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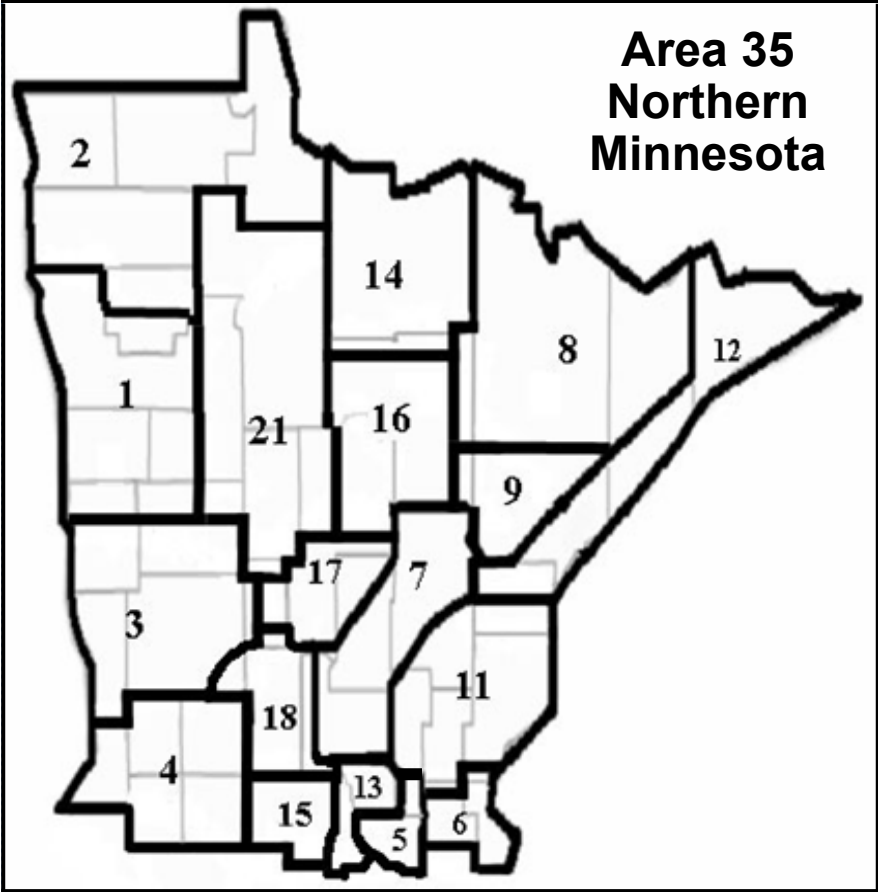
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Zone I

- District 1** - Ada, Crookston, Erskine, Fertile, Fosston, Mahnomen, Naytahwaush, Red Lake Falls, Twin Valley, Waubun,
- District 2** - Badger, Baudette, Halma, Middle River, 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, New London, 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, Barnum, Brimson, Brookston, Cloquet, Duluth, Esko, Finland, Fredenberg, Grand Marais, Grand Portage, Hermantown, Knife River, Lawrence Lake*, Lutsen, Mahtowa, Pike Lake, Proctor, Sawyer, Foxborro (Wisconsin), Side Lake, Superior (Wisconsin), Toivola, Two Harbors
- District 14** - International Falls, Littlefork, Rainy River (Ontario,Canada)

** 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> 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> 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> 3rd Sunday of Month, 10:00 a.m. Alano Club 827 Summit Avenue Detroit Lakes, MN 56501</p> <p><u>District 4</u> 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> 3rd Monday of Month, 7 p.m. (use side door that opens to parking lot) Trinity Lutheran Church 111 N 6th Ave Princeton, MN 55371</p> <p><u>District 6</u> 3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Spring Lake Lutheran Church 8440 Erickson Rd NE North Branch, MN 55056</p>	<p><u>District 7</u> 3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m. First Congregational United Church 415 Juniper Street Brainerd, MN 56401</p> <p><u>District 8</u> 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> Last Sunday of Month, 6:00 p.m. Hibbing Alano Club 3725 1st Avenue Hibbing, MN 55746</p> <p><u>District 11</u> 1st Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Peace Lutheran 2177 Hwy 18 Finlayson, MN 55735</p> <p><u>District 12</u> 3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30 p.m. 1100 E Superior Street Duluth, MN Handicap Accessible,</p> <p><u>District 13</u> 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> 3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30pm Coffee Landing 444 3rd Street International Falls, MN 56649</p> <p><u>District 15</u> 1st Monday of Month, 8:00 p.m. Albany Community Center 741 Lake Ave Albany, MN 56307</p> <p><u>District 16</u> 1st Wednesday of Month, 6:30 p.m. United Methodist Church 1701 SE 5th Ave Grand Rapids, MN 55744 Handicap Accessible, Non-Smoking</p> <p><u>District 17</u> Not currently active or unknown</p> <p><u>District 18</u> 1st Tuesday of Month, 6:00 p.m. Long Prairie Alano Club 21 2nd Ave Long Prairie, MN 56347</p> <p><u>District 21</u> 2nd Monday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Bemidji Alano Club 3802 Greenleaf Ave NW Bemidji, MN 56601</p>
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AREA OFFICERS & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

Area 35 Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting via Zoom
December 6, 2020

Call to Order: Gayle R. called meeting to order and opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Recognition of Past Area 35 Delegates in Attendance: Tom A.– panel 50, Susie A. – panel 48, JoAnne N. – panel 58 and Kelly D. – panel 66 and Mike (Jake) J. – panel 50.

Also joining us is the incoming chair for Area 36 – Carla N.

Additions to the Agenda: Norton Utilities Renewal – Sally L.

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

OFFICER REPORTS
DELEGATE – Jim S.

Good Morning Everyone,

This year’s West Central Regional Service Conference will be held through zoom. It was decided by the host committee from South Dakota that this would be the best platform based upon what we know right now. There is not a flier or agenda out at this time but I would assume we should see something in January. If you have not attended a service conference, I would suggest taking this opportunity since there would be no cost to you to attend. This will be the best opportunity for you to get an understanding first hand on what the current year’s agenda items are meant to achieve. There will be staff from the General Service Office there to help explain what is going on. I hope to see you all there.

I sent out an email with the announcement of an open position for Non-Trustee Committee member. If you have someone you would like to recommend for this position, first talk to them about it and secondly you will find the information on what is required or what the position is looking for in a qualified person. If you have not seen the email please let me know so I can get you another one.

The General Service Conference for 2021 will be held by zoom or a different platform this year. The cost of hold a social distanced conference was suggested to cost around \$1.8 million versus a digital platform is around \$300 or \$400k. This only makes sense at this time.

I am going to create a google drive cloud account for my delegate’s information in the event that something happens to me, the information could easily be accessed by the current Alt Del Steve L. And when the time comes to transfer the information after my rotation it would be simply to give the next delegate the login and password and they would have everything they need. All that would need to happen is that they changed the password and I wouldn’t have access anymore.

In Service, Jim S.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – Steve L.

Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen,

It was a hard decision to make to have our workshop be an all zoom workshop. I called a few people who attended the Assembly to get their inputs and then made the decision. Once made, everything fell into place. The workshop will be held January 16, 2021 and will be a one-day affair from 9am to about 5pm. I have Districts 3,4,8,9, 12 and 16 giving presentations, along with Racy J. who is the GSO PI coordinator from GSO, she will give a presentation on what’s going on at the general service office, and Public Information and Ken B., a past Trustee, will give a presentation and will tell his story. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

I participated in the monthly Alt Delegate zoom meeting Dec 1, 2020, there was about fifty-five people in attendance. I was surprised how many Alt Delegates wore multiple hats. Some of the Alt Delegates were also Area CPC chair, News Letter editor, ICYAAP liaison and Alt Area Chair. Others held an assortment of other duties. In our discussions, I was dismayed at how Alt Delegates were uninformed about their duties. I asked the question,” How many Areas have a written description of the Alt Delegate duties?” I was amazed that only about 3/5 of the Areas had written descriptions. We are indeed fortunate on the amount of people stepping up to serve AA in Area 35 and the service structure we have built over time. Grateful in Service, Steven L.

AREA CHAIR – Gayle R.

Greeting Area 35. As always, a few glitches in getting Zoom started this morning, I apologize to all. Since the Fall Assembly I have booked the conference rooms for the Fall Assembly 2021. This is a voting assembly and we will be meeting in Alexandria at the Arrowwood Resort. Mike P. has stepped down as sound/ audio recorder for Area 35. I thanked Mike for his willingness to serve Area 35.

I would like to remind all of us to document this rotation very well for the future. Now is the time to be thinking about our actions book that is printed at end of each rotation. Perhaps a special section on the 2020/2021 rotation during the Covid 19 pandemic.

So far, the Spring Assembly is still booked in Crookston Inn. Most likely we would have the zoom option available. Thank you for allowing me to serve. Gayle R.

SECRETARY – Heidi B.

Greetings Area 35. It has been a slow couple of months in my world. I’ve been attending the district 8 district meetings and we are working on some new exciting developments.

In the officers meeting this morning, we discussed putting all important documents

ments onto the cloud so they are available for others to access if necessary. I’ll be creating a cloud account to save all secretary documents.

My homegroup is still meeting via Zoom as our church has remained closed.

I’m continuing to host an afternoon women’s meeting each Friday via Zoom.

Please send me your reports for the meeting minutes, which will be published in the next issue of the Northern Light.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service, Heidi B.

TREASURER – Justin W.

Please see financial reports.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & DCM REPORTS

CPC – Brian P. & PI - Greg C.

The Area 35 CPC/PI Committee met via Zoom on Sunday December 6th with 12 participants participating. A special thanks to Diane and Ricco for the use of their Zoom account for this meeting. As expected, the face-to-face business of CPC and PI work has slowed to almost nothing. The ability to physically get into most public offices and/or professional groups is extremely limited. All groups reporting has brought forth the idea of creating a District Website based on information shared over the past few months. It is really wonderful to hear how the process of utilizing GSR’s to bring the information back to groups, form a group conscience and then carry that to the District is being carried out across the AREA. At the time of this meeting several Districts are in the process of developing new or revamping old websites, a few have voted to delay any development and several are in the voting process this month. All -in-all, it is very encouraging to see and hear all the activity. Also discussed was the subject of District phone lines. Many Districts have them (not all) but cost has been a big issue. Costs for basically the same service range from \$11 to over \$100 per month! At the low end is a service called E-Voice, available on line. Both of these platforms are valuable tools as the Pandemic continues. PI Chair Greg C. is working to coordinate with Regional Social Service groups regarding procedures and needs to better aid the flow of information between them and AA.

More on that by our next meeting. Despite being cooped up and having limited opportunities, it is so encouraging to hear of efforts being made and successes being gained in our job of spreading the word of Alcoholics Anonymous! Thanks everyone!

DISTRICT 9 – Ricco R.

We had a GSR Service Workshop Committee meeting on 10/18 and 11/22/20. District 16 and 9 were represented. We discussed our planned next workshop which will be held on 2/13/21. So far, we have Tawana District 9, CPC Chair giving a topic on newcomers, Mary S. from District 16 giving a presentation on writing a topic for the Grapevine and the Northern Light. Scott J. from District 8 will be our Speaker.

Phyllis K. our PI Chair and Tawana our CPC Chair put on an excellent power point presentation of the Website Workshop that Greg C. Area 35 PI chair and Brian P. Area 35 CPC chair gave us. We encouraged the GSR’s to bring it back to the home groups and discuss and vote on the idea. At our last District 9 meeting we had a vote and the vote was 7 not in favor and 2 in favor of putting one together. I was incredibly pleased to see the group conscious at work. So, at this time we will not be putting one together. However, it was left with the agreement that we could bring it up at a later date if we chose to.

We were asked by Steve L, Alternate Area 35 Delegate, to present at the Area 35 Workshop in January on Isolation and Emotional Sobriety. Diane R. and I were voted in to be the presenters for our district.

In Unity and Service, Ricco

DISTRICT 4 – Colleen S.

Greetings:

Here’s what happening in District 4:

The majority of our groups continue to meet, either in-person, through Zoom, or a combination of both. Unfortunately, a few groups have had to suspend their meetings due to the closure of their meeting locations.

We continue to hold our monthly district meeting in person. At our last meeting it was decided that as a district we should do a group inventory as our last one was 4 years ago. We have tentatively scheduled that for January 2021 prior to our regular district meeting.

In December we will be holding election for the service positions that will be open as of January. These positions are: DCM, Public Information, Web Manager, and District AA Hotline. As my term as DCM is ending, I will be moving into the alternate DCM position, replacing Greg C. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Greg for his service, as well as his guidance, assistance, and the benefit of his experience these lasts 2 years. Thank you, Greg.

I am grateful for this opportunity I have had to serve as DCM and look forward to continue to be of service in my new role.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and Happy New Year.

Yours in Service, Colleen S.

WEBMASTER – Thomas H.

Hello Area 35 - I really hope we can meet again in person soon, it was awesome seeing everyone in St. Cloud. Since we last met things have slowed down again as COVID has ramped back up.

I have added and removed a few flyers from the website - there aren't many events going on right now.

I paid the aaminnesota.org domain hosting fee for the next year.

I did also update an address or two on the website.

I appreciate the ability to serve and look forward to seeing you all again.

Thank you - Thomas H.

LITERATURE – Bruce M. (NO REPORT)

DISTRICT 14 –

DISTRICT 3 – Tom O’M./ Gene M.

We did our first in person and zoom meeting at our last District 3 meeting in November. We meet the 3rd Sunday of the month. I asked for a group conscience on in person meeting or zoom. We will be having zoom meeting until further notice for temporary. We are meeting on zoom to plan presentation. Treatment and CPC/PI have been contacting centers, professionals and broadcasters. Corrections has contacted correctional facilities. Today's committee grapevine shipping is free. Literature sales are down. We discussed emotional sobriety and the volume books. Alternate DCM/ Acting DCM District 3 Gene M.

NORTHERN LIGHT – Cindy S-K

Hello Everyone,
Issue number 6 (Nov/Dec) was sent November 16th to Cold Spring for publication. Cold Spring said it was sent to post office on November 23rd. By the way, the new laptop is awesome! I did not have to ask Steve L. to format anything for this issue.
I hope all are enjoying the holiday season while staying safe and healthy. Remember we need to be aware of the newcomer and for that matter all members of the fellowship whether your meetings are on Zoom or in person. This time of year can be challenging especially with meetings closing down due to Covid-19. Maybe a person does not have an internet connection or cell phone technology to support Zoom. A phone call can make a big difference. I know it always makes me feel included. We need to be an example and reach out the hand of A.A. to those that need us. A great way to introduce everyone to service work is get them on the mailing list for the Northern Light newsletter. Does your group receive the Northern Light? All that is needed is the name and mailing address sent to grouprecords@area35.org.

I am always looking for submissions from the fellowship. This past year is a time like no other, be part of A.A.’s history, share your stories. What have you done to continue your committee work? What has worked or not worked? Sharing this information with others could stir the creative, out-of-the-box ideas we all have hiding in the corners of our minds.

The next deadline for submissions to the Northern Light will be January 4th, 2021.
Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Northern Light editor.
Cindy S.-K.

DISTRICT 8 – Nels P.

Greetings area 35. We are very excited about service work in our district but especially the possibility of a webpage listing meetings in our district both in person and zoom. We will be holding our district meeting December 7th to vote to proceed. Our PI chair has been in contact with the newspapers and radio stations to list our district phone as well.

Yours in service, Nels P.

GROUP RECORDS – Sally L.

The new database system will be up and running on December 14, 2020. I will be attending training on the 15th. After that, I will be able to make changes myself instead of sending everything to GSO. I will be sending out Group Contact Reports to all the DCMs so they can see whether the information is up-to-date. They can then let me know what corrections need to be made so I can make them. The new system is being called Fellowship Connection. This has been an exceedingly difficult year for the folks at GSO’s records department in New York. Due to the difficulties with the switchover to the ERP (Enterprise Resource Program) system from FNV (Fellowship New Vision), they had to make all the group changes themselves. They were swamped with changes and could not keep up. This was made more difficult by the pandemic, which shut down GSO. Staff had to work from home, and they are still working at home. Hopefully, they got most of the changes done. I continue to make changes on aaminnesota.org to show which groups are meeting in person, online, or both. Please send me any changes so I can keep the website as current as possible. I have been receiving more requests from people to get on the mailing list for the Northern Light. Please let me and Cindy, the Northern Light editor, know if you want to be added to the list.
In service, Sally L.

DISTRICT 2 – Danny W.

District 2 held its last District meeting November 1, 2020 at the Twin Rivers clubhouse in Thief River Falls, MN.
Attendees: Besides the DCM there were 5 other attendee’s – 2 GSRs and 3 other TRFs AA members.
District business consisted of approving the September/July meeting minutes

and a verbal treasurer’s report since the District Treasurer was not able to attend. The DCM gave a report providing highlights from the Fall Assembly. Group Reports were presented by attendees who attend the different meetings. With Covid-19 still lingering around it was reported that some groups are still not meeting in person. Those groups that are meeting are still experiencing a decline in attendance. However, it is hoped that given time attendance will pick back up. DCM followed up on a couple of groups that were reported as non-active but found out they are indeed meeting. There was discussion on whether or not to implement a District website. DCM explained what some of the benefits would be and it was decided that GSRs would return to their group and get their group’s conscience and report back at the next District meeting. DCM also discussed the need to let him know whenever a change to our group records system needs to be updated. As everyone is aware group records are a mess full of incorrect information. Hopefully GSO will get this straighten out soon.
In service, Danny W.

DISTRICT 15 – Lori L.

Hello from District 15. I am Lori L. the DCM. At our last District meeting on Nov. 2, we had 9 people in attendance. The capacity of the Albany Senior Center is 10 so we are within range. We elected a new District 15 secretary. We appreciate her stepping into a service position. Each GSR shared about what was happening in their home groups.

As I thought about what I would write this morning, nothing special came to mind. Nothing had changed since last time we met. We still had the mask vs no mask debate, in person meeting vs zoom meetings. Then when I had my first meeting action chair this morning, there was discussion about how this period of time - the pandemic- would go down into AA history. A lightbulb went on. I got enthused. I am a part of important AA history. My thoughts went back to Bill W and what he would have thought about and done if he lived in this era. I felt a spark. My brain got busy surmising and wondering how the pandemic would go down into history. I am reading a book about Nell Wing, Bill W’s secretary. She talks about the many growing pains of AA and the struggles of Bill. Sometimes bumps in the road are good. They make us evaluate our route and maybe take a new route. Bill W. was all about growth and not becoming stagnant. As for myself, I know that from now on, I will listen closely and pay more attention to how the pandemic is changing the way we come to AA. History is in the making. AA is growing in a new way without losing the vision that Bill W had for it.
Lori L.

TREATMENT – Melissa M.

Greetings Area 35,
I hope that everyone is staying healthy during these hard times that we are all facing.
Today in our treatment breakout session we had 2 districts represented, District 13 and District 3. We discussed how it is still a struggle getting ahold of treatment centers and finding a way to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.
District 13 is still in a standstill with where things were at during our last ACM meeting. District 3 stated that they have sent out pamphlets along with contact information to the treatment centers they serve and that this has been done a couple of times but they have yet to hear back from anyone.
We also discussed the importance of focusing on our emotional sobriety during this time. We had great discussions about how to continue to have peace and serenity along with acceptance during this pandemic.
I was asked to be of service from the PI committee from District 13, to help put on a Traditions workshop that has been tentatively postponed due to the pandemic, in which we are hoping to find another date in the future that will work. I want to thank the PI committee for asking me to be of service. I hope that everyone continues to stay healthy and serve to the best of their ability.
If any districts want me to be of service please feel free to contact me and we can schedule a date that works for everyone.
Thank you for allowing me to serve, Melissa M.

DISTRICT 13 – Denise R.

Our District continues to meet on the first Monday of the month via Zoom and in person. In November we had 6 on zoom and 8 in person with 1 new GSR. We meet tomorrow night for December’s District meeting with at least 3 new GSR’s that I know of. Hoping to have a good turnout for our meeting. We will be discussing and voting on whether or not to print new meeting cards this year. With meeting status’s frequently changing due to the Pandemic we are not confident the printed schedules would be accurate for a year. We will also be discussing and voting on whether to have a more user - friendly Web Page by following the lead of District 4. We continue to have GSR’s that are interested in knowing more about Google AdWords Grants and the “Ad Hoc Committee Progress Report - Google Grants and the 7th Tradition,” from the trustees’ Finance Committee, dated March 30, 2020. There is much concern about accepting what we consider to be an outside contribution and also giving up of our Data and anonymity. We continue to learn about this and will hopefully get the chance to discuss this as an agenda item in 2021.
Denise R.

DISTRICT 18 – Janie F. (NO REPORT)

ARCHIVIST –

ARCHIVES – Peter T.

Hi my name is Peter and I am an alcoholic. This is going to be a short report because not a lot has been happening with the archives since the Area 35 Fall Assembly.

The covid-19 virus got to all of us at my shop so things moved along slowly and by the end of November we were all back to our usual selves.

We held the Area 35 Archives Committee Meeting this morning December 6, 2020. In attendance were Katy P.-District 16, Dave C- District 16, Diane R- District 9 and Peter T. Area 35 Archives. We discussed how the Zoom meetings were going, and the effect it may have on the newcomer trying to find a meeting. With the increase of Covig19 meetings were going back to Zoom only. We talked briefly about bringing Zoom meetings to the Jails.

We talked about scanning material for the Archives. I mentioned I use Scanbot app. on my phone because of the OCR ability and I could E-mail the scan to the Archives. Now that the computer is not deleting files it did not take long to fill the 5G one drive to fill up. I will have to ask Area 35 as to where I should store the information.

We talked about the Archive storage facility. Dave C. has some ideas but with the covid-19 going on it is not feasible to be able to move at this time.

We talked about getting the question and answer back into the Northern Light. We will get together toward the end of the month so we can get it in the January 4 dead line.

I would like to remind all DCM’s to send me monthly meetings of any Archive materials.

I am still learning the ins and outs of the Area 35 Archives computer, but I have many great friends in the AA community that will provide me with the education needed to do the best service I can.

Yours in Service, Peter T.

DISTRICT 16 – Katy P.

Greetings from District 16. My name is Katy, I'm an alcoholic and serving as DCM for District 16. *We* hold our District meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 at the United Methodist Church in Grand Rapids, and also on Zoom.

We don't have a whole lot going on right now. We are still working on the joint workshop we will be hosting with District 8 on February 13, 2021. We are also working on our presentation for the Area Workshop in January - "Homegroup Health During the Pandemic".

We have had a couple meetings that had been opened that have now been temporarily suspended due to covid-19. Some which weren't previously having Zoom meeting now are. *We* still do have quite a few hybrid meetings. We are just being careful to make sure meeting rooms are big enough to social distance. Mary S. is doing a wonderful job of keeping up with all the changes on our meeting schedule. Thank you Mary!

Our jail meetings have been temporarily suspended once again, but we are now able to have zoom meetings for the men inmates. We haven't had a women's group in the jail for quite some time, but are now working to implement a zoom meeting for the women as well.

We are still waiting for more feedback from the groups regarding the district website.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, have a safe and happy holiday season.

Katy P.

DISTRICT 12 – Shelly H.

We have had some difficulty with our monthly district meetings. Our meeting location does not currently have internet and has not for several months but this was not known initially and we were given passwords that did not work which has led to frustration and confusion with members and GSRs. The church informed us in November that they are in the process of upgrading their internet and this would take a few months. Due to this and the rising number of COVID cases in our area (and among a number of our AA members) we voted to move forward with holding our district meeting exclusively over zoom. Because of past issues, we will do a trial meeting next week to ensure that all who want to attend are able and troubleshoot any issues that may arise.

We are beginning to connect meeting chairs unfamiliar with online meetings with people that can help them start zoom meetings. We have had folks that were being turned away due to attendance exceeding allowed numbers and meetings being shut down due to recent government mandates regarding gatherings.

We discussed website alternatives and options from both the area and locally. GSRs were asked to discuss the options and we voted to go with a local member who builds websites. She reviewed the zoom meeting that was held highlighting the website that was built for district 4 and felt she could build a similar website for the same price and is willing to take the position of our district webmaster. She agreed to train committee members to make updates as needed. District 12 will register the name TwinPortsAA.com

Yours in service, Shelley H.

CORRECTIONS – Butch R.

Committee met having only Jim from Dist 11 and myself. Not much to report. Jim says things in Benton County are looking good. One big plus A female who is being released from a Prison in Wisc has been set up with a temporary contact as she will be going to Rush City when released. Thanx to all who helped make this happen. Hopefully the future will give us chance to hold our meetings.

In Service, Butch R.

DISTRICT 1 – Laura C. (NO REPORT)

DISTRICT 11 – Kurt N.

In District 11 we continue “keeping the lights on”, even though District activity is quite low, aside from holding our monthly meeting. We are envisioning a website for the District as well as a workshop-perhaps in the spring. Corrections work has come to a stop due to Covid related restrictions. There are a fair number of in person meetings, though at lower levels of attendance. Zoom meetings continue with regularity and with reasonable attendance. Financially we are okay-a trickle coming in here and there, nothing going out. We are taking it a month at a time as we transition through these challenging times. There is much to be grateful for and our Higher Power is always there and ready to meet our needs.

Until Next Time.

Yours In Service, Kurt N.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – Greg C.

See CPC/PI report

DISTRICT 7 – Tim V. (NO REPORT)

DISTRICT 6 – Mike U. (NO REPORT)

GRAPEVINE – Pat M.

Hello Area 35. Pat M. Area 35 Grapevine Chair. We had three attendees at the area committee meeting on zoom. We had districts three, five, and six. Thank you all it was good to see you. We talked about emotional sobriety the book volumes one and volume two. What is emotional sobriety? Being emotionally sober simply means that you are comfortable being present with all your feelings without anyone of them defining or controlling you.

Emotional sobriety volume one talks about there are many paths to emotional sobriety. In this collection of Grapevine stories, several women and men describe their experiences as they practice the principles of AA in all aspects of their lives. Many discover that happiness is a byproduct of giving without demand or return of others. Embrace the presence with gratitude and claim real peace, a quiet place in a bright sunshine as Bill W. put it.

The year 2020 has had a lot of ups and downs. Covid-19 shut down AA meetings. People have lost loved ones. Speaking from experience of losing loved ones and seeing how that affects people around me, I got to realize how it was affecting me. This is why I believe emotional sobriety volumes one and two would be good read for people that are in these situations. I believe every one of us would get something out of reading these two volumes. 2020 is over now we have to look ahead the 2021. In Grapevine, I still strongly believe one of the best ways to carry the AA message is through the Grapevine magazine. I believe in the English form these different individuals read every magazine. The Laviña version of the Grapevine magazine reaches around nine people each magazine, that's pretty amazing. I truly believe the more groups, districts, individuals that are willing to sponsor either a hospital or dentist office, VA’s, jails, prisons, treatments centers, etc. the more magazines we can get into the hands of all who suffer - including the families from alcoholism, the more alcoholics we can reach. I am responsible, when anyone anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible. In the preamble of Alcoholics Anonymous, it says WE of Alcoholics Anonymous, so let's see if our groups, our districts and our individuals of Area 35 can reach deep down and try to get more Grapevines into the hands that are still suffering.

I am your Grapevine chair so please contact me if you need anything or if you have any ideas how I can still reach the still suffering alcoholic - if you want to put on a workshop, maybe a workshop on how to write a story for the Grapevine magazine or just want me to come and visit your group or your District.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area 35 Grapevine chair, Pat M.

“Laughter is one of God’s greatest and most beneficent gifts to us. Laugh with him sometimes at yourself.”

New York, N. Y., November 1946,
“Sobriety for Ourselves”, Thank You for
Sharing: Sixty Years of Letters to the
Grapevine

DISTRICT 5 – Terry P.
District 5 continues to hold meetings in a hybrid format with in-person attendance small enough in relation to facility space to allow. Anecdotaly, it seems meetings around the district have been able to continue with minimal changes. Previous adaptations have made us more flexible it appears. The district voted unanimously to move forward with a district website using the same provider as District 4. Groups felt it was a good use of resources, especially considering the rebound of the treasury and ongoing circumstances. We are also in the process of reaching out to currently listed group spokespersons to confirm information and solicit topic ideas for a future virtual service workshop. We were also able to restock literature in two facilities in the district through participating groups. Looking forward to what will hopefully a more "normal" second half of this rotation.

Yours in Service, Terry P.

DISTRICT 21 – John W. (NO REPORT)

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

Motion passed unanimously via special election with GSR’s in attendance to nominate Mike (Jake) J. for Trustee at Large.

FOC Report – All is in order. Thank you to Justin for your service – Roger R.

January Workshop – One day Zoom only workshop, Saturday, January 16, 2021 - 9am to 5pm. Bring your own ice-cream. No registration fee. PI Chair from GSO will present on what’s going on at GSO. Flier is available, please pass on to all AA members, groups, districts, etc. Show up and get informed.

Area Zoom Accounts - All Area Committee Chairs please set up Zoom account using your area email accounts. Area will set up autopay.

Audio/Sound Recorder – Mike P. has stepped down from this position so the position is available. This is a rotating (every 4 years), non-voting position. Please share with your districts.

Sally L. – Norton Antivirus renewal? Will not renew and will change to MS Defender, which comes free with the software. Works just as well. Back up all important documents.

Sally L. – Please send any group info that has changed to update aaminnesota.org and Meeting Guide app. New system is going online and training is next week. Will get reports on Thursday and will send to DCM’s.

Jim S – Agenda items will be available via area35.org after Feb 15th. No hard copies will be provided.

Calendar of Events – 2021

January 16 – Area 35 Zoom Workshop
February 15 – Delegate will receive Agenda Items
February 28 – Area Committee Meeting
March 5 – West Central Regional AA Service Conference – Zoom only

Motion passed to close at 1:08.

Since the Area 35 Committee meeting
the work continues...

Morning Everyone,

I hope all of you had a happy holiday time and that the new year is looking good for you.

I sent out an email to all DCM’s a little bit ago about seeing if I could attend any district meetings held on zoom. I have heard back from a number of them and plan to attend as a silent attendee. Since we aren’t meeting in person I thought it would be a nice way to reach out and see what’s going on throughout the Area.

If you did not get or see my email I would appreciate you letting me know so I can either get the correct email address or we can figure out why you didn’t receive it.

I am looking forward to the annual workshop that is coming up in a few short weeks. Since there won’t be any need for traveling it should be an easy event to get to for most people so we should be seeing quite a few people there. While the downside of not being able to meet in person is not getting to interact with all of your between meetings, before and after, the up side to zoom events is that there really isn’t any hinderance for people to attend as there isn’t any cost involved in attending.

I attended the NERDS, Northeast Regional Delegates meeting here a few weeks back and heard the Chair of the Agenda committee share his story. I sit on the Agenda committee so it was fun to hear his story. I was pleased to be able to share a little bit at the end of the meeting and hear some of the other people in the meeting share their experience, strength and hope as well.

VERY IMPORTANT: Since we aren’t meeting in person, the agenda items won’t be being handed out at the February Area Committee meeting as normal. They will be uploaded to the Area35 website where you can download them. They will be uploaded in several ways. First, all three languages will be uploaded. Next, they will be uploaded as a single large document for those with faster internet speeds, and finally, each committee will be uploaded individually. They will be password protected so let’s make sure we are getting this information out to the GSR’s so we can get an informed group conscience at the Spring Assembly.

The WCRAASC will be zoom so many of you will be able to attend. I do not have an itinerary as of today but assume we will be seeing one shortly as the event is always the 1st weekend in March.

We will not be using survey monkey for the agenda items this year. I know Gayle has the Crookston Inn in Crookston, MN scheduled for the event. Whether that stays or becomes a zoom meeting we do not know at this point. But I’m sure she will keep us informed.

In Service
Jim S. Area 35 Delegate

Greetings Area 35.. Since we last met I did attend the U.S./Canada Forum-West on the 19th. At one point I think I saw almost a thousand attending from all of the 4 west regions. Jimmy D., Southwest Regional Trustee, Kathi F., Pacific Regional Trustee, Irma V., Western Canada Regional Trustee along with our very own NEW West Central Regional Trustee, Mike L. each opened with welcomes.. The workshop sessions I attended "What Difficult Conversations Are We Not Having in A.A.?" also " Using Tradition 4 to Break Tradition 1". Attending a forum on line is not really my style, I like the face to face and the getting up and moving about getting to the workshops.. However if this is the only way we can be together I would rather have a seat than not together at all...

Our communication with those we serve is a vital service Area 35 provides to our fellowship.. We communicate by email, by phone and or by reports in the Northern Light.. During this Covid rotation we have had quite a challenge.. When we don't respond or follow up, it really sends a bad message.. Are we checking daily or multi times per week for emails.. What about our spam or junk folders.. If you are not getting emails check with Thomas or myself to make sure area35.org emails are going to you.. Not everyone knows or uses your personal emails.. If anyone in the fellowship is not getting answers from an email you sent, please contact me at areachair@area35.org. Are we returning phone calls? Are we writing reports for the minutes and the Northern Light?

Due to poor planning and selfishness on my part, I will be on vacation during the January Workshop.. I may have the ability to log in at some point of the day, if I can figure out the time difference..

We will be meeting on Zoom for the February Area Committee Meeting February 28, 2021.. The decision to cancel the "in-person" Spring Assembly will be made by the February ACM. I am hoping we can meet in person.. Either way, we will be on Zoom as well.. Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 35.. Gayle R. areachair@area35.org

Greetings, Area 35.
The new system at GSO is now online! I can enter information, change information, and create reports without having to send things to GSO. I am learning the system as I go, and I did take the training on how to use the database in December. GSO will be adding more functionality to the system this month (January 2021) so I will be able to do more. Right now the database doesn’t include meeting times, but that will be one of the things they will add. I will still be updating aaminnesota.org manually for the time being. One thing the staff stressed at the training is that ALL positions and contacts will be required to provide email addresses. Speaking of aaminnesota.org, there were a few days this week where the Minnesota Meetings page was not displaying any meeting information. I put a “Technical Difficulties” banner on the home page to let people know we (meaning Thomas, our webmaster) was working on the problem. I am glad to say it is now fixed and the banner has been removed. Thank you, Thomas! I have received a few change requests and have been entering them in the database. GSO staff told us at the training session that they will be working with us to help us get the database cleaned up. I am looking forward to that. I will be attending the Area Workshop on January 16. See you on Zoom. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

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

Since the Area 35 Committee meeting the work continues...

Greetings from District 12

We are making headway with our mission to have an online presence. We now have an official District Webmaster, complete with a committee! We had a member step up to volunteer to create our website based on content from the zoom webinar that the area hosted back in October. The website committee will be supporting our new webmaster by providing content and meeting updates. Stay tuned!

We suspended in person district meetings and are holding them exclusively over zoom. We had been attempting to host a hybrid Live and Zoom meeting to be as inclusive as possible. We are still unable to bring meetings into jails and treatment centers. We were approached with an inquiry of how to provide grapevines to those that are incarcerated. GSRs are going to be asking their groups if they would like to sponsor a subscription or if they would be in favor of allowing the District to purchase subscriptions for the area jails. Volunteers will be approaching jail contacts to inquire if resources are available to provide grapevines for inmates.

District 12 was asked to present at the area 35 zoom workshop on January 16, 2021 on "Bringing the Message to the Newcomer During a Pandemic". A committee was formed and we are looking forward to engaging Area members in discussion on this important topic.

Hope to see you all soon!

Shelley H

District 12 DCM

January Workshop thoughts...

Aloha Area 35. Warm greeting from Sunny beautiful Hawaii.. Getting up at 4am to attend this Workshop reminds me of being in service.. How many times have we gotten up early to travel to a workshop or an assembly or even the Committee meetings.. I miss the drive.. The meeting in the car, I travelled with Christine for 4 years. We have had several great conversations on the way or on the way home.

Steve did a fabulous job chairing and organizing and selecting great people to present.. Ken B. was Trustee when I first came into A.A. And during this Covid-19 pandemic - Public Information is so vital, GSO staff Racy J. was a great asset.

The discussion topics were conversations that need to be discussed. From service work that still needs to be done, to finding fellowship during the pandemic. I like the idea of making sure someone is at the "closed due to Covid" meeting site, to be there for that new comer who would not know where to find us.. I am the queen of isolation so this pandemic is perfect for me to have a reason for me to stay home and alone. I relate to others like that and to push myself out of my comfort zone. I do thank God we do have zoom, sitting for hours is hard on the bones. Zoom gives us the opportunity not only to attend our Home Groups, but really meeting all over the world. We can attend meetings that would be impossible for us to attend without zoom..

Just a quick note- keep checking for changes to the Spring Assembly on March 27th.. I will be meeting with the Officers and committee chairs to discuss a zoom option and if so, how to do all the business that need to be done..

Great job again Steve, thank you Area 35 for allowing me to serve..

Gayle R. chair@area35.org

I attended the Area Workshop on January 16. The workshop went very smoothly and there were a lot of people attending and a lot of participation. I could relate to the District 9 presentation, which talked about isolation and emotional sobriety. Good job, Ricco and Diane! Steve L. did an excellent job running the workshop. The speaker at the end of the day was very good, and Racy J from the Public Information desk at GSO was very helpful and informative.

Sally L.

Area 35 Group Records Secretary

This recovered Alcoholic who needs to work a program of recovery daily needs a few things to stay happy, joyous and free. Number One is contact with other Alcoholics that are working the 12 steps. Two is to keep my program fresh with a healthy flow of information about Alcoholics Anonymous so I am overflowing in order to help the still suffering Alcoholic. And what better way to do it than to attend an Area workshop as I have done for the last 9 years and learned so much from them. Then came Pandemic time and a workshop on zoom who ever heard of such a thing BOY, OH BOY does Steve have a job ahead of him we joked among ourselves. Well Steve did it. He put on a workshop that was not only informative with great topics, and really informed speakers and last but not least good social companionship that I needed most. THANK YOU STEVE !!

District 16 Alt. DCM .
Dave C.

We Wanted what we "had" (before pandemic times) and we went to any length to KEEP it~ just like our sobriety-just like our program....and that means we HAVE to find ways to give it away, or we will loose what we had or now have...even through the pandemic and chaos filled world right now. Both addiction and the world in general equal a death sentence if we do not keep what we have found and so freely we're given...

Restrictions or not, it is on our shoulders as survivors of alcoholism TODAY...it is up to US to keep people coming back and to show newcomers the way.

That means we HAVE to keep the doors open, one way or another...no matter what...rain, shine, or snow...pandemic or no pandemic...whether in person or other ways like online platforms-like zoom.

That also means that we must go out of our way at times, when we "feel" like it, or "not"...in fact ESPECIALLY when we don't feel like it or want to...that is when we must push ourselves even harder.

We kind of have to put our "life" at risk sometimes in order to keep ourselves alive when this pandemic hit...just the same way we put our family/ personal life, hobbies, and even our Fears on hold at times or risk because without the program some of us WILL die.

It says in the 12 x 12 at the end of step one-pg 24 " under the lash of alcoholism we are driven to AA, and there we discover the fatal nature of our situation... then and only then do we become open minded to conviction, as willing to listen~as the dying can be. "We had to be the dying in order to learn to live, now we have to pass that on, whatever ways we can, and whenever we can...

So throughout this pandemic even on a holiday the door must be open, even—and especially throughout the holidays-the doors MUST stay open, we MUST give it away to keep it so we MUST go to any length to keep them doors open and online meetings going.

The pandemic has in my eyes opened many additional doors to meetings that some otherwise could not get to! Jails, hospitals rooms where ppl were confined, nursing homes, half way houses, shelters...anywhere we are needed AA can NOW be accessed through online platforms...face to face we follow restrictions, wore masks, stayed 6ft apart, and even brought our own chairs so we could have contactless meetings! The Sunday night candle light meeting doors did not close through even one Sunday, through the whole pandemic. The one or two weekends we couldn't be there in person we met online right away as I had just found the zoom app before the corona stuff happened and already had the app, had used Skype app years ago too so I figured we would figure it out together, and we did-not without frustration at times and feeling lost or electronically challenged at times....but we figured it out and kept trying. We reached out to each other though phone, social media, texts, etc...just to make sure to stay in contact with each other on a regular basis.

We learned through a struggle that amazing things happen like reaching people all over the world through online meetings, being able to hop on from anywhere at anytime-as long as we make ourselves available-available to others AND to ourselves.

Those of us in service work take on additional stress continuing meetings doing the uncomfortable things like putting ourselves out there (even when we feel like we are still learning ourselves) and finding more or new ways to reach alcoholics, but the additional stress my friends is definitely not without reward!!! For when we help others-we help ourselves. When we help ourselves-we find peace within...which in turn shines bright throughout for others to see. We lead by example and that is how we show others the path out of the darkness.

To the path to serenity, not perfection-but to peace and contentment~to a life well lived....by Using the steps, these "suggestions" in all our affairs-meaning not just at meetings, but in our everyday lives our every day affairs...applying these principles in ALL our affairs IS what has brought us through these crazy Covid-19 times. Being "willing" and "accepting what we can't control" IS why we are all still here today and the AA program will continue through ANY pandemic, Any war, any situation that "used to baffle us"....the principles and steps in the A.A. program is I believe WHY WE all have made it through this and WILL continue to make it IF WE WORK for it and IF WE keep giving it away. Keep moving forward with courage into the unknowns...Hold the Light....try new ways to reach people try new things get out of your comfort zone, just like the promises say-amazing things WILL happen. I am living proof of that so are ALL of you as well here today my friends. Thank you all for your service, and I'm just grateful to be here, If we have nothing to loose we have something to gain. We have nothing to loose by trying new ways (like online Mtgs) and thinking outside the box....We have Everything to loose by our Inaction, Silence, and Self

Seclusion. Move forward with Courage and continue to Hold the Light 🕯

Jen S.

A grateful Alcoholic and Addict

January workshop thoughts...

Howdy Ladies and Gentlemen,

After months of planning the Area workshop was what I would call a success. It had it's hiccups and at times it was agonizing but in the end there was nothing to worry about. The morning of the workshop I went to start the zoom meeting and the zoom meeting number was different then the number I had on my flier. I tried for forty minutes to chance the zoom meeting number with no success. It's now 8:35 panic and anxiety set in how to get the new zoom meeting number to all the presenters, DCM's GSRs anybody that wanted to attend. So, I send an email to stating the new number and start calling a few people too have them email. I call Ken B. who is the guest speaker to let him know my snafu directly while I'm telling him the new zoom meeting number he stops me and says" that's the zoom number I have. That's what is on the flier I have." I look up the pdf flier I sent to everyone and the zoom number was correct. I was using one of the first fliers I made with the wrong zoom meeting number on it. What a relief. After that with the help of everybody and our higher power the workshop went off smooth as silk.

It was nice to see people from forty plus years down to eight months sobriety giving presentations. Each District did their homework and was prepared to give an informative presentation. The bar was high and everyone cleared it with room to spare because every presentation was excellent in sharing both by the presenters and from the audience.

Just a few highlights was Diane R. presentation on "Isolation and Emotional Sobriety during a Pandemic" was such a heartfelt presentation it hit home for so many people. District 12 had a young lady who was helping with the Districts WEB page offering help with only eight months sobriety. Racy J. from GSO gave an informative presentation on PI and GSO but gave an interesting insight, you never know where good ideas will come from. Like Zoom meetings having a whoop whoop committee. A whoop whoop committee is a select few in a zoom meeting to give vocal feedback like clapping or whooping because at a zoom meeting everyone is on mute.

Steve L. Alternate Delegate

Hi everyone! I am so grateful I attended the workshop, by far some of the best presentations ever! The topics were around the subject of the pandemic and how it has affected us and creative ways to continue to do AA business with the restrictions we have. Websites are being created in a number of districts. Zoom has sprung up as the new way to have meetings and do business. The consensus is Zoom it here to stay. Remember to reach out to your fellow alcoholics if you have not seen them online or in person., that means pick up the phone and CALL. Everyone needs to know someone cares.

Cindy S-K Northern Light editor

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“When we AAs look to the future, we must always ask ourselves if the spirit which now binds us together in our common cause will always be stronger than those personal ambitions and desires which tend to drive us apart ... Though the individual AA is under no human coercion, is at almost perfect personal liberty, we have, nevertheless, achieved a wonderful unity on vital essentials. For example, the Twelve Steps of our AA program are not crammed down anybody's throat. They are not sustained by any human authority. Yet we powerfully unite around them because the truth they contain has saved our lives, has opened the door to a new world.”

AA Co-Founder, Bill W.,
September 1945, “Rules’
Dangerous but Unity Vi-
tal”, The Language of the
Heart

	End of P6 Nov 30,2019	End of P7 Dec 31,2019	End of P1 Feb 15,2020	End of P2 March 31,2020
<u>ASSETS</u>				
<u>Current Assets</u>				
<u>Checking/Savings</u>				
<u>1000 · Area 35 Checking Account</u>	17,230.77	20,708.65	19,999.92	12,354.71
<u>1100 · Savings - Prudent Reserve</u>	6,048.24	6,048.54	6,048.70	6,048.97
<u>Total Checking/Savings</u>	23,279.01	26,757.19	26,048.62	18,403.68
<u>Total Current Assets</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	23,279.01	26,757.19	26,048.62	18,553.68
<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>				
<u>Equity</u>				
<u>3000 · Opening Bal Equity</u>				
<u>Net Income</u>	25,362.39	26,757.19	26,757.19	26,757.19
<u>Total Equity</u>	(2,083.38)	(1,394.80)	(708.57)	(8,203.51)
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>	23,279.01	25,362.39	26,048.62	18,553.68
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	End of P3 June 13,2020	End of P4 July 27,2020	End of P5 October 2,2020	End of P6 November 30,2020
<u>ASSETS</u>				
<u>Current Assets</u>				
<u>Checking/Savings</u>				
<u>1000 · Area 35 Checking Account</u>	12,686.37	11,555.76	13,868.11	11,055.62
<u>1100 · Savings - Prudent Reserve</u>	6,049.07	6,049.12	6,049.27	6,049.38
<u>Total Checking/Savings</u>	18,735.44	17,604.88	19,917.38	17,105.00
<u>Other Current Assets</u>	30.00	0.00	0.00	140.00
<u>Total Current Assets</u>	18,765.44	17,604.88	19,917.38	17,245.00
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	18,765.44	17,604.88	19,917.38	17,245.00
<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>				
<u>Equity</u>				
<u>3000 · Opening Bal Equity</u>	26,757.19	26,757.19	26,757.19	26,757.19
<u>Net Income</u>	(7,991.75)	(9,152.31)	(6,839.81)	(9,512.19)
<u>Total Equity</u>	18,765.44	17,604.88	19,917.38	17,245.00
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>	18,765.44	17,604.88	19,917.38	17,245.00

While going through some of the District 19 Archives I found this bit of information interesting and by passing it along some of the Northern Light readers might also find it interesting. I make no accountability to the accuracy of the Document or whether it is Conference Approved Literature. The article is only a brief history of whence we came. I would like to thank those who have preserved our history. Peter T. Area 35 Archives Chair

The Early Days of St Cloud A.A. and The Alano Society

The following is taken from the book (Courage to change) by Rorest Richardson. Pub-(1978).

Walter R. [redacted] was shaving one morning when he had the sensation of seeing his eyes were closed, yet being able to see himself in the mirror, Progressive Alcoholism had caught up with Walter. Having heard of Pat C. [redacted] in Mpls, Walter made contact with him.

Thus A.A. began in St Cloud. In late 1943 Carl R. [redacted] was number two. and Carl G. [redacted] was number three. Otto entered in Dec 1945 and later became one of St Clouds finest.

Otto was one to carry the message to others.

In later years he spent about two years as a counsler in Hazelden. Ed Z. [redacted] A.A. in March of 1947. and quickly became one of the more galant members.

Some of the active members who were involved at the beginning of the building project were.

Jack-S

Joe-G

Julie-M

Otto-Z

Ed---Z

Paul-J

Larry-M

Pete-L

Arnie-M

Arnold-A

Bede -H

Marva-M

Nick-G

Art-S

Ray-G.

When I first came into the Program in 1956, the Wed nite Group was meeting above the Press Bar, in downtown St Cloud and this is where I met an old acquaintance from Mpls. Joe G sometimes in the summer we would meet in members homes, then later we moved to a basement room in a private home in South St Cloud,

It was in that basement room that the first woman came into A.A. in St Cloud. Marva, M. Marva was very active in the Program and later was later to spend 10 years as the first Secretary Treasure of the Alano Society,

It was in that basement also that the first thoughts and discussions took place about building a club house of own and the search for property began.

The first lot on 7th Ave N.E. was aquired through Miss Neigelski (register of Deeds) Foley. To Jack S. second lot was aquired through Joe G. and Julie M. from the owner in Mora MN. General Contractor for the building was Ed Meyers, and the search for material began.

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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he original plan was for A building 38'x40' with basement. Borhert Concrete was stuck with concrete T beams that had been made for a project on the East Side that never materialized. The Alano Group was offered a very good deal on these beams if we would extend the building and put a retaining wall in the middle. If this were done we would also get a 10% discount on the rest of the block.

With this new plan we discarded the original plan with basement. New plans were drawn up on Sept 1- 1961. and shortly the actual construction began. I could go at length about some of the problems involved in getting started and the doubts and misgivings of some who were sure we would lose our shirts. but surprised to say that construction did get started. and the building did get completed with a lot of volunteer help.

Loan limited to \$12,500 was negotiated with Zapp National Bank. there were some difficulties here too. but they were overcome. The first meeting was held in this building in late Sept. The floors were not covered yet and the heat was supplied with the aid of alomanders and whatever we could find. In due time the floors were covered with tile and the furnace installed and we were in business. All the furniture was cast offs donated by the members. and friends. Much of it came from Marva M's home as did the first cabinets we had in the Kitchen area. At a later date Ed Z bought the material and Francis M built the cabinets that are still in use in the kitchen area.

Obourns Funeral Home on 5th Ave So donated a lot of chairs for meetings. and long tables were and delivered by St John's.

At the time this building project got started there were only about twelve active members in the Alano Society. and very few of them had any money,

at one time Marva M took a personal loan for \$500.00 from Zapp Bank to keep us going. (she did get repaid in time)

As a result of this building the A.A. program really began to grow in St Cloud.

uth I. was the second woman in the Program here. and other people came in from the neighboring communities. As a result of this growth some of the Wed night members started the Thur Nite Group. then later the Tue Nite Group got started etc.

udje W, Y, Henning was very helpful cooperated with the A.A. Program. and Dr Carl Thuringer and Dr Hallnebeck contributed financially to the building project.

loor Plans for both the original 36' X 40' building and the one that was finally built are included in this little history of the earlier days of A.A. and the building project in St Cloud as put together by Arnie M and Joe G.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

Service Events

2021

- February: 28th Area Committee Meeting
Zoom 9-2
- March: 5th-7th WCRAASC
Rapid City, SD
Meeting by Zoom
- April: 27th-28th Area Spring Assembly
Crookston or Zoom
- June: 6th Area Committee Meeting
Aitkin or Zoom 9-2

West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous
Virtual Service Conference

“A.A. In a Time of Change”
March 5th, 6th, and 7th!



Zoom Meeting numbers and passwords are pending

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“Suffering is no longer a menace to be evaded at any cost. When it does come, no matter how grievously, we realize that it too has its purpose. It is our great teacher because it reveals our defects and so pushes us forward into the paths of progress. The pain of drinking did just this for us. And so can any other pain.”

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., November 1958, Editorial, AA Grapevine



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 time frame 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 Webmaster.

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.

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Building Use Guidelines During Covid-19 Re-Opening

In an effort to provide a safe environment and comply with government mandates and the guidance of health officials, the following procedures are suggestions you may want to consider following:

FIRST - SECURE A SUPPLY OF DISENFECTIONANT WIPE AND HAND SANITIZER BEFORE RE-OPENING. (HAVE TAPE MEASURE, AND SOMETHING TO MARK 6FT SPACING)

SECOND - CONTACT YOUR FACILITY TO SEE WHAT GUIDELINES THEY WILL REQUIRE YOU FOLLOW.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS TO IMPLEMENT

1. Determine occupancy limit of the space you will occupy.
2. Greeter can supply/issue an amount of hand sanitizer to each member entering the room.
3. Social distancing of 6ft between each person will be maintained at all times. Chairs will be set up at a distance of 6ft from each other and *should not be moved*. (Mark spacing according to the surface of the floor you have: i.e., masking tape, duct tape)
4. Face masks should be worn going in and out of the building. As of July 1st they are recommended at all times.
5. Sanitizing restrooms before and after the meeting. Make a service position for one man and one woman for each meeting.
6. Restroom occupancy is limited to 1 person at a time.
7. Chairs/tables used will be wiped down before and after each meeting.
8. Coffee – bring your own.
9. Make a sign of guidelines to post on door to enter meeting to avoid confusion.
10. Make a sign of guidelines on the restroom door.
11. Do not hug or holds hands before, during or after your meeting
12. Do not pass around medallions for someones anniversary or any basket for 7th Tradition. Put basket on a table for contributions.

Each group is autonomous and should have a group conscience to decide the safety measures you want to put into place. **Making a sign of your guidelines and placing them outside the entrance to your meeting will help those entering know your requirements.**

STAY SAFE AND BE WELL! RESPECT EACH OTHER

	<u>Oct 3 - Nov 30, 20</u>	<u>Jan - Nov 20</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
146992 · 102471 Early Monday Group	0.00	60.00		
4000 · Group Contributions				
4000-01 · District 01 Contributions				
618425 · 110281-Erskine High Noon Group	0.00	100.00		
676989 · 104920-Fosston Thursday Night	0.00	100.00		
691899 · 103402-Erskine Tues Night Group	<u>0.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>		
Total 4000-01 · District 01 Contributions	0.00	245.00		
4000-02 · District 02 Contributions				
107529 · 21206-Warren AA Group	0.00	150.00		
117847 · 110006-Helping HandsGroup	0.00	50.00		
161335 · 33539-Williams AA Group	0.00	75.00		
723325 · 59124-Roseau Women's AA	<u>50.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>		
Total 4000-02 · District 02 Contributions	50.00	525.00		
4000-03 · District 03 Contributions				
107624 · Moorhead Thurs. Nite Group	0.00	10.00		
107702 · 104860-The Formers Group	50.00	150.00		
107855 · 26128-Thur Night Group Moorhead	0.00	40.00		
119323 · 103393-Erhard Group	0.00	100.00		
144731 · 45425-Ottertail Thurs Nite	0.00	100.00		
635785 · 78689-St Mary's of the Lake	0.00	350.00		
668537 · 100038-Cookie Monsters Group	0.00	50.00		
727916 · 224029-DL Monday Eye Opener	<u>26.32</u>	<u>26.32</u>		
Total 4000-03 · District 03 Contributions	76.32	826.32		
4000-04 · District 04 Contributions				
137624 · 5284-Kensington Wednesday Night	0.00	30.00		
171076 · 92690-Thurs As Bill Sees It	0.00	25.00		
637112 · 26999-Wed 7pm Non Smokers	0.00	100.00		
647047 · 84237-Sun Night 630 12 & 12	0.00	65.00		
661987 · 37888-Noon Step & Tradition Grp	0.00	75.00		
663819 · 104638-Womens 12 X 12 Group	0.00	25.00		
690185 · 62983-Sat 10am BB Study Grp	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>		
Total 4000-04 · District 04 Contributions	50.00	370.00		
4000-05 · District 05 Contributions				
107570 · 42545-Zimtown AA Group	0.00	71.00		
117918 · 95029-Becker Group	0.00	60.00		
122111 · 77677-A design for Living	0.00	20.00		
147266 · 14751-Lost & Found AA Grp	0.00	65.00		
668617 · Squad 11 Elk River Alano	0.00	80.00		
674610 · 96059-Big Lake BB Group	25.00	218.28		
704281 · 5616-The Way Out Group	100.00	250.00		
705752 · 84634-Big Lake Sun Night Sol	0.00	17.00		
709933 · 35289-Twelve And Twelve On Main	0.00	50.00		
724470 · 6019-There Is A Solution Group	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>		
Total 4000-05 · District 05 Contributions	125.00	1,031.28		
4000-06 · District 06 Contributions				
107681 · 97742-Cambridge Community Group	0.00	30.00		
107870 · 37224-North Branch Community	0.00	80.00		
122300 · 14065-Tues Night AA Isanti	25.00	34.80		
124462 · 77760-Squad 3 Isanti Thurs	0.00	104.52		
140016 · 85613-Fri AM AA North Branch	0.00	15.00		
142131 · 90338-Forest Lake 12X12 Study	0.00	10.00		
167901 · 7282-Thursday Night 7 pm AA	50.00	260.00		
171884 · 17191-Unity AA	30.00	90.00		
666121 · 24817-Isanti Mon Night Open	0.00	80.00		
672898 · 70426-Simple Not Easy BB Group	0.00	60.00		
680382 · 100899-Dalbo A.A. Group	0.00	125.00		
684775 · 91822-A Woman's Way Group	25.00	100.00		
684788 · 26582-Wed Nite AA 6 PM	<u>0.00</u>	<u>80.00</u>		
Total 4000-06 · District 06 Contributions	130.00	1,069.32		

4000-07 · District 07 Contributions		
??CLSD · Tuesday Women's AA	0.00	12.50
107749 · 106946-Mon Garrison Group	0.00	100.00
123531 · 71823-Sleepy Hollow Group	0.00	77.00
129660 · 16875-Malmo Rhymer Reason AA	65.00	157.00
130396 · 27321-McGregor Wed & Sat Night	0.00	80.00
179367 · 12589-New Hope Group	0.00	50.00
609161 · 39348-Wednesday Woman's Work	44.45	156.92
609418 · 67938-Serenity in the Pines	0.00	100.00
641020 · 10680-Life Begins Here Group	0.00	68.10
642096 · 90198-11th Step Group	0.00	200.00
652451 · 24947-Monday Night Step Group	0.00	50.00
652706 · Practicing the Principles	0.00	50.00
693934 · 36217 Mon Night Mens Nisswa	100.00	100.00
699168 · 23087 Mille Lacs Prim Purpose	0.00	196.95
699424 · 6022 Thurs There Is A Solution	0.00	55.00
705579 · 112000 Isle Big Book	0.00	150.00
716950 · 14932 Lots of Love	0.00	60.00
719598 · 76819 Spiritual Awakenings	0.00	100.00
722626 · Road To Recovery AA	0.00	25.00
727272 · 223629 Design For Living Group	100.00	145.00
Total 4000-07 · District 07 Contributions	309.45	1,933.47
4000-08 · District 08 Contributions		
107553 · 94034-Aurora Big Book	50.00	450.00
107876 · 45232 Orr Tues. Nite AA	0.00	103.00
107970 · Virginia Friday Nite Open	0.00	100.00
120255 · Palo Kitchen Table #1	0.00	52.33
121792 · 49288 Pike Sandy Group	0.00	100.00
142087 · 84297-Cook Sun. Night Big Book	75.00	212.00
171078 · 25414 Ely Monday Womens	0.00	39.00
635763 · 19836 Virginia Monday Night BB	125.00	125.00
674017 · Happy, Joyous & Free Grp Ely	0.00	30.00
709534 · 6306 Ladies by the Lake	0.00	50.00
716110 · 6836 Lake Vermillion 12x12	0.00	160.00
Total 4000-08 · District 08 Contributions	250.00	1,421.33
4000-09 · District 09 Contributions		
107762 · Thursday Morning Downtown	0.00	100.00
107763 · 110173 Thurs Morn Downtown Hibb	50.00	50.00
107764 · 110172-Hibbing Downtown Group	30.00	120.00
107765 · 13824 Tues 8PM Hibbing Alano	0.00	90.00
121039 · 42543 Zim Group	50.00	250.00
128162 · 83295 Sunday 12x12 Step Group	0.00	60.00
138250 · 110174 Hibbing Sat Morning	0.00	150.00
138435 · 94618 Sun. Balkan Group	0.00	50.00
634677 · Happy Hour 6 pm Hibbing	0.00	25.00
646421 · 83126 Sun Morn Daily Reflection	0.00	40.00
694149 · 12541 Tues Afternoon Hibbing	50.00	150.00
719309 · 8471-Hibbing Thursday Noon Grp	20.00	140.00
Total 4000-09 · District 09 Contributions	200.00	1,225.00
4000-11 · District 11 Contributions		
107885 · 49354 Pine City AA Group	0.00	100.00
107949 · 93029 Sandstone Amethyst Group	100.00	100.00
122533 · 41787 Thurs Ogilvie AA	0.00	50.00
141987 · QUAMBA Mon. AA	0.00	100.00
173665 · Saturday Sobriety Group	0.00	75.00
646266 · 109567 Happy Joyous & Free	0.00	100.00
685409 · 78656 - Mora Wed Morning Women	0.00	25.00
721276 · 65024 Sandstone Serenity Group	100.00	100.00
724683 · 19974 Moose Lake Vision of Hope	29.50	39.50
Total 4000-11 · District 11 Contributions	229.50	689.50

4000-12 · District 12 Contributions		
???? · It's Quitting Time Friday Grp	0.00	25.00
107512 · 27049 Wed Afternoon Group	0.00	150.00
107550 · 48069 Peace Church AA	0.00	17.00
107573 · 100551 Crossroads AA	0.00	34.40
107708 · Phoenix AA Group	0.00	25.00
107719 · Saturday 10 A.M. Group	0.00	60.00
114416 · 90599 1609 Group	0.00	71.07
120024 · 42375 Old Towne Group	75.00	75.00
120338 · 83744 9am Sun Basic Text	100.00	100.00
123391 · 9916 A Vision for You Group	0.00	150.00
125933 · Rule 62 Group	0.00	50.00
127270 · 94477 Back to Basics	0.00	150.00
129540 · 78869 St. Scholastica AA	0.00	30.00
132613 · 67747 Serenity Club Inc.	0.00	315.00
133564 · 9922 Lester Park Thursday BB	100.00	100.00
135592 · Duluth "Nuts at Noon" Grp	0.00	50.00
140763 · 6615 Thurs.Noon Big book	0.00	100.00
164917 · Fri. Night Special Topic Group	0.00	55.00
169328 · Finland AA Group	0.00	20.00
635620 · Pattison Park Group	0.00	100.00
637117 · On Awakening Group	0.00	150.00
643667 · We Aren't a Glum Lot	0.00	10.00
695769 · Grand Marais Tue Nite 7th Trad	0.00	10.00
708011 · 81170 Steps at Copper Top	0.00	85.00
711810 · 94714 Barnum AA Group	0.00	60.00
Total 4000-12 · District 12 Contributions	275.00	1,992.47
4000-13 · District 13 Contributions		
107498 · 26978 Wed Happy Hour group	0.00	100.00
107580 · 102570 Early Evening Group (Tue)	75.00	162.50
107601 · 6564 Thurs Candlelight Group	0.00	300.00
107914 · 8507 Primary Purpose Grp	100.00	325.00
118117 · 60484-Sauk Rapids AA Group	0.00	75.00
120216 · 27549 A New Found Freedom	26.00	26.00
120679 · 30646 West End 12 Step Group	0.00	300.00
123538 · Fri. 10 A.M. Big Book	0.00	30.00
126445 · 13260 Tues Morning AA	0.00	50.00
139018 · 42404 Older Adult Group	40.00	100.00
146993 · 6651 Thursday Morning BB	0.00	120.00
164180 · Womens AA Group (Sat. 1030 am)	0.00	50.00
603252 · 6024 There is a Solution	0.00	175.00
670436 · 37950 Wmns Willingness to Grow	0.00	75.00
697239 · Heard it Through the Grape-vine	0.00	75.00
718334 · 5123 Keep It Simple	0.00	135.00
726022 · Thursday AA Group	0.00	35.00
Total 4000-13 · District 13 Contributions	241.00	2,133.50
4000-15 · District 15 Contributions		
107603 · 37651 AA Group of St. Joseph	0.00	50.00
107767 · 110646 Holdingford Group	0.00	200.00
107797 · 19359 Melrose AA Group	0.00	80.00
118632 · 94078 Avon Tues. Night Group	0.00	100.00
167100 · 7217 Sauk Centre Thurs. Morning	0.00	150.00
695601 · Cold Spring Mon. Night	0.00	50.00
718858 · Back 2 Basics	0.00	40.00
721677 · 7385 Thursday Night BB Grp	0.00	175.00
Total 4000-15 · District 15 Contributions	0.00	845.00
4000-16 · District 16 Contributions		
107766 · 110454 Hill City AA Group	0.00	110.00
117890 · 25115 Mon Night BB Grand Rapids	0.00	100.00
118696 · 14449 Fri Night Longville	0.00	115.00
125990 · 86282 Lawrence Lake AA	200.00	200.00
640458 · Monday Night Big Book Longville	0.00	100.00
665046 · Tuesday Nite Solutions Group	0.00	189.00
689522 · 25254 Mon. Noon BB	30.00	30.00
696926 · 99576 Cohasset North Group	200.00	370.00
697943 · Saturday 6pm Group	0.00	50.00
718339 · Bigfork Group	0.00	95.00
Total 4000-16 · District 16 Contributions	430.00	1,359.00

4000-17 · District 17 Contributions				
?CROSSL · ?CROSSL - Crosslake Thurs AA	0.00	50.00		
123762 · Crosslake Tuesday Night Group	<u>0.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>		
Total 4000-17 · District 17 Contributions	0.00	300.00		
4000-18 · District 18 Contributions				
107722 · 102265 Eagle Bend AA	0.00	200.00		
107785 · 19219 Little Falls AA Club	0.00	300.00		
107787 · 14377 Long Prairie Alano	0.00	140.00		
132913 · 47111 Parkers Prairie AA	100.00	100.00		
637835 · 25133 Monday Courage To Change	<u>150.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>		
Total 4000-18 · District 18 Contributions	250.00	890.00		
4000-21 · District 21 Contributions				
107658 · Blackduck AA	0.00	40.00		
139141 · Spiritual Awareness Group	0.00	208.23		
145909 · 38031 Nooners AA Group	0.00	450.00		
662565 · 13687 Living Sober Group	0.00	30.00		
663310 · 77955 Squaw Lake Tues	<u>75.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>		
Total 4000-21 · District 21 Contributions	75.00	878.23		
4005 · No Area Record	0.00	460.00		
4000 · Group Contributions - Other	<u>30.00</u>	<u>110.00</u>		
Total 4000 · Group Contributions	2,721.27	18,304.42		
4100 · Birthday Contributions				
4100-05 · District 5 BDay Contributions				
B674610 · 96059 Big Lake BB	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>		
Total 4100-05 · District 5 BDay Contributions	0.00	20.00		
4100-06 · District 6 BDay Contributions	0.00	44.00		
4100-12 · District 12 BDay Contributions				
B120024 · 42375 Old Towne BDay	<u>151.00</u>	<u>151.00</u>		
Total 4100-12 · District 12 BDay Contributions	151.00	151.00		
4100-13 · District 13 BDay Contributions				
B107601 · 6564 Candlelight Group	<u>0.00</u>	<u>47.00</u>		
Total 4100-13 · District 13 BDay Contributions	<u>0.00</u>	<u>47.00</u>		
Total 4100 · Birthday Contributions	151.00	262.00		
4500 · Service Workshop Registration	0.00	1,170.00		
4550 · Service Workshop Coffee	0.00	295.75		
4610 · Fall Assembly Coffee	179.00	179.00		
4700 · Grapevine Sales	538.98	982.48		
4710 · AAWS Literature Sales	503.75	3,171.88		
4750 · NL Flyer Insert Income	0.00	322.00		
4800 · Interest on Deposits	<u>0.11</u>	<u>0.84</u>		
Total Income	<u>4,094.11</u>	<u>24,748.37</u>		
Gross Profit	4,094.11	24,748.37		
Expense				
5100 · Committee Meeting Rent	0.00	100.00	150.00	200.00
5120 · Grapevine Inventory	0.00	1,957.10		
5125 · AAWS Literature Inventory	537.00	4,646.35		
5200 · Service Workshop				
5201 · Coffee	0.00	335.00	150.00	150.00
5202 · Printing	0.00	0.00	75.00	75.00
5203 · Room Rental	0.00	1,268.34	886.00	886.00
5204 · Speaker Expenses	<u>0.00</u>	<u>731.83</u>	<u>430.00</u>	<u>430.00</u>
Total 5200 · Service Workshop	0.00	2,335.17	1,541.00	1,541.00
5300 · Spring Assembly				
5301 · Room Rental	0.00	0.00	795.00	795.00
5302 · Coffee	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total 5300 · Spring Assembly	0.00	0.00	1,295.00	1,295.00
5360 · State Fair	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
5400 · Fall Assembly				
5401 · Room Rental Costs	3,291.86	3,291.86	2,100.00	2,100.00
5402 · Coffee	188.00	188.00	500.00	500.00
5403 · Printing	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total 5400 · Fall Assembly	3,479.86	3,479.86	2,625.00	2,625.00
6550 · Finance Oversight Committee				
6550-01 · Meals	0.00	14.75	42.00	56.00
6550-02 · Travel	<u>0.00</u>	<u>18.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>	<u>160.00</u>
Total 6550 · Finance Oversight Committee	<u>0.00</u>	<u>32.75</u>	<u>162.00</u>	<u>216.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>4,016.86</u>	<u>12,551.23</u>	<u>5,773.00</u>	<u>6,377.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	77.25	12,197.14	-5,773.00	-6,377.00

Other Income/Expense

Other Expense

6100 · Delegate

6100-01 · Meals	43.57	207.07	286.00	293.00
6100-02 · Travel	33.60	310.64	1,182.00	1,225.00
6100-03 · Lodging	296.00	2,625.37	3,240.00	3,240.00
6100-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
6100-06 · Printing	0.00	997.06	1,650.00	1,650.00
6100-08 · Other	0.00	399.00	625.00	625.00
Total 6100 · Delegate	373.17	4,539.14	7,033.00	7,083.00

6200 · Alternate Delegate

6200-01 · Meals	0.00	222.75	506.00	513.00
6200-02 · Travel	0.00	106.50	1,047.00	1,087.00
6200-03 · Lodging	0.00	452.19	744.00	744.00
6200-05 · Supplies	0.00	66.04	150.00	150.00
6200-06 · Printing	0.00	19.51	50.00	50.00
6200-08 · Other	0.00	25.00	30.00	30.00
Total 6200 · Alternate Delegate	0.00	891.99	2,527.00	2,574.00

6300 · Chairperson

6300-01 · Meals	50.00	177.84	366.00	373.00
6300-02 · Travel	0.00	132.00	546.00	568.00
6300-03 · Lodging	307.56	728.95	610.00	610.00
6300-05 · Supplies	90.83	77.48	50.00	50.00
6300-06 · Printing	100.09	100.09	375.00	375.00
6300-08 · Other	0.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Total 6300 · Chairperson	548.48	1,241.36	1,972.00	2,001.00

6400 · Secretary

6400-01 · Meals	0.00	145.35	521.00	528.00
6400-02 · Travel	0.00	153.11	480.00	510.00
6400-03 · Lodging	0.00	346.92	790.00	790.00
6400-06 · Printing	0.00	803.35	240.00	280.00
6400-08 · Other	0.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Total 6400 · Secretary	0.00	1,473.73	2,056.00	2,133.00

6500 · Treasurer

6500-01 · Meals	38.69	219.66	563.00	570.00
6500-02 · Travel	0.00	236.97	641.66	665.15
6500-03 · Lodging	0.00	402.30	640.00	640.00
6500-05 · Supplies	0.00	50.52	0.00	319.95
6500-06 · Printing	0.00	60.98		
6500-07 · Postage	0.00	55.00	0.00	240.00
6500-08 · Other	0.00	45.00	25.00	25.00
Total 6500 · Treasurer	38.69	1,070.43	1,869.66	2,460.10

7000 · Archives Chair

7000-01 · Meals	0.00	37.00	311.00	318.00
7000-02 · Travel	0.00	28.00	325.00	340.00
7000-03 · Lodging	0.00	120.87	810.00	810.00
7000-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	30.00	40.00
7000-08 · Other	50.00	500.00	25.00	25.00
Total 7000 · Archives Chair	50.00	685.87	1,501.00	1,533.00

7100 · Archivist

7100-01 · Meals	0.00	-6.00	251.00	258.00
7100-02 · Travel	0.00	0.00	680.00	700.00
7100-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	840.00	840.00
7100-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
7100-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	2,415.00	2,415.00
Total 7100 · Archivist	0.00	-6.00	4,336.00	4,363.00

7200 · Corrections

7200-01 · Meals	0.00	239.00	421.00	428.00
7200-02 · Travel	0.00	79.00	582.00	596.00
7200-03 · Lodging	0.00	222.00	840.00	840.00
7200-08 · Other	0.00	25.00	30.00	30.00
Total 7200 · Corrections	0.00	565.00	1,873.00	1,894.00

7300 · CPC

7300-01 · Meals	35.00	69.18	156.00	163.00
7300-02 · Travel	45.00	305.00	643.00	698.00
7300-03 · Lodging	153.78	392.73	690.00	690.00
7300-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
7300-08 · Other	0.00	15.00	175.00	175.00
Total 7300 · CPC	233.78	781.91	1,689.00	1,751.00

7400 · Grapevine				
7400-01 · Meals	56.00	186.75	246.00	253.00
7400-02 · Travel	19.00	219.69	410.00	440.00
7400-03 · Lodging	307.56	760.13	790.00	790.00
7400-07 · Postage	0.00	19.58		
7400-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total 7400 · Grapevine	382.56	1,201.15	1,471.00	1,508.00
7500 · Group Records Secretary				
7500-01 · Meals	0.00	120.82	471.00	478.00
7500-02 · Travel	0.00	149.41	405.00	420.00
7500-03 · Lodging	0.00	346.28	970.00	970.00
7500-05 · Supplies	0.00	72.80		
7500-06 · Printing	0.00	124.28	100.00	100.00
7500-07 · Postage	15.50	95.36	31.72	37.82
7500-08 · Other	<u>3.00</u>	<u>28.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total 7500 · Group Records Secretary	18.50	936.95	2,002.72	2,030.82
7600 · Literature				
7600-01 · Meals	37.05	74.99	453.00	460.00
7600-02 · Travel	40.00	84.37	246.00	258.00
7600-03 · Lodging	314.31	314.31	980.00	980.00
7600-05 · Supplies	0.00	-705.98		
7600-07 · Postage	0.00	17.25		
7600-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total 7600 · Literature	391.36	-205.06	1,704.00	1,723.00
7700 · Northern Light				
7700-01 · Meals	25.92	115.99	241.00	248.00
7700-02 · Travel	30.98	143.24	275.00	295.00
7700-03 · Lodging	148.24	418.00	500.00	500.00
7700-05 · Supplies	0.00	573.88		
7700-06 · Printing	361.00	1,745.00	1,875.00	2,250.00
7700-07 · Postage	360.12	1,342.65	1,500.00	1,800.00
7700-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total 7700 · Northern Light	926.26	4,363.76	4,416.00	5,118.00
7800 · Public Information				
7800-01 · Meals	25.81	99.10	301.00	308.00
7800-02 · Travel	20.00	176.05	737.00	773.00
7800-03 · Lodging	142.71	578.06	700.00	700.00
7800-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
7800-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Total 7800 · Public Information	188.52	868.21	2,068.00	2,111.00
7900 · Treatment				
7900-01 · Meals	26.00	163.00	246.00	253.00
7900-02 · Travel	11.00	221.50	410.00	440.00
7900-03 · Lodging	307.56	728.42	790.00	790.00
7900-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total 7900 · Treatment	344.56	1,137.92	1,471.00	1,508.00
7950 · Webmaster				
7950-01 · Meals	0.00	123.62	259.00	266.00
7950-02 · Travel	0.00	115.75	225.00	245.00
7950-03 · Lodging	0.00	198.10	960.00	960.00
7950-05 · Supplies	0.00	13.27	58.00	58.00
7950-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
7950-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>144.40</u>	<u>145.00</u>	<u>145.00</u>
Total 7950 · Webmaster	0.00	595.14	1,672.00	1,699.00
8000 · Web Technology				
8000-08 · Software Products	<u>56.34</u>	<u>578.52</u>		
Total 8000 · Web Technology	56.34	578.52		
8050 · Audio Technician				
8050-01 · Meals	47.00	47.00	201.00	208.00
8050-02 · Travel	17.50	60.50	133.00	153.00
8050-03 · Lodging	285.00	601.00	800.00	800.00
8050-05 · Supplies	83.39	270.81	200.00	200.00
8050-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>10.00</u>
Total 8050 · Audio Technician	<u>432.89</u>	<u>989.31</u>	<u>1,344.00</u>	<u>1,371.00</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>3,985.11</u>	<u>21,709.33</u>	<u>41,005.38</u>	<u>42,860.92</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-3,985.11</u>	<u>-21,709.33</u>	<u>-41,005.38</u>	<u>-42,860.92</u>
	<u>-3,907.86</u>	<u>-9,512.19</u>	<u>-46,778.38</u>	<u>-49,237.92</u>

NORTHERN LIGHT PRIMARY PURPOSE:

The Northern Light, 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 Northern Light 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 Northern Light.
- ◆ 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 Northern Light Committee could subscribe to 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 Northern Light

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.

Northern Light COMMITTEE - The Northern Light 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 Northern Light Committee members and editors.

Northern Light 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,
Cindy S-K

Directions for Inserting a Flier into the Northern Light

1. First & Foremost **Contact the Northern Light Editor** at northernlight@area35.org or call the phone number listed on page 3 of the hard copy, print version of the Northern Light, for the Northern Light Editor (remember this will change every 2 year rotation).
2. Email a pdf version of your flier to northernlight@area35.org for approval. Upon approval a copy will be forwarded to the webmaster to be placed on the Area 35 websites calendar of events.

3. Upon approval mail to :

Cold Spring Record
PO Box 456
403 West Wind Court
Cold Spring, MN 56320

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

4. **OR** if you wish to have Cold Spring Record print your fliers to be inserted into the Northern Light. The Northern Light 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
7633 15th Ave NE
Rice, MN 56367

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE MOST
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—725 mailed only or 1000 for mailed and hand outs.

Northern Light Deadlines for 2021 are as Follows:

- ◆ January 4th : Flier will be included in the January/February Issue
- ◆ March 8th : Flier will be included in the March/April Issue
- ◆ May 1st : Flier will be included in the May/June Issue
- ◆ July 7th : Flier will be included in the July/August Issue
- ◆ September 1rd : Flier will be included in the September/October Issue
- ◆ November 5th : Flier will be included in the November/December Issue

Archives Trivia

Areas 35 Archives Committee will revive the trivia Question and Answer titbit to the Northern Light. The first question comes from Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age. Did you read the entire book? (answers on page 18)

1. Where in the book and Who said “Alcoholics Anonymous, grown to its present astonishing strength, is a godsend to - ministers. How can we understand an alcoholic-his desire for liquor, the hopeless captivity against which he futilely contends, one determined decision after another to stop drinking ending in collapse? When we talk to an alcoholic, he knows never having been in his place we cannot understand his plight. But when an ex-alcoholic, who has been in the depths himself and has taken the Twelve Steps to freedom, talks to an alcoholic, amazing results can follow and have followed in countless thousands of lives.”
2. The story section of the Big Book was completed when?
3. Who was AA’s second National Secretary ?
4. Who came to visit Bill W. at A. A, old Twenty Fourth Street Club in New York on a wintry night in 1940?

Area 35 Guidelines

for flyers to be posted on the website or in the Northern Light

A good flyer should answer the following questions:

1. Who is involved or sponsoring the event? Examples:
 - a) AA Group
 - b) District
 - c) Area
2. What type of event is it? Examples:
 - a) An open or closed meeting
 - b) Speaker meeting
 - c) Call up meeting
 - d) Big Book meeting
 - e) Workshop
 - f) Conference
 - g) Fellowship (ice cream socials, potlucks, chili cook offs, etc.)
 - h) AA must appear somewhere on the flyer
3. When is the event to take place? Examples:
 - a) Date and time
 - b) Does it reoccur
4. Where will the event take place?
 - a) Name of the facility and the address
 - b) Maps are sometimes helpful but not necessary
5. Why is the event taking place?
 - a) The reason for AA events is to carrying the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic (this doesn't have to be printed on the flyer)
 - b) Usually covered in Who and What

*For safety reasons, if a phone number is listed on the flyer consider NOT putting a name in association with the number.

Please submit flyers in PDF format when possible. Flyers will be posted on the Area 35 Website and in the Northern Light at the Area 35 Webmaster's and Northern Light Editor's discretion. Email the webmaster at area35.org with any questions.

Acronyms

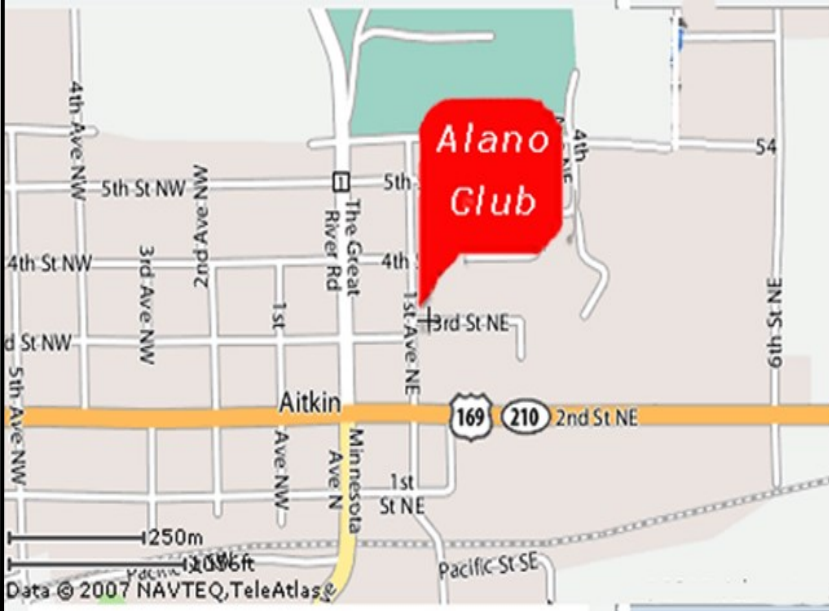
(Spaghetti Soup)

- AAWS - Alcoholics Anonymous World Service
- ACM - Area Committee Meeting
- BB - Big Book (Alcoholics Anonymous)
- BTG - Bridging the Gap
- CCS - Corrections Correspondence Service
- CFCP - Correctional Facility Contact Program
- CPC - Cooperation with the Professional Community
- DCM - District Committee Member
- FNV- Fellowship New Vision Database
- FOC - Finance Oversight Committee
- GSB - General Service Board
- GSC - General Service Conference
- GSO - General Service Office
- 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)
- WCRSC - West Central Regional Service (Conference)
- WCRAASC - West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (same as above)
- WCRF - West Central Regional (Forum)
- WCRAAF - West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Forum (same as above)

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.
Come join us!



OUR PAST DELEGATES

<u>Panel 68</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	Scott J.	<u>Panel 12</u>	<u>1962-1963</u>
Christine G.			Donna T. (deceased)	
<u>Panel 66</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>Panel 36</u>	<u>1986-1987</u>	<u>Panel 10</u>
Kelly D.		Louie H.		<u>1960-1961</u>
<u>Panel 64</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>Panel 34</u>	<u>1984-1985</u>	Bob B. (deceased)
Michael “Jake” J.		Bob P. (deceased)		<u>Panel 8</u>
<u>Panel 62</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>Panel 32</u>	<u>1982-1983</u>	<u>1958-1959</u>
Jim K.		Tom L. (deceased)		Pearl N. (deceased)
<u>Panel 60</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>Panel 30</u>	<u>1980-1981</u>	<u>Panel 6</u>
Jon C.		Don M. (deceased)		<u>1956-1957</u>
<u>Panel 58</u>	<u>2008-2009</u>	<u>Panel 28</u>	<u>1978-1979</u>	<u>Panel 4</u>
JoAnne M N.		Garfield (Duffy) S. (deceased)		<u>1954-1955</u>
<u>Panel 56</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>	<u>Panel 26</u>	<u>1976-1977</u>	Wendell H. (deceased)
Jerry S.		Vern R. (deceased)		<u>Panel 2</u>
<u>Panel 54</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>	<u>Panel 24</u>	<u>1974-1975</u>	<u>1952-1953</u>
Charlie C.		Gordon B. H. (deceased)		Arthur R. (deceased)
<u>Panel 52</u>	<u>2002-2003</u>	<u>Panel 22</u>	<u>1972-1973</u>	
Tim C.		Frank P. J. (deceased)		
<u>Panel 50</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>	<u>Panel 20</u>	<u>1970-1971</u>	
Tom A.		Clarence B. (deceased)		
<u>Panel 48</u>	<u>1998-1999</u>	<u>Panel 18</u>	<u>1968-1969</u>	
Susie A.		Dave H. (deceased)		
<u>Panel 46</u>	<u>1996-1997</u>	<u>Panel 16</u>	<u>1966-1967</u>	
Bill P. (deceased)		Arno A. (deceased)		
<u>Panel 44</u>	<u>1994-1995</u>	<u>Panel 14</u>	<u>1964-1965</u>	
Bruce B.		Donald F. (deceased)		
<u>Panel 42</u>	<u>1992-1993</u>			
Greg G. (deceased)				
<u>Panel 40</u>	<u>1990-1991</u>			
Bob J.				
<u>Panel 38</u>	<u>1988-1989</u>			

Answer

1. Dr Fosdick page 323
2. January 1939 page 164 3.
3. Bobbie B. page 196 4.
4. Father Ed Dowling page 38

Q: Why list our past Delegates?

A: They are a resource to you!

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

The Delegate's Duties

Though the high point is the Conference meeting, the delegate's job goes on year-round and involves all aspects of the Conference structure. The delegate should:

- Attend the Conference meeting in April, fully prepared. Immediately upon election, every delegate is put on the G.S.O. mailing list to receive Conference materials.
- Communicate the actions of the Conference to area committee members and encourage them to pass on this information, and the delegate's enthusiasm, to groups and to intergroups/central offices. If an area is too large for the delegate to cover in person, he or she will ask area officers and committee members to share the load.
- Be prepared to attend all area, state/provincial, and regional service meetings and assemblies. From these meetings, delegates come to better understand their own areas and can make suggestions for the Conference agenda. Here, too, they come in contact with A.A. members who might not be reached otherwise.
- Help area committees obtain financial support for the area and G.S.O.
- Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the A.A. Traditions.

- Remind G.S.R.s to inform groups and individuals about the A.A. Grapevine and Conference-approved literature.
- Cooperate with G.S.O. in obtaining information—for example, making sure that up-to-date information reaches G.S.O. in time to meet the deadline for each Issue of the A.A. directory and helping carry out the triennial membership surveys.
- Visit groups and districts in the area whenever possible.
- Work closely with committee members and officers, sharing experience throughout the year. After G.S.R.s and committee members have reported on the Conference, learn from these A.A.s how groups and members have reacted.
- Assume added responsibility if the area chair and alternate chair are unable to serve. Or, if an area committee is not functioning effectively, the delegate may take an active role in remedying the situation.
- Keep the alternate delegate fully informed and active, so that the alternate can replace the delegate in an emergency.
- Late in the second term, work with newly elected delegates to pass along a basic knowledge of Conference proceedings and problems.

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

AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING

Agenda

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February 28, 2021

- 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 Minutes from last ACM

OFFICER REPORTS

- Delegate – Jim S
- Alternate Delegate – Steve L
- Chair – Gayle R
- Secretary – Heidi B
- Treasurer – Justin W

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS

- CPC – Brian P
- District 9 Ricci R
- District 4 Colleen S
- WEBMASTER – Thomas H
- LITERATURE – Bruce M
- District 14
- District 3 Gene M
- NORTHERN LIGHT – Cindy S-K
- District 8 Nels P
- GROUP RECORDS – Sally L
- District 2 Daniel W
- District 15-DCM- Lori L
- TREATMENT – Melissa M
- District 13 Denise R
- District 18 Barb R
- ARCHIVIST –
- ARCHIVES – Peter T
- District 16 Katy P
- District 12 Shelly H
- CORRECTIONS – Butch R

- District 1 Laura C
- District 11 Kurt N
- PUBLIC INFORMATION: Greg C
- District 7 Tim V
- District 6 Mike U
- GRAPEVINE – Pat M
- District 5 Terry P
- District 21 John W

- 12:00 P.M. Lunch
- 12:45 P.M. Reconvene

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

- FOC Report – Christine/Roger
- 2021 Agenda Items
- Audio/Sound Recorder
- January Workshop Report
- January Workshop Evaluations
- Calendar of Events
- Adjourn

NOTES:

Mail Area 35 Group contributions to: NMAA
7633 15th Avenue NE
Rice, MN 56367