



# The District View

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**District 05 Meeting** in Menomonie, WI!  
1412 6th Street E  
Menomonie, WI 54751-3331  
2nd Wed. of each month 6:45pm

If you know of an alcoholic willing to serve A.A. at the district level, this meeting is the place and time to do so! You can't keep what you have unless you give it away.

**\*\*We always are looking for your written experience, strength and hope experiences to add to future newsletters. Submissions can be made to The District View email at the top of this page.\*\***

**Step 7:** "Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings."

**Tradition 7:** "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

**Concept 7:** The Conference recognizes that the Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments: that the Trustees are thereby fully empowered to manage and conduct all of the world service affairs of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is further understood that the Conference Charter itself is not a legal document: that it relies instead upon the force of tradition and the power of the A.A. purse for its final effectiveness.

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## District 05 of Area 74 Meeting

June 13, 2018 6:45 PM

Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E, Menomonie, WI 54751

### Opening

- Serenity Prayer

### Introductions

- 9 GSRs present.

### Reports

- **Secretary** – Joe P.
  - Read last month's minute highlights.
  - Sent around contact sheet for GSRs (asked for additions and indication of GSR vs. Alt. GSR).
  - *Note:* Please try to get reports to the secretary before the meeting you're due to give a report. An emailed report with or without an attachment is acceptable.
  - **Approved:** *Last month's minutes approved without objection.*
- **Treasurer** – Sara D.
  - Report Period: 05/09/18-06/06/18
  - Checking Opening Balance: \$3,389.35
  - Group Contributions: \$478.00
  - Expenses: \$307.60
    - PI: \$90.60
    - Rent: \$27.00 (May & June)
    - PO Box: \$120.00
    - CPC: \$45.00
    - Administrative: \$25.00
  - Checking Closing Balance: \$3,559.75
  - New rent: \$20.25 effective April 1, but the Leisure Center said it is ok to start June 1.
  - **Approved:** *Report approved without objection.*

*The following reports were given and accepted:*

- **District Committee Member (DCM)** – Marybeth S.
  - Marybeth submitted a written report, which she summarized in person:

I attended the Area 74 Conference Call at the end of May. The discussion again centered on how to encourage attendance at the group, district and area levels. This will be a discussion at the June meeting. District 5 has 57 active groups registered with Area 74. There are usually 12 or less GSRs in attendance at the GSR monthly meeting. It is my hope that we can find a way to encourage more group participation. Please feel free to let me know how I can help in this regard.

I attended the Area Assembly and Committee Meeting in Green Bay in May. Hot topics continue to be distribution of the Now and Then and acceptance of donations from YPAA. Our delegate reported on the General Conference held in New York in April and I will be sharing some of her report and the Conference Advisory Actions at the June meeting. I am asking for reimbursement of \$90 for attendance at the conference. This amount is for registration (\$20); gas (\$10); room (\$60).

Alternate DCM elections will be held at this month's meeting.

I am so honored to be of service and please contact me if you would like me to attend one of your Group Conscience and/or Business Meetings. Marybeth S.
  - ☪ Bring back to your groups: What do you think about the "Now and Then" going electronic because of costs? (Over \$7,000.00 is budgeted for the newsletter.) GSR voices needed at Fall Assembly.
  - ☪ Bring back to your groups: Should Area 74 accept YPAA donations? GSR voices needed at Fall Assembly.
- **Alternate DCM** – Vacant.

- No report.
- **Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) – Pat T.**
  - Pat emailed report.
  - Met on June 4th.
  - Continuing to add to the prospective presentation list.
  - Presentation in the works for Arbor Place in July.
  - Will be speaking with religious leaders through Jonah for possible presentation in July or August.
  - Be of service! Regular meetings take place on the first Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire. (Next meeting: July 2.)
- **Treatment – Matt A.**
  - Coordinators are getting speakers into all of the treatment centers.
  - Brittany B. is looking for women with 3+ years of sobriety to speak at Affinity House.
  - New Treatment Committee Workbooks have been distributed with assignments about how to use the information there.
  - There is discussion about going to outpatient treatment programs to see if they want our help.
  - Requested reimbursement for workbooks and rent for committee meetings.
  - Underage drinking classes at UW-Eau Claire went well, but probably not much need over the summer. Suggestion was made to reach out to UW-Stout and UW-River Falls in case they have similar programs.
  - Be of service! Regular meetings take place on the second Monday of each month, 6:45 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire. (Next meeting: July 9.)
- **Corrections – Ken P.**
  - No report.
  - Be of service! Regular meetings take place on the first Monday of February, May, August, and November, 7:00 PM, Club 12 (small building), Eau Claire. (Next meeting: August 6.)
- **Special Accessibilities – Brett Z.**
  - No report.
  - Be of service! Regular meetings will occur at a time yet to be determined. Contact Brett to help.
- **Public Information (PI) – Doug H.**
  - Doug emailed report.
  - Began getting a list of shelters together in our district and will begin to reach out soon.
  - Be of service! Regular meetings take place on the third Wednesday of odd-numbered months, 6:30 PM, Alano Club, River Falls. (Next meeting: July 18.)
- **Literature – Cole K.**
  - No report.
- **Archives – Stephe C.**
  - Workshop on July 28 at 11:00 AM for approximately 1.5 hours.
  - Stephe will be going around to local meetings to find oldtimers to invite to the workshop to be interviewed for recorded conversations.
  - Plan to repeat at other locations within the district.
  - Accepting suggestions for oldtimers to share, so reach out to Stephe with your thoughts at [archives@district05.org](mailto:archives@district05.org).
  - Seeking historical information about groups, new and old.
  - Will be trying to make sure there will be a smooth transition to the next archives chair.
- **Grapevine – Bryon B.**
  - No report.
- **Webmaster – Andy B.**
  - No report.
- **Newsletter – Myron M.**
  - Things are going fine.
  - Not many people contacting to get on the subscription list.
  - Looking forward to the next edition which will have some new feature articles.
- **Intergroup – Variable Representative**
  - Bonnie B. gave report.

- Brought brochures from the “How to Get the Most Out of Meetings” workshop, which went well. This will go onto the Chippewa Valley Intergroup website.
- Annual Unity Picnic: September 9 at Lake Altoona beach clubhouse. There will be a picnic, jam session, and hopefully a bean bag tournament.
- Still working on mobile-friendly website.
- Working on taking better literature inventory to make delivery faster.
- Be of service! Regular meetings take place the fourth Wednesday of each month, 6:00 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire. (Next meeting: June 27.)

- **WICYPAA – Jon S.**

- Formed a bid for 2020.
- Marybeth made a suggestion to bring back information about service structure of WICYPAA / YPAA. Lucas M. will do that.

### **District 05 Meeting Updates**

- Nothing reported.

### **Old Business**

- **Tradition and Concept Presentation**
  - Tabled.
- **Workshop Subcommittee Report/Discussion**
  - Shane S. gave report.
  - Commend members of the committee for their hard work.
  - Interactive workshop on July 14 from 10 AM to 1 PM about carrying your voice to New York.
  - May create private Facebook event to announce the workshop.
  - Will be a taco bar after the event.
  - Money is available to help groups put on workshops if GSRs come to District to ask for help.
  - ☑ Highly recommended that GSRs attend to learn how to plan a workshop.

### **New Business**

- **Area Assembly and Committee Meeting**
  - Delegate gave extensive report. Report will be uploaded to the Google Drive.
  - Marybeth gave summary of 2018 Conference Advisory Actions. See Appendix A.
- **Inactive Groups**
  - Went through list of inactive groups to see if anybody knew information about them.
  - You can check to see if you know anything about the inactive groups found in our Google Drive “District 05 Group Information” folder, titled 20180609\_All\_District05\_Groups.xls.
    - Let Marybeth know what you know about the groups so they can update their information with GSO, Area 74, and District.
- **Alternate DCM Election**

Nominee	Votes: Round One	Votes: Round Two	Votes: Round Three
<b>John Su.</b>	1	1	Eliminated
<b>Shane S.</b>	4	3	3
<b>Paul H.</b> ☑	4	5	6 (⅔ majority)

- Paul H. elected as new Alternate DCM.

- **Service Discussion**
  - Tabled.

## Open Sharing

- Matt A. mentioned he thought we should pay rent at the new rate retroactive to April. General agreement.
- Matt A. mentioned the Recovery on the River Jamboree elections. See flier [here](#).
- Joe P. mentioned the Gay Chatter 1 Year Anniversary celebration on June 19. See flier [here](#).

## Closing

- Responsibility Statement

**Next Meeting:** July 11, 2018.

- Normally scheduled reports: GSR sharing session and open forum.

## Appendix A

### 2018 Conference Advisory Actions

Conference Advisory Actions represent recommendations put forward by the standing committees of the General Service Conference that have been discussed, voted on and approved by the Conference body as a whole during general sessions. A number of Advisory Actions from the 2018 General Service Conference appear below in condensed form. A complete list of Advisory Actions will be published in the Conference Final Report (available from G.S.O. in late summer).

**Agenda** — That the theme for the 2019 General Service Conference be: “Our Big Book — 80 Years, 71 Languages”; that “Yesterday’s World — Our Legacies Begin,” “Today’s World — Demonstrating Integrity, Anonymity and Service” and “Tomorrow’s World — Courage to be Vigilant” be presentation/discussion topics; and that “Clarity of Purpose — Addressing the Needs of Our Meetings” be the workshop topic.

**Archives** — that the proposed new publication, Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.’s General Service Conference Talks, 1951 – 1970 be approved with minor editorial changes.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community** — that the pamphlets “A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional,” “Members of the Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous” and “If You Are a Professional...” be revised to reflect language related to the military; that A.A. World Services, Inc. develop a company page on LinkedIn.

**Finance** — that the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution from an individual A.A. member to the General Service Board be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

**Grapevine** — that La Viña be published at its current frequency of six times per year as a service to the Fellowship, with perfect binding, at 68 pages, and in full color; that the revised pamphlet “AA Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meetings in Print” be approved and the title changed to “AA Grapevine and La Viña: Our Meetings in Print and Other Media.”

**International Conventions/Regional Forums** — that the following two cities, expressed in alphabetical order, be considered as possible sites for the International Convention in 2030: Indianapolis, Indiana; St. Louis, Missouri; that up to 21 non-A.A. speakers be invited to attend the 2020 International Convention at A.A.’s expense.

**Literature** — that the following pamphlets be approved: “Experience, Strength and Hope: Women in A.A.,” “Experience, Strength and Hope: LGBTQ Alcoholics in A.A.,” “Experience, Strength and Hope: A.A. for Alcoholics with Mental Health Issues — and their sponsors” and “Inside A.A.: Understanding the Fellowship and its Services”; that the title of the pamphlet “G.S.R. General Service Representative: May Be the Most Important Job in A.A.” be changed to “G.S.R. General Service Representative: Your Group’s Link to A.A. as a Whole”; that text originally included in the 1998 edition of Living Sober be reinserted following the section titled “Note to Medical Professionals”; that the pamphlet “The God Word” (currently published by the General Service Board of A.A., Great Britain) be adopted by A.A. World Services, Inc. with minor editorial changes; that the trustees’ Literature Committee develop a pamphlet based on A.A.’s Three Legacies; that the trustees’ Literature Committee develop a pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women alcoholics.

**Public Information** — that the video PSA “Changes” be approved with a minor revision; that the Young People’s Video submission be approved; that the pamphlet “Understanding Anonymity” be approved with expanded content on Traditions Eleven and Twelve; that a progress report including website analytics and the usefulness and effectiveness of the A.A.W.S. YouTube account be brought back to the 2019 Conference Committee on Public Information.

**Report and Charter** — that following publication of the 2018-2020 edition, the A.A.W.S. Publishing Department undertake a thorough evaluation, update, and redesign of the Service Manual with a preliminary draft or progress report to be sent to the 2019 Conference Committee on Report and Charter; that Committee Considerations be published in their entirety in both the printed Conference Final Report and the anonymity-protected digital version.

**Treatment and Accessibilities** — that the pamphlet “Accessibility for All Alcoholics” be approved with revisions and the title changed to “Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers.”

**Floor Actions** — that the Conference Area Service Highlights be published in their entirety in both the printed Conference Final Report and the anonymity-protected digital version.

As published in *Box 4-5-9*, Summer 2018

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**\*\*NOTE\*\*** Area 74 Fall Conference, “WILLING TO GO TO ANY LENGTH” September 14-16<sup>th</sup> in Wausau, WI. The Plaza Hotel has changed the deadline to reserve rooms at the Conference discounted rate of \$89. Reservations must be received by July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. For more Fall Conference information, phone 715-600-3674 or email to: [info@Area74Fall2018.org](mailto:info@Area74Fall2018.org)

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## **Members’ Views**

### **...on STEP #7**

*“We began to get over the idea that the Higher Power was a sort of bush-league pinch hitter, to be called upon only in an emergency.”*

*--Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg. 75*

The first words of Step 7 are “Humbly asked.” Many of us, including myself, have misunderstood the first word and have despised the second. I felt humiliated the day I walked into A.A. and I thought that was humility. I grudgingly asked for help only because I was hopeless. Thankfully, I have been able to stick around long enough to learn that humility is a true recognition of what and who I am, and has nothing to do with disgrace; and that asking for help is an act of spiritual progress against fear and isolation.

In the first years of sobriety, I started each day meditating with a focus on Steps 1-3. I have added Step 7, and its prayer, to my morning preparation to face life on its terms. When one or more of my character defects are showing strength, I know I must do my part by practicing opposite actions--such as service without recognition--in place of pride. Step 7 is a daily practice because good habits are so very easy to break.

An A.A. member in Nepal wrote that as he makes gains against a character defect, his Higher Power will replace it with a character asset: “I don’t have to go out looking for friendliness, love, security, or any other trait that I desire. I just have to give up the feelings that are manifestations of my character defects and the good automatically flows into my life. And I used to think that I would become hollow without my character defects!”

*An AA Member*

### **...on TRADITION #7**

*“We were astounded to find that we were tighter than the bark on a tree.”*

*--Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg. 161*

I’m glad that A.A. and its groups do not accept outside contributions; I wouldn’t like to listen to funder credits during a meeting of the Nike Footwear Step Group. Sound silly? So are some old attitudes regarding money in A.A.



Tongues have been wagging after a (non-Conference-approved) flyer recently appeared suggesting we pony up \$3 in the meeting basket instead of the \$1 that has been an unwritten tradition for the past 60 years or so. Back then, gasoline cost 22 cents per gallon. Coffee was a dime, with free refills. But \$3 for an A.A. meeting today? Can you imagine?

Actually, if \$10 per year from every member found its way to G.S.O., all of A.A.'s budget would be paid for and all of the literature would be available free of charge. Imagine that!

*An A.A. Member*

**Members' Views** will share brief essays submitted by District05 A.A. members. Please send your views to [thedistrictview@district05.org](mailto:thedistrictview@district05.org)

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## **A.A. Service View**

### **July 14<sup>th</sup> Workshop**

District 05 is hosting a workshop on July 14th at Club 12 in Eau Claire, WI called "**Carrying Your Voice to New York**". For members of A.A. who are unfamiliar with the service structure of A.A., this might seem like an odd workshop title. Every year in New York, the General Service Conference meets to discuss and vote on current issues brought to the conference. Delegates from all over our country come together once per year for this important conference. The votes and decisions made at this conference will likely impact every A.A. member across the country in some way. The cool thing about A.A., unlike most other organizations, is that every A.A. member has a right to have their input heard in the service structure in A.A. Every member, whether sober 30 days or 30 years, has the same opportunity to voice an opinion in the matters affecting A.A. as a whole.

This workshop, "**Carrying Your Voice to New York**", is an interactive workshop discussing the importance of each and every A.A. member everywhere taking an active role in the service structure - most likely their home group - in order to be a part of this process.

Currently in District 05 there are over 100 meetings each week. Of those 100+ meetings, about half are registered A.A. groups with the General Service Office in New York. Of those groups, about 10 of them on average have a GSR representing the group at the monthly District 05 meeting held in Menomonie, WI. This means that all of the other meetings and groups in the district do not have a GSR attending district - the GSR carries the voice of the group to the district and area-level service throughout the year, including Area Assemblies and the Delegates Workshop.

If your group does not have a representative attending these service functions, then you are likely not having an active role - a voice - in the decisions made upon your behalf in the service structure of A.A.

This upcoming workshop is designed to discuss the lack of group participation in the service structure, educate A.A. members on the service structure and ways that individual A.A.'s can get involved; and also to demonstrate and offer guidance for other groups to become active in hosting workshops throughout our district.

Please join us on July 14th for a unique and inspiring opportunity to take an active role in your own recovery!

### **July 28<sup>th</sup> Archives Workshop**

It is with anticipation that I am announcing the 2018 District 5 Archives workshop. The event will take place at Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Drive in Eau Claire. The date for the workshop is July 28<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) at 11:00 am.

Our purpose is to learn as much about the history of A.A. in District 5 as we can in a one or two-hour time interval. So, if you are an old-timer or someone who has knowledge of any significant event or historical fact that we can record for the good of the fellowship, then we would like to see, and hear, you there.

We will be conducting a group sharing session with microphones and recording equipment. If you are there to share your knowledge of our history, we will want to record and archive what you share so that we may preserve this information for historical uses. If you have any documents that may be of use for our mission, please bring them with you and we will scan and archive your documents for the good of the fellowship, as well.

If you don't feel you have anything to share, come along anyway. We want A.A.'s to hear and witness what we think is important historical information about our district and our fellowship. There will be seating for those who want to come and listen. All A.A. members are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in service,  
Stephen C.  
District 5 Archives Chair  
Email: [archives@district05.org](mailto:archives@district05.org)

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**Monthly District 05 Events:** District 05 Monthly GSR Meeting is held at 6:45pm, on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Leisure Center, 1412 Sixth St., Menomonie, WI. Any AA members are welcome to attend.

District 05 Committees offer AA service opportunities for alcoholics who want to help carry the AA message. **Unless otherwise noted, committees meet at Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.**

**Treatment Facilities Committee** meets at 6:45pm on the 2nd Monday of every month.

**Corrections Committee** meets monthly at 7:00pm on the 1st Monday of February, May, August, and November.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee** meets at 6:30pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month.

**Public Information Committee** meets in the ODD months (Jan, Mar, May, etc.) at 6:30pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at River Falls Alano club.

**Chippewa Valley Intergroup** meets at 6:00pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

**\*\* Care is taken to include all events. If your event is not listed we regret the error. To list your group's event please contact your GSR, any district officer, or the website editor before the 20th of the month preceding the event.**

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## **Calendar View**

The District05 website, [www.district05.org](http://www.district05.org) maintains the most up-to-date listing of A.A. events in our vicinity. If you click on an event on the Events Calendar, any flyer that has been provided for the event will appear for you to print. Please check in there regularly to keep connected with local A.A. happenings. To have your event listed on the Events Calendar, email to [webmaster@district05.org](mailto:webmaster@district05.org)

### **July 2018:**

- 2nd – **C.P.C. Committee Meeting**, 6:30pm, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.
- 9<sup>th</sup> – **Treatment Committee Meeting**, 6:45pm, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.
- 11<sup>th</sup>-- **District 05 Monthly Meeting**, 6:45pm. Menomonie Leisure Center
- 14<sup>th</sup> – **Interactive Workshop**, “Carrying Your Voice to New York” 10am-1pm, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire. Fellowship and lunch to follow. See event flyer at [www.district05.org](http://www.district05.org)
- 18<sup>th</sup> – **P.I. Committee Meeting**, 6:30pm /River Falls Alano, Hwy. 29 and County FF, River Falls.
- 25<sup>th</sup> -- **Chippewa Valley Intergroup Meeting**, 6pm, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.
- 28<sup>th</sup> – **District05 Archives Workshop**, 11am, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.
- 29<sup>th</sup> – **Recovery on the River Jamboree: elections for host committee**, 1pm, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire. See event flyer at [www.district05.org](http://www.district05.org)

### **August 2018:**

- 6<sup>th</sup> -- **C.P.C. Committee Meeting**, 6:30pm, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.
- 6<sup>th</sup> – **Corrections Committee Meeting**, 7pm, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.
- 8<sup>th</sup> -- **District 05 Monthly Meeting**, 6:45pm. Menomonie Leisure Center
- 13<sup>th</sup>-- **Treatment Committee Meeting**, 6:45pm, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> -- **Chippewa Valley Intergroup Meeting**, 6pm, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr., Eau Claire.



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We are now working to build our database of subscribers. All G.S.R.'s and their alternates, district officeholders, and district trusted servants will receive the newsletter. We hope *The District View* soon will be available to at least one member of each A.A. group in the district. Please share this issue with fellow members via email, and we hope those who are able to do so will print a copy to share with A.A. members who do not have access to email.

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## **Recovery on the River Jamboree is coming to Eau Claire!!!!**

*Recovery on the River Jamboree* is an inclusive event practicing recovery, unity, and service. We aim to celebrate sobriety and carry the message of recovery to alcoholics and everyone affected by alcoholism.

**This 3 - day AA conference with Al-Anon and Alateen Participation is holding elections to form the host committee!!!**

**When: Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 1pm**

**Where: Alano Club 12**

**2926 Pamona Drive**

**Eau Claire, WI, 54701**

**Questions: Nicholas S.(AA) - 414-803-9906**

**Arla P. (Al-Anon) - 715-834-0928**



