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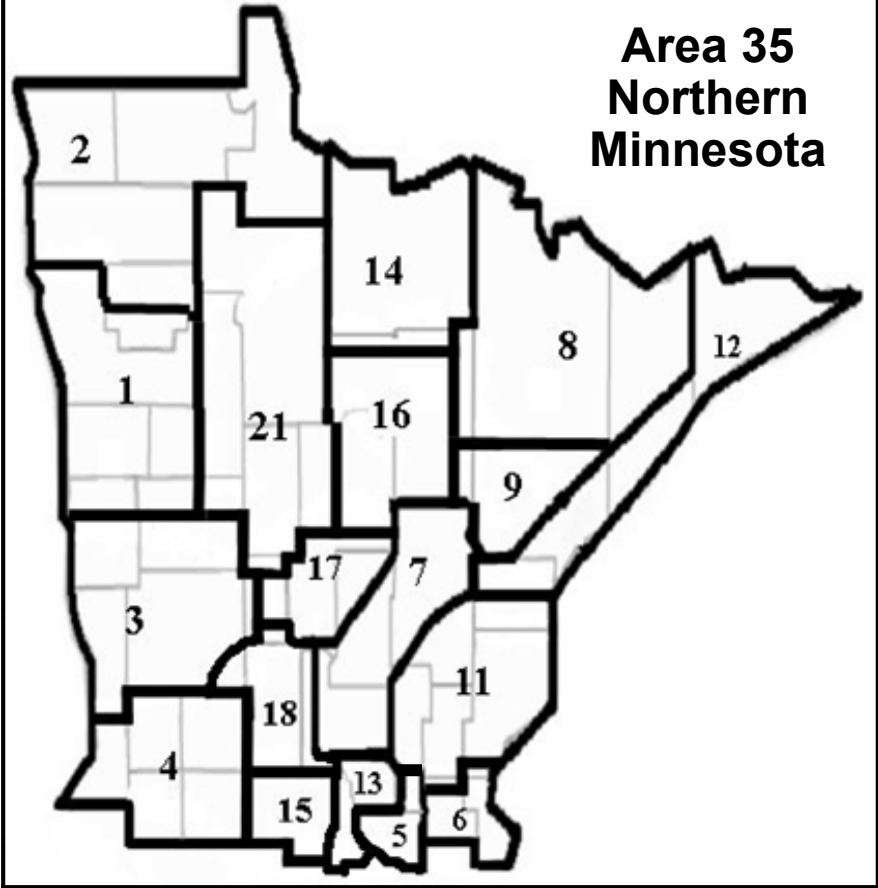
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- Zone I**  
**District 1** - Ada, Crookston, Erskine, Fertile, Fosston, Mahnomen, Naytahwaush, Red Lake Falls, Twin Valley, Waubun,  
**District 2** - Badger, Baudette, Halma, Middle River, Roseau, Stephen, Thief River Falls, Warren, Warroad, Williams  
**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,
- Zone III**  
**District 4** - Alexandria, Browns Valley, Carlos, Elbow Lake, Evansville, Glenwood, Herman, Kensington, Morris  
**District 15** - Albany, Avon, Cold Spring, Holdingford, Lake Henry, Melrose, New London, Paynesville, Richmond, Sartell, St. Joseph, St. Stephen, Sauk Centre, Watkins  
**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, Pillager\*, Wahkon  
**District 11** - Finlayson\*, Grasston, Henriette, Hinckley\*, Lake Lena, Moose Lake\*, Mora, Ogilvie, Pine City, Quamba, Sandstone, Willow River  
**District 13** - Kimball, Rice, St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, Foley  
**District 17** - Backus, Cross Lake, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Pillager\*, Pine River  
**District 18** - Browerville, Clarissa, Eagle Bend, Little Falls\*, Long Prairie, Motley, Osakis, Parkers Prairie, Staples, Verndale
- Zone IV**  
**District 8** - Alango, Aurora, Babbitt, Biwabik, Cook, Cotton, Ely, Eveleth, Gilbert, Hoyt Lakes, Mountain Iron, Nett Lake, Orr, Palo, Pike, Tower, Virginia,  
**District 9** - Chisholm, Floodwood, Goodland, Hibbing, Keewatin, Kelly Lake, Lawrence Lake\*, Nashwauk\*, Zim  
**District 12** - Beaver Bay, Silver Bay, Barnum, Brimson, Brookston, Cloquet, Duluth, Esko, Finland, Fredenberg, Grand Marais, Grand Portage, Hermantown, Knife River, Lawrence Lake\*, Lutsen, Mahtowa, Pike Lake, Proctor, Sawyer, Foxborro (Wisconsin), Side Lake, Superior (Wisconsin), Toivola, Two Harbors  
**District 14** - International Falls, Littlefork, Rainy River

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

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



AREA 35 MEETING MINUTES

Area 35 Committee Meeting Minutes  
Hybrid - Virtual/Aitkin, MN  
December 5, 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, Christine G– panel 68 and Jim K – panel 62.

**Additions to the Agenda:** State Fair, Inclement Weather Policy.

**Approval of the August 2021 Area Committee Minutes:** Motion made and seconded to approve minutes. Minutes were approved.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**DELEGATE – Jim S**

Good Morning Everyone, I have emailed out the WCRAASC fliers, I emailed it out from [delegate@area35.org](mailto:delegate@area35.org) so please check your inbox and junk folder so we can get it distributed out to everyone we can. The good news is that it will be held in southern MN this year so no 12 or 14 hour long drive. It will be in person this year as well.

I will coordinate with Steve L our incoming Delegate to get the email changed over to him. This will give him access to all the emails I have received over the past two years. Hopefully this will provide some value for him. Once he has logged in he can change the password so I no longer can access the email.

I would like to thank Christine for asking me to sit on the Financial Oversight Committee this next rotation. I look forward to this experience. In Service, Jim S. Your outgoing Delegate.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE – Steve L**

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen, I’m Steve L your Alt-Delegate, The workshop is ready to hand off to Justin. There have been a few glitches in making reservations. Like saying our block is booked when it isn’t. As of Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> there were 36 out of our 45 room block booked. The remaining rooms are king rooms, I’ll call Monday to see if that can be changed to double queens. They do have rollways available for an extra \$10. If you have any trouble please call me and I should be able to straighten them out. I have fliers with agendas to pass out today. I’ll email all of you the flier and you can retrieve the flier and agenda on our website [area35.org](http://area35.org). How are districts 2,4,5,6,7,11 and 13 doing on their presentations? If you have any problems or questions please reach out and give me a call.

I attended my last NAAD meeting lots of new faces showing up. We had a presentation on literature three past Delegates found important in their recovery. From Living Sober to Our Great Responsibility depending on where they were in their sobriety. I thought it was a worthwhile experience to meet and get to know some of the people I will be working with at the GSC. I also attended and sat quiet as a mouse at the Monthly Delegates meeting. It was HARD to keep quiet sometimes but I’m just a guest there being informed for continuity.

**New Address for sending Contributions to GSO. Effective immediately, please send contribution checks to:**  
**Post Office Box 2407**  
**James A Farley Station New York, NY 10116-2407**

I’ll forward email to the DCMs. I will try and get the new DCM’s and Action Chairs emails before sending the flier and GSC correspondence.

If you have ordered some lit for the GV like I did in the past 4 months GV had a snafu with a new clearing house call or email them and let them know so they can send your order. Basically a reorder at no cost.

I liked what Jim did with the Agenda Items going to the districts and discussing them with them by zoom and in person. I would like to continue with that. The Agenda Items come out on or about Feb 15<sup>th</sup> and we have a small window 45 days to discuss them before the Spring Assembly. Now is the time to ask your District and make plans to see if your district wants to go through the Agenda items with me in person or zoom at you district meeting or a special meeting give me a time and place. Also, think on how you want to receive the Agenda Items if any DCM wants a printed copy or a CD/Stick Version please let me know in at least two weeks before the Feb ACM. Remember you will be able to download them by committee off of our Website within Days of Feb 15<sup>th</sup>.

Last, I want to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Alt Delegate this Panel 70 rotation. With the difficult challenges we had to face the leadership of Area 35 meet and surpassed the tests given them. Thank you for your dedication and service to Area 35 and AA as a whole Jim, Gayle, Justin and Heide and all the Action Chairs It has been a privilege to serve with you all. I’m looking forward to serving with all the new Officers and Action Chairs this rotation. In Service, Steven L.

**AREA CHAIR – Gayle R**

Greetings Area 35, Since our last meeting at the Fall assembly I have gotten together with Christine and passed the torch, sort of speak. We met and discussed quite a bit as the guidelines outlines. Christine has quite a bit of better organizational skills than I do, great for you. I have signed contracts for the Spring and Fall Assemblies for 2022.

They will be Ely in the Spring and Crookston in the Fall.. Sally voiced concern about The Grand Ely Lodge not being large enough, I asked them about that, it holds 275, so I think it should be ok.

Today’s weather is perfect for this rotation going out in style. I have a new snowmobile this year so this is great if it would be at home. Later we will talk about a few things – State Fair – Inclement Weather procedure and of course Past Delegate service discussion.. I have not done or done anything with the intentions of harming Area 35. This program of Alcoholics Anonymous has saved my life, has given me a life. Area 35 has welcomed me with open arms since I was 6 months sober back in February 2007. You are my family.

I would like to take a moment to thank each officer, each action committee chair Roger and Christine on the Financial oversite committee for the willingness to serve this rotation. It was not easy. For each DCM, GSR, District Officer and District action committee Chair, I say thank you to you as well. If we take a second to realize how much we have gained this rotation by making sure we can still meet, still do business, still carry the message to the still suffering, when the pandemic hit and the world paused, alcoholism did not. We had to be there, we had to.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to serve Area 35, I am confident the Area will be in great hands. Gayle

**SECRETARY – Heidi B**

Hello from snowy Ely! I’m sorry to say it’s our last meeting for the rotation. I’ve thoroughly enjoyed serving as your area secretary. Sometimes I swore that Covid was in cahoots with our disease of alcoholism, but we discovered zoom and virtual meetings and I think we’ve come out much stronger. I did miss the fellowship at the meetings and assemblies, one of my favorite thing about service work. We get to meet so many awesome people dedicated to helping the alcoholic that still suffers. I will continue to do what I can for AA - my program and my sobriety depends on it.

The minutes from Fall Assembly 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 by Sunday, December 12th.

For my next challenge, I will be serving as your Northern Light Editor. I met with Cindy and she gave me everything I needed – thank you, Cindy! This means that your reports for the Northern Light will be due to me by January 10<sup>th</sup>. You’re not getting rid of me yet! And please, consider sharing your service experience this rotation – this Covid rotation – with an article in the Northern Light.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. And thank you to all of you for your service. I’m truly grateful for this experience and for your help and friendship. I’m now going to pass the obnoxious timer to Sally L, our incoming Area Secretary. Hope to see you all at the January Workshop. In service, Heidi

**TREASURER – Justin W**

Hi Folks, I’m sorry that I can’t be here with you all. This past Sunday I travelled to Florida... and as I write this I’m in the air between Florida and California somewhere. Today, while you are all getting together, I’ll be in the air between California and Washington DC not coming back until Thursday next week. All that said, I want you all to know that I am not too happy about missing this ACM and I did everything I could to try and be there. I hope you’re all well.

I have not had any opportunity to meet with Cindy yet and most likely will not be available to until around the holidays...I am in the process of writing a procedure for the bookkeeping portion of the treasurer position. She asked me if there was a computer for the treasury and there is not at the moment. We destroyed the old one and I have been using my personal computer. I actually just got a new one and may be interested in donating my old one, which is from last year and should work for the position.

I just saw some smaller charges, 2 for \$80.16 from AAWS hit the bank account and I have no record of what those charges are for. The last one of these I mentioned “the recurring charge” thing I talked about turned out to be a single cash sale for 10 - 12 and 12’s, but I had to actually contact AAWS in order to get a receipt. I’m thinking we should get a handle on this before the position rotates because it can be a bit confusing.

As you can see from the balance sheet our checking account balance is more than double what it was last year at the end of period 6. Also, the \$835 in “Other Current Assets” Is for a few checks that I just received but have yet to be deposited...later today.

Thank you all for trusting me with your money this year. It has been an honor and a privilege, Justin

**COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS**

**CPC – Brian P**

See PI for combined report.

**DISTRICT 9 – Ricco R**

In our rotation process we are setting up an audit for our District 9 treasury as we are having two new A.A. members taking over the treasury position.

(Cont'd District 9)

We have filled the positions of DCM, Alternate DCM, Corrections, Treasury, Treatment, Secretary and Alternate Treatment Chairs. We still have 3 positions open, Archives, CPC, and Grapevine/Literature so we will be trying to fill them this month.

I feel sad to be rotating out of District 9 service. I don't know if it is appropriate, but I'm going to say it anyway, Christine G. our incoming Area 35 Chairperson picked me to serve as Treatment Chair for Area 35 and I feel very grateful for that. I will give it my best shot to do what Bill W put in Tradition Five; "Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers."

I have to thank all of the District 9 trusted service members for all of the service work they did to make District 9 a unified group and my service a very enjoyable and fulfilling endeavor. I make the same thanks to all the Area 35 trusted service members for the same unity and service which they practiced and gave me something to strive to do also.

I am forever grateful for the District 16 trusted service members in their efforts to help in making a cooperative effort with District 9 to organize the workshops that we jointly carried out together. It was an exercise in Unity and Service that I think gave all of us great joy, good personal recovery in trying to help the still suffering alcoholic, and lasting friendships.

I would like to thank Jim our area 35 Delegate for the numerous times he has visited us and gave his reports from the conferences and discussed the agenda items before the assembly so we would be more informed to do our voting at the group and district level. Jim also gave a presentation at one of our workshops about his story and involvement in service work for Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you to Pat for attending our District 9 meeting to discuss the Grapevine. Thank you to Bruce for attending our Workshops and giving presentations. Thank you to Greg C. for his insight and experience in the PI/CPC Committee. Thank you to Sally for making all the Group Changes. Thank you to all Area 35 committee chairs and Area 35 officers for their commitment to Alcoholics Anonymous. In Unity and Service, Ricco

#### DISTRICT 4 – Bumper L

District 4 has seen steady growth in attendance in meetings over the past several months. Most groups are reporting solid financial footing with periodic contributions to District, Area and GSO. Attendance at Monthly District meetings has been off a bit. Election of several Chair positions will take place in December. We elect half of the board positions every year so that there is both hold-over and new blood every rotation. Upcoming events include a New Year's Eve party at the Alano house in Alexandria Dec 31<sup>st</sup> with games, prizes and drawings. Everyone is welcome! And don't forget the Annual Big Ole Roundup in March.

#### WEBMASTER – Thomas H (no report)

#### LITERATURE – Bruce M (no report)

#### DISTRICT 14 –

#### DISTRICT 3 – Gene M

Wadena group had a round robin November 20th, 2021. The Hawley TGIF group has a Potluck/ Round robin coming up in January 2022. We elected Pete S. for another term as CPC/PI last October for upcoming rotation 2022-2023. Roger J. had taken the commitment to continue as Webmaster 2022-2023. Leslie B. Alternate DCM/ Meeting List/ Round Robin 2022-2023. Discussion to leave the DCM position in place until spring or until we have a candidate. We may have a potential candidate by May 2022 or sooner the DCM position is Open. Gene M. has agreed to stay on till springtime. Corrections positions are open, Literature Chair and Secretary. Most other positions are filled Alternate DCM, Treasurer, Treatment, CPC/PI, Webmaster, Helpline and Grapevine Rep. We discussed having a service workshop next August. Our discussion was to have a service workshop to get others interested in service work. What we have narrowed it down to is requesting the incoming Area panel to do a Zonal Forum in Zone 2 where District 4, 15, and 3 are within the map. So we are looking to plan a Potluck- Zonal Forum/ Service workshop to look at a date for next August and location. At the last District 3 meeting a motion was made then seconded to vote to have our District meeting bi-monthly on odd months due to low attendance. We vote on that on the next District 3rd Sunday of December. We are sending meeting information to Group Records that I have just received back from Leslie B. My intention was to bring paperwork to Aitkin but Melissa my fiance would not let me drive down today because of the snow. Hence not present at the Aitkin Committee.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve, Gene M.

#### NORTHERN LIGHT – Cindy SK

Hi Area 35, The last issue was sent out & everyone on the mailing list should have received by now. This issue was absolutely the easiest to put together in my 2 year rotation. I only forgot to put back in the inclement weather statement. I met with the incoming Northern Light editor, Heidi B. on Friday. I handed off the computer and some things I learned along the way.

Thank you for allowing me to be the Northern Light editor. In Service, Cindy S-K

#### DISTRICT 8 – Nels P

As our rotation ends so begins a new rotation in our district. In District 8, we are fortunate to have most of our positions filled and filled with people that will do a great job. Our webpage district8online.org has been so helpful for our district to keep people updated. This rotation has been both challenging and rewarding and has taught me so much, particularly about unity. I'm extremely grateful, proud and honored to have served our district and wish our next rotation the very best. I look forward to what the future brings for our district, area and Alcoholics Anonymous. Yours in service, Nels P.

#### GROUP RECORDS – Sally L

Greetings, Area 35. Here it is, the end of the rotation. I am finishing up the changes that I asked the groups to send me, and there were a lot! Just when I am finishing, it will be time to make more changes for the new rotation. I will be meeting with the incoming Group Records Secretary in December to show her the ropes. I believe she will do a wonderful job.

A couple of weeks ago, the Area computer that I have been using developed a keyboard problem and was mis-typing things. I bought a \$20 wireless keyboard, and that enabled me to continue to work. Then I got an estimate of repair, which came to approximately \$150, give or take. The Area has decided to give the Webmaster computer to the Group Records Secretary, so I will let them decide what to do with the Group Records computer.

I am putting information on to a thumb drive to give to Archives. I also have some paper copies for them. It has been an honor to serve Area 35. In service, Sally L.

#### DISTRICT 2 – Danny W

District 2 held its bi-monthly meeting November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 2 PM at the Twin Rivers Clubhouse in Thief River Falls. There were 5 people in attendance including the DCM, District Treasurer, 1 GSRs, and 2 other AA members. Both minutes and the treasurer's report from the September meeting were approved.

DCM gave his report from the Fall Assembly which included the actions taken as well as the results from the Area elections. I also highlighted the decision made for the next rotation's Fall Assemblies. Area workshop will be held January 15 & 16, 2022 in Detroit Lakes, MN. District 2 is slated to present the workshop titled: *Rewards of service for your Homegroup*. I would appreciate volunteers to help with this presentation. Group reports focused upon those groups which attendees have attended. Group attendance is still somewhat sporadic but there is hope that numbers will return. This led into the final discussion concerning who will fill the district positions for the next rotation. At this time there doesn't seem to be any interest in service work at the District level. In service, Danny W.

#### DISTRICT 15 – Lori L

Hi my name is Lori L and I am a grateful member of Alcoholics Anonymous serving as the DCM for District 15. Since October, we elected a new DCM. We appreciate her stepping up to this position. We are getting ready for our annual Roundup in St. Anna on March 26, 2022. It has been canceled the past 2 years due to Covid, so we are hoping that it will take place in the coming year.

Our GSRs are reporting that attendance at meetings is growing again. Our District 15 monthly meeting attendance is usually low. I am grateful for GSRs and chairs who do attend and give their opinion, advice and insight for the District. Hopefully, that will improve with the new meeting time of 7:00pm and the speaker meetings that will be held every 4 times a year. We will update and print new meeting cards by the beginning of the year. There hasn't been a lot of changes but important to keep these current. Yours in Service, Lori L.

#### TREATMENT – Christine G

We had 6 in attendance: Districts 13, 21, 6, 18 and 9. District 6 reported – Treatment Chair is open District has been inactive since the pandemic and they are excited to get reconnected. Talked about getting more people involved in treatment.

Dist 13 reported – they will be having elections Tuesday. Bringing in pamphlets to adult foster care and youth facilities. Have been able to have Zoom in youth facilities.

Dist 9 – Going to be looking at different ways of getting back into treatment centers. Utilizing aa.org as a reference and the treatment workbook. Have been in contact with one treatment center. There are new centers to get in touch with.

District 21 – No treatment chair. They are doing some reading at a facility. Yours in Service, Christine G.

#### DISTRICT 13 – Denise R

Greetings Area 35, First off I want to thank Tom for the Traditions Workshop that he and Bill presented, it was very well received. Alcoholics know how to put on a potluck as we had plenty of wonderful food and fellowship to go along with the Workshop. Members of Area 36 attended as well as members of Districts 15, 6 and others with approximately 40 in attendance in all. A wonderful time was had by all!

Our District has been asked to present at the January Workshop with a topic of "Has the role of the GSR changed?" We are digging into that and look forward to our presentation.

At our November District meeting we had 20 in attendance welcoming 2 new GSR's. Thank you to Christine for coming to the District meeting and proctoring our elections, and we were able to fill most of our positions. We finally spent some money going to the Fall Assembly so our finances have dwindled to \$2967.00 with \$1000 of that prudent reserve. As I end my time as District 13 DCM, I want to thank all of you here at the Area level for helping me learn by answering all my questions, taking time to discuss and email with me so I can understand the process better. It's been a time of growing and I am grateful to have been able to serve alongside you. See you in January!! In Service, Denise R.

#### DISTRICT 18 – Scott S

Hello, I'm Scott alcoholic and Dist 17 DCM. Greetings from Dist 18. Our regular meeting is every first Tuesday of the month. Staples had their

(cont'd District 18)

Thanksgiving potluck that turned out well. We will be having our regular Christmas at Eagle Bend December 12<sup>th</sup>. We also are going to have drunks on ice February in Parkers Prairie. Flyers are yet to come. Neil is working hard on keeping group records in order. With meetings opening and closing it has been a task. We have not yet had our elections. I also want to thank Tom A and the St. Cloud group for a great Traditions workshop Saturday. Lots of good stuff.  
Yours in Service, Scott S.

**ARCHIVIST –  
ARCHIVES – Peter T**

Hi, My name is Peter. I am an alcoholic and your outgoing Area 35 Archives Committee Chair. I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve as Area 35 Archives Chair for the last two years. Like everyone else, when you start you think it's such a long time but before one realizes what happened, the rotation's over. Some of the new system to be able to save information to the computer has a start but much more is needed to be done. With the Covid.19 virus epidemic a lot of the things that I would have liked to get a started on were just impossible to do.

The Archives Committee met this morning and in attendance were Katy P, Steve E, Marc, Renell P, Dave C, and Diane R. We had a discussion about some rental properties. Marc had located one in Brainerd MN that is about 75 Square feet at 1.30 per square foot and one in Bemidji MN. That is 768 square feet or 375.00 dollars a month. Both may be on the market for a very short time. We had a discussion of passing forward the information to the new Archives Chair and Archivist. I learned that Marc is willing to become the Archivist for the next rotation and Renell P is willing to become the next Archives Chair. We setup a meeting later this month to hand off the computer and display items.

I am not going to accept any position this rotation if asked. After the election of Christine at the Fall Assembly I was just going to walk away without saying anything. After much meditation I came to the conclusion that the next right thing I had to do was at least give an explanation of why I feel as I do. When people conspire to deceive nothing good can come from it. I felt deceived not by what they did but what they did not do. When they knew they were going to nominate Christine a past Delegate, a contentious issue, that was discussed in the past and was never resolved. The next right thing to do for anyone that knew of this issue, should have to get it on the agenda for discussion. I believe they knew it was an issue because I heard things like "it's not in the past action book" or "other Areas are doing it," which really has no bearing on what is happening at the Assembly because each group is autonomous and the Actions Book is a guide as to what happened in the past. The issue should have been brought to the Assembly floor before the election. The Assembly is not only for electing Area Officers but more importantly to discuss and discuss issues until a consensus is formed, and a decision is made how the Assembly would have us move forward. This would have been an excellent opportunity for the new GSR to learn how AA deals with an issue, make an informed decision, and move forward. If this process is followed it serves to help unify the people there because everyone has a chance to express the opinion on the issue. Once the Assembly made their decision whether I approve or disapprove it is something I can accept. Only then can we have an informed election.

The next issue I had with the election is if the Assembly would have had a chance to discuss and give a new direction as to who can stand for a given position it would have given everyone (even some past Delegates) a chance to stand for a position if they chose to do so.

When you withhold information for an election that only serves to benefit one person, it surely gives the appearance of placing personality over principle. If I were to accept a position under Christine as Chair it would seem that I was okay with how the election came to fruition and I am not. The election was rushed through at the 11th hour so there was no time for discussion what was happening at the time. At a time when AA is always looking for way to get more people involved, this type of action only makes the people that are there disenfranchised are wonder what they are doing if they are cutoff from being involved. I know I am only a small spoke in the wheels turning Alcoholics Anonymous but if you brake enough of them the wheel will eventually fall off. Again, I thank you for allowing me to serve you for the past two years, Peter T.

**DISTRICT 16 – Katy P**

Hello from District 16. My name is Katy, I am an alcoholic serving as DCM for District 16. We hold our district meetings the first Wednesday of the month. At our November meeting, we held our elections for the next rotation and all our positions are filled, including the new officer position of Webmaster!

We are able to speak at one of our local treatment centers, another has been shut down due to COVID. As always, we are looking for volunteers to speak.

We are again able to hold meetings in the jail after several weeks of shut-down due to COVID. We have also been busy distributing literature, meeting schedules, etc. Tuesday Night Solutions Group held their annual speaker meeting. There was no potluck this year, but they did order in pizzas and subs. Awesome speakers, as usual!!

Thank you to District 9 for the joint workshops we held this rotation. I am blessed to have been able to get to know and become friends with so many people!

This is a different time, and I am humbly proud to have been a part of it all! I have grown and learned so much in the program. I am grateful to have

**DISTRICT 12 – Shelly H (no report)**

**CORRECTIONS – Kelly D**

Thank you to Gayle for asking me to chair this breakout session again. The trip to Aitkin took me three hours however verses the hour and a half it usually takes. I was grateful the roads were so much better going home! There is not a lot to report since the Fall Assembly. We only had 4 in attendance, two online and two in person. Districts 5, 7, 11 and 13 were represented. Eric, a GSR from District 13 joined us. It was his first time in Aitkin and he came to see "what it's all about." He reported that they are still doing a video conference with Benton County and are not going into any of the other facilities that he is aware of. Mark, District 5 reported that Sherburne County had a covid outbreak so they are not allowed in again. He has been working hard to get enough volunteers so that when they can, they will be ready. He has 4 volunteers for the men (they need 6 for a meeting) and are looking for 2 females. He put together handouts of the handbook and sign-up sheets for volunteers and gave them to the GSR's at the District meeting. He has not heard from anyone. We talked about asking individuals in person if they are willing. Sometimes we have better results when we do. Mille Lacs County is still not allowing meetings at this time. He also talked about checking into possibly doing a virtual meeting with Sherburne County. I mentioned he could talk to Gayle on how it is set up, I am not familiar on how it is done. Kurt, District 11 reported that Pine County is starting up meetings again and nothing else is open yet. Arden, District 7 reported that he is the incoming Area 35 Correction Chair. He had several questions for me since I am a past chair. I told him if I could be of further help he could always contact me at any time. He will serve the Area well. He reported he did stop by the Aitkin jail this morning and found out that a group of people are bringing a meeting in there. He reported also that they are not bringing meetings into Crow Wing County yet.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Kelly D.

**DISTRICT 1 – Laura C (no report)**

**DISTRICT 11 – Kurt N (no report)**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION – Greg C**

The PI/CPC committee met for the final time this rotation with 7 in attendance. Topics discussed included a review of a suggested Goals list put out in January 2020. Radio PSA's, new websites, new E-Voice phone lines, addressing needs at Senior Centers as well as keeping up with literature distribution all headed the list of projects carried out despite the limitations created by the Pandemic this past rotation. A hearty congratulations to all those who went the extra mile to keep the name of Alcoholics Anonymous in front of the public. Hope you all have a Blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. Hope to see you soon! Greg C.

**DISTRICT 7 – Tim V (no report)**

**DISTRICT 6 – Mike U**

I'm Mike U and I'm an alcoholic DCM Dist 6. Our District meets every third Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at Spring Lake Lutheran church, North Branch. Not much going on in Dist. At our last meeting we were still looking for all positions including DCM to be filled. We did get a treasurer and secretary. I attended the fall assembly where I got to see how elections took place. It is an experience I share with everyone. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Mike U.

**GRAPEVINE – Pat M**

Hello Area 35, I am your Area 35 outgoing Grapevine Chair. I just want to say it's been a pleasure that you allowed me to serve as your Grapevine chair. I really enjoyed visiting districts, some groups and sharing on Grapevine. It was a harder rotation with the pandemic. I think overall I will never forget the experiences that I have had. I would really like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Once more, thank you for allowing me to be your Grapevine chair, Pat M.

**DISTRICT 5 – Terry P (no report)**

**DISTRICT 21 – Brent T**

Hello, my name is Brent, I am an alcoholic.

Greetings from District 21. We conduct our district meetings the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Bemidji Alano, Gratitude Hall. At present we have all our district officer positions filled, but only 2 action committee positions filled: archives, and literature. We do not have a corrections chair, but we do have some members that continue to bring AA meetings into the jails.

Financially our district is healthy with our prudent reserve, and we do utilize an overview process involving the treasurer and one other member.

The district has been without an active DCM for quite some time, and we are now working on getting things back to normal. Prior to the pandemic we had over 50 active meetings in our district, at last count we are at 32.

Some of the meetings have kept going on the zoom format, most are face-to-face. My home group had to relocate in order to continue.

Going forward I need to visit as many meetings as possible and hopefully get our action committee positions filled and encourage all the groups to have a GSR and have that individual attend the district meetings, workshops, and area assemblies. Thank You.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**State Fair** – Gayle: I received email from Carla/Area 36 Chair (letter below.) Justin to send check to Area 36.

*Public Information Booth at MN State Fair 2021*

*Background information: this was an email correspondence sent to Area 35 Officers in early December 2021 regarding the Joint Area 35/36 Public Information Booth at the MN State Fair 2021 by the Area 36 Chairperson.*



(cont'd State Fair)

*Dear Area 35 Chair, PI Chair, Delegate, Alt Delegate, Treasurer and Secretary with cc to Area 36 Officers and PI Chair:*

*I'm writing about the PI Booth at the MN State Fair in 2021. Having served as a past PI Chair in Area 36, I know that historically Area 35 and Area 36 have partnered in staffing the PI Booth for the entire 10 day run of the MN State Fair. Setting aside Correction work that is done statewide and sharing in the MN Meeting Locator, I think the PI Booth at the Fair is the only other joint 12 Step work we collaborate in. This is simply an observation.*

*Below you will find the final costs associated with the Public Information Booth at the MN State Fair 2021. The final costs are \$1,941. I respect whatever Area 35 has decided in 2021 regarding contributing to Area 36 towards these costs.*

*There were a lot of miracles that happened at this year's PI Booth. For example, due to many agencies pulling out, we found that our traditional booth size of 10 x 10 was increased tremendously! We ordered only two tables as usual, and clearly needed more. We would have had to pay a substantial late change fee to add more. However, HP in the guise of a State Fair worker, had an extra table, and "loaned" it to us. Once skirted, it blended in just like the commercial ones we rented.*

*All the shifts got filled due to numerous texts, emails and phone calls and phone calls, primarily made by Patrick (PI Chair A36). Thank you, Patrick! Another memorable miracle is that to my knowledge, none of the volunteers representing AA at the Booth in those ten days came down with COVID as a result of doing Twelve Step work at the Booth! Yeah God!*

*Setting aside Tales of the Miracles, I do need to share with all of you that there were some misstatements, implying that I made as Area 36 Chair to Area 35 Chair, and as reported by the Area 35 Chair, at the Area 35 Assembly on Oct 2-3, 2021, as found in the recent Northern Light Vol XXXX Issue 6 Nov/Dec 2021 page 4. Contrary to what is written, I consistently encouraged Gayle and I, along with Greg and Patrick to have an online meeting to discuss not just the strengths, but acknowledge the challenges of this year's staffing of the PI booth.*

*I admit my hope was that an initial discussion amongst the four of us would have possibly led to "us", both Areas, deciding to have a Joint Online meeting about the State Fair PI Booth. I know this has not happened during this rotation. It is something that I will be following up with the next rotation of Area 35 in conjunction with conversations with Area 36 officers, ACM, and Assembly.*

*I think the time has come to objectively step back and review this joint Twelve Step work. This is not about the ever-increasing costs. At this time, I do not have a list of the past 6 or 10 year State Fair PI Booth costs. That could be drawn up if needed. I have observed that more and more Area 36 volunteers are voting with their feet to not give up a couple of hours for the privilege of this 12 Step work. The appeal went out in March for volunteers, and in past years, day captains and district members stepped up quickly and filled those days. The amount of 9th hour recruitment spoke to me and leads me to paraphrase from the Service Manual, "is this service really needed?..." Granted the Pandemic is an issue and some members are not able to volunteer for health reasons. I certainly respect that. I can only share my observations of Area 36's actions. I do not know what the experience(s) of past or outgoing Area 35 PI chairs is for recruiting volunteers.*

*In closing, I'd like to suggest perhaps this topic lends itself for some of you to bring forward to the incoming officers to have a conversation on.*

*May you have a fruitful ACM (12/5/21)! Good Luck to each of you, as your rotate on to whatever new opportunities await you.*

*I look forward to seeing many of you at the Area 35 Jan Service Workshop, and then in March--here in the Twin Cities, for the WCRAASC.*

*Carla N, Chairperson, Area 36  
Southern MN Area Assembly*

**Inclement Weather Policy** – Gayle: This is normally printed in NL but was missing in latest issue. Initial reports – storm not expected in southern part of Area. Sent email to all of Area including DCM's, officers, chairs and past delegates. Received numerous emails with weather predictions. Decided to make meeting hybrid, Aitkin Alano Club installed wifi for this purpose. This can come up at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. I should have canceled and rescheduled, based on our policy.

Discussion: If we're going to do Zoom, we should add that to the policy. This worked well, travel would have been difficult as predicted. Be clear on hybrid option in policy. Prefer in person but Zoom works well. This can come up at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. Who are we serving? Seems decisions are being made without discussion. Zoom options were voted on prior to this meeting. Cost is \$16.99 per month for our one Zoom account.

**Motion made by Cindy – Add to existing verbiage on page 64, #5 “or use Zoom for hybrid meeting.” Seconded and approved with majority. Motion passed to add Zoom option to inclement weather policy, as state in quotes.**

Minority opinion: Do we have to have a hybrid if terrible weather, or can Zoom only be an option? Are we limiting ourselves by specifying Zoom app as our only virtual option?

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**FOC Report** – Christine G: Reports have been reviewed and reconciled Area 35 financials period 5 and 6. All money is accounted for. Justin is doing a fantastic job with the books.

**Past Delegate Service Discussion** – Gayle: we are all human beings, this is past. We try not to attack people. Please talk about what was done, not about who did it.

Discussion: I've never seen a past delegate sit for chair. I think it should've been talked about before it was done. This was brought up in discussion at Aug ACM, minutes state “This is just a conversation – no vote now, discuss in groups.” This was never discussed in our groups.

I brought up the conversation at August ACM about past delegates serving on other positions. I was not a voting member so I couldn't suggest a motion. I felt that it wasn't meant to be underhanded, the very next day at our district meeting there were 19 people and 18 of those people were at the fall assembly. They all had a positive experience and were ok with what happened at the assembly.

I've learned from my sponsor and key mentors over the last 36 years that I need to use the time-tested principles to evaluate any troubling situation, rather than my own self-directed will and desires.

To answer: “Shouldn't there have been discussion with the body and a vote before a past delegate would be allowed to stand for a position after they rotate out?” While there can be conjecture of what is or isn't in the Actions Booklet and its final authority, surely our history, our experience, alternatives available, objections during the process, and likely numerous other critical factors, the answer surely is “Yes”.

Third Legacy Procedure, Actions Book. AA is full of trials and tribulations, it's nothing new. The body decides this. We have to fix this and move forward. If this was known, why didn't we have a conversation earlier? This is a discussion that the area needs to have. This is an opportunity opportunity for growth. As a GSR, I was not at all confused. As a GSR, I was very confused. With Third Legacy Procedure, it was decided. Do we believe in the Third Legacy Procedure or do we not?

I nominated Christine – there was no ill intent, I apologize if that was the message. I think we've spoken and if we're wrong, we have the right to be wrong. I would hope that we could still move forward.

We put this in front of the voting body – GSR's DCM's, Area Committee members, and they spoke. I have not had one GSR, DCM, ACM, Area Officer question this election result. Let's work as a unified group: here are my concerns, here are my objections and then move forward. This is a conversation that should happen in front of the assembly this spring.

Sally – I would like to make a **motion that we move on and accept what happened at the Fall Assembly and discuss with the groups what we want to do in the future about past delegates serving the Area. Seconded by Thomas. Friendly amendment: add as officers or area chairs to end.**

Jim S – this body is not the body that voted at the assembly. This is a motion that should be brought up at the assembly, so the entire body can vote.

**Motion made to table this discussion until the assembly. Motion unanimously approved to table until Spring Assembly.**

#### **Introduction of Next Committee Chairs –**

Archivist – Marc N, CPC – Greg C, Group Records – Denise R, Archives – Renell P, Audio Sound/Recorder – Christina H, Corrections – Arden A, Grapevine – Mike U, Literature – Pat M, Northern Light – Heidi B, PI – Nels P, Treatment – Ricco R, Webmaster – Kyle H, FOC – Jim S

**Motion to accept Christine's Area action chair assignments. Passed unanimously.**

**\*\*Contributions beginning 1/1/2022 should be sent to incoming Treasurer: MNAA, 3595 County Rd 13, Barnum, MN. 55707**

**Draw Committee Assignments** – CPC (Districts 18, 5) PI (2, 4), Grapevine (1, 13), Treatment (6, 7), Literature (12, 5), Corrections (9, 8) Archives (11, 14), Group Records/NL/Webmaster (3, 16)

**2022 Budgets** – due at January Service Workshop. Christine will send templates to committee chairs.

**Archivist Storage** - Marc N: Found a reasonably priced \$5000 p/year in Bemidji and \$7-8000 in Brainerd. Climate controlled storage is hot commodity. Had storage picked out last week but is no longer available. May I have the authority to proceed with what I have found? Discussion: Rather large expenditure – should bring to groups?

**Group Records Computer** – Sally: Computer keyboard is not working, \$150 to replace. Computer is 7 years old. Currently using purchased external keyboard. Thomas: I currently have webmaster computer and can pass that on to the next person for Group Records. Webmaster is using own computer. Old computer will be given to next webmaster to repurpose.

Motion to adjourn 2:52pm. Closed with the responsibility statement.

## **ATTN GSR'S, DCM'S & DISTRICT CHAIRS:**

**We are here for you! Area Officers & Action Committee Chairs are available for presentations and workshops.**

**What would you like to hear about?**

**Contact us and let us know!**

**Contact Christine at areachair@area35.org.**

### **Archives - Spring Assembly Business**

Archives move to Brainerd UpFront Alano Club at \$350 p/month **OR** Office space at up to \$1000 p/month

For the move – rent truck up to \$1000 **OR** Someone volunteer use of truck or trailer (Partial cost paid)

**Send comments to Archivist@Area35.org**

	End of P6 November 30,2020	End of P7 December 31,2020	End of P1 Feb 15,2021	End of P2 Apr 9,2021
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
1000 · Area 35 Checking Ac- count	11,055.62	11,257.97	13,067.88	16,471.22
1100 · Savings - Prudent Re- serve	6,049.38	6,049.43	6,049.48	6,049.57
Total Checking/Savings	17,105.00	17,307.40	19,117.36	22,520.79
Total Current Assets	140.00	1,418.12	941.10	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	17,245.00	18,725.52	20,058.46	22,520.79
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	17,245.00	18,725.52	20,058.46	22,520.79
Equity				
3000 · Opening Bal Equity				
Net Income	26,757.19	26,757.19	18,725.52	18,725.52
Total Equity	(9,512.19)	(8,031.67)	1,332.94	3,795.27
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	17,245.00	18,725.52	20,058.46	22,520.79
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	End of P3 May 31,2021	End of P4 July 31, 2021	End of P5 September 30,2021	End of P6 November 30,2021
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
1000 · Area 35 Checking Ac- count	16,943.93	18,504.89	22,125.50	23,653.68
1100 · Savings - Prudent Re- serve	6,049.67	6,049.78	6,049.88	6,049.97
Total Checking/Savings	22,993.60	24,554.67	28,175.38	29,703.65
Other Current Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	835.00
Total Current Assets	22,993.60	24,554.67	28,175.38	30,538.65
TOTAL ASSETS	22,993.60	24,554.67	28,175.38	30,538.65
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Equity				
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	18,725.52	18,725.52	18,725.52	18,725.52
Net Income	4,268.08	5,829.15	9,449.86	11,813.13
Total Equity	22,993.60	24,554.67	28,175.38	30,538.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	22,993.60	24,554.67	28,175.38	30,538.65

\*\*\*NEW GSO CONTRIBUTION ADDRESS\*\*\*

For decades, all correspondence to G.S.O., including our contributions, have been sent to Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163. Over the years, Box 459 became such an integral part of A.A. that we named the G.S.O. newsletter after it.

Now, your office and board are excited to announce that we are embracing a new method of processing our Seventh Tradition contributions that will reduce costs, ultimately allowing for more investment in services to members and groups. To this end, we are excited to announce that a separate post office box has been established for Seventh Tradition contributions only. This change will enable us to process contributions much more efficiently and at a significant savings to the Fellowship.

Effective immediately, please send contribution checks to:

Post Office Box 2407  
James A Farley Station  
New York, NY 10116-2407

Over the next few months, we will be updating and reprinting our contribution envelopes and literature to reflect this change. To help this change be embraced as fully and quickly as possible, we ask for your assistance in sharing this information with fellow A.A. members and groups.



	Oct - Nov 21	Jan - Nov 21	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
146992 · 102471 Early Monday Group	0.00	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	0.00	75.00		
Total 4000-02 · District 02 Contributions	0.00	230.00		
4000-03 · District 03 Contributions				
107702 · 104860-The Formers Group	50.00	175.00		
107855 · 26128-Thur Night Group Moorhead	200.00	200.00		
107968 · 16943-Underwood Mon Night Group	25.00	25.00		
119323 · 103393-Erhard Group	0.00	200.00		
120337 · 83617-Sunday Eye Openers Group	0.00	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	275.00	1,100.00		
4000-04 · District 04 Contributions				
107752 · 13822-Glenwood Tuesday Night	0.00	105.00		
137624 · 5284-Kensington Wednesday Night	0.00	65.00		
171076 · 92690-Thurs As Bill Sees It	0.00	25.00		
289926 · Lakes Area Primary Purpose	0.00	100.00		
327387 · Tuesday Lamplight	0.00	25.00		
637112 · 26999-Wed 7pm Non Smokers	150.00	425.00		
647047 · 84237-Sun Night 630 12 & 12	0.00	195.00		
661987 · 37888-Noon Step & Tradition Grp	0.00	100.00		
663064 · 104638-Elbow Lake AA	0.00	75.00		
663819 · 104638-Womens 12 X 12 Group	0.00	55.00		
672301 · 99006-Friday 1 P.M. A.A. Group	0.00	25.00		
672997 · 103511-Evansville AA	0.00	100.00		
690185 · 62983-Sat 10am BB Study Grp	0.00	150.00		
707804 · 13874-Living The Solution Group	0.00	100.00		
717046 · 90330-12 & 12 Step Trad Study	50.00	125.00		
Total 4000-04 · District 04 Contributions	200.00	1,670.00		
4000-05 · District 05 Contributions				
117918 · 95029-Becker Group	0.00	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	600.00		
709933 · 35289-Twelve And Twelve On Main	0.00	100.00		
724470 · 6019-There Is A Solution Group	0.00	200.00		
Total 4000-05 · District 05 Contributions	0.00	1,335.00		

***“Our personal ambitions will have to be set aside every time they conflict with the safety or the effectiveness of our Fellowship ... We must sometimes love our Society more than ourselves.”***

**AA Co-Founder, Bill W., November 1960, “Freedom Under God: The Choice Is Ours,”, *The Language of the Heart***

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	0.00	50.00
122300 · 14065-Tues Night AA Isanti	0.00	62.00
124462 · 77760-Squad 3 Isanti Thurs	0.00	188.44
132584 · 58560-Rock Creek Wed AA	60.00	120.00
137319 · 83177-Sun. Night Squad 4 Isanti	0.00	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	0.00	120.00
684775 · 91822-A Woman's Way Group	0.00	100.00
684788 · 26582-Wed Nite AA 6 PM	0.00	25.00
699264 · 14361-Long Lake AA	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total 4000-06 · District 06 Contributions	60.00	1,088.20
4000-07 · District 07 Contributions		
107698 · 100518-Crosby Ironton Group	0.00	100.00
107749 · 106946-Mon Garrison Group	100.00	200.00
123531 · 71823-Sleepy Hollow Group	100.00	150.00
129660 · 16875-Malmo Rhymer Reason AA	0.00	216.77
130396 · 27321-McGregor Wed & Sat Night	80.00	80.00
132510 · 48607-Pequot Lakes AA Group	0.00	100.00
179367 · 12589-New Hope Group	0.00	13.35
609161 · 39348-Wednesday Woman's Work	83.86	259.14
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	100.00	200.00
699168 · 23087 Mille Lacs Prim Purpose	115.66	338.63
705579 · 112000 Isle Big Book	50.00	200.00
710094 · 73044 Sober Sailors Group	0.00	25.00
712369 · 15165 Daily Tune-Up	0.00	100.00
716950 · 14932 Lots of Love	60.00	60.00
719598 · 76819 Spiritual Awakenings	0.00	50.00
727272 · 223629 Design For Living Group	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total 4000-07 · District 07 Contributions	689.52	2,467.89
4000-08 · District 08 Contributions		
107486 · 96157 Biwabik Sun Night Group	50.00	275.00
107523 · 27578 Mount Iron 12 x 12	0.00	50.00
107537 · 19851 Virginia Wed AM	0.00	50.00
107553 · 94034-Aurora Big Book	100.00	325.00
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
126501 · 92589 Alango Friday Night AA	98.00	98.00
128079 · 100191 Cotton Big Book	0.00	50.00
142087 · 84297-Cook Sun. Night Big Book	46.00	282.00
171078 · 25414 Ely Monday Womens	42.90	118.80
674017 · Happy, Joyous & Free Grp Ely	100.00	150.00
697556 · 94205 Babbitt Thursday Night	0.00	40.00
699684 · Wed. Back To Basics AA	0.00	100.00
709534 · 6306 Ladies by the Lake	0.00	125.00
716110 · 6836 Lake Vermillion 12x12	<u>120.00</u>	<u>180.00</u>
Total 4000-08 · District 08 Contributions	556.90	2,523.80

4000-09 · District 09 Contributions		
107763 · 110173 Thurs Morn Downtown	0.00	110.00
107764 · 110172-Hibbing Downtown Group	30.00	120.00
107765 · 13824 Tues 8PM Hibbing Alano	0.00	50.00
107861 · Nashwauk Fri. Nite Group	30.00	229.00
121039 · 42543 Zim Group	50.00	200.00
128162 · 83295 Sunday 12x12 Step Group	50.00	130.00
138250 · 110174 Hibbing Sat Morning	25.00	75.00
138435 · 94618 Sun. Balkan Group	0.00	60.00
634677 · Happy Hour 6 pm Hibbing	0.00	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	160.00
Total 4000-09 · District 09 Contributions	205.00	1,424.00
4000-11 · District 11 Contributions		
107885 · 49354 Pine City AA Group	0.00	150.00
122533 · 41787 Thurs Ogilvie AA	150.00	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	0.00	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	150.00	748.50
4000-12 · District 12 Contributions		
107512 · 27049 Wed Afternoon Group	60.00	60.00
107573 · 100551 Crossroads AA	0.00	14.55
120338 · 83744 9am Sun Basic Text	0.00	200.00
123391 · 9916 A Vision for You Group	0.00	250.00
127270 · 94477 Back to Basics	100.00	300.00
129540 · 78869 St. Scholastica AA	0.00	50.00
132613 · 67747 Serenity Club Inc.	90.00	495.00
133564 · 9922 Lester Park Thursday BB	0.00	200.00
167706 · Proctor AA Group	0.00	40.00
172668 · 78663 Tuesday Night AA Group	90.00	145.00
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
695770 · 105853 Fri Morn BB Grand Marais	0.00	75.00
698824 · 6053 There Is A Solution Women	0.00	28.00
711810 · 94714 Barnum AA Group	0.00	109.00
Total 4000-12 · District 12 Contributions	340.00	2,304.95
4000-13 · District 13 Contributions		
107498 · 26978 Wed Happy Hour group	50.00	325.00
107580 · 102570 Early Evening Group	50.00	319.20
107601 · 6564 Thurs Candlelight Group	0.00	350.00
107914 · 8507 Primary Purpose Grp	0.00	300.00
118117 · 60484-Sauk Rapids AA Group	100.00	100.00
120216 · 27549 A New Found Freedom	0.00	50.00
120679 · 30646 West End 12 Step Group	0.00	450.00
123219 · 105732 Fri Living Sober Grp	0.00	150.00
124949 · 24194 Monday Morn BB	0.00	25.00
126445 · 13260 Tues Morning AA	0.00	100.00
139018 · 42404 Older Adult Group	40.00	120.00
146877 · 102573 Early Wed. Night	0.00	75.00
146993 · 6651 Thursday Morning BB	0.00	75.00
603252 · 6024 There is a Solution	125.00	550.00
670436 · 37950 Wmns Willingness to	50.00	100.00
697239 · 109894 Heard it Through the GV	0.00	75.00
718334 · 5123 Keep It Simple	50.00	175.00
721677 · 7385 Thursday Night BB Grp	75.00	200.00
Total 4000-13 · District 13 Contributions	540.00	3,539.20

4000-14 · District 14 Contributions				
631781 · 84047 Sunday Morning Open Group	200.00	200.00		
Total 4000-14 · District 14 Contributions	200.00	200.00		
4000-15 · District 15 Contributions				
107767 · 110646 Holdingford Group	0.00	200.00		
107797 · 19359 Melrose AA Group	100.00	300.00		
107881 · 47996 Paynesville Wed Night Grp	0.00	100.00		
107951 · 65281 Tues Night AA Sauk Centre	0.00	50.00		
118632 · 94078 Avon Tues. Night Group	75.00	150.00		
118837 · 21679 Watkins Thurs. Night AA	0.00	50.00		
137718 · 121119 St Joesph Smokers	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	175.00	1,353.00		
4000-16 · District 16 Contributions				
107766 · 110454 Hill City AA Group	80.00	160.00		
117890 · 25115 Mon Night BB Grand Rapids	0.00	123.00		
118696 · 14449 Fri Night Longville	60.00	125.00		
120344 · 103049 Effie Group	0.00	240.00		
125990 · 86282 Lawrence Lake AA	0.00	100.00		
259068 · Warba Discover AA	50.00	150.00		
616207 · 7371 Thurs. Night BB Study	0.00	130.00		
640458 · Monday Night Big Book Longville	160.00	160.00		
696926 · 99576 Cohasset North Group	250.00	400.00		
Total 4000-16 · District 16 Contributions	600.00	1,588.00		
4000-17 · District 17 Contributions				
123762 · 100545 Crosslake Tuesday Night	0.00	276.00		
294129 · Crosslake Thurs AA	0.00	25.00		
655611 · 105957 Friday Christi	100.00	100.00		
727162 · Wed Nisswa Soloppgang	0.00	66.65		
Total 4000-17 · District 17 Contributions	100.00	467.65		
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	50.00	150.00		
132913 · 47111 Parkers Prairie AA	50.00	150.00		
Total 4000-18 · District 18 Contributions	100.00	650.00		
4000-21 · District 21 Contributions				
107511 · 94573 Bagley AA	0.00	20.00		
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	30.00	90.00		
663310 · 77955 Squaw Lake Tues	0.00	175.00		
679835 · 105769 Big Book Study Be-midji	210.00	410.00		
Total 4000-21 · District 21 Contributions	240.00	1,170.00		
4000 · Group Contributions - Other	0.00	538.00	23,386.00	25,512.00
Total 4000 · Group Contributions	4,431.42	24,548.19	23,386.00	25,512.00
4100 · Birthday Contributions				
4100 · Birthday Contributions - Other	0.00	45.00		
Total 4100 · Birthday Contributions	0.00	45.00		

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.*



4610 · Fall Assembly Coffee	281.32	281.32		
4700 · Grapevine Sales	969.00	1,538.00		
4710 · AAWS Literature Sales	821.72	3,719.87		
4750 · NL Flyer Insert Income	0.00	225.00		
4800 · Interest on Deposits	<u>0.09</u>	<u>0.54</u>		
Total Income	<u>6,503.55</u>	<u>30,757.92</u>	<u>23,386.00</u>	<u>25,512.00</u>
Gross Profit	6,503.55	30,757.92	23,386.00	25,512.00
Expense				
5100 · Committee Meeting Rent	0.00	125.00	150.00	200.00
5120 · Grapevine Inventory	524.74	524.74		
5125 · AAWS Literature Inventory	160.32	4,795.59		
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	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>430.00</u>	<u>430.00</u>
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	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
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	1,900.00	1,900.00
5402 · Coffee	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total 5400 · Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
6550 · Finance Oversight Committee				
6550-01 · Meals	0.00	7.00	42.00	56.00
6550-02 · Travel	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>120.00</u>	<u>160.00</u>
Total 6550 · Finance Oversight Committee	<u>0.00</u>	<u>22.00</u>	<u>162.00</u>	<u>216.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>685.06</u>	<u>5,467.33</u>	<u>6,928.00</u>	<u>7,032.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	5,818.49	25,290.59	16,458.00	18,480.00
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
6100 · Delegate				
6100-01 · Meals	82.07	103.07	431.00	438.00
6100-02 · Travel	37.33	142.17	1,157.43	1,196.74
6100-03 · Lodging	152.79	152.79	1,500.00	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	272.19	2,543.66	6,163.43	6,209.74
6200 · Alternate Delegate				
6200-01 · Meals	55.00	70.50	721.00	728.00
6200-02 · Travel	151.00	193.01	1,265.00	1,305.00
6200-03 · Lodging	227.68	227.68	1,170.00	1,170.00
6200-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
6200-06 · Printing	6.50	6.50	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	440.18	497.69	3,386.00	3,433.00
6300 · Chairperson				
6300-01 · Meals	88.00	95.00	341.00	348.00
6300-02 · Travel	11.61	33.61	471.00	493.00
6300-03 · Lodging	152.79	152.79	720.00	720.00
6300-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
6300-06 · Printing	92.23	160.57	375.00	375.00
6300-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
6300-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.18</u>	<u>439.58</u>	<u>176.99</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 6300 · Chairperson	376.81	881.55	2,158.99	2,204.08

6400 · Secretary				
6400-01 · Meals	69.13	78.12	401.00	408.00
6400-02 · Travel	55.28	97.28	380.00	400.00
6400-03 · Lodging	177.79	177.79	855.00	855.00
6400-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	820.00	820.00
6400-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>
Total 6400 · Secretary	302.20	353.19	2,481.00	2,508.00
6500 · Treasurer				
6500-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	563.00	570.00
6500-02 · Travel	0.00	23.00	593.49	616.98
6500-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	900.00	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	0.00	102.07	2,086.49	2,676.93
7000 · Archives Chair				
7000-01 · Meals	0.00	-7.00	276.00	283.00
7000-02 · Travel	0.00	-8.00	305.00	320.00
7000-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	950.00	950.00
7000-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	30.00	40.00
7000-08 · Other	100.00	450.00	25.00	25.00
7000-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.26</u>	<u>161.30</u>		
Total 7000 · Archives Chair	132.26	596.30	1,586.00	1,618.00
7100 · Archivist				
7100-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	311.00	318.00
7100-02 · Travel	0.00	0.00	780.00	800.00
7100-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	1,120.00	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>580.00</u>	<u>630.00</u>
Total 7100 · Archivist	0.00	100.00	2,941.00	3,018.00
7200 · Corrections				
7200-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	361.00	368.00
7200-02 · Travel	0.00	25.00	325.00	340.00
7200-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
7200-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	60.00	60.00
7200-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.18</u>	<u>160.90</u>	<u>176.99</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 7200 · Corrections	32.18	185.90	1,672.99	1,711.08
7300 · CPC				
7300-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	136.00	143.00
7300-02 · Travel	0.00	60.00	435.00	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>176.99</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 7300 · CPC	0.00	60.00	1,027.99	1,106.08
7400 · Grapevine				
7400-01 · Meals	25.00	32.00	291.00	298.00
7400-02 · Travel	20.00	80.00	660.00	710.00
7400-03 · Lodging	305.58	305.58	1,500.00	1,500.00
7400-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	160.00	180.00
7400-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
7400-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.18</u>	<u>209.17</u>	<u>176.99</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 7400 · Grapevine	382.76	626.75	2,817.99	2,911.08
7500 · Group Records Secretary				
7500-01 · Meals	72.60	87.60	461.00	468.00
7500-02 · Travel	15.00	45.00	120.00	130.00
7500-03 · Lodging	101.86	101.86	760.00	760.00
7500-05 · Supplies	7.73	67.51	30.00	30.00
7500-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
7500-07 · Postage	68.38	125.08	18.75	22.50
7500-08 · Other	83.91	92.91	45.00	45.00
7500 · Group Records Secretary - Other	<u>77.07</u>	<u>77.07</u>		
Total 7500 · Group Records Secretary	426.55	597.03	1,484.75	1,505.50

7600 · Literature				
7600-01 · Meals	45.55	52.55	321.00	328.00
7600-02 · Travel	75.84	233.13	206.00	218.00
7600-03 · Lodging	333.17	333.17	860.00	860.00
7600-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	15.00	15.00
7600-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>176.99</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 7600 · Literature	454.56	618.85	1,578.99	1,614.08
7700 · Northern Light				
7700-01 · Meals	47.09	47.09	541.00	548.00
7700-02 · Travel	68.00	106.24	344.63	358.77
7700-03 · Lodging	305.58	305.58	900.00	900.00
7700-06 · Printing	409.00	2,610.00	1,875.00	2,250.00
7700-07 · Postage	423.64	2,233.66	1,500.00	1,800.00
7700-08 · Other	<u>64.00</u>	<u>64.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Total 7700 · Northern Light	1,317.31	5,366.57	5,190.63	5,886.77
7800 · Public Information				
7800-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	301.00	308.00
7800-02 · Travel	0.00	41.38	737.00	773.00
7800-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	700.00	700.00
7800-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
7800-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
7800-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>176.99</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 7800 · Public Information	0.00	41.38	2,244.99	2,304.08
7900 · Treatment				
7900-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	291.00	298.00
7900-02 · Travel	0.00	0.00	660.00	710.00
7900-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
7900-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	80.00	100.00
7900-08 · Other	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
7900-09 · Phone/Web Subscriptions	<u>32.12</u>	<u>160.60</u>	<u>176.99</u>	<u>193.08</u>
Total 7900 · Treatment	32.12	160.60	2,737.99	2,831.08
7950 · Webmaster				
7950-01 · Meals	0.00	0.00	371.00	378.00
7950-02 · Travel	0.00	0.00	271.00	284.00
7950-03 · Lodging	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
7950-06 · Printing	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
7950-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>230.00</u>	<u>230.00</u>
Total 7950 · Webmaster	0.00	0.00	2,097.00	2,117.00
8000 · Web Technology				
8000-02 · Travel	0.00	12.00		
8000-08 · Software Products	<u>120.20</u>	<u>287.92</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 8000 · Web Technology	120.20	299.92	0.00	0.00
8050 · Audio Technician				
8050-01 · Meals	65.52	65.52	111.00	118.00
8050-02 · Travel	10.80	74.90	235.00	265.00
8050-03 · Lodging	305.58	305.58	1,350.00	1,350.00
8050-05 · Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
8050-08 · Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>
Total 8050 · Audio Technician	<u>381.90</u>	<u>446.00</u>	<u>1,711.00</u>	<u>1,948.00</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>4,671.22</u>	<u>13,477.46</u>	<u>43,367.23</u>	<u>45,602.50</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-4,671.22</u>	<u>-13,477.46</u>	<u>-43,367.23</u>	<u>-45,602.50</u>
Net Income	<u>1,147.27</u>	<u>11,813.13</u>	<u>-26,909.23</u>	<u>-27,122.50</u>

## Spirituality Workshop

### “Getting Through the Spiritual Window”

What - Round Table discussion on steps 3, 7, and 11  
Ask it Basket at end

Where - 1st Congregation Church in Staples

When - March 26 from 2 - 5pm

Who - Hosted by District 18

Contact BR 218-296-1512 or Tad 218-640-5577 for any questions

## Stearns County Round-Up

### The Landing Supper Club

### St. Anna, MN

### SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022

### Social 5:30pm \$15 Advance

### Dinner 6:30pm \$16 At Door

### 8:00pm

### Open Meeting

### Guest Speakers:

### Al-Anon: Kathy B – Eagle Bend

### AA: Donna B – East Bethel

### Ice cream will be served between speakers

### For additional info: 320-429-1767 or 515-451-1382

AREA OFFICERS & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

AREA DELEGATE – Steve L

Howdy Ladies and Gentlemen, I attended the Area workshop in Detroit Lakes, and it is one of the few workshops that a written report could never do it justice. It was something that had to be experienced. All seven Districts that gave presentations were well prepared and the mics were always full with people asking questions or sharing experience. Mike L., our WCR Trustee gave inspiring and informative talks and shared his story with us. There was no dead space between presentations and Justin kept everything moving smoothly and on time. The only hiccup being the ability to eat in a timely fashion. Because of covid, the hotel and nearby eateries were understaffed, making service slow. All I can say is - **kudos Area 35 you put on a fantastic workshop!**

Since the first of the year, I was assigned to the Literature Committee at the General Service Conference (GSC). I’ve started to receive lots of info from the GSO about how the conference is held, past actions the Literature committee has had approved at the GSC, a preliminary list of agenda items for the 72<sup>nd</sup> conference and literature committee specifics. I’m expecting a lot more correspondence including this year’s agenda items which come out the week of February 15<sup>th</sup> and will be posted on our website. I will email all DCMs the password which they can pass on to the GSRs so they can download and review the agenda items before the Area assembly. DCMs, please let me know if you want me to attend your District meeting or special agenda meeting in person or by zoom to go over the agenda items with your district before the spring assembly.

The West Central Regional AA Service Conference (WCRAASC) will be in St. Louis Park this year March 4,5 and 6, 2022. It won’t get any closer for five more years when it’s in Area 35 again. So, I encourage all GSRs, DCMs and our Area Committee to attend. Look at the flier for details. The hotel is filling up. The WCRAASC committee has increased number of twin beds in the block of rooms. If you were told and paid more than the \$99 per night room rate, call the hotel and ask for the front desk, they are supposed to correct your room rate, they did mine. If you have trouble let me know. On the bright side, a hybrid option is being considered as I write this. Check the regional website [www.wcraasc2022.eventbrite.com](http://www.wcraasc2022.eventbrite.com) often for changes. I will pass on the updated information to the DCMs to pass on as I receive it. If you don’t know what the WCRAASC is, it’s a gathering of AA members from the seven states-eight Aeras in our Region who discuss the agenda items that will be discussed at the GSC. There are also workshop breakout sessions and presentations. The WCRAASC is asking for volunteers in two-hour blocks for coffee, registration, and greeters. If you are planning to attend and are interested, go online to this address [bit.ly/WCRAASC](http://bit.ly/WCRAASC).

There is a change to the address for sending contributions to the GSO. Throw away all your birthday and contributions envelopes. **The new address is P. O. Box 2407, James A Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407.** I have asked Heidi to have a permanent posting of the new GSO contribution address in the Northern Light for the next year (thank you Heidi). The reason for the change is GSO has outsourced the opening and possessing of checks to a third-party bank (Lockbox). It will give a cost saving of about \$80,000 per year and redistribute man hours from processing contributions to other vital duties at the GSO. This is not a new system it’s been around for a while and is safe, secure and they stated they will be able to differentiate between self-supporting contributions and outside moneys.

Here are highlights from the January Reginal Delegates meeting.

- Finances first, Grapevine is projecting a \$61,000 surplus this year. The budgeting had planned for a \$340,000 loss.
- The Reserve Funds is now sitting at 8.5 months of reserve. At the end of 2019 it was at 7.9 months. The target is 9-12 months of operating expenses.
- Mike moved on to the LaVina Strategic Planning session. There is a sense that perhaps applying the regular Grapevine approach is not a viable one for LaVina. When comparing the distribution process for Plenitude, in Mexico, it was noticed that they don’t rely on a subscription approach. Plenitude utilizes their magazine reps to sell the magazine directly at various locations. It is thought that this may be the model that would need to be adapted for distribution of LaVina.
- EDW (Equitable Distribution of Workload). The Literature Committee has such a large workload that some of their items will need to be distributed to committees with a lighter agenda. For example, Corrections has a lighter agenda than usual,
- We discuss SMF209 (The Safety & AA document that was distributed in September). It’s a service piece that has been in the works for little over a year. The feedback that Mike has received is that it has crossed the line from sharing information to establishing policy.
- Dennis also shared that his term as Regional Admin will end at this year’s General Service Conference when a new Regional Admin will be elected by the regional delegates. Dennis explained that he only served a two-year term to get the position going. The full term is a four-year term, which is offset from the Trustees term to help provide continuity to the region. Dennis also noted that the current delegates will need to poll the past delegates in their areas to see if any have an interest in standing for the Regional Admin. position.

I have sent a copy of the SMF 209 to the DCMs. If you wish to read it online, you can go to [aa.org](http://aa.org), search for SMF 209 and download the

document. We might need to have a discussion on this at the Feb. ACM or the spring assembly. If any past delegate would be interested in the Regional Admin position let me know, so I can put your name forward for nomination.

If you have any questions reach out and I’ll try and find you an answer. In service, Steven L

PS: the SMF-209 safety service bulletin has been taken down as of 1/21/2022. A rewrite is in progress, and it needs to be approved both by the lawyers and AAWS board before reposting.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – Justin W

Greetings Area 35. And thank you so much for another opportunity to serve as your Alternate Delegate for this rotation. It is an honor and a privilege and a real gift to be asked and trusted to do something for Alcoholics Anonymous. My sentiments are in line with Doctor Bob... “I do it for four reasons: 1) Sense of Duty. 2) It is a pleasure. 3) Because in so doing I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me. 4) Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip.”

Starting at the beginning of the year here I spent some time reading the final report from last year’s conference, the December highlights, as well as the new safety piece [Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare](#). If anybody out there hasn’t looked at this last document, I would highly encourage it. I’d suggest it is really good hands-on training for the application of our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> traditions. Its contents are in direct opposition to both principles.

But most of my time was spent getting a handle on my new responsibilities as chair for our Area 35 Annual Service Workshop. All of the arrangements with the hotel were made previous to my election by Steve, but there were a considerable amount of logistics left. I did reach out to district 3 to confirm that we were going to have volunteers for coffee and registration. Thanks so much to Gene for accepting the responsibility and for coordinating the volunteers. As well, thank you to Districts 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11 and 13 for showing up and presenting like they said they would. Someone asked them to do something in AA...and then they said yes...and then they showed up and did it! It’s a miracle that we’re all like that now...dependable...behaving like adults! The presentations were on topic and certainly did spur some very good conversation and participation from everyone in attendance. I believe we ended up with 67 registered attendees. While the hotel didn’t appear to be ready to host us, I believe we did pull it off and so far the evaluations I have seen have indicated that most folks thought it was successful. Thanks so much for turning in the evaluation forms and I will have a more formal report on these at the ACM in February. As well, thanks to Mike L (our current West Central Regional Trustee) for his hard work and participation. I believe he was behind that microphone for about 5 hours total and I’m grateful for his service to the fellowship, as I’m sure we all are.

I will also be attending the monthly Delegate’s meeting via zoom as an observer and I’m just waiting on the email with the meeting information.

I’ll be asking for a subcommittee to help me in the development of a workshop presentation that can be presented this rotation for anybody that wants it. Specifically, the presentation will focus on what the service structure is and why it is necessary for the survival of our fellowship as well as how it relates to the members in our groups.

Yours In Service – Justin W

AREA CHAIR – Christine G

Greetings Area 35, since the rotation began, I have visited the Grand Ely Lodge to visit with Lindsay and to determine what our layout will be for the Spring Assembly. I will report more about the facility layout and some decisions that we need to make at the February Area Committee Meeting.

I have completed my budget and the events budget and have forwarded all the budgets to Cindy for a second set of eyes. We will be discussing and asking for approval from the groups at the Spring Assembly in April. These will be printed in the NL that will be available at the February ACM.

I have completed the February Area Committee Meeting agenda and emailed it out to all of the area contacts that I have. If you would like to add to the agenda, for the upcoming meeting or for the Spring Assembly, please email and let me know what you would like to add.

I have contacted all the districts and I am still waiting for information on some incoming DCMs. District 1, 2 and 14 are not represented so if anyone in those districts would like to be a contact so we can get you communications from GSO and the area, please email me at [areachair@area35.org](mailto:areachair@area35.org). I have sent a list of events to our Webmaster to ensure he has the information to post on our area calendar.

I have been in communication with some of the action committee chairs answering questions and helping where I can. If you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to email or give me a call. I have been answering emails within 24 hours. If you are not receiving a response from me, please give me a call or send me a text. I have been watching my junk mail and have retrieved a few emails from there.



(cont'd Area Chair)

I attended the January Workshop, Jan 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>, and had an opportunity to meet with Area 36 Chair, Carla. We will be sharing action committee chair information so the counter parts have a contact and can start communicating and learning from each other. We discussed the state fair booth, and the PI Chairs will be in communication to see how the experience can be improved this year. We discussed a possible A35/A36 Joint Workshop for 2023 so we will have more conversation about this as an area.

I enjoyed the Service Workshop. I enjoyed all the presentations and the enthusiasm that was present. We can have fun doing service work and showing enthusiasm is a great way to get others involved. I enjoyed having our WCR Trustee present and appreciated all the speaking he did.

I look forward to seeing you all February 27<sup>th</sup> in Aitkin. Will you all say a prayer that we don't have inclement weather?  
In Unity and Service, Christine G.

**SECRETARY – Sally L**

Greetings Area 35, Here it is, the start of a new rotation. I attended the Area 35 Service Workshop on January 15 and 16, 2022, in Detroit Lakes. I had fun traveling with Heidi B., Northern Light editor, and Nels P., PI chair. One of the things I learned was that rotation is important because that, in the middle of the second year, we finally figure things out, then we rotate before we can do any damage! I also learned that the difference between a bleeding deacon and an elder statesman is that an elder statesman has bled out. (Smile emoji here)

District 6 showed us that it is possible to have fun in sobriety and in service to AA. They put on a great presentation. District 4 talked about how groups handled changes during Covid. Some groups temporarily stopped having meetings, some kept on meeting, some went to Zoom, and some went to hybrid meetings.

District 13 discussed how the GSR's role has changed, and also how it has not changed. They also reminded us that we need to sponsor people into service. District 11 demonstrated that AA is changing in some ways, like in the use of Zoom. Some people like Zoom, some do not. Other changes are that the Preamble wording was changed, and also some wording in the 12x12. Some people like those changes, some do not. One thing that hasn't changed is the Program found in the Big Book, which is a good thing. The Traditions and Concepts haven't changed, either.

District 7's topic was "Change vs Rigidity in AA." They read from the book, "Our Great Responsibility," and they discussed integration, over-integration, and disintegration. They also discussed how sometimes rigidity can come from fear.

District 5 showed that a group's spirituality comes from adhering to the Twelve Traditions and remembering that each person and group must remember that we are a small part of a great whole, and that anonymity is of immense spiritual significance.

Last but not least of the presentations was the one Danny W. did for District 2 about the rewards of service for your home group. Your group provides a meeting place and literature to carry the message. Contact is maintained with the rest of AA, and the group benefits from contact with other groups and from the wisdom of those who serve. The group becomes stronger so the message can be shared with still-suffering alcoholics.

Mike L., our West Central Regional Trustee, told us about the things he does for AA as Trustee. He is on many committees, one of which is the Literature committee. That committee is working on a translation of the Big Book into Plain Language. They will be getting sample translations from several vendors and will make a selection based on those. This will take a couple of years. The literature committee is also working on a Big Book workbook. Mike is also on the self-support committee and explained how the new contribution system works and saves GSO time and money on processing contributions.

I look forward to serving as your secretary for this rotation. I will be attending the WCRAASC in St. Louis Park. See you soon!  
In service, Sally L

**CPC – Greg C**

After taking the position of AREA 35 CPC Chair, I first gathered all my material from last rotation as PI Chair to pass on to the new PI Chair. I then began to outline some of the groups I intend to target over the next two years. I contacted Probation and Sheriff's departments in my home county of Douglas to begin the process of determining what they feel they want/need...if there are area-wide groups that are better suited for me to work with... and set up actual presentation dates to address their staffs. Information and presentation outlines will be put together for Districts to look over for use in their areas if they desire. Next step is contacting local Emergency room directors and College Nursing Class directors. The same procedure will apply with results being available for District review. The January Workshop was a hit with great District presentations, productive break-out groups, informative and inspirational talks by our WCR Trustee Mike L. and as always, fabulous fellowship. I always come away refreshed and energized to hit the service highway! See you all soon! Greg

**GRAPEVINE – Mike U**

Greetings, everyone. I'm Mike and I'm an alcoholic. I'm your new Grapevine Chair I was voted in at our last ACM in Aitkin. Since then, I have been going through all books that are on hand. Pat did a good Job in having plenty of books on hand. Thank you, Pat. I attended the area workshop and let me tell you if you did not make it, you missed out. I surprised everyone by wearing a grape suit to introduce myself as your new Grapevine Chair. it was a hoot! I'm a little slow as to what my responsibilities are, so please be patient. Together we will get through this. If you have any questions, feel free to email me and I will try my best to help and be available for a presentation at your District. I hope to see all of you at the next ACM meeting in Aitkin. Thank you, Mike U.

**TREASURER – Cindy SK**

Hi my name is Cindy S-K. I am looking forward to serving Area 35 as treasurer. I am working with Justin W. to make this a smooth transition. We are working on transferring signers of the checkbook into the area chairperson and myself. This is not an easy task. Wells Fargo has strict guidelines in place that must be followed and since I am on the east side of this state, I will have to go to a branch in my area to sign the papers and they will be mailed to the appropriate branch in central Minnesota. Once that is done and all signers have signed, I can begin my tasks as treasurer. The new address to send donations to is: NMAA, 3595 County Rd 13, Barnum, MN 55707. In service, Cindy S-K

**PI – Nels P**

Greetings Area 35, I'm looking forward to the upcoming rotation. So far I have spoken to the outgoing PI Chair, Greg C, and did meet with him while attending the Area Workshop. Greg and I will be working together this rotation as he is the incoming CPC chair. I have spoken to our local clinic and have been keeping them updated on meeting changes. I also toured the Grand Ely Lodge with our incoming Area Chair, Christine G, to help with our Spring Assembly, District 8 will be hosting and will help with registration, coffee and setup. District 8 Alternate DCM, Craig T, also toured with us to get a jump on helping us out.  
Yours in service, Nels P.

**TREATMENT – Ricco R**

My name is Ricco and I am the new Treatment Chair for Area 35. It will be a privilege to serve. I have read the guidelines and duties of my position and have a good handle on a lot of them already. The biggest one so far was making a data base for all the Treatment Centers, half-way houses, detoxes, and any place else that pertains to helping the still suffering alcoholic find sobriety. One project I am currently working on is contacting all the treatment chairs in our area and I am going to try set up a committee so we can collectively figure out some projects we can work on.

Carla N., the Chair for Area 36, talked to me about possibly doing some things with them in the future in the treatment area. She gave me some contact numbers and so far, I have contacted the Area Treatment Chair for Area 36.

I also attended the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Area 35 Service Workshop and felt it was very successful, rewarding, and fun. It was filled with different interesting topics put on by the districts in our area. We also had the West Central Regional Trustee Mike L. give a few presentations and his story for us. Mike also explained what his trustee service was all about and the love and dedication he had for Alcoholics Anonymous.  
In Unity and Service, Ricco

**ARCHIVES – Renell P**

Hello everyone. I hope this new year and this new rotation are finding you and your families, well. My name is Renell and I am your new Archives Chairperson. I hail from District 6 and have enjoyed being involved at the district and area level for the past 9 years.

This Chair opportunity presented itself to me when Marc N. (also from District 6) expressed interest in the Archivist position. We are moving forward as a team, to provide you with instruction and guidance on preserving our past and anticipating our future.

Please contact me at [archives@area35.org](mailto:archives@area35.org) to join our committee and/or to submit district and area history and /or with any suggestions or questions. I look forward to serving you. Yours in service, Renell P

**GROUP RECORDS – Denise R**

Greetings! My name is Denise, I am an alcoholic and am super excited to be your new Area 35 Group Records person! Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 35.

I will have big shoes to fill as Sally lead a fine example for me and I have relied on her to get started and show me the way in this new position. Sally and I were not able to meet in person due to MN weather not cooperating with us and she was kind enough to spend a great deal of time on the phone and many emails teaching me. Sally has been a great resource and tremendous help, I am sure I will call on her for a while yet as this position has many pieces to it.

It is my understanding that I will be responsible for keeping the mailing list for the Northern Light Newsletter accurate so I can pass it on to the NL Editor when it is time to print.

I will be registering new AA Groups, making changes to existing Groups such as meeting time, open/close, online, in person etc..., I also will register changes for an AA Group's contact person and/or GSR so each group has a verified contact person or GSR. This makes sure each group is receiving information from GSO and can be connected to AA as a whole.

I will also maintain our connection to aaminnesota.org with any meeting changes or requests to make sure that the meetings listed are accurate. To be able to complete some of these tasks I attended the Fellowship Connection Registrar Training lead by Margaret, Member Service Manager, of the General Service Office. The training went well, and I know I have another resource to connect with. I have been told there are quarterly Registrar meetings that I look forward to attending with other Registrar's across the country.

I have updated the address changes for the new DCM's so that you will all receive the Northern Light Newsletter. If you don't get the next Northern Light, please let me know and I can make sure I have your correct address. If any of the DCM's still have Group Contact Sheets that Sally mailed out, please send them to me when you have them finished so I can update Fellowship Connection and aaminnesota.org with any changes. I am also registering any new GSR's that have submitted a Group change form with the start of the new rotation. All new GSR's should also be receiving the Northern Light. Again, if you do not receive the next edition, please let me know and I can make sure I have your correct address.

Unfortunately having to stay home due to a "Covid quarantine" I was not able to attend the January Workshop and I will tell you I missed you all. It was very hard knowing I could not participate and fellowship with you! I was so wanting to meet our West Central Regional Trustee, Mike, in person! I heard a good time was had by all!! While "quarantined" I started reading the book AA Comes of Age again and of course learned new things. No matter how many times I go through the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous, I always learn something new and the same has been true no matter how many times I read a book or piece of AA Literature, I learn something new. Our literature seems to come alive again!

Of course, with the new rotation I find I am learning all new things again and I am so grateful to still be teachable. As I learn this new position, if you have questions, concerns or corrections please don't hesitate to call or email me and I will do my best to serve you. Thank you for allowing me to serve, Denise R

**ARCHIVIST – Marc N**

I am Marc N, an alcoholic, sober since about 8:15 this morning, same as many mornings stacked end-to-end. I am also your incoming Area 35 Archivist. Many things have changed during my sober days, it will be good for me to look back at our history. Hopefully many memories have been preserved and many more will be.

As I step into this role, I am excited to look into the history of AA in northern Minnesota. I am working with Renell P. (incoming Archive Chair) to receive the digital files from Peter T (outgoing Archive Chair), to continue the search for new archive storage space, and then to move the archive materials. After the archives are moved becoming familiar with what is included in the archives will keep the committee and I busy. I read through the Actions Book items. I have heard good things from the people who worked with the archives in the past! There have been quite a few decisions made regarding the archives over the years. It will be interesting to determine what items can be digitized and how to make that happen.

As the first item of business, I am working to get the archives moved from current storage location to a location that meets a few parameters:  
300 to 400 square feet  
Space and utilities for work such as sorting and digitizing  
Climate controlled, heat and AC  
Accessible 24/7

After finding a heated storage locker at a low price and presenting it for review by peers (officers, DCMs, GSRs, and more) and then turning away from that storage unit, I have found that office space might be more suitable and more available than climate-controlled storage lockers. Climate controlled storage units for the most part are lighted only, do not have electric power available, and have limited access this would make onsite archive work difficult. There is a drawback of office space, that square footage is often more than needed. The upside to office space is that there could be space for work area as well as storage. My focus of search has been near Brainerd, but I'm open to suggestions. Lowest price listed for office space is \$1.00 per month per sqft. For the office unit rental, we would need insurance, electric, and heating fuel, water/sewer and phone would be optional. There are several units in or near Brainerd, but with space is more than we need and would be high cost.

It might be worthy of note that during peer review there were suggestions about utilizing office space for more than just archives, that there could be storage for materials such as Northern Lights, Literature, or for sorting and staging mailings.

At this time, the search for space continues. If you know of available space or know of a shared space partner please let me know. In Unity and Service, Marc N.

*\*Just recently it became known to me that the Upfront Alano in Brainerd has the space we need. I will be looking at the space and will have pictures available at the February ACM and Spring Assembly, ask me about the space, terms, etc. I'm available at 612-434-0858 voice or text.*

**NORTHERN LIGHT – Heidi B**

Greetings Area 35. I have been working on the first 2022 issue of the Northern Light since Cindy and I met last month. I am a lifelong Mac user, so getting to know this PC has been entertaining, especially for my husband. Thank goodness for Google! I've received many fliers for workshops and roundups for winter and spring. Looks like it's going to be a busy first half of the year.

I attended the Area Workshop in Detroit Lakes and had so much fun. The presentations were informative and entertaining, and I appreciate the work that went into them. The best part of the weekend was when Mike U, Grapevine Chair, showed up in his grape costume! He has certainly made his service position fun! Thank you to our WCR Trustee, Mike L, for sharing his story and his service experience with us.

I would like to invite you all to share your AA experience with the Northern Light and Area 35, by writing an article and emailing it to me. What worked for you during our Covid lock down and how did you share the message with newcomers? Did your meeting move to Zoom or were you able to continue to meet in your regular location? We would love to hear your stories.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve Area 35 for another rotation. Service work is such an important part of my program. In Service, Heidi B.

**WEBMASTER – Kyle H**

Hello District 35 – It is an honor and pleasure to have the opportunity to be of Service. The beginning of my rotation has been somewhat un-eventful, which from a technology perspective is always a good thing. Some highlights from the beginning of the year –

- Updated email forwarding (this is still ongoing as addresses for new DCMs trickle in).
- Updated contributions address on both the website and the form.
- Updated events and flyers.
- Completed the 2022 budget.
- What I am still working on –
- Investigating a better online calendar experience especially for mobile devices.
- Investigating/Evaluating options to better enable Hybrid Area meetings/ events leveraging Video Technology (Zoom).

In Service, Kyle H.

**CORRECTIONS - Arden A - (no report)**  
**LITERATURE - Pat M - (no report)**

**Letter from DCM District 2:** Good morning to All: I am sending this out as my final report and farewell. I believe in the spirit of rotation which is why I must step down. Rotation keeps AA alive by keeping principles before personalities allowing for elder statesmen instead of bleeding deacons. Often new leaders bring new perspectives that make AA stronger.

I attended the Area Service Workshop this past weekend and presented a session that was assigned to District 2 last October. The workshop's theme this year was - *AA in a Time of Change* and District 2's session was titled *Rewards of Service for Your Homegroup*. These along with other workshop topics were timely especially after some of the proposed changes to AA at last year's General Service Conference. Again, that is why it is important that all groups participate so every group's voice is heard and considered.

I am turning in my final expenses for attending the workshop. The hotel room and mileage were approved at the November District meeting. They are: \$230.00 for 2-nights lodging, and mileage \$82.00 (236 mi @ 0.35/mi). I will have Carolyn write a check as she still has the treasurer's book and authority to sign at the bank. I am not sure how the District wants to handle the change for signing checks and other treasurer duties; I will leave it at that and wait for instructions once the District decides.

I visited with Christine G., our Area 35 Chair, about District 2's participation. Since District 2 does not have a DCM, Treasurer, Secretary along with other committee chairs it seems that District 2 will no longer have a voice at the Area level, nor will AA information be forwarded out as I have in the past. If someone does want to step up and fill the DCM role, I would be more than happy to help that person get acclimated to that position. Also at the very least if someone is willing to be the District contact to receive and send out information that could be a start. Our Area Newsletter, the *Northern Light*, is available to anyone in AA who wants it; and is an excellent way to see what is happening in Area 35 including the bimonthly Area Committee and District reports as well as events happening within the Area. To receive the *Northern Light* you can contact the Northern Light editor found in the *Northern Light*. You can also find the Northern Light on the Area 35 website.



(cont'd Letter from DCM)  
Remember at the Spring Assembly group GSRs and DCM will be voting on this year's General Service Conference agenda items. And the District could also schedule a time for our new Delegate to present his report after the General Service Conference.

**Area 35 Officers are there to help and I urge you to contact them and make use of their experience and wisdom.** Here are their email contacts, and you can find their phone numbers in the latest edition of the Northern Light, or the Area 35 website.  
Area Chair, Christine G. [areachair@area35.org](mailto:areachair@area35.org)  
Delegate, Steve L. [delegate@area35.org](mailto:delegate@area35.org)  
Alt. Delegate, Justin W. [alt\\_delegate@area35.org](mailto:alt_delegate@area35.org)

I would be remiss if I didn't say something about group donations. I urge every group to continue supporting AA at all levels to ensure AA services continue to help spread the hope of sobriety to the still suffering alcoholic. Many things these donations support we often take for granted such as someone available to answer the phone in New York, or managing group records to ensure when someone somewhere reaches out to AA for help they can find a meeting to attend.

I have truly been blessed to serve District 2 getting to know many new friends the past 3 year. I pray that your journey finds the same hope and freedom that sobriety offers as I have.

Warm regards,  
Danny W, District 2

GSR Sharing Session

Vote was taken to have an GSR orientation and one sharing session at the Spring Assembly.  
Topic: Problems Other than Alcohol  
We read out of the pamphlet to get discussion going. Many questions listed.  
Discussion:

- AA worked for me even though I had other addictions. Because I was received with open arms I wanted to be with the people of solutions.
- This is a slippering slope solve with drug addicts what drug addicts could cause a problem for newcomers.
- We all have mental health and life issues. Love and acceptance in AA works. Take them aside afterward to guide them to what is available and let them make the choice.
- Should not be about differences but about the “solution”. AA is beneficial for anyone willing.
- BB says – can’t make a non-alcoholic a member. We can’t save everyone.
- Our philosophy as I understand, we continue to help anyone who asks for help. We share the message of the meeting you are attending.
- Steps are important. Just keep to the Steps.
- If I come for help a member’s responds to that need for help. Together define the help they need.
- Early AA Bill W. had foresight that AA is for alcoholics. AA is pure AA. One can be addicted to many other substances and one of them is alcohol they can be there as a member.
- We can solve addictions together with the Steps, but one should not call themselves an AA member.
- We must never ask a drug addict to leave AA. Pull aside after the meeting and guide them to what approach might fit them best.
- We had a prison parolee attend out meeting. He left with a phone list, and he called several members of AA on the phone list and threatened lives. Be careful to give out personal numbers as someone’s first meeting. They were directed to always get law enforcement involved.
- Introduce alcoholic/addict. We can help others with dual issues. Not a negative.
- The 12 Steps work for just about anything and everything. But we should refer them to those with similar addictions/issues.
- I stayed on AA task with Steps and Traditions. Didn’t know I was an alcoholic, but “they” gave me the benefit of the doubt and I am recovering.
- It is very difficult to find other Step programs in rural areas. We focus on the similarities and the solutions. We need to hold out our hand to get them started.
- I go to St Paul meetings, and they are very diverse. It seems to work because their primary purpose is to practice the 12 Steps.
- Great to have an “adult” conversation about these various thought-provoking issues. This issue is tough, but we need to discuss.

Respectfully Submitted, Robin J, GSR Sharing Recorder

DCM Sharing Session

Steve L, Area 35 Delegate, came into our meeting to help us get started. Thank you, Steve. He told us to elect a Chairperson and a Secretary, write a report and pick three or four topics to discuss. He asked us to let him know how we would like our agenda items; paper, flash drive, or download off the internet. Also, he asked us to set up dates with him to discuss agenda items with our districts before the conference and a date for report back from the conference. We asked about email communications from the Area 35 and he said that they are working on getting Area emails to all DCMs.

At our meeting we had 10 present. There were 8 DCMs and 2 Alternate DCMs. Diane R, DCM District 9, volunteered to Chair the DCM Sharing

Session and Vickie, DCM from District 11, volunteered to be the Secretary. We introduced ourselves including the district and towns we were from.

The questions and responses were as follows:  
How can DCMs encourage groups to fill GSR positions? Visit Groups and talk about what is happening in your district, area, and GSO. When visiting groups ask for a GSR to represent their group. Sponsorship is important to encourage new GSRs, tell them your experience in service positions. Being informed and communicate that AA information to groups. One district has a potluck and speaker.

How do DCMs communicate information to the Group? Have a website with a calendar of events. It looked like 4 of the 10 groups had websites. A lot AA information is sent through email. Encourage GSRs to read their email and bring that information to their groups. Most events have flyers that can be read at meetings. Put a flyer in the northern lights. Use snail mail for those who do not use electronic communications. Use text messages to communicate. Use the Area35.org website. Read and use the Northern Light.

What fun things can we do in Service? When we started talking about fun things to do in AA, there were a lot of events happening all year round. There are workshops, round robins, speaker meetings, Assemblies, round-ups, too many to mention. Where can you find them? There are flyers mailed out, word of mouth, Area35.org, Northern Lights, email, snail mail, and text messages.

In Service, Diane R, Chairperson of the DCM Sharing Session



Grapevine Chair, Mike, dressed for the part!  
Area Service Workshop

50<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Iron Range Get-Together  
May 6th, 7th, 8th  
*The Courage to Change*

**Location: Grand Rapids Eagles**  
1776 S Pokegama Ave. • Grand Rapids, MN 55744  
(218) 326-4845

Friday, May 6th  
Join In  
"Tropical Shirt Night"

6:30 pm - Registration Opens  
8:00 pm - Speaker: Steve L., Biwabic, MN

Saturday, May 7th

10:00 am - Outstate Panel  
1:00 pm - AFG Speaker: Sharon B., Grand Forks, ND  
3:00 pm - Call-up Meeting  
7:00 pm - AFG Speaker: Eloy M., Fort Collins, CO  
8:00 pm - AA Speaker: Ole B., Grand Forks, ND  
??? till 11:00 pm - 7th Tradition Ice Cream Social

Sunday, May 8th

8:00 am - (Open) BB Meeting  
10:00 am - AA Speaker: Steve S., Saint Joseph, MN

IRGT Pre-Registration Form	AA \$18.00	AFG \$18.00	Other \$18.00
	Alateen \$6.00		
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AREA 35 2022 PROPOSED BUDGETS

	2022 Budget				Position: Delegate								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	GSC Duties Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	85.00	7.00	175.00	65.00		7.00	7.00	85.00	7.00			250.00	\$ 688.00
Travel	98.00	26.00	125.00	35.00	75.00	26.00	26.00	107.00	26.00		100.00	850.00	\$ 1,494.00
Lodging	120.00		361.43	364.12	1,800.00			125.00				775.00	\$ 3,545.55
Phone													\$ -
Supplies		50.00		50.00									\$ 100.00
Printing	36.50	600.00		200.00	300.00	200.00						300.00	\$ 1,636.50
Postage													\$ -
Other	15.00		22.85		600.00								\$ 637.85
Budgeted	354.50	683.00	684.28	714.12	2,775.00	233.00	33.00	317.00	33.00	-	100.00	2,175.00	8,101.90

	2022 Budget				Position: Alt Delegate								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	68.00	7.00	68.00	68.00	7.00	7.00		68.00	7.00	N/A	80.00	48.00	\$ 428.00
Travel	62.00	42.00	34.00	114.00	42.00	42.00		103.00	42.00	N/A	149.00	149.00	\$ 779.00
Lodging	280.00		280.00	280.00				280.00		N/A	140.00		\$ 1,260.00
Phone										N/A			\$ -
Supplies	150.00									N/A			\$ 150.00
Printing	50.00									N/A			\$ 50.00
Postage										N/A			\$ -
Other	15.00		20.00							N/A			\$ 35.00
Budgeted	625.00	49.00	402.00	462.00	49.00	49.00	-	451.00	49.00	-	369.00	197.00	2,702.00

	2022 Budget				Position: Area Chair								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Facility Review Travel	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget		Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	60.00	7.00	72.00	72.00	7.00	7.00	30.00	72.00	7.00		36.00	50.00	\$ 420.00
Travel	40.00	30.00	20.00	75.00	25.00	30.00	130.00	75.00	30.00		130.00	200.00	\$ 785.00
Lodging	231.00		290.00	365.00				210.00					\$ 1,096.00
Phone													\$ -
Supplies		50.00		50.00				50.00					\$ 150.00
Printing	36.00	97.00		175.00	25.00	61.00		175.00	25.00		30.00	30.00	\$ 654.00
Zoom/Software		34.00		34.00	34.00	34.00		34.00	34.00	99.00			\$ 303.00
Other	15.00		20.00										\$ 35.00
Budgeted	382.00	218.00	402.00	771.00	91.00	132.00	160.00	616.00	96.00	99.00	196.00	280.00	3,443.00

	2022 Budget				Position: Treasurer								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	30.00	7.00	30.00	30.00	7.00	7.00		30.00	7.00	N/A			\$ 148.00
Travel	61.25	21.00	43.75	45.50	21.00	21.00		82.25	21.00	N/A			\$ 316.75
Lodging	210.00		200.00	370.00				315.00		N/A			\$ 1,095.00
Phone										N/A			\$ -
Supplies										N/A		320.00	\$ 320.00
Printing										N/A		250.00	\$ 250.00
Postage										N/A		240.00	\$ 240.00
Other	15.00		20.00							N/A			\$ 35.00
Budgeted	316.25	28.00	293.75	445.50	28.00	28.00	-	427.25	28.00	-	-	810.00	2,404.75

	2022 Budget				Position: Secretary								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	75.00	7.00	75.00	50.00	7.00	7.00		75.00	7.00	N/A	40.00	40.00	\$ 383.00
Travel	20.00	10.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	10.00		20.00	10.00	N/A	20.00	100.00	\$ 230.00
Lodging	220.00		225.00	95.00				120.00		N/A	140.00		\$ 800.00
Phone										N/A			\$ -
Supplies										N/A			\$ -
Printing		875.00		50.00	50.00	50.00		50.00	50.00	N/A	20.00	20.00	\$ 1,165.00
Postage										N/A			\$ -
Other	15.00		20.00							N/A			\$ 35.00
Budgeted	330.00	892.00	340.00	205.00	67.00	67.00	-	265.00	67.00	-	220.00	160.00	2,613.00



	2022 Budget				Position: Archives								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	80.00	7.00	50.00	80.00	7.00	7.00		80.00	7.00	N/A		40.00	\$ 358.00
Travel	46.00	10.50	21.00	53.00	10.50	10.50		70.00	10.50	N/A		50.00	\$ 282.00
Lodging	223.00		214.00	396.00				225.00		N/A			\$ 1,058.00
Phone										N/A			\$ -
Supplies										N/A			\$ -
Printing		10.00			10.00	10.00			10.00	N/A		10.00	\$ 50.00
Zoom										N/A			\$ -
Other	15.00		20.00			-			-	N/A			\$ 35.00
Budgeted	364.00	27.50	305.00	529.00	27.50	27.50	-	375.00	27.50	-	-	100.00	1,783.00

		2022 Budget			Position: Archivist - MN									
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	National Archives	Archives Repository	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	60.00	7.00	60.00	75.00	7.00	7.00			60.00	7.00		60.00	100.00	\$ 443.00
Travel	75.00	40.00	20.00	90.00	40.00	40.00			110.00	40.00		160.00	200.00	\$ 815.00
Lodging	220.00		100.00	370.00					210.00					\$ 900.00
Phone														\$ -
Supplies												1,250.00		\$ 1,250.00
Printing														\$ -
Postage														\$ -
Other	15.00		20.00									7,600.00		\$ 7,635.00
Budgeted	370.00	47.00	200.00	535.00	47.00	47.00		-	380.00	47.00		9,070.00	300.00	11,043.00

	2022 Budget				Position: Audio Technician								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	50.00	7.00	-	50.00	7.00	7.00	-	50.00	7.00	N/A		40.00	\$ 218.00
Travel	63.00	30.00	-	71.75	30.00	30.00	-	95.20	30.00	N/A		150.00	\$ 499.95
Lodging	208.00	-	-	370.00	-	-	-	210.00	-	N/A			\$ 788.00
Phone										N/A			\$ -
Supplies									25.00	N/A			\$ 25.00
Printing										N/A			\$ -
Postage										N/A			\$ -
Other	15.00								50.00	N/A			\$ 65.00
Budgeted	336.00	37.00	-	491.75	37.00	37.00	-	355.20	112.00	-	-	190.00	1,595.95

	2022 Budget				Position: Corrections								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	90.00	7.00	120.00	90.00	7.00	7.00		90.00	7.00	N/A			\$ 418.00
Travel	22.00		21.00	27.00				34.00		N/A		500.00	\$ 604.00
Lodging	115.00		150.00	185.00				105.00		N/A			\$ 555.00
Phone		3.00								N/A			\$ 3.00
Supplies										N/A			\$ -
Printing										N/A		100.00	\$ 100.00
Zoom										N/A			\$ -
Other	15.00		20.00							N/A			\$ 35.00
Budgeted	242.00	10.00	311.00	302.00	7.00	7.00	-	229.00	7.00	-	-	600.00	1,715.00

	2022 Budget				Position: CPC								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	\$75	\$7	\$120	\$75	\$7	\$7		\$75	\$7	N/A			\$ 373.00
Travel	\$35	\$44	\$55	\$100	\$44	\$44		\$60	\$44	N/A		\$300	\$ 726.00
Lodging	\$140		\$200	\$370				\$210		N/A			\$ 920.00
Phone										N/A			\$ -
Supplies			\$15							N/A		\$60	\$ 75.00
Printing				15.00				15.00		N/A			\$ 30.00
Postage										N/A			\$ -
Other	15.00		\$20							N/A			\$ 35.00
Budgeted	265.00	51.00	410.00	560.00	51.00	51.00	-	360.00	51.00	-	-	360.00	\$ 2,159.00

	2022 Budget				Position: Financial Oversight								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals		7.00			7.00	7.00			7.00	N/A			\$ 28.00
Travel		\$52.20			\$52.20	\$52.20			\$52.20	N/A			\$ 208.80
Lodging										N/A			\$ -
Phone										N/A			\$ -
Supplies										N/A			\$ -
Printing										N/A			\$ -
Postage										N/A			\$ -
Other										N/A			\$ -
Budgeted	-	59.20	-	-	59.20	59.20	-	-	59.20	-	-	-	\$ 236.80

	2022 Budget				Position: Grapevine								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	60.00	7.00	60.00	72.00	7.00	7.00		72.00	7.00	N/A		96.00	\$ 388.00
Travel	60.79	20.00	25.20	65.10	20.00	20.00		87.50	20.00	N/A		500.00	\$ 818.59
Lodging	230.62		240.00	370.00				240.00		N/A		240.00	\$ 1,320.62
Phone										N/A			\$ -
Supplies				210.00						N/A			\$ 210.00
Printing										N/A			\$ -
Postage										N/A			\$ -
Other	15.00		20.00							N/A			\$ 35.00
Budgeted	366.41	27.00	345.20	717.10	27.00	27.00	-	399.50	27.00	-	-	836.00	2,772.21

	2022 Budget				Position: Group Records								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	60.00	7.00	75.00	75.00	7.00	7.00		75.00	7.00	N/A			\$ 313.00
Travel	25.00	10.00	10.00	35.00	10.00	10.00		30.00	10.00	N/A			\$ 140.00
Lodging	125.00		125.00	200.00				125.00		N/A			\$ 575.00
Phone										N/A			\$ -
Supplies										N/A			\$ -
Printing				130.00						N/A			\$ 130.00
Postage				200.00						N/A			\$ 200.00
Other	15.00		20.00							N/A			\$ 35.00
Budgeted	225.00	17.00	230.00	640.00	17.00	17.00	-	230.00	17.00	-	-	-	1,393.00

	2022 Budget				Position: Literature								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	30.00	7.00	30.00	30.00	7.00	7.00		30.00	7.00	N/A			\$ 148.00
Travel	50.00	20.00	50.00	50.00	20.00	20.00		50.00	20.00	N/A		250.00	\$ 530.00
Lodging	208.00		200.00	333.00				210.00		N/A			\$ 951.00
Phone										N/A			\$ -
Supplies				50.00						N/A			\$ 50.00
Printing										N/A			\$ -
Postage										N/A			\$ -
Other	15.00		20.00							N/A			\$ 35.00
Budgeted	303.00	27.00	300.00	463.00	27.00	27.00	-	290.00	27.00	-	-	250.00	1,714.00

	2022 Budget				Position: Treatment								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	60.00	7.00	60.00	60.00	7.00	7.00		60.00	7.00	N/A		100.00	\$ 368.00
Travel	38.00	22.00	41.00	17.00	22.00	22.00		46.00	22.00	N/A		200.00	\$ 430.00
Lodging	230.00		219.00	185.00				210.00		N/A		200.00	\$ 1,044.00
Phone										N/A			\$ -
Supplies										N/A		100.00	\$ 100.00
Printing										N/A		96.00	\$ 96.00
Postage										N/A		42.00	\$ 42.00
Other/Zoom	15.00		20.00							N/A			\$ 35.00
Budgeted	343.00	29.00	340.00	262.00	29.00	29.00	-	316.00	29.00	-	-	738.00	2,115.00



	2022 Budget				Position: Public Information								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	120.00	7.00	140.00	40.00	7.00	7.00		120.00	7.00	N/A		200.00	\$ 648.00
Travel	50.00	35.00	50.00		35.00	35.00		50.00	35.00	N/A		300.00	\$ 590.00
Lodging	114.00		120.00					120.00		N/A			\$ 354.00
Phone										N/A			\$ -
Supplies										N/A			\$ -
Printing										N/A			\$ -
Postage										N/A			\$ -
Other	15.00		20.00							N/A		34.00	\$ 69.00
Budgeted	299.00	42.00	330.00	40.00	42.00	42.00	-	290.00	42.00	-	-	534.00	1,661.00

	2022 Budget				Position: Webmaster								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	40.00	7.00	80.00	120.00	7.00	7.00		100.00	7.00	N/A			\$ 368.00
Travel	64.00	56.00	150.00	145.00	56.00	56.00		85.00	56.00	N/A			\$ 668.00
Lodging			250.00	370.00				210.00		N/A			\$ 830.00
Phone										N/A			\$ -
Supplies										N/A			\$ -
Printing										N/A			\$ -
Postage										N/A			\$ -
Hosting Fees	119.40												\$ 119.40
Other	15.00		20.00							N/A			\$ 35.00
Budgeted	238.40	63.00	500.00	635.00	63.00	63.00	-	395.00	63.00	-	-	-	2,020.40

	2022 Budget				Area Events								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget		Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	State Fair Booth	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget		Zonal Forum Budget		Total Budget
Meals	140.00												140.00
Travel	197.00												197.00
Lodging	240.00												240.00
Rent	800.00	75.00		500.00	75.00	75.00	700.00	1,900.00	75.00		100.00		4,300.00
Coffee				200.00				200.00					400.00
Printing	25.00			210.00				210.00			50.00		495.00
Postage													-
Other	15.00							-					15.00
Budgeted	1,417.00	75.00	-	910.00	75.00	75.00	700.00	2,310.00	75.00	-	150.00	-	\$ 5,787.00

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL A.A.  
SERVICE CONFERENCE

MARCH 4,5,6, 2022

Hosted by Area 36  
DoubleTree Minneapolis-Park Place  
1500 Park Place Blvd, St Louis Park, MN

LOVE

SERVICE

A.A. COMES OF AGE 2.0

FRIDAY MARCH 4, 2022

PAST & PRESENT DELEGATES ONLY MEETINGS

10:00am—3:00pm SHARING SESSIONS; LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

EVENTS FOR ALL WCRAASC ATTENDEES BEGIN

2:30pm REGISTRATION OPENS

3:30pm EARLY BIRD MEETING

7:00pm WELCOME

7:15pm—8:00pm Presented by Area 63: How Do A.A.s Go to ANY LENGTHS TO RECOVER, UNIFY, & SERVE?

8:15pm—8:45pm MEET THE DELEGATES

8:45pm—10:00pm GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEMS

SATURDAY MARCH 5, 2022

7:30am EARLY BIRD MEETING

8:00am WELCOME

9:00am—10:30am GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEMS

10:45am—11:30am Presented by Area 76: THE WARRANTIES: OUR PROMISE TO THE FELLOWSHIP & THE WORLD

11:30am LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

12:45pm—2:00pm GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEMS

2:00pm—2:45pm Presented by Area 41: GOING BEYOND FEAR

3:00pm—3:45pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS

4:00pm—5:30pm GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEMS

5:30pm DINNER (ON YOUR OWN)

7:00pm—8:30pm Open Speaker Meeting  
Bob W., New York, NY

8:45pm—10:00pm GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEMS

SUNDAY MARCH 6, 2022

7:00am EARLY BIRD MEETING

8:00am WELCOME

8:15am—9:00am Presented by Area 36: HOW TO REACH ANYONE, ANYWHERE

9:00am—10:30am PAST TRUSTEE SHARING & ASK IT BASKET  
Mike L., West Central Regional Trustee

10:30am CONFERENCE CLOSES

ZOOM OPTION ADDED!

Though we hope to see everyone in person for the 2022 WCRAASC, we are providing an online attendance option. REGISTRATION COST REMAINS THE SAME. Please register via Eventbrite and make sure to include your email address. Every registrant will be emailed the online Zoom link FRIDAY, MARCH 4.

EVENT DETAILS & UPDATES AT WESTCENTRALREGION.ORG

HOTEL & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

HOTEL RESERVATIONS—\$99 / NIGHT  
Online: Go to [Bit.ly/WCR22Hotel](https://bit.ly/WCR22Hotel)  
CALL DoubleTree: 952-542-8600;  
ASK FOR WCRAASC RATE

EVENT REGISTRATION—\$20  
REGISTER ONLINE: Go to Eventbrite at [www.wcraasc2022.eventbrite.com](https://www.wcraasc2022.eventbrite.com)  
REGISTER AT CONFERENCE: \$20.00; cash and credit cards accepted  
MAIL-IN: Complete the registration form below and mail with your check by February 15, 2022

ASL INTERPRETER WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL SESSIONS, EXCEPT BREAKOUT SESSIONS.

VISIT WESTCENTRALREGION.ORG FOR ACCESSIBILITIES UPDATES

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR REGISTRATION, GREETERS, COFFEE SALES! Sign up at: [Bit.ly/WCRAASC](https://bit.ly/WCRAASC)

PLEASE MAIL YOUR PRE-REGISTRATION BY FEBRUARY 15, 2022. Complete, cut and mail with your \$20.00 check payable to WCRAASC. MAIL TO: WCRAASC, PO BOX 3041, Hopkins, MN 55343

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ SERVICE POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Position	Budget
Area Events	5,787.00
Delegate	8,101.90
Alternate Delegate	2,702.00
Area Chair	3,443.00
Secretary	2,613.00
Treasurer	2,404.75
Archives	1,783.00
Archivist	11,043.00
Audio Tech	1,595.95
Corrections	1,715.00
CPC	\$2,159
Financial Oversight	236.80
Grapevine	2,772.21
Group Records	1,393.00
Literature	1,714.00
Northern Light	5,177.00
PI	1,661.00
Treatment	2,115.00
Webmaster	2,020.40
Total Budget	\$ 60,437.01

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

\*See area35.org for printable flyers

Service Events

2022

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

March: 4th - 6th West Central Reg AA Serv Conf  
DoubleTree Minneapolis-Park Place  
St. Louis Park, MN - HYBRID

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


Area 35 Northern MN Spring Assembly  
April 2-3, 2022

Grand Ely- Lodge Resort & Event Center  
400 North Pioneer Road | Ely, MN 55731  
218-365-6565

Standard - \$164.95; Whirlpool - \$174.95; Suite - \$244.95 (rates are per night and do not include 10.375% tax) Refer to Room Block "Area 35 Northern MN Assembly" and Reserve rooms by 3/1/2022.

**Saturday, April 2**  
9:00am Registration  
10:00am GSR Orientation & Action Chair Committee Meetings  
1pm Assembly Convenes after Lunch

**Sunday, April 3**  
9:00am Assembly Reconvenes



\*\*\*All GSRs, DCMs, Area Officers and Committee Chairs, and Past Delegates are encouraged to attend as well as all others interested in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. The only requirement is a willingness to serve. The 2022 General Service Conference Agenda Items will be discussed so GSRs, please bring your group's conscience to this Assembly.

**16TH BIG OLE ROUNDUP**  
**ALEXANDRIA, MN**  
**MARCH 18-20, 2022**

Hosted At  
**Holiday Inn**  
5637 St Hwy 29 S., Alexandria, MN  
320-763-6577 / www.hialexandria.com

Additional lodging options available at:  
www.explorealex.com  
Flyers available at: www.area35.org  
AA & Al-Anon Literature and  
Big Ole merchandise available at Event.

2022 Theme:  
With a Grateful Heart

**Friday 3/18**  
3:00 pm Registration Opens  
4:00 AA Big Book Meeting & Al-Anon Meeting  
5:30 AA Step Meeting  
Al-Anon Meeting  
6:45 Round-Up Opening  
7:00 Amy E  
Al-Anon  
Alexandria Mn  
8:15 AA & Al-Anon Count-up  
8:30 Taylor E  
AA  
Alexandria, MN  
10:00 Open Candlelight Meeting

**Saturday 3/19**  
**6:00 AM AA meeting**  
8:00 am Registration opens  
9:00 Sponsorship Workshop  
Pat G  
10:15 Round-up Announcements  
10:30 Reid H  
AA  
Hazel SD  
1:30 Jimmy S  
AA  
St Roberts, MO  
3:00 Intimacy in Recovery  
Diane W Al-Anon

**Saturday cont.**  
5:45 Preamble  
6:00 Shanna G  
Al-Anon  
Urbandale, IA  
7:15 AA & Al-Anon Countdown  
7:30 Scott G  
AA  
Urbandale, IA  
9:00 Dance—Mark Anthony

**Sunday 3/20**  
**6AM AA meeting**  
8:00 am Doors Open  
8:15 Open Gratitude Meeting  
10:15 Pat G  
AA  
Duluth MN  
11:30 Roundup Closing

For more information contact:  
Lorne S. 320-260-3104  
or by email at  
bigoleroundup@gmail.com

**2022 BIG OLE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**  
Make checks payable to Big Ole Roundup and mail to:  
Big Ole Roundup, P.O. Box 1212, Alexandria, MN 56308

People Coming \_\_\_\_\_ #of Big Ole Mugs \_\_\_\_\_ # of BYO Mug \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Previous years you've attended? \_\_\_\_\_ Requesting scholarship \_\_\_\_\_

Cash Or Checks Only ATM onsite

*“We AAs shall have to hang together -- or else hang separately!”*

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., October 1947, “Why Can’t We Join AA, Too?”, *The Language of the Heart*.



Area 35  
General Service Conference  
Agenda Items Process

Greetings Area 35,

The Agenda Items do not come out any sooner to the Delegate than the week of February 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>

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

February 15<sup>th</sup>

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

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

4<sup>th</sup> 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Weekend in March

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

1<sup>st</sup> Weekend in April

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Week in April

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

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
CONTACT

Steve L.  
Area 35 Panel 72 Delegate  
delegate@area35.org  
(218) 780-0905



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 financials and 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](mailto: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,  
Heidi B

Directions for Inserting a Flier into the Northern Light

1. First & Foremost **Contact the Northern Light Editor** at [northernlight@area35.org](mailto: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](mailto: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  
3595 County Road 13  
Barnum, MN 55707

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 2022 are as Follows:

- ◆ January 19<sup>th</sup> : Flier will be included in the January/February Issue
- ◆ March 8<sup>th</sup> : Flier will be included in the March/April Issue
- ◆ May 1<sup>st</sup> : Flier will be included in the May/June Issue
- ◆ July 8<sup>th</sup> : Flier will be included in the July/August Issue
- ◆ September 1<sup>st</sup> : Flier will be included in the September/October Issue
- ◆ November 2<sup>nd</sup> : Flier will be included in the November/December Issue

Area 35 Guidelines

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

A good flyer should answer the following questions:

- Who is involved or sponsoring the event? Examples:
  - AA Group
  - District
  - Area
- What type of event is it? Examples:
  - An open or closed meeting
  - Speaker meeting
  - Call up meeting
  - Big Book meeting
  - Workshop
  - Conference
  - Fellowship (ice cream socials, potlucks, chili cook offs, etc.)
  - AA must appear somewhere on the flyer
- When is the event to take place? Examples:
  - Date and time
  - Does it reoccur
- Where will the event take place?
  - Name of the facility and the address
  - Maps are sometimes helpful but not necessary
- Why is the event taking place?
  - 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)
  - 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)

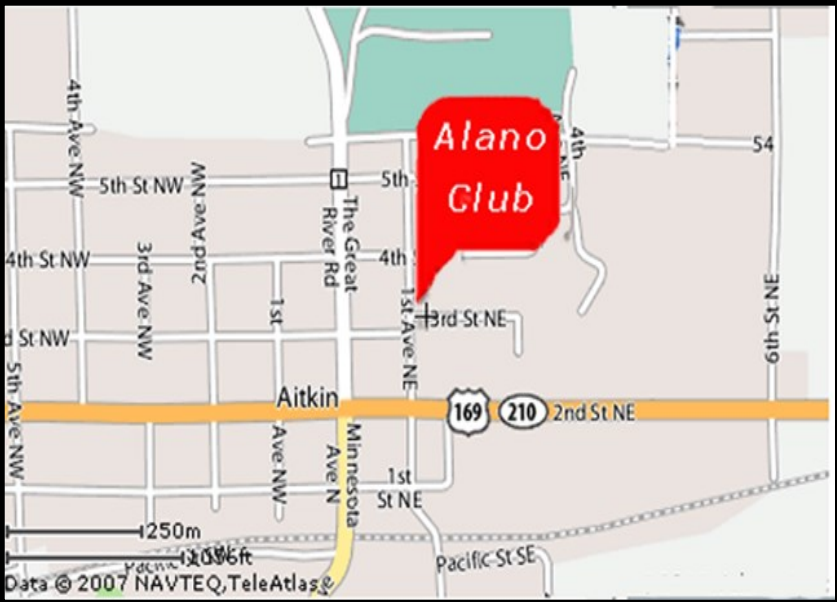
AREA 35 EVENTS  
INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

- Area Chair calls to cancel and/or re-schedule
- Based on DOT report, national weather service, individual safety being paramount
- Chair asks for weather reports from all DCM's from respective districts either by email or phone for those that don't have computers.
- Chair notifies the Alano society in Aitkin on food preparations and possible re-schedule to following Sunday.
- Chair contacts webmaster, cancellation results put on Area 35.org with possible reschedule date and time, or use Zoom for hybrid meeting.
- Districts contact their DCM in inclement weather for updates on cancellation.
- Post procedure in Northern Light.
- Chair remains available and in close contact as he or she is the focal point and main contact; he or she must make the decision, and be available for calls.

AREA 35  
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



## OUR PAST DELEGATES

<b><u>Panel 70</u></b> 2020-2021 Jim S	<b><u>Panel 38</u></b> 1988-1989 Scott J	<b><u>Panel 12</u></b> 1962-1963 Donna T (deceased)
<b><u>Panel 68</u></b> 2018-2019 Christine G	<b><u>Panel 36</u></b> 1986-1987 Louie H	<b><u>Panel 10</u></b> 1960-1961 Bob B (deceased)
<b><u>Panel 66</u></b> 2016-2017 Kelly D	<b><u>Panel 34</u></b> 1984-1985 Bob P (deceased)	<b><u>Panel 8</u></b> 1958-1959 Pearl N (deceased)
<b><u>Panel 64</u></b> 2014-2015 Michael J	<b><u>Panel 32</u></b> 1982-1983 Tom L (deceased)	<b><u>Panel 6</u></b> 1956-1957 Waldo H (deceased)
<b><u>Panel 62</u></b> 2012-2013 Jim K	<b><u>Panel 30</u></b> 1980-1981 Don M (deceased)	<b><u>Panel 4</u></b> 1954-1955 Wendell H (deceased)
<b><u>Panel 60</u></b> 2010-2011 Jon C	<b><u>Panel 28</u></b> 1978-1979 Garfield S (deceased)	<b><u>Panel 2</u></b> 1952-1953 Arthur R (deceased)
<b><u>Panel 58</u></b> 2008-2009 JoAnne N	<b><u>Panel 26</u></b> 1976-1977 Vern R (deceased)	
<b><u>Panel 56</u></b> 2006-2007 Jerry S	<b><u>Panel 24</u></b> 1974-1975 Gordon H (deceased)	
<b><u>Panel 54</u></b> 2004-2005 Charlie C	<b><u>Panel 22</u></b> 1972-1973 Frank P. J (deceased)	
<b><u>Panel 52</u></b> 2002-2003 Tim C	<b><u>Panel 20</u></b> 1970-1971 Clarence B (deceased)	
<b><u>Panel 50</u></b> 2000-2001 Tom A	<b><u>Panel 18</u></b> 1968-1969 Dave H (deceased)	
<b><u>Panel 48</u></b> 1998-1999 Susie A	<b><u>Panel 16</u></b> 1966-1967 Arno A (deceased)	
<b><u>Panel 46</u></b> 1996-1997 Bill P (deceased)	<b><u>Panel 14</u></b> 1964-1965 Donald F (deceased)	
<b><u>Panel 44</u></b> 1994-1995 Bruce B		
<b><u>Panel 42</u></b> 1992-1993 Greg G (deceased)		
<b><u>Panel 40</u></b> 1990-1991 Bob J		

### Q: Why list our past Delegates?

A: They are a resource to you!

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

## The Delegate's Duties

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

- though the high point is the Conference meeting, the delegate's job goes on year-round and involves all aspects of the Conference structure. The delegate should:
- Attend the Conference meeting in April, fully prepared. Immediately upon election, every delegate is put on the G.S.O. mailing list to receive Conference materials.
  - Communicate the actions of the Conference to area committee members and encourage them to pass on this information, and the delegate's enthusiasm, to groups and to intergroups/central offices. If an area is too large for the delegate to cover in person, he or she will ask area officers and committee members to share the load.
  - Be prepared to attend all area, state/provincial, and regional service meetings and assemblies. From these meetings, delegates come to better understand their own areas and can make suggestions for the Conference agenda. Here, too, they come in contact with A.A. members who might not be reached otherwise.
  - Help area committees obtain financial support for the area and G.S.O.
  - Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the A.A. Traditions.
  - Remind G.S.R.s to inform groups and individuals about the A.A. Grapevine and Conference-approved literature.
  - Cooperate with G.S.O. in obtaining information—for example, making sure that up-to-date information reaches G.S.O. in time to meet the deadline for each Issue of the A.A. directory and helping carry out the triennial membership surveys.
  - Visit groups and districts in the area whenever possible.
  - Work closely with committee members and officers, sharing experience throughout the year. After G.S.R.s and committee members have reported on the Conference, learn from these A.A.s how groups and members have reacted.
  - Assume added responsibility if the area chair and alternate chair are unable to serve. Or, if an area committee is not functioning effectively, the delegate may take an active role in remedying the situation.
  - Keep the alternate delegate fully informed and active, so that the alternate can replace the delegate in an emergency.
  - Late in the second term, work with newly elected delegates to pass along a basic knowledge of Conference proceedings and problems.

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

