

Deadline for the next
Northern Light is
September 6th, 2016

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Zone I

- District 1** - Ada, Crookston, Erskine, Fertile, Fosston, Mahnomen, Naytahwaush, Red Lake Falls, Twin Valley, Waubun,
- District 2** - Badger, Baudette, Grygla, Hallock, Halma, Middle River, Rainy River (Ontario, Canada), Roseau, Stephen, Thief River Falls, Warren, Warroad, Williams
- District 16** - Bowstring, Boy River, Cohasset, Deer River, Effie, Grand Rapids, Hill City, Lawrence Lake*, Longville, Remer
- District 21** - Akeley, Bagley, Bemidji, Blackduck, Cass Lake, Debs, Menahga, Onigum, Park Rapids, Red Lake, Shevlin, Solway, Squaw Lake, Walker

Zone II

- District 3** - Audubon, Barnesville, Battle Lake, Cormorant, Deer Creek, Detroit Lakes, Dilworth, Elizabeth, Erhard, Fergus

Falls, Frazee, Hawley, Henning, Lake Park, Moorhead, Osage, Ottertail, Pelican Rapids, Perham, Underwood, Wadena

- District 4** - Alexandria, Browns Valley, Carlos, Elbow Lake, Evansville, Glenwood, Herman, Kensington, Morris, Osakis
- District 15** - Albany, Avon, Cold Spring, Holdingford, Lake Henry, Melrose, Paynesville, Richmond, Sartell, St. Joseph, St. Stephen, Sauk Centre, Watkins
- Zone III**
- District 5** - Becker, Big Lake, Elk River, Milaca, Otsego, Princeton, Zimmerman
- District 6** - Braham, Bethel, Cambridge, Forest Lake, Harris, Isanti, Lindstrom, North Branch, Rock Creek, Stacy, St. Francis, Rush City
- District 7** - Aitkin, Baxter, Brainerd, Fort Ripley, Garrison, Ironton, Isle, Little Falls*, McGregor*, Palisade, Pierz, Pilager*, Waukon
- District 11** - Finlayson*, Grasston, Henriette, Hinckley*, Lake Lena, Malmo, Moose Lake*, Mora, Ogilvie, Pine City, Quamba, Sandstone, Willow River, Wahkon
- District 13** - Kimball, Rice, St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, Foley
- District 17** - Backus, Cross Lake, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Pilager*, Pine River
- District 18** - Browerville, Clarissa, Eagle Bend, Little Falls*, Long Prairie, Motley, Parkers Prairie, Staples, Verndale

Zone IV

- District 8** - Alango, Aurora, Babbitt, Biwabik, Cook, Cotton, Ely, Eveleth, Gilbert, Hoyt Lakes, Mountain Iron, Nett Lake, Orr, Palo, Pike, Tower, Virginia, Zim*
- District 9** - Chisholm, Floodwood, Goodland, Hibbing*, Keewatin, Kelly Lake, Lawrence Lake*, Nashwauk*
- District 12** - Beaver Bay, Silver Bay, Brimson, Brookston, Cloquet, Duluth, Esko, Finland, Fredenberg, Grand Marais, Grand Portage, Hermantown, Knife River, Lawrence Lake*, Lutsen, Mahtowa, Pike Lake, Proctor, Sawyer, Silver Bay, Foxborro (Wisconsin), Side Lake, Superior (Wisconsin), Toivola, Two Harbors
- District 14** - International Falls, Littlefork

* In cities marked with an asterisk, some meetings consider themselves to be in one District, and some meetings consider themselves to be in another District.

District Meeting Location Information

District 1
2nd Sunday of even months, 2:00 p.m.
Fertile Community Center
101 S. Mill St., Fertile, MN 56540

District 2
2nd Sunday of Odd Months, 2:00 p.m.
First Lutheran Church
210 Park Ave. N.
Middle River, MN 56737

District 3
3rd Sunday of Month, 10:00 a.m.
Alano Club
827 Summit Avenue
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

District 4
3rd Saturday of Month, 5:30 p.m.
Contact DCM for location (It Rotates)
Potluck at 6:30 p.m.
Round Robin at 7:00 p.m.

District 5
3rd Monday of Month, 7 p.m.
Freshwaters Church
12475 273rd Ave NW
Zimmerman, MN 55398

District 6
3rd Thursday of Month, 7:30 p.m.
Spring Lake Lutheran Church
8440 Erickson Rd. N.E.
North Branch, MN 55056

District 7
3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m.
First Congregational United Church
415 Juniper Street
Brainerd, MN 56401

District 8
Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m.
General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Contact DCM for location "It Rotates"
Cook, MN

District 9
Last Sunday of Month, 6:00 p.m.
Hibbing Alano Club
3725 1st Avenue
Hibbing, MN 55746

District 11
1st Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m.
Peace Lutheran
2177 Hwy 18
Finlayson, MN 55735

District 12
3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30 p.m.
Contact DCM for meeting location (It Rotates)

District 13
1st Monday of Month, 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
St. Cloud Alano Club
127 7th Ave. NE
Saint Cloud, MN 56301

District 14
2nd Thursday of Month, 5:00pm District Meeting
Alano Club
410 5th Ave
International Falls, MN 56649

District 15
1st Monday of Month, 8:00 p.m.
Albany Community Center
741 Lake Ave.
Albany, MN 56307

District 16
1st Wednesday of Month, 6:30 p.m.
United Methodist Church
1701 S.E. 5th Ave.
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
Handicap Accessible, Non-Smoking

District 18
1st Tuesday of Month, 6:30 p.m.
Long Prairie Alano Club
21 2nd Ave.
Long Prairie, MN 56347

District 21
2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Bemidji Alano Club
3802 Greenleaf Ave NW
Bemidji, MN 56601

District 17
Not currently active or unknown

AREA 35 COMMITTEE 2015

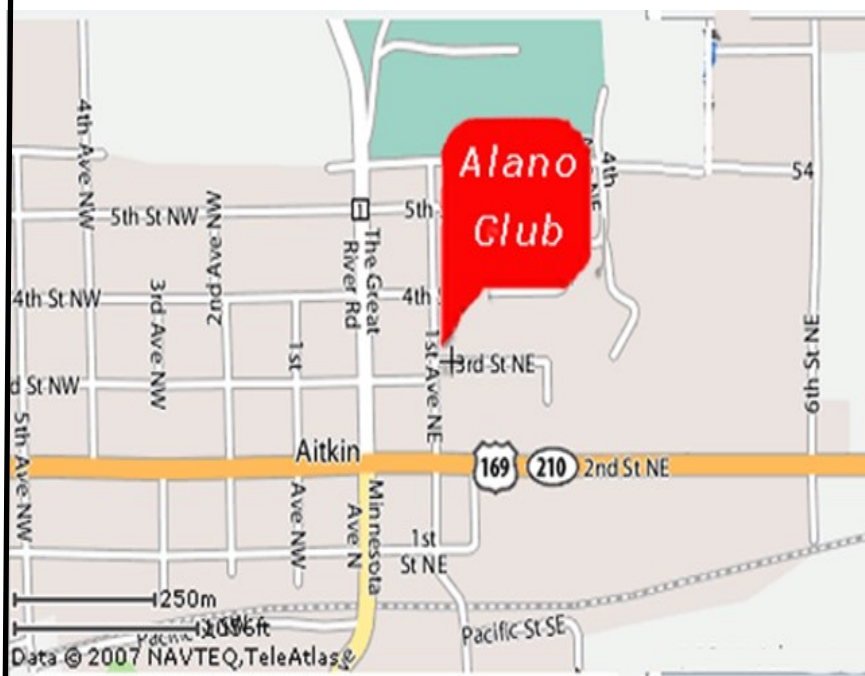
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AREA 35 EVENTS

- ◆ Area Chair calls to cancel and/or re-schedule.
- ◆ Based on DOT report, national weather service, individual safety being paramount
- ◆ Chair asks for weather reports from all DCM's from respective districts either by email or phone for those that don't have computers.
- ◆ Chair notifies the Alano society in Aitkin on food preparations and possible re-schedule to following Sunday.
- ◆ Chair contacts webmaster results put on Area 35.org and re-schedule date and time.
- ◆ Districts contact their DCM in inclement weather for updates on cancellation.
- ◆ Post procedure in Northern Lights.
- ◆ Chair remains available and in close contact as he or she is the focal point and main contact; he or she must make the decision, and be available for calls.

AREA 35 EVENTS

Where is the Aitkin Alano Club?
Area 35 holds committee meetings in February, June, August and December at the Aitkin Alano Club
322 1st Ave. N.E.
Aitkin, MN.



OUR PAST DELEGATES

Panel 64 Michael “Jake” J	2014-2015	Panel 44 Bruce B	1994-1995	Panel 26 Vern R (deceased)	1976-1977	Panel 12 Donna T (deceased)	1962-1963
Panel 62 Jim K	2012-2013	Panel 42 Greg G	1992-1993	Panel 24 Gordon B. H	1974-1975	Panel 10 Bob B (deceased)	1960-1961
Panel 60 Jon C	2010-2011	Panel 40 Bob J	1990-1991	Panel 22 Frank P. J (deceased)	1972-1973	Panel 8 Pearl N (deceased)	1958-1959
Panel 58 JoAnne M. N	2008-2009	Panel 38 Scott J	1988-1989	Panel 20 Clarence B (deceased)	1970-1971	Panel 6 Waldo H (deceased)	1956-1957
Panel 56 Jerry S	2006-2007	Panel 36 Louie H	1986-1987	Panel 18 Dave H (deceased)	1968-1969	Panel 4 Wendell H (deceased)	1954-1955
Panel 54 Charlie C	2004-2005	Panel 34 Bob P	1984-1985	Panel 16 Arno A (deceased)	1966-1967	Panel 2 Arthur R (deceased)	1952-1953
Panel 52 Tim C	2002-2003	Panel 32 Tom L	1982-1983	Panel 14 Donald F (deceased)	1964-1965		
Panel 50 Tom A	2000-2001						
Panel 48 Susie A	1998-1999	Panel 30 Don M (deceased)	1981-1982				
Panel 46 Bill P (deceased)	1996-1997	Panel 28 Garfield (Duffy) S (deceased)	1978-1979				

Q: Why list our past Delegates?

A: They are a resource to you!

In Alcoholics Anonymous we value experience. Our Twelve Steps did not exist when Bill stepped into the lobby of a hotel in Akron, Ohio. Even after meeting with Dr. Bob and soon founding our program, there were only six steps until the experiences of 100 Alcoholics were summed up. Soon after a book followed, but it was a few years later when the Twelve Traditions were discussed and agreed on. Twelve Traditions that were “hammered out on the anvil of experience”. Our past Delegates are a wealth of experience, an interactive living archive if you will. When you plan your next service workshop or need an outside voice to offer help, consider this resource available to you. Some of them even offer great company while fishing!

Please keep in your thoughts the friends and family of **Bill Perrizo**, Panel 46 Delegate, who recently passed away. Maybe take a moment to also remember those who are no longer with us, who have played a role in our own service experience.

The Delegate’s Duties

<p>Though the high point is the Conference meeting, the delegate’s job goes on year-round and involves all aspects of the Conference structure. The delegate should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the Conference meeting in April, fully prepared. Immediately upon election, every delegate is put on the G.S.O. mailing list to receive Conference materials. • Communicate the actions of the Conference to area committee members and encourage them to pass on this information, and the delegate’s enthusiasm, to groups and to intergroups/central offices. If an area is too large for the delegate to cover in person, he or she will ask area officers and committee members to share the load. • Be prepared to attend all area, state/provincial, and regional service meetings and assemblies. From these meetings, delegates come to better understand their own areas and can make suggestions for the Conference agenda. Here, too, they come in contact with A.A. members who might not be reached otherwise. • Help area committees obtain financial support for the area and G.S.O. • Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the A.A. Traditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remind G.S.R.s to inform groups and individuals about the A.A. Grapevine and Conference-approved literature. • Cooperate with G.S.O. in obtaining information—for example, making sure that up-to-date information reaches G.S.O. in time to meet the deadline for each Issue of the A.A. directory and helping carry out the triennial membership surveys. • Visit groups and districts in the area whenever possible. • Work closely with committee members and officers, sharing experience throughout the year. After G.S.R.s and committee members have reported on the Conference, learn from these A.A.s how groups and members have reacted. • Assume added responsibility if the area chair and alternate chair are unable to serve. Or, if an area committee is not functioning effectively, the delegate may take an active role in remedying the situation. • Keep the alternate delegate fully informed and active, so that the alternate can replace the delegate in an emergency. • Late in the second term, work with newly elected delegates to pass along a basic knowledge of Conference proceedings and problems.
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(from The A.A. Service Manual, pages S44-S45)

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.s future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

AREA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Delegate:

Greeting Area 35,
I hope this finds you all well and are enjoying the summer months. I have been busy traveling around northern Minnesota doing my report back from this year's General Service Conference and have enjoyed my time with all you. I have been told by some that came before me that one of the best "highlights" you will experience being Delegate is visiting all the Districts after the conference. This has been proven to be very true. The business discussed on the Agenda Items, the amazing fellowship before and after (along with food and plenty of sweets) has been a wonderful experience for myself and hopefully those that attended.

We have had some great discussions on some of the issues we are facing today in Alcoholics Anonymous which has included our finances, one of the main topics I find many are concerned with. It is very troublesome when we see that the budget for 2016 is at a -\$23,000.00 deficit and that we have been at \$7,000,000 for the last two years on contributions but the expenses continue to go up. I really feel and have heard from others that this is a topic that as an Area we need to discuss in depth at our upcoming Fall Assembly. I will see that Jim, our Area Chair gets it on the Agenda for discussion. I encourage all of you to contact me with any comments/concerns you may have especially if they are directly related to the Feasibility Study that was recently completed at the conference that does include revenue. I have not heard anything further as of yet on this study and any plans they may have to move forward with the feedback they were given on the 4 topics. Please let me know if you have not received those results and I will gladly email them out to you.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all those Districts that I have visited so far and I look forward to the time with the rest of the Districts I am scheduled with in the upcoming months. I hope to see many of you at our upcoming Aitkin Committee meeting and as always thank you for the honor and privilege to serve Area 35 as your Delegate, Kelly D

Alt. Delegate:

I am looking forward to our 41 st Annual Area 35 Service Workshop. This workshop will take place in Bemidji on January 14 and 15. I have invited Howard L. who is a past Delegate and Southwest Regional Trustee of the General Service Board to be our guest speaker and work with us in the workshop. Howard has accepted our offer. The theme for our workshop will support the selected theme for the 2017 General Service Conference, which is: "Supporting our Future". Topical presentations at the GSC will examine three areas: growth, participation and contributions. I am thinking that our District presentations and guest (Howard L.) will also enlighten us in these three topical areas.

Each January about half of our districts have an opportunity to present at our Area 35 workshop. So, if your district did not have this opportunity in 2016 I will be in touch with your DCM soon. I would like to thank my officer cohorts for presenting in the first Area 35 Zonal Forum of this rotation. This forum was well attended and took place after Kelly D,'s Delegate report on Sunday June 12 in Erskine MN. A special thank you goes to Leslie H. DCM of District 1 and Myron H. DCM of District 2 for organizing this event and serving up some great treats and food. I very much appreciate the opportunity you have given me to continue serving Area 35 as we work together to carry our message. In service, Roger

Area Chair:

Hello Everyone. I have been working on getting facilities for next year's Spring and Fall Assemblies. What I have been finding is that our goal of getting rooms for \$109.00/night seems to be a dwindling opportunity. We have been turned down by several facilities because they just don't feel they can make enough money off of us. Based upon what I am getting from Helms-

brisco, who is the service I am using to secure these facilities and who we have used before feels room rates for Spring Assemblies are going to be more in the \$120.00/night before taxes and in the Fall Assemblies \$135.00/night before taxes. With that being said, we are currently in negotiations with a resort that does look promising. I would give more details, but as soon as I do the deal could change and I would rather not give out information I would later have to retract. I would like to fellowship to be prepared as time goes on that we will be looking at higher rates for rooms, meals, conference rooms etc. I remember the first Fall Assembly I was at in Thief River Falls and if my memory serves me correctly, we paid \$500 for the weekend. The Grand Casino gave us a quote for \$3200 for a weekend for next year.

I received the budgets from Christine after she reviewed them and they do look reasonable. Thanks to everyone who submitted their budget and the effort taken to be vigilant when making them. The budget will be larger this year as we have a Regional Forum this year which happens every other year and the West Central Regional Service Conference is in Cheyenne, WY next year which will create some extra expense. The budgets will be coming out in the next issue of the Northern Light in conjunction with the expectations set forth in the Area Actions Booklet.

The meeting locator installed on the new website has been terminated and a hyperlink to the AAmeeetinglocator.com shortly after the last ACM. Thanks Rodney for your quick response to my request. In Service, Jim S., Area Chair

Secretary:

See June Committee Meeting Minutes

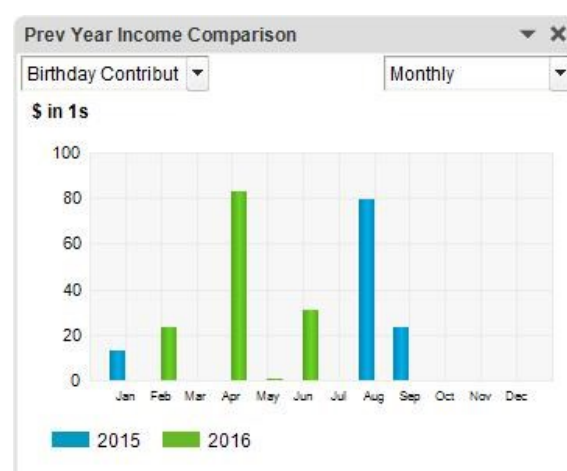
Treasurer:

Greetings Area 35, Since the Area Committee meeting, I presented at a Zonal Forum in Erskine on June 12th. It was a good turnout for a Sunday afternoon with about 16 in attendance. Thank you to everyone in Zone 1 for the hospitality.

Birthday Contributions are coming in and I would like to congratulate everyone celebrating their sobriety! What a great time to show your appreciation by contributing to the Area. You can send in one dollar for every year sober OR whatever you can afford. It is one way that you can make a difference.

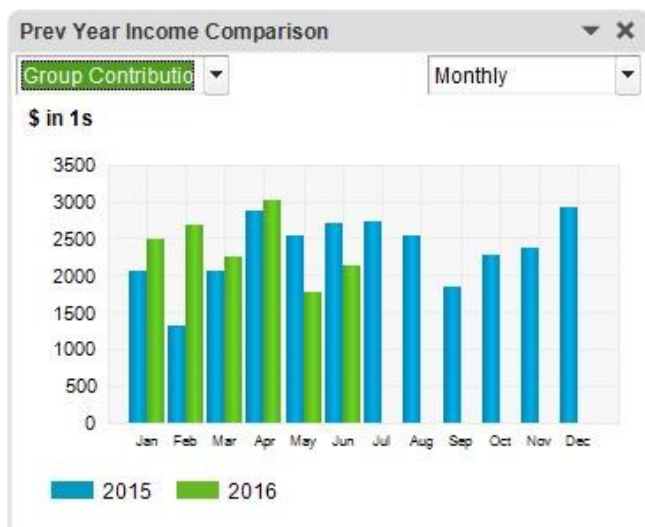
Please include your group service number on both your Group and Birthday Contributions.

Our YTD Birthday Contributions are at \$138.00. Let's see if 2016 can pass 2011's amount of 365.70! The race is on...



Your Area checkbook has a balance of \$17,118.36 plus \$6,042.03 in savings for your prudent reserve. All bills received to date have been paid and all contributions deposit

For the month of June, we received \$2,315.77 in income and paid \$1,459.70 in expenses. Year-to-date, we have received \$18,106.91 in income and paid \$22,198.38 in expenses.



Contributions compared to last year are up by \$759.32. The last two months have been lower than last year. Please talk to your groups in your districts and let them know the importance of contributing to the Area. I will be working on sending out quarterly thank you letters to all the groups that have contributed.

For the month of June, we have had 5 groups contribute that have not yet contributed this year! Two of those groups are NEW groups. All contributions are appreciated and one of the examples how your monies are spent is printing and mailing this newsletter to you. The cost of this publication is about 562.00 per mailing. If you have any specific questions about Area 35 finances, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Christine G., Area 35 Treasurer

Archives:

No report.

Archivist:

Greetings everyone. I hope you all had a safe Holiday. My most recent travel was to Hibbing to give a talk on the formation of Alcoholics Anonymous and how the Fellowship came to Minnesota. To condense, it was a series of people willing to shut up and get in the car. I have heard varying degrees of concern over our lack of growth in recent years and the possible impact this will have upon the fellowship. If we can keep the momentum that has been crucial since 1935 we won't have any problems. If we become complacent and allow our home groups and meetings to become overly integrated we will collapse as a fellowship. We can't be everything to everybody and it would be arrogant to think we could.

The apparent solution is sponsorship, both on a recovery level and a service level. Every one of us needs to be committed to our home groups, our districts, our areas and Alcoholics anonymous as a whole. We need to choose the best possible people for our service commitments e.g. those that will fulfill all the aspects of the position. What service is a GSR rendering if they can't or won't make district meetings. What service is a DCM if they can't make committee meetings. 23 plus years of service experience has taught me that the most dangerous thing to AA unity is an uninformed group conscience. Your group is meeting tonight because 5, 10, 15 or 75 years ago someone shut up and got in a car to help a suffering alcoholic find the Road of Happy Destiny. Yours is service, Brad I. Area 35 Archivist.

CPC:

No Report.

Corrections:

No Report.

Grapevine:

Greetings this is Paul M your area 35 Grapevine chair. We had about 10 in attendance at the June committee meeting! We met with the literature committee as well! We formed a committee to put on a presentation as a fall assembly! I've been invited to bring the grapevine material to the heartland round up in September! I brought the material to the iron Range get together and it was a great success! I'm going to order pocket planners and calendars and hopefully have them by the August committee meeting! If you need any GV lit I can bring it to the meeting! I hope your group has selected a grapevine representative by now! And your group has a subscription! If not please order and elect a rep! As my friend Dana j would say this is aa and I love this place! Thank you for letting me serve!

Group Records:

By the Numbers: Area35 has 539 GSO registered, active AA Groups and 649 active AA Meetings

Northern Light Mailing List: The Northern light Mailing list is made up of area36 officers and committee member, area 35 past delegates, special requests for mailing, and all area35 active registered officers, committee members and GSRs. As of this Northern Light issue, all area35 active registered officers, committee members and GSRs will come directly from the GSO database. This is a major change and will bring our Northern Light mailing list up to date and we will be able to keep it up to date. There are 1191 entries in this database. 528 entries have the field "Receives Mail" set to True. We will send a Northern Light to members that receive mail. Bob B.
grouprecords@area35.org

Literature:

Good day all,

Well it has been a fairly quiet month sense my last report, I do thank the Districts who have placed orders through the Area Literature Chair. The orders will be available at the Area Committee in Aitkin on August 7th 2016. If you would like to place an order, PLEASE contact me TWO WEEKS prior to any of our Area events.

I was able to make it to North Branch for our Delegate (Kelly D.) report back from the General Service Conference, I am glad that I did. Kelly has a great power point to keep things on task, but with the questions asked and the statements made in North Branch I was able to learn even more then the first time. I do hope if you are able, that you consider checking this out more then once.

I did mention in my last report about the pamphlets that our Area 35 Committee came up with that could be used for beginners packets are in the last issue of the Northern Light, for some reason if you are unable to find them I will list them now:

Wallet cards
New Comer Asks
Problems Other Then Alcohol
Understanding Anonymity
Questions and Answers On Sponsorship
Frequently Asked Questions
Information on Alcoholics Anonymous
Meeting Locator Card
This Is An Introduction To The AA recovery Program
Is AA For You
Do You Think You're Different
AA At A Glance

I am also helping District 5 at the Mille Lacs County Fair August 10-14 2016 in Princeton, MN. District 5 is asking for volunteers at the information booth at the Fair. So if you could find time to fill a two hour slot at the Fair booth in Princeton it would be greatly appreciated, there is NO selling, it is information only.

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I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve you in Area 35 in service, Skip D., Area 35 Literature Chair

Northern Light:

Greetings All. I have been enjoying getting into the groove of collecting reports and assembling a paper, however am finding it frustrating to get more participation. Though, in fairness, more participation is a problem throughout service. I would like to offer commentary on why this is the case for all aspects of service in AA, though I will keep the scope to the job I'm charged with now. I believe most are intimidated about writing as much as most of us were and in many cases still are intimidated by speaking to large groups. There is no simple way to get over these fears, but by "jumping in" and abandoning yourself completely, (see page 57 of our Big Book) you have nothing to fear. My job isn't just to get the Northern Light out, it is to make it relevant to all serving AA in Area 35, and to all interested in what Area 35 is doing. This means I'm here to help you. I'm not an accomplished writer but two alcoholics working on something can do better than just one. There is a reason why all of your servants contact info is published at the beginning of this volume.

I've had a couple of request by members to change some things up in the layout so I will have tried some of those changes in this addition. This is YOUR publication; thus your input is very much appreciated. I don't think it is used nearly as much as it could be. Yours in Service, Jake C.

Public Information:

No Report.

Treatment:

No Report.

Webmaster:

Greetings Area 35, I trust you are enjoying this warm Minnesota summer. After discussion at the June committee meeting we decided to no longer attempt to maintain two separate

meeting locators as we had been doing, those being the one on Area35.org and aameetinglocator.org. I added a link to aameetinglocator.org on Area35.org. A search for meetings on the Area website will now take you to aameetinglocator.org. I anticipated a lot of negative feedback, via phone calls and the email support feature on aameetinglocator.org, but was gratefully at how little there was. In fact, this would be a good time to convey my thanks for all of the positive feedback, appreciative remarks, and overall cooperative spirit, that all those who have sent me flyers or other material to be updated have expressed to me. It is that same type of support we give to the newcomer in keeping sober and to each other in all our endeavors.

I continue to learn new things with Wordpress and google calendar. While pdf's are generally the safest way to ensure your documents appear on line as you want them to, I am usually okay with some type or word document. Snapshots of documents with your phone are troublesome, uneditable, or simply impossible to upload. I will be adding DCM contact information in the district pages for each district (example: dcm25@area35.org) and still encourage you to send information regarding action committee chairs. I had a DCM ask if other districts were sending their minutes to be included on the site. I let them know that it was up to each district, but that it was important to make certain there were no anonymity breaks within the minutes if they decided to put them on the web. I also let him know that I thought it was a win-win deal, for the Area and their District, as it is an example of inclusiveness and unity, on top of giving easy access for those in neighboring districts as well as their own who are interested in the minutes.

We had a considerable order from Mark, our PI Chair, for aameetinglocator.org business cards to be available at the State Fair. If any other chairs have a foreseeable need for more cards, please let me know. In service, Rodney S. Area 35 Webmaster admin@area35.org

GSR Workshop

Tuesday, Aug 23 @ 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.
Where: The St. Cloud Alano Club

Learn about one of the most important service positions in the AA program –
General Service Rep

G.S.R.
GENERAL SERVICE
REPRESENTATIVE

This is AA's General Service Conference-approved literature

MAY BE THE MOST
IMPORTANT JOB
IN AA.

You'll Learn about:

- How to represent your grp
- Your group's primary purpose
- Characteristics of a good representative
- The AA Service Manual
- The inverted pyramid of service

The strength of our whole A.A. service structure starts with the group and with the general service representative (G.S.R.) the group elects. I cannot emphasize too strongly the G.S.R.'s importance. Bill W.

This workshop is free and open to those in the AA program



Please join the TNYPAA Group
for an evening of fun, food and fellowship at our
OPEN SPEAKER MEETING AND POTLUCK

WHEN: Thursday, Sept 29, 2016

WHERE: St. Cloud Alano Club

TIME: 5:30 P.M. Potluck
6:30 P.M. Speaker

Please feel free to bring a dish to share and we look forward to seeing you there!



Sponsored by the
Thursday Night Young
Peoples AA Group
aka TNYPAA

2017 Area Officers and Committee Chair Budget Proposals

	2017 Budget						Delegate								
	Service	Feb.	WCRS	Spring	June	Aug.	35/36	WCR	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	Dist	General	Total
	Wrkshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assy.	Mtg.	Mtg.	Wrkshop	Forum	Assy.	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Service	Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Workshop	
Meals	40.00	6.00	70.00	40.00	6.00	6.00		70.00	40.00	6.00	20.00	20.00	40.00		\$ 364.00
Travel	40.00	20.00	100.00	19.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	60.00	35.00	20.00	55.00	35.00	300.00		\$ 739.00
Lodging	175.00		225.00	125.00				225.00	125.00		100.00	100.00	300.00	1,600.00	\$ 2,975.00
Phone															\$ -
Supplies		25.00													\$ 25.00
Printing		500.00		300.00									100.00	300.00	\$ 1,200.00
Postage															\$ -
Other	10.00		15.00											600.00	\$ 625.00
Budgeted	265.00	551.00	410.00	484.00	26.00	26.00	15.00	355.00	200.00	26.00	175.00	155.00	740.00	2,500.00	5,928.00

	2017 Budget						Alternate Delegate							
	Service	Feb.	WCRS	Spring	June	Aug.	35/36	WCR	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	Dist	Total
	Wrkshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assy.	Mtg.	Mtg.	Wrkshop	Forum	Assy.	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	
Meals	70.00	6.00	150.00	60.00	6.00	6.00		70.00	70.00	6.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	\$ 504.00
Travel	30.00	20.00	125.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	5.00	40.00	40.00	20.00	40.00	40.00	100.00	\$ 520.00
Lodging	215.00		200.00	150.00				200.00	200.00					\$ 965.00
Phone														\$ -
Supplies														\$ -
Printing	25.00										60.00	60.00		\$ 145.00
Postage														\$ -
Other	10.00		15.00											\$ 25.00
Budgeted	350.00	26.00	490.00	230.00	26.00	26.00	5.00	310.00	310.00	26.00	115.00	115.00	130.00	2,159.00

	2017 Budget						Position: Area Chair							
	Service	Feb.	WCRS	Spring	June	Aug.	35/36	WCR	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	Dist	Total
	Wrkshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assy.	Mtg.	Mtg.	Wrkshop	Forum	Assy.	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	
Meals	45.00	6.00	70.00	50.00	6.00	6.00		120.00	50.00	6.00	-	-		\$ 359.00
Travel	28.00	34.00	80.00	30.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	27.00	65.00	34.00	60.00	60.00	200.00	\$ 720.00
Lodging			180.00	120.00				120.00	120.00					\$ 540.00
Phone														\$ -
Supplies													75.00	\$ 75.00
Printing		30.00		40.00	30.00	30.00	30.00		40.00	30.00				\$ 230.00
Postage														\$ -
Other	10.00		15.00											\$ 25.00
Budgeted	83.00	70.00	345.00	240.00	70.00	70.00	64.00	267.00	275.00	70.00	60.00	60.00	275.00	1,949.00

	2017 Budget						Position: Secretary							
	Service	Feb.	WCRS	Spring	June	Aug.	35/36	WCR	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	Dist	Total
	Wrkshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assy.	Mtg.	Mtg.	Wrkshop	Forum	Assy.	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	
Meals	60.00	6.00	100.00	60.00	6.00	6.00		100.00	60.00	6.00	20.00		40.00	\$ 464.00
Travel	15.00	10.00	110.00	15.00	10.00	10.00	15.00	50.00	10.00	10.00	50.00	15.00	100.00	\$ 420.00
Lodging	120.00		150.00	120.00				120.00	120.00					\$ 630.00
Phone														\$ -
Supplies														\$ -
Printing	30.00	30.00		30.00	30.00	30.00			30.00	30.00	15.00	15.00		\$ 240.00
Postage														\$ -
Other	10.00		15.00											\$ 25.00
Budgeted	235.00	46.00	380.00	225.00	46.00	46.00	15.00	285.00	220.00	46.00	85.00	30.00	140.00	1,779.00

	2017 Budget						Position: Treasurer							
	Service	Feb.	WCRS	Spring	June	Aug.	35/36	WCR	Fall	Dec.	Zonal 2	Zonal 4	Dist	Total
	Wrkshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assy.	Mtg.	Mtg.	Wrkshop	Forum	Assy.	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	
Meals	\$ 15.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00		\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 299.00
Travel	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00		\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 565.00
Lodging	\$ 150.00		\$ 175.00	\$ 110.00				\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00				\$ 100.00	\$ 755.00
Phone														\$ -
Supplies	\$ 10.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 70.00			\$ 10.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 310.00
Printing		\$ 375.00		\$ 375.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00			\$ 375.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,125.00
Postage	\$ 348.00			\$ 48.00					\$ 48.00					\$ 444.00
Other	\$ 10.00		\$ 15.00											\$ 25.00
Budgeted	\$ 543.00	\$ 456.00	\$ 345.00	\$ 578.00	\$ 221.00	\$ 381.00	\$ -	\$ 155.00	\$ 588.00	\$ 281.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 285.00	\$ 530.00	\$ 4,523.00

		2017 Budget					Position: Archivist								
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i> Budget	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WCRS <i>Conf.</i> Budget	Spring <i>Assy.</i> Budget	June <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i> Budget	WCR <i>Forum</i> Budget	Fall <i>Assy.</i> Budget	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Zonal <i>Forum</i> Budget	Zonal <i>Forum</i> Budget	Dist <i>Travel</i> Budget	Total Budget	
Meals	60.00	5.50	80.00	60.00	5.50	5.50	10.00	80.00	60.00	5.50				\$ 372.00	
Travel	80.00	27.00	200.00	80.00	27.00	27.00	20.00	150.00	80.00	27.00				\$ 718.00	
Lodging	160.00		160.00	160.00				160.00	160.00					\$ 800.00	
Phone															
Supplies															
Printing															
Postage															
Other		200.00		200.00	200.00	200.00			200.00	200.00				\$ 1,200.00	
Budgeted	300.00	232.50	440.00	500.00	232.50	232.50	30.00	390.00	500.00	232.50				3,090.00	

		2017 Budget					Position: Archives								
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i> Budget	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WCRS <i>Conf.</i> Budget	Spring <i>Assy.</i> Budget	June <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i> Budget	WCR <i>Forum</i> Budget	Fall <i>Assy.</i> Budget	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Zonal <i>Forum</i> Budget	Zonal <i>Forum</i> Budget	Dist <i>Travel</i> Budget	Total Budget	
Meals	35.00	6.00	120.00	35.00	6.00	6.00	15.00	60.00	35.00	6.00				\$ 324.00	
Travel	25.00	36.00	267.00	42.00	36.00	36.00	36.00	83.00	100.00	36.00			150.00	\$ 847.00	
Lodging	60.00		240.00	120.00				120.00	120.00					\$ 660.00	
Phone															
Supplies													150.00	\$ 150.00	
Printing															
Postage															
Other	10.00		15.00											\$ 25.00	
Budgeted	130.00	42.00	642.00	197.00	42.00	42.00	51.00	263.00	255.00	42.00	-	-	300.00	2,006.00	

		2017 Budget					Position: Corrections								
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i> Budget	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WCRS <i>Conf.</i> Budget	Spring <i>Assy.</i> Budget	June <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i> Budget	WCR <i>Forum</i> Budget	Fall <i>Assy.</i> Budget	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	State <i>Correct</i> Meet	Corr <i>Trans</i> Fair	Dist <i>Travel</i> Budget	Total Budget	
Meals	60.00	6.00	100.00	60.00	6.00	6.00		100.00	60.00	6.00			40.00	\$ 444.00	
Travel	15.00	10.00	110.00	15.00	10.00	10.00	15.00	50.00	10.00	10.00	160.00	250.00	100.00	\$ 765.00	
Lodging	120.00		150.00	120.00				120.00	120.00					\$ 630.00	
Phone														\$ -	
Supplies														\$ -	
Printing	30.00	30.00		30.00	30.00	30.00			30.00	30.00				\$ 210.00	
Postage														\$ -	
Other	10.00		15.00											\$ 25.00	
Budgeted	235.00	46.00	375.00	225.00	46.00	46.00	15.00	270.00	220.00	46.00	160.00	250.00	140.00	2,074.00	

		2017 Budget					Position: Group Records								
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i> Budget	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	WCRS <i>Conf.</i> Budget	Spring <i>Assy.</i> Budget	June <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i> Budget	WCR <i>Forum</i> Budget	Fall <i>Assy.</i> Budget	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i> Budget	Zonal <i>Forum</i> Budget	Zonal <i>Forum</i> Budget	Dist <i>Travel</i> Budget	Total Budget	
Meals	60.00			40.00				60.00	60.00					\$ 220.00	
Travel	22.50			5.00			17.50	71.00	46.25				51.00	\$ 213.25	
Lodging	220.00			110.00				220.00	220.00					\$ 770.00	
Phone															
Supplies															
Printing		105.00		105.00	105.00	105.00			105.00	105.00				\$ 630.00	
Postage															
Other	10.00	20.00		20.00	20.00	20.00			20.00	20.00				\$ 130.00	
Budgeted	312.50	125.00		280.00	125.00	125.00	17.50	351.00	451.25	125.00			51.00	1,963.25	

	2017 Budget						Grapevine Chair							
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WCRS Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	60.00	7.00	70.00	60.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	70.00	70.00	7.00				\$ 368.00
Travel	30.00	10.00	125.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	40.00	40.00	10.00			50.00	\$ 355.00
Lodging	200.00		200.00	150.00				200.00	200.00					\$ 950.00
Phone														\$ -
Supplies														\$ -
Printing														\$ -
Postage														\$ -
Other	10.00		15.00					15.00						\$ 40.00
Budgeted	300.00	17.00	410.00	230.00	17.00	17.00	20.00	325.00	310.00	17.00	-	-	50.00	1,713.00

	2017 Budget						Literature							
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WCRS Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	50.00	6.00	50.00	40.00	6.00	6.00		50.00	50.00	6.00				\$ 264.00
Travel	33.00	32.00	141.00	17.00	32.00	32.00	7.00	45.00	20.00	32.00			200.00	\$ 591.00
Lodging	130.00		130.00	130.00				130.00	130.00					\$ 650.00
Phone														
Supplies														
Printing														
Postage														
Other	10.00		15.00											\$ 25.00
Budgeted	223.00	38.00	336.00	187.00	38.00	38.00	7.00	225.00	200.00	38.00	-	-	200.00	1,530.00

	2017 Budget						Position: Northern Light							
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WCRS Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	30.00	6.00	60.00	40.00	6.00	6.00	10.00	50.00	40.00	6.00	10.00	-	30.00	\$ 294.00
Travel	20.00	19.00	300.00	25.00	19.00	19.00	10.00	25.00	35.00	19.00	25.00	-	75.00	\$ 591.00
Lodging	120.00		240.00	110.00				110.00	110.00			-		\$ 690.00
Phone												-		\$ -
Supplies											25.00	-	25.00	\$ 50.00
Printing		375.00		375.00	375.00	375.00			375.00	375.00		-		\$2,250.00
Postage		300.00		300.00	300.00	300.00			300.00	300.00		-		\$1,800.00
Other	10.00		15.00									-		\$ 25.00
Budgeted	180.00	700.00	615.00	850.00	700.00	700.00	20.00	185.00	860.00	700.00	60.00	-	130.00	\$5,700.00

	2017 Budget						Position: Public Information							
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WCRS Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	40.00	6.00		70.00	40.00	6.00	6.00	20.00	70.00	40.00	6.00			\$ 304.00
Travel	15.00			50.00				20.00	50.00	15.00				\$ 150.00
Lodging	200.00			200.00					200.00					\$ 600.00
Phone														\$ -
Supplies	200.00													\$ 200.00
Printing														\$ -
Postage														\$ -
Other	10.00			15.00										\$ 25.00
Budgeted	465.00	6.00		335.00	40.00	6.00	6.00	40.00	120.00	255.00	6.00	-	-	1,279.00

			2017 Budget				Position: TREATMENT								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WCRS Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget	
Meals	\$ 15.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 6.00	\$6.00		\$30.00	\$30.00	\$6.00				\$ 229.00	
Travel	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$5.00		\$15.00	\$15.00	\$5.00			\$350.00	\$ 460.00	
Lodging	\$ 150.00		\$ 175.00	\$ 110.00				\$110.00	\$110.00					\$ 655.00	
Phone															
Supplies															
Printing															
Postage															
Other	\$ 10.00		\$ 15.00											\$ 25.00	
Budgeted	\$ 185.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 335.00	\$145.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.00	\$ -	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$ 11.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$350.00	\$1,369.00	

			2017 Budget				Position: Webmaster								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WCRS Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget	
Meals	\$75	\$6	\$90	\$75	\$6	\$6		\$90	\$75	\$6				\$429	
Travel	\$50	\$30	\$70	\$45	\$30	\$30	\$50	\$65	\$40	\$30			\$200	\$640	
Lodging	\$100		\$100	\$100				\$100	\$100					\$500	
Phone														\$0	
Supplies	90.00			90.00										\$180	
Printing														\$0	
Postage														\$0	
Other	\$10		15.00											\$25	
Budgeted	\$325	\$36	\$275	\$310	\$36	\$36	\$50	\$255	\$215	\$36	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$1,774	

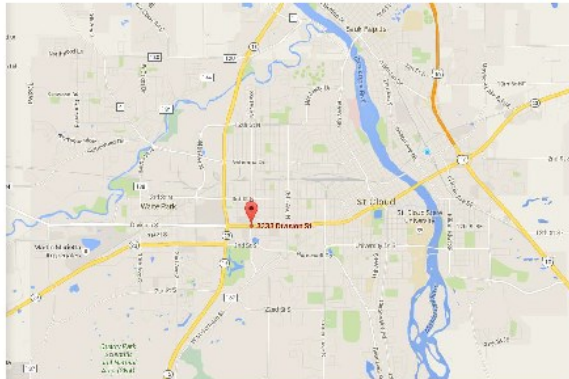
2017 Budget			Position: Financial Oversight Committee												
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget	
Meals		13.00			13.00	13.00				13.00				\$ 52.00	
Travel		35.00			35.00	35.00				35.00				\$ 140.00	
Lodging		-			-	-				-				\$ -	
Phone		-			-	-				-				\$ -	
Supplies		-			-	-				-				\$ -	
Printing		-			-	-				-				\$ -	
Postage		-			-	-				-				\$ -	
Other		-			-	-				-				\$ -	
Budgeted		48.00	-	-	48.00	48.00	-	-	-	48.00	-	-	-	192.00	

			2017 Budget				Position: Area Events								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget	
Meals	95.00													\$ 95.00	
Travel	400.00													\$ 400.00	
Lodging	240.00													\$ 240.00	
Rent	675.00	50.00		1,750.00	50.00	50.00	200.00		1,750.00	50.00				\$4,575.00	
Coffee	540.00			750.00			150.00		750.00					\$2,190.00	
Printing														\$ -	
Postage														\$ -	
Other									-					\$ -	
Budgeted	1,950.00	50.00	-	2,500.00	50.00	50.00	350.00	-	2,500.00	50.00	-	-	-	7,500.00	

Area 35 & 36 Joint Workshop

November 19, 2016
12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

The Tuscan Center at Midtown Square
3333 W. Division Street
St. Cloud, MN 56301



Area 35 Fall Assembly

October 1-2, 2016

Holiday Inn
5637 Highway 29 South
Alexandria, MN 56308
320-763-6577

Group rate: \$99.99 plus tax (1-4 people)
Mention "Area35" to receive group rate
Reserve Before September 3, 2016 for group rate

Agenda

Saturday, October 1
9:00 AM Registration
10:00 GSR Orientation and Action Committee Meetings
Sunday, October 2
9:00 AM Assembly Reconvenes



"A True Fellowship"
2 Day Event 34th Annual New Format
St. Cloud Roundup
October 21-22, 2016

Speakers	Events
Friday 7:00 PM Jim L AA Lake Havasu AZ Saturday 1:30 PM Keith D AA Yorba Linda CA 3:00 PM Terry L AA Wayzata MN 6:30 PM Sue D Al-Anon Yorba Linda CA 8:00 PM Rick B AA Ocean City MD	Friday 6:30 PM Registration 7:00 PM Archives Open Ice Cream after Speaker \$4.00 Dance DJ "Dance Til Ya Drop" Saturday <small>New Meetings</small> 3 Legacies Meetings 9:00-9:50 AM Recovery 10:00-10:50 AM Unity 11:00-11:50 AM Service 4:30 PM Big Book Meeting 4:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting Ice Cream after Speakers \$4.00 Dance DJ "Dance Til Ya Drop"

HOTELS
 Connected to Convention Center
 Kelly Inn 320-528-1234 320-253-0606 La St. Germain Suite Hotel
 Country Inn 120 7th Ave SE St Cloud
 www.stcloudroundup.org

Registration Badge is Required for the Entire Roundup (including the Dance). Children are required to pay Registration and must be under Adult Supervision at all times. (No Exceptions)

Information: 320-290-2262, 320-253-0606
 Mail To: St. Cloud Roundup, PO Box 125, St. Cloud, MN 56302
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 email address (SCR use only): _____
 Pre-Registration \$15.00 AA Al-Anon Other

CPC Workshop

Tuesday, Sep 6 @ 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.
Where: The St. Cloud Alano Club

Learn about Cooperating with the Professional Community – **CPC**

You'll Learn about:

- How professional agencies cooperate with AA
- What the difference is between affiliation and cooperation
- The Why and How about carrying the message of AA

There is probably no better place for an A.A. member to find a suffering alcoholic than in a treatment facility or outpatient treatment setting. – Treatment Committee Workbook

This workshop is free and open to those in the AA program and the public

Meet new friends and see old ones!
District 3 Roundup Reunion
Saturday, August 20th, 2016



Lion's Park Shelter, Lakeshore Drive, Battle Lake, MN

Meet your Current Area 35 and District 3 Officers and visit with past ones

- 10:00 – 11:30 AM District 3 Meeting
- 11:30 – 1:00PM Lunch on your own
- 1:00 – Tom A - West Central Regional Trustee
- 2:30 PM History of AA in Northern Minnesota-Brad I.
- 4:30 Potluck Picnic(Bring a dish to pass)
- 6:30 – 7:00PM Alanon
- 7:00 – 8:00 AA-Ted S. Climax, MN

Ice cream social to follow speakers!

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Area 35 June Area Committee Meeting

Aitkin, MN June 5, 2016

Jim S. Called meeting to order and opened with the Serenity Prayer

Recognition of past delegates in attendance: Tom A., Panel 50; Susie A., Panel 44; Bruce B., Panel 48; Jim Kath, Panel 62; Michael Jacobson, Panel 64.

Minutes from the Spring Assembly were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Delegate - Kelly D. Kelly gave her report back from the 65th General Service Conference using a power point presentation and handouts.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE - Roger R. Welcome everyone to our June Area Committee Meeting. I have continued planning for our 2017 January Service Workshop. This workshop will take place in Bemidji on January 14 and 15. I have invited Howard L. who is a past Delegate and Southwest Regional Trustee of the General Service Board to be our guest speaker and work with us in the workshop. Howard has accepted our offer. The theme for our workshop will support the selected theme for the 2017 General Service Conference, which is: "Supporting our Future". Topical presentations at the GSC will examine three areas: growth, participation and contributions. I am thinking that our District presentations and guest (Howard L.) will also enlighten us in these three topical areas. Each January about half of our districts have an opportunity to present at our Area 35 workshop. So, if your district did not have this opportunity in 2016 I will be in touch with your DCM soon.

I would like to thank Kelly D. for keeping us up to speed on the results of the recent GSC. I am also looking forward to Kelly's report today.

I've also been planning for our first Zonal Forum in which our area officers and myself will present following Kelly's report next Sunday in Erskine MN.

I very much appreciate the opportunity you have given me to continue serving Area 35 as we work together to carry our message.

Roger R.

AREA CHAIR – Jim S. Good Morning Everyone. I have sent out 2016 budget forms for everyone to complete. These need to be completed within the next few weeks so they can be published in the next issue of the NL. This is necessary as our actions booklet states budgets need to be out 60 days prior to be voted on. The deadline for the next issue of the NL is approximately July 5th and Christine and I will need time to review the budgets as well. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Joint workshop is scheduled for Nov 19th, 2016 at the Tuscan Center in St. Cloud from noon to 4pm. I have confirmed with the Area 36 Chair that this is ac-

ceptable. Fliers will be out shortly. I have found out after Christine created the final totals for the Spring Assembly that we spent \$765 on coffee and only took in \$215 for purchases. You can still make your financial amends if you did not pay for the coffee you drank at the assembly. Although the coffee was not behind a sales desk it is commonly known that we pay for our coffee, and this was also something I mentioned at the assembly. You can mail your amends to the PO Box and Christine will take care of it. Thanks. I have compiled a complete list of all evaluations from the Spring Assembly. These are on the back table. They are typed up as they were written. Each line is a new comment. I have asked Rodney to upload the newest edition of the Area Actions booklet to the website for downloading by anyone who would like one. Although I can make motions, I would like to make the suggestion that we consider writing down motions after the issue that arose at the Spring Assembly. If no one decides to make a motion regarding this, I will not bring it up again.

Yours in Service

Jim S.

Area Chair

Secretary - Rillis E. Good morning. I'm grateful to be here today serving as your secretary especially since there is garage sale going on at my house today. Since completing the minutes from the Area Assembly I've made a flier for the Fall Assembly and copies are available on the table in the back of the room. The Fall Assembly will be held October 1 & 2 at the Holiday Inn in Alexandria. I will be attending the Zonal Forum which is next Sunday in Erskine and I look forward to spending time with those who attend. I have been working on the 2017 secretary budget as it and all budget will be up for approval during the upcoming Fall Assembly. Please send me the reports you give today at secretary@area35.org before June 24 so I can make the next Northern Light deadline. Thank you to those who have already sent me your reports. If you have a paper copy of your report please leave it with me as you leave the podium.

In service,

Rillis E.

Area 35 Secretary

TREASURER - Christine G. Greetings Area 35. We will be publishing the 2017 budgets in the next Northern Light Edition and they will get emailed out to the DCMs once we have them put together. We are asking all the Area Action Chairs to have them turned in to Jim and I as soon as possible. These will be voted on at the Fall Assembly in Alexandria.

Birthday Contributions are coming in and I would like to congratulate everyone celebrating their sobriety!

What a great time to show your appreciation by contributing to the Area. You can send in one dollar for every year sober OR whatever you can afford. It is one way that you contribute directly to Area 35. I have Birthday Contribution envelopes on the back table for GSO.

Please include your group service number on both your Group and Birthday Contributions when mailing them to the Area and GSO.

I will be attending a Zonal Forum next weekend in Erskine on June 12th. I look forward to seeing you there. Your Area checkbook has a balance of \$16,262.29 plus \$6,041.89 in savings for your prudent reserve. All bills received to date have been paid and all contributions deposited.

For Period 3, we received \$5,575.81 in income and paid \$7,331.70 in expenses. Year-to-date, we have received \$15,791.14 in income and paid \$20,499.53 in expenses. Most of our larger expenses come the first 4 months of the year. As we receive more contributions over the upcoming months, our YTD ratio of income to expenses should even out.

Please keep the contributions coming in so we can offset the money spent at the beginning of the year. All contributions are greatly appreciated; any amount will help.

If you have any specific questions about Area 35 finances, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Christine G.

Area 35 Treasurer

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS

CPC - Jim T. Since our last gathering CPC has enjoyed some successes but the Committee chair has fallen short of the goals and objectives set forth at the beginning of the year. Since we seek progress rather than perfection, I ask the CPC district committee workers to provide the figurative “kick in the butt” to ensure that our work with members of the professional community can help them to become better informed about AA. If doctors, attorneys, police officers, social worker, and members of the clergy better understand who and what we are, we can help them to work with their client and customers.

Last month Gail B. and I presented the CPC message to the Baxter Kiwanis Club with about 20 people in attendance. I was a bit surprised by the several people who approached me following the presentation and offered their thanks because they, too, were in recovery or they have an immediate family member who is in recovery. Great questions about what AA isn't and what it is not. In the Brainerd area I am scheduling presentations to the local police and will arrange for presentation to county social workers. When we present we make sure that a great variety of pamphlets are sent out on a table. AA has a long list of easy-to-read pamphlets which say a lot in a few words. When is the last time you read one of our pamphlets?

I had scheduled a booth at the State Probation Officers conference at Breezy Point but canceled when I learned the fee was \$450.00. So I continue to learn...ask the right questions before jumping in! the Brainerd Lakes area hosts conferences of many associations with whom we can relate and who need to hear our message. The resorts at Madden's, Cargun's, Ruttger's, Breezy Point, and Grand View host multiple meeting of professionals. My plan is to coordinate with the state public professional associations in advance of their meetings and find either very low priced space for a booth, or time on a workshop presentation or both. There will be many meetings late summer into late fall.

At the meeting this morning with PI we had 2 attendees: Rich G. from District 12 and Kathy from District 9. We discussed singleness of purpose; Rich summarized his group's work with local treatment facilities.

Please contact me through the Area Website and let me know how this committee can assist you to carry the message to our friend in the professional community. Please talk to your local health clinic or hospital, you county social workers and local clergy. We will come to them.

I will forward to District CPC copies of draft letters to local agencies such as police, lawyers, and physicians.

In love and service,

Jim T.

CPC Chair

District 1 - Leslie H. My name is Leslie H.; I am an alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 1. We meet the second Sunday of every other month, at 2pm, at the Fertile Community Center. Our last meeting was held on February 14, 2016. In attendance were 7 out of 11, due to weather conditions.

Our district AA along with Alanon, sponsored our annual 34th Spring Fling in Fertile, MN on March 12. The turnout was good. We had 2 groups of panels from Grand Forks doing panel discussion on “Are we doing enough for the new comer?”, and on the principles behind the 12 steps. Our evening speakers were Adam K from Moorhead AA, and Elaine for Alanon. It was a great day of sharing growth, and learning.

I continue to do an AA meeting at the Clearwater CO. jail for the women one time a week. This site is very close to my home. It is in District 21; I also attend meeting at Bagley. My home group is Fosston Thursday Night, at the Kingo Church, 7 pm. If you are ever in the area, please stop and join us.

I also assist with a step study every Tuesday night at 7 pm located at the Lighthouse in Bagley. I want to thank all those from the area Crookston AA groups that have offered and are manning the registration table and helping the motel to keep up with our high coffee consumption.

Yours in service,

Leslie H.

District 21 - Jeff L. Gratitude is always the best word especially for the great team we have on the ac-

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tion committees and for the amount of people in our surrounding area's doing 12 step work and reaching out beyond the listed meetings. The bigger towns of Bemidji, Walker, Bagley, and Park Rapids all have someone covering the jail meetings, inpatient and outpatient treatment facilities have the necessary information locally and from the World Service Office to provide people with support through meetings, book, or brochures. We have had three new meetings in our district start in the past six months and the end of the month potlucks in Walker and Bemidji continue to grow. I really like the direction we're headed in our community. Our district board has a good mix of younger and older members and the district meeting every month has gone very smooth focusing on solutions for the problems and coming up with new ways to attract new comers. I've been able to spend a lot of time within the Bemidji and Bagley communities talking with county attorneys, judges, police offices, and one county commissioner. Everyone wants people to get well and it's nice to see people at the highest levels rooting for people. They understand as much as they can how hard it is to get off the alcohol and then to stay sober. I've attended DWI court graduations and the people that have stayed in recovery long term go to AA meetings. It's my biggest reward to date getting to give back in a big area; I enjoyed getting to speak at our end of the month pot luck and focused on how the steps work and the importance of having a sponsor. My sponsor I owe so much to once was the DCM for our district and he told me that it helped his sobriety and service work is as important as going to meetings. As usual he was right. District is doing a video and BBQ get together in Bemidji on August 6. Also, long time member from Bemidji and Bagley group Harvey M. will have the second annual bash at this place on July 16 in Leonard, MN where the mosquitoes will be thick but should be a great time. I look forward to seeing faces of everyone in Erskine on June 12.

Thanks,
Jeff L.

Webmaster - Rodney S. Hello everybody. I was not able to get anything started immediately after Spring Assembly. There were quite a few page error notifications that kept coming up, issues which Andre needed to correct. I also, had been plagued with login issues at the beginning and these kept popping up sporadically throughout May, up until about a week ago.

I honestly was not familiar with everything on the old site. As part of the committee, all relevant material was emailed to me by the area chairs, delegate, alt. delegate or other officers and committee heads; in fact, most of my work in the past as a district officer and area servant was done off line.

I am not having any difficulty putting new material on the new site, but do not know where to look for documents on the old site. For instance, when I searched for some of the district pages I am unable to find them by following the directories that I was familiar with in doing the flyers.

Which brings up another issue I was having at first. Up until last week when I spoke with Andre about the login difficulties in trying to determine the cause, I had been using the old method of linking google calendar with the directory path on the backside of the website. Andre assured me I had no need—or business—to go into the backside or to deal with any file transfer programs anymore.

We are still working on meeting schedule issues, which we discussed quite a bit in our meeting this morning, and can talk more on when we get to new business. However, aside from the recurring login issue I have been getting more information on our new site.

Hopefully, from now on things shouldn't take so long.

I sent an email out to the DCM's requesting any pages they might want added, such as district action committee chair contact information. The district pages can be unique to each district; for instance, District 12 sent me their schedule and chair contact info in one pdf. I was hoping to have it up as an example so you could look at it, but there is some issue with that particular file. I am open to and need to know what the area wants on the site that is not currently on it. Preferably anything you send should be sent just as you would like to see it appear on area35.org.

Thank you,
Rodney
admin@area35.org

Literature - Skip D. Good day. We had eleven people this morning, Districts 2,3,6,7,8,9, and 16 were represented. I did order \$762.00 in literature to bring today, so your order is here if you have not already picked it up.

We did meet and talk about the beginner's packet, there was some confusion on what we were trying to accomplish. Were we deciding on a base of pamphlets to be used, or were we coming up with a package to be sold at the Area? With that being said, there was a motion to list the twelve pamphlets listed in the current issue of the Northern Light (May/ June 2016) and to allow groups to build their own beginners package. A second was made, there was more discussion, then a vote. Minority speaks, no vote was changed. The motion passes to allow groups to build their own beginner packet with the twelve pamphlets listed in the Northern Light as a reference ONLY. It was mentioned to take this back to the groups and to see if this is useful, or should the Area Literature put these together to be sold at Area events

Thank you all for allowing me to serve,
Skip D., Area 35 Literature Chair

District 11 - Sharla W. District 11 is really busy getting ready for many summer activities. We sponsor a booth at the Pine County Fair in Pine City at the end of July. Our delegate, Kelly Dempski, will be out guest at

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our district meeting on August 2nd for a potluck at 6:30 PM with her report following from her conference in New York. Sandstone has sober bowling/cribbage the 3rd Friday at 7:00 PM. Moose Lake's Friday night Happy/Joyous/Free speaker meeting is having their annual "Picnic in the Moose Lake City Park" on July 29th; swimming, etc.... Potluck at 5:30, speaker at 7:00. Mora has an active speaker meeting the 1st Saturday of each month-potluck at 6:00 PM, speakers at 6:45 PM. For more fun, Moose Lake has a walk/bicycle group on Tuesday at 5:00 PM and motorcycle on Wednesday at 5:00 PM-behind Arts Café. We have found that meetings and fellowship are important in sobriety. It takes the edge of loneliness off and brings laughter into light. All of our commitments are being filled and we are always looking for speakers for our speaker meetings. We thank everyone who comes to speak and share their story with us. I am always a work in progress. I am grateful for the help of all my District who work so hard to keep things running; from everyone in our District 11 meetings, AA meetings, etc.... For it always keeps me willing to learn and strive to be of service to others.

Yours in service,
Sharla W.
DCM

District 7 - Liz L. Not present

NORTHERN LIGHT - Jake C. Greetings! My name is Jacob C., and I am the Northern Light editor. It is a gorgeous day; I'd rather be home mowing my lawn. As your servant, one of the things I am noticing about the Northern Light is the lack of readership. When I have asked members to offer feedback on the newsletter, the usual response is, "I didn't read that". When asked how they utilize the Northern Light, the most common response is for contact information. I can't say this is a bad thing, but certainly worth considering as we begin to talk budgets next month and think about how expensive it is to publish this newsletter. Especially if it is being underutilized. This issue is not unique to the Northern Light; Minnesota's Southern Area's Pigeon has faced the same issues.

So what can we do it about it? You can't rely on me to generate content of more interest for the Area, as this is your newsletter, I am only responsible to put it together. As we are an all-volunteer organization, we cannot expect everyone to be a talented writer, as we have many levels of education from high school dropout to doctoral candidate. Though spending some time reflecting on your experience in service and offering some human story of character or over coming of a problem can help make our service reports readable. I am happy to help anyone struggling with literacy or lack of typing ability to share in our Northern Light so to make it a desirable tool for the GSR or home group member to use.

Yours in Service,
Jacob C.

GROUP RECORDS - Bob B. Group Records supplies the mailing list for the Northern Light. This list was maintained in a separate database. The GSO

database would get updated and then the Northern Light mailing list would get updated.

The GSO database has all the information needed to create a Northern Light mailing list. I will be using the GSO database for all future Northern Light mailings.

Bob B.

District 14 - Paul E. During the past few months District 14 has been working on different relationships that affect our groups, our district and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

There was some unrest between the Alano Club Board and its members that was flowing into AA meetings. After some research the AA.org website we found the "AA Guidelines, The Relationship Between AA and Clubs." These Guidelines offer shared experience for A.A. members responsible for clubs and similar facilities that provide meeting space for one or more A.A. groups. This Guideline also has "Conference Recommendations" which were helpful in our discussion at our district level. We agreed that this is an outside issue on which we should have no opinion. Since AA and the Alano Club are not affiliated, newcomers should be made aware that we do not meet at the "AA Club."

Peter W. has volunteered to write a letter to our AA groups to explain what District 14 has been doing to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous and what the cost of carrying the message for District is. We will be hand delivering this letter to each group and groups to register, if they have not done so, and to ask for their support their District, Area and World Services.

Each month our District will be focusing on one of our service committees. This month we will be having a Corrections Committee meeting. We would like to get more volunteers to go to the meetings. Also to look at different formats to see if we can improve how we carry our message to those inmates.

We met once to begin to organize a workshop about "Anonymity." We have a rough idea of our workshop format and have a tentative date to present the workshop sometime in September.

Yours in Service;

Paul E.
DCM District 14
International Falls, MN

District 6 - Renell P. Greetings from District 6 nestled down in the Southeast corner of Area 35. Things have been pretty quiet since Spring Assembly. We have met for our monthly meetings on 4/21 and 5/19.

Our district plans to have our "Report Back" with Kelly on June 16th. It will be in place of our regular district meeting. We are looking forward to hearing about all the

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exciting things that were discussed and passed at the New York Conference.

Our district is planning on holding a workshop, yet this year before Fall Assembly. We have discussed an orientation of the Service Manual. Which was presented 4 -5 years ago and it was very informative, especially to a new comer (like me) to service work.

There continues to be good attendance at our meetings and the desire to make sure the message and the hand of AA are out there to help the still suffering alcoholic.

Yours in Service,

Renell P. District 6 DCM

TREATMENT - Gayle R. From our Treatment Committee Meeting, we had a small group with Districts 3, 8 & 12 present. District 12 reported Liberalis women's facility has not allowed AA in for a while is now allowing us back in 1 meeting a month. Saturday Speaker meeting at Bethel is seeing good attendance with about 100 people attending. District 12 is always looking for more volunteers. District 3 reported temporary forms have been taken to Lakes Counseling and Drake Counseling in Detroit Lakes, Rewind in Perham and Bell Hill in Wadena. Lakes Counseling is stating we are asking for too much information on our temporary contact forms. Bell Hill requested pamphlets and also speakers. We are making initial contact with facilities by taking them schedule. Made contact with a person that was released from a Twin Cities Treatment Center. District 8 reported Arrowhead Center in Virginia is rotating staff again, couple time in about 7 months. Each rotation is causing us to reconnect each time. When we are allowed to go in we are getting good feedback. Another facility has concerns about broken commitments, not going when we say we are. Also having concerns about our speakers going inside facilities are spending too much time on their drunk-a-log and not enough time on recovery, this may impact relationship between facilities and AA. District 8 is trying to get temporary contact forms onto some facilities and need prior approval from facility management before allowing our forms. We talked about having at least 1 male and 1 female contact for each districts. We also discussed a request for AA books and literature for a treatment center. I had a few temporary contact requests in which I forwarded to the appropriate district or area.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Gayle R.

District 18 - BR Borders No report

District 12 - Steve E. We hold our District 12 meetings the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30pm rotating between the Serenity Club and John Club in Superior, Wi., Duluth Alano Club, Cloquet Alano Club and one meeting in Silver Bay, MN.

All of our positions are filled at present. I would like to thank Servando M., Area 35 Corrections Committee Chair for attending our April district meeting to help us go through the agenda items for the general service conference. I also thank Rich Gould, Alt. DCM, for chairing our May meeting, as I was with my wife during her surgery. Rich, along with our Literature Committee Chair,

Chris L., are working to update District 12 AA meetings to make sure they are active and names and times are correct. We are happy to hear that Liberalis Women's Treatment Center in Carlton, MN, will allow us to bring an AA meeting to them once a month. This hasn't happened for a while, so we are excited about this.

Coming up in District 12: next weekend, June 10 & 11, the Back to Basics Group will present Founders Day at the Duluth Alano Club. Coming attractions where we will have a literature table manned by volunteers: S. St. Louis County Fair in Proctor-July 6-10, Carlton County Fair in Barnum-August 18-21 and St. Louis County Health and Human Services Conference at the DECC in Duluth-October 13&14. Also, the Duluth Roundup will be at Marshall School-September 16&17. Last, but not least, Kelly Dempski, Area 35 delegate, will give her report from the general service conference to District 12 on Thursday, September 15th at 6pm at Cloquet Alano Club.

Yours in service,

Steve E.

DCM - District 12

ARCHIVIST - Brad I. Since the Spring Assembly I brought the display to the Superior Roundup where it was received with great enthusiasm by those attending and I had several great conversations. I also participated in a history panel discussion. I brought the display to the Thunder Bay Ontario Roundup and also was the Sunday morning speaker. I didn't have a lot of room so I didn't bring everything with. I also didn't think bringing 6 gun cases of books through a border checkpoint was a good idea. I got across the border with no issues and the display was extremely popular. It has been a longtime since I have done a display where the vast majority had never seen it. I had several great discussions explaining what items were and where they fit. I did a joint display with Area 36 at the Gopher State Roundup in Bloomington. We have more people come through every year and get some great questions. I got into some relatively heated discussions with a few members whose knowledge of American history was sorely lacking facts and refused to let go of several myths concerning the Washingtonians and the Oxford Group. You should never spout a fallacy about the Oxford Group when Paul H., Area 36 Archivist is within earshot.

For upcoming events I am giving a talk in Hibbing next Saturday. I am also considering attending the Eastern Canada Regional Forum, on my dime, in Thunder Bay. I spent 85 bucks on a passport card and want to make full use of it.

Brad I., Area 35 Archivist

ARCHIVES - Brad I. for Steve D. The committee opened with 11 in attendance representing 4 districts. Stan from District 21 is recording meetings and long timers. Leslie from district 1 handed out group history forms to the district GSR's. Charlotte District 11 found that the Archival material had been destroyed due to a wet basement. Dan District 8 attended several functions and is looking at putting on a workshop. Jim from District 7 is collating and filing the District Archives.

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District 8 - Scott M. Greetings Area 35. District 8 is alive and well. We hold our district meeting the first full week of the month, rotating days and where we hold them. We are exploring the idea of rotating Monday - Thursday rather than Monday - Friday to possibly help with attendance. We are currently without a secretary thank God for dedicated chairpersons that have been sharing in the duties of secretary. We have a number of commitments being fulfilled at our treatment centers and monthly at NERCC and Sandstone along with our PI committee maintaining and organizing the District phone line and Beginners meeting.

I would like to thank Kelly for visiting us yesterday to give her delegate's report, it was a great report and was well received. Thank you for servicing as the voice of our Area.

Yours in service,
Scott M.

District 4 - Deb S. Not present

CORRECTIONS - Servando M. This morning's meeting had about 13 in attendance representing district's 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, and 13. Thank you all for attending and participating.

We discussed items that were brought up at the Area 35-36 Corrections Meeting such as transition fairs, temporary contacts, corrections correspondence program, keeping volunteers committed and the key to it all communication with each other and those from the facilities. On a personal note I've attended several round-ups including the Gopher State and while attending ran into a gentleman requesting info on who to contact for corrections info for northern Minnesota. We talked for a while and exchanged info. Thanks to this service structure I was able to meet someone and assist them in carrying the message for their local facility.

Thank you again for letting me be of service and to participate in my own sobriety.

Yours in Service,
Servando M.,
Area 35 Corrections Chair.

District 2 - Myron H. Good afternoon, my name is Myron and I'm an alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 2. Since our last Area 35 meeting, I have attended the April Spring Assembly, we had a District meeting in May, I attended Camperama at Lake Bronson on Memorial weekend, along with going to many local AA meetings in District 2.

Our district continues to encourage members to enter service work, we distribute AA information to health facilities and law enforcement agencies and local events, county fairs, etc. The fair season is beginning soon! When we attempt to enlist AA's into service work, we have to remember not all attempts will be successful. We must not become discouraged as we can't take the credit for our successes or blame for our failures as it is in the hands of our Higher Power. To try our best and accept the outcome as it is meant to be is all we can do.

District 2 is financially sound.

Next Sunday, June 12 at 1 PM, at the Erskine Community Center, Kelly will be giving her Delegate report, followed by a Zonal Forum for Zone 2. This includes Dis-

tricts 1,2,16, and 21. If you happen to be in the area, stop in.

District 2 would like to congratulate Tom Ardoff on becoming the West Central Region Trustee! It is nice to tell people not all trustees are from somewhere else but they are literally from amongst us. Thank you all for your service.

Yours in service,
Myron H.

District 13 - Al K. Not present

District 15 - Melissa A.

PI-Mark N. We had four people attend our morning breakout session. We discussed the PI luncheon planned for Hibbing and the fact that it will be a community event with invitations to the general public posted in the newspaper. It is one of many events planned for this summer celebrating 75 years of Alcoholics Anonymous in Hibbing Minnesota.

We also discussed the many county fairs coming up and the PI Committee's involvement with them. Setting up tables, booths, literature stands and then getting people to help with manning the booths.

We spoke on Anonymity breaks at the level of press, radio and film and the proper responses to the breaks when they occur, we had a good example of this in the Brainerd Dispatch recently.

We are getting people lined up to help with the Minnesota State Fair booth on the weekend of August 27th and 28th, if anyone is interested please give me a call, my contact information is in the Northern Light.

The 34th annual Health and Human Services Conference titled The Losses and Laughter We Grow Into, will be held October 13th and 14th at the DECC in Duluth and I know AA has had a presence there in the past and will be there this year as well.

Finally, a note on the importance of meeting schedules, I know I found my way to meetings especially in my early sobriety with the use of meeting schedules, I believe keeping up to date and accurate meeting schedules is one of the Area and Districts most important jobs. It is imperative that we have these schedules available on our Websites with linkage to our related websites so people can find their way to the meetings in the locale they are searching in. Our search platforms must be easy to find and easy to use and contain quality and usable information. The hand held paper schedule will be here for a long time but the online schedules are the way we must go and we need to be on top of it.

Mark N.

Area 35 Public Information

District 9 - Kathy R. We have been busy organizing a variety of activities:

Next Saturday the Area 35 Archivist, Brad I., will speak at the Hibbing Alano Club about AA in Northern Minnesota.

July 16 there will be another workshop - A long-timers meeting. All members of the panel will have over 30 years of sobriety.

August 26-28 will be the 75th anniversary of AA in Northern Minnesota. We will start with a PI luncheon and end with a Sunday breakfast. Lots of fun will be had

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by all.

After all of that we would like our delegate to come to speak to the district, tentatively September 10th at 1:00 PM.

All of you are invited to share in our activities.

In Service,

Cathy R.

District 5 - Jon Hello all, I apologize for having to leave early, I only had a sitter for a few hours today. Special thanks to Alan for reading my report. We are still operating with a few key district positions open, but things continue to go well. We are going to have a booth at the Mille Lacs County Fair August 10-14 and are working on securing insurance. We are still working on getting volunteers to go into Sherburne County Jail so that they will let us back in. We need 4 at this time. Requirements are; two years sober, not on paper, not in jail for 5 years and not in jail for 10 years if you were incarcerated in Sherburne. If interested, Todd C. is our Corrections Chair and several others here today could help – Skip, Jake, Kelly, Servando, etc.

Yours in Service,

Jon S.

District 5 DCM

GRAPEVINE – Paul M. Greetings all! We had 7 districts represented this morning; Districts 3, 6, 16, 8, 21, 9, and 7. We formed a committee for the Fall Assembly and will be conducting a presentation. It will be about writing articles to the Grapevine. I attended the Iron Range Get Together with the Grapevine material and sold approx. \$150.00 of literature and 6 Grapevine subscriptions. *No area funds were used to attend this round up. I've also been invited to attend the Heartland Round Up with the Grapevine material. *Again no area funds will be used. I encourage you to bring your old GV's the corrections or treatment facilities to help carry the message. If any round ups or speaker meetings would like me to bring the Grapevine material I would be willing to do this. It has helped with sales and attracting people to the Grapevine. I would like to thank Jim S. for giving my report and allowing me to be able to see my grandson for the 2nd time. Thanks.

Paul M.

Area 35 GV chair

District 3 – Brian P. My name is Brian P., I am an alcoholic. Meet on the 3rd Sunday of every month in Detroit Lakes at the Alano Cub.

We have the District Round up planned for Aug 20th in Battle lake. We will start with our District 3 meeting and start the round up at 11:30. We have an Al-Anon Speaker, An AA speaker coming in and Brad I. will be doing a presentation on the history of AA. Hope you will join us - see flyer in Northern Light.

I attended a Round Robin in Fergus Falls on May 28th. It was a potluck with good food and about 70 people in attendance. They had an excellent Al-Anon speaker and Josie from Wahpeton was the AA speaker.

We are making a concerted effort to get literature, tear

offs, and meeting lists to all the jails, juvenile detention centers and treatment facilities in our area. We have an active bunch in District 3. All working hard at their jobs of spreading the message.

Yours in Service

Brian P.,

DCM Dist. 3

District 16 – Mike F.

A free Big Book study workshop entitled, “The Turning Point”, will be presented at the Sawmill Inn in Grand Rapids on Saturday, June 18th from 9am-4pm.

Tuesday Solutions Group will be hosting their annual round-up, “A Weekend with Bill and Lois”, at Camp Hiawatha on Deer Lake on June 24 -26th.

A new meeting was started last month in Marble on Sunday's at 7pm at Grace English Lutheran Church.

A new meeting was started in February at the Federal Dam City Hall on Thursday's at 6pm.

Our Secretary Mary Schnell is will be putting on a Grapevine Writer's Workshop in Grand Rapids on Saturday, August 6th from 1-4pm at the Unitarian Chapel in Grand Rapids.

The district is solvent and we have a prudent reserve.

Yours in Service,

Mike F.,

NEW BUSINESS – none

OLD BUSINESS

FOC – Jim and Neil meet to review the detailed reconciliation report for February and March. They will meet outside of the ACM to complete the review for April and May. All monies are present and accounted for. Things look great and good to have Christine G. keeping our money safe.

Statewide Joint Corrections Committee- See Servando M's Corrections report.

New Website – Rodney: Issues with 2 data bases and meeting specific information lost then GSO list imported into Area 35 meeting list which is a WordPress plugin. The history of AA Meeting Locator and Area 35's participation in its development was discussed. Conversations about why we need to separate data bases. It was pointed out that the group numbers are missing on the Area 35.org site as well as the map of Northern Minnesota and does not allow a meeting search by city any longer. It was decided Rodney would put a hyperlink to AAmeetinglocator.org on the Area 35.org website and to maintain only one data base, the FNV.

Joint Workshop- See Jim S's report. Rillis will make flier and sent to Rodney to put on website.

Spring Assembly Evaluations- See Jim's report.

Fall Assembly-Fliers on table in back of room. Will

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send copy to Rodney to put on website and thumbnail in Northern Light.

A motion was made by Myron which stated “all motions made at Area 35 Assemblies longer than 6 words shall be in writing”. The motion was seconded by Roger R. and discussion followed. A friendly amendment was made by Rillis E. so the motion read “all motions made at any area 35 event shall be in writing”. Myron accepted the amendment and Cathy R. seconded the friendly amendment. A vote was taken, the motion passed, minority was asked to speak but declined.

Treatment facility requesting Big Books and literature: Treatment chair Gayle R. was asked by treatment facility to make donations of AA materials. Members felt this was a slippery slope to affiliation. Other points made were: Treatment facilities receive literature discounts from GSO, insurance and Rule 25 pay for AA/treatment materials, allowing treatments to distribute

our materials takes away our opportunity for 12 step work. It was decided that providing the facility with informational pamphlets would be appropriate.

Calendar of Events-Jake C.

- July 16: Long Timers Panel, Hibbing Alano
- July 30 – August 2: Staples, Rendezvous, 218-296-1512
- August 25: 2nd Annual Movie Night, Long Prairie Drive In – Clarissa Group
- August 5-6: Keep it Simple weekend, Pleasant Lake
- August 7: ACM, Aitkin Alano Club
- August 12,13,14: Summer Wild Rice Round-Up, Sandhill Bible Camp, Mahnomen
- August 25-26: 75th Anniversary of AA in Hibbing, Hibbing Alano
- October 21-22: St. Cloud Round Up



71ST ANNUAL DULUTH ROUNDUP
COURAGE TO CHANGE

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, SEPT. 16-17, 2016
 MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL, 1215 RICE LAKE ROAD, DULUTH, MN
 EARLY REGISTRATION: \$20, AT THE DOOR: \$22
REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

4:30 P.M.: REGISTRATION OPENS
 7 P.M.: AA SPEAKER JEFF V., FARGO N.D.
 ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BINGO



SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

ACTIVITIES

8:30 A.M.: BREAKFAST
 9 A.M.: YOGA
 NOON: SPIRITUALITY WORKSHOP, MARY C. AND COLLEEN B.
 2 P.M.: WORKSHOP TBA
 3 P.M.: TALKING CIRCLE
 5 P.M.: HOT-DISH COOK-OFF
 9 P.M. RAFFLE DRAWINGS
 9:30 P.M. LIP SYNC BATTLE & DANCE

SPEAKERS

10:30 A.M.: AA SPEAKER STEVE E., DULUTH
 6 P.M.: AL-ANON SPEAKER VICKY A., BLAINE, MN
 7:30 P.M.: AA SPEAKER KERRY C., TANNERSVILLE, PA
MORE: MOVIES, RAFFLE, CRAFTS, CRIBBAGE, GAMES. THE RAMBLER FOOD TRUCK WILL BE ON SITE FOR LUNCH.

71ST ANNUAL DULUTH ROUNDUP REGISTRATION FORM

COURAGE TO CHANGE

FRIDAY-SATURDAY SEPT. 16-17, 2016 DULUTHROUNDUP.ORG

NO. _____ PRE-REGISTRATION IS \$20 PER PERSON NAME: _____
 NO. _____ SATURDAY BREAKFAST \$10 PER PERSON ADDRESS: _____
 DONATE A TICKET \$20 NO. _____ CITY: _____
 PICK UP TICKETS AT THE REGISTRATION STATE/PROVINCE: _____
 DESK AT MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL, ZIP: _____
 1215 RICE LAKE ROAD, DULUTH MN. AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

THE SCHOOL IS SMOKE-FREE AND MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH
 HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE. REGISTRATION U.S. FUNDS TO: DULUTH ROUNDUP INC.,
 STARTS AT 4:30 P.M. FRIDAY. PO BOX 16771, DULUTH, MN 55816-0771

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

August:

- 7th-Sunday-9am Area 35 Committee Meeting
Aitkin Alano Club
- 20th-Saturday-7pm-Aurora Big Book Open Meeting Anniversary Celebration
Holy Rosary Catholic Church Basement
16 W 5th Ave N, Aurora, MN
- 20th-Saturday-10am-District 3 Roundup Reunion
Lion's Park Shelter,
Lakeshore Drive, Battle Lake, MN -Page 12
- 20th-Saturday-5pm-Sober Celebration Potluck
Sylvan Shores community Center
40302 Paradise Dr, Browerville, MN
- 23rd-7:15pm GSR Workshop
St. Cloud Alano -Page 7

September:

- 6th-Tuesday-7pm Cooperation w/Professional Community Workshop
St. Cloud Alano -Page 12
- 9-11th-3pm-Heartland Roundup

- 20033 County 1, Park Rapids -Page 21
- 16-17th-4:30pm-Duluth Roundup
Marshall School
1215 Rice Lake Rd, Duluth, MN -Page 20
- 17th-7pm Round Robin Potluck
Fort Ripley Town Hall
8300 Town Hall Rd SW, Fort Ripley, MN -Page 12
- 24th-12pm St. Cloud Convention
Fellowship Hall of Recovery Plus
713 Anderson Ave, St Cloud, MN -Page 21
- 29th-5:30pm Thursday Night Young People Open Speaker
St. Cloud Alano -Page 7

October:

- 1-2nd-9am-Area 35 Fall Assembly
Holiday Inn
5637 Highway 29 South Alexandria, MN -Page 12

*Page__ denotes page flyer is on in this volume, otherwise check www.area35.org for more info.

Complete both sides - Mail this form and your check to:
PARK RAPIDS HEARTLAND ROUND-UP

2016
38668 Walker Lake Dr, Richville, MN 56576

Registration:

AA, Al-Anon _____ x \$20 = _____
Alateen _____ x \$8 = _____

Adult Lodging:

Friday _____ x \$15 = _____
Saturday _____ x \$15 = _____

RV/Camping Trailers _____ x \$10 = _____
(limited electricity) per day

Tent camping _____ x \$7 = _____
per day

Children Under 12 Lodging (under 5 free):

Friday _____ x \$8 = _____
Saturday _____ x \$8 = _____

For guaranteed lodging please pay in advance.

Adult Meals:

Friday p.m. _____ x \$6.50 = _____
Saturday a.m. _____ x \$7.50 = _____

Saturday Lunch _____ x \$6.50 = _____
Saturday p.m. _____ x \$9.50 = _____

Sunday a.m. _____ x \$7.50 = _____
Sunday Lunch _____ x \$6.50 = _____

Children Under 12 Meals (under 3 free):

Friday p.m. _____ x \$5.50 = _____
Saturday a.m. _____ x \$6.50 = _____

Saturday Lunch _____ x \$5.50 = _____
Saturday p.m. _____ x \$7.50 = _____

Sunday a.m. _____ x \$6.50 = _____
Sunday Lunch _____ x \$5.50 = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

"Experience the Serenity"

FALL . . . brings a coat of many colors to our forest. Enjoy the area foliage while hiking. Golfing, fishing or boating are nearby. Headwaters Golf Course is just across the road! Access to the Heartland Trail is down the road!

CAMPING & RV's

Preregistration required for water and electric

FISHHOOK LAKE

Waterfront for Swimming with lifeguard

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ~ Sat. Only

ON-SITE PLAYGROUND

Volleyball, Basketball, Badminton

Soccer, Tetherball, Horseshoes

Children's Play Area

(Children must be supervised)

PET POLICY

BRINGING A PET TO THE ROUND-UP?

Please register all pets along with current vaccination records and sign a waiver of responsibility upon arrival.

A 'Pet Fee' is required for designated cabins.

A copy of this policy will be posted at the HRU website.

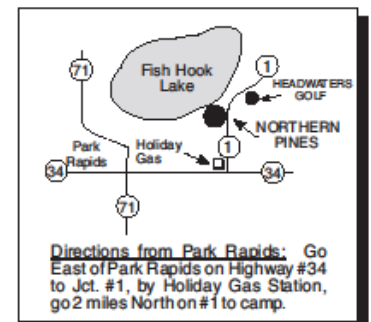
26th ANNUAL HEARTLAND ROUND-UP

SEPTEMBER 9, 10, 11 - 2016
20033 COUNTY 1
PARK RAPIDS, MN 56470

NORTHERN PINES ASSEMBLY GROUNDS

20033 County 1 • Park Rapids, MN

Situated on a 40 acre site on the east shore of Fish Hook Lake, in the woods and pines near Park Rapids in the area known as the Heartland of northern Minnesota, Northern Pines is an ideal setting for walking, running, hiking and biking. The headwaters of the Mississippi in Itasca Park is about 20 miles.



Directions from Park Rapids: Go East of Park Rapids on Highway #34 to Jct. #1, by Holiday Gas Station, go 2 miles North on #1 to camp.

Park Rapids is located in the north central area of Minnesota at the intersection of Highways #34 and #71. Miles to Park Rapids from Fargo/Moorhead [90]; Duluth [150]; Alexandria [90]; St. Cloud [120]; Twin Cities [190].



St. Cloud AA Convention
Sept. 24, 2016
Noon - 11 PM

- 12:30 PM - Open Meeting
- 2:00 PM - Sponsorship Workshop
- 3:15 PM - Open Meeting
- 4:30 PM - Joseph M., AA - Minneapolis, MN
- 5:30 PM - Light Meal
- 7:00 PM - Carol T., Al-Anon - Albany, MN
- 8:15 PM - Ben B., AA - Stillwater, MN
- 9:45 PM - Coffee House music and fellowship



Fellowship Hall on the grounds of Recovery Plus
713 Anderson Ave / St. Cloud, MN
Tickets \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door



NORTHERN LIGHT PRIMARY PURPOSE:

The Northern Light (N.L.), is a general service newsletter that serves Area 35 to facilitate bilateral communication between the groups, districts, Area and G.S.O. levels in the Northern Minnesota area. Its purpose is to:

- ◆ Publish an informative and attractive newsletter to the Area in a timely fashion.
- ◆ Encourage District reports and be available to work with Districts on communications. One or more of the N.L. Committee should try to attend area events to report on what’s happening in their areas. If they are unable to attend, encourage local members to write short articles about events and happenings to be published in the N.L.
- ◆ Provide encouragement for writing articles, particularly to D.C.M.s and Area Action Committee Chairs. This should include the strong encouragement to submit their reports for each issue, if no report is submitted it will be stated, example “Northern Light Report - NOT GIVEN” this is currently being done in the Southern Minnesota Area newsletter.
- ◆ Keep informed of activities and issues going on within Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. The N.L. Committee could subscribe the Grapevine or other pertinent A.A. news sources.
- ◆ Gather useful service information to publish from sources within the Area, Region and A.A. as a whole. Obtain, read and use other Area newsletters.

EDITORIAL POSITION & N.L. COMMITTEE:

Editor - The Editorial Chair position is a two-year rotation picked by the incoming Area Chair and either approved or rejected by the Area Committee at the first Area meeting after the Fall Assembly Elections.

Desirable qualifications: Current or past working knowledge of the printing business. Knowledge of current computer printing programs. The person should also consider the time needed to complete the task required. The candidate should have a working knowledge of A.A. as a whole, i.e., prior experience in service work such as G.S.R., D.C.M., or related position.

N.L. COMMITTEE - The N.L. Committee consists of two D.C.M.s in Area 35. Currently, these have been picked randomly at the start of the new rotation. They also serve on a two-year rotation basis. They assist the editor in communications with other area newsletters, in recommendations on general improvements, and with general problems and implementations of new policies. They may also represent the editor at functions when the editor is unable to attend. Seek advice and help from former N.L. Committee members and editors.

N.L. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Committee meets every other month, before the start of the Area Workshop and at Spring and Fall Assemblies. Additional meetings may be called for if needed between these times.

NORTHERN LIGHT SUBMISSIONS:

General submissions to the *Northern Light* are very welcome! Feel free to send letters or articles that are pertinent to Alcoholics Anonymous. However, please note that if space is limited, first priority will be given to reports from Area Officers, Area Standing Committee Chairs and D.C.M.s from Area 35.

Submissions are preferred electronically using a Word or WordPad document to the Area’s newsletter e-mail address: northernlight@area35.org. Most other file formats can also be accepted. You may also send articles or letters to my postal address, listed on page 2. The deadline for each Issue is printed on the front page.

Letters to the Editor or opinion articles should have a title. They also **can not be anonymous**. Please include the first name, last initial and name of the city where the author is from. If you have any questions regarding submitting an item for the *Northern Light*, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you!

Northern Light Editor,
Jacob C.

Directions for putting a flyer into the Northern Light newsletter:

1. First & foremost **contact the Northern Light Editor** at northernlight@area35.org or call the phone number for the Northern Light Editor listed on page 3 of the hard copy, print version of The Northern Light (this will change every 2 years).
2. Email a pdf of the flyer to northernlight@area35.org for approval. Upon approval it will be forwarded it to the webmaster to place in the Area 35 website calendar of events.
3. Upon approval mail 600 flyers to:

**Cold Spring Record
PO Box 456
403 West Wind Court
Cold Spring, MN 56320
with an attn: Northern Light on the mailing address.
Include a note stating they are to be inserted into the next Northern Light.**

4. Cost is \$75. This is to defer the cost of inserting the flyers into the Northern Light. Make check payable to NMAA.
5. If you wish to have Cold Spring Record print the flyers to be inserted in the Northern Light, I will forward the pdf file of your flyer to them, along with your copying instructions; printing costs are: 600 one-sided copies - \$48; 600 copied on both sides - \$60. This will be on top of the initial \$75.
6. Mail payment and 1 copy of the flyer to:

NMAA
PO Box 401
Becker, MN 55308

← MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE MOST CURRENT ADDRESS!!!

RELATED INFORMATION

- Only Area 35 A.A. members may submit flyers. Flyers must be for A.A. sponsored events.
- Flyers needed – 600.

Northern Light deadlines are as follows:

- January 21: flyer will be include in the January – February Issue
- March 1: flyer will be include in the March - April issue
- May 1: flyer will be include in the May - June issue
- July 1: flyer will be include in the July - August issue
- September 1: flyer will be include in the September - October issue
- November 1: flyer will be include in the November - December issue

TWELVE CONCEPTS for WORLD SERVICE (Short Form)

- I. Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.
- II. The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.
- III. To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional “Right of Decision.”
- IV. At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional “Right of Participation,” allowing a voting representation in a reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.
- V. Throughout our structure, a traditional “Right of Appeal” ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.
- VI. The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.
- VII. The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon traditional and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.
- VIII. The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.
- IX. Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.
- X. Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.
- XI. The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.
- XII. The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

TWELVE TRADITIONS of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS—LONG FORM

Our A.A. experience has taught us that:

1. Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.
3. Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.
4. With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.
5. Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
6. Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.—and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.
7. The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.
8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we may otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. "12 Step" work is never to be paid for.
9. Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our over-all public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.
10. No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.
11. Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.
12. And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING
Agenda August 7th
Aitkin, MN

Table with 2 columns: Meeting agenda items (9:00 A.M. Action Chair Committee Meetings, 10:30 A.M. Area Committee Meeting, OFFICER REPORTS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS) and Other items (District 3 - Brian P, District 16 - Mike F, 12:00 P.M. Lunch, 12:45 P.M. Reconvene, OLD BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, Calendar of Events, Adjourn, NOTES).

Mail Area 35 Group contributions to:
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PO Box 401
Becker, MN 55308