



The District View

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District 05 Meeting in Menomonie, WI!
1412 6th Street E
Menomonie, WI 54751-3331
2nd Wed. of each month 6:45pm

If you know of an alcoholic willing to serve A.A. at the district level, this meeting is the place and time to do so! You can't keep what you have unless you give it away.

****We always are looking for your written experience, strength and hope experiences to add to future newsletters. Submissions can be made to The District View email at the top of this page.****

Step 10: "Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it."

Tradition 10: "Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy."

Concept 10: Every service opportunity should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

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District 05 of Area 74 Meeting

September 12, 2018 6:45 PM

Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th St E, Menomonie, WI 54751

Opening

- Serenity Prayer

Introductions

- 10 GSRs present.

Reports

- **Secretary** – Joe P.
 - Read last month’s minute highlights.
 - Sent around contact sheets for officers and GSRs (asked for additions, verification, and indication of GSR vs. Alt. GSR).
 - **Reports scheduled for October:** Corrections, PI, CPC, Treatment, Special Accessibilities.
 - Please try to get reports to the secretary before the meeting you’re due to give a report. An emailed report with or without an attachment is acceptable.
 - **Approved:** *Last month’s minutes approved without objection.*
- **Treasurer** – Sara D.
 - Report Period: 08/08/18-09/12/18
 - Checking Opening Balance: \$2721.88
 - Group Contributions: \$40.00
 - Expenses: \$20.25 (Leisure Center Rent)
 - Checking Closing Balance: \$2741.63
 - Current budget breakdown:

Budget Item	Remaining Budget	Yearly Budget
Administrative	\$208.38	\$800.00
DCM	\$885.00	\$1000.00
Alt. DCM	\$186.27	\$300.00
Archives	\$50.00	\$50.00
Corrections	\$41.75	\$500.00
CPC	\$25.14	\$250.00
Grapevine	\$100.00	\$100.00
Literature	\$50.00	\$50.00
Newsletter	\$150.00	\$150.00
PI	\$355.00	\$500.00
Rent	\$6.75	\$162.00

Special Accessibilities	\$100.00	\$100.00
Treatment	\$241.00	\$400.00
Webmaster	-\$1.02	\$120.00

- **Approved:** Report approved without objection.

The following reports were given and accepted:

- **District Committee Member (DCM) – Marybeth S.**

- Marybeth submitted a written report, which she summarized in person:

I attended the District Committee Meeting on August 11th in Three Lakes. The agenda was set for the Area Assembly to be held on September 15th in Wausau. Other business included the resignation of the Area Webmaster. A new Webmaster will be confirmed at the Assembly. Discussion continues regarding distribution of the “Now & Then.”

This past month I have been rather busy with family commitments and have not been as active in my DCM role. One of things I have come to realize is how important service work is in my recovery. It my hope that I will now again be able to increase my time to this role. I will be attending the Fall Conference and Area Assembly.

If your group is interested in hosting a workshop on service please contact our Alternate DCM - Paul H.

I am so honored to be of service and please contact me if you would like a representative from District 5 to attend one of your Group Conscience and/or Business Meetings. Yours in service, Marybeth S.

- **Alternate DCM – Paul H.**

- No report.

- **Cooperating with the Professional Community (CPC) – Pat T.**

- Pat reported there was no September meeting because of Labor Day.
- Be of service! Regular meetings take place on the first Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire. (Next meeting: October 1.)

- **Treatment – Matt A.**

- Matt reported that Brittany B. is still looking for women with three or more years of sobriety to go into Affinity House. Please announce at your home groups to get interest.
- Be of service! Regular meetings take place on the second Monday of each month, 6:45 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire. (Next meeting: October 8.)

- **Corrections – Ken P.**

- Ken reported that women are needed to go into the Eau Claire County Jail.
- In need of somebody who can schedule people to go into jails to conduct meetings.
 - Open to anybody who is interested in the position. Ken will put an announcement in the newsletter. He will also get a flier out soon.
 - If nobody can do the scheduling, Ken will do that but will resign as Corrections Chair.
- Better communication has been established with Pierce County Jail about intentions there.
- Be of service! Regular meetings take place on the first Monday of February, May, August, and November, 7:00 PM, Club 12 (small building), Eau Claire. (Next meeting: November 5.)

- **Special Accessibilities – Brett Z.**

- No report.
- Be of service! Regular meetings will occur at a time yet to be determined. Contact Brett to help.

- **Public Information (PI)** – Doug H.
 - Myron reported launch of reaching out to homeless shelters and women’s shelters at next meeting.
 - Be of service! Regular meetings take place on the third Wednesday of odd-numbered months, 6:30 PM, Alano Club, River Falls. (Next meeting: September 19.)
- **Literature** – Cole K.
 - No report.
- **Archives** – Stephe C.
 - Stephe submitted emailed report:
 - Still working on cleaning up the audio from the Archives Workshop in July.
 - No events planned.
- **Grapevine** – Bryon B.
 - No report.
- **Webmaster** – Andy B.
 - Andy submitted emailed report: Nothing to report.
- **Newsletter** – Myron M.
 - Myron reported that he continues to look for submissions/articles, so please send things to Myron: thedistrictview@gmail.com
 - Myron reported that he really enjoys working on the newsletter.
- **Intergroup** – Variable Representative
 - No report.
 - Be of service! Regular meetings take place the fourth Wednesday of each month, 6:00 PM, Club 12, Eau Claire. (Next meeting: September 26.)
- **WICYPAA** – Variable Representative
 - No report.
- **Recovery on the River Jamboree** – Derek B.
 - Three-day round-up type event.
 - There will be an election next month for Entertainment Chair: October 7, 2018, 4:00 PM, Club 12.
 - Programs subcommittee will meet on September 22, 12:00 PM, Coffee Grounds.

District 05 Meeting Updates

- No updates.

Old Business

- **Budget**
 - Please come up with your committee budgets for planning in October.
 - Marybeth and Sara and did not have time to review financials, but they will get together to do that soon.
 - There was brief discussion about where to budget workshop expenses when they occur outside of committees. (Perhaps a separate Workshop budget category?)
 - There was general agreement that if there is a joint workshop, the costs would be split amongst the committees involved.

New Business

- **Coffee Supplies**
 - Somebody is needed to make sure there is coffee, supplies, and cups are available. Sara D. will do that.

- **Assembly Agenda**

- See the full agenda in the current issue of the “Now & Then” newsletter.
- Motions about electronic distribution of the “Now & Then” newsletter and making co-editors be two year rotational positions were withdrawn.
- Discussion about trusting the “Now & Then” editors to clean up the distribution list.
 - Marybeth feels comfortable seeing if things can be sorted out over the next few months.
 - General agreement, after discussion about options.
 - Perhaps we could see a mailing list and help clean it up. Maybe other DCMs could help too. (Marybeth will bring this up at the Area Assembly.)

- **New Area 74 Webmaster**

- Lucas M. put his name in for approval as Area 74 Webmaster at the Area Assembly in Wausau.

- **Tradition 7/Concept 7**

- Shane S. will present next time.

GSR Sharing

- Agenda item for October: Anybody scheduled to give a report should email them to Joe before the meeting.
- Comment that a joint committee workshop is a good idea. Discussion will happen regarding that possibility amongst the committee chairs soon.
- Opinion that the Recovery on the River Jamboree should get a report each month. Report is noted above and will continue in the future.

Closing

- Responsibility Statement

Next Meeting: October 10, 2018.

- Normally scheduled reports: Corrections, PI, CPC, Treatment, Special Accessibilities.

Members' Views

...on STEP #10

“For the wise have always known that no one can make much of his life until self-searching becomes a regular habit, until he is able to admit and accept what he finds, and until he patiently and persistently tries to correct what is wrong.”

--Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, pg. 88

I cannot stake a claim of wisdom for myself, most certainly not yet. Nor am I yet well-skilled at self-restraint in talk or action; for my quick temper, honed by a lifetime of prideful self-justification supercharged by fear, is sure to take much time and concerted counter-action to overcome. That’s why an alcoholic like me needs to make a persistent, daily practice of Step Ten.

Bill W.’s reminder, “It is a spiritual axiom that every time we are disturbed, no matter what the cause, there is something wrong *with us*.” cuts me to the quick every time I am reminded of it, for it’s a rare day that I don’t get disturbed by something or by someone’s actions. The old and very helpful advice to “count to ten” before reacting to such a disturbance provides me the time to reach for Step Ten, and hopefully to avoid creating yet another need to make an amend.

I have been more successful thus far in my A.A. program at adopting the end-of-day Step Ten inventory. In fact, I find this practice to be calming, spiritually rewarding, and a perfect way to “put the day to bed.” Yes, each day there are failings to acknowledge and motives to examine. But there are also some things I’ve done pretty well, and they, too, merit attention. My evening Step Ten is how I learn about myself in recovery today, because surely the best way to tell *how I’m doing* is to look at *what I’m doing*. My evening Step Ten also stimulates humility and a need to go directly into Step Eleven before gratefully retiring for the day.

An AA Member

...on TRADITION #10

“Therefore it is evident that the harmony, security, and future effectiveness of A.A. will depend largely upon our maintenance of a thoroughly nonaggressive and pacific attitude in all our public relations.”

--Twelve Concepts for World Service, pg. 67

A.A. was born amid the turmoil and suffering of the Great Depression. Internationally, fascism was on the rise and sabers were being rattled. A controversial U.S. president was seen as a savior by many, but as an existential threat to the Constitution by others. Now eighty years on, and the more things change and the faces change, the more they stay the same: nations and factions grasping at one another's throats.

Then as now, inside of A.A. noisy squabbles raged over questions of anonymity, group management and money—always about the money. For the alcoholic members of A.A., however, these internal arguments were largely over how best to serve the still-suffering ones, and how best to preserve the new fellowship. Historians tell us there's never been a serious civil war within A.A.

In my own experience, I can think of only two instances of a member bringing outside issues into the rooms of A.A. In both cases, the more senior members quietly let it be known that such demonstrations are most unwelcome. I have known some members for years, and have not the least idea of their political or cultural leanings or outside affiliations. In an A.A. setting these questions are irrelevant. What a blessing! If A.A. was not a haven from the messy noise of society at large, how differently would I value my membership?

Do A.A. members exercise personal opinions on outside issues? Of course they do, as do I. But in recovery, the Big Book cautions us to cease fighting anyone and anything.

Remarkably, Tradition Ten extends this same warning to all of A.A.: As Bill W. phrased it in his essay, “As by some deep instinct, we A.A.'s have known from the very beginning that we must never, no matter what the provocation, publicly take sides in any fight, even a worthy one.” For the fellowship as well as for the individual alcoholic, this is a matter of self-preservation.

An A.A. Member

Members' Views will share brief essays submitted by District05 A.A. members. Please send your views to thedistrictview@district05.org

A.A. Service View

The Cleveland Contributions to A.A.

“The early Cleveland experience of Alcoholics Anonymous was different, at times weirdly so.”

--Ernest Kurtz, Not-God, A History of Alcoholics Anonymous, 1979. Published by Hazelden.

Cleveland, Ohio was the first city where the early growth of A.A. was not dominated and personally lead by a co-founder. As a result of this ‘orphan’ status, and aided by early positive publicity, A.A.'s in the city were impelled by the pressures of rapid growth to create for themselves three bedrock principles of A.A. service that we take for granted today.

The first A.A.'s in Cleveland got the program from Dr. Bob S. in Akron. Following the arrival of the Big Book in 1939, they became the first “A.A. laboratory” for independent group formation and management. Groups formed, grew and split rapidly. Soon all close interconnections among the original members became diluted. Leaders quickly grasped that rotating committee membership, based solely on length of sobriety, was the only hope of keeping everyone in touch and involved. Thus they invented the concept of the ‘*spirit of rotation.*’

At the same time, as new groups metastasized at a rate that far outpaced the establishment of personal relationships, their committees realized they must make decisions based solely upon A.A. principles rather than personal preferences. Born of necessity, the concept of ‘*principles before personalities*’ became the standard. This concept has the inherent benefit of building loyalty to the A.A. fellowship instead of dependence upon, and deference to, any individual members.

The third A.A. concept, and perhaps the most crucial, that first arose in the flood of growth in Cleveland in the early 1940's is the formalization of the tradition of ‘*sponsorship.*’ This was the only means by which

they could help such large numbers of newcomers to the program while at the same time satisfy the need of current members to ‘keep it by giving it all away.’

While New York and Akron share A.A. fame as the places ‘where it all began’ under the co-founders, we owe a debt of gratitude to the early A.A. pioneers of Cleveland, whose pragmatic solutions to the challenges of runaway expansion of the fellowship have given us concepts of A.A. service that continue to serve us well today.

An A.A. Member

Monthly District 05 Events: District 05 Monthly GSR Meeting is held at 6:45pm, on the second Wednesday of each month, at the Leisure Center, 1412 Sixth St., Menomonie, WI. Any AA members are welcome to attend.

District 05 Committees offer AA service opportunities for alcoholics who want to help carry the AA message. **Unless otherwise noted, committees meet at Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.**

Treatment Facilities Committee meets at 6:45pm on the 2nd Monday of every month.

Corrections Committee meets monthly at 7:00pm on the 1st Monday of February, May, August, and November.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee meets at 6:30pm on the 1st Monday of every month.

Public Information Committee meets in the ODD months (Jan, Mar, May, etc.) at 6:30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at River Falls Alano club.

Chippewa Valley Intergroup meets at 6:00pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

** Care is taken to include all events. If your event is not listed we regret the error. To list your group's event please contact your GSR, any district officer, or the website editor before the 20th of the month preceding the event.

Calendar View

The District05 website, www.district05.org maintains the most up-to-date listing of A.A. events in our vicinity. If you click on an event on the Events Calendar, any flyer that has been provided for the event will appear for you to print. Please check in there regularly to keep connected with local A.A. happenings. To have your event listed on the Events Calendar, email to webmaster@district05.org

October 2018:

- 1st -- **C.P.C. Committee Meeting**, 6:30pm, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.
- 8th -- **Treatment Committee Meeting**, 6:45pm, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.
- 10th -- **District 05 Monthly Meeting**, 6:45pm, Menomonie Leisure Center
- 24th -- **Chippewa Valley Intergroup Meeting**, 6pm, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr., Eau Claire.

November 2018:

- 3rd – **4th Step Workshop**, 12:30-5pm, River Falls Alano, Hwy. 29 and County FF, River Falls.
- 5th -- **C.P.C. Committee Meeting**, 6:30pm, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.
- 5th -- **Corrections Committee Meeting**, 7pm, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.
- 12th -- **Treatment Committee Meeting**, 6:45pm, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr. in Eau Claire.
- 14th -- **District 05 Monthly Meeting**, 6:45pm, Menomonie Leisure Center
- 21st -- **P.I. Committee Meeting**, 6:30pm, River Falls Alano, Hwy. 29 and County FF, River Falls.
- 28th -- **Chippewa Valley Intergroup Meeting**, 6pm, Alano Club 12, 2926 Pomona Dr., Eau Claire.

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Your comments, suggestions and essay submissions are most welcome! Please send them by email to the same address, above.



When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there.

WOMEN especially are needed to take AA meetings into the Eau Claire County Jail.

Next Orientation Probably in **October** So Get Your Application In Now!

Due to life changes and other factors, our number of volunteers has diminished. In order to keep up with the schedule of meetings we need more volunteers, **especially women**.

The District 05 Corrections Committee recommends a minimum of one full year of sobriety and that you have worked the 12 Steps with a sponsor.

The jail staff will approve or disapprove a volunteer based on the following guidelines:

- The volunteer is not currently on probation.
- Has been off of probation for over a year.
- Has not been in the Eau Claire County Jail for over 3 years. Including weekend stays
- Does not have any active cases going thru the court system.
- Is an "active member" of society (has been working, has a place to live)
- Pass the background check
- The easiest way to sum up everything is, each volunteer needs to be off probation, has not been arrested, or been in the Eau Claire County Jail for the last 3 years, and does not have an open case within the last 3-5 years.

Volunteer application forms are available on the District05.org website. Click on the "Committee Information" tab, then on "Corrections", then Eau Claire County. Complete the application and email it to mrebby227@gmail.com or mail it to:

Corrections Committee, PO Box 2142 Eau Claire WI 54702

If you need an application printed, call or text Ken Presley at 507-884-9954 and he will get a copy to you.

On behalf of the District 05 Corrections Committee, thank you for considering being of service to incarcerated alcoholics. If you have any questions contact Ken Presley at the email or number listed above.

Service position open for Corrections Committee

(And you don't need to go to jail!)

The Corrections Committee for AA District 05 needs a person who is organized and can use a computer to schedule people to go into jail meetings. This person does not need to qualify to take meetings into correctional facilities.

The scheduler takes a list of volunteers already qualified for meetings, applies the volunteers' stated preferences for days they are available and puts the names on a calendar. This is done once every 3 months.

Requirements are at least one year of sobriety, access to a computer and have an active email account, since much of our correspondence is done via email. (Familiarity with a program using calendar functions can be taught. Many easy, free programs are available so the person does not need to have that on their computer right now.)

Perfect opportunity for someone who wants to be of service to alcoholics, but does not want to go into jails, or does not qualify to go into correctional facilities.

If you are interested, contact Ken Presley at mrebbby227@gmail.com or call/text 507-884-9954.

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