

District 16 Monthly Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 9, 2026
In Person and Hybrid Meeting Open to All AA Members

Penelope J opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. She asked for September birthdays. Denise F had 32 years on 8/27/26 and Laurie H will have 28 years on 9/10/26. She asked if there are any new GSRs in attendance. Garrison M is a new GSR for a new Group, We Have Recovered, which is a literature study group held Thursdays at 6pm, at First Presbyterian Church, 85 South Holly St, Medford.

There was a count of eligible voters present in person and online. There were 16 eligible voters total. Garrison M read the long form of Tradition 9. Taylor M read Concept 9. Taylor M made a motion to approve last month's minutes, with Tod S seconding the motion. The minutes were approved.

Penelope J gave her report:

September DCM Report, 9/6/2026

Hello Everyone - All things DCM:

- I attended the Central Office meeting last Saturday. It was great to see how they support the individual alcoholic; the groups and show up for activities in the community. They are eager to collaborate and work alongside each other in the spirit of unity. It was there that I met with two of our fellow hispanic AA member at District 36, they too are hoping to work with us in the future to help the still suffering alcoholic.

-We are getting ready to collaborate with Area 58 and District 7 in our upcoming Safety Inclusion Workshop. October 10th. I'll let Hallie C share more about that.

-We had a very well attended Events Brainstorming meeting last Saturday at Central Office. We had about 15 members come together with tons of ideas for future events and a plan. And again I don't want to steal Hallie's thunder.

-Getting ready to attend our upcoming Area 58 Assembly in Gold Beach. Making sure that everyone has had a chance to register. Remember that you can attend the Assembly as the leisure of your own home via zoom.

Next, John F gave the Treasurer's report. He mentioned that he will have some recommendations at the next meeting for possibly distributing excess funds amounts that are not needed for the budget and prudent reserve. He asked for any questions. There were some questions about the costs of putting on the Quarterly Speaker meetings, that were discussed briefly. Gina J made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, and Ryan seconded. The Treasurer's report was approved.

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Taylor M, the new LDCM-D, gave a report. He is just starting in this position and is still gathering information. He plans to get out to different meetings soon. He did attend the Events Brainstorming meeting.

Mae M, Access Chair, gave a report:

I am very happy to report that Debbie D. the Area 58 Access Chair and I have continued to meet in preparations for the upcoming Area Assembly. Our last meeting was on 8/26/26, our next meeting will be on 9/13/26. In my written report you will find my notes from our 8/26/26 meeting. Debbie and I are finalizing our plans for the Accessibilities Table Display. I will be sure to give a full report on anything Accessibility related that I learn from the Area Assembly and provide an account of the items we utilize in our display. Further as it comes to local accessibility, I would like to highlight the efforts of the How It Works meeting. The group now utilizes a hearing-impaired system that increases the ability for members with difficulties in this area to better participate in a meeting. Central Office Literature Chair and I had a friendly impromptu conversation about accessibility and Spanish literature.

8.26.26 Accessibilities meeting notes between District 16 Access Chair, Mae M. and Oregon Area 58 Access Chair, Debbie D. :

Preparing for the Assembly Accessibility table: Debbie D. ordered literature. Mae purchased/borrowed (with her own funds) Pamphlets, Braille Pamphlets and Guidelines on Accessibilities at the Medford, Central Office. She was unable to purchase any Spanish literature as C.O. is currently out of many Spanish materials and did not want to take what little was available.

Action Items: Debbie will contact Mark to see if a laptop or DVD player may be made available for the display of ASL version of the Big Book. In Trifold display planning, Mae will learn and create QR codes for items on display. Debbie and Mae will glean through AA approved literature to make a final decision as to what will be on the Trifold and meet again before the 13th to discuss. Debbie, Purchase: Trifold, Display Rack on Amazon as the one previously available through aa.org is no longer listed. Debbie and Mae will continue to search for a large print copy of the Big Book in Spanish.

In Service, Mae M., District 16 Access Committee Chair

Todd J, Men's Corrections Chair, gave a report: Men's Corrections August 2026

On August 12th, three men went into the facility (Jackson County Jail) sharing their experience, strength and hope. Eight men were in attendance with good participation and a Thanks to those that went in. On August 26th three men went into the facility, sharing their experience, strength and hope. Three men attended from the inside and the reports back is that it was a really good panel that evening. Both panels' were on time and both panels let out at a reasonable time. It should also be noted that literature (pamphlets and big books) was provided by the "White Can Fund". Overall, it was a very good month for men's corrections. Tonight I will be introducing a member to District 16 who is interested in taking over my position as men's jail coordinator. Thanks for allowing me to be of service, In Gratitude Todd J

Todd introduced Tim P, present online, who would like to take the position of CFW, Men's Corrections Chair, when Todd's term is finished next month. Tim P gave a service resume and was appointed by Penelope as the successor Chair for Men's Corrections in November.

Ryan B, new Treatment Chair, gave his report. He is just getting started at this position. He reached out to the leads at the Treatment Centers and had conversations with the leads at the ARC and Fresh Start. They are looking for a new lead for the first Wednesday meeting at the Men's ARC at 1pm.

Hallie C, Events Chair, gave a report.

Good evening District 16. I am serving as your events chair. Our next event is a Safety & Inclusion Workshop to be held Oct 10 at 11am-2pm. It will be held at the Ascension Lutheran church on Blackoak. Come join us for some fellowship and unity. I have brought some flyers with a QR code on it. It is a zoom and in person event. Please make sure to share this information with the meetings you attend. It's really an important topic. There

will be a presentation as well as time for people to share their experience, strength and hope around safety. If anyone is interested in helping set up or clean up for the event please let me know I will stay after this meeting. There was a great turnout for the event's brainstorming meeting. I believe there were approximately 14 in attendance. We discussed many ideas and were able to narrow down the top six. I have brought some copies for everyone to vote. There will be a follow up meeting to be held this Saturday Sept 12 at 10:30am. It will be at the Central office on 116 E 6th st in Medford. Anyone interested in participating even if it's just for gathering information to take back to your homegroups is welcome.

I really appreciate all the Committee members who have pulled together and helped me with organizing these meetings and taking notes and sending out emails on behalf of events. Most importantly Penelope. If there is anyone who would like to step in and co-chair along side me or even be willing to take notes at our next events meeting please get in touch with me after this meeting I will have my email and phone number available.

Thank You so much for letting me be of service to Dist 16, Hallie C

Laurie H, Webmaster, gave a report. She is looking forward to going to the Assembly.

Ken J., District 16 Grapevine Representative, gave a report:

*AUGUST 11- Tuesday- Attended a virtual Grapevine Area Chair meeting. 92 in attendance. Composed of delegates, past delegates, Area chairs, District GvRs, Grapevine Staff/Board members. Grapevine Publisher Chris C., reported Grapevine and La Vina need your help to carry the AA message. Here is how you can help Grapevine help others (taken from September 24, 2025):

1. Subscribe or renew your Grapevine or La Vina subscription today. You can subscribe to the print magazine or online—or subscribe through the apps and read and listen to the magazine right on your smartphone.
2. Ask your group to start a Grapevine or La Vina subscription— or add another.
3. Contribute to the Carry the Message program as an individual or as a group to provide subscriptions to those in need.
4. Inform your friends, home group, district and area that we need subscribers now more than ever,
5. Consider gifting a subscription to someone who could benefit from the AA message.
6. We need help from Area and District trusted servants to reach groups that have do not have Grapevine or La Vina— or even know that the magazines exist.
7. Make Grapevine and La Vina part of your local events with workshops and presentations.

*Chris continues:

Every subscription helps keep the voice of the Fellowship alive for alcoholics who may not be able to get to a meeting but can still hear the message of recovery through our pages, podcasts, videos, and outreach. With your increased support, a thriving Grapevine and La Vina will continue providing these vital services to alcoholics everywhere and once again contribute to the General Service Board Reserve Fund.

(Taken from Area Delegate report—Operating loss reduced \$854,000 2024-\$299,727 2025)

*Topic report by Area 26 GVAC(Grapevine Area Chair) - How is Area 26 engaging and increasing self-support? By finding out when District and group meetings are conducted and attending to share/ introduce the Grapevine message. (Area 26 Kentucky)

Discussion Topic- How are GVAC(Grapevine Area Chairs) and Districts connecting to the Group representatives if they are not registered? Through meeting guides, schedules , outreach to not regularly attended meetings, picnics, gatherings. General conversations.

*AUGUST 12- Wednesday, District 16 business meeting- Grapevine display with some history and past Grapevine issues for carrying the message back to your group/meeting. Present Grapevine Representative(GvR) is asking District 16 be part of the committee to carry the message to the Southern Oregon AA community. In some of the District reports/verbal/written have mentioned doing so already. Thank you and keep moving forward. My home group(Hole in The Wall) voted at their business meeting (rescheduled

8/17) to purchase a Grapevine Gift subscription for one year for their countdown August 30, 37 years helping people in recovery picnic.

*SEPTEMBER 1, Tuesday, 6-7:30PM Attended District 31 Presents AA Grapevine Writer's Workshop Special Edition. Workshop presenter Penny Area 58 Grapevine Representative (GvR) Slide presentation about Grapevine and some history. Ten minutes. Then some writing for 30 minutes. Best suggestion on writing: write like you were sharing your experience in AA at a meeting. After the writing was halted. Penny asked for those to share what they wrote a few did for the remainder of the time. Time well spent in attending. Hope district would be open to the workshop experience. Number of participants on zoom at one time 9— in person not sure— it was a regular meeting turned into a workshop for the evening.*Grapevine Book of the Month for September— ONE ON ONE AA Sponsorship in Action 20% off —offer good Aug. 16thru Sept. 15 Only Visit: www.aagrapevine.org/botm

GSR reports:

Ryan, GSR for How It Works, gave a report.

Garrison M, GSR for We Have Recovered, gave a report. This new meeting is Thursdays at 6pm, literature study group at First Presbyterian in Medford. There will be some Big Book trivia and in depth study of literature like AA Comes of Age and other lesser known literature.

Travis, GSR for Group of Guys, gave a report.

Gina, Alt GSR for Women of Worth, gave a report. Women of Worth Group is doing well. We are growing geographically with women from different parts of the US and Canada. We continue to have a good mix of sobriety with members having any where from a few days to over 50 years of sobriety. We include announcements at every meeting and have been highlighting the need for AA Corrections Volunteers and Event Planning Participants. Several members have indicated interest in both. Two of our members will be at the Area Assembly in Gold Beach. Laurie H and Gina J will be there in person and I will be there online. My spouse is having cardiac bypass surgery this month and I will be his caregiver. Gina is our alternate GSR and will be voting for our group. We all have full confidence in her judgment. As always, I am grateful to have the opportunity to serve as a GSR for Women of Worth and District 16. In Love and Service, Linda B.

Hallie C, GSR for There is a Solution, gave a report:

Good evening District. I am the GSR for there is a solution. We meet on Mondays at 6:30p. It is a closed meeting. Our Business meeting is on the 1st Monday of the month. Our group is very well attended. Since there were 5 Mondays last mos we had \$225 over our prudent reserve even after expenses. We decided to send \$25 to Area with the remainder to GSO. The group felt there was a greater need to contribute more to the General Service Office. There is a Solution: normally we have a potluck the last Monday in Sept but this year we voted to have our potluck the last Monday in October. It will be held on Oct 26th. Chicken and water will be provided. Bring a side dish and join the before halloween festivities. It is birthday night and there will be a long share speaker. Thank you for allowing me to be of Service, Hallie C

Marci S, GSR for 99&Under young peoples group, gave a report:

We meet every Saturday 7pm to 8:15pm. Our group has been well attended with 35-40 attendees weekly average. We have our business meetings the last Saturday of every month. All Home Group members attended our business meeting on August 29, 2026. We are voting next month to do our distribution to GSO, District 16 and Central Office. I as GSR have notified my group I will not be attending the Conference in Gold Beach on September 18-20 of 2026. I have pre-scheduled obligation to attend to that weekend. Also my Group has voted to pass an increase for GSR fund from \$150 to \$200. This is due to expenses have gone up for travel and hotel cost. As a group we have nothing else to report. I am a grateful Alcoholic and thank you for letting me be of service. Sincerely, Marci

Michelle M submitted a written report for 2 online meetings:

The Women's Big Book Story Hour is reading the stories in the back of the Fourth Edition Big Book and we will rotate through other editions as they get voted in. Our zoom number is 8378 6574 Password Monday. We meet on Monday evening from 6:00 to 7:00pm. We have about 7 women in attendance but are hoping that will grow as women hear about our fresh new format. Following the reading the meeting is open for sharing about how we can each relate to the story. It has been beyond fun reading about how sobriety was for our sisters back in the 1930's. Please come and join us! Our group number is 000779482.

The Eagle Point Women's Meeting on zoom meets Thursday evening from 6:00 to 7:00pm our zoom number is 847 1104 6897 Password is Thursday. Our format is we have a visiting speaker for the first 15 to 20 minutes of the meeting then the meeting is opened up for sharing from the other women in attendance. We usually have from 4 to 10 women in attendance. We are a closed meeting. Please give us a try. We are a great safe group of women and we love newcomers and new members.

New Business: Ken J asked for preferred contact information for the GSRs and Chairpersons and Officers so that he can send information he wants to pass on regarding Grapevine. He asked people to email him, Grapevine@medfordareaaa.org with their preferred contact information.

Rain made a motion to close the meeting, Travis seconded. The Meeting was adjourned with the Responsibility Statement.