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MONTHLY MUSINGS FROM OUR DCM

Step Five is often described as the moment recovery becomes real, because it asks us to do something that feels both terrifying and liberating: to speak our truth out loud to another human being. Writing an inventory in Step Four is deeply important, but it's still private—still inside our own head, even if you admit it to your higher power. Step Five breaks that isolation. By admitting “the exact nature of our wrongs” to someone else, we step into humility and honesty. That act of sharing is the engine of growth in this step. It's where shame begins to lose its grip, because secrets can't survive in the light.

I remember taking this step with my sponsor on a quiet walk through the city streets near the Genesis Club. I had my inventory folded in my pocket, and every block felt more freeing as I read through the parts of myself I had spent years hiding. He didn't interrupt, didn't judge—he just listened. When we finished, we walked back toward the club's parking lot. I felt emptied out, but in a way that made room for something new. As we reached our cars, he simply said, “I'll meet you next week for Step Six.” That sentence landed with surprising weight.

That moment was the beginning of healing for me. Something spiritual slipped in—not in a dramatic flash, but in a quiet, steady way. Step Five taught me that growth doesn't come from thinking about change; it comes from admitting the truth out loud and letting someone else witness it. From that day on, the program became a lived experience, and the spiritual part of recovery began to take root in a way I could actually feel.

Step five was essential in my recovery. I only realized that after I took it, and I'm so grateful my “better thinking” didn't convince me to skip. The program works, it really does!

Andrew T.
DCM
D2A74

DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 2026

District 2 Meeting Minutes for April 12th, 2026

The District 2 meeting was held in hybrid format at Solutions Recovery, Oshkosh, WI.

The meeting was called to order at **2:02 p.m.**

Attendance: 27 members were present in person, and 7 members joined via Zoom, for a total of **34 participants**.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the **Serenity Prayer**. Everyone introduced themselves both online and in person.

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

Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts

- Will read **Tradition 4 (Long Form)**.
- Karen read **Concept 4 from the Concepts Checklist**.

Secretary's Report & Approval of March 2026 Minutes – Marci

- Committee Chairs and GSRs are asked to submit reports by **Sunday, April 19th, 2026**, to ensure notes can be sent to Barry in a timely manner.
- Reports should be emailed to: **secretary@district02aa.org**.
- Reminder: When making or seconding a motion, please state your name.
- J.D. made a motion to accept the Secretary's report.
- Brian seconded the motion.
- Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Steve & Harold (Alternate Treasurer)

- See Steve for the \$5 stipend for gas money to attend District meetings.
- Bob H. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.
- Nikki seconded the motion.
- Motion passed.

GSR Reports

- **Brady**- The Way Out, Thursdays, 7pm, Prince of Peace, Appleton. Attendance has been consistent. Business as usual.
- **Nikki B.**-New Beginnings, Solutions Recovery, Oshkosh
Every 2nd and 4th Thursday at Noon is a Speaker meeting.

LCM Reports

Subdistrict A: Jack. All meetings are doing well. All have GSRs. Does anyone know about Prince of Peace Friday morning at 7:30am? No one has been there and he attended twice. Bob

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Subdistrict B: Dale. No Report.

Subdistrict C: Open. No Report.

Subdistrict D: Bob H. I visited the Kaukauna Monday night meeting at St. Katharine Drexel Church since our last District meeting.

Subdistrict E: Mary. No report

Subdistrict F: Dylan. F. I did recontact a current member from the Monday Night Meeting (Scared Heart Meeting). This member (Charles T.) did get nominated at their monthly business meeting to be a GSR. I suggested he fill out our GSR Change Form in full, and forward it to our current DCM (Andrew). I also sent all of our coming District 02 Monthly Meeting Zoom Information.

I also recently visited Our Sunday Night Camel Group Business Meeting at Solutions Recovery Center Every Sunday Night @ 7pm. They do have a current GSR who is a regular at our monthly District meetings. They do not have an Alternate GSR.

Lastly, shared with their group our current newsletters (Now and Then And our Quarterly GSO).

Committee Reports

Archives: Kathy. No Report.

Corrections: Laurie. April 24th next meeting at Fox Valley Central Office at 3:15pm. Everyone is welcome.

Bridging the Gap: Brad. We received one request last month. Unfortunately, due to a lack of information provided, I will be unable to make contact.

Newsletter: Barry. The newsletter is going smoothly, although I still continue to learn new publishing skills. I appreciate your responsiveness on meeting deadlines.

The deadline for inclusion in the May newsletter is **April 24th**. Please get your materials to me by the deadline to avoid any delay in distribution to the fellowship.

I have received interest from groups for the Group Focus portion of the newsletter. If you would like to highlight your group and perhaps boost attendance at your meeting, work something up and get it to me for publication. It is done on a first come, first serve basis, so don't delay. I have one set for the May newsletter, but not beyond.

Again, the deadline for the May newsletter is **April 24th**. Please email all submissions to newsletter@district02aa.org.

There are no other comments at this time.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve,

Barry B. District 2 Newsletter Editor

DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 2026

Public Information and Webmaster: Trevor.

Public Information: The PI Committee is currently focusing on a multi-channel approach to carry the message, balancing digital presence with traditional physical outreach. Following a review of recent data, we are pivoting away from low-engagement methods such as print PSA toward higher-visibility platforms like digital billboards and social media.

Current Initiatives

1. Digital & Social Media Outreach

- **PSA Development:** We are refining Facebook and social media ads. Based on feedback, we are adjusting the "Drinking Problem?" messaging to be more prominent.
- **Video Content:** We have secured a recorded PSA from Green Bay and GSO files to adapt for Reels and TikTok to better reach younger audiences.
- **Testing:** We will be circulating reworked ad drafts to the committee for final feedback before launching.

2. Physical Distribution & Billboards

- **Digital Billboards:** We are exploring the idea of a high-visibility digital billboard on Highway 41 at a discounted rate of \$600 for two weeks. This channel has proven more effective than past print campaigns.
- **Business Cards:** QR-coded cards (linking to the Meeting Guide) are being distributed at grocery stores, bulletin boards, and Health & Human Services.
- **Card availability:** I will have stacks of these cards available by request and at the next District meeting for any GSRs or volunteers willing to help with local placement.

Administrative Updates

- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 12, at 5:00 p.m. (Virtual).
- **Newsletter:** The District newsletter is being updated to reflect this meeting time.
- **Materials:** Minutes and agendas will be circulated to the current committee members.

Webmaster: 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 of 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.

- We saw a significant increase in unique views to our website in March, up to 12,265
- The most accessed resource is our meeting locator, followed by our contact page.

In Love and Service,

Trevor F.

Treatment & Accessibilities: Patrick D.

Literature Budget Discussion:

- 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 retrieve one by picking it up at the FVCO.

Anyone interested in helping the Treatment Facilities Committee please email tfc@district02aa.org or call Patrick D. at 920-389-1020. Thank you.

DCM:

Fellowship Connection: I logged into the General Service Office and looked up the requested groups and reported back to them their status.

General Service Office Agenda items:

1. See summary of Delegates Workshop to see what Area 74 is focused on.
2. Visit <https://www.aa.org/proposed-agenda-item-information> to receive updated information directly from the General Service Office.

Online Chat:

1. I emailed and received the website script to add the chat button to our District 02 website. Our website now has the chat button, and it appears the public is using it.
2. I attended the Area 74 Online Chat Zoom meeting, and the chair answered my questions to get volunteers started in District 02. I hosted a Zoom meeting for District 02 to recruit chat volunteers to join, and two district 02 AA members have committed to volunteering.

DCM Monthly Meeting: I attended the monthly DCM meeting and the topics and discussions were as follows:

1. The western part of the State of Wisconsin has districts that do not have any treatment centers or hospitals.
2. The DCMs are to encourage current GSRs to ask their sponsees to be the Alt GSR of their group.
3. There will be a presentation called the DCM Extravaganza prior to the Committee workshop held at Quality Inn Conference Center in Rhinelander on April 17th, 2026 at 6pm. The subjects will be goals, Area participation, and ASL.

Delegates Workshop: Several packets are printed that have the summary of the delegates workshop held on March 28th, 2026. I did not attend, but the Alternate DCM did attend and will include his highlights in his report.

OLD BUSINESS

Open positions 2026 Elections

LCM C (Northern District-Seymour, New London, Clintonville, and Weyawega)– no nominations.

Grapevine Chair- Sarah B. Nominated Angel H. Angel accepted the nomination. She is 8 months sober. Angel was passed as Grapevine Chair.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Andrew handed out a summary of topics to be discussed next weekend at the Area Assembly on **April 18th**.
- 2) Drivers get \$35 reimbursed for gas to attend Area 74 Assembly next weekend.

- 3) Andrew asked for volunteers to be available on the SLACK App to respond to questions on the Chat button for the entire Area 74. You will be able to see on the app where the person is from. Several members volunteered.
- 4) General Service Conference April 26th through May 2nd.
- 5) Zoom rotating camera: Concerns about cost versus quality of sound voiced by several GSRs. It's not going to solve our problems. For smaller rooms they work well, for bigger rooms, not so much. They are fragile also, so transport to different meetings could be an issue.

Harold made motion to buy the owl.

J.D. seconded the motion to buy the owl.

5 for, 15 against.

Motion fails.

- 6) Past delegates- stipend of \$1000. Look at newsletter page "Upcoming votes" page 10 and 11 to read about votes. Group Conscience: 18 for, 2 against. Andrew will vote yes.
- 7) Past delegates no longer hold a **VOICE**: 3 for, 21 against.
Andrew will vote no, we are not in favor.
- 8) Past delegate should no longer have a **VOTE**: 22 for, 3 against
Andrew will vote yes.
- 9) Increasing Treatment and Accessibility budget to buy big books to give to treatment facilities. We discussed this idea and will vote next month. Members will take the discussion back to their groups. Asking for \$600 increase to \$1000.

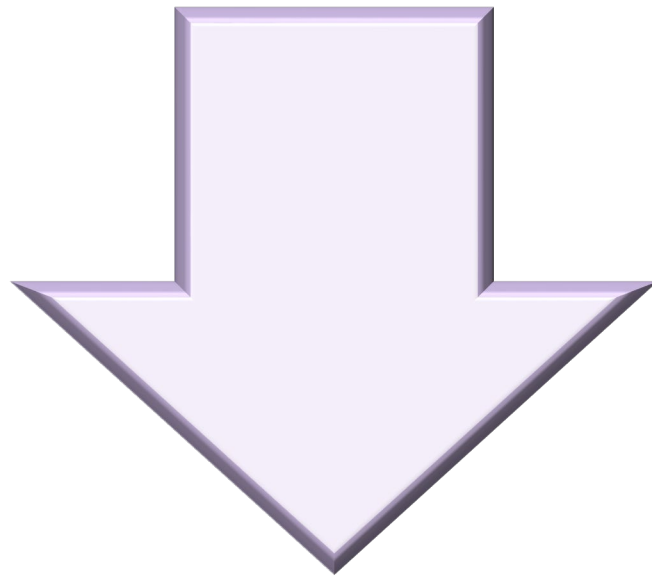
Other Business

- James made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:34 p.m.
- J. D. seconded.
- Motion passed.
- The next District meeting is **Sunday, May 3rd 2026**, at St. Mark's Church, 140 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah.
- 1:30 p.m. GSR Roundtable
- 2 p.m. District Meeting

DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT MARCH 2026

APPROVED Area 74 District 02 2026 Budget

		2026 BUDGET	YTD Mar SPENT	YTD Mar REMAIN	2027 DRAFT
Archives Kathy	1 Space at Central Office	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	2 Miscellaneous	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
	3 Grapevine	\$36.00	\$0.00	\$36.00	\$0.00
	4 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
	5 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
		\$596.00	\$200.00	\$396.00	\$0.00
Corrections Laurie	1 Workshop	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
	2 Conference	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
	3 Office Supply / Travel	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
	4 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
	5 BTG P.O. Box, Postage, Supplies	\$300.00	\$210.00	\$90.00	\$0.00
	6 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
		\$1210.00	\$210.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
DCM Andrew	1 Stipend for District Meetings	\$180.00	\$45.00	\$135.00	\$0.00
	2 Printing Expenses	\$900.00	\$179.60	\$720.40	\$0.00
	3 LCM Stipends for District Meetings	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$0.00
	4 LCM Miscellaneous Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
	5 Area 74 Literature - (Service Materials)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
	6 GSR Workshop	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
	7 Registration Spring and Fall Conference	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
	8 Banquet Spring and Fall Conference	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
	9 Conference Lodging	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
	10 Assembly/ACM	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
	11 Mileage for Conf/Assem/ACM/Area Workshops - current federal charitable rate	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
	12 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
	13 Other Workshop	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
	14 Zoom Account	\$200.00	\$179.25	\$20.75	na
	15 Tech Fellows Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
		\$3660.00	\$403.85	\$3,256.15	\$0.00
Grapevine Open	1 Grapevine Subscription for Intergroup	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
	2 Postage & Office Supplies	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
	3 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
	4 Additions to Grapevine Library Display	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00
	5 Comm. Mtg. Rent	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	\$0.00
	6 Workshop	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
	7 Electronic Subscription for Grapevine Chairperson	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
	8 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
		\$1000.00	\$0.00	\$1000.00	\$0.00
Newsletter Barry	1 Software	\$300.00	\$164.45	\$135.55	\$0.00
	2 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
	3 Ink	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
	4 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$410.00	\$164.45	\$245.55	\$0.00
Public Info Trevor	1 Web Service (Maintenance, software upgrades	\$600.00	\$599.00	\$1.00	\$0.00
	2 Outreach/pamphlets, literature, fairs	\$1200.00	\$0.00	\$1200.00	\$0.00
	3 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
	4 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
	5 Grapevine Subscriptions (2)	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
	6 Facebook PSA	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
		\$2,220.00	\$599.00	\$1,621.00	\$0.00
Treasurer Steve	1 District Rent	\$420.00	\$105.00	\$315.00	\$0.00
	2 Refreshments	\$240.00	\$74.57	\$165.43	\$0.00
	3 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
	4 Misc. Expenses (Copies, Postage)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
	5 Petty cash	na	na	na	na
	6 P.O. Box Rent	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
	7 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$1,170.00	\$179.57	\$990.43	\$0.00
Treatment Patrick	1 Workshop	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
	2 Literature - Facility Racks	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
	3 Office Supplies	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
	4 Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
	5 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
		\$760.00	\$0.00	\$760.00	\$0.00
Totals		\$11,026.00	\$1,756.87	\$9,269.13	\$0.00



*Deadline for publication in the
May Newsletter
is end of day May 24th!*

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

**Please join us at the St. Mark's Church in Neenah at 2pm
(GSR Roundtable at 1:30pm) on May 3rd. Learn more about
how District 2 fits into the AA General Service structure!
Bring a fellow AA member or a sponsee**

DATES TO REMEMBER 2026

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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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



2026 District 02 Meeting Schedule

ZOOM MEETING ID: 875 9555 4987 PASSCODE: 844696

(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
Dec 13	First United Methodist Church 325 E Franklin St, Appleton

Spring 4 Ward

*April comes around each year our thoughts revert to Spring
The Winter's past, new buds appear and birds begin to sing
As Mother Earth renews Herself, and flowers start to thrive
Us human folks take heart and know it's great to be alive*

*But some of us recall that it was not always that way
Spring did not foretell that we would see a kinder day
Instead, we faced the same old path that led us to despair
How alcohol had captured us, we'd gone too far to care*

*Fast forward to a better time, we stop and look around
At some new friends that willingly had shared what they had found
A way of life away from all the wreckage of their past
A fellowship that's there to help, we only had to ask*

*And when we started down that road, a journey to be sure
There were some things we'd need to do if we were to endure
Twelve Steps, they said, we'd have to work to find this inner peace
To break the chains that bound us to our self-inflicted beast*

*The first three steps did not demand much effort on our part
They just required willingness, that it come from the heart
Admit our problem openly, know we can't fix ourselves
Then turn our life and will over to someone who could help*

*Once that is done, our work begins, it's not a pleasant task
We'd need to look inside ourselves, out true self to unmask
The awful stuff that we had done and hidden for so long
Must now enter the light of day, admit where we were wrong*

*As Springtime helps to clear away the gloom that Winter brings
So does Step Four, it helps erase the baggage and the strings
That bound us to our past mistakes and things that we resent
That haunted us and made us drink away our discontent*

*It's not an easy exercise to have to face the truth
The things we'd done in recent years or maybe in our youth
But old or new, if we're to grow we have to get it out
And then confess, to God and Man, what it was all about*

*As days grow long, the cold recedes and Spring is in the air
It helps us to recount the way we needed to repair
Those things that led us to the edge, a place we dare not go
Spring 4 ward to a better way, begin and let it grow*

Thanks Larry R.

A.A. ARCHIVES

This is the substance of a revealing letter which Bill Wilson wrote several years ago to a close friend who also had troubles with depression. The letter appeared in the "Grapevine" January, 1953.

EMOTIONAL SOBRIETY

"I think that many oldsters who have put our AA "booze cure" to severe but successful tests still find they often lack emotional sobriety. Perhaps they will be the spearhead for the next major development in AA, the development of much more real maturity and balance (which is to say, humility) in our relations with ourselves, with our fellows, and with God.

Those adolescent urges that so many of us have for top approval, perfect security, and perfect romance, urges quite appropriate to age seventeen, prove to be an impossible way of life when we are at age forty-seven and fifty-seven.

Since AA began, I've taken immense wallops in all these areas because of my failure to grow up emotionally and spiritually. My God, how painful it is to keep demanding the impossible, and how very painful to discover, finally, that all along we have had the cart before the horse. Then comes the final agony of seeing how awfully wrong we have been, but still finding ourselves unable to get off the emotional merry-go-round.

How to translate a right mental conviction into a right emotional result, and so into easy, happy and good living. Well, that's not only the neurotic's problem, it's the problem of life itself for all of us who have got to the point of real willingness to hew to right principles in all of our affairs.

Even then, as we hew away, peace and joy may still elude us. That's the place so many of us AA oldsters have come to. And it's a hell of a spot, literally. How shall our unconscious, from which so many of our fears, compulsions and phony aspirations still stream, be brought into line with what we actually believe, know and want! How to convince our dumb, raging and hidden Mr. Hyde' becomes our main task.

I've recently come to believe that this can be achieved. I believe so because I begin to see many benighted ones, folks like you and me, commencing to get results. Last autumn, depression, having no really rational cause at all, almost took me to the cleaners. I began to be scared that I was in for another long chronic spell. Considering the grief I've had with depressions, it wasn't a bright prospect.

I kept asking myself "Why can't the twelve steps work to release depression?" By the hour, I stared at the St. Francis Prayer ... "it's better to comfort than to be comforted." Here was the formula, all right, but why didn't it work?

Suddenly, I realized what the matter was. My basic flaw had always been dependence, almost absolute dependence, on people or circumstances to supply me with prestige, security, and the like. Failing to get these things according to my perfectionist dreams and specifications, I had fought for them. And when defeat came, so did my depression.

There wasn't a chance of making the outgoing love of St. Francis a workable and joyous way of life until these fatal and almost absolute dependencies were cut away.

Because I had over the years undergone a little spiritual development, the absolute quality of these frightful dependencies had never before been so starkly revealed. Reinforced by what grace I could secure in prayer, I found I had to exert every ounce of will and action to cut off these faulty emotional dependencies upon people, upon AA, indeed upon any act of circumstance whatsoever.

Then only could I be free to love as Francis did. Emotional and instinctual satisfactions, I saw, were really the extra dividends of having love, offering love, and expressing love appropriate to each relation of life.

Plainly, I could not avail myself to God’s love until I was able to offer it back to Him by loving others as He would have me. And I couldn’t possibly do that so long as I was victimized by false dependencies.

For my dependence meant demand, a demand for the possession and control of the people and the conditions surrounding me.

While those words “absolute dependence” may look like a gimmick, they were the ones that helped to trigger my release into my present degree of stability and quietness of mind, qualities which I am now trying to consolidate by offering love to others regardless of the return to me.

This seems to be the primary healing circuit: an outgoing love of God’s creation and His people, by means of which we avail ourselves of His love for us. It is most clear that the real current can’t flow until our paralyzing dependencies are broken, and broken at depth. Only then can we possibly have a glimmer of what adult love really is.

If we examine every disturbance we have, great or small, we will find at the root of it some unhealthy dependence and its consequent demand. Let us, with God’s help, continually surrender these hobbling demands. Then we can be set free to live and love: we may then be able to gain emotional sobriety.

Of course, I haven’t offered you a really new idea — only a gimmick that has started to unhook several of my own hexes’ at depth. Nowadays, my brain no longer races compulsively in either elation, grandiosity or depression. I have been given a quiet place in bright sunshine.”

Bill Wilson

Bill W.

Grapevine, April, 1946

Monthly Committee Meeting Schedule

Archives	To Be Determined	
Corrections	In person Fox Valley Central Office	
Grapevine	To Be Determined	
Public Information	Next Meeting , Tuesday May 12, 2026 @ 5PM	Zoom ID - 8759 555 4987 Passcode - 844696
Treatment & Accessibilities	4 th Friday of Each Month @ 6PM	Zoom ID - 8759 555 4987 Passcode - 844696

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

MAY 2026

First Friday of the Month, May 1st, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm **Genesis Club**, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton. Potluck at 6pm, please bring a dish to pass!_

First Sunday of the Month, May 3rd, District Meeting at 2pm, **St. Mark's Church**, 140 S. Green Bay Rd. Neenah GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

Friday May 8th, 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 May 10th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, Potluck at 6pm, bring a side dish to share, **First Congregational Church**, 724 E South River St, Appleton *This is a hybrid meeting.* Meeting ID: 897 8011 3671 Passcode: 027543

Second & Fourth Thursday of Month May 14th, & 28th Open AA Speaker Meeting at Noon, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St., Oshkosh

Third Friday of the Month, May 15th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Peace United Methodist Church**, 2300 E Wisconsin Ave, Kaukauna Al-Anon speaker if available.

Fourth Saturday of the Month, May 22nd, Saturday Nite Live Open AA Speaker Meeting 7PM, **Changing Lanes Alano Club**, 344 Broadway St., Wrightstown

Last Sunday of the Month, May 31st, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton Al-Anon speaker if available.

Last Sunday of the Month, May 31st, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

JUNE 2026

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

Tuesday June 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, June 14th District Meeting at 2pm, **Prince of Peace Church**, , Appleton. GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

Second Sunday of the Month June 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

Second & Fourth Thursday of Month June 11th, & 25th Open AA Speaker Meeting at Noon, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St., Oshkosh

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

Fourth Saturday of the Month, June 27th, Saturday Nite Live Open AA Speaker Meeting 7PM, **Changing Lanes Alano Club**, 344 Broadway St., Wrightstown

Last Sunday of the Month, June 28th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton Al-Anon speaker if available.

Last Sunday of the Month, June 28th, 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:** Laurie G.

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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: Angel H. grapevine@district02aa.org

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

Chairperson: Trevor F. publicinfo@district02aa.org

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

Chairperson: Barry B. 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.

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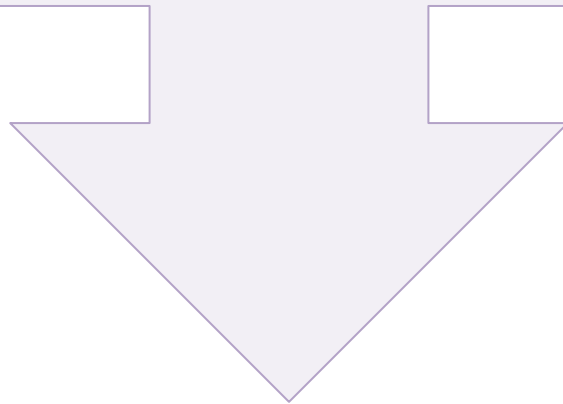
920-731-4331

District 2 Group Focus

Here, we feature a meeting that maybe you haven't attended before.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO FEATURE YOUR MEETING ?????

Maybe you would like to increase attendance or attract some new faces to your Group. Feature your meeting here by emailing your meeting details To newsletter@district02aa.org



THIS MONTH'S FEATURED GROUP

*This month's featured group is the **Living Sober group** in Appleton. The group meets every Tuesday at 6:30 PM at the First Congregational Church at 724 East South River Street, downstairs below the ground level entrance in the Common Grounds room also known as the fireside room. This meeting is **Open/NS/G/L/WC/elevator**. The **Fireside group** meets immediately after at 7:45 PM if you want to fill your spiritual cup*

2026 ECR & AREA 74 CONFERENCE

WHEN
June 26 - 28, 2026

WHERE
University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire - Davies Center
77 Roosevelt Ave, Eau Claire, WI

FEATURING • AA & AI- Anon Speakers • Panels • Area Archives • Banquet • Entertainment • Fellowship Trustee Report • Sobriety Countdown • Hospitality Room

WWW.AREA74.ORG FOR REGISTRATION

2026ECRAREA74CONFERENCE@GMAIL.COM



REGISTRATION COST
\$35.00

No One Turned Away

LODGING

UWEC Dorms

\$35 / \$40 per person per night

Visit www.area74.org to reserve dorm lodging

MEAL OPTIONS

Saturday Breakfast \$22

Saturday Lunch \$16

Saturday Banquet \$35

Meal Package \$ 70

Continental Sunday Breakfast

FAQ

Hotel lodging available

Shuttle Service from dorms to event

Online registration only

Contribution to the online platform is optional

Email with any questions

AA OPEN SPEAKER MEETING



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

ENTER THROUGH SIDE DOOR NEXT TO PARKING LOT

**FRIDAY MAY 8
TUESDAY JUNE 9**

AT 7 PM
COFFEE PROVIDED



**Alcoholics
Anonymous:**

PRIMARY PURPOSE GROUP



MONDAYS 7:00 PM

St. Mary's Parish
312 South State Street
Appleton, WI

SATURDAY NITE LIVE AA SPEAKER

CHANGING LANES ALANO CLUB



EVERY MONTH
ON THE
4TH SATURDAY



7:00 P

CHANGING LANES ALANO CLUB
344 BROADWAY ST., WRIGHTSTOWN



New Beginnings Speaker Meetings



Every 2nd and 4th Thursdays

May 9

May 24

At Solutions Recovery

Noon till 1pm



PANCAKE & PORKY



★ FUNDRAISER ★

Changing Lanes Alano Club
344 Broadway St. • Wrightstown, WI

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD • 8:00 AM - NOON

Only \$5 a Plate!

A Warm, Rustic Morning of Fellowship

Hearty Pancakes, Porky Sausage & Good Company!



SPECIAL GATHERING

AA MEETING AT 10:00 AM

Hear the Message of Recovery



★ *On the Griddle* ★

- Fluffy Pancakes & Savory Sausage
- Hot Coffee & Fellowship
- Family-Friendly Atmosphere



Come Hungry. Leave Encouraged.

— **Changing Lanes Alano Club** —
Supporting Recovery, One Plate at a Time



Seymour Intergroup
Saturday June 20, 2026

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
349 N. Main Street, Seymour

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

Hot sandwiches provided,

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

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

Meeting starts @ 7:00 pm

AA Speaker: Jodi B delegate area 21 southern Illinois

Alanon Speaker: (TBA)

Door Prizes & Fellowship

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

50/50 raffle

DISTRICT 02

AA

SPEAKERS NEEDED

Are you looking for ways to give back and share your recovery story?

Your experience, strength, and hope can make a real difference.

The Treatment Facilities Committee is seeking members to coordinate and speak at local treatment centers.

To volunteer or learn more please email:

tfc@district02aa.org