

District 61 AA Business Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2026

Opening: The April 2, 2026, District 61 AA Business Meeting opened at 6:30 pm with the Serenity Prayer, followed by roll call by the secretary and a reading of the Twelve Traditions by Alexandria R. There were 14 GSRs present representing district groups, and 9 committee members/chairs present. There were 5 present on Zoom.

Concept: Concept 4 was read by Benjamin.

Calendar: The calendar was reviewed and approved. Meeting minutes were reviewed and approved for the March meeting.

7th Tradition was collected for in person participants.

REPORTS:

Treasurer Report:

See attached flyers

DCM

The Area Assembly is approaching quickly. Unfortunately, I cannot attend our last district meeting before we gather in Great Falls. If you haven't reviewed the agenda and background information yet, you can find them at the links below.

The background information is relatively light this year, but it still contains a lot of material to review. GSRs and committee chairs, if you plan to attend a committee breakout, it may be beneficial to review the background for that specific committee. Breaking the information into chunks often makes it easier to digest. Admittedly, I still have not read through all the background material.

Here are a few notes about the assembly:

There is a virtual pre-assembly on Saturday, April 11, from 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM. A link to the Zoom information is provided below. This is a great way to prepare for the Assembly and an excellent opportunity for GSRs to review the agenda and discuss any hot topics with your groups.

The assembly will be hybrid! Even if you cannot attend in person, it's easy to participate via Zoom; the login information is on the area website. I strongly encourage committee chairs to attend their corresponding committee meetings from 9:30 AM to 11:45 AM on Saturday morning. Please join a bit before 9:30 AM so the area Tech Team can direct you to the correct breakout room. Note that while you do not have a vote on the assembly floor, you do have a vote in these breakout meetings.

For those attending in person, please sign in on Saturday morning. There will be a sign-in sheet at our table, and Jessica, our Area Secretary, has requested that this be submitted before we begin assembly business. As a reminder, voting members are GSRs or Alternate GSRs acting as GSRs for the weekend.

I encourage everyone to make your voices and the voices of your groups heard during the assembly. Don't be afraid of the microphone—your input is invaluable!

Lastly, if you are attending in person, please save your receipts for travel, lodging, and food, and submit them for reimbursement from your groups and the district.

Additionally, there is a list of active groups in District 61 on the table. If you are a GSR or a member of a group, please review this information. If any details are incorrect or need updating, check the box on the right side of the page and text or email me so that we can update your group's information.

Yours in service,

Nate

Agenda: <https://www.aa-montana.org/pdf/2026SpringAssemblyAgenda.pdf>

Area Dashboard:

<https://www.aa-montana.org/dashboard>

Username: dashboard

Password: xwPa4Sky

Committee Reports:

Archives: (Jeff M)

Greetings District 61:

The archives committee completed two project this month and made progress on a third.

First, we created an archive display for the Pockets of Enthusiasm with flyers and registration forms going back to the first event in 1997.

Second, we reviewed and revised a questionnaire for groups who want to create a home group history or update an existing one. This questionnaire eliminates or combines questions from the 2019 version, and it adds other questions we have not asked before:

1. What was your group's experience in enduring the Covid-19 epidemic?
2. What other things do you know about your group's history that these questions haven't allowed you to talk about?
3. Can you send a picture of your meeting room (without members in it) to jeffmo62@yahoo.com ?

Our hope is that these pictures will help celebrate the rooms where we carry the message, much like the "If Walls Could Talk" pages of The Grapevine.

We currently have eleven home group histories from active groups and two from groups no longer in existence. That leaves about eighteen groups who have the opportunity to write their story. You can find the survey forms on the table for GSRs or district members to take back to your home groups, and I am happy to help out in any way.

Third, I have now completed eight narratives based on home group histories from 2019, and my hope is to complete those from earlier surveys by our next meeting.

As always, if you're interested in helping with archives work or have material you think might be valuable to future generations of AA, I would love to talk with you. Please see me after the meeting or reach out to me at 406.465.9385

Thanks for allowing me to serve,

Jeff M.

D61 Archives Chair

Bridging the Gap: (Amy N)

Hello District 61, and happy April-

BTG has helped a male release from Rocky Mountain Treatment center to Helena and the AA community 3/16/26. Thank you for all your service and in mentioning BTG to people transitioning out of facilities and into the community in your service areas.

Please reach out with any questions.

In service, Amy

Corrections: (Jamey C)

Good evening, district 61. This is your march corrections report. Sorry I'm not able to attend this evening.

As far as the Lewis and Clark County jail goes, the men's side is running smooth and we have 5 new volunteers coming in to rotate in. The women's side is also running smooth.

The Townsend jail is going good on the women's and men's side. The Boulder jail is also going well.

And as of last month, the prerelease and the prison are also going well.

Unfortunately, this month district falls before our monthly corrections meeting So I haven't had a chance to talk to a few people yet.

The planning for the corrections treatment workshop is coming along well!

Thank you for letting me serve! Jamey C

Penny announced a training for Riverside has been set. Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at Riverside Facility in Boulder.

CPC: (Alysia)

Dear District 61,

I reached out to the Carroll College Medical Health Unit coordinator and offered to provide pamphlets for the unit. They accepted and will distribute during their depression screenings. Next, we will contact local faith communities to inform them of our available resources.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Alysia R.

Grapevine: (Katelyn S.)

Hello District 61,

The April issue's featured section is "Getting Into General Service," featuring inspiring stories of experience by AA members about how they got into service below the group and how it changed their sobriety.

This is an announcement that came out today: "AA Grapevine, Inc. will be making a major change over the next two weeks to better serve our customers: We are switching to a new order fulfillment system better suited for our multi-platform subscription models." That's all the information I currently have, so I will report back next month on any other developments.

In case you missed it last month, the Grapevine now has TWO podcasts you can enjoy without a subscription. To learn more about these, go to <https://www.aagrapevine.org/podcasts> .

Additionally, I wanted to remind everyone that you can order back issues of the Grapevine through June 2022 from the website for \$2.75, so if there is a particular issue (eg, the annual prison issue for a treatment and corrections workshop) or article you wanted, you can easily find it on the website and get a copy, or multiple copies.

If you're interested in sharing a story to Grapevine, some upcoming topics include:

- Remote communities and sober holidays (stories due May 1st)
- Spiritual Awakenings (stories due June 1, 2026)
- Longtime Members! (stories due July 1, 2026)
- Making Amends (stories due Sept. 1, 2026)
- NOTE: We are always in need of stories of your experience on Steps 4—12 and on every Tradition.

Thanks!

As a reminder, if you are a part of a home group, and you do not have a Grapevine representative, you're missing out not only on valuable ways to contribute to carrying the message, but you're also missing out on a service opportunity for someone who may need a reason to stick around. Grapevine rep is a great position for someone new, coming back, or new to service. Please let me know if your group wants to know more about why you should have a GV rep.

Links can be found below with information on how to submit a story, art, photo, caption or opinion, as well as the Grapevine YouTube channel.

- Grapevine YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@AAGrapevine>

- Story and art submission guidelines:

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/guidelines-contributing-grapevine>

- Submit your story:

<https://www.aagrapevine.org/submit-your-story>

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Katelyn S.

District 61 Grapevine Chair

406-293-1486

Literature: (Kari H.)

Hello District 61. March was a slow month for the bookstore. Total income was \$81.

I have an open shift at the store. It is the 4th Thursday of the month, 11:30-1:30. Please announce in groups and have them call me.

I also have service opportunity for anyone willing to sit at the Lit Table during the Corrections Workshop on April 25 th from 10:30-3p. Please share this also.

Kari H.

District 61 Literature Store Chairperson

notagluml07@gmail.com

406-371-6959

Public Information/Answering Service: (Teresa R.)

Greetings District 61

Happy Spring! Sorry that I cannot be there tonight.

Not a lot to report, racks are going well and will be printing out new schedules as needed.

On a funny note, I have apparently recruited a surprise VA volunteer, my husband had to take his dad there for an appointment, noticed the racks and sent me a picture. I am apparently training him well.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Teresa Realing

District 61 PI Chair

Treatment: (Amanda T.)

Greetings District 61.

We are getting meetings into all of the places.

We are taking meetings into Elkhorn and the BHU weekly. And MCDC and Boyd Andrew monthly.

I have volunteers for MCDC this weekend and speakers for Boyd Andrew later in the month.

I am currently looking for someone to coordinate the men's side of MCDC. So if you know someone how might be interested in the position let me know. Or if anyone wants more information, please reach out. My contact info will be listed in the report.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Amanda T

Treatment Chair

406.475.4954

Amandakthompson91@gmail.com

Tech Support (Kelly S.)

Helllllloooo from the District Technology Committee!

1st Item... WE HAVE A COMMITTEE! Two new Members!

(Now the Chair has to find a location and time for his committee meeting, during the month! LOL!)

2nd Item... The Chair is currently using one of his personal Microsoft Office 365 Family Plan licenses for the District Technology laptop. My monthly cost is \$12.99. So, 1/5th of that would be between \$3 and \$4 per month, but I am amicable to having that used as part of the Committee's 7th Tradition contribution to District to offset the costs of the Committee supplies and tools. (If the District finds that appropriate...)

3rd Item... The Chair is also utilizing his personal Adobe subscription for the current term. I do not wish compensation for this service. If the next Chair chooses to continue to utilize a paid Adobe subscription, they will have to address that in their budget, and seek approval from District, just as any other committee chair. (In my opinion, based on Concept 2).

I believe that is all the activity on the Technology front at the moment...

Quick DSA (District Service Announcement) though...

The District Zoom Account is not just for District 61 Business Meetings, Please... again, reach out to the Technology Committee Chair or members of the Technology Committee if your District 61 event wants to be on the Districts Zoom Meeting as a Hybrid. I setup the District Zoom and Broadcasted from the Service Fair, I'm not sure what the opinion was, but our DCM was "lurking" and seemed to appreciate it. So feedback would be appreciated.

Yours in Service,

Kelly Smail

District Tech Chair

district61tech@hotmail.com

(406)439-2305 Personal Cell

Workshops: (Wendy D.)

Hello District 61. Wendy D., Alcoholic. The March Service fair was a success. We had about 30 people attend. The Mountain Pacific Group one the group with the most attendance pizza party. I will get that scheduled for some time this month.

I am planning to attend the Treatment Corrections workshop on April 25th. to assist however I can.

I am still working on Save the Date flyers for the June 13th Delegates Report and I hope to have them out soon.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Wendy

Round-Up: (Rebecca S-Q)

Hi everyone,

It has come to mind attention that you may not have seen the Roundup reports that I have sent. I apologize to Karla because I must have been using the wrong email address.

The first email is from November 6th for the November 2025 District meeting right after the Roundup. Financial report attached.

The second email is from March, last month, when I heard there were more questions.

I hope this alleviates the confusion about the Roundup.

Email 1:

From: Rebecca Shaw-Quinones <2024rsq@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Nov 6, 2025, 7:10 PM

Subject: Roundup Report

To: AA Karla I <karlaivie87@gmail.com>

Hi Karla,

The Roundup was a success. Thank you to all who attended, volunteered and/or both.

Attendance: 219 AA / 38 AI-Anon total 257.

The financial report is attached.

Thank you to the committee. You are the best.

Rebecca SQ

Email 2:

From: Rebecca SQ <arbonnemt@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Mar 5, 2026, 1:28 PM

Subject: Fwd: report

To: AA Karla I <karlaivie87@gmail.com>

Cc: Aa Alexandria <arector821@gmail.com>

Hi everyone,

Here is a brief final roundup report. The fall 2025 Roundup was very successful, and as a result we were able to pass \$2,000 in seed money to Kalispell for the spring Roundup.

The spring 2025 Roundup in Great Falls gave us an initial \$2,000, which was extremely helpful in maintaining positive cash flow until additional registration funds came in. I am grateful that the Helena Roundup was able to provide the same support to Kalispell.

The Kalispell Roundup seed money check was cashed by their treasurer. Nino, the Roundup Chair, is very appreciative.

Sobriety rocks, (to steal a phrase from my friend Shawn!)

Rebecca

Group Reports

Primary Purpose Group Speaker is last Saturday at Salvation Army at 7 pm, Jessica S.

Fellowship Group speaker meeting is 3rd Thursday at 7 pm.

IITB speaker flyers are out.

Carleen L announced Pockets was great! Thank you for everyone who attended. Audio recordings are available for \$10 for the set and Archives will get a copy. 175 registered with 25 Alanon. Will start planning for next year's event.

Erin brought up that Sister 2 Sister is looking to start a meditation meeting at the Alano Club and it will be decided by the board if it can happen. 7pm on Wed.

Old Business:

Carleen made a motion that we receive a report from the Roundup committee regarding the updates for the finances. Passed with unanimity.

New Business:

Kari brought up that she read a couple stories referenced in the first 164 pages will be removed for the 5th edition.

Karla brought to the attention of District that Zoom is giving a synopsis of the meeting. Made a motion to have that option turned off. Passed unanimously. Kelly will turn it off. Carleen asked that Kelly pass that information to other groups so they can turn theirs off also.

Passcode for the Zoom meeting 856260.

The next meeting will be held May 7 2026, at 6:30 pm. Kari will do the 5th Concept.

The April 2, 2026, District meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement @ 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karla Ivie for the April 2, 2026, District 61 Business Meeting.