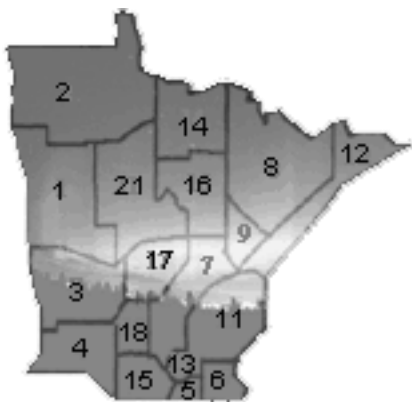


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Event Calendar - Meeting Directory - NL Online - Download Pamphlets - District Pages



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, Pillager*, 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

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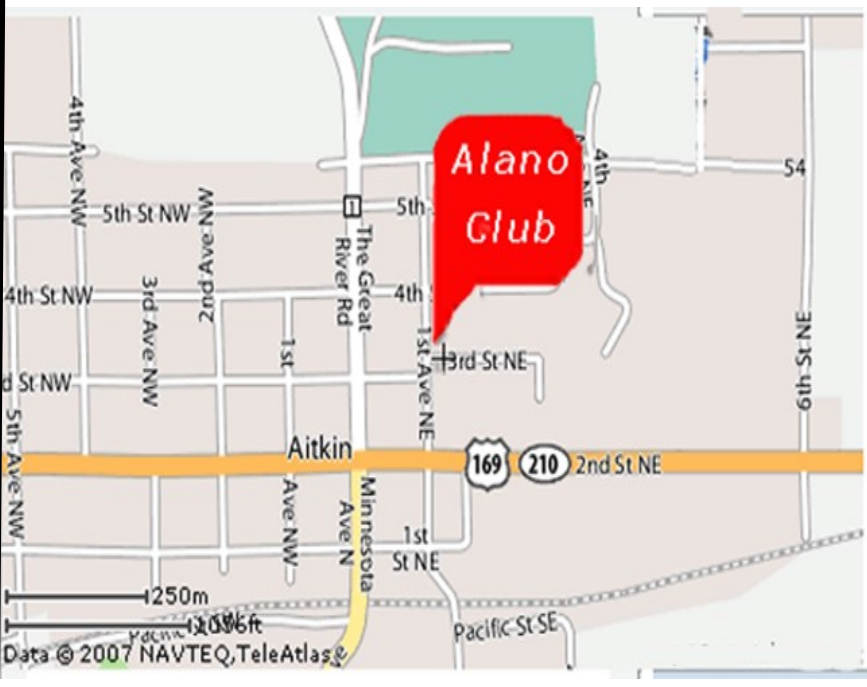
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**AREA 35 EVENTS
INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE**

- ◆ 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
COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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.
Come join us!



OUR PAST DELEGATES

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

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!

The Delegate’s Duties

- 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:
- 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.
 - 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.

(from The A.A. Service Manual, pages S44-S45)

AREA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Delegate:

Greetings Area 35,

Hope this finds you all well and you enjoyed your summer as we move into another fall season here in northern Minnesota and close to the end of the first year of this rotation. It is hard to believe how fast the time goes! It truly has been a year filled with amazing service work and fellowship with all of you. As I have made my travels around the District's. I have seen many dedicated A.A.'s that work together to continue to carry our message of hope, thank you all for the service you do and will continue to do for Alcoholics Anonymous. I will have two more report backs in the month of September to do with Districts 12, and 16 and 9 together. I have been busy working on business that we will be discussing on finances and agenda items at our upcoming Fall Assembly. Jim, our Area 35 Chair has asked me to put together a presentation on "How to Get an Item on the Agenda for the General Service Conference." If anyone has an item/proposal please be sure to bring it forward to the Fall Assembly for discussion. As of yet I have not heard if anyone has one. Also as I reported at our last Committee Meeting in Aitkin, we Delegates from the West Central Region have been meeting with our new Trustee Tom A. via phone conference. We are currently working on updating the guidelines for our West Central Regional Conference that meets yearly the first weekend in March (be sure to mark your calendar it will be in North Dakota in 2017) with the help of Dennis B. past Delegate from Area 36 southern Minnesota. He has done an amazing job putting everything together for us. Area 35 will be hosting that event in 2019. I also received the 4 large boxes (200 copies) of the Final Conference Report booklets from the General Service Office. Check in with Skip, our Area 35 Literature Chair at the Fall Assembly and upcoming Committee Meetings and he will have the copies for distribution. So have you received your box 459? Be sure to read page 4 "Three New Class B Trustees Join the General Service Office." A great read on our new West Central Region Trustee Tom A. As always thank you for the opportunity to be of service as your Delegate. Please feel free to contact me with questions/concerns at any time. Hope to see many of you our upcoming at the Fall Assembly.

In love and service.
Kelly D.

Alt. Delegate:

My main responsibilities at this time are in planning the 41st Annual Area 35 Service Workshop, working on Area 35 Zonal Forums and backing up Kelly D. our Delegate in reading correspondence, General Service Board reports and responding to her requests for input Area 35.

I am excited about our 41st Annual Area 35 Service Workshop, January 14-15 in Bemidji, MN. A flyer for this service workshop is now up under Area Events on the Area35.org website.

I have invited 8 districts to present at 41st Annual Area 35 Service Workshop and all have accepted my invitation I look forward to working with each of these district in researching, planning and delivering their presentations. I have invited Howard L. who is a past Delegate and Southeast Regional Trustee on the General Service Board to our guest presenter and speaker at our workshop. The theme for our workshop will support the selected theme for the 2017 General Service Conference which is: "Supporting our Future". District presentations will examine three areas: growth, participation and contributions. Howard will also be presenting on this topic.

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 am working on a second Zonal Forum and hope to present this information at our Fall Assembly. I very much appreciate the opportunity you have given me to continue serving Area 35 as we work together to carry our message. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Fall Assembly in Alexandria MN.

In service,
Roger
Area 35 Alternate Delegate.

Area Chair:

Good Morning Everyone,

At the Aug ACM there were some questions regarding where I was looking at for the Spring Assembly. The two questions were, when would payment need to be made and what about cancellations. What the resort wants is to take payment at the time of the reservation. Now, what I have asked is that not everyone would be able to do that, the resort will take a check from the group after the reservation is made. The resort will not accept personal checks but any check from a group is acceptable. So, what that means is that when you call in your reservation, you would need to let them know your group will be sending in the payment for you. When you make your reservation you will be deciding upon whether you will be deciding whether you will be eating there or not, you will have an accurate total of what the weekend will cost you. But, your reservation is not complete until that check is received by the

resort so you will want to make sure your group sends the check quickly. NO reservations will be accepted 3 weeks, March 9th, prior to the Assembly, so checks need to be received prior to 3 weeks before the assembly as well. As for cancellations, anyone cancelling their reservation will receive a refund. When making your reservation, you will make your decision at that time whether you will be eating at the facility or not. As discussed, since they won't be open during that time and are opening up for us, they need to order in the food to prepare for us. There are many units available with kitchenettes in them if you would prefer to make your own food. I will have full menu lists at the Fall Assembly for you to review to help make your decision whether you want to eat there or not. Deerwood and not so much Aitkin are in the area of Rutgers so if you would prefer to go into town and eat at one of the local places you have that choice as well. Coffee for the weekend is at no charge.

I am currently looking for places for the Fall 2017 Assembly located in Zone 4. If any DCM has a suggestion for a location, I would greatly appreciate it. I will look at past locations to see if they are available and at what cost. I would like to Thanks Steve Lere for stepping in as NL editor. He is taking on a big task with this position but he has plenty of experience with his work at putting together newsletters. Make sure you get your report into him by the deadline he set last week in his email.

If you have any items that need to be brought up at the Fall Assembly, please get them into me. the workshops and speakers have been set as of the Aug ACM.

I wanted to make a change to the Area Events budget based upon what I have been seeing the bids coming back from the potential Fall Assembly locations that have been contacted. I will be adjusting the rent to \$3000.00. Now please understand, I do not intend to just go spend that money. I will make every effort on my part to find a facility that can both handle our sized group and be a reasonable price. But, as facilities are searched throughout Zone 4 it is harder and harder to find facilities during the Fall that see our event as profitable as other events. I have searched previous locations and have been turned down. I do believe this will not be the norm, but when looking at Zone 4 for Fall events there seems to be too much competition that will pay better than us. I will keep you informed as my search continues.

In Service
Jim S., Area 35 Chair

Secretary:

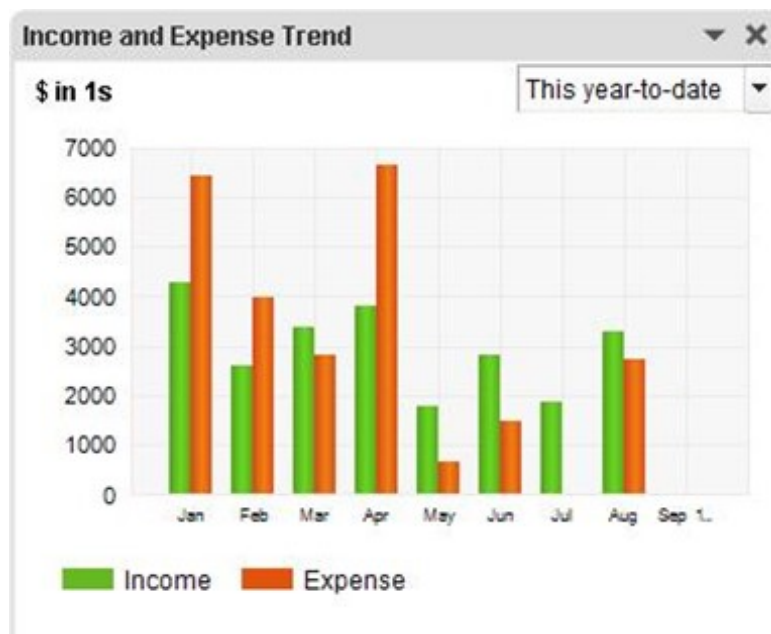
Since the last area committee meeting I have busy writing the minutes. I want to thank all who sent their reports in a timely manner. I occasionally send out reminders to individual members as I work on the minutes and find missing reports. I don't always have time to do this and it's our responsibility to meet our deadlines. Steve L., the new Northern Light editor, sent emails to let us know the deadline for the NL was near which I found helpful as I sometimes tend to procrastinate. I may also send similar reminder emails after the Fall Assembly to help out fellow procrastinators get their reports in on time as well as those you simply forgot to submit their reports. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Fall Assembly in Alexandria.

In Service,
Rillis E.

Treasurer:

Greetings Area 35,
There has not been a lot going since the Area Committee Meeting.

For the month ending August, you Area checkbook balance is \$20,201.25 and your savings account has a prudent reserve of \$6,042.34.



There is a new seventh tradition fact sheet that GSO has put out f-203 that I encourage you to share with your groups. This is an informational sheet that

This month's total income was \$3,280.02 and the expenses was \$2,714.15. Year to date income is \$23,728.84 and year to date expenses are \$24,737.11. We are still behind in contributions for the year so keep sending them in. We have the Fall Assembly, Area 35/36 Joint Workshop and I will be putting down a deposit of \$1500 for our Spring Assembly venue. Congratulations to everyone who has celebrated a sobriety birthday this month. Please remember to send in your donation to the Area and GSO. The suggestion is \$1 per year of sobriety or whatever you would like to send in to show your gratitude to the program. So far, we have received 232.00 in contributions. Let's see if we can beat \$365.70 that was sent in 2011.



explains where your group contributions go when you contribute to GSO. Please let me know if you have any questions and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Assembly in October.

In Service,
Christine
Area 35 Treasurer

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

Archives:

Good afternoon my name is Steve D. and I am and alcoholic. I am your Area 35 Archives Chair.

We had six districts represented at this meeting including one for the first time! Brad I., our Archivist was also present. We began with introductions and proceeded to ask each district about any archives activity in their district. We had a variety of responses from collecting oral history interviews from old-timers to having an archives presentation at district functions.

We then answered questions regarding archives. Here are some of the questions.

- How do we store archived documents?
⇒ The consensus was that we should keep them in totes in dark, dry places.
- Should we keep electronic or paper copies of archived material such as district minutes, group records?
⇒ Brad suggested we keep both. Electronic copies can be lost or if on disc, can deteriorate.
- How do we generate interest in Archives in our district?
⇒ We discussed having presentations at round robins, district functions, bringing in our archivist as District 3 did for their roundup.

We then had a sharing session on what can we do to generate interest on an area level.

- We decided that we would bring examples of what each district represented was doing in their district, such as archiving records, copies of oral history interviews, etc. We want to demonstrate to other districts what material is being captured.
- We also agreed that we, as a committee would be willing to present to the area an archives presentation on the importance of capturing our history and what the impact would be to future members of AA.

Yours in Service,
Steve D.

Archivist:

Greetings everyone.

Since the committee meeting I gave a history talk in Battle Lake and also shared

my experience strength and hope in Northfield. In less than 2 weeks I will bring the display to the Duluth Round-Up. I am available as always to present at Districts and events on the history of the fellowship and/or the traditions. Rhetorical question: How can you appreciate what we have and where we are if you don't know where we came from?

I am continually trying to build a searchable data base of the Archives items to benefit future generations of members. To have a complete as possible data base I need to be on the mailing list of every district. Please check with your minutes' taker to ensure that the Archives is included.

Yours in Service,
Brad I.
Area 35 archivist

Cooperation with the Professional Community:

As the CPC Chair for the Area it is expected that communities throughout northern Minnesota will have opportunity to receive services which add to A.A.'s outreach to professionals in so many different services ranging from the clergy to counselors to dentists. As your servant this year I acknowledge my shortcomings in outreach. A recent fourth step-type conversation with a past Area Delegate helped me to better understand the difference between doing many small things and achieving small steps, and what I have been chasing as perfectionism in this opportunity to serve the Fellowship. This represents a start-over in the duties asked of me for the coming 16 months. Thank you for your patience and never-wavering understanding.

One aspect of outreach that is available to all of us whether we work in CPC or not is a marvelous assortment of pamphlets. General Service Conference-approved literature includes "If You are a Professional"; "Members of the Clergy ask about Alcoholics Anonymous"; "AA as a Resource for the Health Care Professional"; "How AA Members Cooperate with Professionals"; and "If You are a Professional". All of these plus the more basic pamphlets such as "This is AA"; or "Is AA for You?" can assist your doctor, your lawyer, your minister, and your dentist to better understand what this fellowship is and what we offer. One pamphlet to a professional in your life may be the door through which a client can walk into a new life. Perhaps the man or woman who is the professional may find themselves in the literature.

Your Group or District Literature Chair have all of these pamphlets in their library of materials or always have access to them. Area Literature Chair Skip D. will respond to all requests (literature@area35.org), but please look to your district or group for these materials. As you visit your professional, bring along a copy of a pamphlet and ask if they will allow you to leave a copy in the waiting room. As you go to your professional's office also bring along a copy of a Grapevine which now may sit in a drawer in your living room. Put it to work.

I will attend the Fall Assembly in Alexandria October 1-2 and will have available materials and time for discussion with your GSR's and DCM's as to how CPC can assist them. One request for each district is to identify local clergy associations and medical facilities' administrative meetings or county social workers' gatherings which will be open to CPC presentations. I will also be present for the Joint Area 35 & 36 Joint Workshop in St. Cloud on November 19th.

This fellowship will survive for our children and grandchildren as long as we contribute our time and efforts to service as outlined in literature and the willingness to be honest. The lesson I recently re-visited is that of truly one step at a time...one moment at a time...with one alcoholic talking to another alcoholic.

Yours in Service
Jim T.
Area CPC Chair

Corrections:

This marks the third year that I have been able to attend the Minnesota State Fair and host the AA booth. Each year has been more enjoyable than the previous. The week before leaving I announced at my home group that we had room for others to attend if they wished. A gentleman who is new to our area agreed to attend with us. We ended up spending the entire day together from sitting the booth to taking in the sights at the fair. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know each other. Service commitments give us the opportunity to get to know a person outside of a meeting atmosphere. We laughed and joked and carried on, maybe a bit too far at times, but we got to see each other in a real light.

I've been asked more than a few times, "How can you give so much time to service?" and the only answer I can give, is because it gives me so much more in return. Where else do I get the opportunity to sit and really talk with someone that I've just met? To learn about their experiences, their ups and downs, their personal stories.

I usually close with thanking you for the opportunity to serve, but tonight I also want to thank all of you that serve as well and give me the opportunity to know you. It is truly an honor to be amongst you.

Gratefully yours
Servando M.

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Area 35 Corrections

Grapevine:

Greetings this is Paul M. your area 35 Grapevine chair! We had eight in attendance at the area committee meeting, we discussed meeting the night before the fall assembly to review our presentation, I attended the grapevine workshop and wrote an article to the grapevine, that's what this presentation will be at fall assembly! My wife and I will be attending the heartland round up in Park Rapids! I will be bringing the grapevine material for sale! Any other roundups or open speaker meetings you want this let me know it's been exciting! And also very good for the grapevine! Which is our meeting in print! Does your group have a grapevine rep? If not, it's time to elect one! It's a very enthusiastic way to start your meeting with a joke out of the grapevine! Also there are gift subscriptions available! An old timer once told me how important it is to get your report into the Northern light, because all the groups that contribute to the area expect one and appreciate it! Anybody else needs any literature or subscription forms to the grapevine please let me know!

Thanks Paul M.

Group Records:

Northern Light Mailing List: The Northern Light Mailing list is made up of area36 Officers and Committee Members, area 35 Past Delegates, special requests for mailing, and all area35 Active Registered Officers, Committee Members and GSRs. 344 issues of the last Northern Light were mailed with 38 returns. The mailing list came directly from the GSO Group Records database. The 38 returns were updated to do not send mail. The Northern Light mailing list was reduced by 250 names. To date, I only have 2 requests to add past committee members to the mailing list.

The districts that attended the last committee meeting were given a list of all their meetings and GSR addresses. I do not have a current DCM or contact for District 4. Only one district has sent updates for their district groups. Bob B.

Group Records
grouprecords@area35.org

Literature:

Good day All,

First off I would like to thank all those who have ordered literature through Area 35. You are the ones that teach me about the literature we have available. I have placed an order to take to the Heartland Round-up on September 9th-11th, I am looking forward to the trip, for I have never been to the Heartland Round-up. When I return I will be placing an order for the Fall Assembly on October 1st and 2nd in Alexandria. So if you would like to order literature, and pick it up at the Fall Assembly PLEASE contact me at least 2 weeks before the Assembly (Sept.15th).

My contact information is in the Northern Light, Email - literature@area35.org , or Skip D.

I would also like to take a moment to say Thank You to all of you that volunteered at the Mille Lacs County Fair for District 5, without you all we would not be able to help those who still suffer at such a great venue.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

In service,
Skip D.
Area 35 Literature Chair

Northern Light:

Howdy,

I'm back! Thank you all for your warm greetings and for being asked to serve as your Northern Light editor. I do find it ironic that I'm the guy that has to set the deadlines and remind everyone to send in their reports. Especially, since I'm the guy that had to be reminded frequently and was often late. I'm humbled and hope to do as good a job as the past editors, which are big shoes to fill. I will need all of your help. I encourage everyone to send in articles about what's happening in their group or opinions on what the Area is up to, along with jokes and fliers.

Yours in Service
Steven L.
Area 35 Northern Light Editor

Public Information:

Greetings from the Area 35 Public Information Committee Chair, I am two thirds through my first year as the Area 35 PI chair and am looking forward to a strong finish for the year.

Our break - out sessions at the Area 35 committee meetings have been lightly attended with no PI Chairs from the Districts attending. It seems that extra effort is needed on my part. I am willing to attend District meetings with or without invitation, I think that will be my next step, I will sally forth out into the districts and try to drum up some work there. So look for me to show up announced or not at your District meetings and I will let the cards fall where they may.

I attended the MN State fair and sat in on 2 shifts at the AA booth Saturday the 27th, Area 35 had the booth for the weekend, Thanks to Mellissa, being Captain for the day on Sunday and all the other volunteers who helped fill the shifts.

One of my favorite things at the fairs is when some one will step into the booth shake our hand or even give a hug, thank us for doing the work and being there and telling us how AA saved their life and the happiness and gratitude that they exhibit. We also get plenty of questions on Alcoholics Anonymous and how can we be of service to the problems of their alcoholism or the alcoholic in their life.

I am also working on a presentation for the Fall Assembly coming up on October 1st and 2nd in Alexandria MN, I will give a presentation on Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community.

The General Service Office has asked us to be more Guarded concerning our anonymity with social media, for example Facebook or Twitter activity, be careful of using AA jargon and sayings, examples would be Friend of Bill W. or One day at a time or Easy does it. One thing I notice in my use of Google is it picks up on my AA connection and I will receive stuff concerning rehab and treatment in ads from them I don't express any thing about alcoholism other than in e-mail but Google looks at everything, I should probably get my AA stuff off of Google but I would need to pay for a secure service for E-mail that doesn't monitor the content.

I am still working on my PI Work book, reading each piece of literature and doing a complete review of it, why you may ask? I suppose for no other reason than its there, although I might actually find what I'm looking for in it, like things to do for AA and Public Information Activity and carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. That really is what its all about.

Be at peace and stay sober and go to meetings.

Yours in service

Mark N.

Treatment:

Greetings Area 35!! From your treatment committee we are working on presenting a Corrections and Treatment Workshop hosted by District 18 on November 1 at 5pm at Long Prairie Alano Club, 21 2nd Ave. Long Prairie, MN. Everyone is welcome and Thank you Servando for your willingness to serve. I will have a flyer up on the events page on Area35.org as soon as completed and at the fall assembly.

Last June at the Area Committee meeting we discussed giving Alcoholics Anonymous books, such as our Big Book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Daily Reflections etc. to treatment centers. The majority opinion was if a treatment center is receiving books for clients to take with them on their journey of recovery (which insurance could be charged) we of AA should not donate books for this purpose. Tradition 11 would suggest affiliation to that treatment center... I passed this message on to a district DCM that asked what they should do.

There is, however, another aspect to this district, the Treatment Chair asked what if we are taking in a meeting to a treatment facility and need literature in order to carry the message to those clients in the treatment center or jail?? My opinion (not that of Area 35 or AA) is **if we of Alcoholics Anonymous are taking a meeting into a treatment facility and books such as our Big Book, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions or a Daily Reflection are used in this meeting and for meetings only (not given to clients to take with them, but put in some type of storage until the next meeting), then YES we would be able to ask for books from our District or Groups for this purpose. This is cooperation with this facility and is not a Tradition confliction. If I'm wrong here please let me know. I may have caused more harm to this district by not asking to clarify how the books were to be used, for that I apologize.**

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Gayle R
Area 35 Treatment Chair.

Webmaster:

Greetings Area 35,

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer. Keeping up with the flyers for the many A.A. functions being put on during the past few months and upcoming fall events has kept me quite busy.

In discussing issues related to filling the newly vacated Northern Light position at the June Committee meetings it became apparent that we did not have an available computer for whoever might fill the position (for those who are unaware, Jake C. resigned as Northern Light Editor after completing the last edition). Thanks to Bob B. for taking care of ordering a computer and new software for this purpose.

Thanks, also, to Jake, for the work he did, in the face of starting up a business of his own. I have personal experience and know what a burden it can be to get all the content in and the paper to the printer within the prescribed deadlines—there is a reason I always referred to that last week as “crunch time.” I would like to welcome Steve L. back on the team, as he has stepped in to fill the Northern Light Position for the remainder of the rotation.

I am looking forward to the Fall Assembly and Joint Workshop with Area 36.

In Service,
Rodney S.,
Area 35 Webmaster

Area 35 August Area Committee Meeting

Aitkin, MN August 7, 2016

Minutes

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, Jim K. -Panel 62.

Minutes from the June Area Committee Meeting were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Delegate-Kelly D. Greetings Area 35. It is good to be with all here today. It is hard to believe that we are in the month of August already and summer is moving fast to another close. As you know I have been busy traveling around our great northern state of Minnesota giving my report back from this year's General Service Conference. It has truly been an amazing experience and I have enjoyed my time spent so far with Districts 8, 13, 15, 1, 2, 21, 5, 6, 7, and 11. I will be visiting 9, 16, 12 and 18 later on this month and next month. I am proud to say that we are an Area that gets fully involved with the Agenda Items and the outcome of each of them. The questions and discussions during my report back have been great. Thank you to everyone that have been a part of them. We Area 35 Officers presented at our first Zonal Form on June 21st with Districts 1, 2, 21 and 16 in Erskine right after my report back there. It was great to see all the DCM's present and others from those District's attending that afternoon. A special thank you also to them for inviting us to come. My hope is that the other 3 Zones will do the same over this rotation. On July 10, we WCR Delegates had our first phone conference with Tom A. our new WCR Trustee for our region. Our discussion started with a review and comments from each of us on our experience with the GSC. We discussed the finance issues within our fellowship and later received an email from Tom suggesting that we put together something from our WCR to be presented at all Areas within our region on finances. What a wonderful concept, I am hoping I have more on this by our Fall Assembly since I had already asked Jim, our Area Chair to allow me some time on our Agenda to talk to you about this subject. We also discussed the information and guidelines we use to host the WCR Conference and the importance of getting them updated. I am happy to announce that Denny B. a past Delegate from Area 36 has accepted the task of heading this up. He has been busying working on the details and information that was given to him and we will be having a Guideline Review Meeting with him, Tom and the other Delegates on August 21st. Other than this Committee Meeting our meeting with Tom, will be held quarterly after the board minutes come out. I have to say Tom, wasted no time jumping in with two feet in his position and I have total respect for his leadership abilities and his willingness to work on the issues we are facing in Alcoholics Anonymous, thank you Tom! I hope all of you have received the email I recently sent out on Internet Guidelines and are passing that information on to others. It is so important that we educate everyone, especially when it comes to social media, on our Traditions. You also received the 92-page Financial Report that was presented at the General Service Conference and I hope you all had time to review it. Our fellowship was lacking in our 7th tradition contributions but I am happy to report that there has been a 4% increase this quarter. My hope is that each one of us look at what we can do to continue to have an upward trend in our contributions. I have completed my budget for the 2017 rotation and we will be discussing and voting on approval of all the budgets of the other Area Officers and Committee Chairs at our upcoming Fall Assembly. Hope to see you all in Alexandria in October. I will be out at the Minnesota State Fair on August 27th volunteering in the A.A. booth from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Mark, our PI Chair still has openings for that weekend, please take the time to volunteer in one of the two-hour time slots. This is a great opportunity to carry our message of hope to the public. I wanted to give you all an update on District's 5 proposal "for GSO to create an online meeting locator for Northern America." I had not heard anything from Rick W. from the Communication Services at GSO since March so I recently sent him an email to find out where they were at with the proposal. His response was "Thank you for your patients in awaiting a reply. We are still actively gathering information as we look into the Area 35 proposal. We have been waiting on feedback from the Area 41 meeting locator that is similar to the one in Minnesota. Last week, we were in touch with Narcotics Anonymous, who has a worldwide meeting locator on their site (and an app) to get shared information from them. We're also looking at how an online meeting locator would be managed logistically and what effect it would have on the office." I will keep you posted on any other updates I receive on this proposal as I receive them. I would like to thank the Districts that continue to send me their minutes and I encourage all Districts to do the same. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Delegate and please let me know if I can be of service or help to anyone of you. I will continue to pass on any other information I receive on what is going on in our wonderful fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous as I receive it, know that your comments and suggestions are always welcomed. Thank you.

In love and service,
Kelly D.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE-Roger R. My main responsibilities at this time are in planning the 41st Annual Area 35 Service Workshop, working on Area 35 Zonal Forums and backing up Kelly D. our Delegate in reading correspondence from AAWS and the GSO. I am excited about our 41st Annual Area 35 Service Workshop, January 14-15 in Bemidji, MN. I have placed a flyer for this service workshop in the back of the room.

I have invited 8 districts to present at this workshop and all have accepted my invitations look forward to working with each of these district in researching, planning and delivering their presentations.

I have invited Howard L. who is a past Delegate and Southeast Regional Trustee on the General Service Board to be one of our guest speakers and work with us in the workshop. I have also invited Tom A. who is also a past Delegate our newly elected West Central Regional Trustee, to conduct a presentation at this workshop. Because Tom is somewhat local and was planning to attend this workshop we have a great opportunity for two well experienced trusted servants to join us at our January Service Workshop. The theme for our workshop will support the selected theme for the 2017 General Service Conference, which is: "Supporting our Future". District presentations will examine three areas: growth, participation and contributions.

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 would like to have a brief meeting on a potential second Zonal Forum in 2016 with the Zone 3 DCMs who are in attendance today.

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-Jim S. Good Morning Everyone, I hope you have all had a great summer. I have stayed busy these past several months with a number of items that I will get to during this report and a couple will be discussed during new business as I look for input from the body on the Assembly sites.

I went on a 7 hour round trip to visit Rutgers Resort in Deerwood and Sugar Lake in Grand Rapids during July. I must say it was a great drive up until the last two hours where my butt was sore and ready to be home. I have been using Helmsbrico to assist in finding facilities for next year's Spring and Fall Assemblies. I wanted to see them first hand before considering them as potential sites. I do have contracts for both places I will show you during new business. I found that the facilities were in deed large enough to handle our group even in the event of a larger than normal turnout. Also, we would have both facilities to ourselves as they are not normally open during these times of the year.

For those of you who check your email, you would know that Jake C. as stepped down as Northern Light editor. He has made arrangements to have his equipment and the hard copies of the Northern Light brought here this morning. Thank you _____ for doing that. His resignation creates an interesting dilemma, the age old problem of filling a position for the sake of filling it or getting the right person in. I currently have a person interested in the position I think can do a good job, but I also want to give Area 35 the chance to provide names of potential candidates before making a final decision. I have printed off the NL guidelines and have them available for anyone wishing to take one. They are also printed in the Area Actions booklet and on Area35.org. According to Jake, the person should have awareness of Microsoft Publisher and expect 8 to 14 hours of work during the first 2 weeks after receiving the reports. This position has definite deadlines to it and candidates should be prepared to meet those. You should also have working knowledge of Microsoft word to edit reports.

On the topic of reports for the NL, there were quite a few missing from this last issue. My apologies to the fellowship for this. I have spoken with everyone who did not submit a report and believe this will not be an issue again. Christine has provided me with the proposed budget for 2017. Thanks to everyone for getting in their budgets. There is an increase which she will explain due to the location of the WCRAASC and a Regional Forum in Sioux Falls, SD next year. This only happens every other year for those who may be wondering why it is not included in this year's budget.

The Joint 35/36 workshop has been set for the Tuscan Center, where this year's Annual Workshop was November 19th from noon to 4pm. Thank you Rillis for creating a flier and this has been sent to the Area 36 Chair and to Rodney for posting to the website.

I have the agenda for the Fall Assembly completed. I added a spot for Tom A to explain what his position as Regional Trustee will be and how he serves the Region, Kelly D will give us a detailed timeline of how motions are brought to GSO to be agenda items, when the agenda items will be available why, this item is a result of comments I read from people at the Spring Assembly, and finally two workshops, one on the Grapevine and one from CPC/PI. I would like to talk with those presenting before we leave today.

At the end of June's ACM, we had an impassioned discussion regarding the meeting locator installed on the new Area35.org website. Based upon that, I asked Rodney to take down that locator and create a hyperlink to AAmeeetinglocator.com. Thanks Rodney for taking care of that so quickly.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity.
In Service,

Jim S.
Area 35 Chair

Secretary-Rillis E. Good morning. If you have a written report please leave it with me as you leave the podium. If you will be submitting an electronic version, please send it my email address listed in the Northern Light and on the Area website. Just a reminder that a motion was passed at the last committee meeting that all motions longer than seven words shall be in writing.

Since the last ACM I wrote the minutes from that meeting and submitted them to Jake C. for publishing in the current issue of the Northern Light. I made a flyer for the Joint Area 35 and 36 workshop which will be held November 19th from 12:00 to 4:00 PM at the Tuscan Center in St. Cloud. I sent this flyer and the flyer for the Fall Assembly to Rodney so they could be placed on the Area 35 website. Both flyers can be found on the area events calendar by clicking on the event then view flyer. Paper copies of both flyers are on the table in the back of the room. I hope to see as many of you as possible at both events. I also gave Christine and Jim a copy of the 2017 budget for the secretary position. I was looking forward to presenting at the Zonal forum in Erskine but did not make the event due to a flat tire. I was grateful I was able to get my car off the road safely and also that I had just renewed my roadside assistance. When I got out of my vehicle and found there was a huge tear around nearly the entire circumference of the tire I thought WWSO-what would Servando do? Many of us can recall the journey Servando and Rodney had to get to the Winter Workshop in Moorhead during the last rotation. Servando's vehicle had an issue which required frequent stops along the way to replace the battery. It was by taking action and going to great lengths that they made it to the workshop. So that was what I needed to do, take action and I was confident I would make it to the forum even though I would most likely miss the potluck and Kelly's delegate report. I let Jim S. know the situation I was in and that I was taking steps in order to make it to the forum. The roadside assistance ending up taking longer than expected and it became a little scary sitting in my car parked along Highway 2 just outside of Grand Rapids. The tow truck driver replaced the shredded tire with a small temporary spare. I drove to Grand Rapids expecting to buy a tire and be on my way. Only three tire shops were open that Sunday morning and just one of those shops had the size tire I needed but because I have a four-wheel drive vehicle I was not able to just replace just the one tire. Unfortunately, they did not have 4 tires in the size needed so I called Jim to let him know that despite my best efforts I would have to miss the forum. This was a reminder that I can make plans and take action but I may not get the results I want; the outcome is always in God's hands. I want to thank the other officers for presenting the material I was assigned and God willing I will make the next forum.

In service,
Rillis E.

TREASURER-Christine G. Greetings Area 35. There hasn't been much that has happened since my last report. Your Area has a balance of \$25,490.30 for Period 4. This includes 6,042.34 for prudence reserve.

We received \$4,657.68 in income for the period and had 1,471.70 in expenses for a positive flow of 3,135.98. For the year we are -1,761.56 in income. We should make this up as we go along in the year. As stated in earlier reports, most of our expenses happen in the first two quarters so we do have some catching up to do.

Birthday contributions for the Period 4 is \$45.00. Remember to send in your contribution for your sobriety to the Area. It is suggested a dollar per year of sobriety. Congratulations to everyone for staying sober one day at a time! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me directly.

In Service,
Christine G.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS

CPC-Jim T. No report

District 1-Leslie H. Greetings from District 1. I am Leslie Handyside, alcoholic. We have our district meeting the 2nd Sunday of every month – even months at 2:00 PM at the Fertile Community Center. We continue to be financially sound. We hosted the Area 35 Delegate's Report and Zonal Forum June 2nd in Erskine. This included districts 1, 2, 21, and 16. We had a good turnout. Thanks to all who attended and to Kelly, Roger, and Christine for presenting. Thanks to all who brought food to share. Myron from district 2 brought pulled pork, if anyone left hungry it was because they chose not to eat. We of District 1 participated in the Polk County Fair by setting up a booth on AA. Our summer Wild Rice Round-Up is coming August 12, 13, and 14 at Sandhill Lake Bible Camp south of Foston. It has proven to be a great time. The weekly AA meeting in the local jail continues to be well received.

Yours in Service,
Leslie H.

District 21-Jeff L. No report

Webmaster-Rodney S. Greetings Area 35, I brought the aameetinglocator business cards that Mark, our PI Chair, had requested for the State Fair with me today. As I stated in my Northern Light report if anyone else knows of an upcoming need please let me or someone on our committee know. I had a very busy time with event flyers for our calendar soon after the June Committee Meetings. I had also begun adding email links for DCM's in the district pages on my computer but since I have just a standard Gmail account and the links weren't working, I thought there was something wrong so I deleted what I had and quit working on it. A day or so later when using the area computer which has a Thunderbird email client account set up I discovered

my error. Then I got busy and didn't get back to continuing the task until recently. For anyone having difficulty with the links, the address may be copied by right clicking on the contact text, selecting copy email address, and pasting this in the "to:" field in any email account.

I've been busy once more with event flyers, many of which have required much unnecessary communication between me and those sending the flyers. This has been an ongoing issue regarding the need for information on the flyer that directly links the event to a specific A.A. entity. An example of this is the flyer for the Annual Movie Night and Potluck event being put together by the Clarissa A.A. Group. There is nothing on the flyer that links the event to an A.A. entity. Some workshop events in District 13 involved the same scenario, and since these flyers noted the events taking place at an Alano Club I needed to ensure that they weren't being put on by the Alano Club. It is necessary that the events be supported by Alcoholics Anonymous without any other affiliation and our flyers let us know that these traditions are being upheld. The importance in the wording and information contained in any event flyer has been the subject of several past webmaster reports.

Just recently our Area Delegate, Kelly, addressed the Area Committee regarding behavior and communication on Social Networking Websites in an email and included the A.A. Guidelines for Internet published by G.S.O. I posted a link to these on the downloads page of our website.

On a more positive note I have had a few email success stories on the support email address for aameetinglocator.org instead of just the usual forwarding of data. A recent one was from a man who was rather upset at having attended a meeting for a group designated as active at a location that turned out to be locked, with no meeting taking place. I replied with a message that this sometimes happened, despite our best intentions and responsible commitment. A few days later I received a reply to my previous message stating that he had followed up to find that the group was indeed still active and had started meeting at a later time.

A few districts sent more information to be included on their district pages after the June Committee Meeting. If you want minutes or other information put on your district pages, please send them to me and I will get them posted. If you aren't certain if you should post something email me or talk to me sometime today.

In service,
Rodney S., Area 35 Webmaster

Literature-Skip D. Good Day. We have eleven present this morning. Districts 3, 6, 7, 9, 13, & 16 were represented. District 3 is going to Round-up's selling some literature. District 13 has been storing literature at the Alano and while doing a quarterly inventory found some literature is missing, no one knows where it went, so they pulled the literature out of the Alano. If you need literature in District 13 PLEASE let Sara B. know. District 9 is having a 75th anniversary in Hibbing on 8/26/2016. District 7 is using the \$0.77 pamphlets (for beginners) that we came up with, giving one per group in the District to see how it works. Response is fairly well received. I do have 5- Came to Believe, 69- Treatment pamphlets & 10- Dr. Bob and The Good Old Timers that were ordered and not picked up. So from now on I will need a District number with every order. This was my mistake for not getting a name and phone number from the people who ordered the material. But I am talking about \$106.90 that could have been used elsewhere.

I will be attending the Heartland Round-up in September as Area 35 Literature Chair, there will be no expense charge to the Area on this event for I was told the Heartland round-up will pay all expenses. I am helping District 5 with the Mille Lacs County Fair August 10-14 2016, so if you have two hours of time and would like to volunteer please let me know.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve,

Skip D.
Area 35 Literature Chair

District 11-Sharla W. Not present

District 7-Liz L. Greeting from District 7! We're excited to have come through the season of fairs and we represented at the Cass, Crow Wing, and Aitkin County Fairs. Thanks to Larry, Tim, and Mark N. for their work chairing these events. We also had our recent District 7 picnic and what a great opportunity for fellowship.

Kelly was able to attend our July meeting and report back to us on the GSO Conference. We really appreciate her taking the time to be there with us.

Looking forward to September, we will be hosting the Round Robin Potluck in Fort Ripley on 9/17/16 hosted by Sleepy Hollow and Serenity in the Pines. Pamphlets are available on the back table.

We are still looking for a new Secretary and Treasurer for our District, but otherwise all is good. As mentioned by Skip, we've started the newcomer packet project by distributing a packet to each group in our district.

Grateful for the opportunity to be of services!
Liz L.
DCM-District 7

NORTHERN LIGHT-Jake C. Greetings. My name is Jacob C., and I am your Northern Light editor. I am stepping down from the Northern Light editor position, and notified our Area Chair earlier this week about doing so. It is important that a servant to AA be timely and capable, and it is clear that I am failing you. Thank you for allowing me an opportunity to serve.

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I injured my hand a few weeks ago and had to finish up editing one handed. I was late to getting the paper to the publisher and the person who handles mailing at the Cold Spring Record was to go on vacation before the paper came back from printing. As a result, my wife and I manually inserted 1200 flyers into 600 issues, then labeled and mailed 344 issues of the Northern Light.

It was brought to my attention by our Area Treasurer that the Keep It Simple Weekend committee had requested a refund, do to not having a flyer inserted into the Northern Light. Since no one from the committee had reached out to me, I do not know what did or did not happen. From what little I do know, it is clear that we do not have a good way of tracking flyer submissions to the Northern Light. Editorial approval, payment, and insertion are handled by three different entities, the latter being an outside vendor.

This last issue, I received requests from two Area Servants, and a couple of groups to include their flyers for printing, not insertion, in the Northern Light. Printing of those flyers as opposed to insertion, is on a space available basis, and certainly will lead to contention if it becomes expected to provide space for those flyers, especially when space is limited. It can also lead to confusion between the terms "insert" and "print". A separately printed, and inserted flyer will draw more attention than a flyer printed inside of the Northern Light.

The Editor to the Area 36 newsletter, The Pigeon, contacted me a week ago asking about our subscription base, costs of production and distribution of the Northern Light. He asked if we had considered other distribution channels, especially digital. I gave him the best information I had, especially since our Group Records secretary just culled our subscriber base from just below 600 to 344. We pay roughly \$650 per printing to have the Northern Light, printed, assembled, sorted, and mailed standard class mail, out to just under 600 recipients, 6 times a year. Obviously this will change because of the culling. The southern Area spends 1 cent per page per printing, and mails out over 1700 Pigeons. They print 4 times a year, and issues range from 22 to 44 pages. Like us, they are concerned about readership, utilization, and costs of distribution. They met on August 6th to discuss ideas, check with their minutes to find out more.

Thank you for your time, Jacob C.

GROUP RECORDS-Bob B. I'm getting better at using MS Excel to sort the GSO meeting database. I found 24 meetings without district numbers. 15 of these meeting were active meetings. I updated the districts. Area 36 had 30 active meetings without districts. How does this happen? The GSO New Group registration form does not ask for the district number. New groups get registered without a district number. Other missing questions are e-mail address and will the GSR accept US mail.

The aaMeetingLocator was updated on 8-5 for both Southern and Northern Minnesota. It had been 4 months since Southern Minnesota had an update. On the front page footer, I added the for the most recent update. I feel that aaMeetingLocator should be updated every 2 to 3 weeks.

Part of my duties is to maintain an up to date Northern Light mailing list. I assumed that this list would be generated in part from the GSO database. I was disappointed to find out that this mailing list is a separate database. The first rule in database is that two databases with identical information will never be in synch with each other. This is true for our Northern Light database. For every GSR update I have in the GSO database I should have to delete 1 GSR and add 1 GSR to the Northern Light database. Right now for every 4 GSRs I add I remove 1 GSR. It is going to take some work to check and update the 600 entries in this database. By the end of my rotation I hope to automate updates the Northern Light database.

As of this issue of the Northern Light the mailing list was generated from the GSO Group Records database. This resulted in 150 less addresses on the mailing list. The Northern Light mailing list consists of Area 35 Past delegates, Active Area 35 committee members, District committee members, GSRs, and Southern Minnesota Committee members. If you are one of the above and did not get a Northern Light; the GSO records need to be updated. We need to check to see that you are in the GSO database, your address is correct and that you are willing to receive AA mail. Contact me and let me know that you did not receive the Northern Light.

If you would like a mail copy of the Northern Light and are not a GSR or Committee member send me, your name and address.

In Service,
Bob B
grouprecords@area35.org

District 14-Paul E. Not present

District 6-Renell P. Greetings from District 6 nestled in the SE corner of Area 35. Sorry I am not able to be with you due to work commitments. I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Assembly which is coming up soon.

District 6 held their Delegate Report Back on Thursday June 16th. We had wonderful attendance including members of District 5. We included a Pot-Luck Dinner with plenty of goodies. Kelly gave a very informative and entertaining summary of what took place in New York and what didn't take place in New York. Several attendees asked great questions which Kelly answered superbly.

At our July meeting we put a callout to our groups to find volunteers to man

our Area 35 AA booth at the State Fair. Our district was not able to have a booth at the Chisago County Fair this year. The group that normally sponsors it was not able to do so and it was too late to find others. We will renew our gathering of information for both Chisago and Isanti County Fairs for next year.

District 6 plans to provide a service workshop in October possibly studying the Service Manual which we had done in the past. We have been asked to present a topic at the January Workshop 2017. We are excited to start working with Roger on our presentation.

Thank you Kelly, Jim, Roger, Bob, and all others who continue to keep me informed by email. Again, I look forward to seeing all of you in Alexandria.

Yours in Service,
Renell P, District 6 DCM

TREATMENT-Gayle R. Good Morning Area 35. Since our last committee meeting I have had 6 request for temporary contacts from facilities using the temporary contact forms. About half request came from Dellwood and the other half from Area 36. I have had great success finding contact, if not through the district Treatment Chair I have called on the DCM for those willing I am grateful. I had to research one that had no working phone number, and spoke with the client's father, who needed the suggestion of the Alanon program. I attended my local district meeting to support their corrections committee, one of the chairs is considering resigning due to not being allowed to take in a meeting into a juvenile treatment facility. I encourage those who are willing to serve, don't give up. If a facility said you can't come in, there are other things you can do such as, be willing to be a temporary contact, give rides to outside meetings, or even give a gift of the Grapevine to a facility. From today's meeting- there were 4 present representing Districts 12, 15, & 18:

District 12's DCM Steve reported that Liberalis Women's Treatment Center work is continuing to organize for us to come in, the treatment center is willing-we are willing. Communication of final details is where the stall is. Bethel Treatment Center's Saturday Night Speaker Meeting is still averaging 60-100 in attendance. This meeting is open to the public and supported by the district.

Scott, Treatment Chair from District 18 reported they serve 2 boys homes, these boys are allowed to attend outside treatment facility meetings, the boys like attending potluck and "flyer" meetings. New Way Treatment Facility in Long Prairie is having a 3 speaker meeting on August 16 and this will be a facility only meeting and not open to the public.

District 18's DCM BR praised his treatment chair, Scott, for having a first name basic professional relationship with the treatment facilities in District 18. **Pat from District 15** reported Treatment commitments are being met, Serenity Plus in Paynesville, New Visions in Alexandria and Recovery Plus in St Cloud. They are working on starting a Women's meeting at Passages in St Cloud since they now have a woman there. Perhaps needs to contact District 13 also.

We discussed the types of meeting that can be in a treatment facility. Regular AA Groups, Treatment / Correctional facility AA meetings, Speaker Meeting & Treatment facility presentations to clients.

I asked if any district if they were interested in a treatment workshop (this is already in the approved budget). District 18 showed interest in a service workshop, I will follow up with Corrections/CPC/PI and of course Jim and Roger for this will be my first workshop to organize.

District 18-BR B. My name is BR B., DCM District 18. We have a new Corrections Chair, name is Sonia. The 7/4/16 camp out was a success. We had 1220 people on Saturday night's meeting. The Staples Old Wadena camp out was also a success with 62 people in attendance. Activities coming up are 8/20/16 Sylvan Shores Round Robin and 8/25/16 Long Prairie drive in movie. Both start at 5:00 PM.

Thank you,
BR B.

District 12-Steve E. Good morning everybody. Glad to be alive and sober. District 12 is doing fairly well in trying to update and keep current all of our meetings. Our Corrections Committee Chair, Frank K., has received or has on order a large number of Big Books to distribute at some of the treatment facilities.

We are presently in need of a Treatment Committee Chair, and in need of service on all committees. Out treatment facilities are being covered, with the exception of 7pm on Mondays at Bethel. The chair person for that meeting is sick and may be away for a while. I get to fill in for this until someone can be found to take over. We recently had a table at the S. St. Louis County Fair in Proctor to have pamphlets available to the public and to talk to folks if they wished. We will be doing the same at the Carlton County Fair in Barnum Aug. 18-21. Diane from Moose Lake has a list of all volunteers and I believe it is filled. Thanks to Rita L. and Chris L. for their participation in this. The 71st annual Duluth Roundup is coming up Sept. 16 & 17 at Marshall School. You can google Duluth Roundup 2016, Duluthroundup.org website, or find a flier in the latest edition of Northern Lights for more information. Looking forward to Kelly sharing her report with us in Sept. in Cloquet.

Thank you. Yours in service.
Steve E.

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ARCHIVIST-Brad I. Greetings everyone, Since the June Committee I gave a history talk in Hibbing that I recorded. If anyone would like a copy today just bring over a jump drive and I will download it for you. I also attended KIS Weekend where I was the Saturday Night speaker. For upcoming events I am headed to Battle Lake in 2 weeks to give a History talk at the District 3 Round-Up. I also have tentatively been invited to give a history talk in Huron SD pending their committee approval. I have sad news. "Markings" the newsletter of AA archiving has ceased publication. There will occasional articles published in "Box 459" in the future.

All DCM's please make sure I am getting copies of your minutes and District event flyers.

I am grateful for this opportunity to be of Service,

Brad I.
Area 35 Archivist.

ARCHIVES-Steve D. Good afternoon my name is Steve D. and I am and alcoholic. I am your Area 35 Archives Chair.

We had six districts represented at this meeting including one for the first time! Brad I., our Archivist was also present. We began with introductions and proceeded to ask each district about any archives activity in their district. We had a variety of responses from collecting oral history interviews from old-timers to having an archives presentation at district functions.

We then answered questions regarding archives. Here are some of the questions.

- How do we store archived documents?
⇒ The consensus was that we should keep them in totes in dark, dry places.
- Should we keep electronic or paper copies of archived material such as district minutes, group records?
⇒ Brad suggested we keep both. Electronic copies can be lost or if on disc, can deteriorate.
- How do we generate interest in Archives in our district?
⇒ We discussed having presentations at round robins, district functions, bringing in our archivist as District 3 did for their roundup.

We then had a sharing session on what can we do to generate interest on an area level.

- We decided that we would bring examples of what each district represented was doing in their district, such as archiving records, copies of oral history interviews, etc. We want to demonstrate to other districts what material is being captured.
- We also agreed that we, as a committee would be willing to present to the area an archives presentation on the importance of capturing our history and what the impact would be to future members of AA.

Yours in Service,
Steve D.

District 8-Scott M. Greetings Area 35. Things are rolling along in District 8. There have been a few bumps in the road as we've had some trouble finding a secretary. This hopefully will be rectified at our next meeting; the rumor is there is a member willing to stand for this position. We also had our treasurer resign. My first thought was "why does the have to happen on my rotation"? It has taught me to be patient and have faith that there will be someone who will step in to serve at this capacity. Our Treatment and Corrections Chairs are busy lining up speakers to tend to the facilities in our district. PI/CPC puts on a Beginners Meeting weekly and is responsible for our district phone line. Our Archives Chair is working on a workshop to celebrate 70 years in Virginia.

District 4-Deb S. Not present

CORRECTIONS-Servando M. First off, I would I would like to apologize to the committee for missing the deadline for the Northern Light and the budget report. Life happened and I was ill prepared. I will try to be more focused from here out.

As Corrections Chair I have received several requests for temporary contacts that I will be contacting district corrections chairs or DCMs as the case may be to forward this info along. There have also been requests for speakers from MCF Moose Lake it has mentioned that they would like people from outside of their general vicinity.

This morning's meeting was attended by 3 districts including 7, 13, and 15. We discussed ideas on getting people involved in service work, transition fairs, and group donations and the best way use them. We shared from our personal experiences better ways to serve our fellow members and cooperate with the facilities who allow us in for our meetings.

On a personal note, I'm looking forward to sitting in the AA booth at the State Fair. I hope everyone who wants to gets the opportunity to experience.

Yours in Service,
Servando

District 2-Myron H. Good afternoon, my name is Myron and I am at n alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 2. Our district is financially sound and meets on the 2nd Sunday of the odd months, in Middle River. Our next meet-

ing is on 9/11. We are seeking committee chairs for Archives, CPC and PI. To help increase our district's involvement in area events, we are considering aiding the GSRs that wish to participate but have groups with small budgets. To encourage members to increase contributions, we remind them the cost of a cup of coffee and tip at a cafe, for which we think nothing of paying the cost.

As I was driving here I thought of what I could learn and bring back to the people in my district. Sometimes what I find interesting, isn't interesting to them. While I will continue to try to report back things I learn here, I also am going to try to bring more to our area meetings.

Carrying the message of AA's "Design for living", is way above and beyond just not drinking. Addressing our fears, showing tolerance and acceptance for people with different life experiences, realizing that listening is participating, are all things we can share with our members.

On the way down I drove through the Leech Lake area. They have large signs marking impaired driver crash sites. There are LOTS of them. It reminded me of how serious our mission is to try to pass on our message of hope and recovery. Thank you all for your work in the program. I know it saved my life!

Yours in service,
Myron H.

District 13-Al K. It has been 7 months since I began this journey as the District 13 DCM. When I took this position I thought I knew what I was getting into. I was wrong. It has been much more than I expected in a good way.

Our District is financially sound however we are always looking for additional human resources to help carry out our efforts.

District 13 has 43 groups that meet each week. Our District meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the St Cloud Alano Club.

We maintain an AA Hotline at 320-202-1895. The phone is fully staffed and is answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our District provides pamphlets for the Alano Club and maintains an inventory of AA literature for District 13 groups at our cost.

We support a beginner's meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. We also staff a booth at the Benton County Fair each year which actually just ended about 55 minutes ago. We hope they have had another successful year at the fair. We provide for volunteers to take meetings into the Stearns County Jail, Benton County Jail and the St Cloud Prison.

We began the rotation in need of a PI Chair and an Archives Chair. Although we still seek someone to assume the PI Chair, we are happy to report that our Archives Chair has been filled by Peter T.

The people that work with me at District 13 are very active and dedicated. They are absolutely a pleasure to work with and they inspire me every day.

Yours in service,
Al K.
District 13 DCM

District 15-Melissa A. Greetings from District 15. We have our first district meeting the first Monday of every month at 8pm located at the Albany Senior Center. We had an unmanned booth at the Stearns County Fair, which went well. We are in the process of creating newcomer packets and we are stocked up on literature. A new meeting celebrated their one-year anniversary of being created on Aug 5th and the meeting celebrated by having an open speaker meeting which was a lot of fun. I am in the process of creating a district pamphlet. I have spoken in St. Cloud, Paynesville, and Melrose and traveled into Area 36 and spoke at Hazelden and Northfield, which were all amazing experiences. We have brought meetings into 3 different treatment centers. 1 located in our district (Serenity Paths), another located in St. Cloud (Passages) and in Alexandria (New Vision). I was the captain at the State Fair Booth Sunday the 28th, which was a lot of fun; we had a ton of people who were in need of Al- Anon information. I wish there was a way for us to be able to incorporate their information and or talk to them about the need of information at the State Fair. We are in the process of updating our meeting cards. Our district will be presenting at the January Workshop, which we are really looking forward too. We want to thank everyone who is of service at all levels of the triangle. Thank you for allowing me to be of service!
I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Assembly!

Melissa A.

PI-Mark N. We met with CPC with 5 people in attendance. We discussed the Hibbing PI luncheon on August 26th and the events planned for the 75th AA anniversary.

We discussed at length on how to deal with requests that come into the AA meeting locator/AAMinnesota.com.

These request come in via text and e-mail and are of the same nature as requests received on the AA helplines that some of the districts maintain. We feel that it is imperative that a response is made in a timely manner to these requests and that it needs to be a person to person contact, via text or email. A bulletin was sent out by the General Service Office, concerning the use of AA jargon and anonymity while using social media. Please be aware of things like Friend of Bill, easy does it, stuff like that.

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I will be at the State fair on the 27th for the day and am looking forward to working the AA booth.

District 9-Kathy R. This past quarter we have been busy. As I shared at the last meeting we had: An Archivist Presentation – Brad enthralled everyone with his knowledge of the State, Area, and the Northern part of Minnesota. Sobriety and the spread of it was fascinating. We had a Long Timers panel – we ended up with 10 panelists + 2 guests all with at least 30 years of sobriety. It was fascinating. We were pleased that we had a large turnout! We are working on our 75th Anniversary Weekend. It will be held on August 26th – 28th. It will start with an open (to the community) PI Luncheon, followed by an evening event, Saturday will be at the beach during the day and in the Memorial Hall for (bring your own to pass) pie and ice cream and fun at night. It will end on Sunday morning with a pancake breakfast at the Memorial Hall. There are fliers on the table. Also, there is a new copy of District 9 meeting schedule. Finally, thank you to our neighbors Districts 8 and 16. We've been trying hard to work together.

In Service,
Cathy

District 5-Jon S Not present

GRAPEVINE-Paul M. We had 7 districts represented. I attended the GV Writing Workshop on August 6th in Grand Rapids, it was very good. I ordered some wall calendars and pocket planners for 2017. I will be attending the Heartland Round-Up with the GV display. We are excited about our presentation at the Fall Assembly. Any Round-Ups or open meetings that want the GV literature there let me know. Any one who has old GVs please give them to our Treatment or Corrections chairs as they are useful tools in carrying the message.

Thank you for letting me serve,
Paul M.

District 3-Brian P. No report

District 16-Mike F. My name is Mike F. and I am the DCM for District 16. We hold our district meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in Grand Rapids.

We had a new group registered with the General Service Office in July. It is the Candlelight AA group, and it meets at 7pm on Sunday's at the Grace English Lutheran Church in Marble. I have forwarded the information to our Group Records Secretary for inclusion in AA Meeting Locator.

Yesterday, we hosted a Grapevine Writer's Workshop in Grand Rapids. I want to acknowledge and thank Mary S. for organizing and producing this workshop. We had 13 in attendance. I would recommend this workshop if she decides to put on another one.

We had our PI/CPC chair resign recently, adding to the Corrections Chair position that has been open since the beginning of the rotation.

The district is solvent, and we have a prudent reserve.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Mike F.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

FOC Report: Jim K. The Financial Oversight Committee met today to review Area financials. We confirmed accuracy in accounting and reporting of all financial activity. In addition, we have documented procedures on the review process. This will greatly assist us for future reviews. Area financial assets have been confirmed and reporting deemed to be in good order.

Statewide Joint Corrections Committee: At the Joint Corrections meeting we discussed transitional fairs, background checks, temporary contact program, and volunteers for speaking at facilities. We discussed communication between the areas for bordering facilities that could be facilitated by 35 or 36. We also discussed finding out if the facilities that we bring meetings to have transitional fairs. The differences between local state and federal facilities also differs on their transitional fairs. If you are bringing a meeting into a facility you can check with their program director to see if they have or offer transitional fairs. If they do you can contact myself or another area contact to see about posting the fair.

If anyone has questions or suggestions, they are welcome and invited to attend our next joint Corrections meeting which will be held October 18th 6 p.m. in Osseo Minnesota.

Yours in service
Servando M.
Area 35 Corrections

Servando M. reported on the July 16th meeting of the Statewide Joint Corrections Committee where hosting Transition Fairs and Border Meetings were

discussed. An AA member in a correctional facility with a hearing deficit had trouble getting a translator to the facility. Another AA member has since offered to a translator. The next meeting will be October 18 at Lynn's Restaurant in Osseo.

Finance: Kelly reminded us the first three items on the GSC Agenda are always: contributions for the delegate, raise a bequest from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00, and increase the maximum annual member contribution. Kelly lead a discussion about whether these items should be on the agenda yearly or every other year. Member suggested to keep it yearly.

2017 Spring Assembly Sites: Jim is looking for facilities to hold the 2017 Spring Assembly in Zone 3 and the 2017 Fall Assembly in Zone 4. Finding facilities with lodging for under \$100.00/ room and adequate meeting space has become a challenge so Jim has looked at resorts as a possibility. One challenge is our assemblies are during the resorts "off season" and we would need to make a decision if they would provide food from a limited menu or we would make other arrangements. Questions were asking about their cancellation policy since this is not a usual hotel setting and the resort will be open for our event only. Jim will do more research on this.

Northern Light: Jim has some candidates in mind to fill the open NL editor position. He will act as NL editor during the interim to insure there is no disruption in the publishing of our newsletter.

New Computer: It was determined the district does not own a computer for the new Northern Light editor to use. Kelly D. made a motion to purchase a computer for the estimated cost of \$350.00. The motion was amended to include the purchase of software as well. Servando seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Budget: Jim S. noted the area budgets for officers, committee chairs, delegate, and alternate delegate need to be in the hands of the body 60 days prior to the fall assembly. The Northern Light was late in being published and knowing this Jim sent the proposed budgets via e-mail to officer, DCM's, committee chairs, as well as our delegate, alternate delegate, and past delegates. Even so, the budgets were late in being published but the body did not have an issue with this.

Calendar of Events: See page 21 in the current issue of Northern Light. Christine mentioned a flyer didn't make it into the Northern Light and referred us the directions on page 22 for placing a flyer into the NL.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

District 13 CPC Panel Notes

Being Friendly With Our Friends:

This phrase, borrowed from an early essay by Bill W., describes cooperation with the professional community. That was the theme for the District 13 workshop held on Sept, 6, 2016 in St. Cloud.

Five professionals from various sectors of the professional community agreed to sit on a panel to discuss how their programs cooperated with the AA program. The sectors represented were: the health care industry, higher education, the airline industry, private business and the Minnesota National Guard. All five panel members graciously gave up a Tuesday evening to discuss with AA members how their organizations cooperated with the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and how that relationship could even be furthered.

Panel participants were asked to describe how their organizations cooperated with AA. Their answers varied from organization to organization, but one common theme resonated with all five professionals. They all agreed that individuals attending AA seemed to get sober faster and stay sober longer.

All five of the professionals in attendance discussed how their programs referred their members to AA. They stressed that attending AA wasn't required or mandated, but it was highly encouraged for those suffering from alcoholism. They all agreed that those attending AA meetings seemed to adjust faster to their new sober lives.

Participants were also asked what they would like to see more of from the AA community. Their answers were very interesting and insightful. Here are the top ten responses:

1. Make finding AA meetings easier; sometimes meeting times and places are difficult to find.
2. Please ensure accuracy in AA listings. It's very disheartening to refer someone to a meeting that closed or moved several months ago.
3. Clearly identify the meeting for the newcomer; For example, Open or Closed, LGBTQ meetings, or meetings that are children friendly.
4. Please ensure telephone numbers are accurate, readily available and easy to find.

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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.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

October:

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

21st-22nd **St Cloud Roundup**
 10 4th Ave S, St Cloud, MN

November:

12th : **Tuesday Night Solutions Annual Speaker Meeting**
 United Methodist Church
 1701 SE 5th Ave, Grand Rapids, MN
 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm - Pot Luck
 8:15 AA & AI-Anon Speakers

19th : Noon-4pm **Area 35/36 Joint Workshop**
 Tuscan Center at Midtown Square
 3333 W Division St, St Cloud, MN

December:

4th : **Area 35 Committee Meeting**
 Aitkin Alano Club
 322 1st. Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN
 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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

"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 AI-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 <i>New Meeting!</i> 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 AI-Anon Meeting Ice Cream after Speakers \$4.00 Dance DJ "Dance Til Ya Drop"

HOTELS
 Connected to Convention Center
 Kelly Inn 800 528 734 320 253-0606
 Le St. Germain Suite Hotel 220-654-1661
 Country Inn 320-252-8282
 120 7th Ave SE St Cloud
 www.stcloudroundup.org

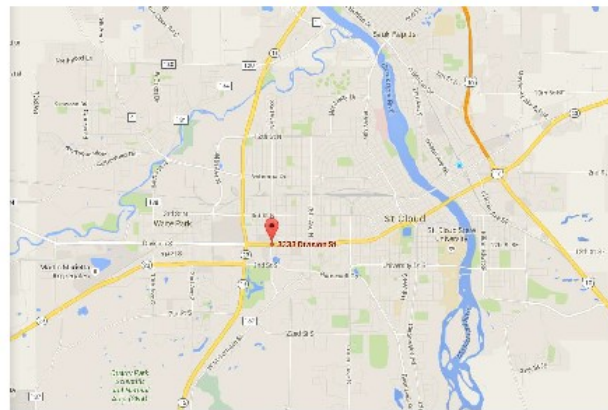
Registration Badge is Required for the Entire Roundup (including the Dance). Children are required to pay Registration and must be under Adult Supervision at all times. (No Exceptions)

-Registration ends 10/17/16 (SAVE \$5.00). Make Checks payable to SCR
 Pre-Registration \$15.00
 Registration \$20.00

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



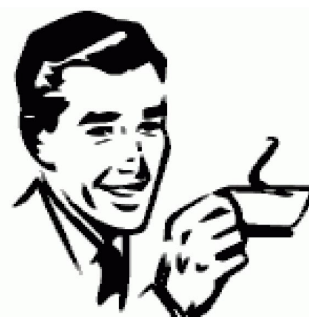
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5. Please adhere to your "singleness of purpose", but remember "Rule #62". Many newcomers take a while to figure out that they really do have a drinking problem.
6. Please be open to people of color or different cultural backgrounds.
7. Be proactive to drop barriers to recovery; reach-out and carry the message.
8. More cooperation with the professional community.
9. Consider starting a Vet's meeting. Many veterans only feel comfortable talking with other veterans.
10. Participate more in AA service. It seems like 10% of the people are doing 90% of the work.

In summary, the workshop provided valuable insights of how professionals cooperate with the AA program and how AA members can strengthen that relationship.

John D., TNYPA
 St. Cloud, MN.



Coffee, food, fellowship and a speaker meeting....good times!

The October Round Robin is going to be in Detroit Lakes

When **Saturday October 8th, 2016**
6:30 PM **Potluck and fellowship**
 (please bring a side dish or salad)
8:00 PM **AA Speaker : Hank – Wauben ,MN**
 Cake and coffee to follow
Where: **Detroit Lakes Alano Club**
 827 Summit (Summit & Holmes)
 Detroit Lakes, MN. 56501

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.
- ◆ Listen to comments from the Area on the content of the N.L.

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,

Steven L.

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

← 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 sep-

arately 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 Fall Assembly
Oct 1st and 2nd, 2016
Alexandria, MN

<p>AGENDA</p> <p>_____ 9:00 a.m. Registration</p> <p>_____ 10:00 a.m. GSR Orientation & Action Chair Committee Meetings</p> <p>_____ 11:30 a.m. Lunch (On Your Own)</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Assembly Convenes</p> <p>_____ Call to Order</p> <p>_____ Open with the Serenity Prayer</p> <p>_____ Why We Need a Conference</p> <p>_____ Recognize Past Delegates</p> <p>_____ Recognize GSRs</p> <p>_____ Add to Agenda</p> <p>_____ Approve 2016 Spring Assembly Minutes</p> <p>OFFICER REPORTS</p> <p>_____ Delegate – Kelly D.</p> <p>_____ Alternate Delegate – Roger R.</p> <p>_____ Chair – Jim S.</p> <p>_____ Secretary – Rillis E.</p> <p>_____ Treasurer – Christine S.</p> <p>COMMITTEE CHAIRS & DCM REPORTS</p> <p>_____ CPC – Jim T.</p> <p>_____ District 1 – Leslie H.</p> <p>_____ District 21 – Jeff L.</p> <p>_____ WEBMASTER - Rodney S.</p> <p>_____ LITERATURE – Skip D.</p> <p>_____ District 11 - Sharla W.</p> <p>_____ District 7 – Liz L.</p> <p>_____ NORTHERN LIGHT – Steve L.</p> <p>_____ GROUP RECORDS – Bob B.</p> <p>_____ District 14 – Paul E.</p> <p>_____ District 6 - Renell P.</p> <p>_____ TREATMENT – Gayle R.</p> <p>_____ District 18 – William BR B.</p> <p>_____ District 12 – Steve E.</p> <p>_____ ARCHIVIST – Brad I.</p> <p>_____ ARCHIVES – Steve D.</p> <p>_____ District 8 – Scott M.</p> <p>_____ District 4 – Deb S.</p> <p>_____ CORRECTIONS – Servando M.</p> <p>_____ District 2 – Myron H.</p> <p>_____ District 13 – Al K.</p> <p>_____ District 15 – Melissa A.</p> <p>_____ PI – Mark N.</p> <p>_____ District 3 – Brian P.</p> <p>_____ District 16 – Mike F.</p>	<p>2:30 p.m. BREAK</p> <p>2:45 p.m. Continue with Committee/DCM reports</p> <p>4:00 p.m. BREAK</p> <p>4:10 p.m. Tom A. on Trustee Responsibilities</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Kelly D. Agenda Item process</p> <p>4:50 p.m. BREAK</p> <p>5:00 p.m.</p> <p>_____ GSR Sharing Session</p> <p>_____ DCM Sharing Session</p> <p>_____ Area Officers and Area Chairs Meet</p> <p>6:00 P.M. Dinner (On Your Own)</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Grapevine workshop – Paul M.</p> <p>8:15 p.m. CPC/PI Workshop – Jim T./Mark N.</p> <p>SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2014</p> <p>7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Big Book Meeting</p> <p>9:00 a.m. - Assembly Reconvenes</p> <p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>_____ Area 35/36 Joint Workshop</p> <p>_____ 2017 Annual Service Workshop</p> <p>_____ Statewide Joint Corrections Report</p> <p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>_____ 7th Tradition/Financial Responsibility</p> <p>_____ Kelly D.</p> <p>_____ 2017 Budgets for approval</p> <p>_____ GSR Sharing Session Report</p> <p>_____ DCM Sharing Session Report</p> <p>_____ Area Officer Sharing Session Report</p> <p>_____ Calendar of Events</p> <p>_____ Election for Trustee at Large US/Canada</p> <p>_____ Ask It Basket (Past Delegates)</p> <p>_____ Adjourn</p>
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