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Delegate's Corner

Hi Everyone!

I hope 2024 is off to a good start for you. It has been for me! My husband and I have 3 Tibetan Mastiffs that we show in Conformation Shows and we were in St. Paul the 1st weekend in January and Grayslake, IL the last weekend of January and enjoyed ourselves there. I was also able to sneak in a 2-day getaway with my best friend.

I have been getting up to speed with my roles and responsibilities as delegate and you can see my activities listed below. The General Service Conference will come up fast and my hope is to have maximum engagement and input from the Area 74 Fellowship. I have been assigned to the Finance and Archives Committee for my 2-year rotation.

At the 73rd General Service Conference (last year's conference) the finance committee made the following request.

"The committee requests that to better align with the duties described in the Service Manual for the Conference Finance Committee, committee members receive the monthly AAWS/GSB consolidated financial statements along with an executive summary from the Chief Financial Officer."

I have begun receiving monthly reports.

I have included the letter from GSO regarding the Delegate Expense to the Conference letter. Our Area voted by assembly action to send \$2,600 to GSO. Per GSO request, our treasurer Brent H, will be sending two checks, one for the requested contribution amount of \$2,200 and an additional one for \$400 for "2024 additional Conference voluntary contribution."

Saturday, March, 2nd is our Delegate's Workshop. This is the BEST place to come and learn about the agenda items and to really have a solid understanding of what will be taking place in New York. This event is expected for Area Officers, Committee Chairs, DCMs, and OPEN to EVERYONE IN OUR FELLOWSHIP. I really hope to see you there.

The format of this day makes hybrid a significant challenge and unpredictable so please plan on attending in-person.

Wausau is fairly centrally located, and the road trip is always a highlight of my service commitments.

DCMs – If you would like me to attend your District meeting or your own pre-conference workshops in February/March/April to answer questions, discuss, or receive feedback please reach out ASAP so I can do my best to accommodate.

I want to thank the Oshkosh Host Committee for Wicypaa for their invitation to share a few words on service the weekend of their conference and my apologies for the weather from my keeping me from attending. I'm glad you had a great conference despite mother nature trying to disrupt. Young People in AA are the further of our fellowship and seeing a vibrant group of people celebrating recovery and doing this vital 12th step work is inspiring.

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FROM THE AREA 74 ALTERNATE DELEGATE/ AREA CHAIR

January Alt Delegate /Area 74 Chair Thoughts of the Month!

Hello to all. Well, we are one month into 2024, and our new to many of our service positions.

Personally, I am jazzed as they say about the coming months. It has been busy month for this Alcoholic. First, I want to thank the Area 74 fellowship for allowing me to serve as your Literature chair for the past two years. It was outstanding experience for me. Now on to new adventures.

So far, I have been connected with three different USA and Canadian Zoom get togethers. The NAAD (north American Alternate delegates)which meets on the 1st of each month, the Area Chairs on the 2nd Monday of each month, and finally, the Area Share which meets via zoom for two hours on the 2nd Wednesday. The topics range from the history of women in our fellowship to current service structure. And thanks to the archivist from the GSO, we recently heard Bill Wilson’s recorded presentation on the 12x12 that he gave at the 1953 conference just before the release of the first printing of our beloved 12x12 book. This is a chance for all our 93 Areas in USA and Canada to learn, share and grow together. I believe this will be a critical part of my growth as I go forward to serve the fellowship.

Also, we held an informal zoom meet and greet meeting on January 13th. It was great to meet the new DCMs and match a face to a name. We cover some duties and exciting opportunities as we go forward with our Delegate Nicholas on some new communication ideas he will implement for him to connect with members, groups, districts DCMs, committee officers, and committee chairs.

One thing I would address is our districts that don’t currently have a DCM. If there is someone reading this that is in a district without a DCM, please reach out to either me or any one of us on the Area committees, and we will do what we can to help.

To sum it all up, so far so good but the best is yet to come. If there are any concerns or ideas on how we can be of service to you or your group, please contact me, Bill Dornaus at 920-621-1258 or

bdornaus@gmail.com

Yours in service.

Bill D. Panel 74 Area 74 Alternate Delegate / Area Chair

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DATES TO REMEMBER 2024		
2/ 9 – 2/11,/2024	Conference Del Past	Area 22 – Muncie, IN
3/2/24	Delegates Workshop	St Stephen Lutheran Church Wausau, WI
3/2/24	Area Comm Mtg	St Stephen Lutheran Church Wausau, WI
3/30/24	Winter Assembly	Quality Inn Rhinelander, WI
4/14-4/20/24	73 rd 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 Central 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 Holiday Inn Stevens Point, WI
9/14/24	Area Assembly	District 04 Holiday Inn Stevens Point, WI
9/15/24	Area Comm Mtg	District 04 Holiday Inn Stevens Point, WI
10/12/24	Fall Assembly	Quality Inn Rhinelander, WI
12/7/24	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

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ZOOM info for all Area 74 Service Meetings:
 Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882
 Passcode: 1212144
 One tap mobile
 +16465588656,,84110965882# US (New York)
 +13017158592,,84110965882# US (Washington D.C)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84110965882?pwd=OWJScFNFRmhGSFI4ZEIYbkFYVGY0Zz09>

Send Area 74 Contributions To:
Area 74 Treasury
813 E Harrison St, Appleton, WI 54915
Very Important!! Please include group number, group name,
 and address of group location or point of contact
 If there is only a group name and location, or contact address, please include this.
 Thank You, Area 74 Treasurer treasurer@area74.org

DISTRICT MEETING Feb 2024 LIST

DIST	DAY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	
1	Thursday	2nd Thur	6:30 PM	Nativity Lord Parish 2270 S Oneida St Door #4	Green Bay, WI
2	Sunday	2nd Sun	2:00 PM	Changing Lanes Alano 344 Broadway St	Wrightstown, WI
3	Thursday	3rd Thur	5:30 PM	Alano Club 1210 E Grand Ave. Zoom info wiaadistrict3.org	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
4	Thursday	1st Thur	7:00 PM	Peace Lutheran Church 293 S. Main St	Amherst, WI
5	Weds	2nd Wed	6:45 PM	Menominee Ctr 1412 6 th St E Zoom 829 0126 1204 PWdistrict05	Menominee, WI
6	Thursday	3 rd Thur	7:45 PM	Club 76	Chippewa Falls
7	Sunday	3 rd Sun	5:00 PM	2111 S. Central Ave	Marshfield, WI
8	Thursday	1 st Thur	7:00 PM	Wausau Alano Club 711 McClellan St	Wausau, WI
9	Sunday	1st Sun		Peace United Church 208 E. Maurer St	Shawano, WI
10	Saturday	2 nd Sat	9:00 AM	1st United Methodist 724 Arbutus contact DCM for Zoom	Rhineland, WI
11				No information Available	
12	Saturday	1 st Sat	9:00 AM	Hayward Serenity Club, 10339 S Florida Ave & Zoom	Hayward, WI
13	Monday	1 st Mon	6:00 PM	PIRC 410 Lakeshore Dr West	Ashland, WI
14	Sunday	2 nd Sun	6:00 PM	New Richmond Alano; 1448 N 4th Street	New Richmond, WI
15				No information Available	
16				No information Available	
17	Sunday	Last Sun	5:00 PM	401 Kimberly	Iron Mountain, WI
18	Saturday	1 st Sat	11:00 AM	106 Main St	Ishpeming, MI
19				No information Available	
20	Saturday	1 st Sat	11:00 AM	United Methodist Church, 1212 Morrison St	Germfask, MI
21	Tuesday	1 st Tues	6:00 PM	Portage Lake United Church, 1400 E. Houghton Ave	Houghton, MI
22	Thursday	1st Thur	5:30 PM	115 Club or Zoom: 399 417 5176 PW 115	Sturgeon Bay, WI
23	Weds	1st Wed	5:00 PM	Spooner Health (Enter ER Door) 1280 Chandler Dr	Spooner, WI
24	Weds	1 st Wed	8:00 PM	Alano Club 411 E 2nd St S	Ladysmith, WI

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9	Sunday	1st Sun		1 st American Luth. Church 511 Madison St	Oconto, WI
10	Saturday	2 nd Sat	9:00 AM	1st United Methodist 724 Arbutus contact DCM for Zoom	Rhineland, WI
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Ask The Delegate:

During my term as Delegate, I will share with you, the Fellowship of Area 74, questions that I get asked each month and my reply. I believe that if one person, group, committee has that question, others will as well.

“Are you aware of the fellowship survey that was released?”

Yes! I hope all of you are too! See below for a snippet. I have ordered 100 of the print pamphlets that I will have available at all in-person events I’m attending.

“We are pleased to share with the Fellowship the results of the 2022 A.A. Membership Survey.

The survey results are now available in a [print pamphlet](#) and on a new [webpage](#) on [aa.org](#) that also offers downloadable infographics. The page can be viewed at [aa.org/membership-survey-2022](#).

More than 6,000 A.A. members took part in a randomized membership survey that was conducted in 2022. The previous survey was conducted in 2014.

For the first time, the survey included topics regarding online A.A. meetings, which became more widely available during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other findings included:

- 41% of A.A. members have been with the program for more than 20 years
 - Members attend an average of two A.A. meetings per week
- 75% of members have attended an A.A. meeting virtually (online or by phone)
 - 79% of members prefer in-person meetings

Another Question;

“Do you happen to know why the U.P. is lumped into Area74? Was it a matter of us being able to meet their needs better than the other two areas at the time (which is now three)? (Referring to Areas 32,33, and 34)”

*Sincerely,
Alcoholic”*

I thought this was a great question and didn’t know the answer. I reached out to a few people within Area 74 and as well as the current Delegate from Ed B. Ed lead to their Area Archivist and Delegate from Panel 54 – Mike Y who provided me with this explanation.

“Nicholas the whole of the UP was originally Area 34, which encompasses the west side of Michigan from Indiana to the U.P. Due to the distance for travel to Area meetings, the groups of the U.P. voted to do service in Area 74. Later groups from Newberry east felt with the formation of Northern Michigan Inter Area Intergroup that their service would be less travel in Area 34 and NMIA as well as better assistance with carrying the message into the federal/state prisons located there. Hope that answers the question.”

Have a question?

Email it to delegate@area74.org

Call / Text 414-803-9906

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1			Area 74 (Panel 74)		Effective 01/01/2024				
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12			Area 74 (Panel 74)		Effective 01/01/2024				
13			Area 74 (Panel 74)		Effective 01/01/2024				
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21	Finance Committee Member								
22	Finance Committee Member								
23	Finance Committee Member								
24	Finance Committee Member								
25	Finance Committee Member								
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33	Structures & Guidelines Committee								
34	Structures & Guidelines Committee								
35	Structures & Guidelines Committee								
36	Structures & Guidelines Committee								
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MEETING INFORMATION TO
AREA74NEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM
OR
PO BOX 192 STURGEON BAY, WI 54235**

Invite an Area Committee to Present a Workshop to your District or group!

**Ever wondered about why we have committees in Area Service or what these committees do?
Have you thought about getting involved in a committee?**

Learn about how AA works in Corrections, PI (Public Information), CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community), Grapevine, Literature, and Treatment & Accessibilities. Learn about the role of Archives, Structures & Guidelines, Finance, the Webmaster, and the Now and Then. You also get to strengthen your sobriety in AA when you meet new people from other communities who work the AA program.

All you have to do is ask! Find email addresses for Area 74 Committee Chairs at area74.org under "Directory" "Area Standing Committees". Help us strengthen our ability to serve AA in Area 74.

**PLEASE SEND ITEMS, ARTICLES, DISTRICT NEWS, STANDING
COMMITTEE ARTICLES, GROUP OPINIONS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR
INCLUSION IN THE UPCOMING ISSUES OF YOUR AREA 74
NEWSLETTER**

▼ APPENDIX U:

THE PATH FOR AN IDEA TO BECOME AN AGENDA ITEM

1	An idea, suggestion, question, concern or subject comes from an A.A. member, GSR, DCM, area committee member, delegate, trustee, or G.S.O./GV staff, and may be shared or discussed at the group, district and area assembly and sent to the...	Conference Coordinator G.S.O.
2	The idea is reviewed by the G.S.O./GV Staff and forwarded to the...	Appropriate Trustees' Committee
3	which then may refer the matter to the...	Appropriate Conference Committee
4	which meets during the General Service Conference week and makes recommendations that are presented in the Committee Report to the...	General Service Conference
5	If a Conference Committee recommendation is approved, after full floor discussion, it becomes a... Conference Advisory Action , which becomes binding when approved by the...	General Service Board

Note: This chart provides a broad overview of the process.

Makeup of the 74th General Service Conference

There are 136 voting members of the 74th General Service Conference Annual Meeting.

Ninety-three delegates elected by the service areas of the U.S. and Canada comprise 68.38 percent of the voting body. Delegates always make up more than two-thirds of the voting members.

The General Service Office staff, general manager and Grapevine office staff and the Grapevine executive editor/publisher, totaling 15, comprise 11.04 percent of the total.

General Service Board of Trustees and Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) and Grapevine directors, totaling 28, comprise 20.58 percent of the voting members.

The usual composition of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous consists of twenty-one trustee members.

Seven trustees, known as Class A trustees, are nonalcoholic. Class A trustees bring to the Board special expertise in areas such as business, medicine, and law, and are asked to serve for six years.

The alcoholic (Class B) trustees serve for four years. Eight regional trustees are elected, one from each of the regions of the U.S. and Canada. Two trustees-at-large are elected, one from the U.S. and one for Canada. The remaining trustees, called general service trustees, are selected based on their expertise in areas of finance, publishing, or other fields that would be helpful to the General Service Board and its corporate boards. Currently, there are three general service trustees.

The A.A.W.S. Board oversees the activities of Alcoholics Anonymous World Service, Inc. (except for Grapevine material) and the General Service Office. This board is currently composed of nine directors: two regional trustees, two general service trustees, three non-trustee directors, the general manager of G.S.O. and the G.S.O. staff coordinator.

The Grapevine Board oversees the operation of A.A. Grapevine, Inc., and is composed of nine members, including one Class A trustee, two general service trustees, two regional trustees, three non-trustee directors and the Grapevine executive editor/publisher.

[P-45 Circles of Love and Service](#)

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 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.

January 25, 2024

To: GSB Trustees, AAWS Board, AA Grapevine Board, Trustees Emeriti, Appointed Members Committee, Current Delegates, Past Delegates, Past Trustees, All Conference Members, IGCOs: US and Canada, International GSOs, GSRs, DCMs, Area Officers, Area Registrars, GSO/AA Grapevine Employees

Dear AA Friends,

On behalf of the General Service Office, I wish you a very Happy New Year! Although we AAs strive to live one day at a time, for many of us the new year brings a spirit of renewal and an added spark of hope. I share this spirit for AA's future as well!

I want to provide an update to my most recent letter regarding AA's finances in which I shared details of the challenges we've been facing and the need for sustained increases in contributions. The response from the Fellowship in the last two months has been extremely heartwarming. We have heard from many of you expressing your support, concerns, and understanding in the form of heartfelt messages and generous contributions to the General Service Board. I want to personally express my deep gratitude and sincere thanks to each and every one of you.

I'm very encouraged and happy to share that we have seen recent increases in both the number of contributions received as well as total dollar amounts. In fact, in December, we received contributions from more than 9,000 groups and members. The average we typically receive in December is 6,900. This increased participation has resulted in the highest amount ever received in the month of December, just over \$1.65 million. We also saw an increase in participation in November just following the call for help. On a year-to-date basis, contributions to the General Service Board also have exceeded the highest ever received at over \$10.8 million. This amount also exceeds the amount budgeted for 2023, which was \$10.5 million.

Your positive response and increases in participation and dollar amounts have been very helpful to operations in the last few months, however, we are still facing difficulties meeting expenses. Gross literature sales in December were strong, but profits for 2023 will be below budget. As I mentioned in my November message, the reduction in literature sales and profits has been the driving factor in the loss in income. Although contributions have increased post-pandemic, literature profits have dropped at a higher rate. Our literature is a vital spiritual tool and service to our Fellowship. The volume in which it is purchased is based on the needs of the Fellowship. It is very important to keep it affordable so it can be distributed as widely as possible and ensuring it finds its way into the hands of those who need it. But we cannot rely on increased literature profits to solve our financial challenges.

In addition, the ability to rebuild the Reserve Fund is also challenging. As of December year end, the balance is sufficient to cover approximately 7.28 months' operating expenses, which is less than the general expectation of 9 to 12 months.

Your overwhelming response also brings to mind the principle of participation that resides within our Seventh Tradition. Even more significant than financial contributions is our participation, which fills us with the spirit of belonging and connection to AA. This is in line with the overarching goal to meet and overcome our financial challenges in the long term. That is, more frequent and sustained contributions but also from a larger representation of our groups and members.

Bill W.'s insights on the Seventh Tradition reinforce the answer to our financial challenges:

"But this leaves us with a responsibility — one that every member ought to understand. We cannot skim when the treasurer of our group passes the hat. Our groups, our areas, and AA as a whole will not function unless our services are sufficient and their bills are paid. "When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being careful. But when we are generous with the hat we give a token that we are grateful for our blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer." (The Language of the Heart, p. 221)

The AAWS and AA Grapevine Boards, in strong collaboration with the office, have been working very hard for the last several months preparing the 2024 budget. The General Service Board will review, discuss, and finalize the budget during their next scheduled quarterly Board Weekend at the end of this month. Several projects and items have been deferred in order to present a balanced budget.

So let's keep it going—continued participation! Perhaps your group, or you personally, may consider setting up a reoccurring contribution to the General Service Board. It's very simple to set up through our online contributions site, which can be accessed through AA.org or by clicking [here](#). There are options to make a one-time, weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly contribution.

Thank you again for your participation not only with our Seventh Tradition but with all each and every one of you do for our beloved Fellowship. Your participation is the very best investment in AA's future and keeps Alcoholics Anonymous vibrant and available for all who need it today, tomorrow, and beyond.

With gratitude for all the sacrifices you make for AA,



Bob W. General Manager, GSO

PLEASE SHARE THIS LETTER WITH YOUR AREA FINANCE COMMITTEE



General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.

475 Riverside Drive, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10115 / Telephone: (212) 870-3400
www.aa.org

Please direct all communications to:

Grand Central Station,
P.O. Box 459,
New York, NY 10163
Fax: (212) 870-3003

January 2, 2024

Dear Area Treasurers and Delegates,

As the 74th General Service Conference is quickly approaching, I am writing to ask that your Area send its contribution for Delegate expense on or before March 1, 2024. As you are likely aware, the following Advisory Action carried at the 73rd General Service Conference "*The suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference be increased from \$1,800 to \$2,200.*"

Please make checks in the amount of \$2,200 USD payable to "General Service Board," and include "2024 delegate expense for Conference" in the memo section. Mail Checks to: Attn: Nay Williams, General Service Conference, General Service Office, P.O. Box 459 Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163 (on or before March 1, 2024)

We would like to extend our gratitude to the Areas that send additional contributions for delegate expenses to offset the difference between the suggested area contribution and the actual costs per conference member. Should your area consider doing so, the information in the table below may be helpful.

If your area decides to contribute additional amounts above the \$2,200, then please send a separate check to the same address and indicate on the check, "2024 additional Conference voluntary contribution."

Cost per Conf. Member (By year and Location)

Year	Cost per Conf. Member (Location)	Year	Cost per Conf. Member (Location)
2024	\$9,200 (Brooklyn estimated)	2021	\$2,100 (Virtual)
2023	\$10,500 (Brooklyn)	2020	\$1,900 (Virtual, shortened)
2022	\$9,600 (Brooklyn)	2019	\$7,700 (Manhattan)

These costs include background translation, interpretation, hotel rooms and meals, audio visual, delegate travel, and production and distribution of the Final Conference Report.

Thank you, and the members of your area, for your service to A.A.

Sincerely,

Paul K onigstein

Paul Konigstein
Chief Financial Officer, General Service Office

AA Traveling Intergroup

What? A sober fellowship event, to spread experience, hope, and strength.

When? Saturday, February 10, 2024

Where? Lovemarq Church 728 West Kaye Avenue Marquette, MI

Who? Everyone interested in recovery as a way of life! (Also known as AA and their families)

Why? To come together and party, happy, joyous, and freely.

How? Just show up! (Service volunteers welcome as well)

Times:

- 4:00pm - GSR Meeting
- 5:00pm - Corrections
- 6:00pm - Food and Fellowship
- 7:00pm - Speakers

Additional parking; NMU lots; these Lots have been approved by campus to be utilized for this event and date.



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IN PERSON?

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the message to
the still suffering
alcoholic!
Let's bring WICYPAA
to Green Bay!

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Wisconsin Conference of Young People in AA

●●● COMMITTEE ELECTIONS ●●●

FEB 18TH - 12PM

Questions?
Contact
Lauren K.
(920) 905-9793



**The Bridge of Green Bay
2514 Jenny Ln.
Green Bay, WI 54302**

CAME TO BELIEVE GROUP

CELEBRATING 24 YEARS

Where: St. Stephen Lutheran Church

512 McClellan St.

Wausau, Wisconsin 54403

When: Saturday, March 16, 2024

Dinner from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Main dish provided

Please bring a dish to pass

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Area 74 Service Speaker

Michelle Z. Co-Editor Now & Then

7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Main Speaker:

Jeff C. Area 74 Past Delegate Panel 56

From: Sturgeon Bay, WI District 22



HYBRID EVENT Zoom ID: 892 1155 4684 Password: 740147

 This is a handicap accessible facility

Contact person: Bob D. (715) 297-7039

Area 74 Spring Conference May 17-19,2024

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- Saturday events include Delegate's Report, Standing Committee Open House, Panels, speakers, Banquet, Entertainment and Alkathon!

- Sunday events include Spiritual Speaker, Area Committee Meeting, and farewells.

Name _____ **One registration form per person.**

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Registration Free if one year or less of sobriety. **Banquet is \$25.00 if free registration applies.** **** Please still send in a registration. ****

Registration Only = \$15.00 Registration **and** Banquet = \$40.00



Amount Enclosed- \$ _____

Please note here any special needs we can help with. _____

Banquet registration must be received by May 1st, 2024

Make checks payable to - District 13 Area 74 Conference

Mail to Area 74 Conference 11090 E. Lund Rd. Maple,WI 54854

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