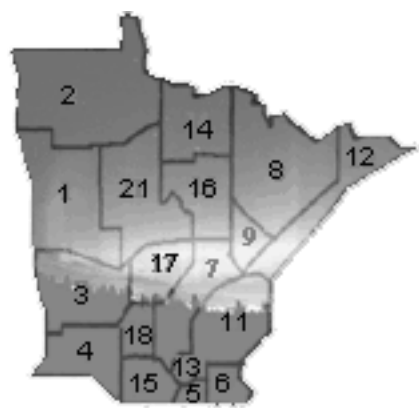


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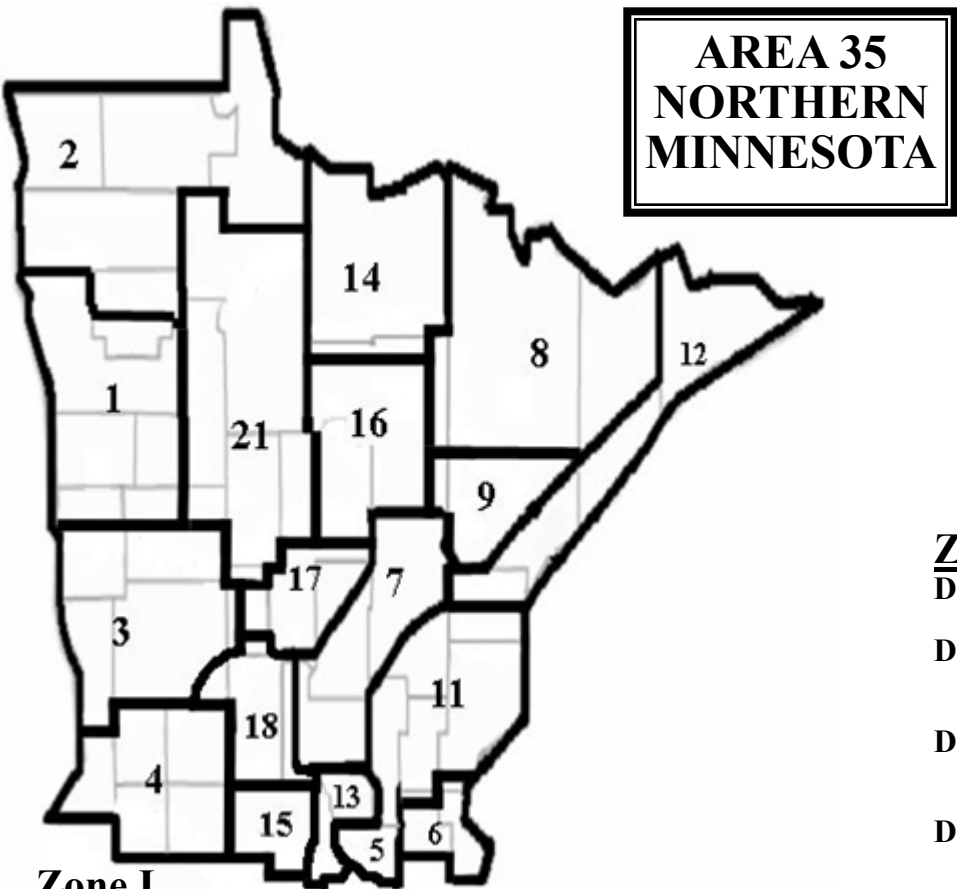
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Northern Light is
November 1st, 2014

This is YOUR Newsletter.

Please send your questions or comments for publication to
Rodney S. at NorthernLight@area35.org

Please bring extra copies to share with your group!

Don't forget to visit and bookmark your Area 35 web site! - <http://area35.org>
Event Calendar - Meeting Directory - NL Online - Download Pamphlets - District Pages



Zone I

- District 1** - Ada, Crookston, Erskine, Fertile, Fosston, Mahnomen, 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

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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, Rush City
- 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, Wahkon
- 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, Clarissa, 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, Nett Lake, 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, Littlefork

** 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
- District 17**
Not currently active or unknown

AREA 35 COMMITTEE 2014

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MOVING? ADDRESS NOT CORRECT?

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

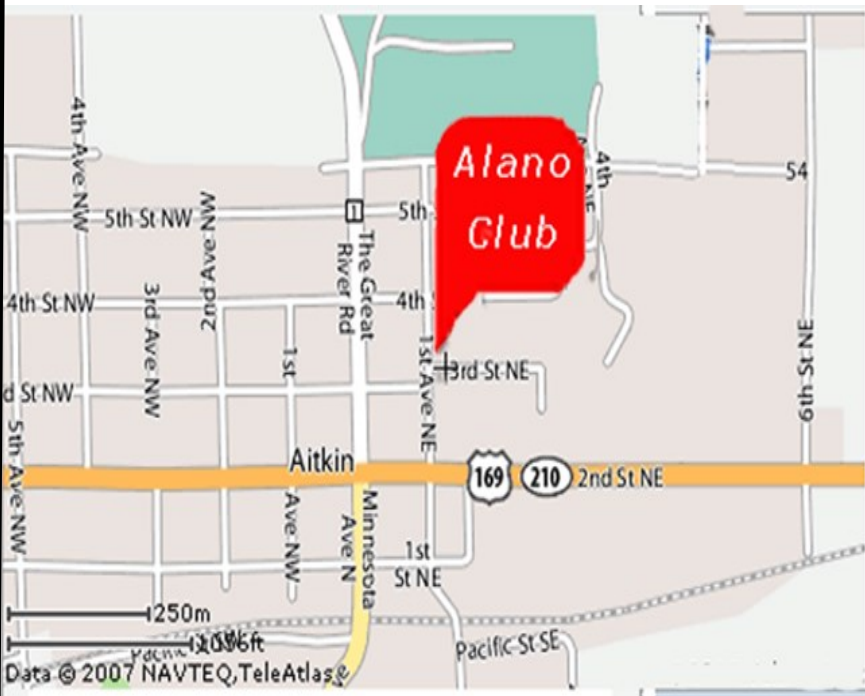
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AREA 35 EVENTS
INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

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

AREA 35 EVENTS
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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!



OUR PAST DELEGATES

Panel 62 Jim K.	2012-2013	Panel 24 Gordon B. H.	1974-1975
Panel 60 Jon C.	2010-2011	Panel 22 Frank P. J. (deceased)	1972-1973
Panel 58 JoAnne M. N.	2008-2009	Panel 20 Clarence B. (deceased)	1970-1971
Panel 56 Jerry S.	2006-2007	Panel 18 Dave H. (deceased)	1968-1969
Panel 54 Charlie C.	2004-2005	Panel 16 Arno A. (deceased)	1966-1967
Panel 52 Tim C.	2002-2003	Panel 14 Donald F. (deceased)	1964-1965
Panel 50 Tom A.	2000-2001	Panel 12 Donna T. (deceased)	1962-1963
Panel 48 Susie A.	1998-1999	Panel 10 Bob B. (deceased)	1960-1961
Panel 46 Bill P.	1996-1997	Panel 8 Pearl N. (deceased)	1958-1959
Panel 44 Bruce B.	1994-1995	Panel 6 Waldo H. (deceased)	1956-1957
Panel 42 Greg G. (deceased)	1992-1993	Panel 4 Wendell H. (deceased)	1954-1955
Panel 40 Bob J.	1990-1991	Panel 2 Arthur R. (deceased)	1952-1953
Panel 38 Scott J.	1988-1989		
Panel 36 Louie H.	1986-1987		
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		
Panel 26 Vern R. (deceased)	1976-1977		

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)

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE'S REPORT

Well we certainly went through summer fast. Heading into fall and the busy season for service activities, round-ups and other A.A. activities. This last month has been a little slower but I have still found enough things to fill my schedule. Attended Keep It Simple Round-up outside of Eveleth, a family reunion and crossed over to Battle Lake for the District 3 Reunion get-together. What awesome times. I shared my Delegate's report at Battle Lake and got to meet a few people from the surrounding communities. I love people that are active in General Service but it is so nice to sit and share with those that are in the different districts and hopefully offer some insight to what is happening to AA. I get the opportunity to attend the heartland Roundup and look forward to the upcoming Zonal Forum in Fort Ripley.

Recent questions being discussed by delegates: Do your young people's groups participate in your service structure? Do any of your groups have to get liability insurance for their meetings? How do your delegate and other area officers get reimbursed for travel expenses? Does your area reimburse the delegate for attending the International? And how does your area handle the moneys for Grapevine and literature? It is interesting to see how different all our area service structures are and yet how alike.

Our group participation in contributions to GSO went up this year from 31% last year to 35% this year. We're getting better. Thanks to all of you for your participation in our service entities. Unfortunately the ad hoc literature committee is not lowering shipping costs for purchases under \$50 but did decrease it after that. The real sad part is that literature prices in general are going up and the only way to stem the tide is to increase overall contributions so our needs are met without raising literature prices as it is hard to get them down. In order for us to have a power of the purse talked about by Bill we must cover our expenses with donations. Let's all participate in this venture and see what happens. This year we are ahead of budget by a little and expenses are down so that is good. A.A. belongs to all of us; let us always have gratitude for our many blessings.

Thanks for the district minutes. I am grateful to see what is getting done and also that most of us struggle with the same issues. We must always keep I mind that alcoholics are dying around us and we may be their only hope. We do not need to look good—only *do* good. One of the issues of discussion involves regional directories and how out of date they are right away. We are continuing to press the issue as a region to use the FMV data base as a directory resource. Bob B. our chief technician has been keeping track of ours with good results. We will probably never achieve great results as A.A. is so fluid with people coming and going but we certainly can try. Thanks for all who try to keep our group records straight. We have many good things that happen in our area; the hard part is sustaining them.

May you all be blessed in your lives handling difficulties and blessings with God's Grace and the fellowship's support.

Yours in Fellowship and Service,
Michael (Jake) J.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

Greetings Area 35,

It is hard to believe we are at the end of our summer and are now moving into the fall season here in northern Minnesota. I hope you were all able to get out and enjoy some time with family and friends over the summer.

Our Fall Assembly is fast approaching and will be held in Grand Rapids at the Saw Mill Inn October 4-5, 2014. I wanted to share this quote from *AA's Legacy of Service by Bill W* with you:

“Getting Involved in A.A. General Service, Our Twelfth Step — carrying the message — is the basic service that the A.A. Fellowship gives; this is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore, A.A. is more than a set of principles; it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given

the truth may die.”

Please consider Bill's message to all of us in Alcoholics Anonymous. If you are not involved in General Service work, consider becoming a part of it and join us at our Fall Assembly to find out what it is all about and how you too can help carry the message in General Service. And for those of you currently serving, I just want to say thank you for your service, you truly are “a society of alcoholics in action” by the work and commitment you have made to Area 35 to continue to carry the message of hope to the alcoholic that still suffers.

Grateful to be of service,
Kelly D. Alternate Delegate

AREA CHAIR'S REPORT

I wanted to take advantage of this opportunity to share why it is important for me to participate in Area service. When I was newly sober, learning how to practice the principles in all my affairs, I was invited into area service as a GSR. During my term as GSR, I learned so much about myself, and not always things I liked! I couldn't avoid my defects, and I had to learn how to get along with others (which was hard because I still thought I had the best ideas and wanted people to do things my way). I loved recovery because it is all about me, and nothing made me feel better than working one-on-one with another alcoholic. So, I struggled a bit trying to accept the realization that service wasn't about me, it's a completely selfless endeavor. I don't personally benefit from the service I'm engaged in now; I'm not even doing it for me, it's for the people in the future, people I don't even know. Eventually, I recognized what my sponsor had been showing me all along: that doing service was a part of my duty to A.A., a way I can try to help ensure that A.A. will be here and healthy for generations to come. It's the least I can do after all A.A. has done for me.

As our goal is no small thing but how to preserve A.A. for future generations, great care must be taken in selecting future servants. The health and endurance of the entire area, and ultimately A.A. as a whole, rests upon the shoulders of our individual leaders. This is why Bill so clearly and thoroughly laid out the importance of good leadership in Concept 9. So, it is essential we know that potential leaders possess the skills necessary for leadership before we elect them, and how else, but through frequent contact with each other, would we really know anything about how they work with others? If they are prone to power-drive, or if they lead by example. If they can handle difficult situations and criticism with grace and tolerance. If they compromise cheerfully when in difficult situations and are capable of the “careful discrimination and soul-searching that true leadership must always try to exercise.” Do they possess vision of what A.A. might need to tackle the future (within the committee areas), and yet is their action tempered by prudence? Not all members possess the ability or willingness to be involved in general service, and some members are serving in different leadership roles; however, for those who have the desire to serve, we know we need time to learn about a person and their abilities so we can select the best leaders for A.A. You can see then, why it is imperative we continue to have active members involved in service, from GSRs to district committee chairs and DCMs, and why suggestions for servants are frequently made based on those who have been coming to area events. When we have frequent contact with each other we can see who possesses the qualities listed above and better identify who might be capable, willing, and able.

So, for all these reasons, please share the importance of attending Area functions regularly with your district committee chairs, GSRs, and group members. And you don't have to have a position to be qualified for a position, you just have to be present so that you can become known!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and AA.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I would like to express my continued gratitude to Area 35 for allowing me to serve as your Area Secretary. After days when I am able to serve to Alcoholics Anonymous, I place my head upon my pillow and sleep better.

(officer reports > secretary's report continued)

I would also like to thank the area officers, action committee chairs and DCM's who are sending me your area committee and assembly reports electronically. If you are unable to send me your report, please remember to give me a hard copy of your report. If you are not able to attend an Area Committee Meeting or Assembly, you can email me a report that I will include in my minutes.

I enjoyed working the Area 35/36 AA MN State Fair Booth on August 24, 2014. Although traffic at and by our booth was not as heavy as it was in past years.

I am looking forward to participating in our next Zonal Forum on September 13 in Fort Ripley, MN and am also looking forward to seeing you all at our Fall Assembly in Grand Rapids, MN on October 4-5. I am looking forward to participating in the Zone 3 Zonal Forum on September 13. I also hope to see many of you at the Area 35/36 Joint Workshop to be held in St. Cloud on November 1.

In service,
Roger

TREASURER'S REPORT

It has been a very good summer despite the wet weather, and there have been a lot of great meetings and service activities to attend. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Area Committee Meeting in August due to my work schedule. All the previous reports were updated, corrected and sent out to the Area Officers and DCM's.

I also sent out a plethora of "Thank-You" letters out to the con-

tributing groups in the area for the last 4 periods. If I have missed any groups, please accept my sincere apologies and contact me. There were a few that were hard to read and some that did not have complete return addresses on them. I still get requests for address updates and send them out immediately so they have time to send out the contributions. Groups that have no GSR's or group contacts and do not attend District Meetings are kept out of the loop and have a more difficult time communicating their service needs.

It is imperative as trusted servants of the Area, to visit other districts, attend other service activities such as workshops, round-ups and open meetings to keep informed and to show your support of their respective service functions. There is a lot of self-sacrifice and giving of time that goes into setting up a service function such as a workshop or open meeting as well as the costs associated with the event. Self-support is vital and crucial to the survival of any event.

It also important to practice the 7th tradition in all our events. As Bill W. wrote in the Oct. 1967 Grapevine, "Though not costly, these service agencies are absolutely essential to our continued expansion--to our survival as a fellowship. Their costs are a collective obligation that rests squarely upon all of us. Our support of services actually amounts to recognition on our part that A.A. everywhere must function in full strength—and that, under our tradition of self-support, 'we are all going to foot the bill.'" Please read the guidelines on self-support / finance that can be found on the GSO's website, or you can email me and I will send a copy to your group. Thanks—until next time!

Yours in Service,
Randy A., Area 35 Treasurer

cash basis

Northern MN Area 35 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous
BALANCE SHEET

	Period 4	
	Jun 30, 14	Jul 31, 14
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1-4200 · Grapevine Cash Account	1,192.11	1,192.11
1-4250 · NL Mailing Flyer Cash	150.00	150.00
1000 · Area 35 Checking Account	12,398.18	14,771.12
1100 · Savings - Prudent Reserve	6,038.55	6,038.71
Total Checking/Savings	19,778.84	22,151.94
Total Current Assets	19,778.84	22,151.94
TOTAL ASSETS	19,778.84	22,151.94
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	27,413.47	27,413.47
Net Income	-7,634.63	-5,261.53
Total Equity	19,778.84	22,151.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	19,778.84	22,151.94

Cash Basis	Northern MN Area 35 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous			
	Profit & Loss Budget Performance			
	Period 4 June 1 - July 31			
	Jun - Jul 14	Budget	Jan - Jul 14	YTD Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Cashbox from prev. rotation	0.00		0.00	
4000 · Group Contributions	5,836.82	8,550.00	16,473.56	29,925.00
4001 · Paypal	0.00		0.00	
4100 · Birthday Contributions	145.00	62.50	188.00	218.75
4200 · Special Contributions	0.00		0.00	
4250 · Other-anonymous	0.00		14.00	
4300 · Amends	0.00		0.00	
4400 · GSR Sharing Session Basket	0.00		0.00	
4500 · Service Workshop Registration	0.00		990.00	1,000.00
4550 · Service Workshop Coffee	0.00		162.15	250.00
4555 · Service Workshop Speaker Basket	0.00		0.00	50.00
4560 · Share the Love buckets	0.00		0.00	
4570 · Seventh Tradition	0.00		129.00	120.00
4600 · Spring Assembly Coffee	0.00		415.00	550.00
4610 · Fall Assembly Coffee	0.00		0.00	
4620 · Area 35/36 Workshop SMAA Refund	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
4700 · Grapevine Sales	0.00	50.00	192.11	700.00
4750 · NL Flyer Insert Income	0.00	75.00	225.00	300.00
4800 · Interest on Deposits	0.30		1.03	
4900 · Less Returned Checks	0.00		0.00	
Total Income	5,982.12	8,837.50	18,789.85	33,213.75
Expense				
5000 · Area Event Expenses	0.00		0.00	100.00
5100 · Committee Meeting Rent	50.00	50.00	100.00	100.00
5110 · Area 35 Archives Rent	0.00	200.00	0.00	600.00
5120 · Grapevine Inventory	0.00		0.00	600.00
5130 · NL Deferred Mailing Expence	519.28	250.00	519.28	500.00
5200 · Service Workshop	0.00		1,305.25	2,315.00
5300 · Spring Assembly	0.00		1,248.50	750.00
5350 · Zonal Forums	0.00		50.00	525.00
5400 · Fall Assembly	0.00		0.00	
5500 · Joint Workshop (A35/A36)	0.00	310.00	160.00	310.00
5600 · WCRAASC	0.00		0.00	6,213.50
5700 · Refunds	0.00		0.00	
6550 · Finance Oversight Committee	25.00	190.00	490.50	2,140.00
66000 · Payroll Expenses	0.00		0.00	
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00		0.00	
Total Expense	594.28	1,000.00	3,873.53	14,153.50
Net Ordinary Income	5,387.84	7,837.50	14,916.32	19,060.25

Cash Basis	Northern MN Area 35 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous			
	Profit & Loss Budget Performance			
	Period 4 June 1 - July 31			
	Jun - Jul 14	Budget	Jan - Jul 14	YTD Budget
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Expense				
6100 · Delegate	248.86	140.00	3,839.36	4,635.00
6200 · Alternate Delegate	29.50	40.00	604.15	985.00
6300 · Chairperson	39.28	85.50	1,034.62	1,216.00
6400 · Secretary	25.00	115.00	1,599.12	2,615.00
6500 · Treasurer	205.00	220.00	1,422.23	1,660.00
7000 · Archives Chair	20.00	80.00	401.10	890.00
7100 · Archivist	277.00	238.45	1,245.00	1,352.20
7200 · Corrections	72.70	52.00	628.22	726.50
7300 · CPC	200.25	145.00	1,317.19	1,530.00
7400 · Grapevine	25.00	75.00	897.00	1,160.00
7500 · Group Records Secretary	277.36	312.00	1,519.92	2,064.00
7600 · Literature	0.00	85.00	696.97	1,088.00
7700 · Northern Light	341.00	690.00	1,801.41	2,535.00
7800 · Public Information	40.00	65.00	697.34	1,165.00
7900 · Treatment	26.00	65.00	737.10	1,265.00
7950 · Webmaster	64.64	70.00	754.77	1,512.85
8000 · Web Technology	73.00	42.68	982.35	1,583.96
Total Other Expense	1,964.59	2,520.63	20,177.85	27,983.51
Net Other Income	-1,964.59	-2,520.63	-20,177.85	-27,983.51
Net Income	3,423.25	5,316.87	-5,261.53	-8,923.26

Cash Basis	Northern MN Area 35 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous	
	Profit & Loss Budget Performance	
	Period 4 June 1 - July 31	
		<u>Annual Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Cashbox from prev. rotation		
4000 • Group Contributions	51,300.00	
4001 • Paypal		
4100 • Birthday Contributions	375.00	
4200 • Special Contributions		
4250 • Other-anonymous		
4300 • Amends		
4400 • GSR Sharing Session Basket		
4500 • Service Workshop Registration	1,000.00	
4550 • Service Workshop Coffee	250.00	
4555 • Service Workshop Speaker Basket	50.00	
4560 • Share the Love buckets		
4570 • Seventh Tradition	180.00	
4600 • Spring Assembly Coffee	550.00	
4610 • Fall Assembly Coffee	550.00	
4620 • Area 35/36 Workshop SMAA Refund	100.00	
4700 • Grapevine Sales	1,200.00	
4750 • NL Flyer Insert Income	450.00	
4800 • Interest on Deposits		
4900 • Less Returned Checks		
Total Income	56,005.00	
Expense		
5000 • Area Event Expenses	100.00	
5100 • Committee Meeting Rent	200.00	
5110 • Area 35 Archives Rent	1,200.00	
5120 • Grapevine Inventory	1,200.00	
5130 • NL Deferred Mailing Expence	750.00	
5200 • Service Workshop	2,315.00	
5300 • Spring Assembly	750.00	
5350 • Zonal Forums	1,095.00	
5400 • Fall Assembly	270.00	
5500 • Joint Workshop (A35/A36)	310.00	
5600 • WCRAASC	6,213.50	
5700 • Refunds		
6550 • Finance Oversight Committee	3,840.00	
66000 • Payroll Expenses		
66900 • Reconciliation Discrepancies		
Total Expense	18,243.50	
Net Ordinary Income	37,761.50	

Cash Basis	Northern MN Area 35 Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous	
	Profit & Loss Budget Performance	
	Period 4 June 1 - July 31	
		<u>Annual Budget</u>
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income	0.00	
Other Expense		
6100 • Delegate	5,555.00	
6200 • Alternate Delegate	1,550.00	
6300 • Chairperson	2,227.00	
6400 • Secretary	3,700.00	
6500 • Treasurer	2,910.00	
7000 • Archives Chair	1,730.00	
7100 • Archivist	2,629.10	
7200 • Corrections	1,538.50	
7300 • CPC	2,888.00	
7400 • Grapevine	1,795.00	
7500 • Group Records Secretary	3,470.00	
7600 • Literature	1,558.00	
7700 • Northern Light	4,290.00	
7800 • Public Information	3,135.00	
7900 • Treatment	1,815.00	
7950 • Webmaster	2,769.85	
8000 • Web Technology	2,005.00	
Total Other Expense	45,565.45	
Net Other Income	-45,565.45	
Net Income	-7,803.95	

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI)

Summer is quickly winding down and I am looking forward to several fall fishing trips and our Fall Assembly in Grand Rapids, MN. I think I may just have to make that a combination assembly/fishing trip. I have been contacted by several people who have found our Area website and are looking for more information about A.A. and how to get in touch with us. It is always an enjoyable experience whether I am talking to a professional looking for referral information or whether I am talking to a member or a potential member. I am regularly reminded that what we have in Alcoholics Anonymous is a very rare and precious thing. We all need to guard our program and traditions to ensure its continuation.

In a recent publication from A.A. World Services to PI Chairs, Jim Malone, PI Coordinator asked us all to consider the role of A.A. in local recovery events. A section of that publication follows:

The P.I. desk here at G.S.O. has received some challenging questions from trusted servants about how best to respond to local invitations. Even when considering events in which local A.A. has previously participated, several committees have reported that they needed to carefully reconsider the details of each event, to review our [Twelve Traditions](#), and to consider the shared experience in our P.I. literature in order to arrive at an informed group conscience regarding having an A.A. presence.

To that end, here are some questions that committees have found it helpful to explore:

- Is the event “informational” in nature? If the event is part of a cause (advocacy, politics, religion, etc.) is there a way that information about A.A. can be provided that will not be viewed by attendees/general public as an endorsement, “actual or implied,” of that cause?
- Will there be media coverage of the event (including television, print and online media)? If yes, what assurances can be obtained that A.A. members’ anonymity (no faces, no full names) will be respected?
- Is the event potentially controversial in the world at large (potentially involving A.A. in outside controversy) or within A.A. (potentially damaging local A.A. unity)?
- Will the A.A. literature display/booth be distinctly separate from other entities/organizations, to avoid confusion regarding singleness of purpose and non-affiliation?
- How will participating organizations be listed in media (e.g. event posters/flyers, etc.)? Alcoholics Anonymous does not “sponsor” non-A.A. events.

It is often helpful to speak with other local trusted servants, such as your delegate, or to discuss with other local P.I. committees how they are handling such invitations. Of course, you can also contact the P.I. desk at your General Service Office if we can be helpful to your committee in reaching an informed group conscience.

I would also like to remind everyone that registration is open for the 2015 International Convention, July 2-5, 2015, Atlanta, GA 80 Years - Happy Joyous and Free.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Area 35 and hope to see many of you in Grand Rapids in October.

Jeff C., Area 35 PI Chair

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC)

Hello Area 35. There hasn't been a lot of action on the CPC front since my last report. Mostly I've spent time going through the pamphlets that I have and organizing them in groups.

There seems to be enough volunteers for the upcoming Health

and Human Services conference in October. I will be starting to contact and verify that everyone is still available. I will also be in touch with those who participated in last year's event to see if there were any suggestions for improvement.

If any districts have any CPC events that they would like my assistance with please don't hesitate to contact me. Also if you would like to look into sponsoring an event I would be willing to any options available.

I was able to attend the state fair along with a sponsee and sit the booth. What a wonderful experience! There were many members who stopped to thank us for our service, which was nice, a lot of contacts were made. We also had a few people stop and ask for direction for getting personal help and several concerned for family members. It a day full of gratitude and I look forward to next year.

Thank you again, Area 35, for allowing me to be of service and participate in this wonderful fellowship of action.

Yours in service,
Servando M.

GRAPEVINE

Greetings from beautiful Northern Minnesota! Summer is fading fast and the best part of that is our beautiful Fall season. Even more exciting than that is the upcoming Fall Assembly! I encourage everyone to attend as there is always something to learn. I am ordering some material and I invite everyone to look at the many things the Grapevine has to offer. I will be ordering some of the Daily Quote books and if you purchase one, I guarantee you will not be disappointed! Happy 70th Birthday, Grapevine—the best is yet to come.

I have been busy attending some functions and meetings the last few months and unable to attend others. I apologize for that. My new job has my time consumed at this time. I had the privilege of attending the District 3 potluck, speaker meeting and delegate's report. The speakers were excellent, the delegate's report very informative. I continue to learn new things and meeting people in recovery is always the bonus.

Thanks to everyone for "giving it away to keep it" I continue to be in awe of a program that the members are the deciding forces and we are but trusted servants. Thanks for letting me be a part of Alcoholics Anonymous and let me know if I can be of service in any way. See you in October.

Antonette F.

TREATMENT

Greetings from your Treatment Facilities Chairperson. It's been a busy summer! I did not make the Aiken meeting August 2. I want to thank Dave, Roger and Mike for helping out! I was at a family reunion in Wisconsin. I received a few calls from the temporary contact desk! Look forward to the fall assembly and the Joint Area 35/36 workshop. Thanks!

Yours in service, Paul M., Area 35 Treatment Chair

ARCHIVES

Greetings everyone,

My summer has gone by fast. I did attend District 15's meeting which was held the first Monday in August. One Saturday I attended a thrashing show and while looking through the flea market stuff I found some rather interesting memorabilia concerning the Saturday Evening Post. I will bring them with me to the Fall Assembly to show everyone.

I'm planning on putting an Archives quiz in every issue of the Northern Light. With Brads help I will come up with some good ideas for the A.A. quiz.

Until the Fall Assembly have a great ending to summer and hope for a warm fall.

Yours in Service,
Pete B.

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CORRECTIONS

Well it has been fairly quiet since the committee meeting. I did meet up with Area 36 for the Statewide Corrections Committee on August 4th.

We did find out the cost of the corrections contact forms, to order they are as follows:

- 1250 @ 8.5 cents each
- 2500 @ 10.2 cents each (this is what Area 36 pays)

We also talked about adding Area 35 back on the forms. It was discussed to have James (Area 36 Corrections Chair) and myself to put together an A.A. pamphlet for corrections, so James and I have met a couple times to work on it.

I was also able to meet up with Bucko the new Corrections Chair for District 12. We met in Aitkin and then went to Battle Lake for the District 3 Round Robin; needless to say we were together all day. We went through the contact program and how it works. The round robin was fun and informative, the food was great, the speakers AWESOME. Thank you all who participated. You all made me feel welcome, and it was really nice to have Bucko there to talk with on the way up and back.

Truly an honor to serve,
Skip D.
Area 35 Corrections Chair

LITERATURE

We had seven districts represented this morning in our meeting. We had three people who were here for their first time—welcome Tracy, Jon and Gene. Tracy is her district's new literature chair and was looking for some information on how to proceed. Jon is his district's new DCM and Gene was an interested member from the Aitkin area.

We discussed ordering procedures and shipping costs; how a district could determine what the shipping costs of an order would be through the AA online store without having to place an order to see if they wanted to place the order or not. We had a very lively discussion, including many more details then I have presented here. Thanks to all those who were in attendance.

I'm looking forward to being in Thief River Falls this September for their GSR workshop. Hope to see many of you there. If you need literature, I need two weeks prior to you wanting your order to get it from GSO.

In Service
Jim S., Area 35 Literature Chair

ARCHIVIST

Since the August committee I have not had much time but to get ready for the Duluth Round-up. I have never been to the site where it is being held but those who have say it is an easy load in but we don't have much time to set up. I am also giving a history talk this year.

I have found out I can get in on Friday night to set up for Fall Assembly. That takes a huge load off of my mind.

All that is on the calendar for Archives displays is the St. Cloud Round-up in October.

Thanks again for this opportunity to be of service.

Brad I., Area 35 Archivist

GROUP RECORDS

Hello Area 35. Good to back in action after my surgery on my foot. Thank you to all of you who signed the feet from the Area.

I have been having some trouble with the FNV database. I have been receiving emails from GSO, they have been having difficulties with some changes they are making.

I am going through the database to see if any groups are active

that do not have a contact person. I will send each DCM their groups that are concerned inactive groups, so please go through these. I will have your group record information again at the Fall Assembly.

I attended District 9's District meeting in August. I discussed what the group records is about and how important it is to have this information updated. There were 3 new GSRs there that evening. I explained to them our change forms and etc.

I am planning on visiting other Districts as well in the near future here.

Yours in Service,
Rolene L., Group Records.

WEBMASTER

I have been uploading flyers to the calendar for area events. I am in the process of working on an instruction sheet for inserting a flyer in the Northern Light and also how to send a flyer out. These have been a learning experience, even though I know how to do it. It is harder to put the instructions down on paper. I am hoping to get these done soon and have them proof read so that they can be put on the Area 35 Website.

As for hits here you go!

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2014	1,812	2,982	11,329	121,180	2.17 GB
Feb 2014	1,681	2,741	9,704	100,831	1.98 GB
Mar 2014	1,973	3,080	10,474	116,300	2.43 GB
Apr 2014	1,999	2,912	11,875	109,046	2.15 GB
May 2014	2,072	3,391	13,890	117,746	2.66 GB
Jun 2014	2,019	3,774	16,319	113,720	2.86 GB
Jul 2014	2,259	3,711	16,550	122,806	3.24 GB
Aug 2014	2,147	3,611	15,468	120,479	3.35 GB
Sep 2014	402	523	2,047	15,789	515.65 MB
Oct 2014	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 2014	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 2014	0	0	0	0	0
Total	16,364	26,725	107,656	937,897	21.36 GB

Day	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
01 Sep 2014	107	387	3,156	72.16 MB
02 Sep 2014	107	459	4,007	120.44 MB
03 Sep 2014	110	388	2,983	129.65 MB
04 Sep 2014	84	358	2,572	90.42 MB
05 Sep 2014	99	401	2,943	86.08 MB
06 Sep 2014	16	54	128	16.91 MB

Thank you everyone for this opportunity to serve, and if any one of you would like anything on the Area 35 Website please let us know we will make it happen.

Yours in service,
Sandy H. Webmaster, Area 35

WEB TECHNOLOGY

In the News:
From the Last GSB Board Minutes:

The committee agrees to forward to A.A.W.S Inc., a request to “Task the staff of the General Service Office with the development of a searchable, web-based, mobile-friendly database of meetings in the United States that is consistent with General Service Office records. This database would also be available to Area and District and should include an interactive map. Only meetings that desire a web presence should be included in the database.”

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Areas of Concern

AAmeetingLocator has a contact us form. This form is used to report meeting formation that needs updating and general information about A.A. requests.

Meeting information that needs updating is usually reported when an A.A. member went to a meeting and the meeting did not take place or was not at the correct location. I sent these requests to our group record committee member. From here we do not have a defined process to get the meeting information updated. We plan on working this issue at our joint area35/36 workshop.

We also need a solution to answer A.A. information requests. These questions lend themselves well to a moderated blog. We could post the general/local A.A. question and then add answers. A moderator could review all questions and answer before they were posted on the WEB. These are just thoughts. I/we do not have a solution at this time.

2014 aameetinglocator Statics
Congratulations to aameetinglocator: 8000 + visitors in July and in August

AAmeetinglocator has grown over the year. We have had over 8000 unique visitors in the months of July and August.

AAmeetinglocator is a service that is used and supported by all members of area35.

www.aameetinglocator.org PC based

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
January	3,605	6,156	22,462	132,445	3.08 GB
Feb	3,120	4,803	20,800	114,870	2.65 GB
March	3,802	5,987	21,425	135,721	3.23 GB
April	3,618	5,621	21,562	130,439	3.09 GB
May	3,762	5,742	23,112	129,896	3.16 GB
June	4,050	8,255	29,394	154,681	3.43 GB
July	4,744	7,268	29,319	159,889	3.78 GB
August	4,896	7,480	33,665	163,006	4.06 GB
Total	31,597	51,312	201,739	1,120,947	26.48 GB

m.aameetinglocator.org cell phone based

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
January	2,092	2,684	9,801	16,500	491.25 MB
Feb	1,829	2,283	8,947	14,819	471.59 MB
March	2,440	3,056	11,279	18,805	588.48 MB
April	2,042	2,613	9,555	15,994	491.55 MB
May	2,276	2,802	10,230	17,130	558.78 MB
Jun	2,656	3,375	12,551	20,752	636.90 MB
July	3,432	4,386	16,259	26,885	824.90 MB
August	3,239	4,065	14,510	24,335	782.49 MB
Total	20,006	25,264	93,132	155,220	4.77 GB

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combined visitors

Month	Unique visitors
January	5,697
Feb	4,949
March	6,242
April	5,660
May	6038
Jun	6,706
July	8,176
August	8,135
Total	51,603

DEFINITIONS:

Unique Visitor:

A unique visitor is a person or computer (host) that has made at least 1 hit on 1 page of your web site during the current period shown by the report. If this user makes several visits during this period, it is counted only once. Visitors are tracked by IP address, so if multiple users are accessing your site from the same IP (such as a home or office network), they will be counted as a single unique visitor.

The period shown by AWStats reports is by default the current month. However if you use AWStats as a CGI you can click on the "year" link to have a report for all the year. In such a report, period is a full year, so Unique Visitors are number of hosts that have made at least 1 hit on 1 page of your web site during the year.

Visits:

Number of visits made by all visitors. Think "session" here, say a unique IP accesses a page, and then requests three other pages within an hour. All of the "pages" are included in the visit, therefore you should expect multiple pages per visit and multiple visits per unique visitor (assuming that some of the unique IPs are logged with more than an hour between requests)

Pages:

The number of "pages" viewed by visitors. Pages are usually HTML, PHP or ASP files, not images or other files requested as a result of loading a "Page" (like js,css... files). Files listed in the NotPageList config parameter (and match an entry of OnlyFiles config parameter if used) are not counted as "Pages".

Hits:

Any files requested from the server (including files that are "Pages") except those that match the SkipFiles config parameter.

Bandwidth:

Total number of bytes for pages, images and files downloaded by web browsing. Note 1: Of course, this number includes only traffic for web only (or mail only, or ftp only depending on value of LogType). Note 2: This number does not include technical header data size used inside the HTTP or HTTPS protocol or by protocols at a lower level (TCP, IP...). Because of two previous notes, this number is often lower than bandwidth reported by your provider (your provider counts in most cases bandwidth at a lower level and includes all IP and UDP traffic).

National AA Technology Workshop

The first National AA Technology Workshop (NAATW) was held in St. Louis, Missouri August 8 through August 10. The meeting opened with introductions. Our General Service Office was well represented. There were a number of past trustees, past delegates, seated trustee, and seated delegates. Minnesota had 4 members, 1 from Northern Minnesota. There were A.A. members from coast to coast. A total of 49 members attend the conference. The conference was structured to allow plenty of time for sharing ideas and ways we were using technology. Scheduling was flexible to allow unlimited open mike time.

A Newcomer’s View of A.A. Technology Use

A number of examples were given of WEB meeting information where the meetings were no longer there: bad addresses, limited access, or no public access. We all know about our troubles keeping up with our meeting lists. This presentation talked about the impact on the newcomers. Our meeting may be held at a church complex. Did the meeting information include which door to use or were their directions to meeting location. One situation was a secure parking lot. A code was needed to get into the parking lot. One had to attend the meeting or know a meeting

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member to get the code.

Dennis B. and I discussed keeping aameetinglocator up to date. We do not have a defined process when a user reports that a meeting was not at the correct location or the meeting did not take place. When I get informed about inaccurate meeting information I send that information on to our record keepers. Then hopefully our record keepers get the information to the DCM's and the records get updated—or are they updated? We do not have a follow up in our process. In A.A. we have a defined process to register a new meeting. What is our process when the meeting ends? Do we fill out a group change form to close the meeting? Who should fill out the form? During our Area35/36 workshop in November our committee will work on this process.

The Facebook Topic

This is always a lively topic. Years ago Bill talked about anonymity, technology, and changes that were taking place. When I first heard this discussion, I felt that they were predicting our current WEB technology. They were discussing concerns about the changes that the first transatlantic phone lines would create. Times have changes and so have our methods of communication. When we join Facebook we give complete control over our content on Facebook to Facebook. Facebook changes their rules to suit their needs. They are in business to exploit our content. When we use Facebook for A.A. purposes we face anonymity breaks by association. On Facebook anonymity breaks have a chance of reaching millions of people. This is new to our way of communicating.

Facebook uses our information and associations for advertising. I have bought items on Amazon and saw related ads on Facebook. I have bought the A.A. Big Book on Amazon and I have seen ads on Facebook for recovery items. I'm sure my friends also see some of these ads. At first I felt that this was a negative on Facebook. Today I'm at neutral. All my life I have been targeted by ads based on my likes and past purchases. My Facebook friends list has grown into a who's who in Northern Minnesota A.A. We may all start seeing ads for plastic body parts. I doubt if this will result in an anonymity break.

Over time the way we communicate is changing. Facebook and Social Media have added another layer to our ways of communication. There may come a time we may use this media to reach the alcoholic that still suffers. We need to learn as much as we can about Facebook and Social Media so we can make informed decisions in the future.

The Step, Traditions, and Concepts

This could not have come at a better time. Today I feel that our anonymity and Facebook/Social Media will not work together. I'm am set in my beliefs. Over time views on Social Media will change. There may come a time when there is substantial unanimity to accept and use Social Media in A.A. After a vote will I have a resentment and have to go back and work the steps or will I embrace and support the substantial unanimity vote? Today I do not have to answer this question. What I need to do today is understand all sides of the social media argument.

Supporting Technology

Finding volunteers that can support WEB sites and other area of technology seems to be a common problem across A.A. I did not hear of a common solution. Some areas are paying for technical support. Most of the payments were token compared to fair market prices for the service. I think many companies were also A.A. members.

Many areas do not rotate the WEB position on a regular basis. This works for a while. I'd hear comments on how some wanted their position rotated. Then the same person was wondering if they could market their website work. Is this a case of not being able to find a replacement because the web-master does not want to let go of their work?

Another solution to write the website using "WordPress." WordPress is a package that will build WEB sites without having to have knowledge of HTML, PHP, or databases. WordPress is available to area 35 on our Linksky web host. I have read a text book and I am in a class to learn about WordPress. WordPress is much easier to learn. There is still a learning curve. I think WordPress has possibilities. There is also Weebly and Wix combina-

tion web site host and editors.

Security

I was hoping for a more technical presentation. I am interested in how other areas are distributing information through secure web-sites and/or cloud services. These tools help share proprietary information. I was hoping to hear about password management. We did not talk about secure password management. Most areas were using one password and sharing that password based on a need to know. One area had their minutes with phone number and full names behind a secure area on their website. All one had to do was say that they were a member of A.A. and they were given access to the minutes.

Could a newcomer or out-of-town visitor find AA in your town using the internet?

This is a rural issue. Not all phone numbers are listed in phone books. If the numbers are listed, what title are they listed under? This makes searching for an A.A. contact number difficult. WEB searches are based on popularity. Rural website do not get the use that metropolitan website may get. Searching for an A.A. meeting becomes harder in rural areas. Aameetinglocator helps solve this problem. Our state -wide A.A. locator does well with search engines. A.A.'s can find meetings in all of Minnesota. If I want to talk to someone in A.A. finding phone numbers is a challenge.

Odd and Ends

With Skype, your next speaker meeting could have a speaker in Japan, or Europe or anywhere else in the world! Think of the possibilities. GSO commented that legal concerns would probably prevent a GSO centralized A..A. meeting finder WEB site.

The Grapevine asked that we put information on our website to promote the Grapevine. They estimate that 70% of A.A. members do not know about the Grapevine.

NATIONAL AA TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP (NAATW)

GUIDELINES—See Bob B. or send email to support@area35.org for a copy of these guidelines,

The NAATW was an outstanding opportunity. I was able to combine AA and technology all weekend long ... including lunch and dinner breaks. I feel that area35 is doing good job using technology to support A.A. When people mentioned that there was a need for locating meetings on a cell phone, I could take out my cell phone and show an interactive map with directions to my home group meeting in Minnesota.

12 Statements of Technology

1. We suggest implementing technology where it supports our primary purpose of carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
2. We are responsible and assess value when using self-support funds for technology initiatives.
3. We are responsible where anonymity is more vulnerable to a wider audience with increased speed or new sensation.
4. An informed group conscience is paramount to technology decision-making.
5. We strive to understand where Individual versus Group values are different.
6. We perform due diligence and rely on demonstrable A.A. experience.
7. We record non-technical requirements before making technology choices.
8. We take care to understand the property value and legal implications of technology used for A.A. purposes before making binding decisions.
9. We are responsible for transparency in discovery, process, & implementation.
10. We use technology to make information available, not to limit it.
11. We communicate and support the intended service level.
12. We consider how best to Pass it On.

Bob B.
Area35 WEB Technology
support@area35.org

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NORTHERN LIGHT

Hello and happy fall to everyone. I have been quite busy in my personal life as well as all the A.A. activities that come with the nice weather. The thoughts on writing reports that I expressed in my report at our August meeting in Aitkin have been in the forefront of my mind during all this busyness—not in that I found myself writing down the thoughts and reflections that coincided with what was going on, but that I was very aware when I *wasn't* writing anything down.

When I first sobered up I found it terribly draining as I tried to find a place to begin sharing because everything *was connected*. That became a trademark slogan of mine among my closest friends. I had a lot of help in becoming able to see that although things are interrelated I could take some action to sort and organize both the material and the immaterial.

With all the activity that goes on now though, I am able to return to a comfortable place of interrelatedness where everything truly is *connected* and much of what goes on in my life parallels those who are struggling in recovery or trying to reach recovery. The connectedness that I am aware of now is in the form of unity, not just within the A.A. fellowship but out in the wide, wide world. Just as everything in my past up to this point has been necessary to mold and shape me into who I am at this moment, so is everything that occurs in the “big ole world” necessary in order for everything to work in the plan of my creator. In achieving the acceptance necessary to stay positive in a sometimes brutal existence and to continue to see hope and purpose when terrible atrocities and injustices are taking place around me I need to stay in touch with this unity—which comes about through continual work with steps 10, 11, and 12. In my past the lyrics of Eddie Vedder summed it up for me—or so I thought; now, when something tries to get me down and in my mind I hear, “There’s a big hard sun, beating on the big people, in a big hard world,” a sense of gratitude comes over me, and while things may not be great, or as comfortable as I want them to be, I know that everything is necessary for the whole scene to play out as it’s supposed to. Another great A.A. slogan used by old timers from my Kansas days comes to mind: “In the mean time, it’s just a mean time.”

I attended the Keep It Simple weekend and got to wish my friend Lisa T. of Virginia, formerly of Duluth, the best in starting her new home and journey in Florida. I tend to make work out of everything so I endeavored to do my best while there to practice *easy does it* as well as *keeping it simple*.

At the Heartland Round-up just last weekend, I soaked up more relaxation while having *easy* discussion and interaction with Bob, Kelly and Rolene on serious matters about working with others and how many simply don’t seem to be ready or willing to try a new way of life. It was amazing how many of the talks I had with people during the weekend about Alcoholism—more specifically the spiritual solution and the need for a God of our understanding that works in our lives—coincided with the flavor of the talks that the speakers brought forth. All of this was topped off with the hospitality—and food—that Bob and his wife so joyfully shared with those of us willing to join them.

I consider myself to be a person of an “internal bend” and I am certain that because I celebrated a sobriety anniversary between these two events I spent more time in reflection and discernment regarding my life in recovery and what may lie ahead.

I am looking forward to sharing some of what service means to me and what it has meant to me in the past at the GSR school in District 2, attending the Duluth Round-up, and participating at the Fall Assembly. Though not my home group but one that I am very committed to, *The On Awakening Group* in Duluth is having its Fourth Annual Retreat on October 25th at Gooseberry Falls State Park. All this activity makes for a happy and purposeful life and I can honestly say that it is hard to believe that it is time for these yearly events to take place already.

I have one more note of interest, one that I decided at the last minute to put in my report. I hope I get some feedback on this as I am surprised that I haven’t heard anything thus far. The headers of the even numbered pages (left side) of the 75th Commemorative Publication of *Alcoholics Anonymous* contain the title, *Alcoholics Anonymous* while the headers of the odd numbered pages (the right side) contain the title of each particular chapter, such as “Bill’s Story” and “There is a Solution.” In “We Agnostics” the last page of that chapter is page 69; the header should read “We Agnostics” but instead contains the book title, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Since I came into this program a unique person—literally dying from uniqueness—I would like to think I have the only book with this error. I *chase* that uniqueness the same way others talk about chasing the experience of that first drink.

I never would have believed I would one day say that I am happiest when I am among people and that I am grateful for everyone in my life, being exactly as you are supposed to be.

For letting me get to that place, for letting me be of service, thank you.

Rodney S., Northern Light Editor

Archives Quiz

contributed by Archives Chair, Pete B.

1. In what city was the first International Convention held?

a. Cleveland
b. New Orleans
c. Minneapolis
d. St. Louis

2. In what year did AA reach the estimated one million mark?

a. 1976
b. 1978
c. 1980
d. 1982

3. In what year did AA receive the Lasker Award?

a. 1949
b. 1950
c. 1951
d. 1952

4. What Doctor gave the book review of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1939?

a. Dr. William Silk worth
b. Dr. Foster Kennedy
c. Dr. Harry Tiebout
d. Dr. Harry Fosdick

5. What hospital did Dr. Bob do his AA work?

a. Towns Hospital
b. Akron City Hospital
c. St. Thomas Hospital
d. New York General

6. In what year did AA's separate from the Oxford Groups in New York and in Akron?

a. 1936
b. 1937
c. 1938
d. 1939

7. When the Big Book was written in 1939, AA had how many members?

a. 25
b. 50
c. 200
d. 100

8. In what year did AA show up in Minnesota?

a. 1939
b. 1940
c. 1941
d. 1942

9. Who was the first Delegate for Area 35?

a. Waldo Hall
b. Arno Adams
c. Wendell Habin
d. Art Robertson

10. What was the first movie made in Hollywood concerning AA?

a. My name is Bill W.
b. Days of Wine and Roses
c. Come back little Sheba
d. The lost Weekend

Answers will be published in the next issue of—just kidding—answers are on bottom of page 21

**Area 35 June Area Committee Meeting
Aitkin, MN
August 3, 2014
Minutes**

Sarah K. Called meeting to order and opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Recognition of past delegates in attendance: Tom A. Panel 50; Susie A. Panel 48; Bruce B. Panel 48; Jim K. Panel 62.

Minutes from the June Area Committee Meeting were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Delegate-MIKE J. Thank you area 35 for the privilege of serving as your Panel 64 Delegate. It has been an exciting time with a little break the last month. Of course that has been filled with friends and family visiting from Missouri, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. What a difference AA has made in my life. Many blessings to all of you that are suffering thru health issues this summer may your healing be swift. I am happy to report that I have been able to give reports in most districts and am hoping to finish the last few soon.

I enjoy sharing my experience and some of the ideas I have had while serving these past months as your delegate. I have really enjoyed the food at the districts I have shared in. Thank you. I have had discussions questions with other delegates on questions like whether or not young peoples groups participate in our service structure (such as ICCYPAA), Does your Area (or any service entity within your Area) offer professional American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters for group meetings? If so, how are the professional ASL interpreters funded? Has your area historically, or are they currently planning to fund the delegate to attend the international convention? Do we have any literature translated into the language Kare (Burmese /Myanmar sub language). Or any one that speaks the language?

News from GSO:

Markings on the Journey video is available from GSO catalogue number DV-01 cost is \$10.00

I asked about the sub-committee on literature prices and was informed that they are working on it and I would get a report when they had one.

Hi Terry- Hope you're well and having a good summer!

I spoke with you a while back about Grapevine doing a special section to run stories of experience by members who are involved in Cooperation with Professionals service with AA. We are hoping to get some stories that will inspire other members to do that kind of service too. They can be a mix of the member's own personal story with how they got into that kind of service, what they've learned, and how it has helped their own sobriety. Inspiring stories by doctors or other professionals that we've reached could be good too. The stories are due Dec 1. People can send them to us on our website at www.aagrapevine.org/share or they can send them to gveditorial@aagrapevine.org.

Have also been trying to get surveys out to the groups that are to do them. This has been a challenge as group contacts have changed so I have sent them to DCM's. We also lost a past Delegate and long time A.A. member from Area 36 Chuck R. Thanks for all the blessings I get from serving area 35. Yours in Service Michael (Jake) J.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE-KELLY D. - Good morning Area 35, It is good to be here today and I look forward to a day of service and fellowship with all of you.

I had the opportunity to visit District 13 on July 7th. It was great to see such an active District in service with many attending. I brought some of the fliers of our upcoming Zonal Forum on September 13th that will be held in in Fort Ripley and talked about the importance of everyone attending to keep communication between Area 35 and the Districts ongoing. I then visited District 5 (my home District) a few weeks later and did the same. They also had great attendance at their meeting that night and I would like to thank them both for allowing me the time to talk to them about their upcoming Zonal Forum. My hope is to be able to get out and visit more of the 6 Districts in Zone 3 before the Forum. Again I ask the DCM's in Districts 5,6,7,11,13 and 18 to please take the fliers and Agenda I emailed to all of you a couple of months ago (or copies I have made for all of you today) back to your Districts and groups for discussion on what your needs or concerns are and how we can best be of service to all of you. Please encourage everyone whether in service or not to attend the Forum. We Area Officers are all looking forward to spending that time with all of you and your Districts.

Next year's Area 35 January Service Workshop will be here before you know it. The theme will be the same as the 2015 General Ser

vice Conference which is "Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity and Service – The Foundation for Our Future." Again our guest for that weekend will be Greg T., Publications Director from GSO and it will be held in Superior, Wisc. January 17-18th at Barkers Island Inn and Resort. I am busy working on the agenda for that weekend and will be asking some districts to present on certain topics. I will have this completed by the Fall Assembly so there will be plenty of time for those presenting to prepare.

I have been asked by Michael, DCM for District 2, if I would be one of the presenter's for the GSR School they will be having in Thief River Falls on September 27th. I would like to thank him for this opportunity and look forward to the time I will be there. I think it's great that they are organizing this event to be helpful to the current GSR's and also hopes of getting more individuals to become GSR's for their groups in that District.

I will be out at the Minnesota State Fair on August 23rd from 7:00-9:00 pm volunteering in the AA booth. This is something I enjoy being a part of every year. I am sure there are some time slots open, please consider doing this form of service work. It is a great way to carry our message and meet some amazing people. I'd like to thank all the districts that send me their meeting minutes and encourage all districts to do the same. I have also made my reservation for our upcoming Fall Assembly in Grand Rapids October 4th and 5th and look forward to seeing you all there.

Finally I hope you are all enjoying your summer with friends and family and have also had the opportunity to attend some of the Round-ups and Speaker Meeting events that have been happening all over Area 35. We have our great Area 35 website at www.area35.org that provides a calendar of events that gives us all the activities that are happening around northern Minnesota. I hope you get out and enjoy some of these summer and fall events coming up!

Grateful for the opportunity to serve,

Kelly D.

AREA CHAIR -Sarah K. I recently read an interesting article titled "The importance of A.A. in changing destructive behavior." It is written by a professor of psychiatry who advocates the importance of Alcoholics Anonymous as a community resource for those people struggling with alcoholism. I was struck by a few things about the article, first that the author understood our traditions of singleness of purpose and anonymity. Second, that this is a far cry from the days where we needed what amounted to personal "letters of recommendation" to get into facilities to work with alcoholics! It seems that as times have changed, so have our responsibilities to A.A. Our goal remains our primary purpose: to carry the message to alcoholics who still suffer, and as a servants of Area 35 each of us asks ourselves if we are fulfilling our responsibilities through our respective service positions. Perhaps we consider if there are workshops we could host or assist with on Traditions or Concepts, the importance of supporting the General Service Structure and sharing with others the services provided. Or we wonder if we understand the importance of doing the work associated with our positions, including the importance attending and participating in service related meetings at the Area, District, and Group levels. Or we share on the importance of being involved in general service in our home-groups and sponsor people into service. In each of these ways, and so many more, we each help perpetuate A.A. so our groups, our message, remains strong and healthy, something that is recommended by mental health professionals for those still struggling with this deadly disease. Without your work toward keeping the Fellowship healthy, united, and strong, people might forget about the Traditions and Concepts. If this were to happen, A.A. might fall apart, and how would we ever get back together again?

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve A.A. in this small way and to each of you for taking time from your lives to do the same.

Secretary-Roger R. I would like to express my continued gratitude to Area 35 for allowing me to continue serving as your secretary.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the area officers, action committee chairs and DCM's who are sending me your area committee and assembly reports electronically.

For those of you who have not sent me your current report, I would greatly appreciate it if you could send me your report via email by August 10, 2014. Your promptness will allow me to get out the minutes from today's meeting in a timely manner.

I am looking forward to participating in our next Zonal Forum in October and am also looking forward to seeing you all at our Fall

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Assembly in Grand Rapids MN. in October. I have placed a flyer on the Are 35/36 Workshop to be held in St. Cloud on November 1. In service, Roger

TREASURER- Randy A. Greetings from the Area Treasurer. My sincere apologies for not being able to attend the Committee Meeting this month due to my work schedule. I posted a switch at work for the past two weeks with no takers for a shift switch. I don't think people like to work on week-ends Ha! Ha! All the reports have been completed and I am currently working on sending out contribution Thank-You' letters to all the groups who have contributed thus far. My sincere apologies for not keeping up with the "Thank-You" letters as I will back date all the contributions from the beginning of the year to all the groups that have contributed to the Area. I will email the completed list to all the DCM's in case any groups get missed. If you think your group has made a contribution and did not get credited, please call or send an e/mail as I will try to get that corrected right away. DCM's please get all the necessary Financial Information to your Districts and make sure they get the reports to their respective "Home Groups" as some have called or emailed about where to send the contribution, where to receive envelopes, or how much their group has contributed for the period or year. I have also received calls about why the reports were not in the Northern Light Newspaper and I forgot to attach them with my report. They will be included in the next Northern Light. I am still in the learning process as I go, but things will get better and more organized as the process gets easier. A special thanks to Steve L. for bringing my reports to the Area and making the checks out and his expertise with QuickBooks and technical skills, and also to Sarah K. for her reminders, ideas and current updates about the job. Both have been past Treasurers and have helped me out tremendously and it is a good thing to have people in the Area with knowledge and past experience that are willing to help out whenever they can. I feel blessed that we have such enthusiastic trusted servants in our Area that are willing to serve. We have done okay the past two months with contributions and expenses so please feel free to call or email me with any concerns.

Yours in Service, Randy.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS

NORTHERN LIGHT-RODNEY S. Greetings Area 35. First of all, if you rearrange this issue of the Northern Light you can put the pages in the correct order. How this misplacement happened is under investigation.

Thank you for the refurbished computer and new software—I think. Seriously, as I stated in my report in the Northern Light, Bob has made some good suggestions to alleviate most of the problems I had at first, a remote keyboard and mouse instead of a touchpad. I already have both of these items and could use them, but the biggest issue with the touchpad, and to a certain degree the tighter keys, is about my emotional control and how my internal energies come out. Using publisher is sometimes touchy business, anyway. The bottom line is that from the onset of my growth in the program of A.A. I have found it necessary to adjust myself to outside people places and things, not the other way around.

A recurring them for me at this time seems to be that I don't need to reinvent the wheel, just because my ego wants to.

One of the biggest things I've found in service is that ***I am not running the show.*** I become terribly judgmental, lose all sense of compassion and the ability to accept people as they are, become intolerant and would eventually give up on service unless I remember to practice this mainstay of my serenity, part of a waking and walking inventory as lined out on page 84 and 85 in the B.B.

It is great the way everyone is participating with their reports. I'd like to diffuse some of the confusion surrounding the reports for the Northern Light, the live reports here and at assemblies, and what you send to me and what you send to Roger. Area 35 Officers and Committee Chairs send reports on activities they are involved with including whatever they've been doing between the meetings here. DCM's do not need to send anything to me. Your reports given here will be in the minutes when you send them to Roger. He has a deadline for reports. I tried to help someone this past time but their report contained news of an event that took place *after* the June Committee meetings. When we refer back to minutes for whatever reasons it is important that they be as accurate as possible.

I attended the District 12 meeting in July, where Jake gave his report back to that District. One of the big concerns there is the closing of the Miller Dwan meetings in Duluth, mainly the Saturday night speaker meeting. They also are looking at some kind of service event for time and space given them by the Duluth Round-up committee.

Without running the show I tried to make some points about looking at their biggest issues, pointing out that District 12 is one of the worst for number of groups listed as inactive. That fact and the loss of the Miller Dwan meetings are results of the type of complacency that exists from lack of involvement at district level. I stressed the importance of maintaining group records and meeting information as done in a unified way by A.A., through the FNV database, along with our other venues of communication, ie. Northern Light and Area 35 Website, and a meeting locator. I think these means of communication could go a long way in alleviating some of that complacency. I brought that up to our committee this morning.

I replied to Mike H. of District 2 in his request on suggestions and presenters for a GSR school in his district. I will be there on Sept. 27 to share what I feel is important about being a GSR, how to be a good GSR, and what it has done for me, as far as my growth as a person and an A. A. member.

I will be at the Keep it Simple Weekend next week, getting material for my next report for the Northern Light and the Fall Assembly. This takes us into my next topic: writing reports. Some of you like to write—some don't. Maybe some of you journal. From what I hear around the tables, the rest of you are like me—you think a lot. That's not a bad thing when you're involved in service and participating with the activities of the program, not just round-ups and service functions but anything involving how this program impacts your life and the lives of those around you, via jails, hospitals, natural deaths, relapses, etc. If you can scribble down some of your thoughts when you are thinking about them, (and remember where you put them) you will have some material when time comes to send or make a report somewhere. Most of you have been GSR's, so you have either been doing reports or should have been doing them. Doing them now is one way I can make some living amends for the lack of reporting—or poor reporting—I did back when I was GSR.

The next *Northern Light* deadline for area chair and officer reports and submitted contributions is September 6th.

Thanks for allowing me to grow through service.

District 14 –Deb A. no report

Literature –Jim S. Morning Everyone. We had seven districts represented this morning in our meeting. We had three people who were here for their first time—welcome Tracy, Jon and Gene. Tracy is her district's new literature chair and was looking for some information on how to proceed; Jon is his district's new DCM; and Gene was an interested member from the Aitkin area. We discussed some ordering procedures and shipping costs such as how a district could determine what the shipping costs of an order would be through the A.A. online store without having to place an order to see if they wanted to place the order or not. We had a very lively discussion, including many more details than I have presented here. Thanks to all those who were in attendance and I'm looking forward to being in Thief River Falls this September for their GSR workshop. Hope to see many of you there. If you need literature, I need two weeks prior to you wanting your order to get it from GSO. In Service, Jim S.

District 1 Jon S. Our last district meeting was conducted on June 8, 2014, following a special presentation by delegate Jake, held jointly with neighboring District 2. The District 1 meeting was attended by the DCM, the secretary, and 6 other GSR's. Jake participated at the beginning of our district meeting to answer questions we had about general trends in A.A., and about our area. We updated our meeting schedules with several color options and they were generally liked. I printed on double-sided myself on laser printers and the consensus was the quality was good and acceptable and would save the district money over hiring a printer. It was also noted that the schedule changes would not have flyers at a booth or table at the Polk County Fair as we usually do. Flyers are not available. Everyone was reminded of the potluck picnic July 19th in Crookston and flyers were passed out. Attendance is usually about 100 people. Attendance in Ada, 7 to 12; Crookston Monday, 9; Crookston Tuesday, 12; Crookston new H.A.L.T. about 14; Erskine Wed. High noon, 6 to 10; Erskine Tuesday night, 2 to 5; Fertile Thursday, 5; Fosston Thursday, 10; Mahnomen, 10 to 12; Twin Valley, 2 to 5; and Waubun, 5 to 7. It was agreed that we would drop the Fall picnic at Lake Sarah near Erskine, to focus on the potluck picnic in Crookston. In the past the weather has not cooperated with the fall campground event by the lake. The total lack of inpatient treatment centers in our district was again discussed and it was mentioned that one also closed in nearby Thief River Falls. The lack of meetings at our jail was discussed. Jail administration still requires mandated reporting of any admissions by inmates, and cur-

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rently we have no members willing to go through the fairly challenging process of entering the jails to conduct meetings under those conditions and with those rules. Our jail houses some federal inmates and thus must meet more stringent guidelines. Even if a judge allows for furloughs to attend meetings subject to Jail policies, the jail will not allow that to happen.

District 3-Ray B. I'm an alcoholic. I'm the Alternate DCM for District 3. My name is Ray. We have about 20 people attend our 2 hour district meeting the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10AM. Our meeting location will be the Alano Club in Detroit Lakes starting with the October, 2014 meeting. We are in the process of doing a district inventory. We are excited about our 4th annual Round-up Reunion that will be in Battle Lake August 30th, 2014. Jake will give his Delegate Report. We wish you all could attend-We hope to see many of you for FUN-FOOD- FELLOWSHIP! Flyers are on the back table & in the Northern Light.

Finance; enough 7th tradition contributions to fulfill our commitments though the end of the year.

Treatment and Corrections; commitments are being met.

Positions; All chairs are filled at this time.

Yours in service, Ray B.

Web Technologies –Bob B. 8154 people visited AA meeting locator in month of July. This was a record month. Thank your groups for supporting AA Meeting locator.

CPC –Servando M. Our CPC/PI meeting was attended by Districts: 5, 6, 7, 8 and 16 this morning. We have registered for a table top display at the St. Louis County Health and Human Services Conference. Will repay District 12 for paying our registration fee for Area 35.

District 16-Griffin M. Our Treatment, alt DCM, and Secretary Positions are all open. Attendance at our last District meeting was 4. We continue to carry the message to three of the treatment centers in our district. Weekly Jail meetings are happening thanks to our corrections chair Tike S.

Since the last Area Committee Meeting I attended the Bill and Lois Campout, and the Tuesday Solutions Group.

Two of our 18 groups are inactive at this time. My goal is to visit each of the 16 other groups at least once before the end of the year. Yours in Service, Griffin M.

District 7- Carl P. Hello all. Greetings from district seven. We had Jake give his delegate's report in June followed by a round robin at Sleepy Hollow. Thanks, Jake. We are having a zonal forum on September 13th followed by an old timer's panel. This will be again held at Sleepy Hollow. We held a picnic on July 13th for district seven. No district funds were used for this event. We have all our district positions filled at this time. I am looking forward to this fall's area assembly in Grand Rapids. Hope to see you all there. Yours in service, Carl, DCM District 7.

Webmaster –Sandy H. Hello everyone

I'm Sandy H. alcoholic and currently serving as your Area 35 Webmaster. We had 5 people in our meeting this morning. We had much discussion on Web pages, workshops, & the Northern Light. As of last night Area35.org hits visitors for July & August were as follows:

Month	Unique Visitors	Visits	Pages	Hits	Band width
July	2,259	3,711	16,550	122,806	3.24 GB
August	112	123	597	4,171	134.90 MB

I have been working with Bob uploading flyers to the Area 35 calendar. I Attended District 13's July committee meeting. They are doing an awesome job and I am thankful they invited me. I am working at the State Fair on August 23 5-7pm I am grateful for this service opportunity. If you would like a flyer on the calendar or have any questions please let us know or ask we will get the answers for you. Please contact Bob or I with any questions, comments, or request. Yours in Service, Sandy H.

Treatment- Paul H. Four members attended out meeting this morning representing Districts: 8, 13 and 5. Roger R. our Area 35 Secretary also participated in our meeting. District 8 carries meetings into 2 facilities. District 13 is very active in four treatment facilities. 30 names were just added to a contact list for volunteers in District 13. District 5 is also fulfilling its treatment meeting responsibilities. We discussed how district can improve trusted servant accountability and also developed two questions for our October breakout meeting. One questions continues our accountability dis-

cussion and the other focuses on communicating our Singleness of Purpose to treatment facilities.

District 21-Irv R. no report

District 6 – Renell District 6 co-hosted our Delegate Report with District 5 on June 21, 2014. We plan to work the Area 35/36 MN State Fair Booth on August 24 from 9-11 am. District 6 will be hosting a Workshop on Saturday September 6: " Our Common Welfare Through Gratitude in Action"- all are welcome to attend. All of our officer positions are now filled, we are still in need of a Grapevine Committee Chair. Your in service, Renell.

Group Records- Rolene L. Hello Area 35, I have been working on getting every DCM your District's group information. Unfortunately I was having some health and computer issues.

I am doing well after my foot surgery so I will get back on track here—getting your information to you and updated. DCM, Gayle R. is our Corrections Chair and Tim R. is our AA Hotline coordinator. A big thanks to everyone who stepped up!

District 13 will be hosting the Joint Workshop in November so we will start gathering volunteers to help with setting up, greeting and clean up.

Some things that our chairs are busy doing:

PI – Benton County Fair booth will be set up this upcoming week. Meeting schedules are scheduled to go to print in a couple months so the committee is working on revisions. PI continues to order pamphlets to stock the racks at the Alano Club. We bought over \$600 in pamphlets this year to keep our racks filled.

Treatment – Commitments are continually being met in the facilities. We have been working at forming a substitute list for volunteers to have contacts if they are not able to fulfill their time commitment. I am unable to attend the committee meeting; Sandy H. has offered to give each DCM your Northern Light. Thank you Sandy. Also Bob B. has offered to read my report...short and sweet as it is.

Please go through your information, DCMs and let me know if I need to correct or update any information.

I have been also putting in my reports about how VERY IMPORTANT it is that groups have a contact person or GSR/Alt. GSR; if they do not, that group goes into an inactive or unknown part of the FNV. So please make sure you have someone on your group change form. As when I send your groups info to the DCMs if they are not active you do not see that group on the FNV database.

I attended District 8's District Meeting last month. Thank you for allowing me to serve in Area 35. Yours in service, Rolene

District 13- Christine G. Greetings from District 13,

We hold our district meeting the 1st Monday of the month at the St. Cloud Alano Club starting at 7:30pm. We would like to extend an invite to anyone who would like to come join us at our meeting. At last month's meeting we has 3 new GSR's and 2 of those groups did not have previous representation at the district. It's very exciting to see these groups get involved.

Last month, we had Bob, Sandy and Kelly visit our meeting. Bob put on a presentation on how our district could better utilize the district webpage on area35.org. Bob sent over a link that I have shared with our district. There is excitement from the GSRs. Kelly shared about the upcoming Zonal Forum on September 13th. Thank you all for visiting our meeting, it is always nice to have involvement from the Area.

Our district inventory will take place tomorrow night at 7:30 pm and we have asked Tim C. to facilitate the Inventory.

We have filled our open service positions. Angie S. is our Alternate.

Corrections - Continues to recruit volunteers to bring in meeting to the local jails and prisons. It is becoming hard to find people who will clear the requirements as laid out by the jails.

We are happy to report that our district has come out of our financial slump and in July we took in \$720 in donations and have a checkbook balance of \$750. This is so great to see groups rally together to support their district to carry the message.

In Service, Christine.

District 11 Bill C.

Grapevine- Antonette F. I was unable to attend the founders day picnic due to work obligations as well as the District 6 meeting and again; I do apologize. We had an excellent meeting this morning and we talked about the struggle we have getting people involved in service work. Encourage the GSR,s to attend the Fall Assembly and sponsor someone into service. Again we talked about shipping charges. Be creative with your orders and maybe get mul-

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tiple orders together to share the charges. It is up to us to put forth the effort. Be the change you want people to see.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Antonette.

District 8- Jerry B. Hi, I'm Jerry & I'm an alcoholic, currently serving as DCM for District 8. Our district meetings are held during the first full week of each on a rotating basis as to the day of the week and meeting location. Feel free to ask myself or any of our District 8 committee chairs or officers & we'll help you out as best we can. Our July district meeting was held in Cook with 26 in attendance representing 14 groups. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday August 7th at the Loon Lake community building in beautiful downtown Palo. You're always welcome to join us and have some coffee and goodies along with a lot of great fellowship! We currently have 2 alternate committee chairs open (Corrections and Treatment) which we are hoping will be filled at our August meeting. I was asked by our Group. Records Chair, Rolene L., for us DCM's to remind the GSR's/groups to at least have a contact person with the correct name and number to receive updates, etc. Rolene recently had surgery and couldn't make it today. Also one member. from District 8, Butch R. had surgery on his small intestine Thursday evening, July 30th so please find a place in your thoughts and prayers for them. Jeff C., if I don't get a chance to talk to you, Butch has asked me to let you know he will not be able to fill his commitment at the State Fair Booth this year. I know he deeply regrets this as it is a great way to be of service for Area 35 and of course AA as a whole. District 8 members are always willing and hopefully able to serve whenever and for whatever when called upon. Yours in service, Jerry.

District 15- Melissa M. no report

PI-Jeff-C. Summer is moving right along and it is nearly time for the Great Minnesota Get Together. Last call for Area 35 volunteers interested in helping out at the State Fair A.A. booth. We still have shifts available on August 23 and 24. If these shifts are not covered by August 10, 2014 then we have offers from Servando and Jacob to cover the balance of the open shifts. Thank you everyone for your willingness to help at this great PI opportunity.

At today's PI/CPC meeting we had representatives from Districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and 16. District PI committees are busy keeping district meeting cards up to date, updating meeting information, holding newcomer meetings, and staffing phone lines.

There was a discussion about including non-registered meetings on local meeting cards. Most districts are including non-registered A.A. meetings on local meeting directories. It is recommended, however, that groups be registered and keep their group contact info up to date as the FNV database, which populates aameetinglocator.org, is being used more and more.

There was a conversation about sponsorship of events and functions; which always leads to a conversation about what A.A. is and what A.A. isn't. Often events such as roundups are not specifically AA events and may be better sponsored by an Alano Club. A.A. Publishes Guidelines on Relationships between A.A. and Al-Anon and A.A. and Clubs. These can help clarify any confusion related to A.A. traditions.

Public Information volunteers are often uncertain as to what they should be specifically doing within their service position. The AA Guideline on Public Information is very helpful. I believe a person can simply ask themselves, "what can I do in my community to make AA available to the person who needs it?"

I just made my reservations to attend the Area 35 Fall Assembly October 4-5, 2014 in Grand Rapids and I hope to see many of you there.

District 5-Dean M. We filled our Literature/Grapevine chair at our last meeting. Our Archives Chair should also be filled at our next meeting. We had 16 members present at our last district meeting. We would like to thank District 6 for hosting our joint Delegate's Report. I'd also like to thank Kelly D., our Alternate Delegate for coming to our last district meeting and informing us on the upcoming Zonal Forum. Our district will also be manning the Area 36/36 State Fair AA Booth on August 23 from 9 am -3 pm.

District -4 Ray F. No report

Corrections-Skip D. Good day all.

We had four people in attendance this morning, Districts 2, 7, and 13 were represented. I would like to welcome Gayle, District 13 back to our service structure in Area 35.

They reported that all commitments are being filled, there was talk about the Joint Workshop in St. Cloud on November 1st 2014. We also talked about the contact program.

I will be meeting up with Area 36 on Monday August 4th in Golden Valley to talk about the contact program forms—Willow River asked for 500 contact forms—and the joint workshop, I'm sure!

I was able to visit Detroit Lakes for their potluck round robin on June 28th. I must have done something right; they asked me back for the roundup reunion on August 30th. Thank you, Rey!

I did order literature, and did receive it today in Aitkin, at a cost of \$54.00.

Rush City transition fair totally wiped out the pamphlets. As near as I can tell there has not been an order for corrections since Kelly D. was Area 35 corrections chair.

I now feel I will be ready for the Moose Lake transition fair on October 2nd, 2014. Yours in service,

Skip, Area 35 Corrections Chair

District 2-Michale H. Our District meeting was held on July 13. We discussed our GSR School that is planned for September 27, 2014. We hope to have more GSR's in attendance at our district meeting following the GSR School. We currently have the following positions filled: DCM., Alt DCM, and Grapevine. I have been traveling to meetings throughout the district to spread the word about needing positions filled and contributions to the three entities. Your in service, Michael.

District 9- Antonette B. for Fred H. Greetings from District 9. Our officer and chair positions are filled. We are also fulfilling our responsibilities in treatment. We would like to give a big thank you to Jake, our Delegate who traveled far from Hibbing to present his Delegate's Report to our district.

Archives –Pete B. Greetings everyone. Districts 8, 7 and 5 were in attendance this morning. District 8 reports the Celebration of 65 YEARS OF AA IN ELY was a success. District 7 reports their Founders Day Celebrations was also a success. A new committee member from District 5 attended our meeting today. I am planning on putting quiz questions on A.A. history in the Northern Light.

District 12-Rillis E. no report

District 18- Neil R. no report

Archivist – Brad- I. Since the June committee meeting about all that I have done is give a "History of the Traditions" talk and was the Saturday night speaker at Founders Day in Duluth. I also gave a brief history talk at founders Day in Pequot Lakes. July has been spent in a series of crisis. We put down our well loved 13 year old dog Gadget, got a new puppy named May, had my mother-in-law get seriously injured in a one vehicle car crash with a week of trips to North Memorial in Robbinsdale which ended with her funeral yesterday.

Next week I am hauling food and cooking and recording at Keep it simple weekend.

The next Archives display is scheduled for the Duluth Round-Up in September.

Thanks again for this opportunity to be of service, Brad Area 35 Archivist.

OLD BUSINESS

Area 35 Assemblies-2015 - Sarah K. Presentation and discussion.

Financial Oversight Committee Report-Steve L. Committee approves report by treasurer, Randy A. His report is consistent with the bank records.

Fall Assembly Format- Sarah K. Discussion of alternatives for Saturday night meeting. by Sarah K. Large general sharing session with questions for the area on Saturday night after dinner had consensus support.

Area Committee Chair Report on Collaboration with Districts-Sarah K. Presentation and discussion.

Area 35 Website Content: Bob. B. Page was offered to each Area Committee and District. Options considered by his committee. Anonymity and social media offered as a relevant topic.

New Business

Area 35 and 36 Joint Workshop: November 1st, St, Cloud, MN.

Corrections Contact Forms: Skip D. Presentation and discussion of cost sharing on contact forms with Area 36.

Calendar of Events- Rodney S. See Northern Light

Meeting Adjourned with The Lords Prayer.

Proposed 2015 AREA 35 Budgets

		2015 Budget					Position: Finance Oversight Committee							
	Service	Feb.	WC Reg.	Spring	June	Aug.	35/36	Reg.	Fall	Dec.	WCR	Zonal	Dist	Total
	Wrkshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assy.	Mtg.	Mtg.	Wrkshp	Forum	Assy.	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals		15.00		400.00	15.00	15.00	15.00		400.00	15.00			50.00	\$ 875.00
Travel		75.00		200.00	75.00	75.00	45.00		200.00	75.00			250.00	\$ 745.00
Lodging		100.00		720.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		720.00	100.00			200.00	\$ 1,940.00
Phone														\$ -
Supplies														\$ -
Printing														\$ -
Postage														\$ -
Other														\$ -
Budgeted	-	190.00	-	1,320.00	190.00	190.00	160.00	-	1,320.00	190.00	-	-	500.00	4,060.00

		2015 Budget					Position: Delegate							
	Service	Feb.	WC Reg.	Spring	June	Aug.	35/36	Fall	Dec.	WCR	Zonal	Dist	GSC	Total
	Wrkshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assy.	Mtg.	Mtg.	Wrkshp	Assy.	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Conf	Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Expense	Budget
Meals	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$125.00	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$125.00	\$30.00			\$465.00
Travel	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$200.00	\$80.00	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$1,330.00
Lodging	\$100.00		\$300.00	\$100.00				\$100.00		\$300.00			\$1,600.00	\$2,500.00
Phone														\$0.00
Supplies			\$25.00	\$20.00			\$10.00	\$20.00						\$75.00
Printing		\$500.00		\$300.00						\$20.00			\$300.00	\$1,120.00
Postage														\$0.00
Other	\$10.00		\$15.00		\$20.00					\$25.00			\$600.00	\$670.00
Budgeted	\$190.00	\$535.00	\$615.00	\$520.00	\$55.00	\$35.00	\$75.00	\$220.00	\$35.00	\$670.00	\$110.00	\$500.00	\$2,600.00	\$6,160.00

		2015 Budget					Position: Alternate Delegate							
	Service	Feb.	WC Req.	Spring	June	Aug.	35/36	Req.	Fall	Dec.	Zonal	Zonal	Dist	Total
	Wrkshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assy.	Mtg.	Mtg.	Wrkshp	Forum	Assy.	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	40.00	5.00	60.00	40.00	5.00	5.00		60.00	40.00	5.00				\$ 260.00
Travel	37.00	20.00	80.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	100.00	15.00	20.00	45.00	45.00	300.00	\$ 757.00
Lodging	200.00		200.00	200.00				200.00	200.00		100.00	100.00		\$ 1,200.00
Phone														
Supplies	10.00													\$ 10.00
Printing	10.00	10.00		10.00	10.00	10.00					20.00	20.00		\$ 100.00
Postage														
Other	10.00		15.00											25.00
Budgeted	\$307.00	\$35.00	\$355.00	\$290.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$15.00	\$360.00	\$255.00	\$25.00	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$300.00	\$2,342.00

		2015 Budget					Position: Area Chair							
	Service	Feb.	Reg.	Spring	June	Aug.	35/36	Reg.	Fall	Dec.	Zone	Zone	Dist	Total
	Wrkshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assy.	Mtg.	Mtg.	Wrkshp	Forum	Assy.	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	50.00	5.50	60.00	50.00	5.50	5.50	10.00	80.00	50.00	5.50	10.00	10.00		\$342.00
Travel	50.00	10.00	50.00	50.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	150.00	30.00	10.00	80.00	80.00	500.00	\$550.00
Lodging	200.00		200.00	200.00				200.00						\$800.00
Phone														\$0.00
Supplies														\$0.00
Printing		20.00		50.00	20.00	20.00	20.00			20.00	20.00	20.00	50.00	\$190.00
Postage														\$0.00
Other	10.00		15.00											\$25.00
Budgeted	\$310.00	\$35.50	\$325.00	\$350.00	\$35.50	\$35.50	\$50.00	\$430.00	\$80.00	\$35.50	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$550.00	\$2,457.00

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	2015 Budget						Secretary Roger Rudolph							
	Service	Feb.	Reg.	Spring	June	Aug.	35/36	Reg.	Fall	Dec.	Zone	Zone	Dist	Total
	Wrkshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assy.	Mtg.	Mtg.	Wrkshop	Forum	Assy.	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	80.00	5.00	125.00	80.00	5.00	5.00		180.00	80.00	5.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	\$ 595.00
Travel	60.00	30.00	90.00	70.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	130.00	50.00	30.00	60.00	60.00	100.00	\$ 670.00
Lodging	200.00		200.00	200.00				200.00	200.00					\$ 1,000.00
Phone														\$ -
Supplies														\$ -
Printing	40.00	25.00		25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		25.00	25.00	30.00	30.00		\$ 275.00
Postage														\$ -
Other	10.00		15.00											\$ 25.00
Budgeted	390.00	60.00	430.00	375.00	60.00	60.00	55.00	510.00	355.00	60.00	105.00	105.00	130.00	2,695.00

		2015 Budget				Position: Treasurer								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget	
Meals	75.00	5.00	75.00	75.00	5.00	5.00	15.00	75.00	75.00	5.00	15.00	25.00	\$ 500.00	
Travel	40.00	20.00	100.00	50.00	20.00	20.00	50.00	100.00	50.00	20.00	50.00	50.00	\$ 620.00	
Lodging	100.00		200.00	100.00				200.00	100.00				\$ 900.00	
Phone													\$ -	
Supplies		60.00		60.00					60.00				\$ 180.00	
Printing		85.00		160.00	85.00	85.00			160.00	85.00	15.00		\$ 675.00	
Postage		50.00			50.00	50.00				50.00			\$ 200.00	
Other	10.00		15.00										\$ 25.00	
Budgeted	225.00	220.00	390.00	445.00	160.00	160.00	65.00	375.00	445.00	160.00	80.00	75.00	2,800.00	

		2015 Budget				Position: Public Information						
	Service	Feb.	WC Reg.	Spring	June	Aug.	35/36	Fall	Dec.	WCR	Dist	
	Wrkshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assy.	Mtg.	Mtg.	Wrkshp	Assy.	Mtg.	Forum	Travel	Total
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	\$60.00	\$5.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$5.00	\$5.00		\$60.00	\$5.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$380.00
Travel	\$80.00	\$60.00	\$170.00	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$60.00	\$280.00	\$200.00	\$1,130.00
Lodging	\$200.00		\$300.00	\$200.00				\$200.00		\$300.00		\$1,200.00
Phone												\$0.00
Supplies											\$200.00	\$200.00
Printing												\$0.00
Postage												\$0.00
Other	\$10.00		\$15.00								\$650.00	\$675.00
Budgeted	\$350.00	\$65.00	\$545.00	\$290.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$325.00	\$65.00	\$640.00	\$1,110.00	\$3,585.00

	2015 Budget						Position: Corrections							
	Service	Feb.	WC Reg.	Spring	June	Aug.	35/36	Reg.	Fall	Dec.	State	Correction	Dist	Total
	Wrkshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assy.	Mtg.	Mtg.	Wrkshop	Forum	Assy.	Mtg.	Correction	Transition	Travel	Budget
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Meeting	Fair	Budget	Budget
Meals	40.00	5.00	80.00	40.00	5.00	5.00	10.00		40.00	5.00				\$ 230.00
Travel	43.50	28.50	110.00	40.00	28.50	28.50	12.00		27.00	28.50	160.00	250.00	350.00	\$ 756.50
Lodging	200.00		300.00	200.00					200.00					\$ 900.00
Phone														\$ -
Supplies														\$ -
Printing														\$ -
Postage														\$ -
Other	10.00													\$ 10.00
Budgeted	293.50	33.50	490.00	280.00	33.50	33.50	22.00	-	267.00	33.50	160.00	250.00	350.00	2,246.50

		2015	Budget		Position: Northern Light Editor										
Table	Service	Feb.	Reg.	Spring	June	Aug.	35/36	Reg.	Fall	Dec.	Zone	Pigeon	Dist		
	Workshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assy.	Mtg.	Mtg.	Workshop	Forum	Assy.	Mtg.	Forum	Coll.	Travel	Total	
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	
Meals	75.00	5.00	90.00	75.00	5.00	5.00	75.00	\$90.00	75.00	5.00		45.00	90.00	\$ 635.00	
Travel	75.00	20.00	40.00	40.00	20.00	20.00	40.00	\$140.00	25.00	20.00		40.00	80.00	\$ 560.00	
Lodging	200.00		300.00	200.00			200.00	\$150.00	200.00					\$ 1250.00	
Phone															
Supplies															
Printing		350.00		350.00	350.00	350.00			350.00	350.00				\$ 2100.00	
Postage															
Other	10.00		15.00											\$ 25.00	
Budgeted	360.00	375.00	445.00	665.00	375.00	375.00	315.00	\$380.00	650.00	375.00		85.00	170.00	\$4570.00	

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	2015 Budget						Position: Cooperation with Professional						
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	MACPO Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	120.00	5.00	120.00	120.00	5.00	5.00	20.00	120.00	5.00	120.00		120.00	\$ 760.00
Travel	100.00	40.00	100.00	100.00	40.00	40.00	80.00	100.00	40.00	100.00		200.00	\$ 940.00
Lodging	250.00		250.00	250.00				250.00		250.00		250.00	\$ 1,500.00
Phone	-												
Supplies												10.00	\$ 10.00
Printing												15.00	\$ 15.00
Postage													
Other	10.00		15.00								800.00		\$ 825.00
Budgeted	480.00	45.00	485.00	470.00	45.00	45.00	100.00	470.00	45.00	470.00	800.00	595.00	4,050.00

		2015 Budget					Position: Treatment							
	Service	Feb.	Reg.	Spring	June	Aug.	35/36	Reg.	Fall	Dec.	Zone	Zone	Dist	
	Wrkshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assy.	Mtg.	Mtg.	Wrkshp	Forum	Assy.	Mtg.	Forum	Forum	Travel	Total
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Meals	80.00	5.00	125.00	80.00	5.00	5.00		180.00	80.00	5.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	\$ 595.00
Travel	60.00	30.00	90.00	70.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	130.00	50.00	30.00	60.00	60.00	100.00	\$ 670.00
Lodging	200.00		200.00	200.00				200.00	200.00					\$ 1,000.00
Phone														\$ -
Supplies														\$ -
Printing	40.00	25.00		25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		25.00	25.00	30.00	30.00		\$ 275.00
Postage														\$ -
Other	10.00		15.00											\$ 25.00
Budgeted	390.00	60.00	430.00	375.00	60.00	60.00	55.00	510.00	355.00	60.00	105.00	105.00	130.00	2,695.00

	2015 Budget					Position: Literature								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	20.00	5.00		20.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	-	20.00	5.00	20.00			\$ 110.00
Travel	85.00	59.00	118.00	30.00	59.00	59.00	58.00	-	70.00	59.00	255.00	100.00	200.00	\$ 952.00
Lodging	187.00		187.00	110.00				-	190.00		190.00			\$ 864.00
Phone														\$ -
Supplies														\$ -
Printing														\$ -
Postage														\$ -
Other	10.00		15.00											\$ 25.00
Budgeted	302.00	64.00	320.00	160.00	64.00	64.00	68.00	-	280.00	64.00	465.00	100.00	200.00	2,151.00

		2015 Budget				Position: Grapevine						
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	60.00	5.00	150.00	60.00	5.00	5.00	60.00	75.00	80.00	5.00	60.00	\$ 565.00
Travel	50.00	20.00	200.00	75.00	20.00	20.00	75.00	200.00	50.00	20.00	20.00	\$ 750.00
Lodging	200.00		300.00	200.00			200.00	200.00	200.00		200.00	\$ 1,500.00
Phone												
Supplies												
Printing												
Postage												
Other	10.00		15.00									\$ 25.00
Budgeted	320.00	25.00	665.00	335.00	25.00	25.00	335.00	475.00	330.00	25.00	280.00	2,840.00

	2015 Budget						Position: Archives						
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	60.00	5.00	100.00	60.00	5.00	5.00	30.00	60.00	5.00	100.00		75.00	\$ 505.00
Travel	60.00	30.00	120.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	20.00	30.00	30.00	350.00		100.00	\$ 830.00
Lodging	100.00		200.00	100.00						200.00		200.00	\$ 800.00
Phone	-												
Supplies												10.00	\$ 10.00
Printing												15.00	\$ 15.00
Postage													
Other	10.00		15.00										
Budgeted	230.00	35.00	435.00	190.00	35.00	35.00	50.00	90.00	35.00	650.00	-	400.00	2,185.00

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	2015 Budget					Position: Archivist						
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	32.00	5.00	55.00	40.00	5.00	5.00		60.00	40.00	5.00	16.00	\$ 263.00
Travel	60.00	32.00	130.00	45.00	32.00	32.00		200.00	60.00	32.00	60.00	\$ 683.00
Lodging	160.00		160.00	160.00				240.00	160.00			\$ 880.00
Phone												
Supplies												
Printing												
Postage												
Other		200.00	15.00	200.00	200.00	200.00			200.00	200.00		\$ 1,215.00
Budgeted	252.00	237.00	360.00	445.00	237.00	237.00	-	500.00	460.00	237.00	76.00	3,041.00

		2015 Budget				Position: Webmaster								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp Budget	Web Tech Conference	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Web/Hosting/ Domain Name	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	75.00	5.00	100.00	75.00	5.00	5.00		75.00	75.00	5.00	150.00			\$ 570.00
Travel	76.00	45.00	\$144.00	30.00	45.00	45.00	20.00	200.00	35.00	45.00	320.00		200.00	\$ 1,005.00
Lodging	200.00		200.00	200.00				200.00	200.00		200.00			\$ 1,200.00
Phone														\$ -
Supplies														\$ -
Printing	100.00													\$ 100.00
Postage														\$ -
Other	10.00		15.00									130.00		\$ 155.00
Budgeted	461.00	50.00	459.00	305.00	50.00	50.00	20.00	475.00	310.00	50.00	670.00	130.00	200.00	3,230.00

		2015 Budget					Position: WEB Technology								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	35/36 Wrkshp Budget	Reg. Forum Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	NAATW	Total Budget
Meals	50.00	5.00	50.00	50.00	5.00	5.00		50.00	50.00	5.00				100.00	\$ 370.00
Travel	46.80		169.20	38.96			26.08	340.40	26.08				96.00	100.00	\$ 843.52
Lodging	200.00		200.00	200.00				200.00	200.00					200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Phone															\$ -
Supplies															\$ -
Printing		25.00		50.00	25.00	25.00			50.00	25.00					\$ 200.00
Postage															\$ -
Other	10.00		15.00											100.00	\$ 125.00
Budgeted	306.80	30.00	434.20	338.96	30.00	30.00	26.08	590.40	326.08	30.00	-	-	96.00	500.00	2,738.52

		2015 Budget				Position: Group Records							
	Service	Feb.	WC Req.	Spring	June	Aug.	35/36	Req.	Fall	Dec.	Dist		
	Wrkshop	Mtg.	Conf.	Assy.	Mtg.	Mtg.	Wrkshp	Forum	Assy.	Mtg.	Travel	Total	
	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	
Meals	50.00	5.00	75.00	50.00	5.00	5.00		75.00	50.00	5.00		\$ 320.00	
Travel	40.00	50.00	175.00	100.00	50.00	50.00	85.00	175.00	85.00	50.00	200.00	\$ 1,060.00	
Lodging	200.00		200.00	200.00				200.00	200.00			\$ 1,000.00	
Phone													
Supplies		30.00		30.00	30.00	30.00			30.00	30.00		\$ 180.00	
Printing		20.00		20.00	20.00	20.00			20.00	20.00	20.00	\$ 140.00	
Postage		250.00		250.00	250.00	250.00			250.00	250.00		\$ 1,500.00	
Other	10.00		15									25.00	
Budgeted	\$300.00	\$355.00	\$465.00	\$650.00	\$355.00	\$355.00	\$85.00	\$450.00	\$635.00	\$355.00	\$220.00	\$4,225.00	

Archives Quiz (pg 13) Answers:

1. A. Cleveland

2. A. 1976

3. C. 1951

4. D. Dr. Harry Fosdick

5. C. Thomas Hospital
6. B. 1937 from New York and D. 1939 from Akron

7. D. 100

8. B. 1940

9. A. Art Robertson.

10. Come back little Sheba

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 in-

clude 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:	Northern Light Submissions
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>General submissions to the <i>Northern Light</i> 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 <i>Northern Light</i>, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you!</p> <p>Rodney S. Northern Light Editor</p>

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.

2014 — AREA 35 SCHEDULE

Northern Light Deadline—November 1st

Joint Area 35, 36 Workshop—November 1st
Calvary Church
1200 Roosevelt Rd.
St. Cloud, MN 56031

Area Committee Meeting — December 7th - 9:00 am
Aitkin Alano Club
322 First Avenue N.E.
Aitkin, MN

Area 35 January Service Workshop—Jan. 17– 18th, 2015
Barkers Island Resort & Conference Center
Superior, WI

Area Committee Meeting — February 22nd - 9:00 am
Aitkin Alano Club
322 First Avenue N.E.
Aitkin, MN

WCRAASC —Feb 27 – Mar 1, 2015
4200 W Norfolk Avenue
Norfolk, NE ,68701

Spring Assembly — April Apr 11 – 12, 2015
902 Frontier Dr,
Fergus Falls, MN

September						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
Phases of the moon: 2:☉8:☾15:☉24:☾						
Holidays and Observances: 1: Labor Day						

October						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Phases of the moon: 1:☉8:☾15:☉23:☾30:☉						
Holidays and Observances: 13: Columbus Day (Most regions), 31: Halloween						

Upcoming Events in Areas 35 & 36 note: Area 35 events take precedence !

69th Annual Duluth Roundup—September 19—21st
Marshall High Scholl
1215 Rice Lake Road
Duluth, MN

District 2 GSR School—September 27th
Twin Rivers Clubhouse
614 N. Davis
Thief River Falls, MN

North Dakota State Round-up—October 3rd– 5th
1200 South 42nd Street
Grand Forks, ND

St. Cloud Round-up — October 24th—26th
10 4th Ave S.
St Cloud, MN 56301

4th Annual Spiritual Retreat—October 25th
Lake View Shelter
Gooseberry Falls State Park
Two Harbors, MN

Area 36 Committee Meeting—December 6th, 22014
Best Western Hotel
1111 Range St.
Mankato, MN

Fourth Annual
Eleventh Step
SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Saturday October 25th
Lakeview Shelter
Gooseberry Falls State Park

A.A. Speaker — Andrew F.
Al-Anon Speaker — T.B.A.

Wooden bench seating is available but you're welcome to bring lawn chairs. Outside may be brisk so bundle up accordingly.

Starts with an early morning meditation meeting at 10:00 followed by fellowship, communion with nature, A.A. & Al-Anon speakers throughout the day—and a potluck lunch somewhere in the middle of it!

Parking permits may be purchased at the entrance kiosk for \$3
For more information contact:
Steve E. — 218-348-2339
Rodney S. — 218-464-7701
Bob J. — 218-340-5596

Sponsored by The On Awakening Group of Alcoholics Anonymous at Arrowhead Place in Duluth, MN

RECURRING EVENTS:

District 11:

Mora Wednesday Night A.A.

Pot Luck—First Saturday of every month at Industries Inc. at 6:00 pm.

AA and Alanon Speakers at 7:00 pm.

District 2
GSR School

Twin Rivers Club House
614 North Davis
Thief River Falls
September 27*, 2014
1 pm

The purpose of GSR School is to help new GSRs become comfortable and effective in service to their home group and share with others who have service experience and suggestions. We will have fun and learn how to . . .

- keep your group information up to date
- give reports at your home group, district meetings and area assemblies
- participate at district meetings and area assemblies
- contact others for answers to any service question
- use the literature as an effective tool
- share suggestions and concerns at your home group and service meetings
- encourage awareness and understanding of the Three Legacies of AA
- apply the Concepts and Traditions to group and District problems

All AA members are welcome.

There will be presenters coming from within Area 35 to share on different topics with time for questions.

Area 35 Literature chair will also have a display with books for sale.

Area 35 Fall Assembly
Oct. 4-5, 2014
Sawmill Inn, Grand Rapids, MN

AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 10:00 a.m. GSR Orientation & Action Chair Committee Meetings
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch (On Your Own)
- 1:00 p.m. Assembly Convenes**
- Call to Order-Open with the Serenity Prayer
- Why We Need a Conference
- Recognize Past Delegates
- Recognize GSRs
- Add to Agenda
- Approve 2014 Spring Assembly Minutes

OFFICER REPORTS

- Delegate – Michael (Jake) J.
- Alternate Delegate – Kelly D.
- Chair – Sarah K.
- Secretary – Roger R.
- Treasurer – Randy A.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS

- WEBMASTER – Sandy H.
- TREATMENT – Paul M.
- District 21 – Irv R.
- District 6 – Garrett B.
- PI – Jeff C.
- District 5 – Dean M.
- District 4 – Rey F.
- NORTHERN LIGHT – Rodney S.
- LITERATURE – Jim S.
- District 3 – Steve D.
- District 1 – Jon S.
- GROUP RECORDS – Rolene L
- District 11 – Bill C..
- District 13 – Christine G.
- GRAPEVINE – Antonette F.
- District 8 – Jerry B.
- District 15 – Melissa M.
- CORRECTIONS – Skip D.
- District 2 – Michael H.
- District 9 – Fred H.
- CPC – Servando M.
- District 16 – Griffin M.
- District 7 – Carl P.

- ARCHIVES – Pete B.
- District 12 – Rillis E.
- District 18 – Neil R.
- ARCHIVIST – Brad I.
- District 14 – Deb A.

- 2:30 p.m. Break**
- 2:45 p.m. Resume Reports & Sharing Session I**
- 4:45 p.m. BREAK**
- 5:00 p.m.**
- GSR Sharing Session
- DCM Sharing Session
- Area Officers and Area Chairs Meet
- 6:00 P.M. Dinner (On Your Own)**
- 7:30 P.M. Sharing Session II**

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2014

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Big Book Meeting**
- 9:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes**
- Business Not Completed Saturday
- GSR Sharing Session Report
- DCM Sharing Session Report

OLD BUSINESS

- Area 35/36 Joint Workshop
- Financial Oversight Committee Report
- Web Tech Ad Hoc Committee Report
- Statewide Corrections Committee Report
- January Workshop
- WCRAASC

NEW BUSINESS

- 2015 Statement of Financial Responsibility (Budgets)
- Agenda Items-GSO searchable web meeting database
- Web technologies-National AA Web Technologies Workshop Report
- Calendar of Events
- Ask It Basket (Past Delegates)
- Adjourn

Be sure to send all individual and group Area 35 contributions to:

NMAA
PO Box 411
Hoyt Lakes, MN 55750

