

Area 40 - District 72 Agenda – May 2026 Meeting

Hybrid Meeting: [Saturday 05/30/26 4:30-6:30pm at Fellowship Hall, Bozeman and via Zoom.](#)
[Link information below.](#)

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84336233284?pwd=cFl6MWxON0pXNlV6MXdSVk9qdjVFOT09>

Meeting ID: 843 3623 3284

Passcode: 371512

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.

1. Open with a moment of silence followed by the serenity prayer
2. Read the District 72 safety statement:
 - If any person endangers another individual or disrupts the group's efforts to carry A.A.'s message, the group may ask that person to leave the meeting. Recognizing the importance of group unity, our group wishes to create a safe meeting environment in which alcoholics can focus on achieving sobriety.
3. Read the Short Form of the Twelve Traditions - Lila
4. The 12 Concepts for World Service are a set of guiding ideas written by A.A. co-founder Bill W. to help A.A. run its service structure in a fair, responsible, and democratic way. In simple terms, they explain who makes decisions, how authority is shared, and how we make sure the voices of the groups are heard at every level. We reference them at this meeting to remind ourselves that A.A. belongs to all of us, that leaders are trusted servants, and that our services work best when they reflect our collective conscience and protect the unity and future of A.A.

Read Concept Five: Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

5. Establish quorum: Voting members are group GSRs, District Committee Chairs, and District Officers. If you are an alternate GSR, please only raise your hand if your GSR is not present. (calculate 3/4s for quorum)
20 in room, 4 online = 24
Quorum is 18
6. Approve April's meeting minutes – Unanimous, Minutes approved
7. Introductions of GSRs & Visitors: **3 MINUTE TIMER FOR GSR REPORTS**

If you are a GSR please come to the microphone to give your report.

Please briefly share:

- GSRs – *Your name, home group & anything you think might interest or benefit your fellow GSRs and/or District Chairs about your home group (e.g., events or activities your home group is hosting or doing, topics that your group is interested in or struggling with, etc.).*

Jake C. (Not a Glum Lot, Online) – Last month said we got 10 new members that come every day and they still come every day, happy about it.

Amy K. (Common Solution, Belgrade) – Great attendance, lot of homegroup members

Susan H. (Vennis Over the Hill, Ennis/Virginia City) – Four meetings a week, Mon and Fri are Zoom as well as in person. Wed meeting in Jeffers, Sunday AM in Virginia City at Thomas Hickman Library. Nothing new, 10-15 people a meeting. Excited about summer, lot of summer residents. Group likes to get together to go to other meetings. Go to Old Faithful meeting in Yurt, lot of fun. Go to West Yellowstone Big Sky picnic, suggests other groups try as well and visit Ennis. Sun mornings are great for visiting Ennis. Talked in group about Ennis hosting District meeting. If brought up, put Ennis on schedule.

Maurice W. (Friday Men's, Bozeman) – Staying at avg 30-35 people. Also is Alt for Thu BB Study, seems to increase in members every time, happy. Thanks.

Alison M. (There is a Solution, Bozeman) – 20 people per meeting, lot of visitors with summer.

Bradley G. (Itching Hour, Bozeman) – Even more homegroup members now! Full compliment of Service positions, have our Alt GSR Jacob here. (We clapped for him but! There is NO clapping) 5-20 attendees per meeting and 8 homegroup members Lots of newcomers so if you want to connect with still suffering, please show up.

Tanya W. (6th Chapter, Bozeman) – Nice little group, getting bigger all the time. Third Sunday of month is speaker meeting, always interesting. Hope to see you there.

Pat L. (Primary Purpose, Bozeman) – Meetings Mon and Wed 8-9pm. Mon is AA Approved literature topic, closed meeting. Wed is open meeting, BB or 12&12 study session, Avg 25-30 attendees. Is not seeing split in Treasurer's report, need to talk to Tim (Tim said ok)

Laurita G. (Women's Serenity, Bozeman) – Tue BB study, Fri is 12&12 study. Have 19 members.

Crystal B. (Pink Cloud, Bozeman) – Hybrid meeting, use Women's Serenity group setup. If you have a Hybrid meeting, suggests same microphone setup cause it works really well. Trying to get more info to offer babysitting voucher for meeting like Rebellion Dogs does.

Matthew R. (HOW Group, Bozeman) – Meet 4 times a week. Nothing to report this month.

Ken S. (Hospital Group, Bozeman) – Meet Sun at 6, hybrid meeting, Could use more in person support, if looking for Sunday meeting, come to the Hospital group.

Autumn H. (Friday Beginner's, Bozeman) – Speaker meeting, focus on early sobriety, followed by topic. First Friday do book study of plain language big book.

Valerie K. (Young People, Bozeman) – Meet Tue Thu Sun at 7. Tue have lot of good speakers. Sun is currently reading 12&12 but once finished with 12&12 will switch to reading big book, then will go back to 12&12. Avg 12-15 people, lots of visitors.

Jenny B. (Page by Page, Livingston) – 15-20 people, getting ready for quarterly speaker meeting. Wed and Fri nights had lady who used to open the meetings pass away. Looking for book donations or pamphlets, group doesn't seem to have GSR and is one of only night meetings. Just wants to help other meeting.

Jojo S. (Rebellion Dogs, Bozeman) – Meet every day 5:30pm, avg 25-35 people each meeting, Business is second Tue at 6:45 and no news.

- Visitors: Your name & your home group.
Sue W, Pink Cloud
Jacob, Itching Hour Alt GSR
Dez
Bonnie

8. Introductions and Committee Reports **3 MINUTE TIMER FOR REPORTS**

Treasurer, Tim K.

Please see full Treasurer's Report for details

Current Bank Balance as of 5/23/2026: \$7,355.67

Total Income: \$1,008.64

Total Expenses: \$1,956.78

Current Operating Balance: \$1,787.85

Greeting groups and District 72:

Group contributions are still way down YTD vs our spending plan budget, however, we are still okay with money as committees have not spent much of their budgets. This current month's expenses were much larger though, as we had expenses incurred this month for our DCM and the 1 candidate, we approved a scholarship for going to Area Assembly. We will still have 2 of the other approved candidates for scholarships for Area Spring assembly needing reimbursed as well so another \$900-\$1,000 in expense coming up there.

Pink can donations remain high and 0 for expenses. If your group is sending contributions for Pink Can instead of 7th Tradition, PLEASE slow down the pink can contributions and contribute to District as our operating balance is slowly shrinking. We have some upcoming expenses and if contributions remain low we will begin to dip into our prudent reserve over the next few months.

Our current operating balance is \$1,787.85, but as I said above will be much lower as this next period will have some large expenses including Area Assembly Scholarships, Literature order from GSO payment Special Event expenses for the upcoming District 72 Special Event #2 in June with our Delegates report!

***District 72 contributions remain the same mailing address: PO Box 1538, Bozeman Mt. 59771-1538, *Please make checks payable to District 72 and ***PLEASE specify in memo if pink can contribution OR Group 7th Tradition contribution OR Literature purchases PLEASE.

*To Contribute to Area 40, send contributions to Area 40 Inc. P.O. Box 43, Billings Mt. 59103.

*To contribute to G.S.O. send contributions to General Service Board P.O. Box 2407, James A Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407.

Please Print a copy off for the district meeting on 5/30/2026 as we will NOT have copies available since we now have multiple page reports. If you are signed up to receive emails from District 72 you will receive a copy in your email.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Tim K-District 72 Treasurer.

Answering Service, Wendy C.

District 72 Answering Service Report:

The report shows four calls, two missed. In reality, what that means is the volunteer didn't pick up and I got a text. As has been always the case since last July (when I became chair) the calls were then immediately sent to me and answered by me (if a woman called in) or my husband Greg (if a man called in). So, everyone, every month has been called and answered.

I am looking for women volunteers for a three month commitment. Right now, there are no women volunteers past this month. There are men volunteers through next March.

Thanks for any leads on women who want this easy service work!

(Area Hotline Chair)

Hello Everyone,

I hope all is well. I have been busy in my personal life which is good but the Hotline was a little slow this month. Here are the numbers.

District	Calls	Missed
11	3	1
12	0	0
21	0	0
23	0	0
31	0	0
41	3	1
42	1	0
51	0	0
61	3	0
71	6	6
72	4	2
81	2	1
91	6	0
93	2	1

Thank you for your continued effort to help the Hotline. Everyone's effort is much appreciated.

Lance Whitehorse

- Crystal asks how do we volunteer? Wendy says fill out volunteer sheet, in person or online and send to Wendy.
- Maurice states he has a filled out sheet for Wendy, will get it to her

Archives, Joanne M.

D72 Archives Report - Joanne M. - May 2026

archives@area40district72.com

- Nothing new to report other than I did updated the Archives Chair position description for review during new business.
- GSR's please remember if your group has any sort of event flyer be sure to **include the year with the date of your event**. I try to grab copies of flyers here at the Hall, but it might be a good idea to email a copy directly to me.
- Note to committee chairs - please remember if you have any documents, flyers, or notes that might be "archive worthy" please talk to me. I'm happy to help you decide what to keep and what to pass along to me.

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community), Betty M.

Hello District 72!

The CPC committee has finalized our summer presentation for the MSU Nursing students scheduled for Wednesday, June 17 at 8 AM.. We have our three speakers lined up. AlAnon will be joining us again, and they, also, have their speakers lined up.

GSR's,, please invite anyone in your group to text or call me at ----- if they might be interested in either participating on or chairing the CPC committee starting January 2027. Per tradition, I will be stepping down from this role effective December 31. Attending our committee meeting and/or presentation to the students would be a good opportunity to see what the CPC Committee does and how we do it.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service
Betty M
CPC Chair

Grapevine & La Vina/Structure, Bob C.

Absent, no report

Literature, Steven R.

2026-05-30

Sorry I can't be there this month!

We had one sale this month for \$3.60. Two pending sales but we haven't been able to

connect yet to make the exchange.

I have plenty of stock of soft cover and plain language big books available at the old price. I recently received three cases of hard-cover big books.

As always, email is preferred for orders: -----. Text is second best but phone calls work. Expect to need to reach out at least twice if you call.

I do miss some contacts from time to time; I am not infallible! If you've tried to reach out and haven't heard back, please be patient and ping me again.

Thanks -

SR

PI (Public Information), Ashley H.

Absent, no report

Roundup, Catherine J.

District 72 Roundup 2027 Committee Report

Submitted May 30, 2026

(Committee met May 16, 2026)

The Roundup 2027 Committee continues to make steady progress toward the Area 40 Spring Roundup, which will be held April 30-May 2, 2027, in Bozeman.

Registration & Communications

Early Bird Registration is now available through our website at www.roundupspring27.com.

Communication remains active through the committee email: roundup@area40district72.com. The Save-the-Date flyer continues to be distributed throughout Area 40, and website development is ongoing.

Venue & Lodging

Hotel contracts have been signed, and room blocks are being coordinated at:

- Homewood Suites – \$129/night
- Best Western Grantree Inn – \$149/night (plus tax)

Meals have been selected, and menus will be posted on the website soon.

Roundup Updates

The AA and Al-Anon speakers have been selected.

The Program Committee is seeking additional volunteers. This subcommittee meets on the third Friday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at Range Coffee. Members interested in participating may contact JoAnna at -----

The Roundup Committee continues its work through active subcommittees and welcomes Area participation and input.

Upcoming Meeting

The next Roundup Committee meeting will be held on June 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom.

Zoom ID: 659 311 3200

Password: howitworks

Volunteers Welcome

We continue to welcome volunteers. Interested members can register through the website, use the QR code on the Save-the-Date flyer, contact Catherine J. at -----, or email roundup@area40district72.com

- Susan asks about contact for the Roundup Subcommittee? Catherine says meeting on third Friday of each month, run by Ivy and Joanna K. Will be third Friday of month at 11:30am at Ponderosa Social club on 7th and Tamarack, meeting about 30 minutes. Contact Joanna K or Catherine.

Special Events, Amy K.

Hello District 72,

Join us on June 27th from 12:30-4:00 for the Delegates Report with Lisa, our Area Delegate. We will be playing trivia and it will be a potluck lunch.

If your FIRST name starts with:

A-F please bring appetizer/snacks/chips

G-M please bring soup or sandwiches

N-Z please bring a dessert

Drinks and condiments will be provided by District 72

Please see flyer attached.

Thank you

Amy K.

Bridging the Gap, Michael S.

I have been on a mission in nepal all month helping children and painting a school.

Everything is going well.

There have been 5 requests this month.

Hope to see you soon

Michael S

District 72 BTG Chair

Corrections, Tony B

The treatment/BTG/corrections group meets the 2nd monday of each at 5PM in fellowship Hall. All are welcome. The meeting is online too as well (please email me for the zoom link).

For corrections, paper work for taking meetings to Montana State Prison is due June 9th, orientation is July 10th. For information regarding taking AA meetings to Gallatin County Detention center, please contact Tony B via email/phone. Females interesting in attending either the Main Female Facility in Billings or the overflow facility in Riverside, please contact Virginia Ireland (Billings) or Penny Reynolds (Riverside). Contact Below:

Contact Information for meetings at Montana Women's Prison Billings (Main Facility):
Virginia I.

Contact Information for meetings at Montana Women's Prison Riverside (Smaller Facility):
Penny R.

Treatment, Rebekah P.

Hi All-

The MCDC meeting for this last month did not occur due to the weather going over the pass after the meeting and safety reasons. Our volunteers were eager and will.

The inpatient hospital meetings are going well and we are still looking for a few good men and women to be of service at this level. The meeting is Tuesday night at 7pm. 10 week commitment with a few other Requirements...

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Rebekah P.

Technology, Russell V.

May 2026 Tech Committee Report

Still working to either get the refund from Zoom for \$138.17 or find out where it went.

Alt. DCM (Alternate District Committee Member), Meghan R.

Gave Lenore's report

DCM (District Committee Member), Lenore M.

DCM REPORT: May 2026

NEW TO REPORT:

Hi all! I just got back from a vacation to Belize with my best friend, who took me to my very first AA meeting.

We saw this sign right next to where we were staying! (She had a picture of a sign with the AA service triangle on it and an arrow pointing toward where to find AA)

I am so grateful that AA is in so many places around the world!!

FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION:

1. I sent Lisa (our Delegate) the card we signed at the Area Assembly and at the last district meeting...I am hoping it got to her in NYC in time!
2. The Area Archives clean up (that I have been mentioning for the last few months) will be on Saturday, June 27th. It will start at 9am! Unfortunately, this is also the day that we will have our Delegates Report before the district meeting. BUT, if anyone wants to go help

for a few hours in the morning, it will be a really cool experience to see the Area 40 Archives!

- a. These are located in Ennis. I just emailed Jody to get an exact address.
- b. I will be going for a few hours in the morning, so if anyone wants to ride with me, they are more than welcome!

NEWS FROM GSO/AAWS:

1. The 12 Concepts for World Service video is now available in English, French, and Spanish.
2. I received a Quarterly Report from GSO:
 - a. In 2025, there was engagement with A.A. literature at almost 10,000 facilities
 - b. As of January 26th, GSO's operating cash on hand is \$574,974, versus accounts payable of \$1,138,055, resulting in a short-term deficit of \$563,081.
 - c. Grapevine made excellent progress in 2025, with bottom-line improvement of over \$575k (67%) compared to 2024.

NEWS FROM AREA:

1. I got sent the Area 40 Hotline report, and it looks like in April, our District answered 7 calls and missed 4 calls (although I am sure they got returned!)

UPCOMING EVENTS: See all events on Area 40 calendar:

<https://aamontana.org/calendar.php>

1. **RECURRING EVENT:** Online Area 40 Concepts Study on the third Saturday of each month from 10:30-12pm. Zoom info is: **ID:** 934 7874 0545 **PASSCODE:** 231067
2. In June, there are lots of Founders Day campouts and picnics all over Area 40.
3. On Saturday, June 27th, we will have Lisa come and give her delegates report before our District Meeting. This event will start at 12:30 and will be at Fellowship Hall in Bozeman. This is a hybrid event so you can attend online as well!
4. Also on Saturday, June 27th, starting at 9am, our Area Archives Chair, Jodi will be leading a cleanup party where all of the Area 40 Archives are located in Ennis.
5. In July there are also lots of campouts
6. The Fall Assembly will be September 25-27th at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls.
7. The Fall Round Up will be October 2-4th in Missoula at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or needed information:

EMAIL: dcm72@aa-montana.org or -----

PHONE NUMBER: -----

Reminder: send all reports to Lila at secretary@area40district72.com

PLEASE COME TO THE MICROPHONE FOR ALL REPORTS, QUESTIONS.

COMMENTS.

9. Immediate Business – for May 2026: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR

QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

- None

10. Old Business: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

- Discussion item: Adding the Grapevine QR code to the district meeting schedules (this was tabled last month to wait for PI chair to be in attendance)
 - PI Chair not in attendance so we skipped this
- Discussion item: Adding to Alt DCM job description: "Attends at least one Area Assembly per year during their two-year term." (tabled from last month to get budget clarity on what was approved by District)
 - Meghan looked in Minutes, back in December 2025 the Minutes do show that we voted to add this to the budget but there was an admin error where it did not get added to budget before we voted to approve budget. However we can add it to the guidelines so that the funding can be allowed for next year.
 - Lila states we already voted to approve this so it does make sense for us to add this
 - Rebekah asks is this so that Alt DCM can attend alongside the current DCM? Original motion was to increase budget by \$450 so Alt DCM can attend alongside DCM
 - MOTION: To add to the Alt District Committee Members job description "to attend Area assembly once a year."
 - 20 in room, 3 online approved. Zero opposed. MOTION PASSES
- Discussion item: Proposed updates to Treatment chair position description
 - Crystal pulls up her job description and reads it.
 - Rebekah mentions we discussed reimbursements being much more streamlined. Wants to add that to description, alongside info about IPU. Lila suggests it would help if we had written suggestions from her. Rebekah clarifies she is looking for guidance in language used from other job descriptions.
 - Meghan suggests that there is language in other job descriptions that have that language
 - Tim reads out the lines in the Bridging the Gap job description for reimbursement
 - Rebekah suggests creating a forum PDF for reimbursement. Bradley responds it sounds like a separate topic. Tim echoes, sounds like a separate topic. Catherine wonders if it should fall under the Treasurer description?
 - Rebekah will send description to Meghan and Lila for some feedback then will write up for next month
- Discussion item: Proposed updates to DCM position description
 - Lenore not here but Meghan suggests we can still talk about it some. Meghan states she suggests bullet points instead of paragraph. Add that it say attend Monthly District meetings instead of just District Meetings. Clarifies that there were things Lenore was confused about when she took on the role as DCM. Also wants pre-assembly in guidelines.

- Susan asks are we taking the whole thing back to our groups for changes? Meghan says yes.
- Jake asks can we amend job description to read: Do pre-assembly provided that there are funds to do so
- Pat asks isn't the DCM responsible for that anyway? If they have to go make a report don't they need to do that anyway? Meghan states no, we don't usually do a pre-assembly, we just did it this year and this year we asked someone to attend. So there are expenses that go along with holding a pre-assembly.
- Meghan suggests thought experiment to get ideas for Lenore. Member suggests why would we add more to DCM job description? Amy suggests pre-assembly was great event and funds were already there. Crystal suggests pre-assembly is great, if funds not available then not do it but great if done. Maybe not make it a requirement.
- Valerie says when organizing pre-assembly this year, we considered combining with other District. Maybe that could be done where coordinating with another District is option.

- Summer District meetings - do we want to travel outside of Bozeman in July, August, and/or September?
 - Meghan shares that historically D72 takes advantage of nice summer weather to take District meeting outside of Bozeman to other locations in District. Requirements are we need WiFi, Internet for Hybrid access. And a space that we can all meet to hold our meeting. Have heard already that Ennis would be willing to host. Do we want to do that this year? Notes that in July, we do have our elections, will be starting to elect our Officers in July and traveling meeting tends to have lower attendance.
 - Amy suggests great idea, however attendance does tend to be lower. It is fun to drive, but thinks we should leave meeting here
 - Crystal suggests how about Ennis is August or September?
 - Susan suggests with elections, should we postpone this due to elections?
 - Russell agrees that we should postpone due to elections.
 - Meghan says now we are done with that.

11. New Business: 2 MINUTE TIMER FOR QUESTIONS/OPINIONS

- Discussion item: Proposed updates to Archives chair position description
 - Updates were sent out with agenda. Just tried to make sure accurate and easier to read as bullet points. Added that access to a printer is suggested. Joanne has been housing lots of hard copy stuff, now it is going digital but thinks it is important to keep both and you can get reimbursed for that because there is a budget. Added for Archives Chair to sit on Roundup Committee when Roundup is in Bozeman.
 - Bradley asks is the last part a regular part of the position (with Roundup)? Joanne suggests she heard they needed an Archive person so she decided to sit in on it. Bradley not for or against just not sure if typical. Tim states it is only every 3.5 years. Joanne points out it makes sense, already knows what we have and will set it up. Meghan points out is there always an Archives chair on Roundup Committee?

- Catherine says there was not an Archives chair back when she served in 2009. Do have a literature Chair. In Roundup Guidelines, the Archives and Literature are together, but not in D72 guidelines.
- Meghan states bring back to groups for feedback before we vote.

- Discussion of Treasurer Guideline updates

- Tim reads updates. Basically strike the Quickbooks stuff.

- Discussion of Special Events Guidelines update

- Amy reads updates. Emphasizes remove availability to serve on different committees cause would be a lot for Special Events Chair and would cost more money

- EXTRA DISCUSSION DUE TO EXTRA TIME

- Jake announces got an email from Fellowship Hall that there have been complaints about pets in the hall. Having pets is against the law in the building.
- Bradley sits on board and says there will be an announcement sent out for reading during non-AA related announcements for no pets.

- Crystal asks so elections will start with officers then rest of committee chairs will be voted on? Meghan says yes, ideally we will get all Officers and committee chairs elected by end of August District Meeting, before Fall assembly. Job descriptions found in guidelines on website (aa-montana.org)

MOTION TO CLOSE YAY

If you have items for next month's agenda, please email Meghan at: ----- at least 10 days in advance of the next meeting date (when possible). Remember there is a form on the Area 40 District 72 mini site to help in writing agenda or discussion items

***Please send any items to be screenshared & displayed at the next D72 meeting to:
area40.district72@gmail.com

Next district meeting: 4:30 p.m., Sat. June 27, 2026 at Fellowship Hall in Bozeman

See Area website for happenings in our District and the rest of Area 40 as well as current District information: <https://www.aa-montana.org/>
 District 72 mini site: <https://www.aa-montana.org/district-sites/dist72/index.php>

12. Close with: Responsibility Statement