



The Communicator

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About District 01

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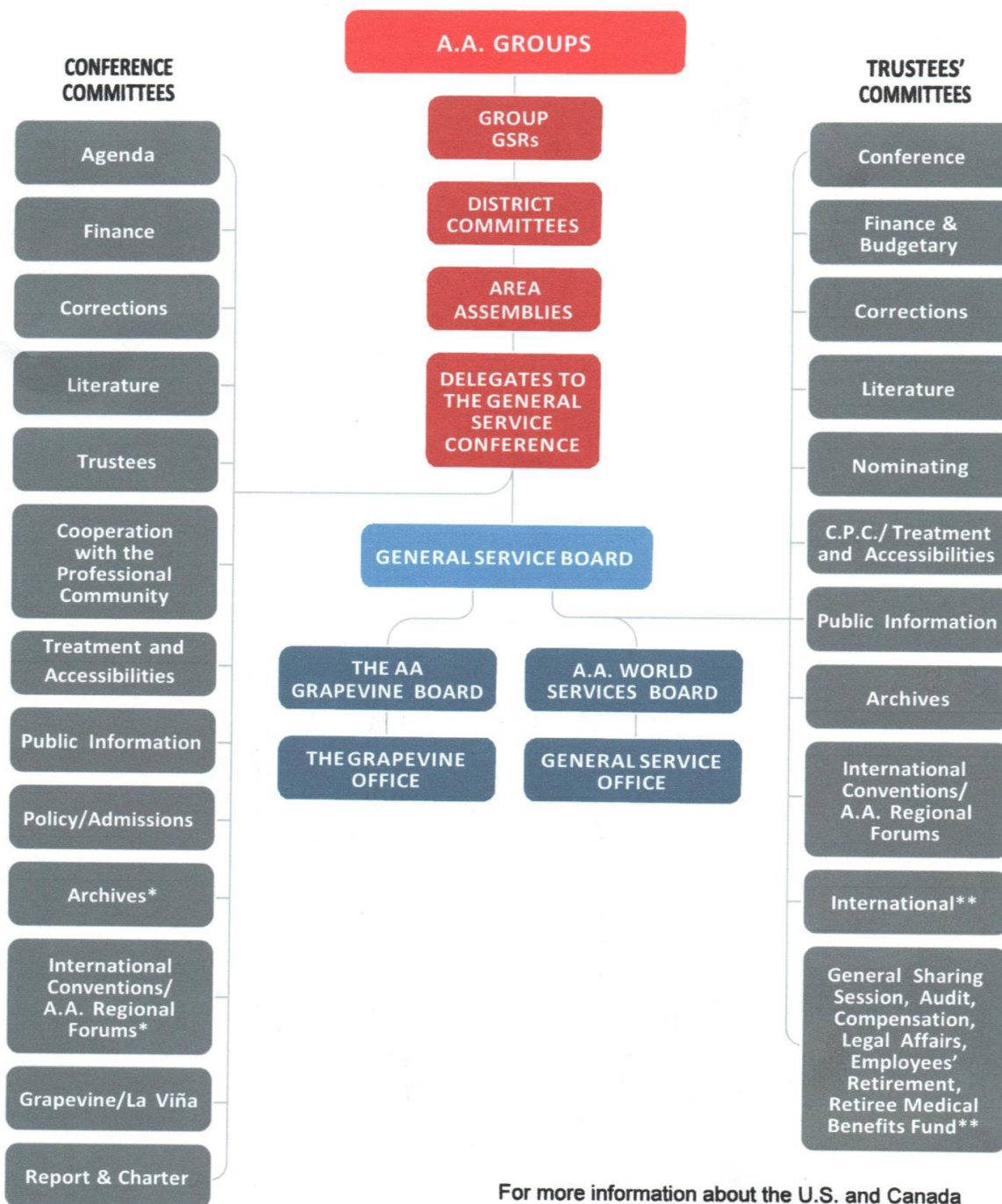
The District 01 Committee serves the AA groups and meetings of Northeast Wisconsin. We hold a monthly business meeting each month on the 2nd Thursday at 6:30 pm. Anyone is welcome. A great opportunity for service.

Live life on life's terms

Death, insanity, or box. We have a choice

Service Material from the General Service Office

THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE STRUCTURE *U.S. and Canada*



For more information about the U.S. and Canada General Service Conference Structure please see *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service (BM-31)*.

* Secondary committee
 ** No corresponding Conference committee.

**DISTRICT MONTHLY MEETING
(IN PERSON ONLY)
December 8, 2022**

Opened with the Serenity Prayer, I am Responsible and the 12 Traditions.

Attendance

DCM	Lauren P. – absent. Report sent
Alt. DCM	Mike N. – acting DCM
Secretary	Donna Y. – dyoungwirth@new.rr.com Alt. Secretary - Cheryl R: czuraski@new.rr.com
Treasurer	Katie D.
Newsletter/Webmaster	Doug F.
Grapevine	Sherry W. – absent
Corrections	Lindy H. –Women
Bridging the Gap	Open position.
PI	Open position
CPC	Open position
Archives	Jeff – absent
Accessibilities/ Hot Line	William W
District Events	Lynn L

GSRs: Duffy, Paul K., John v S., Lynn B., Dani B., Lauren Z., Mary M., Mike H., Mark P.

GSR Reports

Mark D – [Recovery Crusaders](#) held at Nativity of Lord Church at 8:00am. **No written report**

Mike N – [Early Risers](#) – Meets Saturday 8 a.m. @ St. John the Baptist Church. *The group is vibrant and healthy with a super mix of newcomers and senior sobriety.*

December '22 finds a working coffee pot, even with a snow - less parking lot, with the 3 legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service alive and well. In addition to our regular meeting a group of us meet at 7am in the old chapel to sample the coffee and study the 12x12 as an adjunct to recovery. Every reason in the world to crawl out of your warm bed and join in the fun.

Linda V. – [Zoom into Recovery](#) – Meets 7 days a week @ 3pm on Zoom. **Not present. No written report**

Donna Y. – [Letting Go](#) – Meeting Thurs. 1 p.m. @ 218. *Meeting numbers attendance is going down. Will discuss at next meeting what can be done.*

Cheryl – [BYOBB](#) – Meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm at St John the Baptist in Howard. **Not present This is a Big Book Meeting.**

Meeting attendance is staying steady at around 10. We voted in a new GSRA, Mike H. We had a newcomer join us again this past week. The solution is in the book.

Mary M., Lauren Z. Alt GSR – [Women in the Present \(in-person\)](#) – Meets from 7:00pm – 8:15pm on Thursdays@ The Bridge. **No written report.**

Melissa C, Alt Lynn L - [Saturday Sober Sisters](#) – Meets every Saturday via Zoom, 8:30-9:30 am. *Our attendance is holding steady, 15-20 women with a range of sobriety new and old. Our topics are leaders' choice based on AA approved literature.*

Paul – [The Serenity Now Group of AA](#) – Meets at Calvary Lutheran Church in Green Bay every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. **No written report.**

Lynn B. – [Eye Opener Group](#), St. Matt's, Saturday 10:00 am. - *We will be having a business meeting on Saturday January 7, 2023 after the regular meeting. I expect this report will be published in the newsletter after that date so check back next month for a report on any exciting news or changes agreed to by a vote of group conscience! There continues to be our solid core group of members in attendance at our weekly meetings. We would love to see some new faces, or those we just haven't seen in a while.*

John v S. – [Never on Sunday](#) – Bridge @ 9:30am Sunday. *Attendance has been steady between 15-25 people a week. There is a good mix of short, medium, and long-term sobriety. Last month we have also seen an increase in newcomers and people returning after a relapse. The Bridge is trying to come up with ideas to fund raise for a new parking lot. If anyone has any ideas, please feel free to share!*

William – [Guest Speaker Meeting \(GSM\)](#) – Wed. 7 p.m. @ 218 Club. *Is going well. Attendance is growing. Looking for Speakers. sign-up board is at the 218 Club Whiteboard if you are interested.*

Polly – [Zooming Women in the Present](#) – Thurs. 7 p.m. @ Bridge. **No written report.**

Dani B – [There is a Solution](#) @ 8 a.m. Saturday at the Bridge – *Attendance is consistent at 15-20+ a week with a steady flow of people new to recovery but we always have room for more! We are hosting an event on February 4 from 9:30-11:00am at the Bridge to help newcomers understand what AA is all about in a practical way - the slogans they hear, the suggestions they get, what sponsorship is for, etc. Breakfast and social beginning at 9am. Flyers to be distributed soon.*

Duffy M – Early Birds – Sundays 7:30am at the 218 Club. *The meeting is still going strong, in person with coffee. Our attendance is still averaging 30-35, with a blend of very early sobriety and some “Old Timers” (30+ years)*
There is also group of retired military members from many branches, if anyone knows a veteran that’s looking for a meeting. Group is looking at some options to keep the meeting time close to 60 minutes.

DISTRICT CHAIR REPORTS

District Events – Lynn L –

- ❖ December 10, 2022 – Area Committee Meeting via zoom 8-10am
- ❖ December 10, 2022 – District 1 Intergroup @ St. Pius in Appleton, WI 4 pm
- ❖ December 25, 2022 – Christmas Gratitude Meeting at the 218 Club at 10 am
- ❖ December 31, 2022 – New Year’s Eve Dance at the 218 Club 9 pm-midnight
- ❖ January 6-8, 2023 – WICYPAA in Eau Claire, WI more info @ wicypaa.org
- ❖ January 21, 2023 – District 1 Intergroup at Redeemer Lutheran Church - Green Bay, WI 3 pm
- ❖ February 4, 2023 – “What is AA?” Hosted by There is A Solution @ the Bridge 9:30 -11 a.
- ❖ February 11, 2023 – Women’s Workshop at the Bridge (all day)
- ❖ March 11, 2023 – Delegates Workshop
- ❖ March 18, 2028 – Came to Believe Group Celebrates 23 years – 512 McClellan St., Wausau, WI at 5:30 pm
- ❖ April 7-9, 2023 – HACYPAA in Wisconsin Dells more info on hacypaa-7.square.site
- ❖ April 8, 2023 – Area Assembly
- ❖ April 15, 2023 – Annual Moose & Goose at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Seymour at 5 pm.
- ❖ May 19-21, 2023 – Area 74 Spring conference at the Radisson in Green Bay, WI~ hosted by District 1

Please contact Lauren P at if there are any other upcoming events that may have been missed. Lauren will be updating this list monthly.

DCM- Lauren -

Hello all! This past month there hasn’t been too much going on. I’m still trying to get a hold of Kevin the area CPC chair and just reached out to Mike the area PI chair for doing a possible CPC/PI workshop for next year. Still waiting to hear back from Kevin, but Mike responded saying he would talk to his committee and see what dates would work for the majority of them. This Saturday I will be attending the Area Committee Meeting and giving my DCM report there. Unfortunately, I will not be there for this month’s meeting again. Last year when I was elected as DCM, I did mention that the holidays are a very busy time of year for me as a musician, so I will be seeing you all in January if not sooner! Mike N will be leading you into victory over alcohol!

Secretary – minutes were approved. Thank you to Cheryl who did the minutes for last meeting. A reminder to get reports to Donna by **Monday the 12th IN WRITING.**

Treasurer – Katie D. – Voted on and approved.

December 8, 2022 Treasurer’s Report

Starting balance	\$7662.18
Deposits	
Sept. & Nov. 7 th Tradition + Misc.	\$ 38.37
Promise Seekers	\$100.00
Adj. by Digicopy \$27.43-\$1.53 error	\$ 25.90
Total Deposits	\$164.27
Payments	
Elementor Pro. – Website	\$(49.00)
Cheryl Radloff – nametags for Service Workshop	\$(6.67)
Site Ground – Web/Emails Annual Fee	\$(179.88)
Digicopy – Nov. Invoice	\$(29.02)
Katie Dexter – Hotline Sept. – Dec. 2020	\$(30.00)
Mike Nuckles – Correction Conference	\$(155.00)
Total Payments	\$(449.57)

Subtotal starting balance + deposits–payments	\$7,376.88
Prudent Reserve	\$(1,300.00)
Available Funds	\$ 6,076.88

Newsletter/Webmaster – Doug. *I am starting to enjoy researching and producing the “Communicator”. I wasn’t clear on the protocol for the district meeting minutes. I will publish the December Newsletter tomorrow after the November minutes are approved. All else is well!*

Webmaster - I haven’t had any issues. The software we use is called Wordpress, and I need to change the theme. I am not having much luck with that, but I will learn it and install a new theme when I have some downtime. Question.... Does District 01 have an inventory of Big Books, 12 x 12, medallions, literature, etc. I can add a menu to request items if they are available. I also noticed that google search doesn’t direct you to our website correctly. It has something to do with SEO. I really don’t know how to fix that. I will probably figure everything out just in time to turn it over to someone else!

Grapevine – Sherry – *AA 2023 calendars are available to order. Last month’s Grapevine was on Service work – whether you’re making coffee or visiting an AA member in a prison, you get what you give and sometimes so much more.*

Corrections – Lindy– *I spoke with Leah from the jail and got the contact information for getting the big book put on the Kiosks. His name is Tyler and I sent him an email, just waiting to hear back.*

We attended the National Corrections Conference Nov.11th-13th. It was an awesome experience. A little put off that neither of our Area 74 corrections chairs were there. I would like their information so I can speak to them so that doesn't happen again. Our area has a lot of cool stuff going on that should have been included. Alot of areas can't get into the jails and prisons, but here in Area 74, we have a few places.

There was lots of panels and exciting stuff going on. We learned that The Grapevine would love some stories from people who are corresponding with incarcerated persons. I approached the Grapevine Editor telling him about how I took a lady through all 12 steps through her free phone calls and he asked me to write an article about it, which I did, I just need to send it in.

GSO is also looking for more Spanish speaking members to help put stories into Lavinia.

We can also call GSO to help set up Jpay in our facilities to help get the big book or any AAWS approved literature added on.

Bridging the Gap – **OPEN POSITION** – Mike N. (temporary). *We need to fill this position. Please pass the word.*

Archives – Jeff E – **No written report**

Accessibility/Hot Line – William W – *I am looking for an Alt Accessibility Chair to help out with a few areas I need to address.*

CPC/PI – **OPEN POSITIONS. Please let your groups know we are looking to fill these positions.** *Linda S is currently filling in for PI until someone steps up to take the position. Linda is coordinating the radio ads.*

CPC is Cooperation with the Professional Community which provides information about AA to those individuals who may have contact with alcoholics through their profession.

PI is Public Information which informs the general public of the AA services that are available in the Green Bay area.

OLD BUSINESS

- Next Spring Conference planning meeting is January 25 at 6pm in the restaurant in the Radisson.
 - Tentative schedule is out. Just waiting to hear back from the groups of what they would like to do for the Saturday evening entertainment
 - We are in need of someone to fill the Decorations & Cake position
 - We are in need of Alanon speakers and someone to find panelists for Alanon as well
 - Mary needs greeters
 - Bill could use some help with the literature
- District 01 Intergroup January 21, 2023@ Redeemer. Will be emailing volunteer list. Still need AIAnon Speaker and raffle donations. Etc.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion on new 2023 Budget. Budget was approved.

**Approved 2023
District 1 Annual
Budget**

Committee

Annual Budget

Contributions

DCM	\$	400.00
Secretary	\$	25.00
Treasurer	\$	50.00
Corrections	\$	250.00
Bridging the Gap	\$	300.00
Grapevine	\$	50.00
Newsletter	\$	700.00
CPC	\$	250.00
Archives	\$	50.00
Webmaster	\$	300.00
PO Box Rental (Oct)	\$	182.00
Special Events	\$	1,000.00
Hotline	\$	200.00
Literature (Estate)	\$	241.50
Accessibility	\$	200.00
Radio Advertising	\$	3,000.00
		\$
Contributions		4,200.00
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Total	\$	7,198.50

It was discussed to split CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) and PI (Public Information). Motion was made to close at 7:55 pm. We closed with the Our Father

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 1

1. We admitted we were powerless over alcohol, that our lives had become unmanageable.

Step 1 is about letting go. You admit you have a problem and begin to seek out assistance. It isn't easy, but admitting powerlessness allows you to break the cycle of addiction that you've been stuck in. Alcoholics Anonymous believes that admitting you can't control your alcohol use is a necessary first step on the path to recovery.

- Accept that something is wrong in your life and that you no longer have control. You must accept complete defeat before building a new life.
- Embrace the truth and want to make an honest change.
- Understand that recovery can't be done alone, and acknowledge that you need help.
- In the Big Book of A.A., the jay-walker story makes an excellent case for using the Big Book as a recovery text for treating any and all addictions.
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- On pages 37-38 in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous it says:

“Our behavior is as absurd and incomprehensible with respect to the first drink as that of an individual with a passion, say, for jay-walking. He gets a thrill out of skipping in front of fast-moving vehicles. He enjoys himself for a few years in spite of friendly warnings. Up to this point you would label him as a foolish chap having queer ideas of fun. Luck then deserts him and he is slightly injured several times in succession. You would expect him, if he were normal, to cut it out. Presently he is hit again and this time has a fractured skull. Within a week after leaving the hospital a fast-moving trolley car breaks his arm. He tells you he has decided to stop jay-walking for good, but in a few weeks he breaks both legs“On through the years this conduct continues, accompanied by his continual promises to be careful or to keep off the streets altogether. Finally, he can no longer work, his wife gets a divorce and he is held up to ridicule. He tries every known means to get the jaywalking idea out of his head. He shuts himself up in an asylum, hoping to mend his ways. But the day he comes out he races in front of a fire engine, which breaks his back. Such a man would be crazy, wouldn't he?”“You may think our illustration is too ridiculous. But is it? We, who have been through the wringer, have to admit if we substituted alcoholism or any addiction for jay-walking, the illustration would fit exactly. However intelligent we may have been in other respects, where alcohol has been involved, we have been strangely insane. It's strong language but isn't it true?”

This is from one of our local AA'ers. Bruce K has been to 1000's of meetings and helped countless others. K.I.S.S. (keep it simple stupid)

To simplify this step:

1. You are powerless over alcohol. Don't take that first drink! Ever!
2. Your life is likely going to stay unmanageable for quite a while. Accept it.

You need to decide to do the deal every day. And the deal is don't take a drink, go to a meeting, learn from others how they stay sober, and work the steps. If you do this every day your life will become manageable, you will be a better person. And isn't that what we all want from our AA program!

Tradition 1

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on A.A. unity.

The main principle of Tradition 1 is unity. As the Twelve Steps lay the spiritual path of recovery for individual members, the Twelve Traditions provide the principles that keep the group healthy and grounded. This is best exemplified by Tradition 1, which states: *"Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. AA must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward."* The underlying principle is simple: if the group is drawn into controversy or becomes dominated by individuals, the unity of the group will be jeopardized. This is especially true of members who feel sidelined or minimized—these individuals are most likely to drift away or leave the program altogether.

When people first try to recover from addiction, they often attempt to do so alone. While some people are successful, this approach means that people are less supported and more likely to feel isolated in their recovery.

Responsibility Statement

I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible.

Area Announcements for January 12, 2023

- January 21, 2023 – District 1 Intergroup at Redeemer Lutheran church - Green Bay, WI- 3pm
- January 27, 2023 – Conference planning meeting at the restaurant in the Radisson at 6pm
- February 4, 2023 – “What is AA?” Hosted by There Is A Solution at the Bridge 8-11am
- February 5, 2023 – WICYPAA (Wisconsin Conference of Young People in AA) Host Committee Elections at 12pm.
 - This event is hybrid 753 739 8888
 - 621 Evans St. Oshkosh, WI
 - Let’s learn how to put on WICYPAA and possibly bring it to Green Bay sometime in the future! Anyone can get involved, you don’t need to be from Oshkosh or a certain age requirement
- February 9, 2023 – District meeting at 6:30pm at Nativity Church Door 4
- February 11, 2023 – Women’s Workshop at the Bridge 12-4pm
- March 11, 2023- Delegates Workshop in Three Lakes, WI
- March 18, 2023 – Came to Believe Group Celebrates 23 years – 512 McClellan St. Wausau, WI at 5:30pm
- April 7-9, 2023 – HACYPAA (Heartland Area Conference of Young People in AA) in Wisconsin Dells, more info at hacypaa-7.square.site
- April 8, 2023 – Area Assembly in Three Lakes, WI
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- May 19-21, 2023 – Area 74 Spring conference at the Radisson in Green Bay, WI hosted by District 1
- June 1-4, 2023 – RAFTYPAA (Rafting trip for Young People in AA) Silver Cliff, WI at Kosir’s Rafting Resort

Please contact me, Lauren P at 01dcm@area74.org if there are any other upcoming events that I may have missed. I will be updating this list monthly.

Meeting Guide App

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

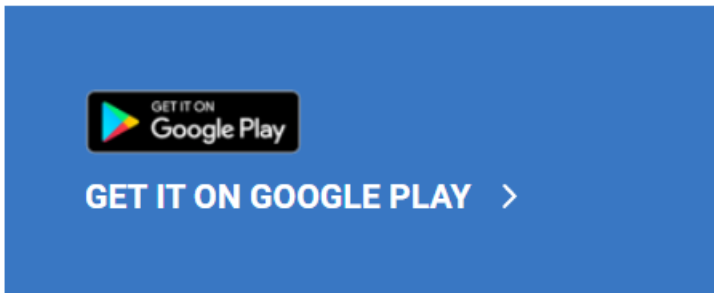
The app helps people find A.A. meetings and resources near them. A.A. service entities provide the meeting data for the app. Meeting Guide is available for iOS and Android smartphones.

About Meeting Guide

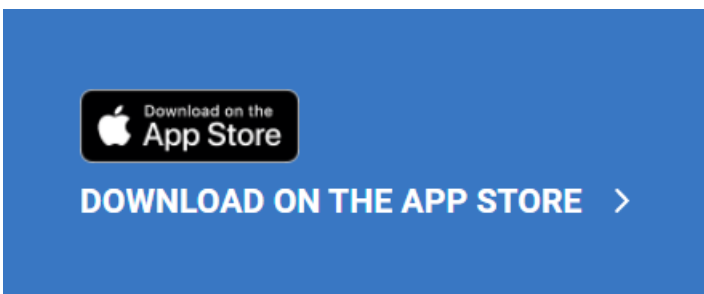
Meeting Guide syncs with area, district, intergroup/central offices and international general service office websites, relaying meeting information from more than 400 A.A. service entities directly to the app. Over 100,000 weekly meetings are currently listed, and the information is refreshed twice daily.

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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