

**DISTRICT 02**

# NEWSLETTER

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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## *A MESSAGE FROM THE DCM.....*

It's February.....Valentine ♡ month!!! So AA family, I send AA love to all of YOU!

First up, an important event:

♡GSR♡ Orientation on Feb 8 Thursday 5pm in Green Bay at Nativity of our Lord Church, 2270 S Oneida St, door 4. ALL are very welcome to attend, you don't have to be a GSR to be a part of. ♡Suit up and Show up, as they say!♡

I hope groups are discussing the LETTER and QUESTIONS that GSO has recently put forth. (They are included further on in this newsletter) The answers submitted by individuals can be sent straight to the New York address posted on the top corner of the letter. Or you can have your ♡GSR♡ bring the them to the NEXT District meeting. Or email me. We will get the info to where it needs to go. Thank you so much for your participation!! ♡

Our next District meeting is Sunday, FEB 11, 2024 at CHANGING LANES ALANO CLUB, 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown.

Roundtable discussion for GSR's starts 1:30pm  
District meeting starts 2pm

Or, Zoom in....  
Meeting ID 875-9555-4987  
Password 844696

And don't forget Rule #62..... Don't take yourself so goll darn serious!

Yours in Service,  
Jane M. - DCM District 02 (Area 74) [dcm@district02aa.org](mailto:dcm@district02aa.org)

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## ***DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 2024***

### District 02 Meeting Minutes for January 2024

The January 14, 2024 District meeting was held hybrid at Solutions Recovery Club 621 Evans St., Oshkosh starting at 2:04 p.m. With 20 in person & 4 on Zoom 24 people total. We opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. DCM Jane went over general housekeeping, welcomed newcomers, and invited introductions of all Committee Chairs and new GSRs.

### **Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts**

Karla read Tradition 1 – long form.

Jane read Concept 1 from the Concepts checklist.

Approval of December 2023 Minutes- Kendra made a motion to accept the report as presented. James seconded – motion passed.

Secretary Report: Karla, Committee Chairs & GSR's please submit your reports to me by Tuesday January 16, 2024 to ensure I can get the notes to Digger in a timely manner. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Treasurer Report: Cindy,

Jane – left side withdrawals \$802.16 doesn't match withdrawals on right side (Bank Reconciliation) withdrawals of \$1300.52. Cindy – This is because of outstanding checks from previous statement. A motion was made by Digger to accept the Treasurers report. Kendra seconded. Motion passed.

### GSRs Reports

Michelle Thursday Women in Recovery Genesis-good turnout at meetings.

Chris Search for Serenity Thurs noon First Congregational- invited people to join the meeting as they want to grow.

James Thurs night Seymour Group-recently increased size of group 3 new members.

Mike 101A Algoma Group – 14 meetings at the meeting hall. Have active GSR's last 5 years.

## *DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 2024*

LCMs

Subdistrict A: Open

Subdistrict B: Open

Subdistrict C: Open

Subdistrict D: Open

Subdistrict E: Open

Subdistrict F: Open

Archives: Open.

Grapevine: No report

Corrections: Kendra.

Corrections workshop March 16 Noon-2. There is an effort to recruit volunteers to share their experience; someone who has been incarcerated, someone who goes into the jails to carry the message, a Corrections Officer. Reviewed the 7 facilities from a volunteer standpoint. The facilities need volunteers. Second & Fourth Tuesday DACC (Men & women volunteers are welcome), Outagamie County Jail (men 1,4,5 Monday of month, OSCI (men) third Wed of month. Next committee meeting is Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at Changing Lanes, Wrightstown.

Bridging the Gap: Jeff. Made one attempt to talk to someone last month. Unable to make contact. One other person gets out in March. Brad will be taking over as BTG Committee Chair.

Newsletter: Digger.

If you haven't received the newsletter, check spam folder in email. Go back to December. If not in spam go to district website to sign up for the newsletter. Send your notes to Karla so she can compile minutes and send to Digger. Ideas? Get them to Digger email to the district email address for Newsletter.

Public Information: No report

Web Master: Trevor F.

Working to get all email addresses updated for trusted servants. January newsletter went out over a couple days via email system.

Treatment & Accessibilities: Jodi.

The Treatment and Accessibilities Committee did not meet this month. We are in the process of transitioning to the incoming chair. As committee chair, I am requesting that the District approved funding for the ASL supported meeting be added to new business.

## *DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 2024*

Background: In 2020-2021 time frame, District 02 approved the implementation of a district funded ASL supported open speaker meeting. Specific funding cost was approximated, but not determined prior to voting. Discussion need to be had on how the district would like to fund the ASL supported meeting since the budget was not approved last month (December 2023.)

DCM: Jane.

Preparing for the first District meeting I have ever run has been my main focus so far. I want to emphasize the importance of all our District O2 GSRs; the District meeting is YOUR meeting. All input from you is welcomed by me. In early January I coordinated with Mike N. the DCM from District 01 to allow our District 02 GSRs and all interested AA members to attend an important GSR orientation in Green Bay. It's on Feb 8, at 5pm, Nativity of our Lord Church 2270 S Oneida St, door 4, Green Bay. This is a great learning opportunity, especially helpful if you feel overwhelmed. I sure hope to see you all there!

### Old Business

Open positions 2024 Elections

Archives – no nominations. Carried over.

LCM's (A, B, C, D, E, F) – Jane went over the role of the LCM. Middle person between the DCM and GSR's.

James, served as LCM C the past 2 years & expressed his interest in continuing another term as LCM C. Karla made a motion for James to reside in the position for 2 more years, Kyle seconded. Motion passed.

Alt DCM – no nominations. Carried over.

Newsletter: Totally electronic? Eliminate \$18 fee for flyers?

Last month District 02 Guidelines Amendments for Consideration were presented for the first time. Jane was not able to get this in writing for approval for the second month. Mike from 101A Algoma Group added that the group favors going all electronic & to eliminate \$18 fee for flyers. Questioned what the fee is for individual paper copies being delivered.

James Thurs. Seymour- his group would like a paper copy.

## ***DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 2024***

GSR's take this back to your group for discussion. This will be presented a second time at next month's district meeting. Below is the District 02 Guidelines Amendments for considerations that were presented at the December 2023 District 02 meeting:

Article VIII: Amendments to the Guidelines, Section 1.00 - The Guidelines may be amended at a District Meeting by a two-thirds majority vote, provided that the amendment been presented in writing at the two previous District Meetings.

1. Article IV: District Standing Committees and Duties, Section 5.00 currently reads: The District 02 Newsletter Committee is the medium for communication of District 02 business and events to the groups, G.S.R.s, and individual members. The Newsletter is published the monthly and the editorial staff is responsible for determining the content of each issue. All content/events must be AA-related. There is an \$18 charge per single-sided flyer, other than for events hosted by District Committees and District Officers. The Editor will inform the Treasurer of money that is to be collected from a Non-District AA-related flyer. The Editor shall request appropriate funding from District 02 to meet the costs of publication and submit reasonable documentation to the Treasurer for reimbursement. The Editor shall also submit an annual budget to the District for the upcoming year The Chairperson or a delegate representative provides monthly reports at District Meetings.

Change this section to read:

The District 02 Newsletter Committee is the medium for communication of District 02 business and events to the groups, G.S.R.s, and individual members. The Newsletter is published electronically monthly and the editorial staff is responsible for determining the content of each issue. All content/events must be AA-related. The Editor shall request appropriate funding from District 02 to meet the costs of publication and submit reasonable documentation to the Treasurer for reimbursement. The Editor shall also submit an annual budget to the District for the upcoming year. The Chairperson or a delegate representative provides monthly reports at District Meetings.

Background-Traditionally the newsletter was printed and mailed to subscribers. Over the past two years there has only been one request. The past two months, district 02 has not printed newsletters for distribution. Charging groups \$18 to submit flyers was introduced to offset the additional costs for printing and postage – if produced electronically, there is no need to charge groups this fee. In reaching out to other districts and Area 74, the majority are providing electronic versions with option to receive a printed copy if required/requested.

After discussion at the district meeting and feedback from AA groups, we are submitting guideline changes. (Changes presented at 12/10/23 district meeting.)

## *DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 2024*

### New Business

Online GSR Form. Checkbox for hard copy GSR kits? This was on the GSR agenda for December and talked about at that meeting.

Upcoming GSR Orientation workshop Feb or Mar? When would be a good time for a workshop? Educational get together for GSR's. James – there is already a GSR combined workshop scheduled in February with District1. There is a GSR program put together by Kim R. Maybe someone can reach out to her for that program. Char – historically the LCM's have hosted the workshop. District 1 has always come to district 2 for the workshops. Kendra – doesn't hurt to have our own workshop. GSR's do rotate so it is a good idea. It is in the DCM budget. A recommendation was made to have a GSR in Fall 2024 since District 1 is already having one in February. There was a vote; 2 in favor of hosting a workshop before March, 10 in favor of hosting a workshop in Fall.

GSO requesting contributions check vs digital – GSO prefers digital payment.

Here is the new address for contributions.

PO Box 2407

James A Farley Station

New York, NY 10116-2407

Cindy says online it walks you through how to do digital payment. Need a group number to do it.

GSO letter and questions re: Founders writings. Jane read the letter from GSO & questions. Janes informed the group that any member can fill out the questionnaire and send to the GSO.

Tim discussed this in a group business meeting – the group thinks the first 164 pages should be left alone in the BB. Karla suggests that the GSR's take this back to the groups for discussion.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by Kim and seconded by James. Motion carried at 3:20 p.m. and closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

The next District meeting is Sunday February 11, 2024 at Changing Lanes Alano Club, 344 Broadway St. Wrightstown.

## ***DISTRICT 02 UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS***

### **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVICE BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START?**

You are welcome to stop by and join us at one of our regular committee meetings. Learn more about what the district committee's do, and how we help the still suffering alcoholic. Who knows.....maybe you will find an interest and will want to join up!!! Here is a list of upcoming committee meetings:

**CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE:** Next meeting is Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 pm at Changing Lanes Alano Club, 344 Main St, Wrightstown. This committee meets to discuss how we can best carry the message to alcoholics in correctional institutions.

***Have a question???*** Send an email to [corrections@district02aa.org](mailto:corrections@district02aa.org).

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:** Next meeting is Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2pm at Fox Valley Central Office, 1528 N Ballard Rd, Appleton. This committee meets monthly to proofread the upcoming issue, and to discuss plans for future issues. We are always looking for fresh ideas! ***Have a question???*** Send an email to [newsletter@district02aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district02aa.org)

**PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE:** Next meeting is Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on Zoom. Meeting ID: 920 379 4718 Passcode: 123456. This committee meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. This committee provides information about Alcoholics Anonymous to the general public within District 02 and is also responsible for the District 02 website.

***Have a question???*** Send an email to [publicinfo@district02aa.org](mailto:publicinfo@district02aa.org)

### **WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A GSR**

For most A.A.s, membership in a home group is one of the keys to continuing sobriety. In a home group, they accept service responsibilities and learn to sustain connections with other recovering alcoholics. The home group affords individual A.A.s the privilege of voting on issues that affect the Fellowship as a whole; it is the very basis of the service structure. While many A.A. members attend other groups as well, the home group is where they participate in business meetings and cast their vote as part of the group conscience of the Fellowship as a whole. As with all group conscience matters, each member has one vote.

The role of the general service representative, or GSR, is essential to the purpose of general service. Bill W. wrote in Concept I of *The Twelve Concepts for World Service*: "The A.A. groups today hold ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world services." The role of the GSR is essential to ensuring that groups can fulfill that responsibility. Only when a GSR keeps the group informed and communicates the group conscience can the Conference truly act for A.A. as a whole. This communication is a two-way street, making the GSR responsible not only for bringing forward the group's voice, but for taking back to the group Conference actions that affect the Fellowship's unity, health, and growth.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER 2023 – 2024

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

**\*\*NOTE FROM THE DELEGATE:** The servants of Area 74 are excited to provide the **dates for the Area 74 Service Structure**. We are lucky to live in an area that hosts many conferences, workshops and fellowship events. As your trusted servants, we sometimes miss the chance to participate in local events because they conflict with the service events you have entrusted us to conduct. We hope that, by providing the Area 74 service structure dates in early fall; they can be considered as you plan your service and fellowship events for the coming year. We look forward to seeing you.

NOTE FROM CO-EDITORS: We have combined the general events and the Area 74 Service Structure events into one calendar.

**BOLD = AREA 74 events** UNBOLD = General AA events in our area

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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>

**Are you planning a picnic, holiday party,  
intergroup, or other AA event? PLEASE  
SEND US YOUR DETAILS AT  
[newsletter@district02aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district02aa.org)**



# DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT – DECEMBER 2023

## District 02 Monthly Financial Report – December 2023

Beginning Balance 12/1/2023		\$	5,458.38			January 14, 2024 District Meeting Report	
<b>Contributions</b>				<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>			
Date	<b>District Group Contributions</b>			Community First Credit Union			
12/29/2023	Genesis Club-Multiple groups	\$	270.00	Beginning balance	\$	5,956.74	
12/29/2023	We Are Not Saints-Solutions Recovery	\$	151.00	Deposits	\$	1,029.49	
12/29/2023	Sunrise Meeting Group	\$	30.10	Withdrawals	\$	(1,300.52)	
12/29/2023	Sherwood Group	\$	200.00	Outstanding checks	\$	-	
12/29/2023	Bonduel New Beginnings	\$	100.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,685.71</b>	
12/29/2023	Digger-Thomas A.-reimbursed for software not used	\$	278.39	<b>Balance available to District</b>			
				Register balance	\$	5,685.71	
				Prudent reserve	\$	(500.00)	
				Corrections Literature	\$	(853.08)	
				<b>Total available to District</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,332.63</b>	
				<b>Petty Cash</b>			
				Petty cash beginning balance	\$	50.00	
				Petty cash ending balance	\$	<b>50.00</b>	
				<b>Committee Budget Balance (Remaining)</b>			
				Archives	\$	263.97	
				Corrections	\$	904.74	
				DCM	\$	1,304.85	
				Grapevine	\$	568.02	
				Newsletter	\$	1,940.00	
				PI	\$	1,368.63	
				Treasurer	\$	236.77	
				Treatment & Acces.	\$	719.77	
				<b>BUDGET BALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,306.75</b>	
				<b>*Corrections Literature</b>			
				Starting Balance	\$	853.08	
				Contributions	\$	-	
				<b>Total deposits</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>853.08</b>	
				Withdrawals			
				<b>Total withdrawals</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>-</b>	
				Ending Corrections Literature Balance	\$	<b>853.08</b>	
				<b>*NOTE - Separate from district balance</b>			
				Cindy L. District 02 Treasurer			
		<b>Total deposits</b>		<b>\$</b>		<b>1,029.49</b>	
<b>Withdrawals</b>							
Date	Check #	Expenses (checks/withdrawals)					
12/2/2023	2150	USPS-PO Box Renewal	\$	194.00			
12/5/2023	2151	Digger A.-Newsletter Software	\$	278.39			
12/9/2023	2152	Kendra R. (District meeting printing & stipend)	\$	177.26			
12/10/2023	2153	Steve R.-Grapevine subscriptions-3	\$	86.91			
12/13/2023	2154	Kendra R. -Corrections copies	\$	30.60			
12/13/2023	2155	Solutions Recovery-Jan. District meeting rent	\$	35.00			
				<b>Total withdrawals</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>802.16</b>	
<b>Register balance - Month end</b>							
		Beginning balance		\$	5,458.38		
		Deposits		\$	1,029.49		
		Withdrawals		\$	(802.16)		
		<b>Register balance</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>5,685.71</b>		
<b>Outstanding Checks</b>							
				<b>Total Outstanding checks</b>			
				<b>\$</b>			
				<b>-</b>			

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA TO IMPROVE OUR NEWSLETTER (maybe your story, a poem, or cartoon?) PLEASE EMAIL YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO [newsletter@district02aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district02aa.org)

# *DISTRICT 02 MEETING AGENDA*

*February 11, 2024 - 2:00 PM*

*Changing Lanes Alano Club – 344 Broadway St – Wrightstown*

Open with Serenity Prayer

- Introduce DCM: Meeting Chair
- Introduce GSR's
- Housekeeping items: info on side table, etc.

Twelve Traditions - Tradition 2 long form

Twelve Concepts - Concept 2

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

- GSR's
- LCM's
- Archives - vacant
- Grapevine - Patrick R.
- Corrections - Kendra R.
  - Bridging the gap - Brad N.
- Newsletter - Digger A.
- Public Information - Susan B.
  - Webmaster - Trevor
- Treatment and Accessabilities - Jodi L.
- DCM - Jane M.

Old Business:

- Available positions > Alt DCM, LCM's A-F; Archives
- Newsletter: Totally electronic? Eliminate \$18 fee for flyers? What do groups think?
  - Upcoming GSR orientation reminder: Feb 8 Green Bay
  - GSO letter and questions re: founder's writings: feedback, issues?

New Business:

- Group change forms for GSR's
- T&A: ASL issues regarding funding and previous decisions made by our District: Jodi L. (Treatment & Accessabilities Chair)
  - District meeting schedules distribution and subject to changes
  - Plan for Delegates Workshop Mar 2 in Wausau
  - Other?

The NEXT District Meeting: Sunday Mar 10, GENESIS CLUB, 1213 N Appleton St, APPLETON



See

You All There !!!

# 2024 District 02 Meeting Schedule

(Meeting Location is Subject to Change)

GSR Roundtable at 1:30 / District Meeting at 2:00

<b>Jan 14</b>	Solutions Club Inc. 621 Evans St, Oshkosh
<b>Feb 11</b>	Changing Lanes Alano Club 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown
<b>Mar 10</b>	Genesis Club 1213 N Appleton St, Appleton
<b>Apr 14</b>	Solutions Club Inc. 621 Evans St, Oshkosh
<b>May 5</b> Early due to Mothers Day	St Mark's Church 140 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah
<b>Jun 9</b>	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2330 E Calumet, Appleton
<b>Jul 14</b>	Solutions Club Inc 621 Evans St, Oshkosh
<b>Aug 11</b>	St Paul Catholic Church 410 Wallace St, Combined Locks
<b>Sep 8</b>	Peace United Methodist Church 2300 W Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna
<b>Oct 13</b>	Emmanuel Lutheran Church 349 N Main Street, Seymour
<b>Nov 10</b>	Changing Lanes Alano Club 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown
<b>Dec 8</b>	First United Methodist Church 325 E Franklin St, Appleton

# ***DISTRICT 02 MEMORIES***

***AS PUBLISHED IN THE DISTRICT 02  
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## **THE SECOND TRADITION**

**“For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority: a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants, they do not govern.”**

**This tradition answers the question, who runs AA? Having learned elsewhere in the program that there is a God (Higher Power), and that I ain't it. I am reminder here that God may speak in and through a bunch of sober drunks. Who would have believed it? Yet it has been working that way for over 50 years.**

**Another way to think about this tradition might be to say that none of us are as smart as all of us together. Any one of us alone has a limited point of view, but when we share our points of view we begin to see a bigger picture. For this to work, the group needs to be able to hear from any member who has something to say, rather than to be dominated by one or a few member's viewpoints.**

**Bill W. tells us in the 12 & 12 of his first experience with group wisdom or group conscience. Early on, he got an offer from a hospital administrator who wanted to pay him for running the AA program within the hospital. Bill, strapped for cash, thought this was a good idea which would solve his financial problems. (He was devoting most of his time to helping alcoholics while his wife, Lois, supported them by her work at a department store.) Riding home on the train, Bill recalled the biblical passage, “The worker is worthy of his hire,” and saw that as a sign that he could take the job.**

**That evening he told Lois and his AA group of the exciting offer. They weren't as taken with the idea as he was. Group members told him that if he started selling his AA work through any particular hospital it'd ruin everything. They said, “Sure (the proposal) is ethical, but what we've got won't run on ethics only; it has to be better... This is a matter of life and death, Bill, and nothing but the very best will do.”**

**Bill continued, “So spoke the group conscience. The group was right and I was wrong; the voice on the subway was not the voice of God. Here was the true voice, welling up out of my friends. I listened, and thank God I obeyed.” (12 & 12 pp 137-8).**

**In A early years, group conscience helped resolve many knotty problems, such as whether to admit people who also suffered from other addictions, whether to admit black people, or atheists, or how to help people whose drinking hadn't taken them to the very lowest bottom of the barrel, physically and financially. Time after time, the proud, angry, fearful bull-heads (like so many of us are) were persuaded by their fellows to opt for the simplest and most open membership requirement...a desire to stop drinking.**

**Slowly, often painfully, surely, AA learned to trust a Higher Power, and to lead through service rather than domination. So today AA is here for all of us who want to stop drinking. Barbara G.**

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

## FEBRUARY 2024

**First Friday of the Month, February 2nd**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm **Genesis Club**, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton. Potluck at 6pm, please bring a dish to pass!

**Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 5 PM**, GSR Orientation, **Nativity of Our Lord**, 2270 S Oneida St, Green Bay. All are welcome! **See flyer for more information.**

**Second Sunday of the Month, February 11<sup>th</sup>**, District Meeting at 2pm, **Changing Lanes Alano Club**, 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown. GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

**Second Sunday of the Month, February 11<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **First Congregational Church**, 724 E South River St, Appleton *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 897 8011 3671 Passcode: 027543

**Third Friday of the Month, February 16<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 8pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available

**Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>**, **Chili When It's Chilly Oshkosh Intergroup**, doors open at 4pm, dinner at 5:30pm, speakers at 7, **St Jude the Apostle Church**, Leannah Hall, 1025 W 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Oshkosh. **This is not a potluck. See flyer for more information.**

**Last Sunday of the Month, February 25<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

**Last Sunday of the Month, February 25<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

## MARCH 2024

**First Friday of the Month, March 1st**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm **Genesis Club**, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton. Potluck at 6pm, please bring a dish to pass!

**Second Sunday of the Month, March 10<sup>th</sup>**, District Meeting at 2pm, **Genesis Club**, 1213 N Appleton St, Appleton. GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

**Second Sunday of the Month, March 10<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **First Congregational Church**, 724 E South River St, Appleton *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 897 8011 3671 Passcode: 027543

**Third Friday of the Month, March 15<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 8pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available

**Corrections Workshop, Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>**, noon – 2pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St., Oshkosh **See flyer for more information.**

**Last Sunday of the Month, March 31<sup>st</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

**Last Sunday of the Month, March 31<sup>st</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

***EMAIL YOUR EVENT TO  
newsletter@district02aa.org***

## District 02 Committee Information

**ARCHIVES COMMITTEE:** Responsible for the collection and care of archival documents and items for the District.

**Chairperson:** (open) [archives@district02aa.org](mailto:archives@district02aa.org)

**CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE:** Provides coordination and support for groups and individuals wishing to carry the message to alcoholics in jails and prisons within the District.

**Chairperson:** Kendra R. [corrections@district02aa.org](mailto:corrections@district02aa.org)

**GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE:** Relays information about the Grapevine magazine and other materials to the individual groups via their Grapevine Representatives (GVR's).

**Chairperson:** Patrick R. [grapevine@district02aa.org](mailto:grapevine@district02aa.org)

**PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE:** Provides information about AA to the general public and is also responsible for the District 02 website.

**Chairperson:** Susan B. [publicinfo@district02aa.org](mailto:publicinfo@district02aa.org)

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:** Medium for communication of District 02 business and events to the groups, GSR's, and individual members.

**Chairperson:** Digger A. [newsletter@district02aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district02aa.org)

### **TREATMENT & ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE:**

Provides coordination and support for groups and individuals wishing to carry the message to clients in treatment facilities within District 02.

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**Area 74 Website**

[www.area74.org](http://www.area74.org)

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### **General Service Board**

James A Farley Station

PO Box 2407

New York, NY 10116-2407

212-870-3023

### **District 02 Treasury**

PO Box 2632

Appleton, WI 54912

### **Area 74 Treasury**

PO Box 171

Manistique, MI 49854

### **Fox Valley Central Office**

1528 N. Ballard Rd., Suite 16

Appleton, WI 54911

920-997-0221

### **Fox Valley Hotline**

PO Box 2382

Appleton, WI 54912

(Joe S., Coordinator)

## OTHER INFORMATION

### **Oshkosh Helpline**

920-410-4620

### **Now and Then**

(Area Newsletter)

PO Box 192

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

### **AA International**

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

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Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163  
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November 17, 2023

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

Dear A.A. Friends:

As a Fellowship, we celebrate and recognize November as Gratitude Month. This is a time when we A.A.s reflect on the many gifts and blessings sobriety has given us. The program of Alcoholics Anonymous encompasses many facets: our home groups, sponsorship, the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Fellowship among each other, service on many levels, and many more. As the General Manager of the General Service Office (GSO), I'm grateful to see firsthand the many services GSO provides that support the spiritual purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous – carrying the message of sobriety to the alcoholic who still suffers. These services assist the many facets of the A.A. program.

With the spirit of Gratitude Month in mind, I write today to share with you the difficult news related to the current financial health of Alcoholics Anonymous and the potential continued challenges ahead as we strive to fulfill our spiritual purpose. I hope this letter will be met with understanding, and that the honesty and sincerity in my heart are apparent throughout. The last four years have been very challenging for A.A. in many respects. This began with the worldwide shutdown in early 2020 due to the pandemic, which immediately forced nearly all A.A. groups to close their physical doors and either stop meeting altogether or find other means of gathering. This was followed by a slow return of groups meeting in person, an economy filled with uncertainty, and a workplace that changed in many ways. During this time, GSO and our Boards, like other organizations and businesses, were forced to change dramatically. We quickly transitioned to working 100% virtual to continue serving the Fellowship.

The office, along with the A.A. World Services (AAWS) and General Service Boards (GSB), have worked hard to manage our finances through these last four years with the hope that many of the challenges we faced would subside and return to pre-pandemic conditions. It is apparent now that the financial challenges we face cannot continue to be met with the deferral of essential projects and office development that are necessary to carry out Advisory Actions of the General Service Conference and support the vital services GSO provides.

Our tradition of self-support has always been vital to the health and future of the Fellowship and been our main source of income. However, there has always been a need for additional support from the sale of our literature. When the pandemic hit in early 2020, the initial impact on our revenue was significant, with a steep decrease in contributions. Income from sales of A.A. literature was also significantly reduced as sales came to an almost complete halt. The Fellowship responded with tremendous generosity, resulting in contributions reaching record levels. That continued in 2021, and contributions in 2022 nearly matched the 2021 level. This year to date, we are on pace to reach similar levels to the last three years. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and heartwarming.

Unfortunately, literature profits have not rebounded back to pre-pandemic levels. In addition to the slow return of sales, inflation has resulted in substantial increases in the cost to produce and distribute literature. Conscious of the challenges facing groups and members, the AAWS board held literature prices steady for as long as possible until earlier this year, when it became apparent the costs to produce and distribute were not going to

return to pre-pandemic levels. Despite increased contributions after the pandemic, the loss in literature revenue has left our total revenue short by approximately \$1,000,000 compared with per-pandemic times.

The pandemic has also had a significant impact on virtually all our expenses. Of note are increased costs related to meetings, events, and travel, which are a key necessity to support the Regional Forums, board meetings, and the General Service Conference. However, we have managed to reduce total operating expenses to an average of \$15,768,000 compared with pre-pandemic levels of \$16,258,000. Reducing total expenses below pre-pandemic levels truly illustrates the diligence the office and the boards applied to the budget and operations to offset losses.

Because of the significant decline in literature sales and revenue and the large cash outlay needed to continue printing and distributing our literature, we have also experienced a very tight cash position. Our reforecast budget for this year estimates a loss of \$997,000, after depreciation and the GSB support of *La Viña*.

The office and all three boards have worked diligently to address these financial challenges. A systematic and dedicated approach to budgeting has been developed over recent years and allows for the most informed group conscience possible. Throughout, budget managers and the AAWS Board work together to find the most effective ways to prioritize and execute services, maximizing the use of each A.A. dollar. In addition to the annual budget process, a reforecast is done midyear to adapt to the direction brought forth by the April General Service Conference and other factors impacting original estimates.

As difficult as this letter is to write, I'm hopeful and optimistic for A.A.'s future. Together we can overcome the challenges we're facing. We need your help to continue to adjust to and plan for the reality of current economic conditions and changes in our Fellowship. As members we often say that when A.A. needs money, the Fellowship will respond. This is one of those times. Your generosity has sustained us through very difficult times in the past. If your group is able, in the spirit of Gratitude Month, please consider a special contribution to the General Service Board. You can make a contribution through [aa.org](http://aa.org) by clicking [here](#) or by mail.

Moving forward, more frequent, and incremental contributions would be much appreciated as the office incurs many of its expenses during certain parts of the year. In particular, many of our more significant expenses are incurred from January to May, due to planning, preparation, and operation of the General Service Conference each April.

[Attached to this letter](#) you will find a summary of the operations of GSO and details of many of the vital services GSO provides. I hope this information gives you a greater understanding of the vital work and services your contributions help to support. Thank you so much for everything each of you do for Alcoholics Anonymous.

With gratitude for all the sacrifices you make for A.A.,



Bob W.

General Manager, GSO



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November 13, 2023

Dear Trusted Servants:

A.A.'s Co-Founder, Bill W., in his 1953 address to the General Service Conference, stated that he did not consider himself the author of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the Big Book (*Our Great Responsibility*, p. 92). He also alluded to the fact that in the various A.A. literature published prior to his passing, he borrowed heavily from other sources, and that other A.A. members made significant contributions.

On the other hand, addressing the historical context of some of the writings of our Founders, many members in our Fellowship have expressed strong sentiment against any changes in the first 164 pages of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, the Big Book, as well as the Preface, the Forewords, The Doctor's Opinion, Doctor Bob's Nightmare, and the Appendices. In fact, as early as 1995 and most recently in 2022, Advisory Actions designed to protect the above-referenced contents have been passed by the General Service Conference.

In response to a Committee Consideration from the 73rd General Service Conference suggesting that trustees' Literature Committee *seek input from the Fellowship (including but not limited to Area delegate feedback) regarding any possible future changes to literature written by A.A.'s Founders*, the trustees' Literature committee agreed it would be beneficial to gather shared experience from the Fellowship regarding this topic.

We would like to hear from you – the top of the triangle! While we hope that the suggested questions will help to spark thoughtful sharing and discussion, please feel free to add questions that we may not have thought of that you feel may best inform the discussion. Most of all, we are grateful for and thank you for your participation.

In fellowship,

The trustees' Literature Committee (2023-2024)

Attachment: Suggested Questions

## HOW SHOULD WE TREAT A.A. FOUNDERS' WRITINGS

### SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Do you think that A.A. Founders would object to or embrace revisions to their writings? If yes, why? If not, why?
2. Do you think the Founders' writings are effective in reaching new members? If not, what measures do you think can be taken to resolve this issue?
3. What reasons would you consider for changing our Founders' writings?
4. How do you feel about changing A.A. Founders' writings to replace outdated references?
5. What suggestions do you have for preserving the Founders' writings, along with keeping pace with our current A.A. Society and its future?
6. Should there be a special Conference process for approval of changes to our Founders' writings? (e.g., super, or qualified majority – 75%, and/or 2-year consideration process.)
7. What additional ideas, thoughts or suggestions can you share about changing or not changing the Founders' writings?

Note: Please be as concise as possible in your responses to the questions.

Please share your responses with your GSR, or you can send them directly to the Literature Committee, General Service Office, PO Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

# **CORRECTIONS WORKSHOP**

*SATURDAY*

**MARCH 16, 2024**

**NOON - 2:00PM**

SOLUTIONS RECOVERY  
621 EVANS ST, OSHKOSH

We need A.A. members to facilitate “carrying the message” of A.A. into jails and prisons. Hear from speakers with lived experience who have benefited, A.A. volunteers, and correctional staff.

Volunteer applications will be available for all seven institutions in District 02.

*REFRESHMENTS  
PROVIDED*

[corrections@district02aa.org](mailto:corrections@district02aa.org)



Thur. FEB 8

☰ GSR Orientation ☰  
presented by: Sara P. past delegate

5 PM

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2270 S. ONEIDA

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# *Chili when its Chilly*

*2024 Oshkosh Intergroup*

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## February 24, 2024

Doors open at 4pm  
Dinner at 5:30pm

**Great Food, Fellowship and Fun  
Speakers, Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle and  
More!**

All food will be provided  
**This is NOT a Potluck**

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Speakers begin at 7pm  
AA Speaker- TBA  
Al-anon Speaker- TBA

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1025 W. 5th Avenue—Oshkosh, Wisconsin

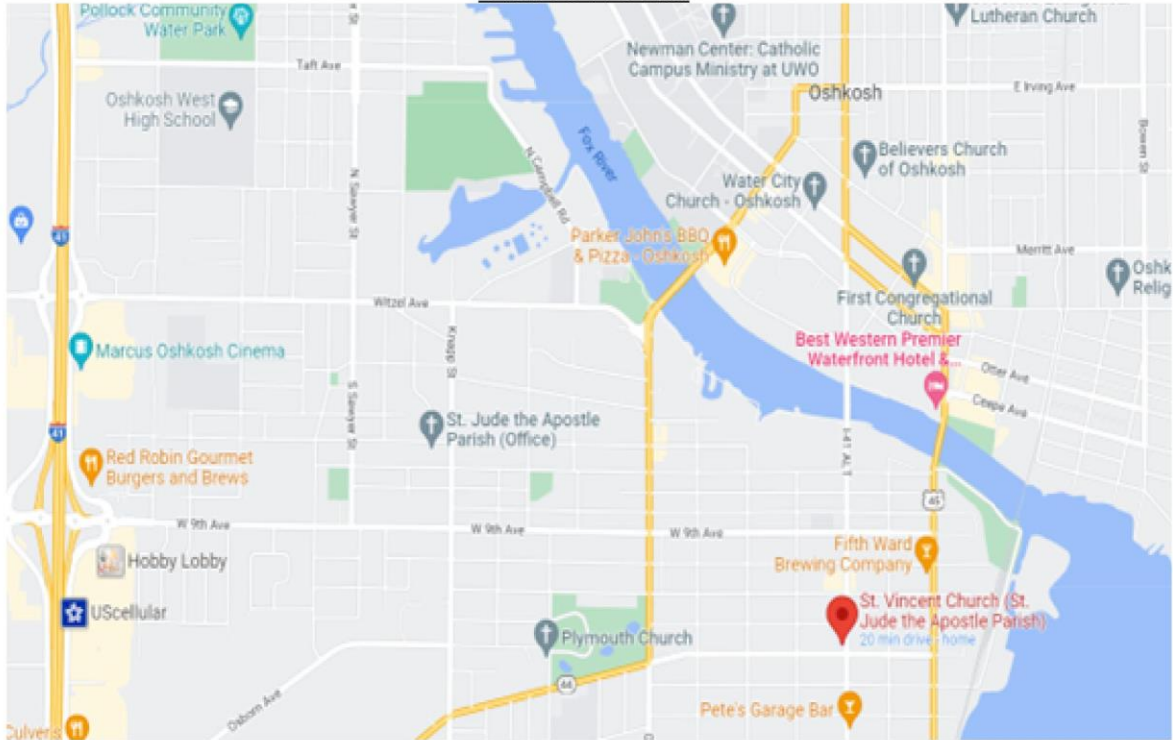
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## ***SAVE THE DATE!!***

**Area 74 Spring Conference**

**May 17,18,19, 2024**

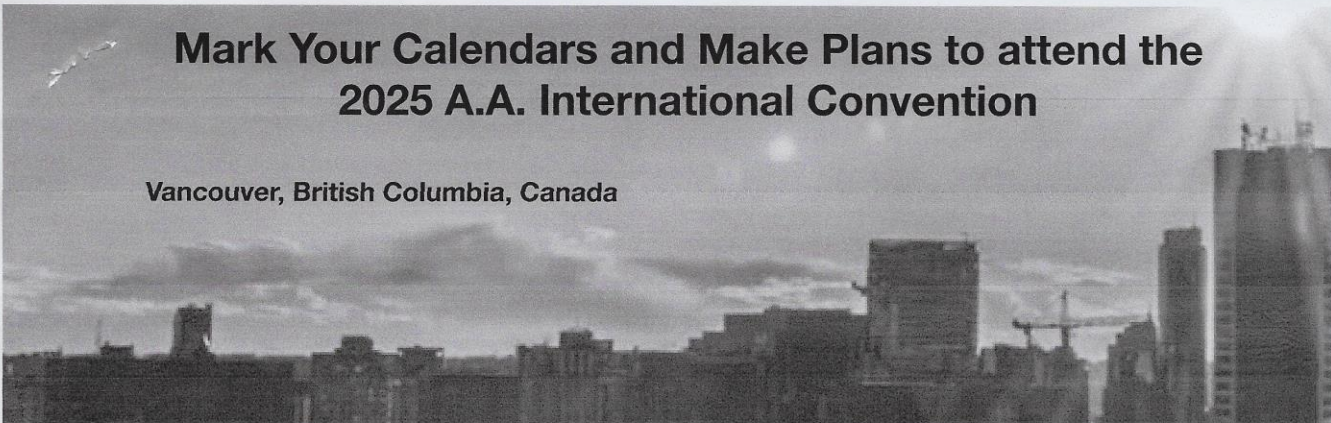
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***“This is an experience you  
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**From Chapter Seven, Page 89 of our Big Book**

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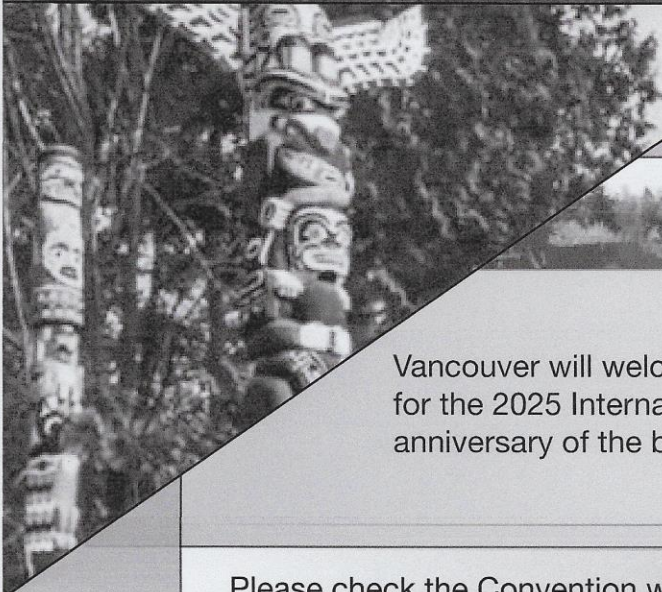


## Mark Your Calendars and Make Plans to attend the 2025 A.A. International Convention

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada




**July 3-6, 2025**



Vancouver will welcome A.A. members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding.

Please check the Convention webpage at [aa.org/international-convention](http://aa.org/international-convention) for more information, the latest news, and FAQs. As the Convention approaches, the page will be updated with registration information.

Taking place once every five years, the A.A. International Convention marks the anniversary of Bill W.'s first meeting with Dr. Bob and the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935. At the Convention, members and their families and friends from around the world attend meetings, workshops, dances, and events. A highlight is the traditional flag ceremony to celebrate sobriety worldwide.



**Let's celebrate sobriety together  
in Vancouver in 2025!**