



District 5 Meeting

Second Wednesday,
6:45 p.m.

1412 6th Street E
Menomonie, WI

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The first letter from AA's new General Service Office manager

Dear AA Friends,

It is with much gratitude and joy that I share my first communication with you as General Manager of the General Service Office. By way of introduction for those who don't know me, my name is Bob and I'm an alcoholic! I have crossed paths with many of you throughout my years of service to our Fellowship and I am overjoyed to continue the many friendships I have forged and look forward to many more.

As your General Manager, my primary focus is service — service to all of you: our members, your groups, our boards and all the employees of the General Service Office. As I contemplate the word service and what it means to me, I am reminded of what I was taught early on in AA. "It's not so much *what* we do but *how* we do it." The spirit of that philosophy is my vision for the office and a guide for me in how I desire to serve; with kindness, patience, tolerance and love — rooted in our principles.

Speaking of our principles, my vision for our office is not really mine, it's ours. It was defined for us years ago by our co-founders and is memorialized in the Three Legacies. My focus and priority is to infuse the spiritual principles (embodied particularly in our Twelve Concepts, but also in our Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions) into the daily operations of the office.

With this in mind, efforts are in motion to establish a monthly "1728 Meeting" for all

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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.

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Special events:

Flimsy Reed celebrates 8 years Nov. 5. See attached flyer.

Workshops on the Traditions continue in River Falls on Thursdays. See attached flyer.

Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 25, Club 12. See attached flyer.

November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Flimsy Reed Celebrates 8 years See attached flyer	6 Waupaca Intergroup. See attached flyer Public Information Pizza Party See attached flyer
7	8 Treatment Committee Elections, See attached flyer	9 Public Information Treatment	10 District 5 6:45 p.m. Zoom ID: 716 081 9669 Password: 300 255	11	12	13 4th Step Workshop River Falls See attached flyer
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Thanksgiving Dinner Club 12 See attached flyer	26	27
28	29	30				



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. ₂

News from AA districts, area and General Service Office

- ♥ How are things going in your home district? Read about it at the [District 5's committee minutes](#).
- ♥ 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.
- ♥ The latest edition of the Area 74 newsletter *Now and Then* is available [here](#). Included in this edition are the results of a survey about Area 74.
- ♥ A [video](#) on aa.org describes the structure of AA for those who may be lost in all the acronyms.

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employees of GSO and the trustees and directors of our boards. The name “1728” is taken from the meeting established by our Class A (nonalcoholic) trustees many years ago. It’s still held during each Board Weekend, for the purpose of broadening their understanding of our Steps, Traditions and Concepts (12x12x12=1728). The meeting format will give all in attendance the opportunity to learn about and apply our principles to current projects and issues. We will also be including presentations of our principles during all employee and department meetings.

With the support and unity of all three of our boards, we are restructuring the General Sharing Session, which is held during our Board Weekends, and reinstating the “town hall” style meeting. This will prove to be very effective in the infusion of our principles; not only in the office operations, but also the working relationships with the boards. The spirit of this meeting will allow for wide participation with no fear of reprisal.

Covid has been difficult on our groups, families, and our lives in general. It’s been a long road for the employees of GSO . I’m very happy to announce that we have returned to the office at 475 Riverside Drive on October 1. Our primary focus is the health and safety of all our employees. To this end, most employees will have a hybrid schedule allowing them to continue to work from home a few days per week. Unfortunately, we will have to continue our current visitor policy and will not be able to entertain outside visitors to the office. Welcoming visitors to GSO has always been an important part of our history and it is my hope that we will be able to reinstitute office visits and tours after the first of the year.

I realize some of these changes have caused challenges for some of you when interacting with the office. I want to express my gratitude for your candor in letting us know the details of your experiences. This is helpful. The services provided by the General Service Office are the reason why we are here. My commitment to each and every one of you is that the office provide you all with a high level of service.

I know many of us were disappointed with the cancellation of our International Convention last year. Recently, I travelled to Vancouver, British Columbia, to participate in the beginning of our preparations for the 2025 Convention. I returned filled with hope. The enthusiasm of the membership and friends from Western Canada was infectious, and we couldn’t ask for a more beautiful venue for our celebration. Please begin your early planning thoughts now.

In closing, in my three months serving in this role, I have been touched in so many ways. The dedication of each and every employee of the General Service Office is inspiring. With the challenges of working remotely, preparing to return to the office, and navigating our first in person/hybrid Board Weekend in October, the office continues to carry out its mission with humility, unity, and good spirits. I look forward to keeping in touch with all of you regularly and seeing many of you in person very soon.

Bob W.



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.

A space-themed birthday invitation for Flimsy Reed. The background is a dark blue night sky with a large yellow moon in the top left, a satellite in the top right, and various planets and stars. The text is centered and reads: "Flimsy Reed turns 8! join us for a birthday celebration friday, november 5th 416 Niagara st potluck at 5:00 pm speaker at 6:00 pm meat and cupcakes provided bring a dish to pass".

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Speakeasy **Waupaca InterGroup**

Saturday, November 6, 2021

**Fellowship at 5 pm, Dinner at 6 pm
(Spaghetti Dinner)**

Faith Community Church, N2541 County Road K, Waupaca, WI

Speaker

**Kris K. Area 75 Panel 69 Past Delegate - currently
serving as Area 75 Grapevine/LaVina Committee Chair.**

Bring a dish to pass, 50/50 Raffle with door prizes



DISTRICT 05

PI PIZZA PARTY

SATURDAY, NOV 6TH

5-7PM

ALANO CLUB 12



FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!

For more information, contact us at pi@district05.org

IT'S TIME TO PAY IT
FORWARD.

TREATMENT COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

*Secretary, Treasurer,
Treatment Coordinators
needed. Attend our
elections meeting Monday
November 8th at 6:45 on Zoom
Meeting ID: 716 081 9669
Password: 300255*

**WE APPRECIATE EVERY
HELPING HAND WE CAN GET!**

YOUR SERVICE
MAKES A WORLD OF A DIFFERENCE IN
THE LIVES OF STILL SUFFERING
ALCOHOLICS



Big Book 4th Step Inventory Workshop

When – Saturday November 13th 2021

Time – 12:30pm to 5pm

Where – River Falls Alano Club

Based on the Big Book using Joe and Charlie 4th step worksheets. You will be working on a 4th Step.

Requirement – must have worked/completed Steps 1-2-3 with a sponsor.

Worksheets, Pen/pencil will be provided.

Bring your Big Book; Books will be available if you don't have one

Bring your own Snack/Beverage & Willingness!!

Questions? Call Andy W 651-206-0019 / Gary S 715-425-9973

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FREE



THANKSGIVING • DINNER •

HOSTED AT CLUB 12

2926 POMONA DRIVE / EAU CLAIRE, WI

NOVEMBER 25, 2021

DOORS OPEN AT 9AM / MEAL AT 3PM

TURKEY, HAM AND TRADITIONAL FIXIN'S. MASHED POTATOES, STUFFING, GRAVY AND COFFEE ARE PROVIDED THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS IF POSSIBLE.

A TIME FOR RECOVERING PEOPLE, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS TO CELEBRATE GRATITUDE TOGETHER.

THIS EVENT ONLY HAPPENS BECAUSE OF VOLUNTEERS! HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED. PLEASE COME EARLY TO ASSIST WITH SETUP, COOKING, SERVING DURING THE MEAL, OR STAY TO CLEAN. PARTICIPATION IS A GREAT WAY TO FEEL MORE A PART OF THIS EVENT!

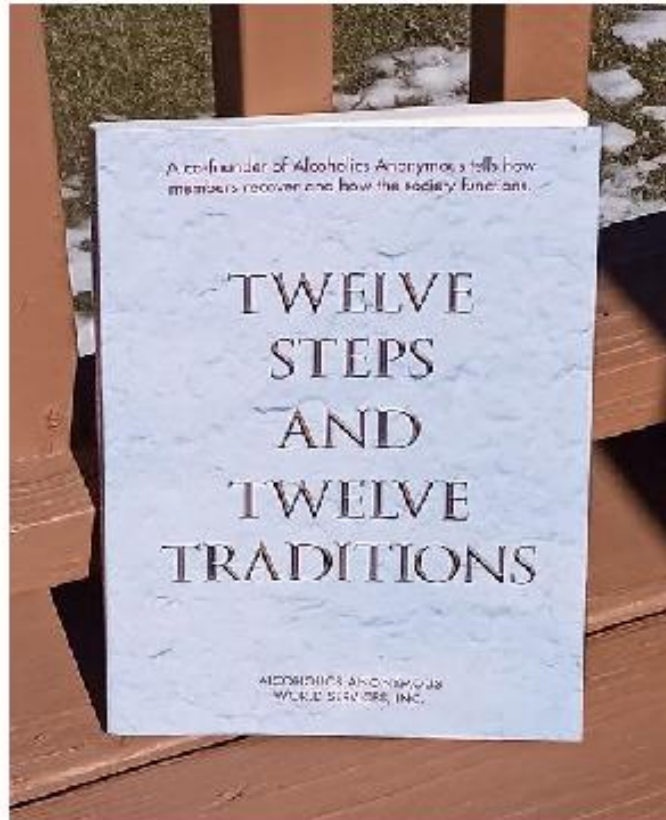
IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE AHEAD OF TIME, PLEASE CALL...

DAVID G. 715-450-0743 / SUE S. 715-271-2074
MARYBETH 715-559-2546 / TERRY H. 715-530-1832

12 Traditions Workshop

Starts – Thursday April 1st 2021

Time – 6 pm to 7 pm; Where – River Falls Alano Club



We will go through a tradition every week.

Bring your 12 x 12, if you have one. We also will have copies at the club, if you need one.

Everyone welcome, especially sponsors and sponsees

Questions? Call Wynne M 715-821-8248 / Myron M 715-220-6056