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- 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

** 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

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| <p><u>District 1</u> 2nd Sunday of even months, 2:00 p.m. Fertile Community Center 101 S Mill Street Fertile, MN 56540</p> <p><u>District 2</u> 1st Sunday of odd months, 3:00 p.m. Thief River Falls Alano Club 614 Davis Ave Thief River Falls, MN 56701</p> <p><u>District 3</u> 3rd Sunday of month, 12:00 p.m. Perham Alano Club 43452 County Hwy 34 Perham, MN 56573</p> <p><u>District 4</u> Last Sunday of month, 5:00 p.m. Lakes Area Alano Club 1604 Jefferson St Alexandria, MN 56308</p> <p><u>District 5</u> 3rd Monday of month, 7 p.m. (use side door that opens to parking lot) Trinity Lutheran Church 111 N 6th Ave Princeton, MN 55371</p> <p><u>District 6</u> 3rd Thursday of month, 7:00 p.m. Spring Lake Lutheran Church 8440 Erickson Rd NE North Branch, MN 55056</p> | <p><u>District 7</u> 3rd Thursday of month, 7:00 p.m. First Congregational United Church 415 Juniper Street Brainerd, MN 56401</p> <p><u>District 8</u> Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m. General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Day and location rotate. Contact DCM for info.</p> <p><u>District 9</u> Last Sunday of month, 6:00 p.m. Hibbing Alano Club 3725 1st Avenue Hibbing, MN 55746</p> <p><u>District 11</u> 1st Tuesday of month, 7:00 p.m. Peace Lutheran 2177 Hwy 18 Finlayson, MN 55735</p> <p><u>District 12</u> 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m. 1100 E Superior Street Duluth, MN Handicap Accessible</p> <p><u>District 13</u> 1st Monday of month, 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. St. Cloud Alano Club 127 7th Ave NE Saint Cloud, MN 56301</p> | <p><u>District 14</u> 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30pm Coffee Landing 444 3rd Street International Falls, MN 56649</p> <p><u>District 15</u> 1st Monday of month, 7:00 p.m. Albany Community Center 741 Lake Ave Albany, MN 56307</p> <p><u>District 16</u> 1st Wednesday of month, 6:30 p.m. United Methodist Church 1701 SE 5th Ave Grand Rapids, MN 55744 Handicap Accessible</p> <p><u>District 17</u> Not currently active or unknown</p> <p><u>District 18</u> 1st Tuesday of month, 5:30 p.m. Long Prairie Alano Club 21 2nd Ave Long Prairie, MN 56347</p> <p><u>District 21</u> 2nd Monday of month, 7:00 p.m. Bemidji Alano Club 3802 Greenleaf Ave NW Bemidji, MN 56601</p> |
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Area 35 June ACM Minutes
Aitkin, MN
June 1, 2025

Call to Order: Area Chair Vicki R called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 1, 2025, and opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Recognition of Past Delegates in Attendance: None in attendance

Additions to agenda: None

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 policies. We take care of “maintenance and up-keep issues.”

Avoid crosstalk as it makes it hard to hear.

When speaking or asking questions, go to the mic.

Approval of February 2nd ACM Minutes: Cathy R. motioned to approve the minutes, Peggy M. seconded, Motion passed unanimously

OFFICER REPORTS
DELEGATE – DIANE R.

General Service Conference Report

Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 35 at the 75th General Service Conference. The General Service Conference is a busy time of year. Providing information to our fellowship is crucial so you can make informed group conscience decisions.

The conference began with a "Meet the Delegates" event on Saturday night, which we did not have last year. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet all 136 delegates, including trustees, non-trustee directors, office staff, and area delegates, as we are all conference delegates.

We picked up our conference manuals, badges, and voting clickers (voting clickers are electronic devices used by delegates to cast their votes during the conference). During the roll call, I said "present." The conference manuals are binders containing the week's schedule, participant rosters, general information, reports from the Board, GSO, and Grapevine/LaViña, committee reports, financial information, and presentations.

Karen, our delegate chair, greeted us and reminded us of our role in upholding the spiritual nature of the 75th General Service Conference. She encouraged us to use our diverse voices, listen respectfully, and engage fully in discussions. The purpose of our service work is to support the vital 12-step work, ensuring our message remains consistent and clear for those we help and those who assist us.

Our Co-Founder, Bill W., wrote in January 1948, from “Tradition Two”, “The Language of the Heart”.

“With respect to its own affairs, the collective conscience of the group will, given time, almost surely demonstrate its perfect dependability. The group conscience will, in the end, prove a far more infallible guide for group affairs than the decision of any individual member, however good or wise he may be.”

Next was Sister Judith Ann Karam, Class A Trustee. A Class A Trustee is a non-alcoholic trustee who serves on the General Service Board. She worked at St Vincent Charity Hospital in Cleveland and became familiar with Sister Ignatia as she walked the halls of the hospital. In 2019 she was elected as a Class A Trustee and rotated out of the conference after six years. She said, “In this Fellowship, a profound trust exists between all of you. You trust in yourselves, in each other, and in your higher power. You trust your graced journey of sobriety. You trust that in handing your will over to God, your higher power, you will overcome the disease of alcoholism. Over these past six years, I have witnessed you working together and living the spiritual principles. Working together is hard but so rewarding for achieving and maintaining sobriety. Working together means trusting one another. Working together means placing your needs in the hands of others and carefully caring for their needs in return. Your care for each other is palpable. I experience it when I attend Board meetings, regional forums, and gatherings. We are responsible. We together are responsible for reaching out to the suffering alcoholic.”

She also said, “You have handed over your ability to recover to a higher power, and trusted that whoever is Sacred to you, will give you grace while remaining sober. You have the strength to unite with one another. You trust in spiritual principles and trust each other to keep it going – together. Your life depends on it. Your loving service to others makes it so that each individual alcoholic’s life depends on it. Your hands, your heart, your love and dedication to each other are what carries the message of A.A. forward. This Fellowship, this Conference makes the future of A.A. go on and what a blessing that is to all. “

We discussed the mechanics of the conference. Bob W. was supposed to give an overview of "How the Conference Operates." He and Scott H. mentioned that this was just an overview of the rewritten "How the Conference Operates." However, there were differences between Bob's overview, the rewritten version, and the "How the Conference Operates" section in Appendix W of the service manual. This caused confusion as we tried to follow along. After a long discussion, a vote was taken, and the updated version was approved by a simple majority. Before the vote, we asked if it required a simple majority or substantial unanimity, but the chairs did not answer. When we reconvened on Wednesday before the committee reports, it was decided that we would proceed without a defined "How the Conference Operates" and see what happened. That is how it turned out.

Before attending the conference, we were asked to answer nineteen questions for a Conference Inventory. Out of 117 responses, I read all of them at least twice before arriving at the conference. We divided into fifteen groups; each assigned four questions to discuss. I was in group D, and we had two hours to discuss our four questions. Each group had a Chair and a recorder, and I served as the recorder for our group. Each recorder had 20 minutes to report to the conference on the discussions within their group. These reports will be included in the final conference report. We will continue to discuss this inventory and seek input from the areas on the questions.

We listened to area highlights from the Panel 75 delegates. Hopefully, we will continue to hear highlights from the delegates in the future. It is a learning experience for everyone and can even be fun at times.

Scott H., the Board Chair, presented the General Service Board report. He began by discussing the International Convention, the Plain Language Big Book, and Grapevine's 80th anniversary celebration. A cross-functional group of conference members has been created to identify improvements in communication and reporting between the Board and Conference Members.

The General Service Board has finalized and adopted several policies required by New York State law, including a Whistleblower Policy, a Confidentiality Policy, and a Code of Conduct Policy. Additionally, they have developed a procedure for establishing a Compliance Committee to address complaints and concerns in an objective and impartial manner.

There were questions about the Code of Conduct and the compliance committee. There was some confusion about the compliance committee's actions, specifically interviewing A.A. members. They were addressing the concerns of a member who resigned and trying to determine how her resignation letter was leaked outside of the board.

Scott H. apologized on behalf of the Conference to Kevin Prior, who was set to resign at the end of the conference. Kevin Prior, a Class A Trustee, resigned Friday night during the censure discussion.

Financial statements were provided to show the financial health of the General Service Board, Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (A.A.W.S.), and Grapevine Inc. The financial report was presented by the auditors from BDO and Kevin Prior, Class A Trustee. The auditor stated that BDO performed the audit and confirmed that the consolidated financial statements fairly represent the financial position of our organization in all material respects. There were no new risks or modifications to the financials. We are in better financial health, with a well-funded pension plan and no debt. Our current assets exceed our current liabilities.

Kevin Prior presented highlights in the Picnic Table Slides:

- The Seventh Tradition of Self-Support increased by 3% to \$11.249 million.
- Operating expenses before depreciation rose by 6.9% to \$18.684 million.
- Self-Support covers 60% of the operating expenses.
- AAWS Publishing gross profits were \$7.64 million, up 13%.
- Gross margin on Grapevine subscriptions was \$766,004, and other published items were \$824,391.
- Operating expenses for Grapevine were \$2,457,623, resulting in an operating loss of \$851,735.
- LaViña service activity support from the General Fund was \$571,939.
- The budget for GSO showed an operating surplus of \$1,027,932, but also included a capital retrofit for GSO costing \$2,374,982.
- Grapevine's budget for 2025 aims to increase subscribers to almost 9,000 new subscribers, with an expected deficit of \$134,862.
- LaViña's circulation is projected to increase to 7,683 in 2025, with General Fund support of \$455,626---

There are 31,629 registered attendees for the International Conference, but the projected break-even point is 32,500 attendees. Budgets have been reviewed to identify areas where expenses can be trimmed. The remodel cost is \$2 million, and although deferring the remodel was considered, existing contracts and increasing costs make it necessary to proceed with the renovation. Therefore, there will be a drawdown for the renovation.

On Monday and Tuesday morning, we met with our committee members to discuss our Conference Agenda Items. Our Grapevine/LaViña committee had several sessions with Chris C., the Publisher, who answered all of our questions. I was skeptical about the 5-year plan because they review budgets twice a year. Therefore, I wanted to know how Grapevine and LaViña were performing in the first quarter of 2025. LaViña subscriptions were up for this quarter and were on target for their budget. Grapevine has invested in prod-

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ucts, and the International Convention attendees are expected to purchase a lot of that inventory, making it a promising year for Grapevine.

Carolyn W., Class B Trustee, presented the A.A.W.S. report. A.A.W.S. is a not-for-profit organization with a nine-director board that meets at least eight times a year to fulfill its responsibilities. The A.A.W.S. Board implements the actions of the General Service Conference and the General Service Board (GSB). They oversee reprint permissions, copyright concerns, and legal or policy requirements. The A.A.W.S. Board oversees the General Service Office (GSO), which serves as the headquarters and hub for supportive services. Much of the work of the A.A.W.S. Board is conducted through committees, subcommittees, and ad hoc committees between board meetings. From February 2024 to February 2025, the A.A.W.S. Board held 168 meetings and engaged with 1,750 documents to fulfill its service responsibilities. The organization has ninety employees.

Robert L., Trustee at Large Canada, Marita R., Trustee at Large U.S., and Irene D., GSO Staff, presented the highlights of the A.A. International World Service Meeting. The primary purpose of the World Service Meeting is to carry the message to alcoholics who still suffer, regardless of their location or language. This meeting serves as a platform for discussing common challenges and successes, but it does not make decisions except for those applicable to the meeting itself.

The international desk at GSO is the contact point for members on all continents and supports the global activities of A.A. You can see A.A. emerging in places where it did not exist before. Patrick C., GSO Staff, provided an update on the 2025 International Convention. Currently, there are over 31,000 registered attendees from about eighty-one countries. Registration will now be onsite at the Vancouver Convention Center.

Joyce S., Class A Trustee, presented on the A.A. Grapevine/LaViña. The Grapevine/LaViña rely on subscriptions and book sales because they do not accept advertising or direct contributions. They have published forty-five books. Recently, they released greeting cards with popular daily quotes and a collection of cartoons. Grapevine/LaViña also has a digital presence through their websites, Instagram, and YouTube. They produce a weekly podcast, and Deaf members' stories in ASL are available on their YouTube channel. The "Carry the Message" initiative allows A.A. members to provide Grapevine and LaViña subscriptions to those who cannot afford their own. Their new motto is "Download the app and subscribe."

From Wednesday evening to midnight on Friday, we had committee reports and discussions. On Saturday morning, trustees and non-trustee directors gave farewell talks. One farewell talk stood out to me. The Trustee stated, "we need to find ways to continue talking to one another, one alcoholic talking to another alcoholic. We do not need more pamphlets or to divide ourselves into separate groups of members." Of course, this is my interpretation of what was said.

Goodbyes were said, and hugs were given. It was another conference, and I felt grateful to attend and represent the voice of Area 35. Delegate Report for June 2025

The report will include information from the General Service Conference. Pat and I attended the first Report-Back from the conference in Bemidji. We were welcomed with supper and Fellowship. Thank you, District 21, for having us and all your support and questions. While I was there, one of the members was having his 50th sobriety birthday in a few weeks. Congratulations, Brent.

My next Report-Back was in Duluth. Ricco and I had a very good supper. It was good to see old friends and some new ones. There were lots of questions and interest in the report back from the conference. Thank you, District 12. Pat and I attended the Report-Back in Isanti. Thank you to Districts 5, 6, and 16. Again, we had lunch. We took a break, and it was wonderful to see all the fellowship among our members. It is always hard to get back to the business of the Report Back.

The next Report Back was close to home, Hibbing with District 9. We had a few interesting discussions. Thank you, District 9. The next two Report-Backs will be on June 4th in District 8 and June 9th in St. Cloud with District 13 and District 15. Pat arranged a Report Back with Districts 1 and 2 on June 15. Looking forward to seeing everyone and the fellowship.

Rooms are available for the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Forum to be held in Omaha this year. The flyer for registration will not be live until the July time frame. You can book a hotel for \$137.00/per night before tax. The link to the online booking site is <https://book.passkey.com/e/50937532> or if you are using the Hilton App, you can use group code 946. The place is the Hilton Omaha, 1001 Cass Street, Omaha, NE, 68102. Dates are September 19-21, 2025.

In the newsletter, Quarterly Report from GSO, it talks about "Live-Stream Broadcast only option". This option will enable members who cannot attend the forum in person to listen to the presentations given in the Main Ballroom throughout the Forum weekend. The committee will then review feedback received from all participants and discuss this at the January 2026 Board meeting.

In the newsletter, Box 459, there is information on the International Convention and how to attend virtual sessions. There is a call for Military Veterans for an Interview Project. Each story will illustrate the journey of recovery and sobriety during or after military service. There are openings for a Non-trustee Director for A.A.W.S. and a Class A Trustee. For more information, see Spring 2025 Box 459. Also in the newsletter, there is information on setting up putting Big Books and Grapevines in the neighborhood "Little Libraries."

In Love and Service, Diane R. Area 35 Panel 74 Delegate

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – PAT M.
Hello area 35 Pat M panels 74 Alternate Delegate alcoholic I've been staying busy I've been traveling with Diane on conference reports back to the districts

I have been working on the winter workshop which will be held in Hibbing Minnesota at the Red Rock hotel and suites on January 17th and 18th our guest speaker will be out of Dallas Texas Jimmy D.

If your district did not percent last year had to win at 49th annual workshop you will be asked this year if you will participate in presenting our theme for the workshop this year in 2026 is humility in action it will be our 50th anniversary of the winter workshop

I have been attending the North American alternate delegates meetings and the West Central delegates meetings with Diane as an observer I also would like to visit more to districts and just to visit a little and see what's going on

Thank you. For allowing me to be your Alternate Delegate yours and service
Pat M

CHAIR – VICKI R.

Since the Spring Assembly I prepared the June ACM agenda I summarized the Spring Assembly evaluations for the Northern Light I finalized the Area 35/36 Joint workshop with Area 36 Chair Marc N is still looking for both support during this rotation and someone willing to take over Archives

I received 5 nominations and resumes for Panel 76 Delegate

In grateful service,
Vicki R

SECRETARY – DENISE R.
Hello Area 35-

I don't have too much to report on -
It was great to see so many at the Spring Assembly. I completed and distributed the Spring Assembly minutes. Thank you, Aaron, for doing such a fine job recording these events and making them available for me to help complete the minutes.

I was asked to stand for panel 76 Area 35 Delegate by my home District 13 and am very grateful and excited to accept. Thank you, District 13! I completed the Delegate Resume for all to review.

Our Ad hoc Committee discussed the idea of a new Area Committee called the Internal Communications Committee- more to follow-

I continue to attend weekly service-oriented workshops on Monday nights. We continue to review the Traditions and Concepts as well as AA Pamphlets- If anyone wants to join me online, please ask and I can connect with you.

Please have your reports to me by next Sunday, June 8.

Thank you for letting me serve,
Denise R.

TREASURER – HEIDI B.

Hello Area, 35 –

Thank you all for the condolences, cards, love, and prayers I sent my way over the past few months. It has been a very difficult time for my family, and it reminds me of why I am sober. I've spent the last few months with my mother, helping her sort out my father and brother's affairs and am so grateful that I can be present and helpful. That was not the case twenty years ago, and I owe this to AA, my HP and you. Thank you.

A quick look at April and May below. Printed Income, Expense and Contribution Statements are on the back table. As you will see from the reports, we are under budget, however, we have spent more than we have received this year. Assemblies are our biggest expense, and that is reflected in the reports. These reports were emailed to the assembly on Friday. Please share them with your groups. And remember to check my totals against contributions that your group has sent to me. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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| Income: April/May | YTD | |
| Contributions | \$6094.55 | \$18,807.35 |
| Birthday, Special | \$148 | \$233 |
| Literature | \$3081.91 | \$6,782.09 |
| Grapevine | \$361.50 | \$472.50 |
| Other \$804 | \$3329.70 | |
| Total Income: | \$10,489.96 | \$29,624.64 |

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| Expenses: | | |
| Events | \$4,893.33 | \$8,492.67 |
| Literature | \$3,037.43 | \$7,208.45 |
| Grapevine | \$404.67 | \$720.48 |
| Other Expense | \$7,961.63 | \$19,079.60 |
| Total Expense: | \$16,297.06 | \$35,501.20 |

Net Profit: (\$5,807.10) (\$5,876.56)

***Friendly reminder, please include your group name and number when sending in your contributions so that I can credit the proper group. A group name alone may not be enough. Many groups have the same name and checks arrive from home addresses with no known group in the city listed on a personal check, without a phone number for following up. If I can’t find your group number, your contribution will be credited to your district. If you don’t know what your group number is, please contact Phyllis at groupepre-cords@area35.org

The 990N was filed and accepted without issue by the IRS in March. And a reminder to Area Committee Chairs and Officers, please remember to send receipts with your expense reports.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you!
Heidi

COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – JESS S.

It was suggested that our committee choose some random checks, to make sure they match QuickBooks. Scott & I reviewed several transactions from different months, incoming and outgoing, all checked out. Neither of us found any discrepancies in the overall financial reports for this quarter either.

All is well in Area 35 financials.
Jess S,

WEBMASTER – TERRY P.
No Report

NORTHERN LIGHT – JENNIFER T.

The Northern Light committee reviewed all submission requests and approved submissions by group conscious. Please continue to submit your district events and personal experience in service (past or present), experience, strength and hope.

Kindly, Jennifer T.

DISTRICT 3 – MELVIN S.

District 3 meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month at noon in Perham.

Our seasonal crowd of people is slowly arriving, and meetings are becoming better attended. I am still visiting groups when able and believe that meetings in the Northwest corner of the district are back on track and connected with district 3.

Will K., our treasurer and webmaster, is going to relocate. The bright lights of Fargo are calling him. We do have a potential candidate to replace him. Thanks to Will for all that he has done to improve our website and district. We also have a candidate for Public Information, which is a position that has been vacant for at least 5 years. These are decisions to be discussed at the next district meeting.

District 3 is still bringing meetings into Clay, Becker, Ottertail and Wadena County jails also to Lakes Counseling in DL and Rewind treatment center in Perham. Some of the people from these places visit our meetings when they get out, which is very encouraging for our 12 step-by-step.

In Service, Melvin

GROUP RECORDS – PHYLLIS K.

I have been experimenting with building a website for district 9. If anyone wants to view it, the URL is: <https://hibbingaadistrict.wordpress.com/> This is only a draft and not the final website. Its address would change if and when we upload it into a host. It is just basic without hosting tools.

When we all decide what we are going to do about district websites: the districts that go with their own

individual sites: I would appreciate it if you would shoot me an email with your website’s URL so I can use it for information for group records.

Group Records

GSRs and contact people: +1 and -4
Meeting Guide: +2 and -5
District Changes: 0
New Groups: 4 that were pending at Fellowship Connection (FC) became ACTIVE and are all posted to the Meeting Guide
Group Changes: 1 name change, and 2 groups folded
Help: 3 a father asking if there is an age limit for his teenage daughter to attend meetings;
someone searching for a meeting in Grand Marais; and a family member asking for meetings for themselves-referred to Al-anon.
Northern Light (NL): +1 and -3; 4 address changes and 2 returns that were not on the list and had to be old.

In service,

Phyllis K.

DISTRICT 16 – DAVE C.
No Report

LITERATURE – MIKE U.
Nothing to Report

DISTRICT 12 – RICH G.
Not Present- No Report

DISTRICT 5 – CHAD O.
Hello,

District 5 meets at 7pm on the 3rd Monday of each month; we meet at Trinity Lutheran Church in Princeton. We are currently working with Nystroms on a plan to bring meetings back to their facility. I along with several GSR’s from District 5 went to the Isanti Alano Club on May 18th to hear Diane’s report back from the General Service Conference.

Thank you to District 6 for once again hosting us, and a big thank you to Diane for the information that was presented. We are still discussing our new meeting cards for District 5 and the idea of a QR code. It looks like we are moving forward with a hybrid option, a new meeting card with the QR code on it, and also business cards with the QR code only. There was some strong feedback from our groups to not replace the meeting card all together with just a QR code at this time.

The district 5 website was shut down about 3 weeks ago like several other District websites. Fortunately we have a technically advanced GSR that is creating a new website for us. We hope to be up and running again with a new website and some fresh ideas soon. District 5 will own the site, so we will not have to worry about it being shut down again. We are discussing adding a webmaster position to our District. That person would have the passwords, and any other credentials needed to operate and make changes or updates to the website. Then with the spirit of rotation, I will be able to share that with the new webmaster. Or we may just add the duties to our current position, apparently once it is up and running the operation is fairly simple.

We will see! District 5 continues to bring weekly meetings into the Mille Lacs County jail, and there has not been any movement on starting a women's meeting there yet. We also bring meetings into the Sherburne County jail; these meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month and are both men’s and women’s meetings. It’s that time of year again, District 5 is getting ready for the Mille Lacs County fair. We have an AA booth and are looking for volunteers to fill all the slots. We are at the fair every day; the fair is open. With a 2 month heads up I’m hoping we will fill every slot this year with 2 volunteers for each time slot. Thank you, Mark R., for getting the sign-up genius up and running for us. This makes it very easy for volunteers to get signed up. Thank you for allowing me to serve as district 5 DCM.

Chad O.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – RANDY A.

Greetings Area 35 – I

t has been a very slow month involving PI work, I haven’t received back much information from any of my contacts. There are 4 PSA’a available for download on the AAWS -U tube channel that are each about 15 seconds to 1 + minute long entitled Sobriety in AA: My drinking hit a wall, when drinking is no longer a party, opening doors to a life without drinking, and we made changes to stop drinking. Please download these videos as they are a useful tool for PI work, AA’s public service announcements help us communicate our message of hope and recovery. There are also videos for professionals, healthcare professionals Legal and correctional professionals, and employment /Human resources professionals which are 5 minutes long.

AREA 35 MEETING MINUTES

I've made contact with Area 36 regarding our discontinuation of participating in the State Fair booth but have heard nothing back yet.

We will be participating in the upcoming Joint workshop in June, hopefully more will be revealed. It is imperative that we adhere to all our Traditions on anonymity when doing service involving the public. Notably Tradition 11 – 12, the Traditions are our guide when doing PI work. Of course, all the traditions are important in 12th step work: traditions 6 and 8 are also directly related to PI work.

If you haven't had the chance, please ask your public library if you can place conference approved literature in their rack or display, which includes pamphlets, Big Book or 12x12. Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is a trusted servant of the fellowship to some extent and can participate in service work.

We had 8 people present at our morning meeting, we opened with the serenity prayer, introductions were made and discussion topics on the agenda were: State Fair booth. District website complications. PI/CPC workshops and finally district reports. District 13 Peggy stated that they are rebuilding their district website and that their PI chair stepped down; they are awaiting meeting schedules that are pending. Julie district 13 talked about their commitment at the Senior Fair in Cambridge. Janet from district 6 talked about a planned PI Luncheon this fall, which is still in the planning stages. Mary from district 3 stated that they have a new webmaster. She is the new PI chair for the district. Craig from District 8 said the delegates report back is slated for next week. Tom from District 9 said they are hosting a PI Luncheon on September 28th, and it is materializing and coming together. Mary from district 16 stated that they are having a founders day celebration in June with a history talk by past delegate Scott J. The meeting closed at 10:15 am with the responsibility statement.

Yours in Service,
Randy A.

DISTRICT 2 –
No DCM

DISTRICT 4 – JAY B.

I am privileged to serve as DCM for district 4, as well as having all of the district positions filled by active/helpful people.

Our district meetings are held at the Alexandria Alano Clubhouse, which we are fortunate to have. Many AA meetings occur each week at the clubhouse, attendance numbers have been wonderful.

Our single biggest struggle the last couple months has been the crash of the district website. The platform was outdated. Thankfully, as of the update, the new website will be up soon. Thanks to Greg C. for being persistent with the new website.

Thank you for letting me serve, in fellowship, Jay

TREATMENT – KYLE H.

Greetings Area 35,

Some good things are happening in the Area relative to working with Treatment Centers.

We attended a recovery fair in Alexandria and made a number of connections. I was joined by volunteers from District 4 and District 13.

District 5 is working to get back into Nystrom Associates

We are also planning to have a Treatment Workshop, tentatively September 13th. If you have any topics you would like to cover, please let me know. We will be putting together an agenda, flyer, and details as soon as possible. The workshop will be a hybrid as well.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you!

Kyle H

DISTRICT 6 – JULIE N.

Hello from district 6,

We meet monthly at Spring Lake Lutheran Church on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. In attendance the past two or three months have been lower. 8 to 14 people including chairs, GSR's and visitors. We have open chair positions for the treatment of Pi/CPC and Webmaster.

We have been tailgating it up. Our first tailgate had 48 burgers on the grill. What a great way to start the year off. Our second tailgate was quite small, 24 burgers on the grill. This is just a fun way to introduce the district to the group.

Our district went to the senior fair. It felt it went well this was a great opportunity to talk with other businesses and network about what's out there for our seniors and what can AA do. Work on getting into the old folk's house.

They wanted more information on AA and how to contact us for a meeting. Currently we have only a few people willing to go into the local county jail and prison.

On June 10th we are going to have our first meeting to discuss our CPC reach out. We're looking forward to having lunch this fall. We had Diane, our delegate, share of the service conference, with District 5 and 11 in attendance. Thank you, everybody, for attending.

We did ask Pat to stand as our next delegate. He said he would be honored and also submit a resume to the northern lights.

Website news- Scott and the web guy James looked at a few of the websites from area 36 then they attempted to build a similar site using a website builder but found that certain elements like the meeting directory would not have the functions we wanted. So, Scott asked him to just build a site for us. James has plenty of experience with this and explained that the website builders are limited to templates, but his dynamic meaning is that he can expand it to meet future needs. The cost is roughly \$300.00 for the set up and \$100 annually after. James would be willing to help other districts as well. Please continue to hold James 763-276-5038. Our rough look is online, please feel free to take a peek. We are just in the beginning stages. <https://district6online.rustic.live/>

We will see you all in August for the next ACM.
God speed, In service Julie N

DISTRICT 7 – JESS S.

My apologies again for being absent from the Spring Assembly. I had some personal matters to attend to. It is great to be here in person with you all today.

Our District meeting is held on the third Thursday of each month, at the First Congregational Church in Brainerd (415 Juniper Street, Brainerd, MN) at 7:00 pm.

Our CPC/PI Chair continues to distribute pocket cards that read "If you want to drink, that's your business. If you want to quit, that's our business" with our district hotline number and meeting schedule attached. CPC/PI also has a luncheon in the works. Grapevine/Literature chair is active in providing literature and mentioned he has a bunch of old Grapevines to donate to anyone interested.

Corrections are fairly inactive in our district at this time, but I am working to improve that. We do have several individual groups active in the county jails within the district, and I do appreciate them very much for their work there.

As many of you know, our district website is down; we are working towards a solution. We recently hosted a Sponsorship Workshop here at the Aitkin Alano where speakers shared their experience, strength & hope on both sponsoring the program and working with a sponsor. There was great discussion and questions from 35 attendees. Watch for info on District 7's next workshop.

We also recently held a district inventory. Past Delegate Mike "Jake" J came to Brainerd to facilitate that for us. It went well and we were grateful for the experience and the knowledge gained from that.

Our district picnic is coming up, June 21; flyers are on the back tabler. We'd love for you to join us! We also have the Crow Wing County Fair coming up; district 7 will have a booth as usual. This year we made a digital sign-up sheet, w/QR codes on flyers at Alano Clubs for easy sign up, we hope for a better turn out volunteer wise this way. I do plan to attend the Joint Area 35/36 Workshop on July 12. See you there!

In Service,
Jess S

CPC – MARY S.

Hello, I am Mary S, Area 35 CPC Committee Chairperson.

I don't have much to report today. I attended the Spring Assembly in St. Cloud. I also flew to New York City April 26th through May 3rd with our Area 35 Delegate, Diane R. as her Plus One partner. While she attended the 75th General Service Conference meetings during the day, I was able to sightsee in New York City. The events were hosted by AA Volunteers. My costs were out of pocket, and I chose to choose the walking tours. My highlight was the Brooklyn Promenade. The walk included a walk past 182 Clinton Street, which was where Bill and Lois were living when Ebby suggested that Bill consider choosing his own conception of God... Someone is living there now so we were not allowed inside, but it was a visual reminder to me that Bill started AA with just a thought and eventually action.

Because the District DCM could not attend today, I'd like to let you know that District 16 has scheduled a Founder's Day Event on Saturday, June 14th in Grand Rapids at the United Methodist Church, 1701 SE 5th Avenue, Grand Rapids, MN. It will begin at 2:30 with Scott J's report on "Bill's Vision/History of Sponsorship/Q&A. This will be followed by a Potluck (bring a dish to share), 6:30 AlAnon Speaker Bill S., Grand Rapids, MN and 7:45

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AA Speaker Cody L., Grand Rapids, MN. It should be a great way to celebrate 90 years of AA Fellowship.

Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 35.
Mary S

DISTRICT 18 – STEVE T.
Not Present - No report.

DISTRICT 15 – FRED T.
My name is Fred; I am an alcoholic DCM for District 15.

Our District meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the Albany Senior Center.
On the 1st Saturday of the month Cold Spring continues to have a potluck and open Grapevine meeting around the campfire. For the May kickoff, barbecue ribs and chicken were served with 80 people in attendance. For the following months brats, wieners and hamburgers will be grilled.

The New London group has a new GSR Doug D. as Andrea GSR and Don H the alternate both stepped down. Tim E. has also stepped down as GSR for the Friday night Cold Spring meeting due to time conflicts.

Brad M., also the GSR for Monday Night “As Bill Sees It” meeting, has accepted the literature chair position.

In Service, Fred

ARCHIVIST – MARC N.
I heard a story of an old Irish drinking contest. Three guys would enter a room, each with their own jug, drink it all, then leave. After a couple hours the two remaining would guess who had left.

A while ago our Delegate donated several books and bling that were received while attending the GSC. The GSC Agenda Items with Background and the GSC Advisory Actions and Committee Consideration Items have been archived.

AA members brought several Grapevine magazines to help with updating our collection.

Terry our Grapevine Action Chair donated a Grapevine Book titled: “Voices of Women in AA”. A person asked about this book at Superior Roundup. I have digitized about 500 audio recordings, a combination of tapes, vinyl records, and CDs of speakers and service events.

Steve L is in the process of digitizing about 25 reel to reel tapes.
John (AA member from Pierz) has scanned about 20% of a box of paper documents.

The Big Book has been released in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th editions, each time adding stories of recent recovery. The Grapevine magazine continues to present stories of recovery every month. Perhaps some of our area members have submitted stories for Big Book or Grapevine publications; it would be nice to have these stories presented separately as NMAA archives. Recently I digitized recordings of the 1998 and 1999 WCRAASCs. It was interesting to hear the discussions about the pros/cons of modernizing the language of the first 164 pages of our Big Book. Now 25 years later a separate book has been published.

Area 35 AAs and our groups make history every day, but there is not much record of how we continue to “trudge the road to our happy destiny”. I hope that we begin again to record and archive our recent stories for future generations. I have had a few requests for area, district, group, or member history, but most often nothing is found. There is also a bit of difficulty in finding group histories because of district boundary changes. Maybe some past area committee members could help to create a record of district boundary changes.

Lastly, my ability to travel and setup archive displays has become physically difficult. Minimally, if not taking on the Archivist role, I would like someone to take on this part of the archivist role. I am willing to keep doing the preservation work, preferably at my home as an archives committee member.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.
Archivist, Marc N

ARCHIVES - CATHY R.
At the beginning of May, I had the opportunity to attend the IRGT (Iron Range Get Together).

As the weekend progressed, the Archivist and I spoke to many folks who were interested in what they saw. Marc, the Archivist, was our guest. We had fun!

Additionally, I was invited to the district 9 PI Luncheon, a planning meeting. Also, I attended the Spring Area Assembly, Great Times!
I also submitted a short article to both the Grapevine and the Northern Light. The GV has not printed it but thanks to the Northern Light they did print it.

Finally, Diane R. gave her report to the district 9 folks. It was interesting and informative.

In Service,
Cathy R

DISTRICT 11-Kathy M.

Greetings Area 35,
My apologies for not attending the June ACM, I am out of state for vacation! District 11 will meet at a new time starting in June. We will be meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson at 7:00. We have been meeting a half hour earlier for a Service Manual Study which has been well attended and interesting.

This quarter we put on a tailgate at the Pine City meeting on Monday evenings with a taco bar. There were around 20 people in attendance. It was fun to share what service work means to each of us and hopefully inspire others to get involved.

Our district members have been sharing their experience in service and have generated some interest in attendance at our district meetings and other events to see what it is about.

We attended the Delegate presentation at Isanti Alano. It was great to get all the information to bring back to the groups and share fellowship with all in attendance. Thank you for inviting us.

We updated our Meeting Directory and have been distributing them. District 11 is attempting to provide Big Books to the many jails and prisons and will continue to work on that until all needs have been met.

Our web page is down as many others are, but we have secured a designer, and he will be starting it soon! We’re looking forward to getting back online!

Our District is nominating Vicki R for Panel 76 Delegate.
Thank you for letting me serve you!
Kathy M.

DISTRICT 14 –
No DCM

GRAPEVINE – TERRY A.
No Report

DISTRICT 1 – LOREN G.
Not Present- No Report

DISTRICT 13 – PEGGY M.
I have been focusing on attending AA meetings without GRSs. Hoping to carry the message to groups about the benefits of having a GSR. I worked with Mark R. Area Corrections chair to recreate and update a District Flyer. The purpose is to spread information on District activities and positions for the next rotation. I have used this flyer for visiting groups. People liked Flyer and 4-5 people took them to each meeting. From attending meetings, we have a new GSR who plans to attend the next District meetings.

Diane, our Delegate, will give the GSO Report to District 13 and 15. On June 9th at the Alano Club in St. Cloud at 7:30 pm.

We nominated Denise R. for Delegate. Her nomination was submitted to the Area Chair for this June Area Committee meeting.

The district purchased and distributed 10 new service manuals to members. Our PI committee is working on moving forward since our PI chair stepped down due to health issues. We have a new PI chair. We are working on new meeting schedules. Phoneline texting, we are in a trial with adding 2-way texting, it is going well, and we are hoping it will work.

The biggest PI issue is recreating the district 13 websites. We are in touch with Chuck from District 5 who has offered to assist us with our website. Thank you, Chad, for connecting us. A work group was formed, and we are having a Zoom meeting on Monday June 2nd to discuss our plan and get the website up and running.

I plan to attend the Area 35/36 Joint workshop in July, the WCRAA Form in Nebraska this September. The Area Assembly in October is up in Ely. I am registered for the International AA conference. This event is not financially supported by the district. I will be paying for this event on my behalf.

As always, I meet with District Chairs, Officers and Area committee members during the month to keep information flowing from GSRs to District and Area. Our Treatment and Corrections continue to get meetings into facilities. We are working on District safety guidelines. More to come on this topic. Thank you all for your work!

Grateful,
Peggy M.

DISTRICT 21 – NO DCM

CORRECTIONS – MARK R.

Continued praise and gratitude to A.A. members who are volunteers in Area 35 Districts, and Groups, and presently taking regular meetings into County Jails and Minnesota Correctional Facilities. Many hours are spent organizing meetings, working with jails to get volunteers approved, and managing rosters.

Continue to search for A.A. members in Area 35 who would be willing to volunteer to be Temporary Contacts for men and women incarcerated in our Minnesota Correctional Facilities. As a CTCP OUTSIDE volunteer, you will correspond with A.A. Members still in custody. Upon release, bring them to A.A. meetings, and help introduce them to the A.A. Fellowship in the area they are going to be released. I’m also available to help our Area 35 District Corrections Chairs & DCMs with their respective Corrections opportunities and questions/concerns.

Our first DOC Transition Fair was MCF-Willow River #1 on April 8, 2025. Jessica S (District 7 DCM) and I attended it again this year. Though we could not bring materials in this year, MCF-Willow River Staff did its best to facilitate us with sign-up sheets as well as posting approved materials in their Resource Center! We had 15 men sign up with 8 of them requesting Temporary Contacts from Northern Minnesota A.A. Volunteers! I would like to thank all of our volunteers from Area 35, as within days I was able to get Temporary Contacts to start communicating with all 8 men. We were Blessed to get A.A. Volunteers from in & around Morrison/Douglas County, International Falls, Brainerd, Big Lake, Hibbing, St Cloud, and Mora!

Our two Area 36 volunteers for the MCF-Faribault transition fair could not make it, thus Alcoholics Anonymous was not represented at the Transition Fair on 21st of May. Though unfortunate, we are all set for the MCF-St Cloud Transition Fair and both volunteers committed and excited to attend - our own Paul C. (District 3) and David A. (Area 36 Corrections Chair) are volunteering!

Corrections Action Committee Chair Report
We had 7 attendees at our Action Committee Chair meeting this morning. We also welcomed an A.A. member who is new to Corrections Service work and is excited to sit in with us and learn more about what we are doing across Northern Minnesota. Welcome to Kristina L. from Garrison, MN and thank you Julie N. (DCM District 6) for inviting her!

Jeff O. (District 6 Corrections Chair), Jeff brings meetings into Isanti County jail. Jeff also brings meetings into MCF Rush City every other week. Jeff is looking at starting meetings in Chisago County jail and helping with A.A. meetings at Pine County jail! He represents Area 35 at the MCF-Stillwater Transition Fair on November 19th!

Gary H. (D11 Corrections Chair), Gary takes meetings with MCF-Rush City and Pine County jail. There are volunteers Carrying the Message of A.A. at Sandstone Federal prison, Moose Lake, Willow River, and MSOP. I contacted Kanabec County Jail last week asking about the possibility of getting A.A. meetings there. Joel Stevens Kanabec County Jail Program Coordinator emailed me, and we will be speaking this coming Monday. They are very interested in having A.A. back in jail - it has been over 7 years since we were there!

Melvin S. (District 3 DCM & Corrections Actions Chair), District 3 continues to bring A.A. meetings to Wadena, Ottertail, and Becker County jails. There have been some groups folding in the Moorhead area, and Melvin is going to look into that. This has impacted meetings in the Clay County jail located in Moorhead, MN! The volunteer at Ottertail County jail is out due to surgery. The volunteers filling in are not being allowed in as the Program Coordinator there wants them to use bibles. Until this can be straightened out, there will not be A.A. meetings at Ottertail County jail. District 3 is looking for more female volunteers for meetings at Wadena County jail. Ricco R. (District 9 Corrections Chair), There are no corrections facilities in District 9. Ricco volunteers to bring meetings to MCF-TOGO. Ricco will be attending the MCF-Moose Lake Transition Fair Sept 9, 2025. Ricco is also working with Tony S. (A35, D8 Corrections Chair) to get A.A. meetings at the Northeast Regional Corrections Center (NERCC).

John D. (District 13 Corrections Chair), services Benton and Stearns County jails. Stearns County jail. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Need more men & women to volunteer! A few women have stepped down volunteering at Benton County, looking for more volunteers there. Mark R has been handling volunteers and the Thursday night A.A. meetings at MCF-St Cloud, he has 7 consistent volunteers. Due to a volunteer not being able to fulfill their commitment for the MCF-Red Wing Transition Fair July 15th, John stepped up and is representing Area 35 at this Fair. Thank you, John!

Mark R. (Area 35 Corrections Chair), Continue to volunteer to bring A.A. meetings into Mille Lacs County Jail on the 2nd Tuesday each month. I also have a group of 7 volunteers bring A.A. meeting in every Thursday at MCF-St Cloud prison. We average 34 men in attendance and these meet-

ings have all been very spiritual in nature. Looking forward to receiving the Northern Minnesota CTCP requests from the Transition Fair at MCF-St. Cloud this Wednesday, June 4th and finding Temporary Contacts to reach out to these men! I will be attending the Joint A35/A36 Workshop on July 12th. I would like to extend a very humble “Thank-You” to Tom T (DCM District 9) and his Officers, Committee Chairs, GSR’s, for nominating me to run for Panel 76, Area 35 Delegate! When I was asked to run by Tom, Ricco, and Diane, I felt unworthy of this unbelievable honor. I want to sincerely thank Diane and Ricco for helping me understand that I am worthy of this honor and that it is in God’s Hands. May God guide us all in this journey, Randy, Vicki, Denise, and Pat! Love you all.

Humbled & Honored to Serve,
Mark R

Statewide Corrections Committee Update for Area 35 ACM
June 1, 2025

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

Below are some of our accomplishments since our May 7, 2025, meeting.

General Status
We have finalized our program for this year’s Corrections Workshop, October 25th at Jack & Jim’s Event Center in Duelm, MN! We are very excited to announce that the Minnesota Department of Corrections Commissioner Paul Schnell has accepted Mark R.’s invitation to be our keynote speaker! We are also very pleased to have two awesome A.A. members, Patrick W. – Hopkins, MN and Emiliano R. – Bloomington, MN who were once incarcerated, found the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous while INSIDE, and now on the OUTSIDE are in the “middle of the herd” in their respective A.A. Programs and are also active in-Corrections Service work.

We again will have a folder to hand out and we will cover the contents in detail to start the workshop. The Lunch Buffet is back! Sandwiches, Salads, Soup with water or lemonade. And, of course, FREE COFFEE throughout the workshop! We will end the afternoon session with Q&A. Myself along with Mark R. (Area 35 Corrections Chair) & Chuck R. (D18 Corrections Chair) have been working on the handouts and Chuck has a fellow A.A. Friend who may be able to help with the printing! The Workshop is a hybrid. Please see our Flyer!

A big thank you to our members for their help and consistent attendance at SWCC Monthly meetings; Ricco R. (A35/D9 Corrections Chair), Paul H. (A35/D3 Corrections Chair), Paul C. (A35/D3 Corrections volunteer), Melvin S. (A35/D3 DCM), Joseph S. (A36/D15 Corrections Chair), Mark R. (A35 Corrections Chair), David A. (A36 Corrections Chair), and Patrick W. (A36 Pink Can Fund Chair).

The SWCC meets on the 1st Wednesday of each Month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 4, 2025

JOIN TEAMS MEETING SERIES:

Statewide Corrections Committee (SWCC) Monthly Meeting
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST)
Occurs every month on the first Wednesday

Meeting link: Statewide Corrections Committee (SWCC) Monthly Meeting | Microsoft Teams | Meetup-Join

In Service and Gratitude,

Carter L.
A.A. Statewide Corrections Committee Chair

DISTRICT 9 – TOM T.

Hi, my name is Tom Toscano, and I am an Alcoholic. I’m the DCM for District 9 for this rotation.

My home group is the Hibbing Monday Night Downtown group which is a closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Our District PI/CPC committee has been active in putting together an upcoming PI Luncheon presentation for the businesspeople in our District and our local Alanon people are a part of the committee that is reaching out to the professionals in our District. We are building unity with the Alanon community as well as reaching the professionals so we can carry the message of hope to the still suffering alcoholic.

I have also been talking with John, DCM for District 8, about participating in the upcoming workshop this fall. District 9 members are excited about this opportunity.

I attended the Spring Assembly in St. Cloud in April and was very pleased and uplifted by the participation of so many GSR’s in Area 35. Diane R., our

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Area 35 Delegate, talked about the upcoming Conference in New York. She gave a presentation on the Agenda Items that probably will be addressed. She was prepared to bring our voice to the conference. Thank you, Diane, for your dedication to all of us here as well as those yet to come.

Our website has been dissolved. Phyllis, our web manager for District 9, has been spending many hours developing our own website. It’s Phyllis, and others like her, that have the heart to keep the AA message simple yet use up to date technology in reaching the still suffering Alcoholic. Thank you, Phyllis, for your dedication to AA.

In service, Tom T

DISTRICT 8 – JOHN J.

Greetings Area 35:

District 8 meets monthly; our district meetings occur during the 1st full week of the month and rotate Monday through Friday with different groups volunteering to host. We are still searching for an Alt. DCM & Archives chair. I attended the Spring Assembly in April, I think it was one of the better assemblies I have attended. Our Delegate will be giving her report to our District on June 4th. The Gilbert Tuesday Night Group is hosting that night and will be throwing a tailgate party before the district meeting. Our district website was one of those affected by the sudden discontinuation of hosting. We will be exploring our options to get the new website up and running. At our last district meeting we nominated Randy A to stand for delegate. And finally, I have now finished all my group visits. I would like to thank District 8 for allowing me to serve.

In Service,
John J

OLD BUSINESS

- Ad hoc Committee updates- Guidelines Committee update- Would like to propose that we create a new Area Committee called the Communications Committee to consist of Northern Light Editor, Webmaster, Audio Sound Technician, Group Records Registrar. These positions are not considered “Committee Chairs”. This would give direction and purpose to these positions, 2 DCMs would also be assigned to this Committee as all Committees have 2 DCMs as members. We felt this did not need to be approved by GSR’s as this only affects the Area Committee Meetings, not Assembly. We will look for approval of this at the August ACM.
- Committee will also continue to meet to discuss when and how the Area uses Simple Majority voting and Substantial Unanimity 2/3rd voting. As well as clarifying what business is Area Committee Business, and what is considered Area Assembly Business. We will report back at the August ACM-
- Joint Area 35/36 Workshop, July 12 11-1pm-
- Archivist needs support- Our Archivist needs a volunteer to do the heavy lifting- if interested please let Vicki or Marc know.

NEW BUSINESS

- Panel 76 Delegate Nominations- District 9 nominated Mark R., District 13 nominated Denise R., District 6 nominated Pat M., District 11 nominated Vicki R. and District 8 nominated Randy A. - The resumes for each nominee will be in the Northern Light for review-
- Discussion of District Website options- Do we know what happened to the websites? - the person that was supporting them, stopped Do we know if we are able to keep our names/registered domains, or do we have any recourse to get them back?

The webmaster stated he has tried contacting the person that registered those domains/ set up our websites and has received no response. Another member has tried contacting the person without any response.

It seems like each District is on its own. This was not an area activity; each District did this on their own. This would be a great place to share information with each other.

Brainerd Lakes area has people willing to build websites if you need assistance. Our District will handle it ourselves.

District 3 stated they were not able to buy their domain name back, but the webmaster was able to redirect to the new name.

Area Registrar built her district website, if anyone would like help with theirs, please let her know.
-Calendar of Events-
- page 20 of Northern Light- joint Area Workshop July 12th- See you back here August 3rd

Motion to Adjourn- Julie, seconded by Jess- Approved- Closed with Responsibility Statement – 2:00pm

THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL - Seeing is believing... and listening is understanding...

June visit to Akron AA Intergroup Office:

Being told while visiting Akron that the group’s plan was to spend 3 hours (or more) at the small Intergroup office sounded a little excessive. We were met there by Gail L.; Akron Historian, Archivist, and Curator of Dr. Bob’s House & Library. She was to give us the “tour”. They had a lot of archives; displayed.

We sat on benches and chairs underneath the large stained glass re-creation of the famous picture of “The Man on the Bed” (Bill & Dr. Bob doing a 12-Step call on Bill D, who was to become AA # 3).

As Gail began, it was immediately apparent that she was a “teacher”. I had the curious feeling I was back in time, early school years. She had a commanding presence. And what was the first thing she talked about? It happened to be the CONCEPTS. Yep. Not what I expected. She began by relating how our Concepts (and the included Warranties) had provided the overarching formal structure that kept our crazy fellowship together, enabled our Three Legacies, and had ultimately kept AA from splintering apart from our competing petty human egos just like the groups and organizations that came before AA.

Within the first 10 minutes she had my full attention.

The next 3 hours now seem like 3 minutes. Seeing and hearing the backstories for the many the hand written notes in books, letters, and accompanying photos gave me a much greater depth of understanding of what it was really like during those early and formative days of AA. Long before any of the people involved ever dared to hope or imagine as to what and how their actions would ultimately touch millions of people world-wide and become not only one of the most printed and read books of all time, but also one of the most copied and plagiarized.

Seeing Bill’s, Dr. Bob’s various letters preserved on these walls, listening to Gail tell their stories, seeing the collections of all the various Big Books in different languages, plus all the other items from press, film, etc., and a copy of the “redlines” of the first manuscript of the Big Book, was quite the experience.

STORY TELLING - *The Primal Core of AA.*

Since man evolved and created communications via language we have been telling stories. At the earliest of times much of human to human learning was passed on via verbal stories, long before the written word. Humans have an affinity for stories told, and to this day we use such to reinforce and drive understanding of the written word. Story telling is still one of the most effective ways to really impress and cultivate use of the information provided.

One Alcoholic relating to another. Our personal stories and experience make the program come alive. We don’t have to be professional teachers to do this either. As the AA BB says, “Our own experience is our greatest gift / as-set”.

Gail’s personal tour / instruction of the archive contents made the books I’ve read much more meaningful. Also, she added significant additional depth and weight, plus sidebar information, facts, and stories that had great impact on my understanding.

WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS - *And the gift of desperation.*

Despite, or maybe because of the “white light” experience that helped enable Bill to get sober, he had to struggle mightily for months before he hit on the right way to impress on another a way to achieve lasting sobriety. Trial and error. Ongoing failures. Little to no success at all until Dr. Bob.

And Bill was slowly losing it. At the Mayflower that night his sobriety (and probably life) really hung in the balance. Professional and personal failure (again) surrounded him on all sides. Broke, lonely, and at about the end of his mental strength; he made a fateful decision to turn away from “*the ease and comfort*” of drink at the hotel bar and instead went in the opposite direction of more effort to help someone else and likely more failure. As it turned out, he needed help as much as Dr. Bob did.

I can relate in many ways and across many personal experiences. Easy lessons may be quickly forgotten. Those learned the harder way; slowly, sometimes very painfully, stick with us better. Getting a sponsor and really working the steps is much more difficult and time consuming vs. just going to meetings and reading about it. The “gift of desperation” is a big key. Having our egos and selves beaten senseless typically enables us to be much more willing. Willing to work and do what we otherwise would not want to.

I also believe that when we are at the “end of our rope”, exhausted, and truly desperate, and when we admit such “to ourselves, God, and another human being”, and ask for help; small miracles often seem to be enabled...

Visit to Akron, OH. June 25-28, 2025
Curt L.

FAVORITE PLACE VISITED:

The room at the gatehouse of the Seiberling mansion (Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co co-founder) where by an extraordinary chain of events, Bill Wilson first met Dr. Bob Smith which was the spark that started the AA movement and program.



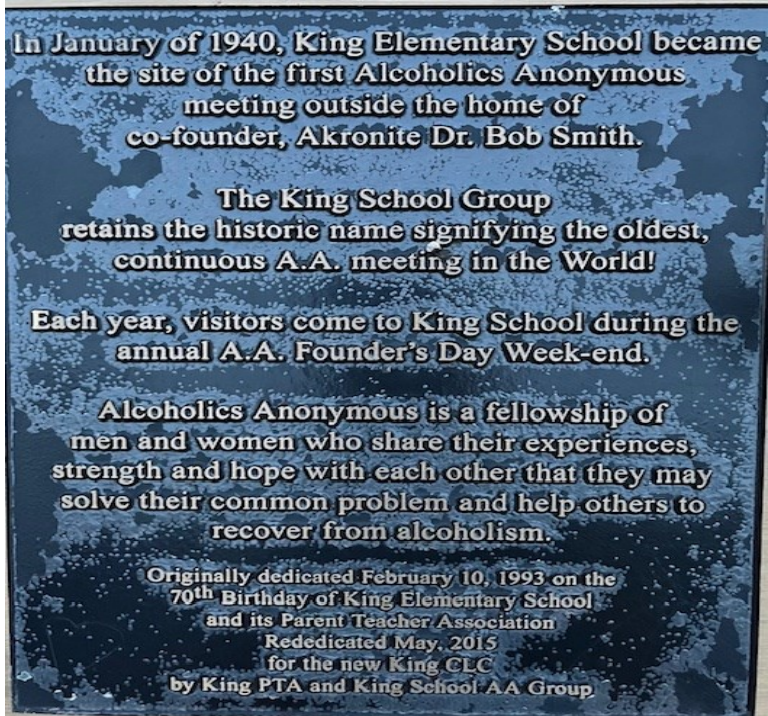
And, of course, Dr. Bob's House



AKRON, OH INTERGROUP OFFICES



Attending the King's School and Pockets of Enthusiasm Meetings



We got to stick a pin in the US Map on the Akron Intergroup visitors wall for Bemidji, MN.



ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS MISSING FROM ISSUE 3

Area 35 Corrections Action Committee & Chair
Report for Spring Assembly April 6, 2025

Continued praise and gratitude to A.A. members who are volunteers in Area 35 Districts, and Groups, and presently taking regular meetings into County Jails and Minnesota Correctional Facilities. Many hours are spent organizing meetings, working with jails to get volunteers approved, and managing rosters.

I continue to search and attract A.A. members in Area 35 who would be willing to volunteer to be Temporary Contacts for men and women incarcerated in our Minnesota Correctional Facilities. As a **CTCP OUTSIDE** volunteer, you will correspond with A.A. Members still in custody, upon release, bring them to A.A. meetings, and help introduce them to the A.A. Fellowship in the area they are going to be released. I continue to be available to help our Area 35 District Corrections Chairs & DCMs with their respective Corrections opportunities and questions/concerns.

At our Corrections Action Chair Committee meeting, we had 10 of us in attendance. Below is our status report.

GARY H. (District 11 Corrections Chair), Gary takes meetings into MCF-Rush City and Pine County jail. To date, Gary stated Kanabec County is not allowing meetings inside. There are volunteers Carrying the Message of A.A. at Sandstone Federal prison, Moose Lake, and Willow River.

MELVIN S. (District 3 DCM & Corrections Actions Chair), District 3 continues to bring A.A. meetings to Wadena, Ottertail, and Becker County jails. There have been some groups folding in the Moorhead area and Melvin is going to look into that. This has impacted meetings in the Clay County jail located in Moorhead, MN!

RICCO R. (District 9 Corrections Chair), There are no corrections facilities in District 9. Ricco volunteers to bring meetings to MCF-TOGO. Ricco will be attending the MCF-Moose Lake Transition Fair Sept 9, 2025. Ricco is also looking to help Tony S. (A35, D8 Corrections Chair) and volunteering with meetings at NERCC!

JEFF O. (District 6 Corrections Chair), Jeff brings meetings into Isanti County jail in the months of February & June. He is looking at possibly attending meetings every Thursday at Isanti! Jeff also takes a meeting in every other Wednesday to MCF-Rush City. Jeff has also asked me to get him the ADMIN packet for MCF-St Cloud as he is interested in attending the Thursday A.A. meetings there when possible. Jeff has also volunteered to attend the MCF-Stillwater Transition Fair November 19, 2025! Thanks Jeff for getting more deeply involved.

KATHIE (District 6), Kathie takes an A.A. meeting into the women at Isanti County jail on Thursdays.

PEGGY M. (District 13 DCM & Corrections Actions Chair), John D. (D13 Corrections Chair) continues to get volunteers for Benton & Stearns County jails. Stearns County has started orientations again and John hopes to get men’s & women’s meeting started up there! Mark R has been handling volunteers and the Thursday night A.A. meetings at MCF-St Cloud, Mike R handles Tuesday nights.

J.J. (District 13 Alt-Corrections Chair), J.J. will be attending the Stearns County orientation next Tuesday. It is an 8-hour (all day) orientation. J.J. will get back to me to let me know what they have packed into those 8 hours!

SEAN (District 18), Sean is new to Corrections Service Work and is very interested in joining us! As we found out this past Wednesday at the SWCC monthly meeting, Chuck R. is stepping down due to personal reasons as the District 18 Corrections Chair, Sean is interested in possibly stepping into Chuck’s shoes and helping out! Mark told Sean to send him an email and he will provide Sean with several A.A. Corrections materials that will help him out.

CHAD W. (District 6), Chad is also new to Corrections Service Work. This is Chad’s first Assembly and is new to our Fellowship – the group welcomed Chad with open arms! Chad

shared while he was incarcerated at Isanti County jail, a tall man with a long grey beard was Carrying the Message of A.A. and bringing meetings in weekly. This man is Area 35 and District 6’s own Aaron A. our current Area 35 Sound Tech and former District 6 Corrections Chair. Chad was attracted to what Aaron and others were saying about the fellowship of A.A.! Chad attended every meeting while Inside. Once he was released, he started attending the same meeting (s) as Aaron and soon got himself a Sponsor and is working the Steps. He also is now involved in Service Work in his home group and once he is able to, wants to give back what was freely given to him and volunteer to do Corrections Service Work! Again “Welcome” Chad and “Thank You” Aaron for all you do for our Fellowship and especially those who still suffer from alcoholism!

Mark R. (Area 35 Corrections Chair), I’m servicing MCF-ST Cloud Thursday night A.A. meetings. I have 6 volunteers, and we are averaging 22-25 men. I also take a meeting into the Mille Lacs County jail on the 2nd Tuesday each month. I attended the WCRAASC On-Line February 28-March 2, 2025. Enjoyed the Break Out Sessions and thanks to all of our Delegates on their wonderful presentations on the 75th GSC Agenda Items! Looking forward to the 2025 DOC Transition Fairs and Carrying the Message to those less fortunate who are incarcerated via our CTCP program. Our first DOC Transition Fair is MCF-Willow River #1 on April 8, 2025. I will be attending that fair with Jessica S (District 7 DCM).I would like to thank all of our volunteers from Area 35 and Area 36 for stepping up – we almost have all the dates filled for the 2025 DOC Transition Fair Season!

| FACILITY | TRANSITION FAIR DATE | APPLICATION DUE DATE |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| MCF-Willow River #1 | April 8, 2025 | March 14, 2025 |
| | Jessica S. (A35) & Mark R. (A35) | |
| MCF-Faribault | May 21, 2025 | April 23, 2025 |
| | Eduardo L. (A36) & Tracy Jo (A36) | |
| MCF-Saint Cloud | June 4, 2025 | May 7, 2025 |
| | Paul C. (A35) & David A (A36) | |
| MCF-Red Wing | July 15, 2025 | June 17, 2025 |
| | Tony S. (A35) & Brian M. (A36) | |
| MCF-Lino Lakes | August 7, 2025 | July 10, 2025 |
| | Paul H. (A35) & Patrick W. (A36) | |
| MCF-Moose Lake | September 9, 2025 | August 12, 2025 |
| | Ricco R. (A35) & Area 36? | |
| MCF-Rush City | September 23, 2025 | September 16, 2025 |
| | Mike U. (A35) & Joesph S. (A36) | |
| MCF-Willow River #2 | October 14, 2025 | September 16, 2025 |
| | Harvey S. (A35) & Area 36? | |
| MCF-Shakopee | November 4, 2025 | October 7, 2025 |
| | Jessica S. (A35) & Tracy Jo (A36) | |
| MCF-Stillwater | November 19, 2025 | October 22, 2025 |
| | Jeff O. (A35) & Gail S. (A36) | |

Yours in Grateful Service,

Mark R

ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS MISSING FROM ISSUE 3

Corrections Action Committee Chair Report

We had 7 attendees at our Action Committee Chair meeting this morning. We also welcomed an A.A. member who is new to Corrections Service work and is excited to sit in with us and learn more about what we are doing across Northern Minnesota. Welcome to Kristina L. from Garrison, MN and thank you Julie N. (DCM District 6) for inviting her!

Jeff O. (District 6 Corrections Chair), Jeff brings meetings into Isanti County jail. Jeff also brings meetings into MCF Rush City every other week. Jeff is looking at starting meetings in Chisago County jail and helping with A.A. meetings at Pine County jail! He represents Area 35 at the MCF-Stillwater Transition Fair on November 19th!

Gary H. (D11 Corrections Chair), Gary takes meetings with MCF-Rush City and Pine County jail. There are volunteers Carrying the Message of A.A. at Sandstone Federal prison, Moose Lake, Willow River, and MSOP. I contacted Kanabec County Jail last week asking about the possibility of getting A.A. meetings there. Joel Stevens Kanabec County Jail Program Coordinator emailed me, and we will be speaking this coming Monday. They are very interested in having A.A. back in jail - it has been over 7 years since we were there!

Melvin S. (District 3 DCM & Corrections Actions Chair), District 3 continues to bring A.A. meetings to Wadena, Ottertail, and Becker County jails. There have been some groups folding in the Moorhead area, and Melvin is going to look into that. This has impacted meetings in the Clay County jail located in Moorhead, MN! The volunteer at Ottertail County jail is out due to surgery. The volunteers filling in are not being allowed in as the Program Coordinator there wants them to use bibles. Until this can be straightened out, there will not be A.A. meetings at Ottertail County jail. District 3 is looking for more female volunteers for meetings at Wadena County jail. Ricco R. (District 9 Corrections Chair), There are no corrections facilities in District 9. Ricco volunteers to bring meetings to MCF-TOGO. Ricco will be attending the MCF-Moose Lake Transition Fair Sept 9, 2025. Ricco is also working with Tony S. (A35, D8 Corrections Chair) to get A.A. meetings at the Northeast Regional Corrections Center (NERCC).

John D. (District 13 Corrections Chair), services Benton and Stearns County jails. Stearns County jail. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Need more men & women to volunteer! A few women have stepped down volunteering at Benton County, looking for more volunteers there. Mark R has been handling volunteers and the Thursday night A.A. meetings at MCF-St Cloud, he has 7 consistent volunteers. Due to a volunteer not being able to fulfill their commitment for the MCF-Red Wing Transition Fair July 15th, John stepped up and is representing Area 35 at this Fair. Thank you, John!

Mark R. (Area 35 Corrections Chair), Continue to volunteer to bring A.A. meetings into Mille Lacs County Jail on the 2nd Tuesday each month. I also have a group of 7 volunteers bring A.A. meeting in every Thursday at MCF-St Cloud prison. We average 34 men in attendance and these meetings have all been very spiritual in nature. Looking forward to receiving the Northern Minnesota CTCP requests from the Transition Fair at MCF-St. Cloud this Wednesday, June 4th and finding Temporary Contacts to reach out to these men! I will be attending the Joint A35/A36 Workshop on July 12th. I would like to extend a very humble "Thank-You" to Tom T (DCM District 9) and his Officers, Committee Chairs, GSR's, for nominating me to run for Panel 76, Area 35 Delegate! When I was asked to run by Tom, Ricco, and Diane, I felt unworthy of this unbelievable honor. I want to sincerely thank Diane and Ricco for helping me understand that I am worthy of this honor and that it is in God's Hands. May God guide us all in this journey, Randy, Vicki, Denise, and Pat! Love you all.

Humbled & Honored to Serve,
Mark R

A.A. AREA 35 DISTRICT 6 CORRECTIONS

Freedom, It's An Inside Job Help Unlock A.A.'s Message of Hope

REDEMPTION



RESTORATION

MCF-RUSH CITY PRISON MEN's A.A. MEETINGS
(7600 525th Street, Rush City, MN 55069)

(Every Other Wednesday 7:30pm-8:30pm, See Jeff O or Mike U for Schedule!)

A.A. 12th STEP SERVICE

Help Carry the Message to the most difficult to reach, those Incarcerated People who are not Free to attend A.A. Meetings!

There are no Second Class A.A. Members. Some are locked up behind physical bars, but their minds are Free. Some members are not physically locked up, but their minds are in Prison!

APPROVAL PROCESS CRITERIA

*At least (1) year of sobriety Not on probation or parole Not have been incarcerated in last year
Successfully completed Application and Orientation*



For more information or application forms, please contact:

Jeff O. at (763) 732-3290
Mike U. at (320) 496-0416
(A.A. Volunteer Contacts)

Valarie Martin at – valarie.martin@state.mn.us (320) 358-0490
(Volunteer Coordinator, MCF-Rush City)

Thank you for your Compassion and Willingness to Serve!



A.A. CORRECTIONS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

MCF-MOOSE LAKE MEN's A.A. MEETINGS
(1000 Lakeshore Drive, Moose Lake, MN 55767)
(Mondays 5:30pm-7:00pm)

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This is a wonderful opportunity to help Carry the Message of A.A. to those less fortunate that happen to be Incarcerated. Throughout the world, there is a need for A.A. Members to volunteer for this special Service Work! It is the experience of 1000's of Corrections Volunteers in A.A. as well as the General Service Organization, that we should have several volunteers rotating at Federal, State, and County Corrections Facilities to give Incarcerated People the most robust and diverse Experience, Strength, and Hope possible coming from the variety of volunteers and their shared experiences!

For more information or application forms, please contact:

Chaplain Carl Seim – carl.seim@state.mn.us (218) 485-5066
(Chaplain, MCF-Moose Lake)

or

Lt. John Swenson – john.swenson@state.mn.us (218) 485-5085
(Volunteer Services)



Thank you for your Willingness to Serve and Carry the Message of A.A.!

As I sit here at mom's bedside waiting for the inevitable, I think of how many times we have done this before. The amazing thing is being able to be sober to date through all of them-

At 2 years sober I sat by my dad's bedside and helped him die of cancer. He was a sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 10 years.

At 19 years sober I sat by my brother's beside and helped him die of cancer. He was sober 20 years, although he didn't find his "home group" in Alcoholics Anonymous, he maintained sobriety until his death.

Now at 37 years sober, I sit at my mother's bedside to help her die of Alzheimer's and Cancer. She is a 46 year member of Alcoholics Anonymous who loves the Big Book! They weren't kidding when they said it is a family illness. Fortunately for us there is also family sobriety!

Mom has had a home group all her 46 years and is grounded in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. Having to give up her home group when she could no longer attend was very difficult for her. We attended many meetings together the last few months, in person as well as attending virtually. While she loved seeing her AA friends at the local Alano Club where most of our meetings are held, she would rather focus on the newcomer and make them feel welcomed. That was her special gift.

I am forever grateful for the program of Alcoholics Anonymous that was there when my family needed it. Starting in the 1960's when my Grandpa needed it, then in the late 70's when my mom and dad needed it, and finally the 80's when my brother and myself needed it. By God's grace we were all able to stay sober and live wonderful lives and I am forever grateful. I hope Alcoholics Anonymous continues to be there for the next generations as it was for us and will continue to be for me as long as I carry on one day at a time in sobriety.

We never know what a life of sobriety will bring us, even in the hard times it is so much more than I could have imagined.

Thank you Alcoholics Anonymous!

With love and service,
Denise R.
Sartell, MN



A.A. CORRECTIONS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

MCF-WILLOW RIVER MEN'S A.A. MEETINGS
(86032 County Highway 61, Willow River, MN 55795)
(Mondays & Wednesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm)

A.A. 12th STEP SERVICE

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For more information or application forms, please contact:

Robert Bitsko, MSW, LADC – Robert.Bitsko@state.mn.us (218) 485-2466
(Clinical Program Therapist 3/Positive Changes Program)



Thank you for your Willingness to Serve and Carry the Message of A.A.!

Joint Minnesota Area 35 & Area 36 Statewide Corrections Committee
CORRECTIONS WORKSHOP
October 25, 2025 (9:30 AM to 3:30 PM)
Jack & Jim's Event Center, 11025 Duelm Road NE, Foley, MN 56329
IN PERSON AND ONLINE!



Commissioner Paul Schnell, Minnesota Department of Corrections
Patrick W., My AA Group - Beltline - Hopkins
Emiliano R., My AA Group – Into Action Men's Group – Bloomington Alano

Question & Answer Session
(Step to the Mic, Raise your hand online, ask our Guests anything about today's topics!)

Sandwich, Soup, and Salad Buffet Lunch for only \$18.00 - FREE Coffee ALL DAY!



Online Registration Link: [2025 SWCC Workshop Registration Link](#) or QR Code



Workshop Lunch RSVP Link: [2025 SWCC Workshop Lunch RSVP](#) or QR Code

For more information, please contact:
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Area 35 Northern Minnesota Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous
Panel 76 Delegate Resume



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| Full Name: | Denise R. |
| Address | |
| City, State, Zip Code: | Sartell, MN |
| Telephone: | |
| Email: | |
| Home Group: | Tuesday Morning AA St. Cloud, MN |
| Sobriety time: | 9/11/1987 |

A.A. service experience:

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| My first service experience was in the early 90's as a Grapevine Rep for my first Homegroup, as well as bringing meetings into our local Hospital for their Aftercare Treatment Program. |
| I have had many service positions over 35+ years serving in 4 home groups- Greeter, Coffee Maker, Chair, Group Secretary, GSR etc...Speaking at Wilmar State Hospital as well as sharing my story when asked for different local groups |
| More recently 2010's GSR for home group Thursday Big Book, helping with CPC work at the District by reaching out to local Clergy using the CPC Workbook. Working with PI Committee to Co-Chair our local Beginner's Meeting <u>on a monthly basis</u> for 7+ years- Taking shifts on our local AA Assistance Line. Working with my local Pastor as an AA Resource Speaking at local Treatment center Recovery Plus Chaired monthly <u>meeting</u> at Journey Home, a Recovery Home for Mothers with Children, for approximately 3 years |
| 2018/2019 District 13 Secretary- as well as continuing with the District PI Committee - Attended Area Committee Meetings to learn and fill in for District Chairs that were not able to attend. Served 1 year on the St. Cloud Alano Society Board as Secretary until my term as District DCM began |
| 2020/2021 DCM District 13 – also worked with Treatment Chair bringing information to Nursing Homes |
| 2022/2023 Area 35 Group Records Registrar- participated in a joint Ad Hoc Committee with Area 36 for our Meeting Locator Website, aaMinnesota.org. |
| 2024/2025 Area 35 Secretary- Also Chair of the Adhoc Committee for Trusted Servant Guidelines |

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| Since 2020 I have attended and participated in several ongoing weekly Service Manual Studies, 12 Concepts Studies, 12 Traditions Studies, Final Conference Report Studies as well as studying AA Comes of Age, Our Great Responsibility, Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers as well as Pamphlet Studies. |
| I currently participate in a weekly study of Tradition/Concepts combined along with pamphlets such as The AA Group Pamphlet and A Member's Eye View. |
| I currently participate in and chair a weekly meeting on Zoom platform studying different service material. We have studied the Concepts, read the book Our Great Responsibility and are now reading AA Comes of Age- |
| I am Sponsored and have mentors I learn a great deal from- as well as sponsoring and mentoring other ladies- |
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Area 35 Northern Minnesota Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous
Panel 76 Delegate Resume



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| Full Name: | Pat M |
| Address | |
| City, State, Zip Code: | Grey Eagle |
| Home Group: | Melrose Wednesday Night Big Book |
| Sobriety time: | 13 years – 12/14/11 |

A.A. service experience:

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| I am sponsored and I sponsor other men |
| My home group has and continues to be my home group since I got sober in 2011 |
| I have served as Treasurer for my group |
| I have been responsible for getting Literature for my group when needed |
| My group and I brought in meetings into Recovery Plus Treatment Center in St. Cloud, MN and I spoke and told my story on several occasions |
| My group and I brought meetings into the Willmar, MN Treatment Center |
| My group and I facilitated 3 Big Book Workshops in Melrose, MN |
| My group and I put on a Big Book Workshop at the Eagles Nest in Sauk Center, MN for veterans |
| I served as GSR for my home group from 2014-2015 |
| I attended all District Meetings as GSR for my meeting |
| I along with others members from my District presented on a topic at our January Service Workshop when serving as GSR |
| The DCM and I put together and presented a Workshop on the 12 Traditions in Albany, MN |
| I served as Treatment Chair for my home District 15 from 2016-2017 |
| My sponsor and I brought in Big Book meetings to the Paynesville, MN Treatment Center when I was serving as Treatment Chair for the District |

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| I served at Alternate DCM for my District for 6 months |
| I severed as DCM for my District 2018-2019 |
| I facilitated the Stems County Round Up as DCM in 2018-2019 |
| I served as the Area 35 Grapevine Chair from 2020-2021 |
| I served as Literature Chair for Area 35 from 2022-2023 |
| I am currently serving as Area 35 Alternate Delegate |
| I am currently responsible and have set up the Area 35 January Service Workshop (2) during my rotation |
| I currently attend all North American Alternate Delegate Meetings on line |
| I along with 3 others Alternate Delegates did a presentation on the Warranties at the North American Alternate Delegates meeting |
| I currently attend all West Central Regional Delegate Meetings as Alternate Delegate |
| I currently attend all Districts Meetings when asked as Alternate Delegate |
| I have traveled with current Delegate when presenting Agenda Items to Districts |
| I have traveled with current Delegate to do her report back from the General Service Conference |
| I have attended all West Central Regional and West Central Regional Forums since 2016 |
| I currently provide Big Books for local doctors in my community |
| I have been asked and have had the honor and privilege to tell my story on numerous occasions |
| I have had the privilege to do many 12 step calls to carry our message of hope to the still suffering alcoholic |

Area 35 Northern Minnesota Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous
Panel 76 Delegate Resume



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| Full Name: | Vicki R. |
| Address | |
| City, State, Zip Code: | Sturgeon Lake |
| Telephone: | |
| Email: | |
| Home Group: | Willow River Group; Willow River MN |
| Sobriety time: | 12/8/1976 |

A.A. service experience:

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| I have carried the message of A.A. at the home group level over the length of my sobriety, welcoming newcomers, cleaning ash trays and coffee pots, setting up the room, chairing meetings, being a temporary and/or permanent sponsor. I've made 12 step calls, in person and on the phone when asked. I have served as a treasurer for multiple groups and alternate secretary in district 21 in 2006. |
| I have brought meetings into treatment centers and have spoken at treatment centers during my recovery |
| I am sponsored, both in recovery and in service, and I sponsor others |
| I brought meetings to Pine County jail once a month from 2014-2017 |
| 2018-2019 GSR Willow River Group |
| 2020-2021- District 11 Treasurer |
| Jan 2022 - Oct 2022 – DCM District 11 (stepped in to area treasurer) (served on the Archives committee and prepared an archives policy for the area) |
| Oct 2022-2023 – Area Treasurer (completed a term for a Treasurer who left the position) |
| 2024-Current – Area 35 Chair |
| I am part of a service study group that meets weekly to study A.A. history, 12 concepts and 12 traditions |
| (these dates are to the best of my recollection) |
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Area 35 Northern Minnesota Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous
Panel 76 Delegate Resume

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| Full Name: | Randy A |
| Address | |
| City, State, Zip Code: | Hoyt Lakes |
| Telephone: | |
| Email: | |
| Home Group: | Aroua Big Book |
| Sobriety time: | 27 years of continuous sobriety |

A.A. service experience:

| | |
|-------------|---|
| Home Group: | Secretary, Treasurer, Chairperson, Speaker/Presenter. Alt. GSR, GSR |
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| District: | Corrections/Treatment Chair, Treasurer, Alt. DCM, DCM |
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| Area: | Treatment Chair, Financial Oversight Committee Chair, Treasurer, Public Information Chair |
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| Committees: | Winter Rap Up Committee (20) years, WCRSC Committee, WCRFC Committee, Area Literature Committee |
| | Speak at Open Meetings, Treatment Centers and/or Correctional Facilities |
| | I am a sponsor and am sponsored |
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Area 35 Northern Minnesota Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous
Panel 76 Delegate Resume

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|------------------------|------------|
| Full Name: | Mark R |
| Address | |
| City, State, Zip Code: | Clear Lake |

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| Home Group: | The Happy Hour Group, Wednesdays 6pm-7pm, St Cloud Alano Club |
| Sobriety time: | Continuous sobriety since March 11, 2020 |

A.A. Service Experience:

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| Area 35 Corrections Chair – January 1, 2024 to Present |
| Area 35 Corrections Chair – March 2023 to January 1, 2024 (Nominated at Spring Assembly, took over for Arden A.). |
| Worked with DOC Staff at County & State levels to initiate A.A Meetings in Sherburne County Jail, Mille Lacs County Jail, Stearns county Jail, and MCF-St Cloud Prison post COVID. |
| Volunteer to bring A.A. meeting into MCF-St Cloud Prison Every Thursday – Jan 2024 to present. |
| Volunteer to bring A.A. meeting into Mille Lacs and Sherburne County Jails – Nov 2021 to present. |
| Webmaster for District 5 – Design & Maintain Content for district5online.org website 2022 to present |
| Have attended past 3 West Central Regional Service Conferences – 2022 to present |
| Have attended all Area 35 Assemblies and Area 35 Committee Meetings (ACM) – 2021 to present |
| A.A. Speaker at Nystrom’s in Big Lake, MN and Hazelden-Betty Ford in Center City, MN – 2022 to present. |
| Volunteer to coordinate and attend Department of Corrections Transition Fairs at MCF’s Faribault, Lini Lakes, Moose Lake, Rush City, St. Cloud, Stillwater, and Willow River June 2022 to Present |
| Statewide Corrections Committee Chair (SWCC) – March 2022 to December 2024 |
| Assisted District 5 DCM in visiting all A.A. Groups in the District in order to update group contact information and discussing importance of having a GSR and attending District and Area 35 Assemblies and meetings. |
| District 5 Corrections Chair – 2021 to 2022 and 2022 to 2024 |
| Hosted the annual SWCC Corrections Workshop 2023 & 2024, and will help host the 2025 workshop. I had sole responsibility to obtain Event location, secured lunch menus, coordinated volunteers, sound system, and hybrid ability via ZOOM or TEAMS. I also had the responsibility to obtain speakers, and presenters. |
| GSR for the Becker A.A. Group October 2021 to April 2023 |
| Alternate-GSR for the Becker A.A. Group – July 2021 to October 2021 |
| A.A. Speaker and Presenter at MCF-St Cloud and MCF-Moose Lake Prisons |
| Served on the Area 35 Ad-hoc Committee for Technology – 2022/2023 |
| A.A. Speaker at Open A.A. Meetings in Central and Northern Minnesota, and across U.S. via Zoom |
| Presented on A.A. & Corrections at Area/District meetings, workshops across Northern Minnesota – March 2022 to present. |
| Design A.A. Flyers, QR Codes for A35 & A36 A.A. Districts, Groups, and Corrections - 2021 to present |
| District 5 Secretary – Temporarily took over when secretary stepped down. Filled in January 2023 - March 2023 |
| Volunteered to bring A.A. meetings into Anoka County jail – April 2021 to October 2023 |
| Group Chair, Becker A.A. Group – 4/2022 to 7/2022 and Setup Person 07/2020 through 04/2022 |
| Group Chair, Sahara Sunrise A.A. Group – 4/2021 to 11/2021 (Online Zoom Meeting Group) |
| I have a Sponsor who has a Sponsor and I am a Sponsor. I also have a Service Sponsor. |
| Professional experience with Office 365, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, TEAMS, ZOOM, Speaking, and Presentations. |

UPCOMING EVENTS

*See area35.org for printable flyers

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL FORUM
September 19-21, 2025
Hilton Omaha, Omaha, NE

You are invited to the West Central Regional Forum!

PURPOSE OF REGIONAL FORUMS

- Regional Forums are hosted by the General Service Board and "open" to all A.A. members or anyone interested in A.A.
- Regional Forums are designed to enhance trust and communication between A.A. members and the General Service Board, Staff, and Directors from the General Service Office and AA Grapevine.

PROGRAM

- Your West Central Regional Trustee will moderate the event. You will hear from the General Manager of your General Service Office and Staff Members, General Service Board Trustees, AA Grapevine/La Vinta Inc. Publisher and Staff, A.A. World Services, Inc. Director, your regional delegates, and past trustees.
- There will be presentations, workshops, panels, and more. There will also be sharing sessions to allow for comments and questions. A sample program is posted on aa.org/regional-and-local-forums.
- The event will take place from Friday from 6:30 p.m. through Sunday 12 p.m.

REGISTRATION

- Registration is FREE and will open online at www.aa.org on Friday, July 18, 2025.
- All registration information is confidential and will not be used for anything except communicating about the event and sending the digital Regional Forum Final Report.
- Pre-registration is encouraged, and on-site registration will be available.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hilton Omaha
1001 Cass St.
Omaha, NE 68102

- For hotel reservations: Hilton Omaha Reservations
- or Call 1-800-315-1066.
- Please reference "2025 West Central Region Alcoholics Anonymous Forum (WCRAAF)" and use the code "946" to receive the group rate.
- Reservations must be made by August 28, 2025.
- Rate: Single/Double Occupancy, \$137 per night US

We look forward to seeing you in Omaha!

*** VOLUNTEER INVITATION ***

Join The A.A. 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. member interested!
- We "Carry the Message" to those most difficult to reach, those who are not free to attend meetings. Carrying the Message to whoever wants it, wherever they are.

CARE RESTORATION



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.

JOIN TEAMS MEETING

Press CNTRL + LEFT CLICK to follow link:

Link: [Statewide Corrections Committee \(SWCC\) Monthly Meeting](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#) | [Meetup-Join](#)



"A SPECIAL KIND OF A.A. SERVICE"

For more information, Please contact Carter L. - SWCC Chair at following address/number:
correctionsmn@gmail.com

952.239.1333

Registration:

AA, Al-Anon _____ x \$20 = _____

Alateen _____ x \$8 = _____

All Adult Accommodations: (please check and describe)

____ RV/Camper _____ ☐ Need Electricity

____ Cabin (name) _____

____ Lodge (Room #) _____

____ Tent/Tree House _____

Friday _____ x _____ = _____

Saturday _____ x _____ = _____

Children Under 12 (under 5 free):

Friday _____ x \$8 = _____

Saturday _____ x \$8 = _____

Adult Meals:

Friday p.m. _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Saturday a.m. _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Saturday Lunch _____ x \$9.00 = _____

Saturday p.m. _____ x \$15.00 = _____

Sunday a.m. _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Sunday Lunch _____ x \$9.00 = _____

All Meal Package _____ x \$55.00 = _____

Children Under 12 Meals (under 3 free):

Friday p.m. _____ x \$9.00 = _____

Saturday a.m. _____ x \$9.00 = _____

Saturday Lunch _____ x \$7.00 = _____

Saturday p.m. _____ x \$9.00 = _____

Sunday a.m. _____ x \$9.00 = _____

Sunday Lunch _____ x \$7.00 = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

"Experience
the Serenity"

FALL . . . brings a coat of many colors to our forest. Enjoy the area foliage while hiking, golfing, fishing or boating are nearby. Headwaters Golf Course is just across the road! Access to the Heartland Trail is down the road!

CAMPING & RV's
PREREGISTRATION
REQUIRED

ON-SITE PLAYGROUND

Volleyball, Basketball, GaGa Ball
Soccer, Tetherball, Disc Golf
Children's Play Area
(Children must be supervised)

PET POLICY

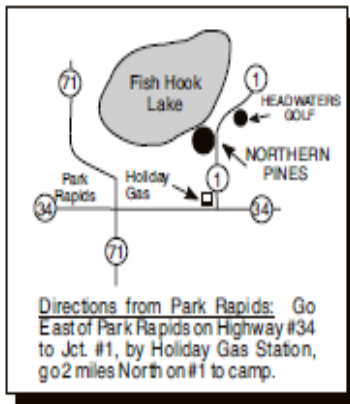
Pets allowed in RV/Campers
and campground only.
ALL BUILDINGS ARE PET FREE.
Pets must be leashed
or contained at all times.
Please register all pets along with current
vaccination records and sign a waiver of
responsibility upon arrival.

34th ANNUAL
HEARTLAND ROUND-UP
SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 7 - 2025
20033 COUNTY 1
PARK RAPIDS, MN 56470

NORTHERN PINES
CAMP & RETREAT
CENTER

20033 County 1 • Park Rapids, MN

Situated on a 40 acre site on the east shore of Fish Hook Lake, in the woods and pines near Park Rapids in the area known as the Heartland of northern Minnesota, Northern Pines is an ideal setting for walking, running, hiking and biking. The headwaters of the Mississippi in Itasca Park is about 20 miles.



Google Maps may be inaccurate,
please use these directions.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

Save the Date

Area 35 & Area 36 Statewide
2025

CORRECTIONS SERVICE WORKSHOP

Statewide Corrections Committee



October 25, 2025

From 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

In-person at Jack and Jim's Event Center
11025 Duelm Road NE, Foley, MN 56329

or

Online Hybrid via TEAMS

Featuring Speakers and Topic Presentations

Awesome On-Site Lunch Sandwich Buffet Available for purchase!

For more information, contact:

Carter L. (SWCC Chair) at correctionsmn@gmail.com or

Mark R. at corrections@area35.org or David A. at corrections@area36.org or

Tracy Jo at altcorrections@area36.org

ATTENTION – PLEASE READ

*** REGARDING: CORRECTIONS CORRESPONDENCE ***

If any A.A. Member or A.A. Group is involved the Corrections Correspondence program, and your Incarcerated Person (IP) has moved from one DOC/BOP facility to another and your mail has been returned back to you, please do the following!

1. You will need to contact A.A. Corrections Coordinator at the GSO in New York
2. Call them at: (212) 870-3085 (this number is also on the Registration Form-shown below)
3. Or email them at: corrections@aa.org
4. Provide them with the name of the man or woman whom you are corresponding with. The staff at GSO will do a "Look-Up" using the VINELink website.
5. Upon locating where your Incarcerated Person is now at, they will re-register your information with that individual and provide you with their new address for corresponding.
6. You can also look-up the person you are corresponding with by going to this website:
URL: <https://vinelink.dhs.gov#!/map>



Corrections
Correspondence
— a special kind
of A.A. Service

CORRESPONDENCE FORM — for Outside A.A. Members Only **CCS-3**

PLEASE PRINT - Return to address below

I am a ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE How many inmates are you able to write to?: _____

I can correspond in ☐ English ☐ French ☐ Spanish ☐ Other language _____

Name: _____ Phone (office use only): _____
(First and Last)

Address: _____ Email (office use only): _____
(P.O. Box or Street Address, City, State or Province, Postal or Zip Code)

Corrections Desk, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163
Direct: (212) 870-3085 Email: corrections@aa.org Fax: (212) 870-3003 Website: www.aa.org

The Bright Spot
of our Lives

The 79th Annual
Duluth Roundup
September 12-14, 2025
Holiday Inn—
Downtown
200 W 1st St.
Duluth, MN 55802

for more information, and to stay
up to date with goings on visit
duluthroundup.org

for more information or to
register online, visit:
duluthroundup.org
questions?
contact Shelley at 218.780.0986

| Friday | |
|---|-----------------|
| Registration Opens | 2:00 |
| AA Speaker, Natalie H. — Eau Claire, WI | 7:00 |
| Ice Cream Social to follow | |
| Saturday | |
| Breakfast | 8:00 |
| Early Bird AA Meeting | 8:30 |
| Speaker Meeting, Kevin K. — Superior, WI | 10:00 |
| Meetings, Workshops, & Panels | 12:00- -4:00 |
| Dinner | 5:00 |
| AL Anon Speaker, Jennie P. — Thunder Bay, ON | 6:30 |
| AA Speaker, Paul M. — Rockaway Beach, NY | 8:00 |
| Raffle Drawing & Silent Auction to follow | |
| Sunday | |
| Early Bird AA Meeting | 8:30 |
| AA Speaker, Bobbie K. — Burnsville, MN | 10:00 |

Mail registration form with U.S. funds to
PO Box 16771
Duluth, MN 55816-0771

Total Amount
Enclosed
\$ _____

Breakfast – \$25
amount: _____
(limited tickets available)

Dinner – \$50
amount: _____
(limited tickets available)

Roundup Tickets – \$30
amount: _____

Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Email Address
Phone

Registration

Presale tickets can be purchased online, by mail, or
from a Committee Member before August 31st.
On site registration begins Friday, September 12th at
2:00 PM at the Holiday Inn – Downtown.

AREA OFFICER & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

DELEGATE- DIANE R

No report given

ALTERNATE DELEGATE-PAT M

No report given

CHAIR-VICKI R.

No report given

DENISE R.

Greetings Area 35,
Since the June Area Committee Meeting I was able complete and distribute the minutes from the June meeting. Thank you Aaron for recording our events so well so we can have accurate minutes!!

Our Guidelines Adhoc Committee met during June to discuss more on voting procedures, when to use 2/3 Substantial Unanimity and when to use Simple Majority- We also discussed what business is best for the Area Committee meetings and what Business should be discussed at the Area Assembly.
We are working to have a recommendation to bring forward to the August Area Committee Meeting for discussion.

I am hoping to attend the International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous Virtually. I look forward to being able to see a small part of this amazing event.

I attended our District's Conference Report back which was very informative. Thank you Diane for your work and presentation!!!
I am grateful you and Ricco could make it to our District even on a Monday evening. Thank you for your service to us, the Area and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole!

Looking forward to seeing you all in August if not sooner.
In Service
Denise R.

TREASURER – HEIDI B

No report given

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

WEBMASTER – TERRY P

No report given

NORTHERN LIGHT – JENNIFER T

I had the privilege to visit Akron in June to tour Intergroup archives and Dr. Bob’s Library. Our history is rich and based on many slender threads. I pause to think of all the slender threads that occurred to get me here today in this moment with all of you. I am grateful for all those who came before us, in and out of AA, who helped us build a foundation for living.

GROUP RECORDS – PHYLLIS K

Just a reminder, please fill out the group change form completely. With 480 groups, it is time-consuming to have to research a group within a district to get the town, zip, and address of the meeting place. It also takes time to go back and forth with emails/texts to try to get this information.
GSR/contact people: +6, -3
Meeting Guide: People changes: +9 people and -1
Group changes: 1 group name change
District changes:
New Group: 2 - one in North Branch and one in Aitkin
Group Changes: 1 group name change
Northern Light: + 9, and -6
Help Messages: looking for an Al-anon meeting; help finding a meeting in Willmar; and help me find my uncle’s sponsor. He was in an accident-referred to area36.

LITERATURE – MIKE U

No report given

TREATMENT – KYLE H

No report given

PUBLIC INFORMATION – RANDY A

Greetings Area 35 – It’s been a very slow month, not too much happening in PI work. Still waiting for responses from previous contacts. I attended the district 8 Delegates Report in Gilbert this past month – our Delegate done an excellent job presenting her report back and representing our Area at the General Service Conference. Thank You Diane for the outstanding service you do for Alcoholics Anonymous. I have been in contact with a few different radio stations in northern Minnesota about placing PSAs on their broadcasts. I was driving on the road one day listening to the local radio station and heard an Al- Anon PSA on the station. That message inspired me to inquire about placing a PSA for AA at that station. I thought at one time they had played one for AA but i have not heard it lately. It is an excellent service opportunity to go out in public and visit places that could use AA Literature: Schools, Libraries, Colleges, Police Stations, Hospitals, Employers, etc. Some local groups have gotten involved and made their own PI packets and distributed them in public places, the packets contain meeting schedules, PI information cards with QR codes and pamphlets. Two of the pamphlets are “Speaking at non- AA meetings and Problems other than alcohol. It is very important to inform the public of who we are and what we do. In our last PI Committee Meeting in June, we had a few districts that were in the planning stages of hosting PI Luncheons. There was also discussion on reintroducing the participation of the State Fair booth for 2026. There will be more discussions and a possible vote at the Area Fall Assembly.

Yours in Service, Randy A.

CORRECTIONS - MARK R

Continued praise and gratitude to A.A. members who are volunteers in Area 35 Districts, and Groups, and presently taking regular meetings into County Jails and Minnesota Correctional Facilities. Many hours are spent organizing meetings, working with jails to get volunteers approved, and managing rosters.

I continue to search and attract A.A. members in Area 35 who would be willing to volunteer to be Temporary Contacts for men and women incarcerated in our Minnesota Correctional Facilities. As a **CTCP OUT-SIDE** volunteer, you will correspond with A.A. Members still in custody, upon release, bring them to A.A. meetings, and help introduce them to the A.A. Fellowship in the area they are going to be released.

I continue to be available to help our Area 35 District Corrections Chairs & DCMs with their respective Corrections opportunities and questions/ concerns. I want to thank District 13 for having me at their District meetings and allowing me the opportunity to continue to attract volunteers for MCF-St Cloud Prison and facilitate the Thursday evening A.A. meeting for those men incarcerated there. With the help of Mike R. on Tuesdays, we have 10 volunteers that rotate on Tuesdays and 9 of us on Thursdays (**Yes, 19 in total and more starting!**). The Program Coordinators and Warden Pugh at MCF St Cloud on several occasions have extended how grateful they are for our participation in their program structure and the unbelievable number of dedicated volunteers.

For over 4 years, we had been informed Kanabec County Jail did not want A.A. Meetings there. After I contacted Joel Stevens at Kanabec County Jail, he informed me they did not know who to contact about getting A.A. meetings started there and had been wanting meetings for over 4 years. I immediately spoke with Mike U (A35 Literature Chair & Corrections Volunteer) who lives near that County Seat. Mike spoke with his District 6 members and Jeff O. (D6 Corrections Chair) and Julie N. (D6 DCM) agreed to volunteer. One of our newest Corrections Volunteers who attended the June ACM Kristina L. (D7) also agreed to volunteer! Within 2 weeks, we now have 4 volunteers bringing 3 different meetings in every Tuesday night – **1** women’s, **1** maximum security men’s, and **1** minimum security men’s. Kudos to all of you and God Bless you for your care & love by Carrying the Message of A.A. into Kanabec County jail to those Men & Women still suffering from the disease of alcoholism.

I was asked by District 11 to help create flyers for the DOC facilities in their area. If anyone has interest in volunteering to Carry the Message into one of these facilities, you may contact Gary H. (D11 Corrections Chair). As I have these flyers in PDF format, contact me and I can send any one of them out (Kanabec County, Pine County, MCF-Rush, Sandstone Federal Prison, MCF-MSOP in Moose Lake, MCF-Moose Lake, and MCF-Willow River.

The MCF-St Cloud Transition Fair was held on June 4, 2025. Representing A.A. from Area 35 was Paul C. (D3), and Area 36 was David A. (A36 Corrections Chair). They had a wonderful experience and were able to have 16 men signup for our CTCP program! There were 7 CTCP requests for Area 35 and I want to acknowledge how proud I am that I was able to find 7 volunteers who either themselves or someone they knew agreed to be Temporary Contacts for these 7 incarcerated men! I cannot do this without the unbelievable and wonderful Area 35 A.A. Men & Women who are dedicated to this wonderful A.A. Service Work! My sincere gratitude for stepping up District 3 members - Melvin S., Paul H., Paul C., and Kevin

AREA OFFICER & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

K., District 5 members – Carter L., Chad O., Brad L., Terry P., Jason G., and Jason L., District 7 & District 18 members – Jessica S., and Chuck R., District 3 members – John D., and JJ, and finally, District 21 members Jennifer T., and Harold. God Bless you all!

Our next DOC Transition Fair will be at MCF-Red Wing on July 15, 2025. Thank you John D. (A35/D13) and Brian M. (A36) for volunteering to represent Minnesota Alcoholics Anonymous.

| FACILITY | TRANSITION FAIR DATE | APPLICATION DUE DATE |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| MCF-Willow River #1 | April 8, 2025 | March 14, 2025 |
| MCF-Faribault | May 21, 2025 | April 23, 2025 |
| MCF-Saint Cloud | June 4, 2025 | May 7, 2025 |
| MCF-Red Wing | July 15, 2025 | June 17, 2025 |
| MCF-Lino Lakes | August 7, 2025 | July 10, 2025 |
| MCF-Moose Lake | September 9, 2025 | August 12, 2025 |
| MCF-Rush City | September 23, 2025 | September 16, 2025 |
| MCF-Willow River #2 | October 14, 2025 | September 16, 2025 |
| MCF-Shakopee | November 4, 2025 | October 7, 2025 |
| MCF-Stillwater | November 19, 2025 | October 22, 2025 |

Humbled and Grateful,

Mark R

CPC - MARY S

Greetings:

I am honored to serve as Area 35 C.P.C. Chairperson this rotation. It's been quiet since my last contribution to the Northern Light submission. There isn't much to report although I feel confident that Area 35 is reaching out to the Professionals in their Districts and providing brochures, pamphlets and information as needed. The C.P.C. Chairperson in Area 36 reached out via e-mail and I responded but have not been contacted since.

As quoted in the brochure... "Faith Leaders Ask about Alcoholics Anonymous" ... ""Many thousands of alcoholics owe their lives to a nonalcoholic professional - a medical doctor, psychiatrist, counselor, law enforcement representative, faith leader or member of the clergy - who was knowledgeable enough about alcoholism to recognize the illness and take the actions that would cut through the alcoholic's denial and illuminate the road to recovery."

Another brochure I have found helpful is titled... "How A.A. Members Cooperate with Professionals". #20 states... "Does Cooperating witty professionals really do any good? There is overwhelming evidence that cooperation does pay off handsomely for the individual alcoholic and for A.A. as a whole. This evidence comes from the latest Membership Survey of A.A. groups in the U.S. and Canada. It is this: Before coming to A.A., 59% of the members received some type of treatment or counseling (such as medical, psychological, spiritual, etc.) related to their drinking."

So, it does strongly appear that communication and cooperation with professionals is very important and fulfills an important link of communication.

Yours in service,

Mary S.,

ARCHIVIST – MARC N

Hi, Marc here, an alcoholic, and your Area35 archivist.

My work with archives at times is overwhelming, a bit depressing. I get to thinking: "why am I doing this, why is no one interested in these archived things, why have donations to archives declined over the past several years". But then a thought from my higher power reminds me of Rule 62 and I sit back and let my wander to fun things. Remember how that Moose and Squirrel always defeated Boris and Natasha. Funny how enjoying life as it comes can defeat the serious nature of what comes against us. To write this I went back to an article that I wrote in September 2023, weird how the past repeats itself, here it is:

My life is like a book, the stories are told in the printed words, but life is lived in the white space. Yours too. In that white space are the distant memories of good times, your first friend, your first dalliance with alcohol... But then, maybe not soon after the white space filled with memories that were wanting to be forgotten. Alcoholism had set its grip. For those of us who

were fortunate we found a way out, we worked these 12 steps and let go of the old memories, ready to make new ones. One of the promises tells us that "we will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it". As we move forward our white space once again fills, and a few words define our stories for others.

Our Area 35 Archives have a lot of history of AAs early days, a good amount of district and area business, and many books and recordings. Some of these books could be considered outside issues and per AA traditions we should not have any opinion of them. My observation is that we tend to remember the good points, the softer not so harsh realities of our alcoholism. The stories seldom delve into the really dark side, maybe because our black-outs really do blank out those bad times. Then the recovery process begins to make new memories. The stories of recovery are often the more comfortable experiences, DTs are not mentioned, aversion therapies are glossed over, "the cure" is mentioned but not the "jag farm", jail or prison. Most of the books, recordings and personal stories are from many years ago. There is an immense white space left by stories untold. Please help to record Area 35 history as told by the people who are here. Your story will very likely help another person find sobriety and serenity.

Archives might not be interesting now, but without memories of the past our future might be as bright for the next generation.

Please remember when telling your story to remain anonymous, the stories you tell could be displayed with Area 35 virtual archives. Keep your stories related to alcoholism, singleness of purpose does matter. And please no mention of treatment center name or place of incarceration where you found sobriety.

In closing, I want to say that if you want to share your story, contact me. I have some guidelines and some methods that just might make it easy.

In humble service,
Archivist, Marc N

ARCHIVES – CATHY R
No report given

GRAPEVINE – TERRY AHLGREN
No report. Given

Statewide Corrections Committee (SWCC) Chair Report
Statewide Corrections Committee Update for Area 35 Northern Light
June 1 2025 to June 28 2025

Our committee continues to work hard to promote A.A. Corrections Service work throughout the State of Minnesota!
Below are some of our accomplishments since our June 4, 2025 meeting.

General Status
Chuck R. and Mark R. are working on finalizing the contents for the 2025

Workshop Folder. Once everything that needs to be updated is, Chuck has a printer that will be producing the copies for us. Our intent is again this year, to have 100 folders made up for those in attendance as well as extras that can be share to others unable to attend who are interested in Corrections Service Work. As we did last year, all content is in PDF format and anyone not in attendance or online can ask for the PDF(s) to be sent to them via email!
An enormous "Thank You" to Ricco & Diane for volunteering to handle in-person registrations, Joseph S. for being our Greeter, Chuck R., and Paul C. for handling the cash for the Lunch Buffet payments, Aaron A for Sound Engineer, Terry P. for Web Master (Online Meeting and Camera), Mike U. for attending the Literature table, and Area 36 for handling the Grapevine table! And thanks to our Area Corrections Chairs Mark R. and David A. for their guidance as well as their budgeting for this Workshop every year!
Could not do this without any of you!
The SWCC meets on the 1st Wednesday of each Month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 2, 2025
JOIN TEAMS MEETING SERIES:
Statewide Corrections Committee (SWCC) Monthly Meeting
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST)
Occurs every month on the first Wednesday

Yours in Service,

Carter L.
Statewide Corrections Committee Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

2025 Service Events

October 4-5: Fall Assembly
Ely, MN

Dec 7: Area Committee Meeting
Aitkin, MN

2026 Service Events

Jan 17-18th Service Workshop
Hibbing, MN

PLEASE POST

“But we
do have
expenses...”

When you “put money in the basket”
you support your group and A.A. worldwide.
You help make sure that:

- Your group gets meeting space
 - Phones get answered
- Alcoholic inmates get Big Books
- Professionals get correct information about A.A.
 - Loner A.A.s get letters
 - Newcomers get literature and meeting lists
- A.A.s around the globe share experience, strength and hope



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“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

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Area 35 Panel 74 Delegate
delegate@area35.org

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 northernlight@area35.org 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, **contact the Northern Light Editor** at northernlight@area35.org 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. **A \$20.00 fee will be added for a submission larger than 8 1/2 x 11.**

| Number of Copies | 1 Sided | 2 Sided | Insertion Fee | Total Cost |
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| 750 | \$ 68 | \$ 90 | \$ 30 | \$ 98/120 |
| 1000 | \$ 90 | \$ 120 | \$ 30 | \$ 120/150 |
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 2025 are as Follows:

- ◆ August 31, 2025: Flier will be included in the September/October Issue
- ◆ October 31, 2025: Flier will be included in the November/December Issue

Area 35 Event Flyer Guidelines

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

- Who is involved or sponsoring the event? Examples:
 - AA Group
 - District
 - Area
- 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
- When is the event to take place?
 - Date and time
 - Does it reoccur
- Where will the event take place?
 - Name of the facility and the address
 - Maps are sometimes helpful but not necessary
- Why is the event taking place?
 - The reason for AA events is to 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)

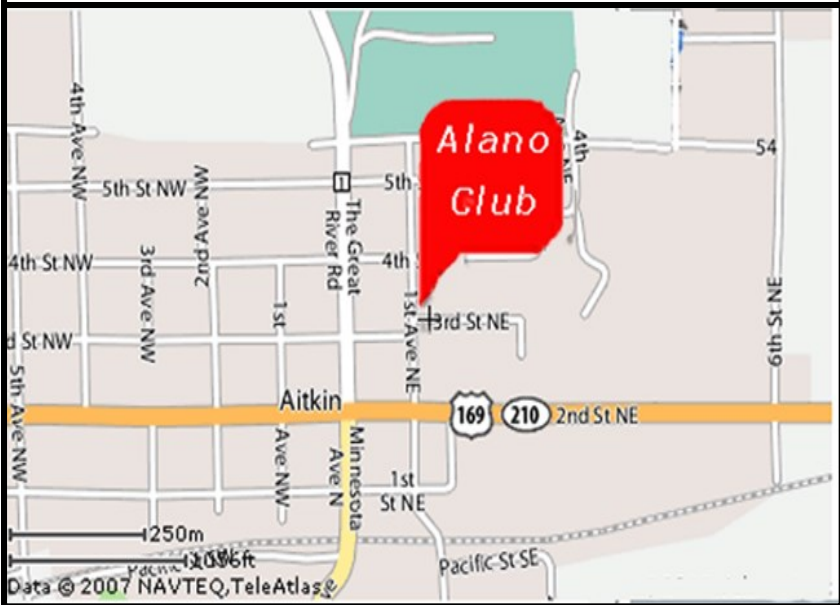
AREA 35 EVENTS
INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

- 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 preparations.
- 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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| OUR PAST DELEGATES | | | | |
| <u>Panel 72</u> <u>2022-2023</u> Steven L | <u>Panel 40</u> <u>1990-1991</u> Bob J | <u>Panel 14</u> <u>1964-1965</u> Donald F (deceased) | | |
| <u>Panel 70</u> <u>2020-2021</u> Jim S | <u>Panel 38</u> <u>1988-1989</u> Scott J | <u>Panel 12</u> <u>1962-1963</u> Donna T (deceased) | | |
| <u>Panel 68</u> <u>2018-2019</u> Christine G | <u>Panel 36</u> <u>1986-1987</u> Louie H | <u>Panel 10</u> <u>1960-1961</u> Bob B (deceased) | | |
| <u>Panel 66</u> <u>2016-2017</u> Kelly D | <u>Panel 34</u> <u>1984-1985</u> Bob P (deceased) | <u>Panel 8</u> <u>1958-1959</u> Pearl N (deceased) | | |
| <u>Panel 64</u> <u>2014-2015</u> Michael “Jake” J | <u>Panel 32</u> <u>1982-1983</u> Tom L (deceased) | <u>Panel 6</u> <u>1956-1957</u> Waldo H (deceased) | | |
| <u>Panel 62</u> <u>2012-2013</u> Jim K | <u>Panel 30</u> <u>1980-1981</u> Don M (deceased) | <u>Panel 4</u> <u>1954-1955</u> Wendell H (deceased) | | |
| <u>Panel 60</u> <u>2010-2011</u> Jon C | <u>Panel 28</u> <u>1978-1979</u> Garfield (Duffy) S (deceased) | <u>Panel 2</u> <u>1952-1953</u> Arthur R (deceased) | | |
| <u>Panel 58</u> <u>2008-2009</u> JoAnne M N | <u>Panel 26</u> <u>1976-1977</u> Vern R (deceased) | | | |
| <u>Panel 56</u> <u>2006-2007</u> Jerry S | <u>Panel 24</u> <u>1974-1975</u> Gordon B. H (deceased) | | | |
| <u>Panel 54</u> <u>2004-2005</u> Charlie C | <u>Panel 22</u> <u>1972-1973</u> Frank P. J (deceased) | | | |
| <u>Panel 52</u> <u>2002-2003</u> Tim C | <u>Panel 20</u> <u>1970-1971</u> Clarence B (deceased) | | | |
| <u>Panel 50</u> <u>2000-2001</u> Tom A | <u>Panel 18</u> <u>1968-1969</u> Dave H (deceased) | | | |
| <u>Panel 48</u> <u>1998-1999</u> Susie A | <u>Panel 16</u> <u>1966-1967</u> Arno A (deceased) | | | |
| <u>Panel 46</u> <u>1996-1997</u> Bill P (deceased) | | | | |
| <u>Panel 44</u> <u>1994-1995</u> Bruce B | | | | |
| <u>Panel 42</u> <u>1992-1993</u> Greg G (deceased) | | | | |

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.

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

AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING

Agenda
Aitkin, MN
August 3, 2025

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| <div><div></div><div>9:00 A.M. Action Chair Committee Meetings (9:30 a.m. Financial Oversight Committee)</div><div></div><div>10:30 A.M. Area Committee Meeting</div><div></div><div>Call to Order Open with the Serenity Prayer</div><div></div><div>Recognize Past Delegates</div><div></div><div>Add to Agenda</div><div></div><div>Approve Minutes from June 1st ACM</div><div>OFFICER REPORTS</div><div></div><div>Delegate – Diane R</div><div></div><div>Alternate Delegate – Pat M</div><div></div><div>Chair – Vicki R</div><div></div><div>Secretary – Denise R</div><div></div><div>Treasurer – Heidi B</div><div>COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS</div><div></div><div>Financial Oversight Committee- Scott A</div><div></div><div>District 7 – Jessical S</div><div></div><div>WEBMASTER – Terry P</div><div></div><div>NORTHERN LIGHT – Jennifer T</div><div></div><div>GROUP RECORDS – Phyllis K</div><div></div><div>District 2 – Kim B</div><div></div><div>District 11 – Kathy M</div><div></div><div>LITERATURE – Mike U</div><div></div><div>District 8 – John J</div><div></div><div>District 15 – Fred T</div><div></div><div>PUBLIC INFORMATION – Randy A</div><div></div><div>District 1 - Loren G</div><div></div><div>District 21 –</div><div></div><div>TREATMENT – Kyle H</div><div></div><div>District 5 – Chad O</div><div></div><div>District 14 -</div><div></div><div>CPC – Mary S</div><div></div><div>District 6 – Julie N</div><div></div><div>District 9 – Tom T</div><div></div><div>ARCHIVES – Cathy R</div><div></div><div>ARCHIVIST – Marc N</div><div></div><div>District 4 – Jay B</div><div></div><div>District 18 – Steve T</div><div></div><div>GRAPEVINE – Terry A</div><div></div><div>District 12 – Richard G</div><div></div><div>District 18 – Dave C</div><div></div><div>CORRECTIONS – Mark R</div></div> | <div><div></div><div>District 3 – Melvin S</div><div></div><div>District 13 – Peggy M</div><div></div><div>12:00 P.M. Lunch</div><div>12:45 P.M. Reconvene</div><div>OLD BUSINESS</div><div></div><div>Ad-hoc committee update: Action Book</div><div>Updates Committee</div><div></div><div>Archivist needs a volunteer to provide support</div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div>NEW BUSINESS:</div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div></div><div>Calendar of Events</div><div></div><div>Adjourn - responsibility statement</div></div> |
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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
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