

DISTRICT 02

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NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DCM.....

Seasons Greetings !!!

Let's hear it for staying Sober through the Holidays!

There are some lovely Christmasy gatherings coming up - all 100% FUN with no booze!

One party will be at Solutions, Inc. in Oshkosh on Dec 7. Another will be the December Intergroup in Appleton at St Pius on Dec 14. Check out the flyers posted further on in this newsletter!

Sure hope you all can attend! It's good to not be alone, especially this time of year.

By the way, your GSR has been serving your group for about a year now. Please give them an extra Thank You as you bustle about.

Also, remember the new folks coming into our midst. Keep reaching out and helping them to feel welcome among us.

All the Best....Keep Suiting up and Showing up!



Yours, Gratefully -- in Service,

Jane M - DCM District 02

dcm@district02aa.org

To GSR's:

December 7 is the (ACM) Area Committee Meeting where the AREA FINANCE QUESTIONS will be discussed and voted on. Starts at 8am.

ZOOM ID: 479 428 9816 PASSCODE: 1212144

Come join us if you are interested

(only DCM's and Area Service members have a voice and a vote)

Deadline for publication in the January Newsletter is end of day December 24!

Submit flyers, articles, etc. to newsletter@district02aa.org

DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2024

District 02 Meeting Minutes for November 2024

The November 10, 2024, the District Meeting was held hybrid at Changing Lanes Alano Club, Wrightstown, WI. The meeting started at 2:00 p.m. There were 23 people in person & 4 people on Zoom: 27 people total. We opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

DCM Jane went over general housekeeping. Silence phones, be courteous, no side conversations.

Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts

Patrick read Tradition 11 – long form.

Scott, Nicki, Jodi & Dan read Concept 11 from the Concepts checklist.

Approval October 2024 Minutes - Bob made a motion to accept the Secretary report. Tim seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary Report: Karla. Committee Chairs & GSR's please submit your reports to me by Tuesday November 12, 2024, to ensure I can get the notes to Digger in a timely manner. Email reports to secretary@district02aa.org.

If you are making a motion or seconding a motion, be sure to state your name. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Treasurer Report: Cindy. Harold made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Jodi seconded. Motion passed.

GSRs Reports

Harold- Our Southern Friend- went over finance questions with his home group.

Jack – From the Heart Appleton – submitted finance question responses from his home group to Jane.

Kimmery – submit finance questions from her home group to Jane. Will do Anniversary breakfast in January.

Anna Rae – need to get responses on finance questions. People were locked out of a meeting. Purchased a sign to put up in the entrance window. She doesn't know the details of the situation. A suggestion was made to add the door number to the meeting list that is posted on the district website.

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LCM Reports

Subdistrict A: Barry. I attended three new meetings and one other meeting in my subdistrict since the last district meeting. I am progressing in the process of gathering information as to when the group's business meetings are held.

Search for Serenity – Thursday 12:00PM at First Congregational – The group holds their business meetings every month. They postponed their November meeting due to a funeral and will update me as to when their next business meeting is to be held.

Young at Heart – Thursday 1:00PM at United Methodist. The group held their business meeting on November 7th. They have no current GSR but have a group representative/treasurer. I reviewed with them and provided a copy of the Area's Finance Committee questions along with the DCM's email address and date of December 6th for providing their group's conscience to the questions. I also provided them with a flyer for the GSR/General Service workshop on November 16th.

Design For Living – 10:00AM Monday thru Saturday at Prince of Peace. Hold their business meeting on the last Tuesday of the month. I attended a meeting on November 4th and the GSR distributed a copy of the Area Finance Committee's questions for review. Their next business meeting is Tuesday, November 26th where the Area questions will be discussed and voted upon.

Eye Opener – 7:30AM Saturday at Prince of Peace. Business meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The group held their business meeting on November 9th which I attended. The group has submitted their informed conscience to the DCM. I also provided them with a flyer for the GSR/General Service workshop on November 16th and encouraged attendance. The Pancake and Porkie breakfast is on. The tentative date is January 18, 2025.

Subdistrict B: Open

Subdistrict C: James. No Report.

Subdistrict D: Open

Subdistrict E: Open

Subdistrict F: Matt. I have been attending meetings within my sub-district and filling them in on things happening within the district. Also, I have been encouraging groups without a GSR to elect one so they may get involved with the district as well. Thank you for letting me serve!

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Archives: Kathy. No Report.

Grapevine: Patrick. Attended the Attitude for Gratitude intergroup. Looking for someone to take his position as committee chair. GSR's take back to the groups and ask if anyone is interested in the position.

Corrections: Mike. No Report.

Bridging the Gap: Brad. We have received another request this month from a gentleman that will be released from Oshkosh Correctional Institute in 12-16 months. He has been incarcerated for a long time and is interested in getting a sponsor before his release.

I will reach out to a few contacts that I have already. Otherwise, someone interested in writing to him on the inside and possibly becoming his sponsor before the release date, would need to contact me for his contact info.

Newsletter: Digger. I apologize for the mistake in the location of the district meeting on the Daily Activities page in the November Newsletter. I accidentally published it at Solutions Recovery instead of Changing Lanes. Please accept my apology.

We have a new article in the newsletter titled Meeting Makers. It puts a spotlight on a meeting. Maybe it is a meeting that you've never attended before, or maybe it has a different type of format. If you would like to suggest a meeting to spotlight, please email the information to newsletter@district02aa.org.

The deadline for publication in the December newsletter is end-of-day Sunday November 24th. This will enable us to begin distribution the day after Thanksgiving.

If you have any flyers or other information that you would like to publish in the newsletter, please email it to me.

Thank you for letting me serve.

Public Information: Susan. The PI Committee – Last Meeting October 15, 2024
Old Business

Hotline Card Distribution update

Our committee continues to deliver hotline cards, and the goal of our committee is to finish all the hotels, fire stations and police stations on our list by the end of 2024. We are close to being done.

51 – Hotels

20 – Police Stations

25 – Fire Stations

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Grapevine Distribution

update

Currently we have plenty of Grapevines to continue placing them in the Little Lending Libraries.

The district 02 PI Display was on the November 9, 2024 Attitude of Gratitude Intergroup

New Business

New Project

Distribution of the Plain Language Big Book to Public Libraries in District 02, we have 18 Libraries.

Other areas our committee is considering – High School Libraries, Assisted Living Libraries
The committee ordered 58 copies at the cost of \$632.70.

We will keep you posted.

PI Committee meetings will be the 3rd Tuesday of the Month 6PM

November 19, 2024

December 17, 2024

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

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

- New projects still being considered; will keep the group updated.

Our next meeting will be November 19, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the Genesis Club in the large upstairs room.

Webmaster: Trevor. No report.

Treatment & Accessibilities: Jodi. Reminder there are links on district 02 Area 74 to take you to meetings. I did not hold a meeting last month. There is no report for the month of October. Harold suggested the link be moved to the home page. Jodi will follow up with Trevor.

DCM-Jane.

Unfortunately, I was ill for 3.5 weeks including 1 week stuck in my bed.

Attended 2 workshop committee meetings. (Nov 16 is the event).

I did some shopping for the workshop.

Got various flyers out to some meetings.

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Signed up some GSR's to the District newsletter. Got a new meeting signed on to the online meeting schedule system.

Notified GSR's of the location issue for Nov District meeting.

Attended Nov Gratitude Intergroup at Prince of Peace Church in Appleton.

Old Business

Open positions 2024 Elections

LCM's (B, D, E) – Alt DCM – no nominations. Carried over. Asked GSR's to take the open position info to their groups.

CPC: Next Steps- Tabled until we can get someone to come in and present on what CPC does. Barry is willing to do this.

GSR/General Service Workshop – November 16th 9am-3pm. Handed out posters. Jane is looking for volunteers. Cindy, Laurie, Jodi & Harold volunteered to help.

District Budget – Cindy. Budget will be voted on next month.

Area Finance Questions – there are finance questions for the GSR's to take back and discuss with groups. Jane needs the info by 12/13/24 (editor's note – actually need info by 12/6/24). Group responses to the questions should be given to Jane.

Follow up print meeting list – changes have not been made to info on website. There are meetings listed on the website that are not active & new meetings not listed. Trevor is not in attendance at this meeting. Kyle will follow up with him. Email Trevor with updates or changes webmaster@district02aa.org

New Business:

Trevor stipend proposal – learned last month Trevor is not getting a stipend. Money is going to pay for software, etc. Trevor is not in attendance. The Tech team has a stipend in the DCM budget. Do we want to give the webmaster and tech team a raise? If we change the budget amount, then the district 02 guidelines need to be updated if the stipend is in it. Sec 1.02. Table this for future.

Cindy DCM overage – Jane had overage of \$10.80 under literature. Cindy is bringing this to the group for approval to pay. Harold made a motion to pay the overage. Laurie second. Motion passed.

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There is not enough money in the line item to reimburse the PI committee member who purchased the Plain Language Big Books. The expense was approximately \$632.

There are other monies in the PI budget that has not been spent. \$166.93 left in outreach line item.

Digger - each committee member has the autonomy to spend the money. There is nothing stated in the district 02 Guidelines that requires a committee member to adhere to the budgeted line-item amounts.

Barry - we should trust our servants that they are spending the monies appropriately.

Scott – how much latitude are we willing to give our trusted servants.

Barry – it may be wise to see what happens at the area committee meeting after their discussion on finance questions.

Harold – agrees with Scott & Barry. He feels that this should be taken back to the groups. Jodi recommends before anyone makes a motion that there be a discussion by a sub-committee. It takes more thought than just making the motion. Work together with other members and then make a motion.

Jane – as DCM, she was told to stay within the line items with expenses. Harold made a motion to reimburse Susan (PI Committee Chair) for the expense of purchasing the Plain Language Big Books for the PI Committee. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A moment of silence was held to remember Hawk, Area 74 Corrections Chair for Wisconsin, who recently passed away.

Other New Business – Barry is asking Webmaster Trevor to add the LCM's email addresses to the district 02 website.

Dates to remember – December 14th Area Assembly. At this meeting, the Area 74 finance questions will be discussed. (editor's note – date changed to December 7th)

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:32 p.m. Harold seconded the motion.

Closed the meeting with the Responsibility Declaration.

The next District meeting is Sunday December 8, 2024, at First United Methodist Church, 324 E. Franklin St. Appleton, WI.

DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT – OCTOBER 2024

District 02 Monthly Financial Report – October 2024

Beginning Balance 10/1/2024

\$ 8,455.96

November 10, 2024 District Meeting Report

Contributions

Date	District Group Contributions	
10/31/2024	Hour Sunday Mgt. Combined Locks	\$ 80.00
10/31/2024	Monday Inspirations - Appleton	\$ 200.00
10/31/2024	Sunrise Meeting Group	\$ 38.00
10/31/2024	Fri. Noon Bookmarkers	\$ 25.00
10/31/2024	Seymour Group	\$ 89.00

Total deposits \$ 432.00

Withdrawals

Date	Check # Expenses (checks/withdrawals)	
10/13/2024	2207 Jane M.-DCM- Fall Conf.Lodge. Mileage, Confer. & Assem. Copies, Liter. Workshop, Dist. Snacks	\$ 853.81
10/13/2024	2208 Scott G.- Oct. Dist. Mgt. Snacks	\$ 34.82
10/17/2024	2209 Tom A.- NL-Microsoft & Adobe Sept. Software	\$ 22.40
10/17/2024	2210 Changing Lanes-Nov. Dist. Mtg. Rent	\$ 35.00

Total withdrawals \$ 946.03

Register balance - Month end

Beginning balance	\$ 8,455.96
Deposits	\$ 432.00
Withdrawals	\$ (946.03)
Register balance	\$ 7,941.93

Outstanding Checks

10/17/2024	2210 Changing Lanes-Oct. District Mtg. Rent	\$ 35.00
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Total Outstanding checks \$ 35.00

Bank Reconciliation

Community First Credit Union	
Beginning balance	\$ 8,787.66
Deposits	\$ 432.00
Withdrawals	\$ (1,242.73)
Outstanding checks	\$ (35.00)
Total	\$ 7,941.93

Balance available to District

Register balance	\$ 7,941.93
Prudent reserve	\$ (500.00)
Corrections Literature	\$ (1,390.21)
Total available to District	\$ 6,051.72

Petty Cash

Petty cash beginning balance	\$ 50.00
Jodi-Oct. stipend	\$ (5.00)
Mike-Oct. stipend	\$ (5.00)
Petty cash ending balance	\$ 40.00

Committee Budget Balance (Remaining)

Archives	\$ 463.97
Corrections	\$ 754.05
DCM	\$ 1,383.37
Grapevine	\$ 820.00
Newsletter	\$ 185.80
PI	\$ 1,497.93
Treasurer	\$ 443.75
Treatment & Acces.	\$ 762.50
BUDGET BALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)	\$ 6,311.37

*Corrections Literature

Starting Balance	\$ 1,301.21
Contributions	\$ 89.00

Total deposits \$ 89.00

Withdrawals

Total withdrawals

Ending Corrections Literature Balance	\$ 1,301.21
*NOTE - Separate from district balance	\$ 1,390.21

DISTRICT 02 PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET (Draft #4 – to be voted on for approval soon)

APPROVED Area 74 District 02 2024 Budget

		2024 BUDGET	YTD OCT. SPENT	YTD OCT. REMAIN	2025 DRAFT
Archives Kathy M.	1 Space at Central Office	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
	2 Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	3 Grapevine	\$28.97	\$0.00	\$28.97	\$28.97
	4 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	5 FVCO Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6 Now & Then Subscription	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	7 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
		\$463.97	\$0.00	\$463.97	\$463.97
Corrections Mike H.	1 Workshop	\$150.00	\$146.84	\$3.16	\$150.00
	2 Conference	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	3 Office Supply/Travel	\$100.00	\$75.11	\$24.89	\$100.00
	4 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$60.00
	5 BTG P.O. Box, Postage, Supplie	\$300.00	\$219.00	\$81.00	\$300.00
	6 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
		\$1210.00	\$455.95	\$754.05	\$1,210.00
DCM Jane M.	1 Stipend for District Meetings	\$180.00	\$150.00	\$30.00	\$180.00
	2 Printing Expenses	\$936.00	\$389.64	\$546.36	\$936.00
	3 LCM Stipends for District Meetings	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$360.00
	4 LCM Miscellaneous Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	5 LCM Meeting Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6 Area 74 Literature - (Service Materials	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	7 GSR Workshop	\$100.00	\$70.15	\$29.85	\$100.00
	8 Registration Spring and Fall Conference	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
	9 Banquet Spring and Fall Conference	\$50.00	\$60.00	-\$10.00	\$60.00
	10 Conference Lodging	\$500.00	\$443.72	\$56.28	\$500.00
	11 Gas for Conf/Assem/ACM/Workshops - current	\$500.00	\$338.92	\$161.08	\$500.00
	12 Assembly/ACM 4-Trips (\$40.00 Each)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	13 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	14 Other Workshop	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	15 Zoom	na	na	na	\$160.00
	16 Tech Fellows Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
		\$3126.00	\$1742.43	\$1,383.57	\$3,296.00
Grapevine Patrick R.	1 Grapevine Subscription for Intergroup	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
	2 Postage & Office Supplies	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
	3 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	4 Additions to Grapevine Library Displa	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
	5 Grapevine Display at Genesis Clu	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6 Past Grapevines for Distribution	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	7 Workshop	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	8 Electronic Subscription for Grapevine Chairperso	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	9 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
		\$820.00	\$0.00	\$820.00	\$820.00
Newsletter Digger A.	1 Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2 Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	3 Postage & Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	4 Software	\$300.00	\$174.20	\$125.80	\$300.00
	5 Postcards, labels & miscellaneous supplie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	7 Ink	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	8 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$360.00	\$174.20	\$185.80	\$460.00
Public Info Susan B.	1 Web Service (Maintenance, software upgrades	\$600.00	\$599.00	\$1.00	\$600.00
	2 Pamphlets	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
	3 Postage	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
	4 Meeting List Copies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	5 Outreach	\$500.00	\$333.07	\$166.93	\$500.00
	6 Webmaster Computer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	7 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	8 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	9 Printing	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
	10 Booth Space at County Fairs	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$650.00	\$350.00
	11 Grapevine Subscriptions (2)	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	12 Facebook PSA	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
		\$2,430.00	\$932.07	\$1,497.93	\$2,130.00
Treasurer Cindy L.	1 District Rent	\$420.00	\$385.00	\$35.00	\$420.00
	2 Refreshments	\$180.00	\$177.07	\$2.93	\$240.00
	3 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	4 Miscellaneous Expenses (copies, postage,	\$200.00	\$94.18	\$105.82	\$200.00
	5 Petty cash	na	na	na	na
	6 P.O. Box Rent	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$250.00
	7 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$1,100.00	\$656.25	\$443.75	\$1,170.00
Treatment Jodi L.	1 Workshop	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
	2 Zoom Account	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$0.00
	3 Literature - Facility Racks	\$500.00	\$302.50	\$197.50	\$500.00
	4 Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	5 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$5.00	\$55.00	\$60.00
	6 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	7 ASL for Monthly Speaker Meetings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$1070.00	\$307.50	\$762.50	\$910.00
Totals		\$10,579.97	\$4,268.40	\$6,311.57	\$10,459.97

2025 AREA 74 DATES TO REMEMBER

January 18: Area Committee Meeting, Three Lakes, WI

February CDDP 7 – 9: Holiday Inn Trade Center, Champaign, IL

March 8: Delegate’s Workshop, Wausau, WI

April 11: Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop, Rhinelander, WI

April 12: Area 74 Assembly, Rhinelander, WI

May 16 – 18: Area 74 Spring Conference, Sturgeon Bay, WI

July 12: Area Committee Meeting, Three Lakes, WI

August 22 -24: East Central Regional Conference, Indianapolis, IN

October 17: Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop, Rhinelander, WI

October 18: Area 74 Election Assembly, Rhinelander, WI

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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
- sharing from groups and service committees
 - a calendar of upcoming events

www.aa.org/box-459

DISTRICT 02 MEETING AGENDA

December 8, 2024 – 1:30PM GSR Discussion – 2:00PM Meeting

First United Methodist Church – 325 E Franklin St – Appleton

ZOOM MEETING ID: 875 9555 4987 PASSCODE: 844696

Open with Serenity Prayer

- Introductions
- Housekeeping items: info, etc.

Twelve Traditions – Tradition 12 long form

Twelve Concepts – Concept 12

Review/Accept November Minutes

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

- GSR's
- LCM's – James: LCM-C, Matt: LCM-F, Barry: LCM-A
- Archives – Kathy R.
- Grapevine - Patrick R.
- Corrections – Mike H.
 - Bridging the gap – Brad N.
- Newsletter - Digger A.
- Public Information - Susan B.
 - Webmaster – Trevor F.
- Treatment and Accessibilities - Jodi L.
- DCM - Jane M.

Old Business:

- Available positions > LCM's B,D,E; Alternate DCM; Grapevine Chair
- District Budget
- Area finance questions
- Follow up print meeting list
- Trevor stipend proposal and tech fellows raise?



New Business:

- Can committees still spend down until the end of the year?
- Other?

Close with Responsibility Statement

The NEXT District Meeting: Sunday January 12th, Solutions Recovery Club, Inc., 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

1:30 GSR Discussion / 2pm District Meeting

 See you then!!!! 

2025 District 02 Meeting Schedule

(Meeting Location is Subject to Change)

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

Jan 12	Solutions Club Inc. 621 Evans St, Oshkosh
Feb 9	Changing Lanes Alano Club 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown
Mar 9	Genesis Club 1213 N Appleton St, Appleton
Apr 13	Solutions Club Inc. 621 Evans St, Oshkosh
May 4 Early due to Mothers Day	St Mark's Church 140 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah
Jun 8	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2330 E Calumet, Appleton
Jul 13	Solutions Club Inc 621 Evans St, Oshkosh
Aug 10	St Paul Catholic Church 410 Wallace St, Combined Locks
Sep 14	Peace United Methodist Church 2300 W Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna
Oct 12	Emmanuel Lutheran Church 349 N Main Street, Seymour
Nov 9	Changing Lanes Alano Club 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown
Dec 14	First United Methodist Church 325 E Franklin St, Appleton

DISTRICT 02 MEMORIES

AS PUBLISHED IN THE DISTRICT 02 NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 1988

TRADITION TWELVE

“Anonymity is the spiritual principle of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.”

The 12 and 12 and other AA literature equate anonymity with humility and call it our spiritual foundation. What does this mean?

In my drinking days, and even before I started to drink, I wanted to be known as number one. I was proud of being able to drink the boys under the table. I also wanted to be number one in any group I belonged to. After all, I had good ideas; I was smart; I knew the way it was supposed to be. At the same time, I had a fear and a certainty that I wasn't good enough; if people knew me the way I really was, they'd reject me. Life was a misery of trying to be number one, along with hiding my mistakes and failures from everyone. Drinking helped cover over that impossible split, and I was good at drinking, for a while.

I was that person described in the Big Book (pp. 60-61) as the actor who wants to run the whole show, and who knows that things would be good if only people would do things her way. When I sobered up and came into AA, I still wanted to run the whole show. I was still arrogant, grandiose, and wrong. I was and am an alcoholic personality.

The many people I met in AA and sat in meetings with, began to teach me things, in spite of my chowderheadedness. I removed the cotton from my ears to my mouth because I was told too, and because I wanted to stay sober. Some of the things I slowly began to learn are:

1) Nobody died and appointed me God. 2) I do not hold the patent on AA. 3) I cannot sober anyone else up, or straighten anyone else's life out, nor am I expected to. I can only keep myself sober one day at a time, with my Higher Power's help, received through AA. 4) Even people I don't like know things I need to learn. 5) There are some people who will love me and care about me just as I am, as a recovering alcoholic. In AA I get to learn to love others. 6) It doesn't matter if I'm right or not. It does matter that I don't drink, go to meetings, practice the program, and help others as I am able. All of us together are better off than I am by myself.

It is crucial to my sobriety that I do not seek glory or adulation for staying sober; that I learn who I really am (humility) through working the steps and relating to others; that I avoid the swelled head which begs to be filled with alcohol.

It is crucial to our fellowship, our lifeline, that we stay anonymous at the public level. If we don't, we are in danger of slipping and discrediting AA as a whole. We are in danger of taking credit for AA as a whole. The experience of some who have gone public as members of AA shows that we are in danger of getting drunk if we do so.

To get sober without fanfare, and to protect the haven of AA for those who still suffer, this is the way to humility, and to spiritual progress.

Barb G., Appleton

MY FATHERS TYPE OF DRUNK by Larry R.

Growing up a southern boy my father taught me things
He showed me how to fish and hunt, the joy the outdoors brings
I learned the way to cast a lure and how to tie the knot
Yet there are other things I learned I wish I had forgot

My father was a drinking man; he drank most of his life
But he was able to provide a home for sons and wife
We were not rich by any means, but always had enough
Of food to eat, new clothes to wear and all that worldly stuff

He often drank more than he should yet seldom made a scene
He was content to just get high, not angry, mad or mean
He's what I call a passive drunk, just wanting to let be
And since I had his DNA, he passed that on to me

But like most alcoholics, he had several glaring flaws
Obstinance and selfishness were usually the cause
These traits he forward on to me, I was my father's son
I was like him in many ways, my journey had begun

Like him I drank for many years, convinced I was ok
Provided for my family's success in many ways
Yet selfishness lurked in my soul, I wanted things my way
And if you disagreed with me, I'd push your want away

My drinking, so I thought, did not affect a one but me
I was a happy drunk, content like Dad to just let be
When drinking I did not strike out with words or threats or fists
So, did not care to face the glaring defects on my list

As the use of alcohol began to rule my life
I did not notice the effect it had on kids and wife
Then came the day they intervened, confronted my addiction
Since they were right, I acquiesced, accepted their decision

A short term in a treatment place, and then straight to AA
I did that just to placate them, a bill I had to pay
But as I kept on coming back to several AA meetings
I noticed slowly, day by day, a life change was proceeding

Sober now for many years I sometimes think about
How like my father I behaved, not prone to rage or shout
But just like him, my selfishness, refused to let me see
The impact that my drinking had upon my family

Amends were made, forgiveness found, a new life to unfold
The way my life had been before my drinking took its toll
Yet, still I have to be on guard should I get in a funk
And not repeat or ever be my father's type of drunk

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER 2024

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

Saturday December 7th, **12 Steps of Christmas Party**, 5-9pm. Hot sandwiches provided, potluck sides and desserts. Speaker at 7. **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh. See flyer in newsletter.

Second Sunday of the Month, December 8th, District Meeting at 2pm, **First United Methodist Church**, 325 E Franklin St, Appleton. GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

Second Sunday of the Month, December 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

Saturday December 14th, Appleton Intergroup, **St Pius X Catholic Church**, 500 W Marquette St, Appleton. Doors open at 5, dinner at 6, speakers at 7. See flyer in newsletter.

Third Friday of the Month, December 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, December 29th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

Last Sunday of the December 29th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

Tuesday, December 31st, 2025 New Year Party 8pm – midnight, open AA meeting at midnight, **Changing Lanes**, 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown.

JANUARY 2025

First Friday of the Month, January 3rd, 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, January 12th, District Meeting at 2pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 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, January 12th, 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, January 17th, 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, January 26th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

Last Sunday of the January 26th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

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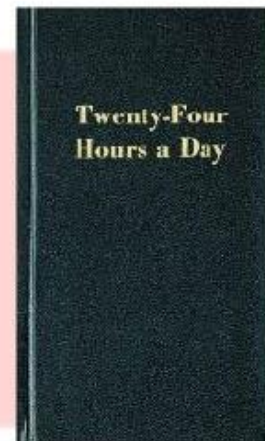
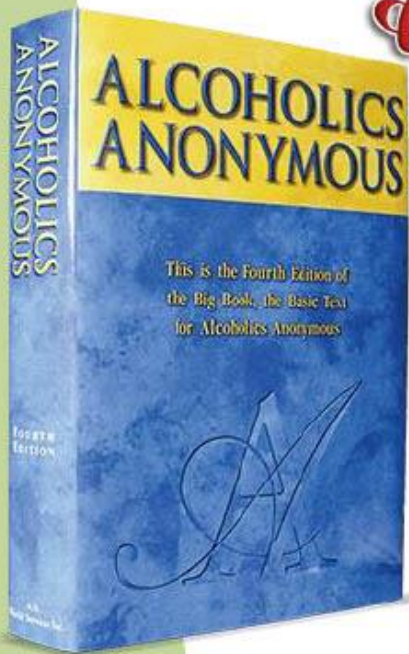
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at their 11th annual



12 STEPS OF CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 7th, 2024

5pm 'til 9pm

Admission is FREE - All are invited!

- *Hot sandwiches provided - POTLUCK sides and desserts*
- *Adult WHITE ELEPHANT gift exchange*
- ****** bring a gift to get a gift! ******
- *There will be gifts for children!*
- *Speaker at 7pm, music at 8pm*
- *Door prizes and 50 - 50 raffle*



Location: Solutions Recovery Center
621 Evans St, Oshkosh, WI 54901



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INTERGROUP
2024

Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle, **Bill W Plant Raffle**, Fellowship

Meat and Buns will be provided

Coffee, Soda, and Water Available

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE bring a dish to pass (with something in it) in a disposable container

**December
14th**

**Set Up Begins 2pm
Doors Open at
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Dinner at 6pm
Speakers start at
7pm**

**St. Pius X
Church
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Appleton, WI 54911**



**CHANGING
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New Year Party

**TUESDAY NIGHT
31ST DECEMBER, 2024**

8PM-MIDNIGHT

Midnight OPEN AA Meeting

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2025 Oshkosh Intergroup

February 22, 2025

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Dinner at 5:30pm

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

All food will be provided

This is NOT a Potluck

Speakers begin at 7pm

AA Speaker- TBA

Al-anon Speaker- TBA

St. Jude the Apostle Parish—Leannah Hall
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November 24, 2024

To: GSRs, Alt GSRs, DCMs and Chairs, Area Officers and Committee Chairs, Delegates, Alt Delegates, Appointed Committee Members, Non-trustee Directors, Trustees, GSO Employees, Intergroups and Central Offices, Group Contacts

Dear A.A. Friends:

The response to the release of the Plain Language Big Book has been heartwarming. The initial print run of just over 70,000 copies sold out in only two weeks!

In preparation for a second printing, the General Service Board noted revisions that better align with the 74th General Service Conference's recommendation (Advisory Action) to move ahead with the printing of the book.

Prior to the first printing, the General Service Board made adjustments to align with the Conference's direction. However, the Board now realizes the adjustments that were made fell short. A regrettable and unintentional mistake had been made. We have worked together to correct those mistakes quickly.

The changes outlined below may be very consequential for some, and less significant for others, but the Board feels responsible to see that the Advisory Action from the Conference is carried out.

In addition to the changes to the text of the Plain Language Big Book outlined below, the language on the back flap will be amended to better reflect the progress of this project. The third sentence will now read, "The 72nd GSC reviewed a progress report, and sample chapters were reviewed at the 73rd GSC."

My sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused any of our members, and I appreciate your patience and understanding. The order for the second printing has

been placed to include the changes outlined below. We expect the book to be back in stock in approximately 4-6 weeks.

Thank you again for your understanding. I hope you find the Plain Language Big Book a useful tool for reading the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, and helpful with carrying our life saving message.

Scott H.

Chair, General Service Board

- On page 64, remove the sentence "It seems to control and punish people who are addicted to it" from the last paragraph.
- On page 9, remove the definition of "Addiction" from the Glossary section.
- On page 11, revise the sentence "Dr. Silkworth ran the Charles B. Towns Hospital for Drug and Alcohol Addictions in New York City during the 1930s."
To read:
"Dr. Silkworth ran the Charles B. Towns Hospital for alcoholism and drug addiction in New York City during the 1930s."
- On page 14, revise the sentence "I help people recover from their alcohol and drug addictions"
To read:
"I help people recover from their alcoholism and drug addiction."
- "On page 139, revise the sentence "In one of these cities there is a well-known hospital for the treatment of alcohol and drug addiction."
To read:
"In one of these cities there is a well-known hospital for the treatment of alcoholism."



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**Virtual Sunrise
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