DISTRICT 02

NEWSLETTER

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

A MESSAGE FROM THE DCM.....

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Salutations!



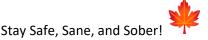
GSR's have a voice and a VOTE at the Fall Conference in Steven's Point. You are NEEDED and WANTED there. If you can't afford it or have ANY questions please, please email me. <u>dcm@district02aa.org</u>

Money!!! Money!!! Money!!! Now that I have your attention...our District is in the process of creating the Budget for next year. GSR's and others - see further on in this newsletter all the details so far. AA groups: let your GSR's know if you have questions or concerns. Or contact me. <u>dcm@district02aa.org</u>

AA BILLBOARD! Be one of the first to know! It's to be posted 9/3 - 12/22/24 between Little Suamico and Abrams WI on HWY 41 - 300 feet South of Geano Beach Rd. It will be illuminated at night and visible to Southbound traffic. 122,180 people per week can view it. Here's another way Area 74 is reaching out to those still suffering alcoholics. (A picture of the billboard is available further on in this publication.)

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Yours, Gratefully -- in 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 <u>newsletter@district02aa.org</u> Deadline for publication in the October newsletter is end-of-day on September 20th.

District 02 Meeting Minutes for August 2024

The August 11, 2024, District Meeting was held hybrid at St. Paul Catholic Church, 410 Wallace St., Combined Locks. The meeting started at 2:02 p.m. There were 21 people in person & 3 people on Zoom; 24 people total.

We opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. DCM Jane went over general housekeeping. Housekeeping – silence phones, be courteous, no side conversations.

Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts

Matt read Tradition 8 – long form. Tom & Ruth read Concept 8 from the Concepts checklist.

Approval July 2024 Minutes - A motion was made by Bob to accept the Secretary report with corrections voiced by Tom & Jane. James seconded. Motion passed. Tom & Jane had some revisions to the minutes from July.

- ASL Issues Jodi. The body voted last month, informally, to move forward with ASL. Will share more info at next month's District 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 website, read the guidelines!

Secretary Report: Amanda reported for Karla. Committee Chairs & GSR's please submit your reports to me by Tuesday August 13, 2024, to ensure I can get the notes to Digger in a timely manner. Email reports to <u>secretary@district02aa.org</u> 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. Bob asked if the two checks from Design for Living Group were for corrections. Cindy answered yes, the check was lost in the mail. A motion was made by Chris to accept the Treasurer's report. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

<u>GSRs Reports</u> No Reports

LCM Reports Subdistrict A: Open Subdistrict B: Open Subdistrict C: James. No Report. Subdistrict D: Open Subdistrict E: Open Subdistrict F: Open

Archives: Kathy. No Report.

Grapevine: Patrick. No Report.

Corrections: Mike. In the process of collecting information on the volunteers in the Area and what institutions they were going to. They are trying to figure out the need. Working with a new volunteer that's going through the paperwork to get approved. Looking for more volunteers. Will be contacting the coordinator of the Moose and Goose to see if they would like to donate some of their proceeds to corrections literature.

Bridging the Gap: Brad. We have received two requests in the P.O. Box this week. The first gentleman will be released 1/30/2025 in Appleton. Our second request is short notice, for a gentleman being released out of Marinette County Jail 8/23/24, and living in Niagara, WI. Any help with a contact up in that part of Area 74 would be appreciated.

Newsletter: Wayne. The September deadline for submitting flyers is August 22nd. Everything else is going smoothly.

Public Information: Susan. No Report. *{editor's note: next committee meeting September 17, 2024 6PM at the Genesis Club (Large Room upstairs)}*

Webmaster: Trevor. No Report.

Treatment & Accessibilities: Jodi.

Old Business -

Genesis Behavior Center Oshkosh

- As of right now this facility has received:
- 4 Fourth Edition Hard Cover Big Books, with a sticker enclosed saying donation from District 02 Area 74 Treatment Committee, and both AA hot line Numbers
- 1 rack with Alcoholics Anonymous Pamphlets
- Several AA Oshkosh Meeting lists
- Public Information business cards with Appleton and Oshkosh hot line numbers.

Day By Day Shelter

- This Shelter has an AA rack with a complete selection of Alcoholics Anonymous pamphlets.
- They have received AA hotline cards with Oshkosh/Appleton 24/7 Hotline number
- Dylan will deliver meeting lists for Oshkosh to the facility sometime this week.

Casa Claire

An alumnus reached out to Jodi and requested a donation for some Big Books, Grapevines, 12 x 12, Daily Reflections. Jodi asked if the intention was to have the books kept at the facility or given to residence to take home. The books are to be passed out to the women and are free to take home for those who want them. The books donated in 2023 have already been distributed to women. There was a question of whether the committee's intent in donating books is to be left in the house, or for residents to take. Consensus, the books are better in their hands than collecting dust on the shelf. There are currently 11 women in the facility now. Hardcovers for Oshkosh, 5 Big Books were \$72. Comments below:

- What if we purchase the books by the case which is about \$212.00 so we could get them wholesale. Dylan will call the Central Office and Solutions to see what they could offer for the price.
- Better to have books in the hands of alcoholics
- Soft Cover are less expensive, so maybe buying them instead of hardcover
- As far as 12x12 and Daily reflections, perhaps they could get them as they grow in their recovery.
- Right now we would like purchase a case of soft cover big books and see where we are at the end of the year. We can increase our budget request for next year.
- Mooring and Casa and Nova allow outside speaker meetings, but we believe it is primarily alumni.
- We are running low on pamphlets as well Rita and Dylan are going to inventory what they each have in their possession. They will provide the name of the pamphlet and how many they have. And they will email it to Jodi, so she can compile a complete inventory.
- Kim sent Pamphlets Spread Sheet to the committee

New Business

A. Review our Follow up Email from Rebecca Sikes Greenwood *Genesis Recovery Center*

- How Many Additional (Fourth Edition Big Books would your Clients Need? *Maybe 3-4*, *to have on the book shelves*.
- Would these Books be Left at this Facility, Or would they be taken with when they leave? *No, they would stay at the facility for future clients benefit*
- Is there a Preference Of Big Books Needed? No I do not believe there is, they would be grateful for whatever they receive. Examples// Standard size Hard Cover, Soft Cover, Small Pocket size Big Books. *We will provide 3 or 4 regular Big Books*
- Bring Speaker Meetings inside Your Facility, (Once a Month)
 - Mon- Wed any evening after 6:30pm , and then Saturday evenings are open as well.
 - Since This is Only a Men's Facility, would you want only Men Or Possible Coed? Men would be best. *We will add this to the new business for next month.*
 - Do we Have A Certain Time/Date of when you would like to bring in an Speaker answered above on B)

Agenda Items for next meeting

- Update facilities list to make sure we have the latest contact information
 - Add new contacts and facilities
 - Split sheet so we can contact and confirm
 - Revisit facilities to see if they need to be replenished.
- Jodi needs to reach out to the Eau Claire ASL coordinator to get updates on how they are doing it.
- Creating a speaker list for individuals willing to take the message in to the treatment centers.
- Recruiting more members into the committee.
- Dylan reporting back to the committee on costs for soft cover Big Book. Jodi will purchase them from where we can get the best price.

DCM-Jane. I sent informational emails to District officers and GSR's.

Discovered 2 Group Contact people and 2 new GSR's - began doing their paperwork and helped them make connections to AA as a whole.

Attended the Service Workshop presented in Marquette MI on Aug 3. There were about 40 people. A few things stood out: 1. Be sure to greet the new person in the meeting. 2. Service is a Commitment. (I'd rather be committed to Service than to a nut ward!) 3. Area Treatment Committee needs people. (Go to Area74.org to connect with them). 4. If you feel something is missing in your life or program, it may be your Service Work needs more focus. 5. 500 people per day in the US are dying from alcohol use. 6. Said sarcastically by a past Delegate: "There must be someone taking care of all this...it couldn't be me!"

Wrote District meeting report, DCM message, agenda, and sent in flyers for the newsletter.

Still announcing Area 74 Fall Conference at most meetings I attend.

Attended a zoom meeting for all Area DCM's. 2 Districts talked about elderly people running the meetings and were afraid they might fall and not be found. These are very small meetings. Heard, also, about summer campfire meetings, picnic, and cookout meetings (2). District 05 is doing AA information booths at fairs.

Attended Area PI meeting on zoom. Gave report on progress with billboards to be posted somewhere in Area 74.

AAWS (AA World Services) Highlights are on AA.org. Here are a few: 1. The General Service Conference final report is now available. 2. There is a new AA literature catalog now available. 3. There are 2 new videos out, they are directed at young people. 4. Continued support for GSO is needed.

Old Business

Open positions 2024 Elections

LCM's (A, B, D, E, F) – Tom nominated Matt C for LCM F Mike seconded. Motion passed. The remainder carried over.

Alt DCM - no nominations. Carried over.

Group Area finance query- Tom shared they talked about it at their business meeting and there was a bit of confusion on the exact details but have further discussed his group is okay with the Area people being paid before the event. Jane shared that she would like to get a vote before the September 14th assembly. Please bring this back to your groups and bring this back at the next district meeting.

ASL Issues- no more to report.

CPC Committee Consideration-Matt read the difference between CPC, Corrections, Treatment & Accessibilities, and Public Information committees.

Anna Rae- Her meeting shared that a good place to start is the Public Defender's office.

Tom- His group was wondering if the district should create a committee if we cannot fill the current open committees. If it could be filled it could be worthwhile with the right people involved.

Fall conference- Reminder that the fall conference is coming up.

Bill D (alt Delegate)- Do we want him to come speak? Took an informal vote that Bill D would come and speak at the fall service workshop.

Jane asked when we would like to have the workshop. Kim suggested having different topics as they have been quite repetitive. An informal vote was taken that the fall service workshop would be October 19th. Jane was asking for volunteers for the fall conference. Dylan, Jack, and Kimmery volunteered to be on the committee.

New Business

District budget- GSR will take the budget back to your groups to talk about the proposed 2025 budget.

By next month all committee chairs will have the 2025 budget filled in. Cindy said if you submit the numbers to her, she can get them filled in for the next district meeting.

Bob suggested highlighting the dollar amount red if there is a change so it can be clear on what is changed.

Tom asked why the zoom account is under Treatment and Accessibilities instead of the DCM budget.

Bob explained because Treatment and Accessibilities started the zoom account when we started up on zoom meetings so it fell under Treatment and Accessibilities.

Bob made a motion to move the zoom account from the Treatment and Accessibilities budget to the 2025 DCM budget. Matt seconded.

Kimmery stated we are having a vote before the T&A committee decides if they want to create meetings or not and then make a decision. This motion was tabled until next month.

Jane asked why there was an increase of \$100 in ink. Wayne stated we would have to ask Digger.

District 02 Newsletter- Go to the district 02 website, click on the newsletter, and click signup with your email address and name.

Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Bob and seconded by James. Motion carried at 3:45 p.m. and closed with the Responsibility Declaration.

The next District meeting is Sunday September 8th, 2024, at Peace United Methodist Church, 2300 W Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna, WI.

DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT – JULY 2024

District 02 Monthly Financial Report – July 2024

	Beginning Balance 7/1/2024	\$	6,590.33	Augu	st 11, 2024 District Meeting Report		
Contributions					Bank Reconciliation		
Date	District Group Contributions			Comr	nunity First Credit Union		
7/31/2024	AA Design For Living Group		\$199.00				
7/31/2024	AA Design For Living Group		\$271.00	Begin	ning balance	\$	6,979.41
7/31/2024	Serenity Seeker's		\$50.00	Depo	sits	\$	1,268.23
7/31/2024	Serenity Seeker's		\$50.00		drawals	\$	(483.97)
7/31/2024	First Things First		\$650.00	Outst	anding checks	\$	(72.50)
7/31/2024	Sunrise Group		\$48.23		Total	\$	7,691.17
					Balance available to District		
				Regis	ter balance	\$	6,590.33
				Prude	ent reserve	\$	(500.00)
				Corre	ctions Literature	\$	(968.21)
					Total available to District	\$	5,122.12
					Petty Cash		
				Petty	cash beginning balance	\$	50.00
				Petty	cash ending balance	\$	50.00
				Archi	mmittee Budget Balance (Remaining) ves	\$	463.97
					ctions	\$	759.05
				DCM		\$	2,415.35
	Total deposit	s Ś	1,268.23	Grape	evine	\$	820.00
Withdrawals			_,		letter	\$	253.00
	Check #Expenses (checks/withdrawals)			PI		¢	1,638.21
7/12/2024	2192 Tom AJune adobe & microsoft-subscription	\$	22.40	Treas	urer	¢ ¢	643.39
7/14/2024	2193 Jane Msnacks for July mtg., Stipend and copies	\$	37.49		ment & Acces.	ې د	997.50
7/14/2024	2193 Jane M. Shacks for July Hitg., Superior and copies 2194 Jodi LBig Books	\$	72.50		GET BALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)	\$ \$	7,990.47
7/19/2024	2194 Jour L-oig Books 2195 St. Paul's Catholic Church-Aug. District Mtg. rent	\$	35.00	5050	ILT DALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)	Ş	7,550.47
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				Starti	ng Balance	\$	448.21
				Contr	ibutions		
						\$	199.00
	Total withdrawal	s \$	167.39			\$	271.00
Register balan	ce - Month end					\$	50.00
	Beginning balance	\$	6,590.33				
	Deposits	\$	1,268.23		Total deposits	\$	520.00
	Withdrawals	\$	(167.39)	With	drawals		
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					g Corrections Literature Balance E - Separate from district balance	\$	968.21
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	Total Outstanding check	.s Ş	72.50	Cindy	L. District 02 Treasurer		

DISTRICT 02 PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET(Draft #1, will be updated monthly)

Archives Corrections Kendra R				· · · · · · · ·	e
Corrections		2024 BUDGET	YTD JULY SPENT	YTD JULY REMAIN	2025 DRAFT
	1 Space at Central Office	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.0
	2 Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$0.00		\$0.0
	3 Grapevine 4 Stipend for District Meetings	<u>\$28.97</u> \$60.00	<u>\$0.00</u> \$0.00		<u>\$0.0</u> \$0.0
	5 FVCO Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.0
	6 Now & Then Subscription	\$25.00	\$0.00		<u>\$0.0</u>
	7 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00		\$0.0
		\$463.97	\$0.00	\$463.97	\$0.0
andra D	1 Workshop	\$150.00	\$146.84		\$0.0
Kendra R	2 Conference	\$500.00	\$0.00		\$0.
	3 Office Supply/Travel	\$100.00	\$75.11		\$0.
	4 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$10.00		<u>\$0.</u>
	5 BTG P.O. Box, Postage, Supplie 6 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$300.00 \$100.00	<u>\$219.00</u> \$0.00		<u>\$0.</u> \$0.
	O Supend for Delegates Workshop	\$1210.00	\$450.95		\$0. \$0.
осм	1 Stipend for District Meetings	\$180.00	\$105.00	\$75.00	\$0.
ane M	2 Printing Expenses	\$936.00	\$259.65		\$0.
	3 LCM Stipends for District Meetings	\$360.00	\$0.00		\$0.
	4 LCM Miscellaneous Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00		\$0.
	5 LCM Meeting Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.
	6 Area 74 Literature - (Service Materials	\$200.00	\$76.00		\$0.
	7 GSR Workshop 8 Registration Spring and Fall Conference	<u>\$100.00</u> \$40.00	\$0.00		<u>\$0.</u>
	9 Banquet Spring and Fall Conference	\$40.00	<u>\$15.00</u> \$25.00		<u>\$0.</u> \$0.
	10 Conference Lodging	\$500.00	<u>\$23.00</u> \$160.00		<u>\$0.</u> \$0.
	11 Gas for Conf/Assem/ACM/Workshops - current	\$500.00	<u>\$20.00</u>		<u>\$0.</u> \$0.
	12 Assembly/ACM 4-Trips (\$40.00 Each)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.
	13 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.
	14 Other Workshop	\$100.00	\$0.00		\$0.
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	16 Tech Fellows Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00 \$3126.00	\$0.00 \$710.65		\$0. \$0 .
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	4 Additions to Grapevine Library Displa	\$175.00	\$0.00		\$0
	5 Grapevine Display at Genesis Clu	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0
	6 Past Grapevines for Distribution	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0
	7 Workshop	\$100.00	\$0.00		\$0
	8 Electronic Subscription for Grapevine Chairperso	\$50.00	\$0.00		\$0.
	9 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$75.00 \$820.00	\$0.00 \$0.00		<u>\$0.</u> \$0.
Newsletter Digger A	1 Postage 2 Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00 \$0.00		<u>\$0.0</u> \$0.0
33	3 Postage & Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.0
	4 Software	\$300.00	\$107.00		\$300.
	5 Postcards, labels & miscellaneous supplie	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.
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	3 Postage	\$30.00	\$0.00		\$0.
	4 Meeting List Copies	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.
	5 Outreach	\$500.00	\$192.79		\$0.
	6 Webmaster Computer	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.
	7 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00		\$0.
	8 <u>Stipend for Delegates Workshop</u> 9 Printing	\$50.00 \$30.00	<u>\$0.00</u> \$0.00		<u>\$0.</u> \$0.
	10 Booth Space at County Fairs	\$650.00			
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**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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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

September 8, 2024 - 2:00 PM GSR Discussion - 1:30

Peace United Methodist Church – 2300 W Wisconsin Ave – Kaukauna ZOOM MEETING ID: 875 9555 4987 PASSCODE: 844696

Open with Serenity Prayer

- Introductions

- Housekeeping items: info, etc.

Vote to Approve Minutes Twelve Traditions – Tradition 9 long form Twelve Concepts – Concept 9

Secretary's Report Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

- a. GSR's
- b. LCM's James; LCM-C, Matt; LCM-F
- 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
- ALT DCM
- Groups Area finance query
- ASL Issues (T and A) update 15 minute time limit
- Fall Conference reminder
- Autumn Service Workshop

New Business:

- District budget
- Billboard Area PI
- Other?

The NEXT District Meeting: Sunday October 13th, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 349 N Main St, Seymour 1:30 GSR Discussion / 2pm District Meeting

All A.A.'s are welcome!!!!

2024 District 02 Meeting Schedule

(Meeting Location is Subject to Change)

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

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DISTRICT 02 MEMORIES

AS PUBLISHED IN THE DISTRICT 02 NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 1987

TRADITION NINE

"A.A. as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve."

Our founders learned in the beginning that giving orders to an alcoholic was definitely not the way this fellowship could be run. They discovered they could do no more than offer suggestions – mild ones at that. They recognized they could not dictate to fellow members individually or collectively. How then does our disorganized organization continue to function? Has anyone ever belonged to a club or organization that had no leaders or any membership rules? In Alcoholics Anonymous we have one very unusual condition that other organizations do not have. Unless each of us follows to the best of our ability the "suggested" 12 Steps, our days of sobriety are numbered. Drunkenness and disintegration are not penalties inflicted by people in authority; they are the result of personal disobedience to spiritual principles. We must obey certain principles or we die. This same idea applies to the group also. Unless there are some sort of adherence to A.A.'s 12 Traditions, the groups can also disintegrate and die.

It was clear to our founders that we could never name boards to govern us, but we will always need to authorize workers to serve us. These workers are assuming responsibility – never taking on authority.

Alcoholics Anonymous is a society without organization, run only by the spirit of service – a true fellowship.

PRAYER, MEDITATION, AND SELF EXAMINATION by Larry R.

When first he came into the rooms, unsure of what he'd find He heard the people say some things that never crossed his mind Slogans written on the walls and lists that did suggest Steps he'd need to follow for his need to drink divest

Prayer and meditation combined with self-examination A member said were critical for building a foundation A foundation that will help to fight against the urge to drink The new man could not understand the way these people think

A lot of us were just the same, confused by all this talk Hearing what they said to do caused some of us to balk We had not prayed in many years, did not know how to start Or even if we did believe that God should play a part

As for meditation, how could that help us abstain This was a thing for Buddhist monks, repeating some refrain And self-examination, well, there was no need for this Why bring up all our defects, they were better left dismissed

But slowly some of these things did begin to take affect The first was prayer to someone's God, and hoped that we'd connect We were unsure if this would work, but still gave it a go It could not hurt and maybe something good would start to grow

We'd never tried to meditate; this concept was brand new Yet said we'd give this thing a try, but knew not what to do Close our eyes, sit very still and try to keep from thinking But thoughts arose, we wondered what this had to do with drinking

This self-examination thing was not at all what we expected A wallow in self-loathing was the thing we had suspected But we were told, a balance sheet, was what we had to make To view the good that we had done along with our mistakes

To start to pray a simple please and thank you is one way So, thoughts of using alcohol, you pray, will stay away And thank you in the evening for the spiritual assistance That helped you do the next right thing, an aid to your resistance

Meditation may be difficult when you first give it a try To free your mind from all those constant thoughts that wonder by Begin with a few minutes, close your eyes and start to drift Into a space of solitude as all tension start to lift

Bedtime is the perfect time for self-examination For looking back upon your day for any indication Of incidents that had occurred that led you to react In such a way that made you wish that you could take it back

Step Eleven states that when these three things are united A spiritual experience will soon start to be ignited Each part alone will help you navigate through nasty weather But the best results are felt when they are put to use together

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 2024

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

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

<u>Saturday September 7th</u>, Sponsorship and Service Workshop, 8am – 3pm, Nativity of Our Lord Parish, 2270 S Oneida St, Green Bay. See flyer in newsletter.

Second Sunday of the Month, September 8th, 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 8th, 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

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

Saturday September 14th, Recovery Fest, 8am – 10 pm, Genesis Club, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton. See flyer in newsletter.

Third Friday of the Month, September 20th, 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 29th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, St. Elizabeth Hospital, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton Last Sunday of the September 29th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, Solutions Recovery, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

OCTOBER 2024

First Friday of the Month, October 4th,
Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm Genesis
Club, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton. Potluck at 6pm, please bring a dish to pass!
Saturday October 5th, Oksoberfest 12pm-7pm, Changing Lanes, 344 Broadway St,
Wrightstown. See flyer in newsletter.
Saturday October 12th, Annual Eat'in
Meet'in, St Mark's Church, 140 S Green Bay
Rd, Neenah, Dinner 6pm, Al-Anon Speaker
7pm, AA Speaker 8pm. Hot sandwiches
provided, bring a dish to pass. See flyer in newsletter.

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Third Friday of the Month, October 18th, 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, October 27th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, St.

Elizabeth Hospital, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

Last Sunday of the October 27th, 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 <u>archives@district02aa.org</u>

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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. <u>publicinfo@district02aa.org</u>

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE: Medium for communication of District 02 business and events to the groups, GSR's, and individual members. **Chairperson:** Digger A. <u>newsletter@district02aa.org</u>

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www.aa.org

Announcing: a new book from AAWS on sale November 1, 2024



A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous

This is A.A. General Service Conference-approved Iterature

The *Plain Language Big Book* is a tool to help readers understand the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, which was first published in 1939. This new book is designed so that the A.A. Twelve Step program of recovery from alcoholism may be easily understood and accessible by all people who have a desire to stop drinking.

Members of A.A. fondly call the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous* "the Big Book." It is the basic text of the A.A. program. The *Plain Language Big Book* has been written to present the original ideas and same spiritual message of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

This new text is not intended to replace the much beloved Big Book. Rather, the *Plain Language Big Book* is a book crafted over several years by A.A. members and publishing professionals to support alcoholics on the path to recovery. The book is intended to help people who have a problem with alcohol gain access to A.A.'s lifesaving message.

For years, A.A. members have expressed a need for a Plain

Language Big Book. Based on the shared experience of A.A. members, some people may not have regular contact with other A.A. members to help them understand the A.A. program of recovery and the specific vocabulary as it is used throughout the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Other people have a hard time reading, especially books that were written long ago. This *Plain Language Big Book* is written in simpler language to support readers in their recovery.

This book is published in accordance with Advisory Actions passed by substantial unanimity of the General Service Conference (GSC) of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 2021, the 71st GSC advised that this book be developed. Progress reports, then sample chapters were reviewed at the 72nd and 73rd GSCs. The final draft of the *Plain Language Big Book* was reviewed and approved by substantial unanimity at the 74th GSC, in April 2024. This process and outcome adopts this text as Conference Approved Literature.

The *Plain Language Big Book* covers the core content of what is the "abridged version" (the edition without personal stories) of the original Big Book.

Readers are also encouraged to seek out the current edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and meet with A.A. members to support their own individual paths of recovery from alcoholism.

The Plain Language Big Book is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous

- Publication (on-sale) date: November 1, 2024
- List Price \$11.
- Item B-90
- 192 pages; 8 ½' x 11"
- · Softcover format with flaps

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"Black In AA – Experience Strength and Hope" (P-51) List price \$.75

New completely revised pamphlet

Now available in a completely updated and rewritten pamphlet — "Black in A.A. – Experience, Strength and Hope" replaces the pamphlet titled "A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic." With an illuminating new Introduction and contemporary sharing by 12 A.A. members from the United States and Canada, the new pamphlet will be published in English, with French and Spanish translations to follow.

ON SALE: MID SEPTEMBER

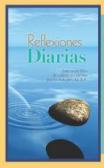


Literature Workbook (M-52I) List price \$6.00

New Literature service tool

Several years in the making, this brand-new Workbook was compiled from practical shared experience of A.A. members in the Literature service area. Literature committees at the District and Area levels help educate the Fellowship about General Service Conference-approved literature and related service material. All of their efforts work to insure we protect and maintain the integrity of the A.A. message. Helpful sections of the workbook include: "Samples of Planned Service Activities," and "Growing Literature Committees in Districts."

ON SALE: MID SEPTEMBER



Reflexiones Diarias (SB-19) LIst Price \$12.50

in a new Large Print edition

A.A.'s popular book of daily meditations that features quotations from A.A. literature paired with members' responses to them for every day of the year is now being made available in Spanish in a Large Print edition, for the first time. This edition will help make this inspirational text more accessible to our Spanish-speaking members, and it is published as a direct result of responding to the expressed need of the Fellowship.

ON SALE: END OF SEPTEMBER



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AA BILLBOARD!

It's to be posted 9/3/24 - 12/22/24 between Little Suamico and Abrams WI on HWY 41 -300 feet South of Geano Beach Rd. It will be illuminated at night and visible to Southbound traffic. 122,180 people per week can view it. Here's another way Area 74 is reaching out to those still suffering alcoholics.

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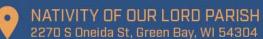


Presented By: Alcoholics Anonymous

District 01 District 22



8:00AM - 3:00PM



(Enter Through Door #6 Off Of Cormier Street)

CHANGING LANES 2ND ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

September 7, 2024

Hole-in-One \$5,000

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



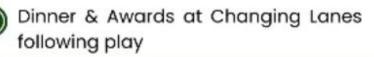
4 Person Scramble Format



Tee Times begin at 12 noon



\$75 per player







Changing Lanes Alano Club 344 Broadway St Wrightstown, WI 54180 (920) 532-9046

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



Fun! Fellowship!

Prizes! Awards!

*Teams with less than 4 players will be paired accordingly



Solutions Recovery Center

🔞 621 Evans St. Oshkosh, WI 54901

REGISTRATION: To regster by mail, fill out and tear off this	9	
entire panel mailing information on backside of this panel. General Admission		ACTION IS THE MAGIC WORD!
Banquet - Additional \$35.00 Includes Comedy Show "We are not a glum lot" Name:		
Address: Phone:	HAVE QUESTIONS? EMAIL FALLCONFERENCE2024@GMAIL.COM	RECOVERY
Email:	YOU CAN ALSO REGISTER ONLINE! SCAN THE AR CODE BELOW, OR GO TO	AREA 74 2024 FA CONFERENCE
Any Dietary Restrictions?	WWW.AAWIDISTRICTO4.ORG/EVENT/ AREA-14-2024-FALL-CONFERENCE/	HOSTED BY DISTRICT 04 FEATURING ALANON PARTICIPATIO
ASL Interpreter or other Accommodations Needed?		SEPTEMBER 13-15 2024 HOLIDAY INN & CONVENTION CENTER 1001 AMBER AVE STEVEN
Deadline for accommodation requests by August 1st, 2024.		POINT WI 715-344-0200
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JOIN THE FALL CONFERENCE ON ZOOM **BEGINNING AT 8AM ON SATURDAY 9/14**

74 2024 FAU

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All A.A.'s are welcome.....GSR's are encouraged to attend

MEETING ID: 479 428 9816 PASSCODE: 1212144

Friday AA SPEAKER: Emily - WI

FRIDAY NIGHT

FEATURES!

Social Hour with Fellowship and Music

Open Mic and Candy Bar AA Movie Showing



SATURDAY

Saturday SPEAKERS: Alanon - Spencer - MI AA - Josh - OK

Saturday - Banquet featuring comedy show and door prizes!

Saturday - Ice Cream Social, "Home Group Feud" Game

Sunday AA SPEAKER: Seth - IA

> 12 Step and Big Book Panels, Literature and Meditation all weekend

Registration starts on rear of this panel. Please Designate if AA or Alanon

Alanon AA

Hotel Cost: \$124.99 per night -Must be Booked by August 15th, 2024. <u>Mention Area 74</u> <u>Conference to get Group Rate</u>,

Request for Registration Scholarship?

Willing to be of Service at Conference?

Donate to Bill W Fund?

Bill W Fund: Help financially support others to attend the conference.

Tear off and mail this entire panel to: 2024 Area 74 Fall Conference PO Box 1043 Stevens Point, WI 54481





ANNUAL EAT'IN MEET'IN

OCTOBER 12TH 2024

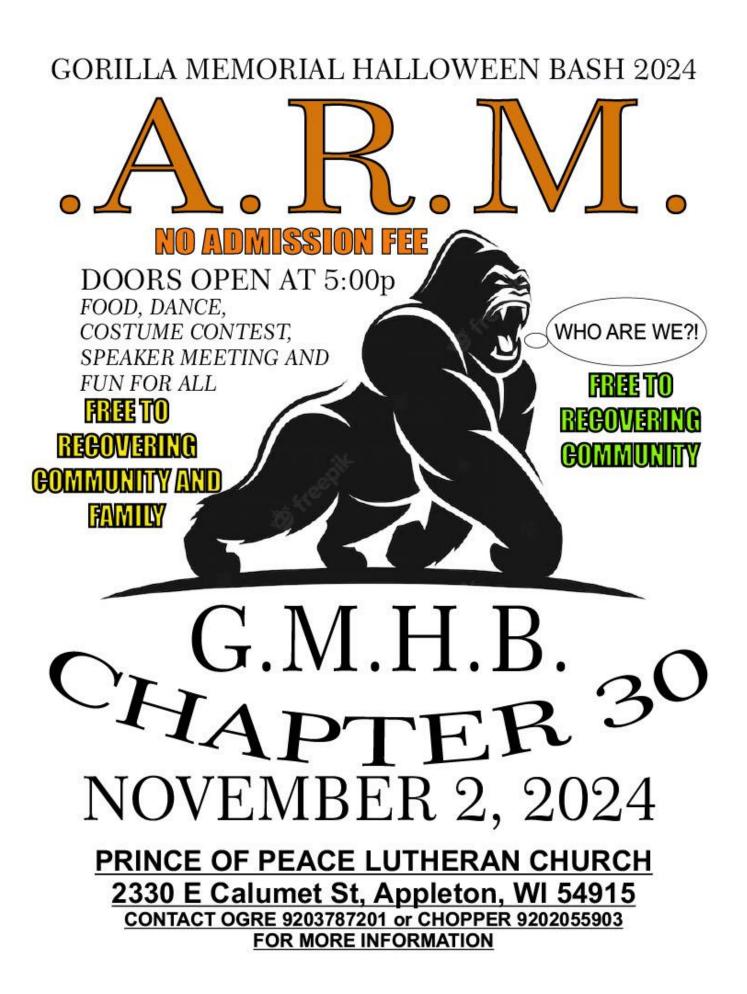
ST. MARKS CHURCH, 140 S GREEN BAY ROAD, NEENAH, WI 54956

DINNER: 6:00 ALANON SPEAKER: 7:00 DOOR PRIZES INTERMISSION AA SPEAKER: 8:00 50/50 RAFFLE DRAWING (MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)



HOT HAM & BEEF SANDWICHES AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

*PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS *CASH DONATIONS WELCOMED



ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE INTERGROUP

GRATITUDE ROCKS!

- Door Prizes from District 2 Groups
- 50/50 Drawing
- Central Office Merchandise
- Food, Fun, and Fellowship

Saturday November 9th, 2024

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2330 E. Calumet St. (enter through door 1)

Event Information:

5:00pm	Registration and Coffee
6:00pm	Dinner
7:00pm	Speakers: • Al-Anon - Sarah • A.A Jen C.

Taco Bar with all the fix ins will be served.

Please bring a dish to pass.

Please bring a non-perishable item for the Prince of Peace food pantry.

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

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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 our Fellowship's founding.

Please check the Convention webpage at www.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.



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

Language of the Heart Lenguaje del corazón Le langage du cœur

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 https://www.aa.org/international-convention. 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

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