

DISTRICT 02

SEPTEMBER 2025

NEWSLETTER

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Volume 41

Issue 9

Circulation 815

A MESSAGE FROM THE DCM.....

Greetings to all !

I went to the East Central Regional Forum in Indianapolis. It was cool to meet and talk with the General Service Office people. I learned a lot! Biggest takeaway was this: It doesn't matter how much money AA has or what projects we are doing....what matters is HOW WE TREAT EACH OTHER ♡

Nicholas S, our current Delegate for Area 74 is coming to speak in Seymour. 1pm. Sunday. Oct 12. Emmanuel Lutheran Church. 349 Main St. Seymour, WI. Come join us and get in the know!

Groups need to be aware of upcoming motions at the Assembly on October 18:

- Do folks want past Delegates to have a voice and a vote at Area 74 proceedings? Or no.
- Should there be \$250 available to past Delegates who attend the Delegates Past and Present Conference held often in other states? (It's an event to help train new Delegates).
- Should the Area have one Conference or 2 per year -- and 2 or 4 Assemblys per year?
- And, GSRs are needed in person Or on Zoom to help vote in the next crop of Trusted Servants for Area 74, including a new Delegate and Alternate!
- Contact Jane at dcm@district02aa.org for details or check Area74.org

I hope we continue to have better and better service participation as time rolls along. Big thanks to you who are putting forth efforts to help carry the message!

Yours, Gratefully -- in Service,

Jane M - DCM District 02

dcm@district02aa.org

DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 2025

District 02 Meeting Minutes for August 2025

District Meeting – August 10, 2025

The District meeting was held in hybrid format at **St. Paul Catholic Church, 410 Wallace St., Combined Locks, WI**. The meeting was called to order at **2:00 p.m.**

Attendance: 21 members were present in person and 3 members joined via Zoom, for a total of **24 participants**.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the **Serenity Prayer**. Attendees then introduced themselves.

DCM Jane provided general housekeeping reminders, including silencing phones, being courteous, and avoiding side conversations.

Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts

- Steve read **Tradition 8 (Long Form)**.
- Mike read **Concept 8** from the Concepts Checklist.

Approval of July 2025 Minutes

- Bob made a motion to accept the Secretary's report.
- Harold seconded the motion.
- Motion passed.

Secretary's Report – Karla

- Committee Chairs and GSRs are asked to submit reports by **Tuesday, August 12, 2025**, to ensure notes can be sent to Digger in a timely manner.
- Reports should be emailed to: **secretary@district02aa.org**.
- Reminder: when making or seconding a motion, please state your name.
- "Thank you for allowing me to be of service."

Treasurer's Report – Cindy

- Barry made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.
- Niccie seconded the motion.
- Motion passed.
- Clarification: The **\$79 from Design for Living is not for Corrections**; it is to go to the **District**.

GSR Reports

- **James** – Thursday Night Seymour: Reported Intergroup was successful with **69 people in attendance**.
- **Niccie** – Thursday (2nd & 4th at noon) Oshkosh Solutions group is a speaker meeting.

DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 2025

LCM Reports

Subdistrict A: Barry. I revisited 3 meetings this past month. **Design for Living, Keeping It Simple and Search for Serenity.** All are doing well. That is all I have to report for this month.

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. I visited 4 groups this month Greenleaf, Bonduel, Clintonville, and New London. We discussed the upcoming elections, the Grapevine podcast, and the thought of the day found on the GV website.

Subdistrict D: Open

Subdistrict E: Open

Subdistrict F: Open.

Archives: Kathy. The committee recently reviewed the archives list and developed a plan to gather group histories. GSRs will be contacted to help update the meeting list, and the registrar has been contacted for a current GSR list from GSO. Work will begin with interviewing old-timers and collecting information from the Genesis Club. Another archives meeting will be held in September, with a free lunch provided. The meeting is expected to take place on a Saturday, and a flyer will be distributed with details.

Grapevine: Tina. The Grapevine Committee met for the first time at the Genesis Club on Wednesday, August 6th. The three members began developing ideas for a new display board. Two door prize subscriptions from Seymour Intergroup were mailed out. Those interested in helping the committee are encouraged to attend the next meeting on **September 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** at the Genesis Club.

Corrections: Mike. Corrections purchased cases of *Alcoholics Anonymous*, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, and *Daily Reflections* for Oshkosh State Correctional Institution. Contact information for the WRC men's and women's meetings was forwarded to Jane for two members interested in joining. Additional contact information was provided to a member interested in participating in the WRC men's meetings. Special thanks were expressed to the groups that donate to the Corrections literature fund, which makes these purchases and donations possible and helps bring the message of Alcoholics Anonymous behind the walls. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Bridging the Gap: Brad. No Report.

DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 2025

Newsletter: Digger. Thank you to the groups that have submitted flyers for the newsletter. Groups are encouraged to create and submit flyers for their upcoming intergroups, as this is a great way to increase attendance. These regular submissions help us carry the message and make the newsletter more engaging.

Unless someone is elected at today's meeting, we are seeking a volunteer to chair the Newsletter Committee for the next two-year term beginning in January 2026. No prior experience is required, computer skills needed are moderate, the time commitment is very flexible, and training can be provided. This has been a fun service opportunity that has helped me step outside my comfort zone by trying something new. For more information, please contact Digger at newsletter@district02aa.org. We are also looking for groups that would like to be spotlighted in upcoming issues. The deadline for submissions for the September issue is **August 26, 2025**, and the deadline for the October issue is **September 25, 2025**. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Public Information: Susan. The last PI Committee meeting was held on July 15, 2025, with three members in attendance. The committee participated in the Seymour Intergroup on Saturday, July 19, 2025, bringing the District 02 PI display.

New business included discussion on distributing *Alcoholics Anonymous* (Big Book), the *Plain Language Big Book*, and *Living Sober* to church libraries within the district. There are 21 churches on the list, with a focus on those that either host AA meetings or have members who attend. The committee noted that great progress is being made on this project.

PI Committee meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Genesis Club. The committee is seeking additional members; those interested may contact Susan B. or email publicinfo@district02aa.org. The next meeting will be held on **August 19, 2025**, in the larger upstairs room at the Genesis Club.

Webmaster: No Report

Treatment & Accessibilities: Jodi. Treatment & Accessibility Meeting Access information for meetings. Jodi will create the meeting and send it out, but we will leave it as a constant at the top of the minutes



- Treatment & Accessibility's committee zoom account access -(COMPLETE)
- We have access!
- District host key: XXXXXX (See Chair for host key number)
- ZOOM MEETING ID: 875 9555 4987 PASSCODE: 844696

Old Business –

- Update our facilities lists.

DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 2025

Update the facilities list to make sure we have the latest contact information for facilities-Jodi wasn't able to complete this and needs a new copy of the list. One was sent to Jodi & Dylan and Jodi will get it taken care of by August meeting.

- Add new contacts and new facilities, Jodi.
- 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 to 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=Jodi
- Split sheet so we can contact and confirm – Dylan will help with Oshkosh.
- Facility supply replenishment.
 - Dylan has 1 soft cover Big Book left in his inventory in his car.
 - Dylan provided pamphlet inventory he has on hand.
 - Jodi is going to purchase pamphlets for our inventory and assume we will not get the inventory from Rita. There is \$240 left in our facilities budget.
 - Facilities will need to be replenished once the inventory is purchased and received.
 - Kim will continue to try to get to Rita to see if she can get the pamphlets.

Facility Reports

- Oshkosh Updates-Genesis Recovery Center
- There was one miscommunication on the first Saturday of July, but otherwise everything is going great.
- Veterans Village Meeting
- Purchase of 5 soft cover 12x12's. Jodi will purchase the books by August meeting.
- Jodi to purchase 5 AA and the Armed Services.
- Mon night Veterans Meeting
 - Requested 3 Big Books for that meeting from Dylan, he will deliver from the inventory in his car.

New Business -

- Budget –
- Literature for facilities
 - Literature for facilities to run their meetings will be soft cover Big Books with stories.

DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 2025

- Literature for facilities to hand out to residents will be pocket sized Big Books of the first 165 pages. As a committee we aren't sure it's our responsibility to provide residents with personal Big Books, but rather to make sure facility Big Books are available for meetings to be held in the facilities.
- We would like to ask the District to weigh in on this decision. It will impact our budget line item for literature. We would propose \$500 if we are to provide personal Big Books to residents and a lesser number to be determined if we don't.
- Treatment and Accessibilities Display at Intergroups
 - Dylan is doing more research on having a display at Intergroups. District said that it was up to the intergroup hosting the event to say whether there is space for a display. Dylan is going to check with the next Intergroup committee.
 - We agree our presence at an intergroup may get committee members interested in our committee but not necessarily have an actual display there.
 - Reached out to GSO – Dylan will follow up.
- District printable meeting list
 - Webmaster stated that the only meetings that are not on the printable list are ones that are “virtual only” meetings and that was a district decision.
 - The district sponsors virtual only meetings on Zoom and this decision leaves our remote community and homebound members without access to meetings and this needs to be reconsidered. Jodi will reach out to Jane to get this on the agenda for August.

Our next meeting will be “Zoom” is August 24, 2025, at noon,

DCM-Jane

Group Visit / Entryway Sign:

I visited a group that seemed to need a sign for their entryway. Initially, I was asked to bring one, but then another member offered to build it.

Budget & Literature Updates:

- I provided Harold (one of our District 2 “Budget Guys”) with a 2025 budget sheet from the Box 459 newsletter.
- I gave Susan (PI Chair) a blurb about stocking Little Libraries with AA books beyond just the Grapevine.

DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 2025

District Map:

Our District 02 map (available under the LCM category on district02aa.org) currently excludes Wrightstown, even though it is part of our district. We should look for a way to correct this.

Notes from the Second Annual Service Workshop – Marquette, MI

Speaker: Nicholas, Area 74 Delegate

- **Service in AA:**

- Nicholas began by acknowledging that “Service is a scary word in AA.”
- He shared a humorous anecdote about an old-timer who called meetings “lifesavers” and offered actual lifesaver candies.
- Flyers are important to give newcomers so they can remember event details. A personal invitation, like saying “I’d really like for you to come and please join us,” is powerful.
- Some may resist service, thinking it’s “for other people” or “I’m doing enough,” but AA depends on everyone contributing. There are no “AA fairies” to do it for us.
- Nicholas compared service hours: he spends 20 hours per week as Delegate, which is small compared to the 168 hours in a week.

- **Inclusivity & Identification:**

- Discussions included drug addicts sharing in meetings. Nicholas noted that if a sex addict shared openly, some might be uncomfortable—but this is similar to drug addicts talking about using.
- People need identification and relatability in meetings.
- The presence of “pure addicts” in AA raises questions about local NA availability.

- **Guidance for GSRs:**

- Read the Service Manual.
- Arrive early to greet attendees and stay after meetings to talk with newcomers.
- Keep your home group informed and fact-check circulating issues.

- **District Structure:**

- Districts have been split historically, and it remains an option.
- There was discussion about the possibility of Oshkosh splitting off due to our large district or joining Area 75.

DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 2025

- **Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS):**

- Currently, 2,810 men are in correctional facilities, but only 1,497 AA men correspond with them from outside.
- Volunteers are needed. Contact: corrections@district02aa.org
- Inmates highly value the Plain Language Big Book (PLBB) because it's easier to understand than the regular Big Book.
- The Area Literature Committee is reviewing the PLBB. They see pros and cons but believe nothing in it would harm AA.

OLD BUSINESS

Open positions 2025 Elections

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

Bob Volunteers to take LCM D. Karla nominate Bob. Jack second. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget 2026

Cindy received budgets from members. All changes, both increases and decreases, are highlighted in red.

The following points summarize the discussion regarding the Treatment & Accessibilities literature budget:

- Considered reducing the budget to \$400 if only pocket Big Books are purchased for treatment centers; maintain \$500 if larger Big Books are procured.
- Preference expressed to purchase pocket Big Books.
- Literature should not be provided for personal use, as it may be enabling.
- Purchases would be for treatment centers only.
- Some suggested treatment centers should purchase their own literature to avoid uncontrolled distribution.
- Past experience shows pamphlets are commonly distributed, with a limited number of softcover books given over a year; sponsors can assist with providing books.
- Concern that providing books directly to facilities may not be the best use of funds; books can be distributed at AA meetings instead.
- The majority decision: books should **not** be purchased for personal use.
- It was noted that anyone contacting the AA Hotline and requesting a Big Book can receive one by picking it up at the FVCO.

Elections. The term for the following positions will begin in January 2026. These are two-year terms that will run through December 2027.

DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 2025

DCM: Andrew nominated by Jane (accepted on the condition that an Alt. DCM is elected and attends meetings); seconded by Barry. Motion passed after Alt. DCM nomination.

- **Alt. DCM:** James nominated by Harold (accepted); seconded by Karla. Motion passed.
- **LCM A:** Jack nominated by James (accepted); seconded by Jodi. Motion passed.
- **LCM B:** No nominations.
- **LCM C:** No nominations.
- **LCM D:** Bob was nominated, accepted, and elected to serve for the remainder of the 2025 term. The body further agreed that Bob will continue in this role for the 2026–2027 term.
- **LCM E:** Anna Rae nominated by Jodi; will consider.
- **LCM F:** Dylan nominated by James (accepted); seconded by Niccie. Motion passed.
- **Secretary:** No nominations.
- **Treasurer:** Steve nominated by Kim (will accept if an Alt. Treasurer is elected); seconded by Bob. Motion passed after the election of an ALT Treasurer.
- **Alt. Treasurer:** Harold nominated by Susan (accepted); seconded by Steve. Motion passed.
- **Public Information:** No nominations.
- **Corrections:** Tabled until next month.
- **Newsletter:** Barry nominated by Susan (accepted); seconded by Niccie. Motion passed.
- **Treatment & Accessibilities:** No nominations.

Conference Bid update

Looking at Hilton Paper valley - \$8000 per day. FVT has not responded. Bridgewood Neenah \$45-\$60 per person for registration.

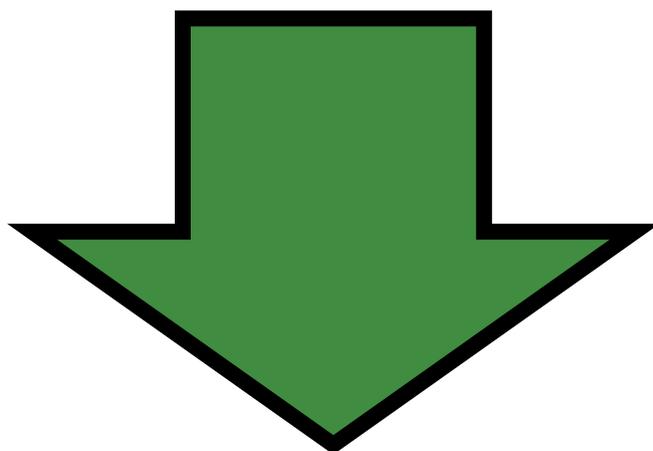
Delegate visit in October.

Nicholas is willing to come in October and do a report. The body agrees.

The FVCO (Fox Valley Central Office) is scheduled to hold its elections on **Monday, October 27, 2025**. This election is an important opportunity for members to step into service positions and contribute to the continued success and growth of the fellowship.

James made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 pm. Harold second. Motion passed.

The next District meeting is Sunday September 14, 2025, at Peace United Methodist Church, 2300 W. Wisconsin Ave., Kaukauna, Wi.



*Deadline for publication in the
October Newsletter
is end of day September 25!*

DID YOU KNOW.....

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

**Please join us at the Peace United Methodist
Church in Kaukauna at 2pm on September
14th. Learn more about how AA General
Service works!**

DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT – JULY 2025

District 02 Monthly Financial Report – July 2025

Beginning Balance 7/1/2025

\$ 7,981.88

August 10, 2025 District Meeting Report

Contributions

Date	Check #	District Group Contributions	
7/31/2025	2423	Design for Living-Corrections	\$ 190.00
7/31/2025	2425	Design for Living	\$ 79.00

Total deposits \$ 269.00

Withdrawals

Date	Check #	Expenses (checks/withdrawals)	
7/12/2025	2256	Tom A. - NL- June Adobe and Microsoft software, Ink	\$ 108.79
7/12/2025	2257	Kim M.-Treasurer, ink reimb.	\$ 46.30
7/13/2025	2259	Jane M-DCM-July copies, ass. Mileage, Stipend, Snacks, Lit.	\$ 324.24
7/13/2025	2261	Mike H.-July stipend, Corr. Lit reimb.	\$ 916.25
7/14/2025	2262	St. Paul's Catholice church-Treas. Aug. Dist. Mgt. rent	\$ 35.00

Total withdrawals \$ 1,430.58

Register balance - Month end

Beginning balance	\$ 7,981.88
Deposits	\$ 269.00
Withdrawals	\$ (1,430.58)
Register balance	\$ 6,820.30

Outstanding Checks

Total Outstanding checks \$ -

Bank Reconciliation

Community First Credit Union	
Beginning balance	\$ 8,615.88
Deposits	\$ 269.00
Withdrawals	\$ (2,064.58)
Outstanding checks	\$ -
Total	\$ 6,820.30

Balance available to District

Register balance	\$ 6,820.30
Prudent reserve	\$ (500.00)
Corrections Literature	\$ (1,584.56)
Total available to District	\$ 4,735.74

Petty Cash

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

Committee Budget Balance (Remaining)

Archives	\$ 463.97
Corrections	\$ 995.00
DCM	\$ 1,687.37
Grapevine	\$ 820.00
Newsletter	\$ 216.81
PI	\$ 1,127.48
Treasurer	\$ 675.15
Treatment & Acces.	\$ 680.00
BUDGET BALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)	\$ 6,665.78

*Corrections Literature

Starting Balance	\$ 2,305.81
Contributions Design For Living	\$ 190.00

Total deposits \$ 190.00

Withdrawals \$ 911.25

Total withdrawals \$ -

Ending Corrections Literature Balance **\$ 1,584.56**

***NOTE - Separate from district balance**

Cindy L. District 02 Treasurer

DISTRICT 02 BUDGET COMPARISON THROUGH JULY 2025

APPROVED Area 74 District 02 2025 Budget

		2025 BUDGET	YTD July SPENT	YTD July REMAIN	2026 DRAFT
Archives Kathy	1 Space at Central Office	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
	2 Miscellaneous/office supplies, ink etc.	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$250.00
	3 Grapevine	\$28.97	\$0.00	\$28.97	\$36.00
	4 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	5 FVCO Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6 Now & Then Subscription	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
	7 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
		\$463.97	\$0.00	\$463.97	\$596.00
Corrections Mike H.	1 Workshop	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
	2 Conference	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	3 Office Supply/Trave	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	4 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$15.00	\$45.00	\$60.00
	5 BTG P.O. Box, Postage, Supplie	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$300.00
	6 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
		\$1210.00	\$215.00	\$995.00	\$1,210.00
DCM Jane M	1 Stipend for District Meetings	\$180.00	\$105.00	\$75.00	\$180.00
	2 Printing Expenses	\$936.00	\$534.25	\$401.75	\$900.00
	3 LCM Stipends for District Meetings	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$360.00
	4 LCM Miscellaneous Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	5 LCM Meeting Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6 Area 74 Literature - (Service Materials	\$200.00	\$106.85	\$93.15	\$200.00
	7 GSR Workshop	\$100.00	\$109.25	-\$9.25	\$125.00
	8 Registration Spring and Fall Conference	\$40.00	\$45.00	-\$5.00	\$50.00
	9 Banquet Spring and Fall Conference	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$60.00
	10 Conference Lodging	\$500.00	\$466.11	\$33.89	\$600.00
	11 Gas for Conf/Assem/ACM/Workshops - current	\$500.00	\$152.17	\$347.83	\$500.00
	12 Assembly/ACM 4-Trips (\$40.00 Each)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	13 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	14 Other Workshop	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
	15 Zoom Account	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$160.00	\$200.00
	16 Tech Fellows Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
		\$3296.00	\$1608.63	\$1,687.37	\$3,460.00
Grapevine Tina E.	1 Grapevine Subscription for Intergroup	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
	2 Postage & Office Supplies	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
	3 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	4 Additions to Grapevine Library Displa	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$175.00
	5 Grapevine Display at Genesis Clu	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6 Past Grapevines for Distribution/Com. Mtg. rent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.00
	7 Workshop	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
	8 Electronic Subscription for Grapevine Chairperso	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	9 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
		\$820.00	\$0.00	\$820.00	\$1000.00
Newsletter Digger A	1 Postage	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2 Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	3 Postage & Printing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	4 Software	\$300.00	\$156.80	\$143.20	\$300.00
	5 Postcards, labels & miscellaneous supplie	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	7 Ink	\$100.00	\$86.39	\$13.61	\$100.00
	8 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$460.00	\$243.19	\$216.81	\$460.00
Public Info Susan	1 Web Service (Maintenance, software upgrades	\$600.00	\$599.00	\$1.00	\$600.00
	2 Pamphlets	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
	3 Postage	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
	4 Meeting List Copies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	5 Outreach/literature, fair booths, phamplets	\$500.00	\$403.52	\$96.48	\$1200.00
	6 Webmaster Computer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	7 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	8 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	9 Printing	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00
	10 Booth Space at County Fairs	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
	11 Grapevine Subscriptions (2)	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	12 Facebook PSA	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
		\$2,130.00	\$1002.52	\$1,127.48	\$2,220.00
Treasurer Cindy L	1 District Rent	\$420.00	\$245.00	\$175.00	\$420.00
	2 Refreshments	\$240.00	\$174.35	\$65.65	\$240.00
	3 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	4 Miscellaneous Expenses (copies, postage,	\$200.00	\$75.50	\$124.50	\$200.00
	5 Petty cash	na	na	na	na
	6 P.O. Box Rent	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
	7 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$1,170.00	\$494.85	\$675.15	\$1,170.00
Treatment Jodi L	1 Workshop	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
	2 Literature - Facility Racks	\$500.00	\$230.00	\$270.00	\$400.00
	3 Office Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
	4 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	5 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	6 ASL for Monthly Speaker Meetings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	7	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$910.00	\$230.00	\$680.00	\$760.00
Totals		\$10,459.97	\$3,794.19	\$6,665.78	\$10,876.00

2025 AREA 74 DATES TO REMEMBER

Area 74 Zoom Information:

Meeting ID – 479 428 9816 Passcode - 1212144

October 17: Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop, Rhinelander, WI

October 18: Area 74 Election Assembly, Rhinelander, WI

A.A. NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTIONS

DISTRICT 02 NEWSLETTER: Stay up-to-date on all of the news in District 02. Sign up at district02aa.org > newsletter > signup

NOW & THEN (Monthly Area 74 NEWSLETTER): Stay connected to Area news, information, and more! **Electronic subscriptions** please send a request via email with your contact information to area74newsletter@gmail.com

Hard copy subscriptions \$25 for 12 issues mail a check made out to CASH and a completed enrollment form to:

Now & Then
PO Box 192
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

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

September 14, 2025 – 1:30PM GSR Discussion – 2:00PM Meeting

Peace United Methodist Church – 2300 W Wisconsin Ave – Kaukauna
ZOOM MEETING ID: 875 9555 4987 PASSCODE: 844696

Open with Serenity Prayer

- Introductions
- Housekeeping items: info, etc.

Twelve Traditions – Tradition 9 Long Form

Twelve Concepts – Concept 9

Review/Accept August Minutes

Secretary's Report 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
- Public Information - Susan B.
 - Webmaster – Trevor F. webmaster@district02aa.org
- Treatment and Accessibilities - Jodi L.
- DCM - Jane M.

Old Business:

- Available positions > LCM's B,E,F; Alternate DCM
- Elections
- Conference bid update

New Business:

- Nicholas October 12 – 1pm
- Motions to be voted on at Area Assembly

Close with Responsibility Statement

The NEXT District Meeting: Sunday October 12th, 2025, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 349 N Main St, Seymour

1:30 GSR Discussion / 2pm District Meeting

We All Welcome You !

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

OLD-TIMERS PRAYER.

God, keep me from thinking I must share in every meeting, no matter the topic. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details and give me wings to get to the point. Remind me to guard confidences and to keep still when I feel it is necessary to speak up "for someone's own good."

Release me from the need to straighten out everybody else's thinking and program. God, I ask for the grace to listen to newcomers. Please help me to remember the patience with which others listened to me when I was new.

Please seal my lips to giving advice, and help me to remember to share only my experience, strength, and hope.

Remind me that my purpose is to fit myself to be of maximum service to You and to the people around me. Help me to remain teachable. Teach me (again) the lesson that, occasionally, it is possible that I may be wrong; and remind me, please, of the freedom that I gain when I am able to promptly admit I'm wrong and make amends where necessary.

Help me to remember the difference between making amends and just saying, "I'm sorry." Help me to be a worker among workers, a friend among friends. Please keep me from being a bleeding deacon, and help me to walk the path towards being an elder statesman/stateswoman. Keep me ever mindful that I cannot manage my own life through my own unaided will. I know that I am not a saint; please show me the way to seek You so that I may continue to grow along spiritual lines.

Remind me, please, of "Rule 62"-to not take myself so damn seriously. (It is so easy to take myself way too seriously.) Keep me free of gossip, character assassination, and judgment. Remind me that-because I am not perfect-although I have humbly asked, my character defects and shortcomings still arise unexpectedly, to cause damage to others and to myself.

Help me to walk with faith and acceptance, to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people, and give me the grace to tell them so.

Help me to see that You love each of Your children, and that You do not need my opinion of them or suggestions on what they might deserve.

Thank You very much. Amen.

"May today there be peace within, may you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be..."

DISTRICT 02 ARCHIVES

FROM THE DISTRICT 02 NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 1994

PRETZEL LOGIC

In some meeting places the Twelve Steps are prominently and proudly displayed. Nothing wrong with that. But sometimes, some people forget that those Twelve Steps came out of the Big Book. Some Step meetings end up like this: “Today’s topic is Step One. I think I can relate to that. I’d pass out on the floor. I sure was powerless then, couldn’t manage nothing either...I pass.” Next person says “I was spending all my money on booze, and couldn’t balance my checkbook, always overdrawn and writing bad checks. Now that’s unmanageability.”

Statements like the above may have something to do with unmanageability, a life out of control, but they have nothing to do with powerlessness. Powerlessness as described in the Big Book is an “allergy” that compels us to drink After consuming alcohol, and a “mental obsession” for alcohol that tells us it is OK to drink BEFORE any alcohol is ever taken! So where does one get the idea that passing out on the floor or just being unable to balance a checkbook is powerlessness? It’s easy. Just look at the Steps on the wall and use your great intellectual mind. I’ve done it. Some of the stuff sounds good. Some people remember the stuff, try to use it, and get drunk.

Using my great intellectual mind I reason. Those guys wrote the book 50+ years ago. Old stuff. I’m at least as smart as they were. Probably smarter. I can figure this stuff out on my own. Probably improve on it. I’ll go to lots of meetings, listen to the good stuff, reason it out, improve it, and work it my way. Then I’ll tell everyone how I did it. Using good, sound, rational, intellectual pretzel logic, I conclude “I don’t need the Big Book.”

Moving right to Step Two, I see the word “insanity.” I’m sober now (or at least dry). I’m not crazy. I seem pretty normal now. Oh yeah when I was drinking, I did some crazy things therefore I was crazy then. God is going to restore me to sanity? I ain’t crazy! I know he can have my drinking insanity. The rest of me is OK. I’m sane and sober now! (Ain’t pretzel logic wonderful?)

Wrong again! Insanity for us alcoholics means that we can’t see the truth when it applies to our drinking. We believe a lie. We repeat the same behavior and expect different. We cannot see the consequences are connected to our drinking or believe that this time it won’t happen. Where do we find this out? The book, Alcoholics Anonymous! It ain’t on the wall, it ain’t in our heads.

Now Step Three. Turn my will and my life over to the care of God? Why? All my problems are over. I’m sober. Oh yeah, God can have my alcohol insanity but I’m not drinking anymore. I don’t need any more steps. I’ve got my problem licked! (Pretzel logic is time saving and efficient too! Don’t have to waste my time with all them steps!)

You say something is wrong with my thinking? Then why do you put the Steps on the wall if I can’t work them any way I want? You say the Steps only summarize the actions that I am to take? That the explanation for the Steps, the plan for recovery is in the Big Book??? That old book? I’m confused! You don’t read the Steps out of this book. Nobody has ever read out of the Big Book and said, “this is powerlessness...This is insanity.” “The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.” What do you mean I should study the book and work the program “out” of it? Sounds like bovine fertilizer to me. OK, so I’m a little restless, irritable, and discontent. So what? I’m sober!

Pretzel Logic = Convoluting Thinking Mark R., Oshkosh

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 2025

First Friday of the Month, September 5th,
Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm **Genesis Club**, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton. Potluck at 6pm, please bring a dish to pass!

Friday September 12th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, St Mark's Church, 150 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah. See flyer in District newsletter.

Saturday, September 13th, Changing Lanes Golf Outing, 11:30am at Hilly Haven Golf Course. See flyer in District newsletter.

Second Sunday of the Month, September 14th, District Meeting at 2pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna. GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

Second Sunday of the Month, September 14th, 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, September 19th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available.

Saturday September 20th, Changing Lanes Motorcycle Ride at 11am, see flyer in District Newsletter

Last Sunday of the Month, September 26th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

Last Sunday of the September 26th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

OCTOBER 2025

First Friday of the Month, October 3rd,
Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm **Genesis Club**, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton. Potluck at 6pm, please bring a dish to pass!

Saturday October 4th, Eat'n Meet'n Intergroup, St Mark's Church, 140 N Green Bay Rd, Neenah. Dinner at 6, Speakers at 7. Hot meat provided, bring dish to pass. See flyer in District newsletter.

Second Sunday of the Month, October 12th, District Meeting at 2pm, **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**, 349 N Main St, Seymour. GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

Second Sunday of the Month, October 12th, 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 October 14th, 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, October 17th, 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, October 26th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton

Last Sunday of the October 26th, 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

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

Bridging the Gap: Brad N. 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

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

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

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

OTHER DISTRICT CONTACTS

DCM – Jane M.

dcm@district02aa.org

Secretary – Karla K.

secretary@district02aa.org

Treasurer – Cindy L.

treasurer@district02aa.org

Webmaster – Trevor F.

support@district02aa.org

District 02 Website

www.district02aa.org

Area 74 Website

www.area74.org

CONTRIBUTIONS

General Service Board

James A Farley Station
PO Box 2407
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)
PO Box 192
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Fox Valley Hotline

920-731-4331

AA OPEN SPEAKER MEETING



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

ENTER THROUGH SIDE DOOR NEXT TO PARKING LOT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12

TUESDAY OCTOBER 14

AT 7 PM

COFFEE PROVIDED

Changing Lanes Alano Club 3rd Annual **GOLF OUTING**

📅 Saturday, September 13, 2025

🕒 11:30 AM Hilly Haven Golf Course

💰 \$75 per person

📍 4-Person Scramble

Dinner and Prizes to Follow

Changing Lanes Alano Club

344 Broadway St

Wrightstown, WI



Contact Trent
920-265-4699
tcnelly40@
me.com

CHANGING LANES

MOTORCYCLE RIDE



SATURDAY, SEPT 20, 2025

MEET AT THE CLUB (344 BROADWAY ST. WRIGHTOWN, WI) AT 11:00AM (RIGHT AFTER THE 10AM MEETING).

ROUTE IS PLANNED, WE RIDE WITH ONE BREAK FOR ICE CREAM.

COST: \$10 SINGLE RIDER / \$15 DOUBLE

**QUESTIONS: CONTACT WAYNE L. AT
(920) 257-3807 OR EDDIEHASKELL@NEW.RR.COM**



**COME ONE COME ALL TO THE
ARCHIVES COMMITTEE
MEETING LUNCH**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27TH
AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE.
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.**

AA SPEAKER MEETING

**EAT'N MEET'N
INTERGROUP**

SAT. OCTOBER 4TH, 2025

ST. MARKS CHURCH
140 N GREEN BAY RD, NEENAH

Doors 5 PM • Dinner 6 PM
Speakers 7 PM



AL-ANON SPEAKER: JAN C: MAYVILLE
AA SPEAKER: TIM M: APPLETON

HOT BEEF & HAM PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING A DISH
TO PASS



50/50
RAFFLE

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.



**3RD ANNUAL
ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE
INTERGROUP
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH**

DOORS OPEN 5PM
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2330 E CALUMET STREET, APPLETON
****ENTER DOOR 1****

EVENING SCHEDULE

5PM REGISTRATION
6PM DINNER
7PM AL-ANON SPEAKER
7:30 AA SPEAKER

PASTA BAR PROVIDED – MEAT AND VEGGIE
OPTIONS WILL BE SERVED
50/50 RAFFLE*DOOR PRIZES*CENTRAL OFFICE
MERCHANDISE*FOOD-FUN-FELLOWSHIP!

**PLEASE BRING DISH TO PASS
AND
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR FOOD**

A Brand New AA meeting

12 Steps to a Better Life

Starting October 5, 2025

At the Genesis Club

1213 Appleton St

Appleton, WI 54911

- **Every Sunday at 2:00 pm**
- **1st Sunday of each month a step will be read from the Grapevine magazine**
- **All other Sundays will be studying the AA 12 steps from the AA twelve by twelve book that will be provided**

Come for recovery, stay for the fellowship. All are welcome, no dues or fees, just a desire to stop drinking.

This will be a closed AA meeting

Contact Sue B or Linda M at 920-213-6966 with any questions. Or leave a note at the Genesis Club.

New Meeting Announcement:

Old Badger Big Book Study

1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the Month, beginning 9/3/2025

6am – 7am

First English Lutheran Church

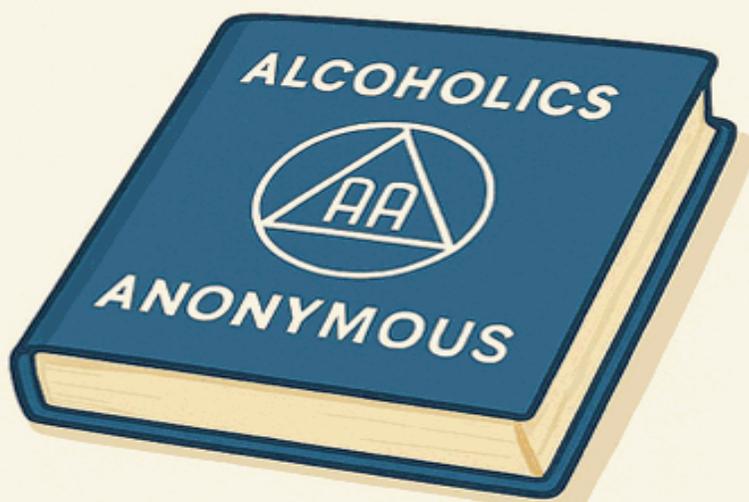
6331 N Ballard Road, Appleton, WI

See Meeting Guide (Blue Chair) App for Details

PRIMARY PURPOSE BIG BOOK STUDY

FRIDAYS
7:00 PM

AT CHANGING LANES
ALANO CLUB
STARTING OCT 3, 2025



344 BROADWAY ST, WRIGHTSTOWN, WI 54180
920-532-9046