

DISTRICT 02

NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DCM.....

Hey all you wonderful GSR's, Alternates, Committee folks, and Officers!

Thanks SO much for suiting up and showing up IN PERSON to the Feb 11 District meeting!!!

It was sooooo great to have such a good turnout.

REMINDER:

The March 10 Sunday district meeting at the Genesis Club in Appleton is beginning with the GSR discussion/Roundtable at 1:00 p.m..this is a half hour earlier than usual for we will be discussing the agenda items that were talked about at the delegates Workshop on Mar 2 in Wausau. If there is time we will talk about other agenda items. And other??

If you are overwhelmed, have ANY questions or commentsplease contact me.

Jane,
Phone 920.427.3235

Also --

I still have room in my car for one more person to come to the delegates workshop on March 2nd up in Wausau. We will be leaving early in the morning.

Call me if you are interested.

Thanks and thanks again!!
Jane M -- DCM District 2

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DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – FEBRUARY 2024

District 02 Meeting Minutes for February 2024

The February 11, 2024, District meeting was held hybrid at Changing Lanes Alano Club, 344 Broadway St. Wrightstown. The meeting started at 2:03p.m. There were 21 people in person & 7 people on Zoom; 28 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 GSRs. Housekeeping – silence phones, be courteous, no side conversations.

Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts

John read Tradition 2 – long form.

Michelle read Concept 2 from the Concepts checklist.

Approval of January 2024 Minutes- Harold made a motion to accept the report as presented.

Dale seconded – motion passed.

Secretary Report: Karla, Committee Chairs & GSR's please submit your reports to me by Tuesday February 13, 2024 to ensure I can get the notes to Digger in a timely manner. Email reports to secretary@district02aa.org If you are making a motion or seconding a motion, be sure to state your name. Thank you for being of service & for allowing me to be of service.

Treasurer Report: Cindy, A motion was made by Chris to accept the Treasurers report.

Digger seconded. Motion passed.

GSRs Reports

Harold – Wednesday night Our Southern Friend Group at Changing Lanes Alano Club– sent \$100 to GSO & \$100 to Changing Lanes Alano Club. Looking to improve attendance at the group business meeting.

Jeff - Tuesday Night Big Book Study at First United Methodist Church – the group had a business meeting & discussed the 7 questions from GSO as it relates to the Founders Writings. He has a motion from the group as it relates to the newsletter which he will bring forward as new business.

Alex – Sunday Night First Things First at First Congregational Church – Restarting the potluck before the speaker meeting on second Sunday of the month. This will begin in March.

Jack – Sunday morning Park meeting at St. Elizabeth's Hospital – in the process of getting organized.

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LCMs

Subdistrict A: Open

Subdistrict B: Open

Subdistrict C: James, no report

Subdistrict D: Open

Subdistrict E: Open

Subdistrict F: Open

Archives: Open.

Grapevine: No report

Corrections: Kendra. The group held a meeting today. There were 7 in attendance. Discussed the need for volunteers in the Winnebago Co. area. Here are the facilities that volunteers to carry the message; 1) WCC (Winnebago Correctional Center) men's prison, women can volunteer at this facility. 2) DACC (Drug Abuse Correction Institute) minimum security men's facility, women can volunteer at this facility. 3) WRC (Wisconsin Resource Center) medium security men, women can volunteer at this facility. 4) OSCI (Oshkosh State Correctional Institute) men's state prison, only men can go into this facility. 5) Winnebago Co. Jail, men's meetings & women's meetings. 6) Outagamie Co. & Calumet Co. Jail. There are a lot of openings on Wednesday evenings. If interested in carrying the message, see Kendra or email corrections@district02aa.org. There will be a Corrections Workshop held on March 16 from 12-2 at Solutions Recovery in Oshkosh. Speakers to include 2 people that have been incarcerated who will speak on their experience, 2 volunteers that carry the message to those incarcerated who will speak on their experience. Waiting to hear if anyone that works inside of a facility is willing to speak at the workshop. Kendra added that she has been volunteering in Corrections since 2017 and it has been a rewarding experience for her to carry the message.

Bridging the Gap: Brad no report.

Newsletter: Digger. The newsletter will be published at the end of the month. There have been some delivery issues, but they have been resolved. Check your Spam folders. Please send reports to Karla. If you have any events, please email them to Digger. Get committee meeting schedule to Digger and he will add to the newsletter. Any ideas of things to add to newsletter, please email them to Digger newsletter@district02aa.org.

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Public Information: Susan, The PI Committee met on January 16, 2024 with 4 members in attendance.

Old Business

The committee continues to work on projects.

Hotline Card distribution will continue – the cards are currently being distributed to bulletin boards at for example – gas stations, restaurants, grocery stores, laundry mats, and stores that have a spot for businesses or individuals put cards or flyers

Hotline Cards are available for the use by the members or the District 02

The cards have hot line phone numbers and a QR Code (Quick Response) Code that opens with a Smart Phone. Meetings and District Website can be found using this method.

Distribution of Grapevines into Little Lending Libraries will continue in the spring and summer of 2024. We need more Grapevines to continue, so please see if your groups can help. Any member of our committee will be able to take them.

PI Display will be at the February Intergroup in Oshkosh February 24, 2024

New Business

PI Committee meetings will be 3rd Tuesday of the month 7 PM February 20, 2024

Zoom: ID 920 379 4718 PW 123456

Our Committee is looking for a few more members if interested please let us know

Susan B. 920 858 2379 or email publicinfo@district02aa.org

New project still being considered; will keep the group updated

Our next meeting will be February 20, 2024, via Zoom

Web Master: Trevor F., no report – per John – anyone interested in joining the Zoom committee please contact Trevor at webmaster@district02aa.org

Treatment & Accessibilities: Jodi, the group met on February 4th. There were 3 people in attendance. Researched info approving & funding discussions that occurred from the district for ASL. She will discuss this in new business. Zoom account is there anyone in the district are using this account. Passwords are getting changed so Jodi cannot use the account for their meeting. Kendra – password was changed because T&A chair was not available or responding to emails, texts, etc. Could be an authentication issue.

DCM: Jane, On Feb 8 I went to Green Bay for the GSR Orientation. Two wonderful GSR's from District 02 were also there! Here are some of my notes:

1. Homegroup business meetings, district meetings, area meetings and the business done at World Services in New York are all theoretically run the same way. (That makes it easier for me, I like to Keep It Simple!).

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2. It's really OK to ask questions of folks who have experience in service. Ask for Help!
3. When people complain, ask what they're doing to help out.
4. READ THE AA SERVICE MANUAL - great information on what to do as your job and what to read!
5. Get a service sponsor. It can be your regular sponsor if they have service experience. 😊
6. Check the aa.org website for GSR materials including the GSR kit which can be downloaded.
7. The GSR should be at most group, District and Area service meetings. Otherwise, the Alternate or a designated back-up person - so your group can have a voice and a vote. 🗳️
8. It's really important to bring info from AA to your group and from your group to the rest of AA. It helps us all be involved - unity, you know? Take for example, the changes that were made in the 12 and 12 and the preamble. I hope your group had a voice in those decisions.

I visited a few groups. One group needed help with an issue regarding new folks who were feeling unwelcome. We referred to the experience of other groups and also to some of our AA literature for some suggestions.

I've been working on trying to contact all active GSR's in the district. Going through a lot of paperwork.

I've been quite ill and I apologize for not getting around the district as much as I had hoped. We sure NEED an ALTERNATE DCM. Please step up if you have any interest 😊

Old Business

Open positions 2024 Elections

Archives – no nominations. Carried over.

LCM's (A, B, D, E, F) – no nominations. Carried over.

Alt DCM – no nominations. Carried over.

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

Amendments for Considerations that were presented at the December 2023 District 02 meeting, were also presented at the February 2024 District 02 meeting. Below is the amendment to the guideline which was read in full at this 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:

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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 & presented at 02/11/24 district meeting).

GSR's should take this information to their groups and have discussions and bring feedback to the March District meeting. If there are no changes, the Amendment for Consideration will be voted on at the March District meeting.

Dale says there are people that don't have the ability to print or have a way to receive the newsletter. In favor of keeping the subscribe option.

Kim-her understanding was that all of the subscriptions had run out.

Jodi – each group has autonomy to print the newsletter or provide a service to provide the newsletter.

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GSR Orientation – Jane skipped over this. She will add the notes she took at the workshop to the newsletter.

Founders Writings GSO Letter & Questions – There was some misunderstanding. The Trustees in NY, miscommunicated information. The answers to the questions should not be sent to GSO. The answers to the questions should be sent to the respective Delegate in Area 74. Send information from your group to: Nicolas (area 74 Delegate). I am keeping his address off the minutes due to anonymity. Here is the email address for the Area 74 Delegate delegate@area74.org

New Business

Group change forms GSR – new GSR's, please fill out the form

Treatment & Accessibilities ASL Issues Regarding Funding -Jodi shared the background information. The following is taken from an excerpt written by Kim, Committee Secretary. *Prior to January 2021: The initial ASL meeting discussion began in late 2019 early 2020 as Area 74, individual Districts within Area 74 & AWS were all engaged in conversations about how we can best support the deaf communities. In March 2020 the District 02 T & A Committee primary focus shifted to supporting the fellowship with online meetings during Covid. ASL research, conversations & reports to District 02 have continued. District 02 voted & approved that the T & A Committee should continue to move forward with plans to host signed ASL meetings within the District. In April 2021 the District body was asked to decide how the ASL meetings should be funded. Would they be a line item on the budget, or should they be funded through a special collection dedicated strictly for ASL meetings. The T & A Committee was asked to provide GSR's with information to take back to their home groups so they could weigh in how the ASL meeting would be funded. In May 2021 Kim provided a flyer for the District GSR's to take back to their meetings. It doesn't appear that a vote was ever taken on how the meetings should be funded. Planning & conversations continued within the committee. In October 2022, with the District approval, the committee contacted the Friday Night Kaukauna Group, Sunday Night First Things First meeting & the Sunday morning St. Elizabeth's meeting to see if they were interested in being the host facility. Two of the three groups responded. The committee voted to host the open ASL meeting at the Sunday Morning Meeting at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The location of the meeting has already been approved but the method of funding needs to be brought to groups to be decided upon. As a committee we felt it would be irresponsible and perhaps damaging to AA if we were to reach out to the community to determine a need before the funding questions were answered. Once the funding method is established-budget line item or special collection-then the committee will begin community outreach to establish the need and best way to move forward. [editor's note: see flyer in this newsletter]*

GSR's should discuss with their home groups how they would like ASL to be funded and bring this information to the March District meeting.

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Priority right now is that we are financially solvent for this service. Kendra, in November \$3600 was presented to the district. At that time, we didn't know the need. In December the majority of District didn't approve the budgeted amount of \$3600 because it was 1/3 of the money that was in the treasury. The district is willing but feels it is costly and felt there may be alternatives. Jodi did research alternate devices for phones. She will look into this further. Harold, if a newcomer attended open speaker meetings, where would we refer them to go after they go to that meeting? Jodi, the goal is to find ways to be able help those with disabilities. Nicole, is the interpreter going to be licensed? Is there a consideration for accommodating other languages? Jodi, the sign language interpreter is licensed and bound by contract to keep confidentiality. Joe, do the deaf have AA meetings that are attended? Jodi will need to research. Not a lot of support in Fox Valley. Cindy, contributions coming in to the district are about \$4000 per year.

District meeting schedules – Jane passed out the schedules. They are subject to change. Delegates Workshop March 2 – this is an important meeting to go to. Winter Assembly is March 30, GSR's get to vote at this assembly. May 18th is the Area Spring Conference & Assembly. The Assembly meetings are important to attend. October 12th Fall Assembly. The more you attend these meetings, the more sense it will make. More fun!

Motion from Tuesday Night Big Book Study Group - Jeff – We move to pay for the monthly subscription to an e-mail relay service to avoid delays and being flagged as Spam. We would propose \$75 a month max for this service. Background: we saved significant monies going to a digital only format of the newsletter. E-mails are currently being filtered as spam and need to be sent in batches. Motion was seconded by Harold. Discussion –Newsletters have been going to Spam. Joe, the experience is not good having to go into Spam to bring back. Karla, GSR's should take this information back to their groups for discussion and bring feedback to the March District meeting. Digger, the webmaster changed something & the newsletters are being sent out in batches. The January newsletter he got an alert and sent to webmaster. The Webmaster adjusted records & made authentication adjustments. Digger suggests we see what happens with the February newsletters before we make any decisions. Jeff retracted the motion.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Karla and seconded by Chris. Motion carried at 4:03 p.m. and closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

The next District meeting is Sunday March 10, 2024, at Genesis Club, 1213 N Appleton St. Appleton. GSR Round Table will be held at 1:00 pm. Jane will be talking about the GSC Agenda Items.

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, March 10th, 12:30 pm at Genesis Club, 1213 N Appleton St., Appleton. 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.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE: Next meeting is Tuesday, March 26th, 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

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Now & Then
PO Box 192
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

BOX 4-5-9 (Quarterly Newsletter from the General Service Office):

This newsletter includes

- information about AA service
- sharing from AA members
 - news about literature
- sharing from groups and service committees
- a calendar of upcoming events

www.aa.org/box-459

DISTRICT 02 MEETING AGENDA

March 10, 2024 - 2:00 PM (GSR Discussion 1pm)

Genesis Club – 1213 Appleton St – Appleton

Open with Serenity Prayer

- Introduce DCM: Meeting Chair
- Introduce all participants
- Housekeeping items: info, etc.

Twelve Traditions - Tradition 3 long form

Twelve Concepts - Concept 3

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

- GSR's
- LCM's - James; LCM-C
- 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,B,D,E,F
- Archives
- Newsletter: Totally electronic? Eliminate \$18 fee for flyers?
- GSO letter and questions: Comments, Questions, Step 10 Letter, New address
- Group change forms GSR's
- Newsletter Issues

New Business:

- T&A: ASL issues > funding, etc
- March 30th Winter Assembly
- Other?

The NEXT District Meeting: Sunday April 14, Solutions Recovery, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh



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

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

DATES TO REMEMBER 2024

2/9 – 2/11, 2024	Conference Del Past	Area 22 – Muncie, IN
3/2/24	Delegates Workshop	St Stephen Lutheran Church Wausau, WI
3/2/24	Area Comm Mtg	St Stephen Lutheran Church Wausau, WI
3/30/24	Winter Assembly	Quality Inn Rhinelander, WI
4/14-4/20/24	73 rd Gen Serv Conf	Brooklyn, NY
5/17-5/19/24	Area 74 Spring Conf	District 13 Ashland, WI
5/18/24	Area 74 Assembly	District 13 Ashland, WI
5/19/24	Area Comm Mtg	District 13 Ashland, WI
6/7-6/9/24	East Central Reg Conf	Michigan State Conv Grand Rapids, MI
8/3/24	Area Comm Mtg (optional)	Virtual
9/13-9/15/24	Area 74 Fall Conf	District 04 Holiday Inn Stevens Point, WI
9/14/24	Area Assembly	District 04 Holiday Inn Stevens Point, WI
9/15/24	Area Comm Mtg	District 04 Holiday Inn Stevens Point, WI
10/12/24	Fall Assembly	Quality Inn Rhinelander, WI
12/7/24	Area Comm Mtg	Virtual

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

NOTE FROM CO-EDITORS: We have combined the general events and the Area 74 Service Structure events into one calendar.
BOLD = AREA 74 events UNBOLD = General AA events in our area

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ZOOM info for all Area 74 Service Meetings:

Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882

Passcode: 1212144

One tap mobile

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+13017158592,,84110965882# US (Washington D.C)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84110965882?pwd=OWJScFNFRmhGSFI4ZEIYbkFYVGY0Zz09>

Send Area 74 Contributions To:

Area 74 Treasury

813 E Harrison St, Appleton, WI 54915

**Very Important!! Please include group number, group name,
and address of group location or point of contact**

If there is only a group name and location, or contact address, please include this.

Thank You, Area 74 Treasurer treasurer@area74.org

DISTRICT 02 MEMORIES

*AS PUBLISHED IN THE DISTRICT 02
NEWSLETTER – MARCH, 1998*

THE THIRD TRADITION

“The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

Who determines whether or not a newcomer qualifies for membership? Do we set up committees to determine who can join and who can't? No, the newcomer himself is the only person that can make that decision and we have to take his word for it. Since the only requirement for membership is the desire to quit drinking, and that doesn't have to be said aloud by the newcomer, none of us has the right to deny anyone membership in A.A.

I had a problem for quite awhile with people coming to meetings and announcing that they were chemically dependent, a drug addict, dually addicted, or some other term currently in fashion at the local treatment centers. I've come to realize that my attitude about this is in direct opposition to Tradition Three.

There are no such negative requirements in this tradition such as you must also not be a drug addict etc. If the newcomer is at an AA meeting, no matter what label he puts on himself, I have to accept that he has a desire to quit drinking. Of course, I could get all upset about it and start questioning and complaining but if I read the Third Tradition it's really pretty simple. I have no right to question anyone else's motives. AA was there for me when I needed it and it'll be there for others if each of us tries to live our lives by the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. Concentrating on people who don't belong in AA meetings is a self-defeating prospect for me. I don't have to concentrate on my own character defects then and I get to indulge in one of my favorite old behavior patterns – justifiable anger. Tradition Three does not say – The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking and *Janes approval*. Jane W.

The Third Tradition (Long Form): Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought AA membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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!

Saturday March 2nd, Delegates Workshop (discuss GSO issues) 9am - 2pm, St Stephen Church, Wausau. *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882 Passcode: 1212144.

Second Sunday of the Month, March 10th, District Meeting at 2pm, **Genesis Club**, 1213 N Appleton St, Appleton. GSR Roundtable 1:00 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

Second Sunday of the Month, March 10th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm. Potluck at 6pm, bring a side dish to share. **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 15th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 8pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available

Corrections Workshop, Saturday March 16th, noon - 2pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St., Oshkosh.

74th GSC Sharing Session, Sunday March 17th, 12:30 - 3:30 pm, Serenity Club, Hayward, WI. Discussion about changing to our Founder's writings. Virtual also available see flyer.

Area Winter Assembly, Saturday March 30th GSR's encouraged to attend, Quality Inn, Rhinelander, WI

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

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

APRIL 2024

First Friday of the Month, April 5th, 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, April 14th, District Meeting at 2pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St., Oshkosh GSR Roundtable 1:00 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

Second Sunday of the Month, April 14th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, Potluck at 6pm, bring a side dish to share, **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, April 19th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 8pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available.

Last Sunday of the Month, April 28th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

Last Sunday of the Month, April 28th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

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

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

Bridging the Gap: Brad N. 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

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

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

TREATMENT & ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE:

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

Chairperson: Jodi L. tfc@district02aa.org

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Appleton, WI 54912

Area 74 Treasury

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Appleton, WI 54915

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Appleton, WI 54911

920-997-0221

Fox Valley Hotline

PO Box 2382

Appleton, WI 54912

(Joe S., Coordinator)

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Now and Then

(Area Newsletter)

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Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

AA International

www.aa.org

Greetings Area 74,

I hope this finds you well. I have attached a "step 10" letter from the Trustees Literature Committee. There seems to have been confusion regarding the points of discussion letter that was distributed last November regarding the Founder's Writings (also attached).

I am serving on the committee that is tasked with discussing and summarizing input from the fellowship regarding this topic and I wanted to share with you my experience.

Many times, when i speak I feel I am clear, concise, and articulate, only to find out the one I'm speaking to heard something completely different than what i *thought* I said. Neither one of us were wrong, we just failed to communicate properly. That is what I believe happened here.

Many of you have submitted your feedback to me regarding the Founder's Writings and please continue to do so.

If you have any questions please reach out to me directly or speak through your GSR at the assembly on March 30th.

Thank you,

Nicholas S.

P74 / A74 Delegate

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February 7, 2024

A TENTH STEP FROM THE TRUSTEES' LITERATURE COMMITTEE

We appreciate and thank all who took the time to discuss the “proposed” questions and provided sharing. However, we realize that for the vast majority, our correspondence was unclear as to its intent and that caused confusion. We apologize for this confusion.

The November 13, 2023, correspondence enclosing “proposed” questions was not intended to be a “survey.” Instead, we hoped the questions would spark discussions at the local level. And that the local sharing would be provided to the Area Delegates.

However, in a subsequent meeting with the delegates, it was stated that the sharing could be forwarded to the General Service Office. As a result, many in the Fellowship sent us individual letters relating their viewpoints on the matter.

We realize now that this invitation confused matters and inadvertently circumvented the Conference process wherein the Area Delegates bring to the Conference the sense of their respective Areas.

We have gathered the sharing received and will provide this sharing to the regional trustees who will in turn distribute to the Delegates in their Region. You may be interested to know that there is a sharing session planned for this year’s General Service Conference on this very topic – “How Should We Treat Writings by A.A.’s Founders.” To be clear, this is just a sharing session – not a voting or policy making discussion.

While we admittedly missed the mark with the November 13 correspondence, one silver lining is that members are discussing this important subject. We hope you continue to discuss in your local areas and connect with your Area Delegate. For more information about the Conference process and how we work together “to help the alcoholic who still suffers,” you may want to access the pamphlet “Circles of Love and Service” <https://www.aa.org/circles-love-and-service>.

With gratitude for your service and participation.

The Trustees’ Literature Committee (2023-2024)

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 send you replies to:

Nicholas Stabenow-Scheider
6724 55th St
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

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A.A. Grapevine, Inc. Subscription Pricing

AA GRAPEVINE, the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, will increase the price of its print magazine for the first time in over 12 years. The new price for a yearly subscription is \$36.00, effective April 15, 2024. Grapevine has held the print magazine price steady through challenging times over the past four years — with costs for paper, printing and shipping all increasing substantially.

The Grapevine Board recognizes that we can no longer sustain the magazine's costs at the current price. Subscribers will receive discounts when ordering over multiple years, or by purchasing the "Complete" option, which includes the print magazine and full access to the website and our new mobile app. Digital subscription prices will stay at the current rates. Active subscribers will stay at their current rate until their term ends.

Here are the new prices, effective April 15, 2024:

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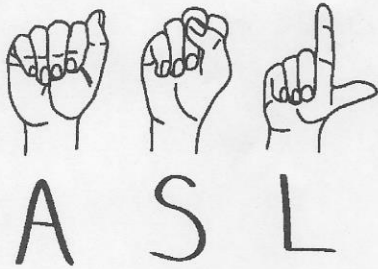
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The Sign Language Fund

Supporting AA Groups and Members in Carrying the Message to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Alcoholics

"When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

WHAT WE DO

As members of the District 02 Treatment and Accessibilities Committee we:

- Help District 02 AA groups carry the message to the deaf alcoholic.
- Hire professional sign language interpreters.
- Support the District 02 Treasurer as they administer the ASL Fund.
- Insure interpreters are skilled, familiar with AA Traditions and are committed to protecting anonymity.
- Coordinate ASL services for special events as requested by District 02.

OUR GOAL

To provide one signed meeting per month to the deaf community within District 02. The Sunday Morning AA Meeting on the 4th Sunday at 10am located at St. Elizabeth Hospital has already been selected as the signed meeting.

HOW WE DO IT

Through the district funding the ASL interpretation services through one of the following:

1. Create a contributions fund by accepting donations from AA groups.
2. Create an ASL budget line item within the District 02 Treatment and Accessibility Committees' budget.
3. Hybrid of both contribution methods will ensure we do not run into a financial shortfall when the meeting is established.

Fund

Monthly interpretative costs are approximately ~\$225.00-\$250.00.

1. The Sign Language Fund pays for interpreters by accepting contributions from AA groups, districts and individual AA members. Contributions are not used for any other purpose. In keeping with the traditions, we have no other affiliation and accept no outside contributions. We rely on contributions from AA members and entities to pay for interpreting services. Most groups pass the Sign Language Funds "Collections C an."

Groups are welcome to make regular contributions by group conscience. We appreciate regular contributions as they help us maintain a stable budget

Checks should be made payable to "**District 02**". Contributions should include '**Sign Language Fund**' in the memo line. All contributions, whether large or small are appreciated.

Contributions can be sent to:

The Sign Language Fund
c/o District 02 Treasurer
(Current contributions address)

The fund's balance sheet may be viewed at monthly as part of the District 02 Treasurer Report.

2. Establishing a District funded line item will ensure we have the funds available on a monthly basis.

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
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corrections@district02aa.org



This sharing session will focus on the discussion regarding changing our Founder's writings - all are welcome



74th GSC SHARING SESSION

**Sunday 3/17
12:30pm-3:30pm**

Serenity Club in Hayward, WI
10339 S. Florida Ave

HYBRID

<https://haywardwiareaaa.org/events-calendar/>
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Area 74 Spring Conference

May 17,18,19, 2024

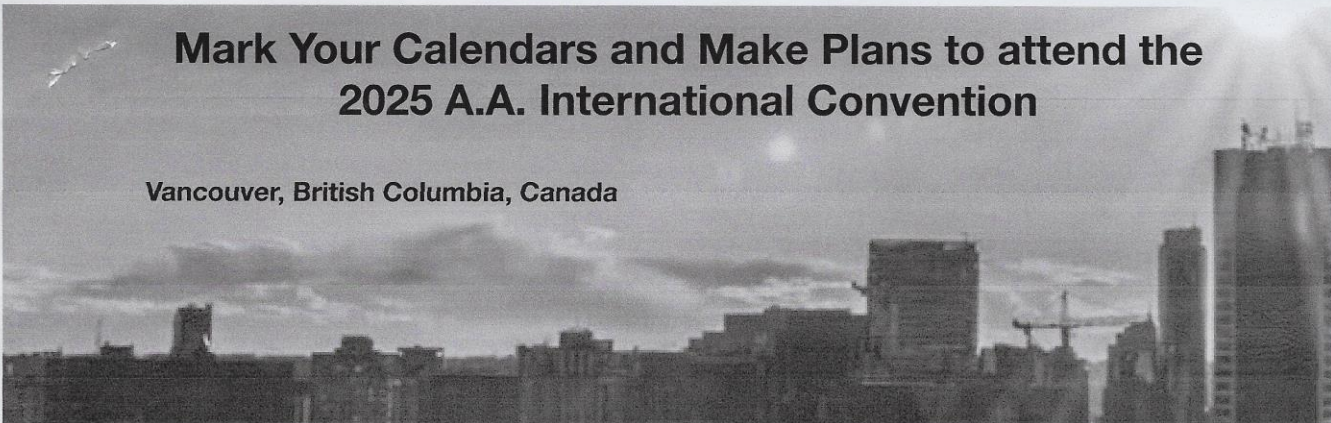
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From Chapter Seven, Page 89 of our Big Book

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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 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!**