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MONTHLY MUSINGS FROM OUR DCM

As summer winds down, I hope everyone in District 02 enjoyed safe, sober fellowship over the past few months. As we move into fall, it's time for each committee to prepare its budget for next year. These budgets aren't just paperwork — they help make sure we have what we need to carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic. **All committee budgets are due at our next district meeting**, so please plan ahead and be ready to turn them in.

Each committee and position — Treatment, Corrections, Grapevine, Public Information, Archives, Treasurer, Newsletter, and DCM — should use its proposal to explain what it hopes to accomplish next year and what resources are needed to do that work. After eight months in your service role, you've seen what your committee actually does, what it needs, and where support would help. Use that experience to build a simple, realistic plan that reflects how you intend to carry the message.

And to our GSRs: you're the voice of your groups, and your review of these budgets matters. District 02 is funded entirely by AA groups, which means you help make sure our spending lines up with our primary purpose. Your questions, clarity, and participation help keep our district accountable, transparent, and focused on carrying the message.

Andrew T

DCM D02A74

DISTRICT 02 MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 2026

District 02 Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2026

The District meeting was held in hybrid format at the 206 Club, 64 Racine Street, Menasha, WI. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

Attendance: 20 members were present in person and 5 members joined via Zoom, for a total of **25 participants**.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the **Serenity Prayer**.

All attendees (both in-person and virtual) introduced themselves.

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

Twelve Traditions & Twelve Concepts

- Dylan read **Tradition 8 (Long Form)**.
- Bob H. read **Concept 8** from the Concepts Checklist.

Approval of July 2026 Minutes

- Harold made a motion to accept the July 2026 Meeting Minutes.
- JD seconded the motion.
- Motion passed.

Secretary's Report – Marci

- Committee Chairs and GSRs are asked to submit reports by **Sunday, August 16, 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.
- Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Treasurer's Report – Steve

- Barry made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for both July 2026 and August 2026.
- Bob H. seconded the motion.
- Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Archives: Kathy. Working on Grapevines. Went through all the years. I have some missing. I found a box of Grapevines in the back conference room. I do not think this is a book for anyone to take. I think it is for the archives. We are missing about 4 years of Grapevines. I will be going through the box to see if they match the missing years.

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Grapevine: Sarah B. for Angel. Gave out two subscriptions at the Chilton Intergroup. Circulated some Grapevines in the Rice Lake area when she attended several meetings in that area.

Corrections: Laurie. Bought a case of soft cover Big Books and a case of soft cover Daily Reflection books for Winnebago County Jail both men and women. Next meeting is August 21st at Central Office at 3:30pm. Workshop in the fall. More information to come on the workshop. One case of soft covered Big Books costs \$272.70.

Bridging the Gap: Brad. No report.

Newsletter: Barry. The newsletter continues to go smoothly. I appreciate everyone's responsiveness on meeting deadlines.

The deadline for inclusion in the September newsletter is **August 23rd, 2026**. Please get your submissions to me by the deadline to avoid any delay in distribution to the fellowship.

I have received no requests from the fellowship for the Group feature portion for the September 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. Remember, this feature is on a first come, first served basis. Please email all submissions and/or questions 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: Trevor. No Report.

Webmaster: Trevor. No Report.

Treatment & Accessibilities: Patrick. The Treatment & Accessibilities Committee has delivered three literature racks to District 02 facilities requesting them. We have organized speakers for men and women inpatient treatment centers. The committee is small yet we welcome anyone interested in helping. Our monthly zoom meeting is on the last Wednesday of the month at 6PM. If anyone is interested in speaking at a treatment facility, contact Patrick. ID: 87595554987 PW: 844696

Thank you, Pat D. 920-389-1020

GSR Reports

- **Harold-** Kaukauna Group, Thursdays @ 8:30 pm and Friday @ 7:00 pm. The 3rd Friday of each month we host a speaker meeting with an AA speaker and an Alanon speaker @ 7:00 pm. The group is doing well with consistent attendance. We discussed the recent Area Committee Meeting at our last business meeting on August 7, 2026. Harold's contact info: HaroldH.D02A74@gmail.com, (920) 202-1130.
- **Tom-** Design for Living, Prince of Peace, Appleton, M-Sa, 10:00am. Our meeting is thriving.
- **Brady-**The Way Out Group, Thursday nights, 7:00pm, Prince of Peace. Appleton. Good numbers, the meeting is going strong.

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- **Pat-** Our Southern friend, Wednesdays, 7:00pm, Changing Lanes Alano Club, Wrightstown. Unique format. Closed meeting. Come check it out.
- **John-** Tuesday Nights, First Congo, Fireside Meeting, 7:45, Appleton. Meeting is going well.
- **Erica-** Eye Opener Meeting, 7:30am, Saturdays, Prince of Peace, Appleton. Attendance is good, nothing else to report.
- **Kim-** Sunday, St Elizabeth's Hospital, Appleton. Working on changing the group's name.

LCM Reports

Subdistrict A: Jack. No Report.

Subdistrict B: Dale. Business Meeting for all AA groups meeting at The Genesis Club on Saturday, August 29th at 8:30am.

Subdistrict C: VACANT

Subdistrict D: Bob. I visited Our Southern Friend group and they elected a GSR and a treasurer.

Subdistrict E: VACANT

Subdistrict F: Dylan. No Report.

DCM: Andrew.

DCM Monthly Meeting: I attended the monthly DCM meeting and the topics and discussions were on more districts that are adapting the Chat button onto their district websites. A Discussion on how to recruit more interest in service positions at the district level. A Discussion on “dark” districts in our area.

General Service Conference: Regarding the summary of the General Service Report, I have received some items: A memo to GSC regarding the acquisition of the “Everything AA App”, 76th GSC Quick Reference Guide, and Advisory Actions. If anyone would like these items, send a request email to dcm@district02aa.org.

Area Committee Meeting was held July 18th, 2026 in Three Lakes, WI at the Reiter Center from 9am-4p. Some highlights of the meeting that will be discussed and possibly voted on at the Area Assembly in October will be if the Area should hold the ACMs on zoom to save money, updating addresses with the registrar, continued financial support of area even though it's running a deficit, and if we should raise the budget for the literature committee from \$5000 to \$6500 because of the recent GSO price increase. If you'd like the minutes of the meeting, send a request email to dcm@district02aa.org.

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Next Area 74 meeting is the Area Assembly:

1. Is being held Oct 17th, 2026 in Rhinelander, WI at the Quality Inn from 9am-4p
2. The Workshop Committee is the night before (Oct 16th) in the same location 6pm
3. Zoom ID: 497 428 9816 Pass: 1212144
4. No agenda has been released as of now but will include some topics mentioned above.

Alt. DCM- James- No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Open positions 2026 Elections

LCM C Clintonville/Bonduel/New London- No Nominations

LCM E Neenah/Menasha/Northern Winneconne/Northern Oshkosh-

Nicole Nominated by Dylan and she accepted the nomination. She does not drive, she cannot guarantee that she will be there in person.

Seconded by Laurie.

Opposed by JD. Doesn't think it would be a good fit.

Motion passed.

2) FV Central Office liaison topic- add to Alt DCM?

Tabled from last month. Already discussed one time last month.

There used to be a separate position. Used for communication between central office and groups.

Sarah B.: why is this position important now? Andrew always thought it was an important position. In 2013, he voted against getting rid of the position. That is why he is bringing it up now.

This position would be different and separate from the District Literature Chair.

Benefits according to Andrew:

The liaison would act as a check and balance system between the AA Hotline and FV Central Office.

Harold: maybe this position is not necessary because each group has the right to attend quarterly group rep meeting at FVCO.

Erica: her group thinks it would be beneficial because it would be an additional way to be of service for the Alternate DCM.

James: still thinks it would hinder someone from becoming the Alternate DCM in the future.

Andrew just chose a position (Alt DCM) which wasn't his (DCM) to add this duty (liaison) to.

Barry: there would need to be a guideline change, if we voted on it today. It must be discussed at three meetings. We've only discussed it twice.

Harold made a motion to table discussion until next month.

Sharon seconded motion.

Motion passed.

3) Fall Workshop

Topic: Groups

Title: Home group Workshop: Service, Safety, and the Digital Basket.

- 1) Service Positions
- 2) Primary Purpose
- 3) Inclusiveness
- 4) Safety
- 5) Digital Donation Basket

Location: Appleton

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November 15th, 4:00pm-6:00pm (No conflict with Packer schedule)

Next meeting about workshop- Sunday, August 30th, 4pm on Zoom. Same ID and password as this meeting:

Meeting ID 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696. If you would like to be a part of the workshop, please attend the meeting.

4) 2027 Meetings

Already taken:

June 2027- Design for Living- Prince of Peace, Appleton.

July 2027-Algoma Group, 137 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh.

October 2027- Seymour Group

NEW BUSINESS:

Next month we will talk about next year's budget. Each committee needs to present an initial budget for 2027 at our next meeting. GSRs get to vote on this budget.

Dale made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 p.m. Harold seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting closed with all saying The Responsibility Declaration.

The next District 2 meeting is **Sunday September 13th, 2026**, at Peace United Methodist Church, 2300 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Kaukauna, WI.

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

Prayer by an unknown Confederate Soldier.

**"I asked God for strength, that I might achieve, I was made weak, that I might
learn humbly to obey.**

**I asked for health, that I might do greater things. I was given infirmity that I
might do better things.**

**I asked for riches, that I might be happy. I was given poverty, that I might be
wise.**

**I asked for power, that I might have the praise of others, I was given weakness,
that I might feel the need of God.,**

**I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life, I was given life that I might enjoy all
things.**

I got nothing that I asked for — but everything that I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I among all people, most richly blessed."

DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 2026

District 02 Monthly Financial Report - June 2026

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Note - Check re-order charge of \$24.05 added to withdrawals in bank reconciliation section (\$469.18 total) - next column

Steve K. District 02 Treasurer

DISTRICT 02 FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 2026

APPROVED Area 74 District 02 2026 Budget					
		2026	YTD Julv	YTD Julv	2027
		BUDGET	SPENT	REMAIN	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
Correcti 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	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$0.00
	2 Printing Expenses	\$900.00	\$463.50	\$436.50	\$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	\$76.83	\$123.17	\$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	\$144.91	\$455.09	\$0.00
	10 Assembly/ACM	\$200.00	\$17.23	\$182.77	\$0.00
	11 Mileage for Conf/Assem/ACM/Area Workshops -	\$500.00	\$29.96	\$470.04	\$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	\$1001.68	\$2,658.32	\$0.00
Grapevin Anel	1 Grapevine Subscription for Intergruop	\$350.00	\$144.00	\$206.00	\$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	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
	8 Stipend for Delegates Workshop	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
		\$1000.00	\$144.00	\$856.00	\$0.00
Newslett 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 Trevor	1 Web Service (Maintenance, software, upgrades)	\$600.00	\$599.00	\$1.00	\$0.00
	2 Outreach/pamphlets, literature, fairs	\$1200.00	\$70.00	\$1130.00	\$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	\$90.32	\$159.68	\$0.00
		\$2,220.00	\$759.32	\$1,460.68	\$0.00
Treasure Steve	1 District Rent	\$420.00	\$245.00	\$175.00	\$0.00
	2 Refreshments	\$240.00	\$224.62	\$15.38	\$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	\$469.62	\$700.38	\$0.00
Treatme Patrick	1 Workshop	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
	2 Literature - Facility Racks	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$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	\$200.00	\$560.00	\$0.00
Totals		\$11,026.00	\$3,149.07	\$7,876.93	\$0.00

***Deadline for publication in the
October Newsletter
is end of day September 23rd!***

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

**Please join us at Peace United Methodist in Kaukauna at
2pm (GSR Roundtable at 1:30pm) on September 13th. 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		
10/16/2026	Area 74 Standing Committee Workshop	Quality Inn, Rhinelander, WI
10/17/2026	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	<i>Solutions Club, Inc. 621 Evans St., Oshkosh</i>
Feb 8	<i>Changing Lanes Alano Club 344 Broadway St., Wrightstown</i>
Mar 8	<i>Genesis Club 1213 N. Appleton St., Appleton</i>
Apr 12	<i>Solutions Club, Inc. 621 Evans St., Oshkosh</i>
May 3 Early Due to Mother's Day	<i>St, Mark's Lutheran Church 140 S. Green Bay Rd., Neenah</i>
Jun 14	<i>Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2330 E. Calumet St., Appleton</i>
Jul 12	<i>Solutions Club, Inc. 621 Evans St., Oshkosh</i>
Aug 9	<i>206 Club 206 Main St., Menasha</i>
Sept 13	<i>Peace United Methodist Church 2300 W. Wisconsin Ave., Kaukauna</i>
Oct 11	<i>Emmanuel Lutheran Church 340 N. Main St., Seymour</i>
Nov 8	<i>Changing Lanes Alano Club 344 Broadway St., Wrightstown</i>
Dec. 13	<i>First United Methodist Church 325 E. Franklin St., Appleton</i>

The Garden of Serenity

*There is a place I like to travel...
When life becomes too much for me
A mystic place where I unravel...
It's called the Garden of Serenity*

*This is the place I like to go...
When I'm seeking solitude
To dial it down and take it slow...
To adjust my attitude*

*No other place like this I know...
To stop and smell the roses
To get away from status quo...
This garden never closes*

*Close your eyes and drift away...
Free your mind's debris
Take a mental holiday...
A moment of reprieve*

*Here there is no confrontation...
A place you can reflect
A calming, peaceful destination...
A chance to reconnect*

*In the Garden of Serenity...
There are no butterflies, bugs, or bees...
No flowers, shrubs, or trees
No grass in which to grow...
Not a single blade
No streams or rivers flow...
No water which to wade*

*It's here I go for meditation...
A place where I find clarity
A tranquil place of contemplation...
The Garden of Serenity*

Gordon R.

A.A. ARCHIVES

Fitz Mayo - New York's AA #3 *"Our Southern Friend", Big Book pages 497-507.*

John Henry Fitzhugh Mayo, commonly called "Fitz" was the Big Book "Our Southern Friend." He was among the first few to get sober in New York, probably the second after Hank Parkhurst.

He has been described as a 'blue blood' from Maryland. The son of an Episcopal clergyman, he attended a church school, where he became rebellious at what he thought an overdose of religious education.

Fitz had a promising career as a bookkeeper with an established firm aborted by the Great Depression, then took a teaching position in Norfolk, VA, which he lost because of his drinking. Then a friend from childhood gave him part of his own farm in Cumberstone, Maryland, near Washington, D.C., to homestead.

Alcoholism may have run in his mother's side of the family. Fitz said his "Mother hated liquor and feared a drunken man. Her brother had been a drinker and had died in a State Hospital for the insane."

Fitz was, reportedly, quite handsome, with chiseled features. He had the quiet, easy charm of the landed gentry. Indeed, he was quite the Southern gentleman.

But Fitz had been assailed by a sense of inferiority, incompetence, and unworthiness. This may have been made worse by the fact that Fitz didn't serve in the military in World War I. He had initially been turned down for being underweight. But eventually he was accepted and was to have reported for duty on November 13, 1918, but the Armistice was signed on the 11th, so he was never in the service during that war.

When the needs of others in his family became overwhelming, he drank. According to the Big Book, page 56, which refers to Fitz as "a minister's son" these family problems, included business failures, insanity, a fatal illness, and a suicide.

Fitz became embittered and depressed, and finally serious alcoholism, impending mental and physical collapse, brought him near to self-destruction.

Then, in the fall of 1935, Fitz heard that Towns Hospital in New York was having some success in treating alcoholism, and he went there for treatment.

This was just a few months after Bill Wilson's historic meeting with Dr. Bob in Akron. While he was probably Bill's second successful case, judging from his story in the Big Book there must have been others then in the hospital who had tried AA. (See page 502-3 of the Big Book, about the four alcoholics playing bridge in a smoke-filled room.)

It was while he was still in the hospital that the great thought came that crowded out all else: "Who are you to say there is no God?"

Lois described Fitz as an "impractical, lovable dreamer." Bill's intellectual, scholarly qualities gave him common ground with Fitz, and -- like Fitz -- Bill was also a dreamer.

Lois and Bill became devoted friends of Fitz and his wife, Elizabeth. Lois said that she and Bill had "practically commuted" to Fitz's home in Maryland, and Fitz visited them as often in New York. He often came up for the Tuesday night meeting in Bill's home in Brooklyn.

It was while Bill and Lois were visiting Fitz in Maryland in the summer of 1936 that Bill C., a "guest" in the Wilson home for nearly a year, committed suicide. (See page 16 of the Big Book.) And Fitz, as well as Hank Parkhurst often joined Bill and Lois at Oxford Group "house parties" before AA broke away from the Oxford Group.

During the writing of the Big Book, Fitz insisted that the book should express Christian doctrines and use Biblical terms and expressions. Ruth Hock remembered that during the debate about God during the writing of the Big Book, "Fitz was for going all the way with 'God' while Bill was in the middle, and Hank was for very little." Ruth, trying to reflect the reaction of the nonalcoholic, was for "very little." The result of this debate was the compromise phrase "God as we understood Him."

When the group was trying to decide on a name for the book, Fitz, because of his close proximity to

Washington, was asked to go to the Library of Congress and find out how many books were called "The Way Out." Fitz reported that the Library of Congress had 25 books entitled "The Way Out, and 12 entitled "The Way." ¹

There were none called "Alcoholics Anonymous." That settled the matter. Fitz's sister, Agnes, came to AA's rescue when the printer refused to release the book he was holding -- the first printing of Alcoholics Anonymous. Agnes loaned AA \$1,000, the equivalent of nearly \$12,000 in today's dollars.

At least as early as 1937, Fitz was spending much of his time trying to get AA started in Washington. His sister worked in Washington, and Fitz lived with her during at least some of this period.

At first he met with minimal success, but by the fall of 1939 the nucleus of a small group had been established in Washington.

He had been long a loner in Washington, but Fitz was eventually joined by Hardin C. and Bill A. ² and was eventually joined by Florence Rankin. It was Fitz who was called on to identify Florence's body when she died. One of Fitz's early, if not permanent successes was Jackie Williams. He sent Jackie to see his old friend Jim Burwell in Washington when Jim was just coming off a binge at his mother's home in DC. This was on January 8, 1938. Burwell tells the story in "The Vicious Cycle" (Big Book, pages 238-250).

Fitz's efforts in Washington led to groups forming in Georgetown, Chevy Chase, Silver Spring, Bethesda, Rockville, and Colmar Manor in Maryland; and Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church in Virginia. (These are all suburbs of Washington, D.C.)

He also developed excellent relationships with hospitals, and Fitz gained AA access to the workhouse to which drunks were sent by DC courts.

In World War II, Fitz joined the Army, where he was found to be suffering from cancer. He died October 4, 1943, eight years after he stopped drinking. Fitz is buried on the grounds of Christ Episcopal Church at Owensville, MD, where his father had once been pastor. He is buried just a few feet from where his friend Jim Burwell is buried.

Monthly Committee Meeting Schedule

Archives	To Be Determined	
Corrections	In person Fox Valley Central Office @3:30PM	TBD
Grapevine	To Be Determined	
Public Information	Next Meeting , Tuesday September 15, 2026 @ 5PM	Zoom ID - 8759 555 4987 Passcode - 844696
Treatment & Accessibilities	Last Wednesday of Each Month @ 6PM	Zoom ID - 8759 555 4987 Passcode - 844696
Autumn Workshop Zoom Planning Meeting	TBD	Zoom ID - 8759 555 4987 Passcode - 844696

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 2026

First Friday of the Month, September 4th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm **Genesis Club**, 1213 Appleton St, Appleton. Potluck at 6pm, please bring a dish to pass!

Friday September 11th, 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, September 13th
District Meeting at 2pm, **Peace United Methodist**, Kaukauna GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

Second Sunday of the Month September 13th,
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 the month September 10th, & 24th Open AA Speaker Meeting at Noon, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St., Oshkosh

Third Friday of the Month, September 18th,
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, September 26th,
Saturday Nite Live Open AA Speaker Meeting 7PM, **Changing Lanes Alano Club**, 344 Broadway St., Wrightstown

Last Sunday of the Month, September 27th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 10am, **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, 1506 S Oneida St, Appleton Al-Anon speaker if available.

Last Sunday of the Month, September 27th, Open AA Speaker Meeting at 7pm, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St, Oshkosh

OCTOBER 2026

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

Tuesday October 13th, 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, October 11th District Meeting at 2pm, **Emmanuel Lutheran**, Seymour GSR Roundtable 1:30 *This is a hybrid meeting* Meeting ID: 875 9555 4987 Passcode: 844696

Second Sunday of the Month October 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

Second & Fourth Thursday of the month October 8th, & 22nd Open AA Speaker Meeting at Noon, **Solutions Recovery**, 621 Evans St., Oshkosh

Third Friday of the Month, October 16th,
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, October 24th,
Saturday Nite Live Open AA Speaker Meeting 7PM, **Changing Lanes Alano Club**, 344 Broadway St., Wrightstown

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

Last Sunday of the Month, October 25th, 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

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corrections@district02aa.org

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

Chairperson: 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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Webmaster – Trevor F. support@district02aa.org

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Area 74 Website www.area74.org

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Appleton, WI 54912

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Eau Claire, WI 54702
This is a Change!!!

Fox Valley Central Office

1528 N Ballard Rd Suite 16
Appleton, WI 54911
920-997-0221

OTHER INFORMATION

Oshkosh Helpline

920-410-4620

Now and Then

(Area 74 Newsletter)
PO Box 192
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Fox Valley Hotline

920-731-4331

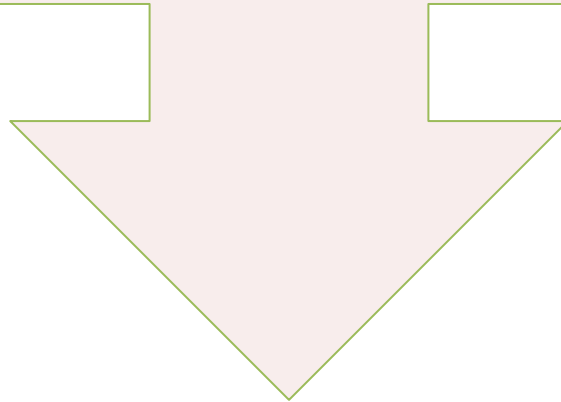
District 2 Group Focus

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

The First Friday Potluck & Speaker Group

Join in celebrating the 1st Friday of the Month with friends, fellowship and food at The Genesis Club 1213 N. Appleton St., Appleton WI 54911. Chicken Dinner with Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables at 6pm, followed by AA Speaker Dan M. former President of The Wisconsin 12 Step Club Association, Current Treasurer on Genesis Board of Directors and longtime #1 Man organizing Appleton Intergroup at St Pius X (also running the Kitchen)

Everyone is welcome!

AA OPEN SPEAKER MEETING



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

ENTER THROUGH SIDE DOOR NEXT TO PARKING LOT

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11
TUESDAY OCTOBER 13**

AT 7 PM
COFFEE PROVIDED

New Beginnings Speaker Meetings



2nd and 4th Thursdays

September 10th

September 24th

At Solutions Recovery

Noon till 1pm

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO A
**FIRST
FRIDAY**
POTLUCK & SPEAKER

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER, 4TH 2026
6:00PM DINNER 7:00 PM SPEAKER

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE

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Everyone is welcome!

Changing Lanes Golf Outing

4 Person Scramble
12 pm, Sept 26, 2026
Hilly Haven GC
5911 Cty Rd PP DePere



Details

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\$75 per player (paid to pro shop on day of event)

Includes golf, cart, dinner & prizes

Four person scramble format, otherwise known as best-ball

Fun & fellowship for all no matter your golf skills!

Sign-up as a foursome, twosome, or individual and we'll pair you up

Invite friends, family, neighbors, co-workers...open to all!

To sign-up email or text Trent with player names and email address

Sign-up no later than September 13!

Trent - tcnelly40@me.com or (920) 265-4669



Defending Champs

EAT'N MEET'N

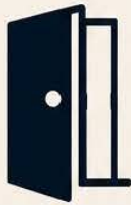
INTERGROUP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2026



ST. MARKS CHURCH

140 N GREEN BAY RD, NEENAH



DOORS
5 PM



DINNER
6 PM



SPEAKERS
7 PM

Al-Anon Speaker:
KIMMERY W.

AA Speaker:
BRENT H.

**HOT
BEEF & HAM
PROVIDED**

**PLEASE
BRING A DISH
TO PASS**

**50/50
RAFFLE**



DOOR
PRIZES!



TRAVELING
BOOKSTORE



LITERATURE
DISCOUNTS!



Hosted by
Fox Valley Central Office



2nd Annual
Halloween Monster Bash
Sober Party & Potluck
October 31, 2026

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

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM
PARTY ENDS AT 9:00 PM
COSTUMES ENCOURAGED!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- COSTUME CONTEST
- DANCING
- HALLOWEEN TRIVA
- BOWLING
- 50/50 RAFFLE
- SCARY MOVIE ROOM

*PULLED PORK SANDWICHES PROVIDED;
PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS
\$10 DONATION SUGGESTED

**4th ANNUAL
ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE
INTERGROUP
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH**

**DOORS OPEN 4PM
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
2330 E CALUMET STREET, APPLETON
ENTER DOOR 1**

EVENING SCHEDULE

**** CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR! ****

**4PM REGISTRATION
5PM DINNER
6PM AL-ANON SPEAKER - Mary B
6:30 AA SPEAKER - Jon W
7:00 50/50 DRAWING**

**PASTA BAR PROVIDED – MEAT AND VEGGIE
OPTIONS WILL BE SERVED**

**50/50 RAFFLE*DOOR PRIZES*CENTRAL OFFICE
MERCHANDISE*FOOD-FUN-FELLOWSHIP!**

PLEASE BRING DISH TO PASS

****AND****

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR FOOD
PANTRY**



DISTRICT 02
AREA 74

Sunrise Zoom Meeting 7 Days A Week!



Daily Topics

Monday: As Bill Sees It

Tuesday: Open Topic

Wednesday: Open Topic

Thursday: Topic Discussion (list of 40)

Friday: Emotional Sobriety

Saturday: Open Topic

Sunday: Open Topic

Link: <https://zoom.us/join#/login>

Meeting ID: 908 181 8038

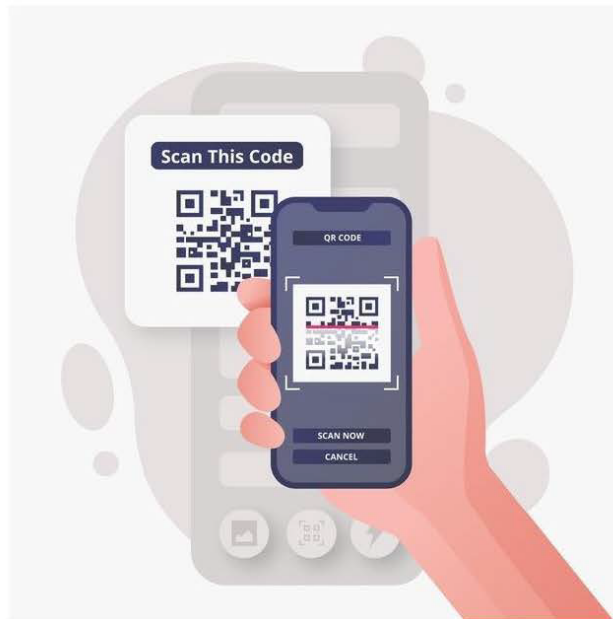
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Monday - Friday @ 6:30AM

Saturday & Sunday @ 7:00AM

"12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these Steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs."

DIGITAL DONATIONS AD HOC COMMITTEE



**PURPOSE: CREATE BEST PRACTICES TO RECOMMEND HOW
AA GROUPS IN DISTRICT 02 CAN ACCEPT MONETARY
DONATIONS BEYOND CASH**

WHEN: LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 6:00pm – 6:40pm

WHERE: ZOOM

MEETING ID: 892 4736 6303

PASSCODE: Z325aq

District 02 Needs Your Group's Help in 2027

What is this?

District 02 AA needs groups to host it's monthly business meeting. Each group simply selects a month, secures a church, hall, or club, and serves as the liaison with the venue—handling coordination and any related funds. Our business meetings occur on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

What Would Your Group Do?

- Venue Coordinator
- Provide 35 Capacity Room
- Coffee/Snacks *reimbursed
- Accept Rental Check \$35
- Must have WiFi

● Contact Us if You're Interested or Have Questions
text - Andrew (920) 249-4466
call - James (920) 366-2069



AA CHANGE OF MEETING LOCATION

**Saturday night Horizon II
AA meeting at the
Congregational United Church
of Christ, Neenah**

**→ has moved ←
PERMANENTLY**

**to
St. Mark's, Neenah
140 S. Green Bay Rd.**



**MEETING TIME IS
6:00 PM**

Come join us!

Please direct all
communications to:
P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163
Fax: (212) 870-3003

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

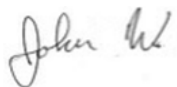
August 26, 2026

Dear A.A. Friends:

We are writing to provide an update regarding the forthcoming publication of the much-anticipated fifth edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*. At the July 30 meeting of the A.A. World Services Board, the Publishing Committee recommended, and the full board approved, that the fifth edition hardcover be produced with a removable dust jacket and that a list price of \$20 USD be adopted. We are on track with the production process to publish the hardcover of the fifth edition, updated with 26 new stories of recovery, in February 2027.

We share the Fellowship's excitement about the fifth edition of our beloved Big Book—coming more than 25 years after the publication of the fourth edition. More information about the publication of the fifth edition will follow this fall.

Warmly,



John W.

Chair, AAWS Board

Bob W.

General Manager, G.S.O.