



NEWS YOU CAN USE

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CLUB UPDATES

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

New blinds installed by Budget Blinds at discount, covered 100% by **private donation**.

New office set up – desk, file cabinets, chair, etc., **covered by 100% by private donation**.

Flagpole, flag donated by member and veteran Mike. Installed by Fly Me Flag. Covered **100% by private donation**.

Club Website developed and operated by Philip R with assistance from Debbie S and Heidi C. **Most costs incurred covered pro bono by Philip**.

Painting covered **50% private donation**. Performed by Sheena, who owns Primal Painting, LLC

New roof to be installed by Northern Metal & Roofing in September 2026. **\$25,000 grant funded by The Cornerstone Foundation**. \$30,000 covered by 218 Club.

New chairs arriving soon, **\$5,000 grant funded by The Green Bay Packer Foundation**. Landscape maintained by members.

Q AND A: *Where do my donations go?*

We often don't realize what exactly is done with our donation after we put it in the basket. The donations that come to The 218 Club from AA meetings cover the costs and expenses of existing and operating. These expenses are not grant-eligible because they are operational.

- Insurance
- Building Maintenance (furnace, hot water heater, plumbing, electrical, etc.)
- WPS – gas/electric/heat/air
- Water
- Accounting service

- Cleaning service
- Snow removal
- Recycling
- Anniversary Coins
- General supplies
- Cleaning supplies
- Security System
- Grapevine purchases
- Internet / webhosting
- Event décor & supplies
- Office supplies
- Paper Goods: paper towel, toilet paper, napkins, coffee cups, etc.
- Coffee and coffee supplies

Just as your expenses are on the rise, so are ours. Please be generous in your regular giving and consider a tax-deductible donation at the end of the year.



UPCOMING EVENTS Thank you, Event Committee!

SEPT 7 – Labor Day Gratitude Mtg 10:00am

OCT 4 – Packer Tailgate

OCT 6 – Gamblers Game

OCT 31 – Halloween Dance

NOV 26 – Thanksgiving Gratitude Mtg with meal to follow 10am

DEC 17 – 218 Annual Board Mtg with elections

DEC 25 – Christmas Gratitude Mtg with meal to follow 10am

DEC 31 – NYE Dance

JAN 1 – Gratitude Mtg 10am

Watch for more to be added!

THE BOARD

- Jennifer B, President
- Aaron L, Vice President
- Tony H, Treasurer
- Debbie S, Secretary
- Larry S, Board Member
- Lee V, Board Member
- Heidi C, Board Member
- Amy T, Board Member
- Taylor B, Board Member
- Don M, Board Member
- Ken B, Board Member

These are voluntary positions and they are not compensated in accordance with our by-laws.

CLUB TRANSPARENCY

The 218 Club, like all other clubs, is a nonprofit organization. This allows donations and purchases to be tax-exempt; however, we still have tax forms to complete and things to do in order to keep a tax-exempt status.

Such standing also allows us to seek outside contributions (like grants) because a nonprofit organization is not AA. We abide by many of the same principles and traditions as AA and we exist to support AA, but we as a Club are a separate entity.

We provide an ongoing, reliable, communal space for AA meetings, ensure the doors are open and lights are on and provide access to what you need while attending a meeting.

Your donation helps to covers all the costs to offer such a venue.

Just like everyone else, we go through rising prices and inflation as our tax-exempt status does not mean we are cost-exempt.

There has been some debate on if the \$2 suggested donation in effect for the past 20 years should be increased. We chose not to increase it.

Although the club is in a relatively good position currently, we have decreased our coffers to cover needed work for the building and there is still more needed to be done.

Please attend the board meetings to hear more about this and other topics – 3rd Thursday every month.

Group vs Meeting

What is the difference between a group and a meeting?

A group is an autonomous meeting, officially registered and recognized by the Central Office in New York. A group will have a GSR who brings important updates and info to the group and back to the Area and District meetings. They have a treasurer and secretary, document and handle their own money which covers the rent, along with

contributions to the GSO, Area and District. They cover their own purchases and expenses such as anniversary coins, books, treats or other things they do as a group. Groups can decide location, times, etc of their gatherings.

A meeting is not as formal and follow a general format of AA meetings. Often, meetings are scheduled at a day and time with the Club to which they are attached.



BIG BOOK QUOTES

Pg 46: “Much to our relief, we discovered we did not need to consider another’s conception of God. Our own conception, however inadequate, was sufficient to make the approach and to effect a contact...”

3rd Step Prayer; pg 63.

“God, I offer myself to Thee, to build with me and do with me as Thou wilt. Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do Thy will. Take away my difficulties, that victory over them may bear witness to those I would help of Thy Power, Thy Love, and Thy Way of Life. May I do Thy will always.”



NEW MEETINGS AT THE 218

“New Beginnings” – Fridays, 7pm.
For newcomers, relapse and others wanting to revisit Steps 1-3. Closed AA. Starts 9/11

“Conscious Contact” – Sundays, 7pm. Focused on Step 11 and includes a silent meditation.
Closed AA. Starts 9/13