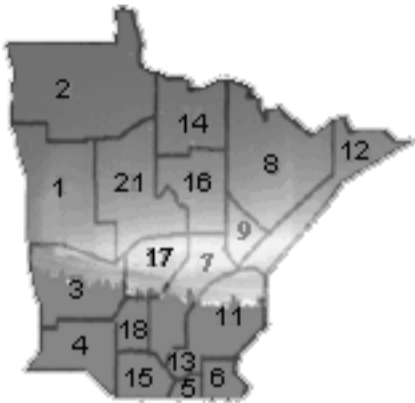


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Please help us keep our mailing list for the *Northern Light* accurate and up-to-date. It costs the Area \$.50 for each piece of returned mail.

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

[GroupRecords@area35.org](mailto:GroupRecords@area35.org)

## Thank you!

## OUR PAST DELEGATES

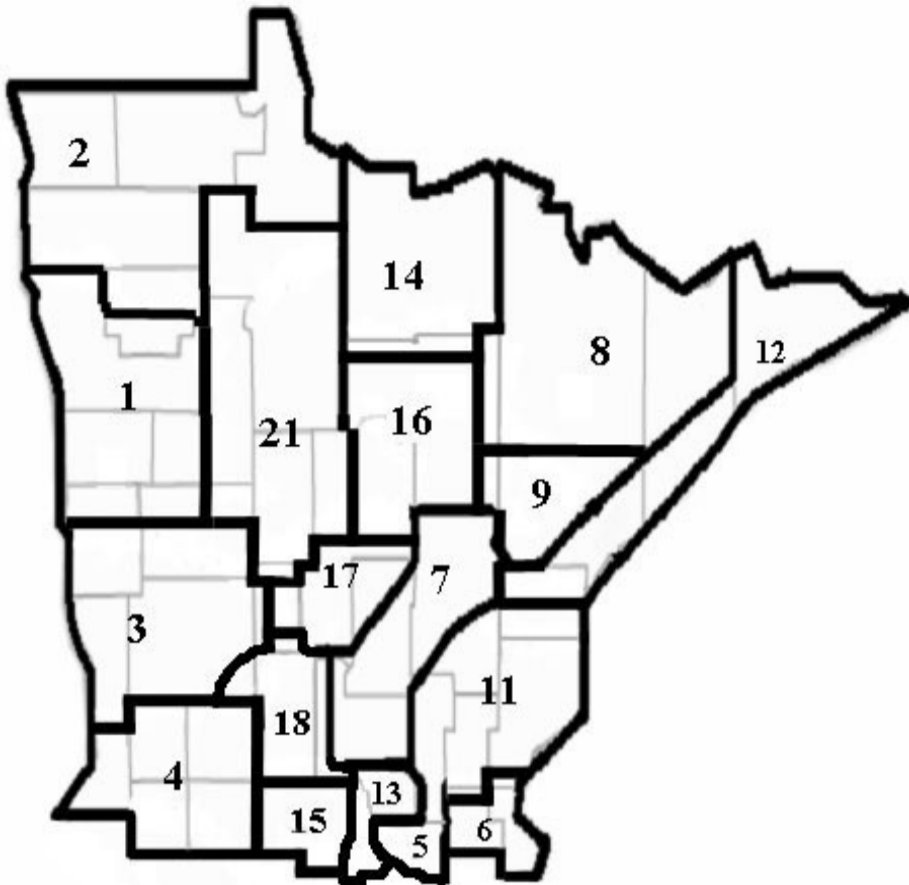
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<b>Panel 56</b> Jerry S.	<b>2006-2007</b>	<b>Panel 22</b> Frank J. (deceased)	<b>1972-1973</b>
<b>Panel 54</b> Charlie C.	<b>2004-2005</b>	<b>Panel 20</b> Clarence B. (deceased)	<b>1970-1971</b>
<b>Panel 52</b> Tim C.	<b>2002-2003</b>	<b>Panel 18</b>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

### The Delegate's Duties

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

- Attend the Conference meeting in April, fully prepared. Immediately upon election, every delegate is put on the G.S.O. mailing list to receive Conference materials.
- Communicate the actions of the Conference to area committee members and encourage them to pass on this information, and the delegate's enthusiasm, to groups and to intergroups/central offices. If an area is too large for the delegate to cover in person, he or she will ask area officers and committee members to share the load.
- Be prepared to attend all area, state/provincial, and regional service meetings and assemblies. From these meetings, delegates come to better understand their own areas and can make suggestions for the Conference agenda. Here, too, they come in contact with A.A. members who might not be reached otherwise.
- Help area committees obtain financial support for the area and G.S.O.
- Provide leadership in solving local problems involving the A.A. Traditions.
- Remind G.S.R.s to inform groups and individuals about the A.A. Grapevine and Conference-approved literature.
- Cooperate with G.S.O. in obtaining information—for example, making sure that up-to-date information reaches G.S.O. in time to meet the deadline for each Issue of the A.A. directory and helping carry out the triennial membership surveys.
- Visit groups and districts in the area whenever possible.
- Work closely with committee members and officers, sharing experience throughout the year. After G.S.R.s and committee members have reported on the Conference, learn from these A.A.s how groups and members have reacted.
- Assume added responsibility if the area chair and alternate chair are unable to serve. Or, if an area committee is not functioning effectively, the delegate may take an active role in remedying the situation.
- Keep the alternate delegate fully informed and active, so that the alternate can replace the delegate in an emergency.
- Late in the second term, work with newly elected delegates to pass along a basic knowledge of Conference proceedings and problems.

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



**Area 35  
Northern Minnesota**

**Zone I**

- District 1** - Ada, Crookston, 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** - Braham, 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** - 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, Foley
- District 17** - Backus, Cross Lake, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Pillager\*, Pine River
- District 18** - Browerville, Cushing, Eagle Bend, Little Falls\*, Long Prairie, Motley, Parkers Prairie, Staples, Verndale

**Zone IV**

- District 8** - Alango, Aurora, Babbitt, Biwabik, Cook, Cotton, Ely, Eveleth, Gilbert, Hoyt Lakes, Mountain Iron, Orr, Palo, Pike, Tower, Virginia, Zim\*
- District 9** - Chisholm, Floodwood, Goodland, Hibbing\*, Keewatin, Kelly Lake, Lawrence Lake\*, Nashwauk\*
- District 12** - Beaver Bay, Silver Bay, Brimson, Brookston, Cloquet, Duluth, Esko, Finland, Fredenberg, Grand Marais, Grand Portage, Hermantown, Knife River, Lawrence Lake\*, Lutsen, Mahtowa, Pike Lake, Proctor, Sawyer, Silver Bay, Foxborro (Wisconsin), Side Lake, Superior (Wisconsin), Toivola, Two Harbors
- District 14** - Effie, International Falls, Nett Lake

*\* In cities marked with an asterisk, some meetings consider themselves to be in one District, and some meetings consider themselves to be in another District.*

**District Meeting Location Information**

**District 1**  
2nd Sunday of even months, 2:00 p.m.  
Fertile Community Center  
101 S. Mill St., Fertile, MN 56540

**District 2**  
2nd Sunday of Odd Months, 2:00 p.m.  
First Lutheran Church  
210 Park Ave. N.  
Middle River, MN 56737

**District 3**  
3rd Sunday of Month, 10:00 a.m.  
Perham Alano Club  
Hwy 34  
Perham, MN 56573

**District 4**  
2nd Saturday of Month, 5:30 p.m.  
Contact DCM Jeff [dcm4@area35.org](mailto:dcm4@area35.org)  
for location (It Rotates)  
Potluck at 6:30 p.m.  
Round Robin at 7:00 p.m.

**District 5**  
3rd Monday of Month, 7 p.m.  
Freshwaters Church  
12475 273rd Ave NW  
Zimmerman, MN 55398  
Questions? Contact DCM Heidi  
[dcm5@area35.org](mailto:dcm5@area35.org)

**District 6**  
3rd Thursday of Month, 7:30 p.m.  
Spring Lake Lutheran Church  
8440 Erickson Rd. N.E.  
North Branch, MN 55056

**District 7**  
3rd Thursday of Month, 7:00 p.m.  
First Congregational United Church  
415 Juniper Street  
Brainerd, MN 56401

**District 8**  
Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m.  
General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Contact DCM Rolene [dcm8@area35.org](mailto:dcm8@area35.org)  
for location "It Rotates" Cook, MN

**District 9**  
Last Sunday of Month, 6:00 p.m.  
Hibbing Alano Club  
3725 1st Avenue  
Hibbing, MN 55746

**District 11**  
1st Tuesday of Month, 7:00 p.m.  
Peace Lutheran  
2177 Hwy 18  
Finlayson, MN 55735

**District 12**  
3rd Thursday 6:30 p.m. - Email DCM Servando at  
[dcm12@area35.org](mailto:dcm12@area35.org) for rotating location!

**District 13**  
1st Monday of Month, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
St. Cloud Alano Club  
127 7th Ave. NE  
Saint Cloud, MN 56301

**District 15**  
1st Monday of Month, 8:00 p.m.  
Albany Community Center  
741 Lake Ave.  
Albany, MN 56307

**District 16**  
1st Wednesday of Month, 5:30 p.m.  
United Methodist Church  
1701 S.E. 8th Ave.  
Grand Rapids, MN 55744  
Handicap Accessible, Non-Smoking

**District 18**  
1st Tuesday of Month, 6:30 p.m.  
Long Prairie Alano Club  
21 2nd Ave.  
Long Prairie, MN 56347

**District 21**  
2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
Bemidji Alano Club  
3802 Greenleaf Ave NW  
Bemidji, MN 56601

**Districts 14 and 17**  
Not currently active or unknown!

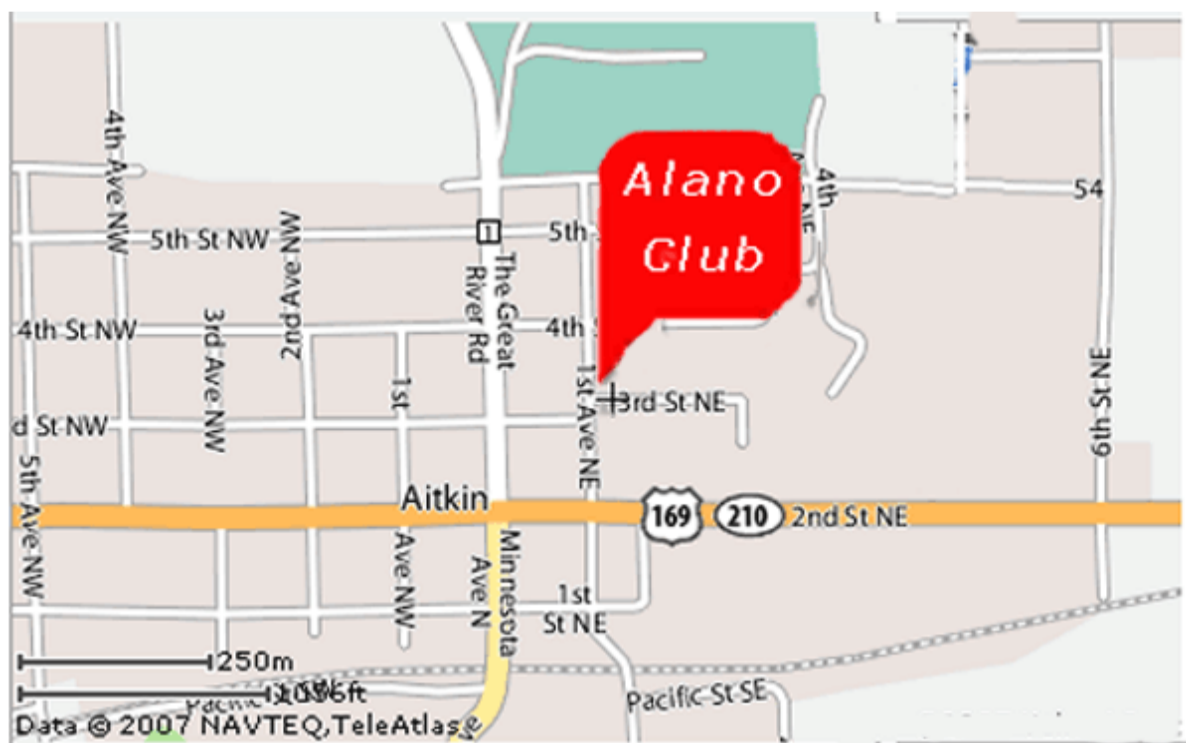
## Inclement Weather Procedure For Area 35 Events

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.
7. Post procedure in Northern Lights.
8. Chair remains available and in close contact as he or she is the focal point and main contact he or she must make the decision, and be available for calls.

### 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 Alcoholics Anonymous. 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 or WordPad document to the Area's newsletter e-mail address: [northernlight@area35.org](mailto:northernlight@area35.org). 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 is printed on the front page.

Letters to the Editor or opinion articles should have a title. They also can not be anonymous please include the first name, last initial and 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!

Jana M.  
Area 35  
Northern Light Editor

**DELEGATE'S REPORT**

Greetings Area 35,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. I have been very blessed to get out to see many of you at your district delegate's reports. It has been the true highlight of my service position thus far.

I will be attending the joint Area 35/36 workshop this month and hope to see many of you there. This will be an excellent opportunity for area and district chairs and officers to discuss ways in which we are carrying the message and hopefully develop new ideas that may be implemented in area 35. I want to thank Kelly, our Area Chair, for working to set this event up. I am especially looking forward to the presentation on the AA meeting locator site. I want to really encourage DCMs to visit groups in your districts and work to get all groups updated with correct meeting information and contacts. This information should be updated with Sandy, our group records chair. This may also involve getting a current list of groups in your district from her as they are listed on FNV to assist in this process. This is a large job and may require assistance from other district members but is essential in helping to insure that correct information is out there for the still suffering alcoholic.

I have about half of the delegate reports back completed and all but 1 district scheduled. This has been a true joy as part of my service position and I want to thank all the districts for being so hospitable. If you are unable to attend a district delegate report and would like a copy of my report and actions from the GSC, please contact me and I will get a report out to you.

Quarterly contributions reports have been sent out to all area officers, chairs, and DCM's. I encourage you to look over these reports and have discussions in your districts regarding the 7th Tradition and the services provided by the district, area, and General Service Office. We, the groups of AA, are responsible for our future as a fellowship and fully funding our service entities is essential to our ability to insure that the message can be carried to those who still suffer.

Thanks for all your work in your respective groups and districts and for this opportunity to serve Area 35.  
Jim K.

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT**

Hey All,

What a beautiful summer hot , humid and wet. I am trying to enjoy every moment of it as God has planned. It is amazing how many people slow down their participation in AA just as they do church. I haven't found a lack of drunks but meetings sure get smaller. That's one thing that doesn't happen to alcoholics they don't get better because the depression of winter is over.

I enjoyed the June committee meeting which allows us to spend time together as trusted servants and friends. I had the pleasure of listening to Brad at the District 9 Archives workshop and he did a great job. We had many newcomers mixed with oldtimers and good food.

I also attended the District 9 Delegate report back where Jim did a great job . It is always interesting to watch the report for the second time and see how it evolves. We had about 27 attend and good participation. Once again good food. Seems like we eat all summer. When I share meals with people I believe that this is a lot of what Bill thought of when he talked of fellowship. Spending time enjoying each others company with the only agenda being sobriety together. I am looking forward to the workshop in July and to be together with a great group of drunks caring for AA. Please feel free to contact me or use me in any way. As a trusted servant and a person who loves AA I look forward to being of use to God and the Fellowship.

May God Bless and keep you all.  
Michael (Jake) J.

*(Continued from page 6)***AREA CHAIR'S REPORT**

Greetings Area 35,

Hope this finds you well and you are all enjoying your summer. As I am writing this I am looking forward to our upcoming joint workshop with Area 36 in St. Cloud on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Lisa G. Area 36 Chair and I got the format completed for this workshop and I emailed it out to everyone. Thank you for your input and suggestions on this when I brought it to you at the Area Committee Meeting in June. We hope that it turns out to be a great workshop for everyone and we look forward to seeing you all there!

I have completed signing contracts and reserving space for our Assemblies to be held in 2013 and 2014. Our Spring Assembly 2013 will be in Grand Rapids at the Saw Mill Inn and the Fall Assembly 2013 (which is our voting Assembly) will be held at the Holiday Inn in Detroit Lakes. Our Spring Assembly 2014 will be at the Holiday Inn in Duluth and the Fall Assembly 2014 will be again at the Saw Mill in Grand Rapids. I was able to get a great rate for hotel costs, the meeting rooms along with very reasonable coffee rates. I am relieved to have this part of my responsibilities as your Area Chair completed and want to thank the Area for allowing me the opportunity to use an outside service to help me do so. She had many more resources than we have to look at for locations and of course with no cost to the Area. I am not sure if everyone realizes just how difficult and frustrating this task can be for those serving as the Area Chair, it is getting harder and harder to find space available to meet our needs and to stay within our budget including the coffee costs. We do however, need our DCM's to continue to help the Area Chair with this process. I would like to thank the DCM's again that responded and gave me locations in their zones. Mary, our Area 35 Secretary created fliers for all these Assemblies and they are also posted on the calendar on our Area 35 Website. Let's not forget also that we have our Fall Assembly coming up this year in International Falls too! What a great time that will be!

I look forward again this year for the opportunity to be a part of the Minnesota State Fair AA Booth on August 25<sup>th</sup>. It is always a great time of carrying AA message of hope. If you have not signed up to do so why not consider being apart of it this year?

I am sure that you have all heard about the flooding that occurred in the Duluth/Superior area. Please keep those in that area in your prayers. I was able to see first hand the devastation of that flood. I have many family members, friends and of course our fellow AA's that have been effected by this. I am grateful everyday that we have the program of Alcoholics Anonymous to help each one of us get through such tragedies with the love and support of each other. God's blessings to all of you as you continue on life's journey living one day at a time!

As always thank you to the Districts that send me your meeting minutes. It is great to read about the service you are all doing to carry AA message within your District's. If I can be of service in anyway please feel free to contact me. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

In love and service,  
Kelly D.

**TREASURER'S REPORT****Area 35 Balance Sheet Period 3**

<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>March 31</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>May 31</b>
<b>Checking/Savings</b>			
<b>1000 · Area 35 Checking Account</b>	13,987.37	11,996.44	14,332.99
<b>1100 · Savings - Prudent Reserve</b>	6,025.00	6,025.00	6,025.00
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>20,014.02</u>	<u>18,023.09</u>	<u>20,359.64</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	20,014.02	18,023.09	20,359.64
<b>Other Assets</b>			
<b>1-2000 · Monies to Savings Acct</b>	5.00	5.00	0.00
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>20,319.02</b></u>	<u><b>18,028.09</b></u>	<u><b>20,359.64</b></u>

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*(Continued from page 7)***TREASURERS REPORT CONTINUED****Area 35 Expenses Period 3**

	<b>April 1- May 31</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>
<b>Committee Meeting Rent</b>	0.00	00.00
<b>Area 35 Archives Rent</b>	200.00	200.00
<b>Northern Light Newsletter</b>	200.00	650.00
<b>Spring Assembly</b>	1,148.94	1,300.00
<b>Zone Forum</b>	40.00	75.00
<b>Refund</b>	40.00	0.00
<b>Finance Oversight Committee</b>	263.00	0.00
<b>Total Area 35 Event Expenses</b>	1,891.94	2250.00
<b>Total Officer and Action Chair Expenses</b>	3003.26	9064.00
<b>Total Net Expense</b>	<b>\$ 4895.20</b>	<b>\$ 11,289.00</b>

**Area 35 Income Period 3**

	<b>April 1- May 31</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Total Group Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 4,182.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,516.24</b>
<b>Total Birthday Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 108.00</b>	<b>\$ 146.98</b>
<b>Round-Up Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 50.64</b>
<b>Area Event Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 395.82</b>	<b>\$ 2,184.60</b>
<b>Total Other-Anonymous</b>	<b>\$ 250.00</b>	<b>\$ 300.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 4,935.82</b>	<b>\$ 15,198.46</b>

The balance sheets show Areas expenses we are \$ 6393.80 under budget. We are also under budget for contributions by \$ 2849.18. As of now our Assets are staying flat, we have neither growth nor extreme loss of cash.

There is a problem with group contributions. Some groups are not giving enough information to receive proper credit. I need the group's service number, the group's correct name and the group's district number on all contributions. Most groups do a terrific job.

When I went to file the Area's Federal Tax statement 990ez, I was having difficulty finding last year's report. Between Jake flying around in a helicopter, because of heart problems and with Sarah being in her last term of pregnancy, no one filed a 990ez last year. I found this out at the end of April when I talked with the Fed's. We were able to file a new shorter form this year called a 990N because we have less than \$50,000 in income. We are facing fines and penalties for not filing. The agent I talked with when I explained the situation was very confident we could avoid the fines and penalties with a letter of apology along with an explanation of what happened. I will take care of this dilemma.

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Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer.

Humbly in service,  
Steven L.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Hello to Area 35!

I have been busy typing up minutes and would like to say thank you to the folks who sent in their reports or handed them in at the Aitkin Area Committee on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. It really makes this job a lot easier when people have their reports written or typed out right away so the Secretary doesn't have to bother folks with reminders.

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My mother became very ill right about the time of the June 3rd Area Committee Meeting and she was placed in the hospital. It was there that we discovered her breast cancer had metastasized to her bones and she was in incredible pain. Thanks to Grand Rapids Physicians and Hospital staff they were able to get on top of the pain and although she is now in Hospice, she is not in pain.

It was the night before the Aitkin Committee Meeting that I decided to sit by my mother's bedside instead of attending the Committee Meeting. I put my Mother through so much in my drinking days. This is the least I can do for her now. So thank you for your patience and words of encouragement the past few weeks.

I am looking forward to attending the St. Cloud Area 35/36 Joint Meeting on July 21st. It will be fun to meet the folks in the lower half of the state. I've printed off more flyers for the Fall Assembly in International Falls 2012 and the Spring Assembly 2013 in Grand Rapids. You might think I'm a bit strange, but I enjoy typing minutes. It forces me to pay attention and to learn the process which I wouldn't do otherwise.

Thank you for letting me be your Area 35 Secretary.  
Mary S.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****WEBMASTER**

**E-MAIL:** We have two e-mail tools available to area 25 that we are not using. There is a bulk mail tool designed to send items like newsletter to a large number of people. This is a send only tool. We could use a tool like this to send out information like our minutes and area35 flyers. We also have an interactive e-mail tool. This tool could be used to send e-mail to everyone on our committee. We would be able to respond to all or just the send. If we used these mail tools our e-mail addresses could be maintained in one location.

**For those that like statics:**

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan-2012	1,486	2,227	12,082	56,317	1.24 GB
Feb-2012	1,436	2,124	9,944	53,392	1.34 GB
Mar-2012	1,518	2,215	10,687	60,792	1.23 GB
Apr-2012	1,351	1,858	8,408	47,350	878.15 MB
May-2012	1,292	2,043	8,683	53,773	962.36 MB
June-2012	1,316	1,930	7,612	46,591	765.17 MB

Interested in seeing a glimpse of our WEB site facelift. Check out [test.area35.org](http://test.area35.org).

Our calendar is still a popular tool on our WEB site. Please keep me busy with lots and lots of flyers to add to our calendar.

Bob B.  
Area 35 Webmaster

**COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED****TREATMENT**

Greetings from the Treatment Chair.

We have been somewhat busy the past couple of months trying to get a little more organized with Bridging the Gap requests, temporary contact lists, presentations, commitments and letters to facilities. We attended the District 8 Delegates Report on June 6<sup>th</sup> and had around 40 in attendance and were also able to help out in an election for District Treasurer utilizing the third legacy procedure. The Area Delegate Jim K. has done an excellent job in his presentations using power point while going over the Conference Agenda Items. I would encourage anyone who missed the presentations to get a copy of the delegates report back. We have had a few Bridging the Gap requests and were able to get some temporary contacts to be of service. We would like to have a lot more participation for this program from the districts. There is also a "Bridging the Gap" Workshop coming up on September 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Minneapolis – St. Paul Hilton Airport in Bloomington Minnesota. This workshop is for all trusted servants involved in the various committees PI/CPC, Treatment, Corrections, etc. We are still in the process of updating the current list of facilities including long term, short term, outpatient, inpatient, detox centers and halfway houses. The State of Minnesota has lots of Treatment Facilities too numerous to list. And finally, we will be attending the upcoming Joint Area 35/36 workshop in St. Cloud on Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012. We will be contacting the Area 36 Treatment Chair to see if they will be available for this workshop for any information needed for the participants.

Yours in Service,  
Randy A.

**CORRECTIONS**

A huge thank you to all volunteers and those supporting our AA work in Minnesota Correctional Facilities,

We continue to have shortages of volunteers in some Districts. I congratulate the District Correction Chairs and DCMs in those Districts which have a higher need for service work because of the number or type of institutions located there. If there is any way the Area Corrections committee can be of assistance, please let me know.

The St Cloud prison has two new volunteers for hosting AA meetings, thanks to the hard work of John B. in District 7 and Chris H. of District 13. District 5 has been able to continue meetings at the Sherburne Co Jail and Federal Holding facility even with the high number of volunteers required for just one night. Thank you all for your efforts.

I'm looking forward to the Transition Fairs at Rush City, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> and Moose lake, October 4<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in participating at either of these, let me know. Also the annual *Bridging the Gap* workshop put on by the GSO is being held September 7-9 at the Airport Hilton Hotel in Bloomington. I strongly urge anyone in Corrections or Treatment service to attend this workshop. I have registration forms for anyone interested. The cost is \$35 pre-registration or \$40 at the door.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Fall Assembly,

Yours in service,  
Jeff E.

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

I would like to express my gratitude to Area 35 for my continued opportunity to serve as your Cooperation with Professional Community action chair.

Our Delegate Jim K. expressed an important concern upon his return from the recent General Service Conference. Jim related that our Singleness of Purpose is a major concern throughout many AA Areas. I am thinking about the relationship between our Singleness of Purpose and our work with many different types of professionals who refer potential members to Alcoholics Anonymous. The continued success of Alcoholics Anonymous is dependent upon our work in clearly communicating and educating professionals as to our Singleness of Purpose in assisting individuals who have a desire to stop drinking alcohol.

I have been communicating with Bob B. our Area Webmaster on delivering an effective Area training workshop prior to the Fall Assembly in International Falls. Bob will be announcing our intended workshop goals and structure in this NL Edition. I enjoyed a productive June Area Committee Meeting in Aitkin, MN. I am looking forward to our Joint Area Workshop in St. Cloud on July 21, 2012.

In service,  
Roger R.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Greetings from Iron Range Country,

I apologize for no Committee report but one of these days I'll get on track. I Have been busy assembling information on putting on a P.I. Luncheon. Hope to have packets for each District and have this as a topic at the Workshop at the Fall Assembly. I still need volunteers to fill the vacancies for the State Fair Booth.. I will be attending the Joint Workshop later this month and hope to see some of you there and may fill in some of the gaps. I have been in contact with Area 36 and receive updates from their P.I. chair. Also we have the Keep It Simple Weekend coming up and it's a privilege to be a part of that. It is my hope that John C. will be attending the State Fair with me. Will know more about that as time goes by

In Service,  
Butch R.

**NOTHERN LIGHT**

I am grateful for opportunity to serve.

I have been getting emails about how to get a flyer in Northern Light. To get a flyer into the Northern Light. You need to send 600 copies to Sandy H. the Group Records secretary, with a check written out to the US Postmaster for \$75.00 for cost of postage. She inserts the flyers when she picks up the Northern Light up from the printer for mailing.

As always, feel free to submit letters and articles to the Northern Light, which is YOUR newsletter.

Yours In Service,  
Jana M.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED****GRAPVINE**

It's great to be your Area 35 Grapevine Chair - having said that I for some reason let my grapevine subscription lapse. So first thing I thought was appropriate to renew the Grapevine. Taking a look at one [1] or two [2] year subscription options, went with the two [2] year seems the one year comes up so quick-and possible procrastinate on the renewal again!

Received lots of information from Grapevine! Have a lot of Grapevine subscription forms-will make available at all Area 35 functions. At area 35 committee meeting in June received two[2] renewals that have lapsed just as my did, thanks Paul and Antonette-Also attended a group business meeting and there concern on renewal of one or two years was what if Grapevine isn't around, but renewed for two years, after discussion on the future of Grapevine.

Received the guidelines for contributing to our Grapevine [It's your meeting in print: Why Not Share?] Writing articles-length and format [what the magazine does not publish], timing-submitting articles, letters and humor-contributing photographs, Illustrations and cartoons. How to submit your art! Also received the Grapevine representative Handbook. Received Grapevines book Young & Sober, will have a limited copies at Fall Assembly-Would like to encourage all AA members if possible go to AAGrapevine.org to explore all that is new.

Would like to know of any Spanish speaking AA meeting in area 35- we receive the LaVina but really am limited on any other languages so would like to make available to the meetings that would benefit and encourage the groups to subscribe to the LaVina!

Will be contacting Area 36 Grapevine Chair to see what we can do to improve subscriptions and interest in the Grapevine OUR Meeting print.

In closing a goal as Grapevine Chair for Area 35 hoping area 35 could be part of a solution on issues facing the Grapevine and real AA as it is today! Going forward! Not part of the problem! Also have the Motion at the General Service Board to the 62<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference- Also: Did You Know?

Thanks for letting be of service in area 35!  
Carey A.

**GRAPEVINE NEWS  
DID YOU KNOW?**

The 1962 Advisory Action THAT "RETIRING DELEGATES BECOME GRAPEVINE REPRESENTATIVES [ GvRs ] in their areas, with the objective of a GvR in each group" was reaffirmed as an additional consideration by the Grapevine Conference Committee in 2012.

**LITERATURE**

Greetings all,

I trust this note finds all well and your summer full of opportunity to be of service!! I attended Jim's delegate report at the District 3 meeting in June. I am very excited and am looking forward to helping any way I can with a workshop idea for Friday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> before our next assembly. For any literature needs, please let me know by July 22<sup>nd</sup> so if I need to order from New York I can have it at our next Area Meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Your Friend in Service,  
Sean D.

**GROUP RECORDS**

Greetings Area 35

Hope this finds everyone taking it one day at a time. I have been extremely busy this last month, besides the cold/flu I had. I have been working on getting the Group Meetings Updated. I would like to thank Tim from District 13 for all his wonderful ideas I will be continuing to work on this so ever district will know what groups they have registered at GSO. I will be talking to all DCM's to try to get this updated as soon as possible. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to let me know. So far I have had 3 inserts ready to be inserted into the Northern Light and two more possibilities. I need 600 flyers sent to either me or the Cold Spring Record and a check for \$75 made out to Postmaster. This will help with the mailing cost. I look forward to seeing everyone in August until than stay cool and save some fish for me!!

Yours in service,  
Sandy H.

**ARCHIVES**

We held an archives workshop on June 16th in Hibbing. Brad Iverson, area 35 archivist, gave an excellent presentation on the history of Alcoholics Anonymous. There were 18 in attendance. I am pleased with the turn out. We had a few newcomers, a few old-timers and a lot of questions. We had lunch after -words and the torrential rains began to fall.... I will attend the area 35/36 joint workshop in July. Thanks for allowing me to serve. Remember, we can learn from the past to protect our future.

Yours in service,  
Antonette F.

**ARCHIVIST**

No report submitted

**Northern Light Article****Grapevine Article: "Cornerstones of AA" Traditions Trumped**

Reflecting on both AA experience over the last 26 years, including exposure to our history through archives but also through other AA members that have shared their experience with me and have been in AA much longer than I have, I perceive a change has taken place. It frequently reflects social changes that sometimes compromise the clarity and un-ambiguity of the principles embodied in the Traditions and Concepts that form what AA as a fellowship really is. You could say that our cornerstones or literally our foundation has shifted and we no longer have the solidity we had in the past.

When did these changes take place? While my personal experience is limited to the 1980's forward, listening both on tape and in person to people who played an important part in AA's history and reading written documentation has led me to the conclusion that the most recognizable pivot point was with Bill's death, and change began to be quite visible as we lost the people who were part of forming our legacies. By the time Jack Norris died, we were virtually a fellowship with no older family that had the experiences that made us what we are. Bill stated that we came of age in 1955, but I'd suggest that was just adolescence, and with his death and the death and rotation of folks like Jack, we became orphans.

My perception is that money and "fiduciary responsibility" began to trump spiritually-guided decision making. While I would never argue that fiduciary responsibility is unimportant, it should be of secondary, not primary, importance. Lois' dying and the ensuing royalty issues, large increases in outside literature sales, a great "Challenge of the 7th Tradition" that started wonderfully but was not adhered to, the burgeoning costs of administering our office and the resulting increase in literature profits to fund our services (and the resulting loss of the AA groups' "power of the purse") drove us to a more autocratic service structure with the Board adjusting literature prices to manage our finances rather than the groups' power of the purse being the ultimate deciding factor in directing our fellowship's future. All of this led to a reduction of the groups' support and the loss of the groups' ultimate authority, resulting in the groups no longer bearing the responsibility to insure our future. It was said, "money would ruin this thing" and I am saddened to say it seems to have inflicted some serious wounds.

Make no mistake, I know the groups abdicated many of their responsibilities and they were picked up by others (e.g., GSO, GSB) and this distortion of how our service structure was designed to function resulted in a tilted service triangle. Couple this with other changes in our members' adherence to the Traditions, or rather lack thereof, such as the loss of singleness of purpose, no adherence to absolute anonymity (as shown by Bill's unwillingness to have even the back of his head on Time Magazine compared to a fellowship approving videos with faces showing) hence, anonymity no longer being a bellwether tradition to keep a semblance of humility to ourselves, and suddenly, we have a fellowship in a more precarious state than many people realize.

So, it is my impression that serious erosion has taken place at the cornerstones of AA. With our structural integrity being tested, some people have asked me if it's already too late, or can something still be done? I surely do not think it's too late, especially if we factor in the most powerful force of all that can serve as a corrective, the grace of a loving God. The catalyst for a change to a more firm adherence to our primary principles has to be found at the group level. No General Service Office is going to fix it, no GSB will be the solution -- in fact, we've surrendered our fellowship's integrity to these two isolated entities and we as a fellowship need to reassert our rights and responsibilities and bring the heart and soul of AA right back to where Bill said the heartbeat of AA really is --- the Home Group. If the fellowship can re-grasp their rights and responsibilities and the GSB can loosen their hold, the winds of change can right the triangle again for future generations.

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**AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 3, 2012  
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9:00 A.M. Action Chair Committee Meetings  
10:30 A.M. Area Committee Meeting  
Call to Order Open With the Serenity Prayer  
Recognize Past Delegates - Tom A., Susie A., and Bruce B. Add to Agenda -  
990 Tax Report  
State Fair AA Booth  
Printer for Area Treasurer  
Approve February Committee Minutes  
Minutes accepted as written

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Delegate** – Jim K.-Greetings Area 35, I hope that you are all enjoying the warming summer weather and are working hard in your districts and groups to carry this message to the alcoholic who still suffers. This is a busy time of the year with family and friends but I am reminded that AA service is a year round job and that there continues to be work do throughout these summer months. I was quite honored to serve Area 35 by attending the 62nd General Service Conference. The experience itself was difficult to describe but you can hear all about it by attending on the delegate reports back. I have completed reports in districts 16 and 7, will be giving my report after today's committee meeting, and have 3 more scheduled this week. It is truly a privilege to get a chance to visit with the members in each district and discuss the issues that we face in Alcoholics Anonymous today. I still need to schedule reports back with districts 1, 2, 21, and 12. The experience of going out to each district has been great so far and I am look forward to getting to all the rest. I sincerely hope that you will make an attempt to attend one of these reports back as it truly gives your group a better understanding of what takes place at the board level and how this affects our fellowship as a whole. It also allows for open communication from the fellowship to the General Service Board and vice versa. Here are some quick facts regarding our fellowship as a whole. A net total of 972 new A.A. groups in the U.S. and Canada were listed at G.S.O. last year. G.S.O. had a net profit of \$817,900 for 2011 and total revenue was \$14, 226, 400. Gross margin from literature sales was \$9,538,800 and contributions accounted for \$6,264,500. Some new initiatives taking place with the Grapevine, Inc. include 2 eBooks now available, *The Language of the Heart* and *Best of Bill*. Grapevine ended 2011 with a net income of \$22,838 and is budgeted for approximately a \$34,000 net income for 2012. I am looking forward to attending the Area 35 Area 36 Joint Workshop in July and hope that we have good participation from all of our Area committee chairs, DCM's and group members. This should be a great opportunity for us to share experience and look at ways that we can better carry the message as an area and as a state. Finally, I want to thank all of districts that continue to send me their district meeting minutes. It is great to see so many active groups involved in service. Yours in Service, Jim K.

**Alternate Delegate** – Michael (Jake) J. Hi Everyone. Hope you are all well. We are finally seeing summer and a few days without rain. Things are going pretty well. I was apart of the zonal forum in St. cloud on May 19th and while the turnout was low, the participation and presentations were great. I picked up Mary and Jim on the way and we had some wonderful fellowship. Mary even tried to pick up a new dog, but we found the owner. We only had 14 show up but spring is a busy time for many of us. I would like to thanks District 13 for providing snacks and helping with the set up. I think our next one we will work harder at getting participation from the zone we are in. Of course it usually seems like we get pretty good participation from the district hosting, maybe we have to encourage the other districts for more participation. the January workshop is set for January 19th and 20th in Walker at Chase on the Lake. I think you will find it a nice location. Rooms are \$89.00 plus tax per night and are very nice. Condos will also be available for around \$159 plus tax, and can sleep 6. They have been trying to get us there but we have not had the rights dates. We will be charged \$200.00 a day for the big room and we are negotiating coffee. I drove over to see the place and it has a nice restaurant and many others close by. I got the pleasure of enjoying Brad doing a history talk at the IRGT and he along with Carla from Area 36 did a fine job. Once again, I thank you for the opportunity to serve. God Bless, Michael (Jake) J.

**Chair** – Kelly D. - AITKIN CHAIR REPORT Greetings everyone it is good to be with all of you here today. Well I survived my first Spring Assembly as your Area Chair. What a great weekend it was! As I mentioned in my Northern Light article we had 169 in attendance not 197 which was still a great turnout. I want to thank everyone that helped to make it such a great success. I did meet with Lisa G. Area 36 Chair for southern Minnesota to discuss the format for our upcoming joint Workshop with them on July 21st. I would like to discuss this further with you under old business to get your input and suggestions. I have also been busy signing contracts for our upcoming Assemblies in 2013 and 2014 and now have them all completed. I attended our first Zonal Forum with the other Area Officers on May 19th in St. Cloud. We had 14 in attendance and had a lot of great questions asked. Thank you to all that attended. I hope we were helpful in giving you information that will be useful to you in your respective areas of service. After the Forum I headed up to the St. Cloud Round Up for a relaxing evening of fellowship. It is always fun to meet up with old friends at this event. Thank you to all that are involved in putting this together every year. Again I am truly humbled every day to be a part of this fellowship and serving as your Area Chair. Thank you for your continued patience and support as I continue to learn and grow in this position! In love and service, Kelly D.

**Secretary**- Mary S. - I received an email from Sanjuro J, Oregon (Area 58) about our Area Action Book and forwarded this e-mail to Kelly, Area Chairperson who forwarded it to Jim K, Area 35 Delegate who sent him an answer. The recipient seemed to be happy with Jim's response. I submitted the information regarding the Fall Assembly in International Falls and it was in the Box 459 Publication and announcements. I attended the Forum in St. Cloud in May with the rest of the Area 35 Officers. We all presented, and I thought it was a good experience to get out and meet people. There were some excellent questions asked and I felt it was beneficial and helpful. Please remember if you want to receive the minutes by e-mail to give me your e-mail address and if you want me to send you the minutes in the mail, I will need your mailing address. With the help of the Webmaster and Chairperson, we have the Spring and Fall Area Assembly flyers up on the Area 35.org website through Fall 2014.Thank you for allowing me to be of service to Area 35.

**Treasurer**

Area 35 Balance Sheet Period 3	April 1- May 31	Budgeted
Committee Meeting Rent	0.00	00.00
Area 35 Archives Rent	200.00	200.00
Northern Light Newsletter	200.00	650.00
Spring Assembly	1,148.94	1,300.00
Zone Fourm	40.00	75.00
Refund	40.00	0.00
Finance Oversight Committee	263.00	0.00
Total Area 35 Event Expenses	1,891.94	2250.00
Total Officer and Action Chair Expenses	3003.26	9064.00
Total Net Expense	<b>\$ 4895.20</b>	<b>\$ 11,289.00</b>

## Area 35 Income Period 3

	April 1- May 31	Year to Date
Total Group Contributions	\$ 4,182.00	\$ 12,516.24
Total Birthday Contributions	\$ 108.00	\$ 146.98
Round-Up Contributions	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.64
Area Event Contributions	\$ 395.82	\$ 2,184.60
Total Other-Anonymous	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00
Total Income	\$ 4,935.82	\$ 15,198.46

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS**

**District 2** – Kim B.- A very grateful member of Alcoholics Anonymous. I'm a crier so if I start crying do not mind me. Art A isn't here to do that, but he did ask me to say hello to all and he sends his love. I wasn't able to make the Spring Assembly because I had a family obligation to take care of. But I do want to thank Adrienne S for getting up and representing our district. We held our last District meeting May 20th with 11 in attendance. During most of the meeting the discussion was on our Districts Round-Up held at Seven Clans Casino. We are working on getting a steering meeting together and trying to come up with the best ways to encourage the rest of the district to become involved in the planning, so it doesn't appear to be just a Thief River Thing. We had good reports from our GSR's, no apparent problems in and meetings. To sum it all up, AA is thriving and doing well in Northern Minnesota. We have great fellowship among the groups in our district. Thanks for allowing me to Serve. Yours in Service - Kim B

**District 16** – Gene V.- It is with gratitude that I serve as the Dist 16 DCM. District 16 holds its meeting the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm, United Methodist Church, 1701 S.E. 8th Avenue, Grand Rapids, MN Our next District meeting will be June 6th. Our District has an AA Public Information presentation for professionals. The District has a Literature Booth at the Iron Range Get Together. We sold a number of books. Our Area Delegate came to our District on May 5th and gave his GSC report. Our Dist Secretary, Grapevine and Literature committee chairs have resigned so we are looking for people to fill those positions. Have a wonderful and peaceful summer. Yours in Service.

**CORRECTIONS** – Jeff E.- We had a real good meeting outside when I got here. We have a lot of enthusiasm and I'm happy about that. We are trying to get some AA books in the prison. Funding for literature / Corrections. There are some local groups passing a colored can to collect money to fund the books for Prisons. The St. Cloud Facility houses all the prisoners for 2-3 months. Then they are sent to a Minnesota State Prison after all their evaluations are done. Area 36 funds books that end up in the northern area, just like the books we pay for end up in the Southern Area. All the new prisoners can go to an AA meeting if they want and they are given an AA book if they want one. We go through a lot of books this way. In this morning's meeting we were represented by Districts 12, 8, 9 11, and 21. They all reported having a tough time getting volunteers to meet with the prisoners in the jails. Two transition fairs in Minnesota Moose Lake (Oct 4th)and Rush City (Sept 12).

**District 3** – Jim S.-DCM REPORT DIS 3: Our district meeting is held every 3rd Sunday of the Month @ 10am in Perham, MN at the Alano club. Our average attendance is 20 people. All our district positions are filled. We are meeting our treatment, corrections and financial obligations. We are having our 2nd Annual District Roundup this July 6-8. I have been and will be attending all the meetings in our district to generate support for the district. We have created a pdf file of our GSR and Committee Chair reports form so those that can not attend the district meeting can still send a report in. And we are looking forward to hearing Jim K's delegate report June 10th along with District 4. In Service Jim S.

**District 4** – Jeff C - A big hello from district 4 We have had some turnover in our committee chair positions and we are trying to get a consistent effort going with PI/CPC. At our last meeting on May 19th we approved a new chairperson and identified 3 or 4 people who are willing to help out with that work. We are going to get some committee meetings going as soon as possible. Commitments in treatment and corrections are being met thanks to the commitment of a great group of volunteers. District 4 meets on the third Saturday of each month. The meeting rotates throughout the district with the monthly Round Robin. Out of 27 active groups in our district we usually have 8 to 12 groups represented at our district meeting. Our next meeting is June 16th in Elbow Lake, MN. Check the district 4 page on the area35.org website for future locations. We have been getting out to groups to verify group information and complete group change forms. 17 of the 27 groups in the district have been visited. District 4 is going to join district 3 in Perham on June 10 for the delegate report back. They offered to grill up some food and we never turn down a meal. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service!

**CPC** – Roger R.- I attended the Area 35 Zonal Forum May 19th. 10 People attended our CPC/PI breakout meeting. Districts 6,3,11,8 & 7 were represented. Dave from District 6 is looking to do more in CPC. Jim from Dist 3 reports that Phone line calls increase when tear off cards are placed around town. Dave from Dist 16 is the new PI/CPC chair. We also discussed how we can generate more CPC activity, informing Professionals about AA in our districts. Butch, Area 35 PI chair is working on a PI/CPC luncheon format (Step by Step) We plan to share this information with each District... in service, Roger

**District 13** – Good Morning, District 13 has filled the CPC position. A special thanks to Tim for stepping up to the plate as a interim P.I. County Fair Booth has been booked in August. Corrections and Treatment and always looking for those who have interest in service. I had a chance to speak at SCSV. District 13 will host Him K and District 15 at St. Cloud Alano Club at 7:30 January 6th. Yours in Service, Scott B.

**District 11** - Bill C. Alternate DCM reported that the next District meeting will be July 10th as the normal meeting time would be on July 4th. The Delegate will be coming to speak and there will be a pot-luck too.. The District meetings are growing and there are several new GSR's coming to the District Meetings.

**District 1** –Lon G.- This is Lon from District 1. I was intending to attend the meeting tomorrow in place of our DCM Irene who is out of town at a meeting for her job. Unfortunately, I am also unable to make it as well so there will be no representative for our district. We are doing well in district 1 and I wish I could have been there to see everyone. We do not have any upcoming events in the immediate future but we are in the planning process for our annual fall event in September and the enthusiasm is quite high. This will be the 30th year for this event and many fun and new ideas are being discussed to make it special! As soon as the details are finalized and in print we will be placing it in the Northern Light. Please give everyone our best! Sincerely and grateful in service Lon G.

**GRAPEVINE** – Carey A. We had 10 in attendance at the Joint Literature/Grapevine meeting. Districts represented were 4,5,8,12,13 & 18. Shared on what I have received from Grapevine - Guidelines for contributing to Grapevine and writing articles. How to submit your art. Do's and Don'ts on what magazines will publish. Will make copies and have available at August committee meeting and Fall Assembly. Received Grapevine Representative Handbook. Passed out subscription forms today. AA Grapevine Representative Handbook. Passed out subscription forms today. AA Grapevine.org magazines and more. As Area 35 Grapevine chair - lots of possible changes in the way for grapevine. As chair, would like to be part of Solution in moving forward. Would like to thank Art A for being willing to serve as Grapevine Chair - our thoughts and prayers are with him. In closing, Did you Know from Grapevine News, the 1962 advisory action that retiring delegates become Grapevine Representatives? (GVR's) in their area? with the objectives of GVR in each group was reaffirmed as an additional consideration by the Grapevine Conference Committee. Yours in Service - Carey A

**District 18** – Vern P.- District 18 is doing well. Going around the groups to discuss the idea of a book literature stand for our round robin sponsored by the District. The Todd County Jail administrator misplaced the apps for those interested to go and help chair meeting at jail. Those that are still interested are filling out new apps again. All of our chair positions are filled except for CPC-PI and our Literature chair has returned home from his winter vacation. He will be talking to GSR's and finding out if any groups need any literature. Treatment Chair has members going regularly into 2 of the Treatment Centers in our District. We have a camp out at Old Wadena Camp in Staples on July 27-28 camping for tents and campers is free. Just have to pay for electricity if needed. Trying to put committee together for summer splash at Dower Lake again this summer. District is Hosting a Round Robin in Long Prairie Sept 22 at Peace United. Jim (Delegate) will be at District meeting this Tuesday, June 5th

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**District 21** – David G.- Our last District Meeting 5/11/12. We are still looking to fill some positions. There are a lot of ideas for workshops and pot lucks and social events to help newcomers feel more at ease with their new sobriety. I still have a few groups to visit. I am looking forward to hear the Delegate's Report. Great Meeting on 6/11/12 in Bemidji Alano Club at 7:00 pm. Dave G, District 21.

**WEBMASTER** – Robert (Bob) B.-In attendance, Webmaster - Bob B, Group Records - Sandy H, Northern Light -Jana M, District16 – Gene V. and District 21- Dave G. Our domain name area35.org was moved to LinkSky and was renewed for the next year I will add information to our webtraining to keep our domain name up to date. I attended the Zonal workshop last month. I enjoyed meeting members from district 13. District 13 reviewed their meetings on the WEB and minor corrections were made. Each district has a WEB page on Area35.org.If there is something that your district wants on this page let me know and we will make it happen.

- WEB usage reports can be found in our Northern Light.
- I have been keeping up with our calendar of events and meeting updates.
- The tab for Donations was replaced with Contributions.
- We started flow charts to track group change information. The flowchart for the area35 group change form looked good. Both the Area35 WEB and AA meeting locator are being updated. GSO is sending out new GSR packets. Flow charting both the GSO group change form and the GSO New group form exposed deficiencies on our processes. When these forms are used our Area35 WEB and AA meeting locator will not get updated. This probably also includes the Northern Light mailing list. This is a HOT item. Our meeting lists need to be kept up to date and we need to be doing everything we can to keep these records up to date. I will work with our Record keeper to improve our processes.
- I've been asked to update our web site. The following comment appears in most of our web pages:  
\* DO NOT Modify the code below unless you know what you are doing. Modifying this code could cause display problems in either one of the 3 major browsers, I.E., Netscape, Opera, or all three. DO NOT put this code in the external style sheet - it won't work. We rotate our webmaster position every 2 years. Code that generates the need for the above warning needs to be reworked. Our webmasters are volunteers with various levels of experience. Simple code works. I've made a start at this project.To preview upcoming changes visit: test.area35.org Send comments to webmaster@area35.org.

**ARCHIVES** – Antonette F. - We had 5 present today for our meeting... Kim, DCM for Dist 2, Servando, Dist 12, Stan, Dist 21, Antonette, Dist 9, Brad, Area Archivist. Dist 2/21 discussed having a joint meeting for the Delegates Report./Long Timers Panel. Brad would be willing to come and record. Dist 12 donations of speakers that included reel to reel recording. Servando and Brad talked about how to transfer, listen to reel to reel to see if there is anything to record. District 21 is interested in partnering with Dist 2 for a joint workshop-delegate report. Dist 9 Archives workshop is June 16th at the Hibbing Alano Club. 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Pot Luck. The Longtimers panel is on hold for now. Thanks for allowing me to serve. Antonette, District 9, Archives Chair.

**ARCHIVIST** – Brad I.- Since Spring Assembly I have been on the road a lot. I brought the display to the Superior Round Up. I spoke and did a history talk at the Iron Range Get Together. I brought a display to the revived International Falls Round Up. I did a joint display with Area 36 at Gopher State Roundup in Bloomington and I am presenting in Hibbing on the 16th of June. The next scheduled display is the Duluth Round Up on September 21st - 23rd. I have seen the room we will be in for the Fall Assembly. I am bringing 2 amplifiers and either speakers due to the room lay out and being unable to patch into the house system due to the lack of microphone inputs in the room. I have mapped out speaker placement and speaker wire runs. Floor microphone placement is contingent on the room set up. I now have adaptor to patch into any house system at a line level output to eliminate hum as long as there is a microphone input in the room. I have submitted an article to the newsletter. Recent contributions to the Archives are the 1947 book by Robert V. Seliger "Alcoholism for the Social Worker", a February 1949 issue of "The Lutheran" magazine with an article entitled "I was an Alcoholic" written by a woman who came to Alcoholics Anonymous in 1945. She used a pen name to protect anonymity. I have received monthly minutes from several districts but not all. Please check with your district secretary to make sure I am on the mailing list. Thank you for this opportunity to be of service to you, Brad I, Area 35 Archivist

**District 5** – Todd C., I am here today representing District 5 on behalf of our DCM Heidi who has recently delivered her first child. Our district meeting is held the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 pm at Freshwater United Methodist Church in Zimmerman. At our May district meeting we had 14 people in attendance with 6 of them being GSR's. District 5 voted to occupy the booth at the Mille Lacs County Fair in August. Heidi has worked with District 6 and schedule the delegated report back on July 15th at the Long Lake Lutheran Church in Isanti. Heidi and I have been attending other groups and advising them of what services that the district has to offer. We have also been working on update the other groups records. We still bring meetings into 2 jails. Mille Lacs County Jail and the Sherburne County Jail. Currently, we have two treatment centers that we provide speakers for on the 3rd and 4th Thursdays of the month. Yours in service Todd C.

**District 6** – David A.- We are planning to have the delegate report back in conjunction with Dist 5 on July 15th at the Long Lake Lutheran Church, 3921 277th Ave. NW, Isanti, MN on Hwy 47 west of Isanti. We are planning to have a potluck meal starting at 11:30 AM and the report meeting at 1:00 pm. I'm hoping for a good turnout. I want to thank Heidi R. for the flier that she made up for us. Our district is still having meetings in the Isanti Jail on Thursday Nights. Also we have been putting on an AA Informational meeting in the Dellwood Recovery Center with their resident patients every other week. We still do not have a full slate of Officers nor committees yet, but we are still working on that. Thank You, Dave A.

**LITERATURE** – Sean D.- Districts represented were 8, 4, 5, 18, 13, 18 and 12. Many of the Districts are having literature displays at County Fairs with good responses from the public. Some districts are big enough to order directly from GSO while others have utilized the Area to reduce costs as orders of \$500.00 or more have no shipping costs. If using the Area to order literature, please have your next order e-mailed to Sean by Monday July 23rd so I can have it at the next Area Meeting on Average 6th. or e- mail at Literature @area35.org. We discussed a concern with overlapping responsibilities at the District level who provides literature at the public library - PI or Literature. A suggestion was given that this is a great question to be brought up at the next district meeting and arrive at an informal group consensus. Another question was bought up about buying from an Intergroup or Areas/GSO. A suggestion was given that there is a guideline titled "AA and Club/Intergroup" which may provide the guidance for this district. Thank you for the opportunity to be service! Dean D., Northern MN Area 35 Lit Chair.

**District 8** – Rolene L.- We have 15-18 groups attend our District meeting. We have 35-40 in attendance. Our next District meeting will be June 6th in Aurora at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. We will be having our Delegate Jim K. He will be doing his Delegate's Report. Any AA member is welcome to attend. Also that evening we will be electing a District Treasurer. As our Treasurer and Secretary resigned. We have our past Secretary filling in until we have elections for District secretary in July. District 8 is working on communication and attendance to help our group stay active. I have been visiting inactive groups, informing them how important it is to have a GSR or contact person attend our District meetings. To be informed of what is happening in Alcoholics Anonymous. Our District is working on our District Chairs keeping their Alternates active in helping serve. I was told a long time ago our Alternates are only as busy as we have them. Yours in service, Rolene.

**District 12** – Servando M.- Greetings. Our District meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. This month we are meeting in Cloquet. Currently we have all chair positions filled and are striving to learn our jobs and the best way to fulfill our duties. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Servando M, Dist 12 DCM

**TREATMENT** – Randy A.- Treatment Report- We opened the meeting with the serenity prayer and introductions were made. We had 7 members present representing districts 5, 8, 9,11,12,13. Jon reported in district 9 that all commitments are being fulfilled. Margie reported in district 8 that all the commitments are also being fulfilled. Districts 11 & 12 currently have no treatment Chairs but, have contact people willing to serve. District 13 co-chairs a beginners meeting with PI- Public Information. In District 5 they reported that record keeping is essential by keeping track of contacts and commitments. They are also fulfilling monthly commitments at "River place and New Beginnings". Part of the responsibilities of the Treatment Chair position is to inform, update and communicate with committee members activities that are happening in Alcoholics Anonymous.

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From the General Service Conference there were no advisory actions in Treatment/special needs. There was only one additional consideration which was read to committee members. Topics for discussion were: a.) Setting up a Treatment pamphlet literature display rack for presentations and/or workshops. b.) Informing the fellowship/communication. c.) Acquainting yourself with the service material. d.) Guidelines for working within the Treatment facilities, rules and regulations. (Pages 8 & 9 in the treatment committee workbook). e.) Guidelines for AA members who are temporary contacts. (Pages 18 & 19 treatments committee workbook) We also had discussions on "Bridging the Gap" and "temporary contacts". Information handouts were given to committee members to bring back to their districts. There was also discussion on serving alcoholics with special needs and how to bring a local meeting to such individuals who are severely handicapped. Sections were read out of the pamphlet "serving alcoholics with special needs". The meeting closed at 10:22 a.m. with the Lord's Prayer. Yours in Service, Randy A. Area 35 Treatment Chair

**District 15** – Pete B.- Meeting is held the First Monday of the month at 8:00 pm. Albany community Center. Our Stearns County Roundup was a success. We had 240 in attendance. We have a booth (unmanned) at the Stearns County Fair again this year. Still have some chairs left to be filled, some people have stepped down. We have 8-10 in attendance our District Meetings. We look forward to hearing Jim Delegate report tomorrow night when we combine our meeting with District 13. Financially we are doing ok. We are planning on donating some books and literature to Paynesville - treatment center.

**District 9** – John F. - District 9 is going to be very busy this month. On June 16, we are having an Archives Workshop. Our Archivist, Brad I. and our Lovely Archives Area Chair have gotten together to put on what should be a great day. An AA BBQ is on the schedule. All are welcome. There are flyers on the back table. Then on June 24 we will be having our Delegate come and share his experience in New York. All our positions are filled. We are very fortunate in that respect. So, all is well in District 9. Yours in Service, John F.

**PI** – Robert (Butch) R. - We met this morning with 3, 7 8, 11, 16,13 and 18. We shared what we have all been doing in our respective districts. Most districts have a hotline. One district is putting tags up in Grocery Stores. We discussed county fairs and their effectiveness. If we help one or two people, that's great. We talked about PI Luncheons. In District 13 and 8 they said it has had very good participation. There was talk about anonymity at the fair booths, and my thought is if you are worried about your anonymity at the Fair, then don't go.

**District 7** – Neil F. - Greetings from District 7! Our district meets on the third Thursday of each month at the First Congregational United Church in Brainerd. We meet at 7:00 pm. Our last meeting was on May 17th. Jim K, Area Delegate reported to the District on the 2012 General Service Conference. We had about 30 AA's in attendance. Jim did a great job of recapping the conference and sharing his experience. Our PI/CPC Chair resigned so our current open positions are: PI, CPC and Archives. Dist 7 will have an AA booth for Public Information at the Crow Wing County Fair. Whether to participate and to have the booth manned or unmanned generated some healthy discussion on promotion and anonymity and allowed us the opportunity to seek and obtain information and experience. We have been visiting meetings and groups and still have a ways to go to get to all 70 in our district. We need more GSR's!!! We are seeking ways to work more closely with the treatment centers in our district. Our next district meeting will be on June 21st. In Service, Neil.

**District 11** – Bill - Alt DCM, Next meeting is July 10th with the Delegate coming to visit We're having a potluck =- District Meeting in United Methodist Church in downtown Finlayson. Good participation for the District Meetings that we have. The GSR's are excited about learning. I'm new to Area Meetings and I'm learning a lot about how the District's run things. It's been good.

**GROUP RECORDS** – Sandy H.- Attended the Zonal Forum at St Cloud. I learned a lot and was glad I went. Updated the Northern Light Meeting list. Thank you for your patience Did not print the active meetings this month. Thanks for the opportunity to serve. Thank You.

**NORTHERN LIGHT** – Jana M- Thank you for the Opportunity to serve. The Deadline for reports and articles for the next Northern Light is July 1st. I have been getting emails on how to get a flyer in the Northern Light, so I thought I would go over the procedure. To get a flyer into the Northern Light you need to send 600 copies plus a check for \$75.00 for postage made out to the Postmaster to the Group Records Secretary. She picks up the Northern Light from the printer, inserts flyers and then mails them out. I also again want to encourage anyone to submit an article. Yours in Service, Jana

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Financial Oversight Committee Report** - Sara K is chair of this committee. Process is simple and the numbers were spot on. The reconciliation committee was 100%. Steve is doing a great job.

**Spring Assembly 2012** - Jim K presented - thank you for attending the Spring Assembly - after reviewing the feedback it appeared to generally be favorable. Agenda items breakout VS not breakout sessions. I felt more prepared because of the breakouts. The things we discussed at the Spring Assembly did not come up at the conference floor at all. Generally the process as a delegate I felt I had a firm understanding as a Delegate. I had my Cheat Sheet right next to me - I knew exactly what Area 35 thought about each item. No discussion so we will probably follow the same format for the next Assembly. Spring Assembly Evaluations Great suggestions and awesome feedback. Really appreciate your thoughts and concerns. The microphone system was a problem. Brad felt bad about the microphone issues at the Spring Assembly and that was a comment that came up a few times. Less expensive places to hold our Assemblies came up a few times too. Someone asked for a clearer understanding and suggested more discussion on what a Assembly is. Kelly meets with Area Officers and Committee Chairs and it's hard to find time to meet with everyone. A suggestion was to have the Area Officers meet when the GSR and DCM's meet. Kelly liked that suggestion and will make that happen at the next one. Please continue to fill out the evaluations.

**Area 35/36 Workshop 2012** - Met with Lisa, Area Chair for Southern 36 Area. Look forward to the July 21st Workshop. The Agenda will include a Presentation on the AA Locator and how to use it. Their Webmaster has agreed to do a 15 minute presentation and a 15 minutes presentation in the Corrections Field. Then the breakout sessions. We are wondering about a GSR or DCM Breakout session. Put the presentations at the end. The reports that go on in the groups. Probably not the best idea to breakout sessions for DCM's or GSR's. Blessed to have Kelly and Lisa as Area Chairs and Jim K suggested that they set the agendas as they see fit. Might be a good idea to set the stage at the beginning of the Workshop and have the questions at the breakout up front so people know what is going on right away. July 21st is the Workshop.

**Area 35 Assemblies 2013-2014** - Happy to report that they are booked. Kelly has 5 Assemblies booked into the future. We are looking forward to the next one in International Falls. The Spring Assembly 2013 will be at the Sawmill in Grand Rapids. The Fall Assembly 2013 will be at Detroit Lakes at the Holiday Inn and this will be our voting Assembly. Most of the Assembly Dates are on the Web. Spring Assembly 2014 will be in Duluth. All sites are Booked under "Area 35 Assembly" and not as AA. Fall Assembly 2014 will be held at the Sawmill Inn in Grand Rapids, MN. Action Book, Page 43 - tells which zones the Assemblies and Forums will be held. New Area Actions books were printed out and are available to pick up. You can always refer to the Area Actions Booklet if you have questions about the zone and rotation.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of Grapevine Committee Chair - Art A stepped down from his position due to health issues. Cary A. was asked to fill the position, Motion made to accept Cary A as the new Grapevine Rep, All were in favor, motion passed. He has received the guidelines and responsibilities. Cary is the new Grapevine Committee Rep for the Area.

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**Area Inventory at the Fall Assembly** - Last two rotations we've had an Area Inventory. Put the Delegates name in a hat and pull their name and they speak on Saturday Evening. The reason it was suggested that we have an area inventory. The last two rotations we've done one. The officers are wondering if it's helpful to go through every other year with the incoming chairs. Should we do this every rotation? We used to have a Delegate speak on Friday evening and do we want to continue that?

-Inventories are always good. Some home groups take yearly inventories. How do we carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. Every other year is a great time to have it.

- What just happened - someone opposed and they weren't recognized.

- Roberts Rules of Order - 2/3rds vote, minority opinion has the right to speak and that might change the majority vote and then they take another vote and the minority might change the majority vote.

- Back to the Fall Assembly... We might want to consider breakout sessions and a DCM reports to the larger body. To save time, use the same process we have followed in the past. You can take this back to the groups and we can discuss this at the August Committee Meeting. This will be on the agenda for August.

**990 Tax Form Reports** - Steve L reported that our 990 wasn't filed and it's a problem. Could hire someone to fix this for us or we could go back and forth to write letters and get this worked out with IRS. Treasurer and Chairperson should be in communication with this. Steve L says he has time to write these letters and filling out the forms. He is used to writing the letters and would recommend he do this rather than hire someone to do it. There were a lot of contributions last year, more than usual but in a normal year, this situation would not have come up. We can file the 990 easy, and the rate for forgiveness is high and by doing this ourselves we would save the money. Steve would write a letter explaining why this happened. It was suggested that we leave the problem up to our trusted servant and if Steve feels he can write the letter, then let's let him do that.

Steve also brought up purchasing a laptop for the Secretary and the Treasurer. Steve declined the laptop because he has one. He proposed that the Area purchase a printer to print out the checks. Brand new is \$320.00. The purchase would smooth out the job and make it a lot easier. The printer that Steve is looking at is UDB wireless printers which will be compatible for along time. The next person would be able to use the Quickbooks Software also. One felt that the people who are doing the jobs of Treasurer should have the right equipment and the Area should purchase it.

Motion made to purchase the printer that is compatible with the Treasurer's computer and the checks

Seconded - All in Favor, Motion Passed.

**AA Financial Information On The Web** - Bob B. suggested that the rotated officers in Districts are not collected and it's not available. The Area should have a process and know who all the PI Chairs are in the area, or who all the Grapevine Reps are.- there is no process and Bob is wondering if it would be useful and he's working on it and would like suggestions.

Item 2 - a few months ago when he took on this job, he was wondering why all our financial info was on the web. Bob has been researching the situation and he has decided that the financial information should be on the web. Its not an issue anymore. It seems like a good idea to have an open book as far as finances are involved.

Bob B tested sending mail from g-mail to go to Webmaster and back to Gmail and found out that it doesn't always work. Our e-mail forwarders are not always working. He called Link Sky and they found that our Area 35 forwarders are working. So, it's the free g-mail account that doesn't always work when sending a forward. Link Sky suggested that we use our company e-mails rather than the free e-mail system. Gmail can throw out mail if it wants to. When mail is forwarded and if Gmail thinks it's junk they can throw it out. G-mail throws mail away, especially forwarded mail. Gmail cuts out spam. The suggestion is that e-mail is not guaranteed. If you aren't hearing back from someone, it's possible they didn't get the mail. As a committee you might want to not want to use the forwarders. We have 35-40 forwarders out there and that's a lot of mail.

Bob took a look at the colors on the Web and can we make it a little more eye appealing? He showed the area committee a different format and different colors. He says not to change the code if you don't know what you are doing. Bob wants to clean up the web design problems before the next person takes over.

**State Fair** - Jim K. looked at the Area Action Book and it has stated in the past years that Area 35 should participate in the State Fair Booth with Area 36, in addition, motions were made and passed. We have done this motion every other year so we should really be voting on this to see if the current Area group wants to fund this activity? Minority Opinion stood and stated do we really need to support the State Fair Booth and do we have the funds available? Steve L stated that we have plenty money to pay \$500.00 for this. Minority Opinion didn't feel that it was not worthwhile, just wondering if we were being prudent with the money? There is a book for anyone who would like to sign up for representing AA at the state fair. \$500.00 dollar donation from Area 35 to Area 36. There are 2 hour spots open August 25th and August 26th.It's a Saturday and Sunday. Area 35 is responsible for Saturday the 25th.

Jim made a motion that we pay 1/3 the cost of the State Fair booth not to exceed \$500.00, and also sit at the State Fair booth, The motion was seconded. This cost is in the budget. 100,000 people a day walk through the building. It was asked if the Area can afford it and the Treasurer assured this committee member that it has been budgeted for. Vote taken and motion passed to support the AA Fair Booth at the Minnesota State Fair financially and with our volunteers (Area 35) sitting at the AA Booth along with Area 36.

**Calendar of Events** - Jana M reported:

June 8 & 9, 2012 - Founder's Day at the Duluth Alano Club August 5, 2012 - Area Committee at the Aitkin Alano Club October 6 & 7, 2012 - Fall Assembly at International Falls

December 2, 2012 - Area Committee Meeting at Aitkin Alano Club

January 19 & 20th, 2013 - Area 35 Workshop at Walker, MN

April 6 & 7th, 2013 - Area 35 Spring Assembly Sawmill Inn, Grand Rapids

October 5 & 6th 2013 - Fall Assembly, Detroit Lakes April 5th and 6th, 2014 - Spring Assembly, Duluth, MN October 4-5, 2014, Fall Assembly, Grand Rapids, MN

Weekend with Bill and Lois - July 6, 7 & 8th, 2012 - Camp Hiawatha, Grand Rapids, MN Area 35/36 workshop in St. Cloud - Saturday, July 21st

Keep It Simple Weekend - August 10, 11th and 12st, 2012

22nd Annual Heartland Round-up - September 7, 8 & 9th, 2012, Walker, MN Waukon Open Meeting, August 30th, 2012 - Open Speaker Meeting

Thanks to the Kitchen Staff - Kudos!!!

Jim K will be giving his Delegate Report after the Area Committee Meeting closes for the day.

Adjourn

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

## 2012 – AREA 35 SCHEDULE

You can find out more about events on [area35.org](http://area35.org)

**Area Committee Meeting - Sunday, August 5th - 9:00 am**

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

**Area 35 Fall Assembly - October 6th & 7th, 2012**

AmericInn Hotel & Suites  
1500 Highway 71  
International Falls, MN  
218-283-8000

**Area Committee Meeting - Sunday, Dec. 2nd - 9:00 am**

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

**Area 35 Spring Assembly - April 6th & 7th, 2013**

Sawmill Inn  
2301 Pokegama Ave  
Grand Rapids, MN  
218-326-8501

**Area 35 Fall Assembly - October 5th & 6th 2013**

Holiday Inn  
1155 Hwy 10 E.  
Detroit Lakes, MN

**Area 35 Spring Assembly - April 5th & 6th, 2014**

Holiday Inn  
200 West 1st St.  
Duluth, MN

**Area 35 Fall Assembly - October 4th & 5th 2014**

Sawmill Inn  
2301 Pokegama Ave  
Grand Rapids, MN  
218-326-8501

August 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
U.S. Federal Holidays are Red			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
U.S. Federal Holidays are Red						1
2	Labor Day 3	4	5	6	7	8
Grandparents Day 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	Fall Begins 22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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### Upcoming Events in Areas 35 & 36 Note: Area 35 events take precedence!

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★ **Keep It Simple Weekend - August 10th, 11th, & 12th, 2012**

★ Theme: The Family Afterwards

★ Camp Chicagami on Pleasant Lake (South of Eveleth)

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★ **22nd Annual Heartland Roundup**

★ September 7th - 9th, 2012

★ Beautiful Northern Pines Assembly Camp Grounds

★ Part Rapids, MN

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## NORTHERN LIGHT PRIMARY PURPOSE:

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

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

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

**Editor - Editor** - The Editorial Chair position is a two-year rotation picked by the incoming Area Chair and either approved or rejected by the Area Committee at the first Area meeting after the Fall Assembly Elections.

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

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

### N.L. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

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

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

**AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 5, 2012  
AGENDA**

<p>_____ <b>9:00 A.M.</b> Action Chair Committee Meetings</p> <p>_____ <b>10:30 A.M.</b> Area Committee Meeting</p> <p>_____ Call to Order Open With the Serenity Prayer</p> <p>_____ Recognize Past Delegates</p> <p>_____ Add to Agenda</p> <p>_____ Approve June Committee Minutes</p> <p><b>OFFICER REPORTS</b></p> <p>_____ Delegate – Jim K.</p> <p>_____ Alternate Delegate – Michael (Jake) J</p> <p>_____ Chair – Kelly D.</p> <p>_____ Secretary – Mary S.</p> <p>_____ Treasurer – Steve L.</p> <p><b>COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS</b></p> <p>_____ CPC – Roger R.</p> <p>_____ District 11 – Becky N.</p> <p>_____ District 18 – Neil R.</p> <p>_____ GRAPEVINE – Carey A.</p> <p>_____ District 4 – Jeff C.</p> <p>_____ District 15 – Pete B.</p> <p>_____ WEBMASTER – Robert (Bob) B.</p> <p>_____ ARCHIVES – Antonette F.</p> <p>_____ District 2 – Kim B.</p> <p>_____ District 12 – Servando M.</p> <p>_____ ARCHIVIST – Brad I.</p> <p>_____ LITERATURE – Sean D.</p> <p>_____ District 13 – Scott B.</p> <p>_____ District 5 – Heidi R.</p> <p>_____ TREATMENT – Randy A.</p> <p>_____ District 1 – Irene J.</p> <p>_____ District 7 – Neil F.</p> <p>_____ PI – Robert (Butch) R.</p> <p>_____ District 3 – Jim S.</p> <p>_____ District 6 – David A.</p> <p>_____ GROUP RECORDS – Sandy H.</p> <p>_____ NORTHERN LIGHT – Jana M.</p> <p>_____ District 21 – Dave G.</p> <p>_____ District 16 – Gene V.</p>	<p>_____ CORRECTIONS – Jeff E.</p> <p>_____ District 8 – Rolene L.</p> <p>_____ District 9 – John F.</p> <p><b>12:00 P.M.</b> Lunch</p> <p><b>12:45 P.M.</b> Reconvene</p> <p><b>OLD BUSINESS</b></p> <p>_____ Financial Oversight Committee Report</p> <p>_____ Area 35/36 Workshop</p> <p>_____ State Fair AA Booth</p> <p>_____ Fall Assembly</p> <p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p>_____ Area 35 Inventory</p> <p>_____ Calendar of Events</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>_____ TBA</p> <p>_____ Adjourn</p>
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