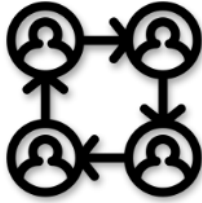


The District 5 View

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: 716 081 9669 Password: 300 255

The District Meeting is where you can serve AA.

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Get an **email subscription** or **share** your experience, strength and hope with a note, an article or a letter to:

thedistrictview@gmail.com. See past editions of this newsletter at www.district05.org.

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Alcoholic Anonymous

Box 459, Grand Central Station,
New York, NY 10163

District 05

New PO Box 1902,
Eau Claire WI, 54702



Accessibilities Committee: Don't let special needs stand in the way of sobriety

We are looking to make AA accessible to everyone who wants it and are hoping you or someone from your group might join the Accessibilities Committee.

The Accessibilities Committee is a resource for information and experience in the area of accessibility and special needs. Committee members explore, develop and offer resources to make the AA message and participation in our program available to everyone who reaches out for it.

Accessibility challenges may include:

- Hearing impaired

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In this edition:

- ♥ Flimsy Reed is celebrating seven years
- ♥ November Calendar of Events
- ♥ News from AA districts, area and General Services Office



Step 11 Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out..

Updates available at www.district05.org

Send your updates to: webmaster@district05.org / thedistrictview@gmail.com

Special Events

Flimsy Reed: Seventh Anniversary 7 p.m.
 Nov. 6. Zoom ID: 833 2997 5412 Password:
 Flimsy. See attached flyer

Bridging the Gap 7 p.m. Nov. 7.
 Zoom ID: 863 2886 7958 Password: 730 236

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 District 5 CPC 7:30 p.m. Zoom ID: 716 081 9669 Password: 300 255	3	4 Accessibilities Com- mittee 6 p.m. Zoom ID: 727 737 4935 Password: 111 680	5	6 Flimsy Reed 7th Anniversary 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 833 2997 5412 Password: Flimsy	7 Bridging the Gap Between treatment and AA 7 p.m. Zoom ID: 863 2886 7958 Password: 730 236
8	9 PI Committee 421 S. Farwell, Eau Claire Zoom ID: 557 003 651 Treatment Committee elections Zoom ID: 716 081 9669 Password: 300 255 Treatment Committee, 6:45 p.m., Club 12	10	11 District 5 6:45 p.m. Zoom ID: 716 081 9669 Password: 300 255	12	13	14
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Tradition 11 Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

News from AA districts, area and General Service Office

- ♥ How are things going in your home district? Read about it the October [District 5's committee minutes](#).
- ♥ A new, supplemental edition of the GSO publication *Box 4-5-9* is available at [Box 4-5-9](#).
- ♥ There will be changes to *AA Grapevine* subscriptions beginning Jan. 1, 2021. See more information [here](#).
- ♥ The General Services Office has announced another withdrawal from the organization's reserves because of a \$2 million slump in contributions. Please see attached letter.
- ♥ You can subscribe to the Area 74 newsletter, *Now and Then*, by contacting area74newsletter@gmail.com
- ♥ To keep up with the location of meetings in the district as well as information on which meetings you can attend online, be sure to visit district05.org.

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- Sight impaired
- Traumatic brain injured
- Homebound
- In need of assistance getting to or into a meeting
- Temporarily hospitalized
- In a nursing home
- Illiterate
- Language barriers
- Learning disabilities

We are called to unity, not uniformity. Our Big Book says, “We are people who normally would not mix,” and this is especially true for someone who can’t access the gift of sobriety and full inclusion to the fellowship.

“When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.”

Please consider discussing the Accessibilities Committee in your groups and joining us in this important and rewarding service. The committee meets the first Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting ID: 727 737 4935, Password: 111 680.

Jim Schumacher 715-577-3432 (Voice and text)

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11th Concept The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

"What seemed at first a flimsy reed has proved to be the loving and powerful hand of God"



PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE

FLIMSY REED!

A meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous



We're turning SEVEN, so we thought we'd share our experience, strength, & hope with everyone!

Speaker:

Sam S. – Eau Claire, WI

Snacks will be provided (by you!)

Venmo: @flimsyreed



Friday, November 6th, 2020 @7:00 pm

**Flimsy Reed Zoom ID: 833 2997 5412
Password: Flimsy**



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communications to:**

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October 7, 2020

Dear friends and trusted servants,

I am writing to inform you that the General Service Board has authorized a drawdown of \$1.5 million from the Reserve Fund by A.A. World Services, Inc. to cover cash flow requirements in the 4th quarter of 2020.

Note: This will put the Reserve Fund balance at approximately \$13.1 million, which reflects a level of approximately 7.8 months of office operating expenses. (The Reserve Fund calculation is based on recent actual operating expenses.)

Evaluating the finances and cash flow, even with the continued increase in Seventh Tradition contributions, we still expect a decrease in income from last year of more than \$2 million, which creates this immediate cash flow pressure.

Previously, in May, A.A.W.S. drew down \$3 million to address the sudden emergency situation related to the severe drop in revenue we saw in March and April. Also, over the summer we refunded nearly \$4 million for 2020 International Convention registrations.

Note: We received \$972,000 as an advance against our International Convention insurance claim to recover lost income, and we expect the balance of the claim to be paid out very soon.

Since May—through September—the groups have responded with breathtaking generosity in their Seventh Tradition contributions, which have ensured continuation of services to the Fellowship. For six months (March through August), our publishing revenue was well below budgeted levels, but September saw a positive uptick in literature sales. Not a trend yet, but very encouraging. We have cut expenses in as many key areas as possible, without affecting quality of literature production or delivery of services.

The office presented a reforecast 2020 budget to the Board in August, and we are constantly updating and reporting financial results to the trusted servants with fiduciary responsibility for the operating corporation. We have begun work on the 2021 operating budget, with three quarters of 2020 actual results now available.

And, at the direction of the Board, we wanted to share this latest information with you.

Sincerely yours, in service to A.A.,



G. Gregory Tobin
General Manager