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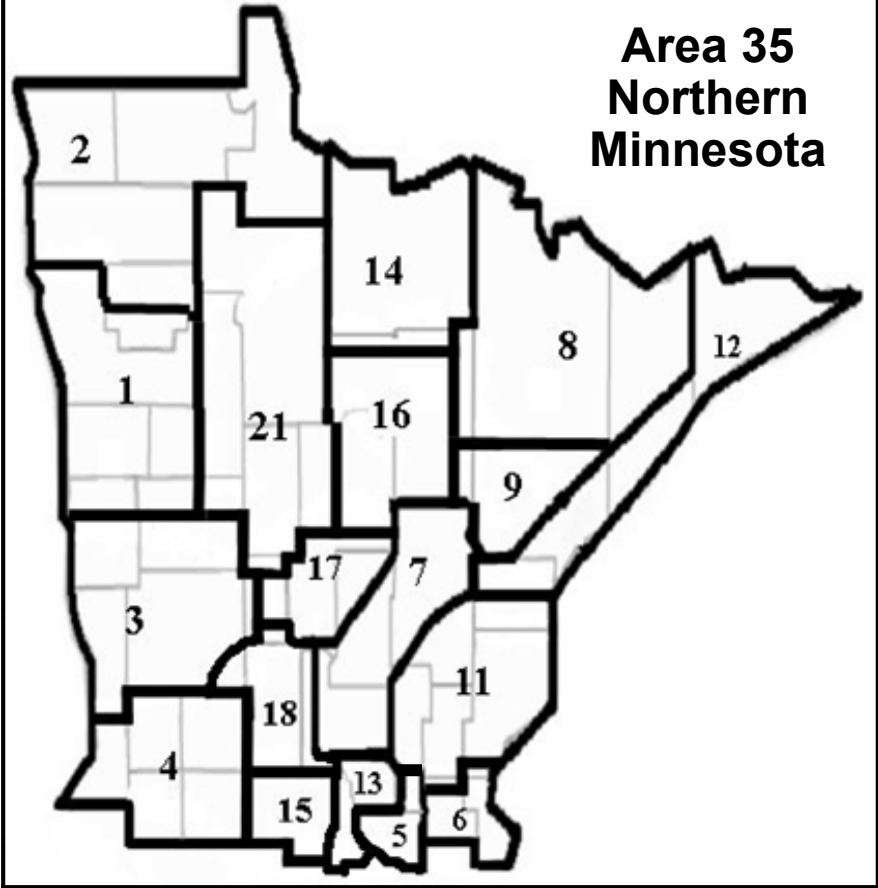
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Zone I

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

Zone II

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

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

Zone IV

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

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

District Meeting Location Information

<p><u>District 1</u> 2nd Sunday of Even Months, 2:00 p.m. Fertile Community Center 101 S Mill St, Fertile, MN 56540</p> <p><u>District 2</u> 1st Sunday of Odd Months, 3:00 p.m. Thief River Falls Alano Club 614 Davis Ave Thief River Falls, MN 56701</p> <p><u>District 3</u> 3rd Sunday of Month, 10:00 a.m. Alano Club 827 Summit Avenue Detroit Lakes, MN 56501</p> <p><u>District 4</u> 3rd Saturday of Month, 5:00 p.m. Contact DCM for location (It Rotates) Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Round Robin at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>District 5</u> 3rd Monday of Month, 7 p.m. (use side door that opens to parking lot) Trinity Lutheran Church 111 N 6th Ave Princeton, MN 55371</p> <p><u>District 6</u> 3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Spring Lake Lutheran Church 8440 Erickson Rd NE North Branch, MN 55056</p>	<p><u>District 7</u> 3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m. First Congregational United Church 415 Juniper Street Brainerd, MN 56401</p> <p><u>District 8</u> Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m. General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Contact DCM for location “It Rotates”</p> <p><u>District 9</u> Last Sunday of Month, 6:00 p.m. Hibbing Alano Club 3725 1st Avenue Hibbing, MN 55746</p> <p><u>District 11</u> 1st Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Peace Lutheran 2177 Hwy 18 Finlayson, MN 55735</p> <p><u>District 12</u> 3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30 p.m. 1100 E Superior Street Duluth, MN Handicap Accessible,</p> <p><u>District 13</u> 1st Monday of Month, 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. St. Cloud Alano Club 127 7th Ave NE Saint Cloud, MN 56301</p>	<p><u>District 14</u> 3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30pm Coffee Landing 444 3rd Street International Falls, MN 56649</p> <p><u>District 15</u> 1st Monday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Albany Community Center 741 Lake Ave Albany, MN 56307</p> <p><u>District 16</u> 1st Wednesday of Month, 6:30 p.m. United Methodist Church 1701 SE 5th Ave Grand Rapids, MN 55744 Handicap Accessible, Non-Smoking</p> <p><u>District 17</u> Not currently active or unknown</p> <p><u>District 18</u> 1st Tuesday of Month, 6:00 p.m. Long Prairie Alano Club 21 2nd Ave Long Prairie, MN 56347</p> <p><u>District 21</u> 2nd Monday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Bemidji Alano Club 3802 Greenleaf Ave NW Bemidji, MN 56601</p>
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Area 35 Fall Assembly Minutes
Alexandria, Mn
October 2 - 3, 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, Michael “Jake” J – panel 64, Scott A – Area 36/Panel 38, Tim C – panel 52, Jim K – Panel 62.

Additions to the Agenda:

- 1)Preamble – Does Area 35 want to change to conference approved Preamble on area35.org?
- 2)Discuss Fall Assembly dates going forward due to agenda items deadline?
- 3)Archives storage.

Approval of the Spring Assembly 2021 Area Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Minutes were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – Jim S

Good Afternoon Everyone, Since the August Area Committee Meeting I have attended my monthly Agenda committee meeting and my monthly West Central Regional Delegates meeting both on zoom. The Regional Forum in sept which if you did not attend I would encourage you to attend. A regional forum is a weekend discussing various topics created by the host committee. It occurs every two years so the next one will be in 2023. I do not know at this point if it will be in zoom or in person, time will tell. I was also privileged to attend a meeting that requested the Area Delegate to attend to help with a conflict going on in the meeting. Half the group felt the meeting was run appropriately and half did not. When I got to the meeting there was an air of animosity that didn’t take long to figure out that they weren’t going to be able to resolve. It ended up that instead of finding a middle ground the group ended up doing what we can only do, split and make a new group. Once they decided on this course of action, the air of the group immediately changed to a friendly atmosphere. They ended up splitting the literature and getting the treasury turned over to the remaining members. It was a wonderful experience to watch and be a part of.

I shared some of this during the GSR orientation but wanted to repeat myself a little. I wanted to express my deepest gratitude to Area 35 for giving me this experience. I asked my sponsor what do I do after my rotation, he said I show up, sit in the back and don’t talk unless asked. I have a debt that I cannot repay. I added up an approximation of events that I have attended since becoming DCM of district 3 though this year, I have been to about 130 events throughout northern MN and the rest of the region. You have made that possible by your 7th tradition donations. I hope you feel you got your contributions worth.

One last thing I would like to mention, we always talk about being around for the next rotation to answer questions. Well, it doesn’t do any good if the new people coming in, be it GSR, DCM, district committee chair, Area officer or Actions committee member don’t ask questions. Don’t assume that what you see is all that the person is doing. Ask questions of the person who came before you. I am so grateful to the people who came before me for sharing their experience and knowledge with me. The past person I would like to thank is my fiancé, who has never asked me, do you have to go to another meeting, why do you have to go there.

In Service, Jim S. Area 35 Delegate

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – Steve L

Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen,
What a beautiful drive yesterday to get here. The colors were amazing and popping. I took the long way to get here, Biwabik to Detroit Lakes then onto Alexandra. I stopped at the Holiday Hotel in Detroit Lakes to finalize the Area workshop venue. We are almost set. The only thing left is to decide the Workshop topics and tie up some loose ends. So, Districts: 2,4,7,11,13 and 15 expect a call from me to ask if you would give a presentation at the workshop. Remember, the Area workshop is January 15th and 16th 2022, being held at the Holiday Inn in Detroit Lakes. Reserve your rooms early. The reserved block is [Area 35 Assembly](#). See you all there.

I have been attending what’s called the NAAD (North American Alternate Delegates) meeting on zoom. It’s held the first of every month. I even attended this month’s meeting while driving here last night. What’s been interesting is how all the Areas do things differently yet get the same results. Like, how Areas choose their Delegate. Using the resume system like we do is only used by about 25% or less of ninety-three Areas. Most take nominations off the floor. We are very fortunate to have the Area structure we have. Thanks for allowing me serve.

Humbly
Steven L
Alt-Delegate

“A leader in AA service is ... a man (or a woman) who can personally put principles, plans and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him up and help him with his job.”

*AA Co-Founder, Bill W., April 1959,
“Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need”, The
Language of the Heart*

AREA CHAIR – Gayle R

Greetings Area 35 – Welcome to the Fall Assembly. I am grateful we can be here. A big thank you to Christine and Kelly for being here when asked. As this rotation winds down, I will be busy helping Heidi update the Actions Booklet – those action chair and officers updates were due this weekend. I attended the AA booth at the State Fair with Area 36. Area 36 Chair has asked the PI Chair and incoming Area Chair to meet online. I will keep Carla informed of the new rotation. Area 36 is still finalizing the actual financial cost of the state fair and will let us know so we can send our contributions if we have not done so.

I attended the WCRAA Forum online, the greatest part about being online there were more than just our region. I’m not sure what the final count was – it was very informative. I missed Friday due to not receiving the email. I did get the link after I reached out and asked to resend it. I attended the workshops Tradition 10 and Fun in Service. My favorite part was sharing from past trustees.

I am locking in our space for the Spring Assembly – Grand Ely Lodge in Ely, Mn.

I look forward to the elections tomorrow. Pass on those who you think would make a good servant. But – of course ask them first.

As we hopefully near the end of this Covid-19 pandemic – I beg you to say prayers for those who have struggled with health – whether physical health or mental health. Pray for those who are sober but struggling living on life’s terms. Let them know we are here – for an ear or just a hug.

Being your Area Chair has been a struggle at times – but most rewarding by the knowledge and growth I’ve experienced. I think we should make shirts that say “I survived the Covid rotation.” And we did survive. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this journey with you. And thank you for being a part of my journey to serve.

Love and hugs, Gayle R.

SECRETARY – Heidi B

Hello Area 35, The minutes from August’s Area Committee Meeting were typed up, distributed to the area and the Northern Light for publication. Thank you all for sending me your reports in a timely fashion. Please send me your reports from today for our meeting minutes, which will be published in the next issue of the Northern Light. Reports are due one week from tomorrow, Sunday, October 10th.

I attended the virtual West Central Regional AA Forum last month. I really enjoyed the presentations by the Delegates as well as GSO. I love hearing the financials and statistics and look forward to seeing it all in print in the GSC final report. I thought that the conference went really smoothly, it was easy to log on and listen along. I have no idea how they organized that many people to come together in a virtual format, but they did an excellent job. I acted as reporter/notetaker for our Delegate Jim Steen’s presentation titled AA’s Future in a Virtual World. It was interesting to hear the WCR thoughts on this new format, what worked and didn’t work for them. As requested, I sent the notes to WCR Forum Staff and they will be printed in the final report distributed later this fall.

Area Committee Chairs – Please remember to send me your revised trusted servant guidelines for the Past Action Book. So far, I’ve received two. If you like, email or see me and I can send you a copy of the guidelines that you can revise. Or just print it out (it’s on area35.org under Area Officers), write out your changes, take a photo of it and email or text me.

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

I can’t believe this rotation is nearly over, with this being our last area assembly. It has been an interesting ride, to say the least. I have really enjoyed serving as area secretary and am excited to see what this next rotation brings. Thank you for your trust in me and the opportunity to be of service, Heidi B.

TREASURER – Justin W

See enclosed financial reports.

COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS

CPC – Brian P

CPC Report: Attending: Chad Dist 6, Mike Dist 6, Arden Dist 7, Bob Dist 7, Tim Dist 7, Ricco Dist 9, Chris L Dist 12, Erron Dist 12, Richard Dist 12, Brian CPC Chair, Greg PI Chair

The Chairs as a whole each shared their frustrations of doing their jobs.

Some places are open some are still or back to restrictions.

Dist 12 is participating in a Public Health Conference. Many professionals are available at these Conferences. This led to an open discussion of how we may participate in more conferences and how we can find them.

Dist 9 was looking for some answers on how to fix problems with their help-line.

Dist 12 was also busy putting out pamphlets to school districts

Dist 13 Expressed the frustrations with putting out new and current meeting lists

There was also discussion of intergroup and how we can use them to help with CPC duties

Yours in service, Brian P.

DISTRICT 9 – Ricco R

Districts 16 & 9 had another collaborated workshop on 9/18/2021. The name of the workshop was Spirit of Service. We had two fantastic speakers, Jake past Area 35 delegate from Hibbing and Jim S. our current Area 35 Delegate. They both did an excellent job in bringing in the Spirit of Service into the workshop. We also had all the service positions at district level explained by the fellowship in District 16 & 9 and had questions and answers for them from the people who attended the workshop. The frosting on the cake was we picked up an alternate DCM and a new GSR at the workshop. Our District 9 Archives Chair Diane R. recorded the whole workshop and will give it to Peter the Area 35 Archives Chair.

I attended the 80th Anniversary of Alcoholics Anonymous in Hibbing MN., On August 21, 2021. Scott J. past Delegate gave the History of A.A. and Linda H. from Alanon gave the history of Alanon in Hibbing. Our District 9 Archives chair Diane R. recorded both talks and will be given to Peter the Area 35 Archives Chair.

District 9 had the election of officers on 9/26/2021 for the rotation. We had seven positions filled and 3 still open. We hope to fill them also.

Sally L. our Area 35 Group Record Secretary sent out the group meeting information sheets and group contacts information sheets. We have 5 completed and the rest are works in progress. I will give Sally the ones we have completed at the assembly.

In Unity and Service, Ricco R.

DISTRICT 4 – Bumper L (no report)

WEBMASTER – Thomas H (no report)

LITERATURE – Bruce M

Literature sales are going up (a little). I’ve made 1 run and brought 3 orders with me.

Again, when you need a large quantity, please let me know if enough time so that when I turn an order in before an area function, I can add it and fill everybody’s.

Printing of literature is slow so I might not be able to get some stuff.

If you don’t have a computer, more important to let Literature Chair know what you need. Orders are done at online store.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Bruce M.

DISTRICT 14 –

DISTRICT 3 – Gene M

Round Robin’s started up again last May with MTNG, then a potluck last first Thursday of July, also New York Mills New Beginnings Group in August and Perham Solutions in September. Visited a couple of other meetings around Bridge to Freedom in Moorhead, St Mary’s of the Lake, Friday Joe & Charlie Meeting, Perham and Wednesday BB Study Perham Solutions. Many updates and meeting closures on the schedule. Webmaster is posting fliers and minutes. We had elections on Sept 19th, what’s currently filled for the next rotation is Bill D – Helpline Chair, Gene G – Treasurer, Melissa M – Grapevine Rep, Patti O – Treatment Chair. Helpline Chair and Treatment Chair are putting updated district packet together for groups.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve, Gene M.

NORTHERN LIGHT – Cindy S-K

Hi Everyone, I sent the September/October issue to Cold Spring print shop on October 13 for print and mailing.

My experience with the newsletter has taught me to put one foot in front of the other even when I didn't want to. The message must continue to be spread even during a pandemic. I have been witness to some extraordinary out of the box ways people have carried the message when it seemed impossible. Who would have thought you could sober up over zoom?

I challenge each and every one of you in this room to put together a couple hundred words to share how the last 2 years have changed you. What was the highlight or low light? This is YOUR newsletter.

The last Northern Light the November/December issue I am responsible for is due November 2nd.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Cindy S-K

DISTRICT 8 – Nels P

In District 8, we held our elections in September but tabled them until Thursday October 7th at 7pm in Virginia at the Ladies by the Lake meeting at the Peace United Methodist Church at 303 9th Avenue. I am hopeful that we will have nominations to fill our service positions as our district provides many services. Participation at district meetings has grown due to meeting in person again. However, we need more people to get involved. Our webpage district8online.org continues to be updated and is a great way to find all meetings including Zoom information for those not meeting in person yet. As I am coming to the end of my rotation serving the district as DCM, I would like to add what a great honor it has been to serve.

Yours in service, Nels P

GROUP RECORDS – Sally L

Greetings, Northern MN.

I sent out group information sheets to all the DCMs in the Area. Thank you to the DCMs who have already returned some of them! I know it was short notice, and still many forms were returned at the Assembly. Please return the remainder as soon as possible so I can get the information updated before the end of the rotation so the incoming group records person has the best information possible.

I came up with the idea for doing the forms and discussed it with the Area chairperson, Gayle, before spending any money and got her approve. I know this was not in my budget, but we decided that since I did not spend any of my travel budget for most of the rotation, it would be a good idea to send out the forms. These forms are much easier to use than spreadsheets, and the DCMs have told me that they are clearer and more useful.

As the DCMs know by looking at the group information sheets, there are two group numbers on the forms. One is from the old system, Fellowship New Vision (FNV), and one is from the new system, Fellowship Connection (FC). Please use the FC numbers with the leading zeroes for contributions and corresponding with me and GSO. Not all groups have an FNV number because they came into existence after the switch to the new system. Some of the groups have two FC numbers. This happened during the transfer of information from the old system to the new system. Groups should pick the number they want to use. Let me know which number and I will let GSO

records department know which to use. E.al.

Some of the information on the sheets is old and do not reflect the changes that occurred during the time of the switchover of systems. During that time I had to email all the changes to the records department, and some did not get processed. COVID did not help matters. GSO staff were working from home and everything was chaotic. I am not surprised there were some errors. They were under a lot of stress. COVID made life stressful for everyone.

I will stress this point once again – A GROUP MUST HAVE AT LEAST A MAIL CONTACT PERSON, or that group will be inactivated, which means it will not be listed on aaminnesota.org or the meeting locator app. The group may still exist, it will just not be on the active list. Please also provide an email address for your GSR, AltGSR, or Mail Contact person. A lot of correspondence occurs vis email, and if there is no email address, some information may not get through. I noticed that there are a lot of groups that do not have any contact/GSR/AltGSR listed.

Please send group information changes to me so I can update aaminnesota.org. I will then update the info in the database. If you send info directly to GSO, I won’t know about it and won’t be able to update the Minnesota website. This is especially true if you are forming a new group.

I did not attend the WCR Forum as I was in the middle of working on this mailing of group info forms, had a funeral to attend, and had some health things going on (not COVID).

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Group Records Secretary these last 3-1/2 years. In service, Sally L.

DISTRIC T 2 – Danny W

District 2 held its bi-monthly meeting September 12, 2021, at 2 PM at the Twin Rivers Clubhouse in Thief River Falls. There were 7 people in attendance including the DCM, District Treasurer, 3 GSRs, and 2 other AA members.

Both minutes and the treasurer’s report from the May meeting were approved.

During the past two months I had the opportunity to visit another 2 groups; as a result I have visited all but 1 group in District 2 since the beginning of June. I continue to encourage District 2 groups of the importance in sending a representative to our District meetings and our Area 35 Assembly’s.

The DCM gave a report from the last Area Committee meeting highlighting the action taken to vote upon 2 motions to submit items for potential agenda items at next year’s General Service Conference. There was also discussion concerning the resumes of the candidates that are running for the position of Area 35 Delegate. The financial report as printed in the Northern Light was reviewed and it was stressed how important it is for every group to participate in AAs seventh tradition of self-support. The Northern Light has been a great tool to use when visiting groups, it allows for a visual aid and resource when explaining how AA works on both the District and Area levels.

Group reports focused upon those groups which attendees have attended.

Some groups are experiencing better attendance while other groups still seem to be struggling to get back to pre-Covid numbers. The new group that was started in Grygla has already closed and the Badger Sunday night group is now combined with the Roseau group (same member attend each group and the Badger group is now meeting in Roseau at the same location).

There was discussion concerning who will be the next DCM and District Treasurer; no one volunteered and no one at the meeting was willing to have their name submitted as a candidate for either position. I had announced this election a few times prior to this meeting hoping groups would be present to meet these challenges. So, it was decided to bring these positions up again at our next District meeting in November. I stressed to those present the importance of rotation and asked that they bring back to their groups the importance of rotation for both GSRs and District officers.

In service, Danny W.

DISTRICT 15 – Lori L

Greetings from District 15. I am Lori and I am a grateful member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

This past summer, our District has been trying to become more creative in getting more GSRs and other AA members to attend our monthly meeting in Albany. We implemented having a speaker meeting every other month. The speaker will share their story along with how AA and service work helps them in their recovery. We also are starting the meeting at 7PM instead of 8PM. Perhaps the earlier starting time will encourage more people to attend. We have had discussion about moving our venue for our Annual March Spring Roundup. After some research, we decided to stay at the Landing in St. Anna, our regular venue. Food prices and reservation prices are going up everywhere in our area. The Landing continues to be the best spot for our March Roundup.

Our District held its bi-yearly rotation in September at our monthly meeting.

We elected a new DCM, Treasurer, Secretary, Literature chairpersons. Because of the inability to serve fully because of Covid concerns, chair members were given the option to keep their positions for 2 more years. That would give them the opportunity to fulfill the position they were elected to. Our Alternate DCM and Treatment Chair opted to retain their position for 2 more years. I am grateful to the members who stepped up and agreed to take on a service position. Service work takes time but the personal rewards and growth in sobriety is phenomenal. You get to do the work and carry the message like Bill W. and Dr. Bob. You get to work with some pretty extraordinary people and learn about a variety of ways that AA meetings share the message. Yours in Service. Lori L.

TREATMENT – Christine G

We had two in attendance plus myself: District 8 Sally and District 13 Peggy. Neither district has an active treatment chair.

No meetings are brought in at this time.

For the incoming rotation, we talked about the need to reach out to the facilities and learn more about what they need from Alcoholics Anonymous.

Continue exploring opportunities with facilities that might want AA brought in.

Talk about AA and bring in a basic packet which could include info on Bridging the Gap, meeting locator, schedules, and hot line contact info and Grapevines.

DISTRICT 13 – Denise R

Greetings Area 35,
Since we last met in Aitkin, I am happy to announce we have a Traditions Workshop! Join us December 4th for a potluck starting at 12:00 with the workshop following from 1-3pm at the St. Cloud Alano Club. Special guest speaker Bill W with Tom A's assistance. All are welcome!
Our PI committee has worked on getting our new schedules printed and I am happy to report that we're able to have 10,000 copies of the new District 13 schedule printed and we are excited to include the aastcloud.org website on the new meeting schedules.
Our district is excited to participate at 2 events in October. We will have a presence with information tables at Project Connect and the St. Cloud Stand Down event.
Our literature chair has been ordering through Bruce and Pat with a recent purchase of about a dozen of the new Grapevine book, Prayer and Meditation, as we have many members very interested in this new book. Also stocking up on literature in preparation for the St. Cloud Fall Round Up the weekend of October 22nd – 23rd at the Park Even Center in Waite Park. We are excited to have our past Delegate Jim K speaking on Saturday. I hope you can join us for a wonderful weekend of much needed fellowship!
Our monthly district meetings are consistent with 14 – 17 in attendance. We have started taking nominations for the next rotation. Past Delegate, Christine G, will proctor the elections being held at the November 7th district meeting.
Our finances are solid with a balance of approximately \$44,000 which includes a \$1,000 prudent reserve.
That's all from District 13 – hope to see you at the Fall Round Up! Thank you for allowing me to serve, Denise R.

DISTRICT 18 – Scott S/Rick

Hello I'm Rick Alternate DCM for district 18. Our monthly meeting is the first Tuesday of every month at 6 in Long Prairie. Our group records are up to date. Scott and Jim S appeared at a Staples meeting via request of the Staples group. To help resolve issues and it went very well. Thank you Jim S for the insight.
Yours in service, Rick

ARCHIVIST – ARCHIVES – Peter T

Hi, my name is Peter and I an Alcoholic and your Area Archives Chair. Area Archives Committee met this morning October 1,2021 and in attendance were Dave C. District 16, Diane R. District 9, Katy P. District 16, Deb S., Jarrin V. District 5 and myself. We discussed the Area 35 storage situation. I been in contact with Jeremy Janzen from Cummings Janzen Real Estate from Aitkin and I have not heard back from them. I thought I found a workable solution for the Archive space that would be affordable but the place is no longer available do pending sale of property.
We discussed who might be interested in the Archives Chair for next rotation. We will have more discussions the end of this rotation.
We shared a few things going on in our districts. Dave shared about a program. Katy, Dave and Diane talk about the Celebration of the 80th year of Alcoholics Anonymous in Hibbing Minnesota. Diane presented me with a binder of the talk by Scott J and Linda H. and a recording of the event to add to the Area 35 Archives. Thank you Diane for the for the information. Jarrin shared about the need for District 5 to get back to in person meeting for a If anyone knows where we might be able to relocate the Area 35 Archives please contact me and we will check it out.
I would like to remind all DCM's to send me monthly meeting minutes or any other Archive materials.
Thank You for allowing me to serve you! Yours in Service, Peter T.

DISTRICT 16 – Katy P

Hello from District 16. My name is Katy and I am an alcoholic serving as DCM for District 16, Since the last ACM, we held our monthly district meeting on September 1, 2021. Since our website is up and running, we voted to create a new service position as webmaster to keep everything updated.
I also received the group sheets for District 16 from Sally, and am continuing to keep our meeting list and GSR information updated and am working to be sure all information is up to date before the end of the rotation. We've had so many changing parts to keep up with during this rotation. It has been a challenge to keep up. We had a couple meetings cancel, and some new ones open up. We held our "Spirit of Service" workshop with District 9 on September 18, 2021. Even though we had a low turnout, I feel it was a great success.
We had one person inquiring about being a new GSR, and provided her with a GSR packet. We also had an inquiry into DCM for another district. Everyone shared good information and insight, and I appreciate that since I learn something from everybody. I'd like to thank Jim S and Jake for joining us for our potluck and speaking for us. We also had a booth at the Community Connect in Grand Rapids on Thursday and had AA information available. Thank you to all who volunteered their time to help with this.
Tuesday Night Solutions group with have an open speaker meeting November 13 at United Methodist Church in Grand Rapids.
We have a new women's treatment center now open in Grand Rapids through Lakeview Behavior Health.
I am grateful to be here sober today and grateful for the opportunity to serve.

DISTRICT 12 – Shelly H

Greetings from District 12,
We are still working on getting our District website live. It was very helpful to sit in with Area 35 Committee members and get some ideas on how to make this happen sooner.
The Duluth roundup was held this year at the Holiday Inn and was well attended.
The Health and Human Services Conference will be held live at the DECC from 10/13 through 10/15 and also offers virtual attendance options.
The District literature committee was able to provide the young people's video to Arrowhead Juvenile Corrections.

We still are not able to enter the Jails but St. Louis County did reach out to volunteers with application packets and we will be resuming meetings in the near future. No word on the other facilities in our District.
Intergroup updated the District directories and they are available for distribution. They are also working on developing their own webpage.
We will be having nominations and elections in our district this month and next month.
And finally, I would like to thank everyone who reached out and offered encouragement and support during this challenging rotation. I will ever be grateful to the fellowship for being here when I needed you all the most.
Yours in Service, Shelley H.

CORRECTIONS – Kelly D

I would like to thank Gayle for asking me to chair the Corrections breakout session at our Fall Assembly on October 2nd. It truly is an honor and a privilege when asked to serve in any capacity in Alcoholics Anonymous. As many of you know Corrections has always been my passion. It felt like “old home week” again being there with this group. Many thanks to all of them that attended for their commitment to serve on Corrections!
We had 6 in attendance with representation from Districts 18, 13, 11, 5 and 1. We had great discussion on how Covid and this pandemic has and continues to have an effect on them being able to carry the message of hope into our Correctional Facilities. Some jails and prisons however are starting to have them back. Kurt, District 11 reported that they are able to go into the Pine County jail, the MN sex offenders prison if vaccinated and 1 individual into Sandstone prison. It is mandated however that all volunteers must wear masks in those facilities also. Gary, District 11 also reported that he continues as a volunteer to carry the message something he has done for many years. Laura, District 1 reported that they still are not able to go into their one jail in their District. Jim, with District 13 reported that they are doing a virtual meeting online with both males and females with Benton County. All rules still apply as they would if they were meeting in person. Rick, District 18 reported that they are able to go into the Todd County jail. He also reported that because it is a small facility and their volunteers drive a distance the jail will personally call them and let them know if any inmates would be attending the meeting that way they don't travel and have no one attend. Mark, District 5 (new Corrections Chair) reported that he is busy working on getting male and female volunteers into Sherburne County jail again. He had many questions being new at this and the group did a great job answering them for him. He also reported that although part of the CPC Committee his District is able to start doing their orientation program with the inmates at the Sherburne County jail again. Inmates have to attend so many meetings that educate them on what AA is and what it isn't, the steps and our traditions. This program has been around for many years and it has really helped educate individuals on our singleness of purpose.
In love and service, Kelly D.

DISTRICT 1 – Laura C

District One is slowly getting back to pre-pandemic status with most of our meetings are face to face. Our March workshop was canceled due to the Community Center being closed and restrictions of 6 or less people. Our district meeting has started back up June 13 with about 6 people attending. Our district meeting is held at the Community Center in Fertile, Mn, the 2nd Sunday on the even months at 2pm. All bills are paid and we are doing well financially. Our next meeting is next Sunday, Oct 10th at 2pm.
Most of the groups are well attended and some are reporting new members in attendance. In my homegroup, Fosston Thursday Night Group, we have several new members and we meet at 7pm.

Yours in service, Laura C.

DISTRICT 11 – Kurt N

District 11 AA meetings and activities continue to recover from low levels of participation found during the past 12-18 months, during the COVID pandemic. We will have District Elections in our November District Meeting. We have a District sponsored “Sponsorship Forum” scheduled for Saturday, December 4th at Peace Lutheran Church from 12pm – 2pm. Food provided by District 11. Like everybody else, we do what we can to encourage participation in AA General Service. AA volunteer activities have resumed at MSOP Moose Lake and Pine County Jail. It has been a challenging rotation both personally as well as in AA General Service in District 11. We did, however, get our website up and running (district11online.org), keep our “in person” district meetings going (almost always), keep our finances well above water, and most important, looked to the future with optimism and hope as a new rotation appears on the horizon to continue serving current and future members of Alcoholics Anonymous. I am grateful for my fellow trusted servants in District 11.
Yours, In Service, Kurt N.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – Greg C

Even as restrictions of the Pandemic began to ease the past 6 months, our job of Public Relations for Alcoholics Anonymous emerged with a bigger job than ever before. Not only must we re-establish our contacts for both the private and public sectors; we face an ever-changing challenge in the world of Treatment, Social Services and Medicine; you will find there is a growing trend to address alcoholism with increased psychiatric therapy, drug therapy and social assistance programs. Much of this is based on the growing popularity of the Alcohol Use Disorder scale, used to determine a diagnosis of mild to several alcoholism. In my book this is akin to being slightly or extremely pregnant. For over 80 years AA has taken the position that whatever mental, social or physical issues an alcoholic might be facing, until they can remain sober, there is little chance of leading a normal, productive life. Now it might be a normal reaction for us in the Fellowship to rail against all these new approaches to our age-old disease, but I think that would be time ill-spent. In study after study... as recently as this spring--- the AA 12 step program continues to produce the greatest percentage of success of any program being offered... period.

So, as you can continue your efforts in reaching out in all areas of Public Information, don't get distracted with all these outside issues. Our job hasn't changed. We still have one Primary Purpose... to carry the message of Alcoholics anonymous to the still suffering alcoholic and their families. To borrow a line from a recent GSO press release, "We decided to get honest about what alcohol had done to us. We shared our experience, strength and hope with others, and we have recovered by helping others do likewise... without expense and never as reformers, we offer our experience only to those who want our help."

So, I challenge you again by asking, what are YOU doing today to help the still suffering alcoholic.

Yours in Service, Greg C.

DISTRICT 7 – Tim V

Hi Everyone – My name is Tim V. I am an alcoholic and DCM for District 7. I attended the CPC/PI action committee meeting this morning. It's great to see the different ways people are carrying the message to professional and still suffering alcoholic.

Our district meetings on 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm. Elections will be 3rd Thursday in October. Our web manager has taken over the printing of our meeting schedules so our paper schedules will be the same as our website. We have engaged a different phone service that is less expensive than our current one. I would like to thank Denise our web manager. A big thank you for taking on this task. Our finances have been stable with contributions equaling our expenses.

Thank you in service, Tim V.

DISTRICT 6 – Mike U

We meet the 3rd Thursday at 7pm. At last meeting we talked about GSR and DCM rotation. Who we should elect for DCM. Currently all our chair positions are open and looking to fill them.

Pat from the Grapevine visited and talked about the importance of supporting the Grapevine.

Attended West Central Conference, although I don't like sitting behind a computer for a couple of days. It was a good experience and I won't forget it. Was good to see all from GSO and Grapevine. It would have been better if there was more time to answer more questions.

When I was elected to DCM I was told once I get to realize how this thing works, it's time to turn it over to the next candidate and help them learn.

Thank you for letting me serve. It has been truly one hell of a ride and I pray I can continue to serve.

Thank you. Mike U.

GRAPEVINE – Pat M

Hello Area 35, I'm the Grapevine chair Pat M and I am an alcoholic. I attended the Fall Assembly, it was an amazing time. I saw a lot of people I have not seen in a while.

In the Grapevine literature committee, we had Gene from District 3, Diane from District 13 and Terry from District 5. We had a very interesting conversation about our stories, what it was like, what happened and how it is now. It is important to share our stories with the newcomers of Alcoholics Anonymous. Strength, experience and hope are exactly what the Grapevine Magazine, our meeting in print, can bring to so many suffering from the disease of alcoholism.

December 5th is the next area committee meeting. Hope to see some of the new Grapevine chairs from our districts. It would be a very good place to meet other Grapevine chairs from the area and share ideas on Grapevine.

Hope to see you all at the area committee meeting.

Your Area 35 Grapevine Chair, Pat M.

DISTRICT 5 – Terry P

In late June we had a workshop at the Elk River Alano club that drew 40 people and we have received lots of good feedback from those that attended. Included in our speakers were Jim K and Justin W, who did an outstanding job at delivering their story in a way that focused on the value of sponsorship and service. We were able to make a donation of 30 big books and 30 12x12s to Sherburne county jail to help them get their internal program moving again. We are once again facilitating the Sherburne Probation Orientation this fall. This is a way for the probation department to introduce people to AA and actually hear it from AA members. The Sherburne County jail is accepting background applications in anticipation of opening up to meetings again, although there is not a date yet. Mark did get some traction with the possibility of doing something online until going in becomes possible. We filled three more positions and lost one so currently have three open positions and hoping that some of the late additions will be willing to stand for another rotation so the district can continue the momentum it feels like we are building. Recently received a communication from a new facility in Elk River that found us through the recently added website. Interestingly, we said as a group that if it helps one alcoholic still suffering and we can afford it then it makes sense. Nice when you can actually attribute a connection to it directly, instead of hoping, though. Struggling a bit with the idea that this rotation is almost over but pretty sure that is in the things I cannot change category so looking forward to the next thing that comes my way.

Yours In Service, Terry P.

DISTRICT 21 – (no report)

GSR Sharing Session: Chair: Ladian, Secretary: Robin and Julie N.

We had five different discussions on the table.

- How do we get people back into meetings after this Pandemic?
Call people on call list, keeping people safe, wear mask, continuing having virtual meeting available. Getting email addresses to reach out.
- How are we to get more people involved in service work? When going to a new meeting, ask if they have a GSR. Let group of GSR know how much fun we have. In pamphlet, there is a group inventory. Your group could do a group conscious. Let the newcomer come to assemblies.
- How long and when do you do your GSR report? Week after district in business meeting. Hold meeting monthly in business meeting.

- How can we make all people feel safer at meetings? Use GSO yellow card. Read it in meeting. Develop a safety team to pull individual asked to speak to them about behavior, letting them know we don't tolerate and will call law enforcement or ask them to leave. Just watch out for the newcomer.
- How can we keep outside issues outside of AA? Read Preamble. Create format asking to keep outside issues out. Read blue card. Make meeting closed. Have chairperson cut them off.

We closed with the Responsibility Statement.

DCM Sharing Session: Chair: Nels P, Secretary: Denise R

17 were in attendance with some alternate DCM's and up and coming DCM's included.

First Topic – Safety in AA. What to do with unwanted advances, 13 step-ping, predators. Suggestions were to add the Safety Card to the format of the meeting. Sponsorship and having women responsible for keeping an eye on the newly sober women. Escort each other to their vehicles when coming or going to meetings. As DCM, we can visit groups with the Safety in AA yellow card. Inform groups of new safety information. If groups would like help, the district could send members of the district to attend the meeting for a while and observe, oversee (hand holders).

Topic 2 – What do other D's do for elections and getting people interested in service? Transitioning. Suggestions were to have detailed descriptions of service positions so those interested know what they are getting into. Try not to railroad. Instead of using words like obligation, use opportunities to service. Use a positive attitude, make service attractive. Personal touch and leading others into service is the best way. Be a resource for new people. Don't vote them in and then forget about them. Be a guide. People mention in today's world we really need to have people that are familiar with computers and have access to one. Be willing to sit with someone who may not be computer savvy. Ask people in advance if they are interested in the position. Personally ask people to step up or sponsees to step up.

Great discussion and ideas.

OLD BUSINESS

Action Book Prepare for next printing – Important for the next printing if your position has changed, that we make changes into the next printing – Covid. Please send to Heidi next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Preamble – Preamble changed at GSC. Should the Area change the Preamble on area35.org to the new Preamble or leave as is. Julie/GSR – **Motion to make change to area webpage to Preamble to people.** Bob seconded. Discussion: Jim S – Preamble changes are conference approved. Just because it's on our web page doesn't mean you have to have it in your AA mtg. Men and women are people. This isn't worth the argument. We should be all inclusive. Times are changing. GSR – some groups are reading the Preamble out of the first edition now. I was introduced to AA by a man that is not like me. He's taught me a lot about judgement. God's will for me is to be kind. Looking around this room in northern Minnesota and seeing the differences in people in this room, this program is the most inclusive thing ever. All I have to do is not drink. Everything else doesn't matter. The only exclusive thing about this are the conversations we're having about them. My perspective is to look at things in a broader context. Controversy of any kind destroys my serenity. The majority says to make the change. Grapevine has done this and we should go along with the majority and avoid controversy. The Program saved my life. I know AA works, it worked for my grandfather. I don't like change in this program. If we start to change this program, we'll get away from the original message. I would like to keep it the way it is. My suggestion is to ask Jim to talk about how the GSC came to this decision. Why people? Initially, I was upset at change and now I'm not. Over the years there has been editorial changes. Why is this change controversial?

Jim S – With all due respect, the motion isn't written correctly. The conference voted to change Preamble; discussion is a moot point. Question is: is Area 35 going to use the conference approved Preamble on website? We aren't here to discuss the merits of men and women as people. Are we going to go with the conference approved Preamble or not?

Call to Question – Bob. Seconded. Motion passed – Call to question approved.

Motion : Simple majority was 36 yes, with 22 no. Motion passed. Preamble on area35.org will change to conference approved Preamble.

Minority opinion: I wouldn't want to project future results that once we start making changes to the program, we will continue to make changes. Throughout the BB it's men. How much are we going to accept? Our district voted not to change it, just because the conference passed it the district needs to follow suit.

Fall Assembly dates going forward – The GSC has changed date for submitting agenda items from Dec 15th to Sept 15th. This means that our Fall Assembly is after that deadline. What is the timeline for agenda items? How much time will we need? Our choices are moving assembly forward or we leave as is and change our ACM to include GSR's / DCM's proposals. GSR's would send DCM's to ACM with possible agenda items. Another option is to submit proposal to move submission date to Oct. Most areas have their fall assembly in October. Trying to figure out why they would take out ¼ of time from us, the top of the triangle. Why is everything changed because of one committee's amount of work. The entire fellowship is at Fall Assembly. Seems like a lot of work to reorganize for one committee's workload. Three year trial? Move up a few weeks. The Sept 15th date is not under negotiation. We have to figure out how we are going to get this done. If we do it at ACM in August, that leaves plenty of time to coordinate paperwork and get to Delegate. My first comment on this year's proposal, where were the GSR's.

Jim – another option. We change the composition. I don't represent the DCM's, I represent the groups. If I'm only hearing the DCM's at ACM, we are cutting out the GSR's. Three year trial. The committee has 2 days to discuss agenda items.

Jim S – Motion: I move that for the years 2022 and 2023, we allow GSR’s voting privileges at the August ACM for proposed agenda items only. Motion Seconded. Friendly amendment: GSR’s given option to attend virtually. Friendly amendment rejected. **49 yes, with 1 against. Motion has passed.**

Discussion: Alano club – that building isn’t big enough for GSR’s to attend. If there aren’t proposed agenda items, GSR’s don’t need to show up. I have enough trouble getting my GSR’s to district meetings, let alone ACM. We did this at the August ACM this year. Offer virtual audience to GSR’s. Groups would have to budget for Aitkin trip.

December ACM – 12/5 Incoming chair should have incoming area committee ready. If you are interested in area action committee chair, please let the incoming chair know you are interested.

Typically, incoming chair gets to choose committee chairs, but body needs to approve their choices. We must vote on allowing incoming chair to choose their committee chairs.

Motion – To allow incoming area chair to pick the area committee action chairs. Motion passed unanimously, none opposed.

Archives Storage – New archive storage – need 500 sq feet. Or 15x20. Currently \$50 a month for the last 2 years. Peter has been searching for climate controlled, protected storage. Centrally located in Area 35. Rent could be up to \$1000 a month or more. Must be moved by 12/31/2021. Current storage was temporary. Must consider utilities (heat, electricity and insurance).

Justin – Have been looking for climate controlled storage in St Cloud – cold storage is \$240 a month. Climate controlled storage – not finding. Must also plan for growth and workspace. Mpls – 200 sq feet, climate controlled \$215 a month. Do we want temp solution or perm solution?

Peter – Have found more possibilities, conversation still needs to be what Area 35 has been paying for the last 10 – 15 years has been very underpriced. It is our responsibility to keep these items protected. Archives must be accessible to Archives and Archives Chair at all times. Must have space for working area. Can we rent an apartment? Can we share space with Area 36? Can we consider other locations around the area? Alano Clubs? Could approach board of Superior Alano Club about this? Home in Cambridge, basement finished, could residential home be utilized – 800 sq feet. Suggest to all Area members to start looking.

Jim S - In accordance with Mn State Law, effective 1/1/22 rent will be increased to \$300 per month. It’s the 11th hour. Uhaul has climate control space. Suggest not a private property as they can refuse to allow entrance onto property at any time.

Elections – Third Legacy Procedure

DELEGATE: Steve L and Justin W
Chair for Delegate Election – Tom A
First Round – Total Votes: 70. Justin: 19 and Steve: 51

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: Justin W
CHAIR: Cindy S-K, Christine G and Ricco R
Chair for Chair Election: Charlie C.
First Round: Total Votes: 68. Christine 27, Cindy 24, Ricco 17
Second Round: Total Votes: 70. Christine 31, Cindy 27, Ricco 12.
Ricco’s name will be pulled. 2/3 majority is 46.
Third Round: Total Votes: 70. Christine 38, Cindy 32. 2/3 majority is 46.
Fourth Round: Total Votes: 70. Christine 40, Cindy 30. 2/3 majority is 46.
Motion made and seconded to go to 5th ballot. Motion passed to move to 5th ballot.
Fifth Round: Total Votes: 70. Christine 39, Cindy 31. 2/3 majority is 46.
Go to the Hat – Christine G is elected.

TREASURER: Cindy S-K and Gayle R
Chair for Treasurer - Tim C
First Round: Total Votes: 72. Gayle 24, Cindy 48. 48 votes is 2/3 majority. Cindy S-K is elected.

SECRETARY: Sally L, Denise R and Shelly H
Chair for secretary – Jim K
First Round: Total Votes: 68. Denise 25, Sally 24, Shelly 19. (46 required for 2/3)
Second Round: Total Votes: 70. Sally 30, Denise 29, Shelly 11.
Third Round: Total Votes: 70. Sally 39, Denise 31.
Fourth Round: Total Votes: 70. Sally 47, Denise 23. 47 votes is 2/3 majority. Sally L is elected.

Jim S – If interested in an Area service position for next rotation, please send Christine an email or write your name on a piece of paper with the positions you’re interested in and your phone number and hand it to her.

Calendar of Events
Sun, December 5 – Area Committee Meeting, Aitkin Mn

As this rotation comes to an end...

How the pandemic impacted my recovery and involvement in Area 35
By Christina H., District 6 (North Branch)

I got sober this last time during the pandemic. A lot of us alcoholics got sober or stayed sober through the isolating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic by leaning on each other and using what the Steps taught us, as well as adjusting to the meetings moving online. On the same note, many alcoholics did not make it through the pandemic sober. Some didn’t even make it through alive due to their addiction..

It was a trying and lonely time for everyone.

For me, the only person I can truly speak for, the pandemic cracked my recovery wide open. It brought it to a new level I didn’t think possible. I’m not sure I would have stayed sober if not FOR the pandemic! Let me tell you why.

I had my last relapse right before the pandemic came to our shores. I was back to drinking daily and very ill - I couldn’t get out of bed most of the time. My kids headed to their dad’s in Iowa because of my drinking and I headed to detox on April 5, 2020. I made it through my 5th residential treatment episode and came home 90 days sober. It was a couple months after everything had shut down and we were all staying home. It was amazing to see what had happened to the world in the short time I’d been away.

I decided this was a great time to find some new hobbies. My old one wasn’t working so well for me. I have a wonderful sponsor, a homegroup that had my back, and a support system that is enviable. I began doing paint by numbers while doing virtual outpatient treatment and meetings. The very first painting I did, I donated to my treatment center and it began a trend for me. I began making things (paintings, baked goods, meals) and giving them to people I love. I also became the secretary for my homegroup, became involved in my district, and attended AA meetings all over the world from my computer. My soul cup had never been so full!

I thought these would be things that I’d only do through the pandemic, and once things opened up again, it would all fall to the way side, but they didn’t. I began gardening at my mom’s house, created a garden at my partner’s house, and began a plant collection that could have landed me in the psychiatric ward! So many plants But once winter came and went and I watched as all the work I’d done between these gardens started reappearing with the spring, it was like magic. I was absolutely amazed and in love. And I stayed sober.

I began baking and bringing those goodies to my homegroup, once things opened up. I baked and cooked and gave these things to friends and family members who otherwise would not get to experience homemade goodness. They were thankful. I was thankful. And I stayed sober.

I continued working with my sponsor, saying yes to what was asked of me in AA, helping others, engaging in service work, taking meetings. And I stayed sober.

I’m now just over 18 months sober – the longest period of sobriety in my adult life. The obsession has been removed. I have a Higher Power. I have a position with the Area, within my district, and am relied upon in a positive way. I have a good-paying, professional job, working on my master’s degree, and continuing to do the hobbies I’ve grown to love. I never could have imagined, at the beginning of the pandemic, that my life would look like this a year and a half later. It forced me to step out of my comfort zone and get involved in things that I hadn’t thought of before because there was no other option. I’m so grateful to AA, to my sober support network, my friends and family – without all of this together, I wouldn’t be living a sober, wonderful life where I can live life on life’s terms. Sometimes when we change everything, everything changes ... - Christina H.

My Story on What AA Service Work Has Meant to Me

My introduction to AA service work started shortly after I arrived at AA. At first it didn’t seem anything special as I would help to set up the room by rearranging tables, making coffee, setting out and cleaning ashtrays after the meetings. These tasks helped me to gain a feeling of belonging and a part of the group. Over time I started to help even more by chairing meetings.

However here is where I need to diverge a little. When I started going to AA there were five other members that attended our weekly meetings. But somehow AA was taking off and over a period of around two years our little group grew to where we had up to 35 members attending this meeting. What I will say is that I watched many of these people come into AA in a lot of pain, some in denial, while others seemed happy to find a solution to their drinking problem. I saw AA working in their lives and how many of them now had smiles on their faces – I did not; and I was jealous but I didn’t know how to change my thinking and attitudes.

Then it happened! My self-appointed sponsor told me that I needed to go to the Fall Assembly with him. I told him that it was deer hunting that weekend (in those days we could only hunt 1 weekend and this was the first of two times I missed deer hunting in the 50 years that I have hunted) and that was a conflict for me. He didn’t care and continued to insist until I agreed to go along. As an introvert being in a crowd of people that I didn’t know was more than a little overwhelming. But I still clearly remember how Vern R., Area 35 Delegate approached me and I found a connection. I lived in Crookston and he had grown up there and still had relatives that lived there. Again, this interaction by someone stepping up and taking time to visit with me gave me strength and support that ultimately led to a better sobriety. And so, I started my first official service position as the group GSR during the next rotation.

After serving as a GSR I then transitioned to the position of DCM. This was an exciting time. Our District meetings always had about an 80-90% attendance rate and service was something everyone looked forward to. Members would meet and travel to Area events together further building a sense of comradery amongst GSRs and their home groups. The District started holding round robin meeting once a month around the District so in a short time everyone knew everyone. Well, let’s move ahead a few years to the present time. Having retired I started to become more involved with AA and attending the Noon Day meeting in Thief River Falls. I knew that the District had been struggling for some time – both GSRs and DCM; so, I volunteered to fill in as DCM to complete the final year for that rotation. As that year came to a close and no one wanted to step up as DCM I decided that I could add some continuity to the District by attracting members to become more involved in service work. I attended meeting around the District and spoke of the importance to be a part of AA on a larger scale. I passed emails along that I received and also fielded questions from others when requested. Now I am finishing up my 3rd year as DCM and have informed the District that in the spirit of rotation I will be stepping down at the end of this year. So finally, I will answer the question of what AA service work has meant to me.

First, I have met many new friends as well as being reacquainted with friend from days gone by. I have had the opportunity to learn more about how AA operates especially at the Area, Regional, and National levels. Being a DCM and reading through the agenda items and their background information certainly helped me to understand the dynamics of AA and its workings.

Working with my assigned committee provided me with the sense of having a personal stake in carrying the message of AA across northern MN so all members could benefit.

Finally, all of you have inspired me and given me cause to stop and think what AA has done for me. I believe that just attending a chosen group does not instill the whole consciousness that AA has to offer. By being involved in service my sobriety has become more complete.
In service,
Danny W

As I look back on the 2020-21 rotation in Area 35, I would like to reflect not so much on the unusual, extreme and demanding circumstances we all faced; but rather highlight the remarkable determination and resiliency of the Alcoholics Anonymous Fellowship. The immediate classifying of AA as a non-essential service and forcing the closing of most of our meeting locations was truly an undue hardship for all of us. But at the same time, it was a rallying point for many. Some, like my home District, petitioned successfully to re-open their Ala-no house for a majority of their meetings. Around the AREA, groups quickly adopted Zoom meeting, out-door meetings, garages and many other locations to continue the life-saving process of keeping AA available to Alcoholics still suffering or sober. Treatment centers, Correctional facilities, and many other areas previously co-opted to spread the word of AA were suddenly not available to us. But the Fellowship seemed to find ways to keep the message visible; thru increased radio and television exposure...social media...video presentations...websites...increased hot-line activity...our beloved Northern Light...and simply living our sober lives in the face of all the adversity. Even in the face of much tragedy, and listening to all the stories of adversity; our AREA Zoom meetings coupled with available face-to-face meetings always carried so much caring and hope. As restrictions eased these past several months, our Fellowship has been quick to re-establish regular schedules, out-reach programs wherever possible and a renewed enthusiasm to explore where we need to go from here. I am humbled and yet so proud to have been a part of this historic effort on behalf of Alcoholics Anonymous. And I look forward to being of service, whenever and wherever anyone reaches out for the hand of AA.
Yours in Service; Greg C P.I. Chair

Morning Everyone,

First I would like to congratulate those serving as our new Area Officers for the next rotation, Steve L, Justin W., Christine G., Sally L and Cindy S-K. I believe these people will bring good leadership to our Area. I am also excited to find out who had committed to being our Area Action Chairs. As many have said over the past rotation that it was a lame duck term resulting from shut downs from covid, it will be fun to watch these new people forge ahead now that we are open again. Best of luck to all of you. I would like to reiterate something I have come to believe, while we ask those rotating out to be available for those rotating in, it is imperative that those rotating in ask questions of those that held their position. Please do not assume, that what you see a person doing is all that they do. We all have plenty to do behind the scenes.
I would also like to thank all of you that served over this last rotation. It wasn't the easiest rotation to be a part of. What can we do, what should we do, etc. Going from in person to zoom, to hybrid to in person and then not knowing what this past Fall was going to bring as concern over whether another outbreak would occur or not.
I would also like to thank all those that stood for a position that did not get that position. It takes courage to stand and be elected, but I think we forget it takes courage to stand, not be elected and gracefully move on. This I believe needs to be acknowledged as well.
Since the Fall assembly, I have received and distributed the save the date flier for the upcoming West Central Regional Service Conference that will be in southern MN this March 4th through the 6th. It will be great to be in person again although I do not know at this time whether members of GSO will be in person or not. We can only hope they will feel safe enough to be in person to share their knowledge on the upcoming agenda items for next year.
I believe the Area made a great decision at the Assembly to allow GSR's to participate in voting on proposed agenda items at the Aug ACM. While we don't submit many, in my opinion this is a better solution than moving the dates of the Fall Assembly. But, it also isn't up to me. The Area is charged with that responsibility so if you feel differently, we should talk about it.
I wish Christine the best of luck in getting volunteers to fill the action committee chair positions. Having been there, it is quite a daunting task to fill them between Oct and Dec but I have faith the Area will step up. Upon approval by the committee at the Dec ACM, I will serving on the Financial Oversight Committee. Never having been a treasurer for the Area, I will be looking to past treasurer's and past Financial Oversight Committee members to guide me through this process.

As this will be my last NL report, once again I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Area 35 and all those that believed in me to fill these vital positions and my respect to those who felt someone else should have been the one fill the positions I have had. It has been my pleasure. I have always been nervous about the positions I have held, will I do good enough, why would the Area choose me, what if I do this and someone doesn't like it, and the list on insecurities goes on. What I would like to say to all of you is that we don't elect the qualified, we elect the willing. Please, please, please, be willing. You never know what unbelievable experiences you will have. As I am finishing this up I am giggling to myself as I was just recalling an experience I had at my fist Spring Assembly as Chair which was being held in Crookston. I rarely slept before one as I was thinking about what did I miss, did I get this and so on. As we were getting ready to open up Saturday mornings events I walked out to the registration table and someone had picked up and agenda. As they were reading it, I heard them say out loud, I don't know why I am in Crookston, the Agenda shows on top that we are supposed to be in Alexandria as I forgot to changed the location at the top of the agenda from the previous one. My heart sank as I thought to myself, what have I gotten myself into.

And God answered, he showed me that no matter what, I will make mistakes and never be perfect, he also showed me that people will criticize what I do or how I do it, it's my choice to be upset by their comments or take review my actions and see if I need to make a change or not. Just because someone is upset with how I did something, doesn't mean I am wrong and they are right. I still need to give myself the benefit of the immediate doubt that I am wrong, and consider what has been said and what I have done.

Thank you Thank you Thank you

In Service,
Jim S.
Area 35 Delegate

My Experience in service..

During my rotation as DCM during a unprecedented time due to a pandemic my experience was interesting to say the least. I saw the very best come out in Alcoholics Anonymous and I saw the very worst come out in Alcoholics Anonymous. I saw attendance drop in service as well as interest but the people that stayed involved had a passion to help the still suffering alcoholic that I have never experienced. The people in my district worked so very hard to keep people updated on what meetings were open and closed, in person or zoom only. Nothing like this has ever been dealt with so we had no playbook or script as to what we should do? We made the decision as a district to create our webpage district8online.org and today more than ever I am so grateful to have served in Alcoholics Anonymous.
Nels P
DCM District 8

District 11 Report

Exciting News! District 11 held its election for the next rotation with the following results: DCM: Vicki R.; Secretary: Lee Ellen O.; Treasurer: Kurt N. Much thanks to Marvel who has so capably served the District for many, many years, as District Secretary. At our busy district meeting, we also engaged in planning for our SPONSORSHIP FORUM-to be held at Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson on Saturday, December 4th from noon to 2pm. Food provided by District 11 (sloppy joes). Planning was also initiated for our participation in the Area 35 Service Workshop in January. Finances are ok for now but less than adequate in the near future as we are beginning to spend money again-which is a good thing-as we re-activate after the pandemic slow-down. Corrections volunteer activity is currently only in Pine County Jail and Sandstone Federal Prison, as MSOP is suspending volunteer activity again due to COVID concerns. Rush City MCF is exploring how to resume volunteer AA activities. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW AND "RECYCLED" TRUSTED SERVANTS FOR THE NEW ROTATION! I am grateful for having had the opportunity to serve as DCM and especially for the much needed support from the other participants at the District.
Yours In Service
Kurt N, DCM, District 11

Hello area 35 Pat M your area 35 Grapevine chair I would like to share with you some of my experiences as your Grapevine chair when I first was asked to do Grapevine I did not know what to think I was told I cannot say no so I didn't To be honest I did not know very much of what Grapevine was and what it had to offer to still suffering alcoholic today I realize it has a lot such as AA in the military voices of women are 12 traditions one of my all-time favorites emotional sobriety amazing book I could list them all but I won't what I really fell in love with and have a great deal and respect for today is the Grapevine magazine the magazine called the meeting in print
What made it hard to share all the great things of Grapevine is when the pandemic hit shortly after the pandemic hit meetings all went zoom it's very hard to be able to see people's eyes and see their reactions when you share information on zoom
When I was able to start going to meetings and sharing on Grapevine in person I really loved it there's something to be said about driving 2 hours and 20 minutes give a 20 minute presentation and just enjoying it when you put your heart and soul into and then you drive 2 hours and 20 minutes to get home and when you get home I had a sense of gratitude for the opportunity
I would like to share my experiences of the Grapevine magazine I believe it is one of the greatest pieces of information of the message of alcoholics anonymous but we have it can reach out to so many who suffer from the disease of alcoholism I like to call the magazine of Hope it can offer hope to so many
I'm extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Grapevine chair it's been an experience that I will never forget
God bless you all. and thank you
Pat M

“No one at the gym, at work, in my neighborhood, or even in church had ever put their hand out to me. In AA, it happened every day.”

“Falling Apart on the Inside,” Trenton, New Jersey, April 2005, No Matter What: Dealing with Adversity in Sobriety

Greetings Area 35- What an amazing ride we have had.. I pray this Covid-19 is behind us.. We have learns so much not only about ourselves but about AA as whole.. The biggest question for us this Rotation was- What will we do and not do for our sobriety. I will not sit by and let my sobriety suffer when we can not get together- we will learn with the help of todays technology to meet when we cannot meet.. We will continue to do business to the best to our ability.. We did get the job done..

I have signed contracts for both Spring and Fall assemblies. Spring Assembly will be at the Grand Ely Lodge in Ely April 2nd and 3rd, 2022 and the Fall Assembly will at the Crookston Inn in Crookston on October 1st and 2nd, 2022..

I have not yet- as of October 31st- gotten together with Christine to turn everything Chair over to her. We have been in contact and we will get together before December 5th.

From the depths of my heart, I thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 35 as Chair, it was the toughest yet most rewarding job I have ever done. I have been coming to Area 35 functions on and off for almost 14 years, it will be different not do so.. With our new rotation coming in, I am not worried about Area 35, Not only will we survive we will THRIVE.. Until we meet again along the road of Happy Destiny, may God bless keep you --until then. Gayle R

Greetings, Area 35.

My experience with being the Group Records person for Area 35 has never been boring, to say the least. I started out taking over mid-rotation in 2018, and I stayed on for a second rotation. During that time, GSO switched systems starting in in October of 2019, at which time I had to start sending all group changes via email to the records department. The only way of telling which changes had been processed was to print spreadsheets because the records database was not available to registrars in all Areas. I had to start updating aaminnesota.org every time meeting information changed. The previous database version, Fellowship New Vision (FNV) made it possible to upload a file directly to aaminnesota.org, which occurred monthly. The new database, Fellowship Connection (FC), does not have this option available, so all editing of group information must be done by hand. Then along came the pandemic. When group meeting locations began shutting down, I consulted with our Area chairperson Gayle, our Area webmaster Thomas, and our Area delegate Jim to discuss how to deal with all the changes. It was decided that I would send a letter to everyone on the Northern Light mailing list to ask them to inform me of which groups were going to be temporarily inactive and which were going to meet online. Our webmaster would put a list of changes on area35.org, and I would make changes on aaminnesota.org. The group of volunteers who program for websites that use WordPress made changes that made it possible to put Zoom meeting information onto the website with links directly to the desired meeting. Not all groups that had Zoom meetings utilized this option and preferred to have people contact a member of the group to get the meeting information. This was done because there was a lot of “Zoom-bombing” going on and groups did not want to have to deal with that.

I did not send any of the changes having to do with the pandemic to GSO records. They were already dealing with all the previously emailed changes and were behind on that, and the changes due to COVID-19 would be only temporary. During the pandemic, GSO staff were working remotely, which slowed things down even more. The new records system came online in December of 2020. The transition from the old system to the new system did not go smoothly and it took longer than anticipated. When it did happen, it was discovered that a lot of the changes that were sent by email did not get made and the information in the database had a lot of errors.

After things began opening up again this spring, groups started meeting in person and I updated aaminnesota.org to reflect these changes. Unfortunately, there were a few groups that did not survive the pandemic and I had to inactivate them.

My latest “Good Idea” involves getting the FC database as up to date as possible before the end of the rotation. (I have to run my Good Ideas past my sponsor because some of them are not so good, and she lets me know it! She knew this would be a big project, but we agreed it was a Good Idea, and she helped me with it.) I am currently working on all the changes that have been sent to me. I hope to get the FC database up to snuff by the end of the year.

This has been a challenging time. It has been fun being at all the Area functions with everybody, even on Zoom, and I look forward to the next rotation. I think I have grown some, and I am not afraid of the mic like I used to be! It has been an honor to serve Area 35.

In service,

Sally L

Howdy Ladies and Gentlemen,

The workshop is finalized. All the DCMs in the districts giving presentations have received their topics. I have sent the flier and workshop agenda to Thomas, our Webmaster, to be posted online. There has been some trouble with the hotel reservations, stating our block of rooms is full. The block is under “Area 35 Assembly” if you have any problems, let me know: call me at (218) 780-0905. I should be able to find a solution.

I attended the November NAAD (North American Alt-Delegates) meeting and invited Justin, our incoming Alt-Delegate, to attend. He showed up along with fourteen other new Alt-Delegates. An interesting presentation was given by Panel 68, Area 29 (Maryland) Delegate Don B., on the Twelve Concepts. How the Steps, Traditions and Concepts are bound together. In all three legacies the first principle is the issue, the second principle is the solution and principles three through eleven are solutions to the problem, finely the twelfth principal is the pay off.

Example (using the Steps):

- Step one overcomes our lack of power.
- Step two is finding a higher power.
- Steps three through eleven is gaining that power.
- Step twelve, its outgoing love, its unselfishness, with its joy, and its design for living. Which manifests the spiritual awakening that is the result of practicing the first eleven Steps.

This also applies to the Traditions and Concepts. It was very informative and easy to understand his way of explaining the meshing of our 42 principles; 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, 12 Concepts and 6 Warranties. If you multiply them, you get 12x12x12x6 = 10,368 solutions that will pretty much solve all difficulties in living sober. I found his presentation very educational and inspiring. If you want more information on his presentation, please let me know.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve these past two years as your Alt-Delegate. I am so humbled and honored by your trust in electing me to serve as your panel 72 Delegate. The bar is high.

In Service and Gratitude,
Steven L
Atl-Delegate

Hello Area 35,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the readers of the Northern Light newsletter for your continued support of this great communication tool..

Being editor of this newsletter has been a great challenge for me. I have learned so much putting this newsletter together. The first lesson was you can work for a newspaper and not know anything about how to put a newsletter together. I humbled myself and asked for help when it was needed. Thank you Steve L. for your continued help that first year with formatting fliers. I found out I can do anything if I put my mind to it. The little sayings that are thrown around the rooms really applied to me during this rotation. I can fake it ‘til I make it. Keep it simple stupid, First things First and all the other one liners that I used to hate hearing are so applicable!

I did something different with this rotation, I got a service sponsor. It has been awesome to have someone to bounce service related stuff off of when it comes up.

Thank you all for reading and may the next rotation be newsworthy!

Cindy S-K

“Regardless of what happened before or what may happen tomorrow, what is the very best thing I can possibly do, right now?”

“A Life Without Problems,” Santa Monica, California, May 2007, No Matter What: Dealing with Adversity in Sobriety

“The next time you feel hurt, outraged, bitter or resentful – the beginning of many a slip as attested to by AA speakers – try to remember quickly that you haven’t been mortally harmed. In nearly all cases, it’s just a pain in your feelings!”

“Got a Pain in Your Feelings?” Elmhurst, New York, March 1950, Emotional Sobriety II

46th Area 35 Service Workshop

January 15th and 16th, 2022

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This is an annual service training workshop in which Districts and other Service members will be presenting and engaging members in attendance. The workshop is designated for all members of Alcoholics Anonymous, including GSR's, DCM's, District Chairs, Area Officers and Action Chairs. Please join us for this outstanding weekend of unity, recovery and service knowledge.

Workshop begins at 9:00 am on Saturday January 15, 2022.

Because of the resurgence of Covid this event could go to a Zoom Format. Please frequently check the AA calendar at AA.org for any changes. Your DCM's will also be informed of any changes to the Format, if needed.

\$15 Registration fee to strive toward making the service workshop self-supporting.

	End of P5 October 2,2020	End of P6 November 30,2020	End of P7 December 31,2020	End of P1 Feb 15,2021
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
1000 · Area 35 Checking Account	13,868.11	11,055.62	11,257.97	13,067.88
1100 · Savings - Prudent Reserve	6,049.27	6,049.38	6,049.43	6,049.48
Total Checking/Savings	19,917.38	17,105.00	17,307.40	19,117.36
Total Current Assets	0.00	140.00	1,418.12	941.10
TOTAL ASSETS	19,917.38	17,245.00	18,725.52	20,058.46
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	19,917.38	17,245.00	18,725.52	20,058.46
Equity				
3000 · Opening Bal Equity				
Net Income	26,757.19	26,757.19	26,757.19	18,725.52
Total Equity	(6,839.81)	(9,512.19)	(8,031.67)	1,332.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	19,917.38	17,245.00	18,725.52	20,058.46
	19,917.38	17,245.00	18,725.52	20,058.46

	End of P2 Apr 9,2021	End of P3 May 31,2021	End of P4 July 31, 2021	End of P5 September 30,2021
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
1000 · Area 35 Checking Account	16,471.22	16,943.93	18,504.89	22,125.50
1100 · Savings - Prudent Reserve	6,049.57	6,049.67	6,049.78	6,049.88
Total Checking/Savings	22,520.79	22,993.60	24,554.67	28,175.38
Other Current Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Current Assets	22,520.79	22,993.60	24,554.67	28,175.38
TOTAL ASSETS	22,520.79	22,993.60	24,554.67	28,175.38
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	18,725.52	18,725.52	18,725.52	18,725.52
Net Income	3,795.27	4,268.08	5,829.15	9,449.86
Total Equity	22,520.79	22,993.60	24,554.67	28,175.38
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	22,520.79	22,993.60	24,554.67	28,175.38

	Aug - Sep 21	Jan - Sep 21	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
146992 · 102471 Early Monday Group	100.00	400.00		
4000 · Group Contributions				
4000-01 · District 01 Contributions				
676989 · 104920-Fosston Thursday Night	0.00	150.00		
Total 4000-01 · District 01 Contributions	0.00	150.00		
4000-02 · District 02 Contributions				
107962 · 80715-Stephen Group	0.00	100.00		
117847 · 110006-Helping HandsGroup	0.00	50.00		
161335 · 33539-Williams AA Group	0.00	5.00		
716253 · 10884-TRF Twin Rivers Recovery	50.00	75.00		
Total 4000-02 · District 02 Contributions	50.00	230.00		
4000-03 · District 03 Contributions				
107702 · 104860-The Formers Group	0.00	125.00		
119323 · 103393-Erhard Group	100.00	200.00		
120337 · 83617-Sunday Eye Openers Group	50.00	100.00		
144731 · 45425-Ottertail Thurs Nite	0.00	100.00		
635785 · 78689-St Mary's of the Lake	0.00	300.00		
Total 4000-03 · District 03 Contributions	150.00	825.00		
4000-04 · District 04 Contributions				

4000-05 · District 05 Contributions		
117918 · 95029-Becker Group	100.00	275.00
145149 · Squad 10 Elk River	0.00	20.00
147266 · 14751-Lost & Found AA Grp	0.00	50.00
319745 · A design for Living	0.00	90.00
704281 · 5616-The Way Out Group	0.00	300.00
709933 · 35289-Twelve And Twelve On Main	75.00	100.00
724470 · 6019-There Is A Solution Group	100.00	200.00
Total 4000-05 · District 05 Contributions	275.00	1,035.00
4000-06 · District 06 Contributions		
107656 · 95486-Bethel Community Group	0.00	20.00
107681 · 97742-Cambridge Community Group	0.00	30.00
107870 · 37224-North Branch Community	50.00	50.00
122300 · 14065-Tues Night AA Isanti	0.00	42.00
124462 · 77760-Squad 3 Isanti Thurs	70.39	188.44
132584 · 58560-Rock Creek Wed AA	0.00	60.00
137319 · 83177-Sun. Night Squad 4 Isanti	8.00	32.98
140016 · 85613-Fri AM AA North Branch	0.00	15.00
142131 · 90338-Forest Lake 12X12 Study	0.00	10.00
171884 · 17191-Unity AA	0.00	30.00
307923 · Daily Reprieve Group	0.00	160.00
349376 · Saturday Night First 164	0.00	24.78
672898 · 70426-Simple Not Easy BB Group	60.00	120.00
684775 · 91822-A Woman's Way Group	25.00	100.00
684788 · 26582-Wed Nite AA 6 PM	0.00	25.00
699264 · 14361-Long Lake AA	0.00	100.00
Total 4000-06 · District 06 Contributions	213.39	1,008.20
4000-07 · District 07 Contributions		
107749 · 106946-Mon Garrison Group	0.00	100.00
123531 · 71823-Sleepy Hollow Group	0.00	50.00
129660 · 16875-Malmo Rhymer Reason AA	62.77	216.77
132510 · 48607-Pequot Lakes AA Group	100.00	100.00
179367 · 12589-New Hope Group	0.00	13.35
609161 · 39348-Wednesday Woman's Work	0.00	175.28
609418 · 67938-Serenity in the Pines	0.00	100.00
642096 · 90198-11th Step Group	0.00	75.00
648541 · 99843-Our Common Welfare	0.00	100.00
693934 · 36217 Mon Night Mens Nisswa	0.00	100.00
699168 · 23087 Mille Lacs Prim Purpose	0.00	222.97
705579 · 112000 Isle Big Book	0.00	150.00
710094 · 73044 Sober Sailors Group	0.00	25.00
712369 · 15165 Daily Tune-Up	100.00	100.00
719598 · 76819 Spiritual Awakenings	50.00	50.00
727272 · 223629 Design For Living Group	0.00	100.00
Total 4000-07 · District 07 Contributions	312.77	1,678.37
4000-08 · District 08 Contributions		
107486 · 96157 Biwabik Sun Night Group	0.00	225.00
107523 · 27578 Mount Iron 12 x 12	50.00	50.00
107537 · 19851 Virginia Wed AM	0.00	50.00
107553 · 94034-Aurora Big Book	100.00	225.00
107732 · 103232 Ely Wed. Nite AA	0.00	50.00
107733 · 103231 Ely Saturday Night	0.00	134.00
107970 · 106181 Virginia Fri Nite Open	0.00	250.00
120255 · 46826 Palo Kitchen Table #1	0.00	46.00
121792 · 49288 Pike Sandy Group	0.00	200.00
128079 · 100191 Cotton Big Book	0.00	50.00
142087 · 84297-Cook Sun. Night Big Book	0.00	236.00
171078 · 25414 Ely Monday Womens	0.00	75.90
674017 · Happy, Joyous & Free Grp Ely	0.00	50.00
697556 · 94205 Babbitt Thursday Night	0.00	40.00
709534 · 6306 Ladies by the Lake	75.00	125.00
716110 · 6836 Lake Vermillion 12x12	0.00	60.00
Total 4000-08 · District 08 Contributions	225.00	1,866.90

4000-09 · District 09 Contributions		
107763 · 110173 Thurs Morn Downtown Hibb	35.00	110.00
107764 · 110172-Hibbing Downtown Group	0.00	90.00
107765 · 13824 Tues 8PM Hibbing Ala-no	0.00	50.00
107861 · Nashwauk Fri. Nite Group	30.00	114.00
121039 · 42543 Zim Group	0.00	150.00
128162 · 83295 Sunday 12x12 Step Group	0.00	80.00
138250 · 110174 Hibbing Sat Morning	0.00	50.00
634677 · Happy Hour 6 pm Hibbing	25.00	50.00
677065 · 64685-Keep It Simple Hibbing	0.00	40.00
694149 · 12541 Tues Afternoon Hibbing	0.00	200.00
719309 · 8471-Hibbing Thursday Noon Grp	20.00	140.00
Total 4000-09 · District 09 Contributions	110.00	1,074.00
4000-11 · District 11 Contributions		
107885 · 49354 Pine City AA Group	50.00	150.00
141987 · 97036 Quamba Mon AA	0.00	125.00
173665 · 24312 Saturday Sobriety Group	0.00	125.00
603818 · 104296 Finlayson Wed Night	0.00	50.00
646266 · 109567 Happy Joyous & Free	50.00	100.00
685409 · 78656 - Mora Wed Morning Women	0.00	25.00
724683 · 19974 Moose Lake Vision of Hope	0.00	23.50
Total 4000-11 · District 11 Contributions	100.00	598.50
4000-12 · District 12 Contributions		
107573 · 100551 Crossroads AA	0.00	14.55
120338 · 83744 9am Sun Basic Text	100.00	200.00
123391 · 9916 A Vision for You Group	0.00	250.00
127270 · 94477 Back to Basics	75.00	200.00
129540 · 78869 St. Scholastica AA	0.00	50.00
132613 · 67747 Serenity Club Inc.	90.00	405.00
133564 · 9922 Lester Park Thursday BB	100.00	200.00
167706 · Proctor AA Group	0.00	40.00
172668 · 78663 Tuesday Night AA Group	40.00	55.00
632924 · 84886 Esko Sun. Night Group	0.00	43.40
635620 · 47870 Pattison Park Group	0.00	100.00
637117 · On Awakening Group	0.00	150.00
643667 · 22195 Not a Glum Lot	0.00	30.00
695769 · 13560 Grand Marais Tue Night	0.00	15.00
698824 · 6053 There Is A Solution Women	11.00	28.00
711810 · 94714 Barnum AA Group	109.00	109.00
Total 4000-12 · District 12 Contributions	525.00	1,889.95
4000-13 · District 13 Contributions		
107498 · 26978 Wed Happy Hour group	100.00	275.00
107580 · 102570 Early Evening Group (Tue)	139.20	269.20
107601 · 6564 Thurs Candlelight Group	0.00	350.00
107914 · 8507 Primary Purpose Grp	100.00	300.00
120216 · 27549 A New Found Freedom	0.00	50.00
120679 · 30646 West End 12 Step Group	50.00	450.00
123219 · 105732 Fri Living Sober Grp	75.00	150.00
124949 · 24194 Monday Morn BB	25.00	25.00
126445 · 13260 Tues Morning AA	0.00	100.00
139018 · 42404 Older Adult Group	0.00	80.00
146877 · 102573 Early Wed. Night	0.00	75.00
146993 · 6651 Thursday Morning BB	75.00	75.00
603252 · 6024 There is a Solution	100.00	425.00
670436 · 37950 Wmns Willingness to Grow	0.00	50.00
697239 · 109894 Heard it Through the GV	75.00	75.00
718334 · 5123 Keep It Simple	50.00	125.00
721677 · 7385 Thursday Night BB Grp	0.00	125.00
Total 4000-13 · District 13 Contributions	789.20	2,999.20

4000-15 · District 15 Contributions				
107767 · 110646 Holdingford Group	200.00	200.00		
107797 · 19359 Melrose AA Group	100.00	200.00		
107881 · 47996 Paynesville Wed Night Grp	0.00	100.00		
107951 · 65281 Tues Night AA Sauk Centre	50.00	50.00		
118632 · 94078 Avon Tues. Night Group	0.00	75.00		
118837 · 21679 Watkins Thurs. Night AA	50.00	50.00		
137718 · 121119 St Joesph Smokers Group	0.00	50.00		
150662 · 65276 Sauk Centre Friday Night	0.00	135.00		
167100 · 7217 Sauk Centre Thurs. Morning	0.00	75.00		
679438 · 7529 Thurs Night Fellowship	0.00	100.00		
718858 · 19361 Back 2 Basics	0.00	143.00		
Total 4000-15 · District 15 Contributions	400.00	1,178.00		
4000-16 · District 16 Contributions				
107766 · 110454 Hill City AA Group	0.00	80.00		
117890 · 25115 Mon Night BB Grand Rapids	0.00	123.00		
118696 · 14449 Fri Night Longville	0.00	65.00		
120344 · 103049 Effie Group	40.00	240.00		
125990 · 86282 Lawrence Lake AA	100.00	100.00		
259068 · Warba Discover AA	0.00	100.00		
616207 · 7371 Thurs. Night BB Study	50.00	130.00		
696926 · 99576 Cohasset North Group	0.00	150.00		
Total 4000-16 · District 16 Contributions	190.00	988.00		
4000-17 · District 17 Contributions				
294129 · Crosslake Thurs AA	25.00	25.00		
727162 · Wed Nisswa Soloppgang Group	0.00	66.65		
Total 4000-17 · District 17 Contributions	25.00	91.65		
4000-18 · District 18 Contributions				
107722 · 102265 Eagle Bend AA	0.00	200.00		
107785 · 19219 Little Falls AA Club	0.00	150.00		
107787 · 14377 Long Prairie Alano	0.00	100.00		
132913 · 47111 Parkers Prairie AA	50.00	100.00		
Total 4000-18 · District 18 Contributions	50.00	550.00		
4000-21 · District 21 Contributions				
139141 · 76830 Spiritual Awareness Group	0.00	165.00		
145909 · 38031 Nooners AA Group	0.00	270.00		
158263 · 82268 Straight-Talk Group	0.00	40.00		
662565 · 13687 Living Sober Group	0.00	60.00		
663310 · 77955 Squaw Lake Tues	75.00	175.00		
679835 · 105769 Big Book Study Be- midji	0.00	200.00		
Total 4000-21 · District 21 Contributions	75.00	910.00		
4000 · Group Contributions - Other	0.00	388.00	19,134.00	25,512.00
Total 4000 · Group Contributions	3,965.36	18,900.77	19,134.00	25,512.00
4100 · Birthday Contributions	0.00	45.00		
4700 · Grapevine Sales	304.50	569.00		
4710 · AAWS Literature Sales	827.20	2,898.15		
4750 · NL Flyer Insert Income	75.00	225.00		
4800 · Interest on Deposits	0.10	0.45		
Total Income	5,272.16	23,038.37	19,134.00	25,512.00
Gross Profit	5,272.16	23,038.37	19,134.00	25,512.00
Expense				
5100 · Committee Meeting Rent	50.00	125.00	150.00	200.00
5125 · AAWS Literature Inventory	798.48	4,635.27		
5200 · Service Workshop				
5201 · Coffee	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
5202 · Printing	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
5203 · Room Rental	0.00	0.00	886.00	886.00
5204 · Speaker Expenses	0.00	0.00	430.00	430.00
Total 5200 · Service Workshop	0.00	0.00	1,516.00	1,516.00
5300 · Spring Assembly				
5301 · Room Rental	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
5302 · Coffee	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Total 5300 · Spring Assembly	0.00	0.00	2,200.00	2,200.00

5360 · State Fair	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
5400 · Fall Assembly				
5401 · Room Rental Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,900.00
5402 · Coffee	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total 5400 · Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,400.00
6550 · Finance Oversight Committee				
6550-01 · Meals	7.00	7.00	42.00	56.00
6550-02 · Travel	<u>15.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>	<u>160.00</u>
Total 6550 · Finance Oversight Committee	<u>22.00</u>	<u>22.00</u>	<u>162.00</u>	<u>216.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>870.48</u>	<u>4,782.27</u>	<u>4,528.00</u>	<u>7,032.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	4,401.68	18,256.10	14,606.00	18,480.00
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
6100 · Delegate				
6100-01 · Meals	21.00	21.00	361.00	438.00
6100-02 · Travel	47.18	104.84	293.43	1,196.74
6100-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	750.00	1,500.00
6100-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
6100-06 · Printing	0.00	345.63	1,200.00	1,200.00
6100-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,800.00</u>	<u>1,825.00</u>	<u>1,825.00</u>
Total 6100 · Delegate	68.18	2,271.47	4,479.43	6,209.74
6200 · Alternate Delegate				
6200-01 · Meals	7.00	15.50	541.00	728.00
6200-02 · Travel	22.01	42.01	645.00	1,305.00
6200-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	910.00	1,170.00
6200-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
6200-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
6200-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Total 6200 · Alternate Delegate	29.01	57.51	2,326.00	3,433.00
6300 · Chairperson				
6300-01 · Meals	7.00	7.00	281.00	348.00
6300-02 · Travel	11.00	22.00	311.00	493.00
6300-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	440.00	720.00
6300-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
6300-06 · Printing	68.34	68.34	240.00	375.00
6300-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
6300-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.18</u>	<u>407.40</u>	<u>144.81</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 6300 · Chairperson	118.52	504.74	1,491.81	2,204.08
6400 · Secretary				
6400-01 · Meals	8.99	8.99	301.00	408.00
6400-02 · Travel	22.00	42.00	260.00	400.00
6400-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	700.00	855.00
6400-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	810.00	820.00
6400-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total 6400 · Secretary	30.99	50.99	2,096.00	2,508.00
6500 · Treasurer				
6500-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	385.00	570.00
6500-02 · Travel	23.00	23.00	432.10	616.98
6500-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	600.00	900.00
6500-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	319.95
6500-06 · Printing	0.00	39.07		
6500-07 · Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
6500-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Total 6500 · Treasurer	23.00	102.07	1,447.10	2,676.93

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.*

7000 · Archives Chair				
7000-01 · Meals	0.00	-7.00	181.00	283.00
7000-02 · Travel	0.00	-8.00	235.00	320.00
7000-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	540.00	950.00
7000-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	30.00	40.00
7000-08 · Other	100.00	350.00	25.00	25.00
7000-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.26</u>	<u>129.04</u>		
Total 7000 · Archives Chair	132.26	464.04	1,011.00	1,618.00
7100 · Archivist				
7100-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	251.00	318.00
7100-02 · Travel	0.00	0.00	620.00	800.00
7100-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	840.00	1,120.00
7100-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
7100-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>480.00</u>	<u>630.00</u>
Total 7100 · Archivist	0.00	100.00	2,341.00	3,018.00
7200 · Corrections				
7200-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	241.00	368.00
7200-02 · Travel	0.00	25.00	255.00	340.00
7200-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	600.00	750.00
7200-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	60.00
7200-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.18</u>	<u>128.72</u>	<u>144.81</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 7200 · Corrections	32.18	153.72	1,270.81	1,711.08
7300 · CPC				
7300-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	111.00	143.00
7300-02 · Travel	0.00	60.00	410.00	490.00
7300-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
7300-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
7300-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>144.81</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 7300 · CPC	0.00	60.00	945.81	1,106.08
7400 · Grapevine				
7400-01 · Meals	7.00	7.00	201.00	298.00
7400-02 · Travel	40.00	60.00	550.00	710.00
7400-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	900.00	1,500.00
7400-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	120.00	180.00
7400-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
7400-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.18</u>	<u>176.99</u>	<u>144.81</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 7400 · Grapevine	79.18	243.99	1,945.81	2,911.08
7500 · Group Records Secretary				
7500-01 · Meals	7.00	15.00	381.00	468.00
7500-02 · Travel	10.00	30.00	105.00	130.00
7500-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	610.00	760.00
7500-05 · Supplies	0.00	59.78	20.00	30.00
7500-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
7500-07 · Postage	6.30	56.70	15.00	22.50
7500-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>9.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>
Total 7500 · Group Records Secretary	23.30	170.48	1,211.00	1,505.50
7000 · Archives Chair				
7000-01 · Meals	0.00	-7.00	181.00	283.00
7000-02 · Travel	0.00	-8.00	235.00	320.00
7000-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	540.00	950.00
7000-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	30.00	40.00
7000-08 · Other	100.00	350.00	25.00	25.00
7000-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.26</u>	<u>129.04</u>		
Total 7000 · Archives Chair	132.26	464.04	1,011.00	1,618.00
7100 · Archivist				
7100-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	251.00	318.00
7100-02 · Travel	0.00	0.00	620.00	800.00
7100-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	840.00	1,120.00
7100-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
7100-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>480.00</u>	<u>630.00</u>
Total 7100 · Archivist	0.00	100.00	2,341.00	3,018.00
7200 · Corrections				
7200-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	241.00	368.00
7200-02 · Travel	0.00	25.00	255.00	340.00
7200-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	600.00	750.00
7200-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	60.00
7200-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.18</u>	<u>128.72</u>	<u>144.81</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 7200 · Corrections	32.18	153.72	1,270.81	1,711.08

7300 · CPC				
7300-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	111.00	143.00
7300-02 · Travel	0.00	60.00	410.00	490.00
7300-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
7300-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
7300-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	144.81	193.08
Total 7300 · CPC	0.00	60.00	945.81	1,106.08
7400 · Grapevine				
7400-01 · Meals	7.00	7.00	201.00	298.00
7400-02 · Travel	40.00	60.00	550.00	710.00
7400-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	900.00	1,500.00
7400-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	120.00	180.00
7400-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
7400-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	32.18	176.99	144.81	193.08
Total 7400 · Grapevine	79.18	243.99	1,945.81	2,911.08
7500 · Group Records Secretary				
7500-01 · Meals	7.00	15.00	381.00	468.00
7500-02 · Travel	10.00	30.00	105.00	130.00
7500-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	610.00	760.00
7500-05 · Supplies	0.00	59.78	20.00	30.00
7500-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
7500-07 · Postage	6.30	56.70	15.00	22.50
7500-08 · Other	0.00	9.00	30.00	45.00
Total 7500 · Group Records Secretary	23.30	170.48	1,211.00	1,505.50
7600 · Literature				
7600-01 · Meals	7.00	7.00	221.00	328.00
7600-02 · Travel	20.00	157.29	136.00	218.00
7600-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	580.00	860.00
7600-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	15.00	15.00
7600-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	144.81	193.08
Total 7600 · Literature	27.00	164.29	1,096.81	1,614.08
7700 · Northern Light				
7700-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	401.00	548.00
7700-02 · Travel	18.24	38.24	297.50	358.77
7700-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	750.00	900.00
7700-06 · Printing	698.00	2,201.00	1,500.00	2,250.00
7700-07 · Postage	366.29	1,810.02	1,200.00	1,800.00
7700-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
Total 7700 · Northern Light	1,082.53	4,049.26	4,178.50	5,886.77
7800 · Public Information				
7800-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	241.00	308.00
7800-02 · Travel	41.38	41.38	440.00	773.00
7800-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	560.00	700.00
7800-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
7800-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
7800-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	144.81	193.08
Total 7800 · Public Information	41.38	41.38	1,415.81	2,304.08
7900 · Treatment				
7900-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	201.00	298.00
7900-02 · Travel	0.00	0.00	550.00	710.00
7900-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	900.00	1,500.00
7900-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	60.00	100.00
7900-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
7900-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	32.12	128.48	144.81	193.08
Total 7900 · Treatment	32.12	128.48	1,885.81	2,831.08
7950 · Webmaster				
7950-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	301.00	378.00
7950-02 · Travel	0.00	0.00	238.00	284.00
7950-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	900.00	1,200.00
7950-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
7950-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	230.00	230.00
Total 7950 · Webmaster	0.00	0.00	1,694.00	2,117.00
8000 · Web Technology				
8000-02 · Travel	12.00	12.00		
8000-08 · Software Products	0.00	167.72	0.00	0.00
Total 8000 · Web Technology	12.00	179.72	0.00	0.00
8050 · Audio Technician				
8050-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	81.00	118.00
8050-02 · Travel	19.30	64.10	180.00	265.00
8050-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	900.00	1,350.00
8050-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
8050-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	15.00	15.00
Total 8050 · Audio Technician	19.30	64.10	1,176.00	1,948.00
Total Other Expense	1,750.95	8,806.24	32,012.70	45,602.50
Net Other Income	-1,750.95	-8,806.24	-32,012.70	-45,602.50
Net Income	2,650.73	9,449.86	-17,406.70	-27,122.50

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

Service Events

2021

December : 5th - Area Committee Meeting
Alano Club 9am - 2pm
322 1st Ave E
Aitkin MN

2022

January : 15th-16th Area 35 Winter Workshop
Holiday Inn
Detroit Lakes MN

February : 27th Area Committee Meeting
Alano Club 9am - 2pm
322 1st Ave E
Aitkin MN

April: 2nd - 3rd Area 35 Spring Assembly
Grand Ely Lodge
Ely MN

46th Area 35 Service Workshop

January 15th and 16th, 2022

Detroit Lakes Holiday Inn

“A.A. in a Time of Change.”

Holiday Inn

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Phone: 218 847 2121

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King Bed \$104.00 plus tax
Two Queen Beds \$104.00 plus tax

Our block of rooms is under Area 35 Northern Mn
You have until December 1, 2021 to reserve your room

This is an annual service training workshop in which Districts and other Service members will be presenting and engaging members in attendance. The workshop is designated for all members of Alcoholics Anonymous, including GSR's, DCM's, District Chairs, Area Officers and Action Chairs. Please join us for this outstanding weekend of unity, recovery and service knowledge.

Workshop begins at 9:00 am on Saturday January 15, 2022.

Because of the resurgence of Covid this event could go to a Zoom Format.
Please frequently check the AA calendar at AA.org for any changes. Your DCM's will also be informed of any changes to the Format, if needed.

\$15 Registration fee to strive toward making the service workshop self-supporting.

“Our Twelve Traditions ... represent the sum of our experience as individuals, as groups within AA, and similarly with our fellows and other organizations in the great fellowship of humanity under God throughout the world. They are all suggestions, yet the spirit in which they have been conceived merits their serious, prayerful consideration as the guideposts of AA policy for the individual, the group, and our various committees, local and national.”

AA Co-Founder, Dr. Bob, September 1948, “The Fundamentals in Retrospect”, The Best of the Grapevine, Volume 2



Area 35
General Service Conference
Agenda Items Process

Greetings Area 35,

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

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

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

Thank you for your Help.

Agenda
Deadline Dates

September 15th

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

February 15th

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

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

4th Sunday in February

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

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

1st Weekend in March

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

1st Weekend in April

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

3rd Week in April

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

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
CONTACT

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Area 35 Panel 70 Delegate
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SAVE THESE DATES

March 4,5,6 2022



The purpose of the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (WCRAASC) is to develop greater unity among members, groups and areas of the West Central Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences, and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of Alcoholics Anonymous. Recovery, Unity and Service should always be the primary purpose for each conference. The thought of how we can better serve Alcoholics Anonymous should never be compromised.

**A full weekend of panels, presentations and open discussion,
and a Saturday evening Open Speaker Meeting featuring:
BOB W., NEW YORK, NY**

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DOUBLETREE MINNEAPOLIS-PARK PLACE

ST. LOUIS PARK, MN



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in FALL 2021 at

WWW.WESTCENTRALREGION.ORG

and at **ALL PARTICIPATING AREA and DISTRICT EVENTS and WEBSITES**

NORTHERN LIGHT PRIMARY PURPOSE:

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

- ◆ Publish an informative and attractive newsletter to the Area in a timely fashion.
- ◆ Encourage District reports and be available to work with Districts on communications. One or more of the N.L. Committee should try to attend area events to report on what's happening in their areas. If they are unable to attend, encourage local members to write short articles about events and happenings to be published in the N.L.

- ◆ Provide encouragement for writing articles, particularly to D.C.M.s and Area Action Committee Chairs. This should include the strong encouragement to submit their reports for each issue, if no report is submitted it will be stated, example "Northern Light Report - NOT GIVEN" this is currently being done in the Southern Minnesota Area newsletter.
- ◆ Keep informed of activities and issues going on within Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. The N.L. Committee could subscribe the Grapevine or other pertinent A.A. news sources.
- ◆ Gather useful service information to publish from sources within the Area, Region and A.A. as a whole. Obtain, read and use other Area newsletters.
- ◆ Listen to comments from the Area on the content of the N.L.

EDITORIAL POSITION & N.L. COMMITTEE:

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

Desirable qualifications: Current knowledge MS Publisher, MS Word, MS Excel and other misc. computer programs as needed. The person should also consider the time needed to complete the task required. The candidate should have a working knowledge of A.A. as a whole, i.e., prior experience in service work such as G.S.R., D.C.M., or related position.

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

N.L. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

NORTHERN LIGHT SUBMISSIONS:

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

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

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

Northern Light Editor,
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 NL Editor will forward a copy of the pdf flier to Cold Spring Record, along with your printing instructions (paper color, one or two sided printing). Currently there are 1000 copies printed with @725 pieces to mail. What is not mailed is passed out at the Area meetings.

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

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

NMAA
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 13th : Flier will be included in the January/February Issue
- ◆ March 6th : Flier will be included in the March/April Issue
- ◆ May 1st : Flier will be included in the May/June Issue
- ◆ July 8th : Flier will be included in the July/August Issue
- ◆ September 1st : Flier will be included in the September/October Issue
- ◆ November 2nd : Flier will be included in the November/December Issue

“The Traditions are neither rules, regulations, nor laws. No sanctions or punishments can be invoked for their infractions. Perhaps in no other area of society would these principles succeed. Yet in this Fellowship of alcoholics, the unenforceable Traditions carry a power greater than that of law.”

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

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

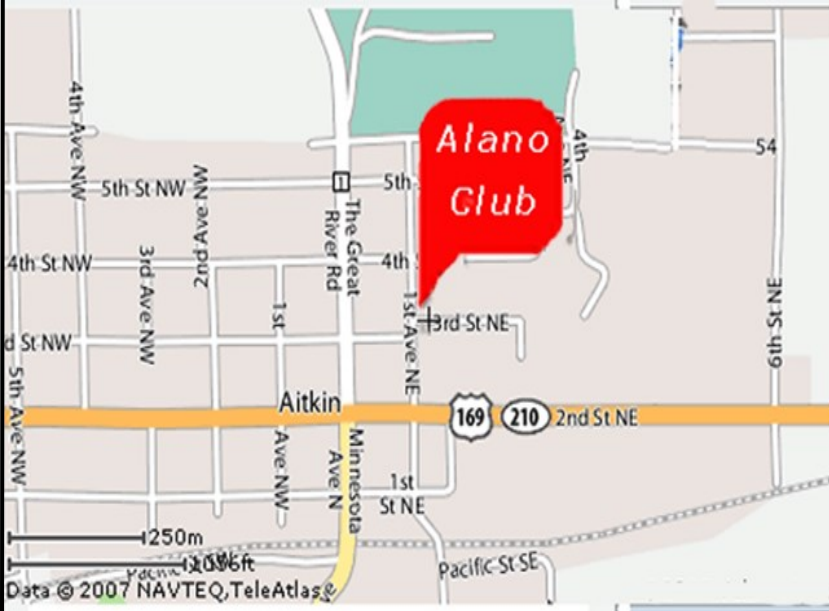
(Spaghetti Soup)

- 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

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

Q: Why list our past Delegates?

A: They are a resource to you!

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

The Delegate’s Duties

<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>(from The A.A. Service Manual, pages S44-S45)</p>
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