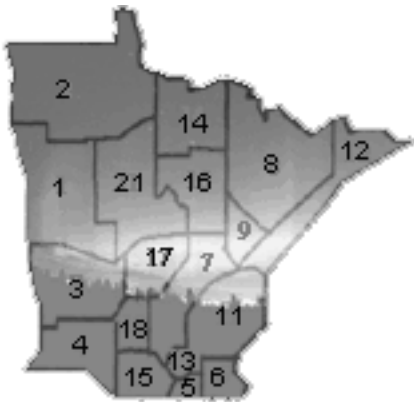


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### MOVING? ADDRESS NOT CORRECT?

Please help us keep our mailing list for the *Northern Light* accurate and up-to-date. It costs the Area \$.50 for each piece of returned mail.

Please contact our Group Records Secretary with your new or changed address:

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**Thank you!**

# Our Past Delegates

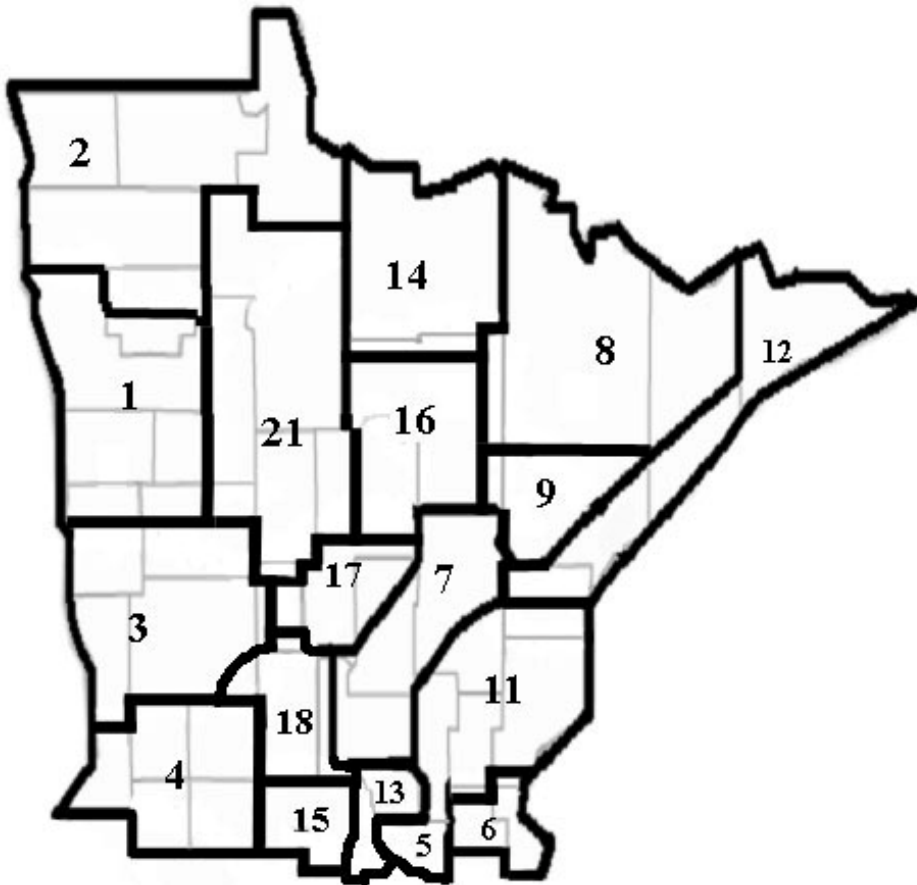
<b>Panel 56</b> Jerry S.	<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>Panel 38</b> Scott J.	<b>1988-1989</b>	<b>Panel 20</b> Clarence B. (deceased)	<b>1970-1971</b>
<b>Panel 54</b> Charlie C.	<b>2004-2005</b>	<b>Panel 36</b> Louie H	<b>1986-1987</b>	<b>Panel 18</b> Dave  H.	<b>1968-1969</b>
<b>Panel 52</b> Tim C.	<b>2002-2003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

## 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 2f the A.A. directory and helping carry out the triennial membership surveys.
- Visit groups and districts in the area whenever possible.
- Work closely with committee members and officers, sharing experience throughout the year. After G.S.R.s and committee members have reported on the Conference, learn from these A.A.s how groups and members have reacted.
- Assume added responsibility if the area chair and alternate chair are unable to serve. Or, if an area committee is not functioning effectively, the delegate may take an active role in remedying the situation.
- Keep the alternate delegate fully informed and active, so that the alternate can replace the delegate in an emergency.
- Late in the second term, work with newly elected delegates to pass along a basic knowledge of Conference proceedings and problems.

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



**Area 35  
Northern Minnesota**

**Zone I**

- District 1** - Ada, Crookston, East Grand Forks, Erskine, Fertile, Fisher, Fosston, Oklee, Red Lake Falls, Twin Valley, Waubun, White Earth
- District 2** - Badger, Baudette, Grygla, Hallock, Halma, Middle River, Rainy River (Ontario, Canada), Roseau, Stephen, Thief River Falls, Warren, Warroad, Williams
- District 16** - Bowstring, Boy River, Cohasset, Deer River, Grand Rapids, Hill City, Lawrence Lake\*, Longville
- District 21** - Akeley, Bagley, Bemidji, Blackduck, Cass Lake, Debs, Menahga, Onigum, Park Rapids, Red Lake, Shevlin, Solway, Squaw Lake, Walker

**Zone II**

- District 3** - Audubon, Barnesville, Battle Lake, Cormorant, Deer Creek, Detroit Lakes, Dilworth, Elizabeth, Erhard, Fergus Falls, Frazee, Hawley, Henning, Lake Park, Moorhead, Osage, Ottertail, Pelican Rapids, Perham, Underwood, Wadena
- District 4** - Alexandria, Browns Valley, Carlos, Elbow Lake, Evansville, Glenwood, Herman, Kensington, Morris, Osakis
- District 15** - Albany, Avon, Cold Spring, Holdingford, Lake Henry, Melrose, 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** - Bethel, Cambridge, Forest Lake, Harris, Isanti, Lindstrom, North Branch, Rock Creek, Stacy, St. Francis
- District 7** - Aitkin, Baxter, Brainerd, Fort Ripley, Garrison, Ironton, Little Falls\*, McGregor\*, Palisade, Pierz, Pillager\*
- District 11** - Askov\*, Braham, Finlayson\*, Grasston, Henriette, Hinckley\*, Isle, Lake Lena, Malmo, Moose Lake\*, Mora, Ogilvie, Pine City, Quamba, Sandstone, Wahkon, Willow River
- District 13** - Kimball, Rice, St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park
- District 17** - Backus, Cross Lake, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Pillager\*, Pine River
- District 18** - Browerville, Cushing, 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, Orr, Palo, Pike, Tower, Virginia, Zim\*
- District 9** - Chisholm, Floodwood, Goodland, Hibbing\*, Keewatin, Kelly Lake, Lawrence Lake\*, Nashwauk\*
- District 12** - Askov\*, Beaver Bay, Brimson, Brookston, Cloquet, Duluth, Esko, Finland, Finlayson\*, Fredenberg, Grand Marais, Grand Portage, Hermantown, Hibbing\*, Hinckley\*, Knife River, Lawrence Lake\*, Lutsen, Mahtowa, McGregor\*, Moose Lake\*, Nashwauk\*, Pike Lake, Proctor, Sawyer, Silver Bay, Foxborro (Wisconsin), Side Lake, Superior (Wisconsin), Toivola, Two Harbors, Zim\*
- District 14** - Effie, International Falls, Nett Lake

*\* 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**  
Sunday, June 8, 2:00 p.m.  
Fertile Community Center  
101 S. Mill St.  
Fertile, MN 56540  
Call D.C.M., Priscilla  
218-281-6457 or Kenny M, District Secretary, 218-281-1891 for next meeting.
- District 2**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Odd Months, 2:00 p.m.  
First Lutheran Church  
210 Park Ave. N.  
Middle River, MN 56737
- District 3**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month, 10:00 a.m.  
Perham Alano Club  
827 Summit Ave.  
Perham, MN 56501
- District 4**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Month, 5:30 p.m.  
Call D.C.M. Bob K. (320) 762-1680  
for location (it rotates)  
Potluck at 6:30 p.m.  
Round Robin at 7:00 p.m.
- District 5**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month, 7 p.m.  
St. John Lutheran Church  
13045 Fremont Ave  
Zimmerman, MN 55398

- District 6**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month, 7:30 p.m.  
Spring Lake Lutheran Church  
8440 Erickson Rd. N.E.  
North Branch, MN 55056
- District 7**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m.  
First Lutheran Church  
424 8<sup>th</sup> St. S.  
Brainerd, MN 56401
- District 8**  
Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m.  
General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
• Friday, December 7, 2007  
Palo, MN
- District 9**  
Last Sunday of Month, 6:00 p.m.  
Hibbing Alano Club  
3725 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Hibbing, MN 55746
- District 11**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m.  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church Basement  
Finlayson, MN 55735
- District 12**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month, 6:30 p.m.  
Duluth Alano Club  
3009 Restormel St.  
Duluth, MN 55806

- District 13**  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month, 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Salem Lutheran Church  
90 Riverside Drive S.E.  
Saint Cloud, MN 56304
- District 14**  
Not currently active.
- District 15**  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month, 8:00 p.m.  
Albany Community Center  
741 Lake Ave.  
Albany, MN 56307
- District 16**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Month, 7:00 p.m.  
United Methodist Church  
1701 S.E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Grand Rapids, MN 55744  
Handicap Accessible, Non-Smoking
- District 17**
- District 18**
- District 21**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
Bemidji Alano Club

## **Delegate's Report**

Greetings to everyone in Area 35! It certainly has been extremely busy for me since the Spring Assembly. Thanks to District 4 for hosting the assembly and everyone who volunteered to help.

It was great seeing such a good turnout at the Spring Assembly. Thanks to the committee chairs and area officers for tackling the background materials in your committees and bringing back to the assembly your recommendations. Each and every one of you makes a difference in Alcoholics Anonymous and we are all here to learn and grow in service.

Mail slowed down quite a bit before the conference, but yesterday I received one of those manila envelopes. There was a letter from Rick W., Forum Coordinator regarding the West Central Regional Forum being held September 11-13, 2009 in St. Cloud Minnesota at the Holiday Inn. A mailing will be done 6 months before the event to all A.A. groups in the West Central Region. The flyer will include hotel reservation information. I've contacted DCM, Roger R. from District 13 and he agreed to be the Host Contact and I will email his information to Rick W. at G.S.O.

The good news is I made it to the General Service Conference and back home in one piece. This was truly a life changing experience for me and I carried all of you with me in my heart!

This is going to be short, I have 50 pages of notes to decipher and write my Delegate's Report Back for the districts.

Once again, thanks so much for all your love and support!

In Service,

JoAnne N., Panel 58 Delegate

## **Alternate Delegate's Report**

Hello Area 35,

I have been busy working on the zonal forums and the January workshop. Hopefully I will have the workshop site secured in the near future.

I have asked our newly elected West Central Regional Trustee, Ken B. to be our guest at the January workshop. Ken accepted our invitation.

I am looking forward to getting to know our Trustee better. I am very confident Ken will serve our area well.

Yours in Service

Dan H.

Area 35 Alternate Delegate

## **Treasurer's Report**

Greetings Area 35,

This will be a short report as last Sunday I broke my hand and the cast was just put on today. They say I get to keep it for a month. First of all I would like to thank the Area for supporting me at the Spring Assembly. Again and as usual, it was an enlightening experience of seeing old friends and meeting new. A big thank you goes out to you and your groups for each contribution sent to and received by the Area. Without your continued support we would not be as effective in meeting the needs of the still suffering alcoholic. The need is great and continues to grow and exponentially; as does the cost of transportation. I pray that you each will continue to keep these needs in mind as you attend your groups and consider how you can be of the greatest service.

Thank you for the privilege of serving and for the opportunities for growth which I have been blessed with and continue to receive. Yours in Service,

Beth E.

Area 35, Treasurer

## Area Chair Report

Greetings Area Trusted Servants:

I am sitting in my office this morning, getting ready to head to Thunder Bay for their Round Up this weekend. It doesn't really feel like spring yet as is supposed to snow tonight and tomorrow night. It has been a very good time; however, as I have been able to go through all of the files I received from Dan when I took over the job at the beginning of the year. I am very grateful for all of the hard work put into the Spring Assembly. I believe our fellowship is in good hands. However I was taught by my first sponsor that the good is the enemy of the best, so I shall try to continue to improve at my job as I try to do with God's help each day. I have heard from some of the DCM's on my request for the District Officer information. Please get this to me as soon as possible so that I may use this when I receive many of the requests I receive by phone and our Area Website. A reminder to Area Chair people: please schedule your forums for the rotation. It is the expectation that you will have one in each zone before December 2009.

I am excited to hear JoAnne give her delegates report in Duluth the third Thursday of this month. We had Clancy I speak at the Superior Roundup this year. He gave a talk about "Where do we go from here?" It spoke to the fact that our principles are still as valid as the days of the first one hundred. The message is still the life line for all of us, but the practice and presentation to the new comer is something that must never be taken for granted. May we continue to remember that it is only by giving this thing away one hundred percent, that we may be able to continue to enjoy the blessings given us by our higher power.

I suppose I should close, as I feel the idiot light coming on. May God bless you and keep you until we meet again.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay A.  
NMAA Chair

## Secretary's Report

Hi All!

Thank you for the opportunity to continue to be of service to Area 35! I am working on the Spring Assembly minutes, and they should be out by the time you are all reading this. I thoroughly enjoyed the SA discussion, and I will try to report it as accurately as I can. Also, I believe I will be attending a Zonal Forum sometime soon. I hope to have the Fall Assembly flyer out as soon as I get the pertinent information from Jay, and I look forward to seeing you all there! Thanks for all your dedication and hard work.

Sarah S.

### Public Information

I would like to thank the members of Area 35 for the financial support to attend the Spring Assembly held in Alexandria. At our committee meeting we had good discussion and sharing on PI information. At our breakout session, we discussed all of our agenda items and came up with a group conscience to pass on to the full assembly. I feel that our spring Assembly discussions on agenda items went well and gave our delegate JoAnne our group conscience.

I did not stay at the hotel where the Assembly was held because I thought the rooms were too expensive. Three of us shared a room at a different place in order to keep expenses down. My share for the room for two nights came to \$36, and my total expenses came to \$117. I am so appreciative of this privilege to serve that I will do anything necessary to keep expenses at a minimum.

Dee, our CPC Chair, and I along with the districts in Zone 1 and Zone 2 are working on setting up CPC-PI workshops. We want to hold two workshops the first year of this rotation and two workshops the second year of the rotations.

One more area of concern at this time is our participation in manning the booth at the State Fair on Aug. 23-24, 2008 (Saturday and Sunday). So far Districts 3, 5, 7, 8 and 13 have signed up to man the booth. The times that still have to be covered are Saturday from 7-9 p.m., Sunday from 8:45-11 a.m. and from 1-3 p.m. It is my hope that someone in Districts 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18 or 21 will accept the responsibility to man the booth on the times not covered so far. Please accept – and thank you!

Thank you again for the privilege of serving Area 35 as your PI Chair. If I can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to call.

Yours in Service,  
God Bless – Jon C.



## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

### **Archivist**

Greetings from the archives.

The inventory is progressing nicely. I had a visit from the Area 36 Archives chair and he will be making copies of several Archival items for future display. What started as a search for an item that Area 36 was missing led to some items that I didn't know we had that will be great for display. We are also trying to get copies of the 1950, 1960, 1970 International convention pictures. He brought me a copy of the 1975 picture and a very nice scan of the 9/30/39 Liberty and the 3/1/41 Post. I also got an answer from Amy at G.S.O. about the box of reel to reel tapes I found. They were produced starting in 1963 and were designed for Loners and Internationalists. They were still available until 1970 but didn't know why they went out of produc-

tion. If any one has a reel to reel player the archives would greatly appreciate the loan of it in an attempt to copy these tapes to a digital format.

Please keep the district minutes coming by e-mail.  
Brad I.

### **Archives**

Hope everyone made it home safe after the Spring Assembly. We have an archives workshop that will be in Bemidji for Zone 1 June 7. Brad I. will be giving a history talk and then we will be intervening some old-timers from that zone. Talking with the D.C.M.s from those districts about doing this the more excited they got. They talked about different individuals that they know. We need to remember where we came from, the struggles

and the good times we had to get to where we are today. Our gratitude to AA and the persistence of our cofounders should never be taken for granted or lost for the generations to come.

Keep in mind:

“Whenever a society or civilization perishes

There is always one condition present;  
They forgot where they came from”

-Carl Sandberg

Yours in service

Bob K.

Archives Chair

Trivia

1. How many mimeograph copies were made of the 1st draft of Alcoholics Anonymous?

A 400

B 750

C 200

D 100

2. Who wrote the interdiction to the first

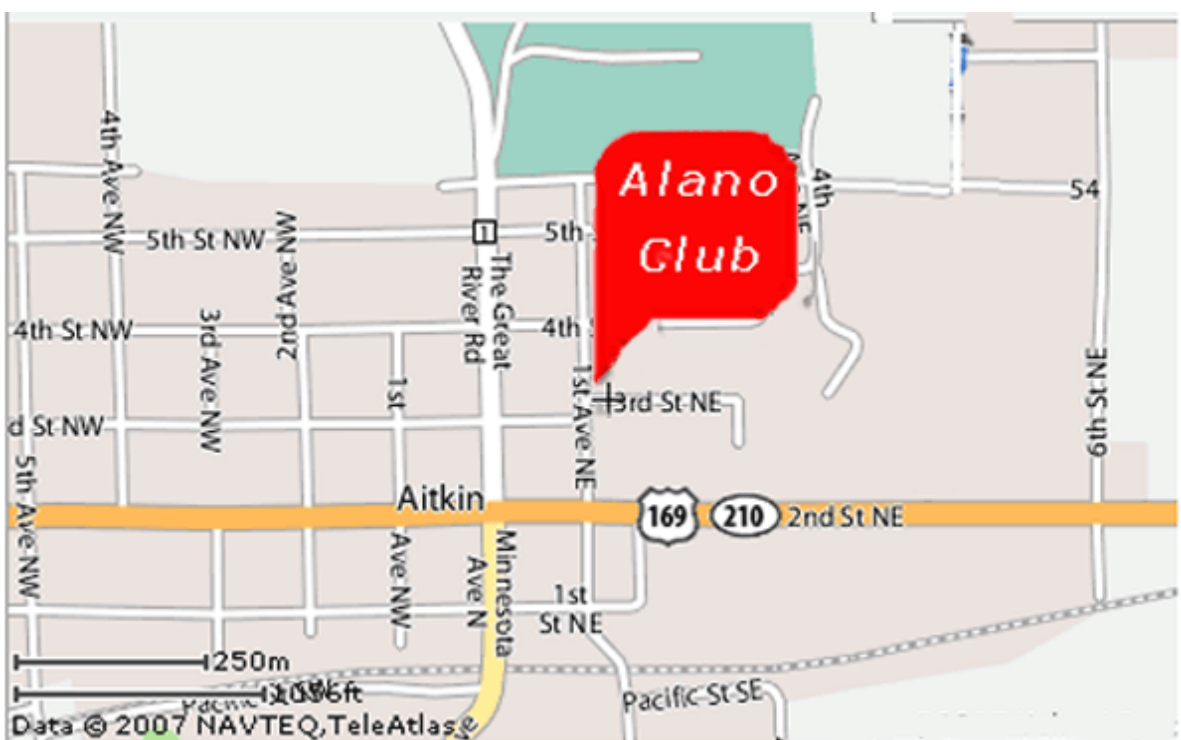
### **Inclement Weather Procedure For Area 35 Events**

1. Area Chair calls to cancel and/or re-schedule.
2. Based on DOT report, national weather service, individual safety being paramount
3. Chair asks for weather reports from all DCM's from respective districts either by email Or phone for those that don't have computers.
- 4 Chair notifies the Alano society in Aitkin on food preparations and possible re-schedule to following Sunday.
5. Chair contacts webmaster results put on Area 35.org and reschedule date and time.
6. Districts contact their DCM in inclement weather for updates on cancellation.

### **Where is the Aitkin Alano Club?**

Area 35 holds committee meetings in February, June, August and December at the Aitkin Alano Club  
322 1st Ave. N.E.  
Aitkin, MN.

**Come join us!**



### **Submissions to the Northern Light**

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

Submissions are preferred electronically using a Word document to the Area's newsletter e-mail address: [northernlight@area35.org](mailto:northernlight@area35.org). (If I don't reply to your email, please try again or try [ed@paradigmwebdesign.net](mailto:ed@paradigmwebdesign.net), as sometimes mail gets stuck in the spam filters.) Most other file formats can also be accepted. You may also send articles or letters to my postal address, listed on page 2. The deadline for each Issue 2s printed on the front page.

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

Ed A. , Editor

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

### How Does One Express Their Heartfelt Gratitude

I cannot think of a better time of year to reflect on the heartfelt gratitude and love I have for Alcoholics Anonymous as we approach the 73rd anniversary of this life saving program for so many of us on June 10. As I look back on the years that I have been a part of this wonderful fellowship I am truly grateful for the loving God of my understanding that I have today that I found through you, the members of Alcoholics Anonymous. When I got here I was truly emotionally, physically and spiritually bankrupt. Although it took many years of trying to do it on my own I eventually hit that bottom and made that decision to put my trust in you. I heard from listening to you that I needed “good orderly direction” (GOD) in my life and with his help I would not find it necessary to pick up that first drink. I wanted what you had and for the first time in my life became willing, honest and open to this simple program of recovery that is beautifully laid out for us. I had been told and truly believe this to be true from my own experience that in the first 164 pages of our book we will find all the answers we will ever need to live a meaning and fulfilling life if we read it, study it and follow it’s simple suggestions. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever believe that I could and would want “to be of maximum service to God and others about me”. What a wonderful gift this has truly been for me and I cannot express my heartfelt gratitude enough to all of you that made it possible for me.

I think of our three legacies...unity, recovery and service and how grateful I am that they are what keeps Alcoholics Anonymous alive. But how much do we really give of ourselves in these three areas to make this possible? Are we willing to work on all aspects of what this program offers? Are we willing to go to any lengths to help the still suffering alcoholic? Are we willing to work on the 12 Steps (how it works) and the 12 Traditions (why it works) or just certain parts of them? Are we willing to be educated on service at the District, Area and GSO level? Are we willing to participate in the 7th Tradition so these entities can be supported through our contributions to carry the message? These were questions I needed to ask myself.

I have had many blessings in this Fellowship through good sponsorship and the opportunity to sponsor other women as well. I have experienced service work on many levels of Alcoholics Anonymous. Service work has truly been the most spiritual and rewarding experience for me. Why? Because it has been about getting out of myself and working in harmony with others. I had the opportunity of being introduced to service on the District level and then what is done on the Area level up to GSO of Alcoholics Anonymous early on in my recovery. It amazed me to see how the message is carried to the alcoholic that still suffers on these levels! I am truly grateful for the individual that introduced me to this whole other side of Alcoholics Anonymous. I have met many remarkable individuals through service that truly love this program and care about it’s future. I believe that we all need to experience the service part of this program in order to get the full meaning of what it is to truly give of ones self. I cannot put into words the spiritual joy I feel at the closing of an Area Workshop or an Area Assembly with other members of this fellowship. The love that fills the rooms at these events are indescribable. To be a part of something so wonderful and spiritual has brought true meaning and purpose to my life, something I had never experienced before walking into the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is a feeling that no member in Alcoholics Anonymous should not ever experience.

So how does one express their heartfelt gratitude? By giving back what was so freely given to them!

Thank you Alcoholics Anonymous for allowing me to be of service and give back.

Respectfully yours,  
Kelly D.  
DCM District 5

edition of Alcoholics Anonymous?

A. Sister Ignatia

B. Dr. Tiebout

C. Dr Silkworth

D. Father Ed Dowling

3. What was the title of the September 1939 Liberty Magazine article about Alcoholics Anonymous?

A. the way out

B The BW Movement

C. Alcoholics and God

4. What year was the first AA club house established?

A. 1939

B. 1940

C. 1941

D. 1942

5. The Rockefeller dinner was held on what day?

A. June 10, 1940

B May 21, 1940

C. march 17, 1940

D. February 8, 1940

6. How many of the 400 that were invited the Rockefeller dinner showed up?

A. 100

B. 75

C. 124

D. 83

*Answers at the bottom of page 9.*

### **Corrections**

Hello, hello. Hopefully everyone's getting out and finally enjoying some nice weather. I have been in contact with several corrections chairs, and have read several District Minutes. In our Area, things seem to be status quo, with the main problem-the need for more volunteers. I had several Temporary contacts set up the last few months, and those have been followed through, and people have made contact. I have a few districts that are still trying to get the hang of being corrections chairs, and just making contacts with their facilities. There are also a few Districts trying to restore relationships with the Correctional Facilities in their districts.

I received word from the new Area 36 corrections Temporary contact. Her name is annette Ward, and she seems efficient and I'm sure will be fun to work with. Since she has taken over, I have received one request for a Temporary contact going to district 12, which I will pass along.

I spoke with Fran Otto from Area 36, he does a meeting at Moose Lake, and was looking for volunteers, unfortunately no one has shown an interest. I brought it to several District Chairs, and also brought it up at our Spring Assembly. Moose Lake is also looking for literature for their inmates, and he will let me know the details soon, so that I may pass this information on to anyone interested in donating literature.

Have been in contact with Jim, our Treatment Chair, and we will be working on putting together a Treatment/Corrections Workshop in Zone I and II this year. We are making contact with the districts, and will hopefully work out the details by the Area Committee Meeting in June.

Any questions or concerns-please feel free to call, or e-mail.



Yours in Service  
Dianna S.  
Area 35 Corrections Chair

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### Literature

No Report

### Grapevine

No Report

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## Cooperation With The Professional Community (C.P.C.)

Hi Everybody!!

What a beautiful day!! I want to thank every one for sending me to the Area 35 Spring Assembly in Alexandria. I had to travel approximately 4 miles one way to attend. Did not need to stay overnight at a motel or drive a long distance home. I sure did send a lot of prayers out, for those that did need to travel, for a safe journey.

Thank you all for attending. I would also like to say thanks to District 4, and anyone else that helped with coffee and registration. You all did a great job.

I also want to say thanks to those who help go over agenda items for CPC. You were all a big help.  
Thanks again.

It looks like we have tentative dates for the Zone II-- PI/CPC Workshop in July, and the Zone I—PI/CPC Workshop in September. Thanks so much for setting these dates already. This will help us get these done in a timely manner. Your help is very appreciated.

Yours in Service

Dee K., Area 35 CPC Chair

### Treatment

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as you Area 35 treatment chair. It is proving to be a great learning experience so far. I attended the Feb. Committee meeting in Aitkin as well as the Spring Assembly in Alexandria. I want to extend a very large thank you to all of the committee members currently serving on the treatment committee. Currently we have been working on providing temporary contacts to those individuals getting out of treatment and coming to Northern Minnesota from Southern Minnesota. We have been able to line up contacts for all the names received thus far. I have been in contact with Diana, our Area 35 corrections chair, in an attempt to line up our two workshops for the year. They are slated to take place in Zones 1 and 2. These DCM's are being contacted and hopefully details will be forthcoming in the near future. I have also recently been in contact with Robert S., Area 36 treatment chair, and we are working to set up a schedule for upcoming workshops that Areas 35 and 36 can share responsibilities. I will be attending the June committee meeting in Aitkin and look forward to seeing you all there. Thanks again for this opportunity.

Yours in Service,

Jim K.

### Northern Light

Hello all,

Not much to report this time. Things at the Area level have slowed down considerably for me. This has been good as it has allowed me to be a little more involved in my local groups and at District. There is so much which can be done for the good of A.A. and so little time! I have not, however, taken on any service commitments locally, for as I have already learned, Northern Light Editor is a full-time job.

It was good to see everybody at the Spring Assembly and I trust you all made it home safely. I must say it was an interesting drive in a snow storm on April 6. That's the one time I was glad the Assembly was held close to home. Somebody was recently talking about something that took place in April on the one weekend it didn't snow. Which weekend was that?

I wish to thank all the Area officers and committee chairs for getting you reports to me on time. I feel like a nag each time I send out a reminder, but there is a deadline to meet. Thanks also to those who have written and agreed to write articles for the Northern Light.

Yours in Service,  
Ed A.  
Northern Light Editor

### Group Records

Hello Everyone,

It has been a very hectic and frustrating few months. I still cannot download any information from FNV due to computer problems that I can't figure out. I have been contacting GSO FNV helpdesk but cannot get the answers I need to due my job. When I follow directions as given by FNV, my results do not match what is shown. I'm trying my best without success, yet. I feel that at this time, the best thing for Area 35 and AA is for me to step down and let others do the job that can get it done. I have also been in very poor health and things do not look very good for the future. I can only put my life in God's hands and God will decide what is best for me. Thank you to all of you in service that I have known these past ten years. You have helped me so very much.

Yours in Love and Service

Mike P.

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### Webmaster

No Report

## AREA 35 - NORTHREN MINNESOTA

### LITERATURE / GRAPEVINE WORKSHOP ZONE III

**Sunday June 22, 2008**

**1:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
At**

**St. Cloud Alano Club  
127 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. North East  
St. Cloud, Minnesota**

**Phone # (320) 251-9876**

**Snacks and coffee will be provided.**

#### Trivia Answers

1. A 400 They were sent out to everyone they could think of who might be concerned with the problem of achoholism.
2. C Dr.Silkworth
3. C.Alocholics and God
4. B. 1940 It was at 334 1/2 West Twenty-fourth Street in New Yourk City
5. D. Febuary 8, 1940
6. B. 75

## 2008 – AREA 35 SCHEDULE

**Sixth Annual Men’s Retreat**

June 6-8, 2008  
Lake Region Recreational Center, Ottertail, MN

**Area Committee Meeting**

June 1, 2008 9:00 a.m.  
Aitkin Alano Club, 322 1st Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN

**Camp-A-Rama 2008**

June 20-22, 2008  
Lake Region Recreational Center, Ottertail lake

**LITERATURE / GRAPEVINE WORKSHOP, ZONE III**

June 22, 2008 1-3pm  
St. Cloud Alano Club, 127 7th Ave. North East  
St. Cloud, MN

**Camp-A-Rama 2008**

July 18-21, 2008  
Lake Region Recreational Center, Ottertail lake

**Area Committee Meeting**

August 3, 2008 9:00 a.m.  
Aitkin Alano Club, 322 1st Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN

**BadAxe Mens Advance**

August 8-10, 2008  
Bad Axe Lake, Near Park Rapids, MN

**Camp-A-Rama 2008**

August 15-17, 2008  
Lake Region Recreational Center, Ottertail lake

**Area Committee Meeting**

December 7, 2008 9:00 a.m.  
Aitkin Alano Club, 322 1st Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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## Upcoming Events in Areas 35 & 36

**18th Annual Heartland Round-up**

September 5 - 7, 2008  
Park Rapids, MN

## NORTHERN LIGHT PRIMARY PURPOSE:

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

- Publish an informative and attractive newsletter to the Area in a timely fashion.
- Encourage District reports and be available to work with Districts on communications. One or more of the N.L. Committee should try to attend area events to report on what's happening in their areas. If they are unable to attend, encourage local members to write short articles about events and happenings to be published in the *N.L.*
- Provide encouragement for writing articles, particularly to D.C.M.s and Area Action Committee Chairs. This should include the strong encouragement to submit their reports for each issue, if no report is submitted it will be stated, example "Northern Light Report - NOT GIVEN" this is currently being done in the Southern Minnesota Area newsletter.
- Keep informed of activities and issues going on within Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. The N.L. Committee could subscribe the *Grapevine* or other pertinent A.A. news sources.
- Gather useful service information to publish from sources within the Area, Region and A.A. as a whole. Obtain, read and use other Area newsletters.
- Listen to comments from the Area on the content of the *N.L.*

### EDITORIAL POSITION & N.L. COMMITTEE:

**Editor** - The Editorial Chair is an elected position held during a two-year rotation.

**Desirable qualifications:** Current or past working knowledge of the printing business. Knowledge of current computer printing programs. The person should also consider the time needed to complete the task required. The candidate should have a working knowledge of A.A. as a whole, i.e., prior experience in service work such as G.S.R., D.C.M., or related position.

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

### N.L. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

### Twelve Concepts for World Service (Short Form)

- I. Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.
- II. The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.
- III. To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "Right of Decision."
- IV. At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in a reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.
- V. Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration.
- VI. The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.
- VII. The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purpose for final effectiveness.
- VIII. The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.
- IX. Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.
- X. Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.
- XI. The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.
- XII. The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

**AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA  
June 1, 2008**

- \_\_\_ 9:00 A.M. Action Chair Committee Meetings
- \_\_\_ 10:30 am Area Committee Meeting
- \_\_\_ Call to Order Open with the Serenity Prayer
- \_\_\_ Add To Agenda
- \_\_\_ Approve February Minutes

**OFFICER REPORTS**

- \_\_\_ Delegate- JoAnne N.
- \_\_\_ Alternate Delegate – Dan H.
- \_\_\_ Chair Jay A.
- \_\_\_ Secretary-Sarah S.
- \_\_\_ Treasurer-Beth E.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS**

- \_\_\_ PUBLIC INFORMATION-John C.
- \_\_\_ District 5-Kelly D.
- \_\_\_ District 18-Doreen L.
- \_\_\_ GROUP RECORDS-Mike P.
- \_\_\_ NORTHERN LIGHTS-Ed A.
- \_\_\_ District 4-Bruce W.
- \_\_\_ District 7-Lee Ann H.
- \_\_\_ CORRECTIONS-Dianna S.
- \_\_\_ District 1-Priscilla
- \_\_\_ District 11-Doug N.
- \_\_\_ C.P.C-Dee K.
- \_\_\_ District 3-Bill D.
- \_\_\_ District 6-Jack J.
- \_\_\_ GRAPEVINE-Laurie R.
- \_\_\_ District 9-Karen H.
- \_\_\_ District 21-Harold S.
- \_\_\_ WEBMASTER-Dan R.
- \_\_\_ DISTRICT 17-Sheldon L.
- \_\_\_ ARCHIVES-Bob K./Brad I.
- \_\_\_ District 2-Art A.
- \_\_\_ District 13-Roger R.
- \_\_\_ LITERATURE-Mike V.
- \_\_\_ District 15-Randy S.
- \_\_\_ District 16-Mary C.
- \_\_\_ TREATMENT-Jim K.
- \_\_\_ District 8-Butch R.
- \_\_\_ District 12 Tim H.
- \_\_\_ Lunch

**OLD BUSINESS**

- \_\_\_ Spring Assembly Feedback-Jay A.
- \_\_\_ Area 35 Inventory

**NEW BUSINESS**

- \_\_\_ General Service Conference Report-JoAnne N.
- \_\_\_ Calendar of Events

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- \_\_\_ TBA
  - \_\_\_ Adjourn

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