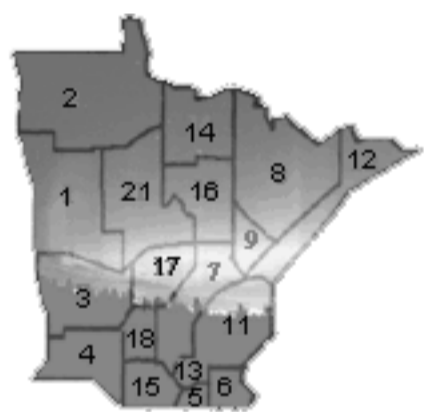


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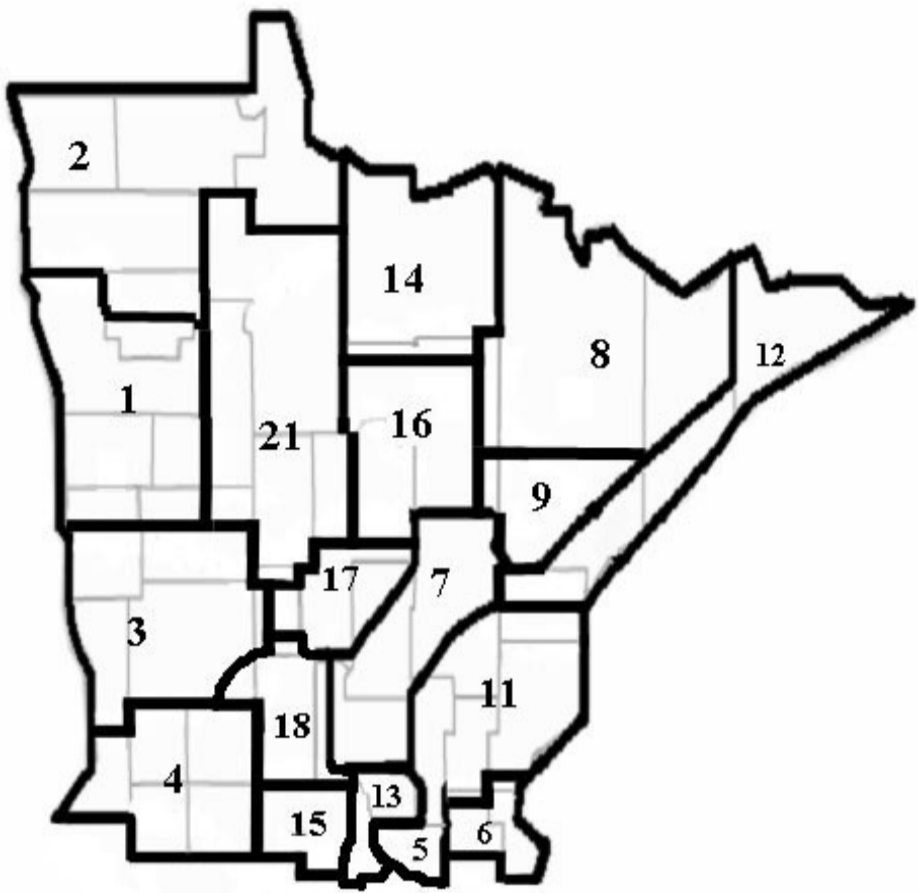
OUR PAST DELEGATES

Panel 60 Jon C.	2010-2011	Panel 26 Vern R. (deceased)	1976-1977
Panel 58 JoAnne N.	2008-2009	Panel 24 Gordon H.	1974-1975
Panel 56 Jerry S.	2006-2007	Panel 22 Frank P. J. (deceased)	1972-1973
Panel 54 Charlie C.	2004-2005	Panel 20 Clarence B. (deceased)	1970-1971
Panel 52 Tim C.	2002-2003	Panel 18 Dave H. (deceased)	1968-1969
Panel 50 Tom A.	2000-2001	Panel 16 Arno A. (deceased)	1966-1967
Panel 48 Susie A.	1998-1999	Panel 14 Donald F. (deceased)	1964-1965
Panel 46 Bill P.	1996-1997	Panel 12 Donna T. (deceased)	1962-1963
Panel 44 Bruce B.	1994-1995	Panel 10 Bob B. (deceased)	1960-1961
Panel 42 Greg G. (deceased)	1992-1993	Panel 8 Pearl N. (deceased)	1958-1959
Panel 40 Bob J.	1990-1991	Panel 6 Waldo H. (deceased)	1956-1957
Panel 38 Scott J.	1988-1989	Panel 4 Wendell H. (deceased)	1954-1955
Panel 36 Louie H.	1986-1987	Panel 2 Arthur R. (deceased)	1952-1953
Panel 34 Bob P.	1984-1985		
Panel 32 Tom L.	1982-1983		
Panel 30 Don M. (deceased)	1981-1982		
Panel 28 Garfield (Duffy) S. (deceased)	1978-1979		

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, Mahnomén, 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, Effie, Grand Rapids, Hill City, Lawrence Lake*, Longville, Remer
- 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, Isle, Little Falls*, McGregor*, Palisade, Pierz, Pilager*, Waukon
- District 11** - Finlayson*, Grasston, Henriette, Hinckley*, Lake Lena, Malmo, Moose Lake*, Mora, Ogilvie, Pine City, Quamba, Sandstone, 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** - 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
3rd Saturday of Month, 5:30 p.m.
Contact DCM 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

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 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 of Month, 6:30 p.m.
Contact DCM for meeting location (It Rotates)

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 14
2st Tuesday of Month, 5:30 Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. District Meeting
Alano Club
410 5th Ave
International Falls, MN 56649

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, 6:30 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 17
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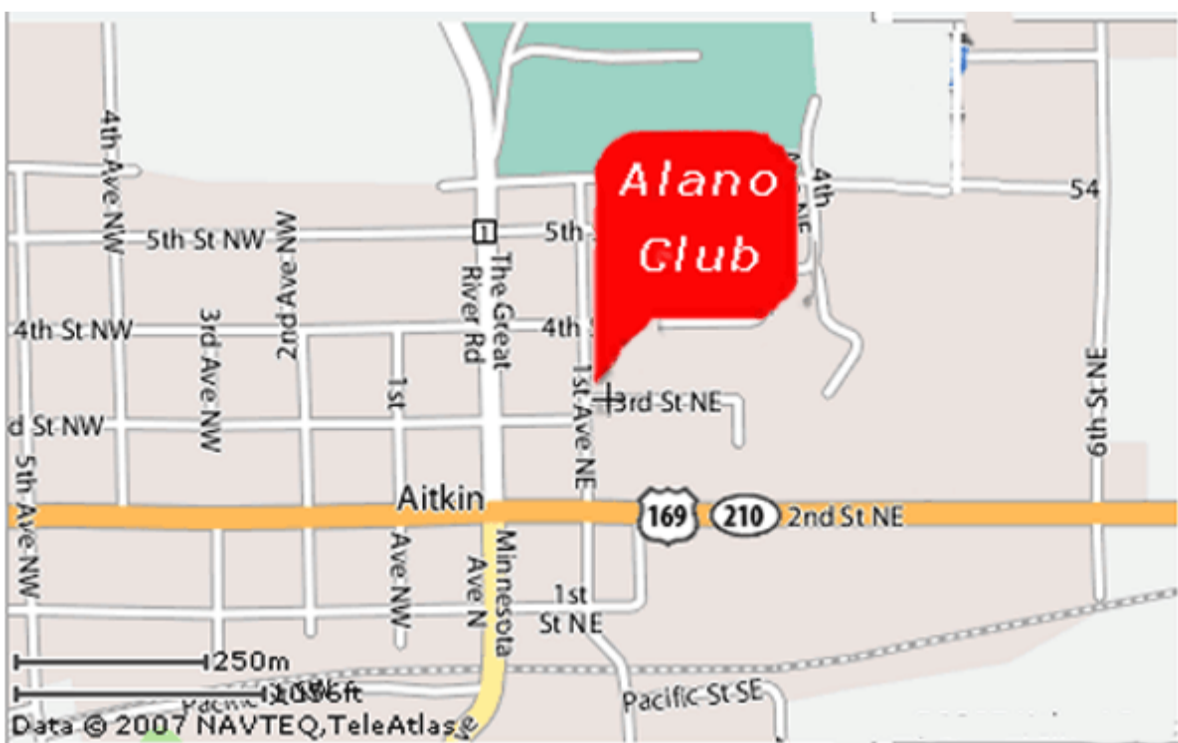
Inclement Weather Procedure For Area 35 Events

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

It is hard to believe that the summer is already here and in full swing. I hope that all of you are getting a chance to spend some time with family and friends. I am thankful for this opportunity to serve as the Area 35 Delegate.

It was nice to see many of you at our June Committee Meeting. I was able to give my full report back from the General Service Conference there and that has been the theme of much of my current time. I want to thank all of the districts that I have already visited in giving my report back and sincerely thank you for the warm hospitality that I have been greeted with. Getting out to each of the districts has truly been the highlight of my Delegate experience. I am looking forward to visiting the remaining districts in this next month. If all goes according to schedule, I hope to be completed with the reports back by the end of July.

I will be attending the Area 35/36 Joint Workshop at the end of July and hope to see many of you there. This is a great opportunity to see how different committees are functioning within the state and to gain a better insight as to how we can best cooperate in carrying the message to those who still suffer.

If you have not already done so, I would encourage you to register for the upcoming West Central Regional Forum to be held the first week of September in Bloomington, MN. This is a great opportunity to meet members of our General Service Board and to learn more about how our fellowships functions. It is also a offers a wonderful chance to bring up questions and concerns that you or your group may have regarding how our fellowship is functioning.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve Alcoholics Anonymous and Area 35.

Yours in service,

Jim K.
Area 35 Delegate

ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Hi everyone, summer has officially made it. Been hot for a couple weeks everyone complains. Does make for a nice crop of mosquitoes and flies though. Hope we are all enjoying the fruits of sobriety. I am and have enjoyed fellow-shipping with other sober people and spending time with family. It seems the weather hasn't slowed down the drunks as our treatment centers are full and have had some opportunities to share the message of AA with some individuals. I enjoy reading the district minutes that are sent. Please continue to share them.

Summer time is a little slower for General Service so I have spent time lining up 2 zonal forums, one in Cold-spring Sept 14th (at the Alano Club from 12:00-4:00) and one in Hibbing on the 26th of October (also at the Alano Club from 12:00-4:00). If you are in these zones please plan on attending and meeting your area officers. I have also lined up the January workshop in Moorhead at the Days Inn. There always is something to do when you allow God to work in your life.

I encourage people to spend time in fellowship sharing with each other so as we get to know each others stories it will encourage more people into serving. I believe the way to grow is share the enjoyment we find in each other in our districts and areas. Then we will continue to grow and have new people serving. By Gods grace I am able to stay sober and fell in love with the people that unselfishly served AA. That is why I keep coming back. Have a great summer.

Yours in love and service,

Michael (Jake) J.
Area 35 Alternate Delegate

AREA CHAIR'S REPORT

Greetings Area 35,

Well it looks like summer finally arrived in northern Minnesota. I hope you are enjoying some of the sunshine! Those of us that attended the Aitkin Committee Meeting in June had the opportunity to hear our Area Delegate Jim K. give his report back from the General Service Conference. I want to thank him for another job well done! He has been busy visiting the District's and I hope that you have had the opportunity to hear his report too.

I am looking forward to our joint Workshop with Area 36 on July 20th in St. Cloud. Missy, Chair for Area 36 and I have gotten together and we are all set for this event. We have had some great accomplishments together to share since our last years meeting with them and I hope to see many of you there.

Us Area Officers will be presenting at the last two Zonal Forums on September 14th in Cold Springs and October 26th in Hibbing. If you are in those areas please join us, the Zonal Forums are a great way for us to come to you and be of service in anyway we can.

I will be at the Minnesota State Fair on August 24th in the AA Booth from 7:00-9:00 pm. If you are there please stop by and say hi. I always look forward to serving there every year, it is such a great way to meet people and carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I am looking forward to a relaxing weekend at "Keep It Simple" August 9-12th again this year, one of my favorite yearly events. If you love the outdoors, great food and some wonderful fellowship this is the place to be!

I look forward also to attending the West Central Regional Forum in Bloomington, MN September 6-8th. This Forum is only held every other year and it is in our own backyard hosted by Area 36. Taken directly from their flier, "Forums are designed to enhance communication and participation among AA members, the General Service Board, and staff and directors from the General Service Office and the Grapevine. Forums offer a meeting place to ask questions and spark new ideas to help carry the AA message of hope to the still suffering alcoholic." With that being said, as members of Alcoholics Anonymous why would we not want to attend this great event?

As always thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Area 35 Chair.

Kelly D.
Area 35 Chair

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I don't have much to report for the Northern Light. I did just receive a copy of The Pigeon, which is the Newsletter for Area 36, the southern half of Minnesota. I enjoyed reading the reports and articles. I also enjoyed Jim K's report at our last Area 35 Committee meeting in Aitkin and as usual learned more than I knew before about this wonderful program called Alcoholics Anonymous.

The Lawrence Lake Al-Anon group asked me if I would assist them with locating an AA speaker for their annual Open Al-Anon meeting on September 7th and I believe a speaker has been located. Dave A from District 8 said he would speak. Unfortunately that is the same weekend as the 2013 West Central Regional Forum and my brother-in-law's wedding in Chaska. If possible, I'm going to attempt to go to both events as much as possible. The next two zonal forums are set for September 14th in Cold Spring and October 26th in Hibbing. I won't be able to attend the one in Cold Springs as I am attending our Godchild's wedding in St. Paul, but I will be at the one in Hibbing.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at secretary@area35.org with any questions or comments regarding the Area Minutes.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Area 35.

Mary S.
Area 35 Secretary

TREASURER’S REPORT

How has your serenity and acceptance held up during the monsoon season in tropical Minnesota? I hope your 4th of July was pleasant and enjoyable. Since my last report things have been smooth. I’m looking forward to the Area 35/36 Joint Workshop July 20th.

We are currently 48% under budget in income, 57% under budget in expenses which gives us a net loss of \$2,313.58 for the year right now we are 64% under budget for the year (this is good). Our income for the year is 15% less than expenses. We have a total equity of \$25,240.40 and I expect that if contributions keep at the same pace through the year we will meet all planned financial obligations along with any unforeseen expenses. In other words we are doing fine and please keep up the good work.

We are no longer sending Northern Light flier insert checks to Sandy (Group Records Sec.). Flier insert checks are now to be made out to NMAA. Please send only the check to NMAA, PO Box 87, Biwabik, MN 55708 and make a note that it is for a flier insert. Remember to still send the fliers to Cold Springs Printing.

Most groups do a terrific job about giving the correct information to receive proper credit for their contributions. They give the group’s service number, the group’s correct name and the group’s district number on their contribu- tion. Unfortunately some groups do not. If your group doesn’t know its service number, you can obtain it from Sandy, our Group Records Secretary. The USPS has dropped the address forwarding service so please use the new envelopes with the new correct treasurer’s address or go to our web site www.area35.org and get my current ad- dress.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer.

Humbly in service,

Steven L.
Area 35 Treasurer

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEBMASTER

WEB:
We are in the final 6 months of this rotation. Replacing the calendar is the last project. Much of the work done on our web site is not part of the Webmaster’s responsibilities. The “WEBMASTER’s” position is administrative. This position does not require knowl- edge on HTML or other programming skills. This position does require use of a computer, access to the WEB and e-mail.

For those that like statics:

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan	1,538	2,288	10,681	145,498	1.58 GB
Feb	1,483	2,170	9,238	112,151	1.23 GB
Mar	1,483	2,600	14,470	130,663	1.55 GB
Apr	1,719	2,697	14,731	136,643	1.73 GB
May	1,668	2,580	12,110	120,792	1.38 GB
June	1,670	2,786	12,924	125,991	1.47 GB
2013	9715	15,121	54,495	550,029	8.94 GB

Our highest viewed pages are our meetings followed by our calendar.

AameetingLocator Ad-Hoc Committee:

Work on aameetinglocator has just about stopped. I just do not have the time to do development work on aameetinglocator and tend to my personal commitments during the warmer months. Work will progress as time permits.

Bob B.
Area35 webmaster
admin@area35.org

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

ARCHIVIST

Since the June Committee Meeting I have given a history talk at the Sleepy Hollow group’s AA birthday party. We had a very enthusiastic audience, a great turnout and some great food. If anyone wants a recording of this talk please email me. I am attending the Joint Area Workshop in July where I am setting up a sound system and also recording. At the workshop I hope to talk to Paul about doing a joint display at the Regional Forum.

I am attending the Regional Forum and also going to Springfield Illinois for the National A.A. Archivist convention. These events are both in September and a week apart. I am bringing a small display to the National convention focusing on big book history. I cannot be at the Duluth round-up this year due to a family wedding. I told my niece that Duluth booked me first but that did not fly. I am still writing essays for the pictures for the online tour of the archives display for the web page. I just remembered I need to look something up for a district request.

Please keep those District minutes coming and check with your secretaries to make sure I am on the mailing list.

Brad I.
Area 35 Archivist

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

I would like to thank our joint PI/CPC Committee for a lively break-out session at our June Area Committee Meeting in Aitkin MN. Our committee suggested we bring the concept of Area 35 covering some volunteer expenses for members who participate in Area CPC or PI events. While this concept might increase and somewhat democratize participation by members in area PI and CPC events, my current thinking is that this could become problematic in implementation. Determining which volunteer costs the area would cover, for each event, would be difficult and possibly very expensive for our area. I do appreciate the lively discussion on this concept by our Area.

There is still time in this rotation for districts to plan and implement a CPC event for professionals who are in contact with potential members. Planning a CPC event such as an after work, 4-6 program entails a committee and a lot of planning that would need to take place over this summer for a fall event. Please feel free to contact me if your district would like assistance in planning or for presenters at your event.

Earlier this month, from June 17 – 18 Area 35 collaborated with Area 36 in a CPC event in Duluth: The 2013 MN Age and Disability Odyssey. This was a successful event as over 300 social workers stopped by our booth and picked up information on AA for their clients and/or co-workers. My full report on this event is forthcoming. I would like to thank Carla N. from Area 36 for her assistance on this event. I would also like to thank the following volunteers who helped staff our booth at the Odyssey: Bob N., Carey A., Charlie C., Bruce B., Leslie M., and Rita D.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Area 35/36 Joint Workshop, and at the August Committee Meeting.

In service,

Roger R.
Area 35 CPC Chair

CORRECTIONS

Good day to all! My name is Skip D. I have recently been approved by Area 35 to serve as Area 35 Corrections Chair. I would like to thank you all for your confidence to think I may be able to do this job. I am willing to give it a go.

I have been receiving release contacts from the prison transitional fairs, and have contacted the District Chairs in the areas they are to be released. Just as a reminder, we need to contact these people before their release (the letters are really important before release). I did meet with James & Mary Area 36 corrections on June 13th 2013

(corrections report continued)

in Maple Grove. We went over some of what has been going on between the two Areas, the contact program, and there was talk about the Joint Area workshop in St. Cloud July 20th 2013.

Again I thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Yours in service,

Skip D.
Area 35 Corrections Chair

TREATMENT

It’s been a little quiet the past few months and we had a few “Bridging the Gap Requests” for temporary contacts with most of them responding. I have also been in contact with the new Area 36 Treatment Chair and we had some communication via e/mail. I have also read the reports from the Area 36 newsletter the “Pigeon.” I look forward to the correspondence with the Area 36 Treatment Chair/Committee as we know that they are very active with service commitments, especially “Bridging the Gap”.

We have also corresponded ideas on presentations, meetings, and information about Alcoholics Anonymous to a new group requested to do service in an outpatient Chemical Dependency Treatment Facility. The ultimate decisions would come from their Group Conscience. We only suggest ideas on how to present, “carry the message” and how to conduct ourselves. We also made referral to the GSO Treatment Desk in New York for information and to the Area Literature Chair for specific pamphlets.

We are still in the process of setting up our Treatment workshop this fall with specific details and flyers to come. Hopefully, we can get more new people involved with the Treatment service responsibilities/commitments, as it is always a privilege and honor to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in any capacity.

Yours in service,

Randy A.
Area 35 Treatment Chair

NORTHERN LIGHT

Hello all! The Delegate resumes are in this issue. I know whoever it ends up being our area will be well served. Everyone of them loves alcoholics anonymous. They are in alphabetical order. Not in order of importance. In the online issue I will have to leave out address & personal email. There is also a writing from Bill W. titled Leadership in AA in the articles section.

Yours in service,

Jana M.
Northern Light Editor

ARCHIVES

No report submitted

LITERATURE

No report submitted

COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Where does time go elections are just around the corner. So far it has been quite a journey as the PI chair. Ever so much to do and hoping to cover it all and not miss something important to the still suffering Alcoholic who wants sobriety.

All our Districts are providing the information necessary to the alcoholic, phone lines, literature, Beginners meetings, updating schedules and speaking engagements. We now have the Nett Lake and the Fond du lac Reservation radio stations airing Radio PSAs reaching out to those who are seeking a solution to their problems with drinking. State Fair Booth slots are filled and I want to thank all those who are willing to participate. For myself it is a very rewarding experience to be available and possibly help someone seeking recovery and a better way of life. You at times can feel the pain that they and the family members who stop by the Booth are experiencing sending them on their way with hope they may never knew existed. I will be meeting with the Area 36 coordinator and PI chair at the upcoming joint workshop for all the information needed to man the booth. I should have everything available at the next committee meeting in August.

Before I close I once again want to thank District 7 for inviting and allowing me to take part in their Luncheon held at Grandview Lodge, it was well planned and carried out. A happy and safe Fourth to all.

In Service,

Butch R.
Area 35 PI Chair

GROUP RECORDS

Hi. I'm Sandy H. Area 35 Group Records. I attended the St Cloud Roundup and am always amazed at how welcome I feel at these events it is like coming home.

I listened to Jim's Delegate Report June 8th in Albany with Districts 15 & 13 Thank you Jim for all you do for us. I learn more every time I hear one.

I have been busy trying to update the Northern Light mailing list, working with DCM's on this which I would like to thank all of you for your patience and time. Also working on updating FNV so if we have any new GSR's or Committee Members or I can be of help in any way please let me know.

I have read the June Committee Report and am still sorry I missed being there in person. I also received my first Pigeon in the mail this week and have glanced at it and cannot wait to see what has been happening in Southern Minnesota.

Once again if you would like your flyer in the Northern Light feel free to give it to me or mail it to the Cold Spring Record. A check for \$75 to help defray mailing cost will now be mailed to our Treasurer.

I look forward to the upcoming 35/36 Workshop in July. Unfortunately I did not receive the email in time to be in on the Adhoc committee call for the AA meeting locator, my fault I apologize for this to all committee members.

I would like to thank everyone for all your help, thank you again, Progress not perfection,

Yours in service,

Sandy H.
Area 35 Group Records

GRAPEVINE

SUBSCRIBE! SUBSCRIBE! SUBSCRIBE! Maybe you aren't receiving the Grapevine as of yet. We really need to subscribe to help keep the grapevine around. How we as a fellowship can be sure is to renew or send in your subscription. I have forms available or you can subscribe on line at www.aagrapevine.org!!! I know that here in District 8 there is some work to do making people aware about the Grapevine. During our delegates report back Jim asked the question who has a grapevine subscription lots of hand didn't go up. If it's the gray pages that are your concern, subscribe and don't read the gray pages. 1-800-640-8781 is the number to call to subscribe or visit the website.

How fast time is flying in 2013, 2014 Wall Calendar and pocket planner are available now, so will have available at the fall assembly in Detroit Lakes in October 5th and 6th! If you would like the Grapevine newsletter is available to anyone who is interested at ww.aagrapevine.org

I had the opportunity to participate in the joint participation with Area 35 and 36 MN Age & Disabilities Odyssey in June in Duluth Remote Communities and Special Needs Chair Carla N. and area 35 CPC chair Roger R. were our coaches for the two day event. Nice informational booth seems that they are a lot of interest on what AA could possible offer in health care workers and professionals whose clients/patient base with disabilities and/or aging. Shared that we didn't have any Grapevine/LaVina information with Coach Carla she shared, what about those gray pages so we need to work on getting a subscription from her, will share that with Area 36 Grapevine/LaVina chair at the upcoming Area 35/36 workshop in St Cloud July 20th.

On the one year Anniversary of Daily Quote 19,772. It's free-pass it on www.aagrapevine.org. 14 of our books are now available as eBooks for your Kindle Nook and Apple devices! Spotlight on current issue of Grapevine this month features an annual Prison issue, with stories by members in correctional institutions and those who carry the AA message behind the walls. So this subscription that you receive is also a service piece! Also the LaVina issue is special section features stories about AA in prison as well!

Audio Project: You can join AA's tradition of sharing stories. AA grapevine is now collecting recorded stories in members own voices. Visit www.aagrapevine.org in advance for additional information about this project. It's a 7 minute recording of your story!

I will be placing an order from Grapevine soon so if you would like additional literature call or e-mail me. I will have the literature display at fall assembly. Also, our area 35 Literature chair Sean D., will have his display that he always try's to spread way out over his tables that are available to him so I will have to keep an eye on him as the weekend progresses! Sean D. has over 15+ totes to display [carry in and out]. Just a little side note, in my opinion we are getting closer to having our past delegates dress up in purple and do a skit or something like that, could be called A Cluster of Grape from Area 35! Might not be this rotation but it's possible.

Thanks for letting me are of service to area 35!

Carey A.
Area 35 Grapevine Chair

DELEGATE RESUMES

Area 35

**Northern Minnesota Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous
Delegate Resume
Panel 64**

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

Randolph Brian A.

Home Group: Aurora Big Book Group

Service – My AA Experience has included:

Home Group

GSR

Secretary

Treasurer

Chairperson

District

Corrections/Treatment Chair

Treasurer

Alternate DCM

DCM

Area 35

Financial Oversight Committee

Treatment Chair

Other

Winter Rap-Up Committee

Speak at Treatment Centers, Correctional Facilities and Open Meetings

I sponsor and am sponsored

I now have 15 years of continuous sobriety

Signed: Randolph Brian A.

Date: March 26th, 2013

DELEGATE RESUMES CONTINUED

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

Full Name: Kelly Jean D.

My Home Group:

Into Action Princeton, Minnesota

My AA experience has included:

Home Group

I have been a member of my home group in good standing for the last 13 years since our group started and I currently serve as Secretary/Treasurer. I also currently have the honor and privilege of arriving early to set up for our meetings and make the coffee. I have been and continue to be a temporary contact person for the Minneapolis Intergruop for our geographical area for many years for women coming out of treatment centers or just requesting a contact person. I have been a part of 12 step calls and continue to serve my group in any capacity when asked. I served as my groups GSR 2006-2007. I have a sponsor, service sponsor and I also sponsor.

District

I served as Archives Chair in 1997, Treatment Chair 1998-1999 and DCM 2008-2009. I served on the West Central Regional AA Service Forum Committee in 2009 which was hosted by Area 35 and held in St. Cloud, Minnesota. I have been a part of bringing weekly AA meetings into the Mille Lacs County Jail in Milaca, Minnesota for the past 13 years. I volunteer yearly to carry AA's message of hope to our public in August at the Mille Lacs County Fair AA Booth in Princeton, Minnesota.

Area 35

I served Area 35 as Corrections Chair 2010-2011. I served on the West Central Regional AA Service Conference Committee in 2010 which was hosted by Area 35 and held in Nisswa, Minnesota. I volunteer yearly to carry A A's message of hope to our public in August at the Minnesota State Fair AA Booth. I serve when asked to speak at Workshops, Round Ups and Open Speaker Meetings. I am currently serving as your Area 35 Chair 2012-2013.

I now have 18 years of continuous sobriety.

Kelly D.
Signed

06-01-13
Date

DELEGATE RESUMES CONTINUED

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Full Name: Michael F J.

My Home Group: Sunday Night 12x12

My AA experience has included:

I Have had a home group since my first day of sobriety March 28,1989 and have had a sponsor since that day. I have sponsored and continue to sponsor when asked. In my home group I have held all positions from coffee maker, chair, greeter, treasurer, GSR and continue to serve where needed. At the District level I have served District 9 as DCM, alt DCM, Treasurer, PI chair. At the Area level I have served Area 35 as Chair, Treasurer and PI chair. I am currently serving as Alternate Delegate for Area 35.I have served on the IRGT committee for 22 years in all positions and also served on the KISS committee for a few years. I continue to carry the message monthly to treatment centers and also have continued to speak and participate in correctional meetings. I helped with a beginners meetings and participated in many PI talks in our District. I believe in our Traditions and Principals and am not afraid to serve when asked.

I now have 24 continuous years of sobriety

DELEGATE RESUMES CONTINUED

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Full Name: Steven D. L.

My AA experience has included:

Since 1981 I've had a home group. I joined the Biwabik Sunday Night Group in 1986. I have a sponsor and I sponsor others. I share my experience, strength and hope at open speaker meetings, treatment and correction centers when asked to do so. I have also been on the Winter Rap-up Committee and the guardian for the AA phone contact.

District 8 Correction/Institution Chair 1984-85 - Brought AA into Detox, Coordinated Meetings into NERC, Moose Lake and Hibbing Treatment Center, and started a Beginners Meeting in Gilbert

District 8 DCM 1986-87

Biwabik Sunday Night Group GSR 2004-05 - Brought Group Conscience to District Meetings and Area Assemblies

District 8 PI/CPC chair 2006-07 - Helped design and format a new four week Beginners Meeting. Worked at creating a Central Phone Number for District 8.

Area 35 Web Master 2010-11 - Worked closely with the Area Records Secretary to update meeting lists and to post area events. Put Paypal on the web site and other program changes as needed.

Area 35 Treasurer 2012-13 - Handled all Area monies, kept records of contributions and disbursements. Fixed 2011 990 federal tax issue. Modernized and streamlined bookkeeping and reports.

The most important job of all has been to keep my home group's meeting door open, welcoming people and offering hope and a cup of coffee to those who need it.

I now have 32 continuous years of sobriety

DELEGATE RESUMES CONTINUED

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

Full Name: Roger R.

My AA experience has included:

Home Group:

Jail Meeting Volunteer, Stearns County Jail 2002-Present

Corrections Chair, St. Cloud Call –Up Meeting 2003-2004

Representative, West End 12 Step Group at WCRAASF

District:

Public Information Chair, District 13 2006-2007

DCM District 13 2008-2009

Area:

Area 35 CPC Chair 2012-Present

Area 35 Public Information Chair 2010-2011

Committees: Chair of WCRAASF Host Committee (2009), Area 35 Inventory Committee (2011).

Sponsorship: I sponsor and am sponsored

I now have 7 plus continuous years of sobriety

Roger R.

Signed

May 27, 2013

Date

ARTICLES**Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need***By Bill W.*

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No society can function well without able leadership in all its levels, and AA can be no exception. It must be said, though, that we AAs sometimes cherish the thought that we can do without any leadership at all. We are apt to warp the traditional idea of "principles before personalities" around to such a point that there would be no "personality" in leadership whatever. This would imply rather faceless automatons trying to please everybody, regardless.

At other times we are quite as apt to demand that AA's leaders must necessarily be people of the most sterling judgment, morals, and inspiration - big doers, prime examples to all, and practically infallible.

Real leadership, of course, has to function in between these entirely imaginary poles of hoped-for excellence. In AA, certainly, no leader is faceless and neither is any leader perfect. Fortunately our Society is blessed with any amount of real leadership - the active people of today and the potential leaders for tomorrow as each new generation of able members swarms in. We have an abundance of men and women whose dedication, stability, vision, and special skills make them capable of dealing with every possible service assignment. We have only to seek these folks out and trust them to serve us.

Somewhere in our literature there is a statement to this effect: "Our leaders do not drive by mandate, they lead by example." In effect we are saying to them, "Act for us, but don't boss us."

A leader in AA service is therefore a man (or a woman) who can personally put principles, plans, and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him up and help him with his job. When a leader power-drives us badly, we rebel; but when he too meekly becomes an order-taker and he exercises no judgment of his own - well, he really isn't a leader at all.

Good leadership originates plans, policies, and ideas for the improvement of our Fellowship and its services. But in new and important matters, it will nevertheless consult widely before taking decisions and actions. Good leadership will also remember that a fine plan or idea can come from anybody, anywhere. Consequently, good leadership will often discard its own cherished plans for others that are better, and it will give credit to the source.

Good leadership never passes the buck. Once assured that it has, or can obtain, sufficient general backing, it freely takes decisions and puts them into action forthwith, provided of course that such actions be within the framework of its defined authority and responsibility.

A "politico" is an individual who is forever trying to "get the people what they want." A statesman is an individual who can carefully discriminate when, and when not to do this. He recognizes that even large majorities, when badly disturbed or uninformed, can, once in a while, be dead wrong. When such an occasional situation arises, and something very vital is at stake, it is always the duty of leadership, even when in a small minority, to take a stand against the storm - using its every ability of authority and persuasion to effect a change.

Nothing, however, can be more fatal to leadership than opposition for opposition's sake. It never can be, "Let's have it our way or no way at all." This sort of opposition is often powered by a visionless pride or a gripe that makes us want to block something or somebody. Then there is the opposition that casts its vote saying, "No, we don't like it." No real reasons are ever given. This won't do. When called upon, leadership must always give its reasons, and good ones.

Then too, a leader must realize that even very prideful or angry people can sometimes be dead right, when the calm and the more humble are quite mistaken.

These points are practical illustrations of the kinds of careful discrimination and soul-searching that true leadership must always try to exercise.

Another qualification for leadership is "give and take" - the ability to compromise cheerfully whenever a proper compromise can cause a situation to progress in what appears to be the right direction. Compromise comes hard to us "all-or-nothing drunks." Nevertheless, we must never lose sight of the fact that progress is nearly always characterized by a series of improving compromises. We cannot, however, compromise always. Now and then it is truly necessary to stick flatfooted to one's conviction about an issue until it is settled. These are situations for keen timing and a most careful discrimination as to which course to take.

Leadership is often called upon to face heavy and sometimes long-continued criticism. This is an acid test. There are always the constructive critics, our friends indeed. We ought never fail to give them a careful hearing. We should be willing to let them modify our opinions or change them completely. Often, too, we shall have to disagree and then stand fast without losing their friendship. Then we have those who we like to call our "destructive" critics. They power-drive, they are "politickers," they make accusations. Maybe they are violent, malicious. They pitch gobs of rumors, gossip, and general scuttlebutt to gain their ends - all for the good of AA, of course! Well, in AA at least, we have at last learned that these folks, who may be a trifle sicker than the rest of us, need not be really destructive at all, depending entirely on how we relate ourselves to them.

To begin with, we ought to listen very carefully to what they say. Sometimes they are telling the whole truth; at other times, a little truth. More often, though, they are just rationalizing themselves into nonsense. If we are within range, the whole truth, the half-truth, or even no truth at all can equally hurt us. That is why we have to listen so carefully. If they've got the whole truth, or even a little truth, then we'd better thank them and get on with our respective inventories, admitting we were wrong, regardless. If it's nonsense, we can ignore them. Or we can lay all the cards on the table and try to persuade them. Failing this, we can be sorry they are too sick to listen and we can try to forget the whole business.

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We can think of few better means of self-survey, of developing genuine patience, than these usually well-meaning but erratic brother members can afford us. This is always a large order and we shall sometimes fail to make good on it ourselves. But we must keep trying.

Now comes that all-important attribute of vision. Vision is, I think, the ability to make good estimates, both for the immediate and for the more distant future. Some might feel this sort of striving to be a son of heresy because we AAs are constantly telling ourselves, "One day at a time." But that valued maxim really refers to our emotional lives and means only that we are not to repine over the past nor wishfully fantasy or daydream about our future.

As individuals and as a Fellowship, we shall surely suffer if we cast the whole job of planning for tomorrow onto a kind Providence. God has endowed us human beings with considerable capability for foresight and he evidently expects us to use it. Therefore we must needs distinguish between wishful dreaming for a happy tomorrow and today's use of our powers of thoughtful estimate - estimate of the kind which we trust will bring future progress rather than unforeseen woe.

Vision is therefore the very essence of prudence - a sound virtue if ever there was one. Of course we shall often miscalculate the future in whole or in part. But even so, this will be far better than to refuse to think at all.

The making of estimates has several aspects. We look at past and present experience to see what we think it means. From this, we derive a tentative idea or policy. Looking first at the nearby future, we ask how our idea or policy might work. Following this estimate we ask how our policies and ideas might work under the several differing conditions that could arise in the longer future. If an idea looks like a good bet, we try it on - always experimentally, when that is possible. Somewhat later, we revalue the situation and ask whether our estimate is, or may soon be, working out.

At about this stage, we may have to take a critical decision. Maybe we have a policy or plan that still looks fine and is apparently doing well. Nevertheless we ought to ponder very carefully what its longtime effect will be. Will today's nearby advantages boomerang into large liabilities for tomorrow? The temptation will almost always be to seize the nearby benefits and quite forget about the harmful precedents or consequences that we may be setting in motion.

These are no fancy theories. We have found that we must use these principles of estimate constantly, especially at world service levels where the stakes are high. In public relations, for example, we must estimate the reaction both of AA groups and the general public, both short-term and long-term. The same thing goes for our literature. Our finances have to be estimated and budgeted. We must think about our service needs as they relate to general economic conditions, group capability, and willingness to contribute. On many such problems we must very often try to think many months and even years ahead.

As a matter of fact, all of AA's Twelve Traditions were at first questions of estimate and vision for the future. Years ago we slowly evolved an idea about AA being self-supporting. There had been trouble here and there about outside gifts. Then still more trouble developed. Consequently we began to devise a policy of no outside gifts. We began to suspect that large sums would tend to make us irresponsible and could divert us from our primary aim. Finally we saw that for the long pull, outside money could ruin us utterly. At this point, what had been just an idea or general policy hardened firmly down into an AA Tradition. We saw that we must sacrifice the quick, nearby advantage for long-term safety.

We went through this same process on anonymity. A few public breaks had looked good. But finally the vision came that many such breaks could raise havoc among us. So it went - first a gleam in the eye, then an experimental policy, then a firm policy, and finally a deep conviction - a vision for tomorrow. Such is our process of estimating the future. Our responsible world leadership must be especially and constantly proficient in this vital activity. This is an ability much to be desired, especially among our trustees, and I think most of them should be chosen on the basis that they have already proved their aptness for foresight in business or professional careers.

We shall continually need many of these same attributes, insofar as they can be had, among our leaders of AA services at all levels. The principles of leadership will be just about the same, no matter what the size of the operation.

This discussion on leadership may look, at first glance, like an attempt to stake out a specially privileged and superior type of AA member. But this is not really so. We are simply recognizing that our talents vary greatly. The conductor of an orchestra is not necessarily good at finance or foresight. And it is even less likely that a fine banker could be much of a musical success. When, therefore, we talk about AA leadership, we only declare that we ought select that leadership on the basis of obtaining the best talent we can find, making sure that we land that talent, whatever it is, in the spot where it will do us the most good.

While this article was first thought of in connection with our world service leadership, it is quite possible that many of its suggestions can be useful to everyone who takes an active part in our Society.

Nowhere could this be more true than in the area of Twelfth Step work itself - something at which nearly all of us most eagerly work. Every sponsor is necessarily a leader. The stakes are huge. A human life, and usually the happiness of a whole family, hangs in the balance. What the sponsor does and says, how well he estimates the reactions of his prospects, how well he times and makes his presentation, how well he handles criticisms, and how well he leads his prospect on by personal spiritual example - well, these attributes of leadership can make all the difference, often the difference between life and death.

Thank God that Alcoholics Anonymous is blessed with so much leadership in each and all of its great affairs!

Bill W.

AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 2, 2013

Aitkin, MN

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: Bill B. -Panel 44, Susie A. -Panel 48, Tom A. -Panel 50, Tim C. -Panel 52,**Add to Agenda:** Roger R. CPC Committee Chair wanted to add the option of paying expenses for AA volunteers helping to put on Area events, such as meals and mileage for Area 35 PI/CPC events.

February Committee Minutes were approved as written, no discussion - all were in favor.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE – Jim K. - Greetings Area 35, I hope you are all enjoying the warming weather and the gift of sobriety. It is a privilege to be serving as your Area 35 Delegate. My experience so far is simply one of great thankfulness when I look at what my life was like 13 years ago and the extraordinary change that has taken place. The 63rd General Service Conference was a unique experience and I appreciated the opportunity to carry the conscience of Area 35. I will be giving a full report today of all the happenings so will not go into great detail for this report. I have already given 2 reports back to districts 9 and 18 and have nearly all other reports scheduled. I still need to schedule them back for districts 11 and 12. These reports back are truly the highlight of my delegate experience as I get to share a bit about the experience and more importantly to hear what activities are going on in all of our districts. A couple of pertinent facts brought back from the GSC are that suggestions for agenda items need to be received by December 15th rather than January 15th this year. If your groups, districts, etc. are considering submitting a proposal, please be aware of the new date. It is also worth noting that I did not submit the proposal regarding the GSO devising a plan to reduce reliance upon literature sales profits as a floor action. This was a decision that I made at the conference based on my observations made there. I absolutely believe that this is an extremely important issue for our fellowship to look at but believe that it will be best addressed by sending in a proposal to the GSO for possible inclusion in the 64th GSC. I would like to continue to research and bring forth the possible proposal at the August Committee Meeting so that groups are able to discuss it and we can determine whether or not we would like to submit it as an area at the Fall Assembly. In addition to the upcoming district reports, I will be attending the Area 35/36 Joint Workshop in July as well as the WCRAA Forum that will be held in September. The regional forum will held in Area 36 and provides a wonderful opportunity to meet many of the members of the GSO and GSB. I highly encourage any and every AA member to attend this event. Finally, I just want to thank districts that send me their minutes. It is a true highlight reading through what you are all doing in our attempts to carry this message to those who still suffer. Thanks for all your work and for this opportunity to serve Area 35. Yours in service.

Delegate Report - Jim K. - copies of the report are available in print in the archives.

ALERNATE DELEGATE – Michael (Jake) J. - Well, here we go again. It seems like I just write one report then its time for another. And it's supposed to be summer but its slow in coming. Soon it will be fall and we'll be going through the election process again. Life sure seems to go by fast the older you get. I am finally feeling better had some shots in my spine and have much less pain. I can even walk upright. I was starting to feel like a monkey almost dragging my knuckles. Not much to say between my last report and now except that I have plans almost finalized for the January Workshop. It will be held in Moorhead this year at the Days Inn. The guy that sets up the conferences has a wife that belongs to the fellowship. The dates will be January 18th and 19th, 2014. Location is the Days Inn, Moorhead. The cost for the big room is 450.00 for the weekend. The hotel rooms are 84.90 a night. Jim said he has people that will do coffee so we will price accordingly. Andrew W. our Trustee is slated to come and present and speak Saturday night. I will set the agenda and ask groups to participate in topics. Some sad happenings were the loss of one of my home group members and a dear friend, Jill who had just celebrated 10 years of sobriety. She suffered from some tough illnesses and so it was a blessing to be with her in her last days. I attended the Delegates report and open speaker meeting that District 9 put on. Jim did a great job and Tom L was the speaker and shared a great message. Thanks for the great food and fellowship. Once again, Thank you for allowing me to serve. Yours in fellowship.

CHAIR – Kelly D. - Good afternoon everyone. Here we are in the month of June already. I cannot believe how fast the time can go. On May 4th I traveled to Duluth to be a part of District 12's service workshop. It was great to see a good turnout with also several of our past Delegate's present. Roger, our Area 35 CPC Chair did a great presentation on a healthy group/district followed by a potluck and then 7 of us sharing our experience on service. I would like to thank Rodney and Servando for inviting us to be a part of this workshop. It was a great afternoon of fellowship and we believe that it helped to get others interested in service within that District. I was also asked and had the opportunity to join the AA meeting Locator Adhoc Committee on May 19th via a telephone conference. Wow I was so impressed with the work that has been done by Bob our Area 35 Webmaster and this committee on this website! This has not been an easy task and Bob, has put in many, many hours of his time to get the changes needed. Please take the time to thank this committee for the work they have done and continue to do. I will be in contact with Missy, Area 36 Chair about our upcoming Workshop with them next month on Saturday, July 20th. I look forward to hearing the presentations between the two Areas on the progress made since our last Workshop with them on the Web, PI/CPC, Corrections and Treatment. I am hoping our Area Chairs have been in contact with those Chairs from 36 and are busy working with them on their 15 minute presentations together. It will be a great afternoon of fellowship and I hope you have all marked your calendar and plan to attend. I attended the St. Cloud Round Up on May 18th and enjoyed the speakers and of course the fellowship this Round Up always brings. It is always great to run into old AA friends there. Thanks to that committee for another fun and enjoyable evening. I have also been busy going over the Area Officers and Chairs updated guidelines to have them completed by the August deadline. It is great to see the work that has been done by so many and also see the positive changes made in Area 35 to better serve you. As always thank you all for the opportunity to be of service to Area 35. My journey as Area Chair has been and continues to be one of learning and growth as we are approaching an end to another rotation of service in a few months.

SECRETARY – Mary S.-Greetings Area 35, I hope things are going well for everyone since the Spring Assembly. I sent out the minutes from the 2013 Spring Assembly by email. If you still have not received the minutes and you are supposed to, please email me at secretary@area35.org. You can also read the Spring Assembly minutes in the Northern Light paper edition or online. If you have any questions or concerns about the Spring Assembly minutes, please email me. The flyer for the 2013 Fall Assembly, which is held at Holiday Inn on the Lake in beautiful Detroit Lakes, Minnesota October 5th and 6th is completed. Copies are on the back table for people to take back to their districts and groups. I have sent the information for the 2013 Fall Assembly to General Service Office to be added to Box 459. I am wondering if anyone would be interested in forming a committee to help me review the Area Actions Booklet. If so, please contact me sometime today and we can set up a time to either meet or e-mail each other about reviewing the Area Actions Booklet, and then communicate by e-mail the information collected. I would like to have a report for the Area by the August Committee Meeting or the 2013 Fall Assembly. And one more thing – This coming Wednesday, June 5th at the District 16 Meeting in Grand Rapids, Jim K. will be presenting his trip to New York and the General Service Event. I plan to go and listen to him along with others from District 16. I'm very much looking forward to hearing his report. Thank you to Area 35.

TREASURER – Steve L. - Good afternoon everybody, I am Steve L. and your Area Treasurer. I have copies of the Financial Reports on the back table and I hope you remember to pick them up and take them back to your Districts and Groups. One of them has your detailed expenditures and budgets, five pages of that and also profit and loss budget and performance, and on the other one is your period III group contributions listing. On the very back is our balance sheet. Now it's very important to look on your group contributions list to see if your contributions have been recorded. There are two corrections on that Dist 4 Sat BB Study Group I listed \$30.00 instead of \$50.00. I misread their check but that's been taken care of and the problem has been cleared up and also a \$50.00 check. I'm not sure who made the deposit but I'll find out tomorrow when I go to the bank. So actually our group contributions are \$70.00 more than what you see there on the report. You might want to take a look also at our expenditures for profit and loss for the budget ... right now this period we had a shortfall of \$400.97, in other words we spent more than group contributions brought in. And, for the year we're under budget by \$2,383.53, so we spent that much more than group contributions have come in. But on the good side...we are still for this period, \$3,053.00 under budget of what we spent. And we're \$8417.00 under budget for the year. That's where these budget sheets get kind of confusing. We always spend way less than we budget for. We're doing very good. Our Finances are pretty much staying flat ... if you take a look at the balance sheet you might want to look a few months back to see a nice running record here, We started out in January at 25,000.00 and we're still at 25,000.00 for our total assets, And if you take a look at the balance sheet, you'll notice that we have 4 different accounts that I'm keeping track of, we have our checking account, which is our primary account, And the Grapevine Cash Account, and now a new one, the Northern Light ... all Northern Light Flyers get sent to the Area Treasurer now, And then there is the Prudent Reserve Account, so, it's listing everything and there is one account that's not on here that we actually have and that's listed as our equity and that's our Literature. Sean has in a separate account that he manages so we actually have another \$800.00 in Equity. So, that's what we're keeping track of here. One last thing, it's getting time now, I have only 3 ½ more of these to do and then my terms over and it will be someone else's job to do this. Kelly was at our service workshop and we gave different ideas about service and thank you for letting me serve you with the Area and completing the Treasury Report.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS

PI – Robert (Butch) R. - I met with the CPC Committee with Districts 5,6,7,8,11&13 in attendance. District Chairs shared what they are doing to inform people in their districts who, what and where we are for those with a drinking problem. Most will be active at the County Fairs manning or providing booths. 2 State Fairground slots need to be filled yet. I am looking forward to this event. I will be meeting the Area 36 Fair Coordinator at the Joint Workshop in July.

District 3 – Jim S. - Sean gave Jim's report. My sincerest apologies for my absence. All is going well in District 3, We have out flyers out for the 2nd Annual District 3 Roundup on July 12-14th, Please help yourself to a flyer - looks like most of them have been grabbed already... We're very excited about the progress that Bob B. is making on our website. We would like to thank Bob for performing this much needed task. I'm excited to say that Jim K will be speaking at with both District 3 and 4 on June 23rd, this month in Perham. Our District has CPC/PI open and also the Webmaster position - we hope to have these filled shortly. We are still fulfilling our Treatment and Corrections commitment and our 7th Traditions donations have been quite generous. All in all, it has been a quiet few months here in District 3. Yours in service.

LITERATURE - Sean D. - This morning committee meeting had representatives from Districts 5, 4, 6 and 13. All districts report that there are no literature concerns and the districts are positive about literature activity and sales, District 5 is doing a lot with corrections, as a matter of fact they ordered a case of soft covered big books. We discussed the new shipping costs that are going to be in effect when the website is available. I've asked when that website will be available and I still haven't gotten an answer. If the order is up to \$50.00, the shipping costs will be \$10.00. If it's over \$50.00, and up to 250.00 dollars, the shipping cost will be 19% of the order. So if the order is \$100.00, it will cost you \$119.00. If it's between \$250.00 and \$500.00 your shipping costs will be 16%. If it's over \$500.00, the shipping costs will be free. If your order is over \$500.00, it would be best if you just had the order shipped to you. But if your order is less than \$500.00 then certainly send those orders to me and I'll order them all together. I have a couple extra order forms or you can call GSO and get them yourself. Thank you very much.

District 6 – David A. - My name is Dave A and I am an alcoholic and the DCM for District 6. We are still doing meetings in the Isanti County Jail. It looks like we will be having a new Corrections Chairperson soon as the present one has indicated that she would like to leave that position and we have someone that has recently shown an interest in the Corrections Committee. We are doing AAI's with the inpatient residents of the Dellwood Recovery Center. It has just come to our attention that we have another treatment facility in our District and one of our members is going to contact them and find out if there is anything that we might do to carry the A.A. Message into that facility. We still have a shortage of officers and committee chairs in our district and continue to be on the lookout for more people to participate in service. We are planning to have our Area 35 Delegate give a report at our next meeting which will be at 7:00 pm in the Spring Lake Lutheran Church on June 20th.

GROUP RECORDS – Sandy H. - Hi Everyone!- Sorry I am unable to be there today I am either in my van on the way home from my nephews wedding yesterday and great niece's baptism today or enjoying the Iowa side of the family either way it's going to be a long car ride home. Thank you Jim K. for all you do and thinking of us all! I cannot wait to hear your report! I am so excited this is the first mailing from the Cold Spring Post Office and I am hoping all goes well. PLEASE let know if you have any questions or concerns. I would like to let everyone know if you have any questions on the postal permit PLEASE contact Jana or Mike A at the Cold Spring Record. I do not do anything with this. I have been updating groups and GSR's. This last mailing we sent out 595 Northern Light's. If you have any updates or need any information please let me know. I am your trusted servant. I will continue to take the 600 flyers to be inserted into the Northern Light but please make the check out to NMAA and send this to our Treasurer. If you have flyers or updates for me today, please give them to Pete B. District 15 DCM and he will give them to me Wednesday. I wish you all Safe Travels home and time to enjoy the warm weather. Your servant.

NORTHERN LIGHT – Jana M. - Not Present - no report

District 21 – Dave G. - Our last meeting was May 13th. There was a lot of enthusiasm from those that did attend the Spring Assembly. We are all looking forward to Jim K.'s report back this next Saturday at 10:00 am. Bemidji Alano Club there is talk of a 100 foot banana split, which will make everyone happy and we can enlighten sponsors and sponsees. Our CPC is putting together a CPC Luncheon. We are once again looking to fill chair positions, corrections and PI.

District 16 – Gene V. - It is with gratitude that I serve as the District 16 DCM. District 16 holds its meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. United Methodist Church, 1701 S.E. 8th Avenue, Grand Rapids, MN. On April 6th and 7th the District hosted the Spring Assembly in Grand Rapids. Our Alt DCM Lynne has been very ill. As of last week she was feeling much better and was attending meetings. Many of our groups have changed meeting location, mainly due to construction. If you plan on attending a group meeting in District 16 be sure to call ahead to verify the meeting location. Once the changes have discontinued, we will be printing new directories. The Effie group has elected a GSR and has now officially joined District 16. No issues or question. Our next District meeting will be June 5th and will be the Delegate report to District 16. Yours in service.

CORRECTION - Skip D. -We had eight people in attendance, two visitors, one DCM. One of the visitors is new from District 8, welcome Leslie. Districts 7, 8, 9, and 11 were in attendance, commitments are being meet. Moose Lake is kind of up in the air. For more information on Moose Lake contact Gary District 11. There was talk about a need for a men's meeting at Thistledeew, Fred will check into this, Thank you Fred. There was also talk about literature in jail's and prison's, there is a policy in place that is not being followed by AA volunteer's or the institution, need to get on the same page. There is a need for literature in the jail's and prison's, it was discussed to prioritize, what literature? Big Books, 12&12s, reflections what should we work on first? did not think it would be possible to take on all at one time. At this time I would like to thank Kelly (Area Chair) for allowing me the opportunity to get out of myself, and to help AA and you at the same time. THANK YOU! Yours in service.

District 8 – Rolene L. - We have been having 20 - 32 attend our District Meetings. We rotate locations every month. Committee meetings start at 6:30pm and District meeting starts at 7:00pm. I attended the Spring Assembly in Grand Rapids and took a new sponsoree to her first Assembly. So good to see good attendance from District 8 members. District 8 will have Steve L. as our nomination for standing for Delegate. Thank you Steve for being willing to stand. Last month we started going through our District Inventory. We decided to do two questions each meeting. We have good suggestions to keep our District active and strong. We are making some changes to our format. I attended the District 12 Workshop in Duluth on May 4th with our Area Chair Kelly D. Very informational workshop. I also attended District 9 Delegate's Report and Open Speaker Meeting on May 18th. Open AA speaker was past Delegate Tom L. He is a long time member we have in our District. It was great to see everyone. We will be having our Delegate's Report June 7th in Aurora. All AA members are welcome. We will be having our District Elections in September. That way the incoming chairs can be helped by our outgoing chairs. To be helpful in their position and responsibility. Instead, of starting with no information or guidance. This will help keep District 8 active and a strong District. We need more Unity and Communication in our Fellowship. Had discussion, a few DCM's at the Spring Assembly on having a Joint Service Workshop together. This is a great way to help the still suffering alcoholic. I am grateful to District 8 for allowing me to serve. Yours in Service.

District 9 – John F. - We continue to meet on the 4th Sunday of the month at 6pm- Hibbing Alano club. Everyone invited to attend. Our positions are filled and we continue to work for Alcoholics Anonymous. We had a Delegates Report - Open Speaker meeting with Tom L. Speaking, past Delegate. We have sent out letters to clergy, law enforcement with information on what AA is and does. We also have the opportunity to put information at the Hibbing Public Library for 2 weeks. We are excited about that. Our "beginners" meeting we have named "About Alcoholics Anonymous" continues to be self supporting with local groups taking turns to chair the meeting on a monthly basis. We will have nominations for our District next month with voting in September. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

CPC – Roger R. - Eight members attended our CPC/PI Breakout session today, representing Districts 8,6,5,7 & 11. The agenda for this meeting included: Serenity Prayer, District CPC Reports, Old Business, NM Age and Disability Odyssey, June 17-18th in Duluth, MN. New Business: Motion passed (7 in favor- 1 Abstained) Area 35 covers volunteer expenses (gas, meal, parking, admissions) for Area CPC and PI Events. Recent District CPC Highlights include District 5, Completed Quarterly Sherburne County, Probation, Orientation, Dissemination of CPC Materials to medical clinics. District 7 Held a successful CPC event on May 16, 2013. Attended by 45 people of which ½ were local professional, sponsored by groups. My recent activity includes - Presenting 12 Steps For a Healthy Group in Duluth, MN at a District Workshop on May 4, 2013. Presenting what AA is and what AA is not at the May 16th CPC event in Brainerd, MN. Future Activity includes - June 17 & 18th - MN Age and Disability Odyssey, Duluth, MN (600-900 Social Workers) Collaborating with Area 36 on this event) If I can be of service to your District please feel free to contact me.

District 11 – Bill C. - Report given by Gary H-We had 12 people at our last meeting, 3 new GSR's from different groups. All our corrections commitments are being met, Yours in service, Gary H.

District 18 – Neil R.-not present, no report

District 14 – Deb A.-Greetings from District 14-sorry we cannot attend the meeting today. We are moving along: Treatment and Corrections continue to support local treatment centers and jails with meetings and speakers. June 24th Sponsorship Panel/Potluck scheduled. Jim our delegate is coming July 9th District meeting to present delegate report on the General Svc Conference. DCM to meet with Archives and PI/CPC to brainstorm/plan future actions and events. More to come... Yours in service

GRAPEVINE – Carey A. - 7 Total Combines Grapevine/Literature, Shared upcoming events for end of rotation. 2014 Pocket Calendars and calendars are out and will make available at Fall Assembly. -Also thankful for Districts that send me their District minutes- Introducing Grapevine Audio Project 1) Tell us your story, How to Participate - Call the Audio Project voicemail (559) 726-1216 or use your own digital recorder or smartphone to record. To begin, visit www.aagrapevine.org/audio-portal for the book, the Language of the Heart turns 25 this year - 17th Anniversary of LaVina this summer. I will be placing a Grapevine order prior to Fall Assembly so if you need Grapevine Literature contact me. Grapevine Quote of the Day as of May - nearly 19,000 people receive the daily quote in their inbox each day. Sign up: AA Grapevine.org 1) Next Rotation - 2013 AA Grapevine Catalog. New Book: Introducing a new book on sponsorship, One on One Subscribe to Grapevine and LaVinia. Grapevine news onLine – Monthly.

District 4 – Jim T. - District 4 Meetings are held in conjunction with our monthly round Robins on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The district business meeting is held from 5:30 - 6:30, then we hold a potluck dinner followed by speakers. The April Business meeting focused on Singleness of Purpose. Comments and reactions were surprisingly neutral to negative - “Why are we talking about this - no big problems with this” Several GSR’s however, expressed concern that outside issues too frequently make their way into meetings. The most frequent concern is that of people with illicit or prescribed drug problems who make no reference to their desire to stop drinking, but continue to attend AA Meetings. Most people present cited a lack of NA meetings in the district as a rationale for permitting attendance of drug addicts who make no reference to a desire to stop drinking. Several present suggested that good sponsorship is the best solution to the dilemma. The district now has a Grapevine Volunteer to help spread the good news which comes from the print or online issues of our “meeting” in print. The district has lost meetings in two of the western communities of Sheraton and Brown Valley. Each of attendance because the biggest challenge, even though there is a small jail in Wheaton which had been a focal point for carrying the message. Great message but currently no messengers. Both communities are part of the population loss that persists in the rural areas. At the other end of the spectrum, The Alexandria Alano Club now hosts about 10 meetings a week. District 4 will hold a joint meeting with District 3 on June 23 in Perham. Delegate Jim K. will present his report to the joint meeting.

District 15 – Pete B. - Greetings from District 15. Our last District meeting was held May 6, 2013. Thank You to Sue N. our secretary who took over Literature Chair position. We went through the literature and she will order what we need. We will also be ordering some in Spanish. District 15 will be setting up an unmanned Literature Display at Stearns County fair in Sauk Center the last weekend in July. Discussed taking Extra money from the Round-up and Buying Big Books for jail and prison in St. Cloud. There will be no June District Meeting due to Jim K. giving his Delegate Report on Monday June 10th at the Albany Community Center at 7 pm. District 15 will host with District 13 joining us. Yours in service.

WEBMASTER – Robert (Bob) B. - Our Calendar on the WEB will be updated later this year. (October or November) At our committee meeting this morning we started a review of the area35 group change form. Everyone on our committee would like to see a simple change for. Group Records input is needed prior to making changes. Work continues. Rodney from district 12 attended our meeting today. He is interest in the Northern Light position. WEBMASTER guidelines were submitted on time.

ARCHIVES – Antonette F. - We opened with the Serenity Prayer. Districts 8,9, 5, 12, 2 and Brad I attended. Kathie and Chuck visited from District 5. Kim stated that District 2 had an Old-Timer’s panel in Thief River Falls on 9/10/13. See Kim for details. District 8 - Patti - working very hard putting things together for their 65 years anniversary of Saturday Night open AA meeting at the Ely Hospital. District 12 - Leslie-Putting hard copies of minutes into plastic sleeves to preserve them. District 9 - Delegate Report, Potluck, Old timers Meeting was May 18th. Brad recorded the meeting - thank you to all that attended. We had a healthy discussion about getting the message out and what we can do to Pass it On. Reminder about Flyers - Kathie suggested addresses on the flyers for directions - Chuck shared some personal experiences Thank you for sharing. Thanks for allowing me to serve. I continue to be humbled by the opportunity.

District 2 – Kim B. - Good morning from District 2. Meetings in our District are going well. Our last District meeting fell on Mother’s Day so it was small in attendance. During the meeting we decided to join District 1 in Erskin, June 9th at 2 pm. to hear Jim’s report back. Also discussed was our long timers panel, which will be held in Badger, MN at the community center on Sept 28th from 2-6:30. We will have 1 woman and 4 men on the panel all with 30 plus years sobriety. I’m excited and looking forward to hearing them share their experience strength and hope with us. Hope you all can join us. Yours in service.

District 12 – Servando M. - I would like to thank all those who shared at our service workshop in May. What a wonderful display of love and gratitude towards the AA Program. Our district meets the third Thursday of each month rotating its location to better serve our district. Our next meeting will be June 18th in Silver Bay. Our Treatment has been in contact with the facilities in our district and we have started supplying literature for those that are in need. We have obtained a corrections chair who is making contact with facilities and chair people. Our PI Committee has recently placed placards of the Duluth Transit buses. They carry the same messages as our billboards and the PSA’s. We have scheduled with Jim to receive his report July 18th at the Cloquet Alano with a potluck. Thanks for allowing me to serve.

ARCHIVIST – Brad I. - Since the Spring Assembly I have been on the road quite a bit. In April I had the full display at the Superior Round-Up that generated a huge amount of interest and response. In May, I set up a small display at the Grand View Lodge in Nisswa for the District 7 C.P.C. workshop. I also presented a brief history of Alcoholics anonymous. I went to Hibbing to record past delegate Tom L. Over Memorial Day weekend I did a joint display with Area 36 at the Gopher State Roundup. One thing I have learned from displaying at Round-ups is when someone prefaces a comment with “I heard in a meeting” or “My sponsor told me” or “I heard a speaker say” the overwhelming majority of the following comment will be either a garbled, distorted, out of context misinterpretation of the actual fact, an unsubstantiated rumor, or an outright fallacy. I heard all of the above at Gopher State. This year I heard again that “Half the people who had stories in the First Edition died drunk.” In actuality it is 3. The best one was the reason there aren’t any pictures of Ebby T. is that he was a black man. Coffee almost came out of my nose at that one. For upcoming events I am doing a history talk in the Brainerd area on the 22d of June and am doing a full display at the Saint Cloud Roundup in October. I am planning on attending the Regional forum in September and also the National Archives Workshop in Springfield IL. I have not had much time to inventory or catalog the collection the past couple of months. Please keep those District minutes coming.

District 13 – Scott B. - District 13 has scheduled our District Report along with District 15 at the Albany Community Center on June 10th at 7:00. District 13 has nominated Roger R. to stand for Delegate next rotation. PI is working on updating list for volunteers to man the AA booth at the County Fair. Corrections and Treatment are looking for volunteers for Service opportunities. District 13 has filled the CPC Chair. I’m looking to see CPC Progress in District 13.

District 5 – Heidi R. - Greetings from District 5. Our district meeting is held on the third Monday of every month at 7pm at Freshwaters Church in Zimmerman. However the July 15th district meeting is being held at the Milaca Alano Club where we will have our Delegate's Report Back with Jim. We are planning to do our old and new business at 6pm and Jim will speak at 7pm. Before our June District meeting we plan to hold a meeting where we go through the district inventory notes from January to come up with possible ideas to help improve District 5. We have recently finished another rotation of the Sherburne Probation Orientation Meeting. We also approved having an AA booth at the Mille Lacs County Fair in August. Rita, CPC/PI Chair, has also signed-up District 5 to cover the AA booth at the State Fair. Rita has been keeping our meeting schedules up to date and working with her committee to distribute literature. We have a new Treatment Chair, Bob, that was elected at the May District Meeting. He will be working to find volunteers to speak at two treatment centers one time per month. We continue to provide AA meetings to the two jails within our District. We continue to get more volunteers for the Sherburne County Jail with three women volunteering. Our Literature Chair continues to have items available and create an inventory of what is available. We have several groups who have made a commitment to purchase one to two Big Books each month to donate to the Sherburne County Jail. I continue to work on visiting groups and updating information with Area 35 and GSO. Yours in service.

TREATMENT – Randy A. - We met this morning as a committee and had 7 people in attendance including 2 new GSR’s from Dist 6 & 7. In Dist 6 - 16 clients from the Pine City Treatment Center attended various meetings in the District. District 1, Irene stated that Glenmore Treatment Center will be closing and will have only out-patient services. AA will no longer be making weekly commitments at this facility. Dave from dist 7 stated focus Unit are where the most commitments are made and that Minnesota Teen Challenge is not very receptive to AA. Christine from Dist 13 stated that they have a committee meeting prior to every district meeting and usually have 7 people in attendance. GSR’s are assigned to each committee. They are also planning to have a luncheon or workshop in the district combined with PI and CPC. Topics for discussion were challenges in Carrying the message into Treatment Facilities. What we bring to Treatment Centers, how we present ourselves and a planned Treatment Workshop with various topics related to Singleness of Purpose. We plan on having the workshop possibly the night before the Fall Assembly on October 4th. More information will be forthcoming at our next Area Meeting. We have added an update to Area 25 Treatment Guideline under “description” which states “Help coordinate/facilitate work on special needs/accessibilities”- We decided that there were currently no detailed information in the kit concerning special needs except for one short paragraph in the workbook and one pamphlet. Yours in service.

District 1 – Irene J. - Greetings from District 1. Our last district meeting was held on April 14th with about 10 in attendance. We meet the second Sunday of every even month at Fertile Community Center at 2:00 pm. On June 9th District 1 & 2 will be hosting a joint workshop with Jim K doing a presentation on his delegate report. This will be held at the Erskine Community Center. Erskine MN, starting at 1:00 pm. After the workshop district 1 will be holding their business meeting. We will be making preparation for the Fall Celebration on Sept 7th. At the Farmers Union Campground. We will have a potluck, round robin tables with an Open Meeting around a Bonfire to end a great evening. Also a note that we won’t be hosting speaker meetings on Saturdays due to The Treatment Center closing. The closest Treatment Center is 2 hours from our district. District 1 will have an unattended booth at the Fertile Polk County Fair. Yours in service.

District 7 – Neil F. - Greetings from District 7! District 7 meets on the third Thursday of the month at First United Congregational Church in Brainerd from 7 - 8:30 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 20th. Please feel free to visit! We are looking forward to Jim’s Delegate Report tomorrow evening and would like to thank him for his service to our Area. The District hosted a COC Event on May 16th at Grandview Lodge in Nisswa. Groups were asked to Sponsor professionals to attend the event and they responded well as we had 40-45 total in attendance. Professionals included clergy, law enforcement, corrections and probation. I would like to thank Liz, Dave, Gail and Nancy for all their work on this event. Also to Brad, Roger and Butch from our Area for their participation. In speaking to professionals after the event, clearly the event succeeded in sharing information about AA that the professionals will find useful in their respective careers. We will be having a PI booth at this years Crow Wing County Fair in Brainerd. Literature will be available. On July 14th we’re having a District Meet and Greet in a park in Brainerd. This event has been very well attended in the past. It’s open to all AA Members and their families. We continue to work with treatment centers and corrections. Arden, our corrections chair, will be working with Crow Wing County at the transitional Fair this month and is looking to fill needs right here in Aitkin County at the jail. Hope you all have a great summer as we continue to trudge together! In service.

OLD BUSINESS

Fall Assembly - Will be on October 5th and 6th at the Holiday Inn on the Lake, 1155 Hwy 10 East, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501. Call 218-847-2121 and ask for the Northern Area 35 Assembly for the \$95.00 room rate. Blocked room deadline is September 4th. Registration starts at 9:00 am.

Minnesota State Fair AA Booth - There are still a couple slots open for Area 35 so talk to Butch if you are interested in being part of the AA State Fair Booth. Area 35/36 Workshop - July 20 Area 35/36 Workshop Calvary Community Church, St. Cloud, MN 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm

West Central Regional Forum - September 6-8 West Central Regional Forum Doubletree Hilton, Bloomington, MN 7:00 pm 9/6 – Noon 9/8 - held every other year, GSO comes to us. Flyers are on the website.

Financial Oversight Committee Report - Sarah K. - The finance committee met at the Aitkin Alano club at 9:30am Sunday, June 2, to review Area 35's financial reports from period 2 (February 1- March 31) & period 3 (April 1-May 31). An additional review of the Period 1 reports was performed by the treasurer as requested by the review committee, and turned up no discrepancies. The committee could not find the \$20 error previously identified, so it was accepted that the reports period 1 are accurate. Our review of the period two financial reports and bank statements confirmed that the total income and expenses for period two are accurate as reported. We have confirmed our equity as of March 31, totals \$25,571.37. Our review of the period three financial reports and bank statements confirmed our treasurer's report that the total deposits listed were less than what the bank listed by \$70. The treasurer reported that this was an error in entering group contribution data in Quickbooks, and that the error has been corrected. The expenses for period two are accurate as reported. We have confirmed our equity as of May 31, totals \$25,240.40, (having been CORRECTED BY \$70). The financial review committee would like to remind groups to verify their contributions are being recorded accurately by checking the Group Contributions Listing report. We thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

AA Meeting Locator Adhoc Committee Report - Bob B. - The ad-hoc aameetinglocator committee met at the end of May. As a committee were came to agreement on the search page that will meet the needs of area35/36. This is a major design change from the Area41 Nebraska software. Our approved design is in progress. Both the area35 and area36 databases have been loaded into the test site. The issue with maps only displaying one meeting per location has been solved with the help of open source software from MIT. Thanks to the students of MIT. We are on target for a rollout at the area35/35 workshop in July

Area 35 Equipment Adhoc Committee Report - Bob B. - Nothing to report. This job is taking a back seat to the AAmeeetingLocator work.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Area 35 Correction Chair - Kelly reviewed that Jeff E. resigned his position as Area Corrections Chair. Jeff did a wonderful job while he was the chair. Since he has resigned, Kelly asked Skip D. if he would like to complete the unfinished term and he agreed to do that. He first had to ask District 5 as he had just accepted a service position in District 5. Kelly asked for a motion to accept Skips nomination as Corrections Area 35 Chair. Does anyone disapprove of Skip as Area 35 Committee Chair and the answer was no - we didn’t have to vote as a result and Skip became the Area 35 Corrections Chair.

Area covering expenses for CPC/PI Area events - as there is a large event coming up in June in Duluth. The Booth Expense and Literature Expenses will be covered by Area 35. But the volunteers who will be manning the booth will be driving and Roger wanted to know if some basic things like meals and mileage could be covered by the Area. The motion that came out of the committee was that Area 35 pay volunteer’s expenses for those who want to help at the event in Duluth - gas, parking, meals and admission for Area CPC/PI Events. Roger made the motion and it was seconded and discussion followed. After discussion, Roger withdrew his motion. This is a discussion that DCM’s need to go back to the local AA groups and ask them what they think and come back to this topic at a later date.

Delegate Nominations 2014-2015 - The Delegate resume’s will now be printed in the Northern Light in August - Steve L., Mike “Jake” J., Roger R., Randy A., and Kelly D.

Calendar:

- Area Committee Meeting - Sunday, August 5th at 9:00 am
- Area 35 Fall Assembly - October 5 & 6 at Holiday Inn on the Lake in Detroit Lakes
- Area Committee Meeting - Sunday, Dec 1, Aitkin, MN - begins at 9:00 am
- Area 35 January Workshop, January 18th and 19th, 2014, Moorhead Days Inn
- Area 35 Spring Assembly - April 5th and 6th, Holiday Inn, Duluth, MN
- Area 35 Fall Assembly - October 4 & 5, 2014, Sawmill Inn, Grand Rapids, MN

Upcoming Events in Area 35 and 36

- Sleepy Hollow Celebrates AA’s Birthday - Saturday, June 22nd, 5PM
- A weekend with Bill and Lois - July 5-7, Camp Hiawatha, Deer River, MN
- 3rd Annual District 3 Round Up, July 12-14, 2013, Ottertail Lake, MN
- District 7 Committee Members Host Potluck Picnic - Sunday July 14th, 11am to ?
- Area 35/36 Workshop - July 20th, Calvary Community Church, St. Cloud, MN
- 34th Annual Keep It Simple Weekend, Aug 9-11th, Camp Chicagami - South of Eveleth
- 23rd Annual Heartland Round-Up, Sept 6-8, 2013, Park Rapids, MN

Area 35 June Committee Meeting Adjourned

2013 – AREA 35 SCHEDULE

You can find out more about events on area35.org

Area Committee Meeting - Sunday, Aug. 5th - 9:00 am
Aitkin Alano Club
322 1st. Avenue N.E.
Aitkin, MN

Area 35 Fall Assembly - October 5th & 6th 2013
Holiday Inn
1155 Hwy 10 E.
Detroit Lakes, MN

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322 1st. Avenue N.E.
Aitkin, 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

July 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
U.S. Federal Holidays are Red	Canada 1 Day	2	3	Independence 4 Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	31			

August 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
U.S. Federal Holidays are Red				1	2	3
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Area 35/Area 36 Workshop - July 20th

12:30 - 5:00 PM

Calvary Community Church

1200 Roosevelt Road

St. Cloud, MN 56301

34th Annual Keep It Simple Weekend

August 9, 10, & 11th

Camp Chicagami on Pleasant Lake (South of Eveleth)

Theme: To Employers

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 traditional and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness.
- VIII. The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.
- IX. Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.
- X. Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.
- XI. The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.
- XII. The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

