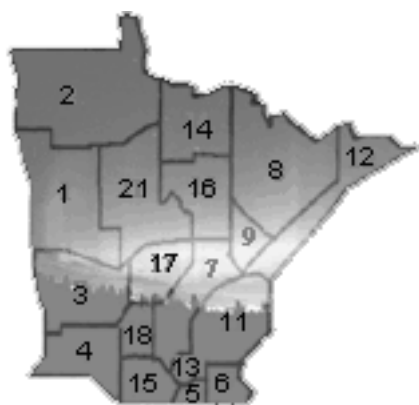


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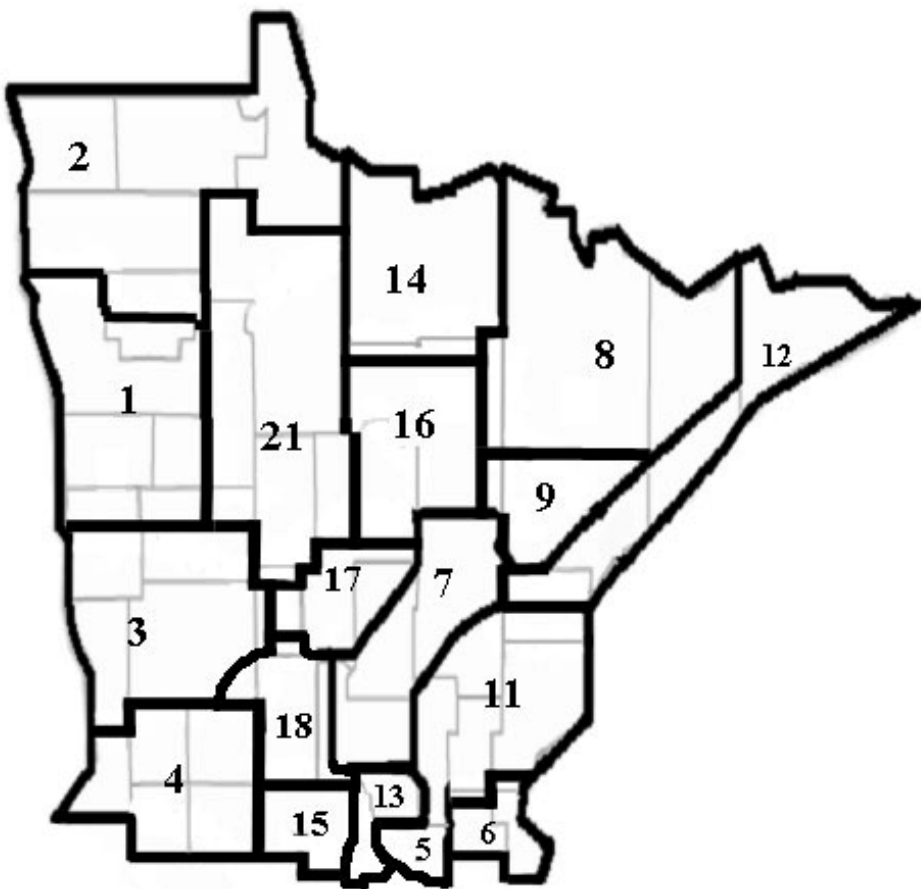
**Thank you!**

# OUR PAST DELEGATES

<b>Panel 54</b> Charlie C.	<b>2004-2005</b>	<b>Panel 32</b> Tom L.	<b>1982-1983</b>	<b>Panel 14</b> Donald F. (deceased)	<b>1964-1965</b>
<b>Panel 52</b> Tim C.	<b>2002-2003</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 50</b> Tom A.	<b>2000-2001</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 48</b> Susie A.	<b>1998-1999</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 46</b> Bill P.	<b>1996-1997</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 44</b> Bruce B.	<b>1994-1995</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 42</b> Greg G.	<b>1992-1993</b>	<b>Panel 20</b> Clarence B. (deceased)	<b>1970-1971</b>	<b>Panel 2</b> Arthur R. (deceased)	<b>1952-1953</b>
<b>Panel 38</b> Scott J.	<b>1988-1989</b>	<b>Panel 18</b> Dave H.	<b>1968-1969</b>		
<b>Panel 36</b> Louie H.	<b>1986-1987</b>	<b>Panel 16</b> Arno A. (deceased)	<b>1966-1967</b>		
<b>Panel 34</b> Bob P.	<b>1984-1985</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 of the A.A. directory and helping carry out the triennial membership surveys.
  - Visit groups and districts in the area whenever possible.
  - Work closely with committee members and officers, sharing experience throughout the year. After G.S.R.s and committee members have reported on the Conference, learn from these A.A.s how groups and members have reacted.
  - Assume added responsibility if the area chair and alternate chair are unable to serve. Or, if an area committee is not functioning effectively, the delegate may take an active role in remedying the situation.
  - Keep the alternate delegate fully informed and active, so that the alternate can replace the delegate in an emergency.
  - Late in the second term, work with newly elected delegates to pass along a basic knowledge of Conference proceedings and problems.
- (from The A.A. Service Manual, pages S44-S45)



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, Sand Lake, Squaw Lake
- District 21** - Akeley, Bagley, Bemidji, Blackduck, Cass Lake, Debs, Menahga, Onigum, Park Rapids, Red Lake, Shevlin, Solway, 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, St. Francis, Zimmerman
- District 6** - Bethel, Cambridge, Forest Lake, Harris, Isanti, Lindstrom, North Branch, Rock Creek, Stacy
- 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\*, Iron River (Wisconsin), Knife River, Lawrence Lake\*, Lutsen, Mahtowa, McGregor\*, Moose Lake\*, Nashwauk\*, Pike Lake, Proctor, Sawyer, Silver Bay, Solon Springs (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**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m.  
Fertile Community Center  
101 S. Mill St.  
Fertile, MN 56540

**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, 9:00 a.m.  
Detroit Lakes Alano Club  
827 Summit Ave.  
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

**District 4**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Month, 5:30 p.m.  
Contact D.C.M. Bob K.  
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**  
1st 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**  
Contact D.C.M. Sheldon L.

**District 18**  
Contact D.C.M. Darryl E.

**District 21**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
Bemidji Alano Club  
1225 Anne St.  
Bemidji, MN 56601

## Delegate's Report

Was great to see you all at the Fall Assembly and hope that you had some fun as we did our business. I thought the election process went well and that we have a new slate of officers that I am sure will do an outstanding job. I wish them well. Also, congrats to Charlie as he will be our representative from Area 35 for Class B Trustee. Elections for this will be held at the 58<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference in New York at the end of April.

Being that this will be my last *Northern Light* article as your Delegate, I would just want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the support and the opportunity to serve you as your Delegate. It has been an experience that I will never forget and something that I will ever be so grateful for—this chance to serve this great fellowship. Kiitos! (Thanks, in Finnish.)

I have been working on our proposal to the General Service Conference in regard to a “Trustees Committee on Report and Charter.” I did receive a similar proposal from South Carolina which I have passed on to all Officers, Committee Chairs, D.C.M.s and Past Delegates. If anyone

is interested in seeing that proposal, contact your D.C.M. or any of the above mentioned; I am sure they will help you.

I know that Jay has been working on selecting his committee for the next rotation, and I wish him well in that process. I know that it is a very tough job to do. So many people willing and capable of serving, and only a few jobs available. Good Luck, Jay, in your process.

I have passed our election results on to the General Service Office of all our officers, which they have received, and JoAnne has informed me that she is starting to see her mail pick up. I have seen my mail slow up, and that shows me the rotation process is in process and, as they say at the conference, “Trust the process.”

Thank you, all districts, for sending me your minutes.

Yours in service,

Jerry S.  
Area 35 Delegate

## Alternate Delegate's Report

Greetings from your Alternate Delegate!

Time flies by so fast.... It seems like I was just leaving the Fall Assembly and it is time for the *Northern Light* report for December!

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual January Workshop, “Communication and Participation – The Key to Unity and Self-Support,” is being held at the Coates Plaza in Virginia, Minnesota, on January 19-20, 2008. If you have not made your room reservations, please do so, as there are a limited number of rooms blocked and the phone number is (218) 749-1000. At the end of November, a letter will be sent out to Districts 2, 11, 9, 4, 21, 5, 6 and 15, reminding them of their presentations. Don't forget there is a registration fee of \$10.00. A flyer was sent out with the last issue of the *Northern Light*! If you haven't attended a January workshop, please try to, as it is a fun time for all. I heard a rumor that the “ice cream boys” will be serving ice cream Saturday night, and you don't want to miss out on that!

Gary K., past Southwestern Regional Trustee, is our guest for the weekend, and he'll be speaking at the Trustee Sharing Session and will be our open meeting speaker on Saturday evening.

Our Delegate, Jerry, is going to host our first “D.C.M. Orientation,” which will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday in place of the D.C.M. Sharing Session.

I've been busy going through papers and trying to get things in order to pass on to our new Alternate Delegate, Dan Hess.

I would like to thank everyone for the votes of confidence in electing me as your 2008-2009 Panel 58 Dele-

gate for Area 35, Northern Minnesota. I'm so looking forward to participating in this new journey and will do my best to represent Area 35.

Lastly, I would like to thank our Delegate, Jerry S., for leading us well the last two years, and the area officers and area committee chairs for all their hard work and dedication to Area 35. A special thank you to all the past delegates who attend the assemblies and committee meetings, and for your valuable input...you are appreciated!

Yours in Service,

JoAnne N.  
Area 35 Alternate Delegate

## Area 35 Chair Report

Hello from your Area Chair,

I have been busy making final arrangements for the 2008 Fall Assembly, and updating the Trusted Servant guidelines. This is a very busy time, finishing the last tasks as Area Chair. I am summarizing the Assembly evaluations, and am happy to report we had a total attendance of 145. I would like to congratulate Charlie C. on his nomination for Trustee.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity of service.

Dan H.  
Area 35 chair

# STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Public Information

Season's Greetings.

Tad and I have completed our 4th Zonal Workshop with our last one put on in Hibbing. There was the best turnout yet with over twenty people attending. Thank you for your wonderful support. This is my last report as Area P.I. Chair, and I want to thank all of you for allowing me to serve. I have gained so much in my life these past two years. I wish the best for all of our members and to those willing to contribute to Alcoholics Anonymous through service work.

On a personal note, on November 13<sup>th</sup> I will be starting a new shift at work. I will be working a ten-hour night shift due to a project at the St. Cloud V.A. Medical Center I am in charge of. This will go into February and I'm praying that God will give me the strength to manage this complete turnaround in my living schedule. I'll miss my home group in Holdingford the most, but plan on attending a Saturday evening meeting in St. Stephen.

I wish you all a safe and sober Holiday Season.

Yours in Service,

Michael P.  
Area 35 P.I. Chair

## Corrections

No report.

## Literature

Hello from your Area 35 Literature Chair.

First of all, I would like to congratulate JoAnne, Dan, and all of the officers elected to positions for the next two years. I believe we have a fine group elected. I would also like to thank everyone in Area 35 for giving me the opportunity to serve Area 35. It has been a lot of fun. I will be at the Area 35 December meeting, and if anyone needs literature, please give me a call ahead of time and I will bring it. I will see you all on December 2.

May God bless you all,

Dan M.  
Area 35 Literature Chair

## Archives

There were ten members present at this morning's meeting [Saturday, October 6]. The committee discussed our accomplishments in this two-year rotation, with workshops in Moorhead and Brainerd, the joint workshop with Area 36 in St. Cloud, and a new archivist moving the Archives collection. The committee is still in favor of a repository

and is actively looking for one.

Bob, District 4, said they do have a volunteer to be their archivist. Jeannie S. has a collection of district meetings, back to 1979.

Dawn is the new archivist for District 7, and is actively working on a collection for their district. Thank you, Dawn. Jim, D.C.M. for District 7, has been working with their new archivist, Dawn B.

Scotty has donated an obituary for a long-timer in District 8. That is John K.

Gary, District 13, is working on their collection: minutes and flyers, etc. District 13 is looking for an Archives chair.

Jill, District 8, is trying to get some long-timer interviews in before the end of this rotation.

With much gratitude,

Rick R.  
Area 35 Archives Chair

## Archivist

Good Day, all.

I am still unpacking the Archives to start the inventory process.

The display at the St. Cloud Round-Up was very well received and prompted a tremendous amount of questions. While at the round-up, I set up a work table and repaired several display items. The Archivist's wife taught the Archivist how to frame and laminate some recently contributed display items on railroad board. The reading table was in frequent use. The next scheduled display is going to be at the Superior Round-up in April.

As for preservation, I am furiously burning CDs of assemblies and workshops.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve.

Brad I.  
Area 35 Archivist

## Grapevine

Greetings!

Well, another rotation is about to come to an end. Being your Area 35 Grapevine Chairman has been a good experience for me and I would like to thank you all for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Each year the Grapevine holds a competition for photographs to be featured in the Grapevine Wall Calendar. The November '07 issue has some information and guidelines about submitting photos on page 23. Also there is information on submitting photos on the web site, [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org).

There is also a special call for Tradition Articles, page 61. Suggested manuscript length is three to seven double-spaced pages.

Some recent news releases are;  
1. The web site, [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org), has a new look on its home page. Hopefully this will be easier to read and navigate.  
2. A new CD, "Attitude Adjustment: A.A. Grapevine Stories About Change."  
3. A new CD, "La Historia de A.A.," a Spanish-language version of the popular CD, "The Story of A.A."

Guess what! If we sell the rest of the Calendars and Pocket Planners that we have on hand, we will be real close to balancing out my ledger sheet. Like - \$24.80.

Again I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

David A.  
Area 35 Grapevine Chair

## Treatment

Hi from Up North,

I thank you for the opportunity to have served as an action committee chair for our area. To be with you people is a bright spot in my life. You warm my heart and free my soul—no words can express what you have done for me. Thank you!

The election assembly went well—good turn-out and many good people willing to serve. We have elected a good crew of officers, and they will approve a good set of action committee chairs. With our support, Area 35 will do well. We will carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

A special thank you to all who have served on the Treatment Committee. You are special to me. You are a trusted servant.

Yours in Service,

Bill H.  
Area 35 Treatment Chair

## Northern Light

Hello Area 35!

This is my last newsletter report as your *Northern Light* editor. I'm sad to see it come to an end, as it has turned out to be a lot of fun. This position allowed me to get to know lots of different people. I hope you found the newsletter to be informative and useful over the last couple of years.

I look forward to my new role as your Area Secretary. Thank you for electing

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

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me! It looks like I have a couple more years of computers and typing ahead of me. I'm happy about it. General Service has been a bright spot in my life.

Thank you all for letting me serve,

Jenny A.  
Northern Light Editor

Group Records Secretary

Greetings Area 35.

I have been putting off writing this, my last *Northern Light* report for this rotation. It has been a wonderful experience and mix of frustration and glorious elation. But regardless of the feelings of the moment, I have been given the opportunities to stay sober, yet another day. And for this I am eternally grateful.

Thank you for supporting me to the Fall Assembly at Craguns; what a beautiful resort! The setup provided us all with long walks to and from our rooms, thus providing a little extra fellowship time. A week following the assembly, I drove to Motley to meet Ed (webmaster), and rode with him and Tim P. to St. Cloud to meet with the committee members for the ad-hoc committee for the designing of the Minnesota statewide meeting directory website. I discovered that my presence had been requested due to my access to the FNV database as the Group Records Secretary. It was thought that the group information would come from this source. The meeting was interesting and informative. I am sure there will be more discussion on this at the Committee Meeting' as well as during the upcoming rotation. I kind

of felt out of place there, as most of the other committee members seem to be much more computer savvy than I; but this will be another learning adventure, and I can use all the learning that I can get. One consideration that was discussed was to utilize only registered groups on the site, as FNV only has information on registered groups; additionally, this would encourage groups to register, thus affording them a greater base of information about Alcoholics Anonymous.

Service work for my home group, District, and now for the Area has truly blessed my life and given me multiple opportunities for growth, fellowship and that elusive feeling of being "a part of" that I had sought for, through all sorts of sordid places, for so many years. I can't imagine being sober and not taking part in some form of service to my fellow alcoholic. For these reasons, I again thank you with my utmost respect for allowing me to take part in serving Area 35, in this capacity. And, I do look forward to the next two years of growth, confusion, service to Area 35, and all that sobriety has in store for me.

Thank you for your confidence in my abilities to serve, to be somewhat organized and to eventually defeat slothfulness.

With humble gratitude, thank you for the ride, in service,

Beth E.  
Area 35 Group Records Secretary

C.P.C.

No report.

Webmaster

Greetings Area 35,

This is my final report for the *Northern Light* this rotation. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the area in the capacity as webmaster. Thank you all! I have met many new friends.

Our 2007 year-end Web site totals are as follows:

January:	1,189 Unique visitors
February:	1,090 Unique visitors
March:	1,207 Unique visitors
April:	1,261 Unique visitors
May:	1,241 Unique visitors
June:	1,301 Unique visitors
July:	1,449 Unique visitors
August:	1,524 Unique visitors
September:	1,579 Unique visitors
October:	1,704 Unique visitors
November:	179 Unique visitors
(as of November 3)	

Our most popular pages were the Meeting Search, followed by the Calendar of Events.

As you can see our monthly visits have steadily increased throughout the year. I like to think this is because we have a great Web site, but moreover, our site is a valuable resource for A.A.s in Northern Minnesota.

Once again, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve!

Yours in Service,

Ed A.  
Area 35 Webmaster

### 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, as sometimes mail gets stuck in the spam filters.) Most other file formats can also be accepted. The deadline for each issue is 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!

Jenny A., Editor

## G.S.R. Sharing Session Questions & Responses

### October 6, 2007

#### 1. How do we focus on principles before personalities?

- Insert the 12<sup>th</sup> Tradition as part of group format
- Out of gratitude for what we have, we need to look beyond personalities. We serve God, not people.
- Focus on the primary purpose and Tradition 3.
- As sponsors, we suggest practicing patience and tolerance.
- Look at Big Book: “We are people who normally would not mix...”

#### 2. How do we promote and maintain active sponsorship?

- Use a sponsorship statement in the format.
- Give phone number to new members.
- Home group members be responsible and talk to newcomers.
- Hand out sponsorship pamphlet.
- Meet weekly with sponsees.
- Ask newcomers for their phone number.
- Have phone list that has a box checked for available sponsorship.
- Home group members talk about sponsorship when you know there is a newcomer.
- Who we are and how we conduct ourselves will attract newcomers.

#### 3. Where do we draw the line between attraction rather than promotion?

- By our group’s actions – stick to the principles of

the program.

- How the meeting is run, set up, etc.
- Keep our talk about ourselves – do not preach.
- Live the program – “Practice these principles in all our affairs.” People will want what you have.
- Do a yearly group inventory.
- Do not gossip.

#### 4. How do you work with wet drunks?

- Offer detox.
- If violent, police may need to be called.
- If not disruptive, allow to stay. Practice Tradition Three.
- Remember the Responsibility Statement. Also, remember the drunk the next day – call them.
- Twelve-Step Calls – always go in twos – two women or two men.

#### New Questions for January Workshop

1. How do we hold G.S.R.s accountable?
2. How do we get more people involved in service?
3. How do we encourage people to be willing to sponsor?
4. How do G.S.R.s hold the group accountable for “self-support” for the G.S.R.’s expenses?

*Please remember that elections will be held at the January Workshop for the next rotation for the following G.S.R. Sharing Session positions: Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Secretary and Alternate Secretary.*



*By Karen L., G.S.R., Biwabik Sunday Night*



TRADITION SEVEN

My opinion since I came into the program is this: I came to A.A. on January 21, 1973. I never knew anything about self-supporting through our own contributions. Back then they didn't talk about self-supporting in the first group I attended. We had to come to Hibbing to hear about it.

I put in one dollar for eight years and it was never explained to me where the money went. I came to the Zim group, where it was explained to me. It went for rent, literature, coffee, creamer, sugar, G.S.R. and alternate G.S.R. expenses for all workshops and assemblies; District, Area and G.S.O. I also sent in my birthday contribution and continue to do so today. Open meetings were also part of our expenses. My \$1.00 doesn't go far, so I have been giving \$2.00 a week (since 1985). And if I miss a meeting, I still put in that missed \$2.00.

I still see today that people in our groups do not put anything in the basket, but you'll find them at the local café spending money on coffee "and."

G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s: Get out there and let the groups know about this problem. Feel free to contact me if you need help.

Please be faithful to your groups and support them before we lose our groups because of money. Our co-founders would be happy to know that their message is still being passed on.

With all due respect and always love in service,

Willard R.

SECRETARY REPORT

Hasn't this been a terrific fall? We had a successful turnout for Fall Assembly. It was great to see so many new G.S.R.s in attendance. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the December Committee Meeting in Aitkin. I have been busy trying to get the minutes for the Fall Assembly typed. It was awesome to again take part in the voting for officers. I was glad that we again got to see the drawing from the hat as a final vote for one of the offices.

I still suffer from procrastination. I received a friendly reminder from Jenny that the reports for the *Northern Light* were due today. I have really enjoyed the duties of the Area Secretary this past rotation. It has been a real challenge and learning experience for me. I want to say thanks again for the opportunity to serve. Thanks to each of the Districts that have sent me their minutes. I do enjoy reading them and learning what is happening in each of your districts. Thank you for letting me be a part of your districts in this manner. Please let me know if I can be of service to any of you individually or in your home groups or district.

Yours in Service,

Dee K.  
Area 35 Secretary.

TREASURER REPORT

Greetings Area 35 trusted Servants:

I am writing this on a Monday morning, as I procrastinated and forgot to do it this weekend. Hopefully, Jenny can still insert it into this issue. It has been a whirlwind of activity for me since the Area Fall Assembly. I have selected the Committee Chairs for the next rotation and will be submitting them at the December Area Meeting. As per usual, I was completely mistaken on my first assessment of the task at hand. I kept having nightmares that I wouldn't be able to fill all of the positions. Instead, I had to wrestle with the fact that there were more than a half dozen very able candidates that I was unable to ask to serve. I sincerely apologize to anyone that did not get to serve on this next rotation. As was my case, you never know when God is going to step in and place you back in Area Service. I was out for over 10 years when I was asked to serve as *Northern Light* Editor.

Our area continues to hold steady on our contributions and expenditures. We are not near our prudent reserve, but with the continued rise in gas prices, paper costs and meeting facilities prices, we will continue to be challenged to be able to carry the message at the Area level. Thank you all for carrying the message of these challenges back to your groups and districts. It is not humanly possible to continue without your constant help.

On the personal front, my wife and I celebrated our 23-year anniversary two weeks ago, my wife had a birthday (I am not going to say which one), and we get to spend time with our children and granddaughter Amelia almost every weekend that we are not serving A.A. or Al-Anon. I cannot believe how blessed we are to be given these gifts.

Thank you very much for allowing me to serve you all. I look forward to the upcoming year.

Jay A.  
Area 35 Treasurer

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Don't forget to visit and bookmark your Area 35 web site!!

<http://www.area35.org>

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2007-2008 – AREA 35 SCHEDULE

<p><b><u>Area Committee Meeting</u></b> <b>December 2, 2007</b>, 9:00 a.m. <i>Aitkin Alano Club</i>, 322 1st Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN</p> <p><b><u>January Service Workshop</u></b> <b>January 19-20, 2008</b> <i>Coates Plaza Hotel</i>, 502 Chestnut St., Virginia, MN (218) 749-1000— Rooms \$69.00 + tax by 12/19/07 (Ask for Group Code: “Area 35 Workshop”) — FOR MORE INFO: JoAnne N. alt_delegate@area35.org</p> <p><b><u>District 8 Workshop</u></b> <b>February 23, 2008</b>, 12:00 Noon Registration <i>Gilbert Community Center</i>, 18 North Broadway Ave., Gilbert, MN — FOR MORE INFO: <a href="http://www.area35.org/calendar/plans.cgi">www.area35.org/calendar/plans.cgi</a></p>	<p><b><u>Area Committee Meeting</u></b> <b>February 24, 2008</b>, 9:00 a.m. <i>Aitkin Alano Club</i>, 322 1st Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN</p> <p><b><u>2008 West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference</u></b> <b>February 28-March 2, 2008</b> <i>Best Western Doublewood Inn</i>, 3333 13th Avenue South, Fargo, ND (701) 235-3333— Rooms \$72.00 (Mention “WCRAASC”) — FOR MORE INFO: <a href="mailto:area52delegate@yahoo.com">area52delegate@yahoo.com</a> or <a href="http://www.aanorthdakota.org">www.aanorthdakota.org</a></p> <p><b><u>Spring Assembly</u></b> <b>April 4-5, 2008</b> <i>Alexandria Holiday Inn</i>, Alexandria, MN (888) 465-4329</p>
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Upcoming Events in Areas 35 & 36

<p><b><u>WILD RICE ROUNDUP</u></b> <b>January 18-20, 2008</b> — <i>Shooting Star Casino</i>, 777 Casino Rd. (on Highway 59), Mahnomen, MN — FOR MORE INFO: <a href="http://www.area35.org/calendar/plans.cgi">www.area35.org/calendar/plans.cgi</a></p> <p><b><u>OPEN SPEAKER MEETING</u></b> <b>February 23, 2008</b>, 7:00 p.m. — <i>Gilbert Community Center</i>, 18 North Broadway Ave., Gilbert, MN — FOR MORE INFO: <a href="http://www.area35.org/calendar/plans.cgi">www.area35.org/calendar/plans.cgi</a></p> <p><b><u>29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WINTER RAP UP</u></b> <b>March 14-16, 2008</b> — <i>Coates Plaza Hotel</i>, 502 Chestnut St., Virginia, MN — FOR MORE INFO: <a href="http://www.area35.org/calendar/plans.cgi">www.area35.org/calendar/plans.cgi</a></p>	<p><b><u>SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN’S 63<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL ROUNDUP</u></b> <b>April 18-20, 2008</b> — <i>Curling Club: Head of the Lakes Fairgrounds</i>, 4700 Tower Ave., Superior, WI — FOR MORE INFO: <a href="mailto:superior-roundup@yahoo.com">superior-roundup@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b><u>IRON RANGE GET-TOGETHER</u></b> <b>May 2-4, 2008</b> — <i>Wendigo Lodge</i>, 20108 Golf Crest Rd., Grand Rapids, MN</p> <p><b><u>GOPHER STATE XXXV<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ROUNDUP</u></b> <b>May 23-25, 2008</b> — <i>Sheraton Bloomington Hotel</i>, Minneapolis South, 7800 Normandale Blvd., Bloomington, MN — FOR MORE INFO: <a href="http://www.gopherstateroundup.org">www.gopherstateroundup.org</a></p>
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ON THIS DATE IN A.A. HISTORY:

<p><b><u>December 7:</u></b> <b>1949</b> - Sister Ignatia accepts Poverello Medal of St. Francis on behalf of Alcoholics Anonymous</p> <p><b><u>December 10</u></b> <b>1934:</b> Bill W. is admitted to Towns Hospital for the fourth and last time</p> <p><b><u>Also in December:</u></b> <b>1948:</b> Dr. Bob’s last major talk, in Detroit, Michigan <b>1950:</b> <i>Grapevine</i> article signed by Bill W. and Dr. Bob recommends establishing the A.A. General Service Conference <b>1955:</b> “Man on the Bed” painting by Robert M. first appeared in <i>Grapevine</i>. Painting originally called “Came to Believe”</p>	<p><b><u>January 1:</u></b> <b>1946:</b> Cost of annual subscription to the <i>A.A. Grapevine</i> increases to \$2.50</p> <p><b><u>January 13:</u></b> <b>2003:</b> Dr. Earle M., author of “Physician, Heal Thyself” story in the Big Book, dies with 49 years of sobriety</p> <p><b><u>January 23:</u></b> <b>1961:</b> Bill W. sends an appreciation letter to Dr. Carl Jung, for his contribution to A.A.</p> <p><b><u>January 24:</u></b> <b>1918:</b> Bill W. marries Lois B., days before he is sent to Europe in WWI <b>1971:</b> Bill W. dies in Miami, Florida</p> <p><b><u>January 25:</u></b></p>	<p><b>1915:</b> Dr. Bob S. marries Anne R.</p> <p><b><u>January 26:</u></b> <b>1971:</b> <i>The New York Times</i> publishes Bill W.’s obituary on page 1</p> <p><b><u>Also in January:</u></b> <b>1946:</b> <i>Reader’s Digest</i> does a story on A.A. <b>1984:</b> <i>Pass It On</i> published</p> <p>From a list found at <a href="http://www.a-1associates.com/aa/dates.htm">http://www.a-1associates.com/aa/dates.htm</a></p>
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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 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 traditional and the A.A. purse 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

DECEMBER 2, 2007 — AITKIN, MN

AGENDA

\_\_\_ 9:00 A.M. ACTION CHAIR COMMITTEE MEETINGS      \_\_\_ CORRECTIONS – Dana J.

\_\_\_ 10:30 A.M. AREA COMMITTEE MEETING      \_\_\_ District 11 – Gary H.

\_\_\_ CALL TO ORDER: OPEN WITH THE SERENITY PRAYER      \_\_\_ District 13 – Audrey S.

\_\_\_ ADD TO AGENDA      \_\_\_ C.P.C – Tad E.

\_\_\_ APPROVE AUGUST MINUTES      \_\_\_ District 8 – Jon C.

\_\_\_ OFFICER REPORTS      \_\_\_ District 18 – Darryl E.

\_\_\_ Delegate – Jerry S.      \_\_\_ GRAPEVINE – Dave A.

\_\_\_ Alternate Delegate – JoAnne N.      \_\_\_ District 21 – Clarence (Stub) M.

\_\_\_ Chair – Dan H.      \_\_\_ District 16 – Mike V.

\_\_\_ Secretary – Dee K.      \_\_\_ WEBMASTER – Ed A.

\_\_\_ Treasurer – Jay A.      \_\_\_ District 2 – Tom B.

\_\_\_ COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND D.C.M. REPORTS      OLD BUSINESS

\_\_\_ LUNCH      \_\_\_ Spring Assembly: April 5-6, 2008, Zone 2  
Alexandria Holiday Inn (Districts 3, 4, 15)

\_\_\_ ARCHIVES – Rick R. / Brad I.      \_\_\_ Area Inventory

\_\_\_ District 7 – Jim K.      \_\_\_ Area Map

\_\_\_ District 4 – Bob K.      \_\_\_ Fall Assembly: October 4-5, 2008  
Zone 1 (Districts 1, 2, 14, 16, 21)

\_\_\_ LITERATURE – Dan M.      \_\_\_ G.S.C. Agenda Items

\_\_\_ District 5 – Paul M.

\_\_\_ District 9 – Karen H.

\_\_\_ TREATMENT – Bill H.

\_\_\_ District 3 – Tim P.

\_\_\_ District 6 – Jim Z.

\_\_\_ PUBLIC INFORMATION – Mike P.

\_\_\_ District 1 – Keith K.

\_\_\_ District 17 – Sheldon L.

\_\_\_ GROUP RECORDS – Beth E.

\_\_\_ NORTHERN LIGHT – Jenny A.

\_\_\_ District 15 – Mary S.

\_\_\_ District 12 – Arvid P.

NEW BUSINESS

\_\_\_ Approval of Incoming Area Committee Chairs

\_\_\_ Area 35 Election Process

\_\_\_ Calendar of Events

\_\_\_ T.B.A.

\_\_\_ Adjourn

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