

The District View

Serving AA in Pierce, Pepin, Buffalo, Eau Claire and Trempealeau counties, and portions of Saint Croix, Dunn and Chippewa counties

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District 5 Meetings

Second Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.

1412 6th Street E

Menomonie, WI

Zoom ID: 7160819669 Password: 300255

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New York, NY 10163

District 05

New PO Box 1902,
Eau Claire WI, 54702



Have you had an experience when you or your groups used AA principles to quiet those pesky personality conflicts?

How about success with other steps, traditions or concepts?

Let your fellow AAs know how by submitting your story to thedistrictview@gmail.com

Principles over Personalities

A favored meeting is going through what many AA groups are probably experiencing at the moment: How do you reconcile the opinions, needs and fears of group members in light of COVID-19?

This Eau Claire meeting reverted to online sessions exclusively in the early stages of the virus shutdown. Initially, seeing fellow AAs even as small squares on a screen was welcome. There was the added fun of having those occasional visitors from Vermont or Texas.

But the number of attendees was also significantly lower

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Step 7 Humbly ask Him to remove your shortcomings.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 District 6 Public information, Cooperating with the Professionals Community 7:45 p.m. Alano Club, 76 E Central St. , Chippewa Falls	3	4
5	6 District Cooperating with the Professional Community 6:30 p.m. Alano Club 12 2926 Pomona Drive, Eau Claire	7 Corrections meeting Zoom ID 7160819669 Password:300255	8 District 5 meeting 6:45 p.m. Zoom ID: 7160819669 Password: 300255	9	10	11
12	13 Public information committee 6:15 p.m. Unitarian Universalist, 421 S. Farwell, Eau Claire	14	15	16 District 6 meeting 7:45 p.m. Alano Club, 76 East Central Street, Chippewa Falls Zoom ID: 895-073-7691 Password: 54729	17	18
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Tradition 7 Every AA group ought to be fully self- supporting, declining outside contributions.

News from AA districts, area and General Services Office

- ♥ Read how District 5's committees for public information and outreach to corrections and treatment centers are [continuing their service with COVID-19 restrictions in the minutes](#) from the district's June meeting.
- ♥ You can join a [District 6 hybrid meeting](#) this Thursday to discuss public information and corrections during the pandemic. Meet in person at 7:45 p.m. in the Alano Club, 76 E Central St., Chipewewa Falls or online: Zoom ID: 895-073-7691, Password: 54729
- ♥ AA's General Service Office in New York is [wrestling with the consequences of the pandemic](#). Read about the GSO response in the current edition of the organization's newsletter: [Box 4-5-9](#)
- ♥ GSO has **opportunities for service with two openings for non-trustee director positions**, one for the AA Grapevine and the second for AA World Service. Deadline for the AA Grapevine opening is July 17, and July 24 for AA World Service. [Requirements and other information are available here.](#)
- ♥ The [2020 International Convention, a Virtual Experience](https://2020convention.aa.org), opened July 1 at <https://2020convention.aa.org>. It will run through the month of July.

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Principles over Personalities

than the usual pre-pandemic in-person meeting, and there were no newcomers.

Eventually, the yen for in-person meetings drove several members to begin gathering in the Eau Claire Alano Club. Chairs are set far apart. Some members wear masks. There is no handholding during the serenity prayer.

The on-line meeting, however, has persisted. In some instances, attendees with risk factors are protecting themselves. Others are worried about the elderly people for whom they are responsible. This on-line meeting is serving a good purpose.

So, some say, let's blend on-line with in-person. Enter personalities.

Individuals have walked out of meetings when the computer enters the room. Some fear the loss of anonymity if the in-person meeting is broadcast to the virtual session. Several members say they find talking to their fellow AAs on-line to be too sterile.

Enter principles?

A group conscience is, of course, the principle for resolution. So far, the two groups have not reached an accord and are carrying on separately. We miss each other.

Debbie F.



7th Concept The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the AA purse for final effectiveness.