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I didn't quit drinking because I was a bad drunk. I quit because I was a spectacular drunk. It got to be like a video game, where you get to the highest level and it's not even a challenge anymore.

[David Feherty](#)

David Feherty. (n.d.). AZQuotes.com.

Retrieved May 18, 2022, from

AZQuotes.com Web site:

<https://www.azquotes.com/quote/12752>

May 12, 2022 Treasurer's Report

Starting balance	\$	6,779.36
Deposits		
District 1 4/14 meeting - 7th Tradition	\$	20.00
Never on Sunday	\$	300.65
Early Risers	\$	<u>161.00</u>
Total Deposits	\$	481.65
Payments		
Adobe AcroPro (newsletter) Autopay - May.	\$	(15.81)
Chad Clement (Intergroup Expense)	\$	(200.00)
Spectrum - Autopay Apr.	\$	(39.00)
Digicopy-April	\$	(29.02)
Digicopy (paper for DCM)	\$	<u>(6.28)</u>
Total Payments	\$	(290.11)
Subtotal starting balance + deposits - payments	\$	6,970.90
Prudent Reserve	\$	<u>(1,300.00)</u>
Available Funds	\$	5,670.90

**DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING
(HYBRID)
April 14, 2022**

Attendance

DCM	Lauren P.		
Alt. DCM	Mike N.		
Secretary	Donna Y.	Alt. Secretary	Cheryl R.
Treasurer	Katie D.		
Newsletter/Webmaster	Doug F.		
Grapevine	Sherry W.		
Corrections	Eric-Men/Lindy H.-Women		
Bridging the Gap	Gail N.		
PI/CPC	Linda S.		
Archives	Jeff E		
Accessibilities/ Hot Line	William W		
District Events	Lynn		

GSR Reports

- Mark P. – Recovery Crusaders – No written report**
- Donna Y. – Letting Go – Holding business meeting to discuss Guidelines. Because numbers have been down, donations will be made twice a year.**
- Cheryl – BYOB - The Tuesday B.Y.O.B.B (bring your own big book) meeting will be moving from a meeting to a group. We meet at 7:00pm at St John the Baptist in Howard. We elected a GSR- Cheryl R, a GSRA- Jon S, Secretary-Dave W, and Mike N is the treasurer. I will be filling out the paperwork that needs to be submitted to Area before mailing off to NY. Great meeting reading and discussing the Big Book. Mixture of sobriety with newcomers showing up. Come join us.**
- Mary – Women in Present (in-person) – No written report.**
- Mike N.- Early Risers- The Early Risers Group of Alcoholics’ Anonymous meets every Saturday at 8am, including holidays, at St. John the Baptist Church in Howard.**

This group is steeped in the tradition of its' founders in service and in keeping of the 12 Traditions of AA, including a Tradition meeting followed by a short Business Meeting the 3rd Saturday of each month. This month, being busy in the Holy season and the end of school has been a challenge venue wise, but whether we meet in the school commons, the basement of the old chapel or someplace new and exciting, we DO MEET, consume coffee, revel in fellowship and do the spiritual "business" of AA as our founders intended. Numbers are a healthy 20-30 on any given Saturday, please consider being one of them

Melissa – Saturday Sober Sisters – No written report

Paul – Serenity Now Group – Meets at Calvary Lutheran Mon., Wed, & Fri. at Noon-1 p.m. Attendance is returning to pre-Covid levels and occasionally exceed 50 participants. The Intergroup meeting has garnered a lot of inquiries. The speakers, fellowship, and potluck dinner should provide an interesting & informative experience for all attendees.

The 16th anniversary of founding of Serenity Now group was celebrated on April, 2022. Chili Cook-off and fellowship to be held on April 30 at the 218 Club. A summer cookout is being organized for Serenity Now Group. Plans and activities are being finalized.

Polly – Women in the Present- We meet every Thursday evening 7 to 8:15 pm. Average attendance of 15. Our Red Can collection be currently for corrections materials/ literature.

Robert – Zoom into Recovery – meetings going well. Participation between 24-28 people daily. Meetings 3 pm daily, 7 days a week virtually.

William - Guest Speaker Meeting at the 218 Club on Wednesdays at 7 PM.-

The meeting is getting regular new timers in attendance and also getting speakers signing up on the board at the 218 Club. The meeting is making donations to the GSO and intentions to send donations to the district and other areas of need.

Bruce – Spiritual Awakening - No written report.

Lynn B. – Eye Opener Group – Business Meeting to discuss distribution of books the group has and how many to order in future on April 30th after normal 10 a.m. Meeting. Also @ meeting will be discussed changing format of meeting (to improve attendance) and distribution of coffee and other supplies no longer being used. Look forward to return of our “snow birds” and outdoor meetings.

John – Never on Sunday - @ Bridge @ 9:30 Sunday. Well attended with 15-25 members. Great mix of newcomers and long term sobriety. Quite a few of 1st timers and out-of-town guests.

DISTRICT CHAIR REPORTS

District Events- Lynn L.

- ❖ 4th and 5th Step Spring Retreat – April 22-24, 2022- St. Norbert Abbey
- ❖ Breakfast Potluck & Open Meeting – April 23, 2022- @ the Bridge 8 a.m.
- ❖ Mini Women's' Retreat – April 23, 2022-Hancock, Michigan.

- ❖ Area 72 Spring Conference in Ashland, WI - May 20-22, 2022
- ❖ Illinois State and East Central Regional Conference- August 12-14, 2022 – Lisle, IL

DCM – Lauren – *Hello all! This past weekend I attended the Winter Assembly in Rhinelander. The vote was approved to keep changes in 12x12 and the Preamble. Despite the fact that 85% of our groups voted to rescind these. The area also voted to have a workbook for the Big Book. Byron, our Delegate, will be taking this information to NY in a few weeks for the General Service Conference. All GSR's are highly suggested that they attend the Spring Conference in Ashland, WI on May 20-22. At the Area Assembly, Byron will be bringing Back information from the General Service Conference.*

Secretary – Donna, Cheryl

GSR'S and District Chairs - Please get your reports to Donna or Cheryl ASAP!

Future Deadlines- Reports to Donna/Cheryl by Monday After Meeting. The minutes will then be sent out 2 weeks prior to meeting

Treasurer – Katie D. – *Report was read and approved.*

Newsletter/Webmaster – Doug- *Good news! Jeff E. will be helping to add content to the website. We are going to add a place to subscribe to the newsletter to get it delivered to you directly. I found a way to allow for unlimited posts. We are printing more meeting lists. Let Mike N. or I know if your meeting would like more lists.*

Grapevine – Sherry – *No written report.*

Corrections- Adam- *No written report.*

Bridging the Gap – Gail N.- *I have 5 males and 5 female writers who are either actively writing to inmates or are waiting for one. The jail is not sending me anymore names other than the first list I got in January. I have emailed the new chaplain but no response. Will try to call him. We had a meeting scheduled with the Captain a few weeks ago, about starting up meetings again but it got postponed and I have not heard from.*

Archives – Jeff

- *Started working with webmaster Doug to assist in word press site and to expand on current archives section. (Will collaborate more in future)*
- *Archives table at the Intergroup event was a great turn out. Had a lot of fun displaying and got some great feedback.*
- *Have created a "Group History Form" that I will be distributing to Lauren to send to GSR's and other members and adding to website,*
 - *We currently only have 3 group history's (Bellin, Flintville Early Risers, and Women of the Present)*
 - *Hoping this grows and stirs some interest in the contributions to archives so people can learn about how their favorite group started.]*
- *Looking into getting a location and day and times for a new in person AA meeting.*
 - *Will hold every other month for 4 weeks straight.*

- *Focus will be 1940 style beginner meetings, where go through the steps as a group in (4 weekly)-1 Hour sessions and while doing it learn the history*
- *Will be using Back to Basics format and PowerPoints for in person.*
- *Mike N reported back to me that Area 74 is looking for an Archivist, so I would like to pursue that while continuing the district, while trying to recruit someone to help.*
 - *This may help contribute to some local district 01 and grow it a bit more.*
- *Oldtimers interviews - Looking for recommendations on members with long term sobriety (30-35+ years) that can tell their story as well as what AA was like when they came in and what it was like until now.*
 - *We currently have 2 by Paul S and John C written in the 90's. Spoke to Jane at intergroup who was the top of the countdown to see if she would be interested and she responded positively so will pursue a time to meet with her.*

Accessibility/ Hot Line – William W.- *Attended Intergroup and enjoyed sharing details with visitors regarding hotline. The Hotline is going well with volunteers taking a day shift for the month. Calls are coming in regarding Zoom IDs and passwords.*

OLD BUSINESS

Intergroup – Lynn- *The intergroup was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped and was involved and thank you to our speakers. I believe this was the 1st time having an intergroup in 2 years. We had 160 people sign in but I believe there was over 200 in attendance. Here is a breakdown of what we brought in for the event.*

Grand total brought in at the event was \$2,315.36

Expenses \$439.90 (venue and miscellaneous stuff for the event.

\$1,875.23 is the final total after expenses so far.

Motion was made and approved to give Chad C. \$200 for preparing all the main dishes and providing the sound system for the event.

Thank you again for everyone who helped make this event a success.

Spring Conference May 20-22 in Ashland, WI

NEW BUSINESS

New IT Position – *Discussion about creating a new District Position to help facilitate Hybrid meetings*

Etiquette for Hybrid Meetings- Newsletter – *Feedback from Groups- After much discussion, the motion was made, accepted and voted to move into the digital word and no longer print the Newsletter. The Meeting List will be printed monthly with info on Zoom meetings as well as using a “QR” code to get to AA Website and all current info and Newsletter. Further discussion about this tabled until next meeting sees if we can a person to fill the IT position.*

Steps and Traditions

The Traditions are designed to keep the GROUP from destroying itself; the Steps are designed to keep US from destroying OURSELVES!

Step 5

5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

Alcoholic Anonymous step five is often called "Confession." In this step we "admit to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrong." This step follows a written inventory of our wrongs and it is critical to share this as soon as possible.

Tradition 5

5. Each group has but one primary purpose — to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

We frequently say that the newcomer is the lifeblood of A.A. But the converse is certainly true...A.A. is the salvation of the newcomer, the most easily identifiable suffering alcoholic. Tradition Five clearly mandates that our groups be there for the newcomer, to show him the way out of the death spiral of untreated alcoholism. We all have benefited greatly from this tradition.

Events

May 20-22. Area 74 Spring Conference <https://d.docs.live.net/c271b74c9e3f5059/Documents/AA/Alcoholics-Anonymous%2074-A.A.-Conference.pdf>

June 25 Seymour Intergroup. 4:30 – 9.00 pm. <https://www.greenbayaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Seymour-Intergroup-062522.pdf>

Did you know that you can bowl sober?

Check out the new club in Wrightstown! Changing Lanes Alano Club is a dedicated, compassionate community that offers hope through recovery to individuals and their families in a safe, substance free environment.

The sole purpose of the club is to maintain premises, furnishings, fixtures, literature, beverage & food facilities and supplies for the holding of meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and it's family service groups such as Al Anon, Alateen, and other twelve-step groups, and to maintain a safe and non-threatening environment for recovery.

Changing Lanes Alano Club

344 Broadway St. Wrightstown, WI 54180
(920) 532-9046

<https://changinglanesclub.wixsite.com/changing-lanes-alano>





What to expect at an AA meeting.

There are a variety of formats for A.A. meetings and each meeting takes on the feel of their local area. At most meetings you will hear members talk about what drinking did to them and to those around them. Most also share what actions they took to stop drinking and how they are living their lives today.

The purpose of all meetings is for A.A. members to “share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.”

Meetings are typically listed as "open" or "closed" meetings.

- **Open meetings** are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous’s program of recovery from alcoholism. Nonalcoholic may attend open meetings as observers.

- **Closed meetings** are for A.A. members only or for those who have a drinking problem and “have a desire to stop drinking.”

Common meeting formats.

Discussion. Whether closed or open, an A.A. member serving as “leader” or “chair” opens the meeting using that group’s format, and selects a topic for discussion. Background for many topic meetings derives from A.A. literature, such as Alcoholics Anonymous (Big Book), Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, As Bill Sees It, Daily Reflections, and from AA Grapevine.

Speaker. One or more members selected beforehand “share” — as described in the Big Book — telling “what we were like, what happened, and what we are like now.” Depending on the meeting’s general guidelines (determined by the “group conscience”), some groups prefer that members who speak have a minimum period of continuous sobriety. Speaker meetings often are open meetings.

Beginners. Usually led by a group member who has been sober awhile, these are sessions to help newcomers. Beginners meetings may also follow a discussion format, or focus on Steps One, Two and Three. (A Guide for Leading Beginners Meetings is available from G.S.O.)

Step, Tradition or Big Book. Because the Twelve Steps are the foundation of personal recovery in A.A., many groups devote one or more meetings a week to the study of each Step in rotation; some discuss two or three Steps at a time. These same formats may be applied to group meetings on the Big Book or the Twelve Traditions. Many groups make it a practice to read aloud pertinent material from the Big Book or Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions at the beginning of the meeting.

What happens at meetings?

The chair usually opens the meeting with the A.A. Preamble and a few remarks. Some call for a moment of silence and/or recite the Serenity Prayer. The chair will often ask if there are any people new to A.A. attending the meeting who would like to introduce themselves. It isn’t mandatory to identify yourself but it might be helpful if you are attending your first meeting. Many meetings begin with a reading from the Big Book — frequently a portion of Chapter 5 (“How It Works”) or Chapter 3

("More About Alcoholism"). A statement about anonymity in A.A. as a valuable privacy principle for new and longtime members might be read. Many meetings close with members joining in a moment of silence followed by a prayer, or perhaps by reciting the Responsibility Statement or other A.A. text.

After the Meeting

People gather and talk, and there is a social air in the room once the meeting is over. Some may introduce themselves to you and offer their help or share their experiences getting sober. While many members find this time after the meeting valuable, it is up to you if you want to stay and socialize.

Resources

<https://www.aa.org/resources/literature>

Meeting Guide App

Meeting Guide is a free-of-charge meeting finder app.

The app helps people find A.A. meetings and resources near them. A.A. service entities provide the meeting data for the app. Meeting Guide is available for iOS and Android smartphones.

About Meeting Guide

Meeting Guide syncs with area, district, intergroup/central offices and international general service office websites, relaying meeting information from more than 400 A.A. service entities directly to the app. Over 100,000 weekly meetings are currently listed, and the information is refreshed twice daily.

Meeting Guide features

- Listing of both in-person and online meetings
- A default view that provides a list of meetings showing time, location and meeting name
- A meeting detail view that offers extra information such as meeting format and any notes provided by the group
- A search function to find meetings by location or keyword
- A daily quote feature lets users read from "Daily Reflections"
- Multiple access points that make finding local A.A. contact information easy
- A news feature with the latest from the General Service Office and Grapevine



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