

DISTRICT 02

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DCM.....

Howdy !! HAPPY SUMMER !

Soon, July 3-6, AA will be holding our International Convention in Vancouver, Canada. Every 5 years we have this gigantic celebration of AA worldwide 

Think happy, joyous and free!

See aa.org if you want to know more.

On another note, please consider coming to our District meeting the 2nd Sunday of each month (contact dcm@district02aa.org for exact date and time) and volunteer to be an LCM or even the alternate DCM. We have several openings and we really need you and your ideas and input! Note that you need to have been a GSR to take any of these positions.

Here's a little reminder - don't forget to come to the Seymour Intergroup, a wonderful get-together! It's on July 19. Check the flyer in this newsletter issue. See you there!!

Also, be sure to go onto the June 2025 Now and Then newsletter at Area74.org to see details about our Delegate's report from the Conference that was held in New York in early May.

Finally, if you are a GSR please consider whether you think it would be helpful to you and future GSR's if Orientations for this position were held on zoom rather than just at Area Assembly's. This topic may be discussed at both the District and Area levels. I hope we get to hear your voice on this.

As always, contact me, Jane, with any comments, questions, or concerns: dcm@district02aa.org

Yours, Gratefully -- in Service,

Jane M - DCM District 02

dcm@district02aa.org

District 02 Meeting Minutes for June 2025

The June 8, 2025, District Meeting was held hybrid at Prince of Peace, 2330 E Calumet St. Appleton, Wi. The meeting started at 2:06 p.m. There were 23 people in person & 5 people on Zoom: 28 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

Nannette read Tradition 6 – long form.

Niccie read Concept 6 from the Concepts checklist.

Approval May 2025 Minutes – Barry made a motion to accept the Secretary report. Bob seconded. Motion passed.

Secretary Report: Amanda for Karla. Committee Chairs & GSR's please submit your reports to me by Tuesday June 10, 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.

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. Bob made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Tim seconded. Motion passed.

GSRs Reports

Harold- My Southern Friend- Group had their 2nd anniversary this past Wednesday, the group is doing well, will be hosting an intergroup this year but details later to come.

Jack – From the Heart Group meets Sunday 8:00a.m. - at Peabody Park in Appleton – needs to fill out new forms for new meeting.

Dale- Just had a meeting at Genesis Club, voted to buy books for the club, and voted to send \$500 to GSO for a contribution.

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Brian- Meeting in Winchester Tuesday at 7:00 pm- still meeting at the location meetings going well. They meet on zoom and in person but sometimes the meeting splits with online people and in person people.

Anna Rae – Way of Life Group-St. Mark’s Neenah Tuesday Night-This is an announcement that the church is having the entire parking lot repaired this summer. It is unknown when the work will commence, but St Mark’s will be notified one week beforehand. In turn, I will be contacted with the dates to spread the word. The repairs will take one week to complete, and the parking lot will be barricaded. There will be signs posted on the barricades to park across the street on the southeast corner of Lucky Dogz,. It is a very large parking lot and the section to park is not close to the bar. Our aa meetings will continue as scheduled. Please enter through the side door next to the parking lot. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

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 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. No Report.

Subdistrict D: Open

Subdistrict E: Open

Subdistrict F: Open.

Archives: Kathy. No Report.

Grapevine: Tina. Two members of the committee and will be going to Genesis Club to see if a room can be rented for their meeting, hoping to be on Wednesday night. I plan to go to the July intergroup and will be bringing the display.

Corrections: Mike. No Report.

Bridging the Gap: Brad. No Report.

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Newsletter: Digger. Thank you to the groups who have submitted flyers for the newsletter. We also appreciate requests to have your group spotlighted on our special page. This is a great way to increase awareness of your group. These regular submissions aid us in carrying the message and certainly make the newsletter more interesting. Thanks again!

We are looking for a volunteer to chair the Newsletter Committee for the next 2-year term beginning January 2026. Nominations are opening soon, so now is the time to explore whether this is a service commitment that you would be interested in. No prior experience is required, the computer skill level is moderate, the time commitment is very flexible, and training can be provided. You can learn more by contacting Digger directly at newsletter@district02aa.org.

Please remember that we are always looking for informative flyers, and we can spotlight your meeting on a page designed for that purpose. The deadline for publication in the July issue is the end of the day of June 26th. The deadline for publication in the August issue is the end of July 26th. Thank you for letting me serve.

Public Information: Susan. The PI Committee – Last Meeting May 20, 2025; 2 members in attendance on Zoom

Old Business

Good News on the Library Project

- 39 of the 39 Public / High School Libraries have been visited by our committee.
- All 39 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

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

New Business

2026 PI Budget for District

- For consideration, change the Outreach Budget to \$1,100 from \$500 this would include the ability to buy books, pamphlets or use for County Fairs; remove the Pamphlet Budget of \$200 and the County Fair Budget to \$300
- Putting the funds in one basket would make it easier for the next Committee Chair to pick projects without worrying about how they can use the funds

New Project – Church Libraries; a copy of Big Book and Plain Language Big Book if budget allows.

- The church list has 22 on it; 19 of them have meetings at them.
- Focus on Churches that have AA meetings at and churches AA members attend.

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- 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.
- If members have a copy of the Big Book that they would like to donate to the project, please let us committee know.

PI Committee meetings will be the 3rd 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

Our next meeting will be June 17, 2025 at the Genesis Club in the upstairs larger room.

Webmaster: Trevor & Jeff. A reminder to email me at webmaster@district02aa.org with any changes to meetings. You may also fill out the meeting change form on the website. This is the best way to get changes to me, as they are documented and I can go back to them as needed.

I continue to encourage GSRs, LCMs, and other AA members to browse the list and inform the district of any inactive meetings so we can have an accurate list for potential AAs.

- The District averages about 3,500 unique visitors per month to the website. In May, there were 4,180 unique views to our website.
- The Meeting Locator is #1 accessed resource followed closely by the Newsletter online.
- We are working with the Treatment and Accessibility committee to consolidate the PDF and Online meeting list.

Thanks for letting me be of service.

Treatment & Accessibilities: Jodi. No Report.

DCM-Jane. There is general concern all through Area 74 that District Committee Chairs are not yet beginning to train people to take over their jobs in January.

There is an orange Chat button on the Area 74 website. It works like a hotline. You get instant contact with a real person. We could have one on our District 2 website and it would be connected to the Area 74 volunteers.

Don't forget the International in Canada is next month and on June 10 AA turns 90!!!! Big Wonderful Happy Birthday AA 🎂

I heard there will be a recording or video of Nicholas giving his GSC report on Area74.org. It will be edited for anonymity.

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Please attend these Area Committee zoom meetings, all AA's are welcome, they are especially asking District Chairs to attend:

PI - last Wed of the month 7pm 830 3370 6846, password PI

Archives - 3rd Wed of each month 7pm 317 3019 4808 passcode 737159

Online Chat - last Monday of the month 7pm 850 6721 4005 password chat

Regarding the District map published in the newsletter and on our District 02 website - Wrightstown is not within the boundaries but it should be.

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.

Dylan shared his group didn't have much input since most members have not been a part of the district meetings.

Becky shared the majority of her home group voting to keep the meeting on Sunday.

Tom stated there are always going to be people who don't like the meeting time should be kept as is.

Dale shared the district meeting used to be prior to the intergroup meeting that month. The suggestion is to link it back up with the intergroup meeting.

Anna Rae said that Sunday is not the issue but that the Area 74 meetings are the same weekend which is a big commitment for the whole weekend.

Bob's group didn't have an opinion one way or another and whatever the district decides they are okay with that.

Webmaster/Bridging the Gap Positions – voting privileges?

Discussion points

Becky shared that his group stated her home group does support them having a vote.

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Barry stated the reason why Bridging the Gap and Webmaster historically don't have a vote because they are a part of another committee. They could potentially have two votes.

Harold said his group doesn't agree with Bridging the Gap and Webmaster having a vote because then there would be duplicate votes.

Niccie's group was wondering why do we care?

Dale shared that the Webmaster should have a vote with the amount of work that they are doing and contributions.

Trevor said that he doesn't have an opinion on whether the webmaster should have a vote. His voice is heard through the PI committee or home group.

NEW BUSINESS:

Delegates Report from New York GSC- Jane passed out a few copies there will be a recording released of the report.

Budget Committee Report

Steve- Tabled to next meeting.

Delegate Report District 02- Do we want the Delegate to come to District 02? People shared that they would like him to come and give the report.

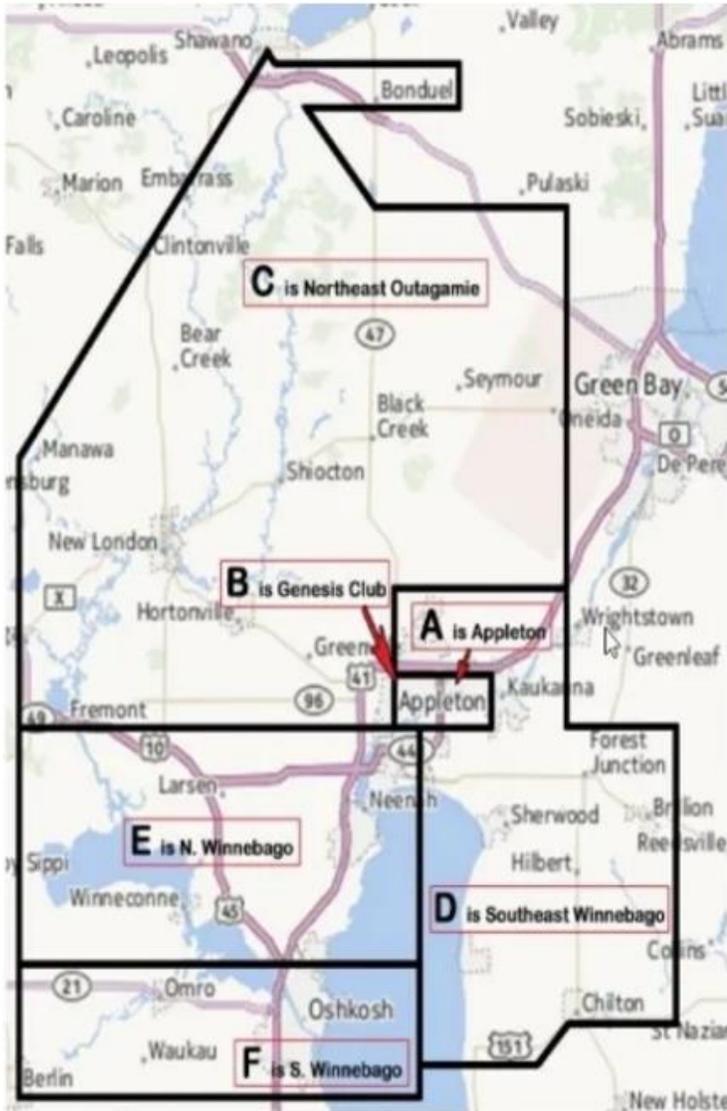
Barry made a motion to table the discussion Bob seconded, motion passed.

Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 p.m. James seconded.

Motion passed.

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

DISTRICT 02 BOUNDARIES



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

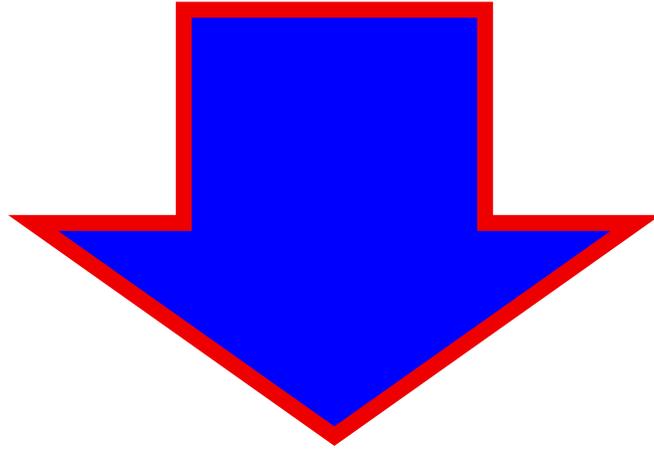
MEETING CHANGE:

***HORIZON II
SATURDAY
MEETING***

**NEW TIME
6:00 PM**

Located at:

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



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

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

**Please join us at the Solutions Club in
Oshkosh at 2pm on July 13th. Learn more
about how AA General Service works!**

DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT – MAY 2025

District 02 Monthly Financial Report – May 2025

Beginning Balance 5/1/2025

\$ 8,454.23

June 8, 2025 District Meeting Report

Contributions

Date	Check #	District Group Contributions	Amount
5/30/2025	2390	Design for Living-Corrections	\$ 292.00
5/30/2025	2392	Design for Living	\$ 130.00
5/30/2025	120392	TATAAM Groups	\$ 100.00
5/30/2025	120393	TATAAM Groups-Corrections	\$ 200.00
5/30/2025	Cash	GSR Workshop	\$ 46.00

Total deposits \$ 768.00

Withdrawals

Date	Check #	Expenses (checks/withdrawals)	Amount
5/4/2025	2246	Jane M.-DCM, April Dist. Mtg. snacks, Copies, Stipend	\$ 129.37
5/4/2025	2247	Susan B.- Pl.-Big Books, Hotline cards	\$ 279.06
5/13/2025	2248	Tom A. - NL- March Adobe and Microsoft software	\$ 22.40
5/13/2025	2249	Prince of Peace-Treas. June Dist. Mgt. Rent	\$ 35.00
5/21/2025	2250	USPS-Treas. Stamps	\$ 29.20

Total withdrawals \$ 495.03

Register balance - Month end

Beginning balance	\$ 8,454.23
Deposits	\$ 768.00
Withdrawals	\$ (495.03)
Register balance	\$ 8,727.20

Outstanding Checks

Total Outstanding checks _____

Bank Reconciliation

Community First Credit Union	
Beginning balance	\$ 8,740.79
Deposits	\$ 768.00
Withdrawals	\$ (781.59)
Outstanding checks	\$ -
Total	\$ 8,727.20

Balance available to District

Register balance	\$ 8,727.20
Prudent reserve	\$ (500.00)
Corrections Literature	\$ (2,167.81)
Total available to District	\$ 6,059.39

Petty Cash

Petty cash beginning balance	\$ 50.00
Petty cash ending balance	\$ 50.00

Committee Budget Balance (Remaining)

Archives	\$ 463.97
Corrections	\$ 1,000.00
DCM	\$ 2,386.21
Grapevine	\$ 820.00
Newsletter	\$ 348.00
PI	\$ 1,726.48
Treasurer	\$ 838.77
Treatment & Acces.	\$ 680.00
BUDGET BALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)	\$ 8,263.43

*Corrections Literature

Starting Balance	\$ 1,675.81
Contributions	
Design For Living	\$ 292.00
TATAAM Group	\$ 200.00

Total deposits \$ 492.00

Withdrawals \$ -

Total withdrawals \$ -

Ending Corrections Literature Balance **\$ 2,167.81**

*NOTE - Separate from district balance

Cindy L. District 02 Treasurer

DISTRICT 02 BUDGET COMPARISON THROUGH MAY 2025

APPROVED Area 74 District 02 2025 Budget					
		2025 BUDGET	YTD MAY SPENT	YTD MAY REMAIN	
Archives 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
		\$463.97	\$0.00	\$463.97	
Corrections 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
		\$1210.00	\$210.00	\$1,000.00	
DCM Jane M	1	Stipend for District Meetings	\$180.00	\$75.00	\$105.00
	2	Printing Expenses	\$936.00	\$381.15	\$554.85
	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	\$109.25	-\$9.25
	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
		\$3296.00	\$909.79	\$2,386.21	
Grapevine 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
		\$820.00	\$0.00	\$820.00	
Newsletter 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	\$112.00	\$188.00
	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
		\$460.00	\$112.00	\$348.00	
Public Info 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	\$403.52	\$96.48
	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
		\$2,130.00	\$403.52	\$1,726.48	
Treasurer Cindy L	1	District Rent	\$420.00	\$175.00	\$245.00
	2	Refreshments	\$240.00	\$127.03	\$112.97
	3	Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	4	Miscellaneous Expenses (copies, postage,	\$200.00	\$29.20	\$170.80
	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
		\$1,170.00	\$331.23	\$838.77	
Treatment 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
		\$910.00	\$230.00	\$680.00	
Totals		\$10,459.97	\$2,196.54	\$8,263.43	

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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Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

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BOX 4-5-9 (Quarterly NEWSLETTER from the General Service Office):

This newsletter includes

- information about AA service
- sharing from AA members
 - news about literature
- sharing from groups and service committees
- a calendar of upcoming events

www.aa.org/box-459

DISTRICT 02 MEETING AGENDA

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

Solutions Club Inc – 621 Evans St – Oshkosh

ZOOM MEETING ID: 875 9555 4987 PASSCODE: 844696

Open with Serenity Prayer

- Introductions
- Housekeeping items: info, etc.

Twelve Traditions – Tradition 7 Long Form

Twelve Concepts – Concept 7

Review/Accept June Minutes

Secretary's Report secretary@district02aa.org

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
- 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
- Delegate make a report in District 02?

New Business:

- Area Committee Meeting report from DCM
- Other?

Close with Responsibility Statement

The NEXT District Meeting: Sunday August 10th, St Paul Catholic Church, 410 Wallace St., Combined Locks
1:30 GSR Discussion / 2pm District Meeting

HEY YOU – Come on down!!!

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

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

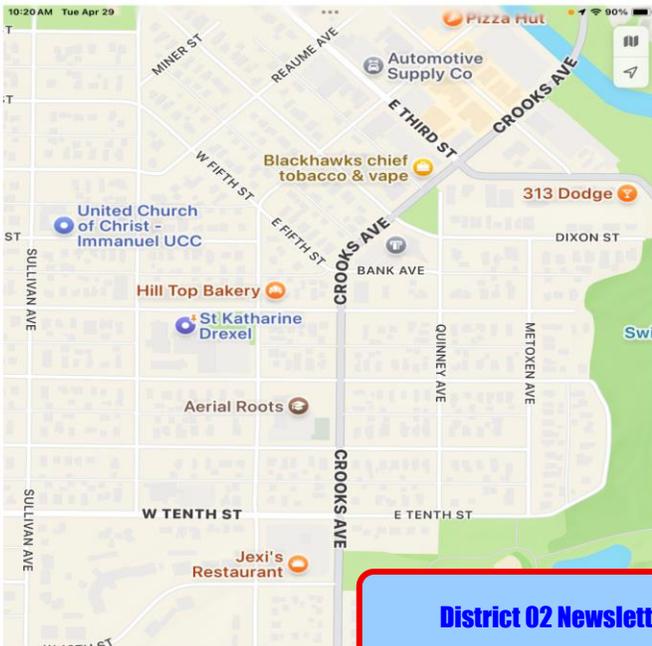
THIS MONTH'S FEATURED GROUP

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

A SECOND CHANCE by Larry R.

They told him that he had to leave because of what he did
He broke house rules, he caused a scene, a thing the house forbids
An argument with another guest that almost came to blows
Because of what the other said, his anger had arose

The house was where some people came to work on their addiction
Abuse of drugs or alcohol had brought on their affliction
Its purpose, a safe haven, where they worked to change their ways
Prepare them to be ready when they entered the next faze

This fellow knew he broke the rules, but did not want to leave
Apologized for what he had done to all he had aggrieved
He asked for their forgiveness, said he needed to advance
Along this road he had begun, asked for a second chance

His story made its way up to the manager of this place
Reluctantly, he said he would evaluate this case
He listened to what that man said and felt he was sincere
He said that he could stay, but to the rules he must adhere

This man shared at a meeting, told the group what had transpired
He blamed himself for what he'd done, his honesty we admired
But a part of what I heard remaindered me of why we're here
T'was those three words, "A Second Chance", stuck out both loud and clear

And that's what we are given when we come into AA
A Second Chance to live again, put booze or drugs away
Regain the life that we once had before we'd lost control
To substances that ruled our lives, destroyed our very soul

Just like that member, all of us, now have a Second Chance
A journey to a better life, the Steps help us advance
Along the path to practice what the Program does suggest
A way to truly LIVE again, our demons put to rest

DISTRICT 02 ARCHIVES

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The book *Alcoholics Anonymous* was written for a few reasons. First of all, it was written to raise money. Lot's of money! It was Bill's hope that enough money could be made to open AA hospitals across the country, and hire trained Missionaries to carry the message to remote places. A second reason was to carry the message on a broader scale. Up until 1939, the only way of spreading the program was my word of mouth. The last and perhaps the most important reason was to prevent the program of recovery from becoming garbled or diluted as it was passed along to future alcoholics. Before 1935, recovery from alcohol was a very rare occurrence. The first 100 or so members wanted to ensure that the method they had discovered was not lost.

Living proof of their efforts to preserve the message can be seen around the world today. The fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous presently exists all over the world in almost 59,000 groups with an estimated membership of about 2,000,000 people. It all started with 2 people, and mushroomed after the first 100, or so members set their experiences down in writing in 1939. I am not writing anything new by the way. It can all be found in *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*.

By all outward appearances and casual observations, the fellowship has come a long way since 1939 and it sometimes appears that the very thing that helped bring our fellowship to its present size is being left by the wayside. I do not have to look very far to see groups and individuals that do not use our basic text, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

I can share with you from my own experience, that I did not realize the importance of the Big Book until I had been sober almost 4 years. I had read it more than once, but I did not read it through with my sponsor. The only time that I saw it read at meetings was when it was a Big Book meeting (those were scarce) or when a portion of Chapter 5 was read. Whenever I went to a Step meeting, I could read them off the wall and listen to others share their experience, interpretations, and analyzation. Much of what I heard was helpful, but I also learned some things that had little to do with our program of recovery. I even heard some contradictions to what is written in *Alcoholics Anonymous*. I remember how a person chose a door knob as his "Higher Power". *Alcoholics Anonymous* and Step Two clearly state that we need to believe in a Power greater than ourselves, not inanimate objects. I know a guy who used to say that newcomers should wait a year before doing a Fourth Step inventory. The ironic fact is that he couldn't stay sober a year. Another thing I still hear about Step Four is that it should include "good things" as well as "bad things". It does not say that in *Alcoholics Anonymous*". After studying the Big Book and working the Steps as they were written, I learned a number of good reasons, but I would rather you discovered them yourself. Every now and then I hear that I need to place myself at the top of my list in Step Eight. I do not know where that came from, but I know that it does not say that in *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Time and space does not allow me to go into the condition of Step twelve in the fellowship.

What does *Alcoholics Anonymous* say? You could read it through cover to cover by yourself, but that didn't do me much good. *Alcoholics Anonymous* is a textbook. Textbooks are written to be studied. I learned what I know by having older members point it out to me. I learned even more by doing what the book told me to do. I continue to learn more by taking newer members through the Big Book. I refer to my Big Book very often. Not only do I take my Big Book to Big Book meetings, but I also take it to Step meetings and Topic meetings as well. I think of it as my American Express card. The fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous is a school for living sober, the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* is my textbook. I never go to school without my textbook. It is that simple.

Our fellowship took its name from the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. I hope we don't continue to leave this tool by the wayside. I pray that we don't forget where our program of recovery came from.

Brian H, Oshkosh

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

JULY 2025

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

Saturday July 12th, Area Committee Meeting, Reiter Center, 1858 S Michigan St, Three Lakes, WI.

Second Sunday of the Month, July 13th, 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 13th, 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 15th and Friday July 18th, 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 18th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available.

Saturday July 19th, 65th Chilton Intergroup, **Good Shepard Parish Hall**, 54 E Main St, Chilton. Meat provided, please bring a dish to share. Potluck at 6, speakers at 7. See flyer in District newsletter

Saturday July 19th, 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

AUGUST 2025

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

Last Sunday of the July 27th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

First Friday of the Month, August 1st, 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, August 10th, District Meeting at 2pm, **St Paul Catholic Church**, 410 Wallace St, Combined Locks. GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

Second Sunday of the Month, August 10th, 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 August 12th, 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, August 15th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available.

Saturday August 16th, 8am – 12pm, Porcky and Pancakes Fundraiser, Changing Lanes Alano Club, Wrightstown, see flyer in District newsletter

Last Sunday of the Month, August 31st, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

District 02 Committee Information

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Responsible for the collection and care of archival documents and items for the District.

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CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: Provides coordination and support for groups and individuals wishing to carry the message to alcoholics in jails and prisons within 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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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE: Medium for communication of District 02 business and events to the groups, GSR's, and individual members.

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TREATMENT & ACCESSIBILITIES COMMITTEE:

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AA OPEN SPEAKER MEETING



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

ENTER THROUGH SIDE DOOR NEXT TO PARKING LOT

TUESDAY JULY 15

FRIDAY JULY 18

TUESDAY AUGUST 12

AT 7 PM

COFFEE PROVIDED



Seymour Intergroup
Saturday July 19, 2025

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

349 N. Main Street, Seymour

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

Hot sandwiches provided,

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

Don't come alone, bring a friend or two..

Meeting starts @ 7:00

AA Speaker: Joe S

Alanon Speaker: (TBA)

Door Prizes & Fellowship

Air Conditioned....Wheel Chair Accessable Coffee, Soda & Water available

50/50 raffle

65th CHILTON INTERGROUP

JULY 19th, 2025

Good Shepherd Parish Hall

54 E. Main Street, Chilton WI.

Doors Open 5:15pm Potluck 6:00pm Meeting 7:00pm

A-A. Speaker Jamie S. from Mayville

Al-Anon Speaker Jeri V. Bay View

Please bring a dish to pass. Desserts would be appreciated. Beverages and Meats Provided

BRING A FREIND AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP. QUESTIONS? CONTACT CHRIS S 414-333-8167

Note; The church building has an Elevator on site to help those

Who have difficulty using stairs.

CHANGING LANES ALANO CLUB

PANCAKE & PORKY

BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER



AUGUST 16TH, 2025

8 AM-12 PM

50/50 RAFFLE

\$5 A PLATE

OPEN BOWLING

“BOWLING FOR DOLLARS”

GAME THROUGHOUT

THE MORNING



**TUESDAY KIMBERLY
GROUP**

INVITES YOU TO THEIR

**12x12
MEETINGS**

TUESDAY MORNINGS @ 10AM

**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
620 E KIMBERLY AVE, KIMBERLY**

**“We are a true 12x12 meeting,
meaning we study the 12
Steps and 12 Traditions.”**

Horizon II Saturday Meeting

Appleton

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.

FREE FRIDAY BOWLING



FREE BOWLING EVERY FRIDAY

**ALL SUMMER (JUN-AUG) 7PM-9PM
WITH ANY PURCHASE**

**CHANGING LANES CLUB
344 BROADWAY ST.
WRIGHTSTOWN, WI**