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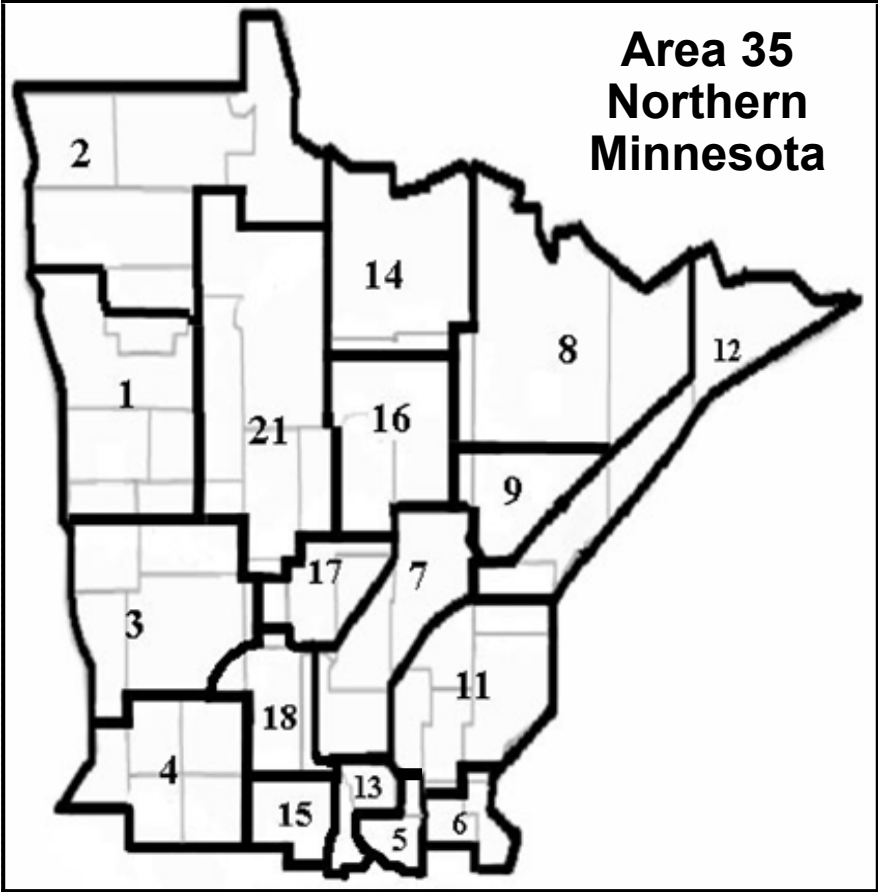
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Zone I

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

Zone II

- District 3** - Audubon, Barnesville, Battle Lake, Cormorant, Deer Creek, Detroit Lakes, Dilworth, Elizabeth, Erhard, Fergus Falls, Frazee, Hawley, Henning, Lake Park, Moorhead,

- Osage, Ottertail, Pelican Rapids, Perham, Underwood, Wadena
- District 4** - Alexandria, Browns Valley, Carlos, Elbow Lake, Evansville, Glenwood, Herman, Kensington, Morris, Osakis
- District 15** - Albany, Avon, Cold Spring, Holdingford, Lake Henry, Melrose, Paynesville, Richmond, Sartell, St. Joseph, St. Stephen, Sauk Centre, Watkins

Zone III

- District 5** - Becker, Big Lake, Elk River, Milaca, Otsego, Princeton, Zimmerman
- District 6** - Braham, Bethel, Cambridge, Forest Lake, Harris, Isanti, North Branch, Rock Creek, Stacy, St. Francis, Rush City
- District 7** - Aitkin, Baxter, Brainerd, Fort Ripley, Garrison, Ironton, Isle, Little Falls*, Malmo, McGregor*, Palisade, Pierz, Pilager*, Wahkon
- District 11** - Finlayson*, Grasston, Henriette, Hinckley*, Lake Lena, Moose Lake*, Mora, Ogilvie, Pine City, Quamba, Sandstone, Willow River
- 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

<p><u>District 1</u></p> <p>2nd Sunday of even months, 2:00 p.m. Fertile Community Center 101 S. Mill St., Fertile, MN 56540</p> <p><u>District 2</u></p> <p>1st Sunday of Odd Months, 3:00 p.m. Thief River Falls Alano Club 614 Davis Ave. Thief River Falls, MN 56701</p> <p><u>District 3</u></p> <p>3rd Sunday of Month, 10:00 a.m. Alano Club 827 Summit Avenue Detroit Lakes, MN 56501</p> <p><u>District 4</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>District 5</u></p> <p>3rd Monday of Month, 7 p.m. Freshwaters Church 12475 273rd Ave NW Zimmerman, MN 55398</p> <p><u>District 6</u></p> <p>3rd Thursday of Month, 7:30 p.m. Spring Lake Lutheran Church 8440 Erickson Rd. N.E. North Branch, MN 55056</p>	<p><u>District 7</u></p> <p>3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m. First Congregational United Church 415 Juniper Street Brainerd, MN 56401</p> <p><u>District 8</u></p> <p>Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m. General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Contact DCM for location “It Rotates”</p> <p><u>District 9</u></p> <p>Last Sunday of Month, 6:00 p.m. Hibbing Alano Club 3725 1st Avenue Hibbing, MN 55746</p> <p><u>District 11</u></p> <p>1st Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Peace Lutheran 2177 Hwy 18 Finlayson, MN 55735</p> <p><u>District 12</u></p> <p>3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30 p.m. Contact DCM for meeting location (It Rotates)</p> <p><u>District 13</u></p> <p>1st Monday of Month, 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. St. Cloud Alano Club 127 7th Ave. NE Saint Cloud, MN 56301</p>	<p><u>District 14</u></p> <p>3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30pm District Meeting Coffee Landing 444 3rd Street International Falls, MN 56649</p> <p><u>District 15</u></p> <p>1st Monday of Month, 8:00 p.m. Albany Community Center 741 Lake Ave. Albany, MN 56307</p> <p><u>District 16</u></p> <p>1st Wednesday of Month, 6:30 p.m. United Methodist Church 1701 S.E. 5th Ave. Grand Rapids, MN 55744 Handicap Accessible, Non-Smoking</p> <p><u>District 18</u></p> <p>1st Tuesday of Month, 6:30 p.m. Long Prairie Alano Club 21 2nd Ave. Long Prairie, MN 56347</p> <p><u>District 21</u></p> <p>2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m. Bemidji Alano Club 3802 Greenleaf Ave NW Bemidji, MN 56601</p> <p><u>District 17</u></p> <p>Not currently active or unknown</p>
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AREA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Delegate:

Greetings Area 35,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. I have been busy giving my post General Service Conference reports. Since the June Area Committee meeting, I have reported to districts 2, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15 and 16.

The remaining reports I must give are as follows:

- 7/28/2018 District 11 10- 2pm 111 6th Ave N, Princeton
District 5
District 6
- 8/16/2018 District 12 6:30pm Alano Club - 103 10th St., Cloquet
- 8/18/2018 District 3 TBD at City Park in Detroit Lakes

I would like to thank all the districts for your wonderful hospitality. I have had a wonderful time traveling to the districts, meeting new people, seeing familiar faces and eating wonderful food.

I have also been working on the WCRAASC that Area 35 will be hosting March 1st – 3rd, 2019 in Moorhead, MN. There is plenty of work to do and many volunteer positions that need to be filled. If you are interested in getting involved, you can get ahold of myself or Jim S., Alt. Delegate. Some positions will require local volunteers but there are plenty that do not. This is a great opportunity to gather more information on the 2019 agenda items and to meet people from around our region. The guest speaker will be Greg T., the General Manager for the General Service Office.

The General Service Conference passed a procedure for polling between conferences and we will have the opportunity to use this procedure. The Policy and Admission committee had a conference call on July 5th regarding the 69th

General Service Conference dates. Due to an office error, we currently have a signed contract with Crowne Plaza Hotel for April 21st-27th, 2019.

However, the Conference-approved dates for next year are April 28th-May 4th.

- Crowne Plaza cannot accommodate us for the approved date.
- To cancel contract completely will incur a significant penalty of \$142,000.
- Easter Sunday is April 21 and Passover is April 20th-27th, 2019.
- The earliest alternative Crowne Plaza date available now is May 19th-25th.

The Trustees Conference and Policy and Admission Committee agreed, after discussion, that a poll should be sent out to the conference members with the recommendation that the conference date change to May 19th – 25th. As of right now, I have not seen the recommendation come through my email. I will have more information on the outcome of this at the August committee meeting.

Start thinking about conference agenda items that you would like to submit to the general service office for the upcoming conference. The deadline for these items is December 15th and we would like to discuss them at the fall assembly.

If you have not had an opportunity to visit alcoholicsanonymous.com, please take some time and browse around the site. The General Service Office is going to sending a Cease and Desist letter asking them to stop using the domain name. What would you like to see done, if anything, if they do not stop have a using the domain name? This is well-covered in AA Comes of Age on pages 125-128. Please take the time to review these pages.

Here is a screenshot of an example of what is on the site:



Call our helpline **800-839-1686** for safe, pain free treatment.

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An Unofficial Website of Alcoholics Anonymous



The Unofficial Web Site for AA Related Information

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We are excited by the launch of our new Alcoholics Resource Center web site and hope

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Do AA Meetings Violate Religious Freedom?

As a central component of Alcoholics Anonymous, AA meetings have been around for over 80 years, supporting recovering alcoholics in their quest to live sober lives. Unlike formal treatment programs, AA participants can work at their pace and take what they need from AA meeting groups.

A big part of the AA model draws from beliefs involving a Higher Power. Many who attend AA view the God of Christianity as their Higher Power, which is their choice to make.

In actuality, AA does not mandate any one Higher Power figure, but encourages members to define a Higher Power based on their own personal understanding of this concept. Rather than violate religious freedoms, the use of a Higher Power in AA meetings plays a critical role in helping a recovering alcoholic restore his or her sense of self and connection with others.

For more information on AA meetings and 12 Step programs, call our toll-free helpline at **800-839-1686**.

Information Pages

Addiction TreatmentAddictionsAlcohol RehabAlcoholismDepressionDetoxInterventionsLiving With An AddictMental HealthPreventionRecoveryRehab ProgramsSocial IssuesAA 12 Step ProgramTreatment Centers

I will ask for more input at the Fall Assembly.

The Grapevine subscriptions have been on the decline and I encourage every-one who believes that our Grapevine serves a good purpose in the fellowship and who agrees that the magazine should continue, please consider getting a subscription. Here is a report from Tom A., WCR Trustee:

- “Below is a table of three years of comparison on Grapevine subscrip-tions. Over the past two years, all of us have had a net drop in subscriptions. The GV web site does show that the Subscription Chal-lenge has had a positive effect with many new subscriptions. That would indicate that we are not retaining subscribers. If you have any-thing that can be gleaned from discussions in your area, I would appreci-ate the information. I do hope we all continue to work on this.”

GRAPEVINE SUBSCRIPTIONS & COPIES GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN			
	JUL 16	JUL 17	JUL 18
	Total Copies	Total Copies	Total Copies
WEST CENTRAL REGION			
Iowa	643	626	648
Minnesota	1,853	1,720	1,650
Montana	481	466	441
Nebraska	571	534	514
North Dakota	287	268	269
South Dakota	235	224	200
Wyoming	182	168	164
WEST CENTRAL REGION TOTAL			
	4,252	4,006	3,886
Percent Change:		-6%	-3%

As for an update on the Daily Reflections video on YouTube, it is considered a work in process and is not available for use to be shown in our area. I would like to draw your attention to two Advisory Actions that were approved by the Conference in 2014 and 2015. Share this with your groups and districts and let me know if you think the Daily Reflections video is violating any one of these Actions.

2014 Advisory Action:

The committee recommended that “The A.A.W.S., Inc. Policy on Publication of Literature” be further clarified regarding “...needed editorial changes” as noted below by asterisk and bolded text:

“Unless otherwise specified in the Advisory Action of the Conference approv-ing a new or amended piece of literature, A.A. World Services, Inc. will have the full authority, without need of further Conference action to

(a) select the format or formats in which the approved literature will be produced, (b) make, from time to time, needed editorial changes*; provided, however, that no editorial change will be made to the Big Book’s Preface, the Forewords, ‘The Doctor’s Opinion,’ the first 164 pages (Chapters 1-11), ‘Dr. Bob’s Nightmare,’ or the Appendices without prior Conference approval of such change, and (c) translate the approved literature into any language, and in connection therewith to modify or replace illustrations, photos, and other visual art in a manner reasonably designed to conform them to the culture of the expected readership.”

Editorial changes to be limited to factual, statistical, capitalization, punctua-tion and spelling; that any other changes made to the substance of the Confer-ence-approved literature shall be through the Conference process.”

2015 GSC Advisory Action:

In light of the potential for continuing to improve the relevance and useful-ness of the aa.org website on a timely basis, the A.A.W.S. Board be author-ized to

produce and post audio/video service material on the aa.org website provided the following conditions are met:

- Audio/video service material produced via this process provides information already available on aa.org.
- Proposed audio/video service material is for posting on aa.org only (audio/video items produced for distribution beyond the aa.org website will continue to require Conference review and approval);
- Proposed audio/video service material is reviewed for content by an appropriate trustees’ committee prior to posting - with the prerogative to request input from the appropriate Conference committee prior to for-warding to the A.A.W.S. Board;
- Proposed audio/video service material is reviewed and approved for posting by the A.A.W.S. Board - with the prerogative to request input from the appropriate

As always, if there is anything you need my assistance with or if you would like me to visit a district meeting, please do not hesitate to give me a call. I am here to help you in any way. I look forward to seeing you at the August committee meeting and at the Fall Assembly.

I feel very fortunate and privileged to serve as Area 35’s Delegate, thank you for all your support and allowing me to serve!

In Love and Service,
Christine G.
Area 35 / Panel 68 Delegate

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Alt. Delegate:

Good morning everyone,

I hope you have enjoyed your summer so far as I know I certainly have. I attended the District 1 meeting with Roger and Myron to see what we could do to help the District get involved with Area. Roger did a great job of presenting what the Area is and what we can offer. My role was more of being supportive for Roger.

I have found someone to take on gathering volunteers for the West Central conference next March. I have begun making a potential schedule for volunteers. I will be visiting the Marriot hotel on the 12th to review the faculty it I'm sure Kelly crossed her I's and dotted her T's when choosing this place. Next Christine and I will meet to discuss the next steps we need to take in preparing for the conference.

In Service,
Jim S.
Area 35 Alternate Delegate

Area Chair:

Greetings Area 35 of Northern MN,

I trust it has been both a productive and fun summer for all.

Thank you to Area 35 Officers and Chairs for completing your 2019 budgets on time for today's meeting. Special thank you to Mike F., Area 35 Treasurer for his hard work in putting the Area budget together and working with Steve L. on a timely publication of the budget. Our Area budget facilitates carrying our message both directly and indirectly to still suffering alcoholics.

I am close to finalizing agreements for hotel rooms and meeting facilities for our 2019 Assemblies in Duluth (Spring) and Bemidji (Fall).

I've had a series of conversations on the Area 35/36 Joint Workshop with Mary M. who is Area 36's Chairperson. This event will be held on November 17 in St. Cloud. We are working on ways to improve the effectiveness of this workshop and are open to your suggestions.

Please make your reservations for our Fall Assembly soon.

Area 35 Fall Assembly October 6th & 7th, 2018

Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge
25039 Tame Fish Lake Road Deerwood, MN 56444
800-450-1350

In service,
Roger R.
Area 35 Chair

Secretary:

Greetings Area 35,

I want to apologize for the delay in my reminder email. I am going to work better at replying to all emails and making sure to check my draft folder. Not much has changed since my report that was given in June (other than working on the ACM minutes from June) I am so incredibly grateful to be involved in such an amazing program and to be surrounded with such amazing people throughout Area 35.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication to AA.

Yours in service,
Melissa A.
Area 35 Secretary

Treasurer:

Greetings from your Area Treasurer.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you.

The officers and committee chairs turned in their 2019 proposed budgets at the ACM in June. They will be published in the next Northern Light. We will discuss and approve them at the fall assembly.

I upgraded our accounting system by purchasing the desktop version of QuickBooks 2018. I decided not to purchase the online version. The online version costs \$50 per year and requires an internet connection, which we do not currently have at our ACM. The desktop version costs a one-time \$50 fee, will be supported for about 3 years, and will be accessible for review by the Financial Oversight Committee during the ACM. I also considered that my successor may not have internet service (or good internet service). If circumstances or priorities change, we can easily move to the online version at any time in the future.

Since my last report, I have:

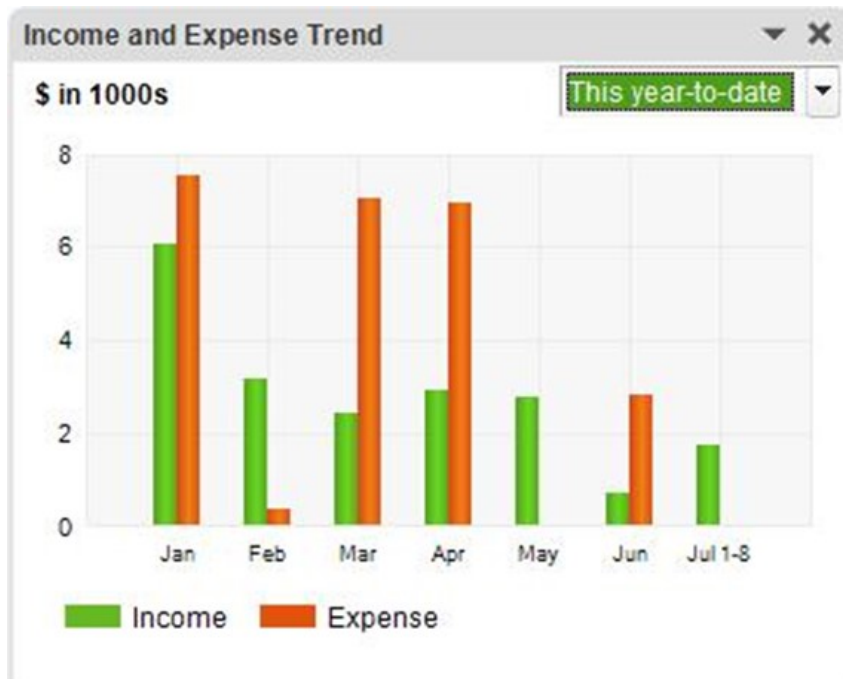
- ♦ Reconciled two monthly bank statements and created reports for review by the Financial Oversight Committee
- ♦ Deposited all contributions received as of July 7th
- ♦ Paid all expenses received as of July 7th
- ♦ Completed a balance sheet and income/expense/contribution statement for Period 3 (April/May)

As of July 7th, our checking and savings accounts have a combined total balance of \$20,906.13. Year-to-date total income and expenses are \$20,680 and \$24,765, respectively.

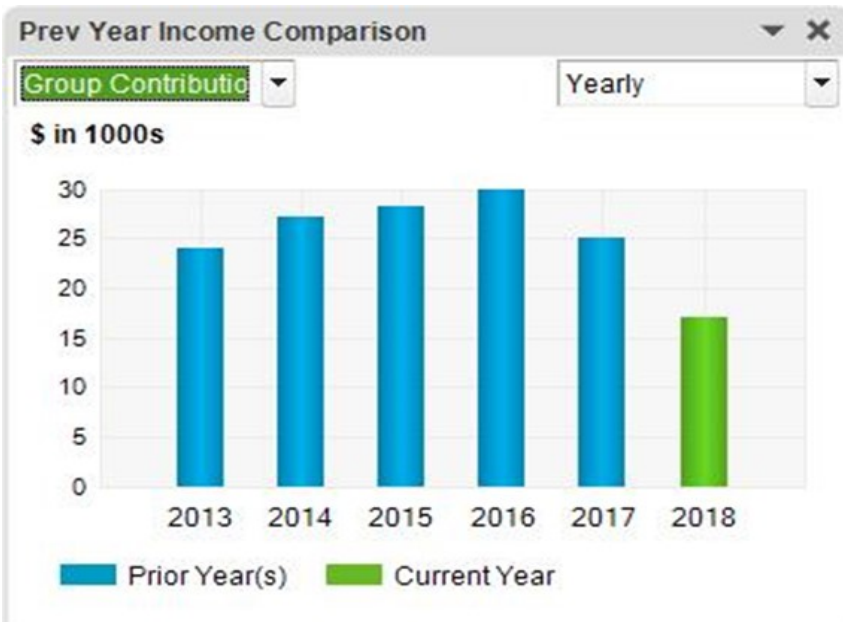
Year-to-date group contributions for 2018 and 2017 are \$17,015 and \$15,497, respectively, a 10% increase over last year.

All officers and committee chairs are operating below their respective budgets for the year. Our total year-to-date expenses are \$8,536 below budget.

The Income and Expense Trend charts shown below compare income to expenses for each month in 2017 and 2018:



The following graph compares 2018 year-to-date group contributions with total year group contributions from recent years. Note that we are only half way through 2018, yet we have pushed beyond the half way mark of any of the other five previous years.



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Last week I attended a meeting that studies the traditions by reading about them in the book A.A. Comes of Age. In the discussion of Tradition Seven on page 113, Bill W. writes “There was a place in A.A. where spirituality and money would mix, and that was in the hat.” How true!

Soon I will be mailing out a batch of contribution acknowledgments to the groups. I am behind on this task!

Please note that the new address for mailing contributions is:

**NMAA
PO Box 114
Grand Rapids, MN 55744-0114**

I have noticed that most contributions do include it and that makes my job a lot easier. Thank you!

I still receive quite a few envelopes with the old address that the post office has forwarded to me. I don’t know that they will continue to do that indefinitely.

Please remember to include your group service number on all contributions. This will ensure that your contributions get credited to your group.

I have noticed that most contributions do include it and that makes my job a lot easier. Thank you!

Thank you for your continued support of Area 35 and thank you for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

In Service,
Mike F.
Area 35 Treasurer

Archives:

Greetings Area 35,

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next Area Committee meeting. I will have Group history forms to take back to the groups in your District. This will give us a good start to updating what we already have on file. That’s the great thing about AA History, as the days and years go on we become part of its History.

Hope everyone is enjoying there Summer!

Yours in Service,
Scott M.
Area 35 Archives Chair

Archivist:

Greetings from your Archivist.

In May, I met with the Archives committee at the Archives Repository to begin to sort and organize material that has not been categorized or identified in a bibliography. It appears that there has been minimum activity this area since 1996 as there is a tremendous amount of material to review. So, with the help of the Area 35 Archives committee, we have begun, box by box, to evaluate, separate, and identify material based on relevance to GSO, Area 35, District and group. This is the first step in bringing our Archives catalog up to date.

We will continue to meet on a regular basis to provide our Archives to all Area 35 members of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Some of the upcoming activity includes reviewing the Archives position description and responsibilities to ensure it reflects our current needs. I will meet with the Archives committee on a quarterly basis at the repository to continue to work on updating our archive bibliography. We will collaborate on a statement of purpose for Area 35 Archives activity to provide focus and accountability. We will also work toward developing a written process for archival material handling, cataloguing, and communication of available archived materials.

I also want to extend an invitation to all Area 35 members, especially our past delegates, to assist in the process of making our archives available. Our past delegates in themselves, are a wealth of Northern Minnesota AA history. We welcome the experience they bring to our area in making our archives an active part of AA in Northern Minnesota.

Yours in Service
Steve D.
Area 35 Archivist

Cooperation with the Professional Community:

NO REPORT

Corrections:

Greetings Everyone,

Happy summer greetings from your corrections chair! I’ve had a couple contacts for temporary contacts since our last meeting. I would like to thank Butch R. for offering to chair the August meeting, as I will be out of town.

Yours in service,
Paul M.
Area 35 Corrections Chair

Grapevine:

Hi, I'm Jerry B. & I'm an alcoholic serving as your Area 35 GV chair.

Summers a great time of year even with all the rain we've been getting. It's also a quiet time for things happening around the tables of AA. I've attended a few speaker meetings in the last few months as well as hearing the Delegates report presented by Christine G. In Hibbing for Districts 8, 9, 14 & 16. Great presentation along with a good turnout there was a Potluck so the food was also edible (I didn't cook). I'm looking forward to attend the Fall Assembly in Deerwood where three of us will be ride/room sharing. Grapevine Inc. is currently holding a subscription challenge, so if you or your group is not receiving this excellent magazine now is the time.

What ya waiting for?

Yours in service,
Jerry B.
Area 35 Grapevine Chair

Group Records:

Greetings, Area 35!

I don’t have a lot to report this month. I have made a few updates to the Fellowship New Vision database and uploaded current Area 35 and Area 36 active meetings databases to aaMinnesota.org.

There have been a few contacts from aaMinnesota.org, mostly looking for meetings. One was to report a non-existent meeting where one was listed on the website. After doing some research, I discovered that this group no longer exists. If you know of a group that has ceased to meet or if your own group is not going to meet anymore, please let me know as soon as possible so I can remove them from the meeting locator. It is not good to have someone showing up for a meeting that is no longer there, especially if that person is a new-comer.

It is possible once again to get a map showing the locations of meetings on aaMinnesota.org. The problem has been solved.

I have gotten information back from a couple of DCMs about current group updates, and I know of another district that is working on making sure the information I sent them is correct. Thank you, DCMs.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

In service,
Sally L.
Area 35 Group Records Secretary

Literature:

Greetings,

My name is Brian I am an Alcoholic and your Area 35 Literature Chair
We had 7 people attending today.

- The Hibbing Round up sold \$91.30 in Literature and books
- Stearns County Round up sold \$216.00 in Literature and books
- District 6 Literature chair is traveling with the DCM throughout the District to distribute literature and recruit members for District positions
- District 9 is hosting the delegate report and potluck on June 9th District 8, 16, and 14 will also be attending
- District 3 had Dave the District literature chair set up at the Fargo Dome and help with the AA symposium and then traveled to a Round Robin in Battle Lake that night

As a committee, we are trying to learn more about our literature and what pieces are available.
We decided to each give a brief (2 minutes) on a piece of literature each meeting.

Yours in Service,
Brian P.
Area 35 Literature Chair

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Slogans

Think, Think, Think — Easy Does It — K.I.S.S. — Live and Let Live— H.A.L.T — But For The Grace of God — This to Shall Pass — One Day at a Time

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Northern Light:

Howdy Ladies & Gentlemen,

Just scrambling to get this issue to bed and ready to be placed on line. Thank you for all the great submissions in this issue keep them coming.

I attended Christin's Delegate report in Hibbing, She gave an informative report to about twenty five in attendance with Districts 8, 9, 14 & 16 in attendance. I volunteered to work the State Fair Booth this year. Looking forward to the experience. I always swing by when I attend Minnesota's Great Get-Together.

I'm still on the lookout for past issues of the Northern Light Here is a list of issues of the NL I'm looking for:

- All of 1990 & 1991
- Jan/Feb & March/April of 1992,
- Jan/Feb, Sept/Oct & Nov/Dec 1994
- All of 1995
- Sept/Oct & Nov/Dec 1996
- All of 1997

Look in your personal files and check in your Districts Archives scour your Group's records and/or your clubs storage /hiding places. Any help in locating missing issues is greatly appreciated.

Thanks for reading.

Yours in Service
Steven L.
Area 35 Northern Light Editor

Public Information:

Greetings Area 35,

Since the June Area 35 Committee Meeting, I have been working on getting in touch with the Explore Minnesota Tourism office, and have finally made contact. While they don't officially allow our printed schedules inside their buildings they do get a request from time to time. I will be sending local schedules for each site they have including working with Area 36 to get the Area 36 meeting schedules to the sites down there. This project was started as a Public Information committee task from District 13. Being on that committee, I thought it would benefit the traveling alcoholic in all of Area 35 as well as benefit AA in Minnesota.

The second project I am working on is getting the State Fair AA booth covered for the first weekend of the State Fair. August 25th and 26th. This is a great way to spend a short time of service and a great opportunity for a sponsor/sponsee activity. I still have two times available for Saturday the 25th and two times available on Sunday the 26th. Also, if anyone is interested for being a Day Captain on Sunday, please get in touch with me, as soon as you can. Thank you Melissa for being Day Captain on Saturday.

Thank You for allowing me to serve Area 35.

Gayle R.
Area 35 Public Information Chair

Treatment:

NO REPORT

Webmaster:

Greetings Area 35,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! I have been enjoying the warm weather and spending time with friends, family and tending to my flower gardens. With that said I have not spent much time on the website but plan to get the archived issues of the Northern Light on the website within the next week. I have posted a lot of events on the Area 35 calendar.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

Rillis E.
Area 35 Webmaster

1940's HISTORY LESSON

Friends in Area 35. In the adjacent column is a reprint of the 1940 AA Preamble. It gives us a sense of the thought of "drunks" at the time and reflects the direction that AA groups followed in order to explain to all the disease of alcoholism and the recovery from alcoholism. Many groups still use a form of this preamble.

Yours in service,
Steve D.
Area 35 Archivist

**1940 AA Preamble
Alcoholics Anonymous**

We are gathered here because we are faced with the fact that we are powerless over alcohol and unable to do anything about it without the help of a Power greater than ourselves.

We feel that each person's religious views, if any, are his own affair. The simple purpose of the program of Alcoholics Anonymous is to show what may be done to enlist the aid of a Power greater than ourselves regardless of what our individual conception of that Power may be.

In order to form a habit of depending upon and referring all we do to that Power, we must at first apply ourselves with some diligence. By often repeating these acts, they become habitual and the help rendered becomes natural to us.

We have all come to know that as alcoholics we are suffering from a serious illness for which medicine has no cure.

Our condition may be the result of an allergy which makes us different from other people. It has never been by any treatment with which we are familiar, permanently cured. The only relief we have to offer is absolute abstinence, the second meaning of A.A.

There are no dues or fees. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Each member squares his debt by helping others to recover.

An Alcoholics Anonymous is an alcoholic who through application and adherence to the A.A. program has forsworn the use of any and all alcoholic beverage in any form.

The moment he takes so much as one drop of beer, wine, spirits or any other alcoholic beverage he automatically loses all status as a member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

A.A. is not interested in sobering up drunks who are not sincere in their desire to remain sober for all time. Not being reformers, we offer our experience only to those who want it.

We have a way out on which we can absolutely agree and on which we can join in harmonious action. Rarely have we seen a person fail who has thoroughly followed our program. Those who do not recover are people who will not or simply cannot give themselves to this simple program. Now you may like this program or you may not, but the fact remains, it works. It is our only chance to recover.

There is a vast amount of fun in the A.A. fellowship. Some people might be shocked at our seeming worldliness and levity but just underneath there lies a deadly earnestness and a full realization that we must put first things first and with each of us the first thing is our alcoholic problem. To drink is to die. Faith must work twenty-four hours a day in and through us or we perish.

In order to set our tone for this meeting I ask that we bow our heads in a few moments of silent prayer and meditation. I wish to remind you that whatever is said at this meeting expresses our own individual opinion as of today and as of up to this moment.

We do not speak for A.A. as a whole and you are free to agree or disagree as you see fit, in fact, it is suggested that you pay no attention to anything which might not be reconciled with what is in the A.A. Big Book.

If you don't have a Big Book, it's time you bought you one. Read it, study it, live with it, loan it, scatter it, and then learn from it what it means to be an A.A.

LAUNCH INTO THE FUTURE

Hi I'm Cindy one of the members of the Archives Committee. May 12th Scott, Steve, Chip, Peter and myself met in Waite Park to look at the Areas archives material. All the boxes, bags, and piles of books, tapes and other stuff look daunting. So daunting we took Tom and Susie up on the offer to go out to lunch before we tackled the job. Tom explained what he did during his stint with Archives. That information gave us an idea of how to proceed. We went back to the room rolled up our sleeves and started consolidating papers, fliers, magazines, envelopes and folder of even more paper into boxes. We decided we would each take a box and do an initial sort and catalog the material by Group, District or Area. This is a start. A launch into action that will continue long after our rotation is up.

The long-range goal is to get the materials scanned into files on the computer. This will make access easier for all who are searching for historical information, events etc. about their Groups, District or Area from the past.

Our first request is to keep our eyes open for information related to the Duluth Round-Up.

In Service
Cindy S.-K.
DCM and Archives Committee member

BLAST FROM the PAST

In this edition from Blast From the Past is an article from the Volume VI issue #5 of the Northern Light printed Sept/Oct of 1987. Called QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT OUR CONTRIBUTION TO G.S.O.

At the June 14 Area Meeting, two letters addresses to the Area Committee were read, in which District 9 and the Zimm A.A. Group expressed their displeasure with the decision to contribute \$ 2,000 to G.S.O. on behalf of the Area. The Area Committee asked the officers to respond to the letters. Both District 9 and the Zim Group sent the responses to the Northern Light, asking that they be shared with the fellowship. Following is the letter sent to the Zim Group, in its entirety.

Dear ... Zim A.A. Group,

This is a response to your recent letter concerning the Area contribution to the General Service Office(G.S.O.). Your letter is a proper exercise of your Right of Appeal as it appears in the Twelve Concepts of World Service. This letter was read at the June 14, 1987 Area Committee Meeting. I was directed to respond to you with the help of other Area officers as I see fit.

Responding to your concerns is difficult. We cannot undo what has been done. The entire voting membership of the Spring Assembly is responsible for this vote, including GSRs, DCMs, and Area Officers. This response will neither defend nor oppose the actions of the Spring Assembly. We can say that the vote was not unanimous: many people shared your views. There are certainly two sides to every issue. It is also possible that this decision could be wrong. It has certainly happened before.

It appears that those supporting the decision to contribute did so for several reasons. They saw the need for A.A. as a whole to become self-supporting. They saw a large sum of money in the Area Treasury. They observed that the various committees which could make use of the money, if they were in a position to do so, were not as active as they could be. I believe that they responded to these conditions. The figure of \$2,000 was the second one aired at the Assembly. As I stated earlier, this decision was not unanimous.

Your letter seems to raise the issue of whether a group can designate how their contributions are to be used. We do not believe that a group can give contributions with "strings attached," to be used for this, but not for that. It is the task of the groups, working through their GSRs, DCMs, and the Area Assembly to decide how the money is to be used. It is in that process where conflicting opinions emerge and we may or may not reach an informed group Conscience. Sometimes others do not see the wisdom in our ideas.

The contribution that was made was large by our standards, but was perhaps small compared to the volume of contributions that are received by G.S.O. Some may believe that we needed to make a "symbolic" contribution, to show G.S.O. that we support them. Others do not agree with this.

It should be noted that nowhere has it been said that this contribution was meant to eliminate or reduce the groups' responsibility to contribute to our G.S.O. or make up for those who do not contribute.

Your letter noted that this action has destroyed trust in the Area. I refer you again to the fact that the entire Area Assembly made this decision. If you are thinking about the future and what would happen if such an issue were to come up again, I would suggest that your group stay active in District and Area service and talk to other groups about the issue. This communication is vital to our being able to arrive at the best possible decisions.

The Area Committee would like to thank you for writing with your concerns. We hope that you are in at least a small part satisfied with our answers.

Sincerely,
Kenneth K.,
Area Chairman

A similar letter was sent to District 9, addressing the specific concerns and questions raised in their letter.

Acronyms

(Spaghetti Soup)

- AAWS - Alcoholics Anonymous World Service
- ACM - Area Committee Meeting
- BB - Big Book (Alcoholics Anonymous)
- BTG - Bridging the Gap
- CCS - Corrections Correspondence Service
- CPC - Cooperation with the Professional Community
- DCM - District Committee Member
- FNV- Fellowship New Vision Database
- FOC - Finance Oversight Committee
- GSO - General Service Office
- GSC - General Service Conference
- GSR - General Service Representative
- GV- Grapevine
- GVR - Grapevine Representative
- ICYPAA - International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous
- NL- Northern Light
- NMAA - Northern Minnesota Area Assembly
- PI - Public Information
- Panel - The Two Year Rotation a Delegate Serves (Ours is an Even # Starting with Panel 2 in 1952)
- WCRS - West Central Regional Service (Conference)
- WCRAASC - West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (same as above)
- WCR - West Central Regional (Forum)
- WCRAAF - West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Forum (same as above)

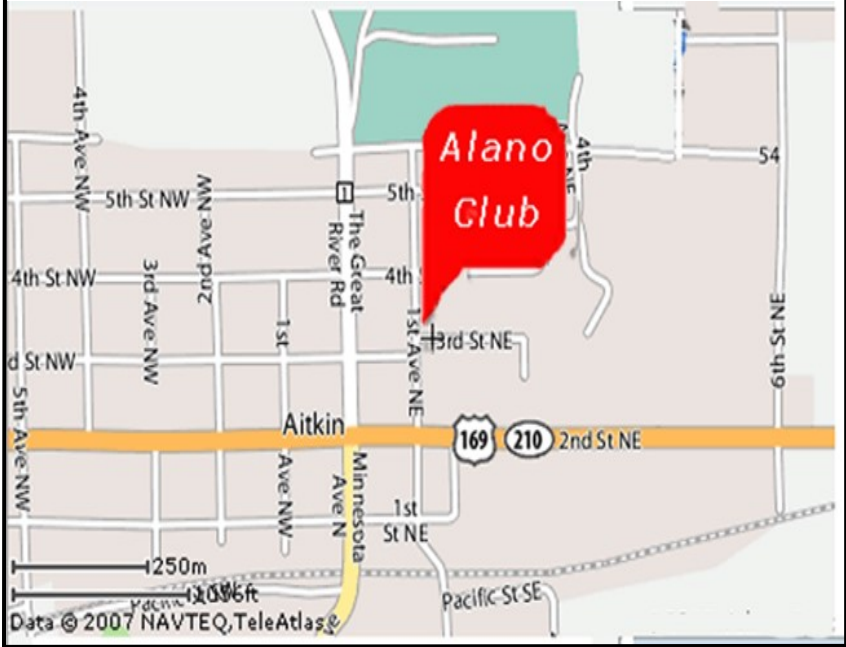
"The core of our AA procedure is one alcoholic talking to another, whether that be sitting on a curbstone, in a home, or at a meeting. It's the message, not the place; it's the talk, not the alms."

"AA Co-Founder, Bill W., May 1948, "Tradition Six", The Language of the Heart

AREA 35
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.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

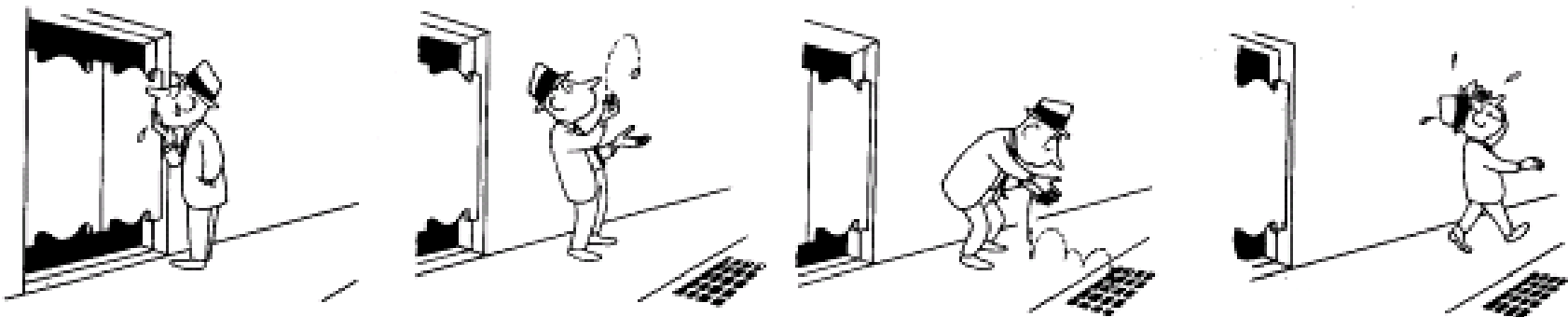
*See area35.org for printable flyers

Service Events

- August:** **5th : Area 35 Committee Meeting ***
 Alano Club 9:00 am –2 pm
 322 1st Ave. NE
 Aitkin, MN
- October:** **5th : District 7 Corrections Workshop ***
 First Congregational Church 6pm
 415 Juniper St.
 Brainerd, MN
- 6th & 7th : Area 35 Fall Assembly ***
 25039 Tame Fish Lake Rd
 Ruttgers Bay Lake Lodge
 Deerwood MN
- November:** **17th : Area 35/36 Joint Workshop**
 Bethlehem Lutheran Church Noon - 4:00pm
 4310 County Rd 137
 St. Cloud, MN
- December:** **2nd : Area 35 Committee Meeting ***
 Alano Club 9:00 am –2 pm
 322 1st Ave. NE
 Aitkin, MN

Fellowship Events

- August:** **10th - 12th : Keep it Simple Weekend ***
 Camp Chicagami on Pleasant Lake
 3755 Scout Camp Rd,
 Eveleth, MN
- 17th - 19th : Staples AA Rendezvous ***
 Dower Lake Camp Site
 24616 Thunder Rd.
 Staples, MN
- September:** **7th - 9th : 28th Annual Heartland Round-Up ***
 Northern Pines Camp & Retreat Center
 20033 County Rd 1
 Park Rapids, MN
- 16th : Little Falls AA Round Robin ***
 Little Falls Alano Club 2pm - 6pm
 600 5th St, NW
 Little Falls, MN
- 21st & 22nd : 73rd Duluth Roundup**
 First United Methodist Church (Coppertop Church)
 230 E Skyline Parkway
 Duluth MN
- 22nd : 4th Annual St. Cloud AA Convention ***
 The Tuscan Center at Midtown Square Noon - 7pm
 3333 W Division St. #116
 St. Cloud, MN
- October:** **26th & 27th : St. Cloud Roundup ***
 St. Cloud River’s Edge Convention Center,
 10 4th Ave S
 St Cloud, MN



Area 35
General Service Conference
Agenda Items Process

Greetings Area 35,

The Agenda Items do not come out any sooner to the Delegate than the week of February 15th due to the January General Service Board Meeting.

We realize that this timeframe does not give us a lot of time for discussion within our home groups before our April Spring Assembly.

It is the responsibility of the DCM’s to get the Agenda Items along with the “Hot Topic List” to the group GSR’s in their District. It is important that this information be passed on as soon as it is received.

Thank you for your Help.

Agenda
Deadline Dates

December 15th

Deadline to receive proposed Agenda Items and submit Agenda Items to GSO from our Area 35 Delegate

February 15th

Delegate receives Agenda Items from the General Service Office. Then creates a “Hot Topic List” and sends it along with the Agenda Items and Background Information to the Area 35 Web-master.

The Webmaster posts the material on our website(www.area35.org) with a Protected Password. The Delegate sends out an email to the Area 35 Committee with the “Hot Topic List” along with the password information. Which is used to get the Agenda Items and background Information off the Area 35 Web-site.

4th Sunday in February

Agenda Items are distributed to Area 35 by hard copy or CD

along with the “Hot Topic List” from the Delegate at the Aitkin Committee Meeting.

1st Weekend in March

Agenda Items are discussed at the West Central Regional AA Service Conference.

1st Weekend in April

Agenda Items are discussed and voted at the Area 35 Spring Assembly with the Area 35 Delegate

3rd Week in April

Delegate attends the General Service Conference and carries the voice of Area 35 to New York.

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
CONTACT

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Area 35 Panel 68 Delegate
delegate@area35.org

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

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duluth round up

Friday

4:30 Registration

5:00 AA Meeting

7:00 AA Speaker

Rick B (Minneapolis)

Ice Cream Social and Fellowship to Follow

Saturday

8:00 Pancake Breakfast

10:00 AA Speaker

Tanya N (Duluth)

12:00-4:00 AA Meetings, Panels, 4th Step Workshop & Talking Circle

5:30 Al-Ateen Speaker

6:00 Al-Anon Speaker

Bonnie M (Duluth)

7:30 AA Speaker

Chuck S (Owatonna)

Dance and Fellowship to Follow

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(Coppertop Church)

230 E Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811

SEPTEMBER 21-22 • 2018



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Registration

Mail registration form with U.S. funds to
PO Box 16771
Duluth, MN 55816-0771

round up tickets (\$20)

of tickets

donate a ticket (\$20)

of tickets

Pick up tickets at the registration desk at
First United Methodist Church
Registration starts at 4:30 p.m. Friday

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Amount Enclosed

Area 35 Fall Assembly

October 6-7, 2018

Ruttger's Bay Lake Lodge
25039 Tame Fish Lake Road
Deerwood, MN 56444
800-450-1350

Room Rates:

King, non-smoking: \$84.00 plus tax

Two Double Beds, non-smoking \$89.00 plus tax.

FOR PEOPLE STAYING AT THE RESORT: there is a \$55 charge for meals. Saturday October 6th: will include, breakfast, lunch and dinner. Sunday October 7th: will include breakfast.

FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT STAYING AT THE RESORT: there is a \$65 charge for meals. Saturday October 6th: will include, breakfast, lunch and dinner. Sunday October 7th: will include breakfast.

Deadline to register for group rate is September 5th, 2018. If there is a Cancellation 0-60 days before the event you receive no refund.

Saturday, October 6th

9:00 AM Registration

10:00 AM Assembly Convenes

Sunday, October 7th

9:00 AM Assembly Reconvenes



2018 Area 35 Spring Assembly Evaluations Roger R. Area 35 Chair

Attendance: 161

Evaluations

GSR(26) DCM (7) Other (17)

Did you like attending this assembly? Mean: 2.82

Not at all Somewhat Very Much
1 2 3

Did we meet your needs at this assembly? Mean: 2.78

Not at all Somewhat Very Much
1 2 3

Do you feel Area 35 was successful in informing our Delegate on the Agenda Items? Mean: 2.82

Not at all Somewhat Very Much
1 2 3

How could we improve this assembly?

Thank you for your suggestions.

Conclusion

This was a very successful assembly as we achieved our objectives according to the assembly evaluations. Attendees liked attending, felt their needs were met and feel Area 35 was successful in informing our Delegate on the General Service Conference Agenda Items.

MEETING TYPES

Recently, in my home District, the question was asked of each group; Are you an open or closed meeting?

Lots of discussion ensued. There were all kinds of ‘old Wives tales’ shared. For instance: a person who is new to AA cannot go to a closed meeting, open meetings allow members to discuss other addictions in depth.

This inspired me to review the pamphlet, “The AA Group...where it all begins.”

Clearly, this pamphlet states that at both types of meetings it is suggested that the chair request that participants confine their discussion to matters pertaining to recovery from alcoholism.

An open meeting is defined as a meeting available to anyone interested in AA’s program of recovery. nonalcoholics may attend as observers.

A closed meeting is for AA members and those who have a desire to stop drinking. (The only requirement for membership is a **desire** to stop drinking)

There are a number of types of meetings. Those meetings may be open or closed.

Our founders spent time defining AA so that we would understand it.

When all else fails we can read the above mentioned pamphlet. It is very clear.

Cathy R.

"Before we can be of any use to anybody else, we must find the beginnings of the answer for ourselves."

"Rev. Samuel M. Shoemaker, Friend of AA, October 1955,
"The Spiritual Angle of AA", AA Grapevine

2019 Budget							Position: Delegate - Christine G.							
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	Gen <i>Serv</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	40.00	6.00	100.00	50.00		6.00	6.00	70.00	50.00		6.00	30.00	40.00	404.00
Travel	10.00	12.00	50.00	20.00	100.00	12.00	11.00	70.00	23.00		11.00	60.00	350.00	729.00
Lodging	125.00		450.00	125.00	1,800.00			187.50	125.00				300.00	3,112.50
Phone														
Supplies		25.00		25.00					25.00					75.00
Printing		700.00		150.00	300.00	200.00			100.00				200.00	1,650.00
Postage														
Other	10.00		16.00		600.00									626.00
Budgeted	185.00	743.00	616.00	370.00	2,800.00	218.00	17.00	327.50	323.00		17.00	90.00	890.00	\$ 6,596.50

2019 Budget							Position: Alt. Delegate - Jim S.							
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	65.00	6.00			6.00	6.00			15.00	6.00				104.00
Travel	28.75	43.25		65.00	43.25	43.25	17.50	33.50	45.25	43.25	75.00	75.00	200.00	713.00
Lodging	240.00			240.00			240.00	240.00						960.00
Phone														
Supplies	150.00													150.00
Printing	35.00													35.00
Postage														
Other	10.00													10.00
Budgeted	528.75	49.25		305.00	49.25	49.25	257.50	273.50	60.25	49.25	75.00	75.00	200.00	\$ 1,972.00

2019 Budget							Position: Area Chair - Roger R.							
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	85.00	6.00	85.00	85.00	6.00	6.00	85.00	6.00		6.00	15.00	15.00		400.00
Travel	22.50	22.50	51.00	48.00	22.50	22.50	58.00	22.50		22.50	50.00	30.00	125.00	497.00
Lodging	187.50		210.00	180.00			210.00							787.50
Phone														
Supplies				50.00										50.00
Printing		35.00		135.00	35.00	35.00			50.00					290.00
Postage														
Other	10.00		15.00											25.00
Budgeted	305.00	63.50	361.00	498.00	63.50	63.50	353.00	28.50	50.00	28.50	65.00	45.00	125.00	\$ 2,049.50

2019 Budget							Position: Secretary - Melissa A.							
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	60.00	6.00	100.00	60.00	6.00	6.00	100.00	60.00		6.00	20.00	20.00	40.00	484.00
Travel	10.00	26.00	40.00	50.00	26.00	26.00	60.00	40.00	10.00	26.00	10.00	10.00	100.00	434.00
Lodging	120.00		140.00	120.00			120.00	120.00				120.00		740.00
Phone														
Supplies														
Printing	10.00	30.00		30.00	30.00	30.00		30.00		30.00	15.00		15.00	220.00
Postage														
Other	10.00		15.00											25.00
Budgeted	210.00	62.00	295.00	260.00	62.00	62.00	280.00	250.00	10.00	62.00	45.00	50.00	155.00	\$ 1,903.00

2019 Budget							Position: Treasurer - Mike F.							
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	66.00	6.00	66.00	66.00	6.00	6.00	66.00	66.00	25.00	6.00	20.00	20.00		419.00
Travel	36.00	13.00	37.00	18.00	13.00	13.00	40.00	15.00	31.00	13.00	20.00	20.00		269.00
Lodging	120.00		140.00	120.00			120.00	120.00						620.00
Phone														
Supplies		50.00		50.00	50.00	50.00		50.00		50.00				300.00
Printing		175.00		175.00	175.00	175.00		175.00		175.00				1,050.00
Postage		75.00		75.00	75.00	75.00		75.00		75.00				450.00
Other	10.00		15.00											25.00
Budgeted	232.00	319.00	258.00	504.00	319.00	319.00	226.00	501.00	56.00	319.00	40.00	40.00		\$ 3,133.00

2019 Budget							Position: Treatment - Cathy R.						
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals		8.00	125.00	100.00	8.00	8.00	125.00	75.00	10.00	8.00		50.00	517.00
Travel		25.00	100.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00	40.00	25.00	25.00		100.00	490.00
Lodging			250.00	120.00			250.00	130.00					750.00
Phone													
Supplies													
Printing													
Postage													
Other			15.00										15.00
Budgeted		33.00	490.00	245.00	33.00	33.00	475.00	245.00	35.00	33.00		150.00	\$ 1,772.00

2019 Budget							Position: Corrections - Paul M.						
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	85.00	7.00	85.00	85.00	7.00	7.00	85.00	85.00		7.00		80.00	533.00
Travel	50.00	10.00	80.00	50.00	10.00	10.00	80.00	60.00	20.00	10.00		280.00	660.00
Lodging	180.00		180.00	180.00			180.00	180.00					900.00
Phone													
Supplies													
Printing													
Postage													
Other	10.00		15.00										25.00
Budgeted	325.00	17.00	360.00	315.00	17.00	17.00	345.00	325.00	20.00	17.00		360.00	\$ 2,118.00

2019 Budget							Position: Public Information - Gayle R.						
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	State <i>Fair</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	60.00	6.00	70.00	60.00	6.00	6.00	70.00	60.00		6.00			344.00
Travel	10.00	11.00	25.00	18.00	11.00	11.00	35.00	21.00		11.00		150.00	303.00
Lodging	120.00		140.00	125.00			125.00	125.00					635.00
Phone													
Supplies													
Printing													
Postage													
Other	10.00		15.00										25.00
Budgeted	200.00	17.00	250.00	203.00	17.00	17.00	230.00	206.00		17.00		150.00	\$ 1,307.00

2019 Budget							Position: CPC - Myron H.						
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	20.00	6.00	45.00	10.00	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00		6.00		50.00	169.00
Travel	25.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	30.00	50.00	20.00	50.00		100.00	575.00
Lodging	50.00		100.00	250.00				25.00					425.00
Phone													
Supplies													
Printing													
Postage													
Other	10.00		15.00										25.00
Budgeted	105.00	56.00	260.00	310.00	56.00	56.00	40.00	85.00	20.00	56.00		150.00	\$ 1,194.00

2019 Budget							Position: FOC - Michael "Jake" J.						
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WC Reg. <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	District <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals		12.00			12.00	12.00				12.00			48.00
Travel		30.00			30.00	30.00				30.00			120.00
Lodging													
Phone													
Supplies													
Printing													
Postage													
Other													
Budgeted		42.00			42.00	42.00				42.00			\$ 168.00

2019 Budget							Position: Literature - Brian P.						
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	50.00	6.00	80.00	60.00	6.00	6.00	80.00	60.00	10.00	6.00			364.00
Travel	45.00	70.00	30.00	50.00	70.00	70.00	20.00	70.00	90.00	70.00			585.00
Lodging	120.00			250.00			250.00	250.00					870.00
Phone													
Supplies													
Printing													
Postage													
Other	10.00		15.00										25.00
Budgeted	225.00	76.00	125.00	360.00	76.00	76.00	350.00	380.00	100.00	76.00			\$ 1,844.00

2019 Budget							Position: Grapevine - Jerry B.						
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	70.00	6.00	100.00	150.00	6.00	6.00	100.00	80.00	20.00	6.00			544.00
Travel	75.00	29.00	75.00	80.00	29.00	29.00	100.00	25.00	50.00	29.00			521.00
Lodging	120.00		260.00	150.00			150.00	150.00					830.00
Phone													
Supplies													
Printing													
Postage													
Other	10.00		15.00				15.00						40.00
Budgeted	275.00	35.00	450.00	380.00	35.00	35.00	365.00	255.00	70.00	35.00			\$ 1,935.00

2019 Budget							Positions: Archives - Scott M.						
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	55.00	6.00	75.00	35.00	6.00	6.00	75.00	55.00	20.00	6.00	40.00	20.00	399.00
Travel	40.00	10.00	50.00	15.00	10.00	10.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	10.00	40.00	25.00	310.00
Lodging	120.00		140.00	120.00			140.00	120.00					640.00
Phone													
Supplies													
Printing		10.00			10.00	10.00				10.00			40.00
Postage													
Other	10.00		15.00										25.00
Budgeted	225.00	26.00	280.00	170.00	26.00	26.00	265.00	200.00	45.00	26.00	80.00	45.00	\$ 1,414.00

2019 Budget							Position: Archivist - Steve D.						
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Archives <i>Repository</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	50.00	6.00	25.00	40.00	6.00	6.00	50.00	40.00	15.00	6.00	50.00		294.00
Travel	25.00	50.00		60.00	50.00	50.00	24.00	50.00	42.00	50.00	250.00	100.00	751.00
Lodging	240.00			240.00			240.00	250.00					970.00
Phone													
Supplies											150.00		150.00
Printing													
Postage													
Other	10.00		15.00								1,200.00		1,225.00
Budgeted	325.00	56.00	40.00	340.00	56.00	56.00	314.00	340.00	57.00	56.00	1,650.00	100.00	\$ 3,390.00

2019 Budget							Audio Tech - Mike P.						
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	50.00	50.00		50.00	50.00	50.00			50.00	50.00			350.00
Travel	10.00	10.00		20.00	10.00	10.00			20.00	10.00			90.00
Lodging	250.00			250.00					250.00				750.00
Phone													
Supplies													
Printing													
Postage													
Other	10.00												10.00
Budgeted	320.00	60.00		320.00	60.00	60.00			320.00	60.00			\$ 1,200.00

2019 Budget							Position: Group Records - Sally L.						
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	100.00	6.00	150.00	80.00	6.00	6.00	150.00	100.00	25.00	6.00			629.00
Travel	30.00	20.00	30.00	15.00	20.00	20.00	30.00	25.00	25.00	20.00			235.00
Lodging	130.00		200.00	130.00			200.00	130.00					790.00
Phone													
Supplies													
Printing		150.00		150.00	150.00	150.00		150.00		150.00			900.00
Postage		20.00		20.00	20.00	20.00		20.00		20.00			120.00
Other	10.00		15.00										25.00
Budgeted	270.00	196.00	395.00	395.00	196.00	196.00	380.00	425.00	50.00	196.00			\$ 2,699.00

2019 Budget							Position: Northern Light - Steven L.						
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	140.00	6.00	140.00	100.00	6.00	6.00	140.00	140.00	35.00	6.00			719.00
Travel	95.00	20.00	105.00	50.00	20.00	20.00	105.00	75.00	75.00	20.00			585.00
Lodging	120.00		140.00	65.00			140.00	140.00					605.00
Phone													
Supplies													
Printing		375.00		375.00	375.00	375.00		375.00		375.00			2,250.00
Postage		300.00		300.00	300.00	300.00		300.00		300.00			1,800.00
Other	10.00		15.00										25.00
Budgeted	365.00	701.00	400.00	890.00	701.00	701.00	385.00	1,030.00	110.00	701.00			\$ 5,984.00

2019 Budget							Position: Webmaster - Rillis E.						
	Service <i>Wrkshop</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	50.00	6.00	75.00	30.00	6.00	6.00	75.00	70.00	10.00	6.00			334.00
Travel	40.00	20.00	50.00		20.00	20.00	50.00	30.00	30.00	20.00			280.00
Lodging	120.00		140.00				120.00	120.00					500.00
Phone													
Supplies													
Printing													
Postage													
Other	10.00	30.00	15.00		30.00								85.00
Budgeted	220.00	56.00	280.00	30.00	56.00	26.00	245.00	220.00	40.00	26.00			\$ 1,199.00

2019 Budget							Area Events							
	Service <i>Wrkshp</i>	Feb. <i>Mtg.</i>	WCRS <i>Conf.</i>	Spring <i>Assy.</i>	June <i>Mtg.</i>	Aug. <i>Mtg.</i>	State <i>Fair</i>	WCR <i>Forum</i>	Fall <i>Assy.</i>	35/36 <i>Wrkshp</i>	Dec. <i>Mtg.</i>	Zonal <i>Forum</i>	Dist <i>Travel</i>	Total
Meals	80.00													80.00
Travel	30.00													30.00
Lodging	260.00													260.00
Rent	600.00	50.00		765.00	50.00	50.00	500.00		1,375.00	150.00	50.00			3,590.00
Coffee	400.00			500.00					200.00	50.00				1,150.00
Printing	25.00													25.00
Postage														
Other	50.00													50.00
Budgeted	1,445.00	50.00		1,265.00	50.00	50.00	500.00		1,575.00	200.00	50.00			\$ 5,185.00

“... could you come over and sit with me while I watch the ball game?”

2019 Area 35 Proposed Budget Summery

Position	Budget	Position	Budget
Area Events	5,185.00	CPC	1,194.00
Delegate	6,596.50	Financial Oversight	168.00
Alternate Delegate	1,972.00	Grapevine	1,935.00
Area Chair	2,049.50	Group Records	2,699.00
Secretary	1,903.00	Literature	1,844.00
Treasurer	3,133.00	Northern Light	5,984.00
Archives	1,414.00	PI	1,307.00
Archivist	3,390.00	Treatment	1,772.00
Audio Tech	1,200.00	Webmaster	1,199.00
Corrections	2,118.00		
		Total Budget	\$ 47,063.00

Area 35 Committee Meeting Minutes
Aitkin, MN
June 3, 2018

Call to Order: Roger R.. Called meeting to order and opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Recognition of Past Area 35 Delegates in Attendance: Kelly D. (Panel 66) Mike J.(Panel 64) Jim K.(Panel 62) Bruce B.(Panel 44) Susie A. (Panel 48) Tom A.(Panel 50)

Additions to the Agenda: None

Approval of the February Area Committee Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE-Christine G.

Greetings Area 35.

Christine went over the Delegates report and her experience at the General Service Conference. More is reported in my NL report so be sure to check that out for important information.

In Love and Service,

Christine G.
Area 35 Panel 68 Delegate

ALTERNATE DELEGATE-Jim S. Good Morning,

My report will be brief this morning. I have been working with Christine on preparing for the West Central Conference next March. I would like to thank Steve L. for volunteering to act as treasurer. Kelly D. for making the programs. I am talking with Brian W. from my home group to act as volunteer coordinator. I will be contacting the Marriot to meet with the event coordinator to ensure the facility is prepared for us.

Next Sunday I will be going with Roger to Crookston to attend their district meeting. Roger is going to provide them any assistance he can in helping getting organized, I am going for support.

In our officers meeting this morning we discussed changing the format of the zonal forums. Instead of presenting the same information that we present at GSR orientations at the assemblies we thought we might make it more personalized in how our service journey has gone.

Next year’s annual service workshop is in Alexandria Jan 19th and 20th.

In Service
Jim S.
Alt Delegate

AREA CHAIR–Roger R. Welcome to the June 2108 Area 35 Committee meeting.

The fact you are here, on a sunny June day says a lot about your dedication to AA service and carrying our important message.

Thank you to Area 35 Officers and Chairs for completing your 2019 budgets on time for today’s meeting.

I am close to finalizing agreements for hotel rooms and meeting facilities for our Spring (Duluth) and Fall (Bemidji) Assemblies.

Flyers for our upcoming Fall Assembly are here today at the back table. Please make your reservation soon.

I’ve had a series of conversations on the Area 35/36 Joint Workshop with Mary M. who is Area 36’s Chairperson. This event will be held on November 17th in St. Cloud. I will include a summary of our discussions on this event in my report.

That’s all I have for now. I’ll sit down as we have a lot of reports and some business to discuss today.

Thank you
Roger R.
Area 35 Chair

SECRETARY-Melissa A. Greetings Area 35,

Since the Spring Assembly, I submitted the minutes from the assembly, which were posted in our last northern light. I have flyers for the Area 35 Fall Assembly which is October 6th & 7th at Rutgers Bay Lake Lodge which is located in Deerwood, MN on the back table along with save the date flyers for the Area 35/36 Joint Workshop which is November 17th located in St. Cloud. Please have your reports emailed to me by June 25th and or hand them in to me today so that I can type them up and get them sent to Steve by July 9th.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Melissa A.
Area 35 Secretary

TREASURER-Mike F. Greetings Area 35,

My name is Mike F. and I am serving as your Area 35 Treasurer. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you.

As many of you know, I was unable to attend our spring assembly this year due to the unexpected death of my brother in Pompano Beach, Florida. Thanks to Bruce M. from my district who transported all the usual reports, supplies and materials to/from the assembly, and thank you to everyone, especially Roger, Christine, and Jim, who stepped in to fulfill my obligations in my absence.

As of May 31st, our cash balance is \$20,429.19. I have deposited all contributions and paid all bills received as of May 31st.

Our year-to-date net loss is \$4,562. Note that we have already paid the expenses for three of the four annual meetings (service workshop, regional service conference, spring assembly, and fall assembly) at which we incur the most travel, meal and lodging expenses. Also note that based on year-to-date group contributions, we may possibly see annual contributions of \$33,000. So, I’m not overly concerned about the net loss at this time.

Year-to-date, we are \$7,197 under budget.

Please note that the new address for mailing contributions is:

NMAA
PO Box 114
Grand Rapids, MN 55744-0114

Please remember to include your group number on all contributions. This will ensure that your contributions get credited to your group.

Thank you for your continued support of Area 35.

In Service,
Mike F.
Area 35 Treasurer

COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS

CPC - Myron H. Good afternoon,

My name is Myron and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as Area 35 CPC chair. In that capacity, I have been reading AA material on reaching out to the professional community. One suggestion is to contact one profession at a time. My thought is to begin with our ministers and preachers that operate local churches. Many of our groups meet in churches. If we make an effort to establish a trusting relationship with these individuals, it could lead to finding the still suffering alcoholics in our community. Since they allow us to have meetings in their buildings there must be some belief in AA's program. I believe these people know many of our community's suffering citizens.

As always, I am here to serve our districts CPC committees.

Yours in service,
Myron H,
Area 35 CPC Chair

District 9– Jim S. Hi Everyone,

My name is Jim and I am an alcoholic and current DCM from Hibbing. I attended a traditions workshop in Virginia on April 19th and was impressed with the presentations; skits were very good and of course the fellowship and food. I continue to visit groups in our district and urge them to send GSR’s to district and area meetings and update their group information. The Iron range get together was held in Hibbing this year and a lot of people attended District 9 has updated their meeting schedules for groups in our district making some changes on the schedules regarding whether a meeting is opened or closed. The Delegate report back meeting is being held at the Hibbing Alano Club on June 9th at 1pm with Districts 8, 9, 16 and possibly 14. District 9 will start its inventory soon concerning the duties and responsibilities of our

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Responsibility Statement

I am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

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District in its role as a general service district in Area 35. I attended the Area 35 Assembly in Alexandria in April. District 9 groups should be reviewing and discussing concerns about YouTube videos and Internet misuse and we will forward any ideas we come up with about that.

Yours in service,
Jim S.
District 9 DCM

District 13- Justin W. Justin Alcoholic, DCM District 13.

All of our officer positions are filled and working.

Our Literature Chair stepped down a couple of months ago and the position remains open.

Our Treatment Committee has been struggling. Last month it was decided that we would open the Chair position due to a lack of participation. The Chair position remains open but will be handled temporarily by the Alternate DCM Peter and myself. There are seven people who are interested in serving on the Committee. We will be starting regular Committee meetings outside of the District meetings this month to get things going. Our Secretary has been spearheading work along these lines and we are grateful.

CPC has not been active. The Chair had to step down due to increased family responsibilities, but is willing to be a part of the Committee. Last month a new chair was voted in, and we expect to see the CPC activities picking up here in this month.

Corrections continues to fill the responsibilities in District 13, bringing regular meetings into the Benton and Stearns county jails, as well as the Saint Cloud Prison.

Archives continues to be handled well. Our Archives chair records the District meetings, and this has been a great help to our Secretary in generating accurate and complete minutes.

The District PI Committee continues to hold regular committee meetings outside of the regular district meetings. They are working with the Area on distributing meeting schedules at rest stops in Minnesota. The phone line is being taken care of and they are reviewing contents of the phone line-training manual. They have recently completed the distribution of District 13 meeting schedules at the treatment centers, Saint Cloud State, police stations, jails and probation offices in the district. They are coordinating efforts to get AA literature into the high school libraries and public libraries as well. They recently updated the flyer and contact list for the Beginner’s meeting. The Beginner’s meeting is offered as a service in the district by the PI Committee but is often self-supporting financially. They have plans the distribute PSA’s to three radio stations in the area. All this without the use of social media!

We will hear Christine’s report tomorrow evening at 7:30 at the Saint Cloud Alano Club and District 15 will be in attendance as well.

Justin W.
District 13 DCM

WEBMASTER - Rillis E. . Good morning.

Good morning. I’m grateful to be here this morning with all of you. Since the Spring Assembly, I have been busy with putting flyers and events on the website calendar. Please check out the calendar, as there are several opportunities for both service and fellowship coming up.

I met with Bob B. and Sally L. in Duluth in April. We added a page to the website called Area 35 Service Information. At this time you can find delegate qualifications which is also still located on the downloads page. There is also a section for the Northern Light which lists the past issues of that Steve L. is looking for. In the future this will be a place to find other service related information currently on the downloads page.

I have updated the Website calendar with all of the Area events for 2018. I also completed my 2019 budget and submitted it to Mike F. The Website domain name was renewed.

This morning I made aware that the treatment email is still going to our past treatment chair so I will be looking into that on the email forwarder.

Thank you for letting me be of service.
Rillis E.
Area 35 WEBmaster

LITERATURE - Brian P. My name is Brian I am an Alcoholic and your Area 35 Literature Chair

We had seven people attending today.

- The Hibbing Round up sold \$91.30 in Literature and books.
- Stearns County Round up sold \$216.00 in Literature and books.
- District 6 Literature chair is traveling with the DCM throughout the District to distribute literature and recruit members for District positions.
- District 9 is hosting the delegate report and potluck on June 9th District 8, 16, and 14 will also be attending.

- District 3 had Dave the District literature chair set up at the Fargo Dome and help with the AA symposium and then traveled to a Round Robin in Battle Lake that night.

- As a committee, we are trying to learn more about our literature and what pieces are available.

- We decided to each give a brief (2 minutes) on a piece of literature each meeting.

Thank you very much.
Brian P.
Area 35 Literature Chair

District 15- Matthew B. (report given by Pat M.)

Greetings from District 15,

I am Pat M., and I am an alcoholic. District 15 holds its District meeting the first Monday of every month at 8pm, located at the Albany Senior Center. District 15 will be joining District 13 at the St. Cloud Alano Club at 7pm June 4th for the Delegates report back. This meeting will take the place of our regular District meeting; everyone has been encouraged to attend. The Chairs are starting to get busy and things are coming along nicely. I think I found someone to take the Treatment Chair and combine CPC together. This person will not be available until the first of the year so I, Pat M. will continue to hold the Treatment Chair position. I have been in this position for far to long. We are busy getting ready for the Stearns County Fair. We are creating an updated emergency call list for the District. The District and I have been putting a packet together to take to the groups when we go visit the groups, which I will start doing, visiting the groups after the Delegate’s Report.

Yours in service,
Pat M.

District 3- Kevin K. Life is good in District 3.

Like most Districts, we have GSR’s & committee chair people revolving. On the docket, plans are in the works to distribute PSA to local radio stations. Debate on hosting quarterly mini GSR orientation sessions at the District meeting. Our District is encouraging Groups or their members to write articles to the Northern Light and Grapevine. One of the ladies from our District placed an article with the NL for this issue, thanks Marion. Each month we review the District meeting list for accuracy, go over the number of calls to our A.A. Hot Line. We moved the June District meeting to Sunday June 24th. Committee Chairs conduct outreach by contacting community, county and regional law enforcement, and in addition healthcare facilities dealing with alcoholism.

Monthly we host Round Robin Meetings. A group from the District signs up to have a potluck meal, speakers A.A. and AI Anon.

Battle Lake hosted the May Round Robin, with a good turnout. We had one group decide not to host a Round Robin. There will not be a District 3 Round Robin in June. The next Round Robin will be in Moorhead July 12th. Potluck starts at 6:30pm. Moorhead has two guest’s speakers Kevin E. and Roger R. from Aberdeen, South Dakota who will share at Anniversary meeting. The next District Round Robin/Round Up will be Saturday August 18th in Detroit Lakes MN. Christine will give the Delegate’s report and be our guest speaker Saturday Night.

Several District individuals participated at the FM Intergroup Symposium. CPC/PI, Institutions and Saturday Evening Post workshops were conducted. Three guest speakers shared their stories. Dave District 3 Literature Chair setup his literature display.

District 3 is represented in twenty-three communities in our region. During the summer, month’s meeting see an increase in the lake areas. Over the month of May, I visited three groups in the District, Frazee, Wednesday Night 12 Stepper’s Group, Fergus Falls, Wednesday Night Lake Region Hospital Group & Moorhead, welcomed and listen to the experience, strength & hope of the each of the groups. Thank You!

The Churches United meeting lead by Paul, one of the group members and me met with the director of Churches United. We asked how A.A. could be more effective with the homeless guests. The Director loves A.A. and gave us her full support by introducing us to her staff. Asking her staff to work closely with the program of Alcoholics Anonymous. Tons of A.A. work has to be done. Frazee Group said they again start attending our District meeting. The value of face-to-face contact with groups is paramount to the district.

Yours truly in service,
Kevin K.
District 3 DCM

NORTHERN LIGHT - Steve L. Good morning

Surprise, Surprise, Surprise I received this issue of the NL in the mail on time. I had to cut a few things out because of size constraints. Do you know what they are? The paper can only be in multiples of four pages and I had two and a half of white space so it was easier to cut 4 pages out then fine fill for two and a half pages. I hope you have had a chance to read this issue some excellent articles submitted, please keep them a’comin.

I have the first eight years of the NL scrubbed and cleaned of last names, addresses and phone numbers. I sent Rillis the first six issues as a test

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yesterday for posting on our Website. If it is a Go I have more years to send.

There are a couple of misprints, times of Area Meetings in the Area Service Event calendar that have been brought to my attention they say the meeting starts at 9:30 instead of 9 burned by cut and paste, they will be corrected in the next printing. Also I was given a change in location and time for District 2. Unfortunately, I had sent this issue to the printer before changes could be made, it is corrected for the next issue. 1st Sunday of odd months Thief River Falls Alano club is the new address I have. Is this correct?

Remember the next deadline is July 9th and its easier to get your article published in the NL then the GV.

Thanks for reading.

Yours in Service
Steven L.
Area 35 Northern Light Editor

GROUP RECORDS - Sally L. Greetings, Area 35.

I have been busy once again with updating groups and individuals in the Fellowship New Vision database. So far, after the last issue of the Northern Light was sent out, I have received one return from the Post Office. Last time there were forty-three returns. Please remember to update your group contact mailing information if there are any changes. Any individuals who wish to receive the Northern Light can sign up by sending an email with contact information to grouprecords@area35.org.

I have received a few new group requests from people using the form available on aaMinnesota.org. This form provides only partial information for what is needed to register a group. Please use the new group form available as a download on our website, area35.org. That will save a lot of time and effort and make it possible for your group to get a number that much sooner.

Val P., Area 36's group records person, sent me the data needed to update aaMinnesota.org. The meeting locator was successfully updated on June 2nd. My new Internet connection was up to the task! The meeting locator will be updated monthly.

I met with the Webmaster, Northern Light editor, and DCM Heidi B. in the back room this morning. The meeting locator is not currently showing Google maps for the meetings. When I called him to ask about it on Saturday, Bob B. said he would check on what is going on. We also talked about possibly having a link on the locator to our new meeting form on our Area 35 website.

I have submitted my 2019 budget as requested.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Sally L.
Area 35 Group Records Secretary
grouprecords@area35.org

District 4- Greg C. No Report Turned In

District 8- Heidi B. Greetings from District 8.

In April, we hosted our first District 8 workshop for the year. Our topic was the Traditions and was well attended with nearly fifty people from Districts 8 & 9. Dean M, our Alternate DCM, did an excellent job planning it and getting the word out. We are currently looking for a Grapevine/Literature Chair and Alt Chair, Archives Chair and Alt Chair and PI/CPC Alt Chair.

I've been working with our Area Group Records Chair, Sally L, on updating meeting information with GSO. We're working with the GSR's and meeting contacts to make sure all information is correct so they can receive the proper materials from New York and members can find our meetings.

Our next district meeting is on Friday, June 8th in Pike Sandy. We will be discussing the future of a Beginners Meeting we've been hosting at a local treatment center. We've had several issues come up and have asked our GSR's to get their group conscience and bring to the district meeting to discuss and vote on a solution.

We will be joining Districts 9, 14 and 16 for Christine's delegate's report and potluck next Saturday, June 9th at the Hibbing Alano Club from 1 - 4. We thank Jim and District 9 for hosting this event. I also want to thank our District 8 Corrections, PI/CPC and Treatment Chairs for attending today.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Heidi B.
District 8 DCM

District 18- BR Borders. No Report Turned In

TREATMENT - Cathy R. In attendance were Districts 5, 8, 13 & 16. They are an enthusiastic group.

We spoke of the following items:

Speaking at Treatment Centers - this must be done with respect toward the audience; in other words don't ask the drug addicts to leave instead say

clearly why you are there to speak. "I am here to discuss sobriety and Alcoholics Anonymous." It then becomes clear why you are there. Rudeness and finger pointing are not appropriate. Sharing our experience, strength and hope are what we want to share. It also helps to read (and distribute) the brochure AA in Treatment Settings.

The Armed Services – it was clear that different districts have different veteran services, some have none and others have hospitals still others have Veteran's offices. We still don't have any information on the "Veteran's Court" that is supposed to start in Duluth. The GSO Treatment person has asked for suggestions as to "How can we make it easier to find AA info for the Vets?" There is also a new Grapevine Book about the Armed forces in AA. We decided that each district should discuss how they wish to handle this issue.

The AA who is deaf – Most districts haven't put much thought into this issue. Some of the suggestions were to use the "Voice to Text" app on a smartphone; if someone is lucky enough they may have a projector to go with it. An I-Pad also has this app. A deaf person may have his or her own interpreter. It is important for the group to explain anonymity to the interpreter. Other suggestions were to reserve a hard of hearing table, close to the speaker. Ask your district if anyone can interpret for the deaf. Finally, discuss this in advance so that your district, group may have a series of suggestions readily available.

Singleness of Purpose – An open treatment center does cover all addictions; it is important that we educate the folks who work in a treatment center as to what AA is and isn't.

Thanks to District 16 for inviting me to speak in July and District 9 for allowing me fifteen minutes to speak in August.

In service,
Cathy R.
Area 35 Treatment Chair

District 16- Glenn M. Five from District 16 attended Area 35 Spring Assembly. Present besides myself were Treatment Chair, Bruce M., Archives Chair, Dave C., Literature & Grapevine Chair, Mark A. (who is also GSR for Saturday Night 6pm) and Mike J. Tuesday Night Solutions new GSR who attended his first Assembly.

Our consensus is it was very thorough, information and really showed A.A.'s process beyond our District. All these agenda items originated in individual groups. We had so many to address because of EVERYONE being EQUAL so all unanswered questions or requests for change etc. from group conscience was considered. Sometimes many, many times. I had gotten hard copies at the Area 35 Committee Meeting March 11th (2 weeks late) due to storm and distributed at the District 16 meeting April 4th. It was not timely to go over the agenda items in the groups, as it was desired. In the future, I'll add this to the District agenda about a possible agenda information and discussion session prior to the Spring Assembly.

I brought a few copies of Agenda items I'll carry when I visit groups plus they're on the District 16 meeting table. We'll get the results of all Delegates voting from the 68th General Service Conference on April 22nd from our group conscience at the assembly on June 9th 1pm at the Hibbing Alano Club by our Delegate, Christine G. along with potluck with District 8 & 9, everyone interested is welcome to attend and bring a potluck item to share. There are flyers on the table.

We discussed A.A.'s YouTube site's Public Service Announcements with many negative videos about A.A. tagging along when searched and two notes being added to these videos, one at the start of each PSA and one at the end. Asked them to take a view and feedback is appreciated by June 6th District meeting or you can even contact GSO directly if you would like about this.

The 68th Annual Iron Range Get Together usually held in District 16 was held May 4th-6th at The Park Hotel in Hibbing at the last minute due to our closing, but the attendance though less than last year was good. As pointed out it is The Iron Range Get Together, not District 16's but it's a loss to our District of our largest roundup we have.

Our District is continuing to be active with our Treatment Facilities speaking and holding meetings and our PI Chair, Vic G. has had to post pone our community luncheon with area processionalists until fall due to the complexity of it, but has gotten what he believes enough volunteers to make it work and be successful. Alternate DCM Kathy P. is actively getting volunteers to aid her with our first workshop this year and Treasurer Tom R. will present averages for us to set a budget and prudent reserve at Wednesday District meeting.

I'm visiting more groups each week and validating current meeting/group information and working on getting these changes updated. Both Rillis and Sally have been tremendous help and Sally's emailing my District's spreadsheet will save me countless hours.

Thanks to our District Secretary Yvonne W. for getting the District meeting minutes out in a timely and inviting agenda items etc. and we reminded GSR's it is each groups responsibility by GSR to originate changes in the group on ANY change and fill our group change forms and get to District 16 FIRST, and we'll send upward to records. District gets the changes from the groups, not Area 35. They don't send down changes to us so we will not have them if the District is bypassed. So please check the meeting directories and get any updates or changes to District 16. This is your District meeting to share and get information.

Glenn Miller
District 16 DCM

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District 5- Skip D. Good day,

District 5 is alive. We now have three District positions filled, DCM, Treasurer, and Secretary; at our last District meeting we had five GSR's and one visitor.

We will be planning a PI luncheon in the future, to hopefully get the professionals more information on Alcoholics Anonymous. Before that we will be joining with Districts 6 and 11 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Princeton for our Delegate's report back from the General Service Conference in New York. This will be a potluck lunch, the times are from 10am - 2pm please bring a dish to share. We are joining with other Districts to hopefully save the Area money.

I am still out visiting the groups in District 5 which covers the cities of Milaca, Princeton, Zimmerman, Elk River, Otsego, Big Lake, and Becker. Our District meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month at Freshwaters Church in Zimmerman at 7pm, all members are welcome.

We have not been able to take meetings into the treatment facilities in our District, but we do have a few individuals taking meetings into the Milac's County Jail on Tuesday evenings.

In service,
Skip D.
District 5 DCM

ARCHIVIST - Steve D. Greetings from your Archivist.

In May, I met with the Archives committee at the Archives Repository to begin to sort and organize material that has not been categorized or identified in a bibliography. It appears that there has been minimum activity this area since 1996 as there is a tremendous amount of material to review. So, with the help of the Area 35 Archives committee, we have begun, box by box, to evaluate, separate, and identify material based on relevance to GSO, Area 35, District and group. This is the first step in bringing our Archives catalog up to date.

- We will continue to meet on a regular basis to provide our Archives to all Area 35 members of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Some of the upcoming activity includes reviewing the Archives position description and responsibilities to ensure it reflects our current needs.
- I will meet with the Archives committee on a quarterly basis at the repository to continue to work on updating our archive bibliography.
- We will collaborate on a statement of purpose for Area 35 Archives activity to provide focus and accountability.
- We will also work toward developing a written process for archival material handling, cataloguing, and communication of available archived materials.

I also want to extend an invitation to all Area 35 members, especially our past delegates, to assist in the process of making our archives available. Our past delegates in themselves, are a wealth of Northern Minnesota AA history. We welcome the experience they bring to our area in making our archives an active part of AA in Northern Minnesota.

Yours in service,
Steve D.
Area 35 Archivist

ARCHIVES - Scott M. Greetings Area 35,

The Archives committee met June 3rd. Steve D., Area Archivist, Peter District 13, Dave District 16, and Cindy District 11 were attendance. We overviewed the work we had done recently in St. Cloud. We still have a lot of work ahead of us. The first part of the work we are doing is taking an inventory of what is in our repository. We will meet again in August at the repository in St. Cloud to continue this work.

We discussed the committee returning to its original mission. We will be looking to complete our collection of big books as it is stated that we will have a book of every edition and every printing. We also have a lot of work in cataloging Grapevines and cataloging any District material we may have in possession.

Yours in service,
Scott M.
Area 35 Archives

District 7 - Bob B. No Report Turned In

District 11- Cindy S.-K. Hi from District 11,

Vicki R. and myself have been busy visiting meetings in the District, over half way through the list. Finding a number of them needed contact information updated. Which is wonderful for the meeting locator to be accurate.

A request has been made for another 4th step workshop in the southern part of District 11. Requests have been made writing on confirmations to firm up dates.

Literature and Corrections chairs are filled. Table secured at the Pine County Fair August 1st-5th. On April 12th I went with Scott M. to Waite Park for a fun filled afternoon of history adventures. Formulated a plan with the group moving forward, archives are awesome!

July 28th with District 5 & 6 with Christine for report on the 68th conference.

In service,
Cindy S.-K.
District 11 DCM

CORRECTIONS - Paul M. Greetings,

Two districts were represented, District 8 & 12 here today. All transition fairs have been covered to date, I thank Butch, Vickie & Jeff for covering these (and anyone else appointed) I have had several temporary contacts to find AA members to write to them and be there for them to attend a meeting when released. I suggest you use your District P.O. Box when corresponding; I will be attending the Area 35/36 meeting in July, in the cities. There seemed to be a problem with the amount of time and amount of people coming to the AA meetings in one facility so they extended the time to an hour and 30 minutes. There will be a correction workshop in Brainerd the Friday before the Fall Assembly.

Yours in service,
Paul M.
Area 35 Corrections Chair

District 12- Richard G. Greetings Area 35,

I am proud to announce that all Action Committees have chairpersons, and are off to a fast start with help from past members. Justin M is now PI/CPC and is a professional in human services. We are indeed fortunate to have him. Pat S. our Corrections chair and has worked in corrections for many years. Cassidy V. is Archives and has plans for District 12 history to go back to the 1940's. Thanks to Sally L. from Area Group Records Chair we can correct information on groups in our area. Treatment Committee is active and good progress continues there are a time when treatment centers move away from 12 Step recovery treatment.

I am honored to carry the message with these dedicated service workers and am looking forward to the future for District 12.

Yours in service,
Rich G.
District 12 DCM

District 14- Paul E. No Report Turned In

PI - Gayle R. I'm Gayle, Alcoholic, serving as your Public Information chair.

In our joint committee meeting with CPC, we had districts 9, 8 and 6 present along with Myron and myself.

District 8 talked about their Beginners Meeting. When their local treatment center no longer allows clients out of the facility for meetings, the Beginners Meeting was moved to the treatment center. A bleeding deacon who chaired a meeting there, asked the "addicts" to leave. This of course caused issues between AA and the facility; the District is now facing choices.

1. Do they leave it there, control who chairs?
2. Change the format, to be more open to those new in AA.
3. Take it out completely of the treatment center, their clients were the main people attending- which the beginners meeting could fail and close.
4. Forget having the Beginners meeting all together. District 8 also has groups "adopt" a holder where schedules and perhaps pamphlets can be placed though out the district and be responsible for filling. In March of 2019, District 8 will have a PI/CPC luncheon on the first day of the Winter Wrap-Up.

District 9 found that some meetings on the schedule did not have open or closed printed, some groups say open on web and closed on schedule. A past PI chair person is helping with the re-printing and when re-printing is completed they will be distributed.

District 6 is wearing multiple hats and is working on getting task done.

District 13 sent email report. Public service announcement are given to Charter Cable. Meeting schedules have been delivered to Treatment facilities, colleges, police departments, and probation offices and to the jails. Literature order in for the racks at the Alano Club. Calls to the High Schools for book in the library is completed. District 13 has updated their Beginners Meeting flyer, which has created a "boom" at the meeting. The 12-Step call list is

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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.

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being updated. Inventory for literature at the public library is being checked on. District 13 worked with the VA for a Recovery Night- AA literature was distributed. Group Records, Sally gave lists of active groups in District 13, which will help update the district meeting schedules at the end of the summer.

The State Fair is coming August 25th and 26th. Volunteer spots are filling fast but some are still available, reserve your volunteer spot now.

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service.

Gayle R
Area 35 PI Chair

District 6- Sharna O. Sharna - I'm an alcoholic District 6 DCM

We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30pm at Spring Lake Lutheran Church. We have been averaging about five people in a attendance at our meetings. We still have not filled all our committee chairs. We have an alternate DCM and CPC/PI open. Dave took over secretary in May. Some of our chairs are doing double duty to help out. Carrie our Literature chair put together an AA literature board to bring with to different meetings and AA functions. District 5 & 11 and ourselves are planning a potluck on July 28th from 10am-2pm with Christine to present the outcome from the 68th General Service Conference.

Yours in service
Sharna O.-J.
District 6 DCM

District 1 Not present

GRAPEVINE - Jerry B. Hi, I am Jerry B. and I'm an alcoholic serving as the Area 35 Grapevine Chair.

A few weeks ago, I attended a GV writers workshop hosted by District 12, which is around Duluth. What a fantastic day to share with a lot of friends (some new, some old). Not necessarily in age! Was a little scared at first, however that passed after we got to know each other a little better. After we went through the guidelines as outlined by the GV editors, we took some time to write our personal stories. A few shared during the next session and received some great input by the rest of us. I brought a few GV books along which sold for \$26. All attended took home subscription forms and other AA material. If your District is hosting a workshop and would like some information or want me to attend, just say the word. I received an order from GV and all the books in print are available at the back of the room. Our newest book is "AA in the Military" sales so far today is around \$35. There were seven Districts in attended today: 3, 7, 8, 6, 16 & 15.

Subscribe to the GV today and help out the Area with the GV subscriptions challenge.

Yours in service,
Jerry B.
Area 35 Grapevine Chair

District 2- No DCM

Good afternoon,

My name is Myron, and I am an alcoholic. If you look in the Northern Light, you will see District 2 has, "No info", in the space for DCM. In an effort to revive our districts structure, we have voted to move our district meeting. A new time and place has been established. The first Sunday of the odd numbered months, we will be meeting at Falls, at 3p.m.. This is the Alano Club.

The next meeting is July 1st.

Yours in service,
Myron H.

District 21- Laura C. Not Present

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

FOC Report:

Turned in budget. Finances for February 15th- May 31st, 2018 checked out.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service,
Michael (Jake) J.

Spring Assembly Report:

Roger R.reported:

This was a very successful assembly as we achieved our objectives according to the assembly evaluations. Attendees liked attending, felt their needs were met and feel Area 35 was successful in informing our Delegate on the General Service Conference Agenda Items.

Calendar of Events:-See the Northern Light and Area 35 website calendar. Email your events to webmaster@area35.org for posting on the website and northernlight@area35.org for listing in the Northern Light. There is also an option for a flier to be inserted into the Northern Light. A reminder was made that fliers should include the 5 W's of who, what, when, where, and why; a map is helpful too. The preferred way to send the flier in a PDF or JPEG format. Other formats received might be unable to convert.

Adjourned: The meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement.

SEARCHING

The Biwabik Sunday Nigh Group is searching for an out of print GV Book "The Best of the Grapevine Vol. 1" (purple cover). We currently have two copies of this book. My Group would like to acquire more because we have started reading a story out of this book in our Groups topic rotation. With reading one story every six weeks it will take us about a half dozen years or more to get through the book. We have depleted what our Area had and Area 34 (Iowa) had on hand. We've looked in the Duluth Intergroup and written to both Minneapolis and St Paul's Intergroups as well. NO LUCK. If your Group or District has a copy for sale please let me know at northernlightnmaa@gmail.com, call or text me at 218-780-0905 to make arrangements for payment and delivery. Psst ask for Steve.

Our Northern Light Editor Steven L. has graciously agreed to place a copy of the Grapevine subscription form into this issue of the NL. Remember this is our meeting in print. AKA the Grapevine is full of other peoples stories about personal experience, strength and hope as we trudge the road to HAPPY destiny.

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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 knowledge MS Publisher, MS Word, MS Excel and other misc. computer programs as needed. 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.

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**With an attn.: Northern Light on the mailing address
Include a note stating they are to be inserted into the next Northern Light**

4. **OR** if you wish to have Cold Spring Record print your fliers to be inserted into the Northern Light. The NL Editor will forward a copy of the pdf flier to Cold Spring Record, along with your printing instructions (paper color, one or two sided printing). Currently there are 1000 copies printed with @725 pieces to mail. What is not mailed is passed out at the Area meetings.

Number of Copies	Printing Costs		Insertion Fee	Total Cost
	1 Sided	2 Sided		
725	\$ 48	\$ 60	\$ 75	\$ 123/135
1000	\$ 80	\$ 120	\$ 75	\$ 155/195

5. The cost for having a flier inserted into the Northern Light is \$75. Make Checks payable to NMAA and mail to :

**NMAA
PO Box 114
Grand Rapids, MN 55744**

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CURRENT ADDRESS!!!**

RELATED FLIER INSERTION INFORMATION

- ◆ Only Area 35 A.A. Members may submit a flier. Fliers must be only for A.A. Sponsored Events.
- ◆ Fliers needed—625 mailed only or 1000 for mailed and hand outs.

Northern Light Deadlines for 2018 are as Follows:

- ◆ January 22nd : Flier will be included in the January/February Issue
- ◆ March 5th : Flier will be included in the March/April Issue
- ◆ May 7th : Flier will be included in the May/June Issue
- ◆ July 9th : Flier will be included in the July/August Issue
- ◆ September 4th : Flier will be included in the September/October Issue
- ◆ November 5th : Flier will be included in the November/December Issue

12 Traditions of
Alcoholics Anonymous (Long Form)

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 non-alcoholics. 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.

12 Concepts for
World Service (Short Form)

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

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 reschedule 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.

OUR PAST DELEGATES

<div><div><div><div><div>Panel 66</div><div>2016-2017</div></div><div>Kelly D.</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 64</div><div>2014-2015</div></div><div>Michael “Jake” J.</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 62</div><div>2012-2013</div></div><div>Jim K.</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 60</div><div>2010-2011</div></div><div>Jon C.</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 58</div><div>2008-2009</div></div><div>JoAnne N.</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 56</div><div>2006-2007</div></div><div>Jerry S.</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 54</div><div>2004-2005</div></div><div>Charlie C.</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 52</div><div>2002-2003</div></div><div>Tim C.</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 50</div><div>2000-2001</div></div><div>Tom A.</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 48</div><div>1998-1999</div></div><div>Susie A.</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 46</div><div>1996-1997</div></div><div>Bill P. (deceased)</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 44</div><div>1994-1995</div></div><div>Bruce B.</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 42</div><div>1992-1993</div></div><div>Greg G. (deceased)</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 40</div><div>1990-1991</div></div><div>Bob J.</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 38</div><div>1988-1989</div></div><div>Scott J.</div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div><div><div>Panel 36</div><div>1986-1987</div></div><div>Louie H.</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 34</div><div>1984-1985</div></div><div>Bob P.</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 32</div><div>1982-1983</div></div><div>Tom L.</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 30</div><div>1981-1982</div></div><div>Don M. (deceased)</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 28</div><div>1978-1979</div></div><div>Garfield (Duffy) S. (deceased)</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 26</div><div>1976-1977</div></div><div>Vern R. (deceased)</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 24</div><div>1974-1975</div></div><div>Gordon B. H. (deceased)</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 22</div><div>1972-1973</div></div><div>Frank P. J. (deceased)</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 20</div><div>1970-1971</div></div><div>Clarence B. (deceased)</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 18</div><div>1968-1969</div></div><div>Dave H. (deceased)</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 16</div><div>1966-1967</div></div><div>Arno A. (deceased)</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 14</div><div>1964-1965</div></div><div>Donald F. (deceased)</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 12</div><div>1962-1963</div></div><div>Donna T. (deceased)</div></div></div></div>	<div><div><div><div><div>Panel 10</div><div>1960-1961</div></div><div>Bob B. (deceased)</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 8</div><div>1958-1959</div></div><div>Pearl N. (deceased)</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 6</div><div>1956-1957</div></div><div>Waldo H. (deceased)</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 4</div><div>1954-1955</div></div><div>Wendell H. (deceased)</div></div><div><div><div>Panel 2</div><div>1952-1953</div></div><div>Arthur R. (deceased)</div></div></div></div>	
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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

<div><p>Though the high point is the Conference meeting, the delegate’s job goes on year-round and involves all aspects of the Conference structure. The delegate should:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">Attend the Conference meeting in April, fully prepared. Immediately upon election, every delegate is put on the G.S.O. mailing list to receive Conference materials.Communicate the actions of the Conference to area committee members and encourage them to pass on this information, and the delegate’s enthusiasm, to groups and to intergroups/central offices. If an area is too large for the delegate to cover in person, he or she will ask area officers and committee members to share the load.Be prepared to attend all area, state/provincial, and regional service meetings and assemblies. From these meetings, delegates come to better understand their own areas and can make suggestions for the Conference agenda. Here, too, they come in contact with A.A. members who might not be reached otherwise.Help area committees obtain financial support for the area and G.S.O.Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the A.A. Traditions.</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Remind G.S.R.s to inform groups and individuals about the A.A. Grapevine and Conference-approved literature.Cooperate with G.S.O. in obtaining information—for example, making sure that up-to-date information reaches G.S.O. in time to meet the deadline for each Issue of the A.A. directory and helping carry out the triennial membership surveys.Visit groups and districts in the area whenever possible.Work closely with committee members and officers, sharing experience throughout the year. After G.S.R.s and committee members have reported on the Conference, learn from these A.A.s how groups and members have reacted.Assume added responsibility if the area chair and alternate chair are unable to serve. Or, if an area committee is not functioning effectively, the delegate may take an active role in remedying the situation.Keep the alternate delegate fully informed and active, so that the alternate can replace the delegate in an emergency.Late in the second term, work with newly elected delegates to pass along a basic knowledge of Conference proceedings and problems.<div>(from The A.A. Service Manual, pages S44-S45)</div></div>
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**Area 35 Committee Meeting Agenda
Aitkin, MN
August 5, 2018**

_____ **9:00 A.M.** Action Chair Committee Meetings
(9:30 a.m. Financial Oversight Committee)
_____ **10:30 A.M.** Area Committee Meeting
_____ Call to Order Open With the Serenity Prayer
_____ Recognize Past Delegates
_____ Add to Agenda
_____ Approve June Area Committee Minutes

OFFICER REPORTS:

_____ Delegate – Christine G.
_____ Alternate Delegate – Jim S.
_____ Chair – Roger R.
_____ Secretary – Melissa A.
_____ Treasurer – Mike F.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS:

_____ CPC – Myron H.
_____ District 9 – Jim S.
_____ District 13 – Justin W.
_____ WEBMASTER – Rillis E.
_____ LITERATURE – Brian P.
_____ District 15 – Matthew B.
_____ District 3 – Kevin K.
_____ NORTHERN LIGHT – Steve L.
_____ GROUP RECORDS – Sally L.
_____ District 4 – Greg C.
_____ District 8 – Heidi B.
_____ District 18 –William BR B.
_____ TREATMENT – Cathy R.
_____ District 16 – Glenn M.
_____ District 5– Skip D.

_____ ARCHIVIST – Steve D.
_____ ARCHIVES – Scott M.
_____ District 7 – Bob B.
_____ District 11 – Cindy S.-K.
_____ CORRECTIONS – Paul M.
_____ District 12 –Richard G.
_____ District 14 – Paul E.
_____ PI – Gayle R.
_____ District 6 – Sharna O.-J.
_____ District 1 –
_____ GRAPEVINE – Jerry B.
_____ District 2 –
_____ District 21 – Laura C.

12:00 P.M. Lunch

12:45 P.M. Reconvene

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

_____ FOC Report
_____ Area 35 2019 Budget

_____ Calendar of Events
_____ Adjourn

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