

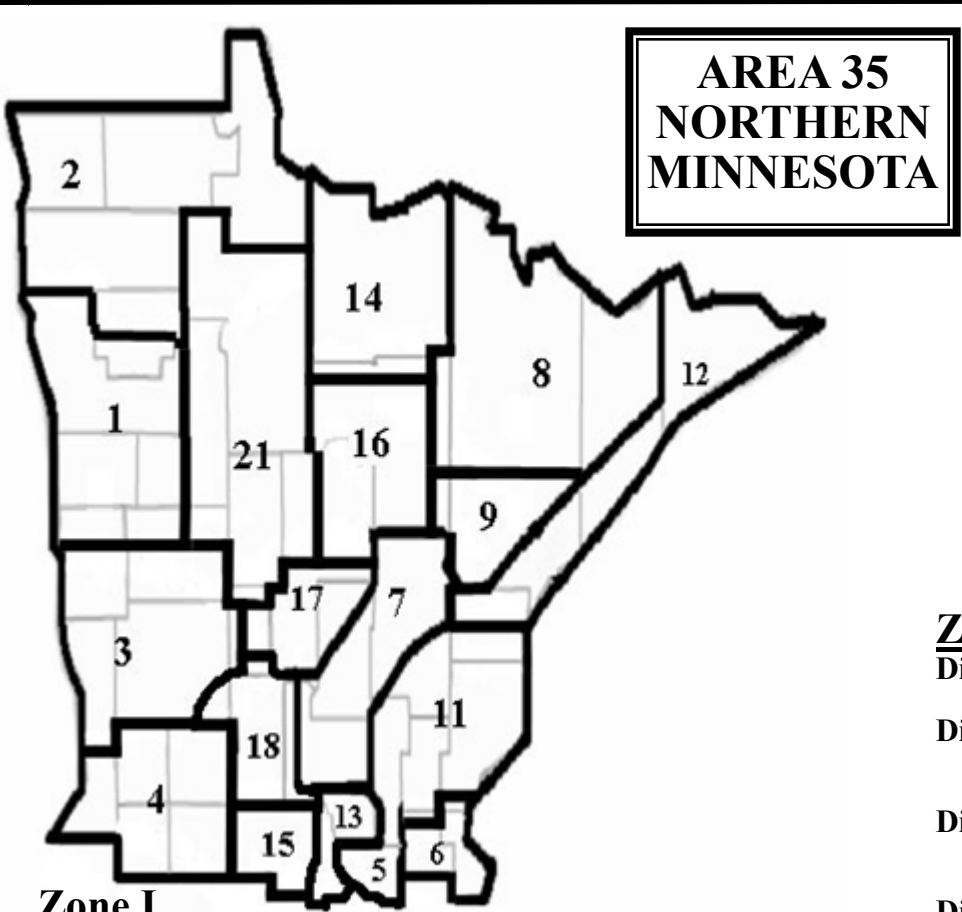
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March 1st, 2015

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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.
Alano Club
827 Summit Avenue
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
- 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

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MOVING? ADDRESS NOT CORRECT?

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

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

GroupRecords@area35.org

AREA 35 EVENTS
INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

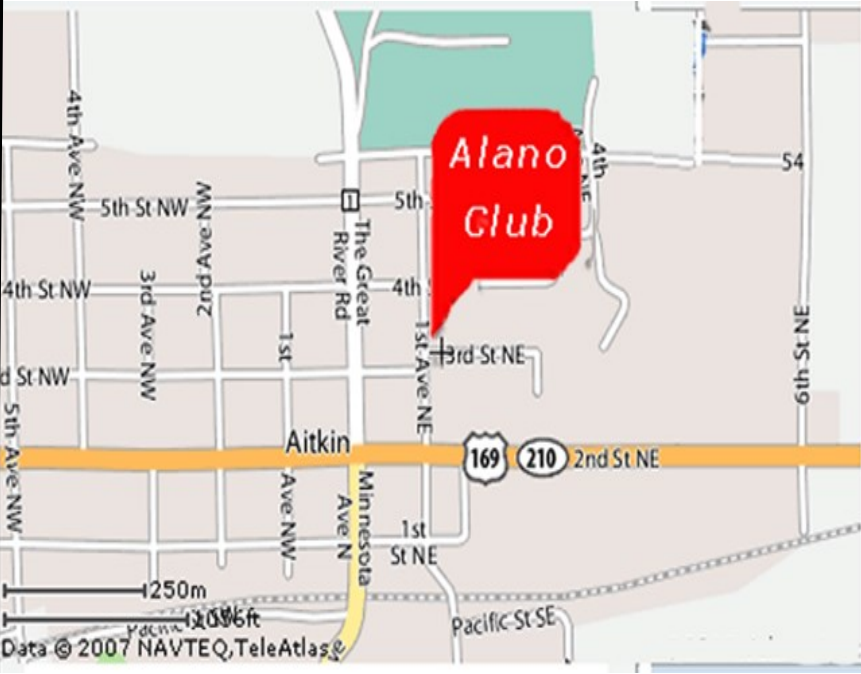
- ◆ Area Chair calls to cancel and/or re-schedule.
- ◆ Based on DOT report, national weather service, individual safety being paramount
- ◆ Chair asks for weather reports from all DCM’s from respective districts either by email or phone for those that don’t have computers.
- ◆ Chair notifies the Alano 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 26 Vern R. (deceased)	1976-1977
Panel 60 Jon C.	2010-2011	Panel 24 Gordon B. H.	1974-1975
Panel 58 JoAnne M. N.	2008-2009	Panel 22 Frank P. J. (deceased)	1972-1973
Panel 56 Jerry S.	2006-2007	Panel 20 Clarence B. (deceased)	1970-1971
Panel 54 Charlie C.	2004-2005	Panel 18 Dave Harvey (deceased)	1968-1969
Panel 52 Tim C.	2002-2003	Panel 16 Arno A. (deceased)	1966-1967
Panel 50 Tom A.	2000-2001	Panel 14 Donald F. (deceased)	1964-1965
Panel 48 Susie A.	1998-1999	Panel 12 Donna T. (deceased)	1962-1963
Panel 46 Bill P.	1996-1997	Panel 10 Bob B. (deceased)	1960-1961
Panel 44 Bruce B.	1994-1995	Panel 8 Pearl N. (deceased)	1958-1959
Panel 42 Greg G.	1992-1993	Panel 6 Waldo H. (deceased)	1956-1957
Panel 40 Bob J.	1990-1991	Panel 4 Wendell H. (deceased)	1954-1955
Panel 38 Scott J.	1988-1989	Panel 2 Arthur R. (deceased)	1952-1953
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		

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)

A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.s future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE'S REPORT

Beginning year two as your Delegate. So far an awesome experience! Hope to enjoy my second year as much or more. It is the time when the delegates start the registration process and are getting ready to receive the background material in February which I will provide to the DCM's in whatever form they request, either CD or hard copy. I am also going to work with our web people and hope to have it put on the web on a password protected site that you will all have access to. I don't think it will be a heavy agenda but you never know.

We just completed the area workshop and had some awesome presentations from the participating districts. Our alternate Delegate Kelly had to miss due to health problems so we all pitched in and helped out. District 12 hosted the event and did a great job at registration and serving coffee. Thank you! Please keep Kelly and her family in your prayers. While we only had 89 in registered attendance we had a great learning experience. From the beginning, with District 15 sharing on safety, to the end with past delegates sharing on questions we were kept on the edge of our seats. Our guest from New York was Greg T., publishing director from GSO and he did a great job fielding questions and sharing his story. Many of the presenters were first timers and I am sure they learned a lot. I have found any time I get the opportunity to present I get the most from the experience.

One subject I would like to bring to the groups is GSR participation. We need to know if it is a financial issue or apathy that keeps your GSR from attending. We have a great area that prides itself on serving the groups. Many areas don't allow group participation or have taken it away from them due to their unwillingness to guide them. There are many Areas that are willing to do what they believe to be right as they no longer ask for responses from groups and that is not the way we are set up. We need your participation so we can communicate your voice to GSO and throughout our area on how you want us to facilitate carrying the message. You are the engine that drives A.A. We are tools to be used to help you carry out your duties to the still suffering alcoholic. We must strive for unity in this endeavor. Call or e-mail us with your response about your lack of participation. We will listen.

I am heading for New York on Jan 29th to participate in the Board weekend and learn about my responsibilities as Delegate chair. It should be very exciting. I also get the opportunity to share a portion of my story on Saturday night out there. I return on February 2nd. By the 15th I will have the background material and will hand it out at the February committee meeting on the 22nd. The 26th of February is the start of the WCRAASC in Nebraska for me with a delegates meeting. This should be another great weekend and I hope to see you there. Then I prepare for the assembly April 11th and 12th followed by the General Service Conference in New York. So the next few months will be busy, along with attending A.A. functions when possible and living the ups and downs of life. I also want each of you to know that I am willing to field questions that you have about group concerns or almost anything that is within my realm of experience.

Being of service to A.A. is an awesome experience and one that you won't want to miss. This is our A.A. and each of us holds the responsibility to participate in it or the newcomer will not find his way and we will suffer and die. Search your conscience. Are you grateful for sobriety and doing all you can to serve your fellows?

God bless and take care,

Michael(Jake) J., Area 35 Panel 64

ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

Greetings Area 35,

As we move into another year of service together I would like to share a quote with you from our Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous and the pamphlet Circle of Love and Service.

IN ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, WE ALL WORK TOGETHER

"To those now in its fold, Alcoholics Anonymous has made the difference between misery and sobriety, and often the difference between life and death. A.A. can, of course, mean just as much to

uncounted alcoholics not yet reached.

"Therefore, no society of men and women ever had a more urgent need for continuous effectiveness and permanent unity. We alcoholics see that we must work together and hang together, else most of us will finally die alone."—Alcoholics Anonymous, p. 561

My hope during this next year is that we can continue to work together "for continuous effectiveness and permanent unity" to carry our message of hope to the still suffering alcoholic through the service we do together.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Kelly D. Alternate Delegate

AREA CHAIR'S REPORT

Greetings! I am grateful for the ongoing opportunity to serve Area 35, and learn how to put the principles in action. During the last month a lot has happened. Our Alternate Delegate, Kelly, had to step back from serving for awhile to deal with personal and familial medical issues. We send our prayers and wishes for her and her family. In the meantime, Jake and I stepped in to plan and host the Winter Workshop. Having the current GSB Publishing director, Greg, as a speaker was quite a treat! I think I almost ran him ragged during his time with us by trying to get him to visit with as many Area 35 servants as possible! His presentations were informative and he was open and welcoming during the sharing session he chaired. I know I certainly felt that our thoughts and concerns were heard, and taken seriously. In fact, I know he has already connected with one individual in response to a question posed during the weekend's discussion. The GSRs and DCMs, as well as other individuals also had the opportunity to ask further questions of the speaker during the weekend as he sat in on the GSR and DCM sharing sessions. We extended an open invitation to dine with him, and so he was well accompanied at every meal.

At the Workshop I also had time to look into the Area Treasurer's period 5 reports, and I'm happy to report that with some help, I was able to correct all of the expense classification errors noted at the December Committee Meeting. The expenses should now be classified correctly, but this serves as a good reminder that every area chair should check their expense details against their vouchers to ensure proper classifications. Just before the winter workshop our current corrections chair, Skip D., notified me that he would be stepping down due to irreconcilable differences. I'm sure I speak for all when I say that we appreciate his hard work and service these past three years. Fortunately, I was able to find another willing and qualified servant, so please join me in welcoming Jake C. from District 5 to his new position as our Area Corrections Chair. I have also had the privilege of conferring with some DCMs and individuals on salient district and area issues. What a blessing to have so many people passionate about A.A. and making it better!

I want to include a few reminders I sent in an email to the Area Committee as well. First, any proposals groups or districts might want the area's conscience on at the Spring Assembly should be submitted to me or the DCM for inclusion in the February committee meeting agenda to allow time for an informed group conscience. Second, with the WCRAASC coming up, if any districts or groups are interested in having one of the Area servants attending the WCRAASC assist the district/group with their discussion of the GSC agenda items, you may want to consider connecting with them at the February Committee Meeting. Third, anyone interested in putting forth an agenda item through the area for consideration by the 2016 GSC, please consider submitting the item by the Spring Assembly so that there is time for the groups to discuss the issue and return with an informed group conscience to the fall assembly. This will allow time for a proposal to be submitted by the January deadline. I also asked our area chairs to be thinking of future trusted servants for the Area. If you have an interest, getting involved in Area committee work is a good way to learn how the area operates and test if it might be a good fit for you!

I have nailed down the location of our upcoming 2015 Fall Election Assembly. It will be held at the St. Cloud River Center. I am just waiting on the contract to be finalized. I believe travel plans are being arranged for the WCRAASC, and will be discussed at the February Area Meeting. I noticed that the site selection policy in our Area Actions Book does not match current practice. I have asked our secretary Roger to take a look at and revise it to

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reflect current practice. I am also trying to locate the “action book guidelines” referenced in the secretary’s guidelines. If anyone happens to know of such a thing, please send them to myself or Roger! The Area Officers conferred at the December Area Meeting and requested the Financial Oversight Committee meet only at the four Area Committee Meetings (or fewer if feasible) in 2015. We also requested that the treasurer review the statement of financial responsibility for its continued viability, and if necessary submit any proposed changes to the body. The Statement of Financial Responsibility was revised when the Financial Oversight Committee was created to include this committee. We suggested that since six years have passed we are in a better position to make recommendations regarding the scope and composition of the Oversight Committee. On a different note, at the request of Mike, DCM District 2, I visited with the 40 Club, a hotel in Aitkin, MN, and negotiated a reduced hotel room rate of \$77 a night plus tax for those who might want to stay overnight for area committee meetings. If you are interested in this option, please let me know and I will set aside more rooms.

Finally, I am still working on putting together a document that more accurately reflects our projected expenses for 2015. I anticipate it will be completed by the February Area Committee Meeting. I think this document will be helpful in planning for future events and budgeting. It is also symbolically important as a way to acknowledge that the minority voice was heard at the Fall Assembly, and even with the budget passing we can still make a good faith effort to reconcile the disagreement. As previously stated, Trusted Servant Guidelines and Area Actions Book will be updated to reflect that Area budgets should predict expected expenses that servants actually expect to incur so that our budgets will hopefully be more in line with our actual expenses. In the end, this is your Area, and we serve you, so if you or your group wants to see something change (or stay the same!) with the Area, please use your voice through the structure to make a proposal and submit it to me for inclusion on the appropriate agenda.

In service, Sarah K.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

I would like to express my gratitude to Area 35 for allowing me to continue serving as your Area Secretary.

In recent activities for Area 35 I completed the minutes from the Joint Area 35 and 36 workshop with Missy from Area 36. I am told this is the first time in recent years that Area 35 played a major role in producing these minutes. These minutes are published in the current Northern Light.

I also completed the minutes from the last Area Committee Meeting that was held in December.

I enjoyed participating in the Area 35 January Service Workshop in Superior, WI last weekend. Presenting districts did a great job in researching, preparing their presentation and delivering effective presentations. I also learned much from the presentations by Greg T. and meeting with him over breakfast on Saturday morning. Greg T, is the A.A.W.S. Publishing Director.

I look forward to seeing you all at the February Area Committee Meeting.

In service,
Roger

TREASURER’S REPORT

Greetings! It’s been a nice warm winter thus far and everything seems to be going well. I attended the Area 35 Workshop this past week-end in Superior, Wisconsin and was able to go to the morning presentations until noon both days as I also had to work during the week-end, which was quite exhausting to say the least. The presentations were well prepared by the groups and I was impressed by how many groups did their presentations in PowerPoint. In the brief time I was there, I also got to meet our GSO Publications Director. I had little conversation with him but was quite impressed by his demeanor and his knowledge and expertise of AA.

Most of the groups in the Area seem to be doing well in sending in contributions, although we could do much better. I have re-

ceived contributions from groups that have not sent at all during the year which is a good sign for future reference.

We have also converted to new software of QuickBooks Premier 2015 version which seems to be more efficient for the books. It may take a little getting used to. I have received some contributions with wrong group service numbers and there have been some that have different group names and some with no return addresses or contact information. It is really hard if a group has no information on it and it can be hard to track where it came from. I also received a contribution and returned fees from a group in District 12 that had changed accounts where there was a mix-up of changeover of accounts at the time. It has since straightened out. Total contributions for the period were \$1407.07 and total current assets are \$22,961.81. Total in savings are: \$6,039.46 . Group Contributions information and other financial reports will be brought to the next Area Committee Meeting on February 22, 2015 with the Period 1 Reports for 2015.

Cash Basis Northern MN Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous Profit & Loss Budget Performance				
Period - 7: Dec.1-Dec.31				
	Dec 14	Budget	Jan - Dec 14	YTD Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 - Group Contributions	1,407.07	4,275.00	27,213.80	51,300.00
4100 - Birthday Contributions	0.00	31.25	247.00	375.00
4200 - Special Contributions	0.00		500.00	
4250 - Other-anonymous	0.00		44.00	
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
4570 - Seventh Tradition	0.00		505.25	180.00
4600 - Spring Assembly Coffee	0.00		415.00	550.00
4610 - Fall Assembly Coffee	0.00		0.00	550.00
4700 - Grapevine Sales	59.24	50.00	251.35	1,200.00
4750 - NL Flyer Insert Income	75.00		600.00	450.00
4800 - Interest on Deposits	0.14		1.78	
Total Income	1,541.45	4,356.25	30,930.33	55,905.00
Expense				
5100 - Committee Meeting Rent	50.00	50.00	200.00	200.00
5120 - Grapevine Inventory	0.00		710.00	1,200.00
5130 - NL Deferred Mailing Expcne	0.00		833.62	750.00
5200 - Service Workshop	0.00	0.00	1,305.25	3,050.00
5300 - Spring Assembly	0.00		1,248.33	750.00
5350 - Zonal Forums	0.00		50.00	1,095.00
5400 - Fall Assembly	0.00		12.00	270.00
5500 - Joint Workshop (A35/A36)	0.00		763.36	310.00
5600 - WCRAASC	0.00		0.00	6,213.50
5700 - Refunds	0.00		23.80	
6550 - Finance Oversight Committee	20.00	190.00	818.94	3,840.00
Total Expense	70.00	240.00	5,965.30	17,678.50
Net Ordinary Income	1,471.45	4,116.25	24,965.03	38,226.50
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense				
6100 - Delegate	56.00	35.00	4,443.70	5,555.00
6200 - Alternate Delegate	0.00	25.00	968.68	1,550.00
6300 - Chairperson	22.49	35.50	1,388.39	2,227.00
6400 - Secretary	54.27	60.00	2,038.25	3,700.00
6500 - Treasurer	239.62	215.00	2,285.66	2,910.00
7000 - Archives Chair	13.00	35.00	601.89	1,730.00
7100 - Archivist	228.50	238.45	2,102.50	2,629.10
7200 - Corrections	25.00	37.00	1,148.99	1,538.50
7300 - CPC	0.00	45.00	1,900.19	2,888.00
7400 - Grapevine	6.00	30.00	1,141.00	1,795.00
7500 - Group Records Secretary	140.48	292.00	2,472.98	3,470.00
7600 - Literature	63.00	30.00	941.69	1,558.00
7700 - Northern Light	23.50	375.00	2,744.10	4,290.00
7800 - Public Information	0.00	65.00	1,062.92	3,135.00
7900 - Treatment	17.00	35.00	1,087.09	1,815.00
7950 - Webmaster	42.00	45.00	845.77	2,769.85
8000 - Web Technology	0.00	16.68	2,242.89	2,005.00
Total Other Expense	930.86	1,614.63	29,416.69	45,565.45
Net Other Income	-930.86	-1,614.63	-29,416.69	-45,565.45
Net Income	540.59	2,501.62	-4,451.66	-7,338.95

Yours in Service,
Randy A., Area 35 Treasurer

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI)

It's a crazy busy time of the year for me with A.A. events and with my professional responsibilities. This is, however, my favorite time of the year for A.A events with the Area 35 Service Conference, West Central Regional A.A. Service Conference and the Spring Assembly. The first reason I like this time of the year is that I get to see a lot of my favorite people at these functions. The second and more important reason, is that I get to meet a lot of people I didn't know who are just as passionate about recovery in Alcoholics Anonymous as I am. One of our primary responsibilities is to protect and preserve the message of recovery as it is laid out in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. We do this by studying and practicing the steps, traditions and concepts that have guided this organization for generations. When I was young I was often frustrated with rules and regulations. I wanted people to be a swift to adopt change as I was. Now that I am older and have been in these rooms for a while I appreciate the slow nature of change in Alcoholics Anonymous. There is no need to reinvent the wheel.

The Big Book makes many promises about recovery from the seemingly hopeless condition of alcoholism. The first is the subtitle of the book "How Many Thousands of Men and Women have Recovered From Alcoholism." I think my favorite is "When the spiritual malady is overcome, we straighten out mentally and physically." Big Book pg 64. When I found a sponsor and worked the steps of the program and learned the program of recovery my life changed. I am grateful that I have remained engaged in the process of learning. Another of my favorite promises comes from the Twelve and Twelve, "There is a direct linkage among self-examination, meditation and prayer. Taken separately, these practices can bring much relief and benefit. But when they are logically related and interwoven, the result is an unshakable foundation for life." page 98

We often hear that the traditions are for groups as the steps are for individuals. I personally find that the traditions apply to me individually as well as groups, but I'll save that conversation for another time. However, there is a great parallel to the quote from the eleventh tradition that I believe applies to the groups in much the same way as the principles of recovery apply to members. I would propose that there is an unshakable foundation for our third legacy of service for groups that practice singleness of purpose, anonymity and self-support as spiritual principles. We had some great presentations at the Service Workshop in Superior on all of these topics. I hope that each member brings their thoughts and passion back to their groups so that we in Northern Minnesota can be a "Society of Alcoholics in Action."

I am looking forward to serving Area 35 at the upcoming general service events and I invite you to attend one or two of them yourself.

Yours in service,
Jeff C., Area 35 PI Chair

**COOPERATION WITH THE
PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY
(CPC)**

Due to work scheduling I haven't been able to get as involved as I would like to.

Currently I am still going through the materials for upcoming events such as MACPO and health conferences. If there are any requests for the CPC Chair to attend please let me know and I will try to make my work schedule bend to those requests, if possible.

Thank you for allowing me to serve and participate in my recovery.
Servando M., Area 35 CPC chair

TREATMENT

Greetings from your treatment facilities chair! I attended the Area 35/36 joint workshop in St. Cloud. There were a lot of items discussed with hope for better communication in the future.

I also attended the Area 35 Area Committee Meeting in Aikin in December. We had five district members present. We discussed two questions from our last committee meeting and two more questions will be brought to our next meeting in February.

Last weekend I attended the Area 35 Workshop in Superior. We had a lot of great presentations. I learned a lot. Our area seems to be in good shape with its responsibilities being met by districts. I enjoyed listening to Greg, with his wisdom and knowledge that he's gained from service and being part of our General Service Office.

Please remember if any of your members or groups have used literature or Grapevines bring them to the Area Committee Meeting so I can hand them out to my committee members to take to their treatment facilities.

Thank you; yours in service,
Paul M., Area 35 Treatment Facilities Chair!

ARCHIVES

Not much to report since the December Committee Meetings. I will not be attending the January Area Workshop as I will be on vacation.

I'm starting to put together an A.A. Archives workshop using the format from the Area 36 Archives Alive presentation, to take place hopefully in September.

I did attend the January 15 District Meeting.
I will see everyone at the committee meetings in February.
Yours in service,
Pete B., Archives Chair

ARCHIVIST

Since the December issue due to family and work obligations I have not done much other than work on building a data base and inventorying the collection. The repository will be moving in the building where it resides in the near future.

I attended the Winter Workshop in Superior. The Workshop went very well and I did bring up some items with Greg T., GSO Publications Director, concerning historical inaccuracies in Conference approved Literature. He took notes. I would like to make amends to all of the attendees for being late Sunday morning. I was stranded on the 10th floor of the Duluth Holiday Inn due to elevator problems. I won't elaborate on the details but I waited for over ½ an hour for an elevator. There was no way I could have managed 4 flights of stairs with the load I was carrying.

I am bringing the Display to Little Falls for a Round Robin on the 7th of February. I am giving a History of the traditions talk in Albany on the 21st. I am attending the WCRAASC in Norfolk NE. on the 27th 28th and 1st. I am bringing a display to the Winter Warm Up in Moorhead on the 7th of March. I am bringing a P.A. to the Winter Wrap Up in beautiful downtown Mountain Iron on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd. I am bringing a display to the Stearns County Roundup on the 28th of March.

Please keep those district minutes coming. E-mail is the preferred method. Also contacting me by cell is the best way to get a hold of me. My number is xxx-xxx-xxxx
Brad I., Area 35 Archivist

CORRECTIONS

Skip has stepped down from his position as Corrections Chair. Jake C. has stepped up to fill this position.

LITERATURE

Hi Everyone,
I attended the Annual Service Conference in Superior this past weekend and was reminded once again why I feel it necessary to be involved. I had many experiences that filled my heart with joy, from the ride up with Jeff C. and Paul B., to hearing all the wonderful presentations put on by the districts. And of course listening to Greg's experience with the Publishing department at AAWS and his own story. One thing I am dismayed about though. We had a young woman put on a presentation who did a wonderful job. Except she introduced herself as a addict/ alcoholic. I agree wholeheartedly with our singleness of pur

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pose. But, what I do not agree with is standing at the mic berating someone who does this in front of everyone. This is something we discussed at the Fall Assembly that the best way to handle this is privately afterwards. What else I am truly dismayed about is that I stood by and did not express my feelings to the person directly. This is a mistake I plan to correct at the first opportunity. Maybe this isn't the place for me to be voicing this but I am.
In Service,
Jim S., Area 35 Literature Chair

GRAPEVINE

Greetings from Northern Minnesota. I am pleased to announce a subscription drive from the Grapevine beginning February 1st. The Area that gets the most subscriptions will have a grapevine devoted to that area. You can learn the specifics on line at www.grapevine.org.
Please do not hesitate to call me if there is anything you need from the Grapevine.
The workshop recently held in Superior was very informative and the districts and topics represented were very well done. My thanks to all who shared their experience, strength and hope with all who attended. The ice sculpture was incredible also. I will have calendars and planners in Aitkin, along with daily quotes and the specific items ordered.
Thanks for allowing me to serve—I am having a blast!
Antonette

GROUP RECORDS

Hello, Area 35. Things are looking up with updating your group records with some DCMs. I have been working hard getting the correct information, also your active meetings and ones that are no longer meeting. I am grateful to have each District understand the importance of a contact person or GSR for your groups.
I have been working with District 12 DCM Rillis. We see light at the end of the tunnel. We updated a lot of their groups' information. This is a large district. Also a few other districts are in contact with their groups. Teamwork, communication, and visiting their district to show them exactly what the database is, is so helpful for them to understand. This will have the [aameetinglocator](#) updated, as we are finding out that some meetings have not existed for years and years.
I attended the Area Workshop in Superior, Wisconsin Jan 17-18 at Barkers Island. I room-shared to cut the cost as I have always done. Great presentations of topics were given by participating districts. Our guest Greg T. was very informational and I enjoyed hearing his story Saturday evening.
I updated on the new area laptop the FNV database and it is up and running. As we get new certificates in January I will be remove items from the old laptop to bring to our Area Committee Meeting in February.
I also changed my internet server in November making it possible for me to fulfill this responsibility more efficiently. This is very important for the incoming Group Records.
Please let me know if you need me to be of service to your district. I will do my best to be helpful.
Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Rolene L.

WEBMASTER

Greetings Area 35, I'm Sandy H. Alcoholic currently serving as your Area 35 Webmaster.
Since the December Committee Meeting I attended the January workshop in Superior. It always amazes me how much time and

effort districts take in researching and presenting their topics, great job everyone!
Updates have been made for the email forwards to Jake and Deb Welcome! Calendar updates are being keep up as well. Please continue to send your events in. Our committee continues to work on updating the instructions for inserting flyers into the Northern Light.

Here are the stats for Area 35 for 2014

Month	Unique	Number	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	3,02,982	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	2,054	3,300	13,664	111,319	3.44 GB
Oct 2014	2,255	3,952	16,173	118,629	3.37 GB
Nov 2014	1,799	2,976	11,148	94,765	2.31 GB
Dec 2014	2,009	3,582	9,640	105,074	2.61 GB
Total	24,079	40,012	156,234	1,351,895	32.58 GB

Here are the stats for Jan 2015

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2015	1,684	2,903	7,534	76,269	1.72 GB

Area 35 Webmaster, Sandy H.

WEB TECHNOLOGY

Looking Forward:
We are starting another year. Here is what I'd like to see accomplished this year.
• Area35/Area36 [aameetinglocator](#) ad-hoc committee:
 o Agree to an end to end process to update meeting information when reported by an [aameetinglocator](#) user.
 o Decide and implement a procedure to answer general A.A. and 12 step questions that are asked by users that use the contact us form on [aameetinglocator](#).
 o Design a public aa Minnesota WEB page/s
• Recommend a game plan to support [aameetinglocator](#) after the temporary plan ends this year.
• Work with Group Records to add Open or Closed status to all active A.A. meetings
• Work with Group Records to add meeting handicap access information.
• Work with Group Records to add other important meeting information:
 o Men's or Women's meetings
 o Special needs information
 o Meeting Language information
• Participate in the National A.A. Technology Workshop in October
• Participate in the Area35/Area36 joint workshop
• Stretch item: to redo [area35.org](#) using "wordpress". Using word-press would make it easier to rotate and maintain [area35.org](#). [aameetinglocator.org](#) will require programing and html experience.

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2014 aameetinglocator Statics

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
February	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
September	4,353	7,502	28,865	145,415	3.84 GB
October	3,845	6,908	27,365	131,541	3.30 GB
November	3,991	6,825	27,114	133,216	3.34 GB
December	4,074	6,386	21,639	128,847	3.29 GB
Total	48,012	79,316	307,962	1,666,928	40.40 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
September	2,831	3,609	13,285	21,916	697.34 MB
October	2,110	2,766	10,102	16,501	501.69 MB
November	2,081	2,783	10,122	16,003	504.21 MB
December	1,971	2,561	9,661	15,881	479.12 MB
Total	29,084	37,089	136,636	226,103	6.88 GB

www.aameetinglocator.org and
m.aameetinglocator.org combined
visitors

Month	Unique visitors
January	5,697
Feb	4,949
March	6,242
April	5,660
May	6,038
Jun	6,706
July	8,176
August	8,135
September	7,184
October	5,955
November	6,072
December	6,045
Total	76,859

Definitions:

Unique Visitor:

A unique visitor is a person or computer (host) that has made at least 1 hit on 1 page of your website 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 AW Stats reports is by default the current month. However if you use AW Stats 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 IP's 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 Not Page List configuration parameter (and match an entry of Only Files configuration 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 Skip Files configuration 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 Log Type). 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). Bob B., Area 35 WEB Technology support@area35.org

NORTHERN LIGHT

Greetings everyone. Like the rest of us in Area 35 I feel privileged to have had the opportunity and the means to attend the three most recent service events that took place between this issue and the final issue for 2014. Because I have—and am around others who have—defined service commitments while participating in these functions, I am aware of those in the general A.A. community that are lacking in this area. Knowing how much I receive from the service experience I want to convey this to others in a positive way and in a manner that I, myself would find attractive. One such way is to simply put the information out there without such emotional attachment that it is viewed as promotional, judgmental, or brow beating.

My position with the Northern Light offers me a great opportunity for this in that I usually have multiple areas in the newsletter where I need “filler.” The primary purpose of the paper is to inform and communicate within and between groups, districts, and Area 35, and in that endeavor I feel I should not waste any opportunity to replace all the white spaces with A.A. information—a commodity that I believe we can never have too much of. If you are ever reading the Northern Light and you wonder why I put something in it when it is already in the A.A. General Service

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Manual, the Big Book, or some other A.A. literature, chances are I have rubbed elbows with someone who has questioned me directly or been confused about some phrase, position, function, issue or *what-have-you*, for which I believe that whatever item I *stuck* in there could shed some light on.

The intent of those active in the General Service Structure is to draw us together—not to produce separate factions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

I want to take this chance to thank Skip D. for his service as Corrections Chair for Area 35; he has been a great example of what an Area Committee member should be. On the same plane I congratulate Jake Cuta for his willingness to take over. He is another fine example of commitment to Alcoholics Anonymous.

My committee and I have been working on stating the process for inserting flyers into the Northern Light in clear, uniform manner that we can publish in this newsletter and our website area35.org. Details of our progress can be found on page 11.

I am so grateful that I get to do this newsletter. To aid in express-

ing that gratitude I want to share a parallel involving the “inside job” many of us speak about so much.

In putting together each issue, as I take little risks to try new functions provided by the latest technology to inert the text, graphs, images, charts, etc. I become amazed at what seems like an infinite amount of ways in which I can complete my work, and it’s easy to get caught up in all the colors and “pretty’s.” I don’t want to do that—this is a newspaper not a website.

In the same way, as we try to be more effective and understanding in carrying our message, our advanced technology affords us an infinitely numerous amount of new tools and possibilities to work with, we need to remember that all the amazement and wizardry of advanced technology can never be a replacement for spirituality—the Spirituality that comes from one alcoholic talking and working with another alcoholic.

Thanks to those who have submitted articles and discussed content ideas with me.

In service, Rodney.

ARTICLES

Underwear Check

I was speaking with an A.A. friend a few days ago and he told me a story.

He woke up one morning and decided to get up for the day. It was still very dark out as the result us all going back to standard time. His wife was still sleeping and he did not want to wake her up, so, he decided to quietly get dressed in the dark. He got dressed and went into the kitchen to make some coffee and begin his day. Later in the morning, he needed to relieve himself of some of the coffee and went to the bathroom. In the bathroom, he quickly realized that he had put his underwear on backwards. He took off his pants and made the correction to his underwear. He asked me if I thought he might be getting senile or losing his mind. I told him that I did not believe he was becoming senile. I think he just made a mistake and when he became aware of it, he made the correction.

Some of us are not as lucky as my friend. I explained that some of us put our underwear on backwards and never realize that we made an error. When we find it difficult to go potty, we blame it on the manufacturer designing underwear poorly, or we blame it on society making the change to Central Standard Time and causing darkness at 6:00 AM which effects our accuracy as we dress ourselves. I explained to my friend that for 57 years I had my underwear on backwards. My life was miserable. I was angry. I was shackled by self pity. I was restless, irritable, and discontented. I had no peace of mind and I was drunk much of the time. I did not understand that the cause of my discomforts were of my own making. Although the solution for my issues were simple, I instead came to believe that my difficulties were the result of mistakes made by other persons, places, situations or facts of life. I was in a delusion. The truth was not clear to me. As a result, I lived a life of resentment, fear, and dishonesty.

Near the bottom of page xxviii in the Big Book, Dr. William D. Silkworth writes: "Men and women drink essentially because they like the effect produced by alcohol. The sensation is so elusive that, while they admit it is injurious, they cannot after a time differentiate the true from the false."

I needed help to see the difference between the true and the false. The help was available in Alcoholics Anonymous. The help I needed was abundant and pervasive. All I needed was a little bit of willingness, open mindedness and honesty. I was very lucky and the truth became apparent to me. For that I am extremely grateful.

I have a favor to ask of all my friends in A.A. If you ever notice that I have my underwear on backwards, please let me know.

Allen K.
Early Wednesday Night Group
District 13
St Cloud, MN

Is AA free?

Is A.A. free? The preamble states there are no dues or fees for A.A. membership, we are self supporting through our own contributions. What are fees? Fees are a set amount of money usually paid on a yearly basis for the privilege of becoming a member to a club or organization. When fees are not paid the privilege of being a member to the organization or club is forfeited. What are dues? Dues are a set amount paid at specific intervals for use of services for being a member of an organization or club. Since A.A. has neither dues or fees this still does not make it free.

In A.A. we have a tradition (seven) that we are self supporting. I believe we have the potential to live up to this ideal in its purest form, but more progress is needed. If we are not taking outside donations or imposing on the charity of others we have to pay the full price for services received.

Question: Is your group fully self supporting or does it impose on the generosity of others? I ask because I doubt that very many groups pay full expenses. Is your rent sufficient to cover its actual cost? Does it really meet the entire outlay for heating, air conditioning, lighting, janitorial and maintenance costs to cover the time while your group meets? Are you allowing your meeting host to cover some or all of these expenses? Do you pay your GSR their actual expenses to attend service functions example; food, lodging, fuel, coffee and registration fees? Or do you expect the GSR to cover these out of pocket? Does your District pay full cost of sending people to Service Functions or pay actual meeting costs? I would suspect about 20% or more of A.A. expenses are paid by individual members for incidentals.

By not having dues or fees we can make the new person feel comfortable and not have to worry about being embarrassed or kicked out of A.A. for not coughing up cash to be placed in the donation basket that they might not have. In other words, financial status is not a determination for A.A. membership. This is an element of A.A. that allows the poor drunk who has absolutely nothing; no money, no job, no home and no hope to find sobriety in A.A. and enjoy a better way to live. Those that have found or kept a job by finding sobriety in A.A. or got the courage to start a new career or open their own business might want to think about setting an example for newcomers and others by contributing more in the basket instead of putting in only a dollar. That way the less fortunate "like you" when you first came into A.A. can find their way, then pass it on.

It's been quoted many times that the Basket is where spirituality and money mix.

Steven L.

INSERTING FLYERS INTO THE NORTHERN LIGHT

The Area 35 Newsletter, Web, and Group Records Committee has been working on standardizing the process for inserting flyers in the Northern Light and subsequent billing/payment. I wanted to get this information into this issue as we are starting the new year with events coming up soon. We may make minor adjustments to the information below at our February Committee meeting, but these are the basics. Our intent with this is a singular and centralized process and contact for both the steps involved and payment.

Directions for putting a flyer into the Northern Light newsletter:

1. First & foremost **contact the Northern Light Editor** at northernlight@area35.org or call the phone number for the Northern Light Editor listed on page 3 of the hard copy, print version of The Northern Light (this will change every 2 years).
2. Email a pdf of the flyer to northernlight@area35.org for approval. Upon approval it will be forwarded it to the webmaster to place in the Area 35 website calendar of events.
3. Upon approval mail 600 flyers to:
**Cold Spring Record
PO Box 456
403 West Wind Court
Cold Spring, MN 56320
with an attn: Northern Light on the mailing address.
Include a note stating they are to be inserted into the next Northern Light.**
4. Cost is \$75. This is to defer the cost of inserting the flyers into the Northern Light. Make check payable to NMAA.
5. If you wish to have Cold Spring Record print the flyers to be inserted in the Northern Light, I will forward the pdf file of your flyer to them, along with your copying instructions; printing costs are: 600 one-sided copies - \$48; 600 copied on both sides - \$60. This will be on top of the initial \$75.
6. Mail payment and 1 copy of the flyer to:
**NMAA
PO Box 411,
Hoyt Lakes,
MN 55750**

RELATED INFORMATION

- Only Area 35 A.A. members may submit flyers. Flyers must be for A.A. sponsored events.
- Flyers needed – 600.

Northern Light deadlines are as follows:

- January 21: flyer will be include in the January – February Issue
- March 1: flyer will be include in the March - April issue
- May 1: flyer will be include in the May - June issue
- July 1: flyer will be include in the July - August issue
- September 1: flyer will be include in the September - October issue
- November 1: flyer will be include in the November - December issue

ARCHIVES QUIZ

1. Rowland Hazard carried the message to Ebb Thatcher. Who did Ebby carry the message to?
2. What is the actual name of the Seiberling Estate?
3. What is the oldest continuing A.A. Roundup in Area 35?
4. In what year was the Washingtonian movement/fellowship founded?
5. To date, what is the only city to host an International Convention twice?
6. In what year was the General Service Board restructured to allow for a 2/3 majority of Alcoholic Trustees with 1/3 Non-Alcoholic Trustees?
7. What was the last year that the General Service Conference was held in the Roosevelt Hotel?
8. Where in Minneapolis was the 2nd Founders Day Celebration held?
9. In what year did Area 35 go from 7 districts to 21 districts?
10. What year did Grapevine start? (hint: they are celebrating their 75th Anniversary)?

Area 35/36 Joint Workshop

Open and Introductions at 10:08 A.M.

Cooperation and Communication throughout Minnesota: Missy W. talked about the differences between the Area 35 and Area 36 service structures and even though we are one state divided into two areas we seem to cooperate to help the still suffering alcoholic who may not care that we aren't one Area. One great example is the Corrections program where we have to cooperate because the facilities fall under all of the corrections for the whole state legally. The PI Committee cooperates for the State Fair Booth and the Special Needs committees also need to cooperate. And Terry from Area 36 and Jake from Area 35 shared a cooperation hug at the GSC.

Breakout Sessions:

Area Officers: Chair of the Meeting is Roger, Secretary of Area 35. Area 36 had their Area elections: Delegate: Lisa G., Alternate Delegate: Curt K., Area Chairperson: Missy P., Alternate Chairperson: Mary M., Secretary: Jeannie H., Treasurer: Karl R.

Question: How do you handle rotations, do you have a meeting to hand off information and materials?

In Area 36 we have done it differently: Last rotation we did it in conjunction with an Area Committee Meeting which was not effective. This year we are having a separate rotation meeting, where the outgoing will meet with the incoming. We are also going to go over the budget and Trusted Servant Guidelines. That way they will have at least one to two hours to talk. People really want to give the incoming a really good idea of what the job entails. The Area Chair needs to have the Committee Chairs (filled) for the next rotation by then. I just got a meeting room in a public library where it is free rent for nonprofits. I think the best piece is the one-on-one time you get with each other. Two hours isn't the end all, you still need to have communication with others. Having a connection with the outgoing chair where the budget is concerned is invaluable. We have some positions that are non-rotating, but there is a proposal to change those to rotating every four years.

In Area 35 we don't have a set meeting. The outgoing chairs and officers get together on their own. We have job descriptions for each position. The one on one could be emails and phone conversations. At December Committee Meeting the new chairs are introduced and they have a chance to meet. I find myself going to the past delegates for guidance in my job as well. One of the hardest things is when we share our experience as everyone does the job a little different. It is hard to do it the same way as the previous position holder. We do more one on one than meetings. I don't believe we talked about budgets though. Does Area 36 have job descriptions? Yes. Area 35 doesn't have an Alternate Chairperson. The Area 36 Alternate Chair backs up the Area Chair, chairs the Finance Committee and is the chair of the Recovery, Unity, and Service Conference. Also in Area 36 the Area Committee Chairs have Alternate Chairs, the only positions that do not have alternates are the Secretary and Treasurer.

How often in Area 36 is the Alternate Chair elected as Chairperson? About half the time.

If someone is nominated by a District to stand for Delegate they submit a resume by June of the election year and it is put into the Northern Lights. Voting is at the Fall Assembly. Those who were not voted as Delegate can stand as Alternate Delegate. Nominations are not taken from the floor. But, the other officer's positions are taken as nominations from the floor. Past Delegates in Area 35 do not have a vote. Area 36 is in the process of updating the Trusted Servant Guidelines. That process is done by the Structure Committee and taken to the Area Committee to be ratified.

How do we do budgets?

Area 35 would like to get away from the word Budget and go to Financial Statement of Responsibility. One of the problems we run into is that everyone does their own budget, submits it to the chair and it goes to the body for the vote. We always go higher with our budget by budgeting to go

to the events alone. It makes it look so much higher. We budget for worst case scenario. It makes it difficult for a GSR to get the idea of what is going on when we end up way under budget. It is good to explain the budget when presenting it.

In Area 36 the Area Chair does the budget with input from officers and committee chairs. We have a variance because we always plan for those to share rides and hotel stays. We have an 11,000 deficit budget for next year. We are under by 10,000 in the budget so far this year. It is important to plan what we need to do and let the money come in. We don't want to let the budget drive what we do. It is important to let the groups know that if we are going to do all of this stuff, they need to support it. In Area 35 we like to talk about the big expenses, such as the West Central Regional Service Conference. We like to plan that so all of the officers can go, instead of only be able to afford sending 3. We talk about what we are getting out of those events as well. Sometimes that changes depending on what we need for equipment, etc. Area 36 has their Committee Chairs budget to do whatever round ups who ask for the Committee displays.

When your budget is presented does it get a lot of discussion? Area 36 does, my first year as Area Chair I had to present the budget from the previous rotation that didn't pass it was a lot of discussion. This year is was a five minute discussion. We take the last 3 years average of income and the actual expenses from last year. I took the committee chairs budgets; we planned to fly to Wyoming for the Forum and to drive to the West Central Regional Service Conference in Nebraska. Our financial policy asks us to be prudent with the Areas money. If there actually is a deficit at the end of the year, we do have a reserve and operating fund. In reality we won't spend that much money. Our budget is really based on what we are going to do and not what we are going to get. Our treasurer has done a good job of painting a picture of how we spend throughout the year. What role does the Treasurer have? He has done a great job of giving our assembly a good picture of how we are doing. They really are in charge of our accounting. In Area 35 the treasurer tends to encourage the 7th Tradition. Is there a line item in the budget for the Past Delegates reimbursement? Yes, Missy called all the past delegates to get an idea when they might come. Why did Area 36 decide to reimburse the Past Delegates? Because we value their input, experience, and participation, therefore we should support them financially to attend. Area 36 puts 1000.00 towards the Delegate attending the International every five years.

The Area 36 Chairperson has a formula based on past experience to do the variance for the budget. In A.A., we don't look at our budget in the same way businesses do—we want to be spending money and our budget is a guide

What does the Area do to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic? Do we have a list for the newcomer to see? Individuals have asked what the area does—how can we communicate what we do. Perhaps our purpose isn't to carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic. We support the service structure. The Assembly does the business of alcoholics anonymous. I disagree because in our area finance policy is to carry the message. The work that the committees do goes to the correctional facilities, treatment centers, professionals, etc. We reach them indirectly. We set the structure for individual members to do the work. While doing my Delegates report I had an opportunity to talk to members not involved in Area service about what we set up as an Area to make it possible for members to do service work. I don't think we discuss that enough. We need to reach those who don't always come to us.

Are we effectively communicating with those people? Do we think to put a list together to show what we do? We have our guidelines. Our committee chairs should be communicating to the GSR's at the Committee Meetings. We also have our newsletters to do that. The Area 36 Delegate writes an article on a concept each month and have it put into the Mirus (Intergroup Newsletter), where there is an

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opportunity to reach them.

Do you find there are enough people willing to serve? That is still a conversation at our District level. We have a continuous conversation on how we might get the chairs to do what they say they will do. I think we need to give them something of substance to do. Create opportunities outside of meetings. Our District PI chair picked 5 things he wanted to accomplish, and got a group of people busy doing it.

It seems that at Area 35 we have people that serve and unless they are elected into a new position or an Alternate Delegate, they are gone and you won't see them again. I ask myself why they lost interest.

Do you list anything in your finance letter anything about what the Area is doing? It goes in our Northern Lights, so they can see based on reports from officers and committee chairs what has been going on.

If I send a contribution to the Area, do I receive a thank you letter? Yes we use the return address on the envelope. We are considering doing this at our District letter. We want to send a thank you to those who sent contributions. There are ways other than mailing the thank you; you can give that to the GSR of that group. It tends to have an impact and makes a difference in contributions.

How much interaction does the Area have with the Districts? We do zonal forums so that the Districts can meet the officers and learn about Area Service. Our primary interaction is through the Area events, however the officers and committee chairs offer to attend any District meeting. Area 35 seems to be asking more if they would like them to come to their District. It seems to work better to have a certain presentation to give when they come to the District Meeting. As Area Chair I seem to be asked more to give presentations at District Workshops. Our Archives is asking districts to combine to do presentations. I was asked to present at a District on why it is important to attend Area Committee Meetings. Some can't send all of their chairs because they can't afford it. Some people may not continue in service because they aren't being reimbursed for service work.

How do we ensure that the triangle truly is inversed? We rotate our assemblies to encourage participation. It is our responsibility to operate at our position humbly. Area folks really have an opportunity to impact A.A. If we always know our position it will work out fine.

Does Area 36 use the board minutes for anything? Because we have been told that those are possible agenda items for the next GSC. Dennis B. does it for District 18 a couple weeks after the Board meeting. Anyone can come and we always have about 8 to 10 people there.

I guess I would offer a suggestion that there isn't a lot of meaningful stuff in those minutes for the individual member. I read those minutes as a Delegate, but I don't think it would be a center discussion at an assembly.

Newsletter/Web/Group Records: Bob: We talked about the importance of keeping group records updated. We get requests for updates from the meeting locator. It will be going to the DCMs first to check on it then to the Group records Chair. We are looking at a better way to handle general questions. We have two names for the meeting locator and we are looking at forming an ad hoc committee on how to handle this and where we want to go with it. Area 36 website has been updated. We discussed why a District would want a web page and what to put on one. We want to discourage copy and pasting on those. We need to concentrate on getting a meetings for Group Records and we need to work from the Districts on down. The Group Records data base is used to send out the Area Newsletters and if the information is incorrect and gets sent back it is a double mailing cost. One of the interesting thing about group records is that when you enter a groups address if it is incorrect it won't go through because GSO is cross checking those addresses with the Post Office.

Literature/Grapevine: Antoinette: We also had great discussion and spirited. We talked about the State Fair is more done by Area 36 more than 36 due to location. We also talked about the participation where the Pink Can Plan is concerned. We talked about

what we can do to help the other Committees where literature and Grapevine subscriptions are concerned. How do we ensure everyone gets a big book? And we talked about what fun literature party would be (literature jam festival). And how are we there for the newcomer that stands at the literature rack. We seem to be limited at treatment centers and correctional facilities. Can we give subscriptions to them? Cooperating with other committees is the big question. Sometimes a newcomer can't get to a meeting but we should encourage them to pick up the grapevine. District 13 AA Workshop and how it Came of Age is a great workshop.

Archives: Brad: We discussed what the primary purpose is and how to cooperate with each other. Area 36 is doing Archives Alive sessions. They have 3 Districts that share their history of AA 3 times a year. Area 35 has a full repository and is hard to organize. Area 35 could use help building a searchable data base which would require a lengthy inventory. Cost isn't a restraint but time is. Paul and I do joint displays when possible. To do a joint workshop gets difficult when trying to coordinate dates. We also talked about focusing on Districts having their own chairs to organize their own archives. We have talked about history talks. Our biggest focus is on where we came from, where we are today and where we are going in the future. Come to the Archives Alive next Saturday the 8th in Glencoe at the Area 36 Repository.

Public Information/CPC: Jeff: We had 10 people discussing 5 topics the first one being the State Fair, which is the longest cooperating function. People have been talking about should we be spending the money on this and the time split isn't in favor of Area 36. We talked about having shift evaluations done about who visited our booth and why. AA meeting locator was the second one and keeping it current and accurate. It is the calling card for AA in MN. The conversation came up on how to make consistent contact with professionals as a unified state. AA hotlines: some have them- some don't. Are they working for the still suffering alcoholic? Jeff checked updated the hotline numbers on the AA MN sheet passed out by highway rest-stops (with service counters). We need to use current technology to assist us. The role of the Area In this committee: A district went to do a fair booth and the fair committee wanted them to have insurance. Maybe the Area could take out insurance in those cases.

Treatment/Special Needs: Sooze: Small but lively committee. We were able to educate some GSR's. Most discussion was on the temporary contact program. Area 36 has a maintained data base to help us make those contacts. We would like to share information between Areas about folks going from a treatment center in one area going home to another. Remote Communities and Special Needs: Carla was sharing the challenges between the two. January 17th there is a workshop in Area 36 that Area 35 is invited. It is on "AA is for everyone". Location and time are pending. We talked about increasing participation in the treatment committees. They talked about hand picking attendees. The MAARCH Conference just happened this week that Sooze attended on behalf of Area 36. It is a state wide organization for treatment professionals and happens once a year. A lot of traffic at the AA booth and a lot of literature went out. When I was at the booth a Native American man was there and I was able to give him the pamphlet on Native Americans.

Corrections: Mary M.: Area 35 and Area 36 have a joint workshop committee. They had 13 people at the table for discussion. The joint committee has been meeting over the year to share struggles and challenges about the work they do. How do they find out who to contact at jails and what are the requirements to go in. Finding consistent people to show up can be a struggle. We need to remember that it's their house so their rules or don't go. We also discussed a draft of an AAI format for facilities in Minnesota. We think we should be carrying the same message in Minnesota. Some think we are paid or that we work with addicts. We would like your input on the Format. The other thing we talked about is a joint state wide workshop for corrections. We would like to do it in September of 2015. We would like to do this in St. Cloud. We would have people sharing their experience with an open microphone to ask questions. We have a lot of ideas around that.

General Sharing: How did it get started that the rotations of the two Areas aren't the same, and wouldn't it be beneficial to get us on the same rotation? The odd numbered Areas have an election on the even numbered years and the even numbered years have an

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election on the odd numbered years for the GSC so they aren't recreating the wheel each year. They will have half veterans' half newcomers.

I have a plan for the pink can plan issue: She recycles her cans at home and that money goes into the pink can plan. Use it at your groups.

If there is anyone in District 13 who would like to drive down to the Archives Alive, I would fill their tank when we get back to St. Cloud.

In regards to the State Fair booth: I think it would be a benefit to talk about this next year at this workshop to really look at the benefits.

When we ask people to speak on behalf of our program we should introduce them to the literature that speaks on this and how they might dress. We should look like we are recovered alcoholics who can articulate and form thoughts. We are judged immediate on what we look like and sound like.

I like the idea of a joint workshop in corrections. It would help those who don't know how to do it. Why aren't we cooperating in more of the committees in this way to save the work for one area?

When I first got into service as a corrections chair for the district I was putting literature out and had the thought that a drunk might want to call intergroup instead of sending questions to GSO. So I stamped the number for intergroup on the literature to be of help.

There is getting more opportunities to cooperate with each other. Go because we are getting together to talk more. If

we have something that fits into our traditions to help each other let's do it. In Area 35 we spend most of our budget on travel reimbursement due to the distance between places. Could we do better?

In regards to the A.A. meeting locator, how many people have gone to the meeting locator to check the accuracy of their meeting? Now, go out and ask other groups to do the same. The more I talk about it the more I realize people like it. So, let's get the information correct so we aren't sending someone to a bad location.

On the meeting locator, trying to get the information correct is a big task. So when you go to your meetings ask those people to be responsible for their group's information. Tradition 4 is a great way to explain that.

As a Grapevine Chair at a District: how many of you think that the Grapevine is A.A.'s meeting in print? The Grapevine is one of the A.A. entities at the tip of the inverted triangle. It is almost as large as a publishing arm as AAWS. It publishes many books, and a lot of what you see on Literature tables is Grapevine material. It is more than just our meeting in print.

Announcements:

RUSC in Owatonna at the Holiday Inn. Forms available on area 36 website.

January 17th and 18th Area 35 Winter Service Workshop.

Founders Day in November information on Area 36 website.

Close with Responsibility Statement at 1:51 p.m.

A little something to fill in the blanks:

I think the reason I love this little story so much is that it represents to me, the epitome of the opposite attitude that our responsibility pledge expresses. (N.L. editor)

“That’s Not My Job”

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

***I am Responsible...
When Anyone, Anywhere
Reaches Out For Help,
I Want The Hand Of A.A.
Always To Be There.***

***And For That,
I Am Responsible !***

Three Legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous:

The Three Legacies of Alcoholics Anonymous are Recovery, Unity, and Service. These legacies have been passed down to us from the cofounders and old timers of A.A.



- Recovery is contained in the Big Book and Twelve Steps.
- Unity is contained in the Twelve Traditions.
- Service is contained in every act which helps A.A. function or which carries the A.A. message to those who need it.

ARCHIVES QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Bill Wilson
2. Stan Hywet
3. Duluth – started in 1945
4. 1840. It collapsed within 3-4 years.
5. Toronto
6. 1966
7. 1989
8. Curtis Hotel – started in 1942
9. 1987
10. June 1944

**Area 35 December Committee Meeting Minutes
Aitkin, MN - December, 2014**

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 44.

Recognition of First Time ACM attendees.

Minutes from the August Area Committee Meeting were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

Delegate-MIKE J. It is hard to believe my first year serving as your Delegate is almost at an end. It has been a fantastic journey so far with many more ups than downs. At times it seemed like I would never get through the many hours of traveling, but with each journey came great moments of spending time with the fellowship that has brought me so much peace and love. I am glad to say that I tried not to make things worse. I look forward to my second year, serving Area 35 (the best Area), going from being the new guy to the outgoing Delegate at the conference. Serving as Delegate Chair should be interesting although involving more duties. I keep thinking, this is your last year serving work hard and enjoy the blessings.

I rode to Clarissa for a workshop with Randy and although the numbers were small both he and I felt it was our duty to share as though we had a full house. Thank you District 18 for allowing me to share my experience on responsibility to the still suffering. The only reason we do any of our general service. May God keep us strong in our purpose and keep A.A. healthy.

I am preparing for the board meeting at the end of January in New York and am excited as I will finally be given my assignment as Delegate Chair. I participated in two conference calls. One with our Regional Trustee and Delegates from around the region. We talked of the WCRAASC coming up in Nebraska and received word from Bill (from Nebraska) that all is going well and ready. It sounds like we sold a lot of literature this year which put us ahead of budget, we still must work hard on bringing up contributions, although Area 35 has been going up each quarter. We had Carol B. from Group Services with us and she talked about some things happening on sub-committees she is on. She talked about corrections and how we can get more sharing from each area on how they deal with their corrections work. She sent out a survey which I forwarded to Skip (a little late) asking about different aspects of trying to deal with facilities. She is also on a subcommittee that is trying to find better ways to use our class A Trustees in bringing awareness to the public and in facilities.

I also had a conference call with the Grapevine staff, new and outgoing committee members and Amy B. from the Grapevine shared what they have been doing to help bring about growth in subscriptions in both the Grapevine and La Vina. Both of which are doing financially better again this year. The mobile app for the Grapevine should be up soon and they are also encouraging the purchase of gift certificates as a way of raising funds to send subscriptions to those in need. She is trying to set up a meeting with Area Grapevine Chairs to talk of ways to encourage more subscriptions. One Area has a raffle that raises money just to give away subscriptions.

Some highlights from the board meeting were:

Dear Delegates of the West Central Region and Western Canada Region,

Here is a list of some of what went on at the GSB meeting (and AAWS and AAGV meetings) over the weekend:

1. Phyllis H., General Manager, will retire in October, 2015.
2. Doug R., longtime GSO staff member, will retire in December, 2014.
3. Registration for the 2015 International Convention thus far is over 27,000 registrants and over 12,000 rooms have been booked. There are still more rooms available. We have been assured that we won't be as far out as some folks were for Seattle and Toronto.
4. Your General Service Board adopted a mission statement: Our mission is to serve the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.
5. Through September 2014, AAWS has a net profit of \$2.2 million; Grapevine has a net profit of \$232,000. The Reserve Fund is \$14 million or 9.4 months of expenses. The AAWS profit is due both to the 75th anniversary reprinting and to large literature orders coming in before the price increase went into effect.
6. The floor plan for the remodeling of the 11th floor of our office-

es has been agreed upon.

7. There is a change in Conference procedure: At the January Board Weekend meetings of Trustees' Committees, the Conference Committee Chairs will be active participants in their corresponding Trustees' Committee meeting and will review proposed background for their Committee.

8. At the 2015 International Convention, there will be a large space focusing on A.A. service named "Carry the Message". Shortly, Delegates will be requested to provide names of servants from their Area to staff this space.

9. Ed M., past Delegate from the S.W. Region (Area 38, E. Mo.), is recommended to be a General Service Trustee at the next Conference, serving on the Grapevine Board to replace Nancy H. Ivan L., Class A Trustee, is recommended to serve on the Grapevine Board, keeping the board membership at eight. Joel C., Pacific Regional Trustee is recommended for service on the Grapevine Board and Richard B. is recommended for the AAWS Board.

10. Trustees' Nominating Committee chose seven prospective Class A Trustees to interview in January for the two Class A Trustee vacancies to occur at the next Conference. I don't know any of the details on this.

11. Trustees' Nominating Committee created a subcommittee to discuss matters of rotation in the event of a regional trustee not being able to complete his or her term.

12. The General Service Board will undertake a comprehensive feasibility study of our current business model, corporate structure and long term sustainability of the Board and its affiliate corporations.

13. A new policy for narrative reporting of the financial results of La Vina was adopted.

14. The Grapevine Board agreed to move forward with a plan to bring the Grapevine to mobile devices, through Newstand on iPhones and Google Play on android devices.

15. The Grapevine Board agreed to move forward with a subscription challenge for 2015, details to come later.

I sent a letter to GSO stating Area 35's commitment to using the FNV database for a US and Canada meeting locator. Have not heard any response yet. Thank you all for being a part of Area 35 and enhancing my sobriety.

Yours in fellowship and service,
Michael (Jake) J. Panel 64

ALTERNATE DELEGATE-KELLY D. Greeting Area 35, I am sorry that I cannot be with you all today and I hope this finds you well and that you are staying warm now that the winter months are upon us. Since my last report I attended our Fall Assembly in Grand Rapids, October 4-5th. As many of you know there was much discussion around our "Financial Statement of Responsibility" (budget) for 2015. That "budget" was voted on and approved. We are but Trusted Servants that serve Area 35 and my hope is that you all know that each and every one of us serving will continue to be prudent with the Area finances. I also attended the Area 35/36 Joint Workshop on November 1st. We had a great turn out from both Areas and it proved to be a great day of exchanging information on how we can better serve in our respective service positions to carry the message of hope throughout our great state of Minnesota. A special thank you to Sarah and Missy for organizing and making this a successful Workshop for all of us. Our Area 35 Service Workshop is fast approaching January 17-18th in Superior, Wisconsin at Barkers Island Inn. All preparations for this event have been completed. There are 8 of our Districts that will be presenting on certain topics (thank you to all that accepted my invitation) and it will prove to be another great workshop. You can find the Agenda on our Area 35 website calendar. Special thank you to District 12 for hosting this event. I have been in touch with Greg T., A.A.W.S. Publishing Director our guest for that weekend and his flight arrangements are complete. He tells me he is looking forward to spending that weekend with all of us. I hope that all of you have marked your calendar and will be attending this Service Workshop.

On a personal note I would like to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for my husband Ron and my son Gabe. As I am writing this Ron, recently had another setback and was hospitalized again after having a stroke due to his heart condition. I have him at home now but he will need to go to occupational therapy 3 times a week. My son is also still hospitalized but has been moved out of the ICU Unit at the University of Minnesota just awaiting surgery when he is well enough. He is now been in the hospital for two weeks. Those of you that do not know, Gabe was hospital-

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ized three days after Ron's first hospitalization, with pancreatitis which was caused from an inflamed gall bladder. They both will have a long road to recovery but are making progress every day. I believe that the power of prayer from all of you and a miracle from God is the only reason that these two very important men in my life are still here with me today. It is also with sadness in my heart that I also tell you that I too have some very serious medical issues and need to step back from my service position to take care of them for now. You are in good hands with my fellow Officers and Committee Chairs as they step in and together to fulfill my responsibilities as your Alternate Delegate in my absence. Although at times lately I have questioned (only briefly by the way) the saying that "God never gives you more that you can handle" I do know that he is by my side every step of the way and continues to give me the strength I need to get through this difficult time. I do however accept whatever path he chooses for my continued journey of recovery at this time in my life. I also know today that if it wasn't for the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, all of you and the many gifts I have received and continue to receive, I would not be capable of being there for my family right now and also be able to face the challenges before me with my own health. Thank you all again from the bottom of my heart for your love, support and continued prayers. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. I wish you all a safe and blessed holiday season.

In love and service,

Kelly

Chair-Sarah K.: After the Fall Assembly, I elicited Rolene's help to obtain a master list of all Area 35 GSR email addresses so that we can include them in our communications. I know many DCMs are already distributing information to their GSRs, but there were comments made by GSRs at the assembly who weren't getting the information and I'd rather duplicate communications than exclude anyone. To this new email list, I sent out the December Area Committee Meeting agenda and forwarded the September board minutes. I received several responses of appreciation and at least 20 expired emails as well as a couple of outdated contacts. It is very important that we share with groups the importance and ease of maintaining an updated group contact so they can get this important information, and ensure their group is connected to the rest of A.A.

Board Minutes: We all know the General Service Conference (GSC) agenda items can be a lot to look over in a short period of time, so I want to reiterate what was said at the Fall Assembly that the Board minutes contain much useful information some of which might show up on the GSC agenda. So, I would ask that the Area Chairs take the time to read through the minutes, looking for anything of interest to your committee. You can include the information/background in your report to the Area and bring items for discussion to the Area Committee breakout meetings. I noticed there are already several upcoming proposed literature items.

Secretary-Roger R. Roger R., Area 35 Secretary

I would like to express my gratitude to Area 35 for allowing me to continue serving as your Area Secretary.

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

I attended the Area 35/36 Joint Committee Meeting in November. I was asked to Chair the Officers break-out session and present the discussion of the break-out session. I have also worked with Missy- Area 36 Secretary on competing the minutes from the Area 35/36 Joint Committee Meeting. These minutes will be published in the forthcoming Northern Light.

In recent activity I have also focused on Concept 5. My read on Concept 5 is that in A.A. we have a very special and important duty to listen to and respect a minority opinion. That differentiates us from almost all other democratic institutions -as it seeks to maintain unity in our fellowship. The notion that once a majority has spoken and we have given the minority a chance to speak and are done—does not seem to me to be consistent with Concept 5.

Therefore I think our Area Chair's request that we simply show a different, unofficial picture of our actual projected expenses is a great way to show the Area that we are listening to and respecting

a minority opinion. We definitely are not changing the majority voice, just showing the minority a different picture that they have requested. I have given Sarah a revised budget that reduces my projected expenses by more than \$500.00 for 2015.

I look forward to seeing you all again at our upcoming January Service Conference.

The deadline for reduced room rates is December 16 for this event.

In service, Roger

TREASURER- Randy A. It has been a very busy month for service work. On November 29th, I traveled to Clarissa, Minnesota with our Area Delegate Mike J. to do a presentation on "Vitality of Contributions". Despite the lack of attendance at the workshop it went quite well and was very informative with those in attendance. They asked a variety of questions pertaining to the Area expenses and income and also the 7th Tradition. They also were well prepared for food and set-up. If anyone is interested in reading the outline for the presentation which was done on power point, I have extra copies available upon request. A special thank-You to Neil R., DCM from District 18 for setting up the workshop for those in his District and making it available to the GSR's and other interested persons. It take a lot of effort, enthusiasm and commitment to Alcoholics Anonymous to want to do something helpful for others.

This past month, I met with the Wells Fargo Bank representative to go over a review of our accounts status and to see if there was anything more that needed be done for the year. We are currently in good standing and everything has checked out good. We make periodic and daily checks of our online banking accounts to insure our safety. We had one contribution check in the amount of \$11.80 from a group in District 12 returned as the account was closed. We ended up with a bank fee charged to our account for a total of \$23.80. Thanks to DCM of District 12 Rillis, we were able to contact the group and inform them of what happened. They said they had opened up a new account and that the old checking account was now closed. They sent the check in error and are intending to reimburse the Area back and send in a new contribution next period. Total current assets for Period 6 are: \$22,421.22 with total in checking account at: \$15,055.79 and total in savings at: \$6,039.32. Total Group contributions are \$4,831.47 for the period and total Birthday Contributions are at \$35.00. Total contributions Year-to-Date (YTD) are: \$25,806.73. In closing, please feel free to call or e/mail me for any concerns regarding the Area Treasury account or contributions and be sure to take the financial reports to your districts.

Yours in Service, Randy.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS

GRAPEVINE Antonette F. Well, December is here and it's a perfect time to give the gift of the Grapevine. Start the new Year right. There are also grapevine calendars and planners for 2015. Perfect gifts for sponsees and anyone else you may have in mind at an affordable price! The Daily Quote books are a hot item, let me know if you want any for yourself and/or groups. Also perfect for sponsees. I have been busy placing orders for books and subscriptions. It continues to be a pleasure. I will have some of these things on hand at the January workshop so let me know if there is something you need.

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Antonette

District 8- Jerry B. I'm Jerry and I'm an alcoholic, currently serving as DCM for District 8.

I'm looking forward to once again attending the Area 35 Service Workshop held in Superior in January.

Our district meetings are held the first full week of each month on a rotating basis as to the day and meeting location. Our next District 8 Meeting will be held at the United in Christ Church on Main St. in Biwabik on Wednesday, December 10. As always you're all welcome to attend and share some "ranger" fellowship if you're in the neighborhood. Our committee meetings begin at 6:30 with our regular Monday business meeting at 7:00. Ask myself or any member of District 8 for more information if needed.

At our last meeting Butch R. stepped up as Corrections Chair to replace Susan M. who took the position as GV/Literature Chair. We still seek candidates for the positions of Alt. Corrections and Alt. GV/Literature Chairs. Our Area Group Records Chair, Rolene L. was there to help explain more on the FNV database. She helped us by putting out a great explanation as to what is—

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and will—be happening with this fairly new program. She left us with a sense of understanding which is what we were looking for.

District 8 feels that the Financial Oversight Committee meets too often, costing the area more than expected. We're currently in the process of determining how to spend district funds while still being prudent. We'll find out more ideas and so forth at our meeting Wednesday night. The District 8 workshop will be held February 21 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church; times and other information to be announced Wednesday night. Butch R. and myself attended a meeting at the Sandstone Federal Prison on October 14. They have a new format which is supportive of all. Butch continues in trying to setup a badging session that will be a neutral site for us all.

Yours in service, Jerry, District 8 DCM.

District 15 Melissa M. Greetings everyone from District 15, Our District is doing their best to get people more involved in service work. We have 27 meetings in our district and only 6-8 GSR's show up every month to the District meetings. We are really hoping to find a GSR for each meeting. We still have yet to fill any other chair positions other than DCM, Secretary and Treasurer. Our District will be presenting a topic presentation at the January workshop which we are really looking forward too. We are also having a Traditions Workshop on Saturday February 21st 2015 from 11-3pm. The District is going to be providing a taco bar and some door prizes! We hope to have a good turn out! Brad I. our archivist from the Area is going to put on a 1 hour presentation about the traditions, and we are waiting to hear if our area secretary Randy A. will be willing to discuss the 7th tradition, we also have a CD of Bill W himself discussing the traditions that we are going to be using as part of our format. District 13 said that they may be interested in being a part of the workshop and we will be discussing it at our next District Meeting in January. We are getting things ready for the Stearns County Roundup that will be taking place in March, and we are also in the process of updating our meeting cards! We have been keeping busy and doing our best as a district to help the still suffering alcoholic. We hope the holiday season blesses all of you!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Melissa

PI and CPC -Jeff C There were 12 people in attendance at the PI/CPC committee meeting. Four of those were from District 16 where the old adage "get in the car" is still working. District PI/CPC groups are staying active working on the typical projects of keeping meeting lists up to date, distributing literature, staffing and checking phone hotlines. Some of the more active and more populated districts are making use of A.A. PSA's on local or public access television, radio and even on city buses in Duluth. District 7 was busy during the last several weeks contacting nearly 100 groups to update group records. District 4 and District 13 hold regular beginners meetings. District 12 and district 13 have had some turnover in their PI/CPC chair positions but committee work continues to get done. Districts 6 and 7 will be hosting CPC events within the next few months.

In addition to our reporting of specific PI/CPC work the group had a good conversation about traditions, anonymity and the A.A. message. We understand that we are the caretakers of the A.A. Message and A.A. Traditions. We can safeguard the A.A. message by using A.A. approved materials and following the guidelines provided by A.A. when making contact with professionals and the public. I have always interpreted our tradition of anonymity as never taking credit for God's work.

We also had a good conversation about the tradition of rotation in A.A. service and we realized that we were all halfway through our current service commitments. There was some good conversation at the Joint Area 35/36 workshop about how Area 36 relies on outgoing committee members to provide an orientation for incoming members and to act as a resource for them as they learn their responsibilities. I was told that I need to sponsor two people into any service commitment that I want to hand off to someone else. In any event we all thought that it would be a good idea for us to help the new volunteers into their positions at the next rotation.

I love A.A. and I love the Area 35 group that has been showing up for longer than I have been around. I am encouraged to see new members stepping up and taking their turn at the oar. I am reminded of my gratitude every time I have the pleasure of doing anything of service for this group and for that I thank you.

District 5 – Dean M. My name is Dean and I am an alcoholic. We are very busy carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic in District 5. We are no longer able to go into Riverplace Inpatient due to insurance company demands but will be able to put on a meeting at their inpatient facility. A group in Big Lake is putting on a meeting at another outpatient facility. We are also carrying a meeting into a treatment facility in Princeton. Another A.A. member and myself are putting on a 6 week step- workshop based on Big Book actions, similar to the Golden Slipper group in Canada. Please see me if you have any questions on this.

District 4 Ray F. District 4 seems to be a very healthy district. We had a couple of transitions with our district officers but we currently have all positions filled.

We have a group of people that are bringing meetings into the Douglas County Correctional Facility on a weekly basis. We have about a dozen people trained and approved to host meetings in the facility and we have another training coming up.

Financially, we have too large of a prudent reserve so we've been looking for ways to use our money to better bring the message to the still suffering alcoholic. One of the ways we decided to do this was to gift subscriptions of the Grapevine to various locations and entities in and around our community. Our PI/CPC committee has been working to find more ways to reach the still suffering alcoholic. One of the things we did was to have cards printed with the A.A. Help Line and distributed them to Law Enforcement, Medical facilities, Law Offices, High School, Technical College, etc... We have gotten positive feedback about the cards.

Many of our meetings have begun including a message about sponsorship during the meeting openers as well as asking for a show of hands of willing sponsors. We feel that this is a step in the right direction as far as sponsorship goes in our District.

CORRECTIONS-Skip D. Good day,

Well, we had eight people in attendance this morning. Districts 2,7,8,9,13 were represented.

Pennington County Jail is willing to have meetings back in their facility, but Mike (DCM District 2) is having trouble getting volunteers to bring the meetings in.

All other commitments are being fulfilled by the districts in attendance.

District 13 is looking to put a workshop together. Sandstone Prison has changed the day of the meetings, it is now on Tuesday.

I was able to attend the joint workshop in St. Cloud on November 1st, I would like to thank you all for the experience, the Corrections breakout session went really well, I do have the minutes from that session if you would like them please let me know.

Area 35/36 is going to put on a Corrections workshop, this will be a joint workshop and we are looking at the dates of September 12th or the 19th 2015, possibly in St. Cloud.

The AAI pamphlet is still in the works; sent an email to bring to Area 36 committee meeting on December 6th for review. I do plan on attending the workshop in January, Hope to see you all.

Yours in service, Skip D.

District 2-Michael H.

There were many things brought up at the last District 2 business meeting in November, and I will report a brief summary of what was discussed. First off there was an attendance of 9. In the treasurers report the financial stability of the District is getting better with more contributions. There was continued discussion of Chair positions at the District level, and the position of CPC/PI was filled for the remainder of this rotation. Interest was expressed for two other chair positions those being Corrections/Treatment and Archives, however these were tabled until the next district meeting. Open chair positions currently are Archives, and Corrections Treatment. The District also started a committee for our Roundup that has not been going on for 3 years. We elected a chair person for the committee and scheduled the first meeting for it promptly following the next business meeting in January. Hopefully with some invested time, effort and participation we can have a Round up in District 2 again. With the well accepted and well attended GSR School it was also discussed about the possibility of the district putting on another event similar to the GSR School in the near future or sometime soon. I was willing to do the necessary research and footwork for this great possibility. Another issue discussed was the ever popular updating of the meeting schedules. With the help of the alt. DCM we are trying to update meeting

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times, places etc. to get these new meeting schedules out as well as updated through Group Records at the Area. Our next District 2 business meeting is scheduled for January 11th at 2pm in Middle River. One other thing to report is that I have been in contact with the Area Corrections chair about jail meetings within the District to try and get that process going as well.

Thank you so much for me allowing to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

Michael H.

District 9 -Fred H. No Report

ARCHIVES- Pete B. There were 8 people in attendance this morning from Districts: 13, 7 and 21. The meeting included a visitor from District 18, and myself. The Archives Chair for District 12 stepped down and the District is looking to fill this position. District 13 Archives Chair attended Area 36 Archives Alive Program and said it was very good. We discussed doing a similar program in Area 35. We developed another archives quiz for the next Northern Light. I like doing this at the ACM to get everyone involved.

Your in service. Pete B.

District 12- Rillis E. Our District meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM. The meeting location rotates between the Serenity Club and the John Club, both in Superior, WI, as well as the Cloquet Alano Club, the Duluth Alano Club, and St. Mary's church in Silver Bay.

Our last meeting was November 20th in Duluth. Rolene R., the area Groups Records Secretary, was our guest speaker. She discussed the importance of updating our group records in order to make the meeting list on A.A. Meeting Locator accurate. Rolene also talked about the significance of groups registering with GSO. We very much appreciated her help and willingness to visit our district. Since Rolene's visit we have formed a committee responsible for calling and/or visiting groups for the purpose of verifying group information. At this point approximately one half of the 85 registered groups in our district have been contacted.

The new Saturday night speaker meeting at Bethel, a treatment and work release center in Duluth, is going well with about 35-40 people in attendance each week. District 12 also supports other meetings at Bethel as well as meetings at the Center for Drug and Alcohol Center.

Our Corrections Chair keeps in contact with correctional facilities located in our district to ensure they have literature and meetings within the facilities. He has also distributed meeting directories to several of these facilities which will be given to inmates upon their release.

Unfortunately our District Archives Chair, Leslie M., needed to step down from her position. We are looking for someone to fill this service position as soon as possible. The archives chair prior to Leslie contacted me and let me know that he still has district archives in his possession. I will be making arrangements to collect those from him and the archives from Leslie in order to keep all of these valuable materials in one place.

We will be hosting the Winter Workshop in January.

Yours in service, Rillis.

District 18- Neil R. Hi all, Greetings from District 18. We currently have all positions full with the exception of CPC/PI, but still have an issue with some committee chairs fulfilling their responsibilities.

District 18 hosted a responsibility workshop on November 29 with 3 in attendance: 1 DCM, 1 committee chair, and 1 group member. At least 3 members had the opportunity to be inspired.

Our jail meetings are still going well. We are in our 3rd rotation and even with our Corrections Chair being a snowbird he has stayed in contact with us.

Literature Chair is in the process of putting together a book order and asking groups if they would like to place any orders as well.

Staples hosted a Thanksgiving potluck on November 20 with over 60 members in attendance.

Upcoming events for District 18: Sunday December 14th—Eagle Bend Christmas party; Saturday February 7th—Little Falls Courage to Change; Saturday February 21st—Motley Monday Night 12 by 12.

Grateful to be of service,

Yours Truly, Neil R.

ARCHIVIST- Brad I. Since the Fall Assembly I brought the display to the St. Cloud round-up. I also gave three history talks there. I also attended the joint Area Workshop in Saint Cloud. I am planning on attending the Area workshop in January. I have a stack of GSO items that I want to go over with GSO Publications director Greg T. about inaccurate dates and capitalization inconsistencies. I am planning on attending the WCRAASC in Norfolk NE. in March. I am doing a display in Little Falls February 7. I am booked for the Winter Wrap Up on March 20th. I am open for other dates right now up until Spring assembly. I am available for District workshops with a suggested topic on how the Traditions developed.

I brought up in committee today about drafting a letter concerning the incorrect date of the founding of Cleveland Group #3 as it appears in the forward to the Second Edition. The date reads 1937 and read that through all 16 printings of the Second Edition. This date was corrected between 1976 and sometime in 1991 then reverted back to the incorrect date. A conference proposal was submitted by a past Area 35 Delegate and shot down in the Trustees Literature Committee. I suggest that this letter be sent to the Publications Director since it seems, by last year's conference action, that his proposals get passed by the Trustees Committee.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service, Brad I.

WEBMASTER –SANDY H. Hi my name is Sandy H. alcoholic Area 35 Webmaster.

There were 8 people at or meeting this morning much discussion was done on what information needs to be included in a flyer that want to be put on the area 35 website

Much more discussion was done on inserting a flyer into to The Northern Light. Rodney and Rolene will be working on this and we will meet again at the January workshop for further discussion. Audio conference calling was brought up for WCRAASC for cost saving to all.

Flyers are being put on the web as they come in and are approved.

Yours in service, Sandy.

Treatment – Paul M. We had 7 in attendance from districts 5, 12, 21, 12, 9 and 2 this morning.

District 5 reports problems from insurance demands in one inpatient facility. It is not going into New Beginnings in Princeton. Districts 12, 6, 21, 9, 7 and 13 also report bringing meetings into treatment facilities. Two committee members brought discussion questions to our meeting today and two members will bring questions to our next meeting in February. I attended the Joint Area workshop at which one major topic was keeping clear communication on contacts needed between our two Areas. I got a call on a contact needed in our Area from Area 36 yesterday—go figure.

District 21- Irv R. December 13 next Saturday at 10:00 is our next GSR Workshop. The first hour will be a video by Bill Wilson on the 12 Traditions followed by two hours of training and a chili cook-off. Our thanksgiving dinner in Bagley had 150 people in attendance. We recently filled our Group Records Chair. We still need a District Secretary. Treasury is flush and we have a good inventory of literature. Our Corrections Chair is also still open, though meetings are being covered and literature is getting into our jails.

Best wishes, Irv R.

District 6-Garret B.

Group Records-Rolene B. Hello Area 35. I attended the Area 35/36 Workshop in St. Cloud. I attended District 8's meeting on Nov. 4th in Virginia to show them what and how the FNV database is plus how it works. I also attended District 12's meeting Nov. 20 in Duluth. I have been working with DCM Rillis on getting their District's information updated and correct. She has gone through 30 groups out of their 80-some meetings. I was grateful to be of service. I have a new email address. It is rose-budd96journey@gmail.com so please, if you have any changes contact me or go on the Area website. I am continuing to work hard on getting Area 35 groups updated. District 7 DCM Carl and I have been working on their District. If any District would like me to come and help directly please feel free to ask. That is what I am here for. Also, food for thought, our committee is wondering if Area 35 would like to see a Workshop on Group Records, Webmaster, [ameetinglocator](http://ameetinglocator.com) and Northern Light. I am also planning to attend the Area Workshop in January.

Yours in Service, Rolene.

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District 13-Christne 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 had one new GSR.

We will be taking nominations for Treatment and CPC positions at our next district meeting in January.

Our district is requesting a visit from the Area Chair and Treasurer to answer questions regarding the area Financial Statement of Responsibility. Currently, there are 4 groups that are withholding contributions to the Area until they get answers and/or feel their voice is heard. I have been working with Sarah and Randy to try and nail down a time. We will look at setting up a video conference call to help save costs and time.

District 13 presented our budget to the groups and the groups made a motion to fail the budget and asked us to redo it to reflect costs closer to what we spent last year. Some of the discussion entailed sending fewer people to the Area functions, not sending anyone to the Regional Service Conference and utilizing more of the donated dollar for holding workshops in our District. The budget was revised and emailed out to the GSRs so they could bring back the conscience to the January meeting.

District 13 would like to entertain discussion on utilization of conference/video meetings for assemblies and committee meetings. This would help involve districts and groups that may not be able to afford the expenses of these functions.

The District officers met last week to review meetings visited for the year (only a handful left to visit) and come up with a plan for visiting next year.

I am amazed how fast time flies, we are already ½ way through our rotation.

In Service, Christine G.

District 11- Bill C. Hello from Hinckley MN. At a recent district meeting a new GSR volunteered to be treatment chair. All chairs are filled except Archives. Our district is sponsoring the 1st Annual New Years Eve potluck and dance at the Hinckley Community Center. We continue to have fellowship bowling in Sandstone. All of our corrections commitments are being met thanks to Gary.

Yours in service, Bill C.

Northern Light-Rodney S. As a result of all the discussion at the Fall Assembly I created an “actual cost” 2015 Financial Responsibility Statement for the Northern Light Editor position, comparing the numbers with what was listed in the September/October issue of the Northern Light and approved by the general assembly. The actual cost for 2015 came out to \$3435; \$4570 is what was approved at the fall Assembly, for a difference of \$1135. Also, keep in mind \$2100 is the actual printing cost, over which I have no control.

\$4290 was approved for the year 2014. Using Randy’s year-to-date expense number for the Northern Light at the time of the Fall Assembly which was \$2375 and adding to that expense reimbursements for the assembly, a GSR school, and this meeting (subtotal of \$268), the Northern Light position has a total expense for 2014 of \$2643—the actual expenditure being \$1647 less than what was approved.

If we had not done our Financial Responsibility Statements the way we have been doing them I would have been over budget instead of under, as I attended unforeseen events that as a new member to the Area Committee I was unable to predict with the use of the previous rotation’s budget. That fact would have possibly affected my decision to participate in those events.

At our meeting this morning we discussed clarifying instructions for payment for printing and inserting a flyer in the Northern Light—how much the client would be billed and where payment is to be made. This will be presented at the January Service Workshop and February Committee Meeting.

The deadline for submissions and reports in the next issue is January 21st, 2015, not 2014 as was misprinted in the current issue.

Thanks for allowing me to serve, Rodney.

District 14-Deb A. Good morning. I again apologize and regret my absence at this meeting.

Our district is holding its own. We have lost committee chairs but our Corrections and Treatment committees are functioning well.

Correction has active men and women’s meetings at the county jail in International Falls.

A presentation/chili feed was held November 1st. Topic was “Singleness of Purpose” with 10 attending. District 14 members worked well together to provide a skit and discussion afterward.

Yours in Service, Deb.

Literature Jim S. Good Morning Everyone,

We had 6 districts represented at our meeting this morning, Districts 1, 3, 8, 11, 13 and 15. This morning we discussed methods on how to better get the message out to groups through literature: putting a fillable PDF form of the order guide on district websites, (perhaps the Area website as well), DCM's emailing GSR's, adding a flyer to the district minutes about ordering times.

I had two literature orders I missed for today's meeting and I apologize for those oversights. One order I missed was through email—if you send me an order through email and you do not get a reply within 24 hours, please call me at xxx-xxx-xxxx as I have most likely missed it.

I do have some books here for sale today. I do have a list of anything you may want for the Annual Service Workshop on the back table. I realized that my email notification prior to the deadline for ordering isn't giving DCM's enough time to get in contact with GSR's or district lit chair's. So I will now be sending them out earlier to give more time for DCM's, GSR's and groups to get their orders in.

In service, Jim S.

District 1-Jon S. Our last District 1 meeting was conducted on Oct 12, 2014, attended by eight GSR's, DCM, and our Treasurer. I gave my DCM Report from our October Area Assembly in Grand Rapids, and explained all the important issues including how important it is to get the group information forms completely processed, detailing the bottlenecks in that process and how critical it is to diligently follow up on that process, a requirement to have the meeting times and places properly listed in the area meeting locator program online. I reported to the GSR's about the success of the GSR School in Thief River Falls, and one of them had attended September 27th. We discussed the total lack of in patient treatment centers in our district.

Attendance in Ada-7 to 10, 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 lack of meetings at our jail was discussed. and some GSRs volunteered to get involve. I pointed out that several chairs were empty, and we got a volunteer to act as Information Chair, Literature chair, and Corrections Chair. The Wild Rice Round up in Mahnomen (Shooting Star Casino) is our big event coming up Jan 9th, 10th and 11th.

Yours in Service, Jon S., DCM, District One

Web Technologies-Bob B.

WEB Technology

December 2014 Committee Meeting

NAATW - The national A.A. Technology Workshop will be held in St. Louis MO. On October 1-4, 2015. This workshop conflicts with our Area35 Fall assembly. www.naatw.org

WWW.AA.ORG - Our Minnesota statewide aaMeetingLocator is listed on www.aa.org. Under the heading “A.A. Near You” select Minnesota we find: **Statewide Resource for Finding A.A. Meetings in State**, Minnesota Statewide Meeting Locator www.aaminnesota.org. This will help search engines find our aaMeetingLocator.

WEB Technology Visitors

Month	PC	Mobile	Total
October	3845	2110	5955
November	3991	2081	6072

This is down-2000 per month from July and August. I do not have statics for July and August 2013. Next summer we will be able to tell if the July/August increase was due to vacation travel in Minnesota.

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Malware – Malware is Malicious Software. The area35.org website was compromised and Malware was added to our site. I worked with Linksky our WEB host. We identified possible causes. I did the cleanup Linksys recommended. We made improvements to our password management.

aaMeetingLocator - At the area 35/36 joint workshop we identified 3 areas that need to be addressed: 1) We need to define a [aaMeetingLocator](#) meeting update process when users report updates to meetings. 2) [aaMeetingLocator](#) gets many general requests for A.A. information in Minnesota. We need a process to answer these requests. 3) Investigate and propose an all Minnesota state WEB site with information about A.A. in Minnesota, public information, and professional information. At the area35/36 workshop we thought that it would be best to activate the [aaMeetingLocator](#) ad-hoc committees. Our Area Chair established the committee with these members: Area Chair, Webmaster, WEB Technology, Group Records and 2 past delegates. Tom and Susie agreed to join our committee. We will work with Area 36 over the next year.

CPC-Servando M. No Report

District 16 Griffin M Attendance at our last District meeting was 6. We are carrying the message to three of the six treatment centers in our district. Unfortunately, weekly Jail meetings may discontinue if there continues to not be any interest. Service Workshop Topic assigned to District 16 “Are we living the A.A. preamble.” Our first planning committee will be on 12/14/14, the follow up meeting will be on 01/11/15. Other upcoming events in our district: New Years Eve Potluck, and the Sunday Night Cohasset Open speaker Meeting in January. This year we’ve had three losses in District 16; In May a young GSR Riku who had been sober about a year and a half died of alcoholism related issues, On August 7th our past DCM Gene V. passed away at age of 71 from cancer, and last month a regular member Chuck C. passed away from alcoholism. Chuck had been a member of our A.A. community since 2008 when he came to Grand Rapids. He was in and out of detox, treatment centers, jail and a regular attendee of our meetings when not institutionalized. Chuck was also a part of my sponsorship family. When he was most recently in jail for several months our PI/CPC chair wrote to him every day – Chuck was loved by many members of District 16. Five of us from District 16 attended his funeral in Cable, WI. His passing is another reminder for us never to take advantage of a day sober. As Chuck shared said at every meeting he attended, “By the grace of God I’m sober today, and by the grace of God I’ll be sober tomorrow.”

Yours in Service, Griffin M.

District 7-Carl P. Hello all. My name is Carl P. acting as DCM of District 7. We just had a potluck for our district help line. We received a couple new volunteers to man the help line. We are currently conducting an audit to verify phones are being answered.

We are close to finishing going through all the group information sheets. I would like to thank all who helped, especially Eric and Carl. It was quite the project with over 96 group information sheets to go through. Also, many thanks to Rolene at group records.

We have several volunteers to help with our presentation for the winter work shop. We are looking forward to participating there. Our district is running PSAs through the month of December.

I plan on attending the WRAASC in Nebraska. Just think! Our term is ½ over. Next year will be easier since we now know our jobs. Right? I did attend the joint 35/36 workshop.

We started breakout sessions at our district meetings in an attempt to motivate and help our GSRs learn about the different positions and to get them involved in district activities. It seems to working well.

Yours in service, Carl.

OLD BUSINESS

Area Financial Oversight Report: Upon reviewing the period 6 treasury reports this morning, a few classification/categorization errors were pointed out which Randy and I will rectify before the February Committee meeting.

All area money is accounted for and balances with our bank statement. Bruce B.

NEW BUSINESS

Area Finances: I have also been in communication with Area

Committee members requesting they provide the Area with a more accurate financial picture of their upcoming plans. After discussion with the Area Officers, we agreed to make a few revisions to the financial oversight committee meetings for 2015. I intend to compile a more accurate picture of the Area’s 2015 statement of financial responsibility in the next edition of the Northern Light.

Workshop/Presentations list: I continue to gather past presentation topics and ideas from DCMS, groups, and area committee chairs that I hope to format into a list with contact information to distribute to groups/districts. I know it is often difficult to come up with ideas for presentations, it is good to tap into other districts for ideas, and it will be useful to have a list of topics so we don’t have to reinvent the wheel.

Area 35/36 Joint Workshop Evaluations: Most everyone who responded said they like the format, especially the breakout sessions and sharing with southern MN. A few suggestions for future workshops included: holding it earlier in the year, prior to the State Fair so that there could be more face to face discussion and collaboration before the year is almost over. To have a master phone list available (I think the newspapers of each area provide this, and as an Northern MN Area chairperson I receive the SMN area newsletter, so those contacts can always be located there.) The full report is available. If you would like to see it, let me know.

Fall Assembly Evaluations: Of those who responded, people were generally very pleased with the facility overall (I was, however, forwarded one email received by the catering director from a very disgruntled attendee), and input on the event format was favorable. **On the content of the assembly:** the GSR orientation was appreciated as being very motivational, although they noted it would be nice if I spoke a bit more slowly. LOL. They liked that groups were allowed to participate by coming up with and providing the questions for the sharing session discussion and would like to see this encouraged in the future. One appreciated the thorough explanation provided by Group Records on how Fellowship New Vision (GSO’s group record keeping system) works and why there has recently been difficulty updating group records. Many commented positively on the budget explanation and discussion that took place under new business. One stated that the Area’s Statement of Financial Responsibility should be published in the August Northern Light (duly noted). One noted the budget was high for the Financial Oversight Committee. One suggested we have the past Delegates be asked to use their experience and expertise to inform the body throughout the year on items that will be of concern to the fellowship from the Conference Advisory Actions, Board Minutes, etc. (which is part of our Delegate’s responsibilities, and may be asked of him).

Format of the assembly: a few suggested only doing one sharing session (after dinner) and continuing reports longer in the afternoon. (This is a great recommendation, and I will suggest it to the next chair.) One response first said we shouldn’t separately recognize people (past Delegates and new GSRs) and then said that we should separately acknowledge newcomers. There were many who requested we end earlier on Sunday, by going later Saturday.

Running the assembly: it was suggested the chair remind people about Robert’s Rules and how to use these during discussion, including how to limit repetitive comments, how to follow time limits, how to keep discussion limited and the assembly flowing, and how to question a ruling of the chair. It was noted that “the chair did a much better job moderating herself” and kept the flow going. **Finally**, there were several who appreciated closing with ice cream.

I want to thank everyone who filled out evaluations. They are very important. It is how we learn what we are doing well, and what we need to improve upon.

AdHoc AA Meeting Locator Committee Bob B. Bob hopes to complete new AAMN website by the next Area 35/36 workshop. Requested to activate this committee at no cost to Area 35 using emails and conference calls. Asked for volunteers for this committee. Suggested to add a DCM to the previous composition (Chair, Webmaster, Web Technologies, Group Records, 2 past delegates plus volunteers).

Group hotel rates for Area Committee Meeting Mike H. Sarah needs to know how many would take advantage of this?

Calendar of Events Rodney S. See Northern Light

Adjourn

A.A. Definitions
OUR A.A. LANGUAGE

Definitions of some of the terms used in A.A.

A.A.G.V. - A.A. Grapevine, Inc. / A.A. Grapevine Board:

One of the two operating corporations of the General Service Board.

A.A.G.V. is responsible for the production and content of the A.A. Grapevine and La Vina magazines.

The A.A. Grapevine Board reports directly to the General Service Board and is accountable to the Fellowship through the Conference Grapevine Committee.

A.A.W.S. - Alcoholics World Services, Inc.:

One of the two operating corporations of the General Service Board.

A.A.W.S. is responsible for producing and distributing A.A.'s literature and related material for the U.S. and Canada.

The A.A.W.S. Board reports directly to the General Service Board and is accountable to the Fellowship through A.A.'s General Service Conference.

Alternate:

A service worker who, at the group, district or area level, assists, supports, and participates in service responsibilities, and stands ready to step into the service position if the person occupying it is no longer able to serve.

Area:

A geographical division within a state or province from which the Conference delegate is elected.

Often there is one area to a state or province.

Where there are many A.A. groups close in together, there may be two, three or more areas in a state or province. For example, there are six areas in California and four in Ontario.

Area assembly:

A meeting of G.S.R.s and committee members to discuss area affairs and, every other year, to elect a delegate and committee officers.

Area committee:

A committee made up of district committee member (elected by the G.S.R.s in each district) and area committee officers. The area committee generally serves as a "steering committee" for the area.

Class A (Nonalcoholic) Trustee:

There are 7 Class A trustees who are members of the General Service Board, men and women who are recognized professionals in their own fields.

They have a loving commitment to Alcoholics Anonymous and some experience in working with A.A. and its members.

Historically, A.A. has relied on its non-alcoholic friends to represent us in the media. As non-A.A.s, they do not have to worry about their anonymity.

Class B (Alcoholic) Trustees:

There are 14 Class B trustees who are members of the General Service Board. They are men and women A.A.s who are strong in one or more of the following areas: length of sobriety, business or professional background, leadership, and grasp of A.A. structure.

Delegate:

The person elected every two years by the Area Assembly to serve the U.S. and Canada as a whole at the annual General Service Conference in New York City.

The delegate communicates the actions of the Conference to A.A.s in his/her area.

Is the primary point of contact between the area and the rest of A.A. service structure in the U.S. and Canada.

D.C.M. - District Committee Member:

An experienced GSR elected by the other GSRs.

The DCM is the chairperson of a geographical unit of the A.A. service structure - a district - and represents the groups that meet there.

The DCM is an essential link between the groups' GSRs and the area delegate.

The DCM is automatically a member of the Area Committee, chairs the regular district meetings, attends all area meetings, and

often attends regional meetings.

Director (non-trustee):

An A.A. member who serves on the corporate board of either A.A.W.S. or the Grapevine; directors are selected for business or professional experience that relates to the activities of the corporation.

(The directorate of both corporate boards also includes trustees and A.A. staff.)

District:

A geographical unit within the area that is coordinated by a District Committee Member.

Where there is a large number of A.A. members who speak another language, linguistic districts have been formed.

District Meetings:

Meetings of the DCM's and GSR's of groups in a district.

GSB - General Service Board:

The legal entity that oversees the operation of A.A.'s service corporations, A.A.W.S., Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc., as well as the General Service and Grapevine Offices.

GSC - General Service Conference:

For this event, the 93 delegates from the U.S. and Canada come to New York City for a week each April for a closed business meeting to conduct the business of A.A. in the U.S. and Canada. The 21 members of the General Service Board, G.S.O. staff members, and nontrustee directors of A.A.W.S., Inc. and the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. are also voting members of the Conference.

G.S.O. - General Service Office/ New York:

Provides services to groups in the U.S. and Canada and publishes A.A. literature.

G.S.R. - General Service Representative:

An A.A. member elected by the group to participate in discussions and activities at the group, district and area level.

GSRs vote for the District Committee Member (DCM) and the delegate and area officers.

GSRs are sometimes involved with group inventories or helping the group look at its challenges in the light of the Twelve Traditions.

GSRs serve as mail contact for the group.

Keep the group informed about activities and information from the district, area and G.S.O.

GV - Grapevine - A. A. Grapevine Magazine:

The international journal of A.A. and "our meeting in print" published monthly.

The group, district or area contact with the Grapevine office.

Third Legacy:

Recovery is A.A.'s first legacy, Unity its second, and Service is the third legacy.

In this sense, service is the sum total of A.A.'s services, from a Twelfth Step call, to A.A.'s coast-to-coast and worldwide service activities of carrying the message of recovery and hope.

There is also a Third Legacy voting procedure that is sometimes used in A.A.

(More information on this can be found in the Service Manual, Chapter 1).

Trustee:

The General Service Board is composed of 21 trustees.

The trustees of Alcoholics Anonymous are concerned with everything happening inside and outside A.A. that may affect the health and growth of the movement.

Trustees of the General Service Board have a spiritual and legal responsibility to protect A.A.'s Steps, Traditions, Concepts, principles and the integrity of the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. - (See Class A trustee and Class B trustee.)

Region:

A grouping of several states or provinces from which a Regional Trustee is elected to serve on the board of trustees.

There are six regions in the United States, two in Canada.

Service Manual:

First written in 1951 by Bill W. to outline basic service principles and procedures.

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

Area Committee Meeting — February 22nd - 9:00 am Aitkin Alano Club 322 First Avenue N.E. Aitkin, MN	Area Committee Meeting — June 7th - 9:00 am Aitkin Alano Club 322 First Avenue N.E. Aitkin, MN
Northern Light Deadline—March 1st, 2015	Area Committee Meeting — August 2nd - 9:00 am Aitkin Alano Club 322 First Avenue N.E. Aitkin, MN
WCRAASC —Feb 27 – Mar 1, 2015 Divots Conference Center and Norfolk Lodge and Suites 4200 W Norfolk Avenue Norfolk, NE ,68701	WCRF—Aug 21 – 23, 2015 Parkway Plaza Hotel 123 W E St Casper, WY 82601
Spring Assembly — April 11 – 12, 2015 902 Frontier Dr, Fergus Falls, MN	

January 2015							February 2015						
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Upcoming Events in Areas 35 & 36

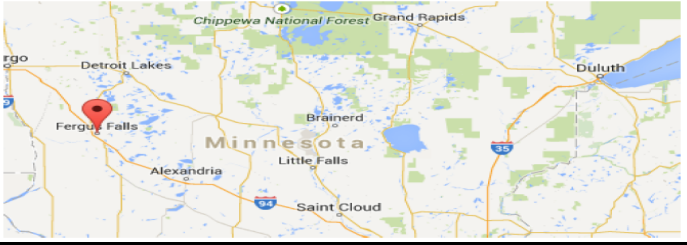
note: Area 35 events take precedence !

Alexandria's 11th Annual Big Ole Roundup—Mar 6-8th Holiday Inn 5637 St Hwy 29 S Alexandria, MN 56308	Open Meeting Zim —April 25th Mc Davitt Town Hall Office 9042 Zim Road Zim, MN 55738
Winter Rap-UP —March 20-22nd, 2015 Mt. Iron Community Center (New Location) 8586 Enterprise Drive South, Just off Hwy 169 Mountain Iron, MN 55768	CPC, District 7—May 21st Grand View Lodge Golf Resort & Spa 23521 Nokomis Avenue Nisswa, MN 56468
Superior Round-up — April 17-19th, 2015 Superior Curling Club 4700 Tower Avenue Superior, WI	2015 International Convention — July 2nd-5th, 2015 80 Years — “Happy, Joyous and Free” Atlanta, Georgia Pre-registration (\$100) available until May 12, 2015 On-site registration (\$110) — Georgia Work Congress Center In Atlanta

2015 Spring Assembly April 11-12

Big Woods Event Center, Fergus Falls MN
(218) 739-2211 or (800) 293-2216.
Reserve rooms by March 10, 2015. Rates are \$109.99.

Sat. 9 a.m. Registration
Sat. 10 a.m. GSR Orientation & Area Action Committee Meetings
Assembly convenes at 1 p.m. with reports & area business. concludes with GSC
Agenda Item Discussion.
Sunday assembly convenes at 9 a.m.



A Few Words on Social Media

Social media websites such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn provide unique opportunities for colleagues to get to know each other, share experiences and keep in contact. It is important to be aware of the risks associated with using these sites, to act in a manner that does not embarrass yourself and to refrain from sharing your private information publicly. Despite site privacy settings, you should always assume that anything you post online can never be removed and can be viewed by anyone with an Internet connection, including cyber and traditional criminals as well as identity thieves. Not only does this present a risk to you personally, it can also be a risk to Area 35, AA, and any members on a "friends" list.

FEBRUARY AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
Sunday, February 22nd, 9:00 am

9:00 A.M. Action Chair Committee Meetings (9:30 a.m. Financial Oversight Committee)	District 8 – Jerry B
10:30 A.M. Area Committee Meeting	GROUP RECORDS – Rolene L
Call to Order Open With the Serenity Prayer	District 13 – Christine G
Recognize Past Delegates	District 11 – Bill C
Add to Agenda	LITERATURE – Jim S.
Approve December Committee Minutes (corrections-Roger)	District 1 – Jon S
OFFICER REPORTS	District 3 – Steve D
Delegate – Michael (Jake) J.	NORTHERN LIGHT – Rodney S.
Alternate Delegate – Kelly D.	PI – Jeff C.
Chair – Sarah K.	District 4 – Deb H.
Secretary – Roger R.	District 5 – Dean M
Treasurer – Randy A.	TREATMENT – Paul M.
COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS	District 6 – Garrett B
District 14 – Deb A	District 21 – Irv R
ARCHIVIST – Brad I.	WEBMASTER – Sandy H.
ARCHIVES – Pete B	12:00 P.M. Lunch
District 18 – Neil R.	12:45 P.M. Reconvene
District 12 – Rillis E	OLD BUSINESS
CPC – Servando M.	Financial Oversight Committee Report
District 7 – Carl P	Web Technologies Report
District 16 – Griffin M	January Workshop Report-Discussion of scope
CORRECTIONS – Jake C.	NEW BUSINESS
District 9 – Fred H	2016 GSC Agenda Item Proposals-Bring Forward at Spring Assembly
District 2 – Michael H	WCRAASC Planning
GRAPEVINE – Antonette F.	Area 35/36 Workshop Planning
District 15 – Melissa A.	Calendar of Events
	Adjourn

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2015 West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference
February 27th, 28th, and March 1st, 2015
Divots Conference Center and Norfolk Lodge and Suites
4200 W. Norfolk Avenue Norfolk, NE 68701
Call (402) 379-3833 for all reservations.

The entire facility is reserved for this conference through February 1, 2015. Use reservation code “WCR.” Beginning Feb. 2, 2015, any remaining rooms will be released to the public. Our group rate will still be honored if you use the code “WCR”. All rooms will be \$84.99 + tax, per night, for 1 – 4 occupancy. The entire facility is non-smoking – restricted smoking areas will be available outdoors.
IF YOU WILL BE FLYING: The two closest commercial airports are Sioux City, IA. and Omaha, NE.
Please add 1.5 hours from Sioux City or 2 hours from Omaha to your travel time. *

Friday February 27 th	9:45 Break	4:15 GSC Agenda Items III
2:30 Registration begins	10:00 GSC Agenda Items II	6:00 Dinner (on your own)
3:30 Early Bird Meeting	11:30 Lunch (on your own)	7:30 Open AA Speaker Meeting-Phyllis H.
7:00 Opening and Welcome	12:45 Breakout Session I: Area Officers/Trustees, DCM/GSR, Treatment, Literature	8:30 Break
7:15 General Session I: “Diversity in AA – Our Heritage of Inclusiveness” - Area 36 Southern MN	1:45 Break	8:45 Ask-it Basket
8:00 Break	2:00 Breakout Session II: Corrections, PI/CPC, Grapevine, Special Needs/Remote Comm.	9:15 GSC Agenda Items IV
8:15 Meet the Delegates GSC Agenda Items I	3:00 Break	Sunday March 1 st
Saturday February 28 th	3:15 General Session III: “Safeguarding our Traditions through the Evolution of Technology” – Area 40 MT	7:00 Early Bird Meeting
7:30 Early Bird Meeting	4:00 Break	8:15 Trustee Report (Andrew W., West Central Regional Trustee)
8:45 Opening and Welcome		9:30 Break
9:00 General Session II: “Safety and Respect – Practicing the Principles Begins in our Home Group” – Area 52 ND		9:45 General Session IV: “Inventory – Looking Back to Move Ahead” – Area 24 IA
		10:30 Thank You and Close