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DISTRICT 09 GSR MEETING

APRIL 6, 2025

PESHTIGO, WI

Jim H. opened the meeting at 2 pm. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Traditions were read and introductions were made. There were 13 members in attendance, representing Marinette, Peshtigo, Shawano, Gillett, Suring and Oconto in WI.

Secretary Report: The minutes from the last District 09 Meeting from March in Oconto 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 GSR Workshop being held in District 2 on April 26th from 1 pm. – 3:30 pm. An announcement was made about a Traditions Workshop also being held on April 26th in Stevens Point.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES: Ross P. absent.

CORRECTIONS: Open position.

GRAPEVINE: Mike H. stated he has nothing new to report. Mike said if anyone would like the Grapevine display set up at a District event to please let him know.

NEWSLETTER: Jolene B. absent.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Carol P. stated the Plain Language Big Book was put in the Menominee, Marinette and Peshtigo Libraries. When this motion was made at the last District Meeting Peshtigo had not been included. Therefore, we agreed to pay for the Plain Language Big Book for Peshtigo. Mike H. took the one for the Oconto Library. Mary C. was not present to take the one for the Lakewood Library.

TREATMENT: Open position.

WEBSITE: (www.district09aa.org) Jim H. read the Website Report from Todd E. Todd said we have 38 meetings listed on the website. Todd said he updated the website Event page and there are 11 events listed. He said he changed the Oconto Wednesday night meeting to 6 pm. He said the Saturday morning meeting is no longer hybrid. Jim said Todd was contacted about a woman coming back to Shawano and is looking for a female sponsor. We suggested Jim bring this to the Shawano Groups and announce it for women to reach out the hand to this woman.



GSR SHARING

Arliss W. said the Peshtigo Sunday night meeting has 10 people every week and is growing. Mike H. said the Oconto Monday, Wednesday, Friday meeting averages about 8-9 people at the three meetings. Mike said numbers are going up.

OLD BUSINESS

We discussed having a Workshop in Shawano. Dan L. suggested having a Workshop on Service Positions. Diana S. was new to the District Meeting and stated she would be interested in attending such a Workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

Troy N. was nominated, accepted and elected as the Corrections Chair. Jim H. is having the Alternate DCM, Barry C., attend the upcoming Assembly in his place on April 12, 2025 in Rhinelander. Barry requested \$60 gas reimbursement at this time to attend the upcoming Assembly. Barry will bring a receipt for the one night hotel expense for the Assembly. Barry said he is staying two nights as it is his birthday on the day of the Assembly. Next, we discussed the three motions that will be voted on at the upcoming Assembly. We took a vote on each one. District 09 was in favor of the motion to contract with St. Anthony's Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI to house the Area Archives and develop a system for display. District 09 was not in favor of the motion for Area 74 treasury to offer up to \$250 to all Area 74 Past Delegates to attend the East Central Regional Conference of Delegates Past and Present. We agreed to offer one Past Delegate to attend and receive the \$250 but not all of them. We agreed it should be the most recent Past Delegate but if him or her does not attend then it can be decided who would receive the reimbursement but it would only be one Past Delegate. Lastly, we were in favor of the motion that all submissions for publication in the Area 74 newsletter should only include first names, last initials, and other non-personal identifying information. We discussed the process every year of how the Agenda Items come out in February for the General Service Conference, we hold a Delegate's Workshop in March, and then an April Assembly. We didn't receive the information in a timely manner this year to fully participate in this process and need to do better next year and be on top of it. Mike H. suggested we take back to the groups that District 09 is low on funds for our treasury.

The next GSR Meeting will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, May 4, 2025, at United Methodist Church located at 314 Main Street in Suring, WI.

We closed the District 09 Meeting at 3:26 pm. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara P.
District 09 Secretary



District Committee Member Report

Greetings fellow travelers. The world is a busy place nowadays. I am getting ready for the Conference. Lots of things to work on. Please go over your ideas on what Barry will talk about at the meeting in May. Ideas are not costly so let's share. See you in May.

– Just Jim

District 09, Area 74 DCM

April 2025 Report on District 09 AA Treasury

The last statement from Associated Bank is dated 04/01/2025 to 04/30/2025

The beginning balance is \$1088.43

Group Donations +\$497.38

Alternate DCM Assembly -\$166.97

Plain Language Books -\$55.00

Petty cash is \$20.00

Service Fee -4.00

Grand Total \$1359.84

Donations: Thank You

Oconto AA Group Oconto WI

The Red River Room Group Shawano WI

Lakewood Backdoor Group Lakewood WI

M W F Trinity Group Marinette WI

Friday Grapevine Study Group Menominee MI

Report prepared by Dan L.

Treasurer District 09

W5820 N. Beach Blvd

Shawano, WI 54166



Upcoming AA Fellowship & Service Opportunities

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

All meetings start at 2pm

MAY 4th:

**United Methodist Church
314 Main Street
Suring, WI**

SEPTEMBER 7th:

**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
Peshtigo, WI**

JULY 13th:

**Faith Presbyterian Church
806 Fritzie Avenue
Crivitz, WI**

NOVEMBER 2nd:

**United Methodist Church
314 Main Street
Suring, WI**

AUGUST 3rd

**Peace United Church
208 E. Maurer Street
Shawano, 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.

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



GRAPEVINE EDITORIAL CALENDAR 2026

- JAN** **Stories for Day Counters** (stories due June 15, 2025)
What are the things that helped you most when you were very new to AA? How did you find a sponsor? How did they help you? What parts in the literature helped you most? Which suggestions or slogans or service positions helped you? Share your newcomer stories!
- FEB** **Getting Through Tough Times** (stories due July 1, 2025)
A serious illness, divorce, the death of a loved one, a house fire, loss of a job, bankruptcy...How have you stayed sober through adversity? Tell us how the program and fellowship helped you.
- MARCH** **Families and AA** (stories due Aug. 1, 2025)
Are any other members of your family alcoholic? Are any of them in AA? Did you find out about the program through a family member? Do you go to meetings together? Are your children heavy drinkers? How do you cope? Share your family recovery stories.
- APRIL** **Getting into General Service** (stories due Sept. 1, 2025)
Ever been a GSR?...a DCM?...a delegate? Have you worked on area committees? Share the joys of doing this kind of service. It just might inspire others! **(plus preview of brand new GV Book on "Gratitude")**
- MAY** **How the Steps Changed My Life** (stories due Oct. 1, 2025)
Tell us how the Steps have changed your life and enriched your sobriety. Give some examples. What is your favorite Step? Which one surprised you most? Share your stories.
- JUNE** **Young & Sober** (stories due Nov 1, 2025)
Did you come into AA at an early age? What was that like? Do you go to Young People's AA (YPAA) meetings, dances and Conferences? How have they helped you? Share your experience!
- JULY** **Annual Prison Issue** (stories due Dec. 1, 2025)
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.
- AUG** **Sober Travel** (stories due Jan 1, 2026)
How do you stay sober while traveling on trains, planes and in faraway places? Vacations, business trips or moving away to another town. How did you find AA meetings? Tell us about them. Have you had any close calls? Share the tools that helped you stay sober on the road.
- SEPT** **Sponsorship** (stories due Feb 1, 2026)
Share your experiences of sponsoring others or of being sponsored. What are some of the things you learned? What things do you now pass on? Share your story.
- OCT** **Dealing with Loneliness** (stories due March 1, 2026)
Members don't often share about loneliness. How do you deal with it in sobriety? What was your experience with loneliness when you were still drinking? What's it like now? What are the tools you use to combat loneliness and to reach out for help and fellowship.
- NOV** **Classic Grapevine**
Our favorite stories from the AA Grapevine Story Archive.
- DEC** **Remote Communities** (stories due May 1, 2026)
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 1, 2026) 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

FOUNDERS DAY

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
90TH ANNIVERSARY

**SPEAKERS.
CAMPING.
FELLOWSHIP.**



**JUNE
6-8
2025**



344 BROADWAY ST.
WRIGHTSTOWN, WI

www.changinglanesclub.com

920-532-9046

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KAREN 608-852-6510



Area 74 2025 Spring Conference Registration

Navigating The Waters Of Recovery Together

May 16th - 18th, 2025

HOTEL INFORMATION

Phone: (920) 746-0700

110 Rooms available! Discounted rate of \$165.00 Per Night!
Stone Harbor Resort & Conference Center
107 N. First Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Deadline to book for discounted rate is April 10th, 2025

REGISTRATION FORM

Make checks payable to:
Spring Conference 2025
PO BOX 558
Sturgeon Bay WI 54235

or register online
with QR Code
<https://doorkewauneeaa.org>



Mail back by: May 10th

One Form Per Person

Registration
\$45 Includes all 3 days
Bottomless coffee mug
1st 200 Registrations

FULL NAME _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

EMAIL _____

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AA

☐

Al-Anon

☐

Guest

Saturday Night Plated Meal

\$40

☐

Chicken

☐

Pork

☐

Salmon

April 30th Deadline

Hospitality Sponsorship

Bill W. Scholarship Fund

Amount _____

Amount _____

Group Name _____

Direct Questions to: springconference2025@yahoo.com



JOIN OUR GREEN BAY BID COMMITTEE FOR WICYPAA!!

WICYPAA? What's that?
It is the Wisconsin Conference of
Young People in AA!
Psssst! We define "young" as,
anyone with room to grow!
Everyone is welcome!



Are you looking
for an awesome
way to be of
service? Come &
help us spread
the message of
hope and
recovery!



Can't attend in
person? No problem!
We do have zoom
available! Contact us
for the link!



Contact us for more info!
Jolene: (715) 927-0171
or
Amanda: (920) 248-2695



UNITY. SERVICE. RECOVERY





Spring 4th and 5th Step Retreat

June 20-22, 2025

(AA/Al Anon/ACA)

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 Openings are limited

First Come, First Serve

Please make your reservations early!

Registration deadline is May 30, 2025

(3 Partial Scholarships available courtesy of the Mike A. Scholarship Fund-Please call Tim S. to inquire)

Send \$150 deposits to: Steps Retreat, PO Box 74, Green Bay, WI 54305

Deposits are not refundable after May 16, 2025.



Any questions? Call or Text Tim S. (920) 360-3869 or email 5thstepretreat@gmail.com

Use QR code above to go straight to the website for more info &/or to register

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:** _____

AA _____ **Al-Anon** _____ **ACA** _____ **Other** _____

Emergency contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

Donations are always accepted. These funds are used to manage costs and provide scholarships



Wisconsin Bid for ICYPAA & Green
Bay Bid for Wicypaa
PRESENTS

Grills & Goals

MAY 31st 12p-4p

Location: Changing Lanes Alano Club
344 Broadway St. Wristown, WI 54180

12-1pm | Fellowship & Hype
1-3pm | Flag Football | Bake Sale | Food
3-4- Panel | Teamwork in Recovery
(Creating the Fellowship You Crave)

Flag
Football:
- Teams of 5
- Registration
fee \$20



50/50 RAFFLE!



Bring a dish to pass
&

All beverages can be
purchased through the
alano club

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:
JOLENE|(715)927-0171
OR
DENEE|(262)512-8636



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!





Seymour Intergroup
Saturday July 19, 2025

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: TBA

Alanon Speaker: (TBA)

Door Prizes & Fellowship

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

50/50 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: Jim H.

Alternate DCM: Barry C.

Secretary: Sara P.

Treasurer: Dan L.

Archives: Ross P.

Corrections: Troy

Grapevine: Mike H.

Newsletter: Jolene B.

PI Chair: Carol P.

Treatment: *OPEN*

Webmaster: Todd E.

Literature: Norm F.

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

***Subscribe to The Chronicle: email 09thechronicle@gmail.com

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



May Sober Anniversaries

Christina M 5/2/23	Jammee P. 5/3/10
Sara T 5/5/93	John N 5/6/89
Joshua A 5/6/24	Tom L 5/10/81
Nancy C 5/10/97	Mary Jo M 5/10/97
Norm F 5/10/96	Mike N 5/12/97
Mike W 5/13/09	Gerald H 5/14/96
Bob P 5/15/13	Marsha 5/15/95
Jim 5/15/21	Paul 5/16/98
Dan J 5/22/94	Randy F 5/22/94
Molly 5/22/89	May C 5/25/92
Jeff O 5/29/89	Ron O 5/31/72
Brian T 5/1994	

I Got One For Ya.....

“An alcoholic is a person who wants to be held while he is isolating.”

– From a beloved District 09 member

What Happened Before Today?

In July 1949, the, potentially, first area meeting with a banquet and dance took place at the Beaumont Hotel in Green Bay. (Paul S., Area Historian, 1978)



NEW FROM GSO

Our Primary Purpose Podcast

“

Featuring interviews with GSO staff and voices from A.A. history and the Fellowship today — learn how GSO supports A.A. groups and members to carry the message of hope and recovery.



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70 DAYS
(AS OF
4/23/2025)
TO THE 2025
INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION!

IC25 Chit-Chat



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! If you cannot find something that fits your needs in our official block, check out our [housing resources flyer!](#)

What to expect?

Celebrate 75 years of our General Service Conference with our Archives Exhibit.

Convention tales:

My wife had never been on a cruise before, so we agreed to spend Christmas of 2018 on the high seas. We checked the agenda and found that Friends of Bill W met every morning at 8:00. About 10 of us had a meeting each day. I struck up a conversation with one of the guests and discovered that he lived in Barbados. At some point, I mentioned that the two of us were in Atlanta for the 2015 International. His eyes got big and he let us know that he was the guy who had the privilege of carrying the Barbados flag across the stage during the opening ceremony. It's a big ocean but a small world.

Do you have a story?

Share it with the 2025 International Convention desk by emailing 2025ic@aa.org.

[AA.org/international-convention](https://aa.org/international-convention)