

DISTRICT 02

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# NEWSLETTER

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

HAPPY SPRING !



Get in the car and come up to the Quality Inn in Rhinelander for the Assembly - a gathering of AA members (on April 12). All District 02 GSR's are expected to attend, either in person or on zoom. But they are representing YOU, so go up, sit next to them, and write them notes throughout the day so they can carry your group's voice regarding topics like Bill and Bob's writings, the AA Meeting Guide App, and how the General Service Office in New York can save money by cutting expenses here and there, perhaps. And so much more! ***{ed. note: see page 13 for agenda}***

Also, PLEASE NOTE that the 101A Algoma Blvd meetings in Oshkosh are MOVING! Their new location will be only a block away at 137 Algoma Blvd in the First Congregational Church. They relocate on April 21. I recommend you go to the old location before then just to check it out because it's a great experience....like walking   into a time capsule. AA history abounds. Meetings have been there since 1975, I was told. I'm going to take pictures when I go. It's a thrill to behold.

Anyways, however you enjoy these longer days, I hope you stay Safe, Sane, and Sober 

As always, contact me, Jane, with any comments, questions, or concerns: [dcm@district02aa.org](mailto:dcm@district02aa.org)

Yours, Gratefully -- in Service,

Jane M - DCM District 02

[dcm@district02aa.org](mailto:dcm@district02aa.org)

# ***DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 2025***

## District 02 Meeting Minutes for March 2025

The March 9, 2025, District Meeting was held hybrid at Genesis Club 1213 N. Appleton St., Appleton, WI. The meeting started at 2:07 p.m. There were 23 people in person & 4 people on Zoom: 27 people in total. We opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Everyone introduced themselves.

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

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

Megan read Tradition 3 – long form.

Niccie & Michelle read Concept 3 from the Concepts checklist.

**Approval February 2025 Minutes** – Digger made a motion to accept the Secretary report. Jeff seconded. Motion passed.

**Secretary Report:** Karla. Committee Chairs & GSR's please submit your reports to me by Tuesday March 11, 2025, 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:** Digger. Bob made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Niccie seconded. Motion passed.

### GSRs Reports

Dylan – 101A Groups– meetings will be moving to a new place the last week of April (April 21<sup>st</sup>). The new meeting place is at First Congregational located at 137 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh. Work will begin to create a historical archive for the 101A meeting hall. There will be an upcoming event held for members to come to the 101A building upstairs and have a celebration. Coffee and cake will be served. Date to be determined.

Niccie – New Beginnings Monday at Solutions Recovery – handed out M&M's.

Alex – First things first Sunday Night at First Congregational Church – due to audio issues, the group has shifted to hybrid for speaker meetings only. Speaker meetings are held on the second Sunday each month.

## ***DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 2025***

### LCM Reports

**Subdistrict A:** Barry. I attended three new meetings and two revisits since the last district meeting. A New Life – 6:30PM Monday at the Wisconsin Veterans Village Community Center – I revisited this meeting, and the meeting is still getting their footing. A meeting format was established but can be revised by group conscience. A positive note is that it is a meeting for veterans who live at the campus facility. All are welcome, especially veterans.

Tuesday Night Study – 8:00PM Tuesday at First United Methodist – The meeting is well attended. They have a GSR. Numerous members have been in district and area service. I revisited and attended their business meeting.

Fireside – 7:45PM Tuesday at 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational – Well attended meeting. The group has a GSR.

Fox Valley 94 – 7:00PM Saturday at 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational. A well-attended meeting. They have a GSR. This group also meets on Thursdays at 7:00PM as well.

I can be contacted at [lcma@district02aa.org](mailto:lcma@district02aa.org) with any questions from Appleton groups. Please include contact information in your email. There are no other comments at this time.

**Subdistrict B:** Open

**Subdistrict C:** James. Visited one meeting and carried the message of the Delegate's workshop.

**Subdistrict D:** Open

**Subdistrict E:** Open

**Subdistrict F:** Open.

**Archives:** Kathy. The committee will begin meeting third Sunday in May. Items are being cataloged. Working with Dylan to archive info for 101A Algoma.

**Grapevine:** Tina. Looked at AA website and App. Received materials from the previous chair. Talked to some people who were previously in the role and received some suggestions. Spruce up display. Planning to go to meetings she has not been to & let people know that Grapevine is available.

## ***DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 2025***

**Corrections:** Mike. Working on updating the facilities meeting list & volunteer lists. Making a list of literature to be purchased for the facilities. Thank you to the groups that generously support corrections literature. We are able to continue providing AA literature to the people that most need it. This is making a difference. I am in contact with 4 people I had met at prison meetings, and they are clean & sober several years later.

**Bridging the Gap:** Brad. We have received no new requests for the last two months.

**Newsletter:** Digger. The district newsletter is distributed via email on the last couple of days of each month. You can sign up to receive the newsletter on the newsletter tab on the district website. Our committee is always looking for information of interest to publish, which can be emailed to us at [newsletter@district02aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district02aa.org). The deadline for publication in the April issue is the end of the day on March 25th. Thank you for letting me serve.

**Public Information:** Susan. The PI Committee – Last Meeting February 18, 2025; 4 members in attendance

### **Old Business**

#### Newest Project

Distribution of the Plain Language Big Books to Public Libraries and High School Libraries in District 02.

9 of the 19 Public Libraries have a PLBB – Appleton, Neenah, and Menasha the most recent to receive a copy.

Our committee purchased 58 copies.

#### Hotline Card Distribution

Our committee delivered Hotline cards in 2024 too.

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.

### **New Business**

Barry attended the Area 74 PI Committee meeting February 2025

April 2025 a larger supply of Hotline Cards will be on hand at the District Meeting for members to refresh their supply. The help of members getting the cards distributed is really making a difference and is appreciated.

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

The plan was originally to be on Zoom March 2025 only, but I will be back in Appleton sooner, so it will be in person 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](mailto:publicinfo@district02aa.org)

Our next meeting will be March 18, 2025, at the Genesis Club

## ***DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 2025***

**Webmaster:** Trevor. No Report. Jeff – continuing to look for people to help.

**Treatment & Accessibilities:** Jodi.

Old Business –

- Treatment & Accessibility’s committee zoom account Access -Jodi
  - Was told access was: 02 Zoom Meeting ID: 87595554987 Passcode: District02! (did not work)
  - District 02 Zoom Meeting ID:87595555 Passcode: 844696 (worked but screen sharing was disabled by ‘host’) - Jodi to follow up with Webmaster.
  
- Zoom account billing-Rita
  - 2024 Billing-
    - Tabled for March 30, 2025, meeting
  - 2025 Billing-
    - Tabled for March 30, 2025, meeting
  
- District printable meeting list-Webmaster in process of creating
- Link on District 02 ASL is on the website moved to the front page- Jodi followed up with Webmaster in February, will follow up again.
- Oshkosh Updates -Dylan
  - Everything is going well!

New Business -

Agenda Items for next meeting Tabled for next month due to low attendance.

- Discuss request for 15 more books at Casa Clare.
  - 2025 Literature budget \$500.
- Rita will update the facilities list to make sure we have the latest contact information for facilities.
  - Add new contacts and facilities
  - Split sheet so we can contact and confirm – Dylan will help with Oshkosh.
- Once the contact information is updated for the facilities, we will start the process of checking on supply replenishment.
- As part of this conversation, we will check with the facilities to see if they are interested in having AA members come in as speakers or facilitate meetings in the facility. We will table the idea of creating a speaker list for individuals willing to take the message into the treatment centers.
- Rita has updated her pamphlet inventory. She will send that information to Dylan so he can update what he has in inventory so we can get an accurate list of all our complete inventory.
- Next meeting will be held March 30th, 2025, at 12:00PM Central time

## ***DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 2025***

**DCM-Jane.** The information is out regarding the 75th General Service Agenda Items. All are listed if you click on the link located on the homepage of Area74.org. I received an email from our Delegate which contained an abbreviated version - Focus Items- of those Agenda Items. That abbreviated version was gone over through the Committees at the Delegate's Workshop which I attended Mar 9.

It's very important for your group's GSR to go over the Focus Items with your AA meeting group. And if interested you all may want to peruse the full version on Area74.org to see if there are other items of importance. Then let the Delegate know what is your groups opinion: [delegate@area74.org](mailto:delegate@area74.org) before April 12.

Additionally, GSR's are expected to attend the Area Assembly either on Zoom or in Rhinelander that day. This will make the voice of your group heard! The Focus Items were emailed to GSR's that are registered. I hope we didn't miss anyone. Contact Nicholas: [delegate@area74.org](mailto:delegate@area74.org) for a copy of the Focus Items or details about the Assembly, please.

One of the topics that Nicholas chose not to focus on was that of Anonymity and social media. There seems to be lack of guidance on that and a survey showed many were considered to be breaking Anonymity online.

Also, the Founder's Writings are an issue again. A group in Minnesota is trying to make it harder for changes to be made to Bill, Bob, Fr Dowling, Dr Silkworth, Big Book, 12 and 12, and other historical literature by changing a passing vote on changes from 2/3 (66%) majority to a super majority of 3/4 (75%) of the voting body at the General Service Conference in New York.

An issue with the Conference Finance committee is whether to up the requested fee for each Area to pay their Delegate to attend the General Service Conference. It really costs about 9K for each Delegate to go. The GSO picks up most of the tab. What do your group think about such things?

Pamphlets - are they becoming obsolete? Or are they still useful for reaching the still suffering alcoholic?

Another example of these Focus Items is whether the GSO website, [aa.org](http://aa.org), is effective and if it needs any changes or updates.

And the Meeting Guide App - is that working well or does your group have some ideas to improve it? Is it accessible to the person who is out there dying from drinking?

These are just some of the things our Delegate needs advice from YOU on.... your opinion matters. PLEASE CONTACT ME WITH QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, CONFUSION, FRUSTRATION, WHATEVER!! I would like to try to help. [dcm@district02aa.org](mailto:dcm@district02aa.org)

# ***DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 2025***

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Open positions 2025 Elections**

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

### **Workshop Committee Progress**

The committee met and is currently looking for speakers. More information to come. There are 4-5 people on the committee. Flyers are available. Take the flyer back to your groups. We need GSR's to attend the meeting and learn.

**Dylan: 101 A New Location Yet?** The new meeting location will be at the First Congregational Church 137 Algoma BLVD., Oshkosh.

## **New Business:**

### **GSC 2025: Delegates Workshop recap & info for groups**

Jane attended the workshop on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Jane emailed a 38-page document to the GSR's. Jane has a budget report from Area 74 and gave it to Steve.

Niccie was on the Literature committee and learned about the twelve concepts. There is an agenda item to put concepts in 12x12 and make it a 12x12x12.

The Plain Language Big Book is on the agenda. The group thought it was a good idea to wait to make changes to the book. Wait and see how long it will be around. Niccie also talked about other topics that I was unable to note.

A few groups speak Spanish. They may be interested in the La Vina. Jane checked in with the rep about getting some copies to give out to the groups that speak Spanish.

Jane passed around some pamphlets in case anyone in the room wanted to review them. Requested changes to the pamphlets are included in the agenda items for the GSC.

## **District Finance Budget Committee**

Steve – There are some people looking at the budget. The district carries a large check balance and budget higher than what is being spent. Information has been gathered over the past ten years. There is incomplete historical budget information. Budget for 2024 is 184% of actual. In 2018 there was a meeting in Kaukauna to talk about the budget as the district was not spending money.

The district carries a high checking balance.

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Data will continue to be collected. If anyone is interested, Steve has some printouts of information. We can go through the information in the upcoming months.

James – this year the area committees are going to be required to do workshops so the committee will use the money budgeted. There are line items where monies are not getting spent. There is more money in the checking account than what was spent last year.

When we have a lot of money, what is the right thing to do?

### **Other Topics**

Jane gave out information on upcoming events & workshops.

Anna Rae – are we going to discuss printed meeting list and online meeting list – table until next month.

Dylan – has a concern with District 02 intergroups. None of our committees attend the intergroups anymore. The committees are our voice. He would like to see a booth or board with information from the committees. Dale says that you get better attendance if you invite the committees instead of expecting them to show up.

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

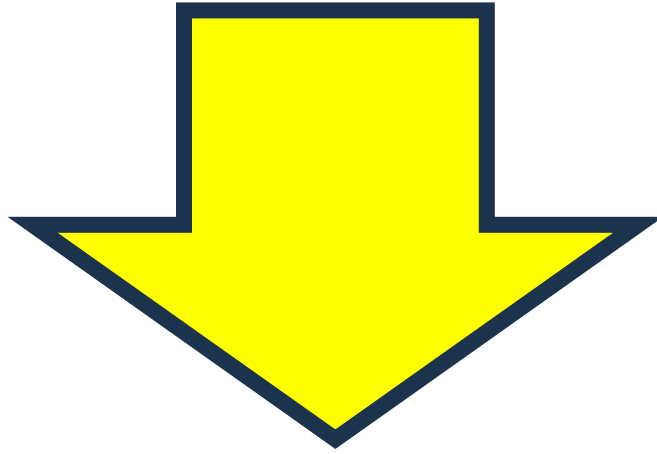
The next District meeting is Sunday April 13, 2025, at Solutions Club Inc., 621 Evans St., Oshkosh, Wi.

## **MEETING CHANGE: FIRST THINGS FIRST SUNDAY 7PM 1<sup>ST</sup> CONGREGATIONAL**

First Things First Meeting is now **ONLY** hybrid on the second Sunday of the month for our speaker meeting. Thank you for the support!

If you're looking for another online meeting at this time, please see the Meeting Guide App.





*Deadline for publication in the May Newsletter  
is end of day April 24!*

Submit flyers, articles, etc. to [newsletter@district02aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district02aa.org)

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

**Please join us at Solutions Club, 621 Evans St  
in Oshkosh at 2pm on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Learn more  
about how AA General Service works!**



# DISTRICT 02 BUDGET COMPARISON THROUGH FEBRUARY 2025

		2025 BUDGET	YTD FEB SPENT	YTD FEB REMAIN
<b>Archives</b> Kathy	1 Space at Central Office	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	2 Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	3 Grapevine	\$28.97	\$0.00	\$28.97
	4 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	5 FVCO Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6 Now & Then Subscription	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
	7 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
		<b>\$463.97</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$463.97</b>
<b>Corrections</b> Mike H.	1 Workshop	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
	2 Conference	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
	3 Office Supply/Trave	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	4 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$10.00	\$50.00
	5 BTG P.O. Box, Postage, Supplie	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00
	6 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
		<b>\$1210.00</b>	<b>\$210.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>DCM</b> Jane M	1 Stipend for District Meetings	\$180.00	\$30.00	\$150.00
	2 Printing Expenses	\$936.00	\$177.00	\$759.00
	3 LCM Stipends for District Meetings	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$360.00
	4 LCM Miscellaneous Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	5 LCM Meeting Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6 Area 74 Literature - (Service Materials	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	7 GSR Workshop	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	8 Registration Spring and Fall Conference	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
	9 Banquet Spring and Fall Conference	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	10 Conference Lodging	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
	11 Gas for Conf/Assem/ACM/Workshops - current federal	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
	12 Assembly/ACM 4-Trips (\$40.00 Each)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	13 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	14 Other Workshop	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	15 Zoom Account	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$160.00
	16 Tech Fellows Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
		<b>\$3296.00</b>	<b>\$207.00</b>	<b>\$3,089.00</b>
<b>Grapevine</b> Tina E.	1 Grapevine Subscription for Intergroup	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
	2 Postage & Office Supplies	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
	3 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	4 Additions to Grapevine Library Displa	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
	5 Grapevine Display at Genesis Clu	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6 Past Grapevines for Distribution	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	7 Workshop	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	8 Electronic Subscription for Grapevine Chairperso	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	9 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
		<b>\$820.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$820.00</b>
<b>Newsletter</b> Digger A	1 Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2 Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	3 Postage & Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	4 Software	\$300.00	\$44.80	\$255.20
	5 Postcards, labels & miscellaneous supplie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	7 Ink	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	8 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		<b>\$460.00</b>	<b>\$44.80</b>	<b>\$415.20</b>
<b>Public Info</b> Susan	1 Web Service (Maintenance, software upgrades	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
	2 Pamphlets	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	3 Postage	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
	4 Meeting List Copies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	5 Outreach	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
	6 Webmaster Computer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	7 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	8 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	9 Printing	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
	10 Booth Space at County Fairs	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
	11 Grapevine Subscriptions (2)	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	12 Facebook PSA	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
		<b>\$2,130.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,130.00</b>
<b>Treasurer</b> Cindy L	1 District Rent	\$420.00	\$70.00	\$350.00
	2 Refreshments	\$240.00	\$52.33	\$187.67
	3 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	4 Miscellaneous Expenses (copies, postage,	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	5 Petty cash	na	na	na
	6 P.O. Box Rent	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
	7 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		<b>\$1,170.00</b>	<b>\$122.33</b>	<b>\$1,047.67</b>
<b>Treatment</b> Jodi L	1 Workshop	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	2 Literature - Facility Racks	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
	3 Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	4 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	5 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	6 ASL for Monthly Speaker Meetings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		<b>\$910.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$910.00</b>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$10,459.97</b>	<b>\$584.13</b>	<b>\$9,875.84</b>

# 2025 AREA 74 DATES TO REMEMBER

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

**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)

**Agenda for Area 74 Assembly**  
**April 12 2025 Time 8:30 am Location - Quality INN Rhinelander**  
**668 W. Kemp St. Rhinelander WI. 54501 Phone- 715-369-3600**  
**Hybrid Zoom Meeting ID: 497 428 9816 Passcode:1212144**

**8:30 a.m. – Welcome, Prayer, Housekeeping, Opening Remarks**

- Roll Call \_ secretary
  - Area Chair introduce Past Delegates in attendance
- Approval of Minutes from 10-12-2024.

8:45 a.m. Area Officer Reports (max 3 minutes)  
Chair -Delegate-Secretary-Registrar-Treasurer  
Standing Committee reports: 3 minutes max

**9:30 a.m. Old Business**

**Motion District 13-- Reimbursement of \$250.00 for Past Delegates to Attend the CDPP**

**Motion by Past Delegate Sara P. and the Now and Then Editors**  
**Deleting personal data from the Now and Then Area 74 newsletter**

**Motion From Archives committee on repository location.**

**11:15 New Business**

**Motion to fund hospitality Room at the International conference Vancouver**

**11:30 Conference updates/Including bids**  
**2025 Conference Dist. 22 in Sturgeon Bay**  
**2026 Area 74/ECR Conference**  
**2025 ECR Form update from Delegate**

**Lunch 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**1:00p.m. GSRs, DCM Report back to Delegate on Agenda Items for 75<sup>th</sup> GSC.**

**4:30 p.m. Meeting Closed with responsibility statement.**

# ***DISTRICT 02 MEETING AGENDA***

***April 13, 2025 – 1:30PM GSR Discussion – 2:00PM Meeting***

**Solutions Recovery, Inc. – 621 Evans St. – Appleton**

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

Open with Serenity Prayer

- Introductions
- Housekeeping items: info, etc.

Twelve Traditions – Tradition 4 Long Form

Twelve Concepts – Concept 4

Review/Accept March Minutes

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

- a. GSR's
- b. LCM's – James: LCM-C, Barry: LCM-A
- c. Archives – Kathy R.
- d. Grapevine – Tina G.
- e. Corrections – Mike H.
  1. Bridging the gap – Brad N.
- f. Newsletter - Digger A. [newsletter@district02aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district02aa.org)
- g. Public Information - Susan B.
  1. Webmaster – Trevor F.
- h. Treatment and Accessibilities - Jodi L.
- i. DCM - Jane M.

Old Business:

- Available positions > LCM's B,D,E,F; Alternate DCM
- Workshop committee progress
- Dylan: 101A new location reminder

New Business:

- Area Assembly Report (still time to reach delegate)
- Other?

Close with Responsibility Statement

The NEXT District Meeting: Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> (due to Mom's Day), St. Mark's Church, 140 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah

1:30 GSR Discussion / 2pm District Meeting

 SEE YA THERE, HEY!!! 

# 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

# ***MEETING MAKERS***

*In this article we feature a meeting that maybe you haven't attended before.*

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO FEATURE YOUR MEETING ?????**

*Maybe you would like to increase attendance or attract some new faces to your Group. Feature your meeting here by emailing your meeting details to [newsletter@district02aa.org](mailto:newsletter@district02aa.org)*

## ***THIS MONTH'S FEATURED GROUP***

### *Design For Living*

The Design for Living group meets every Monday through Saturday at 10:00AM at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 2330 E. Calumet St. in Appleton.

All Design for Living meetings employ an open format. Each day utilizes a different discussion format using Alcoholics Anonymous, the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, the Grapevine magazine, the Ninth Step Promises, and a "Pick a Stick" meeting on Fridays.

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US**



# ***God Through You and Me***

Ego is fear of lack of control, control is illusional, a dangerous foe. To live in this world, in AA is to find, that patience and love and tolerance, Kind.

When I am disturbed it is inside of me, a mirror provided by you that I see. The defects I ask my God to please take, not to be perfect and not to be fake.

Love is a word but resonates feeling, to throw it around and not mean it is stealing. Learning to love one another is hard, the past is surrendered to heal the deep scars.

To open the soul to another brings fear, that disease in my mind, the alcohol near. Trust in another is acceptance and brave, to not be discounted for the lives it will save.

Surrender the defects of character now, the Universe will answer the questions of how. The Spirit is not to be found in the drink, nor using the ego to ponder and think.

Make the amends of those who I've harmed and not to expect forgiveness or charm. To clean my side of the street is the goal. To release and admit those, deepens love in my soul.

To learn unconditional love through the steps the rooms of my fellows, who have laughed, learned and have wept. This bond that the program provides is Divine, there exists no coincidence, only God provides signs...

Signs.....Through you!

*Ginny A.*

***Please submit your poem or article for publication to  
newsletter@district02aa.org***

# *DISTRICT 02 ARCHIVES*

## *AS PUBLISHED IN THE DISTRICT 02 NEWSLETTER – APRIL 1989*

### **THE FOURTH TRADITION**

*“Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.”*

An AA meeting can be 2 or 3 people sitting at someone’s kitchen table discussing the steps, or 300 people in an auditorium listening to an AA speaker. There are 60 minute meetings and 90 minute meetings. Some go on for hours, and others end promptly after one hour. Some groups have a monthly open meeting honoring all the members with sobriety dates in that month.

The point is that each AA group can do whatever the members wish except to avoid any action which might harm AA. It would be extremely boring if every AA meeting around was a one hour long 12 step meeting, or if every meeting was a large open meeting with speakers. Different types of meetings appeal to different people.

As stated in the “Twelve Traditions, Illustrated,” the Fourth Tradition is like the Fourth Step. It suggests that the AA group should take honest inventory of itself, asking about each of its independently planned actions: would this break any Tradition?

A group may decide that an AA fundraiser would be a good idea. The treasury is low plus it would give the public a chance to get to know how AA works. They make posters, bake cakes to sell, hire a magician, get the local TV station to cover the event. With Tradition Four in mind, they would have to look at what other Traditions were being violated by what they were planning. They would then have to decide if they were in any way harming AA as a whole.

Bill W. wrote “We admit that we have character defects as a society and these defects threaten us continually.”

Each AA group has to take its own inventory as to how its actions are affecting AA.

JW

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### APRIL 2025

**First Friday of the Month, April 4<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm **Genesis Club**, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton. Potluck at 6pm, please bring a dish to pass!

**Friday April 11<sup>th</sup>**, Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop, Rhinelander, WI.

**Friday April 11<sup>th</sup>**, Orientation for new GSR's 6 – 6:25pm Zoom ID 479 428 9816 Passcode 1212144

**Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>**, Area 74 Assembly, Rhinelander, WI. See agenda on page 13.

**Second Sunday of the Month, April 13<sup>th</sup>**, District Meeting at 2pm, **Solutions Club Inc.**, 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, April 13<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, April 18<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available.

**Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>**, 1 – 3:30pm, "Afternoon Light" District 02 GSR Workshop, First Congregational Church, 724 E South River St, Appleton. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** See flyer in District newsletter.

**Last Sunday of the Month, April 27<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

### MAY 2025

**Last Sunday of the April 27<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

**First Friday of the Month, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm **Genesis Club**, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton. Potluck at 6pm, please bring a dish to pass!

**Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>**, District Meeting at 2pm, **St Mark's Church**, 140 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah. GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

**Second Sunday of the Month, May 11<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, Potluck at 6pm, bring a side dish to share, **First Congregational Church**, 724 E South River St, Appleton *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 897 8011 3671 Passcode: 027543

**Tuesday May 13<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, St Mark's Church, 150 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah. See flyer in District newsletter.

**Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, St Mark's Church, 150 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah. See flyer in District newsletter.

**May 16 – 18<sup>th</sup>**, Area 74 Spring Conference, Sturgeon Bay. See flyer in District newsletter.

**Third Friday of the Month, May 16<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available.

**Last Sunday of the Month, May 25<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

**Last Sunday of the Month, May 25<sup>th</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:** Tina G. [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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[secretary@district02aa.org](mailto:secretary@district02aa.org)

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[treasurer@district02aa.org](mailto:treasurer@district02aa.org)

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**Area 74 Website**

[www.area74.org](http://www.area74.org)

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212-870-3023

### **District 02 Treasury**

PO Box 2632  
Appleton, WI 54912

### **Area 74 Treasury**

813 E Harrison St  
Appleton, WI 54915

### **Fox Valley Central Office**

1528 N Ballard Rd Suite 16  
Appleton, WI 54911  
920-997-0221

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

### **Oshkosh Helpline**

920-410-4620

### **Now and Then**

(Area 74 Newsletter)

PO Box 192  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

### **Fox Valley Hotline**

920-731-4331

DISTRICT 02 presents

● SAT April 26 1-3:30p

# Afternoon Light

ALL ARE  
WELCOME!

New GSRs, GSRs, and Potential  
GSRs WORKSHOP

First Congregational  
Church  
724 E. So. River St.  
Appleton WI 54915



# **AA OPEN SPEAKER MEETING**



**ST MARK'S  
150 S GREEN BAY ROAD  
NEENAH**

**ENTER THROUGH SIDE DOOR NEXT TO PARKING LOT**

**TUESDAY MAY 13**

**FRIDAY MAY 16**

**AT 7 PM**

COFFEE PROVIDED

# Area 74 2025 Spring Conference Registration

Navigating The Waters Of Recovery Together

May 16th - 18th, 2025

## HOTEL INFORMATION

Phone: (920) 746-0700

110 Rooms available! Discounted rate of \$165.00 Per Night!

Stone Harbor Resort & Conference Center

107 N. First Ave., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Deadline to book for discounted rate is April 10th, 2025

## REGISTRATION FORM

Make checks payable to:  
Spring Conference 2025  
PO BOX 558  
Sturgeon Bay WI 54235

or register online  
with QR Code

<https://doorkewauneeaa.org>



Mail back by: May 10th

One Form Per Person

**\$45**

Registration

Includes all 3 days  
Bottomless coffee mug  
1st 200 Registrations

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

AA

Al-Anon

Guest

Saturday Night Plated Meal

**\$40**

Chicken

Pork

Salmon

*April 30th Deadline*

Hospitality Sponsorship

Bill W. Scholarship Fund

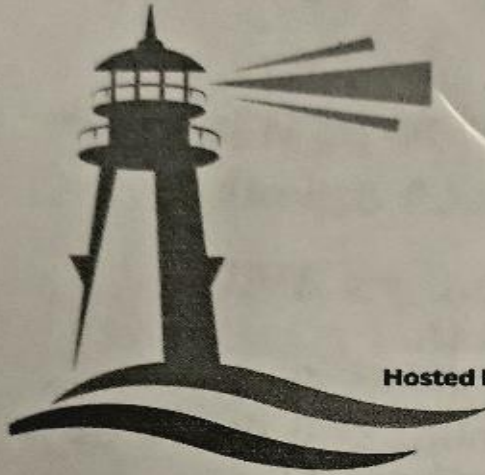
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Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Direct Questions to: [springconference2025@yahoo.com](mailto:springconference2025@yahoo.com)

# HOSPITALITY FUNDING NEEDED!



## Area 74 2025 Spring Conference

Navigating The Waters Of  
Recovery Together

Hosted by District 22 | Door & Kewaunee Counties

May 16th - 18th, 2025

I hope this message finds you all well in recovery. I believe many groups are aware of the Area 74 2025 Spring Conference Hospitality need for group funding, but in the event, you are not. I hope to explain it with this request. The hotel we are working with has a policy that does not allow for external food to be brought in to support events due to their insurance policy and the risk they would assume should anyone fall ill. We have offered up several suggestions to find ways to work together on this (renting our own suite, etc) and have agreed none of those options will work for our event. As a result, we will need to work with the hotel to supply our food/beverages for the conference hospitality.

With that, as the hospitality chair, I am formally reaching out to all our area groups/members with a request to consider donating money to help support the hospitality room during the event. The funds will be used to select snacks that will be available during set time frames that will be available to all conference attendees. What will be served will be dependent on the funding we are able to procure. The hotel has committed to working with us on providing different options/pricing to meet our budget/attendance needs.

Thank you for your consideration, we cannot do this without the area's support! I have included a QR code below that you can use and there is an option there to "Add a donation for 2025 Spring Conference Hospitality".







COME ONE COME ALL TO THE  
ARCHIVES COMMITTEE  
MEETING LUNCH

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY AT NOON  
STARTING  
SUNDAY MAY 18TH  
AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE.  
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

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"WOMEN IN RECOVERY" RETREAT  
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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

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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:  
Mary Bray  
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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 “5<sup>th</sup> steps” throughout the weekend in a private setting. **Attendees are encouraged to do as much of their 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:5thstepretreat@gmail.com)

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

### **Registration: Spring 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

# ***ARCHIVES NEEDS YOUR HELP FINDING MISSING INVENTORY!!!***

We are looking for multiple items missing from the Central Office Archives. If you have them or know who does, please reach out to Kathy M. by email or phone. [archives@district02aa.org](mailto:archives@district02aa.org) or 920-213-2300

## **THE MISSING ITEMS ARE:**

### **AA BIG BOOKS**

First Edition – Fifteenth Printing – 1954  
Second Edition – Eleventh printing – 1970  
Large Print Edition – 1990

### **AS BILL SEES IT**

First Printing – 1967

### **DAILY REFLECTIONS**

First Printing – 1990

### **SATURDAY EVENING POST**

With Jack Alexander's story on AA - 1941

**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  
AA General Service. It is not meant to replace our beloved Big Book.*

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