

# Alcoholics Anonymous – Area 75

## Summer Service Assembly

### Meeting Minutes

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June 21, 2015 • Madison Senior Center, 330 W. Mifflin St., Madison, Wi. 53703

#### Officers Present:

Drew A. – Delegate, Barb W. – Alt. Delegate/Literature, Kris C. – Chair, Katherine H. – Alt. Chair, Bob S. – Secretary, Vanessa L. – Alt. Secretary, Pete W. – Treasurer, Ted B. – Alt. Treasurer

#### Standing Committee Chairpersons Present:

Brent H. – Archives, Nancy S. – Archivist, Tara H. – Corrections, Mike G. – PI, Wendy B. – Special Needs, Sean M. - Treatment, Chris S. – 2015 Conference, 2016 Spring Conference – Judith H., 2017 Conference – Fred K., Chris D. – Registrar, Bruce C. – WYCYPAA Advisory/Area 75 Liason

DCMs Present: D01 – Rosalie T., D02 - Camela S., D03 - Mary M., D04 – Mark M., D12 – Diana K., D14 – Frank S., D15 – Steve G., D16 – John L., D17 – Rebecca B., D18 – Alt. Kurt M., D20 – Sunshine S., D25 – Zach L., D27 – Jay R., D29 – Connie S., D32 – Steve E., D34 – Jim F.

#### GSRs, Alternate GSRs, District Committee Chairs, and Others Present:

Liz N., Shirley R., Patty S., Robin S., Jess G., Tom P., Robert W., Mike B., Roxann D., Steve N., John H., Jim D., Terry W., Patrick S., Kimmer L., Zack O., Greg R., Paul S., Jason B., Scott S., Patrick J., Terry N., Krissy C., Jenni H., Darci B., Sharon G., Mike M., Marian B., George B., Dennis E., Stephanie M., Corey C., Tim M., Jeff Z., Adam B., Bobbie M., LeRoy J., Terry R., Pat B., Charles M., Nealy R., Todd U.

#### Past Delegates Present:

Ken G., Nancy G., Nancy H.

Kris C., Area Chairperson, opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer at 11:30 AM on Sunday, June 21, 2015.

Barb W. read the Twelve Concepts.

Bob S., Area Secretary, took Roll Call.

#### Secretary's Report – Bob S.

The minutes from the Pre Conference Assembly were accepted with minor corrections (two names switched and an updated location).

**Treasurer's Report – Pete W.**

| <b>INCOME AND EXPENSES</b>       |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>01/01/2015 - 06/21/2015</b>   |                    |
| Account                          | <b>2015</b>        |
| <b>INCOME</b>                    |                    |
| Conference Proceeds              | \$0.00             |
| Corrections Literature Fund - In | \$1,557.51         |
| General Contributions            | \$11,813.08        |
| <b>INCOME – TOTAL</b>            | <b>\$13,370.59</b> |

| <b>INCOME AND EXPENSES</b>       |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>01/01/2014 - 06/20/2014</b>   |                    |
| Account                          | <b>2014</b>        |
| <b>INCOME</b>                    |                    |
| Conference Proceeds              | \$0.00             |
| Corrections Literature Fund - In | \$1,550.88         |
| General Contributions            | \$10,309.12        |
| <b>INCOME - TOTAL</b>            | <b>\$11,860.00</b> |

| <b>EXPENSES</b>                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Alternate Chair - TOTAL            | \$0.00              |
| Alternate Delegate - TOTAL         | \$465.17            |
| Alternate Secretary - TOTAL        | \$201.34            |
| Alternate Treasurer - TOTAL        | \$124.08            |
| Archives Chair - TOTAL             | \$147.74            |
| Archivist - TOTAL                  | \$1,926.43          |
| Area Chair - TOTAL                 | \$0.00              |
| CPC Chair - TOTAL                  | \$0.00              |
| Conference Advisory Chair - TOTAL  | \$0.00              |
| Conference Losses                  | \$3,200.00          |
| Corrections Chair - TOTAL          | \$1,245.42          |
| Delegate - TOTAL                   | \$1,483.96          |
| General Service Conference - TOTAL | \$1,600.00          |
| Grapevine Chair - TOTAL            | \$988.25            |
| OVERHEAD - TOTAL                   | \$1,489.34          |
| PI Chair - TOTAL                   | \$423.31            |
| Secretary - TOTAL                  | \$860.16            |
| Special Needs Chair - TOTAL        | \$424.45            |
| Treasurer - TOTAL                  | \$716.05            |
| Treatment - TOTAL                  | \$0.00              |
| Corrections Literature Fund Out    | \$1,164.05          |
| <b>EXPENSES – TOTAL</b>            | <b>\$16,459.75</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES</b>     | <b>(\$3,089.16)</b> |

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| <b>EXPENSES</b>                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Alternate Chair - TOTAL            | \$0.00              |
| Alternate Delegate - TOTAL         | \$800.36            |
| Alternate Secretary - TOTAL        | \$0.00              |
| Alternate Treasurer - TOTAL        | \$136.12            |
| Archives Chair - TOTAL             | \$1,362.99          |
| Archivist - TOTAL                  | \$2,194.14          |
| Area Chair - TOTAL                 | \$665.99            |
| CPC Chair - TOTAL                  | \$1,124.28          |
| Conference Advisory Chair - TOTAL  | \$0.00              |
| Conference Losses                  | \$0.00              |
| Corrections Chair - TOTAL          | \$424.48            |
| Delegate - TOTAL                   | \$1,761.61          |
| General Service Conference - TOTAL | \$1,600.00          |
| Grapevine Chair - TOTAL            | \$0.00              |
| OVERHEAD - TOTAL                   | \$2,698.86          |
| PI Chair - TOTAL                   | \$534.39            |
| Secretary - TOTAL                  | \$849.15            |
| Special Needs Chair - TOTAL        | \$237.33            |
| Treasurer - TOTAL                  | \$627.16            |
| Treatment - TOTAL                  | \$0.00              |
| Corrections Literature Fund Out    | \$975.49            |
| <b>EXPENSES - TOTAL</b>            | <b>\$15,992.35</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES</b>     | <b>(\$4,132.35)</b> |

\*1. Conference losses may be reduced when the bank account is closed.

| <b>BUDGET TO ACTUAL CONDENSED</b> |                    |                    |                    |                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>Category</b>                   | <b>Budget</b>      | <b>Actual</b>      | <b>Difference</b>  | <b>Percent</b> |
| Alternate Chair                   | \$980.00           | \$0.00             | \$980.00           | 0%             |
| Alternate Delegate                | \$2,791.70         | \$465.17           | \$2,326.53         | 17%            |
| Alternate Secretary               | \$452.50           | \$201.34           | \$251.16           | 44%            |
| Alternate Treasurer               | \$467.00           | \$124.08           | \$342.92           | 27%            |
| Archives Chair                    | \$1,400.00         | \$147.74           | \$1,252.26         | 11%            |
| Archivist                         | \$3,240.00         | \$1,926.43         | \$1,313.57         | 59%            |
| Area Chair                        | \$3,047.00         | \$0.00             | \$3,047.00         | 0%             |
| CPC Chair                         | \$3,115.00         | \$0.00             | \$3,115.00         | 0%             |
| Conference Advisory Chair         | \$500.00           | \$0.00             | \$500.00           | 0%             |
| Corrections Chair                 | \$3,660.00         | \$1,245.42         | \$2,414.58         | 34%            |
| Delegate                          | \$3,955.00         | \$1,483.96         | \$2,471.04         | 38%            |
| General Service Conference        | \$5,600.00         | \$1,600.00         | \$4,000.00         | 29%            |
| Grapevine Chair                   | \$1,915.00         | \$988.25           | \$926.75           | 52%            |
| Overhead                          | \$5,231.50         | \$1,489.34         | \$3,742.16         | 28%            |
| PI Chair                          | \$1,620.00         | \$423.31           | \$1,196.69         | 26%            |
| Secretary                         | \$2,227.00         | \$860.16           | \$1,366.84         | 39%            |
| Special Needs Chair               | \$1,419.01         | \$424.45           | \$994.56           | 30%            |
| Treasurer                         | \$1,735.45         | \$716.05           | \$1,019.40         | 41%            |
| Treatment                         | \$1,014.00         | \$0.00             | \$1,014.00         | 0%             |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$44,370.16</b> | <b>\$12,095.70</b> | <b>\$32,274.46</b> | <b>27.26%</b>  |

| <b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>           |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| As of: 6/21/2015                  |                    |
| Account                           | Current Balance    |
| <b>Bank Accounts</b>              |                    |
| Conference Funds                  | \$6,800.00 *2      |
| <b>Operations Account</b>         |                    |
| Corrections Literature            | \$1,446.72         |
| General Funds                     | \$2,396.09         |
| Prudent Reserve                   | \$3,000.00         |
| <b>Operations Account - Total</b> | <b>\$6,842.81</b>  |
| <b>Bank Accounts - Total</b>      | <b>\$13,642.81</b> |
|                                   |                    |
| <b>Assets</b>                     |                    |
| Area Conferences                  |                    |
| 2015 Conference                   | \$0.00 *3          |
| 2016 Conference                   | \$2,000.00         |
| 2016 Fall Conference              | \$500.00           |
| Area Conferences - Total          | \$2,500.00         |
| <b>Assets - Total</b>             | <b>\$2,500.00</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$16,142.81</b> |

| <b>ACCOUNT BALANCES</b>           |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| As of: 6/20/2014                  |                    |
| Account                           | Current Balance    |
| <b>Bank Accounts</b>              |                    |
| Conference Funds                  | \$8,246.31         |
| <b>Operations Account</b>         |                    |
| Corrections Literature            | \$2,589.42         |
| General Funds                     | \$670.91           |
| Prudent Reserve                   | \$750.00           |
| <b>Operations Account - Total</b> | <b>\$4,010.33</b>  |
| <b>Bank Accounts - Total</b>      | <b>\$12,256.64</b> |
|                                   |                    |
| <b>Assets</b>                     |                    |
| Area Conferences                  |                    |
| 2014 Conference                   | \$2,500.00         |
| 2015 Conference                   | \$500.00           |
| 2016 Conference                   | \$2,000.00         |
| Area Conferences - Total          | \$5,000.00         |
| <b>Assets - Total</b>             | <b>\$5,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$17,256.64</b> |

\*2. Conference Funds reduced by \$1700.00 to cover 2015 losses.

\*3. No 2015 seed money to be returned (\$1500.00)

| <b>ECR Hospitality Suite Contributions</b> |                 |                           | <b>District</b> |
|--|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 4/12/2015                                  | \$199.00        | Area Assembly             |                 |
| 4/17/2015                                  | \$13.00         | Courage to Change         | 36              |
| 5/3/2015                                   | \$20.00         | Group 60                  | 29              |
| 5/16/2015                                  | \$20.00         | Group 59                  | 14              |
| 5/16/2015                                  | \$22.00         | Hartford Women's Big Book | 12              |
| 5/16/2015                                  | \$113.45        | Area Assembly             |                 |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$387.45</b> |                           |                 |

Check for \$387.45 sent to ECR 5/26/2015

## **Delegate's Report** – Drew A.

My major highlight since we last met was attending the 65<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference in New York. It was an extraordinary experience. I hope you all had a chance to either hear or read my Delegate's report from the conference. I look forward to being invited to districts to give my report in person.

In addition to attending the General Service Conference, I spoke at the Pass It On Club's Fun Day event, attended the Spring Conference and Assembly and was an open meeting speaker for the Badger Group.

I have been forwarding all the electronic mail I receive regarding the GSO, AAWS, Grapevine and the General Service Board to all the people listed in the Area Directory as well as those that have made a special request to receive the material. If you are not receiving my emails and wish to, please send me an email and I will update my contact list. During the past couple of months, I have forwarded a number of documents that are of interest:

- Information regarding a vacancy for Nontrustee Director of AA Grapevine Board in 2016
- Information regarding Class A (non-alcoholic) Vacancies
- Grapevine News
- Around the Picnic Table – GSB Financial Presentation
- Opening for Non Trustee Appointed Committee Member for Trustees' Committee on Corrections
- Request for sharing – submissions of stories for the revised version of 'A.A. for the Woman'

A.A. Grapevine has started its search to fill a vacancy for one nontrustee director, which will open following the 2016 General Service Conference. Interested A.A. members are encouraged to submit a résumé. In seeking applications for all vacancies in Alcoholics Anonymous, the Fellowship is committed to creating a large applicant file of qualified persons, which reflects the inclusiveness and diversity of A.A. itself. Details can be found in the Summer 2015 edition of *Box 4-5-9*.

In response to the 2015 General Service Conference recommendation that "the pamphlet 'A.A. for the Woman' be revised by gathering current sharing from women in A.A.," including "stories from women in the military, single mothers, and women of diverse backgrounds," the trustee's Literature Committee is seeking stories from women in A.A. Manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double spaced, in 12 point font. Please include your complete name, address and email/phone information. The anonymity of all authors will be observed, whether or not their story is selected for publication. The deadline for submissions is October 15, 2015. Please email your sharing to: [Literature@aa.org](mailto:Literature@aa.org) and put "A.A. for the Woman" in the subject line of the message. Or, you may

mail it to Literature Coordinator, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163.

As part of ongoing self-assessment, the General Service Board (GSB) surveyed current Area Delegates regarding the services the GSB oversees. The input sought was essentially what services were most essential, least essential, and lacking. In summary, my response was consistent delivery of the A.A. message was the most essential service; that no service was non-essential and that the Conference answers the questions of what is needed or should be discontinued in the form of Conference recommendations and additional considerations.

I have responded to numerous sharing requests from other Delegates. These are generally questions regarding our experience operating as an Assembly or generating interest in service.

The East Central Regional Forum is scheduled for November 13-15 at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel in Milwaukee WI. Registration forms will be mailed out in the near future and online registration is available at [http://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/regional-and-local-forums](http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/regional-and-local-forums).

From aa.org:

Regional Forums, which originated in 1975, are weekend-long sharing and informational sessions which provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas. They are also designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, the Grapevine Board; and G.S.O. and Grapevine staff members stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers throughout the A.A. service structure. G.S.O.'s staff member on the Regional Forums assignment coordinates details for the Forum and works closely with the volunteer host chair who recruits volunteers to assist staff with hospitality, set-up and registration during the Forum. Forums are held on a rotating basis, at the request of each region. There is no registration fee for Regional Forums. The General Service Board covers the expenses of meeting rooms. As all Forums are intended to be sharing sessions, no formal actions result. Sharing is captured in Forum Final Reports, which are distributed to all attendees, and are available on G.S.O.'s website. Regional Forums carry A.A.'s message of love and service by improving communication at all levels of our Fellowship.

### **Chairperson's Report** – Kris C.

Good afternoon fellow trusted servants. My name is Kris C. I am always going to be an alcoholic and am currently serving as your Area 75 Chairperson.

Since we last met at our Area 75 Conference in Fond du Lac I've put on a few miles. Monday, May 18, following the conference I traveled to Chaseburg to speak at an open speaker pot luck. Chaseburg is a little town out in the middle of the hills in west central Wisconsin. I expected a small gathering. I was nervously surprised to find a full parking lot and over 60 very friendly ppl in

attendance. We had a nice visit and a great meal!

About 2 wks later, May 30, I returned to the district to attend a District 1 Corrections Workshop. Three of our standing committee chairs were also present-Tara for Corrections, Mike for CPC and Bart for PI. District 1 is on fire when it comes to corrections service. The district covers 5 counties and is forming a District Corrections Committee to co-ordinate their service work. Great job and great workshop.

This past Thursday, June 18 I attended a meeting in New Lisbon, located in District 37 which is currently considered dark. After a short introduction about our service structure, I pointed out that their voice is important to us and we would like to be helpful to them. I was able to get a contact name, phone number and email address so we can now establish a line of communication.

This morning the Agenda Planning Committee met to lay out the schedule for assembly meetings for 2016. In the next couple weeks, the contract will be finalized and the schedule will be posted. The Summer Service Assemble will NOT be on Father's Day.

This Friday, June 26, I look forward to traveling to Milwaukee to speak at Group 7 monthly speaker meeting. Thank-you Brent and Frank for the invitation and I hope to meet many of you there.

Thank you again for attending today and for allowing me to be of service.

Sincerely grateful,  
Kris C.  
Area 75 Chairperson

### **Alternate Chair/Dark District Report** – Katherine H.

I recently changed my last name from Gaumond to Holiday due to getting married. I have been working with Kris, the chair, to reach out to the dark district, inactive district in Juneau County since she lives closer than I do.

I have been working with Todd U to update the assembly actions. The assembly actions are currently up to date and posted on the website. However, we are reorganizing the actions to make them more user friendly. I will announce when we have a final reorganized, updated version and it will also be posted on the area 75 website.

### **Archive Report** – Brent H.

Hi, I'm an alcoholic my name is Brent your Area 75 Archives Chair. Thank you for letting me be of service to you.

I went to District 29's Funday held at the Pass it on Club in Milwaukee and it was a success and lots of fun. Last year the Archives and Grapevine display's were in the basement. This year they put us upstairs with the rest of the functions. I was able to talk and show more people the archives display. Drew did a really good job talking about service and the service structure. I am looking forward to being there again next year.

I went to the Area Conference for the 1st time. It was a lot of fun and they had very good speakers and a lot of great fellowship. Nancy did a great job setting up and organizing the Archives display. Some of what a lot of people miss is some of the conversations that go on in these types of

settings. We had some and Very inspiring and spiritual conversations about the history of Alcoholics Anonymous and our own experiences in AA. I am looking forward to the next Conference.

I could not make the District 16 picnic. Dave K., a past Archives Chair, took the display. Many people were interested in our history and looking through the materials.

We have three dates confirmed to take the Archives display to District functions.

- District 36 August 22nd at Christ Lutheran in Paddock L.
- The VA Conference in Milwaukee October 10th.
- District 1's Mini Conference October 17th in Sparta.

If you want the Archives display at any function in Area 75 please contact Nancy or myself. We will be happy to come to your event.

I want to thank the Districts that are sending meeting minutes, District fliers, District when and where's, and other materials. I want to encourage the Districts that have not yet sent District materials or stopped sending materials to start now so that your Districts history and experience will be handed down to the future Alcoholics in Area 75. Remember, this is your Archives and your history.

Thank you for letting me serve you,

Brent H.

Area 75 Archives Chair

### **CPC Report** – Bart V.

Hello everyone, my name is Bart V. and I am an alcoholic.

It is with great pleasure that I humbly serve as your Area 75 CPC chair.

Since the pre-conference assembly I have had the privilege to participate in 2 great events.

In May, I attended the Area 75 Conference in Fond Du Lac. I set up the CPC display in the Literature area, and served on a CPC panel. The committee also had the opportunity to meet. We had a well-attended and productive meeting. We focused on grass-roots CPC work, emphasizing that someone does not need to be a District CPC chair, or even a committee member to do CPC work. We all know members of the clergy, medical or other professionals with whom we can engage in these efforts. Two particularly helpful pieces of literature are "AA at a Glance" and "Is AA for you". I have also had business cards printed up with information on making a good referral. Please let me know if you would like some.

At the end of may I also was able to attend and participate in the District 1 Corrections workshop. The workshop was attended by a good number of enthusiastic AA's. I set up the display and also provided a brief presentation on CPC.

As always, please contact me if I can be of service to your District in any way.



Yours in AA service,

Bart V.

### **Corrections Report** – Tara H.

My name is Tara and I am an alcoholic. Once again it has been a busy quarter and there is always more to do and learn.

I attended the Area 75 Conference and was on a corrections panel-The panelists were Fred K from District 2, and three others that were ex-offenders that are carrying the message of hope into the institutions. First-hand information was exchanged and a better glimpse of how this message that we carry in and out of the walls of institutions matters to those that are inside. Whether you are bringing meetings into the institutions or being an outside correspondent-the message is definitely making an impact. Our correction committee at the assembly was well attended and information was shared as to what is going on inside the walls. May 30<sup>th</sup> I was invited up to District 1, where Tom M. is the District 1 Corrections Chair. It was well attended by volunteers who bring the meetings into the jails as well as our Area CPC chair Bart V, our Area 75 Pi Chair, Mike G. And our District 17 CPC chair John H. Also in attendance was Judge Todd Ziegler and Peggy Thoreson from Monroe County Justice Sanctions as well as the deacon. They had an excellent presentation of what role they play in regarding AA as professionals. It was a great testament to how our AA message brings hope and inspiration to those that are inside. District 1 has 5 counties that they are involved with and covers quite a large area. Discussions were carried on about having correction committees brought together with PI and CPC and having their meeting every 3 months or so to discuss how we can better serve those that are inside and keep the line of communications open with the professionals and AA. Different formats of meetings were discussed that are in the institutions and the matter of sticking with “our singleness of purpose” per Tradition Five. I want to thank Tom M. for an enlightening workshop.

June 6<sup>th</sup> I attended Area74/75 corrections workshop in Lake Tomahawk, WI. I was on a panel with Area 74 Corrections Chairs, Terri B. and Brian Mc...Area 74 has 2 correction chairs since they also have the Up/Michigan Area. We had a good representation from Area 75. Nancy H. gave a good report on the Grapevine, being a past Grapevine Rep and a volunteer in the prison system, and how instrumental the Grapevine is within the walls. District 20, Jessie was on a panel and reported how Dane County has so many volunteers that she goes in to a meeting on a quarterly basis. That was good to hear since it seems that some of the districts have lack of volunteers, whether due to lack of participation or administrative problems within the system .They also had a probation and parole officer who were able to shed some light on how things work. I always try to remember to “Be Friends with our Friends” and we are guests in the institutions, and to comply with the rules that they have set down. We want to get in there but do not want to jeopardize our meetings. Fred k from District 2 was also on a panel and reported on the participation in District 2I was actually able to put faces to names as I have communicated with Terri B. already and Duane h., who is the Bridging the Gap Chair for District 2 in Area 74. He was our speaker and told his story as well as

how he passes information along to others-thru our Bridging the Gap and our Prerelease Contact information forms.

I am gearing up right now for the International in Atlanta and look forward to seeing many new faces as well as familiar ones. Several months ago I was asked if I would like to volunteer at the international conference at the "Carrying the Message Pavilion". My timeslot will be from 8:00am-12noon Friday.

I am still sending on requests to other Districts for communicating with others in the system. Keeping those lines of communications open with others in and out of jail and in AA is what makes us grow.

Respectfully submitted,

Tara H/Area 75/Corrections

### **PI Report** – Mike G.

There is a lot of work being done in the area. District 1 has been getting into places like Jackson county social service office and also into doctors workshop. Have heard some of open meetings.

The last report from New York is that we have to guard against our Anonymity brakes being out there. It has become a big concern and Hope all are keeping this in mind at open meetings and That AA is one alcoholic working with another alcoholic.

As far as what was talked about at the last few meetings. Was to be checking out libraries to make sure they have at least one big book and one twelve by twelve. I have stopped at a few in the last month and they show they have some. When going to the shelves there are none and the library has no idea what has happen to them.

Also would like to see information taken to doctor's office, churches, schools, truck stops, rest areas, and the like to get out information that there is help out there. Pamphlets like

Information on Alcoholics Anonymous.

A.A. at a Glance.

These two are free from New York and your P I person can order them and have people pass them out. Get information out there. Also at truck stop, leave a meeting list there. That way people can ask the desk and let them know. A local number will help also. I have given many rides to meetings here in Black River Falls, from those driving on our roads.

Leaving information with the police station for them to share also. There is a lot we can do to carry the message to the public and help them find us Alcoholics Anonymous. So let's get moving.

Those driving to Atlanta next week. Carry some of these two pieces and drop them at a rest area in there racks on information. It may save a life.

If you know of any workshops come up an I can bring the display down. I am now heading for the Big Show in Atlanta. Also just for information. The flag ceremony will be on line Friday through Sunday . just link through AA.org. and go from there.

Thanks for allowing me to be part of your service work

Mike G. [jhubert54@yahoo.com](mailto:jhubert54@yahoo.com).

P.S. send information you would like on the calendar to my email and I will get it posted.

### **Special Needs Report** – Wendy B.

My name is Wendy B. and I am an alcoholic and you Area 75 Special Needs Chair Person.

Today our committee talked about our responsibility of the Special Needs Chairperson and Committee and some activities we could undertake at the Area level and in the districts. We also discussed special needs situations or experiences in their districts.

At the winter assembly the committee discussed what activity we should pursue, we had one special need chair from District one who attended and a few AA members sat in that morning. We decided we would gather information and share ideas related to the proposal submitted by Ted B. in 2014 about updating the Area 75 website with correct information about our AA meeting locations and their wheelchair accessibility.

To date the assistance I have received has been limited. I sent two e-mails to the Area 75 DCM's asking them to provide contact information for their districts special needs chairs and learned that there are several special need chairs. I sent an e-mail to these special needs chairs inviting them to attend the assembly on June 21st.

Some months ago Nealy had put together a list of Special Needs related questions for our meeting locations. The questions are good but a few were too general and needs to be more specific. I had sent an e-mail to an AA member Char K. whose son requires the use of a wheelchair and attends AA meetings. We reviewed her suggestions and ideas and made a list of more specifics questions which include some questions related to members with other special needs such as large print literature, literature in Spanish, or provide an ASL interpreter.

In the Milwaukee area I attended a deaf meeting in West Allis this is the only AA meeting every week where there is an interpreter. There is no state funding to cover the cost of an interpreter so I sent 15 e-mails to Special Needs Chairs in the US & Canada and talked with a few to ask their experience with hearing impaired AA members and how their members, districts, or Area cover the cost of the interpreter? All replied or stated that the interpreters volunteer their time.

I will be contacting two local colleges in our area and a few related agencies to discuss their students, interpreters, and their willingness to volunteer their services.

I will be ordering the DVD of the 12X12 and Big Book in ASL for the members of the deaf meeting. I have received comments that the DVD's are not interpreted entirely in the "deaf language" but they are helpful in understanding and working the steps.

Also provided copies of the 12 steps sheets I received from John R. which compares the 12 steps in english and the 12 steps in their "language" Also, in the process of developing a flyer to place in the deaf club in Milwaukee, this flier will provide contact information if someone has a problem with drinking and how to find AA for help. Also, our goal is to search out resources so that a hearing impaired AA members are able can attend more than one meeting a week. I will reach out to the districts, GSR's, and members to see if there are AA members advanced in sign language who will volunteer there time to interpret at AA meetings.

I have been asked to speak at Central office, District 12 in October, and District 20.

Will attend the International Convention and will volunteer on July 2nd from 12-4 at the Georgia World Congress Center, Building B-Exhibit Hall B2-B3.

Thank you for the ability to be of service.

Yours in Service,

Wendy B.

### **Treatment Report** – Sean M.

Since our last meeting at the spring conference, our committee has continued to “Bridge the Gap” forwarding contact information and coordinating temporary contacts for those individuals returning from treatment facilities.

Concerning Treatment committees specifically, I was asked by district 20’s chair Patrick S. to attend a committee meeting, with regards to some questions concerning tradition 6, and affiliations actual, or implied at Hopehave, (a local treatment facility). A well run meeting stayed on topic, and arrived at a group conscience, with guidance and direction for future service.

I’ve been invited to only one district meeting (that of D-2 in Princeton -Marquette, & Green Lake co.) by Camella their DCM. An enthusiastic group of trusted servants, met that Tuesday and had just recently tried to revitalize a treatment committee in their neck of the woods. Prior to that I was contacted by the elected individual in Montello Shirley R., in regards to District 2’s wanting a Chair & Committee to respond to the fellowships primary purpose, and responsibility statement.

I remain available for visits to your districts and am still very grateful for the opportunity to serve this fellowship. Be sure to check out the display in the back as well as the Area map showing district / county lines.

*Respectfully,  
Sean M.*

Area 75 Treatment

**Grapevine Report** – Randy R.

Hello all

Sorry for not being able to attend today. A family wedding in Cuchara Colorado took precedence. Don't believe any of the rumors you might be hearing about me in Colorado enjoying high altitude fly fishing for golden, cutthroat, brook and rainbow trout, it is just a rumor, wink, wink!

**What's new in Grapevine!**

\*If you are interested in volunteering at the GV/LV booths for a two hour interval sign up on the Grapevine

website.

\*Grapevine subscription offer- During the week of the Convention sign up online or in Atlanta to receive a 33% discount on a Grapevine Online Subscription (Available July 1 – 6).

\*Language of the Heart is now available on audio!

\*Subscription challenge is still going on! We want Wisconsin to win.

Now with the days of summer approaching, what a great time to relax in the shade or on a boat, beach, camp site with a Grapevine magazine, or tablet, iPhone, or whichever new technological gizmo you work with. We can now take the most current Grapevine or oldest archive information with us everywhere with electronics. Make sure that your sponsor is aware of the recovery tools Grapevine has to offer. At your Home Group conscience, put at least one yearly subscription of Grapevine in your group budget.

I was contacted by individuals asking how to get the Grapevine into the correctional institutes. The best way is to go through the outside contact for that institution and subscribe to the magazine which would be delivered directly to the institution. These are people who want what we have, and the Grapevine will help in their daily support of recovery. Contact me or Stephanie for information about how your group, district, District Grapevine, or Corrections Committee can contribute to help these requests with a gift subscription sent to them.

I hope at the conference, you all looked over and enjoyed our Grapevine Display. Ideas and inspiration abound are in our Grapevine materials.

Looking to serve in another Grapevine role? The Grapevine Corporate Board is accepting applications for a Non Trustee Director: the following is, in part, from an e-mail from Grapevine:

“The AA Grapevine Corporate Board will have an opening for the position of Nontrustee Director vacancy following the General Service Conference in April 2016. The Board of

Trustee has requested that the AA Grapevine Board's recommendation be presented for this position to the trustees' Nominating Committee for review at its October, 2015 Meeting. Since résumés need to be screened and applicants interviewed by members of our Corporate Board in a timely fashion, the process must begin well in advance."

"We plan to review résumés in late July so that we can schedule interviews by October of this year. We therefore ask that completed résumés be submitted by July 20, 2015."

***Again, I have been asked whether or not we should be selling Grapevine book's as they are not "Conference Approved" literature. As you know, the magazine is monthly and the General Service Conference cannot approve the monthly writings, and it has been embraced as AA member submissions to be printed and distributed. Also, at the 1978 General Service Conference it was recommended: " that a Grapevine information table be made a regular feature at all conferences, conventions and assemblies".***

Thank you for allowing us to serve.

Area 75 Grapevine Chair

Randy R.

Area 75 Alternate Grapevine Chair

Stephanie M.

### **Alternate Delegate/Literature Report – Barb W.**

The Trustee's Literature Committee is requesting a wide range of AA Recovery experience from members with mental health issues, and from those who sponsor such members, for inclusion in literature on this topic. When submitting, please put "the alcoholic with mental health issues", in the subject line of the message. "

They are also looking for sharing from AA members who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or gender non-conforming, especially regarding being a newcomer and sponsorship. This request is in response to the 2015 General Service Conference recommendation that the pamphlet "AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic" be revised to include a wider range of AA recover experience. The title to the pamphlet will also be revised to reflect this broader scope. When submitting, please put "AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic" in the subject line of the message.

Lastly, the trustee's Lit Committee is gathering sharing from women in AA to revise the pamphlet "AA for the Woman". When submitting your sharing, please put "AA for the Woman" in the subject line.

Manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double space, in 12-point font. Please include your complete name, address and email/phone information. The anonymity of all authors will be observed, whether or not their story is selected for publication. Please email your sharing to: [Literature@aa.org](mailto:Literature@aa.org) or you may mail it to Literature Coordinator, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. The deadline for submissions is October 15, 2015.

There are two additional digital titles available for Kindle, Nook & iTunes.

Experience Strength and Hope

AA in Prison – Inmate to Inmate

In our committee meeting today we review two pamphlets to see if they required updating.

Is AA for Me?

Perhaps the addition of [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) on page 30, be included in the "more information" section.

Questions & Answers on Sponsorship

We didn't finish going over this pamphlet, but the portion we read was applicable and helpful.

### **Finance Committee Report** – Pete W.

Members Present: Ted B. Alt. Treasurer, Rebecca B. District 17 DCM, Pete W. Treasurer  
Roxann D. Visitor

Reviewed and approved expenses since the Area 75 Conference.

Reviewed "New Look" Treasurer's Report.

Reviewed 2015 Spring Conference Treasurer's Report

Spent the remainder of our time discussing new online contribution forms and expense report forms.

Alt Treasurer Ted B. has been working on this project.

We also talked about the different uses of technology for financial tracking going into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Weber, Area 75 Treasurer, Finance Committee Chair

### **Dist. 1 DCM Report**

District 1 includes the counties of La Crosse, Monroe, Vernon, Jackson and Trempealeau.

In May, I attended the Area 75 Conference in Fond Du Lac. Excellent conference! Great speakers and fellowship. I'm slowly making my way around to the meetings in these counties.

We held our District 1 Corrections workshop. Area 75 Corrections Chair Tara presented, as well as Monroe County Treatment Court judge and justice sanctions director. We held good discussions on the best practices for helping those in corrections facilities. Our corrections chair Tom M will follow up in strengthening our corrections program.

October 17 will be our *Gathering of the Groups: Enrichment through Service*. Barb W, Nancy G & Ken G will be on our panel and we'll have local presenters as well. Flyers are available.

We have a Big Book Study set up for winter 2016.

Our district has strong and active committee chairs and good participation of the GSRs. I'm grateful for all the enthusiasm and support of the program.

An aside, my husband and I were in Vermont & just by happenstance we came across the cemetery in East Dorset, VT and paid respects to Bill & Lois!

Yours in AA service,

Rosalie T

### **Dist. 20 DCM Report**

Our DCM has stepped down, so as the Alt-DCM I was elected to fill the position. We now have a new Alt-DCM. 22 GSRs attended our last district. Our next district meeting will be on June 30 at St. Stephens Church in Madison.

The District 20 Fall Workshop will also be held at St. Stephens on September 19.



The Area 75 Delegate will be visiting our district meeting in July and I am hoping to get some Area chairs to come and visit sometime this year.

We have formed an ad-hoc committee to create a District 20 handbook.

WICYPAA 22 will be held on January 8, 9 and 10th at the Marriott West Hotel in Madison.

The Madison Area Central Office (MAICO) picnic will be August 8 at the Dorothy Carnes Park in Fort Atkinson. District visits will be conducted MAICO members to keep communication open with all the districts that MAICO serves and to let them know the role MAICO plays.

### **Standing Committee Activities**

- Archives:
  - Is now digitizing the District Archives to prevent loss or damage of historical materials
- Public Information
  - Has run public service announcements on six local radio stations for Alcoholics Anonymous
  - In the process of developing the District 20 website
  - Is working with CPC to create a business card that can be given to professionals to pass along to anyone who may be helped by our program. Message on the card is the GSO-approved "If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to stop, that's ours. Alcoholics Anonymous. It works." Card also lists MAICO phone # and website url.
  - Plan on going into high schools for talks in the Fall.
- Special Needs
  - Looking into having ASL interpreters at some meetings. Terri will be following up with our Area 75 special needs chair.
- Treatment
  - Committee met with a local treatment staff member and the Area 75 Treatment Chairperson .
- Corrections
  - Have an abundance of female volunteers and will be contacting the jail to see if they can start a third jail meeting.

### **MAICO –**

Madison area intergroup Central office

Maico is always looking for volunteers, we have a new volunteer coordinator, Brent B. 608-957-9392. Please contact him if you have any interest in volunteering.

10th Annual Maico Picnic will be held August 8 at Dorothy Carnes Park in Fort Atkinson. Starts at 10, food served at 1 pm. Pulled pork sandwiches and beverages will be provided. Feel free to bring a side dish, games, lawn chairs and your fellowship. A special thank you to Dona Campos for securing the park!

Maico will be selling literature and merchandise at the Stoughton mini- conference July 18 from 11 am to 2:30 pm.

Save the date, the Young timers/Old timers conference is scheduled for November 7th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison.

The new website has been used by over 4,800 unique visitors since April 1st. Meeting and event updates are posted within 24 hours after being received by Maico. More changes to the meeting search capabilities are planned.

We'd like to thank all the groups who responded so generously to Diane's recent email asking for donations. The response has been fantastic. We believe the slow down in sales and donations Maico has experience in the last couple of months is seasonal and does not warrant excessive concern. Diane has sales and donation data going back at least 10 years. Barbara Bova, last years district 20 treasurer, will be analyzing this data to confirm our belief that this is a seasonal variation.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Patrick S.

**Winnebago Land Central Office** –

No written report

**Milwaukee Central Office** –

No written report

**Racine Area Central Office** –

No written report

**Conference Advisory Report** - Nancy H.

June 21, 2015

The Conference Advisory Committee completed review of the Area 75 Conference Guidelines. The committee made a few minor tweaks this morning and approved the guidelines with these changes. The revised document will be posted on the Area 75 website soon.

The final report from the 2015 conference was received this morning. One copy was given to the Area 75 archives and one copy is for the committee files.

Any questions and concerns from future conferences were discussed.

A host district, or districts, is needed for the 2018 conference. Districts interested in submitting a bid can find bid forms on the area website. Please contact me if you are interested.

Nancy H.

Conference Advisory Committee Chair

### **2015 Conference Report** – Chris S

The final numbers for the Area75 2015 conference are as follows

Registration: 306 with 177 pre-registered and 129 walk-Ins

Meals; 180 for dinner and 110 for breakfast

We had a loss of \$3354.

The major components of this loss were as follows:

Registrations-Budgeted for 450/actual 306

Change In the Friday night speaker, which increased expenses.

Decorations, (overcharged by florist).

Translator costs which were not budgeted for as we thought it would be covered by Special needs.

Hospitality costs exceeded donations.

We felt that the price for meals and registration were very reasonable and that this is the first time the registration has been under \$15 for sometime. Also that the location was good; a short trip from both Madison and Milwaukee. Neither the cost nor the distance seems to be an issue for the lack of attendance. We're not sure why.

That having been said the feeling we got is that the panels and speakers were great and that we succeeded in carrying the message. I received very positive comments from attendees throughout the weekend.

I would also like to point out that we had the first Spanish panel at a conference, which was very well attended.

Over all this was a very positive and humbling experience for me. I enjoyed working on it from start to finish. It was a lot of fun to chair this and I was blessed with a wonderful committee. I now know why you start 3yrs. out because before you realize it the weekend is here and you're wondering where all the time went.

I would like to thank you for allowing me to be of service as the chair for the 2015 Area Conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris S.  
2015 Conference Chair

**Spring 2016 Conference Report** – Judith H.

No written report

**Fall 2016 Conference Report** – Tom R.

No written report

**2017 Conference Report** – Charlie M.

Hello everybody, I'm Charlie, I am an alcoholic, and co-chair of the 2017 area 75 conference being held on Oct. 27-29 2017 at the Heidel House in Green Lake, hosted by District 31 and all who are willing to be involved. We had a committee meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup> and went over the conference guidelines. Our committee is tentatively setting up a date on July 19<sup>th</sup> noon at the Pardeeville Public Library 119 Main St. Pardeeville to vote on a theme for the conference and to listen to speaker tapes to try to nail down speakers for the event. If anyone has any info that could be useful to us please contact me Charlie M. email [chucktuna5@gmail.com](mailto:chucktuna5@gmail.com) or our conference chair Fred K. email [flkruege@yahoo.com](mailto:flkruege@yahoo.com). I want to thank all area 75 trusted servants for their commitment to service.

Charlie M. District 31  
Co-chair 2017 Conference

**ECR Forum & CDPP Report**

June 21, 2015

Area 75 is the host area for the East Central Regional FORUM which will be held at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel, near 13<sup>th</sup> and College, on November 13-15, 2015. We will need many volunteers for this event. GSO sponsors the event and takes the pre-registrations (there is NO registration fee) and we provide volunteers during the event. If you are interested in helping please send an email to: [Nov2015ECRforum@gmail.com](mailto:Nov2015ECRforum@gmail.com) with your name, phone number and email address OR you can call Nancy H. at 414-801-5184.

Areas that you can volunteer for are: registration, greeters, display set-up and take down, translation equipment check-out, hospitality room and attraction committee. Chairs for hospitality and the attraction committee are still needed.

All of us can help by encouraging others in the groups that we attend to register and come to the FORUM. You can pre-register and find more information under regional Forums at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). This morning one of the members stated that the FORUM was an event that made GSO real to him.

Our area is also hosting the 2016 ECR Conference of Delegates Past and Present. Randy R. is heading this committee, Nancy G. has volunteered to handle registration and I am serving as the event treasurer. We will be needing some volunteers for this event also. The CDPP will be held at the Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport on February 12-14, 2016. This event serves as a training session for new delegates in our region. While only the delegates and past delegates participate in the business sessions all AA members are welcome to attend.

Nancy H.

Past Delegate, Panel 61

**New Business:**

It was asked that up to \$300.00 be allocated for expenses related to the 2015 ECR Forum hospitality room, hosted by Area 75 at the Crown Plaza Milwaukee Airport Hotel November 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Motion passed

Paul S., Dist. 20, volunteered to make coffee for the fall assembly.

Announcements:

**Upcoming dates:**

International Convention – July 3 – 5, 2015, Atlanta, Georgia

Fall Service Assembly – Oct. 18, 2015, at Madison Senior Center

East Central Regional Forum – Nov. 13 – 15, 2015

Conference of Delegates Past & Present, Feb. 12-14, 2016, Milwaukee, Wi.

Area 75 Conference, Spring – May 20 – 22, 2016, Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc

Area 75 Conference, Fall – Oct 21 – 23, 2016, Holiday Inn, Manitowoc

Area 75 Conference, Oct. 27 – 29, 2017, Heidel House, Green Lake

Meeting closed with Responsibility Declaration at 1:15 PM.