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MONTHLY MUSINGS FROM OUR DCM

When I was pondering about my first blurb as DCM in this newsletter, I was initially thinking about all the service work I've taken part in over the years. But as I meditated, my mind shifted. I was no longer interested in what I done, instead I began to focus on what service work has done for me.

Volunteering is often described as giving back, but the truth is that it gives forward—shaping not only the alcoholic community we serve, but also the individuals who step up to the challenge. My own journey in service has been less about the hours logged in, and more about the person I've become along the way.

We all know that service is part of the AA triangle. And the chapter in the Big Book Working With Others explains that service work is crucial for our own recovery. However, my experience in AA service has provided me with so much more. It forces me to work with others which teaches me patience, empathy, and the ability to listen deeply. Service work allows me to be a part of something bigger by connecting me to missions larger than myself, instilling humility and perspective. It also forces me to be accountable. Showing up reinforces my responsibility and reliability, and these qualities ripple into all aspects of my life. Service also makes me rely on others and accept that I can't (and shouldn't) do everything myself. Allowing people to step up, and accepting that some will disappoint me are teachable moments. Service work increases my self-esteem with each small act reminding me that my contributions matter. And probably the best part of serving is that my life now has purpose. Volunteering gave me direction, grounding me in values that extend beyond personal success. It is my hope that we all continue to improve on these life skills while helping our fellow alcoholics.

As many know, Service Work isn't always lollipops and rainbows. It can be very rewarding, but also has its challenges. I always said that service work are two things:

1. Service -the action of helping or doing work for someone
2. Work -mental or physical effort to achieve a purpose or result

Most times it's great work, sometimes it's not. Either way, I learn and become better.

I welcome all recovering alcoholics in all positions at the District level. And I'm inspired by all the GSRs in our community as well. Congratulations on your positions of service! I am truly excited to work with every single person at District 02 with the goal of helping the alcoholics in our community, as well as growing together in recovery.

Andrew T.
DCM

DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 2025

District Meeting – December 14, 2025

The District meeting was held in hybrid format at First United Methodist Church, 323 E. Franklin St., Appleton, Wi.

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m.

Attendance: 30 members were present in person and 6 members joined via Zoom, for a total of **36 participants**.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the **Serenity Prayer**. No introductions this month. There are some new GSR's present for their first meeting.

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

Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts

- Susan read - **Tradition 12 (Long Form)**.
- Brady read - **Concept 12** from the Concepts Checklist.

Approval of November 2025 Minutes

- Bob 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, December 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.
- Barry seconded the motion.
- Motion passed.

GSR Reports

- **Kimmery**– Saturday Morning, Eye Opener Meeting Saturday Morning - Flyers are available for the January 17 pancake breakfast meeting, which will include a guest speaker.
- **Jack** – Sunday Morning, From the Heart Group at St. Elizabeth’s – He is in the process of exiting as GSR, and no GSR has been received to date.

LCM Reports

Subdistrict A: Barry. I planned to visit one final meeting for this month’s report which was the Old Badger Big Book Study. Unfortunately, the meeting folded prior to my visit. I have been passing along that the district still has LCM positions available for the next rotation. It has been an honor to serve as the LCM-A for this last rotation. I am sure it has been left in very capable hands for the next service rotation. There are no other comments at this time. Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Subdistrict B: Open.

Subdistrict C: James. Thank you!

Subdistrict D: Bob. Will be attending Our Southern Friend business meeting.

Subdistrict E: Open.

Subdistrict F: Open.

Committee Reports

Archives: Kathy. No Report.

Grapevine: Tina. No Report.

Corrections: Mike. A new volunteer has started at Winnebago County Jail. A new volunteer will start at Oshkosh State Correctional Institution on 12/17/25. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Bridging the Gap: Brad. We received two requests this month and both came out of DACC. Although both requestors had no contact information provided for themselves upon release. I did correspond with Bob H. about each individual. Because Bob chairs meetings inside DACC, he was willing and able to communicate to each of these gentlemen on how to contact a hotline, and where to find meeting lists in the district to which they were being released to. (Thank You Bob!)

Committee Reports (cont.)

Newsletter: Digger. This is the final report for my term, and I would like to thank all AA's who have submitted flyers, articles, poems, and other tidbits that have helped the newsletter carry the message for District 02. I also appreciate Wayne L, Mary M, and Marci A for serving as proofreaders, DCM Jane M and Secretary Karla K for always meeting the deadline, and Trevor F for newsletter distribution during the last 2 years.

Barry B, the chairperson of the Newsletter Committee for the upcoming rotation, has some great ideas planned to improve our publication! The deadline for submissions for the February issue is January 25, 2026. Please email all submissions to newsletter@district02aa.org. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Public Information: Susan. My 2-year term as the District 02 PI Chair is ending. It was an honor and privilege to be part of service in the program. The Committee had active participation and accomplished many projects. The highlights include attending the Intergroups with the PI Display, distribution of hotline cards to police stations, fire stations, and hotels. Donating Conference Approved Literature (CAL) to Public Libraries, High School Libraries and Church Libraries. The items distributed were books; Plain Language Big Book, Big Book and Living Sober. Thank you for all the positive feedback on our accomplishments.

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 group's 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 4,628 unique views to our website in November.
- The most accessed resource is our meeting locator.

Treatment & Accessibilities: Jodi. No Report.

DCM: Jane. I helped a few meetings with signage issues. We all want to be sure it's easy for newcomers to find the meetings. The last of my term isn't over until Dec 31st. So....I plan to keep visiting meetings. I want to be sure and get to Omro, Chilton, and Bonduel.

OLD BUSINESS

Open positions 2025 Elections

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

Elections: 2026-27

Public Information Chair – Digger nominated Trevor for PI Committee Chair. Trevor accepted the nomination and briefly shared his service roles. Bob H. seconded the nomination. The motion passed. Susan then read the role of the PI Committee Chair.

LCM B – Barry nominated Dale. Dale accepted and briefly shared his experience, noting that he has held this position in the past. Bob seconded the nomination. The motion passed.

LCM C – no nominations. Carried over.

Budget Vote for 2026.

Harold makes motion to pass the budget as noted in the November 2026 budget. Niccie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Official Thank You to Trusted Servants, District 02

Jane gave an official thank you to the trusted servants, giving appreciation. She read a message that she wrote.

Official Welcome to New Committee Chairs

Jane & Andrew welcomed incoming servants.

Other Business

Andrew distributed forms for outgoing and incoming servants. Outgoing servants completed the forms and returned them to Andrew. At next month's meeting, incoming servants will be asked to complete their information for their new roles.

Jane referenced the online chat previously mentioned. She noted that a Quick Start Guide was included in the Area newsletter, which features a button to access live help via chat. Jane also shared that there are additional handouts and booklets she will pass on to the new DCM.

Barry made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:57 p.m. James seconded. Motion passed.

The next District meeting is Sunday January 11, 2026, at Solutions Club, Inc. 621 Evans St., Oshkosh, Wi.

- 1:30 p.m. GSR Roundtable
- 2 p.m. District Meeting

DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 2025

District 02 Monthly Financial Report – November 2025

Beginning Balance 11/1/2025

\$ 6,539.59

December 14, 2025 District Meeting Report

Contributions

Date	Check #	District Group Contributions	
11/28/2025	2454	Design for Living-Corrections Lit.	\$ 197.00
11/28/2025	2455	Design for Living	\$ 60.00
11/28/2025	1138	New Beginnings	\$ 25.00
11/28/2025	1243	Sherwood Group	\$ 120.00
11/28/2025	52506521	Our Southern Friends	\$ 125.00

Total deposits \$ 527.00

Withdrawals

Date	Check #	Expenses (checks/withdrawals)	
11/9/2025	2282	Mike H.-Cort Lit. Books	\$ 851.50
11/9/2025	2284	First United Methodist-Dec. Dist. Mtg. Rent	\$ 35.00
11/9/2025	2285	Jane M.-DCM-Assem. Hotel, snacks, workshop, copies, stipen	\$ 151.61
11/9/2025	2286	Tina E.-Grapevine-4 Subscriptions	\$ 144.00
11/9/2025	2287	Laurie G.-DCM-Workshop food	\$ 68.00
11/9/2025	2288	Andrew T.-DCM- Assembly Hotel	\$ 95.00
11/18/2025	2289	Cindy L.-Treas.-2 books of stamps	\$ 31.20
11/21/2025	2290	Tom A.- NL- Adobe & Microsoft subscription	\$ 22.40

Total withdrawals \$ 1,398.71

Register balance - Month end

Beginning balance	\$ 6,539.59
Deposits	\$ 527.00
Withdrawals	\$ (1,398.71)
Register balance	\$ 5,667.88

Outstanding Checks

11/9/2025	2284	First United Methodist	\$ 35.00
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Total Outstanding checks \$ 35.00

Bank Reconciliation

Community First Credit Union	
Beginning balance	\$ 6,710.85
Deposits	\$ 527.00
Withdrawals	\$ (1,534.97)
Outstanding checks	\$ (35.00)
Total	\$ 5,667.88

Balance available to District

Register balance	\$ 5,667.88
Prudent reserve	\$ (500.00)
Corrections Literature	\$ (958.07)
Total available to District	\$ 4,209.81

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	\$ 836.81
Grapevine	\$ 506.29
Newsletter	\$ 127.21
PI	\$ 1,127.48
Treasurer	\$ 365.66
Treatment & Acces.	\$ 632.00
BUDGET BALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)	\$ 4,849.42

*Corrections Literature

Starting Balance	\$ 1,612.56
Contributions Design For Living	\$ 197.00

Total deposits \$ 197.00

Withdrawals Mike H.-Books	\$ 851.50
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Total withdrawals \$ 851.50

Ending Corrections Literature Balance \$ 958.06

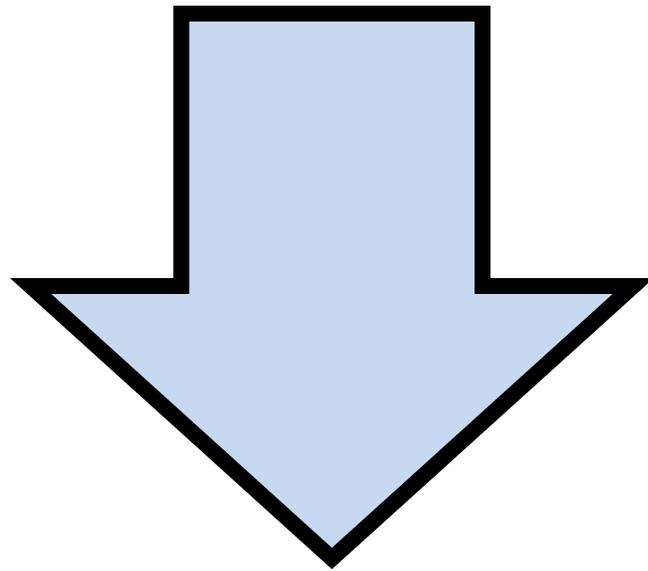
***NOTE - Separate from district balance**

Cindy L. District 02 Treasurer

DISTRICT 02 BUDGET REPORT 2025

APPROVED Area 74 District 02 2025 Budget

		2025 BUDGET	YTD Nov SPENT	YTD Nov 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	\$165.00	\$15.00	\$180.00
	2 Printing Expenses	\$936.00	\$848.25	\$87.75	\$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	\$205.00	-\$5.00	\$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	\$275.93	\$224.07	\$500.00
	12 Assembly/ACM Lodging	\$0.00	\$157.65	-\$157.65	\$200.00
	13 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	14 Other Workshop	\$100.00	\$97.00	\$3.00	\$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	\$2459.19	\$836.81	\$3,660.00	
Grapevine Tina E.	1 Grapevine Subscription for Intergroup	\$350.00	\$216.00	\$134.00	\$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	\$67.71	\$107.29	\$175.00
	5 Grapevine Display at Genesis Clu	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	6 Past Grapevine Distrib/Com. Mtg.rent 2026	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$180.00
	7 Workshop/Comm Mtg., Rent 2025	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$70.00	\$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	\$313.71	\$506.29	\$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	\$246.40	\$53.60	\$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	\$50.00
	8 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$460.00	\$332.79	\$127.21	\$410.00	
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	\$385.00	\$35.00	\$420.00
	2 Refreshments	\$240.00	\$238.17	\$1.83	\$240.00
	3 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
	4 Miscellaneous Expenses (copies, postage,	\$200.00	\$181.17	\$18.83	\$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	\$804.34	\$365.66	\$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	\$5,610.55	\$4,849.42	\$11,026.00



*Deadline for publication in the
February Newsletter
is end of day January 25th!*

***DID YOU KNOW.....
THAT ANY A.A. MEMBER IS
WELCOME TO ATTEND
THE DISTRICT
MEETING???***

**Please join us at the Solutions Club Inc. in
Oshkosh at 2pm on January 11th. Learn more
about how District 2 fits into the AA General
Service structure!**

DISTRICT 02 2026 APPROVED BUDGET

APPROVED Area 74 District 02 2026 Budget

		2026 BUDGET
Archives Kathy	1 Space at Central Office	\$200.00
	2 Miscellaneous/office supplies, ink etc.	\$250.00
	3 Grapevine	\$36.00
	4 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00
	5 FVCO Rent	\$0.00
	6 Now & Then Subscription	\$0.00
	7 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00
	\$596.00	
Corrections Laurie G.	1 Workshop	\$150.00
	2 Conference	\$500.00
	3 Office Supply/Travel	\$100.00
	4 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00
	5 BTG P.O. Box, Postage, Supplie	\$300.00
	6 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$100.00
	\$1,210.00	
DCM Andrew T.	1 Stipend for District Meetings	\$180.00
	2 Printing Expenses	\$900.00
	3 LCM Stipends for District Meetings	\$360.00
	4 LCM Miscellaneous Expenses	\$50.00
	5 LCM Meeting Rent	\$0.00
	6 Area 74 Literature - (Service Materials	\$200.00
	7 GSR Workshop	\$125.00
	8 Registration Spring and Fall Conference	\$50.00
	9 Banquet Spring and Fall Conference	\$60.00
	10 Conference Lodging	\$600.00
	11 Mileage for Conf/Assem/ACM/Area Workshops - current federal charitable rate	\$500.00
	12 Assembly/ACM Lodging	\$200.00
	13 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00
	14 Other Workshop	\$125.00
	15 Zoom Account	\$200.00
	16 Tech Fellows Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00
	\$3,660.00	
Grapevine Tina E.	1 Grapevine Subscription for Intergroup	\$350.00
	2 Postage & Office Supplies	\$10.00
	3 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00
	4 Additions to Grapevine Library Displa	\$175.00
	5 Grapevine Display at Genesis Clu	\$0.00
	6 Past Grapevine Distrib/Com. Mtg.rent 2026	\$180.00
	7 Workshop/Comm Mtg.. Rent 2025	\$100.00
	8 Electronic Subscription for Grapevine Chairperso	\$50.00
	9 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$75.00
	\$1000.00	
Newsletter Barry B	1 Postage	\$0.00
	2 Printing	\$0.00
	3 Postage & Printing	\$0.00
	4 Software	\$300.00
	5 Postcards, labels & miscellaneous supplie	\$0.00
	6 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00
	7 Ink	\$50.00
	8 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$0.00
	\$410.00	
Public Info Trevor F.	1 Web Service (Maintenance, software upgrades	\$600.00
	2 Pamphlets	\$0.00
	3 Postage	\$0.00
	4 Meeting List Copies	\$0.00
	5 Outreach/literature, fair booths, phamplets	\$1200.00
	6 Webmaster Computer	\$0.00
	7 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00
	8 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00
	9 Printing	\$0.00
	10 Booth Space at County Fairs	\$0.00
	11 Grapevine Subscriptions (2)	\$60.00
	12 Facebook PSA	\$250.00
	\$2,220.00	
Treasurer Steve K.	1 District Rent	\$420.00
	2 Refreshments	\$240.00
	3 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00
	4 Miscellaneous Expenses (copies, postage, supplies, checks	\$200.00
	5 Petty cash	NA
	6 P.O. Box Rent	\$250.00
	7 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$0.00
	\$1,170.00	
Treatment Patrick	1 Workshop	\$200.00
	2 Literature - Facility Racks	\$400.00
	3 Office Supplies	\$50.00
	4 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00
	5 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00
	6 ASL for Monthly Speaker Meetings	\$0.00
	7	\$0.00
	\$760.00	
Totals		\$11,026.00

DATES TO REMEMBER 2026

1/10/2026	Area 74 Area Committee Meeting	Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI
2/13-2/15/2026	ECR Conference of Delegates Past & Present	TBA
3/21/2026	Area 74 Delegate's Workshop	St Stephens Church Wausau, WI
4/17/2026	Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop	Quality Inn, Rhinelander, WI
4/18/2026	Area 74 Assembly	Quality Inn Rhinelander, WI
4/26-5/2/2026	General Service Conference	New York, NY
6/26-6/28/2026	ECR Regional Conference & Area 74 Conf.	Eau Claire, WI
7/18/2026	Area 74 Area Committee Meeting	Reiter Center, Three Lakes, WI
10/17/2026	Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop	Quality Inn, Rhinelander, WI
10/18/2026	Area 74 Assembly	Quality Inn, Rhinelander, WI

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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

To: GSRs, DCMs, Trustees, Non-trustee Directors, Area Officers & Committee Chairs, Delegates, Appointed Committee Members, Intergroups and Central Offices, Group Contacts, GSO and Grapevine Employees

December 22, 2025

Dear A.A. Friends:

Warm greetings – we hope this letter finds you well.

We are writing to inform you of an upcoming literature price increase affecting our English, Spanish, and French books, booklets, pamphlets, and other literature items. At the December meeting of the A.A. World Services Board, the board approved a price increase of \$3 per item for books and a 15 percent increase for all other literature items, with standard rounding applied.

The new prices will go into effect on February 1, 2026.

For historical perspective, the last price increase occurred in April 2023, and the previous increase was in 2014. As with the 2023 increase, this decision is the result of prudent fiscal planning and the goal of long-range stability. Like organizations everywhere, Alcoholics Anonymous is impacted by current economic changes and challenges. One of the most significant challenges we continue to face, as we did in 2023, is the increasing costs associated with the sale of literature.

It is important to note that before the COVID-19 pandemic, the combined costs of production, materials, warehousing, and shipping—collectively referred to as the cost of goods sold—generally ranged between 31% and 34% of sales. Over the past several years, those costs have fluctuated between 42% and 56% of sales, resulting in an annual revenue loss exceeding \$1.8 million. We do not expect these costs to return to pre-pandemic levels. This impact is especially significant given that the General Service Office is supported through both voluntary contributions and revenue generated from literature sales.

We continue to diligently and carefully monitor and reduce expenses where possible, always mindful of the profound significance of each “nickel in the basket” sent to the General Service Board.

Updated pricing will be reflected in the online store when the increase goes into effect.

For this increase, the following guidelines will apply:

- **Books** are defined as any item whose item number begins with **B, SB, or FB**.
 - These items will receive a **\$3 per-item increase**, excluding B-0 (*Alcoholics Anonymous* Facsimile First Printing of the First Edition—recently reduced to a discounted \$2 USD List Price) and B-28 (*A.A. for the Older Alcoholic*).
- **B-0** will remain unchanged and is the only exception to the book price increase.
- **B-28** will receive a **15% price increase**.
- **All other literature items** will receive a **15% price increase**.
- **Literature sets** will reflect a **\$3 increase per book**.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

With gratitude for your service,



Ken T.

Chair, AAWS Board



Bob W.

General Manager, G.S.O.

2026 District 02 Meeting Schedule

(Meeting Location is Subject to Change)

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

Jan 11	Solutions Club Inc. 621 Evans St, Oshkosh
Feb 8	Changing Lanes Alano Club 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown
Mar 8	Genesis Club 1213 N Appleton St, Appleton
Apr 12	Solutions Club Inc. 621 Evans St, Oshkosh
May 3 Early due to Mothers Day	St Mark's Church 140 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah
Jun 14	Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2330 E Calumet, Appleton
Jul 12	Solutions Club Inc 621 Evans St, Oshkosh
Aug 9	St Paul Catholic Church 410 Wallace St, Combined Locks
Sep 13	Peace United Methodist Church 2300 W Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna
Oct 11	Emmanuel Lutheran Church 349 N Main Street, Seymour
Nov 8	Changing Lanes Alano Club 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown
Dec 13	First United Methodist Church 325 E Franklin St, Appleton

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'We are all going to foot the bill' I got sober a few days before Christmas in 1986, so I feel especially grateful and reflective this time of year. I am still awed at how miraculously A.A. has worked in my life, even before I walked into my first meeting.

I was desperate, but a bit clueless. I saw a classified ad (and I am showing my age!) in the back of the local paper that said: "Drinking problem? Maybe we can help." That was followed by a listing of meeting times and places in my neighborhood. It would take me a few weeks of white-knuckling it before I went to my first meeting. I was welcomed into a warm room and offered refreshments. And while someone told me I would never have to hurt like this from alcohol again, I couldn't get out of there fast enough.

But my getaway was slowed by a gauntlet of members who handed me A.A. pamphlets and meeting books and encouraged me to stay for the second meeting. It took me a few days to return, but I didn't drink.

As an alcoholic, self-centered in the extreme, I just came to expect that all this help would be there for me. It wasn't until my first business meeting that I realized it was made possible by the money members were putting in the basket. This was my first of many lessons over the years in the power and impact of self-support.

Bill W. wrote of the critical importance of self-support to the Fellowship and the special obligation this tradition asks of members in his October 1967 article "A.A.'s Tradition of Self-Support," which is included in the 2025 International Convention commemorative edition of *Language of the Heart*.

Every single A.A. service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible, whether it be a group meeting place, a central or intergroup office to arrange hospitalization and sponsorship, or the world service Headquarters to maintain unity and effectiveness worldwide. These service agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion — to our survival as a Fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to a recognition on our part that A.A. must everywhere function in full strength — and that, under our Tradition of self-support, we are all going to foot the bill.

We all share this responsibility to ensure that A.A. is there for the next person who stumbles into our rooms, as it was for us when we needed the gift of recovery. Bill's recognition that "we are all going to foot the bill" is both our spiritual responsibility and our spiritual heritage.

John W.
Class B General Service Trustee and AAWS treasurer

Learn more about group and individual contributions and their impact at aa.org.

God, I am an Alcoholic Help me not drink today

**My Father, who art The Great Spirit and Force of the Universe
May Your Force be with me and my AA Brothers and Sisters to win our
battle for Sobriety . . . Today!**

Your Kingdom and Presence is here

You are with me and in me.

**Many hallowed names I have for You . . . My Loving Father, My Higher
Power, My God of My Understanding**

**Grant me this day Your Daily Bread, a Daily Reprieve and a Daily
Nudge . .**

- **To be of maximum service to You and the people about me**
- **To get into action and to help others**
- **To Love and be of service**

Forgive me my trespasses and selfish ways

As I must forgive others for theirs

Take away my shortcomings, and character liabilities.

**Grant me Your Grace to improve my character assets
to better do Your Will**

Lead me away from temptation to take that “First Drink” today

Keep away the Evil One – Alcohol

**Grant me Courage, Strength and Your Grace to carry the AA Message
to Alcoholics and to practice the Principals of AA daily in all my affairs.**

**Help me be an example to my AA Brothers and Sisters, what Your
Power, Your Love and Your Spiritual Way of Living can do.**

Glory to You My Higher Power forever and forever.

Jim M.

A.A. ARCHIVES

Dr. Bob's Final Address

First AA International Convention, Public Hall, Cleveland, July 30th 1950

My good friends in AA and of AA... I get a big thrill out of looking over a vast sea of faces like this with a feeling that possibly some small thing that I did a number of years ago played a small part in making this meeting possible. I also get quite a thrill when I think that we all had the same problem. We all did the same things. We all get the same results in proportion to our zeal and enthusiasm and stick-to-itiveness. If you will pardon the injection of a personal note at this time, let me say that I have been in bed five of the last seven months and my strength hasn't returned as I would like, so my remarks of necessity will be very brief.

But there are two or three things that flashed into my mind on which it would be fitting to lay a little emphasis; one is the simplicity of our program. Let's not louse it all up with Freudian complexes and things that are interesting to the scientific mind, but have very little to do with our actual AA work. Our Twelve Steps, when simmered down to the last, resolve themselves into the words "love" and "service." We understand what love is, and we understand what service is. So let's bear those two things in mind.

And one more thing: None of us would be here today if somebody hadn't taken time to explain things to us, to give us a little pat on the back, to take us to a meeting or two, to have done numerous little kind and thoughtful acts in our behalf. So let us never get the degree of smug complacency so that we're not willing to extend, or attempt to, that help which has been so beneficial to us, to our less fortunate brothers.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 2026

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

Friday January 9th,
Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **St Mark's Church**, 150 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah. See flyer in District newsletter.

Second Sunday of the Month, January 11th,
District Meeting at 2pm, **Solutions Club Inc.**, 621 Evans St., Oshkosh. GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

Second Sunday of the Month, January 11th,
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, January 16th,
Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available.

Last Saturday of the Month, January 24th,
AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Changing Lanes**, 344 Broadway St, Wrightstown. See flyer in District newsletter.

Last Sunday of the Month, January 25th,
Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton Al-Anon speaker if available.

FEBRUARY 2026

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

Tuesday February 10th,
Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **St Mark's Church**, 150 S Green Bay Rd, Neenah. See flyer in District newsletter.

Second Sunday of the Month, February 8th,
District Meeting at 2pm, **Changing Lanes Club Inc.**, 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 February 8th,
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, February 20th,
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, February 22nd,
Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton Al-Anon speaker if available.

Last Sunday of the Month, February 22nd,
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.

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

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PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE: Provides information about AA to the general public and is also responsible for the District 02 website.

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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE: Medium for communication of District 02 business and events to the groups, GSR's, and individual members.

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Eye Opener 21st Annual Anniversary Speaker Meeting

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Doors open at 7am for food and fellowship!

Meeting starts at 7:30am

AA Speaker – Rashelle H.

Pancakes, sausages, coffee and juice will be provided!

Please bring a breakfast dish to pass!

This is our way of remembering the founding of this meeting.

**Prince of Peace Church
2330 E. Calumet St.
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**Any questions please contact:
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DISTRICT 1

PLEASE CONSIDER A GOOD FAITH CONTRIBUTION

INTERGROUP

PASS IT ON!

2026

SATURDAY JANUARY 24TH, 2026

LOCATION:
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD PARISH
2270 S ONEIDA STREET; GREEN BAY, WI 54304
PLEASE ENTER USING DOOR #6

AA SPEAKER:
NICOLAS S

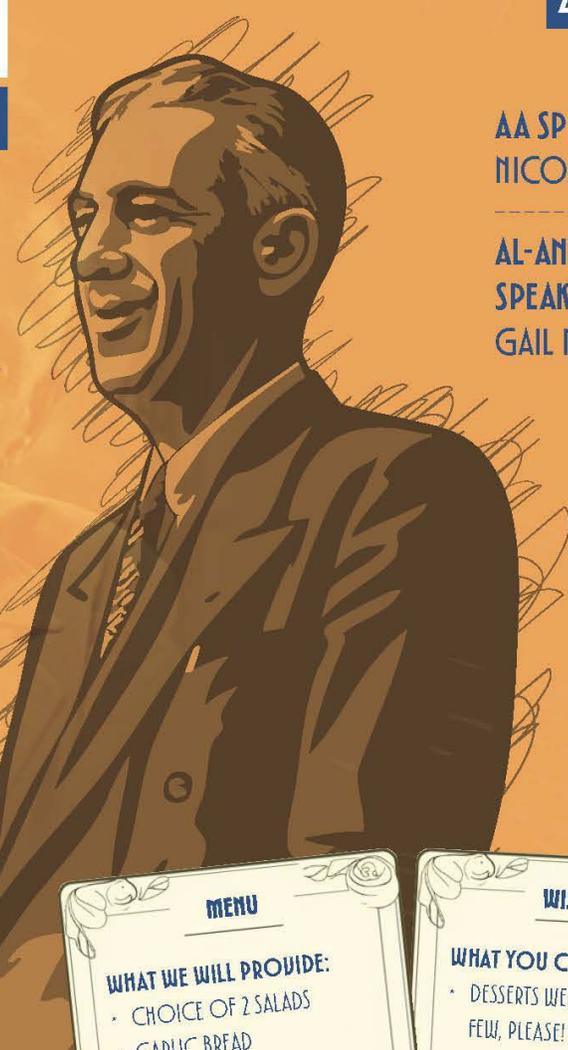
AL-ANON
SPEAKER:
GAIL M

TIME: 5PM-9PM
OPEN EVENT

- * BASKET RAFFLE
- * 50/50 RAFFLE
- * PRAYER BOARD

ENJOY THESE DISPLAYS:

- * ARCHIVES
- * LITERATURE
- * GRAPEVINE



MENU

WHAT WE WILL PROVIDE:

- * CHOICE OF 2 SALADS
- * GARLIC BREAD
- * ITALIAN SAUSAGE PASTA
- * PORTABELLA AND BROCCOLI
- * PASTA
- * CREAMY LIME AND GRILLED
- * CHICKEN PENNE
- * CAJUN CREAM SAUCE WITH
- * SHRIMP AND CRAB

WISH LIST

WHAT YOU CAN BRING:

- * DESSERTS WELCOME...JUST A FEW, PLEASE!
- * 7TH TRADITION DOLLARS
- * A WARM AND KIND SMILE TO SHARE - NOTHING ELSE NEEDED



Chili when its Chilly

2026 Oshkosh Intergroup

February 21, 2026

Doors open at 4pm

Dinner at 5:30pm

Great Food, Fellowship and Fun Speakers, Door Prizes, 50/50 Raffle and More!

All food will be provided

This is NOT a Potluck

Speakers begin at 7pm

AA Speaker-TBA

Al-anon Speaker-TBA

St. Jude the Apostle Parish—Leannah Hall
1025 W. 5th Avenue—Oshkosh, Wisconsin

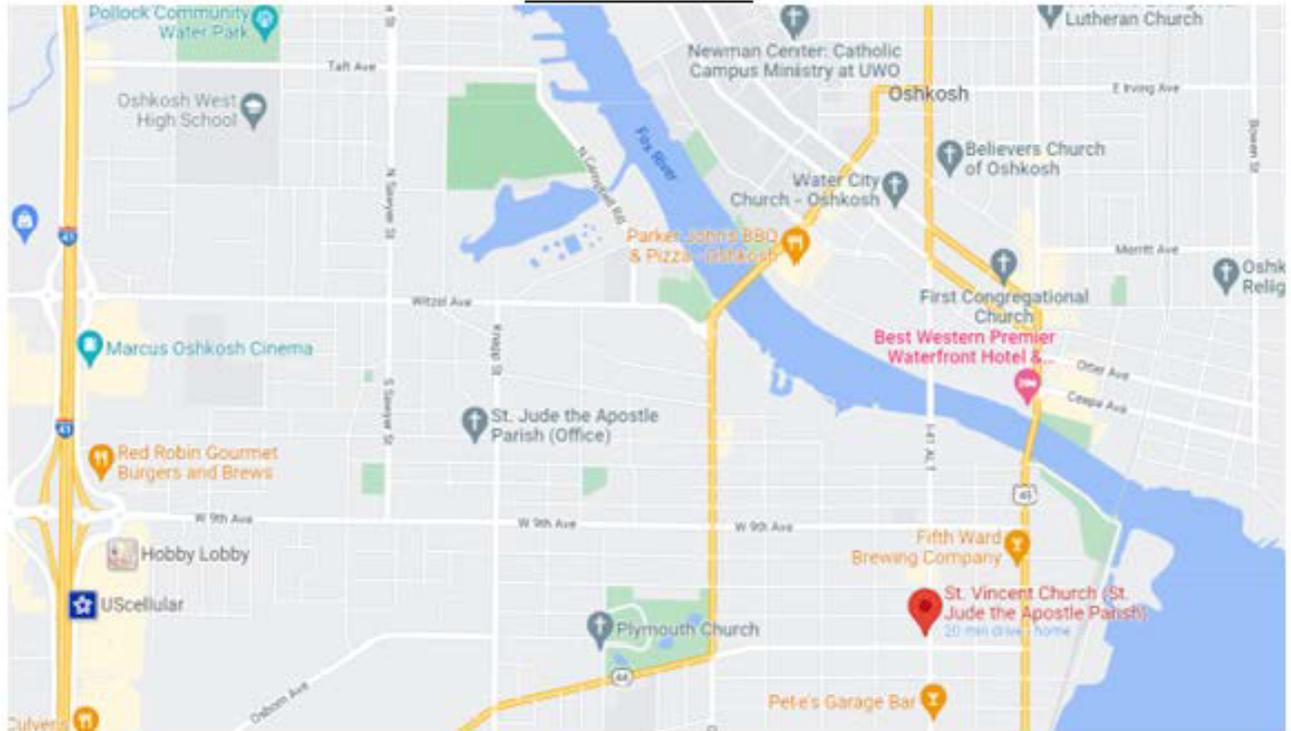
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**ENTER REAR DOOR FROM BACK PARKING LOT OR ENTER OFF KNAPP ST.
HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE. SMOKING PERMITTED OUTSIDE ON THE GROUNDS.**

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AA OPEN SPEAKER MEETING



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

ENTER THROUGH SIDE DOOR NEXT TO PARKING LOT

**FRIDAY JANUARY 9
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10**

AT 7 PM
COFFEE PROVIDED

AA OPEN SPEAKER MEETING

Everyone is Welcome!



**FIRST TUESDAY
OF EACH MONTH**



6:30 P.M.



**CHANGING LANES ALANO
CLUB 344 BROADWAY
WRIGHTSTOWN, WI**

Come hear experience, strength, and hope shared by a speaker in recovery. Fellowship and support for all who attend.

Questions?

Todd L · 920-393-0300

 **AA OPEN** 
SPEAKER MEETING
SPEAKERS
WANTED!

Come share your experience, strength, and hope

 **Changing Lanes Alano Club**
344 Broadway, Wrightstown, WI

6:30 PM • FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

We're looking for AA members willing to carry the message to a welcoming and supportive group setting.

- ✓ Open Meeting
- ✓ All Are Welcome
- ✓ Great Opportunity for Service

Interested in speaking?

Contact: Todd L.

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