

# The District 05 View



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Serving Pierce, Pepin, Buffalo, Eau Claire and Trempealeau & parts of Saint Croix, Dunn Chippewa counties

Step 3: "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God, as we understood him."

## Message from our Pat T - District Committee Member

Hello All,

Our **District Secretary** is unable to continue in the role (see attached). Please join me in thanking Taylor for his service!

Please share the opening with your groups. Hopefully we can fill this vital role asap. If you have someone willing to be of service, have them join us at our next **District Meeting 3/13/24** at our new location or online.

We also have **two other positions still needing to be filled, Literature and Grapevine**. The service descriptions are on Page 7 of this newsletter.

Please reach out to people you know that can be of service. Nominations will be brought forth at the District GSR meetings.

Feel free to contact me with questions.

Thank you,  
Pat T, DCM  
cell 847-721-0977

**MONTHLY DISTRICT MEETING**  
Second Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.

**IN PERSON AT**  
**THE MENOMONIE LEISURE**  
**CENTER**

**1412 6TH ST. E**  
**MENOMONIE, WI 54751**

**OR**  
**JOIN ONLINE**

**Zoom ID: 829 0126 1204**

**Password: district05**  
**All are welcome!**

## GRAPEVINE WEBSITE

<http://www.aagrapevine.org/>

**Keep the 7th Tradition**  
**Alive!** Support our district  
with cash or check .

Mail checks to:

District 05, PO Box 1902

Eau Claire, WI 54702

## AREA 74 NEWSLETTER SIGN UP

To sign up to receive a copy of the Area 74 Newsletter "Now and Then", please email [nowandthen@area74.org](mailto:nowandthen@area74.org)

## DISTRICT 05 THE VIEW NEWSLETTER

Send an email to: [newsletter@district05.org](mailto:newsletter@district05.org) to request a digital copy in your inbox each month.

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Tradition 3: *"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."*

## Member Share - Stephe C. Step 3

When I was new to the fellowship and addressing the steps for the first time I had difficulty making sense of the third step. In my life prior to recovery I had no religious training and turning my will and life over to a Higher Power were novel concepts to me.

However, I had a rich source of insight because I attended roughly ten meetings a week and was a familiar face in multiple groups, and the third step was often the topic of discussion during the meetings I attended. So, I was the glad recipient of the wisdom that was expressed by the members who spoke on their experiences with the step.

I remember somebody saying that the step meant to her, or him, to get out of the driver's seat. I also remember someone saying that the step meant to turn their thoughts and actions over to the Higher Power, and that the Higher Power was a loving God that only wanted the best for us all.

I also found that by practicing the eleventh-step prayer every morning I was turning those two things over in a deliberate way and in a specific set of situations: That where there is hatred, I may bring love. That where there is wrong, I may bring the spirit of forgiveness. And so forth. The specificity within The Prayer of Saint Francis had a clarifying effect and gave me specific types of errors to look for and their specific types of remedies.

I also learned that self-centeredness was, and is still, the precursor to my emotional upsets and character defects. For it is by self-forgetting that one finds. You see, when I was buttressed by that prayer in those mornings, my interactions with other people were among my most harmonious and I was rarely influenced by resentment, fear, dishonesty, or other expressions of self-centeredness. I believe that this was the result of my focus being turned from self to others. My thinking was other-centered for those precious few minutes after the prayer had taken its effect.

At this point I hope that it's obvious to you, the reader, that I was systematically turning my will (my thoughts) and my life (my actions) over to the loving power we speak of within the rooms of A.A. It is abundantly clear to me that this whole process was teaching me the depth of the statement we find on page 20 in the Big Book, where it claims, "Our very lives, as ex-problem drinkers, depend upon our constant thought of others and how we may help meet their needs." You see, when I was under the influence of that prayer, the thought of drinking never came to me. It had been made irrelevant. And I conclude that it was not ever alcohol that was my mortal foe all those years before, it has always been self-centeredness.

In loving action,

Stephe C.

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Concept 3: "To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. - the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives - with a traditional "Right of Decision."

[District05 Website Events Calendar Here](#)

DATES TO REMEMBER 2023 – 2024		
10/14/2023	Election Assembly	Rhineland, WI
11/17-11/19/2023	ECR Forum	East Central Regional Forum Independence, OH
12/16/2023	Area Committee Mtg	(Optional) Virtual
2/9 – 2/11/2024	Conference Del Past	Area 22 – Muncie, IN
3/2/24	Delegates Workshop	– Holiday Inn, Wausau, WI ***tentative***
3/2/24	Area Comm Mtg	– Holiday Inn, Wausau, WI ***tentative***
3/30/24	Winter Assembly	Rhineland, WI
4/14-4/20/24	73 <sup>rd</sup> Gen Serv Conf	Brooklyn, NY
5/17-5/19/24	Area 74 Spring Conf	District 13 Ashland, WI
5/18/24	Area 74 Assembly	District 13 Ashland, WI
5/19/24	Area Comm Mtg	District 13 Ashland, WI
6/7-6/9/24	East Centrl Reg Conf	Michigan State Conv Grand Rapids, MI
8/3/24	Area Comm Mtg (optional)	Virtual
9/13-9/15/24	Area 74 Fall Conf	District 04 Stevens Point
9/14/24	Area Assembly	District 04 Stevens Point
9/15/24	Area Comm Mtg	District 04 Stevens Point
10/12/24	Fall Assembly	Quality Inn Rhineland, WI
12/2/24	Area Comm Mtg	Virtual

**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**



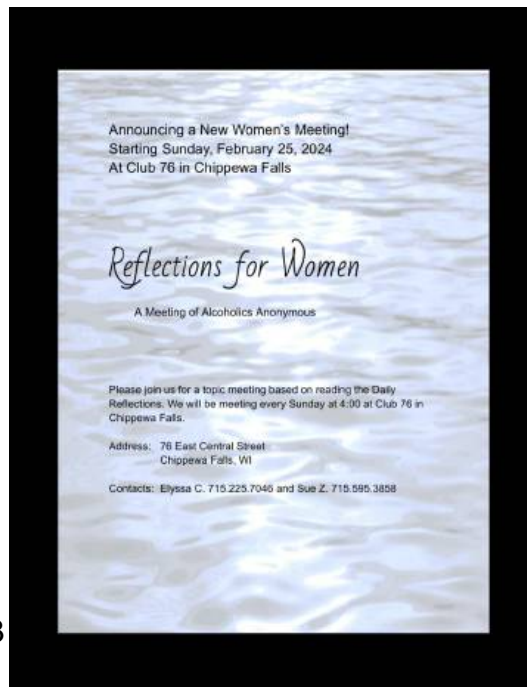
**DISTRICT 05  
PUBLIC  
INFORMATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING**  
A GREAT WAY TO BE OF SERVICE

DESIGN | PSA | INFORMATION BOOTHS | AND MORE

**JOIN US THE SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY  
MONTH AT 6:15PM**

ZOOM ID: 961 8488 4909 PASSWORD: 609156

FOR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL [PI@DISTRICT05.ORG](mailto:PI@DISTRICT05.ORG)



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## 64TH ANNUAL

# Club 12 BANQUET & Dance

EARLY BIRD PRICE: \$35 THROUGH FEBRUARY 14TH  
REGULAR TICKET PRICE: \$45 FEBRUARY 15TH UNTIL SOLD OUT  
THIS EVENT WILL SELL OUT!

### *Saturday March 16th*

4PM- SOCIAL HOUR  
5PM- AL-ANON PANEL  
6PM- DINNER  
7PM- AA SPEAKER  
*Paul J. Lexington, Kentucky*

8PM- DESSERT &  
DANCE TO FOLLOW!

*Location: Holiday Inn Eau Claire South  
Adress: 4751 Owen Ayres Ct, Eau Claire, WI 54701*

TICKETS: \$45 PER PERSON

### *Sunday March 17th*

11AM- SOCIAL HOUR/BRUNCH  
12PM- AA SPEAKER  
*David L. Madison, Wisconsin*

*Location: Alano Club 12  
2926 Pamona Dr, Eau Claire, WI 54701*

BRING A DISH TO PASS!

MORE INFO CONTACT: ALEXIS L.  
715-338-5245



Recovery on the River Jamboree

PRESENTS

**Step 6 & 7**

**WORKSHOP**

**Gary S & Jake F**  
River Falls, WI

**"THE MEAT AND POTATOES!"**

*\$10 Suggested Donation*

**LUNCH • FELLOWSHIP • 50/50**

Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. Eau Claire  
Saturday, March 23rd, 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**AA & Al-Anon**

[www.recoveryontheriver.org](http://www.recoveryontheriver.org)



## February Sobriety Celebrations!

Nicholas S. February 1st 15 years  
Pat T: February 28th 35 years

**Don't be shy! Share your anniversary with us!**

You're invited to share with the District continuous sobriety dates with the District!

Each month, the newsletter will print your first name and date/duration of sobriety - and if you choose, you can include a photo of the back of your head in keeping with respecting anonymity.

Send this information to me for February by 2/27/2024, and it will be included in the March issue.

**[Submit to newsletter@district05.org.](mailto:newsletter@district05.org)**



## OPEN SERVICE POSITIONS

Eligibility: All members of District 05 are eligible to serve as District 05 Officers and Committee Chairpersons. The District 05 D.C.M. shall usually have served as a G.S.R. In addition, all candidates should have had a substantial period of continuous sobriety in A.A., and have had experience in service work at the group and district levels. Persons nominated for election shall be present at the meeting to confirm acceptance of the nomination prior to voting. (Substantial period is suggested as a minimum of five (5) years for a D.C.M., two (2) years for Webmaster and Newsletter Editor.

### District Secretary

The District 05 Secretary records, keeps, and distributes the minutes of all District 05 G.S.R. Meetings. Distribution includes G.S.R.s, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, District Officers, and Committee Chairs. The Secretary maintains District 05 contact information for G.S.R.s, District Officers, Committee Chairs, and Area Delegate. All approved minutes and Guidelines are to be provided to District 05 Archivist.

### Grapevine Representative

1. Maintain Grapevine display with necessary stock and order forms.
2. Set up Grapevine display at all District 05 functions.
3. Register with the Area 74 Grapevine Representative.
4. Assist groups with any ordering problems.
5. Prepare and present a report for the district based on District 05 Meeting and Report Schedule.

### Literature

1. Set up a literature display at all District 05 functions.
2. Attend as many District 05 functions as possible.
3. Prepare and present a report for the district based on District 05 Meeting and Report Schedule.



**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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## Call For Stories

For the

A.A. Pamphlet



## Do You Think You're Different?

In compliance with a 2022 Conference Advisory Action the Trustees Literature Committee is seeking submissions from AA members with diverse backgrounds in order to update the A.A. pamphlet *Do You Think You're Different?* with stories that represent a greater diversity.

In particular, stories are sought from A.A. members that reflect multicultural backgrounds, those who have multiple alienating factors, as well as those from diverse populations not addressed in current A.A. literature.

**Formatting Manuscripts:** 500-800 words, double spaced, in 12-point font.

**Handwritten manuscripts:** should be approximately 5 to 6 pages.

**Deadline:** April 30, 2024

**Submission link:** <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/5a77c27d179d4856b32eed86b01e3426>

**Email:** [pamphletstories@aa.org](mailto:pamphletstories@aa.org) Subject Line: "Do You Think You're Different?"

**Postal Mail:** Attn. Literature Assignment

General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station

New York, NY 10163

**Write:** "Pamphlet" on the envelope, and at the top of the first page of the manuscript.

Please include your complete name, address, and email/phone information on the first page of your manuscript. A copy of your manuscript should be retained for your files. The anonymity of all authors will be observed whether their story is selected for publication or not.