mike H. no changes to report.

NEWSLETTER: Jolene B. said she is still seeking people to help her with the Chronicle.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Carol P. said she is super excited that Hometown Restaurant in Marinette is willing to put our QR code on their placemats. We discussed how we can do this with still aligning with Traditions.

TREATMENT: Bill C. absent.



WEBSITE: (www.district09aa.org) Todd E. absent. DCM, Jim H., read Todd's Website Report. Todd said we have 43 meetings listed on the website and he is keeping the website up to date.

OLD BUSINESS

We had a discussion about the recovery event Mary C. is planning in Carter for August 2025. We agreed this is not a District 09 event that we will be hosting. We reviewed the District 09 Guidelines on events hosted by District 09.

NEW BUSINESS

We discussed the spirit of rotation in AA. We talked about needing to discuss as a District the financial reimbursement questions for Area 74. Jolene B. read the upcoming WICYPAA flyer.

The Next GSR Meeting will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, January 5, 2024, at Faith Presbyterian Church located at 806 Fritzie Avenue in Crivitz, WI.

We closed the District 09 Meeting at 3:30 pm. with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara P.
District 09 Secretary

November 2024 Report on District 09 AA Treasury

The last statement from Associated Bank is dated 10/01/2024 to 10/30/2024

The ending balance is \$2366.95

Petty cash is \$36.00

Grand total is \$2120.47

Includes \$1000.00 earmarked for prudent reserve

Donations: Thank You

Wausaukee 12 Steps North Wausaukee WI

New Hope Silver Cliff WI

Big Book Study Suring WI

Report prepared by Dan L., Treasurer District 09

W5820 N. Beach Blvd Shawano, WI 54166



District Committee Member Report

Greetings fellow travelers. I hope you had a great Thanksgiving. Christmas is coming. May yours be filled with the celebration of Jesus' birthday remembrance. I wish to thank each of you for your forgiveness and support. Bless you.

– Just Jim

District 09, Area 74 DCM

When two drunks are gathered together

Step 12 is made up of three parts. One part is that we carry the message to other alcoholics. On page 92-93 in the Big Book it says, “Even though your protégé may not have entirely admitted his condition, he has become very curious to know how you got well. Let him ask you that question, if he will. *Tell him exactly what happened to you.* Stress the spiritual feature freely. If the man be agnostic or atheist, make it emphatic that *he does not have to agree with your conception of God.* He can choose any conception he likes, provided it makes sense to him. *The main thing is that he be willing to believe in a power greater than himself and that he live by spiritual principles.*”

When asking another woman in AA to sponsor me I had no idea she would be following these exact instructions our book gives us. I did not see how having another alcoholic taking me through the steps was connected with learning how to live spiritual principles and gaining a connection with a God of my understanding. My understanding was, I would go through the steps in order to not drink, be happy, and get my family and other people off my back. And maybe that spiritual awakening would come as a white light experience; it didn't but it did come gradually. My first meeting with a sponsor was her telling me what happened to her. I left that meeting with a little more willingness that AA might have what I need. From there we were persistent with working all 12 steps as outlined in the Big Book. AA and sponsorship has given me a lot of things I didn't think I needed to live my life but the most important thing I got was a faith filled relationship with God. Today, I have a sponsor that reinforces the God idea. We read the book together. She shares with me demonstrations of spiritual principles in her life. I learn from these and incorporate them into my life. I take her suggestions. When two drunks get together to talk about our common perils; God works through us to carry this imperative message.

– Anonymous



Upcoming AA Fellowship & Service Opportunities

District 09 GSR meetings

December 2024 no meeting

*****2025 District 09 GSR Meetings*****

All meetings start at 2pm

JANUARY 5th:

Faith Presbyterian Church
806 Fritzie Avenue
Crivitz, WI

JULY 13th:

Faith Presbyterian Church
806 Fritzie Avenue
Crivitz, WI

FEBRUARY 2nd:

Peace United Church
208 E. Maurer Street
Shawano, WI

AUGUST 3rd:

Peace United Church
208 E. Maurer Street
Shawano, WI

MARCH 2nd:

1st American Lutheran Church
511 Madison Street
Oconto, WI

SEPTEMBER 7th:

1st American Lutheran Church
511 Madison Street
Oconto, WI

APRIL 6th:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
331 Pine Street
Peshtigo, WI

OCTOBER 5th:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
331 Pine Street
Peshtigo, WI

MAY 4th:

United Methodist Church

NOVEMBER 2nd:

United Methodist Church



**314 Main Street
Suring, WI**

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Suring, WI**

**JUNE 1st:
Alano Club
2218 13TH Street
Menominee, Michigan**

**DECEMBER
No Meeting**

The Chronicle seeking committee members

Are you seeking the secret of service? Then come join the newsletter committee for District 09. Contact Jolene B. 715-927-0171 No special skills required.

Green Bay Bid for WICYPAA

Business meeting December 1, 15, & 29 at 5PM at The Bridge in Green Bay. Zoom available contact Lauren K. 920-905-9793 or Lauren Z. 920-266-3934

DATES TO REMEMBER 2024-25		
12/7/24	Area Comm Mtg	Virtual
1/18/25	Area 74 Area Committee Meeting	1858 S. Michigan St Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI
2/7-2/9/2025	Conference of Delegates Past/Prsent	Holiday Inn Trade Center, Champaign, IL
3/8/25	Delegate's Workshop	Wausau, WI
4/11/25	Area 74 Standing Committee Wkshp	Rhinelander, WI
4/12/25	Area 74 Assembly	Rhinelander, WI
5/16-5/18/25	Area 74 Spring Conference	Sturgeon Bay, WI
7/3-7/6/2025	AA International Convention	Vancouver, British Columbia – Canada
7/12/25	Area 74 Area Committee Meeting	1858 S. Michigan St Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI
8/22-8/24/25	East Central Regional Conference	Indianapolis, IN
10/17/25	Area 74 Standing Committee Wkshp	Rhinelander, WI
10/18/25	Area 74 Election Assembly	Rhinelander, WI

****NOTE FROM THE DELEGATE:** The servants of Area 74 are excited to provide the **dates for the Area 74 Service Structure**. We are lucky to live in an area that hosts many conferences, workshops and fellowship events. As your trusted servants, we sometimes miss the chance to participate in local events because they conflict with the service events you have entrusted us to conduct. We hope that, by providing the Area 74 service structure dates in early fall; they can be considered as you plan your service and fellowship events for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you.
NOTE FROM CO-EDITORS: We have combined the general events and the Area 74 Service Structure events into one calendar.
BOLD = AREA 74 events UNBOLD = General AA events in our area



GREEN BAY BID FOR WICYPAA INVITES YOU! HOLIDAY HOOPLA

DECEMBER 21ST | 6-10PM

CHANGING LANES ALANO CLUB
344 BROADWAY ST. WRIGHTSTOWN, WI

\$5
SUGGESTED DONATION

OPEN
PIZZA
BAR!



BRING A DISH
TO PASS

SODA \$1 | WATER 50¢

MAIN SPEAKER
@ 7PM
TOPIC: NAVIGATING SOBRIETY
DURING THE HOLIDAYS

50/50 RAFFLE

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT:
MADRENE
(920) 973-6106
GREG
(920) 373-5877



CHRISTMAS OUTFIT CONTEST
KARAOKE

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED: BID EDITION

BOWLING | \$3 PER GAME

FREE POOL



CHANGING LANES IS CASH ONLY & NO CARRY-IN DRINKS



SAVE THE DATE

District 1 – Green Bay

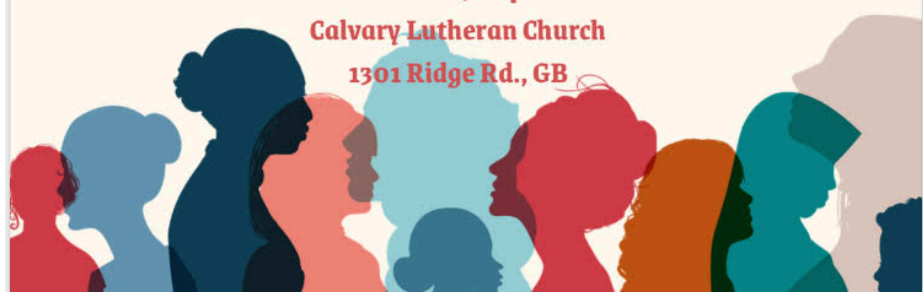
10TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RECOVERY WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Noon - 4:00pm

Calvary Lutheran Church

1301 Ridge Rd., GB



SAVE THE DATE

2025 Area 74 Conference

May 16th, 17th & 18th, 2025

Stone Harbor Resort & Conference Center

107 North First Ave

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Hosted by District 22

Call/Text/Email with questions:

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District 22 DCM

920-536-0848

district22dcmwi@gmail.com

Penny G
District 22 Alt DCM

715-896-3413

pennyaalux@gmail.com



WICYPAA XXXII

JANUARY 10th-12th 2025

**SHERATON MILWAUKEE BROOKFIELD HOTEL
375 SOUTH MOORLAND RD.
BROOKFIELD, WI 53005**



BOOK NOW



Hotel



Website



REGISTER ONLINE



AA and Al-Anon
“WOMEN IN RECOVERY” RETREAT
Always Room to Grow

JUNE 13, 14 & 15, 2025

At the

St Norbert Abbey
1016 North Broadway, De Pere WI 54115
(Near Green Bay)
Use the Webster entrance

\$245. Per person

Includes 2 nights and 5 meals
(\$140. Down payment before January 15, 2025)
Hurry as beds are limited!

Hear speakers and panels
And join in group discussions

Rest and relax at the
Beautiful grounds of the Abbey

Join with friends and make new ones

For more information
Contact retreat coordinator, Mary Bray 920-771-0124, no text
braymary827@gmail.com

Send \$140. Down payment, or \$245. in full to:
Mary Bray
3905 Tamarack Dr. Green Bay WI 54313
Make checks payable to:
Mary Bray/Women in Recovery Retreat
(Balance due on April 4, 2025)


Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____

Special Dietary needs _____



 **January 25th, 2025**
(Doors Open at 4:30pm)

 **Redeemer Lutheran Church**
210 South Oneida St, Green Bay, WI

-  **WELCOME & FELLOWSHIP: 4:30pm - 5:00pm**
- DINNER: 5:00pm - 6:00pm**
- COUNTDOWN & RAFFLE DRAWINGS: 8:00pm**

District 1 2025 Intergroup

**BRING
A
DISH
TO
PASS!**

 **SPEAKERS:**
AA SPEAKER: Tracy L
AL-ANON SPEAKER: TBD

Contact **GREG L.** at 920-373-5877 for Raffle Donations or Service Opportunities



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

Appleton

**INTERGROUP
2024**

Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle, **Bill W Plant Raffle**, Fellowship
Meat and Buns will be provided
Coffee, Soda, and Water Available

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE bring a dish to pass (with something in it) in a disposable container

**December
14th**

**Set Up Begins 2pm
Doors Open at
5pm
Dinner at 6pm
Speakers start at
7pm**

**St. Pius X
Church
500 W Marquette St.
Appleton, WI 54911**



Come Celebrate with the Get
Your Spirits Here Group of
Alcoholics Anonymous !!!
at their 11th annual

12 STEPS OF CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 7th, 2024

5pm 'til 9pm

Admission is FREE - All are invited!

- *Hot sandwiches provided - POTLUCK sides and desserts*
- *Adult WHITE ELEPHANT gift exchange*
- ****** bring a gift to get a gift! ******
- *There will be gifts for children!*
- *Speaker at 7pm, music at 8pm*
- *Door prizes and 50 - 50 raffle*

Location: Solutions Recovery Center
621 Evans St, Oshkosh, WI 54901



WICYPAA Host and
Wisconsin Bid for ICYPAA
Presents:

PEACH OUT 2024

DECEMBER 31, 2024

PASS IT ON CLUB

6pm - Fellowship
7pm - Dinner
8pm - Speaker
9pm - Midnight
Dance the Year Away

Dress Code | Formal | Black and Peach

\$15

Contact for Questions
Kyla: 262-313-8773
Renee: 262-312-8636



GRAPEVINE EDITORIAL CALENDAR 2025

- JAN** **Spiritual Awakenings (stories due June 15, 2024)**
Share your personal journey with Step Two. How did you find your Higher Power? Did you struggle with Step Two? What helped you? Tell us your experience.
- FEB** **Long-time Members! (stories due July 15, 2024)**
Let's hear from our long timers! What was AA like when you came in? What have you learned over the years? What have been your greatest challenges and joys? Share your stories.
- MARCH** **Sober & Out (LGBTQ+ AA Stories) (stories due Aug. 15, 2024)**
Are you a lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer or transgender AA member? Share your story about your journey in AA. What were your challenges and joys? What things have helped you get sober? Share some stories about your meetings, sponsorship, service and fellowship.
- APRIL** **Making Amends (stories due Sept. 15, 2024)**
Did you have an interesting Ninth Step experience to share? How did it go? Were there any surprises? Share your experience.
Also **Living Sober Turns 50!** Share a story about how this remarkable AA book helped you.
- MAY** **Young & Sober (stories due Oct. 15, 2024)**
Did you come into AA at an early age? What was that like? What were the challenges? Do you go to Young People's AA (YPAA) meetings, dances or conferences? How have they helped you?
- JUNE** **Annual Prison Issue (stories due Nov. 15, 2024)**
Did you find AA in prison? What is sobriety like inside? What are meetings like? Are you involved in correspondence service or prison sponsorship? We are especially looking for stories by women in long-term custody.
- JULY** **AA Around the World (Special International Convention Issue) (stories due Dec. 15, 2024)**
The International Convention is upon us! We want to know what AA is like in other cities and countries around the globe. How is it different, how is it the same? Do you attend AA outside of the U.S. and Canada? Have you helped AA get started somewhere? Let's hear from you!
- AUG** **Atheistic/Agnostic AA members' Stories (stories due Jan 15, 2025)**
Do you have experience staying sober in AA as an atheist or agnostic? What have been your joys and challenges? We are looking for a variety of experiences. Please send us your stories
- SEPT** **Gratitude (stories due Feb 15, 2025)**
What were you like before AA, compared to what you're like today? How do you stay grateful now each day? Share some stories which illustrate your journey with gratitude now that you're sober.
- OCT** **Technology & AA (stories due March 15, 2025)**
Online meetings, hybrid meetings, smartphones, texting, meeting apps, social media...and yes, good old fashioned phone calls. How has technology helped your sobriety and changed the way you connect with your sponsor, sponsees and fellows?
- NOV** **Classic Grapevine**
Our favorite stories from the AA Grapevine Story Archive.
- DEC** **Remote Communities (stories due May 15, 2025)**
Are you involved in Remote Community service? 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.
Sober Holidays! (stories due May 15, 2025) December is a great time of year to reach out to alcoholics and help others. What are the ways you stay sane and grateful during the holidays and New Year's? How do you navigate holiday parties and family gatherings? Share your best sober holiday stories!



CHANGING LANES

2025

New Year Party

**TUESDAY NIGHT
31ST DECEMBER, 2024**

8PM-MIDNIGHT

Midnight OPEN AA Meeting

\$10 suggested donation

**FOOD, MUSIC,
DANCING, BOWLING**

CHANGING LANES ALANO CLUB
344 BROADWAY ST. WRIGHTSTOWN, WI 54180

920.532.9046 www.changinglanesclub.com



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

***GSRs send your group members’ sobriety anniversary dates to 09thechronicle@gmail.com to be published in the newsletter

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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



December Sober Anniversaries

Jim B 12/3/89

Tom M 12/5/85

Bill B 12/5/92

Eric 12/12/05

David T 12/13/13

Jeff 12/19/06

Kurt S 12/20/89

Chad 12/22/01

Dale 12/25/91

Tom M 12/25/00

Mike S 12/25/06

Kathy K 12/26/05

Kim G 12/29/11

Daniel N 12/31/13



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communications to:**

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New York, NY 10163
Fax: (212) 870-3003

November 24, 2024

To: GSRs, Alt GSRs, DCMs and Chairs, Area Officers and Committee Chairs, Delegates, Alt Delegates, Appointed Committee Members, Non-trustee Directors, Trustees, GSO Employees, Intergroups and Central Offices, Group Contacts

Dear A.A. Friends:

The response to the release of the *Plain Language Big Book* has been heartwarming. The initial print run of just over 70,000 copies sold out in only two weeks!

In preparation for a second printing, the General Service Board noted revisions that better align with the 74th General Service Conference's recommendation (Advisory Action) to move ahead with the printing of the book.

Prior to the first printing, the General Service Board made adjustments to align with the Conference's direction. However, the Board now realizes the adjustments that were made fell short. A regrettable and unintentional mistake had been made. We have worked together to correct those mistakes quickly.

The changes outlined below may be very consequential for some, and less significant for others, but the Board feels responsible to see that the Advisory Action from the Conference is carried out.

In addition to the changes to the text of the *Plain Language Big Book* outlined below, the language on the back flap will be amended to better reflect the progress of this project. The third sentence will now read, "The 72nd GSC reviewed a progress report, and sample chapters were reviewed at the 73rd GSC."

My sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused any of our members, and I appreciate your patience and understanding. The order for the second printing has been placed to include the changes outlined below. We expect the book to be back in stock in approximately 4-6 weeks.

Thank you again for your understanding. I hope you find the *Plain Language Big Book* a useful tool for reading the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, and helpful with carrying our life saving message.

Scott H.
Chair, General Service Board



- On page 64, remove the sentence "It seems to control and punish people who are addicted to it" from the last paragraph.
- On page 9, remove the definition of "Addiction" from the Glossary section.
- On page 11, revise the sentence "Dr. Silkworth ran the Charles B. Towns Hospital for Drug and Alcohol Addictions in New York City during the 1930s."
To read:
"Dr. Silkworth ran the Charles B. Towns Hospital for alcoholism and drug addiction in New York City during the 1930s."
- On page 14, revise the sentence "I help people recover from their alcohol and drug addictions"
To read:
"I help people recover from their alcoholism and drug addiction."
- "On page 139, revise the sentence "In one of these cities there is a well-known hospital for the treatment of alcohol and drug addiction."
To read:
"In one of these cities there is a well-known hospital for the treatment of alcoholism."



District 09 WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Would you like to keep updating our meeting list. Please complete below form.

New meeting _____ Existing meeting _____ Date _____

Meeting name _____

Group Number Yes__ if yes number _____

Meeting Type Open___ Closed___ Day_____ Time_____

Other information _____

Is it Handicap Accessible? Yes___ No___

Meeting Location With name and address _____

Contact Person _____

Name _____

Phone number _____

Would You like phone number viewable on website YES___ NO___

Please return District Meetings

Or e-mail To webmaster@district09aa.org

THANK YOU

DISTRICT 09