

# The Messenger

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Area 24–District 11 News

Issue #25



## Humility is Essential in Carrying the Message

(Some compassion doesn't hurt, either.) In Tradition 6: (“An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”) We are first and foremost loyal to and grateful for the gift of sobriety, and no amount of money, property or prestige should interfere with the fulfillment of our primary role in sobriety. If we are truly humble, or ‘right sized’, the value of our commitment to carrying the message greatly outweighs all other considerations.

In the 6th Step: (“Were entirely ready for God to remove all these defects of character.”) We serve best by focusing on our readiness to have character defects removed that divert or distract us, emphasizing our personal growth and clarity of purpose as our best defense against relapse, either physically or emotionally.

Because the 6th Tradition alludes to the importance of A.A.’s primary purpose, our affiliations with our group or outside enterprises are ultimately for the purpose of making us available to our responsibility to carry the message.

The 6th Step’s sense of readiness supports the 6th Tradition’s goal of maintaining the group’s singleness of purpose.

Together, the Steps and Traditions promote a balance between personal responsibility and collective support in sobriety. Both principles foster humility and purposeful service to others in our shared recovery.

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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

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## District 11 June Committee Meeting Minutes

**DISTRICT 11 BUSINESS MEETING** minutes-taken by Erin R\*, District 11 Secretary

*\*thank you all for your service and dedication to AA recovery*  
Saturday, June 6, 2026 – 10:30am Westside Clubhouse, Dubuque, IA Opening – 10:30am  
Call to Order & Welcome – Keith K, DCM

(A) Serenity Prayer

(B) Introductions

(First name and service position & Welcome visitors)

Administrative Items

Roll Call – GSRs and Committee Chairs

Approval of May Minutes (Motion / Second / Vote approved )

Treasurer's Report\* (Motion / Second / Vote approved)

Secretary read Treasurer's report + \$200 from Vision of Hope which will be added to next month's income.

*\*report attached, pg. 5*

**GROUP REPORTS** (6 GSRs present)

*\*Physical AA Copies are at WESTSIDE and AA Meeting Guide app on phone.*

**Family Afterwards:** Mary C-E, GSR. Basement of Columbkill Office. Read out of the Big Book, stories in the back! They are currently on Fear or Fear. This is an open meeting, and all are welcome!

**Attitude Adjustment:** Kevin, GSR. Saturday mornings at 9am. Dubuque Fellowship Club. This meeting is well attended ranging from 15-30 people. Last Saturday of the month they give chips as a celebration of sobriety. They do the 3rd Step Prayer, The 7th Step Prayer, The 11th Step Prayer, St. Francis Prayer and 24 Hour reading and popcorn share.

**Cascade Area:** Tom M, GSR. Closed AA meeting. Open meetings every Friday of the month. Roughly 20 people, lots of ranges in sobriety. 24 Hours and Daily Reflections readings.

**Gift Of Desperation:** Saturdays at noon, (Cascade) Closed meeting. Read both Big Books and 12X12 books. Roughly about 10 people attendance. Cornerstone Church (Nixon St)

**There is a Solution:** Tuesdays at noon, (Cascade) Cornerstone Church (Nixon St) People are coming from far away! Open meeting and representation from Al-Anon as well.

**Dyersville Meeting:** Open meeting now ... Wednesday at 7pm. The second Wednesday meeting of the month

there is a speaker meeting.

Starting July 24, doors will be open at 1pm, and at 7pm they will have an AA meeting with and for the Ragbrai riders coming into town that day!

This celebration with the bike riders will be held in the basement of the Basilica Church.

**Unity Step Group:** Gabe, GSR. Sunday night 7pm at WestSide; 12 Steps (abbreviated red folder 12 steps). Roughly 15 people in attendance.

**Keyway Lodge:** Cheryl P, GSR. Birthday party event TODAY June 6th at Bread Of Life Church. Doors open at 3pm. Speaker at , Dinner and Raffle drawing.

The normal weekly meeting is roughly 20 people every Wednesday at 8pm. Visitors are welcome and the meetings are open. Cake night last Wednesday of the month and usually 40-50 people for Speakers (of the month that have birthdays) cake and ice cream.

**Happy Hour Group:** Travis, GSR. Tuesday night group 6pm Westside. 12 Steps. Roughly about 20 people; closed meeting. When newcomers are present, they read Step 1

**Galena Meetings–**

At 1st Presbyterian Church,\*

**Attitude Adjustment:** Julie K, GSR. Saturday morning 9:30am, roughly 25 people and lots of visitors especially during summer months.

At Grace Episcopal Church,\* Rod M, GSR for all.

**Monday 12 X 12:** 12x12 meeting

**Tuesday Open:** 7pm, discussion

**Wednesday Noon:** Big Book study

**We Are Not a Glum Lot:** Thursday, 7pm, As Bill Sees It

*\* all hybrid meetings*

**Friday Grapevine:** ZOOM only meeting

**AL-ANON REPORT** - no report

**INTERGROUP REPORT** - no report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Archives:** Jeff M, area 24 archives. District 11 archives, asst. chair, the archives collection is held at WestSide.

AA 2026 Spring Conference, Marshalltown June 12-14

Jeff (Bill H, speaker), at noon, Cedar Rapids -

District 8, will be having a display in front at Registration, Friday morning, lunch is catered.

Larry F. 1950's AA history is repeated from last month's Messenger, AA district 11, great article!

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**Corrections:** Jesse, Co-Chair, (present)  
 Jail meeting: Open format; Wednesdays AA meetings 6-8pm ~ roughly 15 inmates in attendance. They share, read how it works, and read from the Big Book. They have asked for meeting pamphlets for those who are getting released. Please reach out to Jesse or Mick, if you would be willing and interested in coming/going into the jail to help facilitate the meetings, AND/OR if you would like to be on the list for Bridging the Gap ... calling, connecting with those who are released from the jail and would like to continue a life of recovery. Jesse reported they would love to get a schedule for AA members to go into the jails and more people and eventually would like to go into the other jails. They have Big Books at Dubuque for the library in and for the men, Women have a basket for books and pamphlets etc. They are looking to get into the Maquoketa Jail and other district 11 jails. The Women meet behind the glass, the Men meet with inmates in person. Jesse will be in contact with MaryJo to talk about the women's meeting and info. Also getting in touch with Carol to get packets for those being released interested in continuing with AA.

**Grapevine:** Travis (present)  
 June issue: Young and Sober. Stories need to be submitted online and/or the app. Check website for more details to submit stories, etc...

**Newsletter:** Thom E. (present)  
 The June issue will be ready to go out very soon!

**Public Information:** (PI) OPEN POSITION!

**CPC:** Sue G - ill ; prayers, please  
**Treatment & Accessibilities:** Carol - (not present)  
 ASAC volunteer needed: please send names to Carol and/or Cord. Mercy Turning Point, Bridge the Gap, please send names to Cord and/or Carol

**Activities:** Marc R (present)  
 Summer Canoe / Camping Trip: July 18, 9am canoe and camp trip 4:30pm dinner, food, campfire, meeting, gratitude meeting. \*\*Flier is Attached

**DISTRICT REPORTS**

DCM Report – Keith K.  
*Hi friends, Keith, alcoholic.*  
*Thank you all for your continued service to District 11.*  
*Service remains the heartbeat of our district, and I appreciate*

*everyone who continues to show up and carry the message. Thank you to our GSRs, committee chairs, and volunteers who keep our meetings and service structure healthy. We continue to seek a Public Information Chair. If you know someone interested in service or willing to learn, please encourage them to step forward.*

*As we move into summer, please continue supporting the planning efforts for our November District Mini-Conference. Strong events are built through many small acts of service, and your participation makes a difference.*

*Thank you to Corrections, Treatment, Intergroup, and all committees serving alcoholics throughout our district.*

*In love and service, Keith K.*

**Alternate DCM Report:** Rod M (not present)

Meeting schedule updates  
 Newspaper corrections  
 District schedule review

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

District Mini-Conference (November 2026) JoanneH, Al-ANon speaker, Dubuque & Fr. Mark O, AA speaker, Maquoketa. If you would like to get involved, please let Stacy B and Steve G know!  
 Public Information Chair Vacancy. If you know anyone that would like to get involved in service, let them know!

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business, but: Please note, next District 11 AA Business Meeting is changed from July 4 to July 11th 10:30 WestSide

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Area 24 Spring Conference, June 12–14, 2026, Marshalltown, Iowa  
 Summer Canoe / Camping Trip, July18

District Activities Committee  
 Fellowship Club Speaker Breakfast, Third Sunday of each month  
 District 11 Mini-Conference, November 7, 2026

**CLOSING**

(A) Final Announcements (30 seconds each)  
 (B) Motion to Adjourn / Second / Vote  
 (C) Close with the Lord's Prayer

May Treasury Report

TREASURY REPORT

(A friendly, cogent reminder brought forward from pg. 12)

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

– In Iowa –

- Bellevue • Cascade • Delhi
- Dubuque • Dyersville
- Edgewood • Epworth
- Hopkinton • Manchester
- Maquoketa • Peosta

– In Illinois –

- Elizabeth • Galena • Hanover

**Our 7th Tradition states:**

“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.*

Dubuque AA District 11			
Treasurer's Report for the Month of May 2026			
STARTING BALANCE			5,525.53
<b>INCOME:</b>			
4-Apr	Pass the Basket	\$26.00	
2-May	Pass the Basket	\$23.68	
7-Feb	Sober Sisters	\$50.00	
1-May	Day at a Time Group	\$50.00	
2-May	Family Afterward	\$40.00	
29-May	Interest	\$0.44	
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS:		<b>\$190.12</b>	5,715.65
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
12-May	Carol K. ck #3164	\$10.60	
	Treatment supplies		
TOTAL EXPENSES:		<b>\$10.60</b>	
ENDING BALANCE 5/31/2026			5,705.05
Prudent Reserves			\$1,002.62

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl P, District 11 Treasurer

To explore common themes in Daily Reflections for June, consider the following points:

- Emphasis on gratitude and recognizing daily blessings.
- The importance of personal responsibility in recovery.
- Reflection on the power of community and support from fellow members.
- Insights on the necessity of humility and surrendering control.
- Encouragement to practice self-care and mindfulness in sobriety.
- Acknowledgment of the ongoing nature of personal growth and change.



## Meeting Guide

### Meeting Guide is a free app supported by Seventh Tradition contributions

The app helps people quickly find A.A. meetings and resources using information provided by A.A. service entities. Available on both iOS and Android.



### 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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DOWNLOAD ON THE APP STORE >

[CLICK HERE](#) to get the Meeting Guide Mobile App from AA.org

## The Meeting Guide app directly relates to the "I am responsible" pledge by acting as a digital, 24/7 extension of the "hand of A.A."

By providing immediate, accessible, and up-to-date information on over 100,000 weekly in-person and online meetings, the app fulfills the commitment to be available whenever anyone, anywhere reaches out for help.

Key correlations between the Meeting Guide app and the Responsibility Pledge include:

**"When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help":** The app provides instant access to meetings worldwide, regardless of geographic location, meeting the needs of isolated or newly seeking individuals.

**"I want the hand of A.A. always to be there":** The app lists both in-person and online meetings, ensuring that support is accessible at all hours. It acts as a tool for "carrying the message," which is the basic service AA provides.

**"And for that I am responsible":** The app is supported by Seventh Tradition contributions and is designed to be user-updated, encouraging members to take responsibility for the accuracy of the information.

**Supporting Newcomers and Professionals:** The tool allows users to easily find meetings, and it is frequently used by professionals (therapists, probation officers) to help people find support, acting as a modern "hand of A.A."

**Voluntary Contribution:** The app relies on local A.A. service organizations to voluntarily provide and update the meeting information, reflecting the collective service responsibility of the fellowship.

The app also respects the principle of anonymity by not tracking user locations when not in use and by allowing users to search without sharing their personal location.

*Sunday Evening is  
Family Recovery Night!*  
Beginning at 7:00 pm  
Grand View Methodist Church  
3342 John Wesley Dr., Dubuque, Iowa



Alcoholics Anonymous 12X12 Group meeting  
Missing Link Al-Anon Family Group meeting  
Alateen meeting  
Free Childcare Provided

Grandview Methodist, Current

Are you looking for a way to get more involved  
with your recovery?  
‘Service is the answer!!’  
Currently there is an open service position for  
**Dubuque Area Intergroup Co-  
Chair Position**



Please call us with any questions and learn more about this  
fantastic opportunity 563-557-9196 or visit  
[www.dubuqueaa.org](http://www.dubuqueaa.org)

Dubuque Intergroup, Current

**CALL TO SERVICE!**

**IMPORTANT  
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OUR DISTRICT IS IN  
NEED OF A PUBLIC  
INFORMATION  
CHAIRPERSON!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
CALL DCM KEITH K @ 815-281-1591  
OR EMAIL  
[AREA24DISTRICTIDCM@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AREA24DISTRICTIDCM@GMAIL.COM)

District 11, Current



AA  
Al-Anon  
Alateen  
& More!

The DUBUQUE FELLOWSHIP CLUB PRESENTS!  
**12 STEP RECOVERY BREAKFAST**

BISCUITS AND GRAVY THEN A SPEAKER - \$5  
THIRD SUNDAYS EACH MONTH  
9:00 AM BREAKFAST  
9:30 AM SPEAKER

1166 MAIN STREET, LOWER LEVEL, DUBUQUE

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

DFC, Current

SINSINAWA MOUND CENTER ST. CLARA CHAPEL

**FRIDAY NIGHT  
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
MEETING**

Friday 5:30 PM (Doors open 5:00)  
When entering the Sinsinawa Mound Center, you will not be  
asked to sign in. You will simply be greeted and directed to St.  
Clara Chapel.

Sinsinawa Mound Center  
(St. Clara Chapel)  
585 County Road Z  
Sinsinawa, Wisconsin 53824

Sinsinawa Mound, Current

**2026 Area 24 Spring Conference**  
Hosted By District 3  
June 12-14, 2026

**Bright Spot of Our Lives**

Alcoholics Anonymous  
Iowa Valley Community College  
3702 S. Center Street, Marshalltown  
SPEAKERS ON SATURDAY WILL BE AT IOWA VALLEY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Al-Anon and Alateen  
Marshalltown Arts & Civic Center  
709 S. Center Street, Marshalltown

**FRIDAY:**  
5:00 p.m. Registration  
6:45-7:45 p.m. Area 24 Office & Chair Session  
8-9 p.m. DCM/OSB Sharing Session  
9:45-11:15 p.m. Workshops: Archives, Corrections,  
Hemlock, & P

**SATURDAY:**  
7 a.m.-10 p.m. Registration  
7:15-8:15 a.m. Early Bird Meeting  
8:30-10:30 a.m. Delegate Report  
10:45-11:15 a.m. Area Business Meeting  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Luncheon: Al-Anon/Alateen  
Speaker @ Iowa Valley Community College  
1:45-5:30 p.m. Area Business Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Banquet and AA Speaker, Jan P  
9:30-11:00 p.m. Workshops: CPC, Grapevine, Literature, & Treatment

**SUNDAY:**  
8:45-7:45 a.m. Early Bird Meeting  
9:15-10:15 a.m. State Officers "As It Began"  
10:30-11:30 a.m. AA Spiritual Speaker

**FRIDAY:**  
5:00 p.m. Registration  
7-8 p.m. GR Registration/Group Contributions  
8-9 p.m. Open Meeting  
9:15 p.m. AWSC Meeting

**SATURDAY:**  
7 a.m.-10 p.m. Registration  
7-8 a.m. GR Registration/Group Contributions  
9:30 a.m. Workshop  
10:15-11:15 a.m. Delegate Report  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Luncheon - Al-Anon/Alateen speaker @Iowa  
Valley Community College  
1:45-5:30 p.m. Business Meeting  
4:30 p.m. Banquet and AA Speaker  
9 p.m. Alateen Candlelight Meeting  
11:15: Candlelight Meeting

**SUNDAY:**  
9 a.m.-10 a.m. Workshop  
10:15-11:15 a.m. AFG Spiritual Speaker

**Pre-Registration Form – Due by May 29**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

Check Box – Due by May 1  
 Spanish Interpreter  
 ASL Interpreter

Adults	\$50 Pre-Registration	\$55 at door	Check One
Alateen	\$10		<input type="checkbox"/> AA
Pre-registration meal	\$20 Lunch	\$25 Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> Al-Anon
			<input type="checkbox"/> Alateen
Total			<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free

Make checks payable to Area 24 Spring Conference P.O. Box 1913 Ames, IA 50010

Marshalltown, June 12–14

Downloadable copies of most of these events are at [DubuqueAA.org](http://DubuqueAA.org)



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## June AA History \*

June 1, 1949	Anne Smith, Dr. Bob's wife, died.	June 17, 1942	New York AA groups sponsored the first annual NY area meeting. Four hundred and twenty-four heard Dr. Silkworth and AA speakers.
June 4, 2002	Caroline Knapp, author of "Drinking: A Love Story" died sober of lung cancer.	June 18, 1940	One hundred attended the first meeting in the first AA clubhouse at 334-1/2 West 24th St., New York City.
June 5, 1940	Ebby Thatcher took a job at the NY Worlds Fair.	June 19, 1942	Columnist Earl Wilson reported that NYC Police Chief Valentine sent six policemen to AA and they sobered up. "There are fewer suicides in my files," he commented.
June 6, 1940	The first AA Group in Richmond, VA, was formed.	June 21, 1944	The first Issue of the AA Grapevine was published.
June 1979	AA gave the two-millionth copy of the Big Book to Joseph Califano, then Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare. It was presented by Lois Wilson, Bill's wife, in New York.	June 24, 1938	Two Rockefeller associates told the press about the Big Book "Not to bear any author's name but to be by 'Alcoholics Anonymous.'"
June 7, 1939	Bill and Lois Wilson had an argument, the first of two times Bill almost slipped.	June 25, 1939	The New York Times reviewer wrote that the Big Book is "more soundly based psychologically than any other treatment I have ever come upon."
June 1941	The first AA Group in St. Paul, Minnesota, was formed.	June 26, 1935	Bill Dotson. (AA #3) entered Akron's City Hospital for his last detox and his first day of sobriety.
June 8, 1941	Three AA's started a group in Kalamazoo, Michigan.	June 28, 1935	Dr. Bob and Bill Wilson visited Bill Dotson at Akron's City Hospital.
June 10, 1935	The date that is celebrated as Dr. Bob's last drink and the official founding date of AA. There is some evidence that the founders, in trying to reconstruct the history, got the date wrong and it was actually June 17.	June 30, 1941	Ruth Hock showed Bill Wilson the Serenity Prayer and it was adopted readily by AA.
June 11, 1945	Twenty-five hundred attend AA's 10th Anniversary in Cleveland, Ohio.	June 2000	More than 47,000 from 87 countries attended the opening meeting of the 65th AA Anniversary in Minneapolis, MN.
June 1969	Dr. Bob's granddaughter, Bonna, daughter of Sue Smith and Ernie Galbraith (The Seven Month Slip in the First Edition) killed herself after first killing her six-year-old child.	June 1948	A subscription to the AA Grapevine was donated to the Beloit, Wisconsin, Public Library by a local AA member.
June 1971	Ernie Galbraith died.	June 1981	AA in Switzerland held its 25th Anniversary Convention with Lois Wilson and Nell Wing in attendance.
June 13, 1945	Morgan R. gave a radio appearance for AA with large audience. He was kept under surveillance to make sure he didn't drink.		
June 15, 1940	First AA Group in Baltimore, MD, was formed.		
June 16, 1938	Jim Burwell, "The Vicious Cycle" in Big Book, had his last drink.		

*\*reposted by permission of South Jersey Intergroup*

*(A repeat of last month's recollection)*

### Family Fun in the Fellowship of Dubuque ASA in the 1950s

*Per the recollections of Larry F., who was the son of Dubuque A.A. founder Louie F., from a 4-12-26 text interview.\**

The A.A. club at 498 Main Street was across the street from the present-day (2026) Five Flags Civic Center which is the location of the downtown Holiday Inn. According to Larry, there were many steep steps to the upper level where the A.A. rooms were situated.

Christmas and New Year's Eve parties were held, to the sheer delight of many A.A.'s and families. Larry's Mom would play the piano as the others sang Christmas songs. Larry mentioned that at the New Year's Eve parties it was the first time as a small boy that he witnessed all the craziness with the outlandish party hats and shrilling sounds of the festive horns. Most notably as Larry grew older it intrigued him because he realized that the A.A. members were were acting goofy despite not partaking in alcoholic

beverages! Also, everyone enjoyed the A.A. musical band that called themselves "the Alanotes".

Also, during the summers in the 1950s, the young lad was given permission at the A.A. picnics to drink as much creme soda as he wished. Also, an A.A. member named Marv played the guitar and sang country songs at those warm weather gatherings.

The summer picnics took place on an East Dubuque property along Frenress Lake. The cottage they used on this property was the Egelhof cabin. The Eglehof's were Judge Louie's in-laws and proprietors of Egelhof Funeral Home, in Dubuque. The cabin is now situated on the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium grounds, in Dubuque.

*\*Submitted by Jeff M., Asst. District 11 archivist*

## Dubuque Area Intergroup

### Area24 / District 11 Alcoholics Anonymous and Iowa Area Al-Anon Family Groups

**Office Location: 1646 Asbury Rd #7, Dubuque, IA 52001**

**Office opened by appointment at your convenience:**

**Call (563) 557-9196**



#### AA Literature

Dubuque Area Intergroup stocks and sells A.A. Conference-approved literature and recovery anniversary medallions for the convenience of local members and groups. French and Spanish literature can be ordered. We stock outreach pamphlets that address recovery with inclusivity for all persons. Al-Anon Family Group's literature may also be purchased at our office.

**(Call for prices)**



#### Meetings and Events

Dubuque Area Intergroup publishes and distributes up-to-date lists of in-person meetings as well as web-based meetings for those who are housebound or chronically ill. We publish local A.A., Al-Anon, and Alateen event flyers and other related information on this website. Our AA Meetings are also listed in the aa.org "AA Meeting Guide App".



#### Speakers and Referrals

The Dubuque Area Intergroup is one of 700 AA Intergroups throughout the U.S. We are a resource to connect with A.A. Members. We include public outreach for Al-Anon Family Groups and Alateen. Referrals to A.A. Speakers willing to share their personal experience with the A.A. program of recovery, may be reached by calling our office.

**Group contributions  
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**From the Newsletter Chair:**

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Summaries of the District GSR Business Meetings and Chair reports are lightly edited for clarity and consistency. Original, full Committee Chair reports are represented in the business meeting minutes. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive the District 11 monthly Business Meeting minutes in full, please email requests to: [area24district11newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:area24district11newsletter@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 about 300 words or so.

Content submissions may require some 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.

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

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