

The District 05 View



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Step 3: "Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him."

MONTHLY DISTRICT MEETING
Second Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.

All are welcome!

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Message from Shane R District Committee Member

Hello District 5,

One of my new year's resolutions was to make use of an AA service the DCMs have access to: **Fellowship Connection**. I never received an orientation or information about what this is when I became DCM, but my understanding is that it is AA's database of all registered groups. I am able to pull a report of all groups in District 5 listed as active, along with that group's contact information. With this information, I am able to fulfill one of my duties of connecting with all the groups in District 5.

This past month I have been making phone calls and sending emails to determine if groups are still meeting, if the contact information is correct, and verifying that the Meeting Guide App is correct. The idea of physically getting to every single group in District 5 seemed overwhelming - this is much more manageable and realistic for me. I felt somewhat defeated in this task but am feeling better now that I am able to make progress with this.

Our District GSRs were given the agenda items and background information for the upcoming General Service Conference. They have been asked to bring this information back to their groups for discussion, consideration, and to be prepared to participate at both the District and Area level at the upcoming Delegate's Workshop and our next District meeting. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact your group's GSR. You are welcome to contact me, too.

I've heard some people refer to the District's plan to go hybrid beginning in May of this year as a "rumor" so I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of the following:

The District voted in favor of this in 2022.

The 2023 budget was created with funds allocated for purchasing hybrid equipment,

Hybrid meetings will begin in May at the Menomonie Leisure Center. The virtual component will be on Zoom with the same login information as we currently use.

We look forward to getting together in person again and hope to see you there!

Shane R, DCM

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Tradition 3: "The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."

Member Share on Step Three - Taylor H.

"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him"

Like most of the steps (and generally most every aspect of my life), I have a tendency to over complicate things. I suspect you readers may understand. When first reading this step and working through it with my sponsor, I thought I needed to make a grand gesture towards my conceptualized idea of a higher power and proudly proclaim, "I'M READY!"

But first: Did I really trust my version of God could help? Did I REALLY believe it was possible for me to turn it all over to Him? This was my dilemma. At this point in my journey to sobriety, I had been fortunate enough to have the gift of desperation. **I WAS ready.** But believing that a creator or God could fix everything as long as I turned it over to Him was a surprisingly hard shot of liquor to swallow.

Growing up, my family and I participated in a particular sect of Christianity that tainted my view of God and I spent most of my alcoholic years cursing him. So how in the world was I going to back and say, "Okay God, I was wrong. Here I am. Fix me. Do with me what you will."

"But the ex-problem drinker who has found this solution, who is properly armed with facts about himself, can generally win the entire confidence of another alcoholic in a few hours."

For me...and most of us I believe, it started with strong sponsorship. I had chosen a man who I believed had been just as bad as me, who had somehow beat this thing, and was living a "mostly" well-adjusted life. The way he explained the step was that even if I didn't feel like I could make a devout declaration to God...was I willing to believe in the possibility that if I took this step, I would be OKAY. The same way, part of me believed God didn't exist, wasn't it also then possible that He did? To my great relief, it wasn't so black and white.

I often hear people explain this step as, "Are you willing to do the rest of the steps?" and that always resonated with me. **Willingness was key.** I was willing enough to believe that it was within reason, mathematical probability, that if I was willing to turn it over to Him, I would be okay. However, that looked. That I would be given the strength to lick my alcoholism. So, I said the third step prayer and moved on to the steps.

Step 3's application happens for me on a daily basis now. There were two parts to the step. The initial "decision" and a decision I make every day to trust that something out there has been conspiring for me whether I believe it exists or not. And so far, that believe and decision has served me well.

-Taylor

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Concept III: "To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision

[District Calendar Click Here](#)

Area 74 Delegates Workshop and Area Committee Meeting

Saturday March 11th, 2023 Hybrid Meeting

Reiter Center
1858 S Michigan Street
Three Lakes, WI

Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 841 1096 5882 Passcode: 1212144

The doors, both virtual and physical, will be open at 9:30 AM CST Meeting starts at **10:00 AM CST**
There will be a limited number of Committees meeting by Zoom. The details are still being worked out.

- 10:00 AM Welcome by Delegate and Area Chair
 Explanation of process
- 10:15 AM Break out into discussion groups led by Standing Committee Chairs
- 12:15 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Reconvene into Discussion Groups by Committee
- 2:00 PM Workshop Committee Reports

The poster is for the 63rd Annual ALANO CLUB 12 GALA. It features a purple and black color scheme with a crown logo at the top. The event is split into two days: Saturday, March 11, 2023, and Sunday, March 12, 2023. The Saturday event is held at the Lismore Hotel in Eau Claire, WI, with doors opening at 4:30 PM and dinner at 5:30 PM. Tickets are \$35 per person. Guest speakers include Monica C. (Milwaukee, WI) and Cameron M. (Madison, WI). The Sunday event is a speaker and brunch event at the Alano Club 12 in Eau Claire, WI, with doors opening at 10:00 AM and a suggested donation of \$5 per person. The guest speaker is Pat I. (Plover, WI). Ticket sales begin at the end of January, and contact information for Beata M. (715-338-6167) is provided.

63rd Annual
ALANO CLUB 12 GALA

LISMORE HOTEL
333 Gibson Street
Eau Claire, WI 54701

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023

DOORS OPEN @4:30 P.M.
DINNER @5:30 P.M.
TICKETS: \$35/PERSON

Guest Speakers
Al-Anon: Monica C. | Milwaukee, WI
AA: Cameron M. | Madison, WI

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

ALANO CLUB 12
2926 Pomona Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54701

SPEAKER & BRUNCH EVENT
DOORS OPEN @10:00 A.M.
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$5/PERSON

Guest Speaker
AA: Pat I. | Plover, WI

Ticket sales begin at the end of January
For more information, call: Beata M. 715-338-6167



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Western Wisconsin Traveling Open Speaker Meeting

**at Hope Lutheran Church
NE corner of Eddy Lane & Starr Avenue
(3 blocks west of Hwy 53 on Eddy Lane)**

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

**Workshop, Potluck Supper (bring a dish to pass!)
& Open Speaker Meeting**

Hosted by the Northside Group & Hope Come Together

Schedule of Events

2:00 pm Workshop: The Home Group

5:30 pm Potluck Supper

7:00 pm Al-Anon Speaker

8:00 pm AA Speaker

Al-Anon Speaker: Kathy B from Eau Claire, WI

AA Speaker: Mark Z from Eau Claire, WI

Contact Randy D, 715-215-1289 for potluck info



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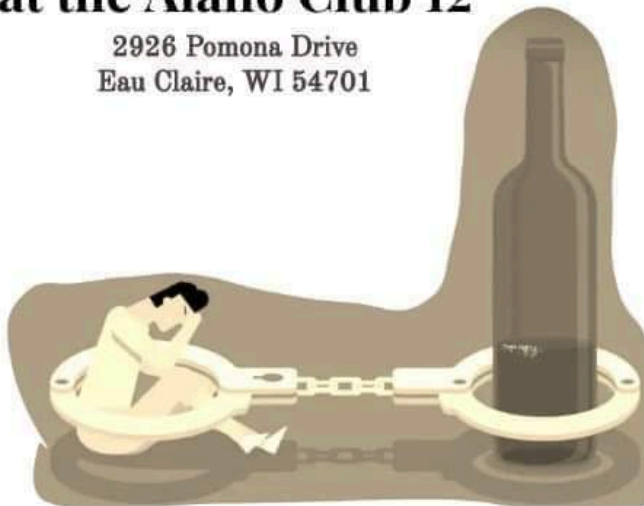
DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW STRUGGLE WITH ALCOHOL?

Have you heard about Alcoholics Anonymous but are unsure of what it is?

We invite all members of the public to hear AA members share their journey into recovery and answer your questions on what AA is and what it isn't.

**Tuesday, March 28th at 5PM
at the Alano Club 12**

2926 Pomona Drive
Eau Claire, WI 54701



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Eleva Step Group Annual Western WI. Traveling Potluck & Open Speaker Meeting

Saturday April 15, 2023

Save the date- details to be announced later!!

- Potluck Supper and Fellowship at Eleva Lutheran Church
- 50533 S. 2nd St. (one block west of HWY 93 on W. Pine St.)
- Hot Beef sandwiches will be provided
- *** Please bring a dish to pass! ***

Schedule of Events

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM AA Panel / Workshop Sponsored by District 05

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Social Hour

5 PM Potluck Supper

6 PM Al-Anon Speaker:

7 PM AA Speaker:

For more information: Contact Dennis Turner (715-318-3397)