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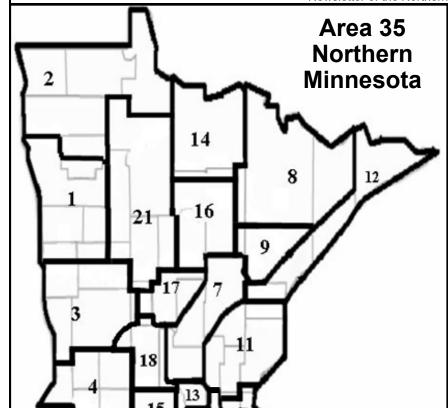
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Zone I

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 - Big Fork, Bowstring, Boy River, Cohasset, Deer River, Grand Rapids, Goodland, Hill City, Lawrence Lake*, Longville, Remer

District 21 - Akeley, Bagley, Bemidji, Blackduck, Cass Lake, Debs, Menahga, Onigum, Park Rapids, Red Lake, Shevlin, Solway, Squaw Lake, Walker

Zone II

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

District 4 - Alexandria, Browns Valley, Carlos, Elbow Lake, Evansville, Glenwood, Herman, Kensington, Osakis, Morris

District 15 - Albany, Avon, Cold Spring, Holdingford, Lake Henry, Melrose, New London, Paynesville, Richmond, Sartell, St. Joseph, St. Stephen, Sauk Centre, Watkins

Zone III

District 5 - Becker, Big Lake, Elk River, Milaca, Otsego, Princeton, Zimmerman

District 6 - Braham, Bethel, Cambridge, Forest Lake, Harris, Isanti, North Branch, Rock Creek, Stacy, St. Francis, Rush City

District 7 - Aitkin, Baxter, Brainerd, Fort Ripley, Garrison, Ironton, Isle, Little Falls*, Malmo, McGregor*, Palisade, Pierz, 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, 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, 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 (Ontario, Canada)

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

District Meeting Location Information

District 1

2nd Sunday of even months, 2:00 p.m. Fertile Community Center 101 S Mill Street Fertile, MN 56540

District 2

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

District 3

3rd Sunday of month, 12:00 p.m. Perham Alano Club 43452 County Hwy 34 Perham, MN 56573

District 4

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

District 5

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

District 6

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

District 7

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

District 8

Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m. General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Day and location rotate. Contact DCM for info.

District 9

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

District 11

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

District 12

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

District 13

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

District 14

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

District 15

1st Monday of month, 7:00 p.m. Albany Community Center 741 Lake Ave Albany, MN 56307

District 16

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

District 17

Not currently active or unknown

District 18

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

District 21

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

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AREA 35 MEETING MINUTES

Area 35 February 2024 ACM Minutes Aitkin, MN February 4, 2024

Call to Order: Area Chair Vicki R called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 4, 2024, and opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Recognition of Past Delegates In Attendance: Jake J, Panel 64; Kelly D, Panel 66, Scott A, Panel 57/59 Area 36

Additions to agenda: Computer Purchases, Workshop Evaluations, Office 365 for Sound Tec Position, Intergroup Links to Area 35 Website, Ad Hoc Committees, Credit Card for Literature Purchases, Spring Assembly location update, WCRAASC Financial update.

Points of order:

Two-minute limit for sharing at the mic.

The purpose of the Area Committee and this meeting is focused on the health of the area and thus on growth and harmony in the AA Fellowship. The area committee does not create policy. We take care of "maintenance and upkeep issues."

Avoid crosstalk as it makes it hard to hear.

When speaking or asking questions, go to the mic.

Approval of December 2023 ACM Minutes: Heidi B. motioned to approve the minutes, Jess S. seconded, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

OFFICER REPORTS DELEGATE – DIANE R

Area 35 Delegates Report for February 2024

Thank you to all A.A.s in attendance at our January Workshop. As I sat there, I felt this overwhelming sense of unity, service, and recovery. Thank you to Districts for their skits, presentations and answering our questions. Our workshop guest speaker, Carla N., Alternate Delegate Area 36, linked the presentations together with her story; presentation about Inventory, Yours, Mine and Ours; and Responsibility in Service. I walk away with the word 'Service.' The January Workshop was about Service to Alcoholics Anonymous and that it is alive and well in Area 35. Thank you to Kelly, past delegate, and Christine, area chair, for stepping up to make this event happen.

Please make sure that you are receiving my emails, including DCMs, Area Committee Chairs, Past Delegates, and Area Officers. If not, please let me know so that we can work out a solution.

The General Service Office in Mid-February will release the final Conference Agenda Items. I will email them to all DCMs, Area Committee Chairs, Past Delegates, and Area Officers. If you want a printed copy, please let me know. You can download the Conference Agenda Items and the Complete Conference Agenda Items Background information. Go to website www.area35.org. Click on the General Service Conference link that will be password protected website because it contains anonymity protected information. The password will be in the email sent to you. You can also contact me for the password by email at delegate@area35.org.

Please let me know if you would like to have the Conference Agenda Items Discussions in your district after the West Central Regional Service Conference. This will help your groups prepare for the discussion at Area 35 Spring Assembly. It is an effective way to become familiar with the Items and be able to discuss with in your home groups.

Do not forget the West Central Regional Service Conference will take place in Minot, North Dakota from March 1, 2024, to March 3, 2024. The theme will be "Connecting with Love and Service.' After you register you will receive the Zoom link, if you plan to attend online. They have been evaluating the Zoom option and feel that it is going well.

An email was forward to the Area Committee Members regarding a call for stories. The Trustees Literature Committee is seeking submissions from A.A members with a diverse background. They are updating the A.A. pamphlet 'Do You Think You're Different?' For more information contact Mike, Literature Chair, or me. The deadline is April 30,2024.

There was email sent out regarding the General Service Office Of Alcoholics Anonymous finances and challenges they are facing. In December, they received contributions from more than 9,00 groups and members. The average in December is 6,900. This resulted in the highest amount ever received in December of just over \$1.65 million. They also saw an increase in November. On a year-to-date basis, contributions to the General Service Board also have exceeded the highest ever received at over \$10.8 million. Gross Literature sales in December were strong, but profits for 2023 will be below budget. In December, the balance in reserve fund is 7.28 months operating expense. The general expectation is 9-12 months.

The Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee recommended that the General Service Board authorize the withdrawal of \$1,064,652.00 from the Reserve Fund. This is to have sufficient cash on hand and to fund Grapevine year three of the Grapevine Five Year Plan.

Last November an email seeking input from the Fellowship regarding any possible future changes to the literature written by A.A.'s Founders had been

sent out. The Trustee's Literature Committee put together seven suggested questions on 'How Should We Treat A.A. Founders' Writings.' It also suggests adding questions that have you feel may best inform the discussion. If your group has not discussed the questions and sent them to me, please consider doing so. There will be a two-hour discussion at the General Service Conference on this topic.

Thank you to the District who are sending me their District Minutes. I do enjoy reading them. Please consider sending me your District Minutes if you are not already doing so.

New from Grapevine is that you can now listen to Prayers and Meditation in Audiobook. Ask Terry, Grapevine Chair, or me for more information. In Service, Diane R.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – PAT M

Hello Area 35, I am Pat M and I am an alcoholic and I am your Alt Delegate. So what have I been up to? I have been attending meetings with our delegate Diane for the West Central region where I get to sit and not participate. Just get to listen and learn. I've been attending NADD meetings. I have attended four meetings so far, mostly getting acquainted with other alternate delegates. It's been quite a learning experience so far. In February, we started having presentations and one of the presentations was on staying in your lane and what does that look like. Well, let committee chairs and GSRs come to you and ask for questions, do not go and try to tell them what they need to do. This is their experience, this is where they get to grow and learn. In September, the West Central Regional will be putting on a presentation. Have not picked out a topic yet. We will be getting together at the West Central conference, some of us alternate delegates from the West Central region, and we will pick out a topic. It's been a very humbling experience. I really don't like zoom meetings too much but I really do enjoy the NAAD meetings. Thank you so much for allowing me to be your alternate delegate. Pat M

CHAIR - VICKI R

Good morning

I attended the January service workshop, while there I met Kyle and we set up the Treasurer computer with QuickBooks and successfully imported the backup file. I also met with incoming Treasurer Heidi and helped her learn how to enter transactions into QuickBooks. I enjoyed the skits and the speaker.

I met the past Chair and incoming Treasurer at Wells Fargo and removed the Chair and added the Treasurer to the signature card.

I contacted the sales rep at the Crookston Inn and Convention Center to get information. They are currently closed and in negotiations with the bank to reopen in mid to late February. They plan to honor our event and when staff are re-hired, we can make reservations. I'll start to identify an alternate location so if the renegotiation is not successful, we can hold our event.

I've continued to make deposits of checks that came to my address, the address is changed, but there is a delay before the post office implements it.

I finalized the list of Action Committee Chairs, thanks to those of you who tapped your list and recommended people to serve.

I've spent time organizing for the Feb ACM and filling open spots for the Ad Hoc committees. I have open spots available and will update you and ask for volunteers for new business later today.

In grateful service, Vicki R.

SECRETARY – DENISE R

Greetings Area 35

I attended the January Workshop and met our new Area 35 Group Records Registrar, Phyllis, to pass the laptop to her and help her get started in her new position. I will continue to help with the transition for as long as needed. Welcome Phyllis, Group Records are in great hands!!!

As the new Area Secretary, there was a laptop passed to me however, it was not used for 2 rotations and was too outdated to be useful. I was told to let our Area Webmaster know I needed a new one and he had one for me to pick up at the January Workshop. Unfortunately, the keyboard is sticking on this new laptop, but our Webmaster will be able to exchange it. Thank you, Terry, for your help on this!

As of today, I do not have a laptop to take notes with, I will rely on the recording and my handwritten notes. As a reminder, please speak clearly and loudly into the microphone.

I have registered for the West Central Regional AA Service Conference and plan to attend in person. I am looking forward to this weekend and hope to see many of you there!

Please send your reports to me no later than February 10^{th.}
I look forward to putting together my first set of minutes- thank you for letting me be of service.

Denise

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TREASURER – HEIDI B

Hello Area 35 –

I attended the Service Workshop in January and thoroughly enjoyed the presentations. Thank you to the districts presenting! I met with Vicki, Area Chair, Friday morning in St. Cloud to pick up the Treasurers computer and receive training in Quickbooks. Thank you for taking the time with me, Vicki.

The 2024 budgets were published in the current issue of the Northern Light. Please look these over carefully with your groups as they will be voted on at Spring Assembly. If you have any questions about anything that you see, please let me know. My email address and phone number are in the Northern Light. Currently, the total budget is over \$68,000. Contributions expected are \$52,000 plus other income (lit sales, birthday contrib, etc). Our total income for 2023 was over \$67,000, with group contributions at \$46,824.11. Financial statements for the first period of 2024, Jan 1-31, were sent to DCM's and the area committee via email. If you look on page 3, you will see our expenses and income from the Service Workshop. I want to point out that coffee was \$1,534.90 (33 gallons @\$32 a gallon, plus facility fees of 15%) with coffee income at \$425, showing a loss of \$1,109.90. Future assemblies and workshops will see higher costs for coffee to make sure that it is covered. Area finances through 1/31/24:

1/1/24 - 1/31/24

 Group Contributions
 \$2,844.44

 Literature/Other
 \$3,489.35

 Total
 \$6,333.79

Total Expenses \$11,326.37 Net Income (\$4,992.58)

35 groups contributed in January, avg contribution \$81. We are just under 2023 contributions.

Budgeted 2024 contributions is \$52,000

Upcoming *projected* expenses Feb - April:

2/4 ACM \$2300 3/1 – 3/3 WCRAASC (9 Area officers and chairs) \$4500 4/6 – 4/7 Spring Assembly \$8800 4/14 – 4/20 GSC Delegate \$2200 Archives rent Feb – April \$1500 \$19,300

Cash projections:

 Register balance at 1/31/24:
 \$19,496.60

 Expected receipts (Feb-April):
 \$8,100

 Expected expenses:
 (\$19,300)

 Net cash on April 30:
 \$8,296.60

Projections are my best guess based on information at hand, they may or may not be accurate.

I've sent the January files to the Financial Oversight Committee for review. Yours in service,

Heidi B

COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE - SCOTT A

Heidi emailed all reports to verify- Scott and Jess reviewed and all numbers made sense and looked good. We also looked at QuickBooks and how things are categorized with memos listed as should be. All looks good-

WEBMASTER – TERRY P

Attended the January Service Workshop, which was my first opportunity to get into the various systems and start transferring duties. Spent a fair amount of time with Kyle getting most of the needed information and answering lots of questions. The last 2-3 weeks has been filled with getting up to speed on all the systems, getting people in their accounts, updating some inaccuracies on the website, some calendar updates, etc. I will be adding a couple items to new business, involving cost changes and website links. Getting billing updated has been another priority, since it turns out if the card you are using is no longer valid the payments do not go through. The laptop purchased for the Secretary position has been having issues and I arranged an exchange under warranty with our provider. I am looking at setting a periodic virtual "How To" forum for all the Area Office 365 users. This will provide a way to help everybody, including me, learn the ins and outs of Office 365 without adding anything to the budget. I am not planning to attend the West Central because there does not seem to be significant related content that would validate the expense of traveling.

Yours in Service Terry P

NORTHERN LIGHT – JENNIFER T

Since our last ACM I attended the service workshop in St. Cloud and also visited a group in Park Rapids to share about service and the Northern Light. There were 5 in attendance this morning at our joint Northern Light, Website and Records Committee Meeting. All submitted flyers have been approved for submission in the next Northern Light. Deadlines for additional submissions is February 25th.

In service, Jennifer T

DISTRICT 3 – MELVIN S

Hello Area, 35, My name is Melvin I am the DCM for District 3. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month in Perham, MN at noon.

At our last District 3 monthly meeting, things are looking a lot brighter. We welcomed Paul C. from Wadena as our new Alternate DCM and Stan R. to the Treatment Committee. Stan will be working with Patti D. to get up to speed.

District 3 has a lot of area to cover and has four County Jails, which look like they are going to be all covered for men's meetings (finally) Paul H. our Corrections Chair covering Becker County, Paul C working with Wadena County and Stan D. down in Fergus Falls, Ottertail County. The Fargo/ Moorhead intergroup has been taking care of Clay County Annex. We still need to work on the women's meetings though.

We could still use a secretary. Becky A. and I have been doubling up with covering this position. I have a new appreciation for the secretary position now, it's more work than you can imagine.

Our Round Robins/Speaker meetings have been still going strong and seem to be a morale booster. We are starting to see more people interested in our district meeting too.

In Service, Melvin

GROUP RECORDS - PHYLLIS K

I want to thank everyone who is helping me learn this job! Thanks for submitting information and answering my questions. Please respond to my emails and phone calls.

I started learning for this position at the January workshop. I have completed a 4-hour tutorial on Microsoft 365, 4 tutorials on Chromebook, GSO's training on Fellowship Connection, and figured out how to get my printer at home to print via Wi-Fi.

I have registered 35 GSRs/ Contacts and 2 new groups at GSO, updated the area mailing list, and emailed each DCM with information needed for UN-KNOWN groups.

If you have groups in district that are listed as UNKNOWN at the GSO database, you have probably received an email from me. Please contact those groups and see if they have a GSR/ Contact Person-and get that information back to me please. We are starting with 39 unknown groups at this time. (down to 37) I am figuring out how this happens. When we enter someone as GSR or Contact Person, the start date (mandatory field) automatically enters a 2-year stop date (mandatory field). When the day after the stop date arrives, they drop off the list and have to be renewed.

Please spread the word to write legibly on the forms. It's ok to write in the margins rather than scribble out or write over something. I need: Group Name, district, and meeting location.

Person's name, address, email address, phone number, and start dates. I need to also know if you are a GSR or contact person. Kits are delivered digitally unless you let me know that you want one in the regular mail.

If you have submitted any changes to aaMinnesota.org in the past 2 months, please resubmit them. We are getting me set up for their website this weekend

Thanks for accepting me into this position. My goal is to serve faithfully and with sobriety love, Phyllis K

DISTRICT 16 - DAVE C

Good morning, I'm Dave C and I'm an Alcoholic standing in for District 16 we have all our Offices and Committee chairs covered, except DCM and Alt. DCM. I was told the treasury Looks good. Dave C

<u>LITERATURE – MIKE U</u>

Greetings everyone I'm Mike U. I'm an Alcoholic and I'm your area 35 literature chair. Since this rotation started I have attended the Saint Cloud workshop where Districts put on skits about unity and groups being informed. All districts did a great job and thank you for your service. It's great to see that kind of participation from the groups. I also have been trying to keep up with the inventory of books for the area. I asked GSO for a new order book and pricing, was told to go on line, not very helpful in my opinion. I attended the ACM the 4th of February. There were 8 Districts in attendance. Dist 3 is able to start bringing big books into the jails in their area. District 5 continues to have a 250 dollar literature/Grapevine expense, to provide literature for their groups. For all other districts, I got the good feeling that they are doing great work. I will be attending the WCRAASC in Minot in March were I plan on visiting with their literature chair. If there are any district that would like for me to come to your district and present the literature, please don't hesitate to reach out. I would be glad to help, hope to see you all at the spring assembly. In service, Mike U

DISTRICT 12 – RICH G

I attended the January workshop, singleness of purpose- Happy to report that there are several new GSR's at the January District meeting. We have a Veterans outreach program distributing AA literature. AA meetings at St. Louis and Douglas County jails are back and expanding with literature. Getting into treatment centers continue to be a challenge but we do still have a popular speaker meeting at Port Rehab every Saturday at 7:00pm with up to 100 in attendance. Our District website twinportsaa.org is growing and includes up to date flyers and meeting schedules that include zoom meetings (30) which provide more meeting options for members to access. More website

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cards will be made and distributed to the public. Intergroup is expanding and volunteers are growing (50 at present). New meetings are being held there in conference rooms. PSA's now on KDAL 11am-2pm download from aa.org.

In Service, Rich G

DISTRICT 5 - CHAD O

Hello All, Chad O. with District 5, First of all, I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as District 5 DCM, I'm nervous and apprehensive as I take on this responsibility, however, I know I am surrounded by wonderful, talented people in all of the other positions in District 5, and happy to report that all positions are filled! I also know we have fantastic people that came before us that are more than willing to support us in any way as we move forward. District 5 meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each Month at 7pm, we meet at Trinity Lutheran Church in Princeton. Our District is confirming all meetings in the District so we can get new meeting cards printed and distributed. We have an opportunity to finally go in person into the Sherburne County Jail (from Zoom) and several of us are out promoting this with flyers and meeting with groups to get the necessary volunteers for this commitment. Meetings are still going on weekly at Mille Lacs County jail, and our Nystroms commitment is going strong.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – RANDY A

I attended the Area 35 workshop in St. Cloud this past month-excellent presentations by the districts as well as our guest speaker Carla N. I also inquired about setting up a booth at the annual "state of the band" in tower at Fortune Bay Casino for next year as we missed the deadline for January 5th. I am also in the process of making contacts for PSA's for the local radio stations in Area 35. We had 8 in attendance at our PI/CPC Committee meeting this morning. We had discussion on Pi/CPC goals, a handout was passed around and some ideas were presentations in community education but within the confines of the traditions.

District 6- billboards were done in the past with QR codes- they currently had 4,000 hits a month

District 12 – Rich- talked about PSA- you can download off the aa.org website- they sent one to KDAL radio station

District 9- getting information into police departments, jails, taking literature to doctors. They have a website with a QR code- they recently had 4,300 hits. They also have a web manager to maintain their website information. District 21- they also have a website with QR codes - they have a district phone line

District 4 – business expo with manned or unmanned booths- they also distribute and update their meeting schedules.

District 13 – they have a combined PI/CPC committee with co-chairs- updated meeting schedules quarterly- they are currently trying to get information on other websites.

Yours in service, PI Chair, Randy A.

DISTRICT 2 –

No DCM

DISTRICT 4 – JAMES W

No report.

TREATMENT - KYLE H

Verbal report given.

DISTRICT 6 – JULIE N

Hey, hey, hey, Julie DCM from district 6, I attended the workshop for a short period of time. I really enjoyed the time that I was their great job everyone. We at district 6 had their first meeting this year. It went well. We had 18 people in attendance. We have a lot of things in place as follows. Like hotlines, websites, billboards, QR code on business cards, we have a few groups that are bringing the message into treatments. We also carry the message into our county jails. We have one meeting in our area that has daycare during their meeting.

I will be attending the CPC -PI meeting. I'm really excited for the future of our district and getting the voice out there. I have set up with Kelly past Delegate to come out and help with a District inventory in May. Spring is approaching and the tailgate will be back and reaching out to groups within our district. Aaron A. will be put on an informational background on the upcoming agenda items held at the Isanti Alano club Monday through Friday for anyone in our district or outside our district that would like to learn more about background information to have a more understanding of what's going on please join us at 790 Heritage Isanti Minnesota. God speed,

Julie N

DISTRICT 7 – JESS S

Greetings from District 7!

Our district meets the third Thursday of each month, in the basement of First Congregational Church in Brainerd (415 Juniper St), at 7 pm. In January we had 16 members in attendance, 4 of whom were new GSRs.

The district had been working in collaboration with District 18, in planning a weekend long Big Book Study event in January, but we had to cancel due to the presenter being ill. We are looking forward to rescheduling this event. Mike, our Grapevine & Literature Chair has updated the district hotline, and it is up and running 24/7. He also plans to set up a literature table at each district meeting so that material is readily available. Chris, our CPC/PI Chair had new business cards printed with the hotline number and the common phrase "IF YOU WANT TO DRINK, THAT'S YOUR BUSINESS. IF YOU WANT TO QUIT, THAT'S OURS." We have begun to disburse them with-

in the district. Mary, our Treatment Chair, has been extremely ill and is only recently on the mend, though I have been in contact with her, and she is working on getting connected with facilities in our district. Tim, our Web Manager, is working with the previous Web Manager, Denise, to ensure a smooth transition. Our Corrections Chair was filled in January too. Vickie already serves as a CTCP (Corrections Temporary Contact Program) volunteer and has a passion for Corrections. We are working together as a district to promote the CTCP within in hopes of attracting a few more volunteers from District 7.

I do plan to attend the West Central Regional Service Conference; I look forward to connecting with others passionate about AA & the service work that keeps it alive.

In Service, Jess S

CPC – MARY S

I apologize for being unable to attend the Area Committee Meeting this month. My husband and I are attending the Wild Rice Round-up in Mahnomen, MN which was a prior commitment before I accepted the position as CPC Area Committee Chairperson.

I am looking forward to serving Area 35 as CPC Committee Chairperson. I have served as PI/CPC Chair for District 16 for the past 4 years. I've also served as Secretary, Alt DCM and DCM for District 16. I served as Treasurer, Secretary, Alt GSR and GSR for Tuesday Night Solutions AA Group in District 16. I served as Area 35 Secretary 2012-2013. I am looking forward to meeting everyone at the Crookston Area Spring Assembly

Yours in Service, Mary S.

DISTRICT 18 – SCOTT S

No report.

DISTRICT 15 – FRED T

Greetings Area 35

My name is Fred, I am the DCM for District 15, and I am an alcoholic. Our District meeting meets on the first Monday of the month at the Albany Senior Center at 7:00pm. We had the Monday Night New London group meeting close as of January 1. The Twisted Sisters group changed their name to Unity and also made it an open meeting for men and women. They report that the meeting has improved attendance. We are busy organizing the Stearns County roundup set for March 23, 2024. A new venue has been selected "The River of Life" Church 22881 178th Ave Cold Spring. Social 5:30, 6:30 Dinner with speakers to follow- Al-anon Shannon B., AA Scott B. both from Jamestown North Dakota. On January 31, the Wednesday night AA Group in Cold Spring had a potluck/speaker meeting. Dan C. of Cold Spring shared his experience, strength, and hope. It was well attended with over 40 people. Cold Spring Alano had their chicken and ham dinner on Feb 2, over 160 people attended to eat and listen to speakers.

I attended the Area 35 workshop and brought with me a new GSR. We both had fun. I was also one of the presenters along with past District 15 DCM Lisa M. on sponsorship. It was interesting gathering the information on the AA.org website. One of the comments one of the old timers that I interviewed said was when they saw one of the people that they had sponsored give their sponsee their medallion. It reminded them of their sponsor and also their sponsor's sponsor. And that this program works.

I have started visiting the groups in the District presenting them with the new addresses for the treasurers for the District, and Area, as well as my contact information and our Literature chair Corey. I am also bringing them the pamphlets "The AA Group Where it all begins" and also the GSR pamphlet. It has garnered one new GSR so far. I am also giving presentations on AA and Safety, our common welfare which was included in the DCM kit from GSO.

Yours in service,

Fred T

<u>ARCHIVIST – MARC</u> N

Archivist report, February 2024 ACM

Since the service workshop in January, I have not done much due to an injury that limits my lifting and moving the totes of archive materials. I have planned with people near Aitkin to help me load the items for exhibits, I will need help with unloading and reloading at the destinations.

There are two planned archive exhibits in March. The Big Ole Roundup, and Stearns County Roundup.

We received more Grapevine magazines to further our collection. There are still many missing, if you have some to donate, contact the archivist for a list of the missing ones. We also have many duplicates of past issues, ask the Archivist if you have use for any of these. (The duplicate magazines have staples so are not suitable for donation to correctional facilities.)

We (archivist and archive committee chair) are thinking about doing an open house at the archive's repository, maybe the 3rd Sunday every month, 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM. Please offer feedback. Remember the archives are open for a while after ACM, please stop by.

An idea for the outdated area issued laptops that I have is to repurpose them as part of a secret project that I'm working on. My only requirement is the ability to play PowerPoint slide shows.

In Service, Archivist, Marc N

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ARCHIVES - CATHY R

Thank you for the opportunity to offer Area service. Our area has so many archivable items. I was flabbergasted when I saw how many Big Books versions 1,2,3 and 4 we have. I would ask each of your DCMs to review what documents, brochures, tapes and other items you may wish to donate to Archives. Should you have any events that you would like us to attend with some of our archives, please contact me. Also, Marc opens the archives up after the ACM today.

In service, Cathy R

DISTRICT 11 – KATHY M

Good morning Area 35,

We hold our District Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month @7:00pm at the Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson. We have an average of 8 in attendance. Our chairs have been busy learning their new roles. We have openings for Grapevine, Literature, and Treatment Chairs.

I am looking forward to getting together with my district and going through the service manual. I am working on making a bullet point list of positions within the district and some of the highlights of service work to present at meetings that I along with other members of my district will attend.

As usual there has been a highlight of service work during this quarter and that was attending the 48th Annual Service Workshop where my district presented the topic of "Barriers to Participation" in a skit.

I am looking forward to attending the West Central Regional Conference in Minot, ND

Thank you for letting me serve, Kathy M

DISTRICT 14 -

No DCM

GRAPEVINE – TERRY A

New audio book- Prayer & Meditation available: English, French & Spanish Committee discussion- good group- 8 in attendance Increased awareness of Grapevine books and availability via Grapevine chair

verses ordering on Amazon. Grapevine - Terry A

DISTRICT 1 – JENNIFER Z

Verbal report given.

DISTRICT 13 – MARGARET M

Hi everyone, my name is Peggy, and I am an alcoholic, District 13 DCM St. Cloud. We very much enjoyed hosting the 48th Annual Area 35 Service Workshop in January. Thank you everyone, it was a great workshop. The month of January was dedicated to preparing for the workshop and our first district meeting of the new rotation. We are very pleased so far, we have PI, CPC, Alt. DCM, secretary, and the treasurers' positions filled. We also have several GSRs that attend the district meeting 14 total.

As for the Corrections and Treatment positions, I am working with Mark on Corrections and our Alt. DCM is filling in with Treatment for now. Over the last month we have been connecting with women in prisons through the CTCP program. Building a list of men to go into the General population meeting at the St. Cloud prison. Organizing/updating and verifying our list for men and women going into Stearns and Benton County jail meetings. The Detox meeting is working great. Our PI, CPC, Treasurer, Secretary are all hard working keeping everything going and transitioning in the new rotation.

We are verifying meetings with no contact person or GSR and getting the information to Area records. We are planning a District Newsletter to distribute to when we visit the groups in our District.

I have registered for the West Central Service conference. We have Alt. Delegate Pat M. coming to our District Monday March 25th to discuss the GSC Agenda items. I have a presentation on the AA service structure for our District meeting February 5, 2024, to assist us with the conference agenda item process to get ready for the Spring Assembly. Grateful to serve, Peggy M.

DISTRICT 21 – JERI S

The District 21 Meeting is held the second Monday of the Month at 7:00 PM at the Bemidji MN Alano Club Gratitude Hall. Monthly attendance averages between 12-15 AA members including the trusted servants' positions/GSR's and local AA members. We have daily AA meetings including closed and open meetings. At the end of the month, we have a Monthly celebrating Alcoholics Anonymous Anniversary Sobriety/Birthdays: Monthly medallions, 1 year, 18 Month with the most recent being 45 years of recovery. The monthly potluck also includes an AA Speaker. Recently we have been inviting members in Alcoholics Anonymous with a significant amount of sobriety/Elder Statesmen and women to 1 Year in hopes of attracting service work as well as the importance of carrying the message of "what I was like, what happened and what I am like now." 1/8/24 Monday 7:00 PM we voted on rotating Service positions:

Secretary: Dale, Treasurer: Mary P., PI: Jen M., PCP: Cat, Corrections: Patrick, DCM 21: Jeri S

We also have a District 21 website: **mnaadistrict21.org** as well as QR codes on business cards and have changed our AA hotline to a 4-line cloud-based communication.

Thank You! Jeri S

<u>CORRECTIONS – MARK R</u> <u>Area 35 Corrections Chair Report – MARK R</u>

I attend, when possible, the weekly International Corrections Meetings.

On-Going, I continue to work on CTCP requests (INSIDE) looking to find Temporary Contacts for Men & Women being released back into their communities. We continue to need volunteers!

Monthly, I Chair the Statewide Corrections Committee meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 7, 2024, starting at 6:00pm.

I continue to be available to help our Area 35 District Corrections Chairs & DCMs with their respective Corrections opportunities. In helping District 13, next Thursday, February 8, 2024, we are bringing our first A.A. meeting into MCF-St Cloud Prison!

We need CTCP Temporary Contacts. Please fill out a CTCP (OUTSIDE) form to volunteer for this awesome Service Work. I will email the PDF form or mail upon request. Please consider volunteering.

New District Corrections Chairs, please get your contact information to Phylis K (Group Records) so she can
In turn send it onto GSO so you can get your "Welcome" kits!

I have QR Software Application! If anyone or any District/Group needs a QR code or codes, reach out to me and I will make it happen for you. I created code for several groups in 2023. Following Tradition 7, I must charge

you – don't sweat it, it is only \$1.00 per QR Code! I have an on-going sub-

scription so these QR codes will not expire!

God Bless you all!

EBRUARY ACM ACTION CHAIR COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – MARK R

We had 6 in attendance. We opened with The Serenity prayer and introductions. We then followed by sharing about what is going on in our Districts and Corrections facilities.

Peggy M. (District 13 DCM): District 13 has 3 facilities – MCF St Cloud Prison, Benton County Jail, and Stearns County Jail. 2 A.A. members from the St Cloud Alano have been taking a men's meeting into Benton County Jail. After attending the 2023 Corrections Workshop at Jack & Jim's Event Center, they wanted to get more involved! They reached out to Peggy to get more information about volunteering at St Cloud Prison. Peggy provided them with Applications packets & flyer she received from Mark R. Both will be signing up and have a few others that may be interested as well! In addition to the weekly men's A.A. meeting at Benton County Jail, there are 2-3 women who have been bringing a women's A.A. meeting in as well. 2 men have been bringing A.A. meetings into Stearns County Jail and soon District 13 hopes to be starting a women's A.A. meeting there too! Peggy received 2 CTCP requests from Mark for women being Released into the St Cloud area from MCF Shakopee Women's Prison. Peggy has been successfully corresponding with one of the two women and will be meeting her and taking her to her first A.A. meeting outside around February 12th!

Cathy (District 6 GSR): Takes meetings into Isanti County Jail. There is a group of 4 men and 3 women who have been volunteering to do this. Monday is work release. Thursdays is inside for men & women.

Melvin S. (District 3 DCM): District 3 has a new Corrections Chair – Paul H. District 3 brings A.A. meetings into Becker, Ottertail, and Wadena County Jails. The Fargo/Moorhead Intergroup is facilitating A.A. meetings for the Clay County Jail. At this time District 3 is working on starting a women's A.A. meeting at each facility.

Paul C. (District 3 Alt-DCM): A former A.A. member who had been taking A.A. meetings into Wadena County Jail passed away a while back. The Wadena County Sheriff reached out to the local A.A. Group who in turn contacted Paul. Paul and Wayne re-started the A.A. meetings with the men in custody at Wadena County Jail! With there being a lack of Big Books, District 3 purchased Big Books and ½ were designated for checkout and the other ½ are reserved for A.A. meetings – a Big "Thank You" to District 3! Ricco R. (District 9 A.A. Member in Corrections): Ricco contacted Frank K of District 12 to see if anyone is going into Duluth Federal Prison. Frank said that District 12 is and passed on the Chaplain's name to Ricco for him to contact about the CTCP program. Ricco called a couple of times and so far, has not heard back. Mark R told Ricco that he would follow up with the Chaplain as well. Ricco mentioned the Coordinator at TOGO (formerly Thistledew) is looking for more volunteers to bring A.A. meetings in there. Currently there are about 25-30 men in custody attending the meetings now! There are no A.A. meetings at the work farm (TWIG). Ricco has been corresponding with a man in custody from MCF St Cloud Prison and is looking forward to taking him to his first A.A. meeting on February 14th!

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Mark R. (Area 35 Corrections Chair): Working with Peggy and District 13 on starting A.A. meetings for the $2^{\rm nd}$ Treatment Group at MCF St Cloud Prison on Thursdays. There is still no ETA on the start date yet. This is very important to the Administrators at the prison – 900 of 1100 men in custody have Alcohol & Drug problems! 2024 MCF Transition Fairs are starting soon – first fair is at MCF Willow River April $16^{\rm th}$. DCM's and Corrections members, please grab CTCP forms (OUTSIDE, blue) from the table as we need volunteers for 2024. If interested in Corrections in A.A., think about joining us at the monthly SWCC meeting via TEAMS every $1^{\rm st}$ Wednesday of the month! I attended the Area 35 Service Workshop – awesome job to all Districts who presented! I will be attending the West Central Regional Workshop in Minot March 1-3, 2024.

Yours in Service, Mark R

Statewide Corrections Committee (SWCC) Chair Report - MARK R

Please consider getting more involved in Corrections Work in A.A., attend our next SWCC meeting to see what we are doing across the State of Minnesota!

The 2024 Minnesota DOC Transition Fairs schedule has come out. Will be working with Craig H. Area 36 Corrections Chair on scheduling 2 volunteers for each Transition Fair, 1 from Area 35 and 1 from Area 36. The first fair is coming up fast and is in Northern Minnesota at Willow River!

Hello! Thank you for your interest to be a community partner at our 2024 DOC Transitions Fairs! I will forward your email to the Transitions Program Coordinators at each DOC facility. As each facility fair dates nears, the **Transitions Program Coordinator will send out invites to interested organizations.** Please keep in mind:

Transitions Fairs will focus on each facility's individual populations; unfortunately, this may not guarantee your participation at *all* Transitions Fairs

Each facility will send you a Vendor Application to complete for facility logistics and set-up as their date nears

The Application for Access to a MN Correctional Facility needs to be completed annually, per DOC policy 300.020. A Transitions Program Coordinators will send this to you if you need to fill one out

If your physical attendance cannot be accommodated, we will be providing the opportunity to display resources for organizations.

2024 Facility Transitions Fair Dates

Willow River #1	•	Redwing	April 23
Shakopee	April 30th	St Cloud	May 15th
Faribault	June 12th	Lino Lakes	August 8th
Moose Lake	September 17th	Rush City	October 9th
Willow River #2	October 15th	Stillwater	November 13th

The SWCC meets on the 1st Wednesday of each Month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 7, 2024

Microsoft Teams meeting - Join on your computer, mobile app or room device. Meeting ID: $212\ 769\ 216\ 350\ Passcode: Y9JqVU$

Humbled & Honored to Serve you, Mark R

DISTRICT 9 – TOM T

I attended the 48th annual area 35 service workshop in St. Cloud, MN. It was a very informative workshop. Our new alternate delegate, Pat, chaired the event. The workshop was well attended by our Area 35 officers and GSR's. The presentations were very well done either by skit, which involved several District members, or by information presentation done by a few District members, and that is what we in District 9 did. the DCM informational meeting was given to introduce the new DCM's to each other and elect a chairperson for our upcoming meetings. It was great to see so many DCM's that were excited to continue the works that were previously started in their District and also to start new activities that will interest other AA members to be involved in service work as well as reach the still suffering alcoholic. The presentations and information given by our guest from Area 36 were very well done, being both useful information and often entertaining in the presentation

I was privileged to chair our January 2024 District 9 meeting. We had about 11 in attendance. I have had and continue to have much support from our outgoing DCM, Diane R., who is now our Area 35 Delegate and Sandy K. our past District 9 Secretary. Our GSR's that were present gave their reports and we discussed some of our goals for the upcoming rotation. Our ultimate goal being "how to reach the still suffering alcoholic". We do have a few open service positions to fill.

Our alternate DCM, Chuck R. and I will be attending the meetings in our district to be sure that each meeting has the correct and current information about service and responsibility in Alcoholics Anonymous.

We will also continue to work with Districts 8 and 16 to put on our TRI-DISTRICT Workshops. They have been helpful and fun in the past and it is great to work with and get to know other people in the adjoining Districts.

I will be attending the upcoming West Central Regional Conference in Minot, N.D. and the Area 35 Spring Assembly in Crookston, MN. yours in service, Tom T

<u>DISTRICT 8 – JOHN J</u>

Greetings Area 35:

I am John Jordan, and I am the new District 8 DCM for this rotation. Our monthly district meetings rotate Monday through Friday, and different groups within our district volunteer to host. Our attendance at district meetings seems to be increasing, which is encouraging, and as my predecessor Heather had already reported all of our service committee chairs have been filled! This 1st Month of the rotation I am still getting my feet wet. I attended the Area 35 Service Workshop in Saint Cloud. I learned a lot and enjoyed the weekend. I have been in the process of putting together a District 8 contact list which is almost complete. I have been able to visit 3 groups as DCM and received some encouraging feedback from them regarding participating in District 8 meetings on a more regular basis. We have also had 2 new groups start up. The first is the Ely Primary Purpose Men's Group which meets Tuesdays at 7 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, and the second is the Kabetogama AA Group which will start meeting on March 7th, and thereafter meet on Thursdays at 7 pm at the Kabetogama United Methodist Church. I am thankful to District 8 for allowing me to serve. In Service, John J

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Approve CPC Chair

Cathy R. motion to approve Mary S as Area 35 CPC - Chair Diane R. seconded the motion Motion passed unanimously

Approve Group Records Chair

Robin J. motion to approve Phyllis King as Area 35 Group Records -Tom T seconded the motion Motion passed unanimously

West Central Regional AA Service Conference

Treasurer Heidi B. presented rough estimates for costs to send people to the WCRAASC in Minot, ND. The estimates were for shared rooms and/or if they did not share rooms.

There is a Zoom option available to attend the WCRAASC which some prefer attending that way

Some Area Chairs chose not to attend.

10 Officers/Chairs plan to attend in person- it was felt there were enough funds to financially support their attendance- Per vote taken from December ACM there was no need for another motion/vote

Office 365 for the Audio Sound position-

Terry P stated he would like the Audio Sound person to have Office 365 email to make their job easier- the cost for the license would be \$3 per month.

JESS S. MOTION TO PROVIDE AN EMAIL ACCOUNT FOR OUR AUDIO SOUND PERSON- KYLE $2^{\text{\tiny ND}}$

Discussion:

It is not just an email account it would also give them an Office 365 account where they would have the ability to "drop" recordings to the Secretary and Archives without using a 3rd party resource. It is more than an email account

Kyle made a friendly amendment to read "We provide an Office 365 Account for our Audio Sound person", Jess S. Accepted friendly amendment- Motion passed unanimously

AD Hoc Committee Updates

Vicki gave updates and needs for Ad Hoc Committees

Area Inventory Ad hoc Committee- Jake J. will be the Past Delegate, Heidi B. and Mike U. are the Action Committee Chairs, DCM will be Fred T. GSR Jeff O.

Articles of Incorporation- Steve L. Past Delegate NEED Action Committee Chair, DCM and GSR for this committee

Web Technology Ad Hoc Committee - Christine G. Past Delegate, Terry P. and Kyle H. are Action Committee Chairs, DCM Julie N., GSR Dennis N.

Zonal Forums Ad Hoc Committee Charlie C. Past Delegate, Pat M. Alt Delegate Action Committee Chair, Kathy M. DCM, **NEED GSR** The Ad Hoc Committees should bring back recommendations to be dis-

Area Computers

cussed at the Fall Assembly-

Jess asked to revisit the discussion on the purchase of Area laptops-discussion

It was felt we violated Traditions and Concepts with lack of discussion before approval of purchasing computers

Were the DCM's fully informed?

Area Officers/Chairs need the equipment to be able to do their jobs. Are we relying too much on computers?

Not everyone needed new computers -3 or 4 out of the 16 positions needed computers.

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It was felt new computers were needed at the start of the rotation for incoming officers to do their work, therefore a necessity to allow the Area to conduct business

MOTION - JOHN J.- I MOVE THAT THE LANGUAGE APPROV-ING THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS FOR AREA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS BE AMENDED TO APPROVE PUR-CHASES ON AS NEEDED BASIS OR ADD TO THEIR BUDGET. **CATHY R. SECONDED-**

MOTION- DIANE R. MOTION TO TABLE DISCUSSION TO SPRING ASSEMBLY- KYLE $2^{\rm ND}$ MOTION PASSED

Area 35 Website Link

Terry P Webmaster stated he felt we have St. Paul and Mpls Intergroups on our area35.org website as a resource under AA links, we do not have Twin Ports Duluth Intergroup or SCI. Terry stated it was requested that SCI be added to our Area 35 Website. He wanted to bring the request forward to consider adding SCI and Twin Ports to our website as a resource. Discussion

Why do we have Intergroups on our Website as a resource? We could take them all off

The Ad Hoc Committee for Area35/36 joint website aaminnesota.org recently met to discuss this issue and others. It was decided to remove all intergroups from our Area 35/36 aaminnesota.org website, which has been done.

What is the purpose of our Area 35 Website? Is it an internal tool for our members only or is it an outward resource that helps the still suffering alcoholic?

Some individual members use the intergroups as a resource for Bridging the Gap

Do we need to put them on the website just because we can? District 13 would be opposed to this-

All Intergroups have their own websites, with their information and phone numbers

ROBIN J. MOTIONED TO REMOVE ALL INTERGROUPS FROM **OUR WEBSITE. PAT M. SECONDED**

Question would be adding them go against Tradition 6 – an AA Group ought never endorse . are we endorsing? Lending the aa name to any related facility or outside entity?

Refer to literature MG-02 AA Guidelines on Central or intergroup offices from aa.org

FAQ from the Service Manual on Intergroups

Intergroups are not part of the General Service Structure Triangle

As a newcomer I did not search area35.org or intergroup to get sober- I searched AA- these websites' purpose does not appear to help the new alcoholics trying to find sobriety.

If the intergroups want to be on our website and be part of us, they should come ask us themselves.

VOTED 9 IN FAVOR 4 OPPOSED MOTION PASSED Minority opinion-

Not enough information

MIKE U. MADE A MOTION TO RECONSIDER- JESS SECOND-

MOTION TO RECONSIDER FAILED MOTION TO REMOVE ALL INTERGROUPS FROM OUR WEB-SITE STANDS-

January Workshop Evaluations

Pat M. stated evaluations showed everyone loved the presentations, especially the skits. Carla N.'s story on service work and responsibility was inspiring to GSR's and DCM's. Carla was very inspiring!

So much unity at the workshop- no fighting or bickering- Singleness of Purpose had good discussions- GSR's love the idea of the sharing session and that they are "the link" to the DCM down to the Delegate- Good information on Service Sponsorship- 99 participants, 17 first timers with 2 being DCM'sthe rest were GSR's- that is a lot of new GSR's. GSR's were asking what are the 7 Questions concerning the Founder's writings? they hadn't heard of that and wanted more information. One member stated that this was their 34th workshop! What's keeps them coming? The evaluations were very enthusiastic, and the Workshop was a great success!

Credit Card to use to purchase Literature

Mike U. Literature Chair asked if there is an Area Credit card to use for Literature/Grapevine purchases-

Vicki stated that we need more information – many obstacles to getting an Area 35 debit card without tying it to an individual- personal credit or debit cards shouldn't be used for Area Business-

Couldn't we just buy a cash card for the Literature and Grapevine chair to use?

Spring Assembly Update

Vicki stated The Crookston Inn is now closed and are negotiating terms with the bank to reopen by mid to late February. Three days ago, Vicki attempted to contact them and was not able to. Vicki will be looking for an alternate site for Spring Assembly and keep us updated.

MOTION TO ADJOURN – closed with Responsibility Statement

AREA 35 ARCHIVES

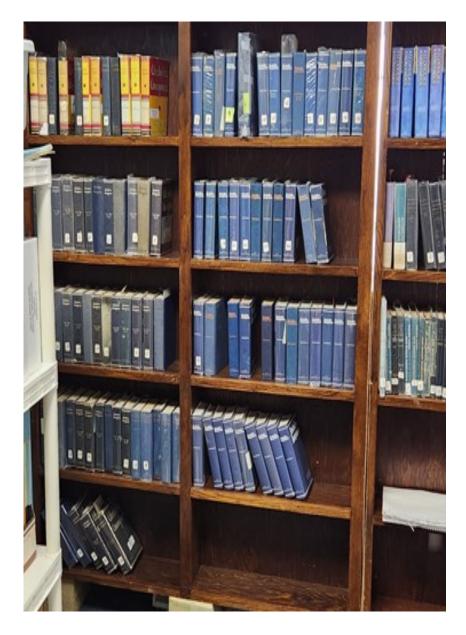
Area 35 Archives has a collection of Big Books donated by long time members or their families/friends.

These include several first edition, second edition, third edition, and fourth edition.

All printings of first and second edition are included except the first edition, first printing.

The donations dropped off in recent years, several printings of the third and fourth editions are not included.

We also have several editions and printings of other AAWS and GV books, such as 12&12, As Bill Sees It, AA Comes of Age, Reflections, Language of the Heart, and more.



"We have all known and seen miracles - the healing of broken individuals, the rebuilding of broken homes. And always, it has been constructive, personal Twelfth Step work based on an ever-upwardlooking faith which has done the job."

AA Co-Founder, Dr. Bob, September 1948 From: "The Fundamentals--In Retrospect" AA Grapevine

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Ordinary Income/Expense		5125 · AAWS Literature Inventory 5200 · Service Workshop	1,744.72
Income		5201 · Coffee	1,534.90
4000 · Group Contributions		5203 · Room Rental	2,048.01
4000-03 · District 03 Contributions	200.00	5204 · Speaker Expenses	668.63 49.01
635785 · 78689-St Mary's of the Lake Total 4000-03 · District 03 Contributions	200.00 200.00	5205 · Supplies Total 5200 · Service Workshop	4,300.55
4000-04 · District 04 Contributions	200.00	6550 · Finance Oversight Committee	.,,,,,,,,,
663064 · 104638-Elbow Lake AA	50.00	6550-01 · Meals	38.94
Total 4000-04 · District 04 Contributions	50.00	6550-02 · Travel 6550 · Finance Oversight Committee - Other	15.48 15.00
4000-06 · District 06 Contributions		Total 6550 · Finance Oversight Committee	69.42
369901 Isanti 530 Thursday BB	50.00	Total Expense	6,114.69
666666-666666 Dist 6 Other Grou 107681 · 97742-Cambridge Community	60.00	Net Ordinary Income	219.10
Group	30.00	Other Expense 6100 · Delegate	
107870 · 37224-North Branch Community	240.00	6100-01 · Meals	59.58
·		6100-02 · Travel	35.06
142131 · 90338-Forest Lake 12X12 Study 307923 · Daily Reprieve Group	15.00 50.00	6100-03 · Lodging 6100-06 · Printing	145.29 31.85
684788 · 26582-Wed Nite AA 6 PM	40.00	6100-08 · Other	15.00
Total 4000-06 · District 06 Contributions	485.00	Total 6100 · Delegate	286.78
4000-07 · District 07 Contributions		6200 · Alternate Delegate	45.00
107749 · 106946-Mon Garrison Group	150.00	6200-01 · Meals 6200-02 · Travel	45.00 15.00
132510 · 48607-Pequot Lakes AA Group	100.00	6200-03 · Lodging	145.29
609418 · 67938-Serenity in the Pines	75.00	6200-06 · Printing	42.00
Total 4000-07 · District 07 Contributions	325.00	6200-08 · Other	15.00
4000-08 · District 08 Contributions		Total 6200 · Alternate Delegate 6300 · Chairperson	262.29
107537 · 19851 Virginia Wed AM	50.00	6300-01 · Meals	58.45
120255 · 46826 Palo Kitchen Table #1	120.04 170.04	6300-02 · Travel	14.25
Total 4000-08 · District 08 Contributions 4000-09 · District 09 Contributions	170.04	6300-03 · Lodging	183.59
		6300-08 · Other Total 6300 · Chairperson	15.00 271.29
107764 · 110172-Hibbing Downtown Group	100.00	1 otal 6300 · Chairperson 6400 · Secretary	2/1.29
121039 · 42543 Zim Group	50.00	6400-01 · Meals	14.43
138250 · 110174 Hibbing Sat Morning 179485 · As Bill Sees It - Hibbing	100.00 25.00	6400-06 · Printing	927.50
611186 · 24189 Mon. Big Book Group	10.00	6400-07 · Postage	12.48
Total 4000-09 · District 09 Contributions	285.00	6400-08 · Other Total 6400 · Secretary	<u>15.00</u> 969.41
4000-11 · District 11 Contributions		6500 · Treasurer	000
646266 - 100567 Happy Javous & Fran	20.00	6500-01 · Meals	75.51
646266 · 109567 Happy Joyous & Free	20.00	6500-02 · Travel	84.27
724683 · 19974 Moose Lake Vision of Hope	16.00	6500-03 · Lodging 6500-05 · Supplies	145.29 185.60
Total 4000-11 · District 11 Contributions	36.00	6500-06 · Printing	480.00
4000-12 · District 12 Contributions	00.40	6500-07 · Postage	79.20
107573 · 100551 Crossroads AA 127270 · 94477 Back to Basics	26.40 75.00	6500-08 · Other	15.00
132613 · 67747 Serenity Club Inc.	50.00	Total 6500 · Treasurer 7100 · Archivist	1,064.87
140763 · 6615 Thurs.Noon Big book	100.00	7100 · Archivist 7100-01 · Meals	38.28
637117 · 42746 On Awakening Group	200.00	7100-02 · Travel	63.43
Total 4000-12 · District 12 Contributions	451.40	7100-03 · Lodging	145.29
4000-15 · District 15 Contributions		7100-08 · Other	540.00
107693 · Cold Spring Friday Nite AA Grp	150.00	Total 7100 · Archivist 7200 · Corrections	787.00
679438 · 7529 Thurs Night Fellowship	50.00	7200-02 · Travel	7.67
719372 · 71937-34287 New London Sunday	100.00	7200-08 · Other	15.00
G Total 4000-15 · District 15 Contributions	100.00 300.00	Total 7200 · Corrections	22.67
4000-16 · District 16 Contributions	300.00	7400 · Grapevine 7400-01 · Meals	38.94
120344 · 103049 Effie Group	100.00	7400-01 Weals 7400-02 · Travel	15.48
Total 4000-16 · District 16 Contributions	100.00	7400-03 · Lodging	265.01
4000-17 · District 17 Contributions		7400-05 · Supplies	9.93
294129-270179 Crosslake ThurN	25.00	7400-08 · Other	15.00
123762 · 100545 Crosslake Tuesday Night	117.00	Total 7400 · Grapevine 7600 · Literature	344.36
Total 4000-17 · District 17 Contributions	142.00	7600-02 · Travel	13.80
4000-18 · District 18 Contributions		7600-03 · Lodging	168.00
132913 · 47111 Parkers Prairie AA	65.00	7600-08 · Other Total 7600 · Literature	15.00
Total 4000-18 · District 18 Contributions	65.00	1 otal 7600 · Literature 7800 · Public Information	196.80
4000-21 · District 21 Contributions	170.00	7800-01 · Meals	76.05
145909 · 38031 Nooners AA Group 683774 · Women's Way Group	170.00 65.00	7800-02 · Travel	47.84
Total 4000-21 · District 21 Contributions	235.00	7800-03 · Lodging	145.29
Total 4000 · Group Contributions	2,844.44	7800-08 · Other Total 7800 · Public Information	15.00 284.18
4100 · Birthday Contributions	5.00	7900 · Treatment	204.18
4200 · Special Contributions		7900-01 · Meals	17.50
4210 · MNYPAA	194.91	7900-02 · Travel	51.00
Total 4200 · Special Contributions	194.91	7900-08 · Other Total 7900 · Treatment	15.00 83.50
4250 · Other-anonymous	30.00	1 otal 7900 · Treatment 7950 · Webmaster	83.50
4253 · B-Day Contribution Total 4250 · Other-anonymous	30.00	7950-01 · Meals	31.40
4500 · Service Workshop Registration	1,485.00	7950-02 · Travel	20.77
4550 · Service Workshop Coffee	425.00	7950-08 · Other	15.00
4700 · Grapevine Sales	290.49	Total 7950 · Webmaster 8000 · Web Technology	67.17
4710 · AAWS Literature Sales	1,058.78	8000-08 · Software Products	538.36
4800 · Interest on Deposits	0.17	Total 8000 · Web Technology	538.36
Total Income	6,333.79	8050 · Audio Technician	
Gross Profit	6,333.79	8050-02 · Travel	18.00
		8050-08 · Other Total 8050 · Audio Technician	<u>15.00</u> 33.00
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		Total Other Expense	5,211.68
		Total Other Expense Net Other Income	5,211.68 -5,211.68 -4,992.58

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AREA OFFICER & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

DELEGATE- DIANE R

Hi Friends.

As we gear up for the upcoming Area 35 Spring Assembly on April 6-7, 2024, in Crookston MN, it is important everyone is well prepared and informed about the General Service Conference (GSC) Agenda Items. The agenda items are being released gradually over the week and can be accessed on the Area 35 website under General Service Conference. If you have not already, please reach out to your District Committee Member (DCM) or me (218-929-7846) for the password needed to download and review the items. Come to the Area 35 Spring Assembly with your group's conscience on the

On the agenda items list, I have highlighted the ones that may generate more discussion. However, I encourage everyone to review as many items as you can and thoroughly discuss with your groups. Your input and group conscience are important and valuable.

Conference week this year is from April 14 through April 20, 2024. After returning from the conference, I will be reporting back to the Districts. DCMs, please review dates with your district for the Report Back from the General Service Conference. Let me know early so I can put you on my

During a recent meeting with the West Central Regional Delegates and Alt-Delegates and Class A Trustee Kerry Meyer on Sunday February 18, 2024, these were some of the highlights:

Financial Updates: The Retirement Fund is funded over 100% and they do expect to add contributions for at least 10 years. Cash flow is still very tight. Cooperation with the Professional Community reduced their budget by 25%. AAWS and AAGV cut their proposed budgets. Cutting Conference expenses saves \$112,000. The reserve fund will be about \$11.5 million which represents 6.25 months at 2024 expense rate. I have asked for the 4th Quarter Final Statements, and our West Central Trustee said the audited ones will come out in April. The January Board Meeting Minutes are not out as of this writing.

International Updates: Three GSO members are going to Poland in August for their 50-year anniversary. Hungary, El Salvador, and virtual international Hispanic Convention are coming up.

Literature Updates: Plain and Simple Language Book is approved to go to Conference for review and possible vote. Delegates will have 90 minutes to read the draft of the Plain and Simple Language Book. Delegates were asking for more time than 90 minutes to review the Plain and Simple Language Book. The deadline is extended for Native American stories to 4/30/24. 5th Edition Big Book has 2,500 stories submitted and they are in the process of choosing ones for the book. Three consultants were hired to deal with the influx of letters regarding the founders' writings. These letters should go to your delegate. Delegates are asking for more time to discuss the Founders' Writings at the Conference.

International Convention Update: The International Conference in Vancouver registration fee is set at \$160 early/\$185 regular.

Corrections Update: The use of tablets in Correctional Facilities is up 250%. Completion rates on these tablets are higher with audio.

Public Information Update: General Service Office podcast Season 1 is in the final edits. 4.7 million showings of PSAs. Google Ads increased clicks 50% in the 4th Quarter.

Cooperation with the Professional Community: Mental Health Professionals pamphlet is with publishing for drafting.

A.A. Grapevine/LaVina Update: There are 239 videos on YouTube. A.A. Grapevine/LaVina will only have an online catalog. The new Grapevine/LaVina app had 26,600 downloads. Subscriptions through the app were 5,300 and 8,000 pre-existed. Revenue to the end of January was \$66,455. The Podcast have 6,000 downloads per week.

Thank you for your commitment to service. Our goal is to keep Alcoholics Anonymous around for as long as God may need us.

in Service Diane R.

Area 35 Delegate

ALTERNATE DELEGATE-PAT M

Hello Area 35 Pat M

I am an alcoholic and your Area 35 alternate delegate. I had the honor of facilitating the 48th annual Area 35 service workshop January 13th and 14th at Rivers Edge Convention Center in St Cloud Minnesota.

There were 98 in attendance, a great deal of thanks, they did an amazing job. There were eight districts that gave presentations. District 6: informed group conscience, the key to unity. District 13: connecting home groups throughout the year, to better inform group conscience. District 11: overcoming the barriers of participation. District 15: sponsorship where it all begins. District 12: singleness of purpose staying pertinent in a changing world. District 9: safeguarding our traditions. District 7: communication the key to an informed decision. District 5: be involved, be inspired, be of service. They did an amazing job, thank you all . The big thanks to District 13 for hosting the workshop. Great job 13.

Carla N. from Minneapolis was our guest speaker on Saturday night. She told her story, it was very heartfelt. It was full of promises, the miracles, AA was very much alive in her story. Carla also gave closing talk, responsibility and service.

I received 43 evaluations. 16 came from first time attendance at the workshop. 12 GSR's and four DCM's. 9 evaluations for second year attendances. 4 GSR's, 3DCM's and two committee chairs. 7 valuations were third year, one GSR committee chairs and no positions at this time and 11 evaluations consist of 4 years to 34 years of officers, past delegates, committee chairs. The evaluations showed me that many of the first time GSR's and DCM's were very inspired by all the presentations, they are really inspired by our guest speaker Carla on her presentation, responsibility and service. They felt that they had a better understanding of service work, the importance of all positions, especially GSR and DCM with accountability and responsibility. They like the idea of a service sponsor, GSRs they said they had a better idea of a group conscience meeting now through the skits and the talks at the workshop.

DCM's and GSR's especially liked the breakout sessions, but I got to sit down and talk amongst you, each other, to see what's going on in other groups and districts. It seems like everyone loved the general sharing from the floor, they thought that was excellent. The workshop experience as a whole and meeting the guest, meeting the committee chairs from the area. Overall, it seems they really enjoyed the workshop, thanks again for allowing me to facilitate it. Yours in service, your alternate delegate, Pat

Since the ACM on Feb 4: I have continued to set up ad hoc committees and sent information to the Inventory Recommendations committee.

I have confirmed that the Crookston Inn & Convention Center will reopen, and our Spring Assembly will be held there as planned. Please call 218-470-1000 on 2/26 between 9am and 5pm or 2/27 and after 24/7.

In grateful service, Vicki R

SECRETARY - DENISE R

Greetings Area 35,

Since the February Area Committee Meeting I have completed those minutes and emailed them to all.

I have not received a Secretary Laptop to replace the one our Terry, our Webmaster needed to return-

I have worked with Vicki Area Chair, to help with agenda.

I plan on attending the West Central Regional AA Service Conference in Minot, sharing rides and hotel expenses with a few ladies. Looking forward to discussing the agenda items as a Region and learning more.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Denise R

TREASURER – HEIDI B

Hello Area 35 -

This month, I prepared a document with all 19 Area 35 budgets, just in case someone hasn't seen them in the Northern Light. I'm sending this pdf out today (2/25), to the assembly. A few budgets will have some minor revisions before Spring Assembly, based on what happens during this quarter. We will be voting on these budgets at the Spring Assembly, so please make sure all groups see this information. This is the complete budget for 2024. Our February area finances through 2/25/24:

Group Contributions \$3185.60 Literature/Other income \$ 1197.95 \$4383.54 Total

\$4731.48 Total Expenses (\$347.94)Net Income

31 groups have contributed so far in February, avg contribution \$102.76. Thank you for your support of Area 35!

Yours in service, Heidi B

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

WEBMASTER – TERRY P

No report given

NORTHERN LIGHT – JENNIFER T

Since the February ACM, I have visited the archives as well as continued to collect submissions and flyers for this edition of the NL. I attended a Plain and Simple Language Online Meeting and recorded a transcript of the information presented by the chair of the PLBB committee. I will be attending the WCRSC in Minot. I have started reviewing the agenda items posted by our delegate.

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GROUP RECORDS – PHYLLIS K

No report given

<u>LITERATURE – MIKE U</u>

No report given

PUBLIC INFORMATION – RANDY A

No report given

TREATMENT - KYLE H

No report given

CPC - MARY S

I would like to thank Vicki for asking me to serve and Area 35 for confirming my nomination to be your C.P.C. Chair for the 2024-2025 rotation.

I am looking forward to attending the 2024 West Central Regional AA Service Conference on March 2 & 3, 2024 via ZOOM.

C.P.C. work involves cooperation with professionals who often meet alcoholics in places where AA is not present. (C.P.C. Workbook). Through Professionals we can reach alcoholics who might never find the AA program, or find the program much sooner, with the assistance of informed non-AA's. (C.P.C. Workbook).

As an Area C.P.C. Committee we have a lot of work ahead of us in reaching and informing different types of Professionals who are found in all our Districts.

I am looking forward to working with all of you on this life-saving venture. In Service, Mary S.

ARCHIVIST - MARC N

Hi, I am Marc N, an alcoholic, and your Area35 archivist, Welcome new GSRs, new committee members, and all of you observers. I would like to introduce the Area 35 Archives, what it is, and what its future might be. The archives are not just a bunch of meeting minutes, financial reports, and old books.

During the past couple of months I have had opportunity to listen and read long timer stories from the past. It would be interesting to record some new stories of today's long timers to listen and read how the stories of recovery have remained the same and how they have changed. A thought is to assemble the stories from each district along with a copy of each district's group's origin date, some history of the personal stories and group stories into a presentation binder. Another thought is to assemble an album and a slide show of photos of meeting places and memorabilia. The photos desired are anonymous pictures of group meetings, round robins, events, and more. These voice and photo albums will not be public but limited to exhibits at closed AA events. My hope is that this will be a way for GSRs to suggest to AA members that these can be used to attract newcomers. It is the way we relate to each other and to the newcomer that is the glue that holds us together, that is inviting, and that keeps us coming back. If you wish, send audio recordings, written stories, and/or photos to the archivist via email or USPS.

My October 2022 Northern Light article concerned the variety of items archived in the past. I had been concerned about some items that did not align with AA Traditions or were perhaps either not relevant to AA and/or Area35 or the relevance was unknown. It is important to keep all things donated to the archives, but the archivist should also be a gatekeeper so that improper items do not make the archive unmanageable. Regarding future donated items, the archivist should understand the relevance to AA and/or Area35 and, if necessary, attach an explanation of why it is archived.

Committee Chairs and DCMs please forward items of interest to Archivist for storage with Area35 Archives. The newly established MS365 accounts allow for storage at committee or district level as well.

I am open to suggestions that will improve the way that archives serve the AA Area 35 fellows. At future ACMs the archive committee will meet at the archive repository before the general meeting. This will be a working meeting to be used as discovery for active projects. After the close of the ACM the repository will be open for visitors.

ARCHIVES - CATHY R

No report given

GRAPEVINE – TERRY A

No report given

CORRECTIONS - MARK R

I just want to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to A.A. members in Area 35 Districts, and Groups, who are presently taking regular meetings into County Jails and Minnesota Correctional Facilities. Not a week goes by, where I have talked to an AA member who is doing this Special Service Work!. Many Area 35 A.A. members go about the business of Carrying the Message to those less fortunate than us in custody. Not only that, organizing meetings, working with jails to get volunteers approved, manage rosters of volunteers, and anything else necessary. It is a sincere privilege to work with all of these dedicated A.A. members.

With the up-coming MCF Transition Fairs, I will be starting to look for OUTSIDE A.A. members who would be willing to work on CTCP requests from INSIDE A.A. members looking to find Temporary Contacts who will correspond with them and who can help introduce them to the AA Community in the area they are going to be released.

Monthly, I Chair the Statewide Corrections Committee meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 6, 2024 starting at 6:00pm.

I continue to be available to help our Area 35 District Corrections Chairs & DCMs with their respective Corrections opportunities. I'm working on updating our Area 35 spreadsheet with A.A. members bringing A.A. meetings into any & all County & State Corrections Facilities in Minnesota. If you are a DCM or Corrections Chair please contact me with any information you have regarding this (Member Contacts and Facility Contacts). I will be in touch with every Area 35 District looking for this valuable information!

I'm attending the West Central Regional Service Conference in Minot March 1st-3rd, 2024! God Bless you all!

Statewide Corrections Committee (SWCC) Chair Report

Our committee continues to work hard to promote A.A. Corrections Service Work throughout the State of Minnesota!

At our February 7, 2024 meeting, we had 9 A.A. members in attendance (Paul H, D3 Corrections Chair, Mike U, A35 Literature Chair/D6 Corrections, Lucy K, D15 Corrections, Kenny R, D6 Corrections Chair, Ricco R, D9 Corrections, Diane R, A35 Delegate/D9 Corrections, Aaron A, A35 Sound/D6 Corrections, Tracy Jo, A36/D7 Corrections Chair, and myself). It was awesome to have such good attendance and welcome to the SWCC Tracy Jo!

Just some notes from our sharing and concerns:

Mike (D6): Isanti County has enough volunteers! They are not allowing Grapevine Magazines due to men in custody using the pages for improper use. They will accept Daily Reflections

Kenny (D6): Kenny has Big Books for Isanti County jail! Kenny is getting on the rotation to help with A.A. meetings. Chisago County does not have any A.A. meetings now, Kenny is starting to work on that at meeting in Wyoming, MN.

Aaron (D6): There was an incident at Isanti County jail where got a hold of a meeting list with contact information. A person in custody was contacting one of the female A.A. members on the list! Remember, we should not be bringing in, or giving any contact information to anyone in custody no matter what!

Ricco (D9): Ricco found there are not meeting going into the Federal Prison in Duluth – will look into that opportunity.

We are still working on the CTCP – Connecting OUTSIDE AA Volunteers with alcoholics INSIDE Minnesota Correctional Facilities who want a Temporary Contact to correspond with and who can help introduce them to the AA Community in the area they are going to be released. The commitment involves corresponding with a person in custody via mail and helping them get to a meeting or two once released. Want to be of service as an AA OUT-SIDE Contact? Please contact myself, Mark R at (320) 266-4831 or correctionsmn@gmail.com/corrections@area35.org.

Although Area 36 will not officially be participating in the Statewide Corrections Committee in 2024, we will continue to partner with them to staff Transitions Fairs and communicate with each other regarding temporary contact requests. We look forward to working together with Area 36 on these common interests in 2024.

The 2024 MCF Transition Fairs are upon us. Please consider volunteering with an A.A. member from Area 36 for one of the following fairs! Thank you so much Diane R (A35 Delegate) and Jessica S (D7 DCM) for volunteering to work the first Transition Fair at Willow River. God Bless you both!!

The SWCC meets on the 1st Wednesday of each Month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Meeting ID: 212 769 216 350 Passcode: Y9JqVU

Humbled & Honored to Serve you, Mark R

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On Cultivating Tolerance

BY: DR. BOB | AKRON, OHIO

Dr. Bob's message in the July 1944 Grapevine

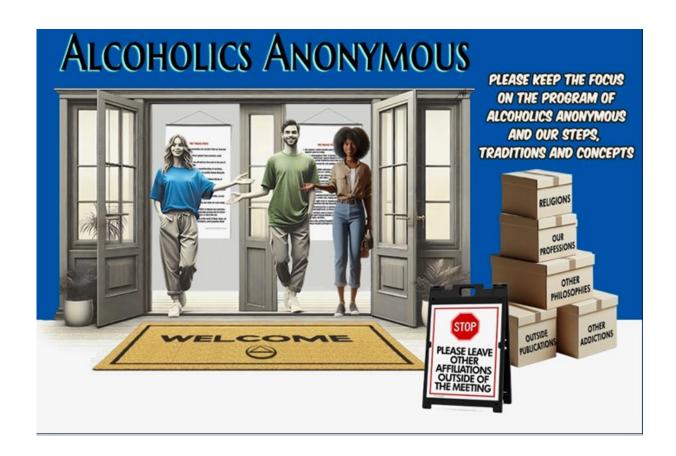
During nine years in AA I have observed that those who follow the Alcoholics Anonymous program with the greatest earnestness and zeal, not only maintain sobriety, but often acquire finer characteristics and attitudes as well. One of these is tolerance.

Tolerance expresses itself in a variety of ways: in kindness and consideration toward the man or woman who is just beginning the march along the spiritual path; in the understanding of those who perhaps have been less fortunate in educational advantages, and in sympathy toward those whose religious ideas may be at great variance with our own. I am reminded in this connection of the picture of a hub with its radiating spokes. We all start at the outer circumference and approach our destination by one of many routes.

To say that one spoke is much better than all the other spokes is true only in the sense of its being best suited to you as an individual. Human nature is such that without some degree of tolerance, each one of us might be inclined to believe that we have found the best or perhaps the shortest spoke. Without some tolerance we might tend to become a bit smug or superior—which of course is not helpful to the person we are trying to help, and may be quite obnoxious to others. No one of us wishes to do anything which might act as a deterrent to the advancement of another—and a patronizing attitude can readily slow up this process.

Tolerance furnishes, as a by-product, a greater freedom from the tendency to cling to preconceived ideas and stubbornly adhered-to opinions. In other words it often promotes an open-mindedness which is vastly important—in fact a prerequisite to the successful termination of any line of search, whether it be scientific or spiritual.

These, then, are a few of the reasons why an attempt to acquire tolerance should be made by each one of us.



Ask a sponsor, who is Irma Livoni?

Or email northernlight@area35.org for an answer

Fun Fact: The AA Grapevine App currently sits at number 32 on the Apple Top 200 Newspaper and Magazine App Charts

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A.A. Membership Survey 2022



Dear A.A. friends,

We are pleased to share with the Fellowship the results of the 2022 A.A. Membership Survey.

The survey results are now available in a print pamphlet and on a new webpage on aa.org that also offers downloadable infographics. The page can be viewed at aa.org/membership-survey-2022.

More than 6,000 A.A. members took part in a randomized membership survey that was conducted in 2022. The previous survey was conducted in 2014.

For the first time, the survey included topics regarding online A.A. meetings, which became more widely available during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other findings included:

- 41% of A.A. members have been with the program for more than 20 years
- Members attend an average of two A.A. meetings per week
- 75% of members have attended an A.A. meeting virtually (online or by phone)
 - 79% of members prefer in-person meetings

While overall there were no major changes in membership characteristics since 2014, the results did show an increase in "old timers," members with more than 20 years continuous sobriety. In addition, 89 percent of survey-takers indicated they have a "home group," a meeting they attend regularly, indicating a strong connection with the Fellowship among an overwhelming majority of members.

*** VOLUNTEER INVITATION ***

Join The A.A. Area 35/Area 36 Statewide Corrections Committee

Redemption

Reconciliation

Peace

Support

FREEDOM



IT'S AN INSIDE JOB

- We meet to ensure consistency in our relationship with MN department of Corrections facilities, including participation in Transition Events for the purpose of Bridging the Gap.
- We work together to share our corrections service experience in an effort to offer solutions to each other and engage in creative problem solving.
- We focus on corrections topics of interest to enhance "Carrying the Message" to Inside Alcoholics/members of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- We plan an Annual Statewide Corrections Workshop for all interested A.A. members.
- Open to interest of past and present Corrections Trusted Servants. Open to any A.A. me
- We "Carry the Message" to those most difficult to reach, those who are not free to attend meeting: Carrying the Message to whoever wants it, wherever they are.

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COMPASSION SERENITY

Help Unlock the A.A. Message of Hope

We Will Know a New Freedom

We meet monthly on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM CST. Microsoft Teams Meeting

> Click here to ioin the meeting Meeting ID: 212 769 216 350 Passcode: Y9JqVU Download Teams | Join on the web



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For more information, Please contact Mark R - SWCC Chair at one of the following: correctionsmn@gmail.com, or corrections@area35.org



Iron Range Get-Together May 3rd, 4th 2024 Gratitude In Action

Location: Grand Rapids Eagles Club

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

"Tropical Shirt Night" JOIN IN. 🛣 Friday, May 3rd

5:00 PM ... Registration Opens

8:00 PM ... AA Speaker:Travis L., CA

OPEN MEETING FOLLOWING AA SPEAKER

Saturday, May 4th

10:00 AM ... Out State Panel 1:00 PM ... AFG Speaker: Rochelle C., Paris 3:00 PM ... Call-Up Meeting 7:00 PM ... AFG Speaker: Kit S 8:00 PM ... AA Speaker: Beau D., MN

??? till I I:00 pm ... 7th Tradition Ice Cream Social





Please make your own Hotel Reservations by April 13th.

Close to Eagles

(218) 327-1108 **IM Hotel** AmericInn Lodge & Suites (218) 212-1842 (218) 326-2600 TimberLake Lodge

In Town

(218) 326-3458 Hotel Rapids Country Inn & Suites (218) 327-4960

For more information contact: Jack at 218-341-7367 or Mary at 218-259-6852

Registration at the Door: A.A., A.F.G., and Others -- \$20.00, Alateen -- \$6.00 Or Pre-Register for \$18.00 with form on other side Make checks payable to IRGT & Send to: IRGT, PO Box 855, Hibbing, MN 55746

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2024 Service Events

April 6 - 7: Spring Assembly Crookston, MN

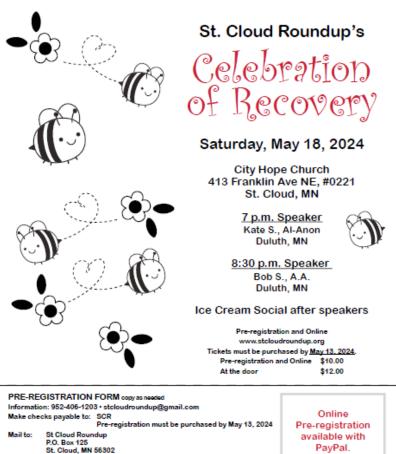
June 2: Area Committee Meeting Aitkin, MN

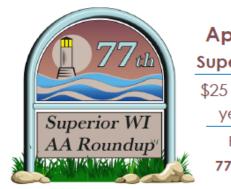
August 4: Area Committee Meeting Aitkin, MN

> October 5-6: Fall Assembly Alexandria, MN

December 1: Area Committee Meeting Aitkin, MN







April 19-21 2024, **Superior Curling Club**

\$25 tickets; under one year sobriety free

Find us on 4 at 77th Superior Roundup

PARTICIPATION & ACTION

Friday

3:00p Coffee & Welcome 5:00p Open AA Meeting 7:00p AA Speaker,

Anna V, Eau Claire Ice Cream Social to Follow

Saturday

9:00a Coffee & Welcome 10:00a Yoga Y12SR 12:00p Meditation Workshop, Richard M 2:00p Young in Sobriety panel 11:00a AA Speaker, TBA 3:15p Talking Circle,

John D

Saturday cont....

6:15p Al Anon Count Down 6:30p Al Anon Speaker: Jenny I, Michigan 7:30p AA Count Down 8:00p AA Speaker Roger B, Minneapolis Dance & Photo Booth DJ, Ryan R

Sunday

9:30a ACA Meeting

Thank you Are 35!

Ask a Delegate or past Delegate, what is the 1728 group?

PayPal.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

Stearns County Round-Up

NEW LOCATION: River of Life Church 22881 178th Ave

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2024

Cold Spring, MN 56320

Social 5:30 pm \$15.00 Advance Dinner 6:30 pm \$20.00 At Door

> 8:00 pm Open Meeting

Guest Speakers:

Al-Anon: Shannon B. - Jamestown, ND AA: Scott B. - Jamestown, ND Ice cream will be served between speakers.

For more information, call: Fred @ 320-260-7063

Area 35 Spring Assembly

April 6th-7th, 2024

Crookston Inn & Convention Center

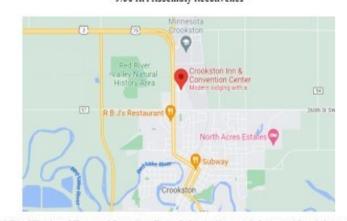
2200 University Ave Crookston, MN 56716

Room Rates: Two Queen Beds or One King Bed \$99.99 + tax per night (Wi-fi & continental breakfast included)

> To make reservations please call: (218) 470-1000 Reserve under: Area 35 Block Cut Off Date: March 5, 2024

> > Saturday, April 6 9:00 AM Registration 10:00 AM Assembly Convenes

Sunday, April 7 9:00 AM Assembly Reconvenes



All DCMs, GSRs, Area Officers and Committee Chairs, Delegate, Alternate Delegate 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

"Concerning any given service, we pose but one question: 'Is this service really needed?' If it is, then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who seek AA."

AA Co-Founder, Bill W., July 1955, "What Is the Third Legacy?", The Language of the Heart



Area 35 **General Service Conference Agenda Items Process**

Greetings Area 35,

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

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

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

Thank you for your help.

Agenda **Deadline Dates**

September 15th

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

February 15th

Delegate receives Agenda Items from the General Service Office and sends them along with background information to the Area 35 Webmaster.

The Webmaster posts the material on our website (area35.org) with a protected password. The Delegate sends out an email to the Area 35 Committee with the password information, which is used to download the Agenda Items and background information off the Area 35 website.

1st Sunday in February

Agenda Items are distributed to Area 35 electronically or DCM Can request a hard copy from the Delegate.

1st Weekend in March

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

1st Weekend in April

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

3rd Week in April

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

FOR MORE **INFORMATION CONTACT**

Diane R. Area 35 Panel 74 Delegate delegate@area35.org $(218)\ \widetilde{9}29-7846$

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Newsletter of the Northern Minnesota Area 35 Assembly

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 to the Grapevine or other pertinent A.A. news sources.
- ♦ Gather useful service information to publish from sources within the Area, Region and A.A. as a whole. Obtain, read and use other Area newsletters.
- Listen to comments from the Area on the content of the 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 of 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 the Area Group Records Chair, Area Webmaster and Area Audio Technician along with two D.C.M.s in Area 35. DCM's are picked randomly at the start of each rotation and 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.

N.L. COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The Committee meets every other month, before the start of the Area Workshop and at Spring and Fall Assemblies. If needed, additional meetings may be called.

NORTHERN LIGHT SUBMISSIONS:

General submissions are welcome! Feel free to send letters or articles that are pertinent to AA and Area 35. All submissions will be approved by the Northern Light committee, in accordance with Tradition Two; For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. Please note that if space is limited, first priority will be given to reports from Area Officers, Area Standing Committee Chairs and D.C.M.s from Area 35.

Please send submissions to <u>northernlight@area35.org</u> or my address on page 2. The deadline for each issue is printed on the front page.

All submissions should have a title. Please include the first name, last initial and city where the author is from. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. 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, Jennifer T.

Directions for Inserting a Flier into the Northern Light

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

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

With an Attn: Northern Light on the mailing address

Include a note stating they are to be inserted into the next Northern Light

4. **OR** if you wish to have Cold Spring Record print your fliers to be inserted into the Northern Light. The NL Editor will forward a copy of the pdf flier to Cold Spring Record, along with your printing instructions (paper color, one or two sided printing). Currently there are *1000 copies printed with 750 pieces to mail*. What is not mailed is passed out at the Area meetings and assemblies.

Printing Costs Number Insertion Total of Copies 1 Sided 2 Sided Fee Cost 750 90 \$ 98/120 1000 90 30 \$ 120/150 120

5. The cost for having a flier inserted into the Northern Light is \$30. Make Checks payable to NMAA and mail to:

NMAA 1102 E Camp St Ely, MN 55731

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 for A.A. sponsored events only.
- ♦ Fliers needed—750 mailed only or 1000 for mailed and handouts.

Northern Light Deadlines for 2024 are as Follows:

- April 28, 2024: Flier will be included in the May/June Issue
- June 30, 2024: Flier will be included in the July/August Issue
- September 1, 2024: Flier will be included in the September/October Issue
- October 7, 2024: Flier will be included in the November/December Issue

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Area 35 Event Flyer Guidelines

To be included in the Northern Light, all flyers must answer the following questions.:

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

> Only Area 35 AA members may submit a flier. Fliers for AA sponsored events only.

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

FC - Fellowship Connection

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)

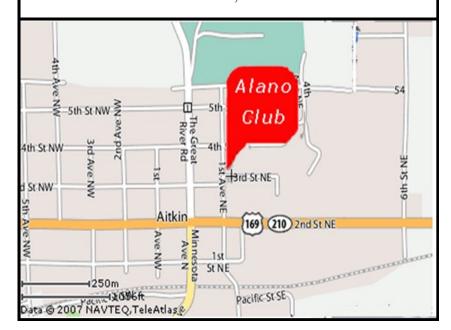
AREA 35 EVENTS INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

- Area Chair asks for weather reports from all DCMs from respective Districts, either by email or phone.
- Meeting format (virtual, in person or hybrid) is based on DOT report and national weather service, individual safety being paramount. Decisions will be made by 9pm the day before the meeting.
- Chair contacts webmaster with meeting format information (including any virtual links) which will be posted on area35.org
- Chair notifies the Alano Society in Aitkin on food prepara-
- Chair remains available and in close contact as they are the focal point and main contact; Chair must make the decision and be available for calls.
- Districts contact their DCM in inclement weather for updates on meeting format.

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



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Panel 72	2022-2023	Panel 40	1990-1991	Panel 14	1964-1965		
Steven L		Bob J		Donald F			
Panel 70	2020-2021	Damal 20	1000 1000	(deceased)			
Jim S	2020-2021	Panel 38 Scott J	1988-1989	Panel 12	1962-1963		
		Scott's		Donna T			
Panel 68	<u>2018-2019</u>	Panel 36	1986-1987	(deceased)			
Christine G		Louie H		Panel 10	1960-1961		
Panel 66	2016-2017	Panel 34	1984-1985	Bob B	1700 1701		
Kelly D	2010 2017	Bob P	170.1700	(deceased)			
D 164	2014 2015	(deceased)		Panel 8	1958-1959		
Panel 64 Michael J	<u>2014-2015</u>	Panel 32	1982-1983	Pearl N	1700 1707		
Whender 5		Tom L	1702 1705	(deceased)			
Panel 62	2012-2013	(deceased)		Panel 6	1956-1957		
Jim K		Panel 30	1980-1981	Waldo H	1730-1737		
Panel 60	2010-2011	Don M	1900-1901	(deceased)			
Jon C		(deceased)		Panel 4	1054 1055		
D 150	2000 2000	D 120	1050 1050	Wendell H	<u>1954-1955</u>		
Panel 58 JoAnne N	2008-2009	Panel 28 Garfield S	<u> 1978-1979</u>	(deceased)			
JOANNE IV		(deceased)		D12	1052 1052		
Panel 56	2006-2007			Panel 2 Arthur R	<u>1952-1953</u>		
Jerry S		Panel 26 Vern R	1976-1977	(deceased)			
Panel 54	2004-2005	(deceased)					
Charlie C	20012002	Panel 24	<u> 1974-1975</u>				
Panel 52	2002-2003	Gordon B. H					
Tim C		(deceased)					
D1.50	2000 2001	Panel 22	1972-1973				
Panel 50 Tom A	<u>2000-2001</u>	Frank P. J					
TomA		(deceased)					
Panel 48	1998-1999	Panel 20	1970-1971				
Susie A		Clarence B					
Panel 46	1996-1997	(deceased)					
Bill P		Panel 18	1968-1969				
(deceased)		Dave H					
Panel 44	1994-1995	(deceased)					
Bruce B		Panel 16	1966-1967				
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Panel 42 Greg G	1992-1993	(deceased)					
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Q: Why list our past Delegates?

A: They are a resource to you!

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

The Delegate's Duties

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

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

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

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Area 35 Spring Assembly April 6th and 7th, 2024

Crookston Inn & Convention Center, Crookston, MN

AGENDA	NEW BUSINESS:
9:00 a.m. Registration	2024 Budgets (includes computer requests)
10:00 a.m. GSR Orientation & Action Chair	For transparency: I will plan to offer a virtual
Committee Meetings	option for the Aug ACM to have a vote if there are
11:30 a.m. Lunch (On Your Own)	any Proposals for consideration for the GSC to allow
1:00 p.m. Assembly Convenes	GSR's to vote
Call to Order-Open with the Serenity Pray-	Calendar of Events
er	SUNDAY
Why We Need a Conference	7:30 a.m 8:30 a.m. Big Book Meeting
Recognize Past Delegates	9:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes
Recognize GSRs	***Finish Business/Reports (If Any)
Additions to Agenda	OFFICER REPORTS
Approve 2023 Fall Assembly Minutes	Delegate – Diane R
GSC Agenda Item Sharing Session I	Alternate Delegate – Pat M
Agenda	Chair – Vicki R
Cooperation With the Professional Community	Secretary – Denise R
Corrections	Treasurer – Heidi B
Finance	COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS
Grapevine	WEBMASTER – Terry P
2:30 pm Break	NORTHERN LIGHT – Jennifer T
2:45 p.m. GSC Agenda item Sharing Session II	GROUP RECORDS – Phyllis K
Literature	District 2 –
Policy and Admissions	District 11 – Kathy M
Public Information	LITERATURE - Mike U
Report and Charter	District 8 – John J
Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities	District 15 – Fred T
4:50 p.m. BREAK	PUPLIC INFORMATION – Randy A
5:00 p.m.	District 1 – Jennifer Z
GSR Sharing Session	District 21 – Jeri S
DCM Sharing Session	TREATMENT – Kyle H
Area Officers and Area Chairs Meet	District 5 – Chad O
Closed AA meeting	District 3 Chad O District 14 –
6:00 P.M. Dinner (On Your Own)	CPC – Mary S
7:30 P.M. Assembly Reconvenes	District 6 - Julie N
GSC Agenda Item Sharing Session III	District 9 – Tom T
Trustees	ARCHIVES – Kathy R
Archives	ARCHIVES – Ratily R ARCHIVIST – Marc N
International Conventions/Regional Forums	District 4 – James Wildman
OLD BUSINESS	District 18 –
<u>OHP BOOK (ESS</u>	
Ad hoc committee updates – Inventory recom-	GRAPEVINE – Terry A District 12 – Richard G
mendations; Articles of Association, Web/	District 12 – Richard G District 16 – Dave C
Technology, zonal forums	CORRECTIONS – Mark R
Approve Phylis King as Group Records Chair	District 3 – Melvin S
Registration fee for Jan Service workshop	
Update, credit card for Literature & Grapevine	District 13 – Peggy M CSP Shaving Session Benert
at WF	GSR Sharing Session Report
	DCM Sharing Session Report
	Officer/Action Chair Session Report
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	Adjourn – Responsibility Statement

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

Mail Area 35 Group contributions to: NMAA

1102 E Camp St Ely, MN 55731