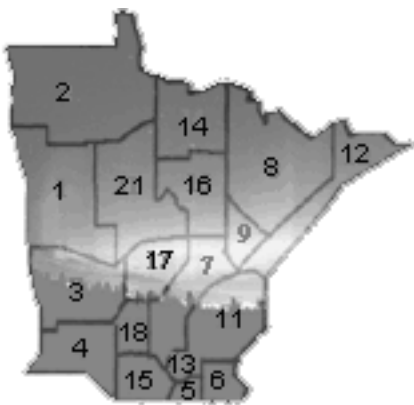


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**Thank you!**

# Our Past Delegates

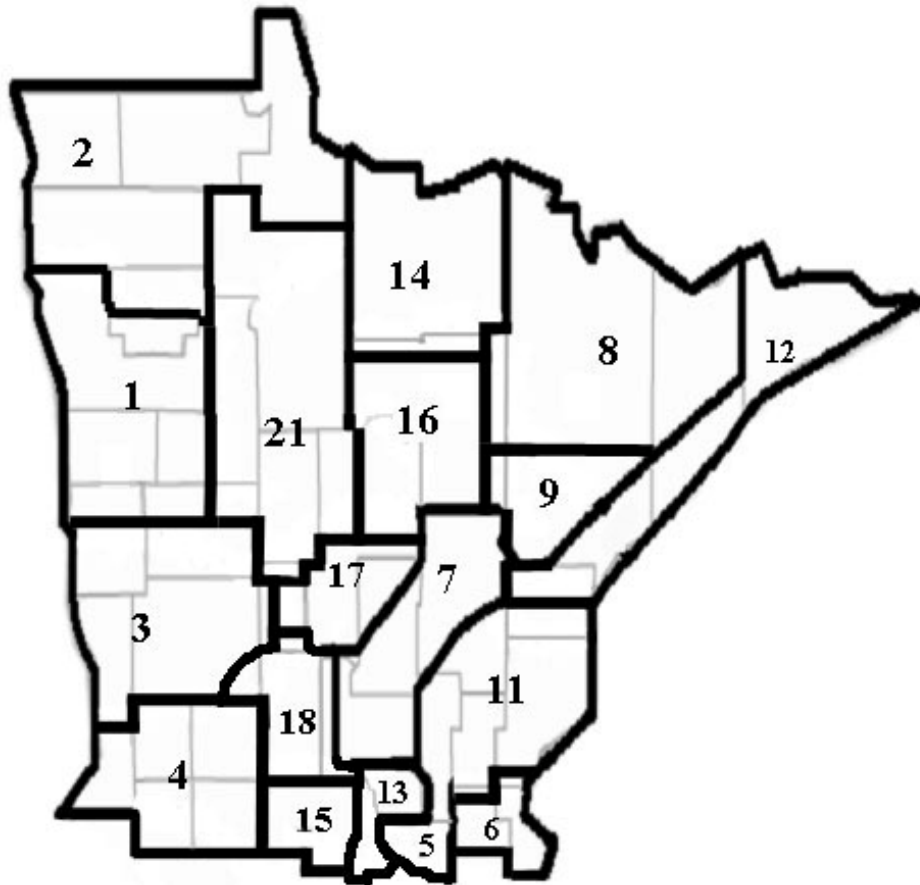
<b>Panel 56</b> Jerry S.	<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>Panel 38</b> Scott J.	<b>1988-1989</b>	<b>Panel 20</b> Clarence B. (deceased)	<b>1970-1971</b>
<b>Panel 54</b> Charlie C.	<b>2004-2005</b>	<b>Panel 36</b> Louie H	<b>1986-1987</b>	<b>Panel 18</b> Dave  H.	<b>1968-1969</b>
<b>Panel 52</b> Tim C.	<b>2002-2003</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 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, 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** - 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><b>District 1</b> Sunday, April 19, 2:00 p.m. Fertile Community Center 101 S. Mill St. Fertile, MN 56540</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>90 Riverside Drive S.E. Saint Cloud, MN 56304</p> <p><b>District 14</b> Not currently active.</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 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 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 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 9</b> Fourth Sunday of Month, 6:00 p.m. Downstairs Hibbing Alano Club 3725 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Hibbing, MN 55746</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 4</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Month, 5:30 p.m. Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Round Robin at 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>District 11</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Catholic Church Basement Finlayson, MN 55735</p>	<p><b>District 17</b></p> <p><b>District 18</b></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 12</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month, 6:30 p.m. Duluth Alano Club 3009 Restormel St. Duluth, MN 55806</p>	<p><b>District 21</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m. Bemidji Alano Club 1225 Anne St.</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><b>District 13</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month, 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Salem Lutheran Church</p>	

## Delegate's Report

As I sit down tonight to write this report I want to let you all know that the WCRAASC was a wonderful experience and the turnout was exceptional for the travel distance. Thank you Sarah for your excellent driving skills in getting Kelly and I there safely! The Conference was well planned out and ran smoothly thanks to the Wyoming Host Committee, our WCRT Ken B. for keeping us all on task and answering some of the conference agenda item questions. There are 4 new Panel 59 Delegates this year: Carole B. – Area 40, Montana, Scott A. – Area 36, Southern Minnesota, Rick C., Area 24 – Iowa and Lorna O'C., Area 52, North Dakota. The Delegates Only Meeting on Thursday evening was informative. There was also a Present/Past Delegates meeting on Friday during the day and the Conference started on Friday evening. Thanks to Dan H. and Kelly D. for hosting the breakout sessions.....and to Beth E. and Sarah K. for taking minutes. Also in attendance were Chuck B. Past West Central Regional Trustee; Dorothy W., Trustee-at-Large, US; Howard L. Southeast Regional Trustee (our guest and fabulous speaker), and Past Southwest Regional Trustee Gary K.

As you all know there will be elections this year at the Conference for a new Trustee-at-Large, US as Dorothy W. is rotating. Those candidates from our West Central Region in attendance at the WCRAASC were: Charlie C. – N. Minnesota, Bob H. – Montana – Tom McM. – Southern Minnesota, Jan P.- Iowa, Mark R. – Nebraska and George R. Jr., South Dakota. Unable to attend due to illness was Bill C. from Wyoming.

I've been busy reading/studying conference agenda items background material. I image the Area 35 committee chairs are doing the same and gearing up for our Spring Assembly discussion. Thanks again to the committee chairs for being of service to Area 35. Each district will meet and the DCM's will hand out background information for discussion in their groups and district committee chairs. Yea for the DCM's! It seems like a lot to do but remember you'll be sending a well informed Delegate to the General Service Conference.

The mailwoman smiled at me today when she handed me the mail. Only one manila envelop from GSO although the mail is starting to increase. I continue to share with all of you what I receive. Don't forget there is a Grapevine contest and the "Grapevine is....." See Laurie R. for more details.

Jerry S. our Panel 56 Delegate had surgery today and I received an email from Gwen letting us know that he was doing well. Please keep him in your prayers. Also on a sad note, Tim B. from District 7 passed on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

To each and everyone one of you I can't express my gratitude for all you do in service to Area 35.....I appreciate your dedication.

In Service,  
JoAnne, Panel 58 Delegate

## Alternate Delegate's Report

Hello Area 35,

I was able to attend the West Central Regional Service Workshop in Casper Wyoming.

I attended the delegate only on Thursday evening. The delegates and past delegates on Friday. The rest of the workshop and breakouts were timely and very informative. The conference agenda discussion is very helpful. I am thoroughly impressed with all of our west central delegates. I feel we are very well informed. As usual AA has areas we need to improve on. I had the privilege to moderate the delegate and trustee breakout.

I have been reading over the agenda items and background information in preparation for Spring Assembly.

Our next Zonal Forum is scheduled in zone two on June 6,2009.

After reviewing the current area 35 financial status I think the original forecasts at the Aitkin committee meeting were a little premature,. Granted the balance is lower than it has been for this time of year it is our heavy expense time and I believe the fellowship will respond.

JoAnne, Sarah and myself will be participating in a workshop in Bemidji on March 28<sup>th</sup>.  
I feel privileged to do so. If I can be of service please contact me.

Thank you for sending me to the West Central.

Yours in the fellowship of the spirit  
Dan H.  
Area 35 Alternate Delegate

## Area Chair Report

Greetings Area Trusted Servants:

It is that time of year again where we are given the task to send our Delegate to New York with the informed group conscience of the groups in our area. Since the time that the fellowship was given the responsibility for the stewardship of our service legacy, it is our greatest service responsibility. When we get together at the Spring Assembly we will be bringing the voice of the members of our groups together to seek out the very best for the fellowship of AA. This challenge will provide us with a test of the other two legacies of our program of recovery. The first legacy, recovery is necessary for us to put the needs of others ahead of our own wishes and desires. Without recovery, I am unable to get out of myself and I am completely unable to feel and understand how my actions affect others. Without unity, my wishes can cause unintended harms to others because I cannot understand that my recovery isn't the only way for our members to have the spiritual awakening necessary to save their lives. The responsibility that we have is also a wonderful gift. Instead of being involved in the process, we are committed. Our commitment makes us understand the meaning that ultimately I am responsible that the hand of AA will always be there when someone reaches out.

It is a very busy time of year again and it has definitely not been boring. Family commitments and my work and tax business and my sponsorship responsibilities have not given me a spare moment. However, the good part is that I must constantly turn things over to my higher power when I wake up each morning thinking that I just am not going to be able to get this all done today. I am very much looking forward to seeing all of you in April. But, I must also admit that I am just as much looking forward to the end of tax season. It has seemed like a long winter and I am also looking forward to spring. As I write this, there is a winter storm warning. It must be State Hockey Tournament time.

May God bless you and keep you.

Jay A., Area Chair.

## Treasurer's Report

Greetings Area 35,

As usual when I set other priorities, and do not complete tasks of more importance in a timely manner, (in other words, I procrastinate), invariably something happens that prevents me from completing that task at all. This past weekend I had planned to complete this report and actually have it in early, but obviously that did not happen, I made different choices, and the report writing was put off until the final moment. Or the night a blizzard hit Northern Minnesota and I was waylaid in returning from work. Therefore, I find myself quite rushed tonight; which is very bad, as there are factors of great importance that need to be transmitted to you.

The WCRAASC, in Casper, WY was an awesome experience, both in the travel and in the conference. I rode out with the DCM from my District, and throughout the 40 hour round trip, had the opportunity of getting to know him much better than I ever could have imagined 15 years ago, in my drinking days. The Conference, was very enlightening, inspiring, and informative. The discussions on the agenda items were helpful, and I actually went to the microphone, but only after being told "the Mic is your friend"! I am finding in my personal and professional life that speaking in front of others is not nearly as frightening as I had previously perceived it to be. I know that this is a direct result of saying "yes" when asked to serve as a trusted servant. Thank you Alcoholics Anonymous!!

Earlier this week I was reading the [box 459](#), where it speaks to why we have a Declaration of Unity. "By working together, we could achieve and maintain sobriety that had eluded us when we were alone." The article goes on to say that "A.A. unity is the special quality that makes our Fellowship unique. It is the cement that holds our society together, the platform which makes A.A. 'Service' possible. It is more than an agreement on basic principles, more than freedom from destructive strife. It is a bond fashioned of shared experience... Unity is our most precious possession, our best guarantee of A.A.'s future."

The mention of shared experience brings me back to the agenda items for this year's General Service Conference. It is only through sharing with each other, listening to each other and learning from each other that this Fellowship will continue to grow and flourish and remain in good health for future generations. Being your Treasurer, I paid special attention to the items on Finance and particularly Agenda Item A, regarding the benefits and liabilities, both spiritual and practical of fully funding G.S.O. Services to the Fellowship by the voluntary contributions of the members and groups. There were 35 individual Area's that submitted their views on this issue and these are included in the background material. At the WCRAASC, amongst the comments made were the following: (The following figures were what I heard, I intended to listen to the CD's of these discussions, for accuracy; however this part of the Conference was not recorded; therefore my figures may be off slightly off. I am hoping they are close.) (1) GSO's budget is 15 million dollars, (2) 2008 Contributions were 7 million, (3) 8 million dollars in expenses remained to be picked up by the sale of literature. (4) Not all literature was sold to AA members. In order for the Fellowship to be fully self-supporting through the contributions of only the membership a couple of things must change: First Attitudes must change and Second Priorities must change. Comments were made to the effect that this IS possible! Other comments were made to the effect that currently only 45% of Groups Contribute to GSO. Some groups don't even contribute to their local Districts or Area's. Is the Fellowship WILLING and ABLE to step up? Two bits a week, from every member, and we could be fully self-supporting.

Now on to Area 35's Finances; At the February Committee Meeting in Aitkin, some inaccurate figures were delivered to the Fellowship. I am guilty of looking at and transcribing the figures incorrectly. A past Treasurer has attempted to ease my guilt by telling me that he had erred on nearly every period statement. That does help me to remember that I am human and that I will make mistakes, but when it comes to the Finances of Alcoholics Anonymous and Area 35, I know that I need to take more time and strive for improvement and accuracy. The error delivered was to the magnitude that it appeared that Area 35 was in dire

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued)**

**Treasurer’s Report (cont.)**

straits financially. This awareness led to the formulation of an Ad Hoc Committee on our Area's Finances. This actually turned out to be a good thing as it was determined that some year end balances were not equal to their successive Beginning Balances. In light of this information a print out is being supplied to you documenting ending and beginning balances over the last 10 years.

Regarding the Accurate information for the Budgeted Statement of Retained Funds for Period I (January 1, to February 16,2009) this information follows:

Beginning Balance on January 1, 2009 .....	\$11,576.06
Plus Year to Date Income .....	4,119.41
<u>Minus Year to Date Expenses .....</u>	<u>4,274.04</u>
Balance Remaining on February 16, 2009 .....	\$11,421.43
<u>Less Prudent Reserve .....</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
Net Available for Service on February 16, 2009 .....	\$5,421.43

As you can see our starting Balance for 2009, is \$1,319.54 less than our average starting balance over the previous 10 years. Again, as you all know the first four months of any year we have some major expenses. Please continue supporting Area 35, or attend your group, district and area business meetings and let us know what you would like us to do differently, as far as spending your contributions. Every dollar that lands in the hat (basket) at a function of Alcoholics Anonymous belongs to Alcoholics Anonymous and therefore ought to be spent in a manner acceptable and fitting to the body and membership of Alco-

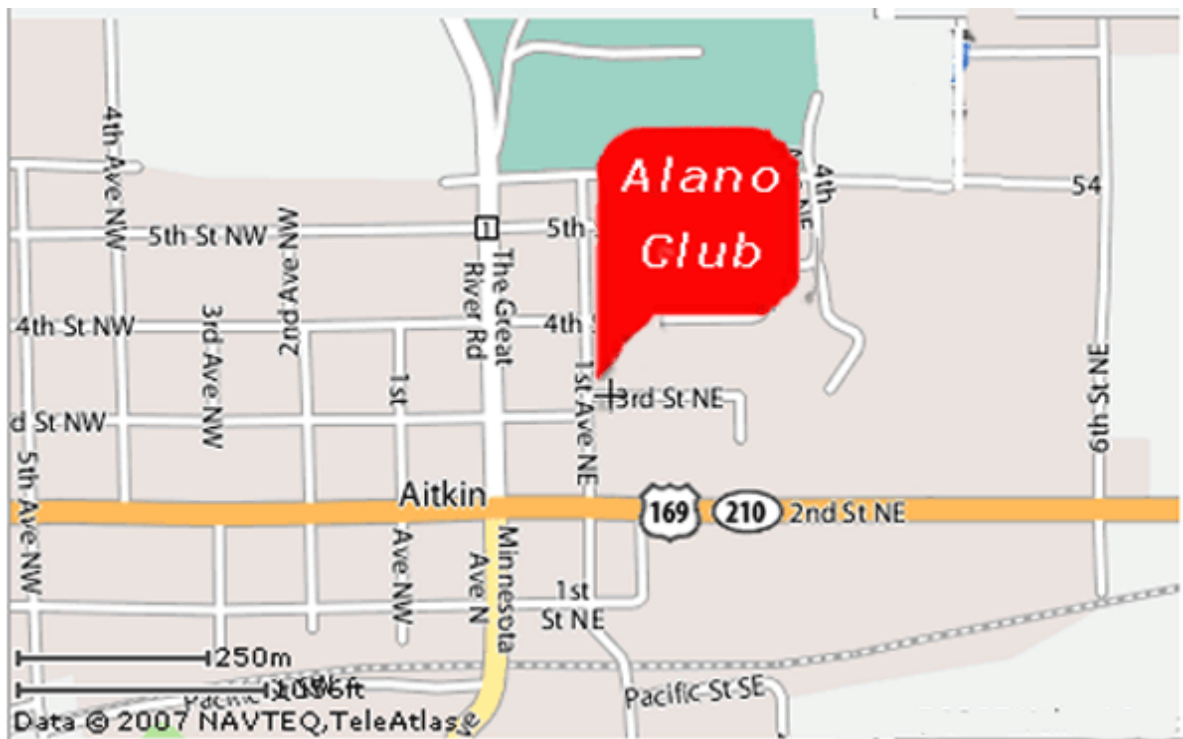
**Inclement Weather Procedure For Area 35 Events**

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

**Where is the Aitkin Alano Club?**

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

**Come join us!**



**Submissions to the Northern Light**

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

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

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

Ed A. , Editor

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

### **Treasurer's Report (cont.)**

holics Anonymous. Without your voice, your dollars may be spent in a manner un-befitting to Alcoholics Anonymous. Please remember the Concepts and the importance of the minority voice. Your voice may carry the viewpoint that could make or break Alcoholics Anonymous. Please attend, participate and contribute, so that we can continue to help the still suffering alcoholic.

Thank you very much to Tommy A for his invaluable help in contributing to the Ad Hoc Committee on Finances. Thankfully our Past Delegates are willing to continue to participate and share their wisdom and experiences.

Yours in Service,  
Beth E.  
Area 35 Treasurer

### **Secretary's Report**

I recently had the responsibility and truly awesome privilege to attend the WCRAASC held this year in Casper, WY. Thank you to all who financially support Area 35, and who made it possible for the servants of Area 35 to attend this important event, which I found to be an eye-opening and moving experience. (*I hope you will not be put off by my report, but I am so excited about what I experienced at the WCRAASC that I can't help but gush a little. And of course, all that follows is only my opinion based on my view of things (which of course means I could be way wrong about some things, although I usually don't think so!)*). At the WCRAASC I witnessed people from all over our region who love AA so much they were willing to do anything if it might ensure AA's future. AA members gave freely of themselves, their time, and their patience, with no apparent thought of personal return or selfish gain, by paying close attention to what is going on in within our service structure, by asking questions—even difficult, unpopular ones— and by keeping open, aware, and informed minds. They showed their love and gratitude to AA by fulfilling their responsibility to AA as a whole and taking an active part in the service structure. I feel very fortunate to have been a part of the process whereby our trusted servants have the opportunity to experience our West Central Regional group conscience. I really think our WCR Trustee was infused with enough regional flavor that he should have a very clear idea of what he is being representative of. Many interesting and important things were discussed, and I really wish all of you could have been there with us for the loving and spirited discussions. It is my hope that AA remains responsible enough for itself and its service structure that all Area Committee Members, GSRs, DCMs, and District Committee Members can be financially supported to take part in this vital process. The highlights for me were the Southeast Regional Trustee sharing his experience, strength, and hope, and discussing the agenda items, where I had a chance to hear multiple views on issues that are important or troubling to the WCR fellowship (like the fact that the Trustees Committee on Nominating only put forth one name for General Manager of the GSB and for Chairman of the Board; that the Grapevine changed its name, and that they want to rescind an advisory action that prevented them from selling the Grapevine, *our* meeting in print, to other non-AA entities at reduced prices who then make a profit for themselves off our magazine while members pay full price; that there is no longer any conference oversight as to what makes it onto the GSC agenda; that there is minimal oversight on what changes are made to our Service Manual; and that there is supreme value in the minority appeal), as well as views on what may **not** be desirable or important to the WCR fellowship (like making more videos; creating new pamphlets, wall posters, and videos instead of increasing face to face PI, CPC, corrections, and treatment work; creating new literature for every possible unique member of AA, when we have existing literature that is more than sufficient; suggesting that all candidates for regional trustee and trustee-at-large have professional or business experience; or changing our traditions to accommodate correctional facilities) as well as some great food for thought (like whether the Special Needs Committee should become its own conference committee, or if it should be added to an existing conference committee; the possibility of a GSC inventory; the “grey pages” and how they might look to professionals or prospective AA members; how we should handle resumes of our trustees at the conference, and if/when delegates should be able to see the resumes of who they are voting for; how we should handle filling vacated Class B trustee and trustee-at-large positions so AA members don't get short termed; and how we can protect our precious archives while safely making them available to the fellowship). Most importantly, over the weekend I was reminded of the necessity of trusting God in *everything*, and that while I trust God implicitly, it is a little different than trusting human beings. Which is probably why we have the Concepts: to better highlight how our service entities (and servants) should function. Especially pertinent are Concepts 1, 2, & 3: first comes *responsibility*, next comes *accountability*, and only then do we become *trusted servants*. In closing, as a past area committee chair used to say, this is AA. I love this place. (By the way, I took 15 pages of notes, if anyone wants more details or has questions, send me an email. I'd be thrilled to share!)

Yours in loving service,  
Sarah K.

***“Alcoholic: Someone who refuses to give up a life of failure without a fight.”***



## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Public Information**

First, I would like to thank the Fellowship for providing me the support to attend the WCRAASC held in Casper, Wyoming on Feb. 27, 28 and March 1.

The conference consisted of four general sessions, two breakout sessions, four time slots to discuss agenda items, regional trustee report, open AA speaker meeting, and ask-it basket.

As your PI Chair, I attended two breakout sessions: PI/CPC and area officers. At our PI/CPC sessions, we discussed such items as CPC video segments, successes of face-to-face vs. mailing to professional community, PI luncheons, and how to share what PI does. These discussions were very informative and I will be sharing knowledge gained at our committee meetings and assembly. At our area officers' session, items discussed were: the role of officers to encourage more GSR participation, how do area officers learn their roles, third legacy procedure and how to make officers accountable.

I also attended all four sessions to discuss agenda items. Many discussions were held on the various items. We take one area at a time and discuss the items in order to avoid confusion and to be able to take better notes. I would like to elaborate on the PI items.

On Item A, the consensus of the group was to put web sites under PI Committee. On Item C, it was noted that this item originated from a staff member, not the fellowship. I had to do with keeping our AA literature consistent and up to date. On Item D, the group decided wall posters were not needed. We should get back to the basics and do our work. The same suggestion applied to Item E. On Item F, the group decided that we should take a good look at the effectiveness of PSA's getting people into the doors of AA. There was no discussion on other PI agenda items. If anyone would like any information on any agenda item discussed at this conference, please do not hesitate to ask. After all, it is my responsibility to inform the fellowship.

I would like to discuss the 2009 participation in the State Fair. First, Area 36 will be holding their assembly in March and their PI Committee came up with two proposals regarding the State Fair: 1) Pros and cons of continuing to furnish a booth at the Minnesota State Fair, and 2) Moving the booth from its original location to the Health or Education buildings. Lisa G., Area 35 PI Chair, will inform me after their assembly the status of Area 36 regarding the State Fair. As you may already know, the expense of having this booth at the Fair is around \$2000 to \$2500. If Area 36 decided not to participate, this could dictate our participation. As of last year, we contributed \$500 toward the booth and materials. I am looking forward to discussing this item at our assembly and will have information from Area 36 to bring to the discussion.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve the fellowship. It truly is a privilege to serve Area 35. If I can be of any service to this fellowship, please ask and I will be there.

In Service,  
God Bless –  
Jon C.

### **Archives**

Northern Light Report - NOT GIVEN

### **Corrections**

Hello All, I have to begin this with a correction from the Committee Mtg in Feb. If you have not read my report from the mins. yet just ignore the part about this. District Chairs can be registered at GSO. I had conflicting information. They will receive a kit. They can be registered in a multitude of ways, by the District, Area Chair with a secret access to GSO via the Internet, a phone call to the committee coordinator at GSO or an e-mail to the same. In regards to Sharing Behind the Walls, It can be found on the AA.org web site. I think it would be fiscally prudent to ask members to get it there to save on copying cost. Please read the mins. for a update on the committee work so I can avoid repeating the info over and over. But please pay special attention to the Treatment/ Corrections Workshop on April 3. There is a flyer with all the info. The workshop is directed at members who are or would like to bring meetings into these facilities. Also know that I do think you are all wonderful for the work you do!

Thanks, Krishna

### **Literature**

Hello from the literature man waiting for spring. I attended the WCRAAC at Casper and what a drive. Four of us got into my suburban, two from District 7 and Don and myself and headed out. We had a very enjoyable trip ,sharing all the way down and back. We were lucky to miss most of the bad weather going and coming. I was able to meet a lot of dedicated people that do service work. I also found out that we aren't alone with some of our problems. In the Lit. break out session they complained about the small being having to pay more to get Literature. We shared with them the way we were handling ours now. They had tried handling it the way we were with Districts and groups and it didn't work for them either.

In the Corrections and Treatment they talked about how they get meetings going and have a hard time keeping the commitment. It was brought out of the damage that was done when you try to get it going again. It is important that we keep up our commitment.

I will be attending the Round up At Alexandria this weekend with the Lit.I would like to thank them for inviting me.

I put in another order to New York to stock up for the Spring Assembly, hope to have good supply for you there. I'm studying the agenda material and hope that I can remember part of what I read as there is a lot of material their.

I'll see you at Cragun's and hope spring will be here then. Thanks for letting me serve.

Yours in service  
Michael V.

### **Grapevine**

The only thing I have to report is that the Grapevine is celebrating its 65th Anniversary in June 2009. That's 65 years of stories sharing the experience, strength and hope of AA members. So the Grapevine is having a "Grapevine Is..." contest. Readers often send the Grapevine notes and emails about what the Grapevine means to them. Staffers at the Grapevine also have their ideas about what the Grapevine means to them. Now they want to hear what the Grapevine means to all its readers, throughout the fellowship. So they are encouraging all readers to send them their one word (or two or three) that describes what the Grapevine means to them. That's it from Sauk Rapids.

Yours in Service Laurie R.

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

What an exciting time in Area 35. There was an awesome turnout at the February Committee meeting in Aitkin.

We almost ran out of seating room. What a thought.

The PI/CPC committee meeting went well. We did miss Jon and his enthusiasm at the meeting. Heidi started to take notes without anyone really asking; Thanks again Heidi. I appreciate all that you do at the committee meetings and in your district. We had a good turnout.

We had some discussion on ideas from all of the district PI/CPC chairs and others attending.

Each of you had a lot to contribute and discuss. We did make some decisions regarding contacting area 36 and working together To support the Troops as they come back.

Zone three has come up with some possible dates for the PI/CPC Zonal Workshop.

I am trying to get a final date set for this with Jon.

Thank you for all that you are doing for the Area.

Yours in Service  
Area 35 CPC Chair.

### **Treatment**

Hello Northern Minnesota AA Members,

I am looking forward to seeing you all again. I want to thank the area for supporting me to attend the Winter Workshop at Craguns in January. I was able

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

### **Treatment Continued**

to attend the Saturday evening and hear Ken B. share his story. I was also able to attend Sunday and listen to the district representatives that presented at the workshop. Thank you for your service.

I attended the Area 35 committee meeting in February and received the treatment background information. Our committee was also able to meet and discussed our upcoming workshop, held in conjunction with corrections, which will take place Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at The First Congregational Church of Christ in Brainerd from 6 to 8 p.m. This is the weekend of the Spring Assembly so we hope that many members are able to attend.

I want to thank the DCM and treatment chairs who continue to work with me in providing contacts to individuals leaving treatment. This effort is a combined one through the Area 36 Temporary Contact Program.

I was unable to attend the West Central Regional in Casper, Wyoming. I look forward to meeting with those who attended to further discuss the background information on this years conference agenda items. Thanks for the opportunity to serve as your Area 35 Treatment Chair.

Yours in Service,  
Jim K.

### **Northern Light**

Greetings Area 35,

All is going well with the Northern Light. There's not much to do with publication being every two months, but it normally goes like this:

About a week before the deadline, I send out reminders to the Area officers and committee chairs to get their reports in to me. I spend the rest of that week worrying whether I'll receive all the reports or if instead, I'll be left with blank pages. I send out more reminders.

By the deadline date, I'll have received all or most of the reports and other pertinent info for the Northern Light and then it takes two to three days (With plenty of coffee breaks!) to assemble the newsletter. Once that's done I send the final draft to the printer. Then I worry if I got the final draft correct.

It's a lot of fun, but I worry way too much. Perhaps more coffee breaks are the answer!

Please keep your articles coming. We need content for our newsletter! Look to the A.A. Grapevine for inspiration.

Yours in Service  
Ed A.  
Northern Light Editor

### **Group Records**

Hello! Things have been rolling right along. Thanks to all groups and districts for the updates. Congratulations to the new groups, there have been a few which is just g r e a t t o s e e .

I am looking forward to the Spring Assembly where I am sure we will have lots to discuss.

Please let me know if there is anything you need. Thanks again for the opportunity to be o f s e r v i c e .

Audrey

### **Webmaster**

My report will consist mostly of the things talked about at the Joint area web committee meeting is St. Cloud on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> and the Action Committee meeting before this meeting. For a brief report on the web site stats in Jan. 1786 unique visitors, record last year was 1845, we had 1100 as of Feb. 20th. I attended the Service Workshop in Brainerd; I enjoyed the presentations and the talk and sharing session hosted by Trustee Ken B.. I also attended the District 8 workshop in Gilbert Feb. 21st which was well attended by District 12 and was able to bring a newcomer with who said, "I don't know what's going on, but it sure looks like fun!". I will not be attending the WCRAASC, as I cannot with my work schedule. In the action committee meeting earlier before the Area meeting we discussed some of the things talked about at the Joint area web committee in St. Cloud. The FNV database (GSOs database of all registered meetings) functionalities and limitations, including outdated information. As the Web Locator is still in the development stage there are still many problems that the committee is reporting and the developer from Area 36 is working on. A list of the problems was read out loud and Mike stated if it was solved or he was still working on it. A lot of discussion was focused on the fact that the locator is dependent on what comes from the FNV - GSO database. It is referred to as a garbage-in garbage-out system because it is only as accurate as the meeting information in the FNV. I talked about trying to encourage Area 35 to update the meetings so they are accurate. We discussed a possible improvement that will help to get the new/change meeting information to both me and Audrey-Group Records from the web site in a form that will serve both our needs. Five districts in Area 35 have completely updated their meetings, some are doing it piecemeal and some I have not heard from at all.

Yours in Service

Dan R.  
Area 35 Webmaster

### **Archives Chair**

Greetings: At the last committee meeting we were wondering about the 3 part paper called "Our A.A. General Service Center... The Alcoholic Foundation of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". This is the information that I got

from GSO Archives. I asked for a copy of the original document but that is not available because it is an unpublished document. But there are 3 related articles in the digital archives of the Grapevine at [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org).

EVERYTHING BUT MONEY June 1947  
THINGS WEREN'T ROSY AT ALL July 1947  
NEW WORLDWIDE IS SCOPE August 1947

The document was written by Bill in 1947 for the Board of trustees of the Alcoholic Foundation. Bill prepared the document after much deliberation on questions touching A.A. Headquarters policy and structure.

The first section, "The Alcoholic Foundation of Yesterday" presents an historical perspective of the Fellowship and the evolution of our central structure since its small beginnings in 1937. This section was published serially in the *Grapevine*.

The second section, "The Alcoholic Foundation of Today" describes the Foundation at that time. Bill expounds on the three existing committees, which were the General Office Committee, General Policy and Publications Committee Policy and Grapevine Committee.

The third section, "The Alcoholic Foundation of Tomorrow" is an attempt to construct a central structure for AA of the future. It is in this section where Bill presents a plan for a yearly General Service Conference. As he writes, "*Perhaps the best suggestion for closing the gap between our Alcoholic Foundation and the A.A. Groups is the idea of creating what we might call The General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous.*"

I'm looking forward to the Spring Assembly and discussing the Agenda Items.

Yours in service  
Bob K.  
Archives chair



AREA 35 NORTHERN MINNESOTA  
DECEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, AITKIN, MN

The Area Chair (Jay A.) opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Past delegates in attendance were acknowledged: Jerry S., Tim C., Susie A., Tom A. Additions to the agenda: Discussion of the Area 35/36 Joint workshop format and report, and discussion on continuing the State Fair booth. **Motion to approve Dec. Committee Meeting Minutes Seconded and passed unanimously.**

~~~**AREA OFFICER REPORTS**~~~~~

**@Delegate** - Thanks for sending me to the "33rd Annual Area 35 Service Workshop at Cragun's. Ken B, West Central Regional Trustee was our guest and was asked to do the Trustees Sharing Session and answered questions. Our service workshop is the responsibility of our Alternate Delegate and I'm not naming any names, Dan H but job well done! Thanks to all the Districts for their participation. Being that I was only ½ hour from the workshop, I opted to drive each day and be prudent with the area's monies. This will also be my intent for the spring assembly that is being held again at Cragun's. I haven't received much information from the General Service Office since our last committee meeting in December except for the Final Conference Agenda Items. I've had contact with the WCR Trustee and delegates via conference calls that are really rewarding and also an opportunity for us to ask a zillion questions of Ken. I'm presently waiting for the January Board Minutes. Contributions to G.S.O. were really down in November but increased some in January. On February 13th, I received the final Conference agenda items on disk and the hard copy arrived Tuesday evening at 5 pm. The background material is 971 pages and I had 29 copies printed. This means all of you will have a lot of "good reading" to do...It turned out to be 27,500 pages. Also included was the printing of 300 final agenda items and 300 of the Impact Items. The total cost was: \$1,165.00 and after conferring with Beth and Jay we didn't have to pay sales tax as we are exempt. In scanning some of the background materials for Report and Charter I noticed our second letter of support for Area 76 Wyoming, that "all changes to the AA Service Manual combined with the Twelve Concepts for World Service be approved by the General Service Conference," was not included in the background information. Mary Clare L., the secretary to the Conference Committee on Report and Charter, called and apologized for inadvertently excluding the information. I received an email with attachments and printed the information out and included it in your hard copies. I sent out an email Saturday with the updated information for all of you who will be receiving the background information on a disk today. 30 CD's were burned. Please treat all this information as confidential and protect the anonymity of the people listed in the agenda items. The Conference Dashboard is available for Delegates again this year along with a PDF user's guide. On Tuesday I received a "loving invitation" to serve as a moderator for a 2009 GSC Workshop, the topic being: "Language of the Heart – Keeping It Simple." Enclosed also was a second letter with another "loving invitation" asking me to be one of the five speakers for the A.A. meeting at the Opening Dinner of the 59th General Service Conference on Sunday, sharing my AA story for 10 minutes. Wish me luck! Ken will probably have to hold me up! I sent an email out to all the Committee Chairs reminding them of their presentations at the Spring Assembly. Agenda – Ed A., Finance – Beth E., Grapevine – Laurie R., Literature, Mike V., Policy and Admissions – Dan R., Public Information – Jon C., CPC – Dee K., Report and Charter – Sarah K., Treatment – Jim K., Trustees – Dan Hess, International Conventions/Regional Forums – Audrey S., Corrections – Krishna Z. and Archives – Bob K. Don't forget the WCRAASC is being held in Casper, WY February 27 – March 1, 2009. Kelly, Sarah and I are driving...well, I should say, Sarah and Kelly will be driving and JoAnne will be in the backseat reading background material...As a reminder to the DCM's please set a date for the Delegate's report- back of the General Service Conference that I'll attend from April 26 through May 2, 2009. To date I have District 8 penned in so far for June 1st in Aurora, MN, District 15 on June 8, District 12 on June 18, and District 21 on June 20th. I really enjoyed going to all the districts and meeting all the people last year – it was a great time! I'm looking forward to the Spring Assembly and I'm certain we'll have a lively discussion on the Conference Agenda Items so I can carry the conscience of Area 35 to the General Service Conference. Thanks districts for sending me your minutes...I appreciate reading them. If I can be of any assistance just email or call and from my heart to yours thanks for allowing me to be your Delegate. In love and service, JoAnne N.

**@Alternate Delegate** - Hello Area 35, The January workshop had 133 registrations. The expenses for the workshop were \$2,948.13 income from the workshop was \$1521.16 at a total cost to Area 35 of \$1426.97. I would like to thank District 7 for hosting the workshop, they did a great job and made my job easy. It was especially great to see so many new G.S.R's there. Thanks to all the districts who gave presentations. I forgot to bring the January workshop evaluations and I had asked people to email their comments, I have not received any emails which could mean everyone liked it or we are procrastinators. I have some evaluation forms on the back table if anyone would like to fill them out posthumously I will compile them and bring to Spring Assembly. On the subject of January workshops, the 2010 January workshop is in Alexandria at the Holiday Inn. I attended the District 16 workshop on February 21. I will be attending the West Central next week in Casper. Our next Zonal Forum is in Zone 2 on June 6 for districts 3, 4, and 15. D.C.M.s please select a meeting place so we can get it scheduled and a flyer out. The last Zonal Forum is in Zone 4 on August 8 and that includes districts 8,9,12 and 14. I would also like to get the meeting place scheduled for that. I am still planning on getting the Trusted Servant Guidelines to the webmaster to be put on the Area 35 website. District 21 is holding a workshop March 28 and has asked the Area Officers to participate. I will be attending. If your district is having a workshop please let us know. I will attend if possible. In your service. Dan H.

**@Area Chair** - Greetings Area Trusted Servants. Today is the beginning of a very busy time for all of us. We have the GSC items to bring back to your groups and districts for the Spring Assembly. We also have the Regional Service Conference in Wyoming for those who are able to attend. Finally, we have the Spring Assembly at Cragun's Resort in the Brainerd Lakes Area on April 4th and 5th. The registration form is on the Area Web Site and I have brought paper copies to the Area Meeting today. I have been coordination with Bridget at Cragun's and all seems to be in place. They will only accept written registrations mailed to them, not phone calls or online because it is much busier there than it was in January for the Workshop. Please call or email me if you have any questions. I attended the Area Workshop and was very impressed with the presentations and our new Trustee Ken B. I think we are in good hands now and in the future. There are a number of things coming up this year and hopefully we will be able to attend as many as possible. I have heard from our former Group Records Secretary, Mike P, and he is planning on coming to the Spring Assembly. He is in good spirits and his cancer seems to be shrinking. Please keep him in your prayers. (The audience showed love for Mike through clapping etc.) We have lost too many of our friends it seems in the past year. The Fall Assembly is in Superior at Barkers Island and the Regional Forum is in St. Cloud this year, so I hope that you all will be able to participate. Also, DCMs and District members make sure your nominations for the panel 60 Delegate are to me by the June 2009 Committee Meeting. I will email you the Delegate's resume. (It was also recommended that the Delegate duties be published in the Northern Light so those asked to stand will know what is being asked of them.) Tax information: Area 35 is non-profit, which means if you purchase something for the Area that is taxable, you can use our tax exemption form and you will be exempt for tax on purchases. (This exemption does not include food, lodging, waste removal, or auto expenses.) You can contact me to get a form, and I will email it to all Area Chairs. God certainly did a wonderful thing when he gave a program like this to a bum like me. Thank you for all that you do and for what you make me when I am with you. Jay A.

**@Secretary** – Alright! The Winter Workshop was amazing! The presentations were well done, some amusing, some touching, some outright hilarious (the robot dance by Doreen of District 18), and some educational and inspiring. Thank you to all groups/districts who presented. While apathy may be a problem in AA, I certainly did not see evidence of it that weekend. Per recommendation at the Fall Assembly 2008, and my responsibilities as secretary, I did send information regarding our recently passed Winter Workshop and upcoming Spring Assembly to Box 459; however, it was not included in the Feb.-March edition probably because I didn't read the small print which said information on events had to be in 3 months prior to the event in question. As such, I emailed Literature at AA.org again requesting they include our upcoming Spring and Fall Assemblies and send me an email confirming that they received our event dates and will be including them. I think that gives them plenty of time to get us in there. I also mailed out ~12 welcome letters to newly registered groups in Area 35 for the period from November of 2008 to February of 2009 to three districts: District 11, District 6, and District 5. So, for those wondering how to foster interest and involvement, these DCMs might have some tips! If anyone wants to get the minutes from the Committee Meetings emailed to them, come see me and give me your email address. There are flyers on the back table for Spring Assembly. Having a pretty busy time here, but I am looking forward to another AA road trip with JoAnne and Kelly to fulfill my responsibility to the area by attending the WCRAASC somewhere in WY next week. Lastly, please get me your reports for inclusion in the minutes today (by tonight). Thanks for letting me serve, Sarah K.

**@Treasurer** – Reports were on the back table for periods 7 (11/27-12/31/08) and 1 (1/1-2/16/09), but there was an error in both statements, so Beth later emailed updated/corrected reports. Those corrected numbers are being used here. As for year end group contribution reports; if there are any discrepancies, please let Beth know. There are also detail of expenditures sheets for all committee chairs and officers. There is one correction to Period 1: Add \$180.00 to Group Records expenses for the Bulk Mailing permit, for total expenses of \$273.53. For period VII: Beginning balance was \$12,293.01. Total contributions for period VII were: \$2,658.50. 2008 year to date contributions were: \$25,441.68. Total Expenses for period VII were: \$1,053.45. 2008 year to date total expenses were: \$26,158.63. Our Balance remaining from period VII was: \$11,576.06, minus our prudent reserve of: \$6,000.00 left a net available for service of: 5,576.06. For period I: Group contributions for period I were: \$2,587.25 Birthday contributions were: \$11. GSRs passed the basket in the sharing session collecting: \$54, Workshop registrations were \$1300.00 Total income for period I was \$4,119.41. Workshop expenses were \$616.30, expenses for Area chairs and officers were: \$3,657.74, so total year to date expenses are: \$4,274.04. With our beginning balance of \$11,576.06, we now have a balance remaining of \$11,421.43, minus our prudent reserve of \$6,000.00 leaves \$5,421.43 available for service. Let me remind you that we have many expenses including the January workshop, the WCRAASC, Spring Assembly, the Area Committee Meetings, and the General Service Conference. In order to continue spreading the message which was offered to us, and which saved at least my life, we need to continue sacrificing for the still suffering alco-

holic. Thank you for the privilege to serve. Yours in service, Beth E.

#### ~\*~COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS~\*~

**@Cooperation with the Professional Community** – Thank you for sending me to the Winter Workshop, and I will not be attending the WCRAASC. We had 13 people in attendance, including districts 13, 7, 3, 6, 5, They shared current activities involving library sponsorship, where one district found that the most stolen book was the Big Book. We also discussed phone lines, workshops, informational packets, and army national guard presentations (which they currently do not want us to present at likely due to a misunderstanding over AA being a treatment facility) and Roger will be following up on this with Southern MN. We also discussed meeting schedule distribution to medical personnel, hotels, and how to keep track of them. I will also come up with a date for upcoming PI/CPC zonal workshops for zones 2, 3, and 4. Dee K.

**@Treatment** - First of all I want to thank the district for supporting me to attend the Winter Workshop at Cragun's in January. It was great to see so many people there and to hear the information shared by Ken B. and all of the district representatives that presented at the workshop. We met this morning as a treatment committee and had 9 people in attendance with representatives from districts 5, 7, 8, 9, and 21, who shared their current activities working with local treatment facilities to bring information and meetings in and provide temporary contacts. It is great to see so many chairs working to bring informational meetings into facilities to explain what AA does and does not do. We will be having a treatment/corrections workshop Friday April 3rd at The First Congregational Church of Christ in Brainerd from 6 to 8 p.m. This is the weekend of the Spring Assembly so we hope that many members are able to attend. I will be working with our treatment committee to assist in lining up presentations for the workshop. I want to thank the DCM and treatment chairs who have been so helpful in lining up temporary contacts for individuals exiting treatment. I will continue to work with the Area 36 Temporary Contact Program with this project throughout my rotation. I again apologize that I will be unable to attend the West Central Regional in Casper, Wyoming. I look forward to meeting with those who will be attending to further discuss the background information on this year's conference agenda items. Jim K.

**@Archives Chair** - This morning in our meeting we had four present, including district 13 and 11, who shared their progress with district archives. Some are trying to decide what to keep and what to throw; others are working on group history forms. There is an article in Box 459 about the General Service Conference. And some early document has a 3 part paper: "Our AA General Service Center-The Alcoholic Foundation of Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" talks about part III. Where is part I and II? Yours in service, Bob K.

**@Northern Light Editor** - I will not be attending the WCRAASC, because I didn't think it would be a prudent use of the Area's money, and after hearing the current financial situation I think it was the right choice. I am still waiting for submissions for the Northern Light. I also have to apologize for the inclusion of Gregg G.'s obituary in the last edition of the Northern Light, as I was told it might be a violation of anonymity. Thank you. In service, Ed A.

**@Group Records Chair** - I had great intentions and put in a lot of work on making print-offs of all the groups listed for each district, but then realized there was a fatal flaw in them and subsequently they are worthless. If you are not getting the Northern Light, and you should be, please let me know. Beth & Ed, special apology to you. I will get to the bottom of that. With the ice cream money, the Area invested in a laptop for the Group Records Secretary position so he/she can access the pertinent information in the future. It will be a huge money, paper and time saver. What a great tool. I really appreciate it, as I am sure other group records secretaries will be going forward. So thanks to all ice cream eaters! I am asking groups to make a special effort to include more complete information in group meeting place, time, and day for [aameetinglocator.org](http://aameetinglocator.org) Keep your group information updates coming! Thanks for the opportunity to serve. Audrey S.

**@Area Webmaster** - In Jan. 1786 unique visitors, record last year was 1800, we had 1100 already this month. I attended the Service Workshop; it was very good and had many districts represented. I also attended the District 8 workshop, which was well attended by District 12 and was able to bring a newcomer with who said, "I don't know what's going on, but it sure looks like fun!" I will not be attending the WCRAASC, as I cannot with my work. We discussed the FNV database (GSOs database of all registered meetings) functionalities and limitations, including outdated information. Many districts in Area 35 have been updating their meeting lists for us, which is great, but there are still some districts who need to update their groups' information. We will also be making changes to the website to get information to all people who need it. Dan R.

**@Public Information**- Out with pneumonia-see CPC report on the CPC/PI breakout session. Jon C.

**@Literature** - This morning Districts 9, 15, 21, 7, 8, and 1, shared their activities with literature, including placing literature in jails and treatment centers, and we discussed the importance of using our literature to inform our groups and help them get going. January Workshop this year was one of the best I ever attended. Thanks to all who participated. We had good sales in Literature, over \$1,100.00 I ran out of some items, which I ordered. We have a full agenda for the conference this year. Please pay attention to the consider items especially as we usually vote on them. I will be attending the WCRAASC, which will be both fun, and a good opportunity to understand the agenda items better. Thank you all for letting me serve. Yours in service. Mike V.

**@Archivist** - Thanks to all of you who sent sympathy cards and e-mails for the loss of my mother. These kind words were greatly appreciated. Due to the final illness of my mother I have not been able to spend my time cataloging the archives collection. I have been digitalizing tapes. I attended the winter workshop in Brainerd and the District Archives workshop in Mankato. It was really unique to attend an Archives workshop as a participant. I am going to Casper for the service conference. I am attending the Spring assembly in Brainerd. The archives display will be at the Big Ole Round-up in Alexandria, the Superior Round-up and the Spring Assembly. I am making a personal trip in June to Akron to visit the Akron Inter-group Archives and talk to the Archivist. I need some direction on filing as to not be arbitrary so the display can fulfill its purpose as a resource for future generations. I have a couple of items from the Akron web page regarding the archivist's responsibilities, including a code of ethics, and the 12 steps for archivists. For those who are interested in seeing this, see me. (They were also submitted to the Northern Light so watch for them) Thanks for the opportunity to be of service. Brad I.

**@Grapevine**- In attendance at today's meeting were districts 21, 7, 15, 5, 9, who shared current district grapevine activities, including getting Grapevine subscriptions for groups and districts, bringing Grapevines into jails, and having the PI/CPC chair distribute Grapevines locally. I have received the background information and will be going over that to prepare for the Spring Assembly; however, I will not be attending the WCRAASC. Topics in upcoming Grapevine issues are: Double Digit Sobriety: Still a daily reprieve, Along Spiritual Lines, Finding Balance: Leading a full life in recovery, and All About Me; Letting go of ego. Beginning in March, the Grapevine will be in full color and will be staple free. Lastly, a reminder that all Grapevine books will be going up in cost. Thank you. Yours in service, Lori R.

**@Corrections**- We had a huge turnout at our meeting this morning. The area is doing well fulfilling its commitments, including starting new meetings in facilities, reestablishing meetings, and continuing ongoing meetings. Finding volunteers continues to be the great challenge. We also discussed how to resolve dilemmas that arise due to conflicting information regarding AA. In regard to a previous question pertaining to district corrections chairs being registered with GSO, and getting a workbook, the answers are: they are not registered with GSO, and they either purchase a workbook or it gets handed down from a previous chair. I will be handing out "Sharing Behind the Walls" through email and I will bring copies to the Spring Assembly. We have had a lot of new releases from facilities and continue to meet that need. Thanks to Sue, Doug, and Jeff for volunteering to present at the treatment/corrections workshop on April 3rd. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in bringing meetings into local facilities. We would love to pass on our experience and encouragement, so tell anyone who might be interested to come to the workshop. I'd like to thank all those doing corrections work; you are many and it is a wonderful thing you do. Thanks to all in service. You are wonderful also. Krishna Z.

#### ~\*~DCM REPORTS~\*~

**@District 1-** At our last District meeting there were 12 people present. Attendance has grown and I am most thankful that GSRs and others have marked this time as a priority. We get a lot done and have fun doing it. Our local meeting attendance has been fluctuating: some have grown and others shrunk. There were 3 of us who participated in the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Service Workshop, and it is always a wonder to me when I watch others get involved and see the fire that begins to glow. I attended the Wild Rice Roundup this year, and it was wonderful. They do a very good job organizing it all. Our District 1 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling will be at 12 pm on March 14 at the Fertile Community center. You are all invited. We are having "fun shops" on recovery and service, a dinner, and speakers. We have a new corrections chair, Maria, and we welcome her! There is talk of a new group forming and I will know more as it develops. Staying sober through service, Pricilla A.

**@District 2-** Not present. Art A.

**@District 3-** (Given by Eric M. Alt. DCM) Attendance has been picking up lately at our District meetings and we have a new CPC chair who is here today, along with another chair and GSR. We will be holding a GSR workshop/school on May 2 at the Perham Alano Club. Our 800 number phone line costs seven cents a minute and I don't think there is a monthly fee, but I'll find out more for those who are interested. We tentatively set an event for a circuit speaker in September. We also have a website with our minutes, events and other info at [www.district3aa.org](http://www.district3aa.org). Thank you. Bill D.

**@District 4** - We had a good turnout at our last district meeting where we discussed the fact that our next District meeting falls on the same weekend as the Big Ole Roundup. We decided to continue with the district meeting as scheduled. Hopefully this will give us an opportunity to show other's how AA works and what makes it work. We also reviewed our list of individuals who were cleared to participate in jail AA meetings; unfortunately the list was a little small, but we hope to make it longer. All else is going well in District 4, and the GSRs are showing interest in attending the Spring Assembly in Brainerd. Yours in service, Bruce W.

**@District 5-** Greetings and blessing from all of us in District 5. We continue to grow as a District and are getting ready for a busy Spring calendar that is fast approaching. We had 17 in attendance at the January Workshop last month. It was a great time of learning and fellowship for all of us. We would like to thank Dan our Alternate Delegate for organizing this event, all the Districts that presented, District 7 for hosting the event, and a special thank you to Ken B. our West Central Trustee that was there to pass on information and to share his own personal story with all of us. I would like to personally thank all that volunteered from District 5 to help with registration and greeting. We had three of our groups host open speaker meetings these last few months. The Becker Group was celebrating 30 years of AA in Becker. Congratulations to them! In January we had a new meeting start at the Elk River Alano Club

on Friday mornings at 10:00 am. I visited this group on February 6th and they had 20 in attendance. They are working on getting their group registered and a GSR to represent them. I would like to thank them for allowing the opportunity to talk to them about District 5 and service work. We have had two more new GSR's join the District, Larry from the Saturday 5:30 pm meeting at the Elk River Alano and Jason from the Friday 8:00 pm meeting in Milaca. We have also had two Milaca groups get registered with GSO and two more pending from there. I also had an email Audrey our Groups Records forwarded to me that the Wednesday night Beginners meeting at the Elk River Alano was inquiring about getting registered too. It does not leave many groups out of our 39 meetings left that still need to be registered. I am continuing to work on this and my goal is to have them all registered. I am continuing to also work with Audrey to have the groups current and accurate with GSO. I think this process is near completion with only updates needed as the last of our groups in our District get registered. At our last District meeting we discussed and set the date of Monday, March 16th to go over the agenda items for voting at the Spring Assembly. We have also been discussing having a District Inventory due to the fact that our District has more that doubled in size. A decision was made to do this on May 18th the night of our scheduled monthly District meeting that month. Tom A. has graciously accepted our invitation to help us out with this...thanks Tom! We have been discussing the possibility of joining another District this year in hosting JoAnne's delegate report back. The GSRs and I (we currently have 13 total including alternates) met after the meeting to discuss any concerns and questions they have. We decided that we would do this after every District meeting. We had a great first meeting with good questions asked and some great ideas, and we discussed having a "GSR School" due to the fact that several did not make the Zonal GSR Workshop that was held in St. Cloud awhile back and the fact that we have several new GSR's that have started since then. I would like to thank them all for their commitment to serve and I look forward to meeting and working with them as we continue to carry the message. We all look forward to attending the Spring Assembly in April and I am excited for the opportunity to attend the West Central Conference in Casper, Wyoming this next weekend. A special thank you to District 5 for making this possible for me to attend. Yours in service, Kelly D.

**@District 6-** Things in District 6 are going well. At our last meeting we had 10 people; a great turnout for us! We are busy working on the workshop scheduled for April 18 at the Isanti Alano Club. Hope to see some of you there. Thanks for letting me serve, Jack J.

**@District 7-** Hi, I am Lee Ann and I am a grateful recovering alcoholic, also serving as DCM for District 7. All our positions are finally filled! We were honored and really enjoyed being a part of the January Workshop at Craguns. Thank you to all who volunteered and helped with Greeting and Registration - specifically volunteers from District 5 and District 7. We recently added 3 new meetings - I believe we are at 70+ for the district. We are also looking forward to some additional meetings joining our district. They currently belong to a dark district, and they want to be involved in an active district. That feedback was great to hear. We are currently working on our 2009 calendar. We all agree that we will have another picnic this summer. It was a great success last year and we wish to do it again. We are also planning our budget for this year. Our new treatment chair, Bob has set up our 1st informational meeting for patients in treatment and their families at the Focus Treatment Center in Brainerd. The first meeting will be on February 26th. Thank you Bob! Tim, our new CPC Chair has made many new contacts as well. Thank you, Tim! We have put together a "meeting visit" packet that includes information about the importance of electing a GSR and information about the 7th Tradition and how an AA group should function. We are all going to participate in the meeting visits and in doing so, will also be updating our meeting information for GSO, Audrey, and the Website. I will not be able to attend the West Central Regional Conference. I was asked to be in one of my best friends' wedding that Saturday and do not want to miss that. I was concerned about making the right decision, and asked Arden if he would consider going, and he very graciously accepted the opportunity to be of service and represent District 7. Thank you, Arden! We have begun to increase participation of other GSR's from our District, which is great! For the month of March we added an additional District meeting to go over the 2009 General Service Conference Agenda items and will have time to bring information back to our groups in order to have an informed group conscience. I want to mention again that Tim B. has been given 6 months to 1 year to live. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Tim has helped so many people and has been active in service for a very long time. I want to Thank You for allowing me to be of service. I feel very blessed with the opportunities I have been given. Safe travels to those going to Wyoming. Bless you! LeeAnn H.

**@District 8-** Good morning! District 8 is doing well, carrying the message the best way we know how. Over the past month I attended the Area Workshop, had a great time, and was able to carry back information and use a couple of the skits at our district workshop, where we had the best attendance we've had in many years. We had a great speaker last night, and I am looking forward to the WCRAASC. Many other things coming up: we are having a special meeting to discuss agenda items. We had 25 GSRs represented at our last District Meeting, and all but one alternate chair attended. A lot of people there are sponsored into service. I will be attending the Spring Assembly, and afterwards our Corrections Chair Jerry and I will be traveling to carry the message to a local facility. I have found that 2 legged stools are wobbly, after adding the third leg it got more stable. I can't say enough how much service has benefited me. Yours in service, Robert (Butch) R.

**@District 9-** We are doing well in Hibbing, 13 people from District 9 were at Fall Assembly and the Winter Workshop. We are still trying to fill the Alt. DCM position, and are having some trouble getting people to commit to things. WE have had a couple new people attending our District meetings, and one of them came down today. WE have had a few short but sweet meetings recently, but with the "small" packet we got from JoAnne, I think we might go a bit longer tonight. I am going to the WCRAASC and am looking for a roomie! Yours in service, Robert S.

**@District 11-** After attending the zonal forum in St. Cloud, at our January meeting I focused discussion on self-support. We are trying to encourage the groups to support District and Area. They were interested when I mentioned the "per capita" contribution amount and one group reported at the next district meeting that they had contributed to the entities. At our Feb. meeting we encouraged people to attend Aitkin Committee Meetings to sit in on breakout sessions to help keep their groups and districts more informed, and today we have many people here from district 11. Our corrections chair is actively involved in getting meetings into local facilities, both men and women, and we have a lot of facilities to cover: Moose Lake, Willow River, Sandstone, and three county jails. We recently put up a literature rack in a local facility, and w have two new groups listed. Thank you. Doug N.

**@District 12-** Hello everyone! We are having the Delegate's report on June 18. We are also having an extra meeting in March to discuss agenda items. As a result of the district inventory, our meeting locations have changed. We will be rotating every three months. Our corrections chair has established multiple contacts and meetings in local corrections facilities and our treatment chairs is diligently making repeat contact with local treatment facilities as well as getting speakers. PI/CPC are working on luncheons with local professionals. Currently much of the local law enforcement departments are handing out our informational cards with the intergroup phone number on it to people. Tim H.

**@District 13-** I guess I have to have everyone "WAKE UP" alright. Everything is well; we had 16 GSRs at the last district meeting, and we'll have two meetings in March, the first to hand out background information, the second to discuss the agenda items. We formed an adhoc phone line committee which reports to PI to manage the phone line shifts. We are also staying involved in the Army CPC training program to provide an informational presentation, but it has hit a snag. Our district placed meeting schedules in all the hotels in St. Cloud. The 2009 WCRF is in St. Cloud and I agreed to serve on that adhoc committee. I attended the Winter Workshop, and am looking forward to the WCRAASC. In service, Roger R.

**@District 15-** We had a really good time with our skit at the Winter Workshop, and were asked to put it on at our upcoming roundup. We are donating literature to the Stearns Cty jail. In June JoAnne will be giving her delegate's report at our district meeting on the second Monday of the month. I am not sure if I'll be able to attend the Spring Assembly due to my husband having cancer surgery. Thanks for letting me be of service. Sandy H.

**@District 16-** not present-no report. Mary C.

**@District 17-** Currently no DCM.

**@District 18-** (Given by Jason) I hope everyone had as much fun as I did at the January Workshop; it was nice to see the lighter side of sobriety, which really reminds me to keep it simple. District 18 groups seem to be doing well, but our District meetings have not been very well attended. It has been disheartening to see such low involvement in service at the district and area level. Our responsibility statement says that we are responsible to be there when someone reaches out for help. We must give it away to stay sober; let us all remember it is a "we" program. Without service structure and participation our fellowship cannot exist. The Courage to Change group recently held a well attended Round Robin with great speakers and great food. I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Assembly! In service, Doreen L.

**@District 21-** Good afternoon! Hello family of choice, it is so exciting to be here. WE are still learning and growing. Many people think we have done some great things and we don't do it alone. We have gotten a new contact with a treatment facility where they will mail our literature out to facilities in the area at no cost to us. We have two upcoming presentations on what AA does and does not do. We recently had a men's retreat in the area. Financially, we've been blessed with groups continuing to donate. We show them the pamphlets: "Circles of Love and Service" and "Where Money and Spirituality Mix," and we send thank you's as well as visiting each group to thank them personally. We had a district inventory during the area workshop and two really important things came up: 1) to set some measurable goals to keep us focused and on track, and the second, is: we are going to split the rotation with the GSRs, which is outlined in the *Service Manual*. There will be a Sponsorship workshop in the spring, and two other workshops are coming up, one on meditation. Our corrections chair is very busy organizing and getting meetings into the jails, and we have a new treatment chair. All our chair positions are filled now, and at the last meeting we had 2 new GSRs there. It is just so exciting to see things grow. We have been working with returning GIs to provide local contacts. We are also going to work with Jay regarding tax exemption, and I'll be talking to Tom regarding podcasts. We are going through about 700 meeting lists lately and are working on getting more people involved in running our 800 number. We have two books from Gregg G. in our archives. We've been stressing that GSRs get their group consciences for the questions for Spring Assembly, and we'll be having a March Meeting to discuss agenda items. We have upped our meetings from every other month to monthly meetings, and June 20th is the Delegate's report, which we may combine with Art and Pricilla. We get to carry the message, stay sober, and grow just one more day. How blessed we are. Harold S.

~~~OLD BUSINESS~~~~~

**@Area 35/36 Joint Workshop Format**

Per Jay's request, as he hadn't been to one in a long time and was unsure what the format should be, Niles created the schedule and the format changed for

2008 from the previous years. Then, at the December Committee meeting, Jay stated a copy of both formats would be emailed to the DCMs, Area Chairs, and Area Officers to take to the groups for consideration of which format they would prefer to follow at their joint workshop in 2009.

*Discussion:* This item was tabled because Jay had not emailed the formats out. Jay will be emailing the format soon.

**@2008 Area 35/36 Joint Workshop report back**

Per Area policy, the area chair, Jay, should be composing a report on this to be included in the Northern Light.

**@Area 35/36 Joint Web Venture**

At our last assembly we decided not to financially support the cost of setting up the new joint meeting locator, but we did want to support the endeavor by sending representatives from Area 35 to the meetings. As an Area, we have to decide if we want to be financially responsible for the hosting and support of the new joint website. It is an annual total cost of \$240, and our 1/2 of it will be \$120. This money would be used to cover the annual cost of hosting and supporting this website locator.

*Discussion: Several points were clarified:* It was mentioned that Southern MN already paid \$5,000 for development costs while we paid nothing. A minority felt the cost of \$240 for webhosting was too high since we only pay \$97.50 a year for our website. Clarification: we are also paying for the ongoing support and maintenance of the site. The Group Records Chair will upload/update the data. The majority felt that this website will be a great resource, a good tool, and infinitely more user friendly, helpful, and accurate, as new people don't know about our invisible line dividing the state. **Motion to spend \$120 for the meeting locator, majority in favor; 1 opposed. Motion passes.** Minority opinion: Clarification-what are we paying for? 1 year of hosting and support.

~~~NEW BUSINESS~~~~~

**@State Fair Booth**

John (CPC Chair) requested all GSRs and DCMs discuss with their groups whether they want to continue staffing and supporting the State Fair Booth. So, do we think this a good expenditure?

*Discussion:* This item was discussed extensively on the floor including how financially prudent and effective it is, how well it succeeds in reaching the newcomer, and staffing issues. Eventually a motion was made not to participate, but it was brought up that since this was sent to GSRs for discussion/input of the groups, we should wait until the Spring Assembly. A **Motion was made to table the previous motion: 2nded ~15 in favor, ~5 opposed.** It will be tabled to be added to the agenda for Spring Assembly.

**@Area 35 Statement of Financial Responsibility/Prudent Reserve**

There was concern expressed that we were into our prudent reserve. However, it turned out that the Contributions and Expenditures sheet had a calculation error on it which Beth corrected (as noted above). This means we currently have \$5,421.43 available for service, but this does not include the \$1,000.00 bill for printing the background information or the WCRAASC. Thus, we are quickly dropping close to our prudent reserve, which the Area actions Book states should be rounded to the nearest thousand. Definitely *go back and tell your groups of the financial need at the Area level.* Jay asked for volunteers among past Area Treasurers to form an ad hoc committee to look into this, which he will sit in on it as well. It was also pointed out that typically the Area Officers will need to take a look at the statement of financial responsibility and expenses and have some serious discussions about our ongoing deficit. Jay requested that members email him suggestions on how the area could be more prudent and he would pass them on to the adhoc committee. This will also be a topic of discussion at the Spring Assembly and will be on the agenda.

**@We closed with the Lords Prayer.**

**Ending and Beginning balances over the last 10 years**

(From Treasurer's Report— Pages 6-8)

| Selected Financial Data   |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Ad Hoc Committee 2/2009   |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
| Area Expenses:            | Y: 1999   | Y: 2000   | Y: 2001   | Y: 2002   | Y: 2003   | Y: 2004   | Y: 2005   | Y: 2006   | Y: 2007   |
| Events                    | \$ 3,564  | \$ 1,767  | \$ 3,151  | \$ 4,268  | \$ 2,181  | \$ 2,513  | \$ 1,817  | \$ 2,904  | \$ 3,240  |
| Officers/Chairs           | \$ 14,553 | \$ 14,812 | \$ 13,843 | \$ 18,496 | \$ 16,885 | \$ 18,298 | \$ 21,643 | \$ 26,819 | \$ 22,903 |
|                           | \$ 18,117 | \$ 16,579 | \$ 16,994 | \$ 22,764 | \$ 19,066 | \$ 20,811 | \$ 23,460 | \$ 29,723 | \$ 26,143 |
| Net Income:               | 1,543     | 2,549     | 2,339     | (257)     | 4,096     | 1,765     | (3,745)   | (2,228)   | (631)     |
| Beginning Balance         | \$ 6,863  | \$ 8,406  | \$ 10,955 | \$ 13,294 | \$ 13,037 | \$ 17,133 | \$ 18,898 | \$ 15,153 | \$ 12,924 |
| Plus Net Income           | 1,543     | 2,549     | 2,339     | (257)     | 4,096     | 1,765     | (3,745)   | (2,228)   | (631)     |
| Ending Balance            | \$ 8,406  | \$ 10,955 | \$ 13,294 | \$ 13,037 | \$ 17,133 | \$ 18,898 | \$ 15,153 | \$ 12,924 | \$ 12,293 |
| Prudent Reserve Setpoint  | \$ 4,000  | \$ 4,000  | \$ 4,000  | \$ 5,000  | \$ 5,000  | \$ 5,000  | \$ 5,000  | \$ 5,000  | \$ 6,000  |
| Net Available For Service | \$ 4,406  | \$ 6,955  | \$ 9,294  | \$ 8,037  | \$ 12,133 | \$ 13,898 | \$ 10,153 | \$ 7,924  | \$ 6,293  |

**GSR Sharing Session**

**Area 35 Service Workshop January 17, 2009**

Dean opened the session with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions was set to a later time, due to GSR's still eating dinner.

I had resigned at the Fall Assembly, due to not being a GSR, Requested the group allow me to withdraw my resignation. The group allowed me to finish this rotation with no one opposing.

Secretary minutes read, motion was made and second to approve. Vote was 38 approved 1 against. Minority spoke, because of the reading of questions were going to be answered at the Spring Assembly and not at this workshop, revote was taken. 14 for approval 10 against, 2/3 majority was not obtained, Secretaries minutes not approved.

There was 39 GSR's present, with 13 being new GSR's. 2 Alt GSR's and 2 guest present. (this count may be inaccurate due to dinner running late.)

An end time of 8:15 was decided.

A motion was made and second to answer the questions from Fall Assembly instead of waiting until Spring Assembly. Vote was taken, 2 approved, 37 opposed. Motion NOT approved. We will answer questions the Spring Assembly on April 4-5, 2009 at Cragun's Resort.

A motion was made, then second to approve Secretaries minutes as read. Vote was 39 approved 0 opposed. Minutes approved.

Introductions were made.

The hat was passed, for copies of minutes and questions. \$54.00 was collected.

Because we had voted not to answer questions at the workshop, Dean opened the mic to GSR's to talk about their Group, ask questions about GSR's.

Dean closed the GSR Sharing Session with the Lord's Prayer.

**Questions or Spring Assembly**

How or who can bring Agenda Items?

How do we encourage newcomers to commit to a home group?

How do we SAFELY address Singleness of Purpose?

How do you separate Alano finance from AA finances?

How do we educate our groups about the difference between Alcoholics Anonymous and the Alano Society?

Yours in Service,

Gayle Seberson GSR Sharing Session Secretary



carrying for this long time. If I allow any score to accrue from day to day, I am doomed to repeat the misery I have inflicted upon myself and all other people in my life. Since the problem centers in my mind, I cannot fall prey to the belief that I can avoid this pitfall with constant vigilance. I must immediately make sure to correct whenever I try to take credit for anything I have done in this fellowship, and indeed in my life. It is the reason that I still must use my sponsor and inventory upon.

Once, one of my sponsees tried to thank me for the time I had spent with him. I told him something I was told in a general way by a wonderful man I met in Ontario. Thanking me is like thanking the snow shovel for clearing the driveway. You are thanking the wrong person. I am not living this wonderful life because of anything I have done in this fellowship. I am merely trying to pay back all of the wonderful things that have been done for and given me by this fellowship and my loving Higher Power. A job I still fall painfully short in doing.

I apologize for rambling on so, but I justified my actions from the request by Ed Andrist, our Northern Lights Editor, at the Fall Assembly, to provide him with filler for the Northern Light. If there is one thing that I am good at, it is filling space, usually with hot air.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay A., Area Chair.



English/Anglais/Inglés

**February 2009**

## **2009 General Service Conference Committees** **Agenda Items**

### **I. Agenda**

- A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2010 General Service Conference.
- B. Discuss presentation/discussion topic ideas for the 2010 General Service Conference.
- C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2010 General Service Conference.
- D. Review the General Service Conference Evaluation Form.

### **II. Cooperation With the Professional Community**

- A. Consider the draft Video Segments Directed to Professionals in the Employment/Human Relations Field.
- B. Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.
- C. Discuss specific possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in C.P.C. endeavors.

### **III. Corrections**

- A. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.
- B. Consider alternatives to biennial mailing to corrections professionals, focusing on those that may be more effective and fiscally prudent.
- C. Consider updating the pamphlet "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell."
- D. Discuss issues that may be involved in A.A. members' complying with the rules of correctional facilities, such as signing "sponsorship agreements" or legally binding documents.

### **IV. Finance**

- A. Review material submitted from the Fellowship concerning the 2008 Conference Advisory Action "the trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee gather input from the Fellowship on the benefits and liabilities, both spiritual and practical of fully funding G.S.O. Services to the Fellowship (G.S.O. functional expenses) by the voluntary contributions of A.A. members and groups."
- B. Discuss request to produce a Seventh Tradition poster.
- C. Discuss other aspects of self-support.

### **V. A.A. Grapevine**

- A. Review contents of A.A. Grapevine and La Viña Workbook.
- B. Consider request that "the 2007 Conference Advisory Action recommending that 'the Grapevine and La Viña include a section on the medical, legal, and social aspects of alcoholism, with an appropriate disclaimer' be rescinded."
- C. Consider request that the following 2004 Conference Advisory Action be rescinded:



magazines be issued only by A.A. Grapevine, Inc., or by A.A. trusted servants directly; and b) the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., adopt standardized sales practices and pricing structures for all purchasers. Note: This recommendation is to clarify the 1993 Advisory Action stating that the Grapevine Corporate Board not actively pursue the placement of Grapevine materials for resale in commercial (non-A.A.) outlets.”

#### **VI. Literature**

- A. Review the revised draft pamphlet “The A.A. Member—Medications and Other Drugs.”
- B. Review the revised draft pamphlet “A.A. for the Native North American.”
- C. Consider request that the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship” be reviewed toward eliminating or revising outmoded ethnic, cultural and vocational references.
- D. Consider request to develop a new Special Needs recovery pamphlet for newcomers or prospective members.
- E. Consider request to add a sentence to the pamphlet “A Newcomer Asks” that encourages newcomers to obtain and study the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- F. Consider request to change the title of the pamphlet “44 Questions” to “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”
- G. Discuss whether there is a need to develop Conference-approved literature that focuses on the topics of spirituality, and agnostics or atheists/nonbelievers in A.A.
- H. Consider request to publish a book of stories from members living in remote communities.
- I. Consider request to develop a second volume of *Daily Reflections*.
- J. Consider request to develop a video on the General Service Representative (G.S.R.).

#### **VII. Policy/Admissions**

- A. Approve invitations for one observer from the General Service Board of Brazil, S.A. and two observers (1) from the General Service Board and (1) from the General Service Office of Colombia, S.A.
- B. Review dates for the 2012 General Service Conference.
- C. Review “General Service Board Summary of Responses to Inventory Questions Pertaining to Regional Composition and Structure.”
- D. Consider request to formulate a procedure for filing a minority appeal directly with the General Service Conference, as described in Bill W.’s commentary on Concept V.
- E. Discuss proposal requesting a General Service Conference inventory.

#### **VIII. Public Information**

- A. Consider 2008 annual report from the trustees’ Committee on Public Information regarding G.S.O.’s A.A. Web site.
- B. Consider request to add the text “Provide initial motivation” to the section “What A.A. does NOT do” in the pamphlet “A.A. at a Glance.”
- C. Review updated text and graphics of the pamphlet “A Message to Teenagers...,” which utilizes selected text and graphics from the current “Too Young?” pamphlet.
- D. Consider draft wall poster for young people with information about Alcoholics Anonymous.
- E. Consider request “to develop a generic A.A. poster or posters for places such as hospitals, places of employment, doctors’ offices, etc.”
- F. Public Service Announcements (P.S.A.s):
  - 1. Review current television P.S.A.s for relevance and usefulness.
  - 2. Assess the need for a new television P.S.A.
  - 3. Review report on centralized distribution, tracking and evaluation of the 2008 television P.S.A., “I Thought.”
  - 4. Review revised draft script of “Combination Radio P.S.A.s on CD,” and consider recording revised script at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.
- G. Consider draft of the “A.A. Videos for Young People Project.”
- H. Consider draft 2010 Alcoholics Anonymous Membership Survey Questionnaire.

- I. Consider the need to clarify the importance of not breaking the anonymity of living A.A. members in memorial announcements when one of our Fellowship dies.
- J. Discuss suggestion that Public Information committees “explore the use of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in their endeavors.”
- K. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

### **IX. Report and Charter**

#### A. *The A.A. Service Manual*, 2008 - 2009 Edition:

1. Consider adding the term of non-trustee directors to the section describing how non-trustee directors are selected on page S75.
2. Consider suggestion to add a locally developed G.S.R. Preamble to *The A.A. Service Manual*.
3. Consider proposal that every change to *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* be approved by the General Service Conference.
4. Consider suggestion to change the title “Conference Language” on page S19 to “Glossary of Conference Terms.”
5. Consider suggestion to add text regarding the desirability of business or professional background for regional and at-large trustees to the section of *The A.A. Service Manual* on “Qualifications of an Effective Trustee” on page S63.
6. Review suggested revisions to Chapters 10 and 12 regarding the A.A. Grapevine.
7. Consider suggested revision regarding the term of service of Appointed Committee Members on page S70.
8. Consider request to clarify language on page S65 regarding nominating a regional trustee candidate in the same year when nominating a trustee-at-large candidate.
9. Review letter requesting an “inventory” of various items related to the General Service Conference Charter.
10. Consider suggestion to insert the page reference “(see page S63)” in the section on Regional Trustees found on page S65.
11. Consider suggestion to add cross-references to area numbers and area names.
12. Review list of suggested additional changes.

#### B. A.A. Directories (Canada, Western U.S., and Eastern U.S.): review list of suggested changes.

#### C. Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.

### **X Treatment Facilities**

- A. Review revised video, *Hope: Alcoholics Anonymous*.
- B. Discuss a proposal that Treatment Facilities literature include information that would assist Treatment Facilities committees with their effort to inform treatment professionals about A.A. and to carry the A.A. message to patients in out-patient treatment programs.
- C. Discuss request that the Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities expand its scope to include service to Special Needs Committees and that the name of the committee be changed to the “Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities/Special Needs.”
- D. Discuss specific possible uses of the A.A. Grapevine and La Viña in Treatment endeavors.
- E. Review contents of T.F. Kit and Workbook.

### **XI. Trustees**

- A. Review resumes of candidates for:
  1. East Central Regional Trustee
  2. Southeast Regional Trustee
  3. Trustee-at-Large/US

- B. Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- C. Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- D. Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.
- E. Discuss report from the trustees' Committee on Nominating pertaining to the 2008 Additional Committee Consideration regarding Class B regional trustee and trustee-at-large successor terms in the event of an unexpected vacancy.
- F. Discuss suggested revision to procedure for distribution of trustee election resumes at the General Service Conference.

**XII. Archives**

- A. Review contents of Archives Workbook.
- B. Discuss ideas to make A.A.'s archives and history more readily available to the Fellowship.

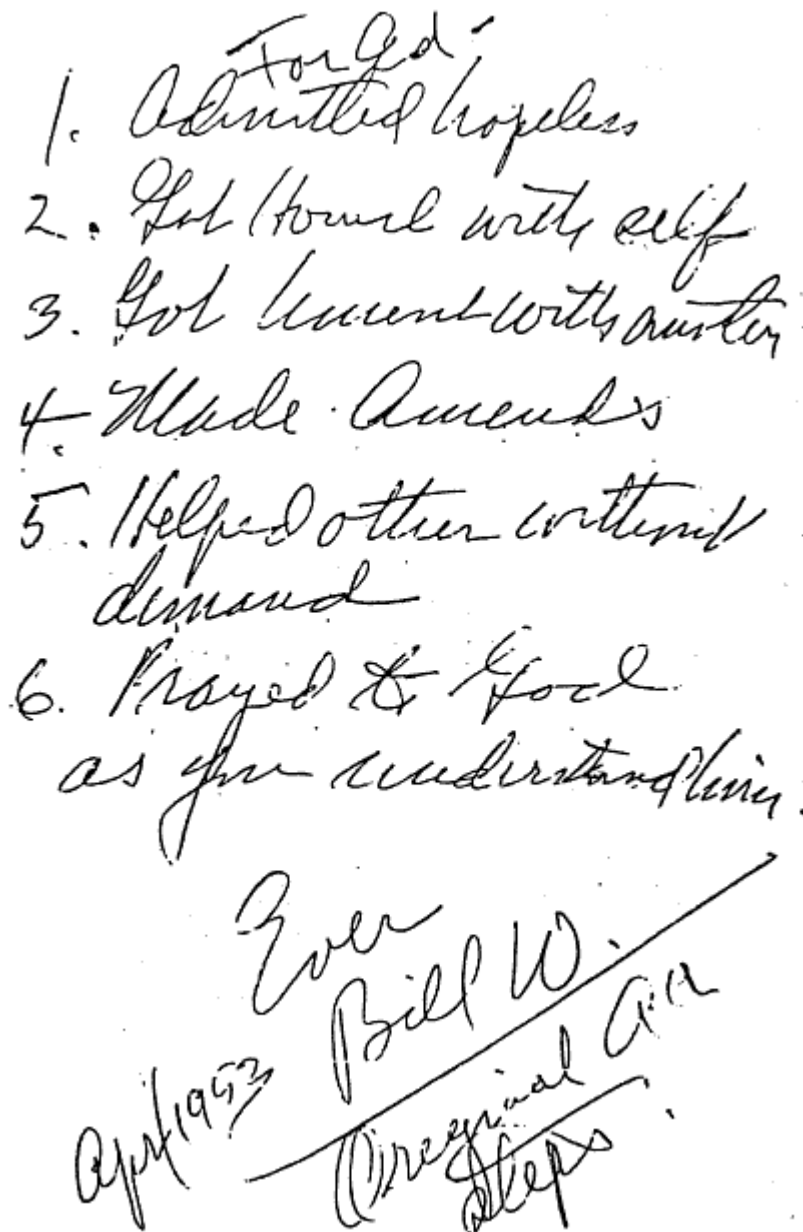
**XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums**

- A. Discuss an anonymity-protected photograph of the flag ceremony to be taken at the 2010 International Convention.
- B. Consider a broadcast of the 2010 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony similar to the encrypted, anonymity-protected, delayed extranet broadcast of the 2005 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony.
- C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional and Local Forums.



# The Original Six Steps of AA

In Bill Wilson's own hand-writing.



**Twelve Traditions Experience****How to have a personal experience with the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous**

The following questions were taken from the core of what it says in the Big Book page 562- 566 and the Twelve and Twelve. Stripping away the stories and examples that Bill gives and reducing them down to simple questions for consideration. Also supported by discussions in the book "Pass It On" which is also AA literature.

Here's how you can have a personal experience with the 12 Traditions: Start by reading the First Tradition out of the Big Book, both the long and short version. Then read the corresponding question below. Consider how your Group or Groups around you may have broken these. If you can answer yes to any of these questions it may be in violation of that Tradition. Setting aside all your theories and ideas and just create a vision of what it looks like to violate each. Attaching a personal example of what it looks like to break the Traditions will create an awakening to the spirit of the Traditions.

After considering each Tradition and what it looks like to break it, ask how Tradition 12 applies to it. For example: How is anonymity the Spiritual foundation of Tradition One? Are the Principles of AA put before individual Personalities in the Group? Do this with each Tradition after considering each Tradition's question. The Principles of AA are the 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts of World Service.

1. Does the group put the interests of any individual above the welfare of the group or of AA as a whole?
2. Does the group do anything that misrepresents the conscience of the majority of the group?
3. Does the group exclude anyone with a drinking problem from attending the group?
4. Does the group do anything that does not conform to AA principles and affect other groups or AA as a whole?
5. Does the group do anything that conflicts with our carrying the AA message to alcoholics who want a way out from their drinking problem?
6. Does anything that is done affiliate, endorse or bind the group, actual or implied, to any related facility or outside enterprise?
7. Does the group receive donations from anyone other than an AA member?
8. Are there any fees besides meeting expenses being charged for Twelve Step work, IE: fellowship, sponsoring, step work, counseling?
9. Is there a governing individual or exclusive group authority that dictates organization to our group?
10. Does the group do anything that publicly states an opinion or takes sides on any issues or controversy that are outside of AA?
11. At the general public level, does the group publicize any individual AA member's name or picture as a self-appointed representative of AA?
12. Does the group give personal distinction to any AA member either among fellow alcoholics or the general public that puts their opinions above the conscience of the group or AA as a whole?

**2009 – AREA 35 SCHEDULE**

**Spring Assembly**

**April 4-5, 2009**

Alexandria Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN  
 (320) 763-6577  
 www.hialexandria.com

**64th Annual Superior Roundup**

**April 17-19, 2009**

Superior Fair Grounds Curling Club  
 4700 Tower Avenue  
 Superior, WI

**39th Annual Iron Range Get-Together**

**May 1-3, 2009**

Wendigo Lodge  
 20108 Golf Crest Road  
 (866) 727-7345  
 Grand Rapids, MN

**St. Cloud Roundup**

**May 16, 2009**

Moose Lodge  
 1300 3rd Street N.  
 Waite Park, MN

**Area Committee Meeting**

**June 14, 2009 9:00 a.m.**

Aitkin Alano Club, 322 1st Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN

**Area Committee Meeting**

**August 3, 2009 9:00 a.m.**

Aitkin Alano Club, 322 1st Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN

**Fall Assembly**

**October 3-4, 2009**

Barker's Island, Superior, WI

**Area Committee Meeting**

**December 7, 2009 9:00 a.m.**

Aitkin Alano Club, 322 1st Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN

| April 2009          |                     |         |           |               |                   |                                   |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------|-----------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sunday              | Monday              | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday      | Friday            | Saturday                          |
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| 5                   | 6                   | 7       | 8         | 9<br>Passover | 10<br>Good Friday | 11                                |
| 12<br>Easter Sunday | 13<br>Easter Monday | 14      | 15        | 16            | 17                | 18                                |
| 19                  | 20                  | 21      | 22        | 23            | 24                | 25                                |
| 26                  | 27                  | 28      | 29        | 30            |                   |                                   |
|                     |                     |         |           |               |                   | U.S. Federal Holidays are in Red. |

| May 2009           |                    |         |           |          |        |                                   |
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| 10<br>Mother's Day | 11                 | 12      | 13        | 14       | 15     | 16                                |
| 17                 | 18                 | 19      | 20        | 21       | 22     | 23                                |
| 24                 | 25<br>Memorial Day | 26      | 27        | 28       | 29     | 30                                |
| 31                 |                    |         |           |          |        | U.S. Federal Holidays are in Red. |

**Upcoming Events in Area 36**

**GOPHER STATE XXXVTH ANNUAL ROUNDUP**

**May 23-25, 2009** — Sheraton Bloomington Hotel,  
 Minneapolis South, 7800 Normandale Blvd.,  
 Bloomington, MN — FOR MORE INFO:  
 www.gopherstateroundup.org

## 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.

### Letter to Bill Wilson from Dr. Carl Jung

Dear Mr. Wilson

Your letter has been very welcome indeed.

I had no news from Roland H. anymore and often wondered what has been his fate. Our conversation which he has adequately reported to you had an aspect of which he did not know. The reason that I could not tell him everything was that those days I had to be exceedingly careful of what I said. I had found out that I was misunderstood in every possible way. Thus I was very careful when I talked to Roland H. But what I really thought about was the result of many experiences with men of his kind.

His craving for alcohol was the equivalent, on a low level, of the spiritual thirst of our being for wholeness, expressed in medieval language: the union with God.\*

How could one formulate such an insight in a language that is not misunderstood in our days?

The only right and legitimate way to such an experience is that it happens to you in reality and it can only happen to you when you walk on a path which leads you to higher understanding. You might be led to that goal by an act of grace or through a personal and honest contact with friends, or through a higher education of the mind beyond the confines of mere rationalism. I see from your letter that Roland H. has chosen the second way, which was, under the circumstances, obviously the best one.

I am strongly convinced that the evil principle prevailing in this world leads the unrecognized spiritual need into perdition, if it is not counteracted either by real religious insight or by the protective wall of human community. An ordinary man, not protected by an action from above and isolated in society, cannot resist the power of evil, which is called very aptly the Devil. But the use of such words arouses so many mistakes that one can only keep aloof from them as much as possible.

These are the reasons why I could not give a full and sufficient explanation to Roland H., but I am risking it with you because I conclude from your very decent and honest letter that you have acquired a point of view above the misleading platitudes one usually hears about alcoholism.

You see, "alcohol" in Latin is "spiritus" and you use the same word for the highest religious experience as well as for the most depraving poison. The helpful formula therefore is: spiritus contra spiritum.

Thanking you again for your kind letter

I remain

Yours sincerely

C. G. Jung

**A.A. Co-founder, Bill Wilson with Edwin  
"Ebby" Thacher in 1955**



AREA 35 Northern Minnesota  
Spring Assembly 2009  
April 4 and 5, 2009

- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ 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 K.
- \_\_\_ Treasure-Beth E.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS**

- \_\_\_ LITERATURE-Mike V.
- \_\_\_ District 15-Sandy H.
- \_\_\_ 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.
- \_\_\_ 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.
- 2:20 Break
- 2:30 Breakout Sessions for Agenda Items #1
- 3:30 Break
- 3:40 Breakout Sessions for Agenda Items #2
- 4:45 GSR Sharing Session and DCM Sharing Session
- 6:00 Supper on your Own
- 7:15 Delegate and Agenda Item Presentations
- \_\_\_ Agenda-Ed A.
- \_\_\_ Finance-Beth E.
- \_\_\_ Grapevine Laurie R.
- \_\_\_ Literature Michael V.
- \_\_\_ Policy/Admissions Dan R.
- \_\_\_ Public Information Jon C.
- \_\_\_ CPC Dee K.
- \_\_\_ Report and Charter Sarah K.
- \_\_\_ Treatment Jim K.
- \_\_\_ Trustees Dan H.
- \_\_\_ Int'l Convention/Regional Forums Audrey S.
- \_\_\_ Corrections Krishna Z.
- \_\_\_ Archives Bob K.
- 9:30 Adjourn
- Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>
- 7:30 AM AA Meeting
- 9:00 Assembly Reconvenes
- \_\_\_ Business Not Completed Saturday
- \_\_\_ GSR Sharing Session Report
- \_\_\_ DCM Sharing Session Report
- OLD BUSINESS**
- \_\_\_ State Fair Booth
- \_\_\_ Area 35/36 Joint Workshop Format
- \_\_\_ Fall Assembly 2008
- \_\_\_ Spring Assembly 2009
- NEW BUSINESS**
- \_\_\_ Area 35 Financial Status
- \_\_\_ West Central Regional Forum 2008
- \_\_\_ West Central Regional Service Conference-2009
- \_\_\_ Calendar of Events
- \_\_\_ TBA
- \_\_\_ Adjourn

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