

DISTRICT 02

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DCM.....

Hello my Friends!

Once again, this is the season of Love!!! My love for AA grows continually. Service is the Key at this point in this gal's sobriety. I have never felt more truly connected to you all. What a blessing! ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡ ♡

Jan 25 I went up to Green Bay for the Intergroup. I saw several District 2 folks there. There was a large turnout and good speakers. It was great to keep the connections going with AA friends and trusted servants.

Please ready yourselves to venture up to Wausau WI on March 8 for the Delegates Workshop. Just show up and get involved in a small group discussion. It may surprise you as the spirit of AA takes you into its arms. Any AA member is encouraged to attend! (Talk to me if you need a ride.) More details will be posted in this or next month's newsletter. Or contact Jane at dcm@district02aa.org

By the way, I was tickled pink  that the January District 2 meeting had 29 attendees! We are rockin' it so far in 2025 !! Thank you for participating. All AA members are always welcome. See you 1:30pm Feb 9 in Wrightstown at Changing Lanes, hey!

Yours, Gratefully -- in Service,

Jane M - DCM District 02

dcm@district02aa.org

***Deadline for publication in the March Newsletter
is end of day February 24!***
Submit flyers, articles, etc. to newsletter@district02aa.org

District 02 Meeting Minutes for January 2025

The January 12, 2025, District Meeting was held hybrid at Solutions Recovery Club, Inc., 621 Evans St., Oshkosh WI. The meeting started at 2:00p.m. There were 19 people in person & 10 people on Zoom: 29 people total. We opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Each member in attendance introduced themselves.

DCM Jane went over general housekeeping. Silence phones, be courteous, no side conversations. Jane is unable to attend the Area Committee Meeting on 1/18/25. The group voted for Dylan to be the temporary Alt. DCM to represent District 02 at the Committee Meeting.

Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts

Did not read Traditions – long form.

Did not read Concept from the Concepts checklist.

Approval December 2024 Minutes – Bob made a motion to accept the Secretary report. Harold seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary Report: Karla. Committee Chairs & GSR's please submit your reports to me by Tuesday January 14, 2025, 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. Jeff seconded. Motion passed.

GSRs Reports

Bob –There is a flyer for new meeting beginning January 23rd at noon -It is a Plain & Simple Language BB study at Prince of Peace Church in Appleton. Bring your own lunch.

Kimmery – The Saturday Morning Eye Opener is having their 20th anniversary meeting & pancake/sausage breakfast on January 18th. The speaker is Beth F.

LCM Reports

Subdistrict A: Barry. I attended two new meetings and one revisit since the last district meeting.

A New Life – 6:30PM Monday at the Wisconsin Veterans Village Community Center – A new meeting that is still getting their footing. Do not have a service structure yet. Jane provided them with AA materials to get started. I requested that their meeting flyer be published in the newsletter. The meeting could use some support.

DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 2025

Park Meeting – 8:00AM Sunday currently meeting at St. E’s Helen Fowler Center during the winter months. Attendance is good. I provided them with my contact information.

Sunday Morning St. E’s. – 10:00AM Sunday at Helen Fowler Conference Center. They are looking for a GSR. Elected a Central Office liaison.

I still have about 7 meetings that I have not yet attended, but plan to do so in the near future.

I can be contacted at lcma@district02aa.org with any questions from Appleton groups. Please include contact information in your email.

There are no other comments currently.

Subdistrict B: Open

Subdistrict C: James. I attended 3 group meetings last month, we talked about the new big book translation and the changes to the second printing, we went over the area money stuff and I informed them about the opportunities for district service and about the upcoming ECR events.

Subdistrict D: Open

Subdistrict E: Open

Subdistrict F: Matt. No Report.

Archives: Kathy. No Report.

Grapevine: Open Position. No Report.

Corrections: Mike. Literature has been delivered to some of the corrections facilities. As more literature comes in, it will be distributed to more facilities. Talked with Brad and things are going smoothly. There will be no Corrections meeting next month. Jeff noted he will work with Brad to pay for the PO Box.

Bridging the Gap: Brad. I contacted the sister of our requestor from December, and it turns out that he had gotten revoked, and will not be released for another year. Also, we received two new requests. One is from a gentleman at DACC that is asking for some A.A. literature to be sent to him. The second is being released on 12/18 from Outagamie County Jail.

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Newsletter: Digger. I appreciate everyone submitting their reports to Karla in a timely fashion so that she can submit the monthly minutes to me. Our goal is to begin distribution of the newsletter by the last few days of each month. Please continue to encourage all groups and members to submit flyers and other information for publication. This is YOUR newsletter, and we want to include all the newsworthy information about District 02. We welcome suggestions and ideas to improve the newsletter. Please note that because of a suggestion, we began adding page numbers last month. The deadline for items to be published in the February newsletter is end-of-day Sunday, January 26th. Make your submissions to newsletter@district02aa.org. Thank you for letting me serve.

Public Information: Susan. The PI Committee – Last Meeting December 17, 2024; 5 members in attendance

Old Business

Newest Project

Distribution of the Plain Language Big Book - Public Libraries (19) and High School Libraries (20)

Progress 7- Public Libraries, 7-High School Libraries have received copies, also copies delivered to Father Carr's Homeless Center, Day by Day Shelter, Christine Ann Shelter all 3 in Oshkosh.

Other areas our committee is considering – Assisted Living Libraries

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

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.

51 – Hotels, 20 – Police Stations, 25 – Fire Stations

Thompson Center, Loaves & Fishes, COTs for Men

Grapevine Distribution

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

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New Business

Updated expenses for 2024 – Total \$954.43 (\$235.89 Hotline Cards, \$85.84 Acrylic Business Card Holders, \$632.70 Plain Language Big Books; 58 copies)

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

Zoom only for January, February and March 2025

ID: 438 420 4275 PW: Serenity

January 21, 2025

February 18, 2025

March 18, 2025

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

Our next meeting will be on January 21, 2025, on Zoom

Webmaster: Trevor. No Report. Jane gave Kyle the updated meeting list and asked that he give it to Trevor so that the meetings can be updated on the website. There are some meetings that have disbanded and some new meetings.

Treatment & Accessibilities: Jodi. The treatment and accessibility committee did not meet in the month of December therefore we have no report.

DCM-Jane. I attended 2 meetings I've never been to before. One was the new meeting at the Veterans Village in Appleton. I gave them some starter literature. The other was in Clintonville on Saturday night. It was a good group although small, just 5 of us.

On Zoom we had our monthly DCM meeting on Jan 7. Nicholas (our Area 74 Delegate) chaired. He mentioned the new Area calendar for 2025. One fact about it is we only have a single Conference this year which is in May in Sturgeon Bay. All are welcome and no official Area business will be conducted. Just go and have FUN!

Also, Area Finance Committee Questions were mentioned. I have already emailed Nicholas the responses from our District. Brent H, Area treasurer, said they were received by the committee.

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Preliminary Agenda Items (for the NY Conference) are also on the menu. I will email these again to GSR's and other District service folks. Examples of issues (Agenda Items) include a request to consider whether a Super Majority (75%) of voting members should be required to change or amend Founders Literature. (Currently it's a 2/3 Majority or 66%). Another issue is a possibility to request to remove the word "woman" from the Concept IV essay. (The way it reads now it could be seen as sexist and be offensive).

An Area Committee Meeting (ACM) took place on Jan 9 on Zoom. There we voted in Char V to be our Area 74 nominee for the position of East Central Regional Trustee.

Nicholas also wants feedback on the PLBB - Plain Language Big Book. What do groups and individuals think of it - do you have questions or comments? Let him know through the email address on Area74.org for the Delegate or contact Jane M at dcm@district02aa.org. Thanks!

Old Business

Open positions 2025 Elections

LCM's (B, D, E) – Alt DCM – Grapevine Chair – Technical Fellow - no nominations. Carried over.

District Budget Issues – During last month's district meeting, some people shared comments as it relates to the amount of money set aside in the budgets each year it isn't being used up. Harold had brought this topic up for 2 or 3 months. The budgets are only as good as the thought put into it. Just putting it in the budget just to have it available maybe isn't the best thing to do. Digger added some of us are new to this process of creating budgets. We should discuss the District Budget issues until August. Many of us are growing into new roles. Char shared that spending 50% of the budget is normal. The budget will never be right on. Some people may take a stipend and others will not. Some committees are spending money and making a big impact. Budgets always will have issues. Char shared some information on Area 74. Spent more money than they took in. There will always be a variance. We are still feeling the impact that Covid has had on us. Steve noticed that the budget for 2025 is the same as the budget for 2024. There is nothing wrong with looking at the budget and having further discussions. He would be willing to work with Harold on this. Jeff added he would like to be part of this process. More to come.

Follow Up Print Meeting List – Jane gave to Kyle.

75th GSC Potential Agenda Items – Jane did email a month ago to the GSR's. She will re-email the agenda items to the GSR's. The agenda items are also in the Area 74 Newsletter.

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New Business:

East Central Regional (ECR) Trustee Nominee Vote Outcome – Char was voted in on 12/9/24. Char was present at the district meeting and spoke a bit about the regional structure. Every 4 years, areas elect a trustee. This is someone who sits on the GS board. There are a total of 21 trustees. They serve AA. There is a lot of travel. Each area has an option to submit a name as their nominee along with a resume. Delegate presents the candidate and then a vote is taken (2/3 majority).

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:19 p.m. Harold seconded the motion. Closed the meeting with the Responsibility Declaration.

The next District meeting is Sunday February 9, 2025, at Changing Lanes Alano Club, 344 Broadway St., Wrihsttown.

DID YOU KNOW.....

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

**Please join us at Changing Lanes Alano Club,
344 Broadway St in Wrihsttown at 2pm on
February 9th. Learn more about how AA
General Service works!**

DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT – DECEMBER 2024

Beginning Balance 12/1/2024

\$ 8,019.18

January 12, 2024 District Meeting Report

Contributions

Date	District Group Contributions		
12/30/2024	Design for Living	\$	198.00
12/30/2024	Design for Living	\$	125.00
12/30/2024	Group 000164634	\$	50.00
12/30/2024	The Way Out	\$	155.00
12/30/2024	Sunrise Meeting	\$	107.63
12/30/2024	Tuesday Night Study Group	\$	100.00
12/30/2024	Genesis Club AA Groups	\$	250.00

Total deposits \$ 985.63

Withdrawals

Date	Check #	Expenses (checks/withdrawals)		
12/8/2024	2220	Mike H. - Corrections Lit. Dec. Stipend	\$	1,022.09
12/8/2024	2221	Jane M.-DCM Workshop, copies, Stipend Dec..	\$	159.05
12/16/2024	2222	Tom A.-NL-Nov.. software, adobe & microsoft	\$	22.40
12/16/2024	2223	Solutions Recovery-Jan. Dist. Mtg.Rent	\$	35.00
12/18/2024	2224	USPS-Renew PO box & 2 books of stamps	\$	229.20
12/30/2024	2225	Cash-Replenish Petty cash	\$	5.00

Total withdrawals \$ 1,472.74

Register balance - Month end

Beginning balance	\$	8,019.18
Deposits	\$	985.63
Withdrawals	\$	(1,472.74)
Register balance	\$	7,532.07

Outstanding Checks

12/16/2024	2223	Solutions Recovery	\$	35.00
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Total Outstanding checks \$ 35.00

Bank Reconciliation

Community First Credit Union	
Beginning balance	\$ 8,041.58
Deposits	\$ 985.63
Withdrawals	\$ (1,460.14)
Outstanding checks	\$ (35.00)
Total	\$ 7,532.07

Balance available to District

Register balance	\$ 7,532.07
Prudent reserve	\$ (500.00)
Corrections Literature	\$ (1,167.12)
Total available to District	\$ 5,864.95

Petty Cash

Petty cash beginning balance	\$ 50.00
Jodi-Dec. stipend	\$ (5.00)
Replenish Petty cash	\$ 5.00
Petty cash ending balance	\$ 50.00

Committee Budget Balance (Remaining)

Archives	\$ 263.97
Corrections	\$ 749.05
DCM	\$ 1,083.82
Grapevine	\$ 820.00
Newsletter	\$ 141.00
PI	\$ 865.23
Treasurer	\$ 138.42
Treatment & Acces.	\$ 752.50
BUDGET BALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)	\$ 4,813.99

*Corrections Literature

Starting Balance	\$ 1,886.21
Contributions	\$ 198.00
	\$ 100.00

Total deposits \$ 298.00

Withdrawals	
Mike H.	\$ (1,017.09)

Total withdrawals \$ (1,017.09)

Ending Corrections Literature Balance **\$ 1,167.12**

*NOTE - Separate from district balance **\$ 1,167.12**

Cindy L. District 02 Treasurer

DISTRICT 02 APPROVED 2025 BUDGET

		2024 BUDGET	YTD DEC. SPENT	YTD DEC. REMAIN	2025 DRAFT
Archives 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
		\$463.97	\$200.00	\$263.97	\$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	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$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	\$460.95	\$749.05	\$1,210.00
DCM Jane M.	1 Stipend for District Meetings	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$180.00
	2 Printing Expenses	\$936.00	\$517.89	\$418.11	\$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	\$100.77	-\$0.77	\$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	\$2042.18	\$1,083.82	\$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	\$219.00	\$81.00	\$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	\$219.00	\$141.00	\$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	\$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
		\$2,430.00	\$1564.77	\$865.23	\$2,130.00
Treasurer 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	\$164.51	\$35.49	\$200.00
	5 Petty cash	na	na	na	na
	6 P.O. Box Rent	\$240.00	\$200.00	\$40.00	\$250.00
	7 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$1,100.00	\$961.58	\$138.42	\$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	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$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	\$317.50	\$752.50	\$910.00
Totals		\$10,579.97	\$5,765.98	\$4,813.99	\$10,459.97

2025 AREA 74 DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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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PO Box 192

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

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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

February 9, 2025 – 1:30PM GSR Discussion – 2:00PM Meeting

Changing Lanes Alano Club – 344 Broadway St – Wrightstown

ZOOM MEETING ID: 875 9555 4987 PASSCODE: 844696

Open with Serenity Prayer

- Introductions
- Housekeeping items: info, etc.

Twelve Traditions – Tradition 2 Long Form

Twelve Concepts – Concept 2

Review/Accept January 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
- 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
- Follow up print meeting list
- 75th GSC potential Agenda items

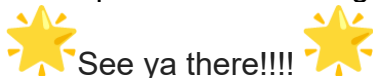
New Business:

- Archives position, LCM-F position
- GSR Workshop: Feb 22
- Other?

Close with Responsibility Statement

The NEXT District Meeting: Sunday March 9th, Genesis Club, 1213 N Appleton St., Appleton

1:30 GSR Discussion / 2pm District Meeting



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

External or Internal

A speaker at the meeting brought the topic, Desperation
Got many members sharing, was a real good conversation
He asked of those who shared to only give their epilog
Refrain from wasting time with just another drunk-a-log

For most of us that state of desperation was the end
We'd reached a point of self-disgust, unable to pretend
That somehow we were not that bad, the truth was plain to see
We'd lost control, our lives a wreck, a social deportee

But just how did you get there, said the speaker to the members
Please share with us that moment that you'll always still remember
Some said it was the day their spouse had grabbed the kids and left
Others said a DUI or prison time for theft

A near fatal experience caused another man to know
Just one more binge and he was toast, it was the final blow
Loss of jobs and money was again a common theme
The knowledge they had lost it all, bereft of hope and dreams

But there were some whose path to desperation were diverse
They had not been arrested, lost their livelihood or worse
Did not lose their family or end up in the ER
Had not been expelled from school or ever wrecked their car

The reasons lots of people reach desperation are external
An event that brings life crashing down, existence now infernal
Yet, there are those that reach this desperation from within
Their feeling of self-loathing starts their journey to begin

Internal desperation may take longer to arrive
Since not the worst has happened, hope to change is still alive
They tell themselves, should any of those events to them transpire
They'd quit the drink and finally get the help that they require

But as the worst thing happens not, the drinking will proceed
Waiting for that shoe to drop, the drinker will not cede
Then comes a day when, from within, a light begins to glow
Internal desperation has arrived and then they know

The jig is up, doors closing fast, their self-unrecognized
The being that they have become appears before their eyes
They know they must surrender, their self-will is no avail
A final chance, this path to desolation to derail

In the end, no matters how we reach our desperation
It is the thing that starts us to a new found destination
A hope, at last, to right ourselves, regain our self-respect
To be who we were meant to be, our old self resurrects

Larry R.

Your Start in Recovery

Because your heart is tender,
You feel deep, not a pretender.

Because you see over fences,

Your emotions are so close to
your senses.

You have value in your caring,

Where people enjoy your
sharing.

You are success by virtue of your
heart,

You are success by believing in
your start.

Putting together a life is work,

You have pieced together a good
life of which there is no murk.

Keep good spirits,

You are a success!

Stay in tune with your desires,
your heart, and seek joy!

Joseph S.

DISTRICT 02 ARCHIVES

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THE NEWCOMER – BABIES - PIGEONS

A.A. depends on the newcomer. It doesn't matter what we call new people, babies on the west coast or pigeons on the east coast. What does matter is that we need them as much as they need us.

I can remember my first meeting like it was yesterday, and I can say I was scared, embarrassed, and doubtful. I felt like a whipped, wet, shaking, quaking poodle. I can remember being told to attend at least 90 meetings in 90 days, get to know the program, and get to know the people. That first month walking into different meetings was almost as scary and fearful as my first meeting.

I was very fortunate because my Higher Power directed me to those meetings where everyone made me feel welcome. God knew I needed to feel accepted and for that reason every meeting I attended someone would always say "Hi", or shake my hand and say, "Glad you came, keep coming back." Every meeting I attended the person leading the meeting would say, "Is there anyone here with less than 30 days sobriety? We don't want to embarrass you. We would like to get to know you." For me that was great. I would get to say "Hi," and many times I opened up and said I was afraid. After every meeting people would say "Hi." Some gave me their phone numbers and said "I know how you feel; I've been there myself. Call me if you like."

Having the meeting start out with the leader asking if anyone was new to A.A. was not embarrassing to me at all, and for the first 30 days it made me feel welcome and kept me coming back.

I get awfully wrapped up in myself at times, but I try to remember how a newcomer feels when he or she attend their first few A.A. meetings. I try to give back what I got: a handshake and a warm hello. It's not easy for me because I'm shy and I'm not always in a good mood, but I keep trying.

I don't get to ask the group if there is anyone in attendance in their first 30 days of sobriety as I have not led any meetings yet, but I will when I get the chance. I'm going to ask so I can get to know them. So they will feel welcome and keep coming back. These newcomers help me to stay sober and I'm grateful to this program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I have to remind myself all the time that this is a program of action, and I have to do it. No one can or will do it for me and that's O.K. I hope you feel this way to. Say "Hi" to a newcomer today.

Max

KAUKAUNA FRIDAY NIGHT MEETING NEW START TIME 7PM!!!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

FEBRUARY 2025

First Friday of the Month, February 7th,

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 9th,

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

Second Sunday of the Month, February 9th,

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 21st,

Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available. *Please note NEW TIME for this meeting!*

Saturday February 22nd, 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 5th Ave, Oshkosh. See flyer in newsletter.

Last Sunday of the Month, February 23rd,

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

Last Sunday of the February 23rd, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

MARCH 2025

First Friday of the Month, March 7th, 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, March 9th,

District Meeting at 2pm, **Genesis Club**, 1213 N Appleton St, Appleton. GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

Second Sunday of the Month, March 9th,

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

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Open AA Speaker Meeting at 8pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available. *Please note NEW TIME for this meeting!*

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

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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.

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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).

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

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(Area 74 Newsletter)

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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

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
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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
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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)

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____

Special Dietary needs _____

Spring 4th and 5th Step Retreat

June 20-22, 2025

(AA/Al Anon/ACA)

Place: St. Norbert Center for Spirituality, 1016 N Broadway, De Pere, WI 54115 (Webster Entrance)

Time: Friday 5pm to Sunday noon

Cost: \$275.00 – Includes 2 nights/5 meals--(Snacks and beverages provided throughout retreat)

This retreat setting is designed to provide a safe and trusted environment for the participants to learn and grow in “working recovery”. Group presentations on Steps 4-7 are offered. Experienced facilitators in recovery are available to advise on doing 4th steps and to listen to “5th steps” throughout the weekend in a private setting. **Attendees are encouraged to do as much of their 4th Step as possible prior to attending the Retreat.** Other opportunities to share in fellowship include open meetings, closed meetings, forgiveness exercises, guest speakers, and live music. There are a variety of settings available for personal and private reflection. The St. Norbert Center for Spirituality has been newly renovated throughout the facility. Each participant will have their own bathroom/shower within their own space. Retreatants will all have their own room unless “room sharing” is requested.

6 months sobriety/active recovery suggested

Retreat Openings are limited

First Come, First Serve

Please make your reservations early!

Registration deadline is May 30, 2025

(3 Partial Scholarships available courtesy of the Mike A. Scholarship Fund-Please call Tim S. to inquire)

Send \$150 deposits to: Steps Retreat, PO Box 74, Green Bay, WI 54305

Deposits are not refundable after May 16, 2025.



Any questions? Call or Text Tim S. (920) 360-3869 or email 5thstepretreat@gmail.com

Use QR code above to go straight to the website for more info &/or to register

Registration: Spring 4th & 5th Step Retreat

Name: _____ **Gender M/F**

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Email: _____ (Will be used to contact you w/confirmation and retreat information)

Phone: _____ **Special needs:** _____

AA _____ **Al-Anon** _____ **ACA** _____ **Other** _____

Emergency contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

Donations are always accepted. These funds are used to manage costs and provide scholarships

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.

NEW A.A. MEETING

“Keeping It Simple”

Plain Language Big Book

Study Group

Thursdays from Noon to 1:00 pm
beginning Jan. 23, 2025

Prince of Peace Church
2330 East Calumet Street – Appleton, WI 54915
Enter at door #4 in back - Handicap accessible
(We will share books as needed. A second printing is under way.)

Bring your lunch!

Get to know the Big Book in a new light.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
MOLLY M (312) 307-6017 or LINDA RT (920) 850-2565

*The Plain Language Big Book (PLBB) is a tool to help readers understand the book
Alcoholics Anonymous (The Big Book) which was first published in 1939.*

*The PLBB is published by Alcoholics Anonymous World Services and approved by
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4th Saturday
each Month
thru 2025

Unleash your inner pop sensation!
Karaoke spotlight at 7:00PM
Location: 344 Broadway St. Wrightstown, WI

information at www.changinglanesclub.com
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