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# NEWSLETTER

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

Happy Happy New Year !!!

I hope you are staying Safe, Sane and Sober these brand new days of the year! Consider a New Year's resolution to step deeper into AA service! Yay!!

On Jan 18 the Area Committee Meeting is happening in Three Lakes WI and on Zoom. There I will be representing our district. Things such as the Area Finance Questions may come up. GSR's are invited and encouraged to attend and observe. You will have a voice through me, your DCM. We can communicate through email [dcm@district02aa.org](mailto:dcm@district02aa.org) during the event. Start time and Zoom numbers will be emailed to GSR's.

One HUGE International party to Celebrate AA's 90th Birthday will be in July this year in Vancouver, Canada  See [aa.org](http://aa.org) to register and for more information. It's also partially ONLINE! It will be livestreamed, you get 8 sessions over 2 days for \$35 and this won't be available after the Convention.

Just in case you think you are overdoing AA, check this out: "For several years Dave [in Canada] was the only one going into the facility [bringing AA meetings into a prison]. 'But we now have some really dedicated people who...pay a \$50 bridge toll and make a four- to seven-hour round trip to support the inside members' [says Dave]." (Quoted from Box 459, Fall 2024 edition) Know what? THAT'S going to any lengths to stay sober and help others! ♡ Keep on trudging...

Yours, Gratefully -- in Service,

Jane M - DCM District 02

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is end of day January 26!***  
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# ***DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 2024***

District 02 Meeting Minutes for December 2024

The December 8, 2024, the District Meeting was held hybrid at First United Methodist Church, 324 E. Franklin St. Appleton, WI. The meeting started at 2:02 p.m. There were 19 people in person & 3 people on Zoom: 22 people total. We opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Did introductions.

We are looking for a tech person. Our current tech member will step down after the December District meeting.

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

## **Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts**

Mike read Tradition 12 – long form.

Anna Rae & Mike read Concept 12 from the Concepts checklist.

**Approval November 2024 Minutes** - Chris made a motion to accept the Secretary report. Jodi seconded. Motion passed.

**Secretary Report:** Karla. Committee Chairs & GSR's please submit your reports to me by Tuesday December 10, 2024, to ensure I can get the notes to Digger in a timely manner. Email reports to [secretary@district02aa.org](mailto:secretary@district02aa.org). If you are making a motion or seconding a motion, be sure to state your name. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

**Treasurer Report:** Kim. Digger made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

## **GSRs Reports**

Harold- Our Southern Friend- Wed. at Changing Lanes – everything is going well looking for new people.

Anna Rae – put a sign up on the door at their meeting to note where the meeting is held.

Jeff – First United Methodist Tuesday Night – group doing well. Reading stories in back of the Big Book. Always looking for new members. Enter by the office sign to get to the AA meeting.

Michelle – Thursday Women in Recovery Genesis Club – good Attendance. Women attending are already in other home groups. Third Thursday is their business meeting. Looking for new members. Only have about 3 people attending the business meeting.

Laurie – Kaukauna Group Friday Night – attendance has gone down. Thinking about changing the start time of the meeting- from 8 pm to 7 pm. Business meeting first Friday of each month.

Dillon – 101 Algoma meeting hall needs support, meetings have been losing members.

## **LCM Reports**

**Subdistrict A:** Barry. I attended one new meeting since the last district meeting and returned to 3 meetings to get them to vote on the finance questions and get the group's conscience to the DCM.

**4<sup>th</sup> Edition Big Book Study** – 12:00PM Fox Valley Central Office – The group does not currently have a GSR. I provided them a copy of the Area finance committee questions and a date due to the DCM.

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**Search for Serenity** – Thursday 12:00PM at First Congregational – I attended the business meeting on November 21, 2024. Provided the Finance committee questions and a copy of the letter from the General Manager of the GSO asking for groups to consider increasing their contributions to GSO. The group has a GSR.

**Design For Living** – 10:00AM Monday thru Saturday at Prince of Peace. Held their business meeting on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> where the Area questions were discussed and voted upon. The 2025 District budget was voted upon. I also provided a copy of the GSO letter requesting consideration for additional funds.

**Living Sober Group** – Tuesday 6:30PM at First Congregational – I attended the group's business meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> and gave them the Area Finance Committee questions and date due for the DCM to vote the district's conscience. I also provided a copy of the GSO letter requesting consideration for additional funds. I have gotten the [lcma@district02aa.org](mailto:lcma@district02aa.org) email address to be routed to my personal email address. It now works, so thanks Trevor. Appleton groups can now contact me with questions or concerns. Please include contact information in your email.

There are no other comments at this time.

**Subdistrict B:** Open

**Subdistrict C:** James. No Report.

**Subdistrict D:** Open

**Subdistrict E:** Open

**Subdistrict F:** Matt.

**Archives:** Kathy. No Report.

**Grapevine:** Patrick. No Report.

**Corrections:** Mike. 2 new volunteers that started. Starting the process to go into facilities. Purchased 45 BB, 1 case 12x12, case of Daily Reflections going to Oshkosh corrections. Dispersing out books to different facilities. Next correction meeting is January 12 at 12:30 pm @ Solutions before the district meeting. There is a plan to disperse the Plain Language Big Book to facilities. More volunteers are needed at the corrections facilities.

**Bridging the Gap:** Brad. We have received another request this month from a member in Winnebago County Jail. He is to be released 12/20/24 and I'm looking forward to reaching out to him that morning. Also, I have contact information for a member on the inside that wishes to obtain a sponsor before his release in a year or so. If anyone is interested in writing to him and possibly becoming his sponsor, please contact me at [onellybrad@yahoo.com](mailto:onellybrad@yahoo.com).

**Newsletter:** Digger. I encourage everyone to spread the word that it is easy to sign up to have the newsletter emailed directly to you by signing up at the newsletter tab on the district website [www.district02aa.org](http://www.district02aa.org). Be sure to check your spam folder the first month that you receive it. The newsletter is published the last couple of days of each month. If you have any flyers or anything that you would like to place in the January newsletter, the deadline to submit is end of day December 24th. You can email items to [newsletter@district02aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district02aa.org). Just about any format is acceptable. Thanks for letting me serve.

# DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 2024

**Public Information:** Susan. The PI Committee – Last Meeting November 19, 2024; 4 members in attendance

## 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.

50 – Hotels

21 – Police Stations

33 – Fire Stations

Hotline cards to 2 Kwik Trips (Omro & Winneconne)

### Grapevine Distribution

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

## New Business

The District 02 PI Display will be at the Appleton Intergroup December 14, 2024

### New Project

Distribution of the Plain Language Big Book

- Public Libraries (19 Libraries) – 6 have been delivered.
- High School Libraries (20 Libraries) – 2 have been delivered.

The committee ordered and has received 58 copies at the cost of \$632.70.

We will keep you posted.

PI Committee meetings will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month 6PM December 17, 2024 @ Genesis Club in the large room upstairs. Our committee is looking for a few more members if interested please let us know. Susan B. 920 858 2379 or email [publicinfo@district02aa.org](mailto:publicinfo@district02aa.org)

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

**Webmaster:** Trevor. No Report.

**Treatment & Accessibilities:** Jodi. Jodi will be sending out a new zoom link for our meetings going forward. If she isn't able, we will use Kim's (Meeting ID 920 858 1910)

Agenda:

1. Dylan Oshkosh Updates –
  - a. Nov 9, first speaker at Genesis in Oshkosh
  - b. 11 to 13 people at the facility and they were very engaged with the speaker.
  - c. Staff observed.
  - d. The speaker was able to share his phone number with residents.
  - e. Dylan followed up with the speaker and he felt it was good.
  - f. Left a message with Jennifer, the house manager, to see how it went from the facilities' perspective. Dylan hasn't heard back from her yet. Jodi suggested we wait until we have a couple more speakers present and check back with her again.
  - g. Dylan will check back in February; that will be three months.
  - h. Speakers are scheduled from November 2024 through December 2025.
  - i. There is a photo of the list of upcoming speakers attached to these minutes.
  - j. Dylan will create a list of backup speakers and send it to Jodi and Kim

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## 2. ASL next steps (link on District 02, etc.)

- a. The link on District 02 is on the website, but it is hidden under the Treatment & Accessibilities committee information. Suggestions to make it more accessible:
  - i. Create a box on the homepage for ASL.
  - ii. Move the ASL button from under Treatment & Accessibility tab under resources on the navigation bar to a blue box on the home page of the website like the others.
  - iii. Verbiage: AA Meetings for the deaf and hard of hearing. Link button “Find a Meeting”!

Treatment and Accessibility Resources



The above icon should be the symbol used because it is the recognized symbol for signed meetings.

## 3. Workshop follow-up

- a. Barry B & Digger both stepped up after the meeting and volunteered to be speakers for the Oshkosh Genesis Meeting. Jodi will get Dylan their contact information.

### Old Business –

- Treatment & Accessibility’s committee opened a zoom account in 2020 to host meetings during COVID.
  - The District has been using this account for the remote District Meetings; and we think the account should be moved to the DCM’s budget so it can be better tracked.
  - There is a question as to whether the person who purchased the 2024 subscription has been reimbursed.
  - The Treatment & Accessibility Committee needs to provide the District with the renewal information for 2024, and 2025 when it comes due.
- We discussed that the District printable meeting list is different than the online District meeting list that printable doesn’t include online meetings.
  - We would like the printable list to include the online meeting times with a note behind it that says check website for link and passcode, so the meeting lists are the same.
  - Jodi will submit this information to DCM for discussion at the next District Meeting.

### New Business

#### Agenda Items for next meeting

- Because of the holiday’s our next committee meeting will be held January 5, 2025, at 12:00PM.
- Update the 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.
- Creating a speaker list for individuals willing to take the message into the treatment centers.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04PM and closed with the responsibility declaration.

### DCM-Jane.

\*\* It's been a year of good growth for me as a DCM. I'm grateful to now be much less nervous chairing the business meetings and doing other service activities.

Kudos to Committees! Thanks for all your hard work. Note: the colorful newsletter is fun. Kudos to GSR's! I really appreciate you showing up and taking info to and from your groups!!

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

Attended Area Committee Meeting (ACM) on zoom Dec 7. Nicholas (Delegate Area 74) mentioned the preliminary Agenda Items for the 2025 General Service Conference (GSC). Those were emailed to GSR's.

Also - the 2nd printing of the Plain Language Big Book is happening already because it has already sold out of the first printing. There will be a few changes in the 2nd printing. See details on [aa.org](http://aa.org).

The Area is looking for a Wisconsin Corrections chairperson.

Regarding the finance questions the Area Finance Committee is discussing "certain procedures".

Our District workshop, Nov 16, had low attendance (about 20 or so) but those who did participate had a good time, I believe.

We really need an Alternate DCM and a Grapevine chairperson.

Two meetings started up. One at the Veterans Village in Appleton, the other in Oshkosh.

Hoping to see you at some AA holiday events!

### **Old Business**

Open positions 2024 Elections

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

District Budget – Kim. The 2025 budget is attached to the financial report.

Tom-the Grapevine has gone up in price. Does the budget need to be adjusted? Newsletter getting software why doesn't the secretary get a stipend?

Digger – subscribes to adobe for the newsletter. We should up the budget for the Grapevine because subscriptions are given to the Grapevine at intergroups. But there are not as many Intergroups as before (pre-Covid). The goal is to have money available to account for the following year.

There were further conversations on the budgets and that the money spent during the year is lower than the money allocated to the budget. Some things are specific and there are other things that are not concrete. We have been looking at budget since August. These comments should have come out earlier. December is the month we are voting on the budget. For now, we should vote on it.

Harold makes a motion to approve the budget as laid out. Chris seconds. Motion passed.

Area Finance Questions – Our answers from groups were submitted to the Area Finance Committee.

Follow Up Print Meeting List – Jane will contact Trevor with details.

Trevor Stipend Proposal – table this discussion.

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

### **New Business:**

Can Committees Still Spend Down Until the End of the Year – question for the treasurer.

We have only spent half the money. Committees can spend money until the end of the year if the money is in the budget and there is a need. There was a concern about the spending down of money. Discussion was had. We are all trusted servants.

75<sup>th</sup> GSO preliminary agenda items – Jane sent out in an email. She gave some examples of the agenda items.

- 1) What to present for workshops at 2026 conference?
- 2) World Service LinkedIn page under CPC committee.
- 3) Review CPC videos that are already on AA.org
- 4) Review progress report on development of a pamphlet on the transgender alcoholic in AA.
- 5) 4<sup>th</sup> edition of Spanish AA book.

Dates to remember – 12/9/24 is a special assembly on Zoom. Jane will get information out to the GSR's. Will vote whether Char V should be nominee for East Central Regional Trustee. The person who had been voted in is not able to obligate to the position. Took an informal group vote and it was a unanimous yes.

Harold made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Karla seconded the motion. Closed the meeting with the Responsibility Declaration.

The next District meeting is Sunday January 12, 2025, at Solutions Recovery Club, Inc., 621 Evans St., Oshkosh, Wi.

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## ***DID YOU KNOW.....***

# ***THAT ALL A.A. MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE DISTRICT MEETING???***

# DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024

## District 02 Monthly Financial Report – November 2024

Beginning Balance 11/1/2024

\$ 7,941.93

December 8, 2024 District Meeting Report

### Contributions

Date	District Group Contributions		
11/29/2024	Serenity Seekers	\$	50.00
11/29/2024	Design for Living	\$	216.00
11/29/2024	Design for Living	\$	230.00
11/29/2024	Serenity Seekers	\$	50.00
11/29/2024	Design for Living	\$	60.00
11/29/2024	Saturday Morning Eye Opener	\$	100.00
11/29/2024	Sherwood Group	\$	200.00
11/29/2024	Sunrise Group	\$	33.18
11/29/2024	Bottom of the Bridge		\$200.00
11/29/2024	Kimberly Tues. Morning	\$	25.00

**Total deposits \$ 1,164.18**

### Withdrawals

Date	Check #	Expenses (checks/withdrawals)		
11/10/2024	2211	Susan B-PI Outreach, PL Big Books	\$	632.70
11/10/2024	2212	Jane M-DCM Workshop, copies, Lit., Stipend Nov.	\$	140.70
11/11/2024	2213	Fox Valley Central Office-Archives, storage	\$	200.00
11/11/2024	2214	Tom A-NL-Oct. software, adobe & microsoft	\$	22.40
11/16/2024	2215	First United Methodist-Treas. Dec. Dist. Mtg. rent	\$	35.00
11/16/2024	2216	Kim M-Treas. District Mtg. copies for 6 months, ink	\$	41.13
11/29/2024	2217	Cash-Replenish Petty cash	\$	15.00

**Total withdrawals \$ 1,086.93**

### Register balance - Month end

Beginning balance	\$	7,941.93
Deposits	\$	1,164.18
Withdrawals	\$	(1,086.93)
<b>Register balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,019.18</b>

### Outstanding Checks

11/11/2024	2214	Tom A.-NL Oct. software for adobe & microsoft	\$	22.40
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**Total Outstanding checks \$ 22.40**

### Bank Reconciliation

Community First Credit Union	
Beginning balance	\$ 7,976.93
Deposits	\$ 1,164.18
Withdrawals	\$ (1,099.53)
Outstanding checks	\$ (22.40)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,019.18</b>

### Balance available to District

Register balance	\$ 8,019.18
Prudent reserve	\$ (500.00)
Corrections Literature	\$ (1,886.21)
<b>Total available to District</b>	<b>\$ 5,632.97</b>

### Petty Cash

Petty cash beginning balance	\$ 40.00
Jodi-Nov. stipend	\$ (5.00)
Replenish Petty cash	\$ 15.00
Petty cash ending balance	<b>\$ 50.00</b>

### Committee Budget Balance (Remaining)

Archives	\$ 263.97
Corrections	\$ 754.05
DCM	\$ 1,242.87
Grapevine	\$ 820.00
Newsletter	\$ 163.40
PI	\$ 865.23
Treasurer	\$ 367.62
Treatment & Acces.	\$ 757.50
<b>BUDGET BALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)</b>	<b>\$ 5,234.64</b>

### \*Corrections Literature

Starting Balance	\$ 1,390.21
Contributions	\$ 50.00
	\$ 216.00
	\$ 230.00

**Total deposits \$ 496.00**

Withdrawals	
<b>Total withdrawals</b>	

Ending Corrections Literature Balance **\$ 1,886.21**

**\*NOTE - Separate from district balance \$ 1,886.21**

Cindy L. District 02 Treasurer



# DISTRICT 02 APPROVED 2025 BUDGET

APPROVED Area 74 District 02 2024 Budget						
		2024 BUDGET	YTD NOV. SPENT	YTD NOV. REMAIN	2025 DRAFT	
<b>Archives</b> Kathy M.	1	Space at Central Office	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$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
		<b>\$463.97</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$263.97</b>	<b>\$463.97</b>	
<b>Corrections</b> 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
		<b>\$1210.00</b>	<b>\$455.95</b>	<b>\$754.05</b>	<b>\$1,210.00</b>	
<b>DCM</b> Jane M.	1	Stipend for District Meetings	\$180.00	\$165.00	\$15.00	\$180.00
	2	Printing Expenses	\$936.00	\$417.79	\$518.21	\$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	\$210.88	-\$10.88	\$200.00
	7	GSR Workshop	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$56.82	\$43.18	\$100.00
	15	Zoom	na	na	na	\$160.00
	16	Tech Fellows Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
		<b>\$3126.00</b>	<b>\$1883.13</b>	<b>\$1,242.87</b>	<b>\$3,296.00</b>	
<b>Grapevine</b> 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
		<b>\$820.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$820.00</b>	<b>\$820.00</b>	
<b>Newsletter</b> 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	\$196.60	\$103.40	\$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
		<b>\$360.00</b>	<b>\$196.60</b>	<b>\$163.40</b>	<b>\$460.00</b>	
<b>Public Info</b> 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	\$965.77	-\$465.77	\$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
		<b>\$2,430.00</b>	<b>\$1564.77</b>	<b>\$865.23</b>	<b>\$2,130.00</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b> Cindy L.	1	District Rent	\$420.00	\$420.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$135.31	\$64.69	\$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
		<b>\$1,100.00</b>	<b>\$732.38</b>	<b>\$367.62</b>	<b>\$1,170.00</b>	
<b>Treatment</b> 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	\$10.00	\$50.00	\$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
		<b>\$1070.00</b>	<b>\$312.50</b>	<b>\$757.50</b>	<b>\$910.00</b>	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$10,579.97</b>	<b>\$5,345.33</b>	<b>\$5,234.64</b>	<b>\$10,459.97</b>	

# 2025 AREA 74 DATES TO REMEMBER

Area 74 Zoom Information: Meeting ID – 479 428 9816 Passcode - 1212144

**January 18: Area 74 Area Committee Meeting, Three Lakes, WI**

Reiter Center, 1858 S Michigan St

**February 7 – 9: Conference of Delegates Past/Present**

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**

Reiter Center, 1858 S Michigan St

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

# ***DISTRICT 02 MEETING AGENDA***

***January 12, 2025 – 1:30PM GSR Discussion – 2:00PM Meeting***

**Solutions Recovery Center – 621 Evans St – Oshkosh**

**ZOOM MEETING ID: 875 9555 4987    PASSCODE: 844696**

Open with Serenity Prayer

- Introductions
- Housekeeping items: info, etc.

Twelve Traditions – Tradition 1 long form

Twelve Concepts – Concept 1

Review/Accept December 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. [newsletter@district02aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district02aa.org)
- 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 issues
- Follow up print meeting list
- 75<sup>th</sup> GSC potential Agenda items

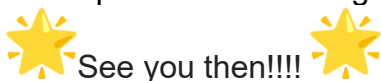
New Business:

- East Central Region (ECR) Trustee nominee vote outcome
- Other?

Close with Responsibility Statement

The NEXT District Meeting: Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>, Changing Lanes Alano Club, 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown

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

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

## *AS PUBLISHED IN THE DISTRICT 02 NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 1990*

### **DAYS OF OLD**

A few twenty four hours ago, when I was a teenager living in a rural area of western Wisconsin, a group of parachutists made the local airfield their home base. Wednesday nights and weekends were the times of operation. As an impressionable youth I soon joined the ranks of “wanna be’s.” In other words, “I wanted what they had and was willing to go to any length to get it.” After a training course I was soon falling through the air with the best of them.

During this time I was initiated into the party scene on Friday and Saturday nights. I was one of the first to reach the tavern and usually the last to leave. This presented no problem (or so I thought), because I had been introduced to tavern etiquette at an early age.

Before too long I was stopping at the bar before going to the airfield and jumping while three quarters in the bag. This continued for a few months until one of the pilots told me I had to make a choice: either skydive or drink – not both, because they didn’t want a large crater in their nice flat drop zone with me and/or someone else in the bottom of it! Very rude of them if you ask me.

My pattern of drinking before anything continued for quite some time, until my present employer intervened. I was told to make a choice: either work or drink – not both, because they didn’t want me to kill or hurt myself or anyone else. Very rude of them again.

After entering treatment and being introduced to the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, I found I didn’t have to drink before doing anything. After a few months of sobriety I found it beat the hell out of drinking beer out of an old jump boot or anything else. I also found myself joining the ranks of “wanna be’s” again. I wanted what they (A.A.) had and was willing to go to any length to get it.

Somedays life is not kind and I have to use the 12 steps more than on other days. But by using the 12 steps to the best of my ability plus my faith in a power greater than myself, the path I have chosen for today is smoothed. If it’s not the right path I can always go back and start again.

Someday I hope to be able to continue my education in the aviation field, but that is not for me to say. All I can do is the footwork, the rest is up to my higher power. As long as my will coincides with his will only good things will happen.

In closing, I remember a card given to me by one of the greatest program ladies I know. It say “I may not be what I want to be, and I’m not what I ought to be, but thank God I’m not what I used to be.”

Frank M.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### ***JANUARY 2025***

#### **First Friday of the Month, January 3<sup>rd</sup>,**

Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm **Genesis Club**, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton. Potluck at 6pm, please bring a dish to pass!

#### **Second Sunday of the Month, January 12<sup>th</sup>,**

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 12<sup>th</sup>,**

Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, Potluck at 6pm, bring a side dish to share, **First Congregational Church**, 724 E South River St, Appleton ***This is a hybrid meeting*** Meeting ID: 897 8011 3671 Passcode: 027543

#### **Third Friday of the Month, January 17<sup>th</sup>,**

Open AA Speaker Meeting at 8pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available.

#### **Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am,**

Eye Opener Group's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Breakfast and Speaker Meeting, **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**, 2330 E Calumet St, Appleton. Pancakes and sausages will be served, please bring a dish to pass. See flyer in newsletter.

#### **Last Sunday of the Month, January 26<sup>th</sup>,**

Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

#### **Last Sunday of the January 26<sup>th</sup>,**

Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

### ***FEBRUARY 2025***

#### **First Friday of the Month, February 7<sup>th</sup>,**

Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm **Genesis Club**, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton. Potluck at 6pm, please bring a dish to pass!

#### **Second Sunday of the Month, February 9<sup>th</sup>,**

District Meeting at 2pm, **Changing Lanes Alano Club**, 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown. GSR Roundtable 1:30 ***This is a hybrid meeting*** Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

#### **Second Sunday of the Month, February 9<sup>th</sup>,**

Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, Potluck at 6pm, bring a side dish to share, **First Congregational Church**, 724 E South River St, Appleton ***This is a hybrid meeting*** Meeting ID: 897 8011 3671 Passcode: 027543

#### **Third Friday of the Month, February 21<sup>st</sup>,**

Open AA Speaker Meeting at 8pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available.

#### **Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup>,**

Chili when its Chilly, Oshkosh Intergroup. Food, fellowship, and fun speakers. Doors open at 4, dinner at 5:30. **St Jude the Apostle Parish – Leannah Hall**, 1025 W 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Oshkosh. See flyer in newsletter.

#### **Last Sunday of the Month, February 23<sup>rd</sup>,**

Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

#### **Last Sunday of the Month, February 23<sup>rd</sup>,**

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 R. [archives@district02aa.org](mailto:archives@district02aa.org)

**CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE:** Provides coordination and support for groups and individuals wishing to carry the message to alcoholics in jails and prisons within the District.

**Chairperson:** Mike H. [corrections@district02aa.org](mailto:corrections@district02aa.org)

**Bridging the Gap:** Brad N. [corrections@district02aa.org](mailto:corrections@district02aa.org)

**GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE:** Relays information about the Grapevine magazine and other materials to the individual groups via their Grapevine Representatives (GVR's).

**Chairperson:** Patrick R. [grapevine@district02aa.org](mailto:grapevine@district02aa.org)

**PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE:** Provides information about AA to the general public and is also responsible for the District 02 website.

**Chairperson:** Susan B. [publicinfo@district02aa.org](mailto:publicinfo@district02aa.org)

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:** Medium for communication of District 02 business and events to the groups, GSR's, and individual members.

**Chairperson:** Digger A. [newsletter@district02aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district02aa.org)

## **TREATMENT & ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE:**

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

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

## **OTHER DISTRICT CONTACTS**

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Appleton, WI 54911  
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## **OTHER INFORMATION**

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### **Now and Then**

(Area 74 Newsletter)

PO Box 192  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

**EYE OPENER GROUP'S 20<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY  
BREAKFAST MEETING**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025  
7:30 AM SPEAKER MEETING**

**Prince of Peace Church  
2330 E. Calumet St.  
Appleton, WI 54915**

**A.A. Speaker:  
Beth F.**

**Pancakes & Sausages will be served. Please bring a  
dish to pass**

**Join us for fellowship**

**This is our way of remembering the founding on this  
meeting**

**Any questions please contact:**

**Kimmery (715) 851-0155**





# *Chili when its Chilly*

2025 Oshkosh Intergroup

**February 22, 2025**

Doors open at 4pm

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**

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Speakers begin at 7pm

AA Speaker- TBA

Al-anon Speaker- TBA

St. Jude the Apostle Parish—Leannah Hall  
1025 W. 5th Avenue—Oshkosh, Wisconsin

For more information or to volunteer, please  
contact

Laird S 303-521-8561 Karen B 920-233-7153

## **New Meeting**

A New Life – AA Meeting



Wisconsin Veterans Village  
2919 W Glenpark Dr., Appleton  
Community Center  
Suite 500

Every Monday @ 6:30 pm

Meeting Type - Open

The Community Center is the only one-story building on site. When you enter Veterans Village drive basically straight to the end of road and park.

Contact number is Craig M at 920-419-4409

Come into main entrance and veer left. As you go through the first lot, it's the only single-story building. Has a soldier memorial in front of the building.

AA and Al-Anon  
"WOMEN IN RECOVERY" RETREAT  
Always Room to Grow

JUNE 13, 14 & 15, 2025

At the  
St Norbert Abbey  
1016 North Broadway, De Pere WI 54115  
(Near Green Bay)  
Use the Webster entrance

\$245. Per person  
Includes 2 nights and 5 meals  
(\$140. Down payment before January 15, 2025)  
Hurry as beds are limited!

Hear speakers and panels  
And join in group discussions

Rest and relax at the  
Beautiful grounds of the Abbey

Join with friends and make new ones

For more information  
Contact retreat coordinator, Mary Bray 920-771-0124, no text  
[braymary827@gmail.com](mailto:braymary827@gmail.com)

Send \$140. Down payment, or \$245. in full to:  
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3905 Tamarack Dr. Green Bay WI 54313  
Make checks payable to:  
Mary Bray/Women in Recovery Retreat  
(Balance due on April 4, 2025)

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Special Dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_