The Messenger

June 2025

Area 24-District 11 News

Issue #13



Founders' Day, also known as AA Founder's Day, is a commemorative event held by Alcoholics Anonymous to celebrate the founding of the organization. It is typically held around the anniversary of Dr. Bob Smith's last drink, which is widely considered the founding date of AA on June 10, 1935. There is some evidence that the founders, in trying to reconstruct the history, got the date wrong and it was actually June 17.

This event serves as a way for AA members and supporters to honor the co-founders, Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith, and to acknowledge the impact of their work on countless people's lives.

Founders' Day celebrations often involve various activities, including speaker meetings, sharing of personal stories of recovery, and fellowship gatherings.

Location:

The main celebration historically takes place in Akron, Ohio, the birthplace of AA, and is often attended by thousands of people from around the world.

Significance:

Founders' Day provides a platform for AA members to reflect on their journey, express gratitude for the support they have received, and reaffirm their commitment to helping others achieve and maintain sobriety.

From the District 11 Treasurer

This is a gentle reminder to groups to please mail your 7th Tradition contributions

to the work of District 11 to us at the Dubuque Area Intergroup address:

District 11

1646 Asbury Rd. #7

Dubuque, IA 52001

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In service, Cheryl P., District 11 Treasurer

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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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Minutes of the Committee Meeting, 6.7.2025

District 11 Business Meeting Agenda¹, Date: Saturday June 7, 2025, Time: 10:30 am, Location: Westside Clubhouse, 1646 Asbury Road, Dubuque

Opening:

- Call Meeting to Order | Welcome from ALT DCM Erin LaFoe
- Open with the Serenity Prayer

Administrative Business:

- District Chair Roll Call | Chairs and GSR
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes |
 Tom M. to summarize May minutes.
 Motion made, second, and vote. Minutes Passed.
- Treasurer's Report | Cheryl P. Absent We looked over the report from e-mail, and looked at last report. No vote taken on this will check it out more next meeting.

District Chair Positions: (Committee Reports) (2–3 minutes each)

- Archives | (present) all going good.
- Corrections | Alicia M. (absent) no report
- Grapevine | Travis (present) no new up dates
- Newsletter | Thom E. (present) should be able to have the newsletter out by the 20th of June, possibly sooner. There was an article written by 'Anonymous', (we know who you are) in the newsletter, History of AA in Dubuque and Galena in the newsletter, please take time to read it, great information. Share your feed back on the newsletter to Thom E.
 - Area24district11newsletterchair@gmail.com, and last month we had an article written on the Jaywalkers group, and this month it looks like it will be on the Manchester groups. We're having a great time on this, with the groups cooperation and writing the history and pictures of the group places they met at and currently are meeting.
- Treasurer Cheryl P (absent) e-mail report
- Public Information (PI) | Shannon P. (absent)
 No report.

• Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) | Sue G. (present)
Well, I'm finally out of my cast, and can get up and running again. Going to get a hold of Shannon P. to work with her. Few thing passed on by Chad and others, where there is an outreach program by John Deere, set up tables so people can get information on the AA Program. Also there's a place at Mercy One. Cheryl is the person to contact, she's been going to some meetings in Cascade, get information to help with people at the hospital. Sue will also reach out to Carol for contacts at Mercy hospital in Dubuque to help out on Turning Point.

• Treatment & Accessibilities | Carol K. (present) and

- Mark (present) Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC) Greetings to everyone, Received a letter from the treatment and Accessibility chair, who will be at the international Conference, coming up in July, hope to pick up some good tips from them on this and bring it back to the group. I also passed on the letter, to the newsletter chair and the secretary chair. It will be posted in the newsletter. Went up Friday after getting nowhere calling or texting Mercy Hospital, Turning Point, to see what's up. I left schedule sheets there and packets, to update, there was no one there, so left a message to get back to me. Went to the ACSA last night with some other AA people to tell our story. It was a large group of people. Mark did a very good job, getting it started back up. Glad to have you aboard, I'll let Mark share on that part more, because of my life Journey
- One last thing, we also have a very good helper from Al-Anon (She does it on Thursday and I work on it on Tuesdays) I do get side-tracked, once in a while, and I start reading pamphlets. Thanks for heads-up on the Mercy Hospital, Turning Point program. I'll keep on this to get it back up and going for Bridge the Gap.

in AA, I found out it takes a village to help others.

Yours in service, Carol K., Treatment & Accessibilities Chair

6-7 Meeting Minutes (cont.)

- Mark's report on ASAC
 ASAC |1st Thursday every month at 4:30 pm, there are 2 to 3 people going in to do bridge the gap.
 See Mark M. If you'd like to be on the list, needing people with very good sobriety. Partial hospital treatment program, starting up every day at 11:30 am. working on the 12 steps of AA. Will have 2 AA, no more than 3. Mark or Carol will be the person to contact, if you like to help out and get name on the list. No one should just show up, you need to go through Mark M. for this program, because they have set protocols we have to work with.
- Chad | Gave us some feedback, on how, could we help you out so you're not overwhelmed with phone calls. Terry C.|Told us how, Tom M. help back in 1991, bridge the gap groups, all had someone over seeing, different places and they all get together once a month and helped keep things going. It was at the time about 100 people, helping out the chair with bridging the gap. Thanks everyone. Things to think about going forward.
- Added from end of meeting from Mark M. He'd like it to be shared to groups about helping with ASAC. It's usually 2-persons, one female one male, so they see different perspective of alcoholism. Also Mark M. was asked to make up a board to have people sign up with information on it who they are and the information on the person.
- Activities | Marc R. (absent) no report; see website for June 28, River Run.
- Alternate DCM | (present) Erin LaFoe
 There are 8 new GSRs/2 new groups/ 1 more new group just today turned in forms to be Registered.
- DCM Report | (absent) Keith K. no report

General Service Representative Reports GSR Updates | Brief updates from each group.

• Travis GSR - Tuesday (evening) 6 pm <u>Happy Hour Group</u> (Westside). Usually 15-20 people, Read and discuss the 12 and 12 . Great group with various levels of sobriety.

- Chad GSR <u>Jaywalkers</u> Wednesday Night, 7 pm meeting at the Hillcrest Family Services/Fellowship Hall, under the chapel. We read out of the big book and once a month, we do a tradition. 12-14 on average people at our meeting.
- Erin ALT GSR- <u>164 Page Group</u> Saturday morning 9 am. Attendance has been increasing lately, standing room only.
- Chad GSR-. Monday (evening) 6 pm. Open
 <u>Stone Room Meeting</u> New Albany Abbey. Daily
 Reflection reading and discussion. We have 5 to 15
 people, with we got 20 we would fill the heat. Every
 so often we get a visits from the traveling priest.
- Carol fill-in - <u>Keyway Lodge</u>, Wednesday evening at 8:30 pm. Open candlelight meeting. We will be having our AA Birthday & AA Anniversary party June 21, over at Westminster Presbyterian Church. See web-site for all the details. Will be moving to our new location sometime during this summer. (Westminster Presbyterian Church with a time change, 8 pm)
- Carol, Treasurer <u>Sober Sisters</u> group, Tuesday at noon we read out of big book the stories. Share on that and anything alcohol related. We have 8 to 10 people and zoom about 2 to 3 people. Great group of women with different lengths of sobriety.
- Carol, Alt. GSR- Sunday night 12x12 Step group,
 7 pm. We meet at Grandview Methodist Church.
 We read out of the 12x12 book and on the last
 Sunday of the month we do the tradition of the
 month. We have been getting back to a larger group of 19 in person and 5 or more on zoom. Right down the hall is Al-Anon and Alateen very family oriented.
- Mark GSR -Tuesday at 9 am <u>Day at a Time</u> and Thursday 9 am <u>12 steps & 12 traditions</u> at Westside club house. Attendance is very strong.
- Jody GSR Friday 9 am <u>Living Sober</u> group at Westside club house, good group of 20 to 30 people.
- Bret GSR- <u>Saturday Night Group</u>, 8 pm Manchester, we have anywhere from 5 to 15 people.

6-7 Meeting Minutes (cont.)

- Rod M., GSR for Galena | Monday-Friday.
 10 am, Monday, Monday Morning group
 7 pm, Tuesday, Tuesday Night Open group
 12 pm, Wednesday -Brown Baggers big book group
 7 pm, Thursday We are not a glum lot Big Book
 Things are Stable.
- Tom GSR 7 pm Friday, <u>Cascade Group</u>, 10 to 15 people, going to start getting more family involved. We just also added chips to our meeting. June last Friday of the month will be the 1st one for chips and cake and ice cream and goodies.
- Jeff K. GSR- <u>Open door group</u>, St. Patrick Catholic church 7 pm, Thursday night in Epworth. They have moved for a while, but will be moving back to their place next Thursday.

Liaison Reports

• Intergroup Liaison - Brad H.

The Memorial Day picnic turned out great, we had 93 plus people attending. July 4th 2025, there will be no picnic this year. Labor Day picnic is our next one in September. The third Saturday of the month is our intergroup business meeting, our next one will be June 21st at 10:30 at intergroup office. All are welcome, we encourage you to come and joining us in service.

• Al-Anon Liaison - Geri

Their Saturday Morning meeting, Grandview Methodist Church, has moved to Finley Hospital, by the café in the conference room. They will be having their vote for positions coming up in November. Hope to be more information on the Fall Speaker Meeting.

YPAA Liaison
 (Position still open – revisit recruitment)

Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

• Mini Conference Committee | Chuck E. (present) — Fliers will be ready to bring to spring conference, and an e-mail vote was taken for the price attending fee and meal tickets, so flier could be finalized.

Unfinished Business (from April)

The Dropbox issue was addressed. It had a motion to have our DCM, Keith K. to form a committee to look into this. Voted, passed.

New Business (to cover in our July meeting)
All chairs that want to go to spring conference,
reimbursement, to be paid. Please let Keith know if you're
going. Keith K. DCM / Cheryl, Treasurer / Shannon P.,
CPC / Carol K., Treatment & Accessibilities Chair

Announcements

Every 1st Saturday of the month is District 11 GSR Business meeting. 10:30 am Westside. Every third Saturday of the month is Intergroup Business Meeting. 10:30 am Intergroup office. On the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month is a speaker breakfast meeting. 9 am Fellowship club.

Upcoming Events

- Area 24 Spring Conference (6/13-15)
- Keyway Lodge AA Birthday & AA Anniversary Party, (7/21)
- Maquoketa River Run (6/28)
- Next Business meeting (7/5)
- Intergroup picnic Labor Day, September (9/1)
- Area 24 Fall Conference (10/17-19)
- Fall Mini conference (11/8)

Closing

- Small bit of information on GSR & chairs:
 We had 9 in-person GSRs and 7 in-person Chairs.
- Motion to Close, Second, Vote. Motion Passed.

Lord's Prayer - end of meeting

General Business Format Reminder
 Motion – Second – Discussion – Vote – Minority Voice?
 If minority: Motion to Reconsider – Second – Discussion – Vote.

Yours in service Carol K., Secretary pro tompore

¹ **District GSR Business Meetings minutes** and Chair reports are usually edited for brevity and clarity. See the closing page, (From the Editors) for more information on newsletter guidelines, notices and conditions, and how you can support the GSO, Area, District, and the Area Intergroup Office.

6-7 Meeting/May Treasurer's Report

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		STARTING	BALANCE		\$2,922.28
CONTRIBU	TIONS:		Monthly	Budget	
28-May	Family Afte	rward	\$30.00		
28-May	Bellvue Group		\$19.84		
28-May	Member co	ntribution	\$5.00		
30-May	Interest		\$0.12		
TOTAL CON	TRIBUTION	S:	\$54.96		\$2,977.24
EXPENSES	:		Monthly	Budget	Purpose
TOTAL EXP	ENSES:		\$0.00		0.00
	ENDING BA	DING BALANCE 5/31/2025			\$2,977.24
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June AA History and AA Preamble

June AA History *

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

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.

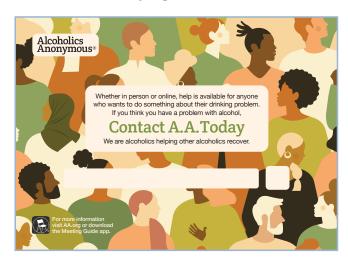
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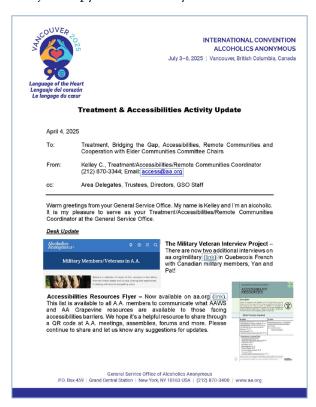




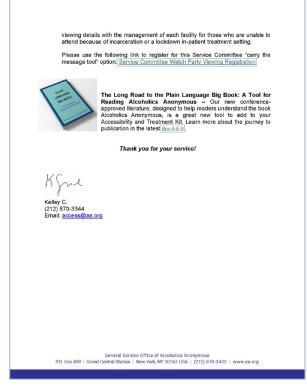


Treatment & Accessability Information from aa.org

The following was sent out to all Treatment, Bridging the Gap, Accessibilities and Remote Commnities and Cooperation with Elder Communities Committee Chairs from Kelley C., Treatment/Acessabilities/Remote Communities Coordinator for GSO. If you are involved with any of these efforts, download this newsletter and click on any of the boxed links for more info., or just copy the link into your browser. A wealth of guidance and knowledge is just a click away.







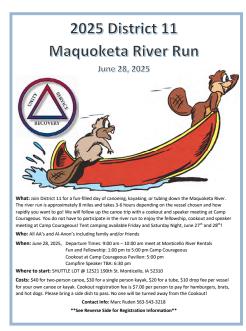
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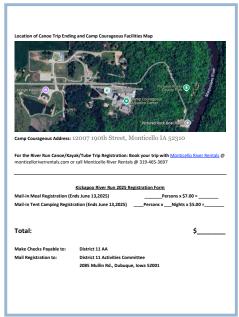
HEADS-UP

Folks, these events are upon us. Do not delay!!

If you're interested you better make haste.

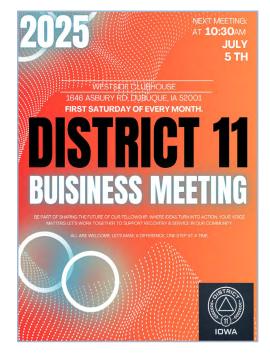






Dubuque, June 21

Maquoketa River, June 28-29



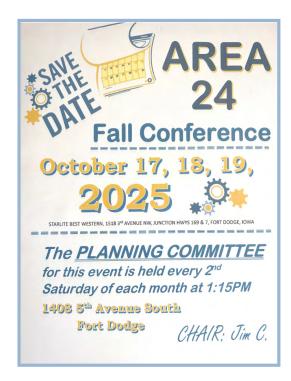
Dubuque Westside Club, July5

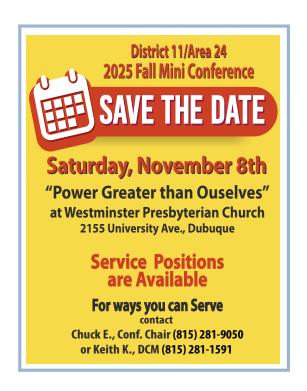


Dubuque Fellowship Club, July13

Downloadable copies of most of these events are at <u>Dubuqueaa.org</u>

Coming Events and Activities of Interest in the Tri-State Area





Fort Dodge, October 17-19

Dubuque, November 8



Des Moines, November 14-15

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Thoughts of Interest in District 11/Area 24

From the Newsletter Chair:

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 about 300 words or so.

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.

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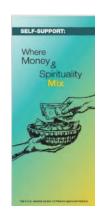
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Bellevue • Cascade • Delhi • Dubuque Dyersville • Epworth • Hopkinton Manchester • Maquoketa • Peosta - Illinois – Elizabeth • Galena

Our 7th Tradition:

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

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Self-Support:
Where Money and
Spirituality Mix

Where Your
Contributions
Are Applied

Your contributions support the operations of District 11 and the Dubuque Area Intergroup. All Individual contributions from AA members are gratefully accepted.

From the District 11 Treasurer

This is a gentle reminder to groups to please mail your 7th tradition contributions to the work of District 11 to us at the Dubuque Area Intergroup address:

District 11 1646 Asbury Rd #7 Dubuque, IA 52001

We are no longer paying for a P.O. Box. Those are currently being forwarded to Intergroup, but that will end in a few months. Thank you!

In service, Cheryl P., District 11 Treasurer

All of these AA organizations depend on our support:

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