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A MESSAGE FROM THE DCM.....

Boo to you!!!!

Happy October 🍁 Y'all

This might be scary...

HELP WANTED!

As your DCM, I need to know from AA members (perhaps through their Group Representatives - GSRs) whether they think Past Delegates should have a voice and a vote at Area proceedings. As you know, our Delegate goes to New York from here and votes and brings back information from there. After the 2 year term are they to be swept aside for fresh new voices or do we treasure their wisdom by allowing them continued participation? See the MOTION to be VOTED ON during the October 18 Assembly on page 2.

Speaking of the DELEGATE:

Nicholas S, our Delegate for Area 74 is speaking and answering questions in Seymour, WI. 1pm. **Sunday. Oct 12.** Emmanuel Lutheran Church. 349 Main St. Seymour, WI. Come join us! We'd love to see you there!!!

Groups and GSRs also need to be aware of **other issues** to be occurring at the Assembly on October 18:

- Should the Area have one Conference or 2 per year -- and 2 Assemblies or 4 Assemblies per year?
- And....GSRs are NEEDED in person Or on Zoom to help VOTE for the next Trusted Servants for Area 74, including a new Delegate and Alternate!
- ALSO, there will be a VOTE on the **Area 74 Budget**. To approve or not.
- Contact Jane at dcm@district02aa.org for details or check Area74.org Now and Then Newsletter.

Yours, Gratefully -- in Service,

Jane M - DCM District 02

dcm@district02aa.org

Motion from District 05

Motion to Remove Past Delegates' Voice and Vote from Area Assemblies

Motion:

District 05 of Area 74 moves, that effective immediately, Past Delegates of Area 74 no longer hold voice or vote at Area Assemblies. They may be invited by chair or assembly to share experience.

Background & Rationale:

This motion is proposed in alignment with AA's guiding principles of rotation, participation, and balance between authority and responsibility. While the experience of Past Delegates is deeply valued and respected, their continued voice and vote at assemblies raises concerns in the following areas:

1. Spirit of Rotation – Alcoholics Anonymous has long upheld the principle of rotation to encourage fresh leadership and the equitable sharing of service opportunities. Continuing to extend formal participation to Past Delegates may limit this dynamic by sustaining influence from individuals no longer currently serving in elected positions.
2. Right of Participation (Concept IV) – This Concept affirms the right of all current trusted servants to participate fully in decisions affecting their roles. When Past Delegates maintain voice and vote, it can dilute the voice of those currently serving in official capacities.
3. Authority and Responsibility Must Match (Concept X) – Voting privileges imply a level of authority. However, Past Delegates do not hold current service responsibilities within the Area structure.

Removing their vote ensures that only those with direct accountability and active roles make decisions affecting the Area.

District 06 of Area 74 has expressed that they stand in unity with the District 05 Motion.

The A.A. service manual in the Chapter "The Area Assembly and Activities" Section "Eligibility to Vote" states the following "Generally speaking, all committee members and officers and all G.S.R.s have one vote each in an assembly. Experience indicates that even though committee members and area officers are members of a group in the area that is represented by a G.S.R., they are entitled to a vote at the assembly. Alternates normally vote if the regular D.C.M. or G.S.R is not present."

The A.A. service manual in the Chapter "The Area Committee" Section "Past Delegates" states the following "but a role for the past delegate is gradually emerging that involves them in area activities and gives the area the benefit of their experience with worldwide A.A. but leaves area committees and new delegates free to run their own show." This section further states "They are called in for consultation or for special assignments, such as chairing area sharing sessions, speaking at special meetings designed to inform members about A.A. worldwide, or conducting workshops or orientation meetings for new G.S.R.s. Frequently, they are in line for committee chairperson of a state or provincial convention. Or they may be appointed by the area chairperson to be responsible for area public information, or to urge more widespread distribution of Conference-approved literature and the A.A. Grapevine."

This motion does not restrict the ability of Past Delegates to attend assemblies as observers or to be invited to speak or advise informally when their experience is sought. It simply reaffirms that governance and decision-making authority reside with those currently entrusted to serve.

DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 2025

District 02 Meeting Minutes for September 2025

District Meeting – September 14, 2025

The District meeting was held in hybrid format at **Peace United Methodist Church, 2300 W. Wisconsin Ave., Kaukauna, Wi.** The meeting was called to order at **2:00 p.m.**

Attendance: 16 members were present in person and 8 members joined via Zoom, for a total of **24 participants.**

The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the **Serenity Prayer.** No introductions this month.

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

Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts

- Did not read - **Tradition 9 (Long Form).**
- Did not read - **Concept 9** from the Concepts Checklist.

Approval of August 2025 Minutes

- Jodi made a motion to accept the Secretary's report.
- James seconded the motion.
- Motion passed.

Secretary's Report – Karla

- Committee Chairs and GSRs are asked to submit reports by **Tuesday, September 16, 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

- Harold made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.
- Steve seconded the motion.
- Motion passed.
- Digger- on right side balance available to district register \$6820.30 is listed as beginning balance and should be ending balance. Total available balance change to \$4413.14.

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GSR Reports

- **Harold** – Our Southern Friend at Changing Lanes Wednesday Night– At the business meeting, the positions of Secretary and Treasurer were filled. A possible GSR is under consideration and will be confirmed later. The FVCO Eatin’ Meetin’ is scheduled for October 4th. Committee Chairs are invited and encouraged to attend.
- **Michelle** – Thursday Night Women in recovery at Genesis Club – looking for more committee members for the group.

LCM Reports

Subdistrict A: Barry. I revisited 7 meetings this past month. Design for Living, Keeping It Simple and 4th Edition Big Book Study, Wednesday 12 X 12, A New Life, The Way Out and Shelter From the Storm. The Design for Living, Keeping it Simple, The Way Out and Wednesday 12 X 12 are looking for a new GSR to step into that role. A New Life, the at the Veterans Village Community Center has not yet begun to participate in district service, but it is growing in participation. Shelter From the Storm at COTS needs support. The meeting is down to 2 regular members with occasional participation from the shelter. 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: Bob. No Report.

Subdistrict E: Open

Subdistrict F: Open.

Archives: Kathy. NO Report.

Grapevine: Tina. The committee has been meeting for three months. Work is underway on a bulletin board, and the committee has committed to attending three potlucks.

Corrections: Mike. A possible new volunteer has started the process of a background check to go into WRC-Women's. I will not be seeking re-election as Corrections Chairperson.

Bridging the Gap: Brad. NO Report.

Newsletter: Digger. Congratulations to Barry B on being elected to serve as Newsletter Chair for the upcoming term! He and I met earlier this month to discuss how to ensure a seamless transition. I have very much enjoyed this service commitment. I would like to thank our newsletter committee members. Webmaster Trevor F., Secretary Karla K., and all the AA members for your submissions and support during the last 2 years.

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Thank you to the groups that have submitted flyers and other tidbits 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 informative.

We are also looking for groups that would like to be spotlighted in upcoming issues. The deadline for submissions for the October issue is **September 26, 2025**, and the deadline for the November issue is **October 26, 2025**. Please email all submissions to newsletter@district02aa.org Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Public Information: Susan. The PI Committee – Last Meeting August 19, 2025; 3 members in attendance. District 02 PI Display will be at the October 4, 2025 and November 9, 2025 Intergroups

New Business

- Distribution of AA Books (Big Book, Plain Language Big Book and Living Sober) to church libraries in our district; 27 Churches on our list – focus on churches that have AA meetings or a member attends.
- Our committee is making great progress.

PI Committee meeting will not be meeting in September 2025

Our committee is looking for a few more members if interested please let us know.
Susan B. 920 858 2379 or email publicinfo@district02aa.org

Our next meeting will be October 21, 2025, at the Genesis Club in the upstairs larger room.

Webmaster: Trevor. 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. Also, to add a new meeting PLEASE fill out the meeting form so we can capture all the specific meeting information that will be put on the list.

Meeting change forms can be found on the website under Resources > Group Resources. If you are changing information for a group that is already on the list, please fill out the "**Change a groups information**" form which has been updated to reflect some changes to the form available from GSO.

If you are an incoming trusted servant for District 02, please send me your email address and position you are taking so we can switch the email forwarder to you.

- There were 4,288 unique views to our website in August.
- The most accessed resource is our meeting locator.

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Treatment & Accessibilities: Jodi. Treatment and accessibility committee met last month there were two in attendance. We have inventoried all our pamphlets and ordered more stock as needed. We are in the process of updating our facility contacts and information for the district. We are looking for a new Treatment and Accessibilities Chairperson and new members for the incoming 2026-2027 term. Please attend our next meeting to find out more about this important committee!

Our next Treatment meeting is October 26th 1200pm ZOOM MEETING ID: 875 9555 4987
PASSCODE: 844696

DCM: Jane. Did distribution of flyers to GSRs at the District meeting. These were for a GSR training session and for the incoming DCM. Or for anyone interested in becoming either of these in the future. 6:30 CST on Zoom Oct 13 Monday. ID 479 428 9816 password 1212144.

Handed out Agendas for upcoming Assembly on Oct 18, 8:30 am, Quality Inn, Rhinelander WI. Zoom: 479 428 9816 password 1212144, Important voting done by GSRs will occur there. Agendas are available in the Now and Then newsletter on Area74.org.

Went over notes from Area 74 monthly DCM meeting. The 2-year trial schedule for the Area is to be voted on Oct 18 Assembly. Also discussed if more training is needed on making motions and on Robert's Rules of Order. A questionnaire came up, perhaps asking about why people do or do not attend District meetings and the like.

Bill D will be standing as a nominee for Delegate, and he hopes for some competition for the position.

The motion from District 05 regarding removing voice and vote from past Delegates is being supported by District 06. All GSRs will be voting on this issue at Assembly.

One half hour before the Assembly a session for new or newer participants will help orient them to the proceedings of the day. It will start at 8 a.m. on Oct 18.

The ECR - East Central Regional Forum, Aug 22-24 was quite an experience. One talk was of how to inspire Service work. Another was about a guy who was "thrown the Key" of the meeting and that began his Service journey. The Forum in Indianapolis was open to any AA member. It's thrust was to improve communication with GSO staff, GSB, and AAWS directors, and various Trustees to the fellowship. There were talks, workshops, panels, and Q and A sessions including comments and discussion. Main message to me was, what we get done isn't as important as how we treat each other. And, that those who need our help could be only a block away. GSRs are more important to AAWS than any money sent to the General Service Board, they also said. A workshop emphasized encouraging people to participate in Service. You can ask members if they are in service yet or you can include sponsees and other members when you go to a service event. Reach out also to those struggling with their service positions and try to help. If you have experience, tell them you can help them walk through this.

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Technology Session on Zoom (Aug 26). They were from around the USA. Talked about the Roundcube platform. There's a Technology Workshop coming November 7-9 and it's Hybrid. Go to techsharingsessions@gmail.com for more information and to get on their mailing list. Discord is another platform. Rule 62 is a group in our district who uses it.

The finance committee at GSO reports that the reserve fund is at 6.38 months and they would like it to be at 9 months, so funds are still needed.

OLD BUSINESS

Open positions 2025 Elections

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

Elections: 2026-27

LCM E – Anna Rae was nominated last month and wanted more time to think about it. She has decided not to accept the nomination. No additional nominations. Carried over.

Secretary – no nominations. Carried over.

Public Information Chair – no nominations. Carried over.

Treatment & Accessibilities Chair – no nominations. Carried over.

Corrections – Mike will not be seeking re-election for 2026-27. No nominations. Carried over.

LCM B – no nominations. Carried over.

LCM C – no nominations. Carried over.

LCM E – no nominations. Carried over.

Conference Bid Updates:

Some preliminary information has been received and is under review. Efforts are underway to schedule a meeting with a venue in Neenah. On October 18th, a vote will be held to decide whether there will be one conference or two conferences in the coming years. A few members have stepped forward to help.

Budget 2026: take back to groups for review.

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Discussion on Stipends for Delegate's Workshop

- There are two types of stipends, including one for district meetings.
- Members were encouraged to review past expenditures and historical usage, since much of the allocated money has not been used.
- Concerns have been raised about allocating funds if they are not being used.
- Stipend amounts are often set by new committee members who may lack prior experience.
- The matter has been discussed in the T & A meeting. Facilities are asked about hosting workshops, but interest is often low. Funds remain in the budget in case new members wish to pursue activities.
- It was suggested that unused funds be removed from the budget if no concrete plan is in place.
- Another view was that stipends ensure those elected without financial means are still able to participate.
- Concern was expressed that it is difficult to request funds again later if the need arises.
- Some supported continuing the budget for stipends.
- It was proposed that unused budget lines be revisited at the end of the year for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nicholas October 12 @ 1 pm

The Delegate will give a talk & answer questions.

Motions to be Voted on at Area Assembly:

- District 5 – motion that past delegates have no voice or vote at Area Assemblies. The motion is listed in Now & Then Newsletter. Some groups have had the discussion.
- Newsletter Guidelines – There have been no formal guidelines for the Area Newsletter for quite some time. A proposal of guidelines has been made so that incoming committee members have a clear framework to follow.

Workshop

A workshop and lunch are planned, focusing on training for incoming DCMs, GSRs, and Committee members. The workshop may provide insights on using a budget and the process of getting reimbursed for expenditures. Outgoing members are encouraged to attend to support the incoming members. A workshop committee will be formed, and several members have volunteered to participate.

Information was also shared from the GSO Literature Committee regarding the 5th edition of the Big Book and upcoming pamphlets. Materials were distributed to attendees.

James made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:27 p.m. Harold seconded. Motion passed. The next District meeting is Sunday October 12, 2025, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 349 N Main St., Seymour, Wi.



*Deadline for publication in the
November Newsletter
is end of day October 26!*

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

**Please join us at the Emmanuel Lutheran
Church in Seymour at 2pm on October 12th.
Learn more about how AA General Service
works!**

DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT – AUGUST 2025

District 02 Monthly Financial Report – August 2025

Beginning Balance 8/1/2025

\$ 6,820.30

September 14, 2025 District Meeting Report

Contributions

Date	Check #	District Group Contributions		
8/29/2025	2434	Design for Living-Corrections	\$	225.00
8/29/2025	371	Group #000164634	\$	100.00
8/29/2025	18708757	Sunrise Meeting Group	\$	133.31
8/29/2025	106	Tuesday Night Friends of AA	\$	100.00

Total deposits \$ 558.31

Withdrawals

Date	Check #	Expenses (checks/withdrawals)		
8/7/2025	2264	Tina E.-Grapevine-2 Subscriptions, display, Aug. Com. Mgt	\$	140.79
8/7/2025	2265	Mike H.-Aug, stipend, Corr. Lit reimb.	\$	695.00
8/7/2025	2266	FVCO-Archives Rent	\$	200.00
8/7/2025		EFT Harland Clark-Treas. Replenish Checks	\$	23.95
8/10/2025	2267	Jane M.-DCM-Aug. Stip., Copies, Lit. Area, Mileage	\$	180.77
8/10/2025	2268	Jodi L.-T&A-books	\$	48.00
8/13/2025	2269	Peace United Methodist Church-Sept. Dist. Mtg. rent	\$	35.00
8/21/2025	2270	Tom A.-NL-Aug. Adobe & Microsoft subscriptions	\$	22.40

Total withdrawals \$ 1,345.91

Register balance - Month end

Beginning balance	\$	6,820.30
Deposits	\$	558.31
Withdrawals	\$	(1,345.91)
Register balance	\$	6,032.70

Outstanding Checks

Total Outstanding checks \$ -

Bank Reconciliation

Community First Credit Union	
Beginning balance	\$ 6,820.30
Deposits	\$ 558.31
Withdrawals	\$ (1,345.91)
Outstanding checks	\$ -
Total	\$ 6,032.70

Balance available to District

Register balance	\$6,032.70
Prudent reserve	\$ (500.00)
Corrections Literature	\$ (1,119.56)
Total available to District	\$ 4,413.14

Petty Cash

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

Committee Budget Balance (Remaining)

Archives	\$ 263.97
Corrections	\$ 990.00
DCM	\$ 1,506.60
Grapevine	\$ 679.21
Newsletter	\$ 194.41
PI	\$ 1,127.48
Treasurer	\$ 616.20
Treatment & Acces.	\$ 632.00
BUDGET BALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)	\$ 6,009.87

*Corrections Literature

Starting Balance	\$ 1,584.56
Contributions Design For Living	\$ 225.00

Total deposits \$ 225.00

Withdrawals \$ 690.00

Total withdrawals \$ -

Ending Corrections Literature Balance **\$ 1,119.56**

***NOTE - Separate from district balance**

Cindy L. District 02 Treasurer

DISTRICT 02 BUDGET COMPARISON THROUGH AUGUST 2025

		2025 BUDGET	YTD August SPENT	YTD August REMAIN	2026 DRAFT
Archives Kathy	1 Space at Central Office	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$200.00	\$263.97	\$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	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$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	\$220.00	\$990.00	\$1,210.00	
DCM Jane M	1 Stipend for District Meetings	\$180.00	\$120.00	\$60.00	\$180.00
	2 Printing Expenses	\$936.00	\$598.85	\$337.15	\$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	\$139.00	\$61.00	\$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 Mileage for Conf/Assem/ACM/Area Workshops -	\$500.00	\$221.19	\$278.81	\$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	\$1789.40	\$1,506.60	\$3,460.00	
Grapevine Tina E.	1 Grapevine Subscription for Intergroup	\$350.00	\$72.00	\$278.00	\$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	\$53.79	\$121.21	\$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/Comm Mtg., Rent 2025	\$100.00	\$15.00	\$85.00	\$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	\$140.79	\$679.21	\$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	\$179.20	\$120.80	\$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	\$265.59	\$194.41	\$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	\$280.00	\$140.00	\$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	\$99.45	\$100.55	\$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	\$553.80	\$616.20	\$1,170.00	
Treatment Jodi L	1 Workshop	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
	2 Literature - Facility Racks	\$500.00	\$278.00	\$222.00	\$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	\$278.00	\$632.00	\$760.00	
Totals		\$10,459.97	\$4,450.10	\$6,009.87	\$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
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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

TWELVE SIGNS OF A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING (Author unknown)

- 1) An increased tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen
- 2) Frequent attacks of smiling
- 3) Feelings of being connected with others and nature
- 4) Frequent overwhelming episode of appreciation
- 5) A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than from fears based on past experiences
- 6) An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment
- 7) A loss of ability to worry
- 8) A loss of interest in conflict
- 9) A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others
- 10) A loss of interest in judging others
- 11) A loss of interest in judging self
- 12) Gaining the ability to love without expecting anything in return

DISTRICT 02 MEETING AGENDA

October 12, 2025 – **DELEGATE SPEAKER 1PM – 2:00PM Meeting**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church – 349 N Main St – Seymour

ZOOM MEETING ID: 875 9555 4987 PASSCODE: 844696

Open with Serenity Prayer

- Introductions
- Housekeeping items: info, etc.

Twelve Traditions – Tradition 10 Long Form

Twelve Concepts – Concept 10

Review/Accept September Minutes

Secretary's Report secretary@district02aa.org

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

- a. GSR's
- b. LCM's – James: LCM-C, Barry: LCM-A, LCM-D: Bob
- 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. webmaster@district02aa.org
- h. Treatment and Accessibilities - Jodi L.
- i. DCM - Jane M.

Old Business:

- Available positions for 2025: LCM's B,E,F; Alternate DCM
- Elections: Secretary, PI, T&A, LCM's - B, C, E
- Budget adjustments for 2026
- Conference bid update
- Nov. Workshop: "hand in hand" for incoming to meet with outgoing, a training workshop. GSR's, LCM.s, Chairs. How to spend your budget, dealing with reimbursements and treasury issues – DISCUSSION.

New Business:

- Assembly issues for 10/18/25
- Other?

Close with Responsibility Statement

The NEXT District Meeting: Sunday November 9th, 2025, Changing Lanes Alano Club, 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown

1:30 GSR Discussion / 2pm District Meeting

We Welcome You !

***CALLING ALL CURRENT AND POTENTIAL
GSR'S AND DCM'S.....***

INFORMATION SHARING SESSION

Not sure that you
qualify to serve
as a GSR or DCM?

Find out what it
takes!!!!

Open forum to
ask questions and
to
learn about
the benefits!!!

MONDAY OCTOBER 13TH, 6:30PM

Zoom ID: 479 428 9816

Passcode: 1212144

2025 District 02 Meeting Schedule

(Meeting Location is Subject to Change)

GSR Roundtable at 1:30 / District Meeting at 2:00

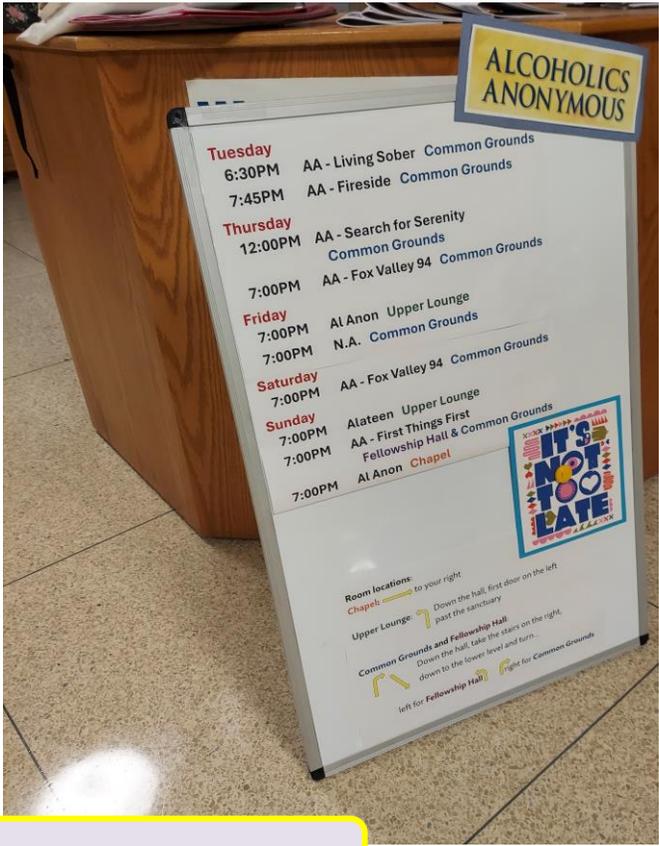
Jan 12	Solutions Club Inc. 621 Evans St, Oshkosh
Feb 9	Changing Lanes Alano Club 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown
Mar 9	Genesis Club 1213 N Appleton St, Appleton
Apr 13	Solutions Club Inc. 621 Evans St, Oshkosh
May 4 Early due to Mothers Day	St Mark's Church 140 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah
Jun 8	Prince of Peace 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

CALLING ALL AA GROUPS



HOW IS YOUR SIGNAGE?

CAN THE BRAND NEW PERSON FIND YOUR MEETING???



MY AA BALANCE SHEET *by Larry R.*

In business it's important that you know just where you stand
Your P & L will show you if you've chosen the right plan
Another tool you'll need to use is called the balance sheet
It shows you what you have or owe, to add or to retreat

Step Ten is like a balance sheet; it makes us take a look
At what we've gained and what we've lost, as stated in the Book
It helps us to consider when another day's complete
On what we've done, both good and bad, an AA balance sheet

Another way to think concerns what we have lost or gained
The asset is serenity, liability was pain
They're both part of this gift we got by coming through that door
To learn to live a better way, that's what AA's there for

Unlike the business balance sheet that's known to all of us
Where one side has a minus sign, the other has a plus
My AA balance sheet has many plusses on one side
And not too many minuses since the Steps have been applied

When I was forced to finally look at both sides of my ledger
I saw that I had lost control, consumed with seeking pleasure
I tried my best to justify the things that I had done
I'm hurting no one but myself, I'm only having fun

Then came the time the fun ran out, was forced to face the fact
That alcohol controlled my life, a slave to its impact
I did not want to drink again, but knew not how to stop
My doctor said to try AA, "do it before you drop"

I did not really want to go; my ego had been bruised
But go I did, for after all, what did I have to lose
It took a while to get onboard, but when I finally tried
I saw a change within myself that could not be denied

Now when I work Step number Ten, my ledger's been revised
The good stuff far outweighs the bad, it's made me realize
That things that were a negative, today have been replaced
Like how I felt when I awoke, no longer in disgrace

Most nights as I recount my day, I'm pleased with what I find
It's not because of some great deed that enters in my mind
My balance sheet is positive because I work these Steps
To smile and greet my fellow man and treat them with respect

And should I fail in this attempt, I need to recognize
Where I'd been wrong, in word or deed, been quick to criticize
I owe amends to those I've harmed, make it without delay
Then work to make sure this mistake does not get a replay

So, when I tally up my score by practicing Step Ten
I'm mindful how my life has changed as I consider when
My balance sheet looked awful at the end of every day

DISTRICT 02 ARCHIVES

FROM THE DISTRICT 02 NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 1988

THE TENTH TRADITION

“Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

This tradition is one that helps us keep out of other people’s fights so that we can concentrate on our own battle against alcoholism. All my life, before and after drinking, before and after sobriety, I have been a battler for the underdog, and a joiner of organizations for causes. This has been a dandy way to avoid dealing with my own self, to avoid working on the problems I drank to escape from for so many years. Now that I am sober and learning to practice AA’s principles in all my affairs, I can choose a cause to support now and then. However, I must maintain my sobriety first to be of use to myself and anyone else.

The AA groups, the AA meetings I go to regularly, are what I need to maintain that sobriety. I’ve come to trust AA meetings as THE place to deal with all the issues of living sober, and as THE place to help other alcoholics find and keep and sobriety.

Had I thought, when I came into the program, that AA groups supported political or religious or civic causes other than sobriety, I would not have been able to join, or I’d have joined and worked so hard for the other cause that I’d still be drunk! AA’s singleness of purpose is essential to my sobriety. AA is the one place where I can learn not to run from myself. There too I offer my support to any alcoholic trying to achieve sobriety.

AA’s founders knew it was important to stick to the one purpose of helping each other stop drinking. Both *“Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions”* and *“Pass It On”*, the story of Bill Wilson and how the AA message reached the world, tell about the Washingtonian Society, a movement of alcoholics which started in Baltimore in the 1840’s. The Washingtonians began as a group made up entirely of alcoholics trying to help each other. The early members saw that they should limit themselves to that one aim, like our AA does today. Soon, however, the politics of the day broke in, and some Washingtonians got caught up, as a group, in the battle to abolish slavery, and then, even more damaging, in the temperance crusade. This political involvement torpedoed any usefulness they had to alcoholics trying to get and stay sober.

Bill W. said in the Twelve and Twelve, “As we surveyed the wreck of that movement, early AA members resolved to keep our society out of public controversy. Thus was laid the cornerstone for Tradition Ten: “Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

This tradition is what makes AA a safe haven for alcoholics seeking recovery. I’m grateful I was born after our founders figured this out, not before.

Barb G.
Appleton

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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.

DELEGATE SPEAKS 1:00 *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.

Saturday October 18th, Recoveryfest at Genesis Club. See flyer in District newsletter.

Saturday October 25th, Halloween Party at Changing Lanes Alano Club, Wrightstown, 6pm, see flyer in District newsletter.

Saturday October 25th, ARM Halloween Bash 5pm, **Prince of Peace Church**, 2330 E Calumet St, Appleton. Food-speakers-dance-fun, see flyer in District newsletter.

NOVEMBER 2025

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

First Friday of the Month, November 7th,

Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm **Genesis Club**, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton. Potluck at 6pm, please bring a dish to pass!

Saturday November 8th, Attitude of Gratitude Intergroup, **Prince of Peace Church**, 2330 E Calumet St, Appleton. Doors open at 5, pasta bar at 6, speakers at 7. Please bring a dish to pass. See flyer in District newsletter.

Second Sunday of the Month, November 9th,

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

Second Sunday of the Month, November 9th,

Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, Potluck at 6pm, bring a side dish to share, **First Congregational Church**, 724 E South River St, Appleton *This is a hybrid meeting*. Meeting ID: 897 8011 3671 Passcode: 027543

Tuesday November 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, November 21st,

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, November 30th,

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.

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

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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

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

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Appleton, WI 54911
920-997-0221

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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

TUESDAY OCTOBER 14

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 14

AT 7 PM

COFFEE 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



ct 12

1 PM

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH

— Seymour, WI —

Nicholas S:
AREA 74 Delegate

Presentation and Q+A
Session

FREE REFRESHMENTS. All are
welcome

Recoveryfest 2025

PUMPKIN CARVING

BEAD MAKING

KID FRIENDLY EVENT!!!

OCTOBER 18, 2025
THE GENESIS CLUB
EVENT SCHEDULE

50/50 & RAFFLE

DOOR PRIZES

SILENT AUCTION

SOUP THE COMEDIAN

- 7 AM AA MEETING
- 10AM AA OPEN MEETING
- 11:00AM CMA SPEAKER: TREVOR M.
- 12PM DHARMA RECOVERY-SPEAKER: LUNA B.
- 1PM HA SPEAKER: LELAND N.
- 1:30PM (UPSTAIRS) DRA SPEAKER: ROB
- 2PM ACA SPEAKER: MICHAEL Z.
- 3PM: M.A.D.D- A SURVIVORS STORY
- 3:30PM SA SPEAKER: CHUCK G.
- 4:15PM RECOVERY COACHES ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
- 5PM BEV KELLEY MILLER: SHARING MEGAN'S STORY
- 6PM NA SPEAKER MEETING DON O.
- 7PM NA SILENT AUCTION
- 7:00PM-10:00PM: LIVE MUSIC MICHAEL MURPHY AND THE MOB

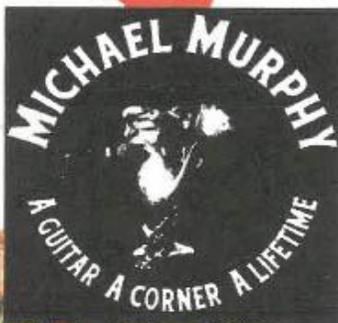
10am-2pm Arts and Crafts for the Kids

Fall Events Starting at 10 am

Food \$7

8am-10am:
Breakfast Casserole

11:00am-7:00pm
(While Supplies Last)
Booyah served with Fresh Bread





Halloween Monster Bash
Sober Party & Potluck
October 28, 2025

CHANGING LANES ALANO CLUB
344 BROADWAY STREET
WRIGHTSTOWN, WI 54180
920-532-9046

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
PARTY ENDS AT 10:00 PM
COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- COSTUME CONTEST
- DANCING
- HALLOWEEN TRIVA
- BOWLING
- 50/50 RAFFLE

*PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS
\$10 DONATION SUGGESTED

GORILLA MEMORIAL HALLOWEEN BASH 2025

A.R.M.

NO ADMISSION FEE

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00p

FOOD, DANCE,
COSTUME CONTEST,
SPEAKER MEETING AND
FUN FOR ALL

**FREE TO
RECOVERING
COMMUNITY AND
FAMILY**



WHO ARE WE?!

**FREE TO
RECOVERING
COMMUNITY**

G.M.H.B.
CHAPTER 30
OCTOBER 25, 2025

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2330 E Calumet St, Appleton, WI 54915

CONTACT OGRE 9203787201 or CHOPPER 9202055903

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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**

Appleton Area A.A. Intergroup

Saturday, December 13th, 2025

St. Pius X Church

500 W. Marquette St.

Appleton, WI

Come early and help set up & decorate at 2:00 pm

Registration & Coffee – 5:00 p.m.

Dinner – 6:00 p.m.

Speakers – 7:00 p.m.

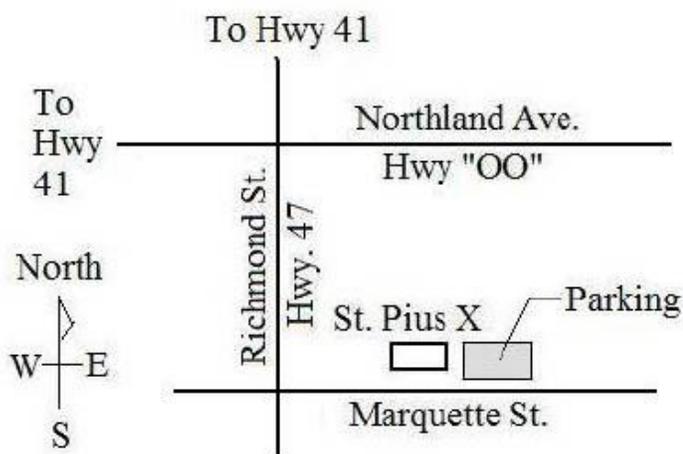
Al-anon Speaker - TBA

A.A. Speaker – Brad N.

Bring a dish to pass (in disposable container please)

Meat, buns, potato salad, baked beans, provided

Door Prizes from Appleton Area Groups



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

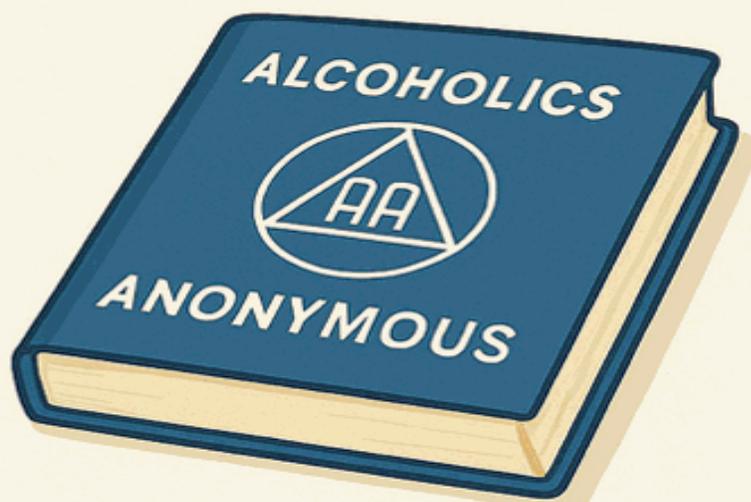
6331 N Ballard Road, Appleton, WI

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

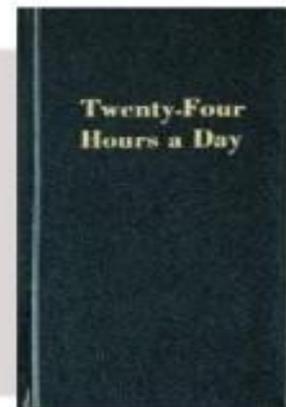
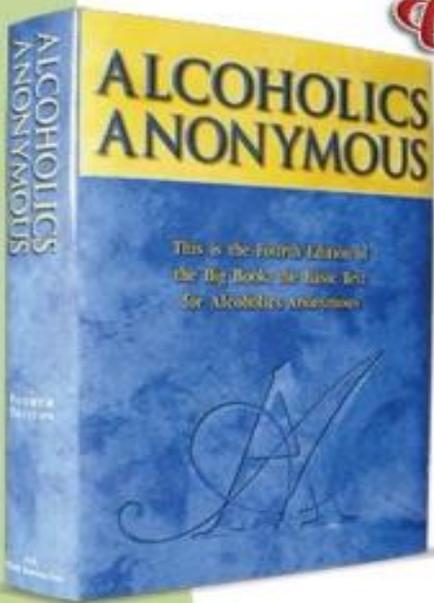


344 BROADWAY ST, WRIGHTSTOWN, WI 54180
920-532-9046

Fox Valley Central Office Book Sale

November & December

100% Off!



Excludes Medallions & case prices.
No other discounts apply.

Fox Valley Central Office
1528 N Ballard Rd #16
Appleton, WI 54911
(920) 997-0221

Friends, (Please share this with all your AA Friends),

I've just returned from the East Central Regional Forum in Indianapolis with a full heart and deep gratitude. As I reflected on what we heard and shared together, a few spiritual touchstones rose to the surface—principles that guide how we carry the message and how we support the work that carries it farther than any one of us could alone.

Our Seventh Tradition as a Spiritual Practice

Self-support isn't just about dollars; it's about dignity, gratitude, and participation. When we contribute—group, district, area, or individual—we're saying, "I'm part of this." That same spirit applies to how we engage with A.A. Grapevine and La Vifia. A subscription, a gift subscription to a sponsee or newcomer, or purchasing items from the Grapevine store are spiritual actions. They put tools of recovery into hands and homes—and they also strengthen Grapevine's ability to stand on its own feet.

Each new subscription and purchase reduces the likelihood that our Fellowship will need to lean on the Reserve Fund to support Grapevine operations. In other words, when we support Grapevine directly, we help preserve our Reserve Fund for what it's truly meant for—and we help carry the message at the same time. That's stewardship in action.

The Reserve Fund—Rightly Purposed, Wisely Used

There's been healthy concern and conversation about the number of months our Reserve Fund currently covers. Today, we're at about **6.4 months**. Long-standing guidance suggests **9–12 months**; many nonprofits operate with **3–6 months**. We're not in crisis, yet we're invited to be faithful caretakers.

Two realities affect "months of coverage": operating expenses and the fund's size. If expenses rise and the fund stands still, months go down. Inflation also erodes the real value of a stationary fund. That's why our consistent, spiritual practice of self-support matters.

It's also important to remember: the Reserve Fund is being used for what it should be used for—**capital projects and covering bills** when needed. It's not a trophy on a shelf; it's a prudent tool that steadies the ship so we can keep carrying the message without interruption.

Budget Reforecast—Prudent Mid-Year Inventory

As is customary, the budget was **reforecast at the Board weekend in July**. This isn't panic—it's practice. Just like we take a personal inventory, the Board takes a financial inventory mid-year to align our plan with reality: actual revenues (including Seventh Tradition and literature/Grapevine results), expenses, inflation, and timing on capital projects. Reforecasting

helps us keep commitments, avoid overreach, and remain transparent with the Fellowship. If some numbers differ from what you saw in the spring, that reflects prudence, not crisis.

Contributions—Context and Spirit

Seventh Tradition contributions appear about **17%** lower year-over-year, largely because last January was unusually strong. Against prior years, we're roughly on track. Rather than react in fear, we can respond in faith: steady participation over time. I did hear at the General Service Conference that some groups were withholding contributions until the Reserve Fund is rebuilt. To me, that feels self-defeating. The Reserve Fund is topped up by the very spiritual practice we're tempted to pause.

Grapevine/La Viña—Carrying the Message, Strengthening the Base

Grapevine finances are moving in the right direction; this year's draw is roughly half of last year's. Still, the surest path to self-support is us. Subscriptions and purchases are not "extras"—they're practical Twelfth Step tools that also **reduce the potential need for Reserve Fund support**. Consider a personal subscription, a gift subscription, or ordering items for your group's literature table. Every one of those choices helps.

A Gentle Invitation

If you have the means, consider an individual contribution—perhaps a birthday or gratitude contribution. If you're not currently a GV or LV subscriber, think about subscribing, renewing, or gifting one. No guilt—just grace. A.A.'s financial health begins the same place our recovery did: with willingness, one day and one decision at a time.

Please read the attached report, "**Around the Picnic Table**," and share your questions or reflections. Thank you for your love of A.A., your service, and your steady example of spiritual participation.

In love and service,

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider

A74/P74 Delegate