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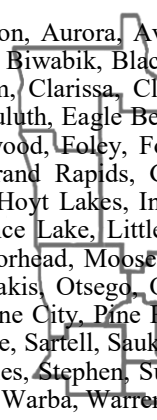

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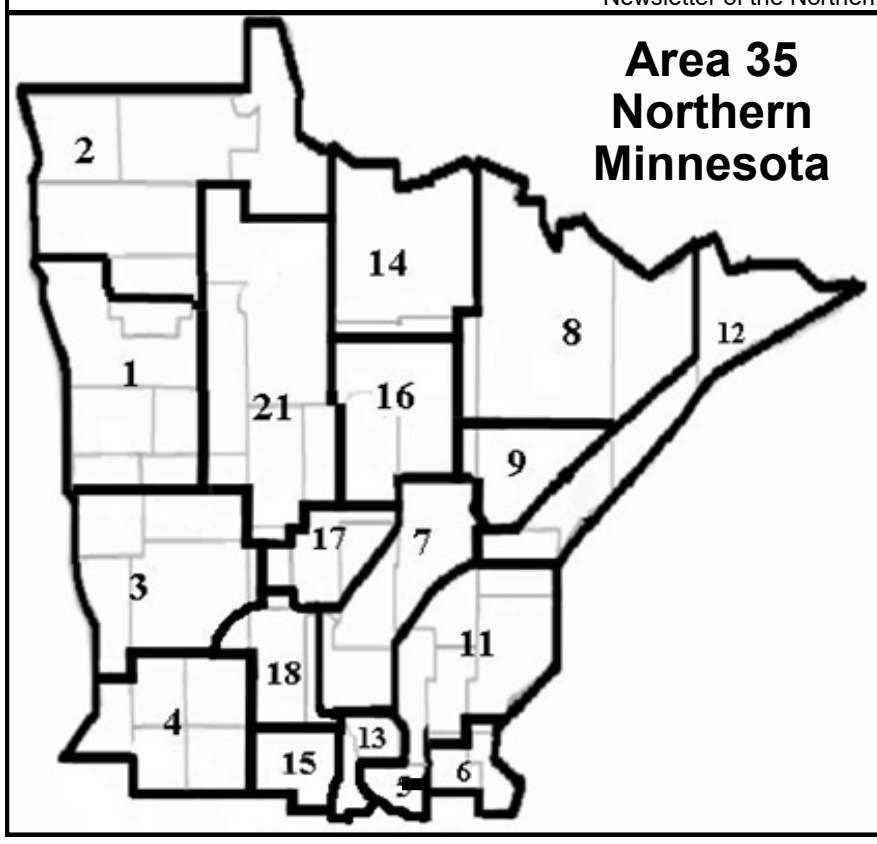

Zone I

District 1 - Ada, Crookston, Erskine, Fertile, Fosston, Mahnomen, Naytahwaush, Red Lake Falls, Twin Valley

District 2 - Badger, 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, Baudette, 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, New York Mills, Midway, Menahga, Wadena, Waubun

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

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

Zone III

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

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

District 7 - Aitkin, Baxter, Brainerd, Fort Ripley, Garrison, Ironton, Isle, Little Falls*, Malmo, McGregor*, Palisade, Pierz, Pillager*, Wahkon

District 11 - Finlayson*, Grasston, Henriette, Hinckley*, Lake Lena, Moose Lake*, Mora, Ogilvie, Pine City, Quamba, Sandstone, Willow River

District 13 - Kimball, Rice, St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, Foley

District 17 - Backus, Cross Lake, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Pillager*, Pine River

District 18 - Browerville, Clarissa, Eagle Bend, Little Falls*, Long Prairie, Motley, Parkers Prairie, Staples, Verndale

Zone IV

District 8 - Alango, Aurora, Babbitt, Biwabik, Cook, Cotton, Ely, Eveleth, Gilbert, Hoyt Lakes, Mountain Iron, Nett Lake, Orr, Palo, Pike, Tower, Virginia,

District 9 - Chisholm, Floodwood, Hibbing, Keewatin, Kelly Lake, Lawrence Lake*, Nashwauk*, Zim

District 12 - Beaver Bay, Silver Bay, Barnum, Brimson, Brookston, Cloquet, Duluth, Esko, Finland, Fredenberg, Grand Marais, Grand Portage, Hermantown, Knife River, Lawrence Lake*, Lutsen, Mahtowa, Pike Lake, Proctor, Sawyer, Foxborro (Wisconsin), Side Lake, Superior (Wisconsin), Toivola, Two Harbors

District 14 - International Falls, Littlefork, Rainy River (Ontario,Canada)

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

District Meeting Location Information

District 1
2nd Sunday of even months, 2:00 p.m.
Fertile Community Center
101 S Mill Street
Fertile, MN 56540

District 2
1st Sunday of odd months, 3:00 p.m.
Thief River Falls Alano Club
614 Davis Ave
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

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

District 4
Last Sunday of month, 6:30 p.m.
Lakes Area Alano Club
1604 Jefferson St
Alexandria, MN 56308

District 5
3rd Monday of month, 7 p.m.
(use side door that opens to parking lot)
Trinity Lutheran Church
111 N 6th Ave
Princeton, MN 55371

District 6
3rd Thursday of month, 7:00 p.m.
Spring Lake Lutheran Church
8440 Erickson Rd NE
North Branch, MN 55056

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

District 8
Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m.
General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Day and location rotate.
Contact DCM for info.

District 9
Last Sunday of month, 6:00 p.m.
Hibbing Alano Club
3725 1st Avenue
Hibbing, MN 55746

District 11
1st Thursday of month, 7:00 p.m.
Peace Lutheran
2177 Hwy 18
Finlayson, MN 55735

District 12
3rd Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m.
1100 E Superior Street
Duluth, MN
Handicap Accessible

District 13
1st Monday of month, 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
St. Cloud Alano Club
127 7th Ave NE
Saint Cloud, MN 56301

District 14
3rd Thursday of month, 6:30pm
Coffee Landing
444 3rd Street
International Falls, MN 56649

District 15
1st Monday of month, 7:00 p.m.
Albany Community Center
741 Lake Ave
Albany, MN 56307

District 16
1st Wednesday of month, 6:30 p.m.
United Methodist Church
1701 SE 5th Ave
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
Handicap Accessible

District 17
Not currently active or unknown

District 18
1st Tuesday of month, 5:30 p.m.
Long Prairie Alano Club
21 2nd Ave
Long Prairie, MN 56347

District 21
2nd Monday of month, 7:00 p.m.
Bemidji Alano Club
3802 Greenleaf Ave NW
Bemidji, MN 56601

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AREA 35 MEETING MINUTES - UNAPPROVED

Area 35 June 2026 ACM Minutes
Aitkin, MN
June 7, 2026

Call to Order: Area Chair Denise R called the meeting to order at 10:30 am June 7, 2026, we opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Recognition of Past Delegates in Attendance: Diane R. Panel 74; Steve L. Panel 72; Kelly D. Panel 66; Jake J Panel 64.

Additions to agenda: None

Approve Minutes from the February Area Committee Meeting: Dean made motion to approve the minutes; Paul C D. 3 seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Points of order:
Two-minute limit for sharing at the mic.
When speaking or asking questions, go to the mic.
Avoid crosstalk as it makes it hard to hear.

Delegate gave a report back from the general service conference in April.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – PAT M P76

Hello area 35 I am Pat I'm an alcoholic and I am your area P76 Delegate I attended the 76th annual general service conference in New York the conference was at New York Hilton midtown. I I arrived in New York on the 25th of April the conference was from the 26th April to May 2nd 2026 on the 25th that Saturday night we had a meet and greet or we got to greet other delegates when I walk in to the room the first person that greeted me was our us trustee at large Jennifer I met her at the 2025 regional form she is a breath of fresh air that young lady .

Sunday April 26th was there official start of the conference we had registration roll call workshops keeping our own house in order was one of the workshop titles Monday April 27th at my first committee meetings in public information
Tuesday April 28th was my second day of committing me Tuesday afternoon is when the west central region channel 76 delegates gave their 2 minute talk on their area

Wednesday April 29th was casual dress day and also was the day we had Regional lunches for the delegates and this is where and when we voted for a new West Central administrator Meg H was voted in afternoon administrator for the west central region Thursday morning was the start of the committee reports and discussions.

This was the start of the recommendations that came out of all the committees when did this throughout the day of Thursday and into the evening
Friday morning we continue with committee reports and discussions Friday afternoon we continued with committee reports and discussions the conference

There was a hard stop 9:00 p.m. based upon the contract limitations involving hotel services DOTS voting and interpretation so at 9:00 p.m. the 76 general service conference adjourned

The P75 Delegates gave their heartwarming farewells to the conference body .

On May 27th I attended the West Central Regional delegates meeting
Dan delegate from Iowa reported not final report which will be available after their June assembly in Iowa on the West Central Regional Conference
Charlie reporter is no new information on everything AA app
Charlie has board meetings coming up and he said he'll maybe have more information after that.
So far I've given a few report backs May 17th districts 6 5 and 11 and I gave a report back of the 76 general service conference May 21st I was at district 12 gave a report back of the general service conference June 1st I attended district 13 district meeting and gave a report back June 3rd I attended district 16 and gave a report back June 18th I will be at district 7 in Brainerd
If your district our group wants me to come and give a short report back I'd be more than willing to come and get the report.

So far this has been an experience that I've never thought I'd be on I was told that the first year is a learning here and boy have I learned a lot of things I have learned how to conference operates and what to expect and for that I thank you from the bottom of my heart
In service with Faith without works is Dead P76 Delegate
Pat M

ALTERNATE DELEGATE – VICKI R

I attended the North American Alternate Delegate (NAAD) meeting on May 1st
I also attended NAAD on June 1st and participated in a presentation with the other Alt Delegates in West Central Region on Alternate Delegates as leaders
I also attended the District 12 Service workshop on May 2nd; participating in a skit about taking a group inventory and set up a table with Lee Ellen, Group Records, to provide information and answer questions.
I went with Pat to both Isanti on May 17th and Grand Rapids on June 3rd for his report back sessions.
I've volunteered to be on an exploratory committee to bring the International Women's Conference to Minneapolis in 2029
In service with Gratitude
Vicki R
Alternate Delegate

CHAIR – DENISE R

Greetings Area 35, I attended the District 12 "Hold the Door" Service Workshop on May 2nd. Thank you to Gaby for the invitation to participate in the jeopardy game and be a part of the day. Many highlights of the weekend which included sharing hugs, a few tears and being able to give a gift to a newer member. Thank you Scott and Terry for your hospitality. I appreciate the work put into this by District 12 and all those involved. I signed the contract and approved a down payment of $1120.00 to the Sanford Center in Bemidji for the Fall Assembly 2027 as well as signed a Booking Agreement with the Country Inn and Suites in Bemidji for our room block. Thank you Vicki for arranging this. The upcoming Fall Assembly is being held at the Lodge in Baxter. Flyers for that have been out for a while, please remember to reserve your room by September 2nd. I held a meeting with Area Officers to ask for their consultation on matters. Also held meetings with the Financial Oversight Committee to review the Area Quickbooks account. Working with Jennifer to look at possible ways for the Area to use electronic payments to benefit registration at the January workshop as well as accepting general contributions should the Area move forward with that. On the third Monday of the month, I attend a virtual meeting for all 93 Area Chairs. This last month of May I hosted the meeting, chose the topics and led discussions. It has been very helpful to meet other Area Chairs and hear their perspectives on a wide range of topics. That is all for now, Thank you for allowing me to serve, Denise

SECRETARY – PEGGY M

Secretary report for Area Committee Meeting Sunday, June 7, 2026. I completed and submitted the meeting minutes for the Spring Assembly April 2026, I appreciate all the reports submitted. Thank you all! I appreciated hearing the presentation on GV and the Ask-it-basket again from the recording. A tremendous amount of information was provided at the Assembly.

I participated in a few Zoom meetings over the last months with Area Officers and Area Committee chairs to review the Area website and other items pertinent to Area work.

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I attended the Delegates' report in District 13 on Monday June 1, 2026. Thank you, Pat, and District 13. It was a great night. I attended District 13 Service Workshop as well. District 13 did a great job!

I continue to meet with Denise to work on Area business. One item of business is gathering information from the Area on the use of the Area 35 Actions book. I created a survey for the Area to gather a group conscious. This item is on the agenda today. More to come on this topic after looking at the survey results.

Reports are due June 14th at 6:00 pm 2026.

Grateful,
Peggy M.
Area 35 Secretary

TREASURER – JENNIFER T

May income was $3,248.10
May expenses were $3,557.02
Checkbook ending balance is $13,280.00

Overall, we are operating with a checking balance similar to last year, despite expenses for travel, postage and printing being more this year. Our trusted servants have been good stewards. We are looking at more events for 2027 budgeting, West Central Regional Forum in Duluth and the WCRAASC at Breezy Point. I'm asking for area chairs and officers to get their budgets for 2027 returned by June 20th so we can get out to groups ahead of the next voting assembly. Lastly, Our bank, Wells Fargo, allows for Zelle EFT 7th tradition bank to bank transfers from groups. Let me know if you wish to participate and I can send a QR code for your group.

COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE –

The Financial Oversight Committee met twice online since the February Area Committee Meeting. I also met with District 5, DCM, Dan, at the June Area Committee meeting. All financial questions were answered by our Treasurer, Jennifer. We have had concerned about transactions still on the books from 2023. They have all been resolved by committee and treasurer.
Meeting online between committee meetings has worked well for the Financial Oversight Committee. At the Area Committee meetings, the area treasurer and the area chair have their officer's meeting.
All records we reviewed were accurate and in order. Thank you to our Treasurer, Jennifer, for her commitment to the Area. My email has changed to rdiane681@gmail.com

In service with patience, love, and kindliness.
Diane R
Financial Oversight Chair

DISTRICT 15 – DEAN D

Not present-No report given.

WEBMASTER – MARK R

I have created a "Staging" website to introduce changes and a "new look" to our existing area35.org website! With the help of online documentation and Claude ai (artificial intelligence), I have been learning CSS & PhP (CSS is Cascading Style Sheets – it is design code for determining how your website looks and functions visually), (PhP is Hypertext Preprocessor – it is the core programming language (server-side scripting language) that powers WordPress (website editor tool).

I created a flyer containing information on how to access the "Staging" website to review our proposed initial changes. The flyers were available at the back table here at the June ACM for DCMs and GSRs to take back to their Groups. I have implemented a new "Theme" named TWENTY-TWELVE (WordPress uses "Theme Templates" for use in creating and maintaining your Website designs. This is a current supported "Theme" whereas our existing "Theme" is very old and outdated with minimal functionality. We would like to discuss and vote on moving forward with our new Theme and website design at the August 2026 ACM. At that time if further discussion is necessary for any reason, we can hold it for the Fall Assembly. I will be emailing out the PDF Flyer to our Area Officers, Chairs, Past Delegates, and all DCMs so it can get circulated as soon as possible.

I was asked by Pat M (Area 35 Delegate) if I could help District 7 and be part of the Technology Team for the 2027 WCRAASC. I accepted and look forward to helping where ever I can be of service!

I'm working on an online form for Group Records so Individuals, Groups, and GSRs can register online. Once filled in, it can be automatically sent via email to our Group Records Chair!

I will be attending and helping out our Area Treatment Chair at the first Area 35 Treatment Workshop to be held at the Alano Society of St Cloud on Saturday, August 29, 2026 starting at 1pm. This will be a hybrid event.

Yours in Service,
Mark R

NORTHERN LIGHT – TERRY P

Present- Verbal report given

GROUP RECORDS – LEE ELLEN O

I sent greetings today from our boat, as I effortlessly catch walleyes during the day and sit by the campfire each night avoiding mosquitoes. (I am sure you know I would much rather be sitting in Aitkin with you all day.)
Things have been especially quiet since my last report a month ago. There have been no new meetings registered and no meetings have closed. We have 416 active meetings, and 73 meetings are in an unknown status. The number one issue I would like to see resolved is the 687 inactive groups tjt are reported om Fellowship Connect under Area 35. These groups may just miss a phone number or street address or do not have either a GSR or a Mail Contact person as such. I have tried to email a list of those meetings to someone from each District so that they could help clear up those groups listed under their respective Districts. District 3, 5, 6, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, Vicki has copies of this report for you. Please don't leave here without yours.

In other news, emails have slowed down, there hav been no "help me" emails and though it is a privilege to sort out certain problems, it is a joy to hav a break right now as I get to be doing what I love to do.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve ad thank you all for your continuous service.

Lee Ellen
Area 35 Group Records Chair

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DISTRICT 7 – MICHAEL M

Greetings from District 7! 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 7:00pm,
We average 15-20 members at our district meetings. We've welcomed a couple new GSRs recently.
Our District 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 hot line number and meeting schedule attached. We sponsored a big book workshop on May 1st-3rd in Cross Lake. Our Treatment Chair has continued to reach out to Treatment Centers in the area, unfortunately most of them are still doing without much collaboration with Alcoholics Anonymous. I will be attending the Crow Wing County Jail Transition Fair along with our Treatment Chair. We are looking into making a google account for our District to try and attract more people to our phone hotline. We reached out to GSO and got some feedback from them. We will also be doing teo workshops this year a CPC luncheon and a sponsorship workshop with Alanon participation. As of now we have all our chair positions filled, Our Annual District picnic will be July 11, 2026 at Lum Park Brainerd from 11-3 come join us for fellowship and food Flyer is in the Northern Lights.

Yours in service
Mike M

DISTRICT 13 – CHAD H

Report given by Michele Alt. DCM
Greetings from District 13,
I would like to begin by thanking Michele for stepping in as Alternate DCM this month. I truly appreciate her willingness to serve and support the District in my absence. I also want to apologize for not being able to attend this month's Area Committee Meeting, as I had a family commitment with a graduation.
I'd like to share what has been happening in District 13 since the Spring Assembly. We recently held a District Service Workshop, which was very well attended. We had 14 participants, with a total of 19 including District members. It was a great turnout and a strong reflection of engagement and interest in service within our District.
During the workshop, I had the opportunity to share my experience with service work at both the group and District levels. I especially want to recognize our District chairs, who did an outstanding job preparing for the workshop and thoughtfully sharing their experience, strength, and hope. The time, effort, and willingness they brought truly stood out and made a meaningful impact on everyone in attendance. I would also like to give special recognition to Michele B., our Alternate DCM, for doing an excellent job coordinating and organizing the workshop—her leadership played a key role in its success.
Since the assembly, I have continued coordinating with our Area 35 Delegate and working to keep our District informed and connected. One of our primary focuses has been updating and distributing the District brochure. As part of that effort, we've organized and divided meetings across the District so District chairs and committee members can visit groups, share updated information, distribute materials, and help communicate what the District is doing.
In addition, we encourage groups that currently only have a contact listed to consider electing a GSR. Our goal is to help highlight the importance of active GSR participation and the value it brings to both the group and the District. We also encourage both group contacts and GSRs to attend District Committee Meetings so they can stay informed and be actively engaged in the service structure that supports all of us.
Regarding archives, I have been in contact with our past Archivist, Peter T., who has graciously agreed to continue maintaining the District archives until the position is filled. He has also confirmed that District minutes are being received and will continue to be archived. Over the next several months, I will continue working with the District to find someone willing to step into this important service role.
I have been in communication with the District 15 DCM and our Area 35 Delegate, Pat M., as we prepared for this month's Delegate Report Back. That report back was held on Monday, June 1st at the St. Cloud Alano Club, with 20 in attendance, of course with a potluck as well. We appreciate the opportunity to stay connected with the Area and hear these important updates. A huge thank you to Pat M. for taking the time to attend and share his report—his service is greatly appreciated by all of District 13.
From our Committee Chairs and Members:

- CPC Chair, Nick B. has been working with a local treatment facility to set up a pamphlet rack with literature, helping us more effectively carry the message into those settings.
- Literature Chair, Nick H. attended and supported a literature table at the recent St. Cloud Roundup, helping to expand outreach and improve access to AA materials.
- PI Chair, Grayson S. has been actively coordinating the distribution of materials, maintaining the district phone line, supporting the Beginners Meeting, and keeping the district website up to date and running smoothly.

Corrections Chair, JJ has been actively recruiting volunteers and coordinating efforts to ensure we continue carrying the message into correctional facilities throughout our District.
Overall, I am grateful to be on this journey of service. It continues to be both meaningful and a great opportunity for growth, and I truly appreciate the opportunity to serve alongside all of you.
Thank you.
Yours in service,
Chad H. District 13 DCM

LITERATURE – MIKE B

Hi everyone, Everything has leveled out as literature get back on track after the price increase. I have not been invited to more events as of yet, but summer is just beginning, and I hope to get to some in the coming months. For now I am staying busy, fulfilling book and pamphlet orders and making sure my inventory is full and correct. Also I am continuing to go to meetings outside of my district and let groups know that I am available to set up a table for events they have.
Yours in service,
Mike B.

DISTRICT 1 – LOREN G

Absent no report given.

DISTRICT 14 –UNKNOWN

Absent no report given.

PUBLIC INFORMATION – TERRY A

There were 8 members presenting our committee
District 13
Project Next- workshop October 27 2026. Rivers Edge Convention Center, St Cloud MN
Planning a Professionals Luncheon along with District 8
District 8
Local newspaper is listing AA meetings in that area
Radio station WOY also announcing AZ meetings for that day and the following day.

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District 5
Looking to start a meeting in Ostego at Guardian Angels. Still in discussion with coordination with facility. Also, discussion of an Intro to AA - 6 week course for people being paroled or with alcohol offenses.
Silver Bay VA is looking to have an AA monthly meeting and has reached out me. Distri t 12 will help with it.

Yours in Service
Terry A
PI Chair Area 35

DISTRICT 8 – CRAIG T
Present verbal report given.

DISTRICT 21 – TREVOR G
Absent no report given

TREATMENT – CHAD O
Hello, At the June ACM committee meeting I brought the flyer for the upcoming area 35 treatment workshop in August. I want to thank our webmaster Mark R. for all his help with the flyer and creating the zoom link, so the workshop will be available on line also. During our treatment committee meeting we discussed bridging the gap and getting brochures to hand out to treatment facilities so the clients coming out of treatment can contact us to be taken to an AA meeting, given AA meeting schedules, and introduced to the fellowship of AA. I'm going to continue to work on the aspects of bridging the gap from the AA volunteer side, I will be sending out information to area 35 as I get it. I will also send out the treatment workshop flyer to the area 35 officers, committee chairs, DCM's and past delegates. The flyer will be put on the area 35 website and also in the Northern Light.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, Chad O.
Area 35 treatment chair

DISTRICT 16 – MARY S
Greetings from District 16, I am Mary S. DCM

We currently have 26 active AA Groups in District 16. We have AA Meetings every night of the week, Sunday through Saturday. We recently printed new directories.

Our District hosted a Workshop titled "Came to Believe Big Book Workshop" - our speakers were Scott J, from Aurora, and Dan H. from Grand Rapids. The workshop was held at Lakeplace Treatment Center in the woods north of Bovey, MN. It was well attended.

On Saturday - this coming Saturday…. District 8, 9 and 16 are presenting a "Founder's Day Celebration - Celebrating AA's 91st Birthday. Scott J., from Aurora will review AA History as well as History of Oxford Groups. The program begins at 1:00 in the afternoon, Potluck at 4:15, Alanon speaker at 5:30 and AA Speaker (Jim K., Brainerd) at 7:00 pm. There are flyers on the back table with all the information.

On July 31st - August 2nd, our District will present "A Weekend with Bill and Lois" at Camp Hiawatha in rural Deer River. Flyers are on the back table.

On Wednesday, June 3rd, our Area 35 Delegate, Pat M. gave an update at our District AA Meeting. Vicky R. was there as well. It was well attended and very informative. Questions were asked by newer members who continue to learn about AA and the triangle. Thank you Pat and Vicky for driving to Grand Rapids to give the report back!

That's all for now,

Yours in Service, Mary S.
DCM, District 16

DISTRICT 18 – CYNTHIA K
Sean Alt. DCM presented a report.
I am unable to attend the Area Meeting-thank you Sean, our Alt-DCM for stepping in to represent District 18.
District 18 was well represented at the Spring Assembly. The group that attended was made up of first-time attendees and old-timers. It was a great opportunity to share knowledge and bonds. We had several discussions with past delegates who gave insights into AA's history-grateful for their presence.

Our district held its Sponsorship Workshop in April. Most of the seats were filled and everyone really enjoyed the time together. There were a lot of good discussions and sharing experiences on Sponsorship. Our chairperson did a great job of sharing information and with keeping us on topic. Immediately following, Staples had their Spring Round Robin. Both the AA and Alano speaker had great stories to share. It was a day filled with laughter and fun for we are not a glum lot.

I also attended a weekend Big Book workshop study sponsored by District 7at Cross Lake. Both speakers did a great job of walking us through the Big Book and sharing their experiences, especially on sponsorship. My eyes were opened to sponsorship suggestions I had never seen in the BB before but now I know they are there. It was a weekend well spent.

I've gotten a brief overview of Pat's time in NY and looking forward to hearing his full report. Pat, thank you for your service.

In Gratitude, Cynthia K

CPC – JARRIN V
Chuck presented for Jarrin
Hello everyone in area 35 from the area 35 CPC chair Jarrin Vogel. I wish I had lots to inform you about news in the area about the goings on as far as CPC works in our area but I don't. Unfortunately, I feel somewhat off balance in this new role not being able to figure out how to get traction and to get things rolling in the CPC role. I have finally been looking at the emails that have been sent to the area 35 CPC chair mailbox but nothing yet has came through or any special needs or questions for help in the CPC role. I do know in my own home district that the new CPC and pi chair has been out approaching professionals and getting things set up as far as pi work and CPC work in our district. but we have not gained any kind of access to any kind of probationary help or hospitals treatments or probation offices yet. I believe he will keep working at that until we have some successes outside of just our normal county Fair booths that our district attends and participates at. I'm sorry that I was not able to attend this ACM gathering because I do enjoy so much getting together with everyone there but I had a family obligation out of state that I needed to attend. I look forward to our next gathering see you all then yours in service Jarrin V

DISTRICT 4 –
No report absent.

DISTRICT 11 –BRADLEY L
Hello, my name is Bradley L District 11 DCM
Our District meeting is on the 1st Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Finlayson. We also meet at 6:30 in that same evening to study the Service Manual at the same location. We met with districts 5 and 6 at the Isanti Alano for a report in agenda items with Pat, our area delegate for area 35.
I'm updating the district meeting list for the website and plan to add a calendar of events, website is still a rough draft, but hope to have it open soon.
We filled our Literature position, still have the secretary spot open.

Yours in service, Bradley L DCM District 11

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ARCHIVES –MIKE U

Present verbal report given.

Thank you for letting me serve,

Mike U
Area 35 Archives Chair

ARCHIVIST – MARC N

Hello, I am an alcoholic, my name is Marc, and I am your archivist. I am part of Area 35, District 6, and my home group is Bethel Community Group.
We now have liability insurance on our archive repository.
This being a new rotation and many new faces are here I want to explain what the archives are and what we do. This might seem to be an expensive and meaningless effort, but to a few it is important to be able to view the past and to research what alcoholism, recovery, and AA was like in the past. There are a lot of audio recordings, phonograph records, cassette tapes, compact discs, and thumb drives; I am converting these to digital format, most often mp3, in another few months this will be completed. Then we will be wrapping books and magazines in archive sleeves. As part of this I will be scanning magazine articles with AA subject matter to digital format. The digital files are being stored on a cloud drive and on stand alone external solid state drives. There are many correspondence, group records, district and area minutes that are paper only: these will need to be properly preserved. There are poster boards in poor condition and framed pictures with broken glass or damaged frames. There is much more than our committee can get done in a short time; and this is never ending.
We would like to add recent speaker audio recordings to our archive. Recording with a cell phone has made this a bit easier. Use the record app and share with archivist@area35.org using gmail.
I visited with a Minnesota Collector/Archivist. Paul is known nationally and frequently travels long distances to exhibit memorabilia. Some of you have parts of his collection at the St Cloud Roundup, Stearns Roundup, Superior Roundup and other places. He has a very extensive collection of AAWS and Grapevine publications including a lot of group correspondence. He has many audio and video recordings, many of which have been digitized. He offered Northern Minnesota correspondence and copies of audio or video recordings.
I want to remind District Secretaries to send District Meeting Minutes to Archivist@Area35.org.
We welcome visitors to archives before and after ACMs and on the third Sunday every month from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. Visitors are welcome by appointment too.
Thank You for this opportunity to serve.

DISTRICT 12 – ADDY R

Absent no report given.

DISTRICT 9 – TOMMY J

Peggy M. presented for District 9
Hi everyone! Tom T. Alt. DCM will be giving my report, due to my work schedule I am not able to be there. Things have been going well for district 9, since the last ACM we've helped the iron range get together that was held in Hibbing, have been working with District 8 and 16 for the upcoming founders day this coming weekend, have had many volunteers to speak at our local treatment center, and have district committee members help me out with attending other meetings within our district. We've also gotten new meeting schedules made. I look forward to seeing everyone again soon.
Thank you foe allowing me to serve.
Tommy J. District 9 DCM

GRAPEVINE – CHRIS J

Greetings Area 35-
I'm enjoying being your Grapevine rep and sporting the grape suit at events. I think it brings both a lot of joy and maybe some confusion. We're not a glum lot. I enjoyed participating at the Superior roundup in April and we also had a great service workshop at the Duluth Alano club in May where we had some area 35 participation. I gave my first presentation on the history of grapevine and I really enjoyed it. I'm learning more about the app and am looking forward to future events. Thank you for letting me serve.
-Chris J
Area 35 Grapevine chair

DISTRICT 6 – JANET R

Teresa from District 6 gave verbal report for Janet R District 6 DCM absent.

Greetings service minded folks; District 6 is holding a workshop on July 25th , 2026, form 1-4 pm at the Isanti Alano Club. We are cordially inviting you of the Northern Area Service structure to join us and perhaps speak for a minute or two on what your position entails. We will be serving a lunch of pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw and chips. We look forward to seeing you and others as we try to carry the message of what service is all about.

Yours in Service
Janet R DCM District 6

DISTRICT 3 –PAUL C

We are still looking for an ADCM, Corrections Chair, PI/CPC, and a GV/LV Chair. Hopefully warmer weather will bring out volunteers soon.

The new meeting in Perham, at 11:30 on Tuesdays, is continuing to succeed. Attendance is 5-10 each week. It's a discussion meeting focused on passes from various AA Literature or other topics suggested by the attendees. It uses rotating chair system that works well. Detroit Lakes game night at the Alano Club continues to draw a small crowd each month.

Attendance at meetings has been steady to improving. Some meetings are waiting for snowbirds to return. The Ottertail City Thursday night meeting has started again following it's winter break. The Pastor of the church where the meeting is held recently spoke with the group about moving the meeting to another location as the church did not want the group to continue meeting there due to the rent it receives. I have not learned if that decision is final.
Paul C. District Chair

CORRECTIONS – JEFF O

Hello Area 35,
Well I have been busy with transition fares, going into rush city prison every other Wednesday with Ben, from Isanti. I went to the Red Wing transition fair in April with Scott from area 36 we had a great turnout sorry for the inconvenience for not being there went to Green Lake WI it's a AA conference called MAAC. I will be attending the Faribault transition fair in June just let me know I have to nail down our area 35 and area 36 workshop date for October 24th 2026 and Jack and Jim's. Time and speakers are to be determined. Save the Date Flyer will be out soon.

Thank you to all of our district chairs for helping in there districts.

Thank you for letting me serve
Jeff area 35 corrections chair

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DISTRICT 5 – DAN R

Greetings all! District 5 is enjoying our joint trudge along the road of happy destiny and keeping busy with various commitments. Our corrections chair, Jason G., is doing a bang-up job keeping spots full of volunteers for both the Mille Lacs and Sherburne County jails. Chuck, our webmaster and CPC/PI chair, is doing wonders in his outreach efforts and getting things buttoned up for the Mille Lacs County fair. We are also planning our MEAT the District event at Elk River Alano on August 16.

Thanks for letting me serve!
Dan R. – DCM District 5

DISTRICT 2 – GREG B

Absent no report given.

Lunch Break 12:00 reconvened 12:45 Opened with the Serenity prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

Background – At Feb. 2026 ACM there were three items brought forth for discussion.
Electronic voting, electronic payments, and DCM orientation. The DCMs felt they did not need orientation. We had two committees working on electronic voting and payments.

-Electronic Voting Update-Vicki R.

Paul C. reported that the electronic voting committee met by Zoom May 8,2026, Vicki R (chair), Cynthia K., Jennifer T., and Paul C in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss exploring options and feasibility of utilizing electronic voting for Area 35 meetings such as the Fall Assembly and possibly others.

Discussion centered on the purpose of committee and developing criteria for selecting potential apps to evaluate for use by the Area. At this point the committee's purpose is only to gather information. No recommendations to the Area Committee related to following through a purchase or contact are being developed at this stage. The information will be presented, and the Area Committee will be asked if it wants this committee to continue its work. If this committee is directed to continue its efforts, the Area Committee will be asked for input on selection to be used in evaluating available apps.

The criteria discussed by the committee are: 1) Cost; 2) Scalability; 3) User friendliness, 4) Speed with which results are received; 5) Flexibility-can voting language be easily edited; 6) Capability to generate voting reports; 7) Preventing duplicate voting. DCM and ADCM can't both vote; 10) Can we do a dry run test of the app for reliability and other issues? 11) Security against hacking; 12) Sharing results in real time; 13) Phone based; 14) Sign in PW for voters; 15) Voting time limit. The committee is open to and welcomes suggestions for additional criteria.

Discussion:
-Must closely vet the application. I was involved with electronic voting in 2 elections. One worked well, the other was very difficult and took more time than paper ballots. The end of the day went better but inaccurate. Must practice and work out the kinks before an election.

-Has the committee considered people who can't use apps or phone could be big and we end up having requirement to have a phone (will not exclude) for participation.

-Benefits is less time-consuming last Assembly voting went long, and people don't want to hang around on Sundays, Past Delegates always done it and look forward to it. Past Delegates will still run the elections.

-Lots of talk about how people participate. Voting will eventually need to be done. Easier than the written ballots. After the vote in the fall there was a lot of talk about how long the voting took.

-We need to proceed as eventually we will need to do this,

-When I started service we didn't complain about time. Voting in new Officers it's a Spiritual thing, It works.

Mike U. Motion to discontinue committee work, stop the process. Second, by Pat M. Motion FAILED.
The committee will continue to work on this and bring it back to Aug. ACM.

-Electronic Payment Option Update- Jen T.

Jennifer Area Treasurer reported that our bank offers a free, secure way to accept payments. Other options cost money for the transaction. So, they are making money from us. One option allows us to make donations, not contributions. It doesn't suit us because we are not a charity. Looking at GSO they do use PayPal. It is a conference-approved option. DCM brings back to groups to see if they want electronic payment options.

Discussion from groups:
-We do have a few groups that take electronic payment, but they have their own PayPal accounts. We did not go through it due to rotation.
-Our district said no.
-One group does it. Our District did try to use it but we lost ownership of it and could not get our money.
-I tried for 2 years to get it back.
-The Groups have the option of using Zelle for Area Contributions, please contact our Treasurer for details- -If the groups want different online payment options, they can bring it up for discussion anytime.

No motions from the floor. Electronic Payment Option

-Actions Book Update-Peggy M.

Peggy Area Secretary reported. At the end of every rotation, we update the Area 35 actions book. This is where we keep a record of area motions, decisions, events, and our processes. Over the years some members have suggested we make some changes or updates to the document to make it more user-friendly.

I created a short survey for everyone to get an idea of what people think about the Area Actions book and how they use it.

Please fill out the survey and leave it on the table on your way out today.
We will review the results at the next Area committee meeting.

Discussion:
Is there an electronic version of the Actions Book? If so, where is it?
Answer: It is on the Area Website under "downloads".

-Area 35/36 Joint Workshop-Denise

Denise reported that the Area 35/36 Joint workshop will be hosted by Area 36 Chair on July 11th, 2026, on Zoom from 11;00 - 1:00. Log in through Area 36 website under "events". Area 36.org link. It's for anyone who wants to attend to see how things are going in Area 36 and see how we can help each other. More information to come

NEW BUSINESS

Northern Light- Terry P

Two items to discuss:

First, we are looking at how we can save money with Northern Light; it's expensive. Currently we print six volumes a year. We have the potential to change to printing NL four times a year. Our committee agrees that we would print in

- March: February ACM minutes Agenda Items
- June to publish the minutes from the Spring Assembly and June ACM minutes
- September to publish the August ACM minutes, Proposed Agenda Items, Delegates resumes, and Budgets
- December to publish the minutes from ACM the Fall, December ACM

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This printing schedule would reduce the Area Budget by 2,000.00 dollars and not lose anything.
Second, Treasure informed us that insertions costs have gone up. They used to be $120.00 dollars. The actual cost is $140.00. We need to get the actual costs in NL so if you want to put something in the NL you know how much to send to the Treasurer. We have to cover that cost.
Discussion: Treasurer informs the Action Book page 96 states the first-year Budgets are in the Jan/Feb NL, and the second-year Budgets are in Sept/Oct NL. Does this new schedule consider those Budgets?
Answer: Yes, we would do the First-year budget in the March edition and the second-year budget in September.
Discussion: Best for us to take back to the groups and talk about it more.

Communications Committee Voting-Terry P
In our committee we discussed this last year. I did not vote because I don't have a committee. I never felt like when I was a Webmaster that I should vote. I give my opinion to my group; my opinion already flows through the group conscious. My opinion doesn't need to be counted twice. The members of our committee are Group Records, Webmaster, Myself, and Audio/ Sound. Sound is already a non-voting position. None of us have groups of people we are working with as a group we discussed that having voting rights leads to over representation of Area Chairs in the Area voting. We are not supporting any group conscious. We Propose that Group Records, Northern Light, and Webmaster change to non-voting Positions.
Discussion: Alternate Delegate reports that in doing the summaries for the voting at ACMs and Assemblies there was adequate representation similar to the 93 delegates and staff at GSO.
Discussion: These positions have been voting for quite a while so to take it away will have to go to the groups and be brought back again for more discussion.

Area Chair requests this item go back to the groups and will be discussed further. Let's look at the numbers from the voting summaries as well. The numbers for the Spring were just done, and they were fine; there were many more GSRs than Area Officers and Area Chairs. The Percentages were good.

West Central Regional AA Service Conference
We meet with the Regional Administrator, we have a treasurer, but we still need plenty of volunteers. We will need volunteers for the hospitality room and Registration. We need a volunteer for printing and signage; we also need a secretary. If people are interested, please sign up with your name, phone number, and email address. We will meet briefly after the ACM today before everyone leaves. Any Questions? We also need a Tech Team. We have a layout of this event and need manpower. There is a translation app that we will use at the event with a capacity for 40 participants. We will need to make an announcement at the event.
DCM to bring to their district to give groups opportunities to volunteer. Contact Jess 218-839-5665 for information.
In 2027 Area 35 will be the hosts in the West Central Regional Alcoholics anonymous service conference (WCRAASC) to be held at 9252 Breezy Point Dr, Pequot Lakes, MN 56472. March 5-7, 2027.

National Conferences for Committee Chairs-Denise Area Chair
This came up when the Corrections chair asked if they could attend the National Corrections Workshop and be reimbursed for it. This has come up more. Last year there was an Archives Workshop and Technology workshop. There are workshops for all committee chairs. The committee chairs are getting interested in going. The Corrections Chair was told to check into a virtual option. This will need to be discussed since it has come up over the last few years. What do we want to do with this and what will we decide to do. Maybe put a stipend like $200.00 for people who want to go to conferences. Or we could say no. Any thoughts?

Discussion: I chose to attend the Archives Workshop virtually. I investigated the costs to attend in person; it was over $1,000.00. This Area cannot afford to send people to conferences. End of story.

Website Update Mark R.
There is a handout on the back table for the proposed new Area Website. It has a URL and a QR Code that will direct you to the Area 35 Staging Website which contains our proposed new website design and its "Northen Minnesota" look showing the headwaters of the Mississippi. I will be sending this out to the DCMs, Area Officers and Area Chairs, Past delegates, etc.
When you get home, please look at them side by side and see what you think. One of our plans is when a menu option is selected; it will present Full Screen rather than appear just below the Header Image, the Headwaters of the Mississippi. Our old website puts it on the side. We tried to make it a better experience compared to our old website. This does work well on the phone. In fact, Mike D 7 asked if I could make the phone's image a bit larger and darker. I was able to do thar over the lunch break, he has given me the thumbs up.
There is no cost to this except for the extra $2.00 pe month for the staging website space.
Please take this back to your Districts and Groups for their review. We would like feedback for the August ACM and implementation afterward. Or make changes and bring it back to the Fall Assembly.

Reimbursement for Volunteers- Jennifer T.
We touched on this earlier. Jennifer reviews what the Action Book says about reimbursement for volunteers. An example is in Corrections and Treatment volunteers or other committee workers.
Our Action Book states that we reimburse Officers and Committee Chairs for their expenses as budgeted to carry out the work they are asked to do. I have not been in any conversation prior to this rotation about how hard it is to get people to volunteer, how far they have to go, or the expenses it costs them. I am just going by our Actions Book unless anybody wants to change the Actions Book. That will up to the Area.
Discussion: One thing I have is District 11 has Transition Fairs. It would seem reasonable that a District who provided the volunteers to go to it would consider reimbursing their volunteers. It is another way a District gets to participate.
Discussion: A history on this; the Department of Corrections holds them once a year. The only exception is Willow River they do two a year, this is for the men and women (including Shakopee) who are leaving prison within a year from the date of that Transition Fair. What we do in Corrections represents Alcoholics Anonymous. We get many men and women to sign up as Temporary Contacts as we can for Bridging the Gap Program. So are right there with the still suffering alcoholic that just happens to be in prison. Including myself and others that have been in those shoes. If you attend Faribault Transition fair like Jeff will be going down there, it is a long way especially coming from Northern MN, District 3, District 9 to go down to the cities to attend the Transition Fairs. It's a long hall. We are face to face with that alcoholic who still suffers. In most cases, people don't ask for that reimbursement. We offer to reimburse people to come to the event. The Area Corrections Chair can't attend all the Transition Fairs. In Area 36 they can't attend all of them, so they reimburse all their volunteers for this particular thing. We also host a Corrections Workshop where we pay volunteers to come and speak, we pay milage and hotel for that, we do this stuff already.
Area Chair: We will continue to follow the Actions Book. If anyone wants to discuss this further, please let me know and I will put it on the agenda for August ACM.
Calendar of Events - Terry P.
August ACM
Area 35/36 Joint Workshop July 11, 2026 -flyer to come
Fall Assembly Oct. 3- 4, room reservation Sept. 2, 2026
Treatment workshop -flyer to come

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. Closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Respectfully submitted,
Area 35 Secretary
Peggy M

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2027 BUDGET - PROPOSED

2027 Budget — Position: Delegate

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb *Mtg* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$50	$10	$100	$50	$10	$10		50.00	$10				$290.00
Travel	$20	$20	$30	$75	$20	$20		$40	$20				$245.00
Lodging	$330		$330	$314				$396					$ 1,370.00
Subscript													$ -
Supplies				75.00									$ 75.00
Printing			150.00	200.00	200.00		300.00						$ 850.00
GSO		$3,000											$ 3,000.00
Other	25.00		$35				600.00						$ 660.00
Budgeted	**425.00**	**3,030.00**	**645.00**	**680.00**	**230.00**	**30.00**	**900.00**	**486.00**	**30.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**$6,456.00**

2027 Budget — Position: Alt Delegate

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb *Mtg* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$165	$10	$65	$50				65.00		50.00			$405.00
Travel	$309	$13	$21	$27	$13	$13		$38	$13	$24		200.00	$670.90
Lodging	$690		$244					$396					$1,330.00
Subscript													$0.00
Supplies							60.00						$60.00
Printing	100.00			80.00		60.00			50.00				$290.00
GSO													$0.00
Other	50.00		$35										$85.00
Budgeted	**1,314.00**	**22.90**	**365.00**	**157.00**	**13.00**	**73.00**	**60.00**	**499.00**	**63.00**	**74.00**	**-**	**200.00**	$2,840.90

2027 Budget — Position: Chair

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb *Mtg* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$50	$10	$50	$50	$10	$10		$50	$10	$50		$200	$490.00
Travel	$30	$30	$30	$45	$30	$30		$30	$30	$45		$200	$500.00
Lodging	$165		$122	$157				$198		$300			$ 942.00
Subscript							$238						$ 238.00
Supplies													$ -
Printing		$60		$100	$60	$60		$100	$60				$ 440.00
GSO													$ -
Other	$25		$35										$60
Budgeted	**270.00**	**100.00**	**237.00**	**352.00**	**100.00**	**100.00**	**238.00**	**378.00**	**100.00**	**395.00**	**-**	**400.00**	**2,670.00**

2027 Budget — Position: Secretary

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb *Mtg* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$50	$10	$50	$50	$10	$10		50.00	$10	50.00			$290.00
Travel	$60	$35	$60	$75	$35	$35		$100	$35	$70			$505.00
Lodging	$330		$244	$314				$396		300.00			$ 1,584.00
Subscript													$ -
Supplies													$ -
Printing													$ -
GSO													$ -
Other													
Budgeted	**440.00**	**45.00**	**354.00**	**439.00**	**45.00**	**45.00**	**-**	**546.00**	**45.00**	**420.00**	**-**	**-**	**$2,255.00**

2027 Budget — Position: Treasurer

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb *Mtg* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$20	$10	$20	$20	$10	$10		-	$10	20.00			$120.00
Travel	$41	$35	$31	$53	$35	$35		$0	$35	$50			$315.00
Lodging	$165		$122	$157				-		150.00			$ 594.00
postage							500.00						$ 500.00
Supplies													$ -
Printing				200.00				200.00					$ 400.00
GSO													$ -
Other	25.00		$35										$ 60.00
Budgeted	**251.00**	**45.00**	**208.00**	**412.00**	**45.00**	**45.00**	**500.00**	**200.00**	**45.00**	**220.00**	**-**	**-**	**$1,944.00**

2027 Budget — Position: Archivist

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb *Mtg* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$30	$10	$40	$30	$10	$10		30.00	$10	40.00		50.00	
Travel	$65	$30	$40	$55	$30	$30	360.00	$65	$30	$55		250.00	
Lodging	$330		$244	$314				$396		390.00			$ 1,674.00
Subscript							100.00						$ 100.00
Supplies							300.00						$ 300.00
Printing													$ -
GSO							.						$ -
Other	25.00			35.00			7,400.00						
Budgeted	**450.00**	**40.00**	**324.00**	**434.00**	**40.00**	**40.00**	**8,160.00**	**491.00**	**40.00**	**485.00**	**-**	**300.00**	**$10,760.00**

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2027 Budget — Position: Archives Chair

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb *Mtg* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$30		$30	$30				30.00		30.00			$150.00
Travel	$54	$29	$55	$50	$29	$29		$60	$29	$50			$385.00
Lodging	$330		$244	$314				$396		390.00			$ 1,674.00
Subscript													$ -
Supplies													$ -
Printing													$ -
GSO													$ -
Other	25.00		$35										$ 60.00
Budgeted	**439.00**	**29.00**	**364.00**	**394.00**	**29.00**	**29.00**		**486.00**	**29.00**	**470.00**			**2,269.00**

Corrections — 2027 Budget — Position: Area 35 Corrections Chair

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb. *ACM* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *ACM* Budget	Aug. *ACM* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *ACM* Budget	ransition Fai Statewide Corrections	Dist *Travel* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	50.00	10.00	100.00	50.00	10.00	10.00	100.00	50.00	10.00	120.00		50.00	$ 560.00
Travel	75.00	30.00	175.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	200.00	75.00	30.00	35.00	490.00	30.00	$1,230.00
Lodging	330.00		$244	$314.00			100.00	$396.00				$300.00	$1,684.00
Subscript			35.00										$ 35.00
Supplies										300.00			$ 300.00
Printing										150.00			$ 150.00
Literature													$ -
Workshop													$ -
Other	25.00		30.00				150.00			700.00			$ 905.00
Budgeted	**480.00**	**40.00**	**584.00**	**394.00**	**40.00**	**40.00**	**550.00**	**521.00**	**40.00**	**1,305.00**	**490.00**	**$380.00**	**4,864.00**

CPC — 2026 Budget — Position: CPC

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb. *Mtg.* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	50.00	10.00	$50.00	$50.00	10.00	10.00		$50.00	10.00	$50.00	60.00	$ 300.00
Travel	50.00	$30.00	$50.00	$50.00	$30.00	$30.00	45.00	$50.00	45.00	$50.00	135.00	$ 565.00
Lodging	330.00		$244.00	$314.00				$396.00		$300.00		$1,584.00
Subscript												$ -
Supplies												$ -
Printing												$ -
Other	25.00		$35.00				500.00					$ 560.00
Budgeted	**455.00**	**40.00**	**379.00**	**414.00**	**40.00**	**40.00**	**545.00**	**446.00**	**55.00**	**400.00**	**195.00**	**3,009.00**

2027 Budget — Position: Grapevine

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb *Mtg* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$65	$10	$90	$65	$10	$10		65.00	$10				$325.00
Travel	$46	$20	$27		$20	$20		$33	$20				$186.00
Lodging	$330		$122					$396					$ 848.00
Subscript													$ -
Supplies													$ -
Printing													$ -
GSO													$ -
Other	25.00		$25										$ 50.00
Budgeted	**466.00**	**30.00**	**264.00**	**65.00**	**30.00**	**30.00**	**-**	**494.00**	**30.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**$1,431.00**

2027 Budget — Position: Group Records

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb *Mtg* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$80	$10	$80	$50	$10	$10		50.00	$10	50.00			
Travel	$30	$10	$10	$10	$10	$10		$30	$10	$10			
Lodging	$330		$244	$314				$396		300.00			$ 1,584.00
Subscript													$ -
Supplies	30.00						25.00						$ 55.00
Printing	10.00						25.00						$ 35.00
GSO													$ -
Other			$35										
Budgeted	**480.00**	**20.00**	**369.00**	**374.00**	**20.00**	**20.00**	**50.00**	**476.00**	**20.00**	**360.00**	**-**	**-**	**$2,065.00**

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2027 Budget — Position: Literature Chair

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb *Mtg* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$100		$100	$100				100.00		100.00			$500.00
Travel	$20	$30	$30	$40	$30	$30		$50	$30	$40			$300.00
Lodging	$330		$244	$314				$396		350.00			$ 1,634.00
Subscript													$ -
Supplies													$ -
Printing													$ -
GSO													$ -
Other	25.00		$35										$ 60.00
Budgeted	**475.00**	**30.00**	**409.00**	**454.00**	**30.00**	**30.00**	**-**	**546.00**	**30.00**	**490.00**	**-**	**-**	**$2,464.00**

2027 Budget — Position: NL

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb *Mtg* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$45	$10		$50	$10	$10		$50	$10				$185.00
Travel	$45	$35		$48	$35	$35		$75	$35				$308.00
Lodging	$165			$157				$198					$ 520.00
ubscript													$ -
postage		560.00		560.00	560.00	560.00		560.00	560.00				$ 3,360.00
Printing		$430		$430	$430	$430		$430	$430				$2,580.00
GSO													$ -
Other	$25												$25
udgeted	**280.00**	**1,035.00**	**-**	**1,245.00**	**1,035.00**	**1,035.00**	**-**	**1,313.00**	**1,035.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**6,978.00**

2027 Budget — Position: Public Information

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb *Mtg* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$80	$10	$40		$10	$10		80.00	$10				$240.00
Travel	$48	$24	$27		$24	$24		$35	$24				$205.00
Lodging	$330		$122					$396					$ 848.00
Subscript													$ -
Supplies													$ -
Printing													$ -
GSO													$ -
Other													
Budgeted	**458.30**	**33.80**	**188.60**	**-**	**33.80**	**33.80**	**-**	**510.76**	**33.80**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**$1,273.00**

2027 Budget — Position: Treatment

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb *Mtg* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$50	$10	$50	$50	$10	$10		50.00	$10	50.00			$290.00
Travel	$60	$35	$60	$75	$35	$35		$100	$35	$70			$505.00
Lodging	$330		$244	$314				$396		300.00			$ 1,584.00
Subscript													$ -
Supplies													$ -
Printing													$ -
GSO													$ -
Other													
Budgeted	**440.00**	**45.00**	**354.00**	**439.00**	**45.00**	**45.00**	**-**	**546.00**	**45.00**	**420.00**	**-**	**-**	**$2,225.00**

2027 Budget — Position: Webmaster

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb *Mtg* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	$50	$10	$60	$50	$10	$10		50.00	$10	60.00		100.00	
Travel	$36	$36	$37	$57	$36	$36		$64	$36	$57		140.00	
Lodging	$330		$244	$314				$396		320.00		120.00	$ 1,724.00
Subscript			35.00										$ 35.00
Supplies													$ -
Printing													$ -
tech							1,650.00						$ 1,650.00
hosting	25.00						700.00						
Budgeted	**441.00**	**46.00**	**376.00**	**421.00**	**46.00**	**46.00**	**2,350.00**	**510.00**	**46.00**	**437.00**	**-**	**360.00**	**$5,045.00**

Audio Tech

2026 Budget — Position: Audio Tech

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb. *Mtg.* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	Wcr *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals	10.00	10.00		$50.00	10.00	10.00		75.00	10.00			$ 175.00
Travel	50.00	36.00		50.00	36.00	36.00		45.00	36.00			$ 289.00
Lodging	150.00			$150.00				$190.00				$ 490.00
Subscript												$ -
Supplies												$ -
osting/Web												$ -
Other	25.00											$ 25.00
Budgeted	**235.00**	**46.00**	**-**	**250.00**	**46.00**	**46.00**	**-**	**310.00**	**46.00**	**-**	**-**	**979.00**

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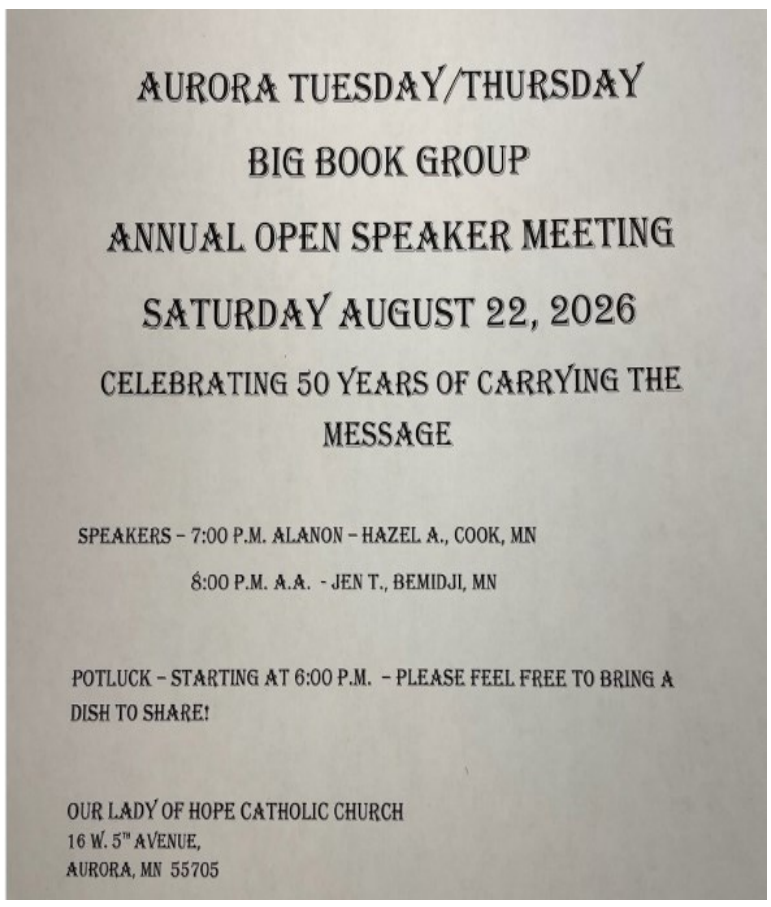
	2027 Budget				Position: FOC								
	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb *Mtg* Budget	WC Reg. *Conf.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Misc Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	WCR *Forum* Budget	Zonal *Forum* Budget	Dist *Travel* Budget	Total Budget
Meals		$10			$10	$10			$10				
Travel		$20			$20	$20			$20				
Lodging													$ -
Subscript													$ -
Supplies													$ -
Printing													$ -
GSO													$ -
Other	25.00		$35										
Budgeted	**25.00**	**30.00**	**35.00**	**-**	**30.00**	**30.00**	**-**	**-**	**30.00**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**$180.00**

Area Events

	Service *Wrkshop* Budget	Feb. *Mtg.* Budget	Spring *Assy.* Budget	June *Mtg.* Budget	Aug. *Mtg.* Budget	Fall *Assy.* Budget	Dec. *Mtg.* Budget	Total Budget
Meals								-
Travel	250.00							250.00
Lodging								-
Rent	700.00	$175.00	$1,000.00	$175.00	$175.00	$1,400.00	$175.00	3,800.00
Coffee	300.00		$300.00			$1,000.00		1,600.00
Printing			$100.00			$500.00		600.00
Other								-
Budgeted	**1250.00**	**175.00**	**1400.00**	**175.00**	**175.00**	**2900.00**	**175.00**	**$6,250.00**

*** Printing costs are for flyers. Service Wksp travel expenses for speaker and Past Delegate

Position	2027 Budget	2026 Budget	
Delegate	$ 6,456.00	6,586.00	
Alt Delega	$ 2,840.90	2,494.28	
Chair	$ 2,670.00	2,961.88	
Secretary	$ 2,255.00	1,967.03	
Treasurer	$ 1,944.00	3,766.06	
Archivist	$ 10,760.00	9,774.62	
Archives	$ 2,269.00	1,300.00	
Correction	$ 4,864.00	4,067.28	
CPC	$ 3,009.00	3,139.76	
Grapevine	$ 1,431.00	1,561.00	
Group Rec	$ 2,065.00	1,837.00	
Literature	$ 2,464.00	1,790.00	
Northern I	$ 6,978.00	7,014.62	
PI	$ 1,273.00	1,533.42	
Treatment	$ 2,225.00	2,642.43	
Webmaste	$ 5,045.00	4,607.25	
Audio Tecl	$ 979.00	1,288.95	
Area Event	$ 6,250.00	12,780.00	
FOC	$ 180.00	100.00	
	$ 65,957.90	**$ 71,211.58**	
	$ 55,000.00	$55,000.00	Projected Contributions*
	$(65,884.90)	$(71,211.58)	Projected Expense
	$(10,884.90)	$(16,211.58)	Projected Loss



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Area 35 Fall Assembly

October 3rd-4th 2026

The Lodge at Brainerd Lakes
6967 Lake Forest Road,
Baxter MN

Room Rates:
Hotel - $179.00 + $33.80 (taxes/fees)(includes breakfast)
To make **reservations** please call: **218- 822-5634**
Reserve under: **Block Code 100226NOR**
Cut off - Wednesday Sept 2nd 2026

Saturday, October 3rd
9:00 AM Registration
10:00 AM Assembly Convenes

Sunday, October 4th
9:00 AM Assembly Reconvenes

All DCMs, GSRs, Area Officers and Committee Chairs, Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Past Delegates are encouraged to attend as well as all others interested in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. The only requirement is a willingness to serve.

35th ANNUAL HEARTLAND ROUND-UP

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11

3:00 . . . . . Registration Begins
6:00 - 7:00 . . . . . Dinner
8:30 . . . . . AA Speaker – Mike A. – Nashville, TN
Campfire Call-up Meeting following speaker

SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

8:00 - 9:00 . . . . . Breakfast
10:00 . . . . . Al-Anon Speaker – Lori G. – Oklahoma City, OK
11:30 - 12:30 . . . . . Lunch
1:00 - 2:15 . . . . . AA Speaker – Ericka M. – Cedar Rapids, IA
2:45 - 3:30 . . . . . AA Workshop – Clif G. – Oklahoma City, OK
"Steps 6 & 7"
2:45 - 3:30 . . . . . Al-Anon Workshop – Lori G. – Oklahoma City, OK
3:45 - 4:45 . . . . . AA Workshop – Ericka M. – Cedar Rapids, IA
"Working the Steps"
3:45 - 4:45 . . . . . Al-Anon Meeting
5:30 - 6:30 . . . . . Dinner
7:30 . . . . . AA Speaker – Clif G. – Oklahoma City, OK
9:30 . . . . . Dance - Music By "Big Show Entertainment"

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

8:00 - 9:00 . . . . . Breakfast
10:00 . . . . . AA Speaker – Jim C. – Fort Dodge, IA
11:30 - 12:30 . . . . . (Dine-in or Take-out) Lunch
3:00 . . . . . Check-out

Make Your Reservations Early!

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.

LODGING/CABINS
Limited Availability

Sleeping accommodations are with single, double and bunk beds with mattresses. All you need to provide is your own amenities, bedding, pillows, towels, wash cloths and a flashlight. All have toilet and shower facilities. Call for availability. Preregistration required. All are pet free. Monitor weather conditions and bring appropriate bedding and clothing. **These are camping cabins and there is no heat or air conditioning in them.**

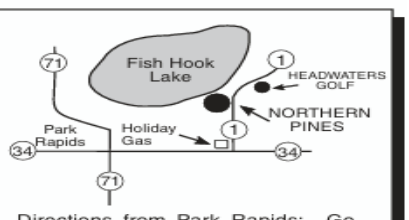
ALL NORTHERN PINES BUILDINGS ARE SMOKE FREE AND PET FREE. CAMPFIRES ARE NOT ALLOWED.

LODGING/RV/CAMPER/TENTING RATES
(All per person per night)

RV'S/Campers $15.00
Tenting & Tree House $10.00
Lodge $25.00
Cabins:
Cornerstone, both Susanna's, Serenity, Woodward. $25.00
New Wesley, Kufus, Sleepwell, Birchmont, Staff $20.00
Old Wesley, Twill Do, 3 Oaks, Hackett, Hilltop, Little Lemon $15.00

WEBSITE and FORMS
For more information about the Round-Up
www.heartlandroundup.com

If you prefer:
AmericInn. 1-218-732-1234
Heartland Inn 1-218-732-1471
Super 8 Motel 1-218-732-9704
Rustic Inn 1-218-237-2828
For resort information contact
Park Rapids Chamber 1-800-247-0054



Directions from Park Rapids: Go East of Park Rapids on Highway #34 to Jct. #1, by Holiday Gas Station, go 2 miles North on #1 to camp.

Google Maps may be inaccurate, please use these directions.

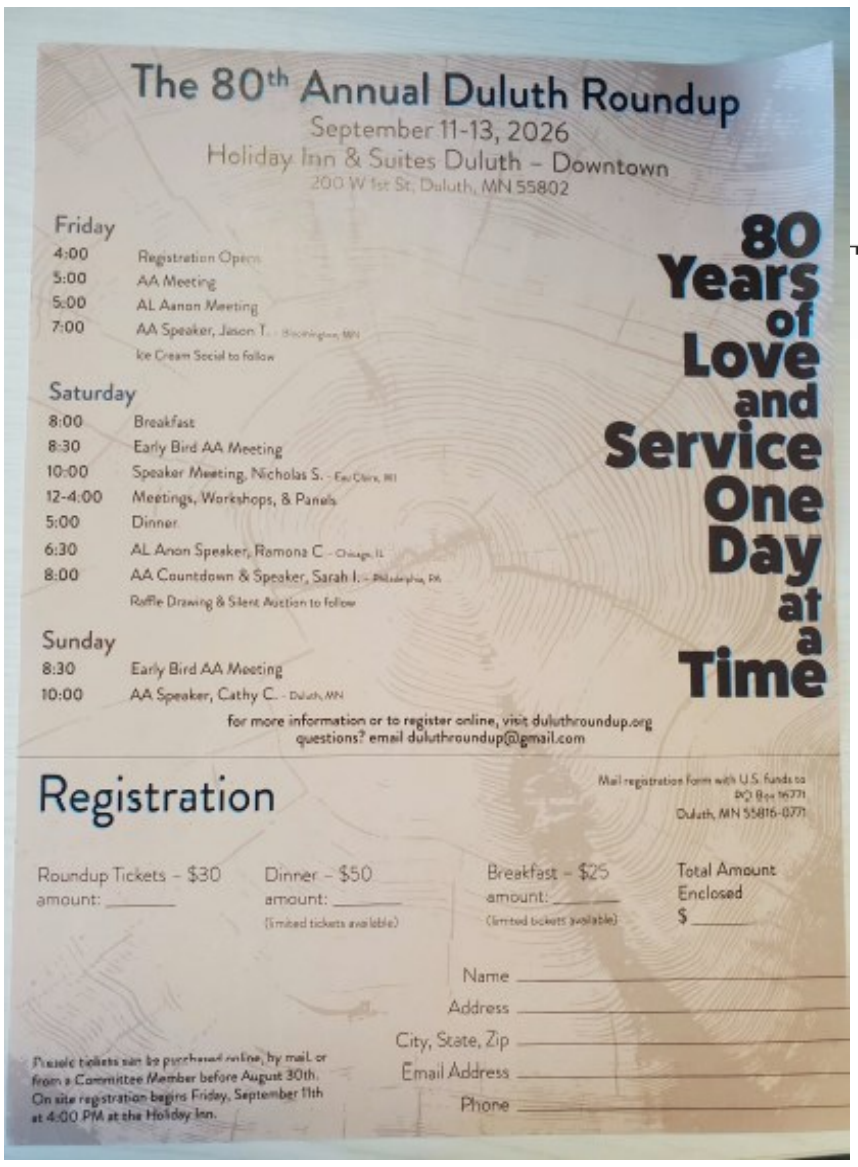
"Experience the Serenity"

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.



Registration:
AA, Al-Anon _____ number of guests x $25 = _____
Alateen _____ number of guests x $10 = _____

All Adult Accommodations: (please check and describe)
____ RV/Camper _____
❑ Need Electricity
____ Cabin (name) _____
____ Lodge (Room #) _____
____ Tent/Tree House _____
Friday _____ number of guests x _____ rate = _____
Saturday _____ number of guests x _____ rate = _____

Children Under 12 (under 5 free):
Friday _____ number of guests x $10 = _____
Saturday _____ number of guests x $10 = _____

Adult Meals:
Friday p.m. _____ x $12.00 = _____
Saturday a.m. _____ x $12.00 = _____
Saturday Lunch _____ x $10.00 = _____
Saturday p.m. _____ x $17.00 = _____
Sunday a.m. _____ x $12.00 = _____
Sunday Lunch _____ x $10.00 = _____
All Meal Package _____ x $65.00 = _____

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 $12.00 = _____
Sunday a.m. _____ x $9.00 = _____
Sunday Lunch _____ x $7.00 = _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

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HELP CARRY THE A.A. MESSAGE

Join Us and Volunteer at the 135th Mille Lacs County Fair District 5 A.A. Booth!

- The 2026 Mille Lacs County Fair runs from **Wednesday, August 5th - Sunday, August 9th.**
- This is an awesome opportunity to do **Service Work** and have lots of fun doing it!
- **Partner up** with someone or just sign-up and meet another member in the Fellowship.
- Have a dog (don't bring one), enjoy a brat, pop, cotton candy, cheese curds, or beef brisket!
- Come early or stay after your shift and enjoy everything the County Fair has to offer:

Lawn & Garden Tractor Pull/Races, Truck & Tractor Pull, Speedway Races, Demolition Derby

We are looking for volunteers to fill the following Time Slots:

Wednesday, August 5th		12pm-2pm	2pm-4pm	4pm-6pm	6pm-8pm
Thursday, August 6th	10am-12pm	12pm-2pm	2pm-4pm	4pm-6pm	6pm-8pm
Friday, August 7th	10am-12pm	12pm-2pm	2pm-4pm	4pm-6pm	6pm-8pm
Saturday, August 8th	10am-12pm	12pm-2pm	2pm-4pm	4pm-6pm	6pm-8pm
Sunday, August 9th	10am-12pm	12pm-2pm	2pm-4pm		

Copy the URL link below to your phone or Web Browser to access the Sign-Up Application.
Or simply Scan the QR Code underneath it!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BAFA728A2FDC16-64458802-2026

SCAN ME

I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. Always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

NORTHERN MINNESOTA ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

An Area 35 Treatment Committee Workshop

Join professionals, AA's, and Bridging the Gap as they share experiences from Treatment facilities in an effort to increase our ability to Carry the Message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Please Join Us!

August 29th 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Alano Society of St. Cloud
127 7th Ave NE, St Cloud, MN 56304

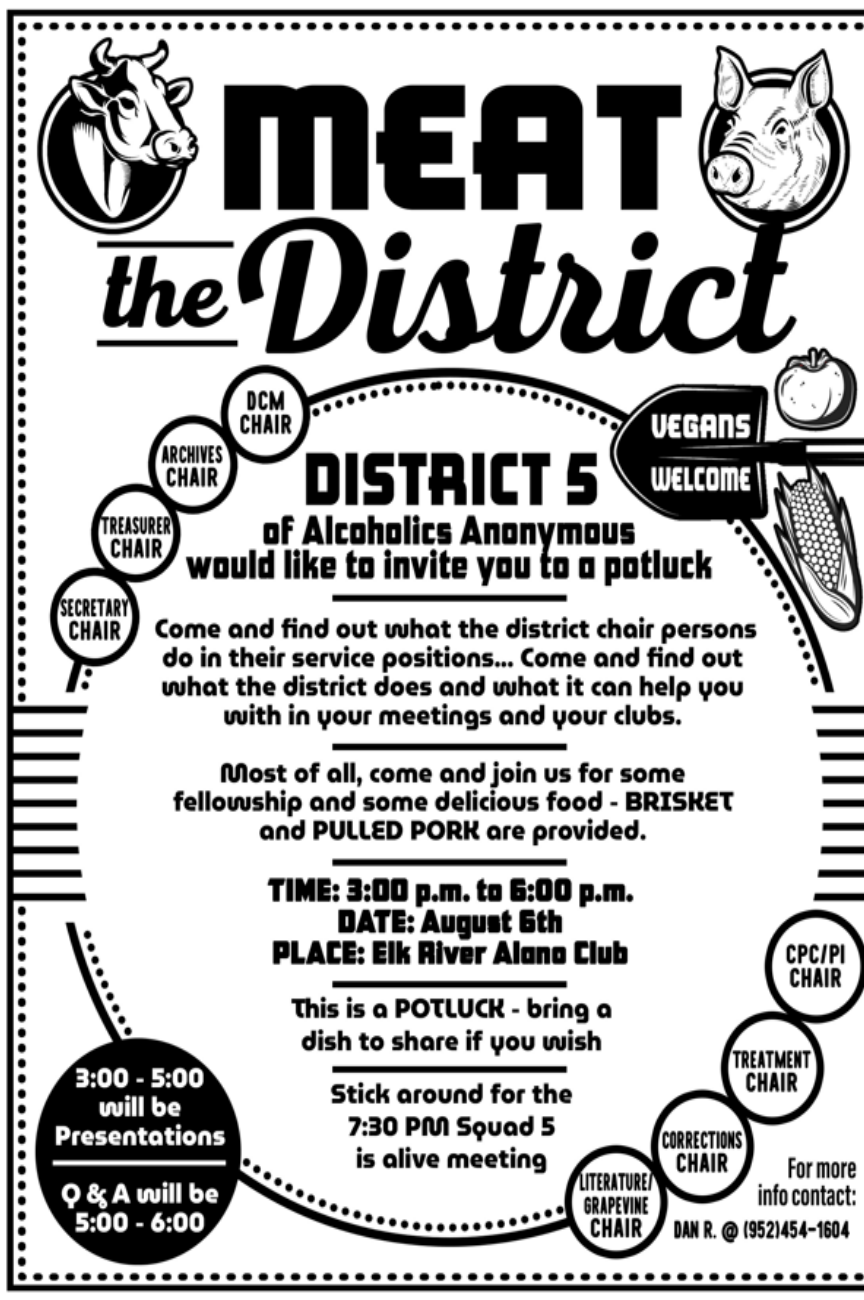
Presentations Discussions Shared Experiences Speakers

This is a Hybrid workshop, join us In-Person or On-Line via ZOOM at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2612001958?pwd=QlFGcnk4ZktjWnVic3dwY3NDcGdJdz09&omn=82475139064

Meeting ID: 261 200 1958 Passcode: 122658

For more information please contact Chad O. Area 35 Treatment Chair at: treatment@area35.org



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ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

WHERE DID WE COME FROM?

Most of us have read Bill's story and have a basic knowledge of the history of AA.

1917	Bill took his first drink
1925-29	Drinking worsened
1934	Bill takes his last drink and goes to Towns Hospital
1935	AA came into being
1939	Big Book published
1953	Twelve and Twelve published

1st AA Group -Akron, Ohio
2nd AA Group - New York
3rd AA Group – Cleveland, Ohio
It took four years to get 100 people sober in these three groups.

But there is more to the story. Where did the philosophies of Alcoholic Anonymous come from?

Long before Alcoholic Anonymous came along, alcohol was a problem. The first alcohol may have been made as early as 9,000BC.

In the 1820's, society began to have concerns over alcohols effect on certain people. For years, there was no effective treatment for alcoholism.

In 1826, The American Temperance Society was formed and soon there were hundreds of temperance societies. The movement advocated total abstinence from alcohol and campaigned to close down distilleries and merchants who sold liquor. Alcohol was viewed as a moral and social problem but for many drinking was an important part of their culture, society and economic wellbeing. Alcoholics began to feel stigmatized, judged and resented how they were treated.

In 1840, six drinking buddies got together and founded a temperance society that in a little over four years would sober up thousands of drunks. This was the first time drunks bonded together to solve their own problem. The group called themselves The Washingtonians. They started the tradition of each member rising in his place, sharing his drinking experience and what had happened in his life since he signed the total abstinence pledge.

Soon their numbers reached 400,000+ all over the country. They were the first to introduce the idea that the alcoholic was not simply a moral degenerate but a human being who should be helped and that the drunk should play a part in his own rehabilitation.

Sadly by 1848, The Washingtonians had pretty much disappeared. The society lost it's primary focus of helping alcoholics. They got involved in social reforms like prohibition, religion, politics and slavery. Controversies and in fighting destroyed the society.

Other movements were started in an effort to address the alcohol issue but none of them succeeded. In 1920, Prohibition came along intended to address the country's alcohol problem. From 1920-1933, there were laws put in place intended to stop the production, sale and transportation of liquor. Unfortunately, Prohibition gave rise to other social issues – organized crime, bootlegging, gang wars and a decline in tax revenue for state and federal governments. The widespread disregard for the law, the rise in crime and the economic cost of trying to enforce the laws contributed to Prohibitions' repeal in 1933.

In 1921, an evangelical (religious) movement was started called A First Century Christian Fellowship and was renamed the Oxford Group (OG) in 1928. It was made up of all kinds of people looking to improve their lives and to live godly lives. The OG focused on winning over key men – prominent, powerful, political and community leaders. They believed these men were in the best position to win over others. Three such prominent members of the Oxford Group, Rowland Hazard, Shepherd Cornell and Cebra Graves following the evangelical precept of the group, convinced the court to parole Ebby Thatcher, a chronic drunk, into their custody. Two months into his sobriety, Ebby came to see Bill and shared what had been imparted to him. Bill was attracted to the OG because of the spiritual, structured solution for his alcoholism. He had always believed in a power greater than himself, the OG showed him a way to see God in a new light. Thanks to Ebby, he was introduced to the four basic Oxford Group principals which became the foundation for the AA's Twelve Steps:

1. Surrendering to God through vigorous self-examination.
2. Confession of character defects.
3. Making good harms done to others.
4. Giving without thought of reward.

However, the four Absolutes of the OG were hard for the real alcoholic to swallow:

1. Absolute Honesty
2. Absolute Unselfishness
3. Absolute Purity
4. Absolute Love

Alcoholics could agree to seek spiritual progress rather than spiritual perfection. To an alcoholic, it felt too demanding to be too good too quickly. This basis of absolute values and the OGs aggressive religiousness proved to be too much for alcoholics to accept. The groups were further divined as the OG viewed alcoholism was a moral failing – a sin to be overcome. Bill embraced the idea Dr. Silkworth had introduced to him – that alcoholism was a disease, an obsession of the mind, coupled with the allergy of the body. This vast division of ideology pushed Bill and Dr. Bob to start having meetings for alcoholics at Dr. Bob's house in 1935. In 1937, they formally split off from the OG.

From just over 100 members in 1939, to over 2,000 members in 1941 when the Saturday Evening Post ran their article praising AA to today, our membership has grown. There are over two million members worldwide with 125,000 groups in 180 countries. The Big Book has been translated into over 100 languages. People from all walks of life are numbered as members. We can be grateful because without God and the OG, there would be no AA and no Big Book to show us how to recover from a seemingly hopeless disease.

In Gratitude,
Cynthia K
Little Falls, MN

Being of Service has Family Ties

With a little encouragement from others, I thought I would share my family history with the printer of our Northern Light newsletter.

Years ago, when I was a GSR and first started receiving the Northern Light, I noticed it was printed by Cold Spring Record. I got an immediate flood of emotion and disbelief wondering how did this happen? I had to show my mom and ask if she knew about this, but she did not. I guess I still don't know how or when our Area 35 Newsletter started using the Cold Spring Record as our printer. Maybe our Archivist Marc, can find it in the archives??

I continued to receive the Northern Light in the mail and then as District 13 DCM at the Area Committee Meetings, always feeling a twinge of pride reading them even though I have nothing to do with the current owners of the Record.

A couple years ago I was asked if I could pick up the NL from the printer as the member that normally did, rotated out of their position and no longer went to the Area Committee Meetings. I thought I could help, be of service as we do when asked. I live only about 30 miles from Cold Spring and love to visit the Cold Spring Bakery. I also love it because it is my hometown that has a lot of great memories. I went to pick up the extra copies of the Northern Light, when I pulled up in front of the building I was taken by surprise at the picture that is on the glass door. A picture of my Great Grandpa Honer. I heard stories through the years about how my Grandpa was the editor before he became the Post Man but hadn't done a lot of research on it. Seeing it in front of me brought me back to many family stories of how my Grandpa's dad, Peter T. Honer, started The Record, how my grandpa used to set the letters for print when he was young. When Peter T. died at 52 yrs of age, my grandpa had to take over the family business and became the editor for many years. He finally passed it on to his brother Paul Honer who was the owner for many years.

I walked in to pick up the Northern Light papers and inside is the history of the Record and of course I had to tell the new owners of my family connection. My family has not owned it for many years but I am so grateful the editor keeps the history alive.

My Grandpa was not an alcoholic that I am aware of, however he surely loved his "high balls". I was very close to my grandparents and spent a lot of time with them in the summers. Gardening with Grandpa and cleaning strawberries with Grandma were some of the best times. All those wonderful memories were before my alcoholism took over. I was 17 when Grandpa died and my drinking had already taken a hold of my life, and my brother's life. Turns out my Grandpa may have enjoyed his high balls, but it was my father, mother, brother and myself that all became alcoholics. I am grateful I have the good memories before my alcoholism took over, and I am reminded of those memories every time I pick up our Area 35 Newsletter. You just never know what happens when we say yes to service.

Thank you for letting me serve!!!

With Gratitude,

Denise R.

Area Chair

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DELEGATE- PAT M

Hello Area 35 I'm Pat M and I'm Alcoholic your Area 35 P76 Delegate . Let me give you a little rundown of a little bit of my experience at the 76th Annual General Service Conference I arrived in New York on the 25th of April The Conference was held at the New York Hilton midtown Saturday night was meet and greet where I met other delegates from the US and Canada .

Sunday 26th of April was the official start of the conference. Monday and Tuesday I spend most of my time in the PI committee meeting's Tuesday afternoon I also got to give my two minute talk on area 35 Wednesday was casual dress day and it is also where we had lunch with our West Central trustee Charlie H and this is also when we voted for a new West Central Administrator and Meg H from Area 36 was voted in as the West Central administrator .

Thursday morning we started on committee and discussion report and recommendations we did this throughout the day and into the evening and on Friday morning we started again we managed to get through all the recommendations and committee reports but there was also a hard stop at 9:00 p.m. based upon the contract limitations involving hotel services DOTS voting and interpretation so at 9:00 p.m. to general service conference adjourned and at this point in time just the P75 Delegates gave empire heartwarming farewells to the conference body this is just a little brief run down of the conference May 27th I attended the West Central Regional Delegate meeting Charlie reported that he did not have any new information on it everything AA App. Charlie had board meetings coming up and he said he'll maybe have more information after that.

I have given our few report backs of the conference May 17th I was invited to Isanti where District 5 6 and 11 to give a report back of this 76 general service conference May 21 I was at District 12 in Duluth.

June 1st I attended District 13 district meeting at the St Cloud Alano Club districts 15 and 4 we're also invited.

June 1st I attended District 16 District meeting and gave a report back. On June 7th I gave a report back at the Aiken committee meeting. June 18th I attended District 7 district meeting and get a report back along with District 18's DCM If you're District would like me to come and give a report back of the 76th conference please let me know I'd be more than happy to do that.

I attended the West Central Regional delegates meeting June 24th Charlie reported on the AAWS meeting they met for 2 days and finished on time Charlie reported that the retro fit ran over 200,000 did you not have to draw on ready reserve they were able to take the money out of the general fund Charlie stated that we$700,000 ahead of budget which is due to the price increase of literature and budget cuts.

Grapevine seems to be slightly I had a budget not asking for additional money.

A special GSB meeting was held to figure out what to replace the word Eskimo with in the BB it was decided to change the word Eskimo 2 someone in the 12 and 12 Eskimo will be changed to lonely heart. There will be no changes to the preface to the 5th edition to reflect this change it will not be addressed there the 2021 changes for inclusiveness also will not be mentioned in the new preface the next GSB hard weekend will be the end of July but there are upcoming committee meetings conference committees and trustee chairs as well as orientation for new trustees.

So far this has been an experience that I've never thought I'd be I was told the first years of learning here and boy have I learned a lot of things I ever empowered a conference operates and what to expect and for that I thank Area 35 from the bottom of my heart.

In service with Faith without works is Dead P76 Delegate Pat M

ALTERNATE DELEGATE-VICKI R

I attended the Delegates meeting online on June 24th.
I've completed my Area budget for 2027
I've continued volunteer activities on an exploratory committee to bring the International Women's Conference to Minneapolis in 2029

In service with Gratitude
Vicki R
Alternate Delegate

CHAIR-DENISE R

Greetings Area 35,

I attended our District's Delegate Report from the Conference and found it interesting that much of our conversations surrounded finances and thoughts of "why don't we move our Offices out of New York" . I was excited to see new faces getting involved and wanting to hear more. Thank you Pat for loving Alcoholics Anonymous and showing up to carry our voice to the Conference!!

It was good to hear Pat's report at the ACM to listen a second time as there is always something different to understand. Again Thank you Pat. I also attended the Area 36 Assembly virtually and heard their Delegates' Report from the Conference. I will say it had a different tone to it. I find the different interpretations of events interesting. The voting outcomes of the Conference doesn't change from report to report but how discussions are interpreted are different.

After hearing the Conference report realizing nothing came out of the Grapevine Committee I talked with several people including our Delegate Pat and decided to write a Proposed Agenda Item with the idea to increase the amount of Grapevine so that it is self supporting. We will see how the Area feels about that at the August Area Committee Meeting.

I am looking forward to attending the District 6 Meat the Service Structure gathering on July 25th. Sounds like another fun time!

The Area 36 Chair confirmed the agenda, time and Zoom information for the Area 35/36 Joint Committee meeting. I hope to see you all logged in.

Our Treasurer and I have been working on putting the 2027 budgets together to have them ready for the July Northern Light. We will be voting on those Budgets at the Fall Assembly.

I continue to review finances as part of the Financial Oversight Committee.

Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 35!

In Service,
Denise R.
Area 35 Chair

SECRETARY PEGGY M

Hi all, since the June area committee meeting, I typed the ACM minutes and submitted them to NL editor.

Thank you to all who filled out the survey about updating the Area Actions book. I received 25 surveys. I have been working on a short report to present at the Aug ACM. We will have an update with an open discussion.

I plan on attending the Join Area 35/36 workshop July 11, 2026.

Grateful,
Peggy M.
Area Secretary

TREASURER – JENNIFER T

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

No report submitted

WEBMASTER – MARK R

I continue to maintain our area35.org website (flyers & positional changes) since the June ACM. I have "Staging" website (new look) ready to go after we get approvals from the Area 35 Fellowship at the August ACM in Aitkin! Again, we will be discussing this and voting on moving forward with our new Theme and website design at the August 2026 ACM. At that time if further discussion is necessary for any reason, we can hold it for the Fall Assembly. The PDF Flyer was emailed out to our Area Officers, Chairs, Past Delegates, and all DCMs – hopefully it was circulated as soon as possible.

I was asked to be part of the Technology Team for the West Central Regional Service Conference and accepted. Hope to hear soon from District on what I can do to help out!

I'm still working through issues on the online form for Group Records so Individuals, Groups, and GSRs can register online. More to come hopefully soon!

I have been asked by our Area 35 Chair to setup a hybrid meeting for the August ACM using the Area Chair's Zoom account. This is for a PAI on Grapevine.

Continue to monitor website access (hits), Outlook issues and statistics on who is using Outlook as well as volumes of emails in/out of User's accounts. Monitoring security in LinkSky (Website, WordPress) & Microsoft Entra (Outlook).

Yours in service,
Mark R

NORTHERN LIGHT – TERRY P

No report submitted

GROUP RECORDS – LEE ELLEN O

No report submitted

CHAIR LITERATURE – MIKE B

Hello everyone, literature is getting back to normal and groups have adjusted to the price increase, meaning orders are coming in, but not as many books as before, but they are getting back on track! I attended the Area Committee Meeting in Atkin, and have been filling orders as they come in. Not much new here, although that can change at any moment. I did have to reschedule my trip up to the Iron Range due to a family health problem but I will make it up there this summer/fall. I really look forward to that.

Yours in service,
Mike B.

TREATMENT – CHAD O

Hello all,

I don't have a lot to report right now, I'm currently working on finishing touches for the upcoming treatment workshop. See inside this issue for the flyer and all the details. I hope to see you there, or online.

Chad O.
Area 35 Treatment Chair

PUBLIC INFORMATION – TERRY A

No report provided

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CORRECTIONS - JEFF O
No report given

CPC - JARRIN V
No report given

ARCHIVIST – MARC N
Hello, I am an alcoholic, my name is Marc, and I am your archivist.
At the June Archives Open House Paul H. a collector of alcoholism, recovery, and AA memorabilia visited. Mike, our Archives Chair, and I gained a lot of knowledge of what is in our archives. We went through some packaged items and found some large photos that may have been displayed years ago, some magazines and some books that had relevance unknown to me. Paul has digitized copies of some of large scrap books that we have and will give us digital copies.
Looking ahead to the 2027 WCRAASC we are planning the archive display. We would like to know of the ethnic heritage of our Northern Minnesota AAs. Maybe we could get donations of Big Books of the nations of our ancestors.
We welcome visitors to archives before and after ACMs and on the third Sunday every month from 2:00 pm to 5:00 PM. Visitors are welcome by appointment too.
Thank You for this opportunity to serve. Marc

ARCHIVES – MIKE U

GRAPEVINE – CHRIS J
Greetings Area 35! The May service workshop in Duluth was a success and a lot of fun. Thank you for members of Area showing up and participating. My service sponsor and I came up with a Grapevine power point presentation that I had the opportunity to present at the workshop and I did it in the Grape suit! I think the suit brings both a lot of joy and confusion but it gives me an opportunity to carry the message. I finally received my physical copy of the Grapevine, yah! District 9 asked me to join their meeting in August so looking forward to that. I'm excited for the Duluth Roundup in September. I just got back from the trip of a lifetime to the United Kingdom to meet some fellows that I met online. It was fun attending their meetings in London and I visited Winchester Cathedral. Stay the course and remarkable things will happen! Thank you for letting me serve.
-Chris J
Area 35 Grapevine Chair

Statewide Corrections Committee (SWCC) Chair Report
No report given

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Upcoming Events in Area 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

2026 Service Events

February 27-March 1, 2026
West Central Regional AA Conference
Cedar rapids Iowa

March 28-29 - Spring Assembly - Alexandria, MN

June 7th - ACM - Aitken

Aug 2nd - ACM - Aitken

Oct 3-4th - Fall Assembly - location TBD

Dec 6th - ACM - Aitken

"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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delegate@area35.org

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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 & COMMUNICATIONS 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.

Communications COMMITTEE: The 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.

Communications 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 Communications 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, Terry P.

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	Printing Costs 1 Sided	Printing Costs 2 Sided	Insertion Fee	Total Cost
750	$ 82.50	$127.50	$ 30	$112.50/157.50
1000	$ 110	$ 170	$ 30	$ 140/200

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

   NMAA
   1596 Jefferson Ave SW
   Bemidji MN, 56601

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 2026 are as Follows:

- **Feb 28, 2026: Flier will be included in the March/April Issue**
- **May 2, 2026: Flier will be included in the May/June Issue**
- **June 29, 2026: Flier will be included in the July/Aug Issue**
- **Aug 31, 2026: Flier will be included in the Sept/Oct Issue**
- **Oct 31, 2026: Flier will be included in the Nov/Dec Issue**

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Area 35 Event Flyer Guidelines

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

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

*For safety reasons, if a phone number is listed on the flyer consider NOT putting a name in association with the number.

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)

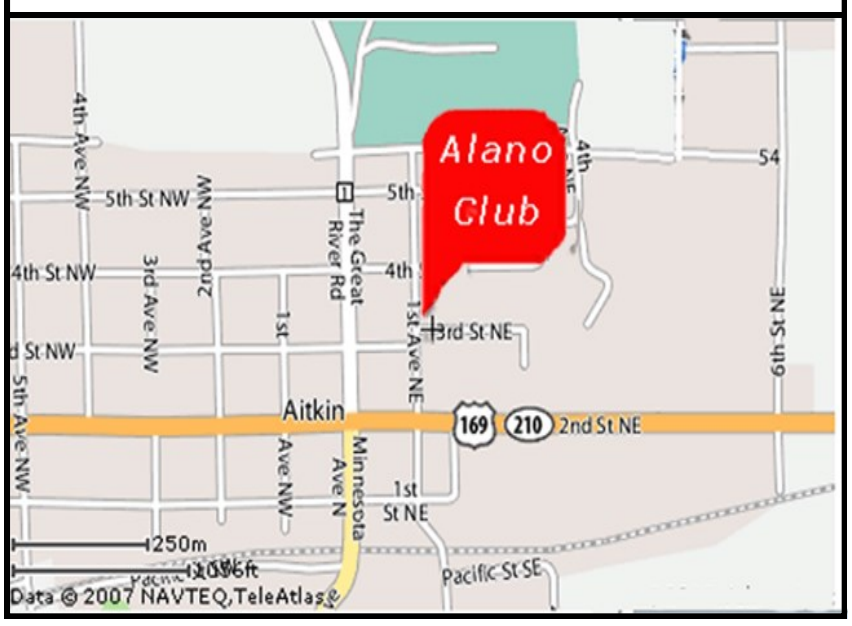
AREA 35 EVENTS
INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

- 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

Panel 74 2024-2025
Diane R

Panel 72 2022-2023
Steven L

Panel 70 2020-2021
Jim S

Panel 68 2018-2019
Christine G

Panel 66 2016-2017
Kelly D

Panel 64 2014-2015
Michael "Jake" J

Panel 62 2012-2013
Jim K

Panel 60 2010-2011
Jon C

Panel 58 2008-2009
JoAnne M N

Panel 56 2006-2007
Jerry S

Panel 54 2004-2005
Charlie C

Panel 52 2002-2003
Tim C

Panel 50 2000-2001
Tom A

Panel 48 1998-1999
Susie A

Panel 46 1996-1997
Bill P
(deceased)

Panel 44 1994-1995
Bruce B

Panel 42 1992-1993
Greg G
(deceased)

Panel 40 1990-1991
Bob J

Panel 38 1988-1989
Scott J

Panel 36 1986-1987
Louie H

Panel 34 1984-1985
Bob P
(deceased)

Panel 32 1982-1983
Tom L
(deceased)

Panel 30 1980-1981
Don M
(deceased)

Panel 28 1978-1979
Garfield (Duffy) S
(deceased)

Panel 26 1976-1977
Vern R
(deceased)

Panel 24 1974-1975
Gordon B. H
(deceased)

Panel 22 1972-1973
Frank P. J
(deceased)

Panel 20 1970-1971
Clarence B
(deceased)

Panel 18 1968-1969
Dave H
(deceased)

Panel 16 1966-1967
Arno A
(deceased)

Panel 14 1964-1965
Donald F
(deceased)

Panel 12 1962-1963
Donna T
(deceased)

Panel 10 1960-1961
Bob B
(deceased)

Panel 8 1958-1959
Pearl N
(deceased)

Panel 6 1956-1957
Waldo H
(deceased)

Panel 4 1954-1955
Wendell H
(deceased)

Panel 2 1952-1953
Arthur Robertson
(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.

The Delegate's Duties

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

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

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AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING
Agenda
Aitkin, MN
August 2, 2026

_____ **9:00 A.M.** Action Chair Committee Meetings
(9:30 a.m. Financial Oversight Committee)
_____ **10:30 A.M. ACM**
_____ Call to Order Open with the Serenity Prayer
_____ Recognize Past Delegates
Welcome to GSRs and open Special Assembly Session
_____ Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) - To have Grapevine price increased to be self supporting--Log off Zoom

Open Area Committee Meeting
_____ Add to Agenda
_____ Approve Minutes from June ACM

OFFICER REPORTS
_____ Delegate – Pat M.
_____ Alternate Delegate – Vicki R.
_____ Chair – Denise R.
_____ Secretary –Peggy M.
_____ Treasurer – Jennifer T.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS
_____ Financial Oversight Committee- Diane R.
_____ District 15 – Dean D.
_____ WEBMASTER – Mark R.
_____ NORTHERN LIGHT – Terry P.
_____ GROUP RECORDS – Le Ellen O.
_____ District 7 – Mike M.
_____ District 13 – Chad H.
_____ LITERATURE – Mike B
_____ District 1 – Loren G.
_____ District 14 – Unknown
_____ PUBLIC INFORMATION – Terry A.
_____ District 8 - Craig T.
_____ District 21 – Trevor G.
_____ TREATMENT – Chad O.
_____ District 16 – Mary S.
_____ District 18 - Cynthia K.
_____ CPC – Jarrin V.
_____ District 4 – Jay B
_____ District 11 – Bradley L
_____ ARCHIVES – Mike U.
_____ ARCHIVIST – Marc N.
_____ District 12 – Addy R.
_____ District 9 – Tommy J.
_____ GRAPEVINE – Chris J.
_____ District 6 – Janet R.
_____ District 3 –Paul C.
_____ CORRECTIONS – Jeff O.
_____ District 5– Dan R.
_____ District 2 – Greg B.

12:00 P.M. Lunch
12:45 P.M. Reconvene

OLD BUSINESS
_____ Electronic Voting Update- Paul C.
_____ Action Book Update – Peggy M.
_____ West Central Regional Conference – Jess S.
_____ New Website Update – Mark R.
_____ Northern Light update – Terry P.
_____ Communications Committee Voting Update- Terry P.

NEW BUSINESS:
_____ 2027 Budgets
_____Calendar of Events
_____ Adjourn - responsibility statement

NOTES:

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:

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1596 Jefferson Ave SW
Bemidji, MN 56601