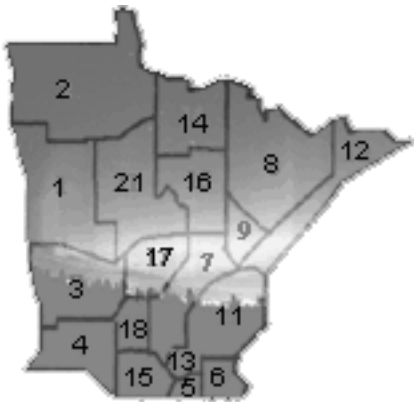


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**Thank you!**

# Our Past Delegates

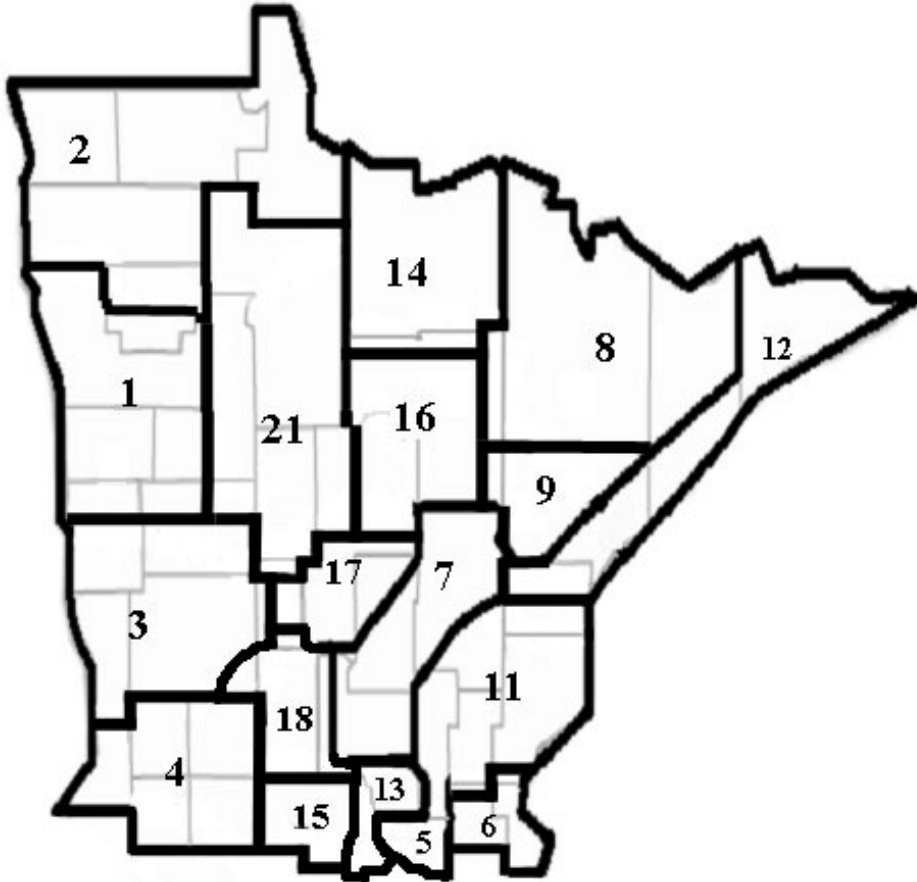
<b>Panel 56</b> Jerry S.	<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>Panel 38</b> Scott J.	<b>1988-1989</b>	<b>Panel 20</b> Clarence B. (deceased)	<b>1970-1971</b>
<b>Panel 54</b> Charlie C.	<b>2004-2005</b>	<b>Panel 36</b> Louie H	<b>1986-1987</b>	<b>Panel 18</b> Dave  H.	<b>1968-1969</b>
<b>Panel 52</b> Tim C.	<b>2002-2003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

## The Delegate's Duties

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

- Attend the Conference meeting in April, fully prepared. Immediately upon election, every delegate is put on the G.S.O. mailing list to receive Conference materials.
- Communicate the actions of the Conference to area committee members and encourage them to pass on this information, and the delegate's enthusiasm, to groups and to intergroups/central offices. If an area is too large for the delegate to cover in person, he or she will ask area officers and committee members to share the load.
- Be prepared to attend all area, state/provincial, and regional service meetings and assemblies. From these meetings, delegates come to better understand their own areas and can make suggestions for the Conference agenda. Here, too, they come in contact with A.A. members who might not be reached otherwise.
- Help area committees obtain financial support for the area and G.S.O.
- Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the A.A. Traditions.
- Remind G.S.R.s to inform groups and individuals about the A.A. Grapevine and Conference-approved literature.
- Cooperate with G.S.O. in obtaining information—for example, making sure that up-to-date information reaches G.S.O. in time to meet the deadline for each Issue 4f 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, Erskine, Fertile, Fosston, Mahnommen, Naytahwaush, Red Lake Falls, Twin Valley, Waubun,
- 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** - 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** - Beaver Bay, Brimson, Brookston, Cloquet, Duluth, Esko, Finland, Fredenberg, Grand Marais, Grand Portage, Hermantown, Hibbing\*, Knife River, Lawrence Lake\*, Lutsen, Mahtowa, McGregor\*, 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><b>District 1</b> Sunday, April 19, 2:00 p.m. Fertile Community Center 101 S. Mill St. Fertile, MN 56540 Call D.C.M., 218-281-6457 for next meeting.</p>	<p><b>District 6</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month, 7:30 p.m. Spring Lake Lutheran Church 8440 Erickson Rd. N.E. North Branch, MN 55056</p>	<p>Duluth Alano Club 3009 Restormel St. Duluth, MN 55806</p>
<p><b>District 2</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Odd Months, 2:00 p.m. First Lutheran Church 210 Park Ave. N. Middle River, MN 56737</p>	<p><b>District 7</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m. First Lutheran Church 424 8<sup>th</sup> St. S. Brainerd, MN 56401</p>	<p><b>District 13</b> 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><b>District 3</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month, 10:00 a.m. Perham Alano Club Hwy 34 Perham, MN 56573</p>	<p><b>District 8</b> Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m. General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m. • Friday, December 7, 2007 Palo, MN</p>	<p><b>District 14</b> Not currently active.</p>
<p><b>District 4</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Month, 5:30 p.m. Call D.C.M. (320)762-0743 for location (it rotates) Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Round Robin at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>District 9</b> Last Sunday of Month, 6:00 p.m. Hibbing Alano Club 3725 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Hibbing, MN 55746</p>	<p><b>District 15</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month, 8:00 p.m. Albany Community Center 741 Lake Ave. Albany, MN 56307</p>
<p><b>District 5</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Month, 7 p.m. St. John Lutheran Church 13045 Fremont Ave Zimmerman, MN 55398</p>	<p><b>District 11</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m. Peace Lutheran 2177 Hwy 18 Finlayson, MN 55735</p>	<p><b>District 16</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Month, 7:30 p.m. United Methodist Church 1701 S.E. 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Grand Rapids, MN 55744 Handicap Accessible, Non-Smoking</p>
	<p><b>District 12</b> Rotating Call D.C.M. (218) 348-3354</p>	<p><b>District 17</b></p> <p><b>District 18</b></p>
		<p><b>District 21</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m. Bemidji Alano Club 1225 Anne St.</p>

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## Delegate's Report

Greetings,

I hope you all enjoyed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday! The weather was wonderful here and we were able to spend quality time with family.

Summer is going fast and I'm continuing to give Delegate Report backs to districts and it is a pleasure serving and being able to visit a little too. On our way to Cloquet a few weeks ago we were in a huge rainstorm getting there and coming home. I was so glad my husband; Tom was the driver and not me! I'll be in Finlayson 7/7 and then on Saturday, 7/11 I'll be traveling to Hibbing.

A reminder that the West Central Regional Forum will be here before we know it. If you haven't made hotel reservations, please do so. It is being held at the Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, MN from September 11-13, 2009. The phone number is: 1-320-253-9000. Again, I want to thank all the DCM's for stepping up to the plate and helping out. I'm certain that we'll show everyone how hospitable Area 35 is!

The A.A.W.S. Highlights have resumed with the printing of June 12, 2009 and I emailed it to all of you.

I did receive news from G.S.O. that the final Conference reports will be out in August but it doesn't sound like they will arrive before the August Committee meeting.

On 7/12, 09, we'll be having another conference call with Ken B. our West Central Region Trustee and delegates before he goes to the board meeting. We'll be discussing the Host Planning Guidelines that have been updated and the upcoming WCRRASC being held in Dubuque, IA in 2010.

Mail from GSO is slowing considerably and I don't know if this is a good thing or not. I'm getting much more email than before and I know its cost effective measures being set in place. I sort of miss the tons of snail mail!

At the General Service Conference this year, Suzanne W., Panel 58 Delegate from Southwest, Ohio presented all the Panel 58 and 59 Delegates a CD of all the General Service Conference Reports since 1951. I started reading them and I'm up to 1955 so far and I can't tell you how interesting they are. It would have been so rewarding to be in attendance and hear Bill W's and Class A Trustee, Bernard S. talks.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the August Committee Meeting on 8/2/09 in Aitkin, MN at 9 a.m.

In Service,

JoAnne, Panel 58 Delegate

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## Alternate Delegate's Report

Hello Area 35,

The rotation is winding down. We will be conducting our last zonal forum August 8<sup>th</sup> in Eveleth at camp Chicagami. Our January workshop guest had to cancel. I will be finding a replacement and should have that by August committee meeting.

I will not be standing for Delegate this next rotation. I apologize for any inconvenience I may have caused the Area. I believe Area 35 has a wealth of dedicated servants, we are truly blessed, and in good hands.

Thank you

In service

Dan H.

Area 35 Alternate Delegate

## Area Chair Report

Greetings Area Trusted Servants:

It is that time of year that every one of us dreams about in the middle of winter, summer. Between home improvements, weddings, vacations, and just plain outdoor fun, the time can go very quickly. In the next few weeks, we have the campout meetings in Grand Rapids and Eveleth, the Campout by Eveleth, the Area Committee meeting in Aitkin, the Joint Area Workshop, and the Zonal Forum at Camp Chicigami. While I am looking forward to them all, I am wondering how I am going to fit in painting the trim on my house and two family reunions. I had better not try to manage my life or I am going to be in a lot of trouble.

On the business side, I did receive one more resume' from District 13. They nominated Jim Kath. I am very glad to see that we now have six candidates for Panel 60 Delegate. We have also set the format for the Joint Area Workshop. From what I hear the Zonal Forum is proceeding well and the State Meeting Online Directory is up and running. I look forward to seeing many of you several times in the next few weeks. Remember to have some fun as well.

Respectfully submitted

Jay A., Area Chair

## Secretary's Report

Greetings all!

I enjoyed listening to the Delegate's report back at the Aitkin Committee Meeting in June, and was proud and pleased to hear all the hard work that was put in over the week. And, I am proud to be from Northern MN, Area 35, because we are actively involved in the process, and in the service structure. I am looking forward to our Zone IV Zonal Forum to be held (I think) on Saturday August 8, 2009, at the Camp where "Keep It Simple" is being hosted. I'll see you all in August. May we all live well, laugh often, and love deeply.

Sarah.

### Acronyms Anonymous, etc.



**EGO**—Easing God Out

**GIFT**—God Is Forever There

**STEPS**—Solutions To  
Every Problem Sober

**NUTS**—Not Using The Steps

**PAID**—Pitiful And Incomprehensible  
Demoralization (no dues or fees, but  
we've paid!)

**RELATIONSHIP**—Real Exciting Love  
Affair Turns Into Outrageous

**Nightmare, Sobriety Hangs In Peril**

**PUSH**—Pray Until Something Happens

**GROUP**—Helps us **GRO**—UP

**ACTION**—Any Change To Improve Our  
Nature

**HOPE**—Hearing Other People's  
Experience

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### ARCHIVES

Greetings – The MARKINGS publication has switched to an on-line only format. GSO is taking steps to reduce costs; MARKINGS is no longer printed and mailed. In the summer issue, the first article is about preserving books- proper storage and handling and goes into some detail. Another article is about membership rules in the early years. One article by Bill W. about the General Service Conference and why he thinks we need one. You can find your copy of the MARKING by going to [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org).

We are still getting a few of the group histories – keep them coming.

We have 2 workshops to do in zones 2 and 3. Contact me as soon as possible to get these arrangements made.

Yours in service  
Bob K.  
Area 35 Archives Chair

### CORRECTIONS

Hello All,

I'd like to use this space to Thank all those who are involved in Corrections service work in Area 35. Especially the committed district chairs. This is such vital 12th Step work. I'd like also to raise the awareness of the fact that we are barely scratching the surface. There are a multitude of facilities that have no meetings. The county or local jails have a revolving door of people who are in for alcohol related crimes. If we were there for just one hour a week we could at least be planting that first seed of hope, that life doesn't have to stay like this.

We have a lot of dedicated district chairs who are willing to approach these facility personal and ask to bring AA in but they need to have the volunteers lined up. Consistency is key when we ask to come into these places. Please support your Districts with these efforts.  
We are still doing well in maintaining our

current meetings. District 1 has welcomed Maria I. to Corrections and she is starting meetings in Crookston (sp?). The meeting in Aiken devoted time to helping her learn the ropes. She's doing great and can surely benefit from the support of members in her vicinity.

We will have a Treatment/Corrections Workshop in Superior the Friday before the Assembly, Oct 2. Please join us.

Thanks Again for all your help,  
Krishna

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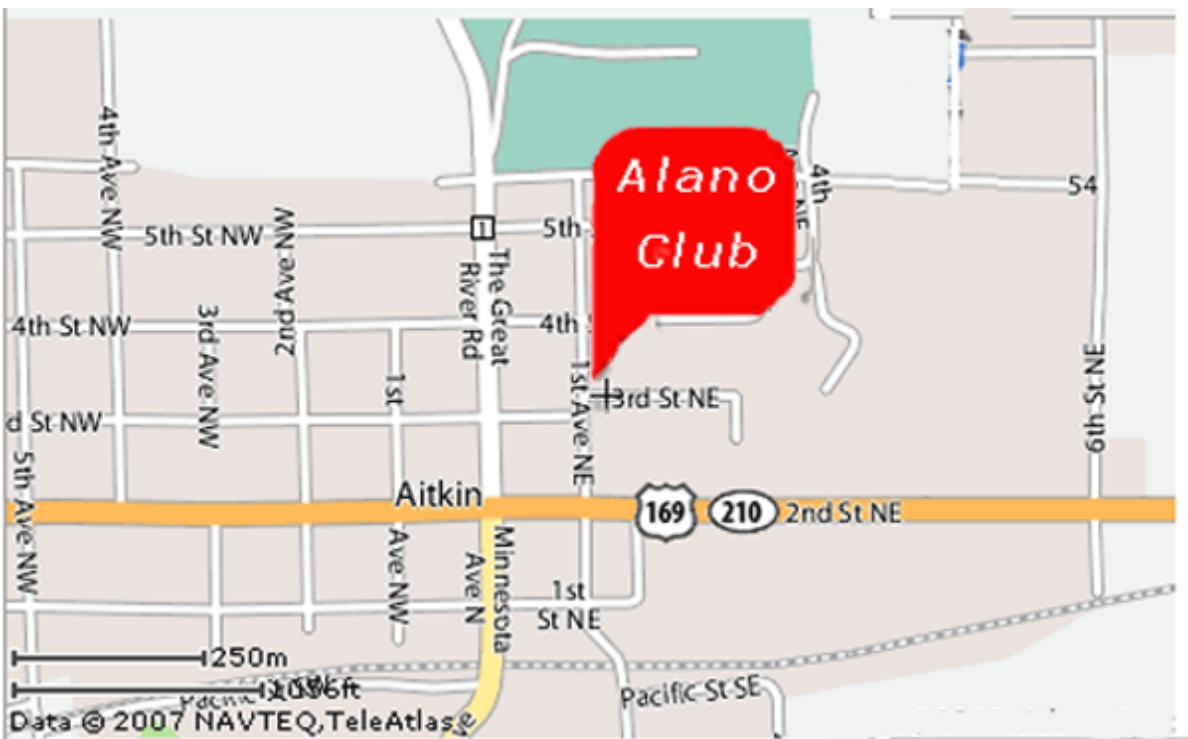
## Inclement Weather Procedure For Area 35 Events

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

### Where is the Aitkin Alano Club?

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

**Come join us!**



### Submissions to the Northern Light

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

Submissions are preferred electronically using a Word document to the Area's newsletter e-mail address: [northernlight@area35.org](mailto:northernlight@area35.org). (If I don't reply to your email, please try again or try [ed@paradigmwebdesign.net](mailto:ed@paradigmwebdesign.net), as sometimes mail gets stuck in the spam filters.) Most other file formats can also be accepted. You may also send articles or letters to my postal address, listed on page 2. The deadline for each Issue 4s printed on the front page.

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

Ed A. , Editor

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

I hope all is well with each and everyone in Area 35. It is my hope that we will continue to be of any assistance to our fellowship and the suffering alcoholic who has yet to find the doors of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is my greatest hope that we NEVER turn our backs on this wonder program, the fellowship and the suffering alcoholic. May a higher power make each and every one of us happy, joyous, and free.

First, I would like to thank JoAnne, our delegate, for the great job she has been, is, and will be doing for this fellowship. She gave us a detailed report of the General Service conference. We are always informed with regard to what is happening at our General Service office. I don't think there was one piece of information that JoAnne did not pass on. JoAnne always asked us for input in decisions affecting AA at any level. Thank you again, JoAnne.

Dee, our CPC chair, and I were presenters at a CPC/PI workshop held on June 13 at the Isanti Alano Club. We covered a little portion of the history of CPC and PI and defined their purpose. We covered starting CPC/PI committees, suggested committee goals and the importance of understanding our traditions. We stressed how our AA literature is a great resource for new and old PI/CPC committees. Our workbooks provide all kinds of information.

We also covered some of the fundamentals of speaking at non-AA groups. We went over the AA conference-approved literature that may be helpful in preparation for these talks. For districts that are financially struggling, there are 4 pieces of literature that are free from the GSO, including:

- Information on Alcoholics Anonymous
- AA At a Glance
- A Message to Teenagers
- Problems other than Alcohol

This literature provides excellent information and handouts to a variety of audiences.

At all times we encouraged those present at this workshop to comment or ask any questions. We had a good number of comments and questions, and I believe we all came out of the workshop with a better understanding of our purpose.

We also went over all the conference-approved AA literature found in our catalog under PI/CPC headings.

Last, I would like to thank all the districts who will be participating at our State Fair booth on August 29 and 30:

Saturday, August 29	District 8	8:45 a.m.-1 p.m.
	District 18	1-3 p.m.
	District 9	3-7 p.m.
	District 5	7-9 p.m.
Sunday, August 30	District 11	8:45 -11 a.m.
	District 6	11 a.m.-1 p.m.
	District 3	1-3 p.m.
	District 5	5-9 p.m.

Again, thank you so much. Please remember to fulfill your commitments because this is a mandatory-manned booth. We want to be responsible.

In closing, thank you so much for the privilege of serving Area 35. If there is anything I can do in serving the fellowship, please call.

In Service,  
God Bless –  
Jon C.

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (C.P.C.)**

Hello from your CPC Chair

Where is the summer going to? Had an enjoyable PI/CPC workshop, in Isanti, hosted by Districts 5 & 6 June 13. I really liked the questions, suggestions and ideas that came from those who attended. Thanks again for the turnout. John and I both felt better prepared for the workshop and it really went together for us. This must mean we are getting closer to the end of our rotations. Look forward to seeing many of you at the Area Committee meeting in Aitkin in August, State Fair booth in August and Area 35 & 36 Joint Workshop in August. Wow! What a busy month coming up.

Yours in Service  
Dee K., Area 35 CPC Chair

**TREATMENT**

Greetings Area 35,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the summer. I want to thank all of the district committee members for attending our Area 35 committee meeting in June. Much is being done in each of our districts to continue to work with our local treatment facilities. At the June committee meeting we discussed ideas for our upcoming and final fall workshop which will take place the Friday before the Fall Assembly. The time and location are still being determined. A flier will be available at the August Committee Meeting in Aitkin. This workshop will again be done in

conjunction with our Area 35 Corrections Committee.

I would also like to thank Jo Anne for giving her delegates report at the committee meeting. It is an amazing experience to hear how our area is connected to the greater fellowship of AA. She has done an incredible job serving our fellowship and I sincerely thank her for her dedication and commitment to our fellowship and to Area 35.

Finally, I want to thank District 13 for asking me to stand for Delegate for the 2010-2011 rotation. It is an honor and a truly humbling experience to be nominated to stand for such a position. I look forward to seeing you all at the August Committee Meeting in Aitkin.

Yours in Service,  
Jim K.

**NORTHERN LIGHT**

Greetings all,

Summer has finally arrived to this part of the state. It seemed like it was a long time coming and now it is going by too fast!

In this issue of the Northern Light you will find 5 candidates resume's for Area 35 Delegate. Please read them carefully and be ready to vote at the Assembly in October. It's going to be a difficult choice as our area is blessed to have so many qualified candidates who are willing to serve.

Yours in Service,  
Ed A.  
Northern Light Editor



**GROUP RECORDS**

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**WEBMASTER**

Hello Area 35.

I hope you all had a great Independence Day. I had a wonderful time with sober friends and loved ones. The theme of the 12thStep is the Joy of Living and I made a commitment that if I work hard I will also take every opportunity to have fun as well. I believe He wants us to be Happy Joyous and Free!

My sponsor reminded me though that there are two words that don't work well in practice – \*grandpa and skateboard\*! Luckily I just bruised my hip bone a not fractured.

The main thing I can do is to keep showing up and try to do the next right thing by meeting with my sponsor and sponcess, sharing and speaking at meetings and continuing to do service work.

Yours in Service  
Dan R.  
Area 35 Webmaster



**AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING****June 7, 2009**

\_\_\_ 9:00 A.M. Action Chair Committee Meetings

\_\_\_ 10:30 am Area Committee Meeting

\_\_\_ Call to Order Open with the Serenity Prayer

\_\_\_ Past Delegates in attendance were recognized: Jerry S., Charlie C., Tim C., Tom A., Susie A., Bruce B.,

\_\_\_ Additions/Corrections to the Agenda: Not approval of August Committee Meeting Minutes, but February Committee Meeting Minutes.

\_\_\_ Approve February 2009 Area Committee Meeting Minutes: **Motion made to approve the February 2009 Area Committee Meeting Minutes. All in favor, passed unanimously.****OFFICER REPORTS**

**\_x\_ Delegate-** Good morning everyone! It seems like we just finished with the Spring Assembly and here it is June already! Thank you for sending me to the General Service Conference. WOW! What a trip! I will be giving my Delegate's report back later today and fill you in on the details. I can say that once again we made history at the General Service Conference. On June 1<sup>st</sup> I traveled to Makinen, MN to Gwen and Jerry's home and Jerry drove me to Aurora to give my Delegate's report back. Thanks to District 8 for the warm reception. I knew I was way up north; because I swear the deer were winking at me.....they just sort of hang out! On the way home a family of three was standing in the middle of the road so I just waited in my car until they sauntered off into the woods...what an awesome sight. Thanks to Districts in Zone II for inviting us to participate in the Zone II Forum in Cold Spring, Minnesota yesterday. I especially want to thank our past delegates, Susie and Tom A for giving presentations and handouts too on such a short notice. Sarah also did a great presentation and I thank all of you for being willing to serve. Tomorrow evening at 7:00 pm I'll be at the Albany Community center to give my report-back to Districts 13 and 15. A request was received for Fellowship Sharing: The trustees' Committee on C.P.C./T.F. has requested sharing from the Fellowship regarding how A.A. members view the recent change in the practice of filming full faces of actors portraying A.A. members in relationship to A.A.'s Tradition of Anonymity. This sharing has to be received no later than June 15, 2009. I sent an email with an attachment to Area 35 officers, committee chairs and DCMs for their input at the today's Committee meeting. Don't forget book price increases effective July 1, 2009 by A.A.W.S., Inc. I should be receiving a new catalogue this month. Grapevine: 2 new books: "Voices of Long-Term Sobriety" and "Beginners' Book, Getting and Staying Sober in A.A." New Grapevine addresses: New York Office-AA Grapevine, Inc., 475 Riverside Drive, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10115. Note: The PO Box in Grand Central Station is closing this year. Customer Service, Grapevine, P.O. Box 422487, Palm Coast, Florida 32142-2487. La Vina, P.O. Box 422483, Palm Coast Florida, 32142-2483. Note: Palm Coast, Florida replaces both the Marion, Ohio and Boulder, Colorado mailing addresses previously used by their subscription fulfillment company. [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org) A.A.W.S. has started its search to fill a vacancy for one nontrustee director on A.A.W.S., Inc. board which will open following the 2010 General Service Conference replacing Roberta L. Reviewing of resumes will start in early July so that the AAWS Nominating Committee can schedule an interview in the late summer or early fall. Irene K, P.I. chair is leaving the G.S.O. and the management has decided to fill the staff position. Applications will be welcome up to June 21, 2009. I received two trip reports presented to the trustees' International Committee on their November 21, 2008, and February 1, 2009 meetings regarding the trips the past General Service Board chair Leonard B made to Vienna, Austria and Geneva, Switzerland. Two new Class B Trustees from Eastern Canada and Pacific Regions will be nominated at the 2010 GSC in April. The new Eastern Canada regional trustee will fill the vacancy left by the death of Dennis V., Brossard, Quebec. The next trustee from the Pacific Regional will follow Madeleine P. of Pocatello, Idaho. There will be an opening for a Class A trustee replacing William (Bill) Clark, M.D. who will rotate after the 2010 General Service Conference. I have an explanation of the procedures for election of a Class A. Trustee. Applicant's business or professional resume is to be sent to Valerie O., Secretary, Trustees' Committee on Nominating by July 17, 2009. I received an email from the Chairman of the Board, Ward E. letting us know that Class A Trustee Jeanne Woodford has tendered her resignation. The General Service Board is in the process of discussing this matter and will keep all Conference members apprised of any decisions resulting from the Board's consultations. West Central Region Forum – September 11-13, 2009, Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, MN and don't forget to attend. Roger, DCM for District 13 and host committee chair will talk about the plans in place so far and I want to thank all the DCM's for stepping up and helping out. You all are greatly appreciated! I so love receiving your district minutes and keep up the good service work! Yours in service, x

**JoAnne N**

**\_x\_ Alternate Delegate –** Well, we're winding down with this rotation; I can't believe how quickly it passed. We have on Zonal Forum left in Zone Four on August 8<sup>th</sup>, location to be announced. I was unable to attend the Zonal Forum in Zone II yesterday because of medication restraints. I hope to be off the IV by the end of July. Thank you JoAnne, Sarah, Tom, and Susie for their service; especially Tom and Susie for filling in at the last minute. I believe I have things in place for the 2010 January Workshop. I will be attending the Area 35/36 Joint Workshop and the Regional Forum in St. Cloud (at least I am planning to!) It has been a privilege to serve the Area. I hope to be more active after the end of July. If I can be of service please contact me. In Service, **Dan H**

**\_x\_ Chair-** Summer is here and I am keeping very busy with all of the activities relating to later in the year and getting things set for next year. I have heard from a few of the districts about nominations for delegates and it sounds like we will have at least 4 candidates. The results of the survey for the Joint Area Workshop have been returned and we will be using the format where the committee chairs of each committee will get together and report to the body as a whole. There weren't many votes, but I would like to thank all who responded. I have scheduled the Spring Assembly next year at the hotel formerly known as the Holiday Inn in Detroit Lakes. I am working on finalizing the arrangements for the Fall Assembly in 2010. The choice is between Grand Rapids, Thief River Falls and Bemidji. I will be making my reservations for the West Central Regional Forum in September this week and I am looking forward to seeing you all there. I am bringing quite a few people from the Twin Ports with me (I hope). I have begun to announce the need for volunteers at the Fall Assembly at Barkers Island and the response has been good so far. I also received some of the information for the International Convention in San Antonio next July. I am planning on attending and we are in the process of arranging two tour buses that will take off from Duluth to take us all down there. Please contact me if you would like to join us. I was able to present a workshop on Recovery, Unity and Service in Pelham Minnesota in the beginning of May. I would like to Thank Bill Donaldson, his district and the two sponsees who helped with the presentation. I have received word that neither Audrey S nor Dee K will be able to attend today because of family commitments. I am not sure if Bob is included in that, but I assume he will not be here today either. Audrey asked me to remind all DCM's to pick up their extra copies of the Northern Light. I have asked Ed to hand them out. On the personal side, I had knee surgery last Monday and have only been allowed to walk without crutches since yesterday. Had to try to get everything ready in a hurry and hope that I have not forgotten too much. Thank you for all of your hard work. I feel very privileged to be allowed to have you in my life. DCMs, Area Officers and Area Chairs: it is very important that you give your reports to Sarah so she can include them in the minutes. (It was pointed out that the Area Spring Assembly for 2010 is currently set for Easter weekend and needs to be rescheduled. According to past actions in the Area Actions book, when this happens we move the Assembly to the previous weekend in March, so as of now we will be having the 2010 Spring Assembly on March 27 & 28.) Respectfully submitted, **Jay A**

**\_x\_ Secretary-** Thanks for letting me serve! I am pleased to report a fun and busy last couple of months since we last met. As I said in my Northern Light report, I was privileged to be JoAnne's guest to the GSC, at no cost to the Area of course, I had no idea what they were in those closed rooms all week, but I know they worked long, hard hours. After we got home, I was able to attend District 3's Service Party (workshop) on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>; Jay, Matt, and Servando presented and shared wonderful experiences with their trials and growth in service. Then we had a Zone 2 Zonal Forum on June 6, 2009, at the Cold Springs Alano Club. JoAnne and I presented, and Tom and Susie were thankfully willing to fill in (we have had what Dan called the walking wounded of area officers this year!). Thank you Tom and Susie. Also, on March 17, 2009, Jay received the confirmation I had been waiting for from Eva S. at GSO regarding Area 35's upcoming events that I had been trying to get added, so look in the bulletin section for the Fall Assembly 2009 in Superior Wisconsin! Funny story about this! I emailed Literature at GSO on April 15<sup>th</sup> requesting confirmation, and was told they send out a form letter confirming our listing, I told her I never got one, and she said that's because I had Jay listed as the contact for the event and so they mailed it to him. So there you go. If you want the minutes emailed to you, contact me. If you want the Northern Light, which includes the minutes, emailed to you, contact Ed. A. Of course the NL is also available on our Area Website. The following email addresses failed to accept my emailing of the minutes: If aren't getting the minutes and you already gave me your email address, please check with me that I have your correct email. It was brought to my attention that the contact information I had in the minutes for one of the DCMs was incorrect. I apologize. Also, it is redundant to have that contact information in the minutes anyway since it is already in the Northern Light, so I will stop putting that information in there unless someone really wants it to stay there. Please get me your reports by tonight; I am trying something new, hoping that if I make the deadline early, people won't forget about it! Of course I can be bribed for extensions! You can either hand them to me when you are done, or you can email me tonight. Thanks for letting me learn and grow here in service, **Sarah K**

**\_x\_ Treasurer-** On the back table you will find three reports: Contribution and Expenditures, Group Contributions Report, and Detail of Expenditures. Correction: Period III ran from March 27 to May 31<sup>st</sup>, not May 1<sup>st</sup> to May 26<sup>th</sup> as is noted on two reports. Group Contributions are up this period, which is good to see. \$4,535.53. Contributions were greater than our expenses, also good. Event expenses totaled \$510.00. I had some bank charges which I am looking into. Officer/Chair expenses were \$3,305.49. There is a beginning balance on 1/1/09 of \$11,833.93, plus year to date income of \$11,833.93, minus year to date expenses of \$13,107.42, with a balance remaining on May 31<sup>st</sup> of \$10,302.57, minus prudent reserve of

\$6,000.00, equals net available for service of \$4,302.57 And the Delegate, JoAnne returned \$600 for Delegate's personal expenses, so adding that into the balance leaves us with \$4,902.57 available for service. Please bring any discrepancies to my attention. Also, please remind your groups that when sending contributions to include a group service number and accurate return address. I do get some thank you Letters back due to: "no known address." I also received one from a bank in Alexandria with nothing more than the name of the group, but no address on either the check or the envelope and the writing is unrecognizable. I need to thank Tom A. for covering form me at the Zonal Forum yesterday. I was unable to get the day off work. We are on the downside of rotation, which today I think is good. I need to apologize for the slowness of some of my responsibilities. My motivation is really low - I am hoping my energy returns soon. I have enjoyed this rotation, and at most moments I know I am growing and learning. I always am blessed from spending time in service and from being in your presence. Thank you for allowing me to serve, **Beth E**

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS

x **TREATMENT**-I want to thank the area for sending me to the Spring Assembly in Brainerd. It was wonderful to see you all again and to discuss the agenda items before JoAnne left for the General Service Conference. We met this morning as a committee with seven in attendance. District 16 reported that they are meeting all of their obligations and have been in contact with all of their treatment facilities. Fred from district 9 reported that they are visiting Northwind, the juvenile center, and their local adult treatment center in Hibbing. They are having some difficulties finding volunteers to bring meetings into the Academy in Bulle. Pat from district 8 reported that they continue to bring meetings into all of their facilities. There have been some staffing changes which have disrupted their schedule slightly. They have a new facility, Pioneer Recovery Center, which has opened in Aurora. She is also working to bring information to a local hospital while working with one of their patients. Skip from district 5 reports that he has contacted the new counselor in Sherburne County Jail and is working on setting up meetings to go in one timer per month on Wednesdays. Laura from district 1 reported that they are cooperating with district 2 in setting up speakers for their treatment facility. They currently have about six different groups committed to bring meetings in. They are also in the process of setting up new jail meetings with District 2. Our committee continues to work on cooperating with Area 36 in their temporary contact program. The committee also discussed how districts can better work together to bring meetings and information into facilities such as detox where there is not a clear separation of treatment, corrections, etc. The bottom line is that information needs to be brought into these facilities and that it doesn't matter whose committee it falls under. The work needs to be done. Our committee will be working with corrections to set up another workshop at the upcoming fall assembly at Barkers Island. I sincerely thank you for the continued opportunity to serve as your treatment chair. **Jim K**

x **District 8**- Good morning and greetings from Dist 8. District 8 continues to carry the message, Meetings are well attended commitments to NERCC, Range Treatment Center, Arrowhead Center, Thistledeew and the Buhl Academy have been covered and much goes on in the District, seems that there's Open Speaker Meetings monthly. District 8 Archives Committee will be putting on a Long Timers Panel starting at Noon on July 18th. Our last was great and hopefully this one will be greater. Thank You Scott M. our Archives Chair for putting this together. The address is The Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 9th Ave & 4th St. South in Virginia Mn. All are welcome. Last Monday we had the Delegates Report back from the Conference in conjunction with our District Meeting. Very informative and thank you Joanne for a job well done. Much went into your presentation. Our District Phone Line is doing well; several groups are sponsoring local Libraries with the Big Book AA Comes of Age etc. The St. Louis County Sheriffs Dept now has the cards in had that we had printed and at their discretion will be passing them on when they have Alcohol related offenses. District 12 also has this implemented and Tim H. or I will be able to report on how this is doing at our next meeting. As I travel the road it sometimes seems long but I get to stay Sober and I get to see the Miracle of Recovery through happening. Thank You all for allowing me to serve. In Service, **Butch R**

x **District 12**- Good morning everyone. Our last meeting had 22 people, which isn't a lot for our district, but is better than recent attendance. After Spring Assembly the District voted to rotate the location of district meetings, which has worked well so far and has been good for attendance. Our District chairs have been active, and we are emphasizing the importance of showing up for our commitments, especially when committed to take meetings to treatment centers. I have been asking for names of people interested in service, and suggesting they ask people in advance if they are willing to serve. We also voted on a Delegate Candidate at District, which was nice as we haven't been able to do that the past two years. Yours in service, **Tim H**

x **PUBLIC INFORMATION**- We had 12 in attendance this morning, and the Districts represented were: 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 18, 21. We discussed issues in district PI/CPC activities including phone lines, PI luncheons, information cards, literature in libraries, and meeting schedules. We will be participating at the State Fair, both financially and with our time. We have filled all the time slots for August 29-30th, with help from Districts 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 18. Thank you very much. We also went over the voting results on the 2009 GSC PI Agenda items, and I saw that on most PI issues, our Area voted in the minority. It was questioned why our thinking is opposite from most other Areas. It might not hurt to look at ourselves and ask why are we always in the minority here? Dee and I will be holding a Zone 3 PI/CPC workshop at the Isanti Alano Club from 1-3 pm. Hope to see you there. Lastly, I apologize that my PI report for the Northern Light was not in there; I submitted it, but it didn't go through. I will, in the future, follow up to make sure it got through. I am very sorry about that. I printed the report and it is on the back table. Thank you again for the privilege of serving Area 35. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me. In service, God Bless, **John C**

x **District 5**- Greetings and blessings from all of us in District 5. I attended the Spring Assembly April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in Brainerd along with 17 others from our District. It was another great weekend filled with passion and fellowship as we went over the agenda items together. JoAnne will be giving her report back on those agenda items with us along with District 6 on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm with a potluck. Our "Lost and Found Group" held their quarterly open speaker meeting and potluck on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to their speaker Pat from Elk River and that group for another great night of fellowship. Our "Different Way Group" will be having their quarterly open speaker meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We held our District Inventory on May 18<sup>th</sup> with Tom A. We would like to thank him for taking the time to come and help us out with this. With the huge growth we have had in District 5 it was really important to look at what we needed to do to be of better service in carrying the message to the alcoholic that still suffers. We met again on May 31<sup>st</sup> for 3 hours and went over each individual item. We will be discussing some possible needed changes that came out of that inventory in our upcoming District meetings. I would like to personally thank every member in District 5 that participated in the inventory and a big thanks to Jenna our secretary for taking notes and typing everything up for us. We could not have done it with out all her hard work. We had two groups that brought concerns to the District through their GSR's on scheduling events on District meeting nights that take away time from the general meeting and the length of time that was spent by the District on the agenda items. I visited both those groups and let them know that their voice was heard and there was much talk during our inventory about these issues and changes we could possibly do in the future. I want to thank them for bringing their groups conscience to us. Dave our Literature Chair has resigned his position due to personal reasons and we are looking at electing a new interim chair at our next District meeting. I would like to thank him for his past service to District 5 and wish him well. Dana our GSR from Milaca Alano and the Princeton Alano will be leaving us and moving to Area 36. I would also like to thank him for his commitment to serve and wish him well also. We have added however another new GSR Ken F. from the Milaca Alano Thursday Grapevine meeting. We will be taking nominations for all chairs for the next rotation of 2010 and 2011 at our August District meeting and will have elections in September so I can bring those results to the Fall Assembly in October. We also feel that those of us that are rotating out can help and be of service to the incoming chairs before their rotation starts. We have several events on our calendar coming up that will keep us busy. We have scheduled a 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Step Workshop on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Zimmerman from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Our Zonal CPC/PI Workshop will be held this Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Isanti Alano Club. Heidi our CPC/PI Chair will also be busy getting volunteers for the AA booth at the Mille Lacs County Fair this year August 6<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> and we also will be covering the Minnesota State Fair AA Booth on Saturday August 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm and Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm. We look forward to hosting the Joint Area 35/36 Workshop on August 29<sup>th</sup> in Elk River and being a part of the West Central Regional Forum in St. Cloud September 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. Yours in service, **Kelly D**

    **District 18**- Hi! We had 11 at our last District meeting. We recently had 17 at our PI/CPC luncheon. Thanks to Jon and Dee for sharing their experience, strength and hope with us. We will not be having a District Meeting in July, but will resume in August. We are looking for a new Corrections Chair. We haven't had a regular Thursday meetings in the Jail recently due to back ground checks eliminating most of us felons. Once Long Prairie finds a new Alano Club location, we are going to discuss getting an 800 number. I am coming up on 4 years of service, and I want to thank you all for being here for me because I really believe that it is because of service and all of you that I am still sober. **Doreen L**

    **GROUP RECORDS**- Reported that she would not be present today and sent the Northern Lights for distribution. **Audrey S**

x **NORTHERN LIGHTS**- Hi! I don't have much to report, concerning email. My email address has not changed. I just had to use a different email last time. But my email address is still ed@paradigmwebdesign.net I apologize for Jon's not getting Jon's report. Who knows what happened with email, but you can always ask for a return receipt email, or give me a call to make sure I got it. Than you, **Ed A**

x **District 4**- Greetings from District 4. Meetings are doing well in our District, although attendance was down at our last District Meeting. I have been looking into people for the new DCM, and have lots of great people from which to choose. I have asked people to look for new servants to fill their positions. I attended the Zone II Zonal Forum and found it very informative. I would strongly recommend it to all individuals interested in doing service work. District 4 will be joining District 3 in hearing JoAnne's Delegate's report on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 11a.m. in Perham. **Bruce W**

x **District 7**- Hi! I was unable to attend the last District Meeting due to work. I did send the agenda with Rick, and Mark chaired the meeting. Thank you. Our Annual Picnic will be July 26<sup>th</sup>. Fliers are on the back table and should be on the website. We have discussed hosting the coffee table at the

West Central Regional Forum this fall. I have been conversing with the hotel regarding coffee quantities. Please let myself, Art A., or Robert S., know if you would like to volunteer your service. We are getting the word out on the change of rotation, and are voting for positions earlier than previous years so there is time for mentorship rather than just having to jump into a position. We are asking people to step forward if interested in a position. We are still working on updating meeting information and planning a CPC luncheon and GSR school/workshop. There was discussion at the last meeting about starting up an intergroup in Brainerd; of course it would be separate from the District, but it is very exciting. Please keep Sharon & Dick L., active AA members in District 7, and their family in your prayers. They recently lost their daughter. Thank you AA family for allowing me to be of service. I am very grateful. p.s. I just confirmed that JoAnne will be coming July 16 at 7pm to share her experience in New York. **Lee Ann H**

**\_x\_ CORRECTIONS-** Hello all, we had 6 in attendance. Our meeting centered around sharing our experience with correctional activities, including starting meetings. To all groups who read these minutes, please remember our most discussed topic still remains the need for volunteers. It is vitally important service work. Remember if a group commits to a meeting you can divide it up among all members so no one person takes on the full load. Please come and learn and share about this time of service work at the Treatment/Corrections Workshop Friday night at the Fall Assembly in Superior, WI. Thank you, **Krishna Z**

**\_x\_ District 1-** At our last District meeting we met at a different place due to a scheduling conflict. We had 11 in attendance and 1 guest. GSRs gave reports in which they noted that attendance seems to be consistent at all groups except for one who has a speaker/potluck meeting at the end of each month, at which attendance more than doubles. Is it the food or the speakers? Maybe both! Nonetheless, a very good idea. Maria has scheduled meetings at the Tri-Valley Corrections Center have been scheduled, and we are looking for volunteers. It is a dream to see the jail meetings become a reality. We have been invited to attend the June 20<sup>th</sup> "Meet your Delegate, JoAnne N." at the Bemidji Alano Club, but to make a correction, we are not co-hosting. Thanks for your patience and humor Hal. Groups are always very hospitable to me when I visit, and I appreciate their cooperation. The visits help the District stay connected. We voted to have a booth at the County Fair again, but it is much less expensive than the State Fair. I have encouraged the GSRs to work on their group histories, and offered to help in anyway that I can, but I am not seeing it get done. I don't know the answer to this. Coming up in District 1: Wild Rice Round-up, August 22, 23, & 24 at Sand Hill Bible Camp, South of Fosston on Highway 2. See me for more information, or pick up a flier. Staying sober through service, **Priscilla A**

**\_x\_ District 11-** We meet in Finlayson for our District Meeting the first Tuesday of the month. We're primarily active in corrections in the District. At the last meeting there was discussion on PI work and one person is interested in CPC. We are looking forward to the Delegate's report-back in July. The new address for the District Meeting is 2177, Highway 18, Finlayson, Mn. 1<sup>st</sup> church on the left on the way in. **Doug N**

**\_x\_ C.P.C-** Dee couldn't be at the meeting today, but sent her report. JoAnne had a copy with and the following was read.) Sorry we can't be there today. Jon C and I put on a presentation at a PI Luncheon in Little Falls on Monday, May 18. It was a great opportunity to share about Alcoholics Anonymous to some of the professionals from the District as well as some of the AA members from the District. Thanks to Doreen, District 18 DCM, and the members from District 18 for giving us the opportunity to serve in this capacity. District 5 & 6 are hosting the PI/CPC Workshop for Zone III. The workshop will be held Saturday, June 13 in Isanti at the Isanti Alano Club. Thank you to David A., DCM – District 6 and Kelly D., DCM – District 5 for making the arrangements. I look forward to seeing as many of you that can make it that Saturday. Bob and I were on vacation the first part of May and ended up in Sioux Falls SD in time to attend part of the Area 63 Spring Assembly or Conference. It was fun to see how another Area gets their work done. I sat in on the CPC committee meeting and participated in their discussion. We shared ideas and discussion which made for an interesting time. I wasn't at the meeting too long when another friendly face appeared. Al B. from Area 35, district 21 joined us in the discussion. What a great time. Look forward to seeing a lot of you at the PI/CPC workshop in Isanti on June 13, 2009. **Dee K**

**\_x\_ District 3-** Hi everybody. Welcome to "Summer In Mn." I'm Bill Donaldson an alcoholic and DCM for District 3. I'll make this short, as I am tired. I went to the Zone 2 Zonal Forum yesterday in Cold Spring. It was an excellent forum! JoAnne, Sarah, Tom and Suzy presented everything so professionally; it was hard to tell how crazy they really are these days! (Unless you actually talk with them!) Anyway, District 3 is alive and well. We are financially sound; we're in treatment centers, halfway houses and jails. We still struggle with a CPC Chair, but we're getting used to that. We're going to combine PI & CPC and see how that goes. All of the other chairs are filled. (At the moment.) The website is current and well. The toll free number and the "If you need help..." business cards are great. We had a service workshop on May 16. Jay and two of "his guys" did an excellent job of speaking. (Sarah was there too!) It was absolutely inspiring! It was sad that only about 12 attended. We really tried to "attract" new people. Oh well. Those that attended were really happy. Lots of food and sweets! We're working on smoothing out a few things, attempting to attract new GSR's and service people getting ready for rotation elections. We've set up with JoAnne our "Delegate Report Back" for Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in Perham. District 4 will also attend this event. We're at the State Fair again this year as well as getting ready for the Regional Forum in Sept. We are setting up a special speaker for an event in Oct. More will be revealed. Thanks to all of you who serve. Yours in service, **Bill D**

**\_x\_ District 6-** Things in District 6 are going well. We have a CPC/PI Zonal Workshop on June 13 at the Isanti Alano Club, and JoAnne's report back on June 15<sup>th</sup> in Zimmerman. Looking for people to take over in the spirit of rotation. And we are pleased to submit Butch R.'s resume for Area Delegate. Thank you for allowing me to serve, **Jack J**

**\_x\_ GRAPEVINE-** Districts present this morning were 21, 9, and 5. We discussed soliciting submissions to the Grapevine, methods of distributing Grapevine's, and distributing subscriptions. The new book from the Grapevine, *Voices of Long Term Sobriety*, is out. Also, the theme for the December 2009 issue will be, "What Gives You Hope?" The submission deadline is July 20<sup>th</sup>. There is a new address for the Grapevine customer service center: Grapevine, PO Box 422487, Palm Coast, Florida, 32142. LaVina, PO Box 422483, Palm Coast, Florida, 32142. New York Office, AA Grapevine Inc., 475 Riverside Drive, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10115. Yours in service, **Laurie R**

**\_x\_ District 9-** We have a nomination for delegate, Mike J. W had a couple of choices. Our Delegate's report back date is July 11<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00. Our PI/CPC chair has been busy taking pamphlets to professionals. Our literature chair is selling and replacing literature, and with the area literature chair nearby in Grand Rapids, this goes quickly. Corrections and Treatment is busy doing their normal work and we are trying to get a list of people willing and able to speak so we can have a rotation of speakers. The District 9 meeting has changed to the last Sunday of the month, with the only meeting this summer on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Our next meeting is at 6 pm the last Sunday in August at the Hibbing Alano Club. See you there. Yours in service, **Robert S**

**\_x\_ District 21-** Due to poor health I missed the last District meeting so I'm sure it went better than usual! Jne 20<sup>th</sup> will be our Delegate's report with Districts 1 and 2 in Gratitude Hall at the Bemidji Alano club from 1-4 pm. Our Corrections chair reports two new men volunteered for jail meetings, and that we are meeting obligations for jail meetings. Also, sponsorship lists and meeting lists are distributed in all four counties we are involved in. CPC/PI is going great. A local mental health professional did a mass mailing to local professionals including judges, police, and probation officers, and included AA literature in their mailings. Our CPC/PI chair gave a big batch of cards to the local police/sheriff to hand out to people they suspect might have a problem with alcohol. Area 63 also got those cards when the CPC/PI chair stumbled into their Spring Assembly in Souix Falls, SD. Yes, I can see Al B. Stumbling! Grapevine chair reported that there are 2 stories from District 21 being submitted to the Grapevine, and that Grapevine sales have increased. Today a new group starts in Bemidji! ;) Good Stuff! Our Alternate Delegate moved to Alaska. Our treatment chair continues to go to various treatment centers and carry AA's message with love and gratitude. We plan to have a workshop this summer on meditation. We'll establish the date at our District meeting tomorrow. We apologize to the Area for not getting a possible site to the area in a timely fashion. We get to carry the message and stay sober one more day. Oh are we blessed. **Harold S**

**\_x\_ WEBMASTER-** Our 2009 Web site totals are as follows: Total Unique visitors for the year – 8366. March - 1480 unique visitors. April – 1645 unique visitors. May - 1557 unique visitors. June - 330 unique visitors as of June 6<sup>th</sup>. Our most popular pages were the "Meeting Search," "Calendar of Events," followed by the "Meetings" pages. On May 9<sup>th</sup> the Joint Area 35/36 Adhoc Web Committee met online. Attendees: Tom, Susie, Andy, Audrey, Dan, Tina, Mike and Lisa. It was voted on by Audrey, myself, the Area 36 Web Chair, and Group Records chair unanimously that if a few issues could be taken care of on the Meeting Locator Web site it would be ready to go-live to the public on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Some of the issues on the list were: Add additional mileage selections of 50, 60 and 70 miles. Also, need to add more pins on the map to cover the state equally. Audrey and Tina will identify pin sites for their respective area and give details to Mike. The 'Contact Us' link would be moved to the top of the webpage with 'Search' and 'Directory'. Remove the Navigation bar so that the Map and Search section would show up side by side in Firefox, IE, Safari and Opera. Modify Web Site Policy page to include www.aa.org, www.area36.org, www.area35.org, as other reference sites for meeting and AA information. These were completed as well as other more technical issues by June 1<sup>st</sup>. I sent out an email as agreed on June 1<sup>st</sup> to all DCM's, Chairs and Committee members. The next day I added a link to the meeting page on our Area 35 web site to the aameetinglocator.org site. I would suggest that DCM's share this information with your GSR's and ask them to compare what is available on this site with what is on our Area site. I will continue to update and maintain the Area 35 site for now or until decided otherwise. Yours in Service **Dan R**

**\_\_\_ District 17- NO DCM**

**\_x\_ ARCHIVES-** (Bob was not present, but sent his report which follows.) Greetings, We stopped in Sioux Falls for Area 63 SPRING CONFERENCE and sat in on there Archives Committee meeting. What a difference between our areas archives and ours. We are very fortunate for what we have, how we display our collection, and how we store our archival material. We need to do 2 Zonal workshops (Zone 2 and 3) one being an old timers panel and the other HOW TO SAVE MY OLD GRAPEVINE. (The following is from the action chair committee meeting.) The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer with 6 attending. The meeting was chaired by Brad Iverson Area 35 Archivist in Archives Chair Bob Kuhlman's absence. District 13 is working on group histories. The Archivist is going to go through the District 13 folder and let him know what is in the Area

## *Delegate Resume*

Archives. District 5 is just starting an archives and working on a district history. District 2 says not much is going on in Archival work. District 8 has a long timers panel scheduled for July 18 in Virginia. The district Archivist is working on updating group history forms. The meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement. Yours in service, **Bob K**

x **ARCHIVIST-** Since Spring Assembly I have taken the Archives display to the superior Round-up and had a joint display at the gopher State Round-up. There seems to be a large amount of confusion within the fellowship between the original manuscript and the first edition of the Big Book. I hope there has been some clarification made. I am recording a Long timer's panel and district 8 history in July in Virginia. I have a large amount of framing to do on the display. Paul H of area 36 has given us several items for the display and I am copying other items to have ready for the Regional Forum in September. I just returned from a personal trip to Akron. I toured the Akron Inter-group Archives. They are working on the same projects that I am working on. They are converting cassette tapes to digital format and I saw how they were cataloging contributions. They hate staples too. I toured Dr. Bob's house and the gatehouse at the Sieberling estate. It was an experience of a lifetime. Thanks so much for this opportunity to be of service; **Brad I**

x **District 2-** Greetings from District 2! We had our District meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day. Not a good turnout, but we had a great meeting. Representatives from groups shared how things are going at their meetings, and what their format is. We need female sponsors badly in our District. I have asked all the groups to start getting the names of people to fill the district chair positions, and to be the new GSRs. I would like to thank everyone in AA for all the help you have given me. Without it I would be lost. Yours in service, Art Anderson. **Art A**

x **District 13-** I attended the Zone II Forum as a Zone 3 visitor, and I attended the Spring Assembly April 4 & 5 to carry our District's conscience. June 8 we will hear the Delegate's Report with District 15. I have been working with Dev our alternate DCM and Audrey our Area Group Records Chair to update our electronic group records. I am also starting to attend group meetings to attract support and participation for our District and the upcoming WCRF. I am also working as a local link with the Holiday Inn for the WCRF. Our District is working on printing new meeting schedules (5,000) and fulfilling our treatment, corrections and phone line responsibilities. We are seeing nominations in July and August for our District chairs and holding elections in September. In service, **Roger R**

x **LITERATURE-** I've had a busy Spring trying to get everything done. I must be getting old because it takes me twice as long to get things done. I attended the Iron Range get together with the literature on Saturday. I didn't sell a lot of literature. I have an order of books and pamphlets that came to \$1,924.00. I might have to put in one more order before the price increases. I did accomplish a couple of things these last two weeks. I became a Great-Grandpa on June 3<sup>rd</sup> for the first time ever. He weighed in at 6lbs. 10 oz. I also had my youngest child graduate from GRHS, and had the graduation party last weekend. Now I just have to get them through college. I will have two graduating from college next spring. Remember that the literature prices are going up the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. If you email or call I can make sure I'll get them at the old price. I will probably put in another order before the 1<sup>st</sup> of July. I haven't gotten the new catalogues yet. Thanks for letting me serve, **Mike V**

x **District 15-** (Sandy was unable to attend due to the mix up with the date. She turned in the following report.) In March we had our annual round-up and this drew quite a crowd. We had excellent speakers and wonderful food as always. We hope to see everyone in 2010. Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> we had some wonderful speakers at our Zonal Forum. This was very informative and I was glad for those who could attend. Thank you to JoAnne, Sarah, Tom, and Susie for all your time and thought that went into this presentation. It was very beneficial for all of us. Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> we have JoAnne coming to Albany to do the delegates report. Hope to see everyone there. Thanks for your patience and time, hope all have a safe fun summer. Yours in Service **Sandy H**

x **District 16-** Report given by alternate DCM, Mary S. Mary C. Was unable to attend today due to a work conflict. We are averaging 10-13 in attendance representing groups in District 16. Our PI Breakfast was held May 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Sawmill Inn with approximately 30 attending. Our Treasury is solvent. A new group has registered in our District - Carmel Lutheran Church. We have representatives of AA meeting with counselors at Northland Counseling, and Adult and Youth Groups. Our District was invited to attend District 9's Delegate report in Hibbing on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for allowing me to serve, **Mary S**

### OLD BUSINESS

x **Area Treasury Audit Status Report:** Was brought up at Spring Assembly to do an annual audit. The ad hoc committee consisting of Dan, Jay, Beth, and Tom A hasn't met yet, so Jay asked to table that until the August Committee Meeting.

Update on Area 35/36 Joint Workshop Format & Policy: Nothing discussed.

### NEW BUSINESS

x **Status of Delegate Resume's/extension/policy:** Jay asked DCMs to introduce who they nominated: District 8: Jon C., District 12: Jay A., District 9: Mike J., District 6: Robert "Butch" R., District 16: Dan H. Also, due to confusion regarding the date of the June Area Committee meeting, the deadline for turning in Delegate resumes has been extended to next Sunday, June 14. A straw vote was taken and all were in favor. The policy for nominating delegate candidates is that it must be put through the district, and the names must be submitted by the June Committee Meeting. Please as DCMs also think about selecting your servants in advance for District positions.

x **Discussion on adding an anonymity protected version of the Area Actions Book and the Trusted Servant Guidelines to website, and reduce printing of the Area Action's Book:** The previous cost for printing was \$660. The book goes to DCMs, Area Chairs, and Area Officers, and then some go to the literature chair to distribute. Motion to put the Area Actions Book and Trusted Servants Guidelines on the website. 2nded. Discussion: Anonymity protected means last names will be removed. Normally we print 400, if we put it on the net we could cut it down significantly and generate a considerable savings. We should have copies for all DCMs, Area Officers, and Area Chairs. We will add it to the Trusted Servant's Guidelines. Vote: All in favor, passes unanimously.

x **Discussion on formalizing the requirement that area action standing committee chairs hold zonal workshops:** It has been assumed that standing committees do workshops, but it is not in writing any place, but we'd like to get it in writing in the Area Actions Book and Trusted Servants Guidelines. Discussion was heavier on the side of those who wanted to put something in writing, and fewer members shared who wanted to allow the chairs to have flexibility to choose to have workshops. Members shared the following points: the workshops came about as a committee decision, an option, not a requirement. Do we want to make it a required suggestion? Or should we leave it up to each committee to decide if and when to hold workshops? This has been done for years, but it was never put in writing, it was expected of area chairs. Struggle with money lately, who pays for workshops? Should we leave it an option? We budget for it. If the money is not there, should we be spending it? When a district requests a workshop from area action chairs, that isn't a zonal workshop. Leave a little flexibility for the chairs to use their discretion without a requirement being set. I think we should have something on paper as to what is expected and committees can budget for them. Should it become a money issue, the committee could then discuss and vote not to have a workshop in order to save money. No motion was made so no action was taken.

x **2009 WCRAAF Host Committee update:** The DCMs are really helping here, and all things seem to be getting taken care of. We met this afternoon during lunch to discuss the various host committees activities and progress. We are looking into getting rooms for the AA meetings. We have a new Ice Cream Chairperson, Robert S., and are negotiating that. Hospitality rooms, host area's responsibility, so we are working on that. Holiday Inn wanted \$280 a night, but are giving us a room for \$140 a night, and since it has a room attached a few other members volunteered to sleep in that room. So, for area discussion: Do we want a hospitality room? And how should the cost be covered? Split between the people staying in the room and us, or \$140 to the area for the room and a budget has been requested for cups, napkins, silverware, and coffee etc. for the room. So does the Area want to contribute \$250 to the room? Discussion: food is pot lucked? Can we put a basket out for 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition? Motion for Area 35 to host a hospitality room at the 2009 WCRAAF in St. Cloud not to exceed \$250. All in favor. Motion passed.

x **Discussion on using full faces in AAWS videos:** Jay read JoAnne's request from Mary D., GSO CPC and TMT requesting fellowship sharing on how AA members view the recently changed practice of using the full faces of actors with the disclaimer that these are actors and not AA members in AAWS videos/PSAs. Background was given: When any AA member is videotaped their faces are not identifiable. All videos up to now do not show faces and start with a reference to our tradition of anonymity. Discussion: The majority who shared felt strongly that it was a violation of our tradition of public anonymity, by alluding to the fact that even a pretend AA member could show their faces on film, and that this would go against the overall message the AA traditions are trying to carry. Concerns were raised over actors later getting drunk and that reflecting on us, or newcomers worrying that their anonymity might be broken in AA because of this. Other points raised: anything that needs a disclaimer shouldn't be done, anonymity is half of our name, making a change like this without prior fellowship input is wrong, it is not about being afraid to show my face as an alcoholic; rather, our traditions protect AA as a whole from us, and Bill even refused to let the *back of his head* be on the cover of Time magazine. What a great opportunity to show how we protect anonymity, not with a disclaimer, but with right action-by keeping faces out of our PSAs and showing that we protect ALL anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films. Jay asked for a straw vote to get an accurate feeling of the area committee. There was substantial unanimity against the use of any full faces in our videos, and a slim minority was for it.

***Delegate Resume'***

**Area 35  
Northern Minnesota Assembly of Alcoholics  
Anonymous  
Panel 60 Delegate Resume**

**Full Name: Jay A.**

Address:

City, State, Zip Code: Superior, WI 54880

Telephone: 218-

Email:

Sobriety Date (Years): February 28, 1988 (21 Years)

My Home Group: The Steps We Take Group in Superior, WI 54880

My A.A. experience has included:

Group Service Experience:

Coffee maker, Greeter, Secretary, Chairperson, Alternate GSR, GSR

District Service Experience:

PI Chair, Secretary, Alternate DCM

Area Service Experience:

Northern Light Editor, Treasurer, Chairperson

I currently sponsor people and attend 3 committed meetings per week.

*Delegate Resume'*

Area 35  
Northern Minnesota Assembly  
Of  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Panel 60 Delegate Resume

Full Name: Jon Richard C

Address:

City, State, Zip Code: Virginia, MN 55792

Telephone: (218)

E-mail:

My Home Group: Aurora Big Book Group

My AA experience has included:

Group Level: Alternate GSR, GSR, Chair, Coffee Pot Repairman

District Level: Literature Chair, DCM

Area Level: DCM Sharing Chair, Literature Committee, PI Committee, PI Chair

Other: Participation in correctional institutions, treatment facilities, workshops, PI luncheons, WCRSC presenter (Singleness of Purpose), moderator, recording secretary, sponsor and I am sponsored.

Sobriety: 10 years and 9 months

I am retired and will have the time and dedication to serve Area 35 and Alcoholics Anonymous to the best of my ability and in the service of still-suffering alcoholics.

JUNE 1, 2009  
Jon R C

## *Delegate Resume'*

Area 35

Northern Minnesota Assembly

Of

Alcoholics Anonymous

Panel 60 Delegate Resume

Full Name: James Edward K

Address:

City, State, Zip Code: Brainerd, MN 56401

Telephone: 218-

Email:

My Home Group: Our Common Welfare Group, Wed. 8.p.m., Lakes Area Alano Club, Brainerd, MN where I have been a member in good standing since 2002.

My A.A. experience has included:

Intergroup Representative for the Variety Group, Kissimmee, FL, November 1999-May 2000.

General Service Representative for Our Common Welfare Group, Brainerd, MN, 2003-2005.

District 7 Alternate District Committee Chair, 2004-2005.

District 7 District Committee Member, 2005-2008.

Area 35 Treatment Chair, 2008-Present.

Sobriety: August 29, 1999.

# Delegate Resume'

Area 35  
Northern Minnesota Assembly  
of  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
**Delegates Resume**

**Panel 60**

If nominated, I agree to stand for the office of Delegate and, if elected, to trustfully serve the members of Area 35 as outlined in the AA Service Manual.

**Full Name:** Robert(Butch)R

**Address:**  
**City, State, Zip Code** Virginia, MN. 55792

**Telephone:** (218)

**E Mail:**

**My Home Group:** Virginia Fri. Open Group also active in the Sat. Night Big Book Group at the Virginia Detox Center.

**My AA experience has included:**

**Group Level:** Open and Close, Chair, Greeter, Alt GSR and GSR.

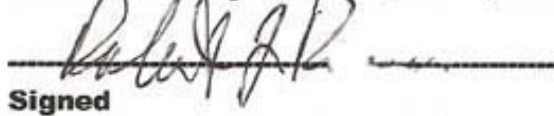
**District Level:** Sat on the Corrections Committee, Alt. DCM and DCM.

**Area Level:** Sat on the Treatment Committee as Alt. DCM and am currently assigned to the Treatment Committee as DCM Dist. 8.

**Sponsorship:** I Sponsor and am Sponsored.

**Others:** Participate in Correctional and Treatment Facilities, Winter Rap-Up Committee, Keep It Simple Weekend Committee, Roundups and Speak Monthly at the Virginia Treatment Center.

I now have 10 years and 5 months of continuous sobriety.

  
Signed

6/7/09  
Date



## *Delegate Resume'*

Area 35  
Northern Minnesota Assembly  
Of  
Alcoholics Anonymous  
Panel 60 Delegate Resume

Full Name: Michael (Jake) J

Address:

City, State, Zip Code: Hibbing, Mn, 55746

Telephone: 218-

Email:

My Home Group: Sunday Nite 12X12

My A.A. experience has included: sobriety date March 28, 1989

I have had the same home group since that time serving as chair person, treasurer, greeter, secretary and helped to keep my meeting open and make coffee

Alt GSR from 1990 to 1992

GSR from 1992 to 1994

District positions include treasurer, PI chair, Alt DCM and DCM

Area Positions include treasurer, PI chair

Have sat on all committees except archives

Have been a part of the Iron Range Get Together committee since 1990 positions include chair, treasurer, secretary, speaker chair, PI, Registration, cookie chair and flyer chair

Have helped with the Keep it Simple committee

I also sponsor people and have a sponsor since the beginning also reading and studying all of AA's literature

I have done corrections work at Sandstone, NERC and the Duluth federal prison.

I speak at the treatment centers on a monthly basis and have been involved with beginner meetings.

I continue to stay involved with what the area and districts are doing and have shared my experience with many of our servants.

I also speak when asked at open meetings.

May be more but thats all I can remember at this time.

**2009-2010 – AREA 35 SCHEDULE**

**Area Committee Meeting**

August 2, 2009 9:00 a.m.  
Aitkin Alano Club, 322 1st Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN

**Zone 4 Zonal Forum**

August 8, 2009  
Camp Chicagami, Pleasant Lake  
Eveleth, MN

**Wild Rice Roundup**

August 21-23, 2009  
Sandhill Bible Camp  
Email: drgrain@arvig.net

**Heartland Roundup**

September 11-13, 2009  
Park Rapids, MN

**64th Annual Duluth Roundup**

September 11-13, 2009  
Duluth, MN

**8th Annual End of Summer Celebration**

September 12-13, 2009  
Union Campground, Lake Sarah  
Just southwest of Erskine, MN

**Fall Assembly**

October 3-4, 2009  
Barker's Island, Superior, WI

**Area Committee Meeting**

December 6, 2009 9:00 a.m.  
Aitkin Alano Club, 322 1st Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN

**Spring Assembly**

March 27-28, 2010  
Club House Hotel, Detroit Lakes  
Reservations: (218) 847-2121

July 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Canada Day	2	3	4 Independence Day
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**Upcoming Events in Areas 35 & 36**

**Joint Area 35/36 Workshop**

August 29, 2009  
Elk River, MN 12-5pm

**2009 West Central Regional Forum**

September 11-13, 2009 — Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
75 - 37th Ave. So. - St. Cloud, MN  
320-253-9000

**Southern Minnesota Roundup**

September 11-13, 2009 — Best Western Hotel  
North Mankato, MN

## NORTHERN LIGHT PRIMARY PURPOSE:

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

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

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

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

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

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

### N.L. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

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

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

**AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA  
August 9, 2009**

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

**OFFICER REPORTS**

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

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS**

- 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.
- District 1-Priscilla A-W
- District 11-Doug N.
- C.P.C-Dee K.
- District 3-Bill D.
- District 6-Jack J.
- GRAPEVINE-Laurie R.
- District 9-Robert S.
- District 21-Harold S.
- WEBMASTER-Dan R.
- DISTRICT 17-
- ARCHIVES-Bob K./Brad I.
- District 2-Art A.
- District 13-Roger R.
- LITERATURE-Mike V.
- District 15-Sandy H.
- District 16-Mary C.
- TREATMENT-Jim K.
- District 8-Butch R.
- District 12 Tim H.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Area Treasury Audit
- Status of Delegate Resume's

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Calendar of Events
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- TBA
- Adjourn

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