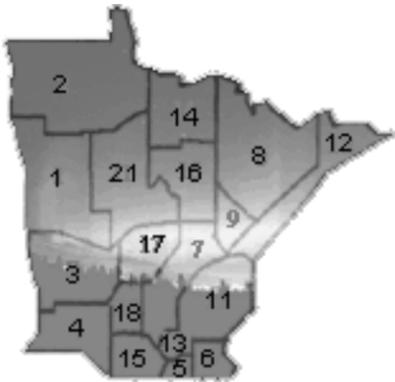


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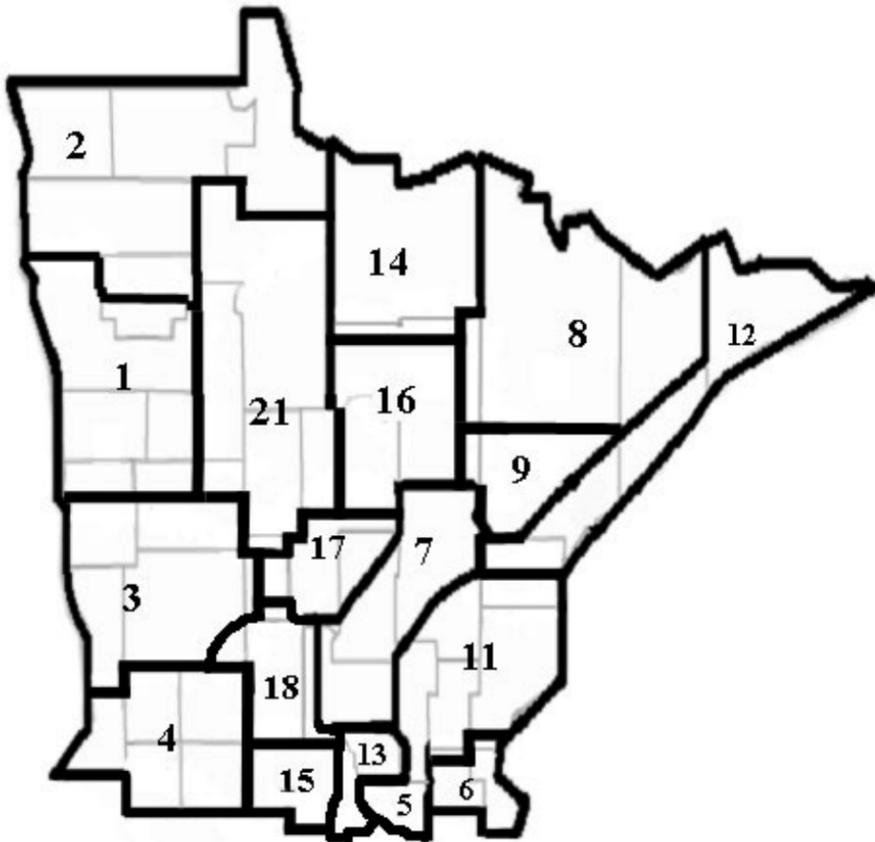
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				Panel 2 Arthur R. (deceased)	1952-1953

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

<p>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.</p>	<p>District 6 3rd Thursday of Month, 7:30 p.m. Spring Lake Lutheran Church 8440 Erickson Rd. N.E. North Branch, MN 55056</p> <p>District 7 3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m. First Lutheran Church 424 8th St. S. Brainerd, MN 56401</p>	<p>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</p> <p>District 14 Not currently active.</p>
<p>District 2 2nd Sunday of Odd Months, 2:00 p.m. First Lutheran Church 210 Park Ave. N. Middle River, MN 56737</p>	<p>District 8 Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m. General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m. • Friday, December 7, 2007 Palo, MN</p>	<p>District 15 1st Monday of Month, 8:00 p.m. Albany Community Center 741 Lake Ave. Albany, MN 56307</p>
<p>District 3 3rd Sunday of Month, 10:00 a.m. Perham Alano Club 827 Summit Ave. Perham, MN 56501</p>	<p>District 9 Last Sunday of Month, 6:00 p.m. Hibbing Alano Club 3725 1st Avenue Hibbing, MN 55746</p>	<p>District 16 3rd Wednesday of Month, 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church 1701 S.E. 5th Ave. Grand Rapids, MN 55744 Handicap Accessible, Non-Smoking</p>
<p>District 4 2nd 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.</p>	<p>District 11 1st Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Catholic Church Basement Finlayson, MN 55735</p>	<p>District 17</p> <p>District 18</p>
<p>District 5 3rd Monday of Month, 7 p.m. St. John Lutheran Church 13045 Fremont Ave Zimmerman, MN 55398</p>	<p>District 12 3rd Thursday of Month, 6:30 p.m. Duluth Alano Club 3009 Restormel St. Duluth, MN 55806</p>	<p>District 21 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m. Bemidji Alano Club 1225 Anne</p>

Delegate's Report

Greetings to all in Area 35! Fall is in the air and we're experiencing lower temperatures and have you all noticed that by about 8:30 pm it is dark.....ah, the changing of the seasons and we have so much to be thankful for as we continue on our journey in sobriety and carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

Mail has picked up some from the General Service Office and I'm scanning and getting things out to everyone in the area.

Dianna S. our Corrections chair is moving and she is going to be sorely missed. Thanks for all your service work Dianna and keep on carrying the message.

In writing this issue, I've been thinking quite a bit lately on respect, responsibility, accountability and doing the best job we can do. Whenever a bunch gather whether it be alcoholics or others.....you'll always find the ones who do, the ones who don't, the ones who want someone else to do their work for them. Each person in Area 35 deserves to be a part of servicemy question is what are you willing to do to keep our area healthy in carrying the message to those who haven't arrived yet? Many of you have "special" talents to bring to our area. Remember, there are no dumb questions in Alcoholics Anonymous and this is how we grow and learn.

I'm accountable to you as your area delegate for Area 35 Northern Minnesota to make sure that you received the background conference agenda items, discuss them in respective committees and then come together as an assembly to discuss matters so your delegate will be fully informed to attend the General Service Conference. Then after the Conference I write a report and go to all the districts and give a report back of the conference. In August, I received the Final Conference Reports and some were distributed and the rest were sent home with our Literature Chair, Mike and he'll bring them to the fall assembly. Am I busy, you bet and it is a labor of love for Alcoholics Anonymous that showed me a better way of living and literally saved my life!

Ken B. our WCR Trustee sent me the last Quarterly Board minutes. Reading them has been interesting and Ken has answered all our questions. Also Ken has been in close contact with all the delegates in the WCR and he is delightful to communicate with. I'm certain he will serve our Region well. Plans are in the process for the 2010 WCRAA Forum being held in Rapid City, South Dakota. I'll report more at this at the October Assembly.

New groups are springing up in Northern Minnesota and Sarah sends out a welcome letter as I pass on the information to area officers, and the DCM of the districts.

I would like to send comfort to those who have lost their loved ones and keep Kelly D. in your prayers. Also, special hugs to Jerry S. and Jon C. as they continue to get better from their illnesses/surgeries. We also lost an old timer from District 7 on September 6 2008, Garfield "Duffy" S. who served as our Area Delegate in 1978-1979.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Assembly in Thief River Falls, MN.

In Service,

JoAnne N. - Delegate Area 35

Alternate Delegate's Report

Hello Area 35,

It seems like summer just got started, yet here we are at Fall Assembly.

The zone one forum was well attended with great participation. Thank you everyone for your help and support. We have scheduled the next forum in zone three at the St Cloud Alano Club November 15th 12:30 to 4:30. It has been a struggle scheduling events with everyone's busy schedules.

I am putting the finishing touches on the January Workshop.

The flyer will be out in the Northern Lights.

As my life has changed over the years and seems to have gotten so much busier, I need to remind myself that the reason I have a life and can be "busier" is because of Alcoholics Anonymous. When I have those moments that I think I have too much on my plate and just can't do anymore I need to reflect on where I came from and the reason I am still here.

Yours in Service
Dan H.
Area 35 Alternate Delegate

Area Chair Report

Greetings Area 35:

Summer is over and it seems like lots of service activities are on the upswing. I am very grateful to have attended the Zonal Forum in Thief River Falls. The turnout was very good and I enjoyed the enthusiasm of all of the presenters and attendees. Sponsorship is very dear to my heart and, I believe, the most important thing that we can do to insure this fellowships ongoing growth. It seems that we sometimes spend a lot of time looking for intellectual solutions for problems like self support, service and meeting attendance at both recovery and service meetings. Our twelfth step states that, after having a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we carry this message and practice these principles. I do not think that we do these things as an obligation. We do these things as a result of the love that we wish to express as a result of the experience we receive from the actions taken in the steps. We can talk about the fears we have about how things are going to turn out and why we must take action to prevent these things. We can try to get people to behave for the good of AA. We can talk to others about how certain people are not doing what they are supposed to be doing. We can get angry at people who are ruining "our program." But this is counter to everything that we are taught by applying the steps in our lives. Whenever I am disturbed (afraid, angry, controlling, or keeping an eye upon), there is something wrong with me. We are taught to love the best in each other without being afraid of their worst. Service and the spirit of rotation are the natural result of trying to love freely (without expectation) and understanding that each of us must trust that our creator will provide them with the same guidance and inspiration that we received when we had a service position either at the group, district or area. Service was never intended to be a substitute for our recovery work on ourselves or the people we sponsor. It is something to be done in addition to these activities...if and when we are able. Our fellowship will not be taken out if we do not have enough people to do service, but if we are unwilling to be a part of the human chain that is our fellowship. My experience is that all of the people, that have sponsors who actively walk this path of recovery with them, are always the ones willing to serve the fellowship in any way they are able. Unfortunately, there are many who substitute service for recovery, and then they are left with trying to use those same defects of character to get people to behave in the way they believe they should. If fear and anger are the reasons for the things I am doing, I am living by my defects. No matter how nice or mean I behave, I am still running the show. Eventually, I will either destroy myself, or worse others, no matter how good my intentions.

Area Chair Report (Continued)

I am very grateful to be allowed to serve this fellowship. Not just for the way of life, but most importantly, for the fine people I have met who give so freely to the people in this fellowship. I look forward to seeing many of you in Thief River Falls. May God bless you and keep you until then.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay A.
Area Chair

Treasurer's Report

Greetings Northern MN: I am officially a resident of the beautiful city of Virginia, and for those unaware, the mailing address for financial contributions is remaining the same, at: PO Box 274, Hibbing, MN 55746, as I am in Hibbing at least 5 days a week, and this is increasingly more financially prudent for the Area. Contributions have been rolling in and our current balance stands at an approximate (healthy) \$10,000; however we do have the Fall Assembly around the corner which will bring with it expenses including the Conference Center, Transportation, Food and Rooms for each of the Officers and Committee Chairs along with other expenses incurred by the service work of our Trusted Servants. Please keep in mind that we will be carrying out an Area Inventory at this Assembly and among the questions being asked are: Are we using your money in the most effective and prudent manner possible. In other words, are we getting the best "bang for the buck" that is most beneficial for the Fellowship as a whole, of Alcoholics Anonymous. As we all know discussions involving money can be long and arduous. Please pray about these discussions and decisions that the Fellowship and Growth of Alcoholics Anonymous will be foremost on each of our minds. This is a wonderful and life saving Fellowship of which I, personally am eternally grateful for. I am extremely appreciative for the opportunities I have been afforded and for those yet to come. I was brought up in this fellowship with the belief that if someone wanted to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous that money ought not to be an issue. If the need is present and if you have the time, the desire and most importantly the compassion, then the finances or the means to achieve the service ought to be present. When the need is present, the funds will appear.

Throughout the months between the writing of these reports I really need to start taking some notes on what I want or need to include. It seems I always have some great ideas until it comes time to send in the report and then these great ideas vanish from my consciousness and are nowhere to be found. Regardless, I look forward to seeing you all and to the sharing that will occur. As always it remains a pleasure to serve and thank you for the opportunity,

Yours in Service,
Beth E.
Area 35, Treasurer

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary's Report

Greetings lovely people! First, I want to say what a wonderful time I had at the Zonal Forum in Thief River Falls in September. What a wonderful turnout; there were over 25 people there! It was a great time to visit with old friends, discuss our questions and common goals, and meet new members of the Area. It just reestablished to me how important, helpful, and useful these forums are for so many different reasons. Second, I want to apologize for my poor editing of June's Committee Meeting minutes. I will be more thorough from now on. On that same note, I had a bit of an unlucky streak recently, as my free computer program malfunctioned and ate large portions of my nearly completed August Committee Meeting minutes. Of course I did not discover this until a week before the deadline for the Northern Light...Anyway, thanks to Brad recording the Meeting, and to everyone who spoke into the mic, I was able to redo the minutes in time for the Northern Light deadline. So, there. Yes!

Next, while entering the motions made at the August Committee Meeting into the Area Actions Book, I came across a previous motion under "Structure" made in 2005 stating that we were to have an annual joint workshop with Area 36. So, although we already had the 2005 motion, I also added our new motion from the August 2008 Committee Meeting reiterating that we wanted to have an annual joint workshop with Area 36, to be set up by the Area Chair. Also, I keep read-

ing in the Actions Book about these "Trusted Servant Guidelines," but I don't know where they are, or if I am supposed to be updating them when changes are made to Area Chair and Officer responsibilities. I will try to find out more about this before the Fall Assembly.

Now, in case you are wondering why we are printing the Area Committee Meeting minutes in the Northern Light and not sending them out as a separate mailing anymore, the following motion was made at the June Committee meeting and can be found in those minutes in the August edition of the Northern Light: A motion was made to include the Spring, Fall, and Area Committee Meeting minutes in the Northern Light. It passed unanimously.

Thanks for your support, patience, and for letting me be of service!

Sarah K.

Archivist

The archives inventory is making progress. I have a stack of mystery items about a foot high. I don't know where they came from and what they are doing in the archives yet but I will figure it out. I have several minutes and district lists that are undated and need to cross match against other records. Bob came up one Sunday afternoon for an hour and got one folder completely done.

I am going to Aurora on Saturday the 20th and to the Duluth round-up on the 26th 27th and

28th.

See you all at the assembly.

Brad I.
Area 35 Archivist

Public Information

I would first like to personally thank all the members in all the districts that took time and money out of their lives and pockets to participate at the State Fair on the weekend of Aug. 23-24, 2008. The Districts that participated were 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13 and 18. Thank you again, OCM's and PI Chairs, for providing members in fulfilling our obligation in manning this booth. I will be looking forward to meeting with these Districts at the Fall Assembly to get feedback from the State Fair to share with the PI Chair in Area 36. As you may already know, this is a joint effort between Area 35 and Area 36. Roughly the total expense of this effort is between \$2200 and \$2400, of which we are responsible for \$500. This is a costly venture and we want to make sure that we are using AA contributions prudently to carry our AA message. Again, thanks to all who participated.

On August 11, I received a letter from Irene Kontje, GSO Public Information Coordinator, regarding the distribution of the 2008 AA television public service an-

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)

Corrections

Hello everyone. Hope all is well. Wow, summer came and went, and I can hardly believe it. Some of you may know already, that my family and I have decided to move back to California to take care of my folks. We always knew this might be a possibility, but it sure happened a lot sooner than expected. I have had 3 requests for Temporary Contacts since August. Jim and I have been preparing for the Workshop in Thief River Falls on October 3rd @ 7:00pm. I am please to say, Krishna Z. from St. Cloud will be your new Corrections Chair. I'm confident she will do a wonderful job. Please give her all the love and support that you've shown me. I want to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to be of service to you, and our fellow suffering alcoholic. I have learned so much, and have been blessed in many ways. My e-mail will remain the same if any of you wish to let me know how you are doing, and I will do the same. Again, thanks to everyone, and I will take many fond memories with me.

In Loving Service
Dianna S.
Corrections Chair

Literature

Summer is gone and Fall is already here where does the time go. I will have all the literature with me at the Fall Assembly. I put in another order for over \$500 so I hope I'll what you need. I hope that all you can make it to the Fall Assembly it will be good to see you all again. I see where Southern Minnesota are discussing the possibility of making a video to help the G.S.R.'s do their duties.

Yours in service
Michael V.

Grapevine

No Report Submitted

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

I am looking forward to attending a CPC luncheon in Brainerd on 9-24-08. Hopefully District 7 will have a great turnout. District 21 is having Zone I, PI/CPC Workshop on September 27 at the Bemidji Alano Club. See details in events on the area website. I am looking forward to the trip. It should be awesome with the fall colors, great hospitality with new and old acquaintances. Please contact Jon C0 or Dee K0 if your District is willing to host a PI / CPC Workshop.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the workshop in Bemidji and at the Fall Assembly in Thief River Falls in October.

Yours in Service,
Dee K.
Area 35 CPC Chair.

Treatment

Hello from your Area 35 Treatment Chair. I hope that everyone is looking forward to our upcoming Fall Assembly in Thief River Falls. I attended the August committee meeting in Aitkin this past month. Our committee discussed and finalized plans to host a workshop in conjunction with our area corrections the Friday night, October 3rd, of the Fall Assembly. Art A., District 2 DCM, has been very helpful in lining up a location and inviting both treatment and correctional professionals to attend the workshop. We are also lined up to participate in the MARRCH conference at the St. Paul River Center October 22 in a joint effort with Area 36. This should be a wonderful opportunity for us to carry a uniformed message to those professionals in the treatment field who come into frequent contact with alcoholics. I have been in regular contact with the Area 36 temporary contact program, providing contacts for individuals moving to Northern Minnesota upon leaving treatment. Thank you to all of the district treatment chairs and DCM's who have assisted with this process. We have successfully found contacts for all individuals requesting this service when they leave treatment. Finally, I have been in contact with John C., area PI chair, to finalize plans for our upcoming area inventory to be conducted at the Fall Assembly. We hope that this turns out to be a productive and useful exercise for our area and leads to increased efficiency, productivity, and communication within our area. Thanks again for this opportunity to serve.

Jim K.
Area 35 Treatment Chair

Northern Light

Greetings Area 35,

We have three résumé's for Trustee at Large submitted from our past Delegates. I wish you all luck and thank you for being so willing to serve our fellowship.

With the afore-mentioned résumé's and the committee minutes included in the Northern Light, we've got a regular little newspaper going here! There are some community newspapers with fewer pages than this.

I wish to thank all our Area Officers and Action Committee Chairs for getting your reports in on time. I think we're only missing one this round. That's a record!

It states in the Northern Light Primary Purpose on page 17 that one of its purposes is to, "Listen to comments from the Area on the content of the N.L. " Please keep me informed on anything I can do to make this newsletter better. I'm just the editor. This is YOUR newsletter.

I'll see you all at the Fall Assembly!

Yours in Service,
Ed A.
Northern Light Editor

Group Records

Hello Area 35. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as group records secretary. So far, I've survived two bulk mail drops! Learning the bulk mail system will definately be my biggest challenge as group records secretary. The other side of my duties, working with the Fellowship New Vision database, has been easier to learn and I'm feeling confident in that regard. I've handled some district updates, which has been great, and thanks to those districts for their initiative in cleaning up the data, especially Jack J0 and Kelly D0

I've had some contact with Ben and Phyllis from Area 36 regarding the joint website venture. If you have any questions about that please let me know.

Thanks again for this opportunity to be of service.

Audrey S.

Webmaster

Our 2008 Web site totals are as follows: - Total for the year -Unique visitors - 14040 (1.47 visits/visitor) - Total Visitors 20540 (7.23 Pages/Visit) - 638838 (30.4 Hits/Visit) 4.9 GB (246.57 KB/Visit) - June 1585 unique visitors - July 1725 unique visitors - Aug. 1825 unique visitors - Sept. 1123 unique visitors (as of the 19th) - Our most popular pages were the Meeting Search , Calendar of Events, followed by the Meeting pages. Some interesting info about who is visiting the site - Besides the US there were also thousands of page visits from Great Britain, Canada, Russian Federation, South Korea, Israel, Switzerland, Colombia, Hong Kong, , Netherlands, Italy, Austria, Japan, Great Britain, Spain, Venezuela, Other European and other Countries.

I want to thank all the DCM's and others that have sent in changes to update the meeting pages. Keep up the good work - a lot has been done but a lot more needs updating!

My next project for the web site will be to create a FAQ page of questions I have received.

Examples:

How do I contact past delegates, area officers or chairs not listed on the contact page.

How do I make a map to email you to give the location of our meeting.

Yours in Service,
Dan R0
Area 35 Webmaster



**Area 35 Northern Minnesota
August Committee Meeting
August 3, 2008 Aitkin, MN**

Jay A. (area chair) opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer, and then introduced the past delegates present: Tim C., Tom A., Bruce B., and Susie A.. Additions were made to the agenda: posting WCR Trustee-at-Large resumes in the Northern Light, pay for State Fair booth from last year. A **motion was made to approve the February committee minutes, all in favor.**

Area Officer Reports

Delegate: (JoAnne first shared a story about how the Fed Ex man disappeared in her yard for 20 minutes. He got lost amongst the Final Conference Reports!) Good morning! It is a pleasure to be here today and see all of you. The good news is I've completed all the Delegate Report Backs to the districts and it certainly has been fun meeting all the people from the districts and the kindness shown as I gave the 58th General Service Conference Report Back. Actually, I think my sense of driving directions is improving!

As I mentioned before Dorothy W., Trustee-At-Large, U.S. will be completing her 4 year term in April of 2009. Three past delegates have let their names stand for Trustee-At-Large and they are: Charlie C., Susie A. and Tom A. I emailed each of them a resume sheet on 6/13/2008. We will be having an election at the Fall Assembly and then I'll send in the elected candidate's resume to the General Service Office before January 1, 2009. The resume must be completed, signed and dated by the candidate before it is mailed.

Received an email from Brooke C., Wyoming Area 76 Delegate that their area assembly met and they are going to make two proposals for next years General Service Conference. Brooke was assigned to the Report and Charter committee at the conference. The first proposal concerns making sure that all changes to the Service Manual and 12 Concepts for World Service go through the Conference approval process. At the 2008 conference the report and Charter committee changed its scope to include the word "review." They have been receiving the actual tear sheets that included all changes being made. Some of the changes were "editorial" changes they agreed on in committee. Others were new ones suggested by the Publications, staff or delegates. One of the changes concerned the trustees' auditing committee. For clarification, the changes switched around two sentences and added another sentence. This addition changed the duties of the committee. There are numerous "editorial" changes that have been made over the last several years that were not approved by or seen by either the Conference or the Conference Committee on Report and Charter. These changes are not just too correct grammar or numbers or misspellings, but actually made changes to the context and meaning of the Manual. Brooke would like support from the other areas in the West Central Region if we are in agreement. The second has to do with getting agenda items. According to the Service Manual, the Conference Committee on Agenda is supposed to "review and approve the overall format and content of the agenda for the annual Conference meeting." Brooke did some research and could not find any Advisory Action or Committee action formally took that responsibility from the Conference Committee on Agenda and gave it to the Trustees Committee on Conference. I spoke with Brooke yesterday and she will be sending me a copy of their proposals to share with Area 35. Hopefully, I'll have them before the Fall Assembly

ADDITIONAL REGIONAL FORUM: There will be an additional Forum in 2010 and more information will be forthcoming.

CONFERENCE AGENDA PROPOSALS: As you all know the deadline for Conference Agenda proposals is January 15, 2009 and so far I have not received any proposals.

Received the 2008 Conference Evaluation Questionnaire Summary and a summary of the 2008 – General Service Conference Workshop Reports from Doug R., Conference Coordinator and if anyone wants to view them I have them with me today.

SERVICES: CPC: Received the C.P.C. activity update on 6/23/08 from Mary D., CPC assignment. I sent out copies and I'm sure Dee our CPC chair will give the information in her report today. Included in the information was a confidential list of CPC chairs and I noticed that our past CPC chair Tad's name was on the list. I emailed the Dee's information to Mary asking her to update the list. **CORRECTONS** – Received the corrections activity update from Gayle S. R., Corrections Coordinator on 7/3/08. Two videos used by Corrections Committees – Carrying the Message Behind these Walls and It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell are now available in DVD format. Each is available for \$10.00. Grapevine – In July a staple-free issue of the Grapevine was mailed out. **Public Information** – The committee reviewed the text and format of the Annual Anonymity Letter to the Media and suggested that this year's letter be sent by email only. **Treatment:** Warren S., Treatment Chair at the General Service Office sent a memo inviting committees to share their experience regarding carrying the A.A. message to Treatment Facilities (e.g. providing literature, Bridging the Gap and working with TF professionals) where out-patient care is one approach used to assist the still-suffering alcoholic. I contacted our area treatment chair, Jim and this was discussed at their June committee meeting and Jim drafted a letter that I emailed to Warren on 6/13/08. Big thanks to the treatment committee for their input.

The 20th International/World Service Meeting will be held October 26-30 in New York City with the theme: "Service---Gratitude in Action." They are anticipating approximately 50 delegates representing over 30 countries or zones. The International Convention committee recommended that the "San Antonio – 75 Years" designs for the international Convention logo be approved.

AAWS Services Committee-Our revenue comes from 2 two sources: profit from literature sales and contributions. We should all be encouraged that contributions in 2007 were again higher than the previous year, in this case by about \$475,800 7.5%. This represents the 10th year in a row that contributions have increased over the previous year.

2008 G.S.O. Budget: Income: the 2008 budget projects gross sales of \$12,700,000, approximately flat when compared with the 2007 actual results of \$12,730,000, which were \$730,000 greater than the \$12,000,000 estimated for the 2007 budget. While reviewing and recommending the 2009 budget, the A.A.W.S. Board considered that revenue and expense assumptions made for the G.S.O. budget ultimately affect the long-term health of the General Service Board's Reserve Fund. Manufacturing costs are budgeted approximately 3% higher than 2007, because they are anticipating higher paper and manufacturing component costs. Royalties are budgeted at \$52,000 this year. There are only two remaining recipients. Contributions for 2007 were over budget by \$326,000 (5.2%). Total contributions for 2008 have been budgeted at \$6,675,000, an increase of approximately 2.3%. Total operating revenue for 2008 is anticipated at \$13,507,500, just slightly less than the 2007 results of \$13,582,000. Total Operating expenses for 2008 have been budgeted at \$13,266,700, approximately \$703,000 or 5.6% more than 2007 and \$593,200 or 4.7% more than the 2007 budget. The 2008 budget includes expenses for the G.S.O. U.S.A.net expense for the World Service Meeting. Absent the W.S.M. costs, the increase in the 2008 budget over the 2007 Budget would be approximately 3.7%.

Grapevine Budget for 2008 calls for an average circulation of 107,000, approximately 4,000 greater than the 2007 budget and approximately 900 greater than the 2007 paid circulation of 106,099. Magazine income of \$2,089,461 is expected, \$139,000 greater than 2007. Other publishing income from books, cassette tapes, and miscellaneous item is budgeted at \$812,700, \$42,500 higher than 2007.

La Vina Budget – For 2008 La Vina expects a gross profit on the magazine of \$34,858 compared with \$35,234 in 2007. Circulation for 2008 is estimated at 11,000, about equal to the 10,797 average for 2007.

The West Central Region A.A. Service Conference will be held February 27 through March 1, 2009 in Casper, Wyoming at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel. Rooms are \$68.00 per night. Request the reservation under "WCRAASC" and call the Ramkota at (307) 266-6000. You cannot call Best Western's toll free number or their online website for the block of room reserved. Rooms will be held until 2/18/09. If you are planning on attending this conference please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible as one of the State Basketball Tournaments will be taking place in Casper on the same weekend and rooms will be difficult to obtain. The 2009 WCRAASC chair is: Allen W., Casper, Wyoming and his email is awharton@bresnan.net if you have any questions. To the districts thanks so much for keeping me in the loop and sending me your minutes. I so enjoy reading them. If I can be of any assistance please let me know. Yours in service, JoAnne N.

Alternate Delegate: Not present, report submitted: Hello Area 35, the Zonal for Zone I is August 23rd @ the Alano club in Thief River Falls. The topic chosen is sponsorship, always a good topic. The next zone forum is in zone three. I hope to schedule that soon. The January workshop is at Cragun's Resort and Conference center. Our guest will be newly elected West Central Regional Trustee Ken B. I will be asking for district participation in the January workshop. Thank you Area 35 for this service opportunity. Yours in Service, Dan H.

Area Chair: To say that this last couple of months has been difficult is definitely an understatement. I have been working on sites for the 2009 Assemblies. The DCMs from Zone III were unable to find a site for the Spring Assembly, despite their effort into the search. A special thanks to our Alternated Delegate, Dan H., for suggesting the Grand View Lodge in Nisswa, and to Beth for pointing out that the quote I got from them was way too high. I will be talking with past Area Chairs to see if there is a way to reduce the room rate and have the Area pick up part of the cost for the convention. I have signed a contract with Barker's Island for the Fall Assembly in 2009. I am very sad to inform anyone who hasn't hear that our Area Records Secretary, Mike P., has stage four cancer and has resigned his position. Thanks to the assistance of all who have helped me to find a replacement. Audrey S. has agreed to serve if the Area approves. Unfortunately we were unable to get her in place in time to get the Northern Light out on time. She has informed me that she should have it out this coming week. Communication is vital and I have taken my inventory and see where I could do better. There seems to be a time during every service commitment that I have been in, where it gets very difficult and I want to give up. But I have been taught the importance of keeping my commitments. If I have any hope of transmitting what I have, then my example is by far the greatest thing I pass on. Currently, I am sponsoring 8 guys. It has always been my belief that recovery is the most important thing to our fellowship and to our service struc-

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ture. Since self-centered fear is the chief activator of my character defects, I must always search my motives when I say things like: I must keep a close eye on things or else they will go to hell, or, they are doing it wrong! I must correct them before it all goes bad. The chief reason that my bleeding deacon justification is activated is because I believe that I am the only one who can save this fellowship from itself. I am very grateful for the spirit of rotation. To make a long story short, I have struggled with resigning my position because I believe that sponsorship is very important, but will fulfill it because I have made a commitment. I am very sorry for my shortcomings in dealing with my responsibilities in this position and shall continue to try to improve. Thank you for your patience. Yours in service, Jay A.

Secretary: Hi all! Glad to be of service! So, I have fliers for the Fall Assembly which is October 4- 5th in Thief River Falls at Seven Clans Casino, available on the back table, and it is on the Area Website. You will need to make your room reservations by September 26th. Again, I want to thank everyone who has helped me with my unlimited questions- JoAnne. If any district chairs, GSRs, or AA members want the minutes emailed to you, please send me an email requesting emailed minutes. Also, per June motion, we now post an anonymity protected version of the minutes on the Area Website, www.area35.org. After I sent the last minutes out, I received several corrected email addresses and phone numbers, but I don't think I corrected them. Please check your contact info in the minutes published in the NL, and if it is wrong, get me your correct info and I will immediately update your information before I can forget again. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to continue learning and growing. Sarah K.

Treasurer: Greetings to all from Hibbing, as always it is grand to see everyone! Period IV extends between May 26 and July 26, 2008 and carries with it three separate reports. First is the Detailed Expenditure in which you see the expenses listed of each Officer and each Committee Chair. Second is the Group Contributions Report in which is listed all of the groups which have made Contributions to Area 35 this year. Each row is (hopefully) totaled correctly on the right side of each page and then brought down to the bottom for total group contributions of \$3,643.71 for Period IV and a group total contribution for 2008 of \$12,956.71. This period we had several birthday contributions totaling \$110.65 and as the third report –The Statement of Contributions and Expenditures -- states our total contributions thus far in 2008 is \$16,256.18. Again on the Contributions and Expenditures Report we have a total Officers and Committee Chairs expense of \$2,465.40 added to the rent paid for the June Committee Meeting of \$50, comes out to a total expenditure of \$2,515.40 for this period and a total for 2008 of \$17,623.52. Going over to the back of this page we find the box containing our Budgeted Statement of Retained Funds with a beginning balance on January 1, 2008 of \$12,293.01 added to our year to date income of \$16,256.18 and subtracting our year to date expenditure of \$17,623.52 leaves us with a total of \$10,925.67 on July 26, 2008 minus our \$6,000 prudent reserve (or estimated two months operating expense), gives us a total net available for service of \$4,925.67. Yours in service and ever grateful for the opportunities given, Beth E.

Committee Chair Reports

Treatment: Greetings, thanks for the opportunity to serve as your Area 35 Treatment Chair. First I need to apologize about not getting my report into the Northern Light. This will not happen again. We met this morning as a treatment committee and had 9 people in attendance. Butch, district 8 DCM, reported that commitments are being kept with all of their in-patient and out-patient facilities. He also stated that they are bringing meetings into Thisledew in cooperation with their corrections committee. Finally he discussed the difficulties and importance of AA members keeping their commitments. Skip from district 5 reported that they are bringing meetings into Riverplace in Elk River. He stated that he was having some difficulties with contacting the other treatment facilities in the district. He also mentioned that rides are being provided to AA meetings for individuals while they are in the local treatment facilities. Nancy, secretary from district 21, said that their district still does not have a treatment chair so she was sitting in for their district. Steve, Alt. DCM for district 9, said that they are bringing meetings into their local treatment facility 1 time per month and meeting all of their commitments. Billy, new treatment chair for district 3, said that he is currently contacting all of the facilities and groups to set up rides and bring meetings into the facilities. Kenny and John from district 13 stated that they are currently contacting all of the treatment centers. They stated that they are having some difficulties with filling speakers for a local women's ½ way house. Dan from district 16 said that speaking commitments are being met. They committee also had good discussion about the importance of communicating between both AA members and professionals. The committee discussed the upcoming MARCH conference in St. Paul and a number of committee members volunteered to help Area 35 staff the booth for 1 day. Further arrangements are also being finalized to hold a joint treatment/corrections workshop the Friday night of the fall assembly in district 1. Thanks again for the opportunity to serve. Jim K.

Archives: (Given by Brad I.) Five were present at the archives meeting this morning representing Districts 2 and 13. First we talked about the upcoming Zone III archives workshop on September 20, at the United Methodist Church from noon to five pm. Scotty Johnson is doing a power-point presentation. Second, we talked about group history forms on the GSO website. At the Spring Assembly there was discussion about an AA member's obituary which mentioned that he was a strong supporter of AA, which we thought was a decent way to support anonymity and still get the message out there. In response to Roger's question about Bill's golf clubs, Bob sent an email to Gayle L. (Akron Archivist) asking about them, but she had no clue where they might be-she suggested checking with Stepping Stones. They do have one of Dr. Bob's clubs, and Dr. Bob's medical bag is on display at 855 Ardmore (the Founder's Day foundation) many other medical items were purchased by Brown University from Dr. Bob's daughter Sue.

Northern Light Editor: Perhaps, like me, if been wondering if we would have the Northern Light here today or not. I did get the issue completed and off to the printer, but with our Group Records position being up in the air, well...With the inclusion of the Area minutes in the newsletter (as decided at the June committee meeting), I ended up with a lot of blank pages. I was hoping to cut the issue down to 18 pages instead of the 20 it is, however, with the tabloid format we are using, pages must be in multiples of 4. Thankfully, our co-founder, Bill W. was quite a prolific writer and his writings are well archived and easily available, so I am able to use that as filler. I would prefer, however, to have more writings from our Area 35 membership. Submit articles to NorthernLight@area35.org Yours in Service, Ed A.

Group Records Chair: I have not prepared a report because I thought that was a bit presumptuous as I am not approved yet. But I certainly welcome the opportunity, and DCMs, I have the packets of Northern Lights that you are used to, so you can pick them up. Again, I thank you for the opportunity. It is nice to be here again, and I am glad to be back. Audrey S.

Corrections: We had 14 members present at the committee meeting this morning. At the Area level, I've received 3 requests for temporary contacts since June. Have had a few "last minute" requests from Area 36. I spoke to Annette, the temporary contact person for Area 36, about this, and she explained that sometimes inmates don't know where they are going until a week or two before their release dates, but that Area 36 gets them to me as soon as they receive them. Have had questions regarding books and literature for professionals and/or to inmates in correctional facilities. Asked other Districts what they are doing. Jim and I have talked about doing a workshop in TRF the Friday before the Fall Assembly, it will be at their Club. I will also be speaking with other corrections chairs/DCMs in Zone I to see how they can participate. Will hopefully have the details and a flyer out by the end of August. At GSO they are working on the revised Corrections Workbook and Kit, but it will not be completed until the end of summer. Looks like some good things will be added. It appears that there is a need again for sober members to do corrections correspondence. They have been flooded with inmates asking for members to correspond. There are again 30 inmates on a waiting list, mostly men. In service, Dianna S.

Public Information: Greetings to all you wonderful Alcoholics! This morning we had 14 people attending our committee meeting, and 3 were new GSRs, which is just splendid! The State Fair is right around the corner and I want to send a very special thanks to District 18 for filling the last opening for our booth. If anyone needs to know the time they are signed up for please come and see me. In beautiful District 5 Heidi has been updating and printing meeting schedules, and passing our grapevines to waiting rooms in clinics, laundry mats, etc. In sensational District 6 Dave has passed meeting schedules to the offices in the courts system and public health. Dave brought up a question about the PI/CPC display in the literature catalog, and I am personally going to do extensive research on this and get back the committee. In awesome District 16 members are bringing meeting schedules to different facilities. Bill, the DCM from energetic District 3, has been promoting their District phone-line by passing out pieces of paper containing the District number. Karen, PI chair from the energetic District 3, has been coordinating the distribution of packets for professionals to hospitals, clinics, churches, social services, and mental health centers. She has also been coordinating meeting schedule distribution which included visiting over 28 resorts in the area and contacting schools and colleges. Doreen, DCM for the fantastic District 18, talked about making new meeting schedules, working with the drug court, and mentioned a new meeting in their District. Finally, I want to let everyone know that Jon did not swear during the meeting this morning. It is always so nice and exciting to see the growth people make in AA. I also want to thank Heidi for taking notes for me; she does the best job, has great handwriting, works hard, and is very, very smart! Yours in service, Jon C.

Grapevine: First, earlier this week I got the new wall calendar and pocket calendar in the mail, and I will be ordering some of them. Costs are \$8.50 for the wall calendar and \$4.50 for the pocket one. Also news from the GV: they are planning an issue on AA in treatment facilities this winter, so they need stories from people who went to treatment or have spoken/take meetings into treatment centers. They also just finished recording the Spanish translation of Spiritual Awakenings, which will be out in August. For the 2nd quarter of 2008, the average circulation of the GV is 106,227, with a pass along rate of four, which equals 531,115. The GV upcoming special sections are: Sept.-the hardest amends I've ever made, Oct.-getting sober over sixty, and Nov- classic Grapevine: celebrating twenty years of the language of the heart. In our committee meeting this morning, Harold, DCM for District 21, said that their GV chair Steve P. has been visiting meetings encouraging people to subscribe to the Grapevine, and their district corrections chair got permission to bring stapled GVs into the jail. Ron, GV chair from District 5, has ordered back issues of the GV to distribute to the jails and treatments.

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I spoke with Bob K. in regards to a possible agenda item which pertains to the Grey Pages. On the GV subscription form we could have a box to check if you want to get the Grey Pages, and if you do there would be an extra cost for them. I will be discussing this with my committee at the Fall Assembly and hopefully we'll get a proposal ready. Lori R.

Webmaster: Our 2008 Web site totals are as follows: - Total for the year – 11166 Unique visitors – 16440 (1.47 visits/visitor) – Total Visitors 119012 (7.23 Pages/Visit) – 499808 (30.4 Hits/Visit) 3.82 GB (243.76 KB/Visit) - May 1475 unique visitors - June 1585 unique visitors - July 172 unique visitors - Aug 73 unique visitors (as of the 2th) - Our most popular pages were the Meeting Search, Calendar of Events, followed by the Meeting pages. Some interesting info about who is visiting the site - Besides the US there were also thousands of page visits from Canada, South Korea, Israel, Switzerland, Colombia, Hong Kong, Russian Federation, Netherlands, Italy, Austria, Japan, Great Britain, Spain, Venezuela, Other European and other Countries. I get form 2-10 request for meeting page changes or additions per week. I received a copy of the FNV database for Area 35 from Mike Pederson and have been comparing what is in it to what we have in our Area Web page meeting database. I have deleted many groups that are not registered or are no longer active. I sent out an email to all the DCM's and Area leaders asking for help to update the database. Attached is a simple document with a table to use for updating. I requested that all DCM's check all there meetings to make sure their meetings have the table fields complete. I suggested that it is a good way to approach all the groups in all the districts. The information is important to meeting searchers to make a decision about what meetings they can go to – most important is Group Registration, wheel chair accessibility and smoking although all the fields are important. I have received many emails about this, and some are hard at work at it but I don't know about the majority. The Area 35/36 Web Committee scheduled a meeting in St. Cloud on Saturday the 2nd and I was not able to attend. From the last emails I received it looks like Area 36 is ready to go ahead with the meeting page. I have discussed the issues I have with it here at past meetings, at the assemblies and with Ed our present Northern Light editor/past Webmaster and don't think it is a good idea at this time.

Here are my concerns:

1. Although our system is not perfect if a change is requested the webmaster can do it the same day- a meeting change form application may take weeks or months to take effect.
2. The meeting page would be administered by the web designer from Area 36. The idea last discussed was to pay this person for the job to keep him doing it but what happens if he can no longer do it – too much of Area 35's well-being would be in Area 36's hands.
3. Since we already have a link to area 36's web page and they could have a direct link to ours the advantages of having them combined are minimal compared to the problems if they drop the ball in some way. I think it is a good idea for Area 36 and suggest that if they do complete it we have a direct link from our Meeting search page to their meeting page.

Yours in Service, Dan R.

Literature: Since the June Committee Meeting I have purchased over \$900.00 of literature. I have all the literature here so it will be available after the meeting. I will be ordering again before the Fall Assembly. Our workshop June 212 at St. Cloud went great and we got good feedback from those in attendance. A dozen of us met in committee this morning and discussed the new survey that we will be getting in the next order. We also had a discussion on whether the BB could be downloaded to an I Pod. Yours in service, Michael V.

Archivist: The Archives inventory is progressing. All the items that were included in the last inventory are accounted for. I am now going through the files, folder by folder, and finding all kinds of interesting items. Some are puzzling as to how they ended up in the archives (I found a couple of thank you cards and a boxing book), and others are not dated so I have to practice my historical detective work to file them properly. The digital transcription of tapes is moving along. If anyone has a reel-to-reel tape deck that the archives can borrow, I would love to attempt to transcribe a box of reel-to-reel tapes that GSO put out in the early 60's. Please keep those district minutes coming. Brad I.

CPC: Hi I'm Dee K., an alcoholic and your CPC chair. Thanks to some information I got from JoAnne I was updated on some things that happened at the GSC regarding CPC. There were three videos brought up for a vote, two of which were approved with some changes-one for the legal criminal justice system and the other for the healthcare fields. The trustees committee will review the changes at their August meeting, and upon their approval, they will be placed on GSO's website. The third video is directed toward professionals in the employment/human relations field and that revised draft will be brought back to the 2009 conference. Mary D., CPC staff from GSO, sent a letter to Area Delegates stating that she has received requests from AA members asking how to work with the drug courts. I know we have a few in our Area, if you are working with any in your districts, Mary would appreciate an email describing your work with the drug courts so she can share it with the rest of the CPC chairs: cpc@aa.org. GSO has also come up with a power-point presentation that will be included in the CPC kit. Translations are available. You can also request the power-point by emailing Mary at cpc@aa.org. The AA newsletter is great for working with professionals. The letter can be found on the GSO website. There is a CPC display available in the literature catalog, but it costs \$100. Perhaps I could order one for our Area to be used around the Area at special events. GSO also has a list of CPC contacts in the US. Our meeting this morning there was lots covered, and I will let Jon cover that since he has a note taker. Dee K.

DCMS

District 18: Hello Area 35! WOW! Where did summer go? Time sure seems to fly when I tend to get out of myself and help the one who still suffers! I hope this article finds everyone in Area 35 enjoying their sobriety, "One Day at a Time". District 18 had their meeting in August and due to other commitments there were only a few in attendance. This generally seems to be the "norm" during summer..District 18 seems to be holding its own....and is getting along well. The Sobriety in Motion group was started in Little Falls and now has their group number. So, they are official. The group meets on Sunday Nights at 7pm at the First Lutheran Church at 2100 Riverview Drive. If anyone has any questions they can contact me, Doreen. This group is a Big Book Study. JoAnne, Area 35 Delegate came and shared her experience at the General Service Conference in July and had many pictures and memorabilia to show. Thanks JoAnne for the wonderful work you do for all of us! Last time at the Area Meeting I indicated that I was going to work with the Little Falls Alano Club to see if any of the 14 groups were interested in being "autonomous". They declined. I'm not sure about anyone else, but being back with my "people" in service is always so rewarding for me. I start to feel "a part of" – part of a family that accepts me for who I am and cares about the suffering alcoholic as passionately as I do. Thank you everyone in Area 35 for the wonderful gift to serve! In Service, Doreen L.

District 3: My name is Bill D.. I'm an alcoholic and DCM for district 3. Greetings to all from the great district 3. It's nice to see all of your bright shiny faces, again. These last months have been busy. I'm still getting out to meetings in the district to get to know folks and to make attempts to get them involved in the district. I've been attending Round Robins and of course, our district meetings. Speaking of that, Jo Anne, our beautiful delegate, attended our last district meeting and gave us her report. Thanks again, Jo Anne! We had a great turnout of about 25 people. A good time was had by all. We even had a couple of district 4 people come to visit. That free food gets them every time! District 3 Toll Free Helpline is up and running and we are "promoting" it on our meeting lists, our website, our literature packs and bulletin boards everywhere. Our Treatment Chair stepped down and we are trying to fill that position. Billy, our webmaster, is filling in for now. Thanks, Billy! Our website is current and running smoothly. YAY!! Our PI chair, Karen, and her helpers have been busy delivering literature to resorts, campgrounds, chamber of commerce's, halfway houses, hospitals, clinics, social services and churches. Schools are next. Our P.I. has been covering CPC, also. The corrections chair, Jeff, has been active contacting institutions and plugging in volunteers for meetings. We are financially and mentally sound. No???? Well one out of two ain't bad! Thanks for letting me hang out with you. Yours in service, Bill D.

District 7: First I need to ask your forgiveness for not submitting my last report to the Area. I have to say I have been a bit overwhelmed in the past couple of months- being a new wife, taking a class, working full time, DCM, meetings, and being a mom to an 18 year old who is graduating this year. Excuses, maybe, but I am working towards a balance!! If I were not sober-nothing would get done! On July 17th JoAnne came to share her experience at the GSC. We had a potluck and a great turnout. There were about 20-30 people in attendance, including some people from District 17. There was a lot of food. We were all very touched by JoAnne's presentation and very grateful for her willingness to serve the AA Fellowship. On July 26th we had our first District picnic! It was a great success with over 60 people attending. The weather was beautiful and there was, again, an abundance of really good food. Everyone pitched in to make it a success and we had a really good time just enjoying each others fellowship. It was said by many that we should make this an annual even, so we will be discussing that at our next meeting. On August 7 we will have a CPC luncheon planning committee meeting for the CPC Luncheon our District has planned for September 8, 2008 (time and place TBD). We are very excited about this very important event and have had a great response from volunteers willing to be on the planning committee. The GSRs have already brought it to their groups, and many groups are getting involved. Many groups are sponsoring a professional from the community and some are sponsoring 2. WE are also starting to plan for our Fall Workshop which will also be held in September. The workshop topic will be: The 12 Steps and 12 Traditions. We as a district felt we needed to get back to the basics. A lot of meeting in our district are topic meetings. There aren't too many that are step of tradition driven. We have a new women's meeting in the district which is a Big Book study, so we now have about 60 meetings in the district. We have been working at visiting these meetings. It will definitely take awhile to get to them all. Last but not least, we had a fair booth at the Crow Wing Cty. Fair this past week. Doug C. did an awesome job coordinating it and making sure that the booth was staffed with volunteers. This year and last we scheduled volunteers on 2 hours, and off 2 hours. People seem more reluctant to stop by the booth if someone is there, unless they are in the program. We found that more

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literature is taken during the times that no one is at the booth. It's been working very well to get the message out to more people. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service-I am truly grateful and continue to learn much about the program and myself. In love and service, LeeAnn H.

District 16: Happy August. Couple things, there are some corrections for the Northern Lights: my phone number is wrong and yes I do have a real address even though I live in the sticks. District 16 has moved the meeting back a week, our District meeting will be the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 at the United Methodist Church. There is a new meeting Mon. at 7 pm at the Jacobsen Church that is looking for some history of the old Jacobsen meeting, so if you are aware of any information please pass it on to me. 2 groups are still waiting for their group numbers: Effie Women's group and Cohasset group #2. Two new GSRs came to the last District meeting which is exciting. Literature is being distributed at established racks in our District by our Literature and Grapevine chairs. We also found three empty literature racks that we get to find a use for. New meeting directories have been printed and are being distributed, so if you need some let me know. Treatment and corrections are being handled by individuals and groups as we currently have no chair. Thank you for allowing me to be of service, and its great to see people here in August! Mary C.

District 21: Good morning family of choice! We are making some progress, so many exciting things have been happening in our District. We had our last District meeting in July, and the participation was relatively low, we had maybe 14pp there. The good news is we have 2 more GSRs which is going to make about 7 for this rotation, which is really, really, exciting for us! The new women's jail meeting has been growing, and more worker bees are getting involved. The last pp I talked to about it their eyes just glow, and one said, you won't believe it, we didn't have enough chairs for the last meeting! The other jail meetings are going very well and at the last District meeting we purchased literature and tapes for the jail meetings. Earlier this rotation we voted to support the jail meetings in the four counties in our District any way we can. We just feel this is just such a vital and crucial way to carry the message, and I mean financially and otherwise. We got permission to bring stapled GVs in to the jail, and then someone donated a box of GVs! What more can you say, but thank you. We are working on getting contacts for pp leaving the jails, both men and women, it's just so neat to see how things work and grow! The monthly potluck the club has is just growing and doing so well. Thank you to Brad for coming and sharing as the archivist. If anyone has not taken advantage of Brad's passion for the history, please do. He is just so passionate. Our District Meeting list now has accurate Cass Lake meetings on it. September 27th, CPC and PI are having a workshop in our zone and we are stressing the August 23rd Sponsorship Seminar in Thief River Falls, as well as other service work and how the groups carry the message. Service work has a wrench for every nut and 2-3 times a month I have been going to groups that I haven't been to trying to carry the message that you are welcome to come to District, and to encourage them to get a GSR if they don't have one. It's just so exciting to see pp getting involved in service! That is all I have, except we get to stay sober one more day because of this. Thank you and Congratulations Sarah on the wedding and the new name. Harold S.

District 9: I am not able to attend today because of a family reunion taking place in anticipation of my moving. In June I gave notice to my district that if and when we sell our property I will be moving out of the area. In the meantime, I have been visiting groups and working with committee chairs who are carrying the message to the treatment centers and detox located in Virginia, NERC Mesaba Academy, and Thistledeew. At our District meeting last Sunday motions were passed allowing the PI chair to order more pamphlets for distribution to probation officers, clergy, schools, and healthcare workers. A second motion was approved to print 1000 new meeting directories, and a third motion was made regarding our response to the GSC agenda item to suggest ways for GSO to be self-supporting, considering our understanding of Tradition 7. District 9 has set a goal to have 100% of our groups make a contribution to GSO in 2008. GSRs will be reporting that involvement at district meetings. We will encourage the Birthday Plan and pass on information about supporting all entities of service as we respond to the GSC agenda item. Karen H.

District 11: First, Thank you to JoAnne for coming to Finlayson to give the GSC report. In July District 11 is staffing the Pine County Fair AA Booth. District 11 is still primarily a corrections focused district; however, four people I know are speaking at a treatment center in Mora. Some members of District 6 will meet with our CPC chair to inform her about starting up meetings. Thank you District 6. Yours in service, Doug N.

District 1: Hi from District 1! I'm Priscilla, and I'm a grateful alcoholic! What a summer! Too slow in coming, but moving at a fast pace leading us to fall. Speaking of, I am anxiously looking forward to the Fall Assembly in Thief River Falls on September 4 & 5. It's a wonderful opportunity for everyone to attend, especially from our neck of the woods. I am really anticipating the Zone I Zonal Forum on sponsorship on Saturday August 23, at the Thief River Falls Alano club. What a roster, and the questions for discussion are something I sure don't want to miss. I have been visiting different groups in our district. Ada has a supportive group and is in the process of getting even more active. My husband Rick and I drove to Erskine on a gorgeous day and were made feel very welcome. There were about 8 people in attendance. On a Thursday in June we drove to Fosston for another meeting and there were 10 in attendance. I have visited other groups in the district earlier this spring, where Rick, a GSR from Tues. Night Crookston, mentioned hearing JoAnne give her report at Bemidji Alano. We have a great event coming up on September 6-7: the 7th Annual Slumber Party at the Farmers Union Campground, Lake Sarah, SW of Erskine. There are flyers on the back table. Sincerely in Service work, Priscilla A.

District 4: Not present. No report submitted. Bruce W.

District 17: Not present. No report submitted.

District 2: Good morning, I'm Art an alcoholic. Our last district meeting was huge! It was Rod P. and myself. We couldn't understand why no one was there, but it turns out that our treasurer, who was pregnant with twins, was in the dangerous time (I found out on Monday she lost one-our sympathy), another one we lost to St. Cloud, sad to see her go but happy she is in good hands, another was home with his kids, and one was 12-stepping, so Rod and I had a meeting. But things are going pretty good in District 2. We'd like to thank District 21 for inviting us down for the Delegate's report. We brought a young gal down with us, and when JoAnne got done talking she said, Art, I just got goose bumps. She was so impressed. Isn't it funny how some people can light a fire under others? Bob, Brad, every time I hear you you're great. Looking forward to all the big guns coming to Thief River for the Zonal Forum in September. I think we'll have a good turn out because we have been talking about the Area people coming and it is such a good chance to meet you all. We try to get people involved, and you people are the ones who do it. You did it for me. Art A.

District 13: All is well in District 13. We would like to give a heartfelt thanks to our Delegate JoAnne, who gave a detailed and passionate report of the 2008 GSC, to a record attendance for our District 13 and 15 picnic of close to fifty people, including 8 kids, but we counted them. All of our action committees are now filled, with the installation of our literature chair (When I wrote installation I thought, no, she's not a toilet or something, but she now is our literature chair). We are struggling a little to fulfill our commitments at Benton and Stearns Cty. Jails, but hopefully we'll have more people coming to the tables to help out. At our July meeting we added six new GSRs probably as a result of our getting out to meetings in June, which I think is really good and I'm excited about that. I was honored to conduct a group inventory at an AA meeting in St. Cloud. It was great to see their enthusiasm and interest in getting involved. Our group contributions are increasing. At one point we were getting worried, we had a deficit, but we made up half of it and our treasurer feels that if contributions keep increasing we will be OK! That's all I have, Thanks. Roger R.

District 15: Not present. No report submitted. Patty G.

District 8: Greetings once again from District 8. Our meetings are being well attended and our commitments are being met. I continue to visit meetings within the District as well as helping with my home groups commitments. I look forward to the Fall Assembly, and I am also busy with the 2009 Winter Wrap Up. I would like to thank JoAnne for a great Delegate's report. She did find Palo, but she delegated a past Delegate to bring her to Ely. That's all I got, Butch R.

District 6: We're pretty busy in District 6, but all our chairs are working really hard so they make my job easier. We just had a booth at the Chisago County Fair that went pretty good. Other than that we're just trying to carry the message and stay sober. Thank you, Jack J.

District 12: Not present. Report submitted. We are working on the district inventory and hope to have it done in Oct. All our action committees are very active. The district created and approved small card "business sized card" with a short message and the local Intergroup phone number to hand out. Timothy H.

District 5: Good afternoon. Greetings and Blessings from District 5. We currently have all our positions filled with eh exception of our Archives chair, but Rita has been busy trying to organize that. One great idea she brought back was to have group members write up a short history of their group to turn in to the District archives. We are continuing to carry the message into Mille Lacs and Sherburne county jails. Rita just got a few more men to go into Sherburne and that is just great! Rita is forming a committee for our fall District workshop on Steps 8 & 9. Skip our treatment chair continues to bring speakers into Riverplace, and also is trying to make contact with other facilities in our district despite the lack of response. JoAnne came and gave her Delegate's report on June 21, and we had 15 people present. Thanks JoAnne for a great job, with all the information you passed on and all the hard work you put into your report. We especially enjoyed all the pictures and her trinkets. Our Wed. night Lost and Found meeting held their quarterly speaker meeting and potluck on June 30th. I would like to thank them for inviting me to come and speak. It's always a wonderful time of fellowship. This weekend we look forward to having our Mille Lacs Cty. Fair booth. We had more than enough volunteers this year and we're really excited about that. Our District will also be covering the State Fair booth on Saturday. We have also been working on meeting cards to make sure we have enough to distribute. Heidi has been doing a great job on that. Our cost for 10,000 is \$204. We started with 42 listings last year, and now we have 37 active groups. I have been busy getting information to Dan to update our meetings on the Area website. What a job that was you guys! I am happy to report I was able to give him all that information today so the website will be current. We currently have 16 groups that are not registered and I am looking into formulating a letter to send out on the importance of making sure they are registered so they can get on the Area website. My next goal is getting GSO

August Committee Meeting (continued)

updated. We are happy and excited to announce that since our last district meeting we have four new GSRs! I want to thank them all for their commitment to serve. We now have 10 GSRs, and since the last Area meeting I have visited the last 14 groups in the District, and I want to thank everybody in those groups for allowing me the time to speak at their meetings. I cannot tell you what an honor and a privilege it was to go out and visit those 40 groups. It was really exciting, and every group was so gracious and welcoming. I want to thank them for that. I plan on visiting some groups again in 2009. We are really excited in District 5 to watch the growth in contributions go up! Thank you to every District Chair, GSR, volunteer, and member of AA that have helped make this possible with their continuous commitment to carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers in all areas of service. Together we can continue to make a difference. I look forward to the Fall Assembly and being a part of the Area Inventory, and to a relaxing weekend at Keep It Simple. Thank you so much for allowing me to be of service, and putting up with my nervousness. Kelly D.

OLD BUSINESS

Area 35 Inventory: Jon C. Our committee would like you to bring the 9 questions listed in the July/August Northern Light on page 13 back to your districts and GSRs bring it to your home groups for discussion and bring that discussion to the Fall Assembly. Ted Stoa will be our moderator. Questions can be added at the Fall Assembly if so desired. Number 9 addresses that too.

NEW BUSINESS

Area 35/36 Joint Workshop: Jay: After the June Committee Meeting I got an email asking if we were going to have the joint workshop this year. At the time I told them that even though we had it in 2005, 2006, and 2007, I did not find anywhere that it said we should have one every year. Does anyone have the Area Actions book? Since I didn't have record of this being an annual event, I wanted to bring this back here to make sure I wasn't scheduling something I wasn't supposed to. Discussion: As an Area we agreed to have an annual workshop with Area 36, as there were new chairs rotating in each year, and that it was the Area Chair's responsibility early in the year to schedule it. Another felt that this was a very helpful event. There was concern over the number of commitments for Area Officers, that we were turning it from an avocation to a vocation. (There were people looking in the Area Actions Booklet to determine if there had been a motion to make this an annual event, but nothing was found. It was stated that if something is not in the Area Actions Book, as far as the Area is concerned it did not exist, and another individual disagreed with that statement.) We want to have cooperation with Area 36, it is a good opportunity to do this, and no opposition to this has been voiced here today. I think July is a good month to do it in and I think we should make a motion that will go into the Area Actions Booklet to do this in the future. There was concern voiced over when to hold it this year as the Southern MN chairs will be rotating out in five months. **Motion: That Area 35 work cooperatively with Area 36 to hold an annual joint workshop.** 2nded. Discussion on the motion: Having previously attended it, I found it really valuable. Area officers have had difficulty scheduling things already, so the feasibility of adding another commitment is questionable. *Amendment to the motion: we should not have the joint workshop this year as it is so late in the year. The person who made the motion did not second the amendment, so the amendment failed.* Question asking for clarification on what the Joint Area Workshop is. Answer: it is an afternoon where all Area chairs and officers from Southern and Northern MN meet to share information and work cooperatively; I found it very helpful. It is a valuable exchange of information; you have to be there to understand how awesome it is. A suggestion was made to have two separate votes on the Joint workshop, one to hold it annually, and one pertaining to holding it this year. A comment was made to be sure to budget for this event and adjust this year's budget if need be, and it was noted that it has been budgeted for already. Another said they were told at the last Area Committee Meeting in June that we didn't have time for this with all our other commitments, but feels it is a very important event and still wants to have it this year. Point of information—we have a motion that has been seconded, an amendment made that was not seconded, and then we had a suggestion to separate the motions which might make it easier to handle. **Vote: on the motion made that Area 35 work cooperatively with Area 36 to hold an annual joint workshop. 22 in favor, 1 opposed.** Minority opinion: people closer in travel distance have it easier than those further away, and it should rotate locations. **Motion Passed. Motion: Due to time constraints we not have a joint workshop in 2008.** 2nded. Discussion: We should leave the door open to the possibility of having one if it can be worked out with Southern MN. The Area Chair is to schedule it. Some confusion over if we could table a motion or not. Clarification: we can only withdraw a motion not table it. Motion was not withdrawn. **Vote: 9 in favor, 11 opposed. Motion fails.** Jay will contact the Area Chair from 36 to schedule it.

Submission of Area Records Chair: Audrey S. was put forth as the new Area Records Chair. Nominations were asked for, but then retracted as it is an appointed position, and Audrey was presented for approval of the area. Vote: all in favor.

State Fair Booth: Jay brought up that Area 36 claims we did not pay them last year for the State Fair booth. He stated he was treasurer then and thought we had paid them, but didn't know for sure and wanted to make sure no one had a problem with us paying them if, after he looks into it, it turns out we didn't already. Hearing none, Jay will check into this and pay them if need be. They have already been paid for this year by our current treasurer.

Trustee-At-Large: JoAnne: Three people from our area have agreed to stand for this position (Susie A., Tom A., and Charlie C.) and have received resumes. I would like the Area's input on publishing their resumes in the Northern Light so the Area can see them and make an informed decision when they vote at the Fall Assembly based on knowledge of the candidates' qualifications. The Area approved, so the resumes will be published in the Northern Light. (Note: We already publish the Delegate's resumes in the Northern Light.)

GSR's Voting: Concern was raised over the fact that GSRs cannot vote at committee meetings, and it was pointed out that on page S35 of the Service Manual says GSRs can vote anytime there is a meeting of the Area Committee. Clarification—this is an Area Committee Meeting, not an Assembly and that section of the Service Manual refers to Assemblies. GSRs can still vote at Assemblies which is in accord with the Service Manual, so we did not change the rules, it was just an Area decision to have Area Committee Meetings structured this way. Jay will do more research.

Motion to close the meeting, all in favor. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

THANK YOU AGAIN!

It is with a heavy heart and giant gratitude that I again am writing a THANK YOU to all of you who were again gracious, kind, generous, and understanding in remembering my daughter Elizabeth Ann (IFFA) who passed away on August 20th.

The flowers, memorials, cards, and attendance at her funeral continues to be a beautiful example of AA unity and the love of our 3rd legacy service.

May your Higher Power grant each of you quality serenity and good health!

Love in the fellowship,
Greg G.

TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE-U.S./CANADA - RESUME SHEET

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GENERAL SERVICE

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DATE OF SOBRIETY: January 15, 1981 **EDUCATION:** St. Cloud Vocational Technical College 1983

(Materials Management)

B. S., St. Cloud State University

(Magna Cum Laude) 1994

Major: Anthropology

Minor: Environmental Studies.

AA BACKGROUND

My home group is the Waite Park West End 12 Step Group. I'm also a member of the 8:00 Wednesday Night Group, attending both meetings on a regular basis, participating in all group functions. Sponsorship is a regular activity in my sobriety. I served in District 13 as the DCM (1985-1988), the Alt. DCM (1984) and the Wednesday Night 8:00 group as GSR (1982-1983). In Area 35 I served as Delegate, Panel 48 (1998-1999), Alternate Delegate (1996-1997), Chairperson (1994-1995), "Northern Light" Newsletter Editor (1992-1993), Group Records Secretary (1990-1991) and Secretary (1988-1989). I served the West Central Region as the West Central Regional Reporter Editor, West Central Regional Forum Host Contact Committee co-chair and the West Central Regional Conference Host Contact Committee co-chair. I have served on the St. Cloud Roundup as a committee member for the last 26 years, holding positions of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and various committee chair assignments.

CURRENT AA ACTIVITIES

I am a home group member in good standing. Facilitate treatment and jail meetings, and attend Area 35 and West Central Region events. I am on the St. Cloud Roundup Committee and on the Board of Directors for the St. Cloud Roundup, Inc.

CURRENT AND PAST ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF AA

I taught religious education class to 8th Graders in early 70's. I worked at the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Bazaar for 25 years, and I'm in the Christian Women's Group in our parish. I have been a member of the Waite Park environmental committee since 1994. I crochet avidly, making afghans and things for family and friends. I like to garden and my cacti keep me busy year around.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND

From 1968-1974, I was a waitress at the local hometown restaurant. In 1974 I started bartending and continued until 1981 and loved it. From 1983 to 1990 I was employed as a Postage Keyboard Operator at Fingerhut Inc. In 1990 I became Vice President of RT Enterprises, a manufacturing software sales and service firm, primarily working closely with the President to ensure the prosperity of the Company. In 1993 I became the President of SRT Property Management, a building leasing and management firm, of which I am the primary executor of all aspects of the company. In 1996 I became Vice President of Cybermation, our state's first focused home automation business. Together these 3 businesses give me the opportunity to grow professionally, executing decisionmaking policies on a daily basis.

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PROCEDURE USED FOR ELECTION

1. Third Legacy Procedure _____ 2. Other: _____

(Please Specify)

I have read the information listed on the reverse side. To the best of my knowledge, it is correct.

Signature of Candidate: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

In accordance with a 1977 Conference action:

“Resumes for trustee candidates be sent to the General Service Office by the area delegate only, as soon as possible after the election, but not later than January 1. Any resumes received at the General Service Office after the January 1 deadline will be returned to the delegate in the submitting area and will not be considered by the trustees' Nominating Committee in the current election.”

TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE-U.S./CANADA - RESUME SHEET**NAME:** Thomas L. A. **ADDRESS:**

Waite Park, MN 56387

GENERAL SERVICE**CONFERENCE AREA:** Area 35 **RESIDENCE PHONE:** 320-XXX-XXXX**BUSINESS PHONE:** 320-XXX-XXXX**FAX:** 320-XXX-XXXX**e-mail address:****DATE OF SOBRIETY:** November 11, 1985 **EDUCATION:** B.S., Engineering Tech.

MBA – Information Tech.

A.A. BACKGROUND

Served as a Panel 50 Delegate (2000-01) from Northern Minnesota/Area 35 and served as alternate chair of the Policy/Admissions Committee in 2001. Previously, served as Area Treasurer (1998-99), Area Archivist (1994-97), Area Secretary (1990-91), Area Records Secretary (1988-89), and GSR (1987-1988). Also served as the West Central Regional Forum Host Contact Committee co-chair (1993), and the West Central Regional Conference Host Contact Committee co-chair (1994). In 1992-93, I researched and documented a significant amount of Area 35's archives in preparation for publishing an area history.

CURRENT A.A. ACTIVITIES

I am a member in good standing of the Waite Park West End 12 Step Group and take an active role in home group matters. I am an active member in Area 35, and participate in Area functions when requested. I have attended all area committee meetings, assemblies and annual service workshops for the past 20+ years. I have been a committee member of the St. Cloud Roundup for the past 20 years, holding various officer and committee positions, and currently sit on the board of directors. I am active in joint service efforts between Area 35 and Area 36, including a committee to develop a cooperative internet project. I sponsor people when asked and meet with them regularly.

CURRENT AND PAST ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE A.A.

I have served as a Eucharistic minister in church on a regular basis, am on a nocturnal adoration team in my parish, and have served as the Tuesday acolyte and for other masses and adoration services. I present or teach about my business experience to university classes, community groups and professional organizations on a regular basis. I am a board member of the Consumer Electronics Association's Small Business Council and member of the Networking Committee. For pleasure, I travel, fish, and am an avid reader, especially of Sam Shoemaker and other pre-AA spiritual/religious writers.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND

In 1996, I co-founded Cybermation, Minnesota's first home-automation-focused business. A pioneer firm in this market, Cybermation has become a nationally recognized firm in a new, fast-growing market. In 2008 it was chosen as one of the 3 national finalists for the Consumer Electronics Association's Mark of Excellence award for its successful business model. I currently serve as the president, directing strategic planning, budgeting, and business development.

In 1993, I co-founded SRT Property Management, a firm dedicated to developing the Ardolf Technology Center (ATC). The ATC is central Minnesota's first focused technology center, designed to provide synergy for both tenants and their customers.

I founded an information technology firm, RT Enterprises, in 1986. I served as the firm's president, primarily performing the strategic planning and budgeting, and also directing the sales department. This successful business was transitioned to a new owner in 2006.

My professional experience with three businesses provides a broad executive skill set combined with proven tactical applications.

33rd ANNUAL AREA 35 SERVICE WORKSHOP
“Our Commitment to Carry A.A.’s Message – Enthusiasm
and Gratitude in Action”
January 17/18, 2009
Cragun’s Resort & Hotel on Gull Lake
11000 Craguns Drive
Brainerd, MN 56401

Saturday, January 17, 2008**District**

-8:00	Registration		
-9:15	Opening & Announcements		
-9:30	Meet your Area Officers & Committee Chairs		
-10:00	Humility and Sacrifice- Setting an Example		1
-10:45	BREAK		
-11:00	Humility and Sacrifice-Changing our Perceptions	15	
-11:45	Humility and Sacrifice-Anonymity-Sacrificing our Egos	3	-12:30 LUNCH (on your own)
-1:45	Enthusiasm and Gratitude-Hope and Purpose From Defeat to Despair		7
-2:30	Enthusiasm and Gratitude-Happy, Joyous and Free	8	
-2:45	BREAK		
-3:30	Enthusiasm and Gratitude-Enthusiasm-A Gift of Inventory	9	
-4:15	Trustee Sharing Sessions		<u>Ken B.</u>
-5:00	DINNER (on your own)		
-6:15	GSR/DCM Sharing Sessions		
-8:00	OPEN SPEAKER MEETING (Ice Cream Social to follow)		<u>Ken B.</u>

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2009

-7:00 am	Big Book Closed AA Meeting	
-8:30	Spiritual Program in Action-Maximum Service-Our Spiritual Benefit	12
-9:15	Spiritual Program in Action-Persistence-The Key to Progress	16
-10:00	BREAK	
-10:15	Spiritual Program in Action-Living the Traditions	18
-11:00	Ask it Basket	
-11:30	Adjourn	

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2008 – AREA 35 SCHEDULE

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October 24-26 2008
 St. Cloud Civic Center
 10 Fourth Ave. S. St. Cloud, MN 56302
 (320)309-8715 or (320)237-3452 for more info

Area Committee Meeting

February 22, 2009 9:00 a.m.
 Aitkin Alano Club, 322 1st Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN

Area 35/36 Joint Workshop

November 22, 2008 9:30AM to 3:30PM
 Elk River, MN

Area Committee Meeting

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

33rd Annual Area 35 Service Workshop

January 17-18, 2009
 Cragun's Resort & Hotel on Gull Lake
 11000 Craguns Drive
 Brainerd, MN 56401
 Reservations: (218)825-2853 by December 3, 2008

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Upcoming Events in Areas 35 & 36

Founders Day Weekend 2008

November 28—30, 2008
 Doubletree Park Place Hotel
 St. Louis Park, MN

2009 WCRAASC

February 27—March 1, 2009
 Best Western Ramkota Hotel
 Casper, Wyoming
 Reservations: (307) 266-6000

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.

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A.A. BACKGROUND

G.S.R. District 8 P.I. Chair & Alternate D.C.M.- D.C.M.- Area 35 P.I. Chair- District 8 Treasurer -Dist. 8 C.P.C. Chair- Dist. 8 Correction/Treatment Chair- Area 35 Alternate Delegate- Area 35 Delegate 2 years, Panel 54- Co-Chair of the 2003 W.C.R.A.A.S.C. Planning Committee- Have been active in the Iron Range Get-Together, including Chairperson-The Keep it Simple Weekend, including Chairperson- and the Winter Rap-Up, including Chairperson.

CURRENT A.A. ACTIVITIES

Home Group Member of the Zim Wednesday Night-I am on the Opening and Closing Committees-I am the Group Treasurer-I continue to speak the first Thursday of every month at the Saint Louis Cnty .Treatment Facility in Virginia Mn-I am the P.I. Chairperson of the 2009 Winter Rap-Up- I Sponsor and I have a Sponsor.

CURRENT AND PAST ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE A.A.

Owner and Board Member of the Lone Oak Hunting Lodge in Northern Minnesota- Member of the Mesaba Archery Club-Member of the Gilbert V.F.W.- Full time Pa Pa, love to camp, fish and hunt with family and friends.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND

2 Years U.S. Army (13 months spent in Viet Nam)-331/3 years for U.S. Steel at Mintac in Mt. Iron Minnesota, 20 of those years as Field Electrician, 13 1/3 as System Repairman. Retired in 2002 at the age of 56.

Northern Minnesota Area Assembly
Fall 2008
October 4 and 5, 2008

- ___ 9:00 A.M. Registration
- ___ 10:00 A.M. Area Action Committees and GSR Orientation
- ___ Noon Lunch on your Own
- ___ 1:00 Call to Order Open with the Serenity Prayer
- ___ Acknowledgement of Past Delegates
- ___ Why We Need a Conference
- ___ Approval of the Fall Assembly Minutes
- ___ Add To Agenda

OFFICER REPORTS

- ___ Delegate- JoAnne N.
- ___ Alternate Delegate – Dan H.
- ___ Chair Jay A.
- ___ Secretary-Sarah S.
- ___ Treasure-Beth E.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS

- ___ 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-Patty G.
- ___ District 16-Mary C.
- ___ TREATMENT-Jim K.
- ___ District 8-Butch R.
- ___ District 12 Tim H.
- ___ PUBLIC INFORMATION-John C.
- ___ District 5-Kelly D.
- ___ District 18-Doreen L.
- ___ GROUP RECORDS-Audrey S.
- ___ NORTHERN LIGHTS-Ed A.
- ___ District 4-Bruce W.
- ___ District 7-Lee Ann H.
- ___ CORRECTIONS-Krishna Z (Interim)
- ___ District 1-Priscilla
- ___ District 11-Doug N.

2:00 Break

2:15 Breakout Sessions for Area Inventory Items

4:30 Break

4:45 GSR Sharing Session and DCM Sharing Session

6:00 Supper on your Own

7:15 Area Inventory Main Session

9:30 Adjourn

Sunday October 5th

7:30 AM AA Meeting

9:00 Assembly Reconvenes

___ Business Not Completed Saturday

___ GSR Sharing Session Report

___ DCM Sharing Session Report

OLD BUSINESS

___ Spring Assembly 2009

___ Fall Assembly 2009

NEW BUSINESS

___ Nominations for Trustee-at-Large

___ Calendar of Events

___ TBA

___ Adjourn

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