

The Messenger

Feb 2025

Area 24–District 11 News

Issue #9



“In thinking about our day we may face indecision. We may not be able to determine which course to take. Here we ask God for inspiration, an intuitive thought or a decision. We relax and take it easy. We don’t struggle. We are often surprised how the right answers come after we have tried this for a while.”

– Bill Wilson, *Alcoholics Anonymous* pg.86

“Indecision with the passing of time becomes decision.” –

– Bill Wilson, (unknown attribution)

And while you’re decideing...our Corrections Chair would like you to consider service to the Dubuque corrections facility. Text or call Alicia M. at (563) 580-4979, or send an email **to: area24district11corrections@gmail.com**. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.



In this Issue

- 2** • 2025–2026 Area 24/District 11 Committee Chairs!
- District Business Information
- Intergroup Information
- Newcomer Information Links
- 3** • Minutes of the February 1 (Includes Treasurer’s Report)

- 5** • Business Meeting minutes (*cont.*)
- 6** • Business Meeting minutes (*cont.*)
 - February AA History
 - AA Preamble
- 7** • Events and Activities of Interest in District 11/Area 24

- 8** • From the Editors
 - District Service Area
 - 7th Tradition Information
 - Where 7th Tradition Contributions may be made

Feb 2025	Area 24–District 11 News	Issue #9
	The 2025–2026 Area 24/District 11 Committee Chairs	



District Committee Member (DCM)	Keith K.	(815) 281-1591	area24district11dcm@gmail.com
Alternate DCM	Erin L.	(563) 543-0946	area24district11altdcm@gmail.com
Secretary	Erin R.	(563) 557-9110	area24district11secretary@gmail.com
Treasurer	Cheryl P.	(563) 543-6430	area24district11treasurer@gmail.com
Archives	Rod M.	(563) 564-7341	area24district11archives@gmail.com
Grapevine	Travis	(563) 258-2668	area24district11grapevine@gmail.com
Corrections	Alicia M.	(563) 580-4979	area24district11corrections@gmail.com
Treatment & Accessibilities	Carol K.	(563) 580-7377	area24district11treatmentchair@gmail.com
Newsletter	Thom E.	(815) 823-4655	area24district11newsletter@gmail.com
Cooperation w/ Professional Community (CPC)	Sue G.	(563) 845-9427	area24district11cpc@gmail.com
Public Information (PI)	Shannon P.	(815) 858-4765	area24district11pi@gmail.com
Activities	Mark R.	(563) 543-3218	area24district11activities@gmail.com
Fall Mini-Conference Chair	Chuck E.	(815) 281-9050	

District 11 GSR Meeting
10:30 am First Saturday
of each month:
1646 Asbury Rd (Lower Level)

Intergroup Business Meeting
10:30 am
Third Saturday of each month:
Dubuque Area Intergroup Office

Dubuque Area Intergroup
(563) 557-9196
1646 Asbury Road #7
Dubuque, IA 52001

[Inside AA](#) [A Newcomer Asks | Alcoholics Anonymous](#)
[Sponsorship](#) [The A.A. Group](#) [Our Traditions: Intro](#)

Feb 2025	Area 24–District 11 News	Issue #9
Minutes of the Committee Meeting, 2.1.2025		

DISTRICT 11 MEETING MINUTES*– Feb 1st, 2025, Location: Westside Clubhouse, 1646 Asbury Road, Dubuque | Time: 1030 AM

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS: | Each committee chair provides a concise update (2-3 minutes).

1. Opening

Welcome! and a brief introduction by DCM (Keith K.), followed by the Serenity Prayer. Keith invited all chair members to make brief introductions and other AA members in attendance to do the same. Thank you for your interest and for being a part of the District 11 meeting!

Archives: Rod Present No Report

Corrections: Alicia M.: Notes on Maquoketa jail meeting. Getting emails sent out for volunteers to come and do meetings in the jail. Alicia talked with the sheriff at Maquoketa Jail recently opened a discussion to get AA into the jail for meetings.

2. Administrative Business

Attendance: Keith K. (DCM), Erin L (Alt. DCM), Thom (Newsletter), Cheryl P. (Treasurer-absent), Erin R. (Secretary), Marc R. (Activities), Sue G. (CPC), Travis (Grapevine), Carol K. (Treatment and Accessibilities), Shannon P (PI), Rod (Archives), Alicia (Corrections), and several GSRs and other interested AAs.

Grapevine: Travis: He checked into submitting photos for the Grapevine. “[If the Walls Could Talk](#)” on the AA website, noted you can upload photos to that site. [AA grapevine.org](#)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes | Secretary Erin R. read the unfinished and new business from last month’s minutes. The minutes were approved.

Newsletter: Thom: The newsletter is on the Dubuque AA.org. Please send anything or any information you would like in the newsletter to the district email. Area24district11newsletter@gmail.com

Treasurer’s Report | Cheryl P. was absent. Keith read the report, (below is what Cheryl sent) the January Treasurer’s Report, noting what the expenses were in January. The report was approved.

Public Information (PI): Shannon P., Greetings District 11 Committee, Since we met last month, I have begun to familiarize myself with the role of Public Information. I have downloaded a copy of our District 11 SOP as well as a copy of the Area 24 SOP for this committee position. I was able to meet Area 24 PI Chair, Mike B. in Marshalltown and get on his email list. I have also received an important update from GSO to share. There is a new Podcast called “[Our Primary Purpose.](#)” I’ve brought information fliers to distribute to the GSRs today. Season One is available now on all podcast platforms. This flyer was also forwarded to our Intergroup webmaster to post on [Dubuqueaa.org](#).

Dubuque AA District 11 Treasurer’s Report Month of January 2025		
STARTING BALANCE		\$2,847.20
CONTRIBUTIONS:		
27-Jan	Monthly	Budget
	Sunday Night 12 Step	\$50.00
27-Jan	Jaywalkers	\$150.00
27-Jan	Jan District 11	\$23.00
31-Dec	Interest	\$0.17
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:		\$223.17
EXPENSES:		
7-Jan	Monthly	Budget
	Westside Rent/Arch. ck#3141 Jan-June	\$300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:		\$300.00
ENDING BALANCE	1/31/2025	\$2,770.37
Prudent Reserves	(\$1000 min.)	\$1,001.92
Cheryl P., Treasurer area24district11treasurer@gmail.com 1/31/2025		

In the time I spent on [aa.org](#) I found an enormous amount of material for Public Information. There are Public Service Announcements, Samples of Press Releases, Media Kits, and Downloadable videos. I have printed the “Guidelines” for PI which have given me great ideas on how to serve in this role. My hope is to be able to attend the Spring Conference in June so I can attend the PI workshop and meet other AAs in the same role across the districts in Iowa. Stay tuned for more resources!

Yours in service,
Shannon P.
District 11 PI Chair
area24district11pi@gmail.com (815) 858-4765

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Sue G. She will be meeting others in the AA community at the Monastery for a meeting with Father Jerome, who will help in 5th step work.

** District GSR Business Meetings and Chair reports and minutes are usually edited for clarity and brevity. See page 8, “From the Editors” for more information on newsletter notices and conditions, and how you can help.*

Feb 2025	Area 24–District 11 News	Issue #9
Minutes of the Committee Meeting, 2.1.2025 cont.		

Treatment & Accessibilities: Carol K Treatment Chair and Accessibility Report. Bridge the Gap at Turning Point Mercy Hospital has reached out to change the times of the meeting. They have no evening classes but have morning ones. So the new times are: 10:00 am 3rd Monday, 9:00 am 3rd Wednesday. I'm going to be asking for people to go in advance, and I'm taking schedule sheets for the meetings to hand out, if you're okay with adding your contact information, please do so. Thank You. I also will drop off the rest of the big books and 12x12s to the RCF this week, with the help of Josh. They are holding meetings there on Thursday, I believe around 1:00 pm. Also this week I'm getting the packets put together with the scheduled meeting sheets. Come on over to intergroup if you like to help out, I'm going to be there early on Tuesday, February 5, till the meeting starts at noon: sober sisters. It's a lot of fun and so quiet and peaceful. We can then add some of these to those small Library houses. I asked Mark if he would help fill those library houses, and he agreed.

Yours in Service

Carol K.

Area24district11treatmentchair@gmail.com

563 580-7377, personal cell number

or leave a message on the Intergroup phone: 563 557-9196

Activities: Marc R: Join us all for a Super Bowl Party at 5:00 pm, at Fellowship Club. Bring a dish to pass. Fun, friendly fellowship to be had! Also: Canoe trip on Maquoketa River. June 28-29, and a tentative date of July 12-13th. Monticello River Rentals (8-hour canoe trip). It ends at Picture Rock County Park, and we could have a meeting and cookout at the end.

Alternate DCM: Erin L: Updating new GSRs for the meetings to area 24 to update on GSO. New meeting pamphlets were also updated and printed. 1700 copies for \$211.86. Motion for reimbursement by Erin, Second by Joe. All in favor. Motion passed.

DCM Report: Keith K.

Dear District 11 Members, I am honored to present this report following the Area 24 Business Meeting and Workshop held in Marshalltown, Iowa, on January 12-13, 2025. I am deeply grateful for your trust in me as your DCM and for the opportunity to represent our district in the spirit of service, unity, and cooperation.

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

The workshop on January 12 focused on critical topics designed to strengthen participation and service within our district and the broader area. Key discussions included: **Encouraging Participation:** Strategies for engaging members in service and inspiring enthusiasm for group responsibilities. **Creating New Positions:** Guidance on identifying district needs and proposing new service roles. **Proposing Agenda Items:** How to introduce and effectively advocate for agenda items at the district and area levels. **Distributing Information to GSRs:** Best practices for ensuring GSRs receive and share accurate and timely information. **Building Workshops and Services:** Tips for organizing meaningful workshops that benefit our groups and encourage involvement. **Chair Position Cooperation:**

Encouraging members to accept chair positions with a spirit of cooperation to assist the DCM and foster district growth. Some practical tips and tools shared for GSRs and DCMs included:

- Take thorough notes during meetings and events. Obtain and study the AA Service Manual. Subscribe to Box 4-5-9, the AA central office newsletter. Share group activities with other members to foster connection. Hold regular business meetings and keep reports concise when sharing with home groups. Use agenda sheets and distribute meeting minutes for effective follow-up.

BUSINESS MEETING SUMMARY | On January 13, we convened for the Area 24 Business Meeting. The agenda included the following highlights: Approval of the agenda, secretary's report, treasurer's report, and various delegate and alternate delegate reports.

Updates on conference plans include Fall 2024 in Sioux City. Spring 2025 in Clear Lake. Fall 2025 in Fort Dodge. Area service chair reports and DCM reports, including our district's submission.

Unfinished business: Concerning a central location for all area events.

New business discussions on: Spring 2026 conference bids.

Technology updates and SOP Chair developments. Approval of the 2025 budget (postponed to March 2025).

A few key takeaways from the meeting:

- The importance of using Robert's Rules of Order to maintain meeting structure.
- Promoting access to the Area Dropbox for important documents. Members needing access contact the chair: area24.chair@aa-iowa.org or the alternate area24.altdelegate@aa-iowa.org directly.
- The approval of Zelle as a payment method for expedited financial transactions.

Special thanks to Shannon P. for her support throughout the weekend and to our very own Jeff, who serves as the Area Archives Chairperson. We were also joined on Zoom by Rod M, Brad H, and Terry C, ensuring robust participation from across the area.

Upcoming Events: The next Area 24 service event is scheduled for March 15-16, 2025. I encourage members to carpool or share hotel accommodations to maximize participation. Additionally, I will reach out to Dan P. to schedule his visit to our district after June, aiming for one of our first Saturday meetings.

Closing Remarks: Service remains one of the foundational elements of our AA program, embodying the principles of unity, recovery, and fellowship. I am humbled by the responsibility you have entrusted to me as your DCM. I will continue to serve with humility, love, and dedication to ensure that District 11 is well-represented and that our collective voice is heard.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and participation. Together, we can strengthen our district and the broader fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

In service and gratitude,

Keith K.

area24district11dcm@gmail.com

DCM, District 11, Area 24

Feb 2025	Area 24–District 11 News	Issue #9
	Minutes of the Committee Meeting, 2.1.2025 cont.	

4. Group Service Representative Reports: There were 7 GSRs present.
 GSR Mary C, Family Afterwards Big Book Group: 9 am Mondays. children welcome 1222 Rush St. Reading pg. 24 (BB)
 GSR Dave, Sunday night 12-step group; 7 pm. (Westside)
 Attendance has been good lately doubling! Good meeting and good fellowship.
 GSR Rod, Galena Groups meetings: Monday 10 am, Tuesday 7 pm, Wednesday noon, Thursday 7 pm, Friday 6 pm, zoom only.
 All meetings are at Grace Episcopal Church, 107 S. Prospect St.
 GSR Travis, Tuesday 6 pm Happy Hour Group (Westside) 12 and 12 and read the 12 steps.
 GSR Julie G, Galena Attitude Adjustment 9:30 am Saturdays, 1st Presbyterian Church, 106 N. Bench St. Zoom available
 GSR Randy T, Jaywalkers Wed 7 pm Fellowship Hall (Wilbrecht) Big Book study (dissect)
 GSR Carol K, Vision for Hope Fridays at 7 pm Intergroup (Daily Reflections) Closed meeting and we read from the daily reflection book. We share on the reading and or alcohol problems. We have about 12 to 15 people at the meeting.
 Carol (Treasurer): Sober Sisters. Tuesday at 12 pm at Intergroup. Read stories from the Big Book and discuss
 Open Meeting. Zoom available

**A suggestion for more of a description of each meeting, coming soon!*

5. Liaison Reports: Intergroup Liaison Report | Al-Anon Liaison Report | YPAA Liaison Report
 Intergroup Liaison: (Carol K: filling in for Terri C)
 We are finishing up last-minute things for Gathering of the Eagles on March 22. Doors open at 4:30 pm at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. If you like to help set up or clean up, please call intergroup Mary Jo to get information, on times. Also, drop-off raffle prizes can be dropped off at that time or leave at intergroup, in front office. Thank You

Yours in service.
 Carol K.

Al-Anon-Liaison: Gerri First District meeting of the 2025 year. Friday morning meeting moved from Intergroup to Fellowship Club. The next meeting is the 3rd Monday in March. Talk of Fall Speaker Supper and where, when has started!

IYPAA: Open position; Curtis (former District 11 chair) sent the report to DCM, Keith, to read (below).

WICYPAA 2025 Report: Curtis R.

This past weekend, I had the privilege of attending the Wisconsin Conference of Young People in A.A. (WICYPAA) in Brookfield, Wisconsin. The event kicked off on Friday night with a state roll call, where 11 states plus Wisconsin were proudly represented. The evening continued with a powerful speaker, Kate R. from Cincinnati, Ohio. She shared her incredible story of experience, strength, and hope, setting a tone of inspiration for the weekend. By the end of the first day, WICYPAA registration had reached an impressive 500 attendees. Saturday was packed with activity and connection.

I started the day attending a Step 1 panel, then spent time reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones. One highlight for me was asking first-time attendees about their impressions of the conference. Many shared that they were initially puzzled by our “we love you lots and lots and whole bunches” chant—our way of thanking the host committee—but quickly embraced the energy and joy it brought. Hearing their experiences reminded me of my first YPAA conference at IAYPAA 3 in Des Moines, Iowa, when I had the same initial confusion before joining in wholeheartedly. Throughout the day, I was reminded of two important lessons: to keep putting God first in all situations and to be gentle with myself. As always, trusting that God will take care of me as long as I get out of the way brought me peace.

Saturday evening’s sobriety countdown was particularly meaningful. My sponsor, unable to attend, had mailed me my 10-year sobriety chip from Galena, Illinois. I decided to wait until the countdown to open the package, allowing a close friend to present the chip when my milestone was called. I kept the moment small and humble, as I wanted to honor those in the room who may have had less sobriety. The countdown itself was incredible, celebrating individuals with sobriety ranging from 40+ years to just 24 hours. Witnessing the collective journey of everyone in attendance filled my heart.

Following the countdown, we heard from Dustin R. of Bismarck, North Dakota. His story was vibrant and filled with gratitude as he shared his experience, strength, and hope. Later, the host committee announced its new advisory members, and we learned that next year’s WICYPAA will take place in Madison, Wisconsin. By the close of the night, the total registration had grown to 570 attendees. I ended the evening with cherished memories, including a group photo with the ICYPAA host committee and a picture holding my 10-year chip. On Sunday morning, the conference concluded with a spiritual talk from Jimmy L. of Houston, Texas. His message resonated deeply, reminding us that long-term sobriety doesn’t mean life won’t present challenges. Staying honest, working the program, and making things right remain essential no matter how much time we have. After saying goodbye to friends, I embarked on the five-hour drive back to Minneapolis with a full heart and renewed spirit. My next conference will likely be ISCYPAA in Springfield, Illinois, March 28–30, 2025. I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to be part of such an amazing weekend of fellowship, growth, and recovery.

In love and service,
 Curtis R.

6. Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

MINI CONFERENCE & Updates from any temporary or special-purpose committees.

Mini-Conference Chair (Chuck): November 8th for 2025 Mini-Conference, venue sub-committee was made, and a Save the Date made. We’re taking a look at Westminster Presbyterian church as a venue option, this week!

7. Unfinished Business

- a. District 11 Budget: postpone this for the next meeting as the treasurer is not present.

Feb 2025	Area 24–District 11 News	Issue #9
	Minutes of the Committee Meeting, 2.1.2025 cont.	

- b. Sue G. provided us all with a handout for how to access new email accounts (chair positions). Emails and passwords are available. area24district11secy@gmail.com (example). She will also create an SOP for this process.
- c. Area 24 business in Marshalltown meeting: In-person and Virtual options – 2025-2026 Names, addresses, and contact info were given to Area 24. All were updated at GSO. GSR change forms are the only thing they will require going forward, if needed.
- d. Shannon P. created and provided an SOP for Dropbox (shared file) account informational sheet. Shannon made a Motion to purchase a \$15 per month Dropbox Business account for District 11 to have a Dropbox account.

Motion made. Second. Discussion. All voted yes. Motion passed.

8. New Business

Sue G will provide SOPs for all chair positions.

Announcements: Share upcoming events, workshops, or district activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm. with the Lord's Prayer. The next meeting is March 1, 2025, at Westside, 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin R.
District 11 Secretary
area24district11secretary@gmail.com
(563) 557-9110

February History of AA

(reposted by permission of South Jersey Intergroup)

- Feb 1908 Bill made boomerang.
- Feb 1916 Hazing incident Norwich University, Bill & sophomore class suspended
- Feb 1938 Rockefeller gives \$5,000 to AA. Saves AA from professionalization.
- Feb 1939 Dr Harry Tiebout, 1st Psychiatrist to endorse AA and use it in his practice.

- Feb 1939 Dr Howard of Montclair, NJ suggests swapping "you musts" for "we ought" in the Big Book.
- Feb 1940 1st AA clubhouse opens at 334-1/2 West 24th St., NYC.
- Feb 1951 Fortune magazine article about AA. New York reprints in pamphlet form for many years.
- Feb 1963 Harpers carries article critical of AA.
- Feb 1981 1st issue of "Markings" AA Archives Newsletter is published.
- Feb 1 or 2, 1942 Ruth Hock, AA's 1st paid secretary, resigns to get married.
- Feb 8, 1940 Rockefeller dinner.
- Feb 8, 1940 Houston Press ran first of 6 anonymous articles on AA by Larry J.
- Feb 9, 2002 Sue Smith Windows, Dr Bob's daughter died.
- Feb 11, 1937 First New Jersey meeting was held at the home of Hank P ("The Unbeliever" in the 1st edition). Some sources report this as happening Feb 13, 1937
- Feb 11, 1938 Clarence S. ("Home Brewmeister" 1st-3rd edition) sobriety date.
- Feb 14, 1971 AA groups worldwide hold memorial service for Bill W.
- Feb 14, 2000 William Y., "California Bill" dies in Winston Salem, NC.
- Feb 15, 1918 Sue Smith Windows, Dr. Bob's adopted daughter, was born.
- Feb 15, 1941 Baltimore Sunday Sun reported that the city's first AA group, begun in June 1940, had grown from 3 to 40 members.
- Feb 17, Jim B contacted Charlie B, whom he had met once, some two years before, at a New York AA meeting.
- Feb 18, 1943 During gas rationing in WWII, AA's are granted the right to use cars for 12th step work in emergency cases.
- Feb 19, 1967 Father "John Doe" (Ralph P), 1st Catholic Priest in AA dies.
- Feb 20, 1941 The Toledo Blade published first of three articles on AA by Seymour Rothman.
- Feb 23, 1959 AA granted "Recording for the Blind" permission to tape the Big Book.
- Feb 28, 1940 First organization meeting of Philadelphia AA was held at McCready Huston's room at 2209 Delancy St.

Alcoholics Anonymous


is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization, or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Copyright © The A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

Super Bowl Party
 Join us all at 5:00 pm, Sunday, Feb. 9
 Fellowship Club, 1166 Main St., Dubuque.
 Bring a dish to pass.
 Fun, Friendly fellowship to be had!

Dubuque Area Intergroup Presents:
“The Gathering of The Eagles”



Saturday, March 22, 2025
 Westminster Presbyterian Church
 2155 University Avenue

AA Speaker: Terry C
Al-Anon Speaker: Brenda C


Doors open at 4:30, Dinner at 5:00 pm
Kalmes Catering

Dinner followed by Speakers, then Raffle
\$20 at the Door
Please Bring a Raffle Donation

No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Dubuque, March 22

MARCH 28, 29 & 30
 2025



ROUNDUP
“Follow The Path”
 to be held at the
 Quality Inn & Suites — 2601 E 13th Street, Ames Iowa

Friday, March 28
 Yvonne S. – Los Angeles, CA (A.A.) 8:00 p.m.
 Followed by Ice Cream Social, Big Book Trivia and Al-Anon Meeting

Saturday, March 29
 Germaine E.B. – Rapid City, SD (Al-Anon) 10:00 a.m.
 Jeff M. – Helena, MT (A.A.) 1:00 p.m.
 Followed by Kelly P. – Helena, MT (Al-Anon)
 David M. – Bethlechem, PA (A.A.) 7:30 p.m.
 Followed by Dance

Sunday, March 30
 Beth B. – Omaha, NE (A.A.) 10:00 a.m.

Preregistrations must be received by March 17, 2025

AIM FOR AMES ROUNDUP REGISTRATION

Ames, March 28-30

2025 Area 24 Spring Conference
 Hosted by District 14 Best Western Holiday Lodge
 2023 7th Ave N
 Clear Lake, IA 50428

Road of Happy Destiny

Friday, June 13
 6:45-7:45 PM Officer and Chair Sharing Session
 8:00-9:00 PM Sharing Sessions: DCM, OSR, and Area Officers
 9:45-11:15 PM Workshops – Archives, Corrections, Newsletter, and PI

Saturday, June 14
 7:15-8:15 AM Early Bird AA meeting
 8:30-11:15 AM Area Business Meeting
 11:30-1:30 PM Luncheon—Al-anon Speaker:
 Lorell R. from Clarion, IA, and Alaton speaker:
 TBA
 1:45-5:30 PM Area Business Meeting

6:30 PM Banquet, AA Speaker: Ann J. from Des Moines, IA, and entertainment: TBA
 9:30-11:00 PM Workshops—CPC, Grapevine, Literature, and Treatment
 11:15-12:15 PM Candlelight Meeting

Sunday, June 15
 6:45-7:45 AM Early Bird Meeting
 8:00-9:00 AM Conference Committee Workshop: TBA
 9:15-10:15 AM Past Delegate “Ask It Basket”
 9:15-10:15 AM Area Officers and Chairs Transition Meeting
 10:30-11:30 AM AA Spiritual Speaker: Derek S. from Omaha, NE

Pre-Registration Form – Area 24 2025 Spring Conference - Due by May 20, 2025

NAME _____
 Badge Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State _____
 Zip Code _____ Phone: _____

Check Box - Due by May 1
 Spanish Interpreter
 ASL Interpreter

Adults	\$30 Pre-Registration	\$35 At Door	<input type="checkbox"/> AA
Alataton	\$10		<input type="checkbox"/> Al-Anon
Pre-Registration Meal	\$20 Lunch	\$25 Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian
At Door Meal	\$25 Lunch	\$30 Banquet	
Total			

Make Checks Payable to Area 24 Spring Conference and mail to PO Box 465, Buffalo Center, IA 50424-0465

Clear Lake, June 13-15

Planning is Underway

Canoe trip on Maquoketa River. June 28-29, tentative date of July 12-13th.
 Monticello River Rentals (8-hour canoe trip). It ends at Picture Rock County Park, and we could have a meeting and cookout at the end.
 Interested? contact **Marc R.**
(563) 543-3218
area24district11activities@gmail.com

Maquoketa River, June 28-29

SAVE THE DATE



AREA 24
Fall Conference
October 17, 18, 19,
2025

STARLITE BEST WESTERN, 1518 3RD AVENUE NW, JUNCTION HWYS 169 & 7, FORT DODGE, IOWA

The PLANNING COMMITTEE
 for this event is held every 2nd
 Saturday of each month at 1:15PM
 1408 5th Avenue South
 Fort Dodge
 CHAIR: Jim C.

Fort Dodge, October 17-19

District 11/Area 24
 2025 Fall Mini Conference



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 8th
“Power Greater than Ourselves”
 at Westminster Presbyterian Church
 2155 University Ave., Dubuque

Service Positions are Available

For ways you can Serve contact
Chuck E., Conf. Chair (815) 281-9050
or Keith K., DCM (815) 281-1591

Dubuque, November 8

Check Dubuqueaa.org for downloadable copies of many of these events.

Feb 2025	Area 24–District 11 News	Issue #9
	Thoughts of Interest in District 11/Area 24	

From the Editors:

We wish to acknowledge the contributions of the Dubuque Area Intergroup and its website, DubuqueAA.org, which hosts the District 11 Messenger newsletter, events and AA Meeting Schedules. Thank you Dubuque Area Intergroup, for all you do!

Summaries of the District GSR Business Meetings and Chair reports usually are lightly edited for clarity and brevity. Original, full Chair reports are recorded and emailed within the business meeting minutes. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive the District 11 monthly GSR Business Meeting minutes in full, please email requests to: area24district11altdcm@gmail.com

We invite the District 11 Fellowship to submit articles, art or photos related to their recovery that emphasize their experience, strength and hope for the still suffering alcoholic. We especially invite GSR's to submit articles describing their Home Groups and their activities. Articles should ideally be 300 words, or less.

Content submissions may require light editing, but every effort is made to maintain the spirit of the message, as expressed. Of course, anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all of our decisions including use of initials for Last Names.

This newsletter, **The Messenger**, is a publication of **Area 24 /District 11 of Alcoholics Anonymous**. The editors and contributors do not speak for AA, in whole or in part, and the information presented is for the sole use of the members of AA and opinions expressed are those of the editors or authors only. All content quoted from AA Literature is offered in the spirit of recovery and is attributed accordingly.

District 11 serves the AA members and support institutions of the following communities:

- Iowa –
- Bellevue • Cascade • Delhi • Dubuque • Dyersville
Epworth • Manchester • Maquoketa • Peosta**
- Illinois –
- Elizabeth • Galena**

Our 7th Tradition:

“Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions”

Reprinted from page 160, “Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions”, with permission from A.A. World Services, Inc.



**Self-Support:
Where Money and
Spirituality Mix**

**Where Your
Contributions
Are Applied**

**Your contributions support
the operations of District 11.
All Individual contributions from
AA members are gratefully accepted.**

Contributions may be made to all of these AA organizations:

General Service Office
Post Office Box 2407
James A Farley Station
New York, NY 10116-2407

Area 24
PO Box 1291
Des Moines, Iowa 50305

District 11 Treasurer
1646 Asbury Road
Dubuque, IA 52001

Dubuque Area Intergroup
1646 Asbury Road #7
Dubuque, IA 52001