**DISTRICT 02** 

**AUGUST 2024** 

# NEWSLETTER

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** 

Volume 40

Issue 8

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

Hello!!



It was a BIG DEAL having Nicholas come from Eau Claire to Oshkosh and talk to us about the 74th General Service Conference.

The most alarming topic he presented was regarding how AA appears to be weakening. Nicholas told us that in the late 1990's there were 2 million members in AA. Since then, the US population has increased by about 60 million plus. However, the number of members in AA is CURRENTLY about 2 million! Therefore, AA is NOT growing!! We need to do a better job connecting to new members. For this reason, things like the Plain Language Big Book and 'live chat' on Area websites may be helpful. But, there's a lot more each one of us can do to put our hands out to those still miserably drowning in a Sea of Alcohol.

Groups should also be aware that Area 74 may be considering "fully seating" our Delegate for future General Service Conferences. This means Area would pay GSO about \$9,000 to host our Delegate for a week in New York versus the current -- portion of the full rate (about \$2,600). Of 93 Delegates to the Conference only 3 pay the full rate. Please DISCUSS this at your group business meeting.

Additionally...another topic to DISCUSS is whether Area Finance should reimburse officers (not the Delegate) for upcoming events such as Assemblys, Conferences, etc AHEAD of TIME or NOT. Traditionally, Finance has not reimbursed officers for gas, food, etc until the actual day of said event. Officers filled out a form, turned it in, and received a check immediately. If you have questions please contact me. Thanks!

Gratefully -- in Love and Service, Jane M - DCM District 02 dcm@district02aa.org

Do you have a flyer, article, poem, etc. that you would like inserted in the newsletter? Please email it to

newsletter@district02aa.org

Deadline for publication in the September newsletter is end-of-day on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

District 02 Meeting Minutes for July 2024

The July 14, 2024, District Meeting was held hybrid at Solutions Recovery Club, 621 Evans St., Oshkosh. The meeting started at 2:20 p.m. There were 24 people in person & 4 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. Housekeeping – silence phones, be courteous, no side conversations.

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

Nicholas read Tradition 7 – long form.

James & Chris read Concept 7 from the Concepts checklist.

Approval June 2024 Minutes - A motion was made by Bob to accept the Secretary report with corrections voiced by Jodi. Harold seconded. Motion passed.

Jodi had some revisions to the minutes from June related to the ASL discussion.

- Kendra's comments Instead of saying they are unable to provide funding, Jodi's response was "it is inappropriate to ask them to make the decision on how to provide funding."
- Ana Rae's comments Correction: we talked about adding a link to our website for people to access online ASL meetings. Our webmaster said he can track the number of monthly clicks that use that link.

Secretary Report: Karla. Committee Chairs & GSR's please submit your reports to me by Tuesday July 16, 2024, to ensure I can get the notes to Digger in a timely manner. Email reports to <a href="mailto:secretary@district02aa.org">secretary@district02aa.org</a> 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: Kim. A motion was made by Jodi to accept the Treasurers report. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

#### **GSRs Reports**

Michelle – Thursday Night Women in Recovery at Genesis Club – good turnout. Had women from New London come visit.

James Thursday Night Seymour  $-4^{th}$  of July locked out of building had people show up and had meeting in a play area. Did not come out ahead financially at the intergroup in June (-\$41).

LCM Reports

Subdistrict A: Open

Subdistrict B: Open

Subdistrict C: James. Went to the Clintonville meeting – Friday night carry message about Big Book (plain & simple language version). Answered questions on finance. Went to Bonduel (Monday) to talk plain & simple language version of the Big Book.

Subdistrict D: Open

Subdistrict E: Open

Subdistrict F: Open

**Archives:** Kathy. Looking to add people to the committee in Sept – Oct. Cataloging things. There is stuff for archives that are not kept at Central Office.

Grapevine: Patrick. No Report.

**Corrections:** Mike. No meeting last month or this month. Will meet in August before district meeting. Continuing to learn from Kendra about the position of Committee Chair

Bridging the Gap: Brad. No new requests.

**Newsletter:** Digger. Share with groups how to sign up for newsletter on the District 02 website. July 23<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline to turn in flyers prior to publication of the newsletter.

Public Information: Susan. The PI Committee met on June 18, 2024 with 5 members in attendance

Old Business

Hotline Card Distribution update

Police Stations – 15

Fire Stations - 16

Hotels/Motels – 10

Laundromats, Grocery stores etc. 5

- <u>Hotline Card Distribution</u> includes hotels (65), police stations (29) and fire stations (28) 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.
- Cards available at District meetings for members who need them for distribution

#### Grapevine Distribution update

Little Lending Libraries –35 Total – 32 in Appleton, 3 in Menasha have received 2 Grapevines each More Grapevines are needed for distribution, all have been given away

Please bring to District Meeting, give to other Committee members or Contact Susan B.

920. 858.2379

**New Business** 

• PI Committee meetings will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 6 PM

July 16, 2024

August 2024 – No Meeting

Our Committee is looking for a few more members if interested please let us know Susan B. 920 858 2379 or email <a href="mailto:publicinfo@district02aa.org">publicinfo@district02aa.org</a>

• New projects still being considered; will keep the group updated

Our next meeting will be, July 16, 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

Submitted by, Susan B.

Web Master: Trevor. No Report.

Treatment & Accessibilities: Jodi. 12:13 PM Mtg opened with the Serenity Prayer

In attendance: Jodi L., Dylan N., Kim Rainer

#### Agenda:

• Notes from last district meeting concerning ASL

• Open floor to Dylan to share what he has been doing in Oshkosh

Reviewed the Treatment & Accessibilities minutes in the District Newsletter. Jodi will correct the notes in:

- Kendra's comments Instead of saying they are unable to provide funding, Jodi's response was "it is inappropriate to ask them to make the decision on how to provide funding."
- Ana Rae's comments Correction: we talked about adding a link to our website for people to access online ASL meetings. Our webmaster said he can track the number of monthly clicks that use that link.

Jodi will reach out to Nicholas to:

- 1. Give a background/history of what we have been trying to do with ASL to this point in District 02
- 2. Ask what his Districts experience was getting ASL up and running within their district
- 3. How many meetings weekly/monthly are interpreted at this point
- 4. Attendance
- 5. What is the cost
- 6. How are they funded

- 7. How did you determine the need with the District and did you have attendee's before you offer it
- 8. We will summarize the answers to the above for the District. Are you (or someone more closely involved) willing to talk about it at the district meeting for us in the form of a Q&A

Jodi will reach out to Nicholas to schedule a meeting for the committee to discuss the above questions with him or whoever is responsible for ASL in Eau Claire.

We started a few minutes late – so we decided to stay longer so we could hear what Dylan has been up to in Oshkosh.

He has been doing the following:

- 1. Genesis Men's Treatment Center in Oshkosh Jennifer is the contact
  - a. They requested a few big books
    - i. Dylan will ask Jennifer if they are looking for books to send home with residents or to use at the facility.
    - ii. We will provide 5 Hard Cover Big Books at this time. Jodi will pick them up and deliver them to Dylan at the next District meeting.
  - b. Monthly speakers
    - i. Would she like men and women speakers or just men?
  - c. Needs a rack and pamphlets
    - i. Jodi & Rita will connect with Valerie to get the racks and literature for the facility

Dylan will send Jennifers responses via email so they don't have to wait so long for us to take action.

- 2. Got in touch with Day by Day Shelter Denise Coordinator
  - a. Hours 6PM to 8AM
  - b. Need an AA Rack & Literature
  - c. Dylan has been providing meeting lists, Grapevines and AA event information to this facility
  - d. They are not interested in speakers currently
- 3. Trying to get in touch with Rita to get the racks and literature

Respectfully submitted Kim

**DSM**-Jane. \*\* I have been attending more different meetings in our district. I dispersed information regarding upcoming events, especially the local speaker meetings involving Nicholas our Area 74 Delegate. Also, one group was listed as hybrid but the zoom wasn't turned on. Apparently, there were a few groups doing this recently. I spoke to Todd in Oshkosh and he said he would take care of it. That group has no GSR. I will check back to see how it's going.

\*\* Worked on Group Change Forms for GSR's and groups to be registered. Also made some additions to the newsletter recipient list through Trevor.

- \*\* Made a flyer for the Delegate's talk at the potluck in District 02.
- \*\* Sent emails to GSR's and District officers.
- \*\* Attended Seymour Intergroup. Only about 68 people. Before Covid there would be 300 or more. WHERE is everyone?
- \*\* Attended a Service workshop in Oconto.
- \*\* Corresponded with Trevor (Webmaster) regarding the tech invoice which was \$599 for web services including web hosting, email and a Stipend. Cindy (Treasurer) paid this.
- \*\* Sent materials for the newsletter. Later helped proofread it in its entirety and pointed out possible corrections.
  - \*\* Gave a report at zoom DCM meeting.
- \*\* Attended and took part in Area PI meeting on zoom. Then wrote up the minutes and emailed them to committee members.
- \*\* 2 phone conversations with Bill L Area treasurer about Jeff's groups questions. (This will be discussed in Old Business).
- \*\* Nicholas wants GSR's and their groups to be aware of huge steps the Area is taking to reach still suffering alcoholics. Examples of the work are: television and radio public service announcements, AA booths at fairs, school presentations, live chat on Area or District websites, etc. He encourages groups to support these ventures.
- \*\* Please contact our Grapevine chair Patrick R if you want to be interviewed for a half hour on an ongoing national GV podcast. Or contact me, Jane M and I can help you get connected! (3)
- \*\* Bill D (Area Alternate Delegate) is offering to do a presentation on the structure of AA and importance of the GSR. Consider maybe we could have that as part of our autumn Service workshop?

Jane M - DCM District 02 dcm@district02aa.org

#### **Old Business**

Open positions 2024 Elections

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

Alt DCM – no nominations. Carried over.

Groups Area finance query- should the area reimburse for events before or after the events occur? This topic came from a request at the spring assembly. How? Turn in form day of and a check is written. This has nothing to do with delegate and NY expenses. Comment from area is that this is opening pandora's box. Brought to finance chair that turned in a request form. The form was for fall and brought up in spring. This will be brought up and discussed at the Fall 2024 Conference. Char is writing up a proposal for the Fall 2024 Conference. The \$3000 seed money is a different topic. If a District is hosting a conference, they get the seed money and pay that back after the conference. Dark districts don't participate. An event is defined as a conference, assembly, area business meeting.

In the Area 74 Then & Now Newsletter there will be a series of questions for GSR's to take back to their groups and talk about. Go to the area, read the guidelines!

ASL Issues – Jodi. The body voted last month to move forward with ASL. Will share more info at next month's District Meeting.

#### **New Business**

CPC Committee Consideration- Jane has been getting emails from District 01. Mike is the CPC Chair for the Area. Does District 02 want to have a CPC committee?

Is there any link between CPC and PI?

Can info about CPC be sent out to GSR's so they can take back to groups to talk about and bring back to an upcoming District meeting?

Mike – Treatment & Accessibilities is already working on this they are already going to places that have professionals.

T & A is different in that they don't go to doctor's offices.

James – CPC is diff from PI – He served at the Area level & District at one point. Visited Rotary Clubs, Chamber of Commerce, professional organizations, AODA counselors. Took info to the professional people. It is time consuming. All of them were appreciative. CPC is an important committee.

Kyle was given a link to the CPC information from the website, He will send the link to Jane.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Harold and seconded by Bob. Motion carried at 3:05 p.m. and closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

The next District meeting is Saturday August 11, 2024, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 410 Wallace St., Combined Locks.

#### DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT – JUNE 2024

	District 02 Monthly	Fin	ancial Report	t – June 2024		
	Beginning Balance 6/1/2024	\$	6,693.25	July 14, 2024 District Meeting Report		
Contribution				Bank Reconciliation		
Date	District Group Contributions			Community First Credit Union		
6/28/2024	TATAAM Group		\$200.00	,		
6/28/2024	AA Design For Living Group		\$279.00	Beginning balance	\$	6,728.25
6/28/2024	Sunrise Group		\$54.83	Deposits	\$	1,093.83
6/28/2024	Monday Inspirations - Appleton		\$250.00	Withdrawals	\$	(842.67)
6/28/2024	Genesis Club AA Groups		\$220.00	Outstanding checks	\$	(389.08)
6/28/2024	Hour Sunday Meeting - Sunday AM St. Paul Church		\$90.00	Total	\$	6,590.33
				Balance available to District		
				Register balance	\$	6,590.33
				Prudent reserve	\$	(500.00)
				Corrections Literature	\$	(448.21)
				Total available to District		5,642.12
				Total available to District		3,0 12.22
				Petty Cash		
				Petty cash beginning balance	\$	50.00
				Petty cash ending balance	\$	50.00
				Committee Budget Balance (Remaining)	Ļ	462.07
				Archives	\$	463.97
				Corrections	\$	759.05
	Total damasita	Ļ	1 002 02	DCM Granavina	\$	2,442.85
Withdrawals	Total deposits	<u> </u>	1,093.83	Grapevine Newsletter	\$	820.00 275.40
	Check # Expenses (checks/withdrawals)			PI	\$	1,638.21
	2185 Jane M Confer. Hotel, June Stipend, snacks, copies	\$	145.24	Treasurer	\$	688.38
	2186 Tom AMay adobe & microsoft-subscription	\$	22.40	Treatment & Acces.	\$	1,070.00
	2187 Bob Hsnacks for June District mtg.	\$	13.98	BUDGET BALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)	\$	8,157.86
	2188 Kim M ink cartridge for 6 six months of copies	\$	41.03	BODGET BALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)	Ą	0,137.00
	2189 Tech Net LLCWebmaster service	\$	599.00	*Corrections Literature		
	2190 Solutions Recovery-July District mtg. rent	\$	35.00	Starting Balance	\$	309.31
	2191 Kendra R 24 hour and Big books, Corrections Lit.	\$	340.10	Starting balance	ڔ	309.31
				Contributions		
					\$	200.00
	Total withdrawals	\$	1,196.75		\$	279.00
Register bala	ance - Month end					
	Beginning balance	\$	6,693.25			
	Deposits	\$	1,093.83	Total deposits	\$	479.00
	Withdrawals	\$	(1,196.75)	Withdrawals		
	Register balance	\$	6,590.33		\$	340.10
Outstanding	Checks			Total withdrawals	\$	(340.10)
6/10/2024	2187 Bob Hsnacks for June District mtg.	\$	13.98			
6/22/2024	2190 Solutions Recovery-July District mtg. rent	\$	35.00	<b>Ending Corrections Literature Balance</b>	\$	448.21
	2191 Kendra R 24 hour and Big books, Corrections Lit.	\$	340.10	*NOTE - Separate from district balance		
	Total Outstanding the site		200.00			
	Total Outstanding checks	\$	389.08	0. 1 1 2		
				Cindy L. District 02 Treasurer		

	DATES	TO REMEMBER 2024
4/14-4/20/24	73rd 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 CANCELLED!
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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**Hard copy subscriptions** \$25 for 12 issues mail a check made out to CASH and a completed enrollment form to:

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

#### DISTRICT 02 MEETING AGENDA

August 11, 2024 - 2:00 PM GSR Discussion - 1:30

## St Paul Catholic Church – 410 Wallace St – Combined Locks ZOOM MEETING ID: 875 9555 4987 PASSCODE: 844696

Open with Serenity Prayer

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

Twelve Traditions – Tradition 8 long form

Twelve Concepts - Concept 8

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 Mike H.
  - 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 > LCM's A,B,D,E,F
- >ALT DCM
- Groups Area finance query
- ASL Issues (T and A) update 15 minute time limit
- CPC Maybe start one?
- Fall Conference reminder
- Bill D. speak? Soon or later?

#### **New Business:**

- Elections
- District budget
- Other?

The NEXT District Meeting: Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>, Peace United Methodist Church, 2300 W Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna 1:30 GSR Discussion / 2pm District Meeting

We'll see u 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	St Mark's Church
Early due to Mothers Day	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
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#### **DISTRICT 02 MEMORIES**

#### AS PUBLISHED IN THE DISTRICT 02 NEWSLETTER AUGUST, 1989

#### THE EIGHTH TRADITION

"Alcoholics Anonymous should remail forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers."

From early on in our history, recovering alcoholics found out that they had to help other alcoholics toward sobriety in order to stay sober themselves. Twelfth step work is free.

What about pay for people who typed A.A.'s correspondence or mailed its literature? What about pay for those who swept out clubhouses and saw that they were open on a regular basis? What about pay for those who wrote AA books or answered phones in central offices?

What about people taking jobs as alcoholic counselors at hospitals or treatment centers? Or what about AA members who work in personnel departments of companies, using their inside knowledge of alcoholism to help other employees and to protect their companies?

These kinds of questions bedeviled our fellowship in its early days, and may still confuse people some of the time. Bill W. summarizes AA's experience at the end of Tradition Eight chapter in the 12 and 12 (p171): "Our Twelfth Step is never to be paid for, but those who labor in service for us are worthy of their hire."

One distinction Bill makes in that chapter is that some jobs, some paid workers, become necessary in order to make Twelfth step work possible. Those clubs and meeting places had to be kept open, as did AA offices. Volunteers couldn't be counted on to do the whole job. If we were to function, some janitors and secretaries and cooks and others had to be employed. If they were AA members (and in some positions the AA background was necessary) they were as worthy of pay as if they were non AA members.

In Alcoholics Comes of Age (p115 – 116) the story of Tom, the retired fireman who was the first janitor for the Twenty-Fourth Street clubhouse in New York, is told. Bill and the others asked Tom, whom they'd recently sprung from an asylum, if he'd like to live at the clubhouse. Tom asked, "what's the angle?" and was told he could have a room in exchange for making coffee, and leading the drunks out if they're too bad, and sweeping the place...seven days a week. Tom said, "You guys want a janitor. Ain't you going to pay me nothing?" "Oh no," they said, "that would make you a professional. We mustn't mix money with spirituality." Tom knew better, and told them, "I'm doing my Twelfth step work for free, but if you're going to have me here as a janitor, you're going to pay me, see? They saw.

As for AA's working for other agencies and using their knowledge of alcoholics the early members eventually saw that the problem was one of anonymity, not of professionalism. The trick is to do the work f which we are qualified, but not to break our anonymity, and not to trade on AA's name.

Barb G.

#### **NOT REGRET THE PAST**

We're taught we won't resent the past in promise number nine It's what we did, it can't be changed, it's better left behind And yet, we're told, to not forget about what brought us here The misery we'd caused ourselves, the sorrow, pain and fear

When active with our drinking we would often have regret For things we'd done the night before, unable to forget Humiliation followed us, ashamed to face the day We'd swear this time will be the last, must put the booze away

And for a time that just might work, abstention was our code Some weeks had past and soon those awful memories had slowed Perhaps we were not all that bad, we'd just made some mistakes We're only human after all, let's give ourselves a break

And once those thought about our past had finally disappeared The time was right, we'd found control, so why not have a beer But as before we found that we could not have only one A dozen empty bottles and our relapse had begun

We often hear this story as we sit inside the rooms How members lied unto themselves and let old ways resume They'd closed the door on what they'd done, dismissed painful events And when they did, they'd lost the will, recurrence to prevent

The Ninth Step prayer holds promises of how our lives will change A life of freedom, happiness; serenity obtained But part of what we need to do to hold on to these gifts Is not forget what it was like before we called it quits

Not regretting nor forgetting are two sided of the same coin Each side is an ingredient we need as they conjoin Regrets combat serenity, they impact on our healing Yet, it's important to recall how drinking left us reeling

When walking down a food store aisle, we see a brand-new beer We wonder what it tastes like, old desires reappear It's then we must remember just how bad that last time ended For when we do, we find those thought have quickly been suspended

Regretting does more harm than good, remembering helps resist As alcoholic thoughts appear, it tightens up our fist It gives us the resolve we need to cast those thoughts asunder Before that demon, alcohol, attempts to pull us under

So, don't regret, but don't forget, what brought you to AA The past is done, the future waits, we have to live each day And when you do, the Big Book says, good things start to accrue Happy, joyous, free at last, the promises have come true.

Larry R.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

#### **AUGUST 2024**

<u>First Friday of the Month, August 2<sup>nd</sup></u>, 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, August 11<sup>th</sup>, District Meeting at 2pm, St. Paul Catholic Church, 410 Wallace St., Combined Locks. GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

Second Sunday of the Month, August 11<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

Third Friday of the Month, August 16<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, August 25<sup>th</sup>, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, St. Elizabeth Hospital, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

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

See the District Newsletter for more upcoming events in Area 74

#### **SEPTEMBER 2024**

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

Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>, Changing Lanes 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing, Hilly Haven Golf Course, DePere, tee times start at noon. See flyer in newsletter.

Second Sunday of the Month, September 8<sup>th</sup>, District Meeting at 2pm, Peace United Methodist Church, 2300 W Wisconsin Ave., Kaukauna. GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

Second Sunday of the Month, September 8<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

Area 74 Fall Conference, September 13-15, Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Ave., Stevens Point. See flyer in newsletter

Third Friday of the Month, September 20<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, September 29<sup>th</sup>, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, St. Elizabeth Hospital, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

<u>Last Sunday of the September 29<sup>th</sup></u>, 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: Kathy 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:** Mike H. <u>corrections@district02aa.org</u>

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.

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PO Box 2382 Appleton, WI 54912 (Joe S., Coordinator)

#### **OTHER INFORMATION**

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920-410-4620

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#### **AA International**

www.aa.org

#### AA WORKSHOP

# SERVICE: WHAT AN ORDER! I CAN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT!

(Have you a sufficient substitute?)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024 HOLIDAY INN - MARQUETTE 1951 US 41

9:00 a.m - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time \$10 suggested donation - No one will be turned away

#### Learn about:

- \*Sponsorship
- \*GSR and Home group
- \*District and Area
- \*Committees, such as Public Information, Cooperating with the Professional Community, Corrections
  - \*The 12 Traditions through a skit
  - \*Your delegate

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RSVP, BUT WALK-INS ARE MOST WELCOME

Text to Pat A. 248-866-4747 or <u>amundin.2011@att.net</u>

Note: Lunch will be on your own. There are MANY restaurants and picnic areas.



# AA OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

One Day, One Step Women's Meeting

Friday, August 23rd, 2024

Food starts at 6:00 pm Speakers start at 7:00 pm

> Speakers: Pamela K. & Ron K.



Holy Trinity Church Basement 510 Church RD. Casco, WI 54205



CHANGING LANES
2ND ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

September 7, 2024

Hilly Haven Golf Course 5911 Cty Rd. PP DePere, WI

- 4 Person Scramble Format
- 🕜 Tee Times begin at 12 noon
- 🕢 \$75 per player
- Dinner & Awards at Changing Lanes following play





Call or email Trent N. to register yo Tcnelly40@me.com (920) 265-4669



# REGISTRATION: To regster by mail, fill out and tear off this entire panel mailing information on backside of this panel. General Admission \$25.00 Banquet - Additional \$35.00 Includes Comedy Show "We are not a glum lot" Name: Address: Phone:

Any Dietary Restrictions?

Email:

ASL Interpreter or other Accommodations Needed?

Deadline for accommodation requests by August 1st, 2024.



HAVE QUESTIONS? EMAIL
FALLCONFERENCE2024@GMAIL.COM

YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER ONLINE!
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW, OR GO TO
WWW.AAWIDISTRICTO4.ORG/EVENT/
AREA-14-2024-FALL-CONFERENCE/



# ACTION IS THE MAGIC WORD!



#### AREA 74 2024 FALL CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY DISTRICT 04

**FEATURING ALANON PARTICIPATION!** 

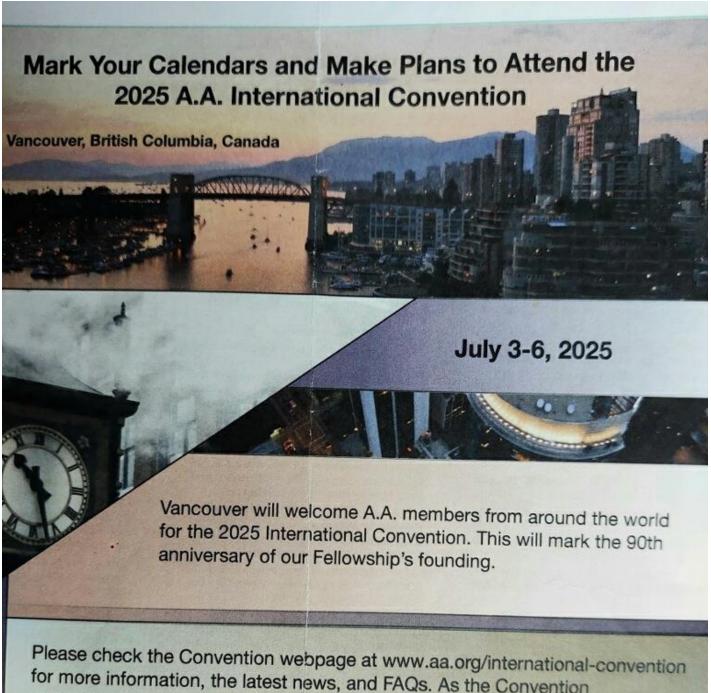
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CONVENTION CENTER
1001 AMBER AVE STEVENS
POINT WI
715-344-0200

#### FRIDAY NIGHT SUNDAY FEATURES! FEATURES! Registration starts on rear of this panel. Please Designate if AA or Alanon Alanon AA **Saturday SPEAKERS:** Friday AA SPEAKER: Hotel Cost: \$124.99 per night -Alanon - Spencer - MI Must be Booked by August 15th, Emily - WI AA - Josh - OK 2024. Mention Area 74 Social Hour with Conference to get Group Rate: Saturday - Banquet featuring Fellowship and Music Request for Registration comedy show and door prizes! Scholarship? Open Mic and Candy Saturday - Ice Cream Social, Willing to be of Service "Home Group Feud" Game Bar at Conference? **AA Movie Showing Sunday AA SPEAKER:** Donate to Bill W Fund? Seth - IA Bill W Fund: Help financially support others to attend the conference. 12 Step and Big Book Tear off and mail this entire panel to: Panels, Literature and 2024 Area 74 Fall Conference Meditation all weekend PO Box 1043 Stevens Point, WI 54481



ALL 12 STEP SPEAKER MEETINGS. ALL DAY, FREE ADMISSION





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.



## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

July 3-6, 2025 | Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

June 5, 2024

Hello General Service Conference Members!

I have received word that there is some misinformation being broadly shared that all the hotel rooms are already sold out for the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver.

As your 2025 International Convention Coordinator, I can assure you that this is NOT true.

Let's collectively take a deep meditative breath.

An important reminder is that online registration and housing will open on <u>September 10, 2024.</u> In addition, our print registration and housing forms are being prepared for distribution during the summer.

For all the latest information about the 2025 International Convention please visit the original source of communications coming from your General Service Office by visiting our website at <a href="https://www.aa.org/international-convention">https://www.aa.org/international-convention</a>. The following is from our current FAQs.

#### 1. Can I book housing on my own?

As for previous international conventions, we have blocked and negotiated rates for our convention hotel and dorm rooms. For the 2025 International Convention some of our policies and procedures have changed to accommodate specific conditions in Vancouver and to facilitate overall fairness in access to convention housing. You may still try to make your own private housing arrangements but would not have access to our convention housing block unless you book through the convention site on September 10, 2024.

As in past conventions, registration and housing are linked. Meaning that you cannot request convention housing without being registered and you cannot request or reserve more than 2 rooms of our convention housing inventory.

We strongly suggest you book housing as you register for the convention to take advantage of our special convention room rates.

We look forward to being together again in Vancouver, Canada at the 2025 International Convention.

Patrick C.

2025 International Convention Coordinator/General Service Office of A.A. 20205ic@aa.org

# 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

#### **Calumet County**

#### **Calumet County Jail**

206 Court St, Chilton, WI 53014 Men's Mtg: Tues @ 6:30 PM Women's Mtg: Tues @ 6:30 PM

#### Outagamie County

#### **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 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

