



# The Chronicle

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## February 2025

### DISTRICT 09 GSR MEETING

### JANUARY 5, 2025

### CRIVITZ, WI

Jim H. opened the meeting at 2:02 pm. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Traditions were read and introductions were made. There were 8 members in attendance, representing Marinette, Crivitz, Porterfield, Shawano, and Lakewood in WI.

**Secretary Report:** The minutes from the last District 09 Meeting from November in Suring were approved and accepted.

**Treasurer Report:** Dan L. was present and reviewed his Treasurer Report. The Treasurer Report was approved and accepted.

**Announcements:** An announcement was made about a recovery event being held on Saturday, 02/15/2025 at the Menominee Alano Club from 5 pm. – 9 pm. There will be a speaker, a spaghetti dinner, and games.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ARCHIVES:** Ross P. said John N. gave him a folder about the History of AA in Northeast Wisconsin to add to the District 09 Archives. Ross said he will let Jolene B. review it as well. Ross said he is willing to put up the Archives Display at any District event he is asked to.

**CORRECTIONS:** Open position. John N. stated again that he will no longer be doing jail meetings in Marinette as of May 2025. It was mentioned that Charlie is doing jail meetings in Shawano. Women's jail meetings in Marinette are covered. Troy N. will take over Monday jail meetings in Marinette and Mike S. will take over Wednesday jail meetings in Marinette when John is done in May.



**GRAPEVINE:** Mike H. absent.

**NEWSLETTER:** Jolene B. absent but sent an email out to everyone.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Carol P. present but said she had nothing new to report.

**TREATMENT:** Open position.

**WEBSITE:** (www.district09aa.org) Todd E. reported we have 39 meetings listed on the website. Todd said we lost 2 day meetings in Shawano. He said he updated the website Event page and Contact page. Todd said the website committee budget has been spending \$298.92 per year.

### **GSR SHARING**

Ross P. said the Tuesday night group in Shawano has been fairly steady. They have had one newcomer. Mary C. said the Thursday night 7 pm. meeting in Lakewood is now at the new library in Lakewood. Mary said the meeting at the casino in Carter is on Tuesday nights at 7 pm. Mary said both of these meetings average about 6-8 people. Carol P. said she recently learned that when traveling at airports any service desk can announce Friends of Bill W. if anyone asks for it.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mary C. brought up the recovery event she was planning in Carter for August 2025. A discussion was had again about why the District agreed this would not be an event we host.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jim brought up the topic of finances and reimbursement for his position as DCM. A motion was made and seconded that the DCM would be given the \$1,000.00 now in his budget. He would be responsible to provide receipts for this money. This motion passed unanimously.

The Next GSR Meeting will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, February 2, 2025, at Peace United Church located at 208 E. Maurer Street in Shawano, WI.

We closed the District 09 Meeting at 3:07 pm. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara P.

District 09 Secretary



## January 2025 Report on District 09 AA Treasury

The last statement from Associated Bank is dated 01/01/2025 tom 01/31/2025

The ending balance is \$2082.47

Group Donations 187.76

Petty cash is \$18.00

Paid out DCM Budget -1000.00

Grand total is \$1270.76

Includes \$1000.00 earmarked for prudent reserve:

Donations: Thank You

The Red River Room Group Shawano Wi

Friday GV Study Group Menominee Mi

Oconto AA Group Oconto Wi

Marinette AA Group Marinette Wi

Report prepared by Dan L.

Treasurer District 09

W5820 N. Beach Blvd Shawano, WI 54166

## District Committee Member Report

Greetings fellow travelers. I got my 40 year medal on the 6th of January. It was a very emotional experience. I had such a list of trials last year. I wish to say that there are tests every year. You can count on that. Each day sends a new challenge. Lots of stumbling blocks in your road. Faith in God, yourself and the program get stronger as you go forward. I pray that each of you make positive changes. I plan on going to 50 but now it is entirely up to God. Have a blessed day.

– Just Jim

District 09, Area 74 DCM

## Upcoming AA Fellowship & Service Opportunities

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

*All meetings start at 2pm*



**FEBRUARY 2nd:**  
**Peace United Church**  
**208 E. Maurer Street**  
**Shawano, WI**

**MARCH 2nd:**  
**1st American Lutheran Church**  
**511 Madison Street**  
**Oconto, WI**

**JULY 13th:**  
**Faith Presbyterian Church**  
**806 Fritzie Avenue**  
**Crivitz, WI**

**APRIL 6th:**  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
**331 Pine Street**  
**Peshigo, WI**

**AUGUST 3rd:**  
**Peace United Church**  
**208 E. Maurer Street**  
**Shawano, WI**

**MAY 4th:**  
**United Methodist Church**  
**314 Main Street**  
**Suring, WI**

**SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>:**  
**1st American Lutheran Church**  
**511 Madison Street**  
**Oconto, WI**

**JUNE 1st:**  
**Alano Club**  
**2218 13th Street**  
**Menominee, MI**

**OCTOBER 5th:**  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
**331 Pine Street**  
**Peshigo, WI**

**NOVEMBER 2nd:**  
**United Methodist Church**  
**314 Main Street**  
**Suring, WI**

**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.



## 12 Traditions Workshop

April 26, 2025 from 9AM to 4:30PM at the 2617 Club 1578 Strongs Ave Stevens Point, WI 54481 Zoom Available with more info on the District 04 website

## Conference of Delegates Past/Present

2/7-2/9/25 Holiday Inn Trade Center Champaign, IL

## Delegates Workshop

3/8/25 Wausau, WI

## Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop

4/11/25 Rhinelander, WI

## Area 74 Assembly

4/12/25 Rhinelander, WI

## Area 74 Spring Conference

5/16-5/18/25 Sturgeon Bay, WI

## Area 74 Area Committee Meeting

7/12/25 Reiter Center

## East Central Regional Conference

8/22/25-8/24/25

Indianapolis, IN

## Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop

10/17/25 Rhinelander, WI

## Area 74 Election Assembly

10/18/25 Rhinelander, WI

11th Annual  
**Women's Recovery Workshop**  
 District 1 - Green Bay  
**Turning Stumbling Blocks Into Stepping Stones**  
*"We may often pass through Twelfth Step experiences where we seem to be temporarily off the beam. These will appear as big setbacks at the time, but will be seen later as stepping-stones to better things..."*  
Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg 111  
 Saturday, February 1, 2025 Noon - 4:00pm  
 Calvary Lutheran Church 1301 Ridge Rd, GB

- **Used Book Exchange** •  
 Pass on books you love and find new treasures (related to recovery, women issues, and personal growth)
- **Speakers / Panel** •  
 • **Time for Fellowship** •  
 • **Focus on Sponsorship** •  
 • **Group Discussions**
- **Bring a Dish to Pass** •  
 HEALTHY snacks encouraged

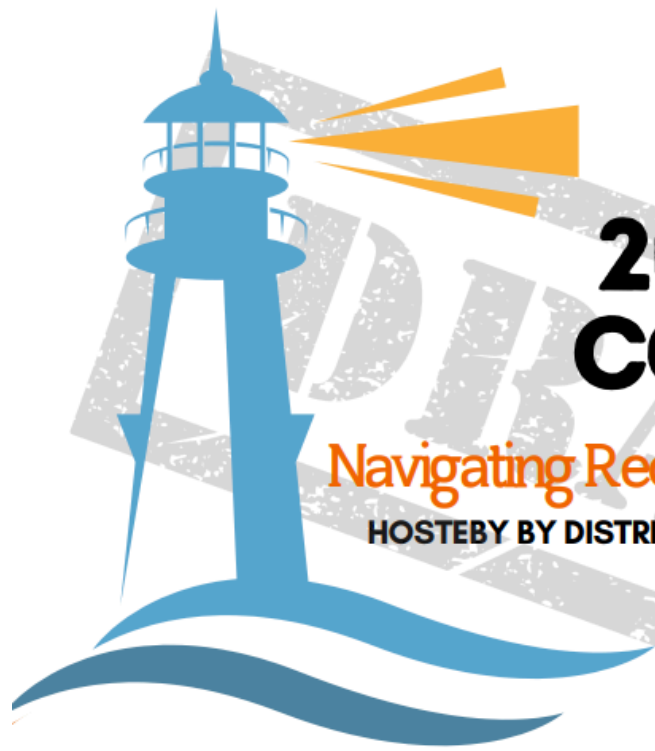
As a courtesy for using the facility, consider donating a personal hygiene or cleaning supply product to Calvary's pantry.

No pre-registration required  
 Questions? Contact Mary M. at 920.301.8641 or maryjmarks28@gmail.com



Celebrating the anniversary of the March 1st 1941  
 “Saturday Evening Post” article with a presentation  
 by District 01/Area 74 Archivist  
 February 28, 2025  
 6:00PM - 8:30PM  
 Nativity of Our Lord Parish  
 2270 S Oneida St Green Bay, WI 54304





# AREA 74 2025 SPRING CONFERENCE

**Navigating Recovery Through Service**

HOSTED BY DISTRICT 22 | DOOR & KEWAUNEE COUNTIES

## MAY 16-18

**STONE HARBOR RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER  
107 N. FIRST AVE., STURGEON BAY, WI 54235**

Event registration opens February 15. Registration forms available at: [doorkewauneeaa.org/2025-spring-conference/](http://doorkewauneeaa.org/2025-spring-conference/)  
Or, request by email: [springconference2025@yahoo.com](mailto:springconference2025@yahoo.com)

**BOOK HOTEL ROOMS NOW!** 110 rooms reserved.  
Deadline to book is April 10 for discounted rate of \$165.00 per night. Call 877-746-0700.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Melissa P. District 22 DCM  
920-536-0848  
[district22dcmwi@gmail.com](mailto:district22dcmwi@gmail.com)

Penny G. District 22 ALT DCM  
715-896-3413  
[pennyaalux@gmail.com](mailto:pennyaalux@gmail.com)



# **AA 2025 HOT TOPICS Panel Discussion**

**Sunday 3/16  
12pm-3pm**

Serenity Club in Hayward, WI  
10339 S. Florida Ave

**HYBRID**

<https://meet.google.com/zva-pcqv-khd>

**Sponsored by AA District 12**





**GREEN BAY BID  
FOR  
WICYPAAA  
COMMITTEE ELECTIONS**

**ALL  
POSITIONS  
OPEN!**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH @ 1PM**

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

**BOWLING AFTER!**






# *Chili when its Chilly*

2025 Oshkosh Intergroup

**February 22, 2025**

Doors open at 4pm  
Dinner at 5:30pm

**Great Food, Fellowship and Fun Speakers, Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle and More!**  
All food will be provided  
**This is NOT a Potluck**

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Speakers begin at 7pm  
AA Speaker- TBA  
Al-anon Speaker- TBA

St. Jude the Apostle Parish—Leannah Hall  
1025 W. 5th Avenue—Oshkosh, Wisconsin

For more information or to volunteer, please  
contact

Laird S 303-521-8561 Karen B 920-233-7153





# ROCK THE RAFT



## RAFTYPAA

June 5-8th 2025

**PRE-REG \$20**  
include camping and firewood



Join us for an unforgettable RAFTYPAA weekend  
at Kosir's Rapid Raft in Silver Cliff, WI

- Bonfires
- Volleyball
- AA speakers
- Moonlight Karaoke
- Whitewater Rafting
- Dancing Under The Stars
- Yoga, Fellowship, AA panels  
and so much more!





*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](mailto: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)*

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*Name* \_\_\_\_\_ *Phone* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Address* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Special Dietary needs* \_\_\_\_\_



## 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 meeting 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!



## 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: Jim H.	Alternate DCM: Barry C.
Secretary: Sara P.	Treasurer: Dan L.
Archives: Ross P.	Corrections: <i>OPEN</i>
Grapevine: Mike H.	Newsletter: Jolene B.
PI Chair: Carol P.	Treatment: <i>OPEN</i>
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

\*\*\*Subscribe to The Chronicle: email [09thechronicle@gmail.com](mailto:09thechronicle@gmail.com)

## 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)



## February Sober Anniversaries

Jim A 2/1/20

Doug P 2/14/78

Bob K 2/1/79

Mary B 2/14/84

Don S 2/1/07

Valerie 2/18/89

Marty D 2/2/85

Tom D 2/18/00

Joe L 2/2/91

Dick C 2/24/93

Terry S 2/3/91

Gayle P 2/26/87

Phyliss 2/8/88

George M 2/27/92

Bev G 2/11/82

Ron Mc 2/28/08

Jerry 2/29/08

### I Got One For Ya.....

“How come if alcohol kills millions of brain cells, it never killed the ones that made me want to drink?”

– From a beloved District 09 member



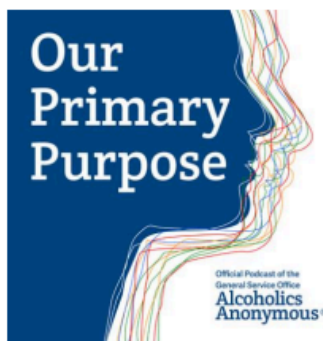
Language of the Heart  
Lenguaje del corazón  
Le langage du cœur

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

July 3–6, 2025 | Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

January 7, 2025

### Introducing Our Primary Purpose Podcast



Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (AAWS) is thrilled to announce the launch of Our Primary Purpose, the official podcast from the General Service Office (GSO) of Alcoholics Anonymous for the U.S. and Canada. Through engaging interviews with GSO staff and A.A. members—and voices from A.A. history—this new podcast explores how GSO supports A.A. groups and members to carry the message of recovery to those who need it most—which is Our Primary Purpose.

**Mark Your Calendar:** Episode 1 will be available on [streaming platforms](#) starting **January 14, 2025**.

Coming in Season 1:

- **Tour** the General Service Office and learn more about how GSO helps advance the mission of carrying the message to suffering alcoholics.
- **Meet** the people at GSO who provide an array of services and support to the Fellowship.

General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous  
P.O. Box 459 | Grand Central Station | New York, NY 10163 USA | (212) 870-3400 | [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org)





- **Listen** to powerful stories shared by visitors to GSO about how the Fellowship and service have changed their lives.
- **Step** into the vault at the GSO Archives and learn more about the treasures and stories from A.A. history.

...and much more!

[Listen to the podcast trailer](#) available now for a sneak peek at season 1.

**\*While much of the content produced by AAWS for the U.S. and Canada is available in English, French and Spanish, this podcast is English-language only.\***

Find “Our Primary Purpose” on most podcast streaming platforms. Listen, subscribe, and share with others in the Fellowship and beyond.

Questions? Visit our [webpage](#), or contact us at [gsopodcast@aa.org](mailto:gsopodcast@aa.org).

Warm regards,

Public Information Staff  
[publicinfo@aa.org](mailto:publicinfo@aa.org)



## **Tips for sharing about the 2025 International Convention event!**

**January 10, 2025**

What each attendee can expect to do?

Take part in the:

- Thursday night party, flag ceremony, the stadium meetings and the Saturday night old timers' meeting.
- Over 20+ Hospitality suites, collecting pins and how some people bring some to trade or share.
- Over 250 different meetings to pick from. The types of meetings that take place are clergy panels, international, and of course, A.A. topic related. There are marathon meetings overnight for those who can sleep after the convention is over!
- Grapevine is onsite, we have a carry the message pavilion and the infamous GSO archives display.

The Saturday night old timer's meeting is so special, A.A. member attendees with a certain number of years of sobriety, usually around 50+, sign up starting on Thursday. Then, Saturday night, all those attendees who signed up sit together and random names are drawn for them to come up to the Stadium Podium and share for about 8 minutes how they have stayed sober. Amazing shares ensue, as you can imagine.

We understand many have never experienced an International Convention. With 10 years since the last convention, we have lost a lot of knowledge about what to expect, people think it is like their local round-up or state convention. **NO.** This is the chance to hear from non-alcoholic professionals directly, international attendees, archives display – the things you don't get at other events.

The clock is ticking towards the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia start date on July 3, 2025, through July 6, 2025, and there is so much excitement to share.

Patrick C.  
International Convention Coordinator

**There is still time to register and attend A.A.'s 90th Anniversary Celebration!**

**Did you know our room blocks are constantly being updated? We encourage you to keep checking back to see what becomes available! [Register here!](#)**



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## From the Area 74 Archives

The latest monthly Archives Committee meeting discussion centered around our desire for a permanent repository for Area 74 archives materials. Currently the materials are in possession of our Archivist, Jeffery E., and stored in his basement office and garage. The materials when moved to this location required two full pick-up truck loads. There are 20 some totes, laptop, scanner, displays and other miscellaneous items. The ability to access and research the collection leaves a bit to be desired due to limited space. The goal that we had discussed when this rotation began was to digitize what we could and purge items that were not pertinent to the Area. Some things belong to the districts and others are so common that we don't need to keep them in our collection.

When I attended the 2024 NAAAW, I felt a need to make our history more accessible to our Area. I saw examples of how other Areas and Districts did things. There are much better ways than tasking the Archivist with maintaining our collection until the next rotation. We have some very interesting materials and they need to be shared with more than an occasional conference.

The dark side of not having a permanent home for Archives also came to light. One group lost their entire archives when the Archivist simply disappeared from AA. Another group's Archivist passed away and when some group members went to retrieve the collection, the family claimed they inherited the material but were willing to sell it to the group. I listened to several other stories that illustrated the drawbacks of Archives being personally maintained by an Archivist.

I hope that issues of accessibility and security are enough to establish a need for this action. Let's talk about a solution. First, a conditioned space that is secure is required. A quick check revealed rental units in the Area cost about \$100/month and would be heated and lockable. A unit would be between 50-70 square feet in size, which is enough to hold everything we have. We would have to sort and remove items as needed and return them appropriately.

This Summer we displayed our Archives at Wausau's Alano Club to help celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. At a display close by, St Anthony Spirituality Center was represented by their Spiritual Director. The next display was staffed by our DCM from the district that includes Wausau. And with the Area Archives Chair grouped in one corner, we progressed into one rather long AA meeting. This resulted in an invitation to St Anthony's with the purpose of seeing if our vision of a repository could become a reality with their help. The building in question is somewhat centrally located in the Area. At 300 E. Fourth Street in Marathon, Wisconsin (see sarcenter.com), so the UP would get shorted a bit on proximity as would the far northern districts in WI. We consider the location to be a strong "pretty good". The building was built in 1919 and added onto in the 1960s. This historic structure is built like a fortress, and it is beautiful. It is extremely well maintained.

During our inspection visit, Jeffery and I asked lots of questions. The space would be ideal with many rooms available for use. There are AA meetings on the premises, weekend spirituality workshops with onsite lodging for up to 80 guests, 24-hour onsite security, internet access and beautiful grounds for relaxation and meditation. The place would be ideal for sorting and digitizing materials, having day long or several day workshops, or doing personal research. Per 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, we would pay a monthly rental fee for our use. The amount is to be negotiated with the Director at St Anthony's. Their board would review our situation and respond when we give them our proposal. During our visit, Jeffery had his phone recording many things that would possibly work into a usable space, I kept my tape measure busy checking to see if the rooms that looked good would accommodate our needs.

Every AA is part of AA history. Please share this information with DCMs so it can be discussed at District Meetings. GSRs, please discuss this with your groups so we can get an informed Group Conscience. Thank you to the Archives Committee members who met to help us talk about this action.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Paul Y. Archives Chair



## 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](mailto:webmaster@district09aa.org)

THANK YOU

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