

DISTRICT 02

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NEWSLETTER

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Genesis Club
LCM-B – Dale C.
920-540-5524

Northern Groups
LCM-C
OPEN POSITION

Southeast Groups
LCM-D Bob H.
920-202-0891

N. Winnebago Groups
LCM-E Mary M.
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S. Winnebago Groups
LCM-F Dylan N.
920-203-1373

MONTHLY MUSINGS FROM OUR DCM

Before I begin with my musings I'd like to start by announcing that the Aug 9th District Meeting location has changed. It is no longer at St. Paul's Church in Combined Locks. Our new location will be at the 206 Club located at 206 Main St. in Menasha, WI. The times are still the same.

As we reach the six-month mark in our service commitments, I try to reconnect with the intention I had when I first agreed to take on a position in AA. Over time, it's natural to feel hesitant or even unwilling to follow through—sometimes the role isn't what I imagined, or the experience doesn't unfold the way I expected. When those doubts start to creep in, I bring myself back to the spiritual principle of **Accountability**, the steady reminder that growth often comes from honoring the commitments I've made.

Accountability in AA is a spiritual muscle, and nowhere does it grow stronger than in service work, a necessary element of our fellowship. When we take on a commitment—whether it's chairing a meeting, serving on a committee, taking a shift, or answering a call for help—across the group, district, or area level—we're really practicing the spiritual principle behind Concept Six: **Accountability**. Following through, even on days when we don't feel like it, teaches us reliability, humility, and the quiet dignity of being someone others can count on. Sticking with a commitment reshapes us; it builds character in ways that self-will never could. Over time, we discover that accountability isn't a burden—it's a gift that deepens our recovery, strengthens our connection to the group, and shows us how to live with purpose and integrity.

Andrew T.

DCM D02A74

DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – MAY 2026

District 2 Meeting Minutes for May 3 2026

The District 2 meeting was held in hybrid format at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 140 S. Green Bay Road, Neenah, WI.

The meeting was called to order at **2:01 p.m.**

Attendance: 24 members were present in person, and 2 members joined via Zoom, for a total of **26 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

- Barry read **Tradition 5 (Long Form)**.
- Will read **Concept 5 from the Concepts Checklist**.

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

- Committee Chairs and GSRs are asked to submit reports by **Friday, May 15th, 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.
- Pat made a motion to accept the Secretary's report.
- Barry 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.
- Barry made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.
- James seconded the motion.
- Motion passed.

GSR Reports

- **Brady**- The Way Out, Thursdays, 7pm, Prince of Peace, Appleton. Attendance has been consistent. Business as usual.
- **Nicci B.**-New Beginnings, Solutions Recovery, Oshkosh. Two speakers this month. Brent on the 14th and Lonnie on the 28th.
- **James**, Thursday Night Group, 7pm, Seymour. We are busy with the upcoming intergroup meeting. Bring a dish and a friend. Door prize donations, if possible.

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- **J.D.**, Tuesday night Living in the Solution Meeting. Concerning the owl microphone, their group wants to know why not just hold the district meetings in places that are already audio and visually equipped?

LCM Reports

Subdistrict A: Jack. No Report.

Subdistrict B: Dale. I have GSR forms to turn in, and I will be doing this online for Area Registrar. Next quarterly business meeting for all groups meeting at Genesis Club is scheduled for **Saturday, June 6th 8:30 am.** Trying to line up Yvonne K. for 1st Friday speaker meeting, probably not till August 7th.

Subdistrict C: Open. No Report.

Subdistrict D: Bob H. No Report

Subdistrict E: Mary. No report

Subdistrict F: Dylan. F. I visited Friday Bookmarkers group that meets at Emmanuel United Church, 12:00pm @ 1306 Michigan Street Oshkosh. At this time, this particular AA group does not have a General Service Representative. Through this limited time spent with this group, I really tried to educate these members on the importance of having a GSR, what a GSR does, and how it affects us as a whole.

Committee Reports

Archives: Kathy. No Report.

Grapevine: Angel. Reviewing literature and found a table and literature rack from Tina.

Corrections: Laurie. Not able to meet this past month, so nothing to report.

Bridging the Gap: Brad. There were no new requests received in the last month.

Newsletter: Barry. The newsletter is going smoothly. I appreciate everyone's responsiveness on meeting deadlines.

The deadline for inclusion in the June newsletter is **May 24th**. Please get your submissions 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. I have received one for the June newsletter, but July and after is wide open. 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. First Come, First Served. 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

Public Information and Webmaster: Trevor.

Public Information: The PI Committee had their monthly meeting and discussed the following topics:

Current Initiatives

1. Digital & Social Media Outreach

- **PSA Development:** We have gone live with PSA on social media and will begin tracking results and reach to determine if this is a good channel to reach the still suffering alcoholic.
- **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. This is still in development.

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.

Website/Webmaster Update

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 continue to see web traffic in excess of 12,000 unique visits per month.
- The most accessed resource is our meeting locator, followed by our contact page.

In Love and Service,

Trevor F.

Treatment & Accessibilities: Patrick D.

We are meeting monthly. The day has changed to the **LAST Wed. At 6pm.** If anyone would be interested in checking it out or considering joining us, you are welcome to attend our virtual meeting on zoom. ID: 87595554987 PW: 844696

Thank you, Pat D. T/A Chair
Tfc@district02aa.org or 920-389-1020

DCM:

I. Fellowship Connection:

- A. Missing 80% of District 02 AA Meetings is normal.
- B. Registrar claims if mtg isn't listed in fellowship connection they never filled out form.
 - 1. Personally, I disagree- I know several unlisted meetings that filled out forms.
 - a. I attained pamphlets & forms for everyone.

II. Motion to reimburse Past Delegates \$250 in budget item not exceeding \$1000

- A. Passed with 97% vote in favor.

III. Motion to remove Past Delegates Vote at Assemblies

- A. Passed with 74% in favor.

IV. Motion to remove Past Delegate Voice at Assemblies

- A. Failed with only 24% in favor.

V. Corrections Correspondence

- A. Write to prisoners in AA
- B. Can use the pamphlet to get started
- C. You will write to them first

VI. General Service Conference Agenda Items

- A. Lengthy discussion on every item, we've sent our delegate with our group conscience.
 - 1. I've made copies for anyone interested in what our area decided on.

VII. Online Chat

- A. I've trained 3 more people and they have joined that chat group.

VIII. DCM Monthly Meeting

- A. Held May 5th- No Report

IX. Literature Committee

- A. 5th edition Big Book is coming out
1. Removing 30 stories
 2. Adding 27 stories
 - a. Over 2400 stories were submitted for consideration.

X. Upcoming Events & Meetings

- A. 2026 Eastern-Central Regional & Area 74 Conference
1. June 26-28 at University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
- B. Area 74 Committee Meeting
1. July 18th at Reiter Center in Three Lakes, WI

OLD BUSINESS

Open positions 2026 Elections

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Asking for literature budget to increase from \$400 to \$1000. Too many questions from groups. We'll push back for one more month.

James made motion to table.
Nicci seconded motion.
Motion to table discussion carries.
2. Please help yourself to literature regarding upcoming events on the table.
3. Will G. will head a committee to look into getting groups QR codes so 7th traditions donations can be made electronically.

Other Business

- Laurie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:34 p.m.
 - Nicci seconded.
 - Motion passed.
 - The next District meeting is **Sunday, June 14th 2026**, at Prince of Peace, 2330 E. Calumet Street in Appleton.
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- 1:30 p.m. GSR Roundtable
 - 2 p.m. District Meeting

DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 2026

District 02 Monthly Financial Report - April, 2026

Beginning Balance 4/1/2026 \$6,155.30 May 3, 2026 District 02 Meeting Report

Contributions			Bank Reconciliation	
Date	Check District Group Contributions		Community First Credit Union	
4/6/2026	2513 Design for Living-Corrections Lit.	\$200.00		
4/6/2026	2514 Design for Living	\$92.00	Beginning balance	\$6,155.30
4/10/2026	1E+06 Sunrise Meeting Group	\$85.94	Deposits	\$467.94
5/1/2026	101 emotional Sobriety in AA #000746083	\$90.00	Withdrawals	(\$314.67)
			Outstanding checks	
			Total	\$6,308.57
Balance available to District				
			Register balance	\$6,308.57
			Prudent reserve	(\$500.00)
			Corrections Literature	(\$2,024.06)
			Total available to District	\$3,784.51
Petty Cash				
			Petty cash beginning balance	\$50.00
			Petty cash ending balance	\$50.00
Committee Budget Balance (Remaining)				
			Archives	\$396.00
			Corrections	\$1,000.00
			DCM	\$2,997.24
			Grapevine	\$1,000.00
			Newsletter	\$245.55
			PI	\$1,621.00
			Treasurer	\$934.67
			Treatment & Acces.	\$760.00
			BUDGET BALANCE TOTAL (Remaining)	\$8,954.46
*Corrections Literature				
			Starting Balance	\$1,824.06
			Contributions	
			Design For Living	\$200.00
			Withdrawals	
			Total deposits	\$200.00
			Withdrawals	\$-
			Total withdrawals	\$-
			Ending Corrections Literature Balance	\$2,024.06

Total deposits \$467.94

Withdrawals			
Date	Check	Expenses (checks/withdrawals)	
4/12/2026	2307	Andrew T. - Stipend, Snacks, Lodging, Printing	\$279.67
4/22/2026	2309	St. Mark's Church - D02 meeting rent for 5/3/2026	\$35.00
			Total withdrawals \$314.67

Register balance - Month end			
	Beginning balance		\$6,155.30
	Deposits		\$467.94
	Withdrawals		(\$314.67)
		Register balance	\$6,308.57

Outstanding Checks

Total Outstanding checks \$-

*NOTE - Separate from district balance

Steve K. District 02 Treasurer

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APPROVED Area 74 District 02 2026 Budget					
		2026 BUDGET	YTD Apr SPENT	YTD Apr REMAIN	2027 DRAFT
Archives Kathy	1	Space at Central Office	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
	2	Miscellaneous	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
	3	Grapevine	\$36.00	\$0.00	\$36.00
	4	Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	5	Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
		\$596.00	\$200.00	\$396.00	\$0.00
Corrections Laurie	1	Workshop	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
	2	Conference	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
	3	Office Supply / Travel	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	4	Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	5	BTG P.O. Box, Postage, Supplies	\$300.00	\$210.00	\$90.00
	6	Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
		\$1210.00	\$210.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
DCM Andrew	1	Stipend for District Meetings	\$180.00	\$60.00	\$120.00
	2	Printing Expenses	\$900.00	\$278.60	\$621.40
	3	LCM Stipends for District Meetings	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$360.00
	4	LCM Miscellaneous Expenses	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	5	Area 74 Literature - (Service Materials)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	6	GSR Workshop	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
	7	Registration Spring and Fall Conference	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	8	Banquet Spring and Fall Conference	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	9	Conference Lodging	\$600.00	\$144.91	\$455.09
	10	Assembly/ACM	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	11	Mileage for Conf/Assem/ACM/Area Workshops - current federal charitable rate	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
	12	Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	13	Other Workshop	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
	14	Zoom Account	\$200.00	\$179.25	\$20.75
	15	Tech Fellows Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
		\$3660.00	\$662.76	\$2,997.24	\$0.00
Grapevine Open	1	Grapevine Subscription for Intergroup	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
	2	Postage & Office Supplies	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
	3	Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	4	Additions to Grapevine Library Display	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
	5	Comm. Mtg. Rent	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$180.00
	6	Workshop	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
	7	Electronic Subscription for Grapevine Chairperson	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	8	Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
		\$1000.00	\$0.00	\$1000.00	\$0.00
Newsletter Barry	1	Software	\$300.00	\$164.45	\$135.55
	2	Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	3	Ink	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	4	Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$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
	2	Outreach/pamphlets, literature, fairs	\$1200.00	\$0.00	\$1200.00
	3	Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	4	Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	5	Grapevine Subscriptions (2)	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	6	Facebook PSA	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
		\$2,220.00	\$599.00	\$1,621.00	\$0.00
Treasurer Steve	1	District Rent	\$420.00	\$140.00	\$280.00
	2	Refreshments	\$240.00	\$95.33	\$144.67
	3	Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	4	Misc. Expenses (Copies, Postage)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	5	Petty cash	na	na	na
	6	P.O. Box Rent	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
	7	Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$1,170.00	\$235.33	\$934.67	\$0.00
Treatment Patrick	1	Workshop	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	2	Literature - Facility Racks	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
	3	Office Supplies	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
	4	Stipend for District Meetings	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	5	Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
		\$760.00	\$0.00	\$760.00	\$0.00
Totals		\$11,026.00	\$2,071.54	\$8,954.46	\$0.00

*Deadline for publication in the
July Newsletter
is end of day June 23rd!*

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

Please join us at the Prince of Peace in Appleton at 2pm
(GSR Roundtable at 1:30pm) on June 14th. 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

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

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	206 Club 206 Main St., Menasha New Venue - Make a note of it
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

The Follower

*I follow in the footprints
of those who blazed the way,
in hopes that others yet to come
will follow me one day.
I have found the path of least resistance,
on the road to thinking straight.
No miles mark this journey's distance,
but by steps and actions that I take.*

*I follow faithfully,
In all its splendor and its luster,
into the Spirit of the Universe.
...This road is mine to roam.
I follow gratefully,
With all the strength one man can muster,
on solid ground I now traverse.
...This road is mine to own.*

*A spiritual traveler on the Broad Highway,
upon a course of vigorous action.
Through dark of night or light of day,
devoid of all distraction.
Far and wide as the eye can see,
this road that I now travel,
as more shall be revealed to me,
whilst the mysteries unravel.*

*This path that lies before me
I shall follow heretofore,
thoroughly and honestly,
I shall follow evermore.
I follow in the footprints
of those who trudged before,
for I am just a follower,
...nothing less and nothing more.*

Gordon R

A.A. ARCHIVES

Bill W.'s letter to Dr. Carl Gustav Jung Swiss psychologist & psychiatrist -Jan 23, 1961

My dear Dr. Jung:

This letter of great appreciation has been very long overdue. May I first introduce myself as Bill W., a co-founder of the Society of Alcoholics Anonymous. Though you have surely heard of us, I doubt if you are aware that a certain conversation you once had with one of your patients, a Mr. Rowland H., back in the early 1930's, did play a critical role in the founding of our Fellowship.

Though Rowland H. has long since passed away, the recollections of his remarkable experience while under treatment by you has definitely become part of AA history. Our remembrance of Rowland H.'s statements about his experience with you is as follows:

Having exhausted other means of recovery from his alcoholism, it was about 1931 that he became your patient. I believe he remained under your care for perhaps a year. His admiration for you was boundless, and he left you with a feeling of much confidence.

To his great consternation, he soon relapsed into intoxication. Certain that you were his "court of last resort," he again returned to your care. Then followed the conversation between you that was to become the first link in the chain of events that led to the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous.

My recollection of his account of that conversation is this: First of all, you frankly told him of his hopelessness, so far as any further medical or psychiatric treatment might be concerned. This candid and humble statement of yours was beyond doubt the first foundation stone upon which our Society has since been built.

Coming from you, one he so trusted and admired, the impact upon him was immense. When he then asked you if there was any other hope, you told him that there might be, provided he could become the subject of a spiritual or religious experience – in short, a genuine conversion. You pointed out how such an experience, if brought about, might remotivate him when nothing else could. But you did caution, though, that while such experiences had sometimes brought recovery to alcoholics, they were, nevertheless, comparatively rare. You recommended that he place himself in a religious atmosphere and hope for the best. This I believe was the substance of your advice.

Shortly thereafter, Mr. Rowland H. joined the Oxford Groups, an evangelical movement then at the height of its success in Europe, and one with which you are doubtless familiar. You will remember their large emphasis upon the principles of self-survey, confession, restitution, and the giving of oneself in service to others. They strongly stressed meditation and prayer. In these surroundings, Rowland H. did find a conversion experience that released him for the time being from his compulsion to drink.

Returning to New York, he became very active with the "O.G." here, then led by an Episcopal clergyman, Dr. Samuel Shoemaker. Dr. Shoemaker had been one of the founders of that movement, and his was a powerful personality that carried immense sincerity and conviction.

At this time (1932-34) the Oxford Groups had already sobered a number of alcoholics, and Rowland, feeling that he could especially identify with these sufferers, addressed himself to the help of still others. One of these chanced to be an old schoolmate of mine, Edwin T. ("Ebby"). He had been threatened with commitment to an institution, but Mr. H. and another ex-alcoholic "O.G." member procured his parole and helped to bring about his sobriety.

Meanwhile, I had run the course of alcoholism and was threatened with commitment myself. Fortunately I had fallen under the care of a physician – a Dr. William D. Silkworth – who was wonderfully capable of understanding alcoholics. But just as you had given up on Rowland, so had he given me up. It was his theory that alcoholism had two components – an obsession that compelled the sufferer to drink against his will and interest, and some sort of metabolism difficulty which he then called an allergy. The alcoholic's compulsion guaranteed that the alcoholic's drinking would go on, and the allergy made sure that the sufferer would finally deteriorate, go insane, or die. Though I had been one of the few he had thought it possible to help, he was finally obliged to tell me of my hopelessness; I, too, would have to be locked up. To me, this was a shattering blow. Just as Rowland had been made ready for his conversion experience by you, so had my wonderful friend, Dr. Silkworth, prepared me.

Hearing of my plight, my friend Edwin T. came to see me at my home where I was drinking. By then, it was November 1934. I had long marked my friend Edwin for a hopeless case. Yet there he was in a very evident state of "release" which could by no means accounted for by his mere association for a very short time with the Oxford

Groups. Yet this obvious state of release, as distinguished from the usual depression, was tremendously convincing. Because he was a kindred sufferer, he could unquestionably communicate with me at great depth. I knew at once I must find an experience like his, or die.

Again, I returned to Dr. Silkworth's care where I could be once more sobered and so gain a clearer view of my friend's experience of release, and of Rowland H.'s approach to him.

Clear once more of alcohol, I found myself terribly depressed. This seemed to be caused by my inability to gain the slightest faith. Edwin T. again visited me and repeated the simple Oxford Groups' formulas. Soon after he left me I became even more depressed. In utter despair I cried out, "If there be a God, will He show Himself." There immediately came to me an illumination of enormous impact and dimension, something which I have since tried to describe in the book "Alcoholics Anonymous" and in "AA Comes of Age", basic texts which I am sending you.

My release from the alcohol obsession was immediate. At once I knew I was a free man. Shortly following my experience, my friend Edwin came to the hospital, bringing me a copy of William James' "Varieties of Religious Experience". This book gave me the realization that most conversion experiences, whatever their variety, do have a common denominator of ego collapse at depth. The individual faces an impossible dilemma. In my case the dilemma had been created by my compulsive drinking and the deep feeling of hopelessness had been vastly deepened by my doctor. It was deepened still more by my alcoholic friend when he acquainted me with your verdict of hopelessness respecting Rowland H.

In the wake of my spiritual experience there came a vision of a society of alcoholics, each identifying with and transmitting his experience to the next – chain style. If each sufferer were to carry the news of the scientific hopelessness of alcoholism to each new prospect, he might be able to lay every newcomer wide open to a transforming spiritual experience. This concept proved to be the foundation of such success as Alcoholics Anonymous has since achieved. This has made conversion experiences – nearly every variety reported by James – available on an almost wholesale basis. Our sustained recoveries over the last quarter century number about 300,000. In America and through the world there are today 8,000 AA groups.

So to you, to Dr. Shoemaker of the Oxford Groups, to William James, and to my own physician, Dr. Silkworth, we of AA owe this tremendous benefaction. As you will now clearly see, This astonishing chain of events actually started long ago in your consulting room, and it was directly founded upon your own humility and deep perception.

Very many thoughtful AAs are students of your writings. Because of your conviction that man is something more than intellect, emotion, and two dollars worth of chemicals, you have especially endeared yourself to us.

How our Society grew, developed its Traditions for unity, and structured its functioning will be seen in the texts and pamphlet material that I am sending you.

You will also be interested to learn that in addition to the "spiritual experience," many AAs report a great variety of psychic phenomena, the cumulative weight of which is very considerable. Other members have – following their recovery in AA – been much helped by your practitioners. A few have been intrigued by the "I Ching" and your remarkable introduction to that work.

Please be certain that your place in the affection, and in the history of the Fellowship, is like no other.

Gratefully yours,

William G. W.

Co-founder Alcoholics Anonymous

Monthly Committee Meeting Schedule

Archives	To Be Determined	
Corrections	In person Fox Valley Central Office	
Grapevine	To Be Determined	
Public Information	Next Meeting , Tuesday June 23, 2026 @ 5PM	Zoom ID - 8759 555 4987 Passcode - 844696
Treatment & Accessibilities	Last Wednesday of Each Month @ 6PM	Zoom ID - 8759 555 4987 Passcode - 844696

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

JULY 2026

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

Friday July 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, July 12th District Meeting at 2pm, **Solutions Recovery Club**, Oshkosh. GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

Second Sunday of the Month July 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

Second & Fourth Thursday of Month July 9th, & 23rd Open AA Speaker Meeting at Noon, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St., Oshkosh

Third Friday of the Month, June 17th, 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 25th, Saturday Nite Live Open AA Speaker Meeting 7PM, **Changing Lanes Alano Club**, 344 Broadway St., Wrightstown

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

District 02 Committee Information

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

Chairperson: Kathy R. archives@district02aa.org

CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: Provides coordination and support for groups and individuals wishing to carry the message to alcoholics in jails and prisons within the District. **Chairperson:** Laurie G.

corrections@district02aa.org

Bridging the Gap: Brad N.

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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.

Chairperson: Patrick D. tfc@district02aa.org

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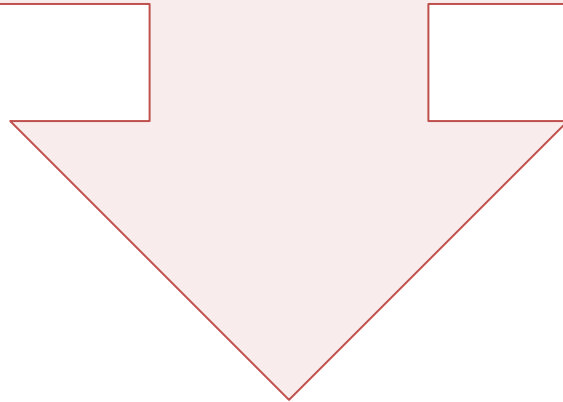
District 2 Group Focus

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 Primary Purpose Big Book Study. The group meets every Friday at 7:00 PM at Changing Lanes Alano Club 344 Broadway St. in Wrightstown, WI, offering a focused and structured environment for those seeking a deeper understanding of recovery. This closed meeting takes participants through the Big Book sentence by sentence, allowing space for reflection, discussion, and a clearer grasp of the program's foundational principles. Whether you're looking to strengthen your sobriety, reconnect with the basics, or explore the text in a more meaningful way, this in-depth study provides a steady, supportive place to grow.

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

**TUESDAY JUNE 9
FRIDAY JULY 10**

AT 7 PM
COFFEE PROVIDED

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



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



**OPEN AA MEETINGS & AL-ANON MEETINGS
AT THE EAA NATURE CENTER in OSHKOSH, WI
WITHIN THE EAA CONVENTION GROUNDS**

There is no admission charge to get into the 12-step high meeting location.

**Meetings held daily from
July 19th (Sunday) to July 26th (Sunday)**

Greeting and Fellowship at 7:00 AM

Meeting at 8:00 AM

Saturday July 25 - Speaker Meeting

Mike B. 708-259-3389

Don T. 920-376-4186

Tim K. 920-904-2008



- Take US 41(N or S) to EAA exit and follow the EAA entrance road for 2 miles past the EAA museum (get into left lane) until you come to intersection. Turn left onto the road. Parking is in gravel lot to the left and large white "Baby Ace" tent. on right side of road is the meeting place.
- From Oshkosh, take South Park St to HWY 44 turn left into EAA entrance road. Follow for 2 miles past the EAA museum (get into left lane) until you come to intersection. Turn left onto the road. Parking is in gravel lot to the left and large white "Baby Ace" tent. on right side of road is the meeting place.