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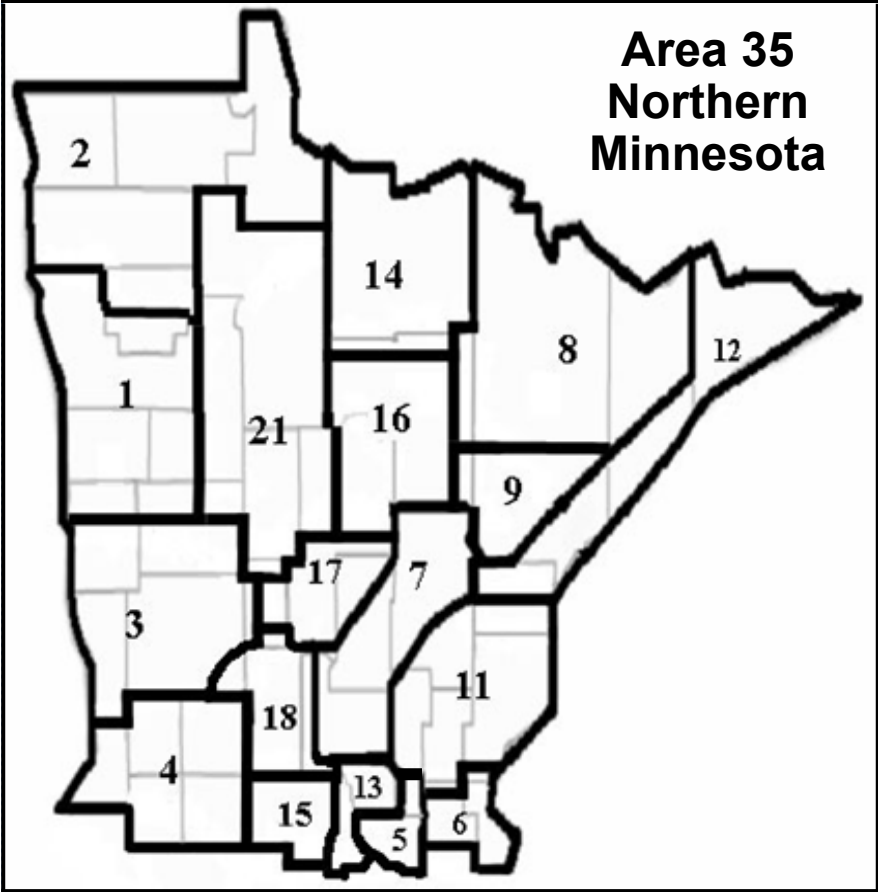
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Zone I

- 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
- 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, Osakis* ,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

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

District Meeting Location Information

District 1

2nd Sunday of Even Months, 2:00 p.m.
Fertile Community Center
101 S Mill St, Fertile, MN 56540

District 2

1st Sunday of Odd Months, 3:00 p.m.
Thief River Falls Alano Club
614 Davis Ave
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

District 3

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

District 4

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

District 5

3rd Monday of Month, 7 p.m.
(use side door that opens to parking lot)
Trinity Lutheran Church
111 N 6th Ave
Princeton, MN 55371

District 6

3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m.
Spring Lake Lutheran Church
8440 Erickson Rd NE
North Branch, MN 55056

District 7

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

District 8

Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m.
General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Contact DCM for location “It Rotates”

District 9

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

District 11

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

District 12

3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30 p.m.
1100 E Superior Street
Duluth, MN
Handicap Accessible,

District 13

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

District 14

3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30pm
Coffee Landing
444 3rd Street
International Falls, MN 56649

District 15

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

District 16

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

District 17

Not currently active or unknown

District 18

1st Tuesday of Month, 6:00 p.m.
Long Prairie Alano Club
21 2nd Ave
Long Prairie, MN 56347

District 21

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

AREA OFFICERS & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

Area 35 Committee Meeting Minutes
Meeting via Zoom
February 28, 2021

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, Kelly D– panel 66 and Christine G – panel 68.

Additions to the Agenda:

Approval of the December 2020 Area Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – Jim S

Good Morning Everyone, I want to touch on some of the financial information provided in the latest edition of AAWS highlights that I emailed out the other day. The soft close as of Dec 31 showed a surplus of \$311,000 before depreciation. 2020 had an all time high of \$10,304,185.00 in 7th tradition contributions which is \$417,930 greater than forecast. The gross literature sales were \$9,095,578.00 while the forecast wasn't reached, cost of production was 25% of gross vs 35% expected. The split between literature sales and 7th tradition donation was 37% and 63%, typically it is a 58% and 42%. The budget for 2021 is revenues of \$15,594,00 with expenses of \$14,952,613, giving us a surplus of \$641,387.00. What wasn't addressed was the payout from the insurance policy from the International Convention and where the Reserve Fund is at.

There is a record amount of background material this year, so I am willing to meet with any district or group to discuss them with you between the WCRAASC and the Spring Assembly. I am available either through zoom or in person if I can. Also, remember, we have a whole bunch of Area officers and Area committee chairs that can also help. Currently, I have meetings set up with District 2 March 14th in person, District 7 on March 18th in person and District 16, possibly with 8 ad 9 will be in zoom. I have plenty of availability to meet.

Why am I doing this? This year's WCRAASC is going to be a little different then before. There will be two breakout sessions where half the committees will be discussed followed by a 25 minute presentation on what the committee talked about and then repeating the same process in the afternoon with the other committees. You will be only able to at best attend 3 committees. I would like to provide the area with as much information on these agenda items as possible before the Spring Assembly so we can have an informed group discussion.

The agenda items are on area35.org. The password is 202135

In Service, Jim S.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – Steve L

Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen, tis the agenda item season. Like everyone, I'm busy focusing on agenda Items, trying to read and digest the mounds of information. There is lots of back ground information this year. I met with Nels P. DCM Dist 8 and Heidi B. Area Secretary by zoom and discussed agenda items for about ninety minutes and we got through only about four or five items in that time.

Our workshop in January went very well I believe, especially the Woo Hoo committee idea. I'll be giving a formal report later today about the evaluations. I was disappointed in the fact that only eight people responded. I'm working on Next year's workshop which will be Jan 15-16, 2022, in Zone 2 Districts 3, 4, and 15 are the hosts. The past locations have been Alexandra, Moorhead and Detroit Lakes in that order. I'm currently working with those Districts to narrow down the location for the workshop.

A big thank you to our Area Webmaster Tom H. for helping me get access to a joint Cloud Account. Jim can now share his information with me. It's good to have a backup plan incase Jim gets eaten by a bear. Yes, we will morn for Jim but we will have a smooth transfer of information.

A shout out to Bruce M. our Area Literature Chair for going the extra mile in these difficult times by meeting me in Hibbing to give me literature for my group on a short notice.

I'm looking forward to attending the WCRASC on zoom next weekend. See you there.

In Service, Steve L.

AREA CHAIR – Gayle R

Greetings Area 35! Today would have been a great day to practice our inclement weather procedure. Down in the St Cloud area, we have about 5 to 6 inches of new snow, with warnings regarding visibility. To the West, around Moorhead and to the North around Ely sunshine and snow is melting.. Which brought up the question in the officers meeting about changing the inclement weather procedure, printed in the Northern Light. Should we add the switching to Zoom.? During this rotation, yes we can add Zoom as an option. The next rotation may not need Zoom, so I would make a suggestion to the incoming Area Chair to reevaluate the need for all the zoom accounts.

I know it's only February, but now is the time to think about Delegate nominations. One of the first things to consider to Delegate qualifications, as on area35.org. Ask your nominee if they are qualified in this fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous and Please ask your nominee if they are up to the time qualifications. Each nominee must be nominated by a District. Being nominated by more than one district is allowed, BUT it takes away from someone else being nominated. There is a resume form that all candidates are required to fill out and give to me by June 6th- The resumes will be printed in the August edition of the Northern Light. Elections are in October of this year.

Spring Assembly is moved to the 2nd weekend in April. So we have more time to discuss the 1300 pages of the agenda. It will be on April 10 and 11. The format will be the same as usual. Two days, the sharing sessions will be the same. Committee meeting will be the normal. I will need the Zoom ID's and Passcode numbers by March 7th. The agenda and zoom information will be also be printed in the August edition of the Northern Light.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service to Area 35 – Gayle R.

SECRETARY – Heidi B

Greetings Area 35, I downloaded the agenda items and have been reviewing them and the background materials. Nels and I had a zoom review with Steve L., Alt Delegate on Friday and only had time to go through a few. I look forward to going through them with my district, region and then with the Area at Spring Assembly.

My homegroup is still meeting via Zoom and I continue to host a women's meeting each Friday at noon via Zoom. When I started this Zoom women's meeting, I did so thinking it would be a temporary solution due to Covid. I never imagined we'd still be meeting nearly a year later. I haven't decided if I'll continue the meeting once the state has lifted restrictions. I'm curious what will become of these Zoom only meetings that didn't exist before Covid. I noticed the agenda item addressing online groups in the service structure and will be following that item through the GSC.

DCM's, thank you for continuing to send your district minutes to me! I enjoy reading what everyone is doing in their districts.

Please send me your reports for the meeting minutes, which will also be published in the next issue of the Northern Light. Reports are due Sunday, March 7 – one week from today.

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

TREASURER – Justin W

I got the budget entered as approved, with the exception that there was an error in the budgeted amount for the Archives Rent, \$600 for the year instead of \$2400. We may want to discuss removing the additional expenses associated with the Service Workshop, February ACM, WCRAASC, and Spring Assembly at least. This would bring our overall budget for 2021 down from \$52,634 to \$25,513.

We received 34% less contributions this year compared to last year. Our bottom line was a net loss of around \$8,000, compared to a around a \$1,400 gain last year. This line graph shows a graphic of the contributions for both years. I believe contributions sent to the old address in Park Rapids are starting to get returned to the sender by the post office because they will only forward for a year, so it's important that groups use the new address. I have been sending out contribution receipts and some of them have been returned because the return address is not valid, or doesn't have a mail receptacle, which means that those contributions could actually get lost. It's really important that the envelopes have a valid return address.

I am starting to look at these agenda items and will be spending time with others going through them as I usually do. If you don't understand the agenda, it's a good idea to get together with someone and go through it with them because there's a bit of a learning curve and it can be overwhelming to look at. For those that do understand, grab someone in service that's newer and do it with them if you can.

Spring is a busy time for us in Area 35 and hope we all can embrace the opportunity to plug ourselves in and let this thing keep saving our lives for another day.

Yours in service, Justin W.

COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS

CPC – Brian P (no report)

DISTRICT 9 – Ricco R

I have been reading the 1300+ pages of our Agenda Items and plan to attend the WCRAASC on March 6, 2021, and the Agenda meeting with Jim S. our Area 35 Delegate, District 9, 16, 3, maybe others and all interested AA members on March 21, 2021.

We had our District 16 and 9 workshop on Feb. 13, 2021. It was another roaring success, Thanks to our presenter's, Tawanna District 9, Scott District 8 and Mary District 16 and the fantastic turnout. We will be planning two more workshops this year. It has been fun and rewarding working with District 16. Most of the in-person AA meetings have started up again with 3 that are still on Zoom.

We, Diane and I, attended the Area 35 Workshop on Jan 16, 2021, and did a presentation on Isolation and Emotional Sobriety during the pandemic. The past West Central Regional Trustee, Ken B. put on a presentation on, Be Involved, Be Inspired, Be of Service, and the speaker was Ken B. also. There were many more presentations, too many to mention. It was an exceptional Workshop, and well attended. Steve our Alternate Area 35 Delegate and all the others that helped make it a success should get a warm appreciation for their service for putting it on.

We, Diane and I, attended the Area 36 Workshop on Jan 23, 2021. It was also an exceptional Workshop. The Guest Speaker was Mike L. our new West Central Regional Trustee.

In Unity and Service, Ricco

DISTRICT 4 – Bumper L (no report)

WEBMASTER – Thomas H

Hello Area 35! Since we last met, I have been quite busy with webmaster tasks for the Area!

At one point there was an issue with the email forwarders. I did set up an "all" email group so that you can email one address and it will be forwarded to all the area emails.

I cleared some of the email storage space that was filling up and removed some of the website backups from years ago to free up space. The website does have current backups so these were not necessary.

AAMinnesota.org randomly stopped showing all meetings on the website. I worked with the creator of the website plugin to troubleshoot and resolve the issue.

I updated the website address for District 7 and District 18 on the Area 35 website.

I created a survey for feedback for the Area 35 Service Workshop and forwarded the results to our Alternate Delegate Steve.

Finally I uploaded numerous flyers to the calendar and paid the hosting for 2021.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the area – with my homegroup closing

AREA OFFICERS & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the area – with my homegroup closing due to Covid this opportunity is even more important to me than it may normally be.

Thomas

LITERATURE – Bruce M (no report)

DISTRICT 14 –

DISTRICT 3 – Gene M

Hello everyone, There has been contact with area 35 group records regarding meeting ID's and Pwd's for our district. Information to be updated on aaminnnesota.org. Our district is possibly going to join other districts to go over agenda items with area 35 delegate March 21st. Discussion on ordering new book (A visual history of AA) to be on hand for our district members to purchase. Grapevine/ Literature committee today literature being ordered Grapevine magazine making amends. I rotated from Alternate DCM to elected DCM, Leslie B. was elected Alternate DCM at last district 3 meeting. The meeting before in January Herb B. was elected secretary. Congrats to Herb our new secretary and Leslie our new Alternate DCM.

Gene M.

NORTHERN LIGHT – Cindy S-K

Hello everyone,

I made an error on the events page with date for Spring Assembly. It is now April 9-10, I will not be able to attend. Submit your articles for the next newsletter by March 9th. This is after the WCRAASC so there should be healthy discussions. We are living through a pandemic which has changed the way AA is being done, share your experiences.

In service, Cindy S-K

DISTRICT 8 – Nels P

Greetings Area 35

We are very excited about our webpage coming out any day now. We have our district meeting coming up on Tuesday, March 2nd to discuss final changes on the webpage. Keeping our meeting list current has been difficult due to lack of participation, but hopefully our webpage will be able to streamline our meeting list and keep it accurate and current. We still have our district phone line as an option to guide people to meetings and I'm hopeful we will all be meeting in person in the near future.

Yours in service, Nels P.

GROUP RECORDS – Sally L

Greetings, Area 35. We had seven people in our committee meeting this morning. Besides me, in attendance were Nels from District 8, Neil from District 18, Danny from District 2, Lori from District 5, Cindy the Northern Light editor, and Thomas the webmaster.

I have been getting information from DCMs in response to the request I sent out with spreadsheets of district information. I have been updating information in the Fellowship Connection database, updating the Northern Light mailing list, and updating aaminnnesota.org with group changes, including changes due to COVID. It has been very time-consuming, and sometimes the GSO database has holes in it, which slows me down.

Please let me know of any changes to your groups and their statuses.

GSO has been slowly increasing the functionality of the database. I asked the records department when we will be able to print out group information data sheets, and they will be getting back to me soon.

I can't make changes in the Fellowship Connection (FC) database without email addresses. Please include email addresses in contact information. If a person doesn't have an email address, please let me know and I will pass it on to the Records department so they can make the changes.

I will be attending the WCRAASC on March 6th.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

In service, Sally L.

DISTRICT 2 – Danny W

District 2 held its last District meeting January 10, 2021, at the Twin Rivers clubhouse in Thief River Falls, MN.

Attendees: Besides the DCM there were 4 other attendee's – 2 GSRs and 2 other TRFs Shawn O. – TRFs Saturday Helping Hands Group GSR, Mark A. – TRF Noonday GSR, Randy H. – TRF member, and Myrna L – TRF member Minutes from the previous January 10th District meeting were approved. Treasurers report from the January 10th meeting was approved.

DCM gave a report from the December Area Committee meeting.

Group Reports: One (Thief River Falls) TRFs group was reported as closed (but now has since reopened). Other TRFs groups reported that attendance is somewhat down yet with some groups reported attendance as still hit and miss whether or not anyone shows up. There were no reports from other towns in the District as no representatives were present

District business: At the last District meeting a decision was made to postpone any vote as to whether or not to implement a District website. While no groups responded with any input it was decided to table this decision for now. DCM also discussed that he had received an updated group information from our Area Records person and that was discussed with those present to see if anyone knew who those other groups contacts were. DCM did call some group contacts to verify information and then updated the group information and sent it back to Sally our Area 35 Group Records person.

DCM also reported to attendees and others contacts via email about the special Area Assembly that will place from the motion that Area 35 submit Mike J.'s application to be considered for the open Class B at large Trustee.

DCM also informed attendees about the upcoming January Area workshop that was held via Zoom.

DCM had also sent out via email AA information that he has received, including the agenda items for this year's General Service Workshop urging everyone to participate in the next District meeting, March 14th, when our Delegate, Jim S., will be present to clarify or discuss any of the agenda items

In service, Danny W.

DISTRICT 15 – Lori L

Hello to everyone in Area 35. I am Lori and I am an alcoholic. In District 15,

we will be voting tomorrow night to change the meeting start time from 8:00pm to 7:00pm. We are hoping that an earlier time will be a better fit for some GSRs. It looks like our Spring Roundup in St. Anna will be canceled this year, as well.

At our last two District 15 meetings, we had good discussions on what a Group Conscience is and what is done at business meetings. We brought up issues that some home groups have and issues that groups have had in the past. Our members with many years of experience with the traditions shared their interpretation. We shared problems and listened to one another. I, for one, went back to my book to research and find out more about our Second Tradition.

The words that intrigued me were "Trusted Servant". What does one need to do to fulfill the role of Trusted Servant? The first thing I read was that I do not need any special knowledge to be a Trusted Servant - thank God! The reading said that I can ask questions, be kind, stick to boundaries of the meeting. I need to arrive early and greet newcomers and stick around after the meeting if anyone wants to talk. Mostly, I need to listen to others opinions and ideas, continue to look and research what I do not know and to ask God to guide me with an open heart and mind.

Sometimes the bumps in the road are OK. They make us wake up to think and rethink about carrying the message and always being the hand reaching out to others. Whether it is group dissension or even the loss of a member to alcoholism, we are drawn back and hopefully drawn together as one to support each other. Because we all have the same common problem.

Yours in Service

TREATMENT – Melissa M

Greetings Area 35, I hope that all of you are doing well and staying healthy during this pandemic. At today's treatment breakout session we had 6 people in attendance with 5 Districts represented: District 13, District 9, District 18, District 16 and District 15. We also had a past delegate in attendance.

Today in our breakout session we discussed the following information:

District 18 stated that they have a new residential facility that is not open yet due to having to wait for their license, and that their residential facilities in their district have been bringing clients to outside A.A. meetings. Unfortunately they are still unable to go into any treatment facilities at this time but they have been staying in contact with them.

District 13 stated that they are still unable to go into any treatment centers at this time but they have stayed in contact with the treatment centers in their District.

District 9 stated that they are waiting to be allowed to come into the treatment centers.

District 16 stated that they are using their meeting directories and getting them to treatment centers, making sure that their meetings are updated and accurate. They have been communicating with treatment centers via email and also making sure to assist the treatment centers with temporary sponsors. They also have offered their treatment centers speaker meetings via zoom.

We discussed the bridging the gap program and the importance of staying in communication with the treatment centers within our Districts. Offering them zoom services is one way we can still carry the message. The biggest issue about treatment centers utilizing A.A. services in person or via zoom is that it is considered a non-billable service. Insurance companies will not cover A.A. speakers when we come in to carry the message into their treatment facility. With COVID-19 going on most treatment centers are not willing to take on any non-billable services.

Unfortunately I am not going to be able to attend the West Central Regional Service Conference, it is the same day that my youngest son is having his first communion retreat. I have asked a few A.A. members that are attending and participating in the treatment breakout session to advise me of what information they receive.

I want to thank all of you for your service and allowing me to serve, Melissa M.

DISTRICT 13 – Denise R

Greetings Area 35, Our District meeting still takes place both in-person at the Alano Club and on Zoom simultaneously. January's meeting, we had 8 people logged in to Zoom and 11 people were in attendance at the St. Cloud Alano Club. 2 new GSR's were in attendance. 2 visitors were in attendance, including our Area 35 Delegate, Jim S. Thank you Jim for joining us, we always appreciate your help.

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We have had 5 new GSR's in the last few months so we had a short GSR orientation during the lunch hour of the January 16th Area 35 Workshop with 4 in attendance.

Our P.I. Committee has been adding to their responsibilities since we have added the District 13 Website.

Our P.I. Chair, Chad, has also taken on the title/Task of "Webmaster" and our Alt DCM, Peggy, has stepped in to assist in Chairing the P.I. meetings. A GSR brought a question to the district concerning reaching out to Liquor Stores and how we might be able to be of assistance to them as far as literature or the district AA Hotline. If any other district has any experience with this, please let me know.

AA Phone Line Training on March 20th.

At our next District meeting being held March 1st, we are hoping to assign GSR's to the P.I. Committee to help alleviate the workload and also to the Literature Committee.

We welcomed Diane B. to the position of Literature Chair. She has been busy filling orders that came from the Holiday Literature Special AAWS had and is now distributing the literature from that. Thank you Diane for taking on the commitment!

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DISTRICT 18 – Scott S
Hello, I’m Scott S. new DCM for District 18. We held our first District meeting of 2021 on Feb 2nd. Our district meeting is held the first Tuesday of every month. We held elections for officers which I am glad to announce we have filled every position. Also we had a great turnout for GSR’s 15 of the 17 were present. Meetings are going on in our district following mask and social distancing. I am looking forward to the up and coming year and am excited for the opportunity to be in service.
Yours in service, Scott S.

ARCHIVIST – ARCHIVES – Peter T
Hi, my name is Peter and I am an alcoholic. We held the Area 35 Archives Committee Meeting this morning February 28, 2021. In attendance were Katy P.-District 16, Dave C- District 16, Diane R-District 9, Shelly H. District 12. Steve E, District 12 (new to Archives Committee), Peter T. Area 35 Archives. We shared that in our Districts, Zoom meetings and combination Zoom and in person meetings and many more meetings are going back to in person meetings. Diane R. shared that the church is looking at reopening. Shelly H. shared that while the District meeting was moving around the district to get more input it was not working and there were handicap issues. So the District decision to go back to one location at First Lutheran Church, 1100 East Superior St., Duluth, MN. Also shared that the Duluth Round Up is going to be held this year in September. I shared that District 13 meeting is held as In Person / Zoom meeting and many of the groups are meeting in person. We talked about different materials we should Archive. Diane R. shared that she received a Unity Meeting pamphlet from 1972 and found it to be very interesting. We talked about these are the type of things it would be nice to document and save to their file for future District members. I would like to be able to have an Article of interest in each Northern Light. We talked about the Archive storage facility. Dave C. is looking into some possibilities in Park Rapids. I would like to remind all DCM’s to send me monthly meeting minutes or any other Archive materials. I am still learning the ins and outs of the Area 35 Archives computer, by the time I figure out what I am doing the rotation will be over. Thank You for allowing me to serve You! Yours in Service, Peter T.

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DISTRICT 12 – Shelly H (no report)
CORRECTIONS – Butch R (no report)
DISTRICT 1 – Laura C (no report)
DISTRICT 11 – Kurt N (no report)
PUBLIC INFORMATION – Greg C
Participating in the CPC/PI committee meeting Feb 28 was wonderful as always! I miss our face-to-face gatherings so much and hope they will resume soon. As for PI work, I have been gathering some reports from various Radio stations who have been airing AA Public Service Announcements. It appears that they are continuing to do so, and some stations are still airing as many as 100 per month! The formation of new District websites is continuing across Area 35. Go visit them either directly or via the Area 35 website. Lots of fabulous information and a nice way to communicate with each other! Regional Social Service boards were sent an email last month highlighting websites as a go-to source for relevant, current information on AA on a county by county basis. Still trying to work with Districts on collecting critical data on Hotline calls. How many a month, basis of call, information shared. Trying to accumulate month to month or year to year comparisons to evaluate where we might need to improve or modify. Good discussion on the subject of suicide calls during the CPC/PI committee meeting. Hope this finds you all safe and sober. See you soon!

DISTRICT 7 – Tim V
Hello everyone, I am the DCM for district 7. District 7 met on Feb. 18, it was an in person meeting. There was 2 new GSR’s that attended. Our new website is up and running. Thanks very much to Denise our web manager. The area web site AA links still takes you to our old web site so I hope that is being corrected as I write this. We went through our paper meeting schedule so the information on the paper schedules and our web information should be the most up-to-date that we can get. We still have a committee working on our phone line, it is an on-going project. The treasurer’s report shows we are staying pretty even with bills equaling contributions. Thank you, Tim V.

DISTRICT 6 – Mike U (no report)
GRAPEVINE – Pat M
Hello Area 35, I am Pat M. and I am an alcoholic and I'm also your Area 35 Grapevine chair. We had four attending the area 35 committee meeting. We had districts 15, 3, 5 and 13. District 13 has a new literature chair, her name is Diane and she is a breath of fresh air. She has enthusiasm and she seems to be very excited about her new position. Welcome Diane. We went over the inventory of districts that were present and they all feel that they have all they need at this time. I brought up writing our stories for the AA Grapevine magazine would be a very great way to carry the message. I personally have written my story and sent it into the Grapevine magazine. There are guidelines to help write your story, you can find them at www.aaGrapevine.org contribute. I did it Old School. I just read the stories and looked for what they were looking for and wrote my story. In the March issue of the Grapevine magazine I found two great reads, one on page four Grateful for Mail and on page 24 Ready to Handle It. On page 63 in the Grapevine you can find the stories they are looking for. The stories they are looking for are young and sober stories due March 15th. CPC cooperation with professional stories due April 15th. Remote communities and sober holidays stories due by June 15th. If anyone is in need of any Grapevine material please let me know. I will do my best to get it to you one way or another. We ended the meeting with the responsibility pledge. Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 35 as your Grapevine chair. Your Grapevine chair Pat M.

DISTRICT 5 – Terry P (no report)
DISTRICT 21 – John W (no report)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
FOC Report – Christine G: Reports have been reviewed and verified and everything is in balance. Justin is doing a great job.
2021 Agenda Items: Are sessions being recorded at WCR?
Big Book Presentation Video: Addresses agenda items regarding Big Book. Send feedback to Jim S.
January Workshop Report:
January Workshop Evaluations:
Spring Assembly: Gayle needs Zoom committee info by 7th of March so that they can be published in Northern Light. There are time changes as registration is not needed: 8:00 a.m. Committee Meetings and GSR Sharing Sessions will begin. Agenda Items will start at 9:30 a.m. with break for lunch at 11:30 a.m.
Archives Inventory: Jim S. – Currently held in Jim S. storage space. Must find new storage space for 2022 and move items by 12/21/21 as space will no longer be available. Gayle will help find new storage space.
***Audio – Sound Recorder position still open. Will be necessary for next rotation.**
Calendar of Events
3/6 West Central Regional AA Service Conference
4/10 – 4/11 Spring Assembly via Zoom ****NOTICE NEW DATES**
Motion to adjourn 1:32 followed by responsibility statement.

“All of us in AA have a right to our own opinion, even if that opinion is that somebody else’s opinion is not as good as ours ... The whole structure of AA is based on a democratic spirit. There are no bosses or gurus.”

West Springfield, Mass., June 2002, From: “Live and Let Live”, AA Grapevine

Well that WCRAASC is over and now on to the big work of reading and discussing the agenda items before we meet virtually at the Spring assembly April 10th and 11th! I have 9 districts that I will be meeting with virtually or in person over the next month to discuss the agenda items and answer (hopefully) any questions that may come up. Steve L had a good idea and after chatting with him, he will be attending the zoom meetings with me to provide any back up I may need. These meetings with districts may be more important for me then they will be for you. The more I am able to discuss them with people the better understanding I get about them. Unfortunately, I am not the person who can read something and get it. I need to talk about it to help gain a better understanding so I am grateful the districts are interested in doing this. With that said, I don't want to create an expectation of future delegates that they will or will not be able to do this, I have a career that affords me a lot of free time to be able to do this.

The format for the Spring Assembly as I have asked of Gayle will be that we are all in the same virtual room and go through the agenda items one by one. Some will go quite quickly and some will have some vibrant discussion. But we will get through them. If you are having trouble reading through the background you are not alone. This will be my 11th year reading through the background and I still have a tough time understanding how it is organized, but I have found there is a method to their madness. At times I get overwhelmed with all the history of the agenda item as it has made its way through committee meeting after committee meeting with all to report that it was discussed. It also seems odd that we are asked to discuss a pamphlet that we can't see. How do we approve a something we aren't shown? Well, I understand that if a piece is distributed prior to approval and copy written, that someone could pick it up and copy write it before we get it approved. Does that mean I think it should make its way through the conference and be approved without our knowledge, absolutely not, I do understand the need to protect the hard work that has gone into the creation of our literature. The motion on censure of the board, this is an important concern and the authors went to great lengths to prepare a solid argument, to do that, a lot of background was needed to create a good argument. I hope you take some time to read through it and ask questions about it when we meet either as a district or at the Spring Assembly as this has come up before in recent history and it pertains to the same people now as it did back then.

It's never too early to start setting up Delegate's report for after the Conference, I do have one setup. I am happy to do either in person or zoom.

In Service
Jim S. Area 35 Delegate

Greetings, Area 35.

I recently asked the GSO records department people when we will be able to print out group information data sheets. They responded by saying they don't know when this will be available. I hope it will be soon.

I attended the WCRAASC on the 6th. I did not care for the format, where we split off into breakout sessions. I would have liked to attend more than two of the breakouts to be able to hear all the items discussed. I vote we return to the previous format when this pandemic is over. More discussion from more people helps to get to the group conscience of the whole Area or Region. I would also like to have someone from GSO present at the Regional conferences.

I did attend the Policy & Admissions session, which included discussion about requests to include online groups in the service structure. Do we want to create a virtual Area? Do we want to have Districts and Areas provide hybrid service meetings? If the group membership is from different states, would that group attend District and Area meetings in the place where the GSR lives, so that when a new GSR is elected, that group would have to change Districts and possibly Areas? Or would a group have to have a GSR with a physical address in the District they wish to be part of? There are many things to be considered in adding virtual groups to the service structure.

I also attended the Literature breakout session, which included many topics. There were quite a few carried over from last year due to the pandemic. A number of items involved proposed changes to the Big Book, which I am sure many people would like to hear about and speak to. Changes to the 12x12 are also being proposed, along with changes to the Preamble, service manual, and some pamphlets.

Please attend one of the agenda items meetings before the Spring Assembly so you can cast an informed vote in your group and District, and then at the Assembly.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

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

Greetings Area 35,

It was so nice seeing all of your faces (although I would have enjoyed to be in person) I hope that everyone attended the WCRAASC and that everyone is staying healthy. I was not able to attend the entire WCRAASC do to my youngest sons First communion Retreat. (I got on immediately after)

Since the ACM meetings I was asked to speak in District 3 by Brian P. I am looking forward to it!

The committee is asking ALL Treatment Chairs to please contact the inpatient treatment centers in their area. I would also like an undated list of ALL treatment centers in your area so I can make a spreadsheet for every district.

I offered to help District 15 go through the Agenda Items. I hope that any district would like me to help them go over the agenda items please feel free to contact me know.

PLEASE reach out to me so that I can be of service!!! I promise if I do not have the answer I will find the answer!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Melissa M
Area 35 Treatment Chair

I attended the WCRAASC this past Saturday, I have to say I suffered from Zoom fatigue, I can only sit for so long. I attended the Corrections/ Literature breakout.. We as a group was divided for the corrections question regarding the terms used to identify those persons in correctional facilities in all corrections literature. Some say those people themselves do not find the terms inmate or offenders offensive. Some say a small group asked does not represent the whole. Some suggested referring to those inside as alcoholics. Discussing ways to carry the message to alcoholics inside. The Literature was many more items to discuss. We combined all Big Book items together.. Changing the first 164 pages is huge. Some say preserving Bill's writings is one thing but the Big Book needs to be updated to present day. Some say the Big Book need 2/3 majority of all groups to be changed. Some say maybe a "translation" to plain language is the way to go.. We discussed the rest of the time the agenda items relating to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. Some say removing the offensive language is something we need to do.

The second session I attended Finance/Archives. We had big discussion about how or why clubs would contribute to GSO, some say some groups give all their monies to the club and then the club would send in contributions to the entities. We also talked about the Google Grants. For Archives we talked about proposed book of AA history. Would it be from where the book AA comes of Age leaves off..

I look forward to hearing the voice of Area 35 discussing the agenda in the entirety at the Spring Assembly..

Thank you for the honor and privileges to serve- Gayle R

I attended the WCRAASC on Saturday March 6th. Lots and lots of information was covered. Here's my quick take on it. By my count, there was 212 attending in the morning session with a high total of 229 people before lunch. Then a steady 220 attendees after lunch. I counted 30 people from Area 35 in attendance, good job Area 35. Overall things went smoothly with a few snafus on entering meeting rooms but these were easily fixed. Looked easy from my prospective.

Our WCR Trustee Mike L. opened with a report. Here are some of the highlights that caught my ear in his opening report were

- There are currently 113 AAWS videos on YouTube with 5,400 subscribers
- The Meeting guide app is working to include on line meetings.
- There was a huge shortfall in income to the General Service Office this year because of the pandemic. Book sales plummeted and contributions dropped as well. GSO put a call for help to the groups and the groups came through by donating 10.3 million to GSO and shoring up the finances of our General Service Office. Because of the 10.3 million in contributions from the groups, the board was reminded who controls AA, the groups, not book sales. GSO is again financially in a good position.

Corrections agenda A) Consider request for a review of all correction related literature to replace terms such as “inmate” and “offender” with less stigmatizing language.

Area 36 Corrections Chair stated that a study was preformed and found people incarcerated were not offended by being called “inmate” that's what the corrections system calls them and they are fine by that term. The study also found it was thought to use professional terms for people in prisons and jails. It was more outside people who were uncomfortable with these terms and trying to change wording. There was one person stating they were offended by the terms.

Finance agenda A. 2) mechanization of group contributions

One person stated that Anonymity is now a problem, that there has been a change on their bank statements. It used to say under withdrawals something like GSO and the amount now it states Alcoholics Anonymous and the amount.

The big question is automated and online contributions taking the power of the purse away from the groups. When people use the online contribution methods, do they still put money in the basket? If not, then does it deprive the groups from controlling the purse strings of AA?

Another question is that GSO didn't get conference approval for allowing mechanization contributions. Not like the birthday plan, which is a way for people to contribute directly to GSO, which went through the conference process.

Finance agenda C) Reconsider the 1972 G.S.C. Action stating “G.S.O. should not accept contributions from clubs, listed or known as such, whether or not composed solely of A.A. members. Contributions are welcome from groups meeting in clubs as long as they are sent in the name of the group.”

Much discussion because one faction at the breakout session (that is club orientated) sees nothing wrong if the clubs are just giving AA money. Non-club people feel that the traditions are being violated because clubs are outside of AA.

Finance agenda D) Discuss Concept XII, Warranty Two and the practice of “selling of our books at cost or less.”

We were fortunate to have the author of this agenda item in our break out session. First it was stated to disregard Bill's letter, not known why it was put in for background information. The whole purpose of this agenda item is to bring to the forefront a discussion of the “Pink Can “. Are we doing what we say we believe in or change the concept to reflect what we are actually doing?

THE WORK CONTINUES, WCRAASC AND ETC...

Are we using AA money to purchase books and donate them to people who can’t buy them? Is the Pink Can fund AA charity?

Finance agenda E) Review suggested Area Contribution for Delegate expense for the Conference
Each Area has different costs to attend the GSC. Travel from Connecticut to NYC is different then travel from Hawaii. It was explained poorly that the cost of delegate contributions is averaged out by the cost of GSC divided by 96 Areas.

Finance agenda H) Review the “Google Grants and seventh tradition Report”
GSO was not transparent by leaving a key piece of background information in the review out of this report. Discussion went two different tracks. One side states that taking outside contributions is against traditions period. The other side reasons that with the new accounting standards put forth by the IRS, radio and TV stations have to justify a monetary amount called in kind expenses to their books. In other words when our PSAs are played the broadcast station has to account for that time and send that cost amount to the organization the “free” time used. Then that organization has to account for that cost as in kind income, so what we were led to that PSAs were broadcast out the goodness of the broadcast station believe (that might have been true up to ten or twenty years ago) is now monitored and accounted for by the bean counters. After all of that the question is. What is the difference between PSAs and Google grants?
A footnote that was brought up is that broadcast stations are no longer required to play public announcements.

Policy/Admissions agenda B)
Change how to vote on floor actions. Currently the motion is a vote to squash the floor action. A no vote is to accept a floor action and a yes vote is to stop the floor action. They want to change the wording of the motion to accept a floor motion to vote yes to accept floor action and no to reject the floor motion.

Literature agenda L) Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for Black and African-American Alcoholics”
Old pamphlet
Use update process that was used in the making the pamphlet “Spanish speaking Women in AA” which seems to be successful.

Literature agenda C) Consider proposals related to a possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous
Literature agenda U) Consider if proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous can be addressed with a common solution.
These two were bundled together with all the Big Book agenda items. A majority of people stated not to do any changes to the first 164 pages. A couple thought a plain language was ok to reach newer people in AA and those not able to receive the help of a sponsor or experienced AA member.
Steven L
Area 35
Alt-Delegate

Hello all!
I attended the WCRAASC via Zoom March 6th. I have to say it was managed well given the enormous amount of agenda items the year. We were divided into 4 “rooms” . We had 45 minutes to discuss as many items as we could in the room chosen. Needless to say it was an abbreviated kind of discussion. I did not realize how much those long, long weekends packed with the agenda items going over one by one listening to all the discussion and view points would be something I would miss. We decided within our district we will try going into further discussions of each agenda item to get a better idea of how our district will vote.
In service,
Cindy S-K

I have dealt with many challenges this past year, but nothing has been worth having a drink. I have new health issues with a brain aneurysm and challenges with that. I don’t like change as so many of us don’t, but change has happened. We packed and moved in 6 weeks from Renville to Sandstone, Minnesota. God provided a job for my guy and a house for us. We closed and own this house as of this last week. I have lost friends to Covid-19 in and out of the fellowship. I have lost two people because they went back to drinking or overdosed. Calling people, contact with others in A.A. here and in Renville has been vital. Going to meetings, chairing them and being an active GSR in our district 11 also has kept me strong since moving back to the Sandstone area. Service work of any kind I have found is the spice of life, whether it’s calling to see how someone is doing, working the steps, sponsoring someone, being a GSR, just being active works. If I work it, it works.
Thank you.
Sharla W. GSR, District 11

Hi this is Pat M. I'm an alcoholic and I'm also your Grapevine representative. I would like to take this time to talk to you about things that concern me and that I've been thinking about since I took this position not knowing anything about Grapevine. I knew that I had to come up with something how am I going to carry the Grapevine message today. I realize that Grapevine has literature to address almost every issue that may come up in our recovery. That being said the 2020 January workshop was one of the first commitments that I had to attend as a Grapevine chair we went through a lot of literature that weekend I was really amazed.
After the workshop I started to think about now what there's got to be more, so I got to do something so I decided to try to put a presentation together and go to district meetings and present on the Grapevine. Then the pandemic hit

groups and districts started doing meetings online, some were still in person, so I started attending. I went to the in-person first and that went very well, it was fun I would talk about some of the books and Grapevine such as Emotional Sobriety volumes 1 and 2 step by step let's take our 12 traditions Grapevine book I shared that's 12 traditions book with stories about all 12 traditions and how groups handled situations that came up involving the 12 traditions and I would hand a book to an individual in the group and they would pass the book around and by the end of the meeting I wouldn't have any left they bought them all. That happened to me a couple times, then I started doing presentations on zoom with districts and I rarely ever moved any Grapevine literature.
In October we had the Fall Assembly it was in person and online I was able to move a lot of Grapevine literature. Funny thing is I don't recall anybody that was online ask for any literature, that was the last time I moved any literature not even at the 2021 January workshop no literature went out not until February when someone asked for eight 12 traditions .
The point I am trying to make is this does not work online, I really want to get in my pickup truck and drive across Northern Minnesota and present on Grapevine. I would appreciate the chance to present in the districts where the Grapevine representative maybe has never done a presentation on Grapevine. There is a lot of great material in Grapevine. I truly believe that there are a lot AA members out there have no idea what Grapevine is all about this is why it is so important and we get out there and present and share on Grapevine literature
Your Grapevine chair Pat M. a very grateful RECOVERED ALCOHOLIC

- Archives Quiz By Peter Theisen- Archives Chair (Questions obtained from the book, Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age)
1. At the 1955 Convention who chaired a session called “ A. A. and Industry “? A. Henry A. Mielcarek B. Leonard V. Harrison C. Dr. John L. Norris
 2. In 1939 who started the first AA meeting in Cleveland? A. Abby G. B. T. E. Borton C. Earl T.
 3. In 1946 Connor F. a Philadelphia tavern owner, traveled to Dublin Ireland and started an AA group, who was the first member? A. Sackville M. B. Richard P. C. Bob B.
 4. The Lasker Award was given to Alcoholics Anonymous at the San Francisco Opera House in what year? A. 1949 B. 1951 C. 1953
 5. The First Alcoholic Foundation Board consisted of five Trustees, Dick Richardson, Frank Amos, Dr. Strong, Dr. Bob and who? A. Bill W. B. Carlton Sherwood C. A New York A.A.
 6. The Story section of the first edition Big Book was completed January of what year? A. 1938 B. 1939 C. 1941
 7. The Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous were published “long form” in the Grapevine in what year? A. 1943 B. 1946 C. 1948
 8. In September, 1939, an article ”Alcoholics and God” appeared in what magazine? A. Saturday Evening Post B. Life C. Liberty
 9. Bernard B Smith was the Chairman of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous in what years? A. 1950-1955 B. 1951-1956 C. 1952-1958
 10. In 1935 who was the first New York person to sober up? A. Fitz M. B. George S. C. Henry P.

2021 JANUARY WORKSHOP

Report and Evaluation of the 2021 Area Workshop

Howdy Ladies and Gentlemen,

After months of planning, the Area workshop was what I would call a success. With the pandemic and having to pioneer putting the workshop on Zoom it had it's hiccups and at times it was agonizing but in the end there was nothing to worry about. 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 informative presentations. 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 attendees. I learned a lot. Did you? 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 who give vocal feedback like clapping or whooping because at a zoom meeting everyone is on mute. Past WCR Trustee, Ken B.'s presentation and personal story were insightful with his honesty and personal experiences.

From my guesstimation there was on average sixty people +/- five in attendance all through the workshop with total attendance reaching 90 +/- five. Again I cannot thank all the presenters enough who put so much thought and effort into their presentations to make this workshop an excellent success.

I was disappointed on the amount of participation in filling out the evaluation forms at Area35.org. I left the form online for two weeks after the workshop. Only eight people out of ninety filled out the evaluations so not a big sample size.

Raw feedback comments to the questions asked.

What did you find useful:

Digital/pandemic perspectives from other groups
Some information shared by Racy concerning PI
Seeing GSO person
All the presentations were prepared and informative
We are all in the same boat and some great ideas were shared to continue to be of service to the still suffering alcoholic
New ways of looking at things, like I am being there for the new comer when we can't meet

What did you find a waste of time:

Most of the presentations were not well prepared and really no new information. I was hoping to hear and be able to discuss some solutions to the topics. Ricco and Diane did a great job. Was sorely disappointed in the final presentation from Duluth Superior. First of all, seven speakers for 30 minutes? That should never had happened. Information on this Intergroup to the point of them asking for our help to volunteer with them and give them our meeting scheduled? Why were they even able to present and discuss when they are not part of the service structure?

ABSOLUTLY nothing was a waste of time.. GREAT JOB
STEVE

nothing
nothing
lunch

Suggestions for improving the workshop:

I loved the topics and was eager to discuss them and try and find solutions, especially hearing from other members of our Area and not just our District. Instead of "presenting" the whole time we should have discussion topics so we can all be involved more. There was absolutely no discussion time after the extended Duluth/Superior presentation. I would say more direction/follow through with presenters so there are no surprises like the Intergroup and the extended time allowed. First thing I thought of when they said seven people presenting, I thought, "are you kidding? You only have 30 minutes according to the schedule." Just disappointed overall and I was so excited to attend. I do appreciate those that put their time and effort into this.

Look forward to an in person workshop
This was a great zoom success!
Gathering a Woooooo Wooooo committee

Humbly in service
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Alcoholics Anonymous: Are We Straying from our Primary Purpose?

On a number of occasions a long-time AA friend has stated to a newcomer in an AA meeting that “an addiction is an addiction is an addiction.” The newcomer had just described methamphetamines as his biggest problem but also noted that he jumped on the meth wagon after being encouraged to “enjoy new levels of intense emotions” because several years of heavy drinking simply was no longer doing the trick. Perhaps your group has similar experiences. So, what do we recovered alcoholics do upon hearing this person’s story?

As the situation cited above occurred at an AA meeting, a good start is to hearken back to some basics of our program of recovery found in our Big Book, the 12 Steps and 12 Traditions and other AA printed material.

For the moment, set aside the newcomer’s use of meth.

A one-on-one conversation with the newcomer can give an elder AA a better picture of that person’s experiences. It is helpful to understand the primary addiction in order to provide guidance. Our AA Preamble is quite clear; we work with one another to “...help others to recover from **alcoholism**”, noting that “our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other **alcoholics** to achieve sobriety.” We are not a treatment center nor are any of us in a position to evaluate a person’s health history.

Alcoholics Anonymous does not diagnose. We don’t suggest to the newcomer, also addicted to other substances, that we can provide a path to recovery from whatever the other drug(s) may be in his/her using experience. However, we can offer examples of recovered alcoholics who were dually addicted but found that AA’s twelve steps assisted in recovery from other substances.

So, what is our role to guide, suggest answers or to assist our friend who is hooked on meth? Our initial inquiry, strictly taken, can be daunting yet can also display that the person has a booze problem that was a gateway to another drug, perhaps more perplexing than alcohol. In the Forward to the First Edition of Alcoholics Anonymous Bill W. wrote: “We, of Alcoholics Anonymous, are more than one hundred men and women who have recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. To show other alcoholics *precisely how we have recovered* is the main purpose of this book.” He makes no reference to other substances. He does not offer help for those hooked on other drugs. To this day, how we precisely recover from alcoholism is the primary purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous.

AA’s Twelve Steps have been a springboard to hosts of other 12 step programs specifically designed by the founders of those groups to address issues which may affect persons of all nationalities, creeds and belief systems. This is not an all-inclusive list, but offers a good start:

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| Cocaine Anonymous | Neurotics Anonymous |
| Clutterers Anonymous | Nicotine Anonymous |
| Crystal Meth Anonymous | Overeaters Anonymous |
| Co-Dependents Anonymous | Pills Anonymous |
| CoSex and Love Addicts Anonymous | Racists Anonymous |
| Debtors Anonymous | Sexaholics Anonymous |
| Emotions Anonymous | Sexual Compulsives Anonymous |
| Families Anonymous | Survivors of Incest Anonymous |
| Food Addicts Anonymous | Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous |
| Gamblers Anonymous | Sexual Recovery Anonymous |
| Heroin Anonymous | Underearners Anonymous |
| Marijuana Anonymous | Workaholics Anonymous |
| Narcotics Anonymous | |

(Note: This list was compiled from information found in Wikileaks; judge for yourself its accuracy; it is not intended to be all inclusive of Anonymous programs.)

Presuming that this is an accurate list and the groups are legitimate, it makes it impossible for me to assume that “an addiction is an addiction is an addiction.” That is why I believe that we in AA cling to a singleness of purpose as noted in Tradition 5: “Each group has but one primary purpose--to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.”

Back to our dually-addicted friend. We offer our message by inviting him to attend more meetings so that he may identify with us...or not. We can suggest that he find meetings of Narcotics Anonymous to learn their path to recovery. We can, and should, be proactive in efforts to get him to NA.

In the brochure “Problems Other Than Alcohol”, Bill W. wrote: “Sobriety—freedom from alcohol—through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps is the sole purpose of an AA group. Groups have repeatedly tried other activities, and they have always failed. It has also been learned that *there is no possible way to make non-alcoholics into AA members*. We have to confine our membership to alcoholics, and we have to confine our AA groups to a single purpose. If we don’t stick to these principles, we shall almost surely collapse. And if we collapse, we cannot help anyone.”

Bill in the same brochure states, “There seems to be no reason why several AA’s cannot join, if they wish, with a group of straight addicts to solve the alcohol and drug problem together. But, obviously, such a dual-purpose group should not insist that it be called an AA group, nor should it use the AA name in its title. Neither should its straight-addict contingent be led to believe that they have become AA members by reason of such affiliation.”

Jim T. Glenwood, MN

	Jan 1 - Feb 15, 21	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 · Group Contributions			
4000-01 · District 01 Contributions			
676989 · 104920-Fosston Thursday Night	150.00	0.00	
Total 4000-01 · District 01 Contributions	150.00	0.00	
4000-02 · District 02 Contributions			
716253 · 10884-TRF Twin Rivers Recovery	25.00	0.00	
Total 4000-02 · District 02 Contributions	25.00	0.00	
4000-03 · District 03 Contributions			
107702 · 104860-The Formers Group	50.00	0.00	
Total 4000-03 · District 03 Contributions	50.00	0.00	
4000-04 · District 04 Contributions			
107752 · 13822-Glenwood Tuesday Night	40.00	0.00	
637112 · 26999-Wed 7pm Non Smokers	50.00	0.00	
647047 · 84237-Sun Night 630 12 & 12	20.00	0.00	
663819 · 104638-Womens 12 X 12 Group	25.00	0.00	
672997 · 103511-Evansville AA	100.00	0.00	
690185 · 62983-Sat 10am BB Study Grp	50.00	0.00	
Total 4000-04 · District 04 Contributions	285.00	0.00	
4000-05 · District 05 Contributions			
117918 · 95029-Becker Group	50.00	0.00	
145149 · Squad 10 Elk River	20.00	0.00	
Total 4000-05 · District 05 Contributions	70.00	0.00	
4000-06 · District 06 Contributions			
107656 · 95486-Bethel Community Group	20.00	0.00	
124462 · 77760-Squad 3 Isanti Thurs	44.56	0.00	
132584 · 58560-Rock Creek Wed AA	60.00	0.00	
140016 · 85613-Fri AM AA North Branch	15.00	0.00	
142131 · 90338-Forest Lake 12X12 Study	10.00	0.00	
684775 · 91822-A Woman's Way Group	25.00	0.00	
684788 · 26582-Wed Nite AA 6 PM	15.00	0.00	
DLYRPR · Daily Reprieve Group	60.00	0.00	
Total 4000-06 · District 06 Contributions	249.56	0.00	
4000-07 · District 07 Contributions			
107749 · 106946-Mon Garrison Group	100.00	0.00	
609161 · 39348-Wednesday Woman's Work	28.10	0.00	
648541 · 99843-Our Common Welfare	100.00	0.00	
Total 4000-07 · District 07 Contributions	228.10	0.00	
4000-08 · District 08 Contributions			
107553 · 94034-Aurora Big Book	25.00	0.00	
107970 · 106181 Virginia Fri Nite Open	100.00	0.00	
142087 · 84297-Cook Sun. Night Big Book	58.00	0.00	
171078 · 25414 Ely Monday Womens	39.90	0.00	
716110 · 6836 Lake Vermillion 12x12	60.00	0.00	
Total 4000-08 · District 08 Contributions	282.90	0.00	
4000-09 · District 09 Contributions			
107764 · 110172-Hibbing Downtown Group	30.00	0.00	
107765 · 13824 Tues 8PM Hibbing Alano	30.00	0.00	
121039 · 42543 Zim Group	50.00	0.00	
128162 · 83295 Sunday 12x12 Step Group	30.00	0.00	
677065 · 64685-Keep It Simple Hibbing	20.00	0.00	
719309 · 8471-Hibbing Thursday Noon Grp	20.00	0.00	
Total 4000-09 · District 09 Contributions	180.00	0.00	
4000-11 · District 11 Contributions			
603818 · 104296 Finlayson Wed Night	50.00	0.00	
Total 4000-11 · District 11 Contributions	50.00	0.00	

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.

4000-12 · District 12 Contributions			
127270 · 94477 Back to Basics	25.00	0.00	
132613 · 67747 Serenity Club Inc.	90.00	0.00	
133564 · 9922 Lester Park Thursday BB	100.00	0.00	
167706 · Proctor AA Group	40.00	0.00	
Total 4000-12 · District 12 Contributions	255.00	0.00	
4000-13 · District 13 Contributions			
107914 · 8507 Primary Purpose Grp	50.00	0.00	
146877 · 102573 Early Wed. Night	75.00	0.00	
603252 · 6024 There is a Solution	25.00	0.00	
Total 4000-13 · District 13 Contributions	150.00	0.00	
4000-15 · District 15 Contributions			
718858 · 19361 Back 2 Basics	50.00	0.00	
Total 4000-15 · District 15 Contributions	50.00	0.00	
4000-18 · District 18 Contributions			
107722 · 102265 Eagle Bend AA	100.00	0.00	
Total 4000-18 · District 18 Contributions	100.00	0.00	
4000-21 · District 21 Contributions			
145909 · 38031 Nooners AA Group	120.00	0.00	
Total 4000-21 · District 21 Contributions	120.00	0.00	
4000 · Group Contributions - Other	25.00	3,189.00	25,512.00
Total 4000 · Group Contributions	2,270.56	3,189.00	25,512.00
4710 · AAWS Literature Sales	10.00	0.00	
4800 · Interest on Deposits	0.05	0.00	
Total Income	2,280.61	3,189.00	25,512.00
Gross Profit	2,280.61	3,189.00	25,512.00
Expense			
5100 · Committee Meeting Rent	0.00	25.00	200.00
5200 · Service Workshop			
5201 · Coffee	0.00	150.00	150.00
5202 · Printing	0.00	50.00	50.00
5203 · Room Rental	0.00	886.00	886.00
5204 · Speaker Expenses	0.00	430.00	430.00
Total 5200 · Service Workshop	0.00	1,516.00	1,516.00
5300 · Spring Assembly			
5301 · Room Rental	0.00	0.00	1,700.00
5302 · Coffee	0.00	0.00	500.00
Total 5300 · Spring Assembly	0.00	0.00	2,200.00
5360 · State Fair	0.00	0.00	500.00
5400 · Fall Assembly			
5401 · Room Rental Costs	0.00	0.00	1,900.00
5402 · Coffee	0.00	0.00	500.00
Total 5400 · Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	2,400.00
6550 · Finance Oversight Committee			
6550-01 · Meals	0.00	7.00	56.00
6550-02 · Travel	0.00	20.00	160.00
Total 6550 · Finance Oversight Committee	0.00	27.00	216.00
Total Expense	0.00	1,568.00	7,032.00
	2,280.61	1,621.00	18,480.00
Other Expense			
6100 · Delegate			
6100-01 · Meals	0.00	73.50	438.00
6100-02 · Travel	0.00	62.66	1,196.74
6100-03 · Lodging	0.00	150.00	1,500.00
6100-05 · Supplies	0.00	12.50	50.00
6100-06 · Printing	0.00	450.00	1,200.00
6100-08 · Other	0.00	10.00	1,825.00
Total 6100 · Delegate	0.00	758.66	6,209.74

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.

6200 · Alternate Delegate			
6200-01 · Meals	0.00	103.50	728.00
6200-02 · Travel	0.00	95.00	1,305.00
6200-03 · Lodging	0.00	260.00	1,170.00
6200-05 · Supplies	0.00	150.00	150.00
6200-06 · Printing	0.00	50.00	50.00
6200-08 · Other	0.00	15.00	30.00
Total 6200 · Alternate Delegate	0.00	673.50	3,433.00
6300 · Chairperson			
6300-01 · Meals	0.00	63.50	348.00
6300-02 · Travel	0.00	11.00	493.00
6300-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	720.00
6300-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	50.00
6300-06 · Printing	0.00	17.50	375.00
6300-08 · Other	0.00	10.00	25.00
6300-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	32.18	24.14	193.08
Total 6300 · Chairperson	32.18	126.14	2,204.08
6400 · Secretary			
6400-01 · Meals	0.00	63.50	408.00
6400-02 · Travel	0.00	45.00	400.00
6400-03 · Lodging	0.00	155.00	855.00
6400-06 · Printing	0.00	400.00	820.00
6400-08 · Other	0.00	10.00	25.00
Total 6400 · Secretary	0.00	673.50	2,508.00
6500 · Treasurer			
6500-01 · Meals	0.00	71.50	570.00
6500-02 · Travel	0.00	11.75	616.98
6500-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	900.00
6500-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	319.95
6500-07 · Postage	0.00	0.00	240.00
6500-08 · Other	40.00	15.00	30.00
Total 6500 · Treasurer	40.00	98.25	2,676.93
7000 · Archives Chair			
7000-01 · Meals	-7.00	43.50	283.00
7000-02 · Travel	-8.00	7.50	320.00
7000-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	950.00
7000-06 · Printing	0.00	5.00	40.00
7000-08 · Other	0.00	10.00	25.00
7000-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	16.13	0.00	
Total 7000 · Archives Chair	1.13	66.00	1,618.00
7100 · Archivist			
7100-01 · Meals	0.00	76.00	318.00
7100-02 · Travel	0.00	172.50	800.00
7100-03 · Lodging	0.00	280.00	1,120.00
7100-05 · Supplies	0.00	37.50	150.00
7100-08 · Other	100.00	90.00	630.00
Total 7100 · Archivist	100.00	656.00	3,018.00
7200 · Corrections			
7200-01 · Meals	0.00	83.50	368.00
7200-02 · Travel	0.00	62.50	340.00
7200-03 · Lodging	0.00	150.00	750.00
7200-08 · Other	0.00	15.00	60.00
7200-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	16.09	24.14	193.08
Total 7200 · Corrections	16.09	335.14	1,711.08
7300 · CPC			
7300-01 · Meals	0.00	28.50	143.00
7300-02 · Travel	0.00	77.50	490.00
7300-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	250.00
7300-08 · Other	0.00	15.00	30.00
7300-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	0.00	24.14	193.08
Total 7300 · CPC	0.00	145.14	1,106.08

7400 · Grapevine			
7400-01 · Meals	0.00	63.50	298.00
7400-02 · Travel	0.00	35.00	710.00
7400-03 · Lodging	0.00	300.00	1,500.00
7400-05 · Supplies	0.00	30.00	180.00
7400-08 · Other	0.00	15.00	30.00
7400-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	0.00	24.14	193.08
Total 7400 · Grapevine	0.00	467.64	2,911.08
7500 · Group Records Secretary			
7500-01 · Meals	0.00	83.50	468.00
7500-02 · Travel	0.00	20.00	130.00
7500-03 · Lodging	0.00	150.00	760.00
7500-05 · Supplies	0.00	5.00	30.00
7500-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	50.00
7500-07 · Postage	0.00	1.88	22.50
7500-08 · Other	0.00	15.00	45.00
Total 7500 · Group Records Secretary	0.00	275.38	1,505.50
7600 · Literature			
7600-01 · Meals	0.00	103.50	328.00
7600-02 · Travel	0.00	56.00	218.00
7600-03 · Lodging	0.00	300.00	860.00
7600-08 · Other	0.00	15.00	15.00
7600-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	0.00	24.14	193.08
Total 7600 · Literature	0.00	498.64	1,614.08
7700 · Northern Light			
7700-01 · Meals	0.00	143.50	548.00
7700-02 · Travel	0.00	38.28	358.77
7700-03 · Lodging	0.00	150.00	900.00
7700-06 · Printing	406.00	187.50	2,250.00
7700-07 · Postage	336.21	150.00	1,800.00
7700-08 · Other	0.00	15.00	30.00
Total 7700 · Northern Light	742.21	684.28	5,886.77
7800 · Public Information			
7800-01 · Meals	0.00	63.50	308.00
7800-02 · Travel	0.00	70.00	773.00
7800-03 · Lodging	0.00	140.00	700.00
7800-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	300.00
7800-08 · Other	0.00	15.00	30.00
7800-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	0.00	24.14	193.08
Total 7800 · Public Information	0.00	312.64	2,304.08
7900 · Treatment			
7900-01 · Meals	0.00	63.50	298.00
7900-02 · Travel	0.00	35.00	710.00
7900-03 · Lodging	0.00	300.00	1,500.00
7900-06 · Printing	0.00	10.00	100.00
7900-08 · Other	0.00	15.00	30.00
7900-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	16.06	24.14	193.08
Total 7900 · Treatment	16.06	447.64	2,831.08
7950 · Webmaster			
7950-01 · Meals	0.00	73.50	378.00
7950-02 · Travel	0.00	30.50	284.00
7950-03 · Lodging	0.00	150.00	1,200.00
7950-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	25.00
7950-08 · Other	0.00	115.00	230.00
Total 7950 · Webmaster	0.00	369.00	2,117.00
8050 · Audio Technician			
8050-01 · Meals	0.00	33.50	118.00
8050-02 · Travel	0.00	35.00	265.00
8050-03 · Lodging	0.00	450.00	1,350.00
8050-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	200.00
8050-08 · Other	0.00	15.00	15.00
Total 8050 · Audio Technician	0.00	533.50	1,948.00
Total Other Expense	947.67	7,121.05	45,602.50
Net Other Income	-947.67	-7,121.05	-45,602.50
Net Income	1,332.94	-5,500.05	-27,122.50

	Dec 20	Jan - Dec 20	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
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	0.00	45.00		
Total 4000-01 · District 01 Contributions	0.00	245.00		
4000-02 · District 02 Contributions				
107529 · 21206-Warren AA Group	0.00	150.00		
107962 · 80715-Stephen Group	50.00	50.00		
117847 · 110006-Helping HandsGroup	0.00	50.00		
161335 · 33539-Williams AA Group	40.00	115.00		
723325 · 59124-Roseau Women's AA	0.00	250.00		
Total 4000-02 · District 02 Contributions	90.00	615.00		
4000-03 · District 03 Contributions				
107624 · Moorhead Thurs. Nite Group	0.00	10.00		
107702 · 104860-The Formers Group	0.00	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	0.00	26.32		
Total 4000-03 · District 03 Contributions	0.00	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	0.00	50.00		
Total 4000-04 · District 04 Contributions	0.00	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	0.00	218.28		
704281 · 5616-The Way Out Group	0.00	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	50.00	250.00		
Total 4000-05 · District 05 Contributions	50.00	1,081.28		
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	0.00	34.80		
124462 · 77760-Squad 3 Isanti Thurs	0.00	104.52		
132584 · 58560-Rock Creek Wed AA	100.00	100.00		
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	0.00	260.00		
171884 · 17191-Unity AA	0.00	90.00		
666121 · 24817-Isanti Mon Night Open	0.00	80.00		
672898 · 70426-Simple Not Easy BB Group	60.00	120.00		
680382 · 100899-Dalbo A.A. Group	60.00	185.00		
684775 · 91822-A Woman's Way Group	0.00	100.00		
684788 · 26582-Wed Nite AA 6 PM	0.00	80.00		
DLYRPR · Daily Reprieve Group	80.00	80.00		
Total 4000-06 · District 06 Contributions	300.00	1,369.32		

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	0.00	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	18.12	175.04
609418 · 67938-Serenity in the Pines	50.00	150.00
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	0.00	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
718014 · 93663 As Bill Sees It Group	150.00	150.00
719598 · 76819 Spiritual Awakenings	50.00	150.00
722626 · Road To Recovery AA	0.00	25.00
727272 · 223629 Design For Living Group	0.00	145.00
Total 4000-07 · District 07 Contributions	268.12	2,201.59
4000-08 · District 08 Contributions		
107553 · 94034-Aurora Big Book	25.00	475.00
107876 · 45232 Orr Tues. Nite AA	0.00	103.00
107970 · 106181 Virginia Fri Nite Open	0.00	100.00
120255 · Palo Kitchen Table #1	0.00	52.33
121792 · 49288 Pike Sandy Group	0.00	150.00
142087 · 84297-Cook Sun. Night Big Book	0.00	212.00
171078 · 25414 Ely Monday Womens	0.00	39.00
635763 · 19836 Virginia Monday Night BB	0.00	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	25.00	1,496.33
4000-09 · District 09 Contributions		
107762 · Thursday Morning Downtown	0.00	100.00
107763 · 110173 Thurs Morn Downtown Hibb	0.00	50.00
107764 · 110172-Hibbing Downtown Group	0.00	120.00
107765 · 13824 Tues 8PM Hibbing Alano	0.00	110.00
121039 · 42543 Zim Group	0.00	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	0.00	150.00
719309 · 8471-Hibbing Thursday Noon Grp	20.00	160.00
Total 4000-09 · District 09 Contributions	20.00	1,265.00
4000-11 · District 11 Contributions		
107885 · 49354 Pine City AA Group	0.00	100.00
107949 · 93029 Sandstone Amethyst Group	0.00	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	0.00	100.00
724683 · 19974 Moose Lake Vision of Hope	0.00	39.50
Total 4000-11 · District 11 Contributions	0.00	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	0.00	75.00
120338 · 83744 9am Sun Basic Text	0.00	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	60.00	90.00
132613 · 67747 Serenity Club Inc.	45.00	360.00
133564 · 9922 Lester Park Thursday BB	0.00	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	105.00	2,097.47

4000-13 · District 13 Contributions

107498 · 26978 Wed Happy Hour group	50.00	150.00
107580 · 102570 Early Evening Group(Tue)	0.00	162.50
107601 · 6564 Thurs Candlelight Group	0.00	300.00
107914 · 8507 Primary Purpose Grp	0.00	325.00
118117 · 60484-Sauk Rapids AA Group	0.00	75.00
120216 · 27549 A New Found Freedom	0.00	26.00
120679 · 30646 West End 12 Step Group	0.00	400.00
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	0.00	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 Grapevine	0.00	75.00
712614 · 24677 Monday Night Live	25.00	25.00
718334 · 5123 Keep It Simple	0.00	135.00
726022 · Thursday AA Group	0.00	35.00
Total 4000-13 · District 13 Contributions	75.00	2,308.50

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	150.00	230.00
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 · 19361 Back 2 Basics	0.00	40.00
721677 · 7385 Thursday Night BB Grp	50.00	225.00
Total 4000-15 · District 15 Contributions	200.00	1,045.00

4000-16 · District 16 Contributions

107766 · 110454 Hill City AA Group	80.00	190.00
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	0.00	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	0.00	30.00
696926 · 99576 Cohasset North Group	0.00	370.00
697943 · 63594 Saturday 6pm	0.00	50.00
718339 · Bigfork Group	<u>0.00</u>	<u>95.00</u>
Total 4000-16 · District 16 Contributions	80.00	1,439.00

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	150.00	450.00
107787 · 14377 Long Prairie Alano	50.00	240.00
132913 · 47111 Parkers Prairie AA	0.00	100.00
637835 · 25133 Monday Courage To Change	<u>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total 4000-18 · District 18 Contributions	200.00	1,140.00

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>0.00</u>	<u>150.00</u>
Total 4000-21 · District 21 Contributions	0.00	878.23

4005 · No Area Record	0.00	460.00
4000 · Group Contributions - Other	<u>60.00</u>	<u>170.00</u>

Total 4000 · Group Contributions	#####	19,997.54
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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

4100-06 · District 6 BDay Contributions - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>44.00</u>
Total 4100-06 · District 6 BDay Contributions	0.00	44.00

4100-12 · District 12 BDay Contributions

B120024 · 42375 Old Towne BDay	<u>0.00</u>	<u>151.00</u>
Total 4100-12 · District 12 BDay Contributions	0.00	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	0.00	262.00
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4500 · Service Workshop Registration	0.00	1,170.00
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4550 · Service Workshop Coffee	0.00	295.75
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4610 · Fall Assembly Coffee	0.00	179.00
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4700 · Grapevine Sales	0.00	982.48
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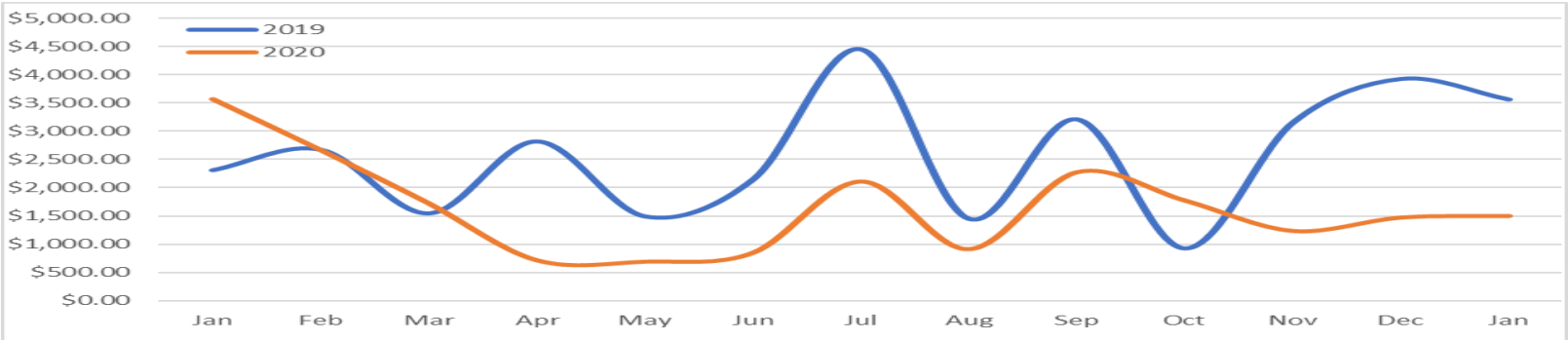
4710 · AAWS Literature Sales	0.00	3,171.88
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4750 · NL Flyer Insert Income	0.00	322.00
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4800 · Interest on Deposits	<u>0.05</u>	<u>0.89</u>
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Total Income	<u>#####</u>	<u>26,441.54</u>
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Gross Profit	#####	26,441.54
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Expense

5100 · Committee Meeting Rent	0.00	100.00	200.00	200.00
5120 · Grapevine Inventory	0.00	1,957.10		
5125 · AAWS Literature Inventory	0.00	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	500.00	500.00
5400 · Fall Assembly				
5401 · Room Rental Costs	0.00	3,291.86	2,100.00	2,100.00
5402 · Coffee	0.00	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	0.00	3,479.86	2,625.00	2,625.00

6550 · Finance Oversight Committee				
6550-01 · Meals	0.00	14.75	56.00	56.00
6550-02 · Travel	<u>0.00</u>	<u>18.00</u>	<u>160.00</u>	<u>160.00</u>
Total 6550 · Finance Oversight Committee	<u>0.00</u>	<u>32.75</u>	<u>216.00</u>	<u>216.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>0.00</u>	<u>12,551.23</u>	<u>6,377.00</u>	<u>6,377.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	#####	13,890.31	-6,377.00	-6,377.00
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
6100 · Delegate				
6100-01 · Meals	0.00	207.07	293.00	293.00
6100-02 · Travel	0.00	310.64	1,225.00	1,225.00
6100-03 · Lodging	0.00	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	<u>0.00</u>	<u>399.00</u>	<u>625.00</u>	<u>625.00</u>
Total 6100 · Delegate	0.00	4,539.14	7,083.00	7,083.00
6200 · Alternate Delegate				
6200-01 · Meals	0.00	222.75	513.00	513.00
6200-02 · Travel	0.00	106.50	1,087.00	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	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Total 6200 · Alternate Delegate	0.00	891.99	2,574.00	2,574.00
6300 · Chairperson				
6300-01 · Meals	0.00	177.84	373.00	373.00
6300-02 · Travel	0.00	132.00	568.00	568.00
6300-03 · Lodging	0.00	728.95	610.00	610.00
6300-05 · Supplies	0.00	77.48	50.00	50.00
6300-06 · Printing	0.00	100.09	375.00	375.00
6300-08 · Other	0.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
6300-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>16.09</u>	<u>16.09</u>		
Total 6300 · Chairperson	16.09	1,257.45	2,001.00	2,001.00
6400 · Secretary				
6400-01 · Meals	0.00	145.35	528.00	528.00
6400-02 · Travel	0.00	153.11	510.00	510.00
6400-03 · Lodging	0.00	346.92	790.00	790.00
6400-06 · Printing	0.00	803.35	280.00	280.00
6400-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total 6400 · Secretary	0.00	1,473.73	2,133.00	2,133.00
6500 · Treasurer				
6500-01 · Meals	0.00	219.66	570.00	570.00
6500-02 · Travel	0.00	236.97	665.15	665.15
6500-03 · Lodging	0.00	402.30	640.00	640.00
6500-05 · Supplies	0.00	50.52	319.95	319.95
6500-06 · Printing	0.00	60.98		
6500-07 · Postage	0.00	55.00	240.00	240.00
6500-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total 6500 · Treasurer	0.00	1,070.43	2,460.10	2,460.10
7000 · Archives Chair				
7000-01 · Meals	0.00	37.00	318.00	318.00
7000-02 · Travel	0.00	28.00	340.00	340.00
7000-03 · Lodging	0.00	120.87	810.00	810.00
7000-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	40.00	40.00
7000-08 · Other	100.00	600.00	25.00	25.00
7000-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.26</u>	<u>32.26</u>		
Total 7000 · Archives Chair	132.26	818.13	1,533.00	1,533.00
7100 · Archivist				
7100-01 · Meals	0.00	-6.00	258.00	258.00
7100-02 · Travel	0.00	0.00	700.00	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	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,415.00</u>	<u>2,415.00</u>
Total 7100 · Archivist	0.00	-6.00	4,363.00	4,363.00

7200 · Corrections				
7200-01 · Meals	0.00	239.00	428.00	428.00
7200-02 · Travel	0.00	79.00	596.00	596.00
7200-03 · Lodging	0.00	222.00	840.00	840.00
7200-08 · Other	0.00	25.00	30.00	30.00
7200-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.18</u>	<u>32.18</u>		
Total 7200 · Corrections	32.18	597.18	1,894.00	1,894.00
7300 · CPC				
7300-01 · Meals	0.00	69.18	163.00	163.00
7300-02 · Travel	0.00	305.00	698.00	698.00
7300-03 · Lodging	0.00	392.73	690.00	690.00
7300-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
7300-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>	<u>175.00</u>
Total 7300 · CPC	0.00	781.91	1,751.00	1,751.00
7400 · Grapevine				
7400-01 · Meals	0.00	186.75	253.00	253.00
7400-02 · Travel	0.00	219.69	440.00	440.00
7400-03 · Lodging	0.00	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	0.00	1,201.15	1,508.00	1,508.00
7500 · Group Records Secretary				
7500-01 · Meals	0.00	120.82	478.00	478.00
7500-02 · Travel	0.00	149.41	420.00	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	0.00	95.36	37.82	37.82
7500-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>28.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total 7500 · Group Records Secretary	0.00	936.95	2,030.82	2,030.82
7600 · Literature				
7600-01 · Meals	0.00	74.99	460.00	460.00
7600-02 · Travel	0.00	84.37	258.00	258.00
7600-03 · Lodging	0.00	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	0.00	-205.06	1,723.00	1,723.00
7700 · Northern Light				
7700-01 · Meals	0.00	115.99	248.00	248.00
7700-02 · Travel	0.00	143.24	295.00	295.00
7700-03 · Lodging	0.00	418.00	500.00	500.00
7700-05 · Supplies	0.00	573.88		
7700-06 · Printing	0.00	1,745.00	2,250.00	2,250.00
7700-07 · Postage	0.00	1,342.65	1,800.00	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	0.00	4,363.76	5,118.00	5,118.00
7800 · Public Information				
7800-01 · Meals	0.00	99.10	308.00	308.00
7800-02 · Travel	0.00	176.05	773.00	773.00
7800-03 · Lodging	0.00	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	0.00	868.21	2,111.00	2,111.00
7900 · Treatment				
7900-01 · Meals	0.00	163.00	253.00	253.00
7900-02 · Travel	0.00	221.50	440.00	440.00
7900-03 · Lodging	0.00	728.42	790.00	790.00
7900-08 · Other	0.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
7900-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.12</u>	<u>32.12</u>		
Total 7900 · Treatment	32.12	1,170.04	1,508.00	1,508.00
7950 · Webmaster				
7950-01 · Meals	0.00	123.62	266.00	266.00
7950-02 · Travel	0.00	115.75	245.00	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	1,699.00	1,699.00
8000 · Web Technology				
8000-08 · Software Products	<u>0.00</u>	<u>578.52</u>		
Total 8000 · Web Technology	0.00	578.52		

8050 · Audio Technician				
8050-01 · Meals	0.00	47.00	208.00	208.00
8050-02 · Travel	0.00	60.50	153.00	153.00
8050-03 · Lodging	0.00	601.00	800.00	800.00
8050-05 · Supplies	0.00	270.81	200.00	200.00
8050-08 · Other	0.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Total 8050 · Audio Technician	0.00	989.31	1,371.00	1,371.00
Total Other Expense	212.65	21,921.98	42,860.92	42,860.92
Net Other Income	-212.65	-21,921.98	-42,860.92	-42,860.92
Net Income	#####	-8,031.67	-49,237.92	-49,237.92

9th ANNUAL CROW WING RIVER
3 LEGACY CAMPOUT JULY 2-4th



FRIDAY
12:00 MOTLEY NOON MEETING
1:00 CHECK-IN
7:00 AA SPEAKER
10:00 CAMPFIRE MEETING
SATURDAY
MORNING DEVOTIONALS/MEETING
BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN
11:00 CANOEING/TUBING/FREE TIME
6:30:00 AL-ANON
8:00 AA SPEAKER
10:00 CAMPFIRE MEETING
SUNDAY
10:00 OPEN MEETING

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO POTLUCKS EITHER NIGHT. WE WILL SERVE COFFEE AND WATER. ALL MEALS ARE ON YOUR OWN. OPEN FIRE TO COOK OVER WILL BE AVAILABLE. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING A GRILL. SINK STATION WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR WASHING DISHES.

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Service Events

2021

April: 10th-11th Area Spring Assembly
Zoom

June: 6th Area Committee Meeting
Aitkin or Zoom 9-2

August : 1st Area Committee Meeting
Aitkin or Zoom 9-2

September: 10th-12th West Central Regional
AA Service Forum
Zoom


October: 2nd-3rd Fall Assembly
Detroit Lakes or Zoom

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“As we better use the ‘language of the heart,’ our communications grow apace: already we find ourselves in safe passage through all those barriers of distance and language, of social distinction, nationality and creed, that so divide the world of our time.”

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., July 1960, From: “AA Tomorrow” The Language of the Heart



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.

4th Sunday in February

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

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

1st Weekend in March

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

1st Weekend in April

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

3rd Week in April

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

FOR MORE
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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

Meet me by the West Door

“Meet me by the West Door”
Or How Areas 35 & 36 can do 12 Step Work Together

At a recent Area 35 Area Committee meeting in Aitkin, I stopped by via the online meeting. During a break, a discussion ensued that there was a need for A.A. Literature in a health care facility in Area 36. I began to chuckle, knowing I have an A.A. friend who lived nearby the facility who would be willing to help.

After the meeting, *ACTION*--a few phone calls followed by emails. The literature requested was obtained and sent on it’s way to help a couple of newcomers who couldn’t get to a local meeting due to the pandemic.

The local A.A. receiving the literature had provided staff with a mini Alcoholics Anonymous Information (AAI) chat over the phone versus in person due to Covid19 guidelines. Staff were receptive and provided the instructions of “Meet me by the West Door.” By the end of the week the literature was dropped off with a couple of pamphlets and extra literature for staff to have on hand. Staff met the A.A.’er on the stoop of the West Door, each abiding by current health precautions.

Who knows when we’ll meet those who received our literature? Perhaps you’ll meet them in your hometown, or I’ll meet them in mine. Working together we can help when no one else can.

Grateful to Trudge alongside you,
Carla N
Area 36 member

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

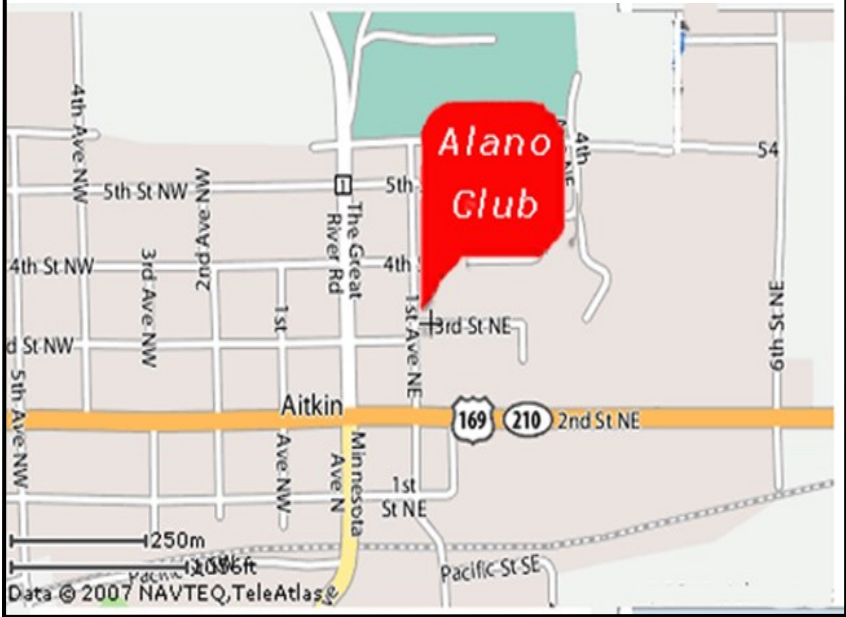
(Spaghetti Soup)

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

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

<p>Though the high point is the Conference meeting, the delegate’s job goes on year-round and involves all aspects of the Conference structure. The delegate should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attend the Conference meeting in April, fully prepared. Immediately upon election, every delegate is put on the G.S.O. mailing list to receive Conference materials.Communicate the actions of the Conference to area committee members and encourage them to pass on this information, and the delegate’s enthusiasm, to groups and to intergroups/central offices. If an area is too large for the delegate to cover in person, he or she will ask area officers and committee members to share the load.Be prepared to attend all area, state/provincial, and regional service meetings and assemblies. From these meetings, delegates come to better understand their own areas and can make suggestions for the Conference agenda. Here, too, they come in contact with A.A. members who might not be reached otherwise.Help area committees obtain financial support for the area and G.S.O.Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the A.A. Traditions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Remind G.S.R.s to inform groups and individuals about the A.A. Grapevine and Conference-approved literature.Cooperate with G.S.O. in obtaining information—for example, making sure that up-to-date information reaches G.S.O. in time to meet the deadline for each Issue of the A.A. directory and helping carry out the triennial membership surveys.Visit groups and districts in the area whenever possible.Work closely with committee members and officers, sharing experience throughout the year. After G.S.R.s and committee members have reported on the Conference, learn from these A.A.s how groups and members have reacted.Assume added responsibility if the area chair and alternate chair are unable to serve. Or, if an area committee is not functioning effectively, the delegate may take an active role in remedying the situation.Keep the alternate delegate fully informed and active, so that the alternate can replace the delegate in an emergency.Late in the second term, work with newly elected delegates to pass along a basic knowledge of Conference proceedings and problems. <p><i>(from The A.A. Service Manual, pages S44-S45)</i></p>
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Area 35 Spring Assembly
April 10 & 11, 2021

Zoom Meeting ID: 432 323 0944 Passcode: Area35

<div>AA</div> <div>8:00 a.m. Registration</div> <div>8:00 a.m. GSR Orientation & Action Chair</div> <div>tee Meetings</div> <div>10:30 a.m. Assembly Convenes</div> <div>Buffet at resort)</div> <div>Call to Order-Open with the Serenity Prayer</div> <div>Why We Need a Conference</div> <div>Recognize Past Delegates</div> <div>Recognize GSRs</div> <div>Add to Agenda</div> <div>Approve 2016 Fall Assembly Minutes</div> <div>Agenda Item Sharing Session I</div> <div>Agenda</div> <div>Cooperation With the Professional Community</div> <div>Corrections</div> <div>9 a.m. Lunch 1 hour</div> <div>Finance</div> <div>Grapevine</div> <div>Literature</div> <div>9 a.m. Break</div> <div>Policy and Admissions</div> <div>Public Information</div> <div>Report and Charter</div> <div>Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities</div> <div>9 a.m. BREAK</div> <div>n.</div> <div>GSR Sharing Session</div> <div>DCM Sharing Session</div> <div>Area Officers and Area Chairs Meet</div> <div>Closed AA meeting</div> <div>9 M. Dinner</div> <div>9 M. GSC Agenda Item Sharing Session II</div> <div>Trustees</div> <div>Archives</div> <div>International Conventions/Regional Forums</div> <div>9 Y</div> <div>n. - 8:45 a.m. Big Book Meeting</div> <div>n. Assembly Reconvenes</div> <div>GSR Sharing Session Report</div> <div>DCM Sharing Session Report</div> <div>9 ER REPORTS</div> <div>9 ER REPORTS</div> <div>Delegate – Jim S</div> <div>Alternate Delegate – Steve L</div> <div>Chair – Gayle R</div>	<div>Secretary – Heidi B</div> <div>Treasurer – Justin W</div> <div>COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS</div> <div>CPC – Brian P</div> <div>District 9 Ricci R</div> <div>District 4 Bumper L</div> <div>WEBMASTER – Thomas H</div> <div>LITERATURE – Bruce M</div> <div>District 14</div> <div>District 3 Gene M</div> <div>NORTHERN LIGHT – Cindy S-K</div> <div>District 8 Nels P</div> <div>GROUP RECORDS – Sally L</div> <div>District 2 Daniel W</div> <div>District 15 – Lori L</div> <div>TREATMENT – Melissa M</div> <div>District 13 Denise R</div> <div>District 18 Scott S</div> <div>ARCHIVIST –</div> <div>ARCHIVES – Peter T</div> <div>District 16 Katy P</div> <div>District 12 Shelly H</div> <div>CORRECTIONS – Butch R</div> <div>District 1 Laura C</div> <div>District 11 Kurt N</div> <div>PUBLIC INFORMATION: Greg C</div> <div>District 7 Tim V</div> <div>District 6 Mike U</div> <div>GRAPEVINE – Pat M</div> <div>District 5 Terry P</div> <div>District 21 John W</div> <div>OLD BUSINESS</div> <div>Delegate Resumes</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div>NEW BUSINESS</div> <div>Fall Assembly</div> <div>Calendar of Events</div> <div>Ask It Basket (Past Delegates)</div> <div>Adjourn</div>
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Rice, MN 56367