

**DISTRICT 02**

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# NEWSLETTER

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

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

Hello there,

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AA !!!!! 90 YEARS !**

On June 10, 1935, Dr Bob took his last drink and he and Bill (who was already sober 6 months) launched this awesome deal called Alcoholics Anonymous! "How grateful we gotta be!" It's so wonderful that AA is still alive and kickin'.

### **BIG NEWS from the GSC (General Service Conference) that was recently held in New York!**

- a.) The Living Sober book is to be updated.
- b.) The 12 and 12 book will not be changed at this time. The Concepts will not be added to it.
- c.) The issue regarding the 75% super majority vs. a 66 2/3% majority to change the Founder's writings died in Committee. No further action was taken on this item so it stays at 66 2/3% majority vote to change Founder's writings.

Want to know more? See Area74.org or contact Nicholas our Delegate: [delegate@area74.org](mailto:delegate@area74.org)

### **Here are some of my reflections from our Area 74 Spring Conference that was in Sturgeon Bay, May 16-18:**

It was fun to see so many familiar folks from District 2 and also to reconnect with friends from other Districts! Making new friends was fun too, especially when I got out the red noses while we were having a free picnic lunch on Saturday in the park.

There were several offerings throughout the weekend so that people could learn, listen, ask questions, and share their own ideas all for the good of AA - focusing primarily on how to best carry our message of hope to the still suffering alcoholic who may have been only 2 blocks away (or less).

It was a lovely occasion all-in-all and everyone seemed to have a very good time. Many people I spoke to felt it was a huge success. I'm really glad I got to go and I hope to put all the things I learned there to good use.

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 – MAY 2025***

District 02 Meeting Minutes for May 2025

The May 4, 2025, District Meeting was held hybrid at St. Mark's Church, 140 S. Green Bay Rd., Neenah, Wi. The meeting started at 2:00 p.m. There were 19 people in person & 4 people on Zoom: 23 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**

Niccie read Tradition 5 – long form.

Nannette & Harold read Concept 5 from the Concepts checklist.

**Approval April 2025 Minutes** – Bob made a motion to accept the Secretary report. Niccie seconded. Motion passed.

**Secretary Report:** Karla. Committee Chairs & GSR's please submit your reports to me by Tuesday May 6, 2025, to ensure I can get the notes to Digger in a timely manner. Thank you for being of service. 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:** Cindy. Harold made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. James seconded. Motion passed.

Jane questioned the amount taken for the workshop budget. It should be \$100.50 not \$108.75.

## GSRs Reports

Dylan – 101A Groups – had a nice and smooth transition from 101A to First Congregational Church. The pastor and community were very welcoming & supportive of the AA groups. Next business meeting is on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Jack – From the Heart Group meets Sunday 8:00a.m. - at Peabody Park in Appleton – moved now to the park for summer.

James – Thursday Night Seymour Group – 6 core members and some new people. Need support from others.

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Michelle – Women in Recovery Thursday at Genesis – Looking for more women members to join the group.

### LCM Reports

**Subdistrict A:** Barry. I have nothing new to report this month.

I have visited all the Appleton groups at least once except for the Women's meeting(s).

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.

**Subdistrict D:** Open

**Subdistrict E:** Open

**Subdistrict F:** Open.

**Archives:** Kathy. No Report.

**Grapevine:** Tina. No report. Next step is finding a place to have a committee meeting.

**Corrections:** Mike. The corrections committee is still working through the new requirements to send AA literature into state institutions. It's new forms and approvals required to work through with our contacts and we're both learning.

I was unable to log into the Area 74 corrections committee meeting. Another item to work on for next month.

**Bridging the Gap:** Brad. No Report.

**Newsletter:** Digger. We are currently emailing our newsletter to approximately 800 addresses each month. Because our newsletter is the primary form of communicating business and events to the groups, we encourage all AA members to subscribe to this free publication. You can sign up to receive the newsletter on the newsletter tab on the district website, [www.district02aa.org](http://www.district02aa.org). 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). We are always looking for informative flyers, and we can spotlight your meeting on a page designed for that purpose.

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

The deadline for publication in the June issue is the end of the day on May 27th. The deadline for publication in the July issue is the end of the day June 26th. Thank you for letting me serve.

**Public Information:** Susan. The PI Committee – Last Meeting April 15, 2025; 3 members in attendance

### **Old Business**

Good News on the Library Project

- 35 of the 39 Public / High School Libraries have been visited by our committee.
- All 35 have received a copy of the Plain Language Big Book
- 10 of the Public Libraries have a copy of the PLBB and the Big Book
- 9 of the Public Libraries have all 3 books – PLBB, Big Book and Living Sober

Prince of Peace – has received Plain Language Big Book, Big Book and Living Sober  
WOW (Warehouse of Wisconsin) HR Department has received a copy of the Plain Language Big Book, Big Book and Hotline Cards; a member of AA works there.

Ongoing Projects will continue – Hotline Card Distribution and Grapevines in Little Lending Libraries

### **New Business**

15 copies of the Living Sober \$108.75, 10 copies of the Big Book \$145 purchased from FVCO for distribution to libraries, Business Card Holders \$25. 31

Total Expenses - \$279.06

New Project – Church Libraries; a copy of Big Book and Plain Language Big Book

- Focus on Churches AA has meetings at, and churches AA members attend.
- Any members who can help with this please let our committee know, so we can get you the books needed, and we can count on our successes.

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

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 on May 20, 2025, on Zoom this month.

- ID 438 420 4275 - PW Serenity

**Webmaster:** Trevor & Jeff. No Report.

**Treatment & Accessibilities:** Jodi. No Report.

**DCM-Jane.** Our GSR Workshop, "Afternoon Light", was good but only 10 people attended.

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

Regarding the Alternate DCM position which is currently vacant: District 02 is so big it should actually be 5 separate districts! Usually, a District is composed of about 20 groups. We have around 110 groups in District 02. This is only 1 of a few reasons why Jane DCM) needs an Alternate by her side. There is a map of District 02 in the May newsletter. Some maps of Area 74, the East Central Region, and the US/Canada (which involves all the Areas that send Delegates to NY in the spring) were distributed at the May District 02 meeting.

The Seymour Intergroup (potluck/speaker meeting) is coming up! Saturday, July 19. All interested District 02 Committees are welcome to set up information tables there. Contact Jane [dcm@district02aa.org](mailto:dcm@district02aa.org) and I'll connect you with James M - GSR for the Seymour group. Flyers for this event were handed out.

68 red noses went to NYC with Nicholas (Delegate: Area 74) when he traveled to the General Service Conference. I'm looking forward to hearing about what he did with them. His Delegate's Report Back will be on Sunday morning at the Sturgeon Bay Area 74 Spring Conference (May 16-18). He will talk about the General Service Conference he recently attended. We, in District 02, are also being given the opportunity to invite him to travel here to speak to us about his NY General Service Conference experience.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Open positions 2025 Elections**

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

#### **District Meeting – Different Day other than Sunday?**

Discussion points.

- Should not make any changes until the next round of new committee members take over in January 2026.
- Different day because of conflict with having children on weekends.
- You cannot please everyone. This decision should be made so that the next committee members know what to expect from a date perspective.
- Some groups are not ready to give recommendations until a day of week is chosen.
- There were some that felt the attendance would be greater if the day of the week was changed.
- Change of day would require a change to the Guidelines.
- The Area 74 Assemblies and District meetings are usually on the same weekend. A change would be good to alleviate too much happening on one Sunday.
- If we come up with a day of week today, we can take it back to groups and update the guidelines. The guidelines need to go through 2 months of voting.
- Jane did an informal vote for each day of the week just to get an idea of where people stand on day of week.

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- If the day of the week is changed an amendment needs to be made to the District 02 Guidelines.
- GSR's need to take it back to the groups for discussion. We will table this topic until next month.

### **Webmaster/Bridging the Gap Positions – voting privileges?**

Discussion points

- They do not represent a group. Are we looking for them to have a vote & a voice?
- Some feel that these positions should not have a vote.
- Table this for next month. GSR's take back to the groups for discussion.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Delegates Report from New York GSC**

Jane has not heard anything yet. Jane read out of the Now & Then. Delegates report will be gone over at the Spring Conference in Sturgeon Bay, Wi.

#### **Budget Committee Report**

Steve- committee did not meet.

#### **Jane handed out flyers for the Horizon II Meeting**

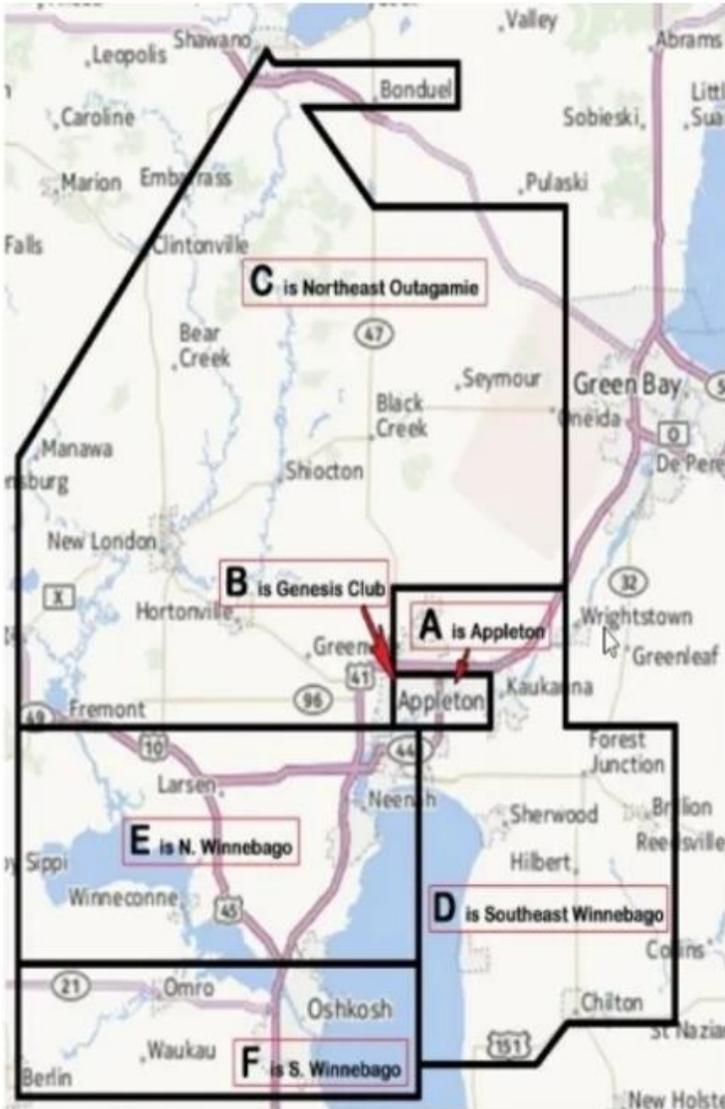
#### **Results of the financial questions.**

Jane read the results. None of the questions went anywhere. No action.

Harold made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m. Laurie seconded. Motion passed.

The next District meeting is Sunday June 8, 2025, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2330 E. Calumet, Appleton, Wi.

# DISTRICT 02 BOUNDARIES



**LCM'S NEEDED IN  
AREAS B,D,E,F**

## MEETING CHANGE:

***HORIZON II  
SATURDAY  
MEETING***

**NEW TIME  
6:00 PM**

***Located at:***

***United Church of  
Christ  
1511 Nicolet Blvd  
Neenah***



*Deadline for publication in the July Newsletter  
is end of day June 26!*

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 Prince of Peace Church in  
Appleton at 2pm on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Learn more  
about how AA General Service works!**

# DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT – APRIL 2025

## District 02 Monthly Financial Report – April 2025

Beginning Balance 4/1/2025

\$ 8,894.01

May 4, 2025 District Meeting Report

### Contributions

Date	Check #	District Group Contributions		
4/30/2025	1233	Greenville AA Group	\$	60.00
4/30/2025	1020	New London Wednesday Group	\$	100.00
4/30/2025	1019	New London Wednesday Group	\$	100.00
4/30/2025	2384	Design for Living	\$	164.00
4/30/2025	2385	Design for Living	\$	75.00
4/30/2025	1119	Seymour AA Group #130845	\$	51.00

**Total deposits \$ 550.00**

### Withdrawals

Date	Check #	Expenses (checks/withdrawals)		
4/2/2025	2239	Tom A. - NL- March Adobe and Microsoft software	\$	22.40
4/3/2025	2240	Solutions Recovery-April Dist. Mtg. rent	\$	35.00
4/4/2025	2241	Jane M.-DCM-Copies, Milage, stipend, Conf., Reg, Banquet, sr	\$	256.36
4/8/2025	2242	Jodi L.-T&A-Big Books	\$	230.00
4/13/2025	2243	Susan B.- PI.-Hotline cards	\$	124.46
4/16/2025	2244	St. Mark's Church-May Distr. Mtg. rent	\$	35.00
4/18/2025	2245	Jane M.-DCM-Copies, Milage, stipend, Hotel, snacks	\$	286.56

**Total withdrawals \$ 989.78**

### Register balance - Month end

Beginning balance	\$	8,894.01
Deposits	\$	550.00
Withdrawals	\$	(989.78)
<b>Register balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,454.23</b>

### Outstanding Checks

4/18/2025	2245	Jane M.-DCM-Copies, Milage, stipend, Hotel, snacks	\$	286.56
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**Total Outstanding checks \$ 286.56**

### Bank Reconciliation

Community First Credit Union	
Beginning balance	\$ 8,939.21
Deposits	\$ 550.00
Withdrawals	\$ (748.42)
Outstanding checks	\$ (286.56)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,454.23</b>

### Balance available to District

Register balance	\$ 8,454.23
Prudent reserve	\$ (500.00)
Corrections Literature	\$ (1,675.81)
<b>Total available to District</b>	<b>\$ 6,278.42</b>

### Petty Cash

Petty cash beginning balance	\$ 50.00
Petty cash ending balance	<b>\$ 50.00</b>

### Committee Budget Balance (Remaining)

Archives	\$ 463.97
Corrections	\$ 1,000.00
DCM	\$ 2,487.01
Grapevine	\$ 820.00
Newsletter	\$ 370.40
PI	\$ 2,005.54
Treasurer	\$ 931.54
Treatment & Acces.	\$ 680.00
<b>BUDGET BALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)</b>	<b>\$ 8,758.46</b>

### \*Corrections Literature

Starting Balance	\$ 1,360.81
Contributions	
Design For Living	\$ 164.00
New London Wednesday Group	\$ 100.00
Seymour AA Group	\$ 51.00

**Total deposits \$ 315.00**

Withdrawals	\$ -
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**Total withdrawals \$ -**

Ending Corrections Literature Balance **\$ 1,675.81**

**\*NOTE - Separate from district balance**

Cindy L. District 02 Treasurer

# DISTRICT 02 BUDGET COMPARISON THROUGH APRIL 2025

## APPROVED Area 74 District 02 2025 Budget 2025

		BUDGET	YTD APRIL SPENT	YTD APRIL 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	\$60.00	\$120.00
	2	Printing Expenses	\$936.00	\$295.85	\$640.15
	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	\$1.00	\$199.00
	7	GSR Workshop	\$100.00	\$108.75	-\$8.75
	8	Registration Spring and Fall Conference	\$40.00	\$45.00	-\$5.00
	9	Banquet Spring and Fall Conference	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$20.00
	10	Conference Lodging	\$500.00	\$132.65	\$367.35
	11	Gas for Conf/Assem/ACM/Workshops - current	\$500.00	\$75.74	\$424.26
	12	Assembly/ACM 4-Trips (\$40.00 Each)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	13	Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
	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>\$808.99</b>	<b>\$2,487.01</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	\$89.60	\$210.40
	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>\$89.60</b>	<b>\$370.40</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	\$124.46	\$375.54
	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>\$124.46</b>	<b>\$2,005.54</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b> Cindy L	1	District Rent	\$420.00	\$140.00	\$280.00
	2	Refreshments	\$240.00	\$98.46	\$141.54
	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>\$238.46</b>	<b>\$931.54</b>	
<b>Treatment</b> Jodi L	1	Workshop	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	2	Literature - Facility Racks	\$500.00	\$230.00	\$270.00
	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>\$230.00</b>	<b>\$680.00</b>	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$10,459.97</b>	<b>\$1,701.51</b>	<b>\$8,758.46</b>	

# 2025 AREA 74 DATES TO REMEMBER

## Area 74 Zoom Information:

Meeting ID – 479 428 9816    Passcode - 1212144

**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***

***June 8, 2025 – 1:30PM GSR Discussion – 2:00PM Meeting***

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church – 2330 E Calumet – Appleton**

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

Open with Serenity Prayer

- Introductions
- Housekeeping items: info, etc.

Twelve Traditions – Tradition 6 Long Form

Twelve Concepts – Concept 6

Review/Accept May Minutes

Secretary's Report [secretary@district02aa.org](mailto:secretary@district02aa.org)

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

- GSR's
- LCM's – James: LCM-C, Barry: LCM-A
- Archives – Kathy R.
- Grapevine – Tina G.
- 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,F; Alternate DCM
- Different day vs. Sunday – District Meeting?
- Webmaster/BTG – voting privileges?
- Delegate's report back from GSC

New Business:

- Budget committee report
- Delegate report here in District 02 (have q and a)?
- Other?

Close with Responsibility Statement

The NEXT District Meeting: Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup>, Solutions Club Inc, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

1:30 GSR Discussion / 2pm District Meeting

HEY - We wanna c u there!!!

# 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 Early due to Mothers Day</b>	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)*

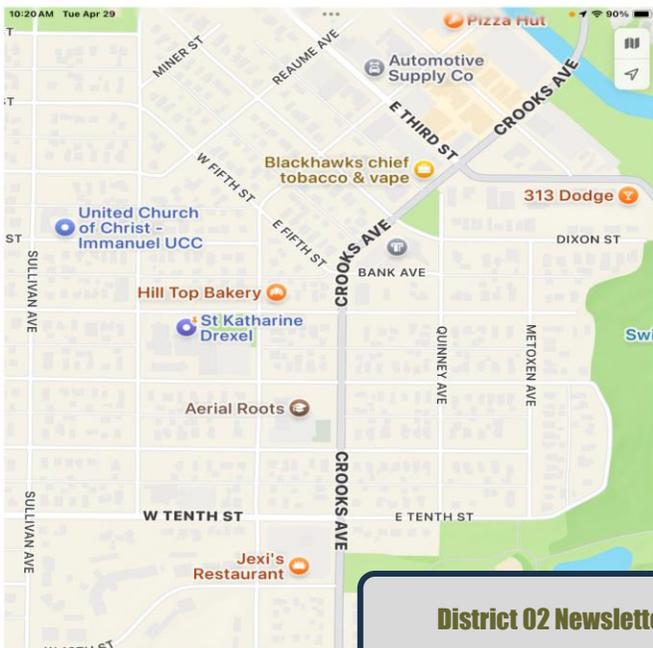
## THIS MONTH'S FEATURED GROUP

*Depth and Weight - Kaukauna*

### Plain Language Big Book Study and Discussion

Monday Nights, 7pm  
"Depth and Weight"  
St. Katherine-Drexel  
119 W. 7th St.  
Kaukauna

Enter the north side door closet to steeple on 7th St. Follow signs to lower level meeting room.



## PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK

*A Tool for Reading  
Alcoholics Anonymous*

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

# ACCEPTANCE VS. TOLERANCE *by Larry R.*

In AA we are taught, acceptance is the key  
That opens up the door, to our sobriety  
Accept that we have lost control, not sure if we can mend  
But who wants to admit the fact, we fight it to the end?

As we approach our bottom, still holding on to hope  
Tomorrow will be different, no more booze, no pills no dope  
Then tomorrow comes, nothing has changed, it's still the same old script  
We're high again, we know despair, it's got us in its grip

Some of us hard drinkers had a moment when we knew  
The gig was up, our cupboard bare, we were the lucky few  
Who found the rooms with folks like us, to show what we could be?  
If we would just accept this fact, a chance to set us free

Accept we did, we could not keep pretending any more  
All hope was gone, we cried out for the life we had before  
We made a firm commitment to regain what we had lost  
From years of alcohol abuse, 'twas time to pay the cost

But there were times at meeting when we struggled to accept  
What other members had to say, we wanted to protest  
Yet, we knew the meeting's not the place to voice our disapproval  
Or try to see them chastised or suggesting their removal

Tolerance for others does not have to mean acceptance  
We have the right to disagree, no need for acquiescence  
When offended by their actions or the thing they chose to share  
Call them aside at meetings end and get your feelings aired

A member called another out for what was on his shirt  
A slogan that he did not like, his feelings to exert  
A hush descended on the room, most members were unsure  
If they should tell this fellow he was acting like a boor

At meetings end a member did approach this other speaker  
Explained the meetings not the place to vent like he's a preacher  
Suggested that when he's upset by someone's words or actions  
Once the meetings done there's time to convey your reaction

That member in the corner adds his atheistic views  
And most the others members feel his thinking is confused  
But because he's staying sober and he keeps on coming back  
We tolerate his opinion, just not accept it as a fact

We're not required to accept all other members say  
Yet, we need to practice tolerance, keep our animus at bay  
After all we're only human, with our assets and our flaws  
And when someone irritates us, that's the time to take a pause

## *AS PUBLISHED IN THE DISTRICT 02 NEWSLETTER – JUNE 1999*

### **“WE GET LETTERS” COLUMN**

#### *“Acceptance Made The Difference In Me”*

My name is Kay. I'm an alcoholic. I've been sober for just over a year and a half now. I would really like to take all the credit for this achievement, but I know better than that. I owe a great deal to the fellowship, a supportive family, and my Higher Power.

Before I came into A.A., I tended to take credit for all of the good things in my life, and lay all of the blame on others for the bad things. I was NEVER at fault...if it was good it was my doing. If it was bad it was your fault. One of the many things I have learned since I started attending meetings (and actually listening) is that I am responsible for all aspects of my life. Goos and bad. Nobody makes my life what it is but me.

When I was drinking, I wasn't happy with my life. It was my spouse's fault because he didn't listen to me. It was my daughter's fault because she was too demanding. It was my parent's fault because they weren't there when I needed them...the list goes on and on. It never once occurred to me that I had a hand in it. So to “make myself feel better,” I would drink, and drink, and drink....

Now that I am sober, the picture looks different. It wasn't my husband's fault that I didn't try to talk to him. It wasn't my daughter's fault; she was only two and she was dependent upon me. It wasn't my parent's fault...I never came to them. All these things were my doing – and nobody else's. As I learned from page 449 of the Big Book, “I need to concentrate not so much on what needs to be changed in the world – as on what needs to be changed in me and my attitudes.”

Today, I am learning to take my responsibility for my life, my attitudes, and my feelings. My Higher Power has given me choices and the ability to make decisions about these choices. Sometimes I make good choices, sometimes bad, but they are MY decisions. Now that I am sober, I make more good decisions than bad ones. I can think more clearly now – life is better. For this, I am very grateful. For this, I thank A.A. and the program, and the Steps, and the Fellowship. I'm not the person I used to be. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to put my thoughts in writing.

Kay

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### JUNE 2025

**June 6 -8**, Founders Day Weekend at **Changing Lanes Alano Club**, 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown. Speakers – Camping – Fellowship. See flyer in District newsletter.

**First Friday of the Month, June 6<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, June 8<sup>th</sup>**, District Meeting at 2pm, **Prince of Peace Church**, 2330 E Calumet St, Appleton. GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

**Second Sunday of the Month, June 8<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 June 10 and Friday June 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.

**Third Friday of the Month, June 20<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, June 29<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

**Last Sunday of the June 29<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

### JULY 2025

**First Friday of the Month, July 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!

**Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>**, Area Committee Meeting, Reiter Center, 1858 S Michigan St, Three Lakes, WI.

**Second Sunday of the Month, July 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, July 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

**Tuesday July 15 and Friday July 18<sup>th</sup>**, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, St Mark's Church, 150 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah. See flyer in District newsletter.

**Third Friday of the Month, July 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 July 19<sup>th</sup>**, Seymour Intergroup, **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**, 349 N Main St, Seymour. Hot sandwiches provided, please bring a side dish to share. Dinner at 6, speakers at 7. See flyer in District newsletter

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

**Last Sunday of the Month, July 27<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)

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

**Chairperson:** 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)

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**Webmaster** – Trevor F.

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[www.district02aa.org](http://www.district02aa.org)

**Area 74 Website**

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

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New York, NY 10116-2407

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)

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Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

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## **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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# **AA OPEN SPEAKER MEETING**



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**TUESDAY JUNE 10 & JULY 15**

**FRIDAY JUNE 13 & JULY 18**

**AT 7 PM**

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***Seymour Intergroup***  
***Saturday July 19, 2025***

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

**349 N. Main Street, Seymour**

**Doors open @ 4:30pm, Dinner @ 6pm**

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**We are a small group so please bring a side dish to share.**

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**AA Speaker: Joe S**

**Alanon Speaker: (TBA)**

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## **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

# *Horizon II Saturday Meeting*

Located at United Church of Christ,  
1511 Nicolet Blvd., Neenah

**NEW TIME: 6:00 pm**

# **FVCO Elections**

**October 27th @ 7pm**

**Show up and serve your community**

## **WHAT IS THIS?**

The Fox Valley Central Office daily operations are managed by the Steering Committee (ie: scheduling; purchasing; media coordination; hotline volunteers; paying taxes, rent, insurance, etc.) The Steering Committee consists of volunteers who are elected bi-annually, and our elections are coming up on Oct 27th @ 7pm located at the FVCO. We need volunteers who are willing to serve on the Steering Committee to keep operations going at FVCO.

**FVCO hours:** Mon - Fri. 9am-4pm

**Location:** 1528 N. Ballard Rd. Ste. 16, Appleton

**Telephone #** (920) 997-0221

**Email:** fvco54952@gmail.com

**Website:** www.foxvalleycentraloffice.com

## **Want to learn more?**

**Attend an upcoming Steering Committee Meeting at the Fox Valley Central Office before the election.**

## ■ How the Seventh Tradition Helped Two A.A. Brothers

The Seventh Tradition supports the services that the General Service Office (GSO) provides to A.A. members and groups who carry the message of hope and recovery to suffering alcoholics. This Tradition has manifested itself in important ways in the lives of Spencer P., of Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada, and his brother, Jay.

In the 1990s, Spencer spent seven years working in Japan. While there, his drinking increased and, he says, “I came to a point of desperation. I found a Japanese intergroup office which was close to where I lived, and they told me a little bit about A.A. and I was able to attend a Japanese-speaking meeting in my city.”

Spencer got sober in Japan on December 7, 1997.

After returning to British Columbia, in 2002 Spencer received an urgent call from his brother Jay, who was having trouble with his own drinking. But Jay lived in Saudi Arabia — could Spencer find him an A.A. meeting there? Spencer called the Vancouver intergroup who in turn put him in touch with the International desk at GSO in New York. The International assignment staffer did not have infor-

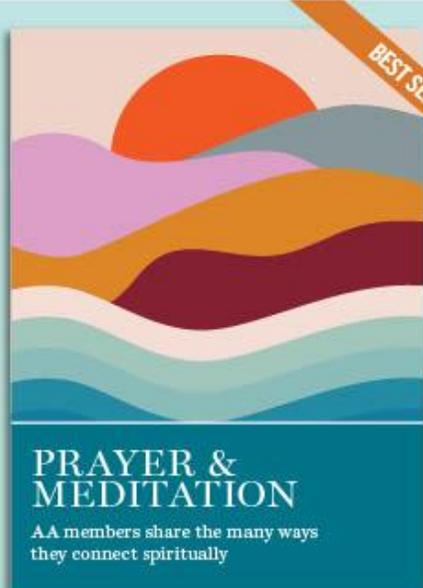
mation on any meetings in Saudi Arabia, but after checking his files, he found the name and phone number of a Scottish Loner who lived there.

However, the staffer said, there’d been no contact with this member for a while — who knew if the number was even active?

Eager to grab any information that might help his brother, Spencer gave the phone number to Jay. The next day, Jay replied with astonishment, “I work with this guy!” The coworker became Jay’s first sponsor and worked with him one-on-one to guide him into sobriety.

Jay, now back in British Columbia, has been sober for more than 20 years. Spencer hopes to do service as a Japanese interpreter at the International Convention in Vancouver this summer. He says: “Thanks to the work of the General Service Office, I’m alive and sober and very well and my brother is alive and sober and very well — and then there’s all the people that we’ve touched. So we feel immense gratitude.”

For more information about self-support and the Seventh Tradition, visit [aa.org](http://aa.org).



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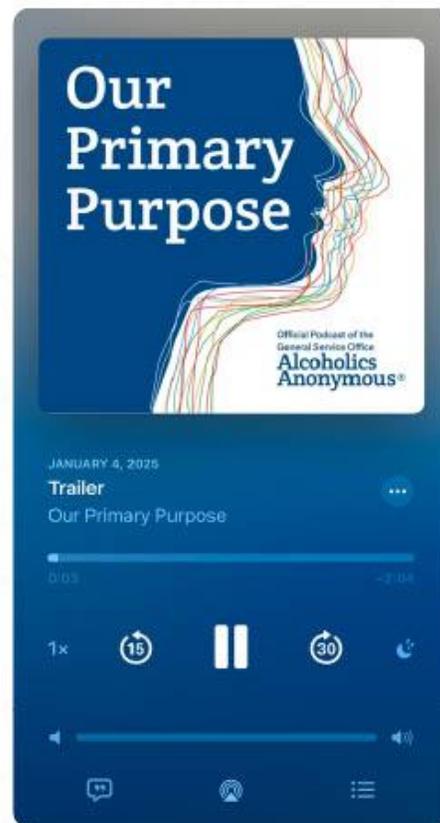
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