

# DISTRICT 02

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# NEWSLETTER

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

Greetings!!

Spring Conference was great! Lots of food, fun, and happy times shared between many AA's from all over Northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Also, we had an honored guest from Indiana, Cathi C., our East Central Regional Trustee.

There was also a lot of Business on Saturday morning. Here is some of the info Nicholas, our Delegate, shared with us regarding the April Conference in NY City:

- \* No decision was made on whether to ever change the Founder's writings.
- \* The Plain Language Big Book (PLBB) should be coming out in December or early 2025. Nicholas read a few chapters of the draft and felt it was quite good.
- \* The La Viña is continuing to be printed but they need lots more subscriptions to help them stay afloat. (Suggestion: Buy La Viña and have it available in your homegroup)
- \* There has been discussion about relocating the General Service Office (GSO) to another city. Now, after extensive research, it looks like the best decision is to keep it in NY City.
- \* The pamphlet for the Transgender alcoholic was approved 86 to 40 and will be printed.
- \* Regarding closing statement/ prayer for the International Convention in 2025, the Lord's prayer was removed as an option. Part of the reason is, there were some groups/ members having trauma from that prayer. Other options include the 3rd step prayer and the Responsibility Declaration.

The bottom line for the whole event in Ashland was....How can we help Carry the Message to the still suffering alcoholic?

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

Ps. Special thanks to all of you who showed up in Ashland, in person and on zoom. Yay!!

**Joe S., who oversees the Appleton Hotline says our groups don't need to contribute for the next 3 years or so. He says there is about \$2,000 in the coffers now and the Hotline is doing fine. Big thanks to all of the groups who have given their support!**

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

### District 02 Meeting Minutes for May 2024

The May 5, 2024, District Meeting was held hybrid at St. Mark's Church, Green Bay Rd., Neenah. The meeting started at 2:00 p.m. There were 28 people in person & 4 people on Zoom; 30 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. Flyers, pamphlets & service manuals are available on the table.

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

Kathy read Tradition 5 – long form.

Tim read Concept 5 from the Concepts checklist. Jodi read the thinking points.

Approval April 2024 Minutes - A motion was made by Cindy to accept the Secretary report. Bob seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary Report: Karla. Committee Chairs & GSR's please submit your reports to me by Tuesday May 14th, 2024, to ensure I can get the notes to Digger in a timely manner. Email reports to [secretary@district02aa.org](mailto: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 Bob to accept the Treasurers report. Jodi seconded. Motion passed.

### GSRs Reports

Harold – Wednesday Night Our Southern Friend Group at Changing Lanes Alano Club – healthy attendance at meetings.

### LCM Reports

Subdistrict A: Open

Subdistrict B: Open

Subdistrict C: James. No Report.

Subdistrict D: Open

Subdistrict E: Open

Subdistrict F: Open

**Archives:** Kathy. Went through things at CO. They do need Grapevines from 2016 to present to archive. If any groups have extra Grapevines please reach out to Kathy or bring them to the June District Meeting.

**Grapevine:** Patrick. No report.

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**Corrections:** Kendra. Six of us met on 5/5/24 and discussed Bridging the Gap form, how it's used, and consistency with Area 75 forms. Will discuss it again at next month's meeting. Suggestion was made that the committee track how many AA books are purchased with district 02 contributions and what facilities they are brought into. Majority of the committee voted not to take inventory with one abstaining from voting. Two institutions must receive books shipped directly from the publisher, volunteers can no longer bring in. Discussion of Outagamie County Jail adding a Monday night men's meeting - held back to back (have two 1-hour meetings). There are 16 men in the meeting with 25 inmates on the waiting list. Will reach out to the Monday volunteers if they would commit to support - if they commit, will reach out to the jail as next steps. Next month's corrections committee meeting is TBD.

**Bridging the Gap:** Brad. Contacted someone on 4/30/24. No new requests since.

**Newsletter:** Digger. April newsletter went out without any issues. May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline to get flyers or other information in the newsletter. Email those items to Digger.

**Public Information:** Susan. The PI Committee met on April 16, 2024 with 5 members in attendance

Old Business

Expenses to date for 2024 - \$192.79

\$111.81 Hotline Cards, \$62.64 Acrylic Hotline Card Holders, \$18.34 Candy

The committee continues to work on projects for 2024

### Hotline Card Distribution update

- Police Stations - 4
- Fire Stations - 6
- Hotels/Motels – 5
- Laundromats – 3

Hotline cards made available at the Al-Anon Funshop Saturday May 4, 2024 Appleton

Little Lending Libraries – 4 in Appleton have received 2 Grapevines each

- Hotline Card Distribution will expand to include hotels (65), police stations (29) and fire stations (12)

The Hotline Cards are available for the use by the members or by 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.
- 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.

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

### New Business

- Our committee continues to collect Grapevines to be distributed to Little Lending Libraries
- PI Committee meetings will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 6 PM May 21, 2024  
June 18, 2024 In Person Genesis Club or Zoom: ID 438 420 4275 PW Serenity
- 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](mailto:publicinfo@district02aa.org)
- New projects still being considered; will keep the group updated  
Our next meeting will be, May 21, 2024 at the Genesis Club in the large upstairs room/  
Hybrid available – the time has been changed to 6PM, one hour earlier than in the past  
ID 438 420 4275 PW Serenity

Web Master: No report.

**Treatment & Accessibilities:** Jodi. 5/4/24 – 3 people in attendance

Discussed:

1. New sober living facility in Oshkosh – Genesis House. Requested AA support. Reaching out to facility to see how we can be of service.
2. Redistributing duties visiting treatment / medical facilities filling racks with pamphlets. Dylan offered to take over Oshkosh.
3. Review meeting minutes for AAWS All Accessibilities meeting that was attended 4/8/24.
4. Adding link to District 02 for accessing signed meetings.  
All Accessibilities ASL Meeting minutes attached. (Discussed in old business.)

**DCM:** Jane. I went to the online Area PI meeting. My assignment is to work on possibilities for a billboard to be posted somewhere in Area 74. Up north they have little informational posters in public restrooms but apparently the company who does that stuff near us won't work with our organization. I-heart Radio service announcements is another project in the works. I've been telling various groups about the new Plain Language Big Book that was approved at the Conference and is on its way to being published. Also, making people aware of the Spring Conference in Ashland where we'll hear more about current issues including the Founder's writings.

Attended the online Area 74 DCM meeting and reported our need for an alternate DCM. Also mentioned our potential baseball game event with District 01. I found out there will be a Service Workshop in Marquette, MI on Aug 3. Nicholas our Delegate was present and wants to be invited to share his report and take questions from members in our District. Additionally, the Alternate Delegate wants to attend our District meeting sometime. I called our Delegate and heard his enthusiasm after being at the General Service Conference. He reported learning a ton especially after visiting the GSO and Stepping Stones. He is asking the Area to reimburse him \$600 for 2 nights at the hotel. That was so he could take extra days to go to GSO and Stepping Stones. Our groups should be discussing this, as it may come up as a vote in the near future.

I am continuing to attempt updating the District 02 meeting list.

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

### Old Business

Open positions 2024 Elections

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

Alt DCM – no nominations. Carried over.

**District Guidelines Book** – Kendra edited the guidelines. Jane can email those that would like a copy. There are a couple copies on the table at the meeting. There are 10 people in the meeting that want the guidelines. She will bring it to the next meeting.

**ASL Issues**-Jodi. Attended the GSO AA All Accessibilities Monthly Meeting on April 8, 2024, via Zoom <http://deafaa.org>

### **Funding**

#### **Gold Can – Area 08**

- Services are available at the Group, District and Area levels.
- The Area has a budget for interpreting.
- Gold can has become an Area 08 ASL interpreting fund for deaf members in meetings.
  - Gold can fund is specifically for members for AA meetings at the group level
  - This is how they pay for interpreting services for the deaf community.
  - There is a QR code to donate (Venmo)
- Previously access to meetings was only available through voluntary signers.
- Money was handled through the Area Accessibilities Committee
- If someone wants to try a new meeting the interpreter is sent to that new meeting.
- Some groups host workshops and events – signers attend those as well.

#### **How do you know if the deaf community would use the service?**

- Share information at the various groups and ask home groups if they know of any deaf alcoholics.
- Post information at grocery stores – use the interpreter hands in literature – it is a standard in the deaf community.
  - Post in deaf clubs and other community and deaf community places.
  - You'll never have a deaf member in a meeting if you don't have ASL.
  - Deaf members should have the same choice as everyone else.
  - They will look for different meetings that they are comfortable with just like any other alcoholic.
- Budget is created that the member can go to any meeting and receive ASL services.
- It took us about 3 years for ASL in meetings to get traction.
- It is being developed by the deaf community.
- Venmo accounts can be used to collect contributions.
- Contributions are spent as the deaf community decides which meetings to go to

Check out the website <https://sites.google.com/view/deafaa/home> to find locations and events for the deaf

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### **Other options besides ASL?**

- Video relay interpreter – very expensive and usually used in treatment centers.
- Closed captions are not a good option because it is exhausting for the deaf member, and they have no way to share in the meeting.
- In the next several months there may be some new options launching with Zoom. We will keep our eyes open.
- If a deaf member showed up in your meeting, you could direct them to the list of interpreted online meetings. (we can post a link on District 02 website)

***Assessment: With other options, the deaf member may get some of the message, but not all of it and is not able to share their message.***

### **Other Comments from deaf community**

- 97% of deaf children are born to a hearing parent.
- “Nothing about us without us!”

Presenter (deaf) was from ASL Rule 62 meeting.

- Deaf and blind alcoholics are the last to get services.
- I was sad and lonely and so isolated.

### **Treatment & Accessibility Committee – Area 08**

- Committee meets once per month.
- Interpreter is \$65 per hour (Same as in our area-weekend/evening rates may be higher)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition funds are used to pay for services.
- The interpreter needs to be certified to provide a standard quality of service.
- Signing takes place on zoom.
  - recommended that the signer wears black shirts and has a black non-patterned background.
- Signing is an exact language.

Mike-do we know what audience is out there. Jodi-we don't know and should not be asking if we are not going to pursue this. There is a signing community in this area.

Kimmery – did it take 3 years to get funds for this. Jodi-it took 3 years to get this going with people attending meetings.

Harold- Can the deaf use an APP. Jodi-The deaf want to communicate through ASL not an APP. It is difficult for them to be able to speak.

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Susan – does anyone in our District know ASL? Jodi – not sure. No one has come up to say they know. But it needs to be someone certified.

Robin-there is a resource for signers. Jodi-The signer doesn't need to be an AA member. There are multiple groups in the Fox Valley that are signers. If we get to that point, we would like to stick to a couple of signers that become familiar with District 02.

Jodi-would like GSR's to go back to their groups and talk about this. The T & A Committee can provide gold cans. We need to know how to fund ASL. Also need to know if the District would like to continue pursuing ASL

Harold cost? Jodi-Depends on meeting \$65-\$105 per hour, 2 hour minimum. Depends on day or night or weekend.

Bev-how prevalent is ASL around the nation. Jodi-ASL has been growing leaps & bounds. Depends on the part of country. Green Bay has members that attend regular sign meetings.

### **New Business**

GSR Group Issue – the topic of safety and working with difficult or disruptive individuals in meetings was discussed at the GSR Roundtable prior to the District Meeting. There have been some situations at meetings where individual (s) have been difficult or disruptive. Here are some suggestions that were discussed that can be helpful for those that experience this with members that may be difficult or disruptive.

- Remembering the only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.
- Put safety cards on tables at AA meetings.
- Having a meeting format is helpful.
- Having an outline that describes each job duty within an AA meeting.
- Having a conversation with the member as it relates to their behavior, being honest & open.
- Reaching out to the District or Area for helpful suggestions.

A motion has been made to leave this topic of safety out of the monthly newsletter. Motion was seconded by Joe. Motion passed 17 voted yes, 2 voted no & 2 abstained. The minority had the right to voice their opinion. It was discussed that transparency is important and that if this was discussed at the District meeting, then the notes should stay in the monthly newsletter. It was suggested that maybe this topic shouldn't have been added to new business as it was already on the agenda for the GSR Roundtable Meeting.

A motion was made by Harold to open the discussion back up, Joe seconded the motion. There were a few that voted no that now understand and appreciate the minority speaking up. A motion was made by Bob to put the notes in the monthly newsletter. Jodi seconded the motion. Motion passed 15-voted yes, 2 voted no & 5 abstained.

## DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – MAY 2024

Delegate Will groups approve of Area covering extra expenses while he was in NY

The delegate spent 2 extra nights in hotel. Bev-why did he go to stepping stones & GS office? Jane-GSO decided not to fund this. Steppingstones is an experience you must not miss.

Harold-is the \$600 spread out among the districts. Jane-the Area takes out of their treasury.

Harold brought up with his group they are for covering the expense. Jane asked at the meeting how many groups would be for covering the Delegate for this expense; 9 yes & 2 no.

Area Delegate Invite him to visit & share about General Service Conference?  
 Informal vote. 12-yes, 1-no. At a District Meeting 13 yes or separate event 2 no.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn was made by Harold, and seconded by Tim. Motion carried at 3:48 p.m. and closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

The next District meeting is Sunday June 9, 2024, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2330 E Calumet St., Appleton.

### DATES TO REMEMBER 2024

4/14-4/20/24	73 <sup>rd</sup> Gen Serv Conf	Brooklyn, NY		
<b>5/17-5/19/24</b>	<b>Area 74 Spring Conf</b>	<b>District 13</b>	<b>Ashland, WI</b>	
<b>5/18/24</b>	<b>Area 74 Assembly</b>	<b>District 13</b>	<b>Ashland, WI</b>	
<b>5/19/24</b>	<b>Area Comm Mtg</b>	<b>District 13</b>	<b>Ashland, WI</b>	
6/7-6/9/24	East Central Reg Conf	Michigan State Conv	Grand Rapids, MI	
<b>8/3/24</b>	Area Comm Mtg <i>(optional)</i>	<b>Virtual</b>		
<b>9/13-9/15/24</b>	<b>Area 74 Fall Conf</b>	<b>District 04</b>	<b>Holiday Inn</b>	<b>Stevens Point, WI</b>
<b>9/14/24</b>	<b>Area Assembly</b>	<b>District 04</b>	<b>Holiday Inn</b>	<b>Stevens Point, WI</b>
<b>9/15/24</b>	<b>Area Comm Mtg</b>	<b>District 04</b>	<b>Holiday Inn</b>	<b>Stevens Point, WI</b>
<b>10/12/24</b>	<b>Fall Assembly</b>	<b>Quality Inn</b>	<b>Rhineland, WI</b>	
<b>12/7/24</b>	<b>Area Comm Mtg</b>	<b>Virtual</b>		

**\*\*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**



# DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT – APRIL 2024

Beginning Balance 4/1/2024

\$ 6,435.32

May 5, 2024 District Meeting Report

## Contributions

Date	District Group Contributions	
4/30/2024	Corrections Workshop	\$25.00
4/30/2024	Seymour Group	\$8.50
4/30/2024	Design for Living	\$257.00
4/30/2024	Sunday Morning AA Group	\$102.00
4/30/2024	Sunrise Group	\$28.23
4/30/2024	Kimberly 10:00 Meeting	\$50.00
4/30/2024	Greenville Group	\$60.00
4/30/2024	Design for Living	\$195.00
4/30/2024	Sunday Morning AA Group	\$170.00

**Total deposits \$ 895.73**

## Withdrawals

Date	Check #	Expenses (checks/withdrawals)	
4/12/2024	2172	Tom A.-March Adobe Software	\$ 13.70
4/12/2024	2173	Kendra R. - Cor. Committee copies, April stipend, BTG	\$ 105.11
4/12/2024	2174	Jane M. - Copies, Winter Assem., gas, hotel	\$ 117.80
4/14/2024	2175	Tom A.-March Microsoft-software	\$ 8.70
4/14/2024	2176	Jane M.-Copies, April stipend, snacks	\$ 30.12
4/14/2024	2177	Bob H.-Cor. Lit., Big Books	\$ 230.00
4/25/2024	2178	St. Mark's Lutheran Church-May District Mtg. rent	\$ 35.00
4/27/2024	2179	Kendra R.- Cor. Lit. Big Books	\$ 242.34

**Total withdrawals \$ 782.77**

## Register balance - Month end

Beginning balance	\$ 6,435.32
Deposits	\$ 895.73
Withdrawals	\$ (782.77)
<b>Register balance</b>	<b>\$ 6,548.28</b>

## Outstanding Checks

4/27/2024	2179	Kendra R.- Cor. Lit. Big Books	\$242.34
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**Total Outstanding checks \$ 242.34**

## Bank Reconciliation

Community First Credit Union	
Beginning balance	\$ 6,505.32
Deposits	\$ 895.73
Withdrawals	\$ (610.43)
Outstanding checks	\$ (242.34)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,548.28</b>

## Balance available to District

Register balance	\$ 6,548.28
Prudent reserve	\$ (500.00)
Corrections Literature	\$ (431.44)
<b>Total available to District</b>	<b>\$ 5,616.84</b>

## Petty Cash

Petty cash beginning balance	\$ 50.00
Petty cash ending balance	<b>\$ 50.00</b>

## Committee Budget Balance (Remaining)

Archives	\$ 463.97
Corrections	\$ 759.05
DCM	\$ 2,658.70
Grapevine	\$ 820.00
Newsletter	\$ 320.20
PI	\$ 2,430.00
Treasurer	\$ 858.12
Treatment & Acces.	\$ 1,070.00
<b>BUDGET BALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)</b>	<b>\$ 9,380.04</b>

## \*Corrections Literature

Starting Balance	\$ 511.28
Contributions	\$ 25.00
	\$ 8.50
	\$ 257.00
	\$ 102.00
<b>Total deposits</b>	<b>\$ 392.50</b>
Withdrawals	\$ (230.00)
	\$ (242.34)
<b>Total withdrawals</b>	<b>\$ (472.34)</b>

**Ending Corrections Literature Balance \$ 431.44**

**\*NOTE - Separate from district balance**

## ***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:

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:** Next meeting is Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 9am 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:** Next meeting is Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at Genesis Club, 1213 N Appleton St, Appleton. Zoom ID: 438 420 4275 Passcode: Serenity. The Public Information (P.I.) Committee provides information about Alcoholics Anonymous to the general public within District 02 and is also responsible for the District 02 Website.

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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](http://www.aa.org/box-459)

# ***DISTRICT 02 MEETING AGENDA***

***June 9, 2024 - 2:00 PM (GSR Discussion 1:30pm)***

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – 2330 E Calumet St – Appleton**  
**ZOOM MEETING ID: 875 9555 4987    PASSCODE: 844696**

Open with Serenity Prayer

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

Twelve Traditions – Tradition 6 long form

Twelve Concepts – Concept 6

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

- a. GSR's
- b. LCM's – James; LCM-C
- c. Archives - Kathy
- d. Grapevine - Patrick R.
- e. Corrections - Kendra R.
  1. Bridging the gap – Brad N.
- f. Newsletter - Digger A.
- g. Public Information - Susan B.
  1. Webmaster – Trevor F.
- h. Treatment and Accessibilities - Jodi L.
- i. DCM - Jane M.

Old Business:

- Available positions > Alt DCM, LCM's A,B,D,E,F
- New District Guidelines booklets
- ASL Issues (T and A) First off, do the groups want this issue to be continued to be explored? (15 minute time limit)
- Assembly did approve the Area to reimburse Nicholas \$647 for his New York trip

New Business:

- Nicholas will come to one of our District meetings and share about his NY Conference experience - When?
- A question from the Spring Assembly to bring back to the groups
- Other?

The NEXT District Meeting: Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>, Solutions Club Inc., 621 Evans St, Oshkosh  
1:30 GSR Discussion / 2pm District Meeting



See                      You All There, Okay !!!  
Participation is the key to Harmony!!

# 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> <b>Early due to</b> <b>Mothers Day</b>	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 NEWSLETTER  
JUNE, 1989*

## THE SIXTH TRADITION

**“An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”**

Money, property, and prestige. These are the pitfalls which early A.A.'s found to be threats to their continuous sobriety and continued success as a group. In the beginning, the Foundation (now the General Service Board) was chartered for all sorts of activities: education, research, everything but to lobby for prohibition, according to the book *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*. The old-timers saw all these needs, wanted to meet them, and wanted lots of money to do so. (p107)

As Bill W. observed, it was natural for us to want to do so many things, apply A.A. principles to the needs around us, because most of us are bankrupt idealists. A.A.'s plunge into trying to establish hospitals for alcoholics who weren't then welcome in many existing hospitals, to start educational programs, to change laws which imprisoned alcoholics. The public, seeing so many starts in different directions, became confused. Who were these people?

A story in the 12 & 12 tells of the recovering P.R. expert who was offered a job promoting responsible use of alcohol for a liquor trade association. So far so good, but he was to publicly identify himself as an A.A. member, which would have implied A.A. endorsed this trade association. (p157-8)

The P.R. man consulted with the New York A.A. office. Together the group decided that if this man publicly revealed his A.A. status in this cause, soon the “dry's”, those advocating total abstinence, would hunt for an A.A. member to tout their cause. An endless merry-go-round would have been mounted. The group agreed that, while the P.R. man was entitled to use his insight about alcoholism and his P.R skills in a job, it would be bad business for him to publicly break his anonymity and give the impression that A.A. endorsed any other than its only purpose, to help suffering alcoholics find sobriety.

In these early days, the members learned that they could not even run clubs for recovering alcoholics. The business got confused with the aim of sobriety. That's why today, clubs like the Genesis Club are separate organizations from A.A.

Bill observes in *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, “We saw that the more AA minded its own business the great its influence would become.” (p 109) And so we see today many other groups borrow AA's steps and methods to deal with problems such as over-eating, gambling, or drug addiction. We of A.A. are influential as long as we stick to our business of staying sober and anonymous.

Barb G.

# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

## JUNE 2024

**First Friday of the Month, June 7<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm **Genesis Club**, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton. Potluck at 6pm, please bring a dish to pass!

**June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**, 89<sup>th</sup> Founders Day Celebration, **Changing Lanes Alano**, 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown. SEE FLYER

**Second Sunday of the Month, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, District Meeting at 2pm, **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**, 2330 E Calumet St., Appleton. GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

**Second Sunday of the Month, June 9<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, Potluck at 6pm, bring a side dish to share, **First Congregational Church**, 724 E South River St, Appleton. *Hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 897 8011 3671 Passcode: 027543

**Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>**, Seymour Intergroup, 349 N Main St, doors open 4:30, Dinner 6, Speakers 7, bring a side dish SEE FLYER

**Third Friday of the Month, June 21<sup>st</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 8pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available.

**Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>**, District 1 and 2 Timber Rattlers baseball tailgating and fellowship SEE FLYER

**Last Sunday of the Month, June 30<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

**Last Sunday of the June 30<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

## JULY 2024

**First Friday of the Month, July 5<sup>th</sup>**, 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, July 14<sup>th</sup>**, District Meeting at 2pm, **Solutions Recovery Inc.**, 621 Evans St., Oshkosh. GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

**Second Sunday of the Month, July 14<sup>th</sup>**, 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, July 19<sup>th</sup>**, 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, July 28<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

**Last Sunday of the July 28<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

## MEETINGS.....SERVICE.....SPONSORSHIP

He went to meetings every day but still could not stay sober  
He even shared once and a while, his sponsor his provoker  
He had a stretch of 90 days, abstaining from the drink  
But on day number 91, sobriety down the sink

His sponsor said that he was glad to see him at the meetings  
But told him it was not enough, his program not completing  
To truly gain sobriety, some things you should not shirk  
Get off your ass, get more involved and do some service work

It's at meetings where you learn about what other members do  
The things that keep them sober, and the troubles they went through  
You hear them speak of where they go to help those in despair  
To spread the AA message and to show them that they care

And as you get outside yourself, extend a helping hand  
You'll also find that you are helped, you start to understand  
That working with folks just like you will act as a reminder  
Of where you were, before AA, your life was in the grinder

Our man did what his sponsor asked and joined some other members  
Who took a weekly meeting to a local treatment center  
He saw the desperation of the folks inside the room  
They'd nowhere else to turn, their lives consumed with gloom and doom

That brought him back to memories of how he'd been the same  
With thoughts he just might end it all, the guilt, disgust and shame  
He realized once he took that drink his prospects would be grim  
The next time that this group came here, they might be here for him

Some time had passed and he'd continued going every week  
He spoke about his struggles and the help he had to seek  
He said he came to offer hope, a new path to ensue  
If he could put the bottle down, then they could do it too

He shared his number with a few, invited them to call  
Most of them declined his help, but fortunately, not all  
A fellow called to tell him that his stay was soon completing  
And wondered if he'd pick him up and take him to a meeting

What started as a lone event evolved into much more  
Our man became his sponsor, a vocation not a chore  
He discovered sponsorship helped keep his own program on track  
By reaching out it help reduced his chance of slipping back

Meetings, service, sponsorship, they're all essential pieces  
To keep us focused, on the beam, sobriety increases  
Each one has its importance, but combined they work the best  
We need all three to finally put our drinking days to rest

LARRY R.

## District 02 Committee Information

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

**Chairperson:** Kathy [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)

**Bridging the Gap:** Brad N. [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.

**Chairperson:** Jodi L. [tfc@district02aa.org](mailto:tfc@district02aa.org)

### OTHER DISTRICT CONTACTS

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**District 02 Website**

[www.district02aa.org](http://www.district02aa.org)

**Area 74 Website**

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

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### **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**

813 E Harrison St

Appleton, WI 54915

### **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)



# 71<sup>st</sup> Michigan State Convention

*combined with the*

## ECR Conference

**June 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Calvin University

3201 Burton S.E.

Grand Rapids, MI 49546



**CONNECTING WITH**

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**UNITY**



**SERVICE**

**Keynote Speakers:**

Friday: *Rich H.*, Hebron, IL

Saturday: *Madonna V.*, Auburn Hills, MI

Saturday Al-Anon - *TBA*

Sunday: *Barefoot Scott S.*, Hersey, MI

**CARRYING THE A.A. MESSAGE OF RECOVERY**

What makes an A.A. convention click for its participants?

It's probably not style or form that matters so much as the spirit and feeling behind it. As one member puts it, the best A.A. convention is "*just a darned good A.A. meeting blown up big.*" Just watch enthusiastic members at any A.A. convention and you'll get what he means. The atmosphere alone is worth the trip. Here you'll find fellowship, laughter, warmth, and understanding — "*heaped up, pressed down, and running over.*"

Mg-04 A.A. Guidelines, Conferences, Conventions, and Roundups

Please visit [wmaa34.org](http://wmaa34.org) for more information as it becomes available.

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# CHANGING LANES

344 BROADWAY ST.  
WRIGHTSTOWN, WI  
920-532-9046



## FOUNDERS DAY JUNE 7-9, 2024

*Celebration*

### 89TH ANNIVERSARY

- Register to camp at the club by calling or texting Karen @ 608-852-6510
- Speaker Meetings
- Campfires
- Bowling
- Alcoholics Anonymous Trivia



Guest speakers

MADONNA- SARASOTA, FL  
JOHN- GREEN BAY, WI  
ANNETTE- WAUPACA, WI  
TERRY- SHERWOOD, WI

CHANGING LANES ALANO CLUB

*Founders Day Celebration*

JUNE 7-9, 2024

*89th Anniversary*

344 Broadway St. Wrightstown, WI

920-532-9046



**Friday June 7th**

4:30-6:30pm Camper registration and  
set up

6:00-7:00pm Ice Cream Social

Suggested \$5 donation

7:00-8:00pm Speaker Meeting  
Annette –Waupaca  
Sponsored by WOW

8:00-10:00pm Campfire

**Saturday June 8th**

8:00-10:00am Breakfast

10:00-11:00am Room to Spare

11:00-1:00pm AA Trivia

12:00-1:30pm Grills available for  
Lunch

1:30-3:30pm Bowling, Outdoor  
Games, etc

4:00-5:00pm Speaker Meeting  
John –Green Bay  
Sponsored by Bottom  
of the Bridge

5:00-7:00pm Potluck Picnic

7:00-8:00pm Speaker Meeting  
Madonna-Sarasota  
Sponsored by Our  
Southern Friend

8:00-10:00pm Campfire

**Sunday June 9th**

8:00-10:00am Breakfast

10:00-11:00am Speaker Meeting  
Terry - Sherwood  
Sponsored by Room  
to Spare

11:00-1:30pm Pack Up

***Seymour Intergroup***  
***Saturday June 15, 2024***

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**  
**349 N. Main Street, Seymour**

**Doors open @ 4:30pm, Dinner @ 6pm**

**Hot sandwiches provided,**

**We are a small group so please bring a side dish to share.**

**Don't come alone, bring a friend or two..**

**Meeting starts @ 7:00**

**AA Speaker: Mike N GreenBay WI**

**Alanon Speaker: (TBA)**

**Door Prizes & Fellowship**

**Air Conditioned....Wheel Chair Accessable .... Coffee, Soda & Water available**

**50/50 raffle**



## **DISTRICT 1 & DISTRICT 2**

# **INVITE YOU TO AN EVENING OF BASEBALL!**



## **Timber Rattlers**

6:40 p.m vs South Bend Cubs

Saturday June 29th, 2024

2400 Casaloma Drive

Appleton, WI 54913

**Tailgating & Fellowship**

At 4:00p.m

**Post game fireworks!**

\$15/per person (box seats) Tickets need to be prepaid by June 8th. Send checks to AA District 1, PO Box 11421, Green Bay WI, 54307-1421

**Questions: Melanie B (920) 360-9240**

This is an open event  
7th tradition scholarships available



**OPEN AA MEETINGS & AL-ANON MEETINGS  
AT THE EAA NATURE CENTER in OSHKOSH, WI  
WITHIN THE EAA CONVENTION GROUNDS**

*There is no admission charge to get into the 12-step high meeting location.*

**Meetings held daily from  
July 21st (Sunday) to July 28 (Sunday)**

**Greeting and Fellowship at 7:00 AM  
Meeting at 8:00 AM**

**Saturday July 27 - Speaker Meeting**

Molly M 920-410-5696  
Mike B. 708-259-3389  
Don T. 920-376-4186



- Take US 41(N or S) to EAA exit and follow the EAA entrance road for 2 miles past the EAA museum (get into left lane) until you come to intersection. Turn left onto the road. Parking is in gravel lot to the left and large white "Baby Ace" tent. on right side of road is the meeting place.
- From Oshkosh, take South Park St to HWY 44 turn left into EAA entrance road. Follow for 2 miles past the EAA museum (get into left lane) until you come to intersection. Turn left onto the road. Parking is in gravel lot to the left and large white "Baby Ace" tent. on right side of road is the meeting place.

# i New AA Meeting !

**We Are:** Donut Holes Group | Alcoholics Anonymous

**Where:** Solutions Recovery, Inc 621 Evans St. Oshkosh, WI 54901

**When:** Beginning Apr 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm and every Sat; same time, thereafter



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SAT

7:00

PM

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

1511 Nicolet Blvd  
NEENAH

"HORIZONS 2" closed meeting

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Welcome!

We look forward to seeing  
you!!



# CORRECTIONS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Need men and women to bring AA meetings inside both county and state-run correctional facilities, where those populations cannot attend outside AA meetings

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## *Calumet County*

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### **Calumet County Jail**

206 Court St, Chilton, WI 53014

Men's Mtg: Tues @ 6:30 PM

Women's Mtg: Tues @ 6:30 PM

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## *Outagamie County*

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### **Outagamie County Jail**

3030 Goodland Dr, Appleton, WI 54911

Men's Mtg: Monday @ 7:15 PM

Men's Mtg: Thurs @ 7:15 PM

Women's Mtg: Tues @ 7:15 PM



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## *Winnebago County*

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### **Winnebago County Jail**

Men's Mtg: Weds @ 7:00 PM

Women's Mtg: Weds @ 7:00 PM

### **Winnebago Correctional Center**

Men's Mtg: Weds @ 6:30 PM

### **Wisconsin Resource Center**

Men's Mtg: Weds @ 6:30 PM

Women's Mtg: Weds @ 6:30 PM

### **Oshkosh State Correctional Institution**

Men's Mtg: Weds @ 6:30 PM & 7:30 PM (2 hours)

Men's Mtg: Friday @ 9:30 AM (1 hour)

### **Drug Abuse Correctional Center**

Men's Mtg: Thurs @ 6:30 PM

Men's Mtg: Sat @ 2:25 PM

Men's Mtg: 2nd & 4th Friday @ 6:30PM

