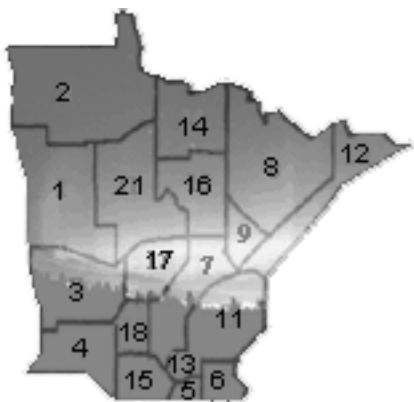


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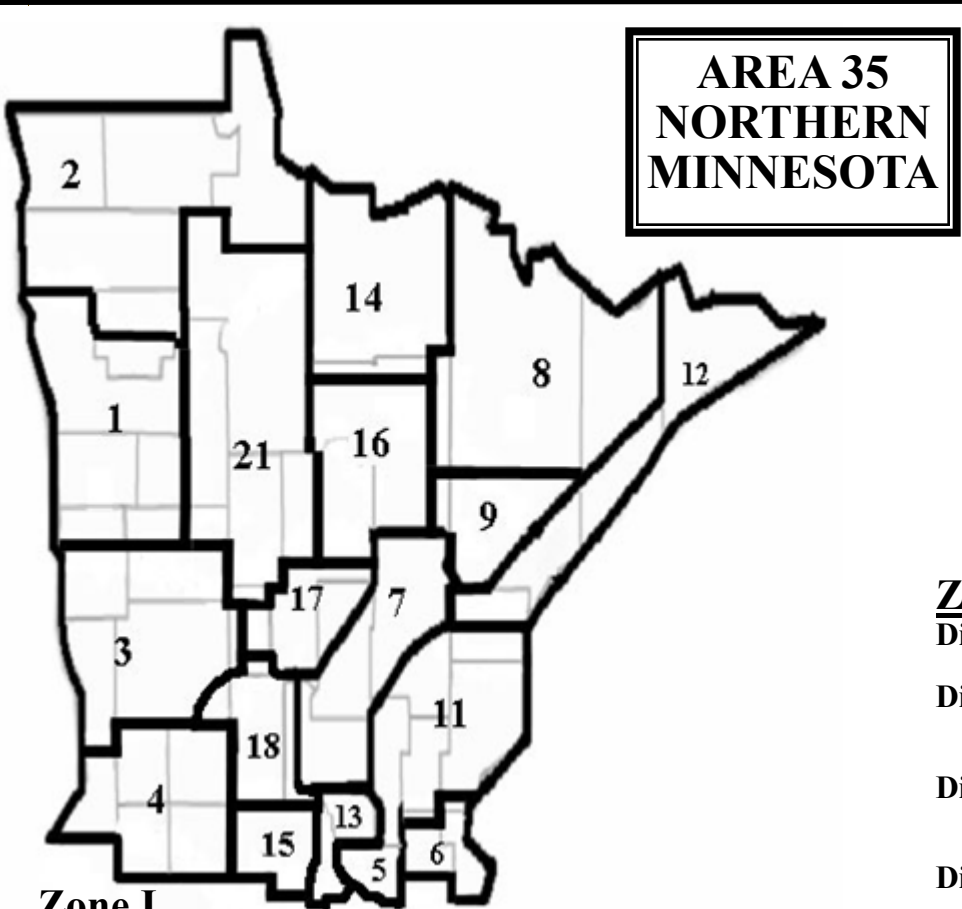
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Event Calendar - Meeting Directory - NL Online - Download Pamphlets - District Pages



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

AREA 35 COMMITTEE 2015

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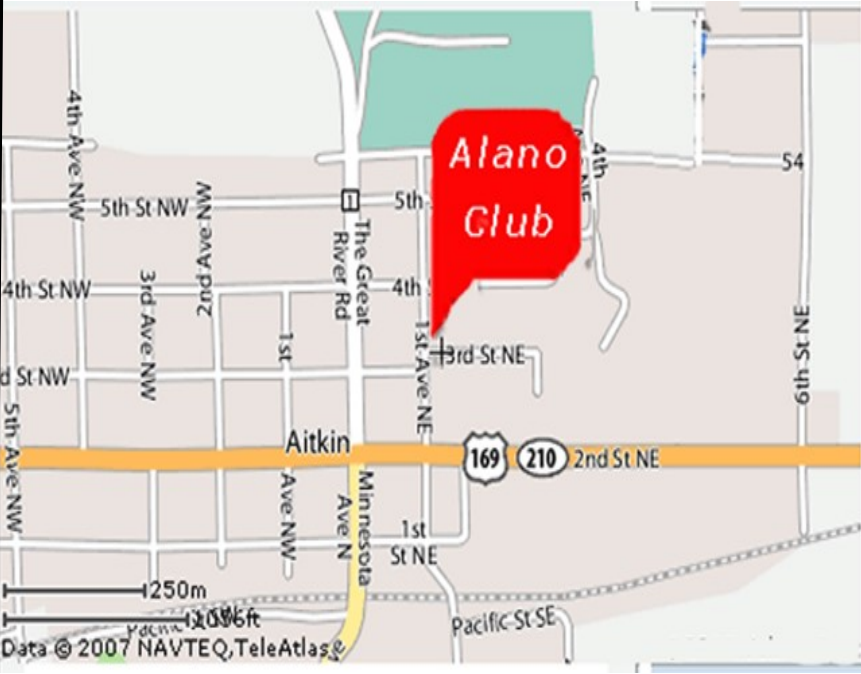
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AREA 35 EVENTS
INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

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

AREA 35 EVENTS
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Where is the Aitkin Alano Club?
Area 35 holds committee meetings in February, June, August and December at the Aitkin Alano Club
322 1st Ave. N.E.
Aitkin, MN.
Come join us!



OUR PAST DELEGATES

Panel 62 Jim K.	2012-2013	Panel 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 H. (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. (deceased)	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

Greetings fellow A.A. members. I hope you are enjoying summer. Some are attending the International in Atlanta (sounds like they are having a blast), others enjoying campouts, some spending the day with family and friends and I am sure many others are sitting home alone wondering what they are missing out there this summer! Sometimes I get so caught up in my own sobriety that I forget about those that sit on the fence waiting for a magical change to happen in their lives. Not hopeless enough to ask for help, still trying to figure it out by themselves. A.A. is a fellowship that shares its experience, strength and hope with each other to help each other recover from the daily woes of alcoholism. By joining and participating in saving lives you will never have to be alone again.

As your Delegate in beautiful Area 35 Northern Minnesota I often ponder on how I can best serve fellow AA. members and their families. Is it just my job to talk about agenda items such as pamphlets, changes in literature, and finances of AA.? Or am I given a bigger purpose, that of helping to find ways to carry our message to the alcoholic that still suffers from this deadly disease. By reaching out to you in my reports and articles and reminding each of us that have stayed sober that our primary purpose is to be of service to God and our fellows. Or do I shy away and follow the actions of those who are trying to encourage our differences to be more important than our common problem. [If we do,] We are allowing the outside world to direct our actions rather than follow our traditions and stay unified in our primary purpose which is simply to help drunks get sober and find a life in helping others.

As we take inventory by looking back in our history do we forget?:

That Bill's purpose in getting together with Dr. Bob was to stay sober himself? That Bill learned in his early sobriety that even though he was trying to help others the primary fact was that through his failures he remained sober and that completed the recovery process? First he needed to admit, then ask God for help, start cleaning house and finally helping others. How Bob said that Bill's message sounded good but he certainly could not do certain parts. How he got drunk one last time and decided he would do what it took to stay sober. How after a short time of experiencing this new found fellowship they realized they needed to find other drunks to work with lest their problems drag them back down. A simple message for complicated people. We have only one purpose and we must be unified to do it. We cannot complicate it with personal beliefs on such thing as whether or not there is a God, what sex am I or what gender I think I should be. I will die an alcoholic death if I stray and forget that I was graced to be sober simply to help others.

I am blessed to share my experiences in New York with the districts throughout Area 35. I have many in July and if you have not had a chance to hear it please encourage your DCM to invite me to come share with you. Area 35 has always tried hard to seek unity and care for each other. We need the groups to care enough about keeping this thing on track that they are willing to come and share with us how they carry the message and how we can help. I love A.A. and the people in it, as they are the reason I have been able to enjoy life through all its trials. Do you know what is going on with the members in your home group? Do you have a home group? Are you participating in A.A.? If not "join us as we trudge the road of happy destiny." May God bless you and keep you until then. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Delegate.

Michael (Jake) J.
Area 35 Panel 64 Delegate

ALTERNATE DELEGATE'S REPORT

Greetings Area 35,

Hope this finds you all well and enjoying your summer with friends and family. As I am writing this I am just a couple of days away from heading out to the A.A. International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia to celebrate 80 years of our wonderful fellowship with individuals from all over the world. I am excited to be able to attend this event that as many of you know, is only held every 5 years. It truly is one of the most spiritual events I

have ever attended in A. A. and I am looking forward to spending it with some wonderful people. I cannot think of a better way to spend my summer vacation than with the people I love who have given me so much gratitude for living today!

This year's West Central Regional Forum will be held August 21-23 in Casper Wyoming. I thought I would share with you just what a Regional Forum is.

Regional Forums originated in 1975 at the suggestion of Dr. Jack N., then Chair of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. They were to be weekend sharing and informational sessions designed to help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure.

Originally, at the invitation of a region, four Regional Forums were held each year. Since the U.S./Canada service structure is composed of eight regions, a Regional Forum was held in alternate years in each region on a rotating basis. In October 2006, the General Service Board approved the concept of an Additional Regional Forum to be held upon request in each region every eight years also on a rotating basis, bringing the possible number of Regional Forums held each year to five. In 2012 the General Service Board agreed to discontinue Additional Regional Forums after completion of the eight region cycle in 2016.

The location and agenda for Regional Forums are decided jointly by the Regional Trustee, Area Delegates and G.S.O. The responsibility for initiating contact with the hotel is assumed by a local A.A. Host Contact working with the Forums Coordinator and Regional Trustee. The Forums Coordinator at G.S.O. distributes registration forms to groups and service workers throughout the region and, working with the Host Contact and Regional Trustee, coordinates the details of the Forum.

There is no registration fee for Regional Forums or Additional Regional Forums. The General Service Board covers the expenses of meeting rooms. In many places, area committees, districts and groups cover or defray the transportation and lodging expenses of the trusted servants representing them at a Forum.

As all Forums are intended to be sharing sessions, no formal actions result. Sharing at Forums is captured in Forum Final Reports which are distributed to all attendees. Regional Forums Final Reports are available on G.S.O.'s A.A. website. Forums provide unique opportunities to share and exchange valuable experience, ask questions and spark new ideas. Regional Forums and Local Forums carry A.A.'s message of love and service by improving communication at all levels of our Fellowship.

Unfortunately I am not able to attend the Forum this year. In the past this has been held in September and this year they changed it to August. I have a work related commitment that I have done several years now on that weekend that I feel is important to continue to be a part of. I do hope however to see you all at our Fall Assembly in October. As always thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Kelly D.

AREA CHAIR'S REPORT

Greetings Area 35! Hopefully you have all seen the delegate candidates and will have time to get to know them and their qualifications before elections this Fall! Please remind your groups that it will be held in St. Cloud at the River's Edge Convention Center. For those who don't know, we hold elections for the Delegate (for which resumes were submitted for this edition of the Northern Light), Alternate Delegate, Area Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. This will also be the time to make recommendations to the newly elected area chair (or any outgoing chairperson) for any area committee chair positions. All of the position guidelines (updated in July of 2015) can be found on the Area 35 website.

Been a quiet June! I'm currently working with our webmaster/web tech on the area's technology needs to ensure the next rotation has the supplies they will need to complete their jobs. I also had the opportunity to discuss questions regarding the traditions and Alano clubs, groups and Alano clubs, traditions and PI presentations, and I responded to a question from another area regarding the use of area funds for interpreters.

Let me know if I can be of service. Looking forward to seeing you all this Fall at the Assembly!

Sarah

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SECRETARY’S REPORT

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

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

Following the Spring Assembly I completed the minutes from that event. I also submitted updated Secretary Guidelines to our Area Chair, Sarah.

Minutes from our June Area Committee Meeting are published in this issue of the Northern Light. Please let me know if you have any additions or corrections to these minutes.

With six months left I this rotation we all have time to intensify our efforts to carry our message in the special ways our positions allow. At the same time I believe it is important for us to be thinking about our willingness to continue as trusted servant for Alcoholics Anonymous.

I attended my home district meeting on June 1 and was honored and humbled to receive a unanimous nomination for Panel 66 Delegate from District 13.

I was also humbled to receive an invitation from our GSO to Chair a meeting on Revisiting our Steps at the upcoming 2015 International Convention in Atlanta GA. I am excited about attending the 2015 International Convention of A.A.

In service, Roger

TREASURER’S REPORT

Greetings! It’s been a very good summer so far with lots happening in the Area. It is hard to imagine that the rotation is slowly winding down, and it’s time to start looking for interested persons willing to fill service positions. It can be quite challenging in some areas as there seems to be a lot of vacancies in certain districts. It takes a firm commitment to Alcoholics Anonymous and to be able to find the time to serve. Self-sacrifice is instrumental to our survival and growth as a fellowship. Not only to our groups but also to be able to serve at the district and area level. There are a lot of willing trusted servants out there if they are given the opportunity.

The Area contributions for the year are holding steady. Total contributions for the first three periods (January1 through May 31, 2015) are \$10,836.36 with total birthday contributions at \$13.00 compared to the total for the same period last year (Jan.1 thru May 31, 2014) \$10,636.74 with total birthday contributions at \$43.00, for a difference of +\$199.62 for the year, and -\$30 for Birthday contributions.

We need to step-up our birthday contributions for the year and let our groups know about the birthday plan for the Area. For those who don’t know about the birthday plan it is a plan where A.A. members contribute a dollar for each year of sobriety they have to the Area, and can contribute more if they wish to. It is a way that we show our gratitude to A.A. Please encourage the birthday plan in your groups along with 7th Tradition contributions. The treasurer’s financial reports are also very important pieces of information to our groups as it brings an informed, detailed report to our group conscience so that they have a general idea of where the money goes and what it is being used for.

Yours in Service,
Randy A., Area 35 Treasurer

Northern MN Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous		
Balance Sheet		
Cash Basis	Apr.1 -May 31, 2015 : Period 3	
	Apr 30, 15	May 31, 15
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1-4200 · Grapevine Cash Account	1,281.40	1,281.40
1-4250 · NL Mailing Flyer Cash	735.00	735.00
1000 · Area 35 Checking Account	10,127.35	12,360.54
1100 · Savings - Prudent Reserve	6,040.07	6,040.22
Total Checking/Savings	18,183.82	20,417.16
Total Current Assets	18,183.82	20,417.16
TOTAL ASSETS	18,183.82	20,417.16
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	27,413.47	27,413.47
32000 · Retained Earnings	-4,451.66	-4,451.66
Net Income	-4,777.99	-2,544.65
Total Equity	18,183.82	20,417.16
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	18,183.82	20,417.16

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI)

Summer is always a busy time but this year proved to be an even greater challenge. I accepted a new job in May which required buying a home and selling a home and moving 300 miles across the state all within a six week period. Well, here I am a few days after that six week period in my second week on the new job, getting settled into the new house, still needing to sell the old house. I guess two out of three really ain't bad. The good news? I'm still in Northern Minnesota Area 35. I moved to Grand Marais, MN. Better news? There are a couple of active groups and several meetings to choose from right in town and several others within reasonable driving distance (depending on the time of year).

With all that being said, I will keep this short and share an excerpt of a memo from the Public Information desk in New York. I know that we have been talking a great deal about anonymity lately, and with good reason.

I. Anonymity Resources on AA.org

The following is an excerpt from an Additional Committee Consideration from the 2015 Conference P.I. Committee:

Considering the immediate need for guidance on the use of social media by A.A. members, the committee asked the staff secretary to share information with all P.I. committee chairs and area delegates about existing literature that offers suggestions regarding A.A. principles and the Internet. The distribution of this information should correspond with the launch of the new Anonymity Resource Page planned for the aa.org website, which promises to be a useful tool for sharing information on this vital topic with A.A. members, the media, and the general public.

In light of this suggestion, we are pleased to announce the launch of a new resource page on AA.org: “Anonymity – A Vital Spiritual Principle,” a gathering point for shared experience about “the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions” which can be found here:http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/anonymity-a-vital-spiritual-principle

The new page includes the recently created video “Why Anonymous?” as well as links to the following resources:

- Service material: “Anonymity Online,” and “A.A. Guidelines – Internet”
- Conference-approved literature: pamphlets and books such as “Understanding Anonymity,” Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and A.A. Comes of Age.
- The Annual Anonymity Letter to Media

We hope you’ll take some time to explore the resources here, and share this new page with A.A. groups and members in your local fellowship. You may also wish to pass along the recent Box 4-5-9 article “Anonymity and the International Convention” which includes information about anonymity and social media.

I wish you all an enjoyable and safe summer,
Jeff C., Area 35 PI Chair

ARCHIVIST

Greetings from Atlanta everyone.

I drove here from Memphis today and no I didn't go to Graceland. Traffic here and in Birmingham is unreal. I went to a 12 X 12 meeting in Memphis meeting in Memphis and they were on Tradition 11. I shared in great detail on the background of that tradition after hearing more then a few people express the opinion that this tradition is outmoded. I had 3 people ask me for my number after the meeting. I must have had an effect on them. I am greatly excited about tomorrow and the rest of the convention. I am going to both Archives sessions. On a personal note my job of 24 years was eliminated and Thursday was my last day. I don’t have any idea of how my next job is going to affect my ability to serve only God does.

Yours in service,
Brad I.

TREATMENT

We met in Aitkin on June 2. We had seven in attendance with six districts represented. We talked about how to bring new meetings into new treatment facilities, and meeting with the staff. We also read two sections out of the workbook dealing with prescribed

medication. We are not doctors in Alcoholics Anonymous is stated clear in this workbook. All committee chairs reported things are going very well in their districts! We would like to thank everyone that has donated used literature; it has been used in our treatment facilities! I've had several requests from the temporary contact program and placed people with these patients. Overall I think our treatment facilities are covered very well in Northern Minnesota! Any questions or concerns please contact me at xxx-xxx-xxxx or area35.org.

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

CORRECTIONS

Greetings! My name is Jacob C. and I am serving as your area Corrections chair. It's been a busy couple of months! I want to put more time towards what the districts are doing, but I like talking about myself. Lets see if I can be spiritual about this. I attended a transitions fair at the St. Cloud prison. We signed up 27 offenders to make contacts through our corrections contact program. I brought 100 F-2, Information about AA, flyers with me, and about half went directly to offenders, and the rest were given to the prison for placement in the Transitions office. I was surprised to see 6 A.A.s registered as attending because I was aware of only 4, and offended that 2 did not show up. When it comes to doing things that affect A.A. as a whole, please remember to leave your alcoholism at home. Coordinate with the respective committee, show up when committed, and remember you are likely the first example of what A.A. is, and what A.A. stands for, especially when it comes to outside A.A. events. I say this right after I dropped the ball on a home district event—thankfully someone was there to pick up where my shortcomings failed. I signed up to attend the Rush City Transitions fair, along with a member from Area 36. [ego stroking omitted for time reasons.]

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Statewide Committee for Corrections Report:

Greetings All! As your Area Corrections chair, I sit on the Statewide Committee for Corrections. We Met on April 13th in Golden Valley at Byerley's cafeteria between the main grocery store and the liquor store, just in case corrections committee work drives us back to drinking. And on that note I will start with my resentments about the committee; which is to say it is a little too casual and does not have the best minutes. After some inventory, I have to admit that I took the minutes last, and I did not send them out, and that is why the minutes have continued to be poor. Though I'm optimistic our new chair will run a more formal meeting. Terry P, of Otsego/Albertville, no one knows where the line is, and I have discussed the formality issue, and I will bring it up at the next meeting. At our last meeting, Terry P., the chair, Terry H., the Area 36 Corrections chair, Laura M., the Area 36 Alt Corrections Chair, myself, and some members at wide were present. We mainly discussed our upcoming workshop in St. Cloud on Oct 10th, from 10-2pm, lunch will be provided. Terry H., has been great about keeping both of our areas busy with planning for transitions fairs, we attended the MNDOC Saint Cloud fair together, and will be present at the upcoming MNDOC Rush City fair. Terry H., got us a table at Gopher State Roundup to promote our Statewide Committee for Corrections contact program. Where, as of Saturday evening, we signed up at least 20 more people to help incarcerated offenders make contact with “outside” A.A.'s. I was under the mistaken impression we'd be signing up more volunteers to go inside of facilities. This was a last minute event, and was a success. Our next meeting is June 23rd, at 5:30pm, same location in Golden Valley. I would appreciate a past Area 35 Corrections chair or current/past district corrections chair, who lives or works within an hour and a half drive of Golden Valley, to attend with me. Though any A.A. member with interest in corrections work is welcome to attend.

Yours in Service, Jacob C.

ARCHIVES

Greetings everyone,
My summer is going by in a hurry. I will have flyers ready for the

Archives presentation by the committee meeting. I want to thank Melissa M., DCM from District 15 for helping put flyers together. We hope for a good turnout. Mark your calendar: September 12, 2015 at Cold Spring Alano Club. Have a great summer.

Yours in service,
Pete B., Area 35 Archives Chair

COOPERATION WITH THE
PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY
(CPC)

There hasn't been a lot of activity with the CPC Chair position. The individual districts have been handling their commitments quite well.

I would like to thank Jake, Julie, and Arden for taking care of the MACPO event.

As always if there is anyway I can assist in any CPC events please let me know.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,
Servando M., CPC Chair Area 35

LITERATURE

I hope you are all having a great summer. I'm sure some of you will be heading down to the International. I look forward to hearing your stories when you get back. Literature has been quiet since the June ACM. I will be putting in the next literature order on July 19th. If you need anything please email me at jim-mys_01@msn.com or call at 701-306-9101. DCM's please make sure you let your literature chairs know about this.

In service,
Jim S.

GRAPEVINE

Greetings from Northern Minnesota.

I want to thank you for your support. I will be attending the Fall Assembly and will bring the books and stuff that people ordered. I think I have the list. Please contact me and let me know what is missing by the area meeting in August and I will have it there by October. I have the privilege of attending the A.A. convention in Atlanta. Alcoholics Anonymous and the Grapevine are alive and well!

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Antonette

GROUP RECORDS

Hello Area 35,

I am continuing updating your groups information as I receive them. Thank you for getting this information to me, as this is very important—to have accurate info in the database.

I attended the Delegate’s Report in District 9, June 27th. I could not attend when District 8 had our Delegate come, as I was at a appointment in Duluth that day. Our Delegate did a great job, they had many in attendance. I also attended their District meeting afterwards briefly informing them how important it is that their group have accurate information.

Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 35.

Yours in service,
Rolene L., Group Records, Area 35

WEBMASTER WEB TECHNOLOGY
WEB

Our area35 calendar is full of all type of events with A.A. meeting. Use our calendar and mix summer fun with sober events.

I wanted to search our past issues on Northern Light. I can search all Northern Light Issues that are on my PC using adobe. I am looking into what we need on our WEB server to search back issues of our Northern Light on the WEB.

aaMeetingLocator

aaMeetingLocator is populated from our Group Records FNV database. All changes to aaMeetingLocator are made by updating Group Records. aaMeetingLocator lists meetings that have their status as active in the Group Records FNV database.

aaMeetingLocator search has been updated to include Spanish speaking meetings.

Work on aaMeetingLocator to list ASL and handicap access information is in progress.

STATICS

Area35.org

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2015	2,299	4,215	11,633	115,677	2.60 GB
Feb 2015	2,046	3,666	10,268	110,959	2.91 GB
Mar 2015	2,329	4,100	10,958	127,402	3.31 GB
Apr 2015	2,257	3,749	9,985	118,010	2.78 GB
May 2015	2,169	3,697	10,199	112,677	2.72 GB
June 2015	2,163	3,724	11,071	111,621	2.34 GB
Total	13,263	23,151	64,114	696,346	16.66 GB

aaMeetingLocator.org PC

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2015	4,884	8,077	32,464	162,168	3.82 GB
Feb 2015	4,130	6,708	23,514	135,505	3.39 GB
Mar 2015	4,975	7,505	26,964	155,744	3.89 GB
Apr 2015	4,634	7,372	24,187	147,385	3.66 GB
May 2015	4,512	6,647	23,043	138,664	3.15 GB
June 2015	4,679	6,978	28,858	143,969	3.30 GB
Total	27,814	43,287	159,030	883,435	21.21 GB

aaMeetingLocator.org Mobile

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2015	2,224	2,916	11,131	17,706	552.92 MB
Feb 2015	1,808	2,377	9,268	14,920	457.49 MB
Mar 2015	2,485	3,367	12,471	20,444	637.46 MB
Apr 2015	2,172	2,951	11,238	18,002	555.05 MB
May 2015	1,724	2,312	8,678	13,747	421.80 MB
June 2015	1,752	2,397	8,776	13,921	422.49 MB
Total	12,165	16,320	61,562	98,740	3.05 GB

NORTHERN LIGHT

Greetings Area 35,

First off, if you don’t already know, the report from our delegate in the last edition of the Northern Light was printed in error. Most—if not all—of the various districts dates for Jake to give his GSC report are incorrect. With some editing the report could make a good piece of archival material, as it was the Northern Light report for the May/June, 2014.

As per our guidelines, I have updated the Northern Light guidelines and have sent them to Sarah. In doing this I started out trying to include many of the details of producing the newsletter, but soon realized that most of what I was including were simply ways that I like to do them, things that would be better off passed on directly to whoever takes the position in the next rotation. So far, no one has expressed a definitive interest in this position. I just want to state that I certainly have enjoyed the experience.

It’s hard to believe summer is half over. I see a lot of changes taking place with others and so is the case with me. I have been quite busy with career activities this past month. Both elevators at the Douglas County Jail where I do meetings on Wednesdays have been out of order and the jail program director decided it would be best to shut down all outside meetings for at least the month of June. While this was perfectly timed so that I would not suffer a conflict for a 4-week workshop and other events I can feel the difference in my spiritual condition. It’s not that I have stopped practicing on a daily basis what I know to work, it’s just that when I am working with those that have lost their physical freedom my gratitude is felt deeper in my heart and not my head.

I am looking forward to some of the campouts and upcoming events in Area 35. I am planning on attending the Regional Forum in Casper, Wyoming though no travel arrangements have been finalized.

I am grateful for sobriety, for Alcoholics Anonymous, and for all those who have made me feel wanted as well as needed.

Rodney S.

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

Presented by Area 35 Archives Committee

1. In what year did A.A. get started in St. Cloud, MN?
2. What was the date when Bill W. first visited Minnesota AA's?
3. What year did A.A. start in International Falls, MN?
4. What was the name of the A.A. member who started A.A. in Detroit, Michigan?
5. In what year did A.A. get its start in Thief River Falls, MN?
6. What year did Dr. Bob first visit A.A. groups in Minnesota?
7. Who visited Minnesota AA's more times, Dr. Bob or Bill W.?
8. What year did A.A. start in Ely, MN?
9. What year was A.A. started in Melrose, MN?
10. What was the first A.A. group to start up in District 1?

Answers on the bottom of page 20



Meet new friends and see old ones!

District 3 Roundup Reunion

Saturday, August 15th, 2015

Lion's Park Shelter, Lakeshore Drive, Battle Lake, MN

Meet your Current Area 35 and District 3 Officers and visit with past ones

10:00 AM District 3 Meeting
1:00 PM Area 35 Delegates Report
2:00 PM Area 35 Zonal Forum (Zone 2)
6:30 Potluck Picnic(Bring a dish to pass)
8:00 PM Alanon and AA.
Alanon-TBD
AA-Chad L.-Minneapolis, MN

THERE IS A SOLUTION

BIG BOOK STUDY GROUP
EVERY THURSDAY
START TIME 6:30 PM
WRIGHT, MN

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
HIGHWAY 210 AND COUNTY 20 TAKE
A RIGHT CHURCH ON THE LEFT
FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
POTLUCK DINNER AND SPEAKER
DINNER STARTS AT 5:30 PM
SPEAKER STARTS AT 6:30 PM
CONTACT
ANDY L. 218-343-6385

Area 35 Fall Assembly

October 3-4 2015

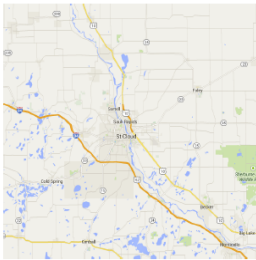
Best Western Kelly Inn
100 4th Ave. S.
St. Cloud, MN 56301
Call: 320-253-0606

Group rate: \$92.00 plus tax (Up to 4 per room)
Mention "Area35" to receive group rate

Meeting space is in Rivers Edge Convention Center
attached to Best Western Kelly Inn

Agenda

Saturday October 3
9:00 am Registration
10:00 GSR Orientation and Action Committee Meetings
Sunday October 4
9:00 Assembly Reconvenes



Area 35 Committee Minutes**June 7th, 2015****Aitkin Alano Club****322 First Avenue N.E.****Aitkin, MN 56431**

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

Recognition of past delegates in attendance: Tom A. Panel 50; Susie A. Panel 48; Bruce B. Panel 48; Jim Kath Panel 62; Jo-Anne N. Panel 58.

Minutes from the February 2015 Area Committee Meeting were approved.

OFFICER REPORTS

DELEGATE-MIKE J. Hello Area 35. What a pleasure to be sharing in service with my fellow A.A.'s from all over the world. It has been a busy and emotional time as I shall share in my report from the General Service Conference. I have had business to take care of at home and work, along with trying to set up reportbacks for districts. I have several to attend and most of the dates in the Northern Light were wrong so please see me to verify your date or set one up. I did my first in District 16 and it went fairly well. I am looking forward to sharing with the members from your districts. Don't forget to attend the International in Atlanta July 2-5 and the Regional Forum in Casper Wyoming Aug 21-23. There are openings for 2 Class A Trustee's. If you know of anyone you can see me for requirements. **The Opening for Non Trustee Appointed Committee Member for Trustees' Committee on Corrections has a new deadline of June 21, 2015. See me if you have interest.**

Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 35 and its members.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE-KELLY D. - Greetings Area 35,

I am finding it hard to believe that we only have 6 months left to this rotation, time seems to just fly by, glad to be with all of you here today. At our Spring Assembly we had a lengthy discussion on whether or not we should continue to have Zonal Forums. As you recall that discussion was tabled until our Fall Assembly so this morning in our officers meeting we discussed dates to have our 3rd one of this rotation which will be held in Zone 2 and consists of Districts 3, 4 and 15. Last rotation it was held in District 15 so I have asked Steve and District 3 if they would be willing to host this event this year. We discussed having it on August 15th from 2:30 – 4:30 pm during their Round Up that day. Steve will be taking it to his District meeting in two weeks and will get back to me with a definite answer. Thanks Steve and District 3. I have been busy working on our upcoming Area 35 Service Workshop that will be January 16-17, 2016. After a lengthy process of trying to find a location, I am happy to announce that I have signed a contract and put down a deposit with the Tuscan Banquet and Events Center in Midtown Square in St. Cloud. This is a beautiful center and I got it a great price for the weekend at \$675.00, it will meet our needs perfectly. I am still working on hotel accommodations in the St. Cloud area however. I am surprised at how much some of the hotels want for rooms for that weekend. I should have that part finalized by the August Committee Meeting. As I also announced at the Spring Assembly, Ami B. Executive Editor/Publisher of the A.A. Grapevine had agreed to be our guest that weekend. I have heard again from her and have been told that she has been asked too many events (her presence is in high demand) in 2016 and she would like to take them to the Grapevine board meeting next week for approval. I am hoping that she can continue to be our guest. Our theme for the Workshop will be "Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts." I will have the agenda completed shortly after the Fall Assembly when the Districts announce their new incoming DCM's and committee chairs. I will then ask for Districts to present on certain topics. I have received my name tag for registration in mail last week and have my flight arrangements made for the International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia over the 4th of July weekend. I am so excited to be able to attend this and will have great company with 3 other ladies. The last International I attended was in 2000 when it was in Minneapolis. It is not too late to make arrangements to attend this powerful and spiritual event with thousands of AA's from all around the world! I hope to see many of you there. I have also been asked and have accepted the nomination from my home District 5 for Delegate. It is an honor and a privilege to receive this nomination and I would like to thank Dean and the District. We are always reminded in service that we only need to be willing and the rest is left up to God. I would like to congratulate the others that

have received nominations. As always thank you all for the opportunity I have been given to serve Area 35.

AREA CHAIR -Sarah K. - Area 35 Chairperson Report, June 2015.

Greetings Area 35 Trusted Servants. Delegate resumes were due by the June Area Committee meeting. At the time I'm writing this report, I have received 5 resumes: Roger R., Brad I., Carl P., Steve L., and Kelly D. Resumes will be published in the July/August Northern Light for the area to review before fall assembly elections. Good leaders need to be well versed in understanding and applying our principles, so feel free to call on any of these candidates to vet their qualifications. You might call on them for sharing on a particular issue your district or group is struggling with, or invite any of the nominees to your districts or groups to have them share their experience with the traditions and concepts as applied to group issues. Also, all of us need to be thinking of future trusted servants for the other Area positions. If you or anyone in your district or group have an interest, share the position guidelines (located on our website and in the Area Actions book) with them. Also, getting involved in area committee work now is a good way to learn how the area operates and test if it might be a good fit for you!

Upcoming Events

We still have some upcoming area events in 2016 and 2017 that I'm looking for DCM feedback on locations. I sent emails to the DCMs asking them to consider if they have a facility and would like the honor of hosting one of the upcoming 2016/2017 events and will be calling on and working with them for future assembly locations. The 2016 Fall Assembly will be at the St. Cloud Rivercenter (civic center) facility. St. Cloud hasn't had an election assembly in their district since 1991, which is over 24 years ago, I and I strongly believe in the importance of rotating our events to allow people who normally might be prohibited by distance to attend and vote. To find a location near St. Cloud, I thoroughly canvassed the surrounding areas, but found nothing else. So, I signed with the Rivercenter, which is more expensive than we have had (it will cost us \$1,800 for meeting rooms for both days), but it is the only available option in St. Cloud.

Guidelines

I will be collecting updated guidelines by the end of the June Area Committee Meeting. The updated guidelines will be published online for review. As we go into the final lap of our rotation, please use these to consider and recruit possible future servants.

Financial Oversight Ad Hoc Committee

The Financial Oversight ad hoc committee continues to work on their research and recommendations for the composition and frequency of meetings. If you have anything to recommend or share on this, you can contact Griffin, DCM 16, and/or Christine, DCM 13. You can expect a report at the Fall Assembly, and potentially a vote.

Thank you for this opportunity to learn and grow in service.

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

I would also like to express my gratitude to the area officers, action committee chairs and DCM's who are sending me your reports electronically. I would again be very appreciative of your emailing me the report you gave at this ACM by June 15. That will facilitate my getting the minutes from today's meeting out in a timely manner.

Minutes from our Spring Assembly were published in the Northern Light.

I also submitted updated Secretary Guidelines to our Area Chair Sarah. I met with Area officers this morning as we discussed dates for the next Zonal Forum.

With six months left in this rotation we all have time to intensify our efforts to carry our message in the special ways our positions allow.

I attended my home district meet on June 1 and was honored and humbled to receive a unanimous nomination for Panel 66 Delegate from District 13.

I was also humbled to receive an invitation from our General Service Office to Chair a meeting on Revisiting our Steps at the upcoming 2015 International Convention and am very much looking forward to attending this event in July.

In service, Roger

TREASURER- Randy A. - I attended a sponsorship workshop on Saturday May 30th, 2015 hosted by District 8 and the Wednesday Back to Basics Group. Our Area 35 CPC Chair, Servando M., was the Saturday night A.A. speaker and he did an excellent job carrying the message. The event was well attended with around 50 in attendance for the workshop. Bob N. from Duluth MN. did topic presentations on power point. He did a terrific job with breakout sessions that followed with a variety of topics pertaining to sponsorship. There were also some new members and a handful of clientele from the Donovan Frank Treatment Center in Virginia participating which was great to see. Last month, I filed our 990N electronic filing form with the IRS for the year 2014 - So we will be good for another year as I have an e/mail receipt for records. I currently have 7 uncashed checks on hand with incomplete addresses, no group service numbers or registered listed groups on them and am waiting for responses for the correct information. I will continue to contact them until we get it right. I have sent out more thank-you letters this past month, so be sure to get them to your business meetings and share them with your groups as it is important to acknowledge support from the groups for their contributions. I sent out two thank you letters to a group that had sent in contributions on consecutive months but the group treasurer never shared the letter with his group. I would like to thank the groups for their continued support to Area 35, as the contributions are instrumental in helping the still suffering alcoholic in a plethora of ways.

Sincerely,
Randy.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS

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District 2 –Michael H. I am filling in for Mike today as he has family obligations and cannot attend. May 2nd a traditions workshop, hosted by District 2, was held at the Thief River Clubhouse.

Brad I., Sarah K, and Rod P. spoke. I had personally advocated attendance at this workshop for several months, whenever I went to a meeting. Disappointingly, the day of the event, I had to work on the farm from 5 am to 10:30 pm for spring planting. The attendees appreciated and enjoyed the presentations I am working on updating our Group Records. It can be challenging since changes happen frequently. It will be an ongoing undertaking. But it is also an opportunity to talk with many who may not have contact with the district. We have discussed rotating district meeting locations and changing dates in some cases in an effort to increase participation.

Elections are coming up in September.

Our district is financially sound. The next District 2 business meeting is July 12, 2 pm, First Lutheran Church in Middle River. Yours in service, Myron H.

District 9—Fred H. Things have been sad in District 9 with the loss of my friend for 40 years, sponsor of 7 and long-time A.A. member John F. His passion for the program will be greatly

missed. For the most part the district is meeting its commitments. We have new chairs for PI and CPC. We have been asked by students from the college if they could attend meetings which we obliged under protest from a few A.A. members. We have set a date of June 27 for our Delegate Report and will have a pot-luck followed by the district meeting. We are not meeting in July.

Thanks for allowing me to serve, Fred.

CPC—SERVANDO M. no report

DISTRICT 16—DAVE C. for GRIFFIN M. no report

DISTRICT 7 CARL P. I'm Carl and I'm an alcoholic and DCM of District 7. Greetings to you all. We've had several things going on at district seven. On May 21st we had a CPC event attended by around thirty people. We, also, had a MACPO event Breezy Point May 20-21 which our Corrections chair attended. We have the Delegate's report scheduled for July 16th from 6:00-8:00 pm followed by a shortened District meeting. It will be a pot luck.

I have been to several meetings over the last weeks updating group information. I met with Rolene in Grand Rapids a month ago to go over some of the changes. I called New York to talk with them about pending active and pending inactive groups so I could gain a true understanding of the process. We are making progress in getting the meeting locator to agree with our meetings, but I would say that it is slower than I would like. It has been an exercise in learning true patience or as we say in A.A., A WORK IN PROGRESS!

We have a district picnic July 19th at Lum Park. All of you are invited. It is pot luck and starts at 11am.

Thanks for allowing me to serve, Carl P.

ARCHIVES—PETE B. In attendance this morning were districts: 21,13, 12 and 18.

District 21 is recording old-times. District 13 attended to see what they need to do for the September 13 Achieve presentation in Cold Spring. District 12 has a new chair who is a history major bringing lots of intensity to the position. District 18 had a theatre night out. Brad I. gave a presentation at this event and over 100 attended. I have set the date of September 12 at the Cold Spring Alano Club for. Districts 13 and 15 will be sponsoring it. Talks on what A.A. was like 30 years ago and a presentation by Brad I. along with a served lunch. Archives will also be displayed. Flyers and announcement in Northern Light are forthcoming. "A.A. Back When and What it Was Like" is the name of the event. Your in service, Pete B.

DISTRICT 12 — RICH G. Alt. DCM.

Literature: meeting schedules are going to all jails, drug court, treatment centers and nursing homes.

PI/CPC: Bill boards and signs on city buses will be set up when necessary. TV and radio PSA's are being initiated again. A district workshop on traditions is being set up. Brad I. is interested in participating.

Corrections: All facilities have meetings and literature.

Treatment: Speaker meetings and literature expanded.

Archives: Eric is organizing.

Intergroup: Board rotation is complete. We now have representation at District meetings.

DISRTICT 18—NEIL R. Hello all,

I come to you with a sad note within our district. We have lost 1 member. As of this moment we do not know whether it was due to suicide or a crime. The officials are still investigating. We also have had a members wife pass away from cancer and another members mother pass on God's terms. We held our June district meeting last week on the 2nd; most is going well. We still currently have treatment, CPC, PI, and Archives positions open. Our Corrections chair has stepped down and we have already found someone to take over. Jail meetings are still going well. We have added a few new members to the roster and our schedule for the next couple of months is out. Courage to Change donated \$78 for big books for the jail and 2 other groups collected \$46 for 24 hour books for the jail. I have went through the group records for District 18—have them up to date. We had a member volunteer to put together a flyer for elections coming up in September. This will allow those interested in serving a chance to understand what responsibilities are involved with

each position. The groups of District 18 are doing well. The Staples group was asked to move out of the Seasons building do to an incident and have relocated to the Lakewood Health System Hospital in board room A. The days and times are the same. The Clarissa group Back to the Basics held a movie night at the Long Prairie Drive Inn Thursday June 4th. Brad I. was kind enough to come give a speech on archives that tied in with the movie Bill's Story. Our literature chair brought the book mobile to the event and helped carry the message by selling about 10 books. We sold 107 tickets and had 20 to 30 children there also. Back to the Basics has already bought a 2nd movie for the next event. Upcoming events for District 18 are: 3rd Legacy Campus July 3-5 in Motley on the Crow Wing River. There are not many camping spots available so if interested call BR early. Cost for camping is \$10 for entire weekend.

Yours in Service, Neil R.

ARCHIVIST—BRAD I. Since Spring Assembly I have been extremely busy. I attended the Superior Round Up where the display was enthusiastically received. I did a joint display with Area 36 at Gopher State. Maybe one year the committee will pay attention to our room set up request. I even emailed the committee and the hotel the set up diagram. We still ended up waiting half an hour for tables. I tipped the set up guy 20 bucks because he was getting run ragged. We have more people come through every year. I gave a History talk at the Long Prairie Drive just this week.

The Akron Intergroup newsletter has the entire article "I saw Religion Remake a Drunkard" in this month's issue with an editorial note on how the document was found.

For upcoming events I am bringing the display to the Duluth Round-Up and recording the first Area 35 Archives Live in Cold Spring. I am continuing work on developing a searchable data base and a Virtual Archives Tour. I have also been asked to stand for Delegate by District 16.

Thank you so much for this opportunity to be of service,
Brad

WEBMASTER—BOB. B. We would like to thank Sandy for her work as area 35 Webmaster.

I picked up the Webmaster duties, changed all the passwords, and have been keeping up with our very active calendar.

We have an idle laptop with current software available. This was the laptop that was being used by our past webmaster.

I was informed that there are those that do not know about our area35.org website and the information that can be found on this site. There is a handout with information about area35.org. The printer used larger paper than what was requested. If I need another printing this will be corrected.

TREATMENT—PAUL M. We had seven in attendance this morning two from Districts 9, 21, 12. Districts 6 and 15 were also present. We talked about bringing a new meeting into a treatment center and how to set that up. District 9 reports all commitments are being met at this time, District 21 going great—all treatment commitments met, District 12 reports all commitments being met. Speaker meeting at Bethel is growing still. District 6 is still trying to get in at Rush City. Dellwood is going good! We also read singleness of purpose out of the workbook and had a great discussion. Also read prescribed medication—we are not doctors in Alcoholics Anonymous! Thanks to those of you who brought Grapevines to the meeting. We handed them out to the committee members and they are being brought into treatment centers. We can still use more literature, Grapevines, books etc. I'm still getting calls from Minneapolis Intergroup for temporary contacts. I would like to thank area 35 for allowing me to serve! Yours in service Paul M.

DISTRICT 21—IRV R. District 21 is quiet. Currently lack secretary, Treatment chair and our PI/CPC chair has been inactive. GSR participation at meetings has been stable at 7-8.

Treasury is sound with few expenses. Group contributions are low. We are having difficulties with our annual contribution from the Park Rapids Round-up.

Our book sales have been very low which may reflect our early efforts to make books available. We may have saturated the meetings. We are planning a book sale in conjunction with a party to stimulate book sales and district awareness.

DISTRICT 6—GARRET B. My name is Garrett and I'm an alcoholic, DCM for Dist. 6. We have been busy planning our

CPC/PI luncheon to be held on September 18th. at the First Baptist church in Cambridge. We sent out a letter to all the groups asking them to send back the names of any professionals they would like us to invite. We are also working on a date and location for the delegates report back. We are looking forward to hearing how Jake's trip was to GSO. we have found volunteers for the state fair commitments we have on august 30th. All our corrections and treatment commitments have been met. I will continue to visit more groups and update group records and hand out meeting cards. I know how busy our summer schedules can get. thank you to District 6 for all your hard work keep up the good work.

Yours in service, Garrett B.

PI —JEFF C. We had some new faces at our PI/CPC meeting, some who were subbing and some who are new to their positions. District 7 held a PI/CPC luncheon on May 21 and had about 30 people in attendance. I had an opportunity to present at this event and took advantage of the online videos and other resources at www.aa.org. District 16 reported that they had good attendance (28) at their PI event prior to the start of the Iron Range Get Together in Grand Rapids. The had good representation from local schools. District 6 holds an A.A. informational meeting at Dellwood Recovery Center every other week. They are making good use of A.A. Bridging The Gap materials. They had an issue when one attendee, who was homeless, had no address to provide for future contact. Maybe we are missing some possible connection here. District 9 has a new PI/CPC chair. They hold a weekly informational meeting at the Hibbing Alano Club. They are working with the local chamber of commerce to publish meeting schedules on local public access channels.

The State Fair volunteer schedule is full! Thank you to everyone who is helping with this commitment. I will be coordinating with Area 36 and getting information out to everyone who volunteered to help. I had an opportunity to review and update the guidelines for Area PI Chair. They were generally very good, but I added one specific item, to verify A.A. hotline numbers in the area and statewide. I made note of the article in the latest Box 459 that talked about anonymity in the digital age. It is a topic that has been covered a lot lately. This article specifically talks about anonymity, social media and the International Convention in July.

That's my report, short and sweet. By the time I see most of you again I will be a member of District 12, living in Grand Marais, MN. I hope everyone enjoys the summer months.

Jeff C.

DISTRICT 5—DEAN M. no report

DISTRICT 4—DEB. H. In May 2015, we filled our Alternate DCM position and our Secretary position. We also had a member volunteer to chair a newly formed Treatment Facilities Committee. District 4 now has the following active committees: Literature; Corrections; Treatment; Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community.

We are in the process of setting up separate Notebooks for each committee. These Notebooks will be handed down to each new committee chairperson. The intent is to alleviate "recreating the wheel" each time we have committee rotation.

We also recently implemented the presentation of one Concept at each monthly District meeting. Since so few of us are familiar with the Concepts, this idea was well received. We are still struggling with attendance at our District meetings and service involvement for the GSRs and other members. Our May meeting attendance was only 6 people 3 of which were officers. We need to figure out a way to draw interest in our District service work. It will be suggested at the June 20th District meeting that we invite our Delegate or Area Chairperson to speak. Hopefully, this will ignite a few service fires.

Our PI/CPC Committee is working on a lunch style presentation to take to various facilities and organizations in the District as a way to connect A.A. to the professionals. Our target time is September or October 2015.

At the request of one of our A.A. groups, the District is considering hosting a half-day "What is Sponsorship" seminar for the A.A. meetings in our District. This will be discussed further at our June and July District meetings.

NORTHERN LIGHT—RODNEY S. Hello Area 35.

I attended the Spring Area Assembly and District 3 Potluck with a new GSR from District 12 whom I also roomed with in Fergus

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Falls. It is always refreshing to see a new person in service having a good first time experience.

It doesn't appear that I have done much since the Spring Assembly directly related to the area level. I have been busy enough, however, that things since that time are a blur.

I have received 5 delegate nominee resumes to be printed in the next issue of the Northern Light, the fourth and fifth coming in last night and early this morning.

I delayed in updating the guidelines for the Northern Light position due to some changes made regarding distributing the newspapers to the DCM's at functions, and concerns over whether or not the old way works better. I did send them to Sarah last night, with a notation that after the committee meeting this morning, the updated guidelines may need to be updated. This morning we discussed this at our meeting. Rolene's input basically stated that since the group record's chairperson already has all the information as to the number of papers to give to each DCM and the Northern Light mailing list it wasn't a problem to count and hand them out; with this in mind the committee decided that distribution will go back to the group records chairperson.

Also at our meeting this morning, Bill, DCM from district 11, stated that his district's main concern is getting a new DCM. All of the district service position are filled at this time.

Angie from District 13 said she had a few GSR's who have never gotten their Northern Light— she and Rolene will be checking into this.

Jennifer, District 8, sat in on the meeting. She is the P.I. chair in her district.

We discussed the web tech position somewhat. There are several options regarding how Area 35 can continue to support aameetinglocator.org, but the bottom line is that the next Area 35 Committee Chairperson will have to address how we go about that.

Thanks for all the member contributions. I am receiving them with little to no prodding; it's great to see that much interest in our newspaper.

For allowing me to do this task, and for all your help with it— thanks!

LITERATURE—JIM S. Good morning everyone,

We had 13 in attendance this morning with 9 districts represented with 2 people here for their first time.

Unfortunately, Antonette was not here today so I will give both literature and Grapevine reports

Does anyone know Toni S.? I have a small literature order for her on the back table.

Thank you to those who helped me get my mixed up literature orders here and in the right hands.

We discussed the pro's and con's of having manned versus unmanned booths. Some people have seen more literature taken at unmanned booths. Some expressed a concern about being at a manned booth. Some fairs require booths to be manned for liability reasons.

We also discussed the value of creating a separate checking account for lit district chairs and how to go about setting it up.

I have a yellow legal pad in back that has August ACM literature orders on it. Otherwise the deadline for the August ACM is July 19th. As always, if you email me your order and you do not get a response within 24 hours I did not get your email. Please call me at xxx-xx-xxxx.

In service

Jim S

DISTRICT 3 — STEVE D. Good Morning, my name is Steve and I am an alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 3. Our District meetings are held the third Sunday of the month in Detroit Lakes, MN. You are welcome to join us anytime.

Attendance at our last district meeting was smaller than usual this last meeting due to illness with some of our GSR's and District Chairs. However, our chair positions are all filled and we continue to look for ways to increase group participation.

We had a great time at the Spring Assembly in Fergus Falls. I

want to personally thank those groups that helped with coffee and registration. Feedback from the groups that attended was very positive. The location and material was well received.

District 3 will be hosting the next Zonal Forum. At our last district meeting we decided that we wanted to continue to participate in Zonal Forums.

The District 3 Roundup, August 15th in Battle Lake. Jake will present his delegate report. There is a potluck and a speaker in the evening, Chad L, from Minneapolis. We invite you to come and join us for food, fellowship and fun.

We continue to encourage GSRs to attend area functions. We realize how critical it is that our area has continued participation and mentorship that creates well rounded members in service to continue to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those who still suffer.

Our District Chair elections will be in September. That will give us an opportunity to provide an orientation to their duties and responsibilities.

We continue to update meetings in our district to provide Rolene with the most accurate information we can on groups active or not in District 3.

I look forward to the West Central Regional in Sheridan this fall.

Yours in Service, Steve

DISTRICT 1—JON S. Our last District 1 meeting was conducted in April, 2015, attended by 7 (GSR's, DCM, our Treasurer). Our next meeting is June in Fertile.

Our new treasurer's balance was about \$500. Spring Fling raised \$920 and cost \$1000, with attendance of 75 to 80 people and the topic was sponsees and the 12 steps.

We are still working to send speakers to the local treatment center. We have 11 groups with attendance anywhere from 2 to 18 people at each meeting.

Our district elected a new alternate DCM Leslie H. who attended at Aitkin.

Our district's upcoming events include the August 14 -16th Wild Rice Roundup at Sand Hill near Fosston and the July 8th -12 Polk County Fair in Fertile where we will have a booth.

Yours in Service, Jon S.

GROUP RECORDS—ROLENE L. Hello Area 35, good to be back seeing everyone. I am doing alright, I do have to have oxygen 24/7 but I am going to make this work with the service work I enjoy doing.

I am continuing to update your group records as I receive them. I met with District 7 DCM Carl in Grand Rapids last month. I sat with Carl and went through the database with him, explaining and showing him how this works. I believe this is a great way for DCMs to actually see their groups' information and get a better understanding why it is so important to have a contact person with correct meeting time and place. I have been working hard on the database as this is a huge responsibility. But, I do believe anyone with computer knowledge can do this job.

I have received Area 36's group records report and she did a great report on what group records does. This report included updating information and how this database is to be on only one computer as this information is confidential in all areas. This is my responsibility. When there are too many trying to get the information out to districts, it gets lost in the middle. So please, with any updates or changes contact me directly either by email or phone.

I am grateful to all DCMs that have been working on the groups' information. If you would like me to come to your district, please let me know.

Thank you for allowing me to serve 35.

Yours in Service,
Rolene

DISRTICT 11—BILL C. I missed the last meeting and Gary stepped in for me. Thanks Gary.

We are searching for new DCM for the next rotation. I am hopeful someone will want to serve.

We are having a sobriety birthday celebration in June for a mem-

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ber with 39 years. We also continue to do fellowship bowling. Our corrections commitments are being met thanks to Gary, our chair.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Bill C.

DISTRICT 13—CHRISTINE G. Greetings from District 13, We hold our district meeting the first Monday of the month at the St. Cloud Alano Club starting at 7:30pm. We have had an average attendance of 28 people.

We voted unanimously to have Roger R. as our Delegate nominee.

We will be working with District 15 who will be hosting Jake for his General Service Conference report on July 18th at 10:00 am in Albany. There will be a potluck. I will be making up flyers and distributing them to the groups. Hopefully, that will help in bringing in a couple extra people.

I was reminded that this event is for A.A. members only and there is concern about this flyer being posted for the general public to see. I will be adding a line to the flyer stating” This event is open to A.A. members only”.

Our Beginner’s Meeting is doing well and the district voted to support for another 6 months. We did decide to register the meeting as a group so that it could be found using the Meeting Locator. The meeting is still considered an informational meeting.

District 13 is registered for the 2015 Benton County fair booth # 150 August 4th through the 9th.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve. Christine.

GRAPEVINE—ANTONETTE F. No report

DISTRICT 8—JERRY B. Hi, I'm Jerry and I'm an alcoholic currently serving as DCM for District 8. All's well up north where there's always plenty of excellent fellowship. We'll be holding our next district meeting on June 11 in Palo at the Loon Lake Community Building beginning at 6:30. Note the date as it was misprinted in the Northern Light! Michael "Jake" will be presenting the Delegates Report. You're all invited to attend and help us share some fellowship. In April Butch R. and myself attended the volunteer appreciation dinner held at Sandstone federal prison along with 2 new volunteers from our district, Sam K. and Dale T. They were badged and may now share their ESH with the offenders (as inmates are now called according to this month’s Grapevine). I'm sure they'll soon realize how rewarding this part of service work can be. At our May district meeting Steve L. received the support of District 8 as nominee for the position of Area 35 Delegate. There are currently 3 service positions open in District 8: Alt GV/Literature, Alt. Treatment, and Alt. Corrections chairs. Whenever you’re up on the Iron Range stop by one of our many meetings. You'll be glad you did!

Yours in service, Jerry

DISTRICT 15—MELISSA M. Greetings from District 15,

We hold our district meeting the 1st Monday of every month at 8:00 pm at the Albany Senior Center, Albany MN. We hope that everyone has been enjoying summer! Hannah, our new literature chair had attended the Spring Assembly and had some really great ideas for our district. One being that we start our own literature account (which passed at the last district meeting), another being that we combined Grapevine and Literature together as one position, she has so far gone through all of our inventory and we decided as a district that we want to always have on hand Big Books, Daily Reflections and Twelve and Twelve’s. Hannah is in the process of getting pamphlets together that she can bring to “dark meetings” and she plans on coming with me to those meetings that do not have GSR representation and discussing how she can be of service. Hannah also attended the Stearns County Jail training and now has a commitment with District 13 to help hold a meeting the first Wednesday of every month. We had motion from a couple of GSR’s at the last district meeting asking our current Secretary to step down from her position, which had passed and asked Hannah if she would be willing to take over the Secretary service position, she had said yes. Due to the fact that she had just accepted the Literature position Hannah and myself are going to split that commitment together. Our district is helping host an Archives event that will be put on by our Area Archives Chair Pete B. with the help from our Archivist Brad I. along with District 13. The event will be located at the Cold Spring Alano

Club on September 12th (flyer will be available at the August Aitkin Committee Meeting). Hannah and myself attended the Gopher State Roundup, which was a lot of fun! We are interested in having a hospitality room next year and are going to see if any groups within the area are interested (getting more information on room rates etc.) We will be having our Delegate’s report on July 18th from 10:00 am to approximately 1:00 pm, which will be a combination of District 15, and 13. We are looking forward to hearing how New York went for Jake; it will be a potluck event. Hannah and myself are going to be helping with the State Fair booth on August 29th from 5-7:00 pm. We are going to be having an unmanned literature booth at the Stearns County Fair, which is happening in July. We have a GSR who is interested in becoming our Treatment Chair, which will be discussing at our next district meeting. We will be having our District rotation elections in August. We hope that you all enjoy the summer months!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service, Melissa.

OLD BUSINESS

Area 35/36 Workshop- Sarah K. Scheduling with Missy Area 36 Chair on a November 2015 date.

Spring Assembly Evaluations-Sarah K. Few similar comments. Concern we went through agenda items too quickly. More discussion. More guidelines. Maybe hand-outs for GSRs who can’t keep up on notes. Can get minutes and see all reports. Too much discussion on new business items. Concern on paying for coffee. Like the facility. Get to know each other sitting nearby time. Ran smoothly, locate centrally, wish there were better directions to facility. 40 filled out evaluations of 120 registered. 39 preferred new format(90%). Two preferred old format. One wanted to start with agenda item break-out, then to all together for discussion. Conclusions- same comments keep coming up. Many have simple solutions, don’t require major changes. Address Robert’s Rules with a hand out. Practice Roberts Rules at your district meetings. Okay to call on area officers to attend district meetings. Maybe establish an area parliamentarian. Possibly the Alternate Delegate.

Area 35 Assemblies- Schedule to be completed by Sarah K. 2016-7: SPR 2016 Zone 1; FALL 2016- Zone 2; SPR 17- 3; FALL 2017:4 Not holding events at Casinos was never voted on by Area 35 .

Financial Oversight Committee Report- Steve L. Everything is true and correct with bank reconciliation on Area 35 account.

Web Technologies Report – Bob B. -No action taken by assembly (Spring) on Bob attending Web Technology National event.

Concerns were expressed that the aMeetingLocator software was not processing all meetings in the FNV database. I did a code walk through to see that the FNV data was processed and that the meeting list on aaMeetingLocator matched. We did find 20 groups that did not have a district number in the FNV database. Our Group Records Secretary corrected all but two of these groups immediately.

We have a request to list ASL meetings in aaMeetingLocator. The ASL meeting were not identified in the Area 36 FNV database. I asked for a list of the ASL meetings. This request is still pending. This will be a major software addition to aaMeetingLocator.

aaMeetingLocator is only listing groups that have the status of “Active” in the FNV database. The groups with a status of “Unknown” in the FNV database is considered an active group by GSO. I asked the aaMeetingLocator ad-hoc committee if we should be listing “Unknown” groups. This question fell on deaf ears. I will bring it up at out area35/36 joint workshop.

I have plenty of aaMeetingLocator cards. Please take as many as you need.

NAATW

National AA Technology Workshop

What is NAATW?

NAATW is made up of people from varying backgrounds in service and varying geographic regions. There seems to be a growing realization that AA is somehow moving into a technological age, but we are not sure what form that we might, or ought to take. We are here to communicate to one alcoholic to another about technology. NAATW is a

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forum for learning to frame the right questions. It gives opportunity for group collaboration and new ideas to spark. It has been said that technology in AA was an oxymoron three year ago and that is no longer the case, we are rapidly moving into the 21st century.

We actively realize long list of technical actions already known and that we need to take in order to utilize the next available app or device feature. And choices have become more involved as that list of options has grown... and grown... and grown. We are down to the actions which require change and growth. Our groups, committees, and general servants are not new to dealing with discussions over content and functionality on websites. Members have smartphones and access to desktop and cloud-based tools, and wish to contribute their time. This growth has some natural challenges in a fellowship centered on Unity and Informed Group Conscience.

NAATW is not part of the A.A. Service Structure

NAATW is not hosted by any A.A. Service Structure entity

NAATW is similar to the annual Archive Workshop and correction Workshop

Employees of GSO may and do attend the NAATW.

NAATW is self-supporting

NAATW is hosted by members of A.A., the same as annual Archive Workshop, annual correction Workshop, and A.A. Roundups

Last year Aea 35 partially sponsored my attendance at the NAATW (paid my own transportation costs)

2015

WEB Technology budgeted \$500 for NAATW

Webmaster budgeted \$475 for NAATW (No long have this position/expense)

The NAATW was moved from August to October

The question came up “Is it prudent use of area35’s funds to sponsor a committee member to attend this event when there is only 2.5 months remaining in the rotation?”

2015 actual costs:

Registration	65.00	
Hotel	242.26	
Meals	75.00	(estimate)
Transportation	NC	
Total	\$382.26	(estimate)

Who should plan on attending this year (2015)? Anyone in A.A. service who wants to be better prepared to understand how we can use new technology tools. If you want to communicate our language of the heart more clearly to the younger newcomer, or to that member with a special need, technology may significantly improve that experience. You will also concentrate and the ways that technology is helping A.A. people find A.A. people; whether they are doing 12th step work with Bridging the Gap, Corrections, Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community, or your local Unity Day. The larger example would be your State Convention, or your Regional Service event.

2015 Topics:

Responsive Websites

Changes to Google and Bing Search

How the impact of "LOCAL" can help A.A. reach more people.

thinking about potential items in you districts.

New Business

Report on MN Association of County Probation Officers Table top event. Servando M. report forthcoming.

Delegates GSC Report- Jake J. One hour presentation. Complete written report forthcoming.

Statewide Corrections Committee Report: Jake C. Greetings All! As your Area Corrections chair, I sit on the Statewide Committee for Corrections. We Met on April 13th in Golden Valley at Byerley's cafeteria between the main grocery store and the liquor store, just in case corrections committee work drives us back to drinking. And on that note I will start with my resentments about the committee; which is to say it is a little too casual and does not have the best minutes. After some inventory, I have to admit that I took the minutes last, and I did not send them out, and that is why the minutes have continued to be poor. Though I'm optimistic our new chair will run a more formal meeting. Terry P, of Otsego/Albertville, no one knows where the line is, and I have discussed the formality issue, and I will bring it up at the next meeting. At our last meeting, Terry P., the chair, Terry H., the Area 36 Corrections chair, Laura M., the Area 36 Alt Corrections Chair, myself, and some members at wide were present. We mainly discussed our upcoming workshop in St. Cloud on Oct 10th, from 10-2pm, lunch will be provided. Terry H., has been great about keeping both of our areas busy with planning for transitions fairs, we attended the MNDOC Saint Cloud fair together, and will be present at the upcoming MNDOC Rush City fair. Terry H., got us a table at Gopher State Roundup to promote our Statewide Committee for Corrections contact program. Where, as of Saturday evening, we signed up at least 20 more people to help incarcerated offenders make contact with “outside” A.A.'s. I was under the mistaken impression we'd be signing up more volunteers to go inside of facilities. This was a last minute event, and was a success. Our next meeting is June 23rd, at 5:30pm, same location in Golden Valley. I would appreciate a past Area 35 Corrections chair or current/past district corrections chair, who lives or works within an hour and a half drive of Golden Valley, to attend with me. Though any AA member with interest in corrections work is welcome to attend. Yours in Service, Jacob.

Calendar of Events –Rodney S. See Northern Light

Meeting Adjourned with The Lords Prayer

Is it prudent use of Area 35’s funds to sponsor a committee member to attend this event when there is only 2.5 months remaining in the rotation?”

Yours in service, Bob B (aaMeetingLocator and temporary web-master)

2016 GSC AGENDA ITEMS- Sarah K. Keep looking for and

DELEGATE RESUMES PANEL 66

**Area 35 Northern Minnesota Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous
Delegate Resume
Panel 66**

Full Name: Kelly Jean D.
Phone:
Email:
Home Group: Into Action, Princeton, MN
Sobriety time: My sobriety date is May 2, 1995. I have 20 years of continuous sobriety.

A.A. SERVICE EXPERIENCE:

Home group: I have been a member for the past 14 years since our group first got its start. I currently serve as the Secretary/Treasurer and serve in any capacity from setting up before the meeting to making the coffee when asked. I served as my groups GSR 2006-2007.

District: I served District 5 as Archives Chair in 1997, Treatment Chair 1998-1999 and DCM 2008-2009. I served on the West Central Regional AA Service Forum Committee in 2009 that was hosted by Area 35 and held in St. Cloud, MN and I chaired the DCM breakout session that was held at the West Central Regional AA Service Conference in Casper, WY in 2009. I volunteer yearly to carry the A.A. message of hope to the public at the Mille Lacs County Fair in Princeton, MN.

Area 35: I served as Corrections Chair 2010-2011, Area Chair 2012-2013 and Alternate Delegate 2014-2015. I served on the West Central Regional A.A. Service Conference Committee in 2011 which was hosted by Area 35 and held in Nisswa, MN and chaired the Corrections breakout session at the West Central Regional A.A. Service Conference which was held in Montana in 2012. I volunteer yearly to carry the A.A. message of hope to the public at the Minnesota State Fair.

Other: I have a sponsor, service sponsor and I also sponsor. I am a part of bringing weekly A.A. meetings into the Mille Lacs County jail for that last 15 years. I am and continue to be for the last several years, the temporary contact person for women coming out of treatment centers or looking for an A.A. meeting in my geographical area for the Minneapolis Intergroup. I serve if possible when asked to speak at Workshops, Round Ups and Speaker Meetings.

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

Full Name: Steven D. L.
Home Group: Biwabik Sunday Night Group

My AA experience has included:

1982 to Present Day I've had a sponsor and I have sponsored others.

1988 to Present Day same home group Biwabik Sunday Night have always had a home group from two weeks sober. I speak at treatment and correction centers. I have been on the Winter Rap-up Committee and a guardian for the District AA phone contact.

1984-85 District 8 Correction/Institution Chair

1986-87 District 8 DCM

2004-05 Biwabik Sunday Night Group GSR

2006-07 District 8 PI/CPC Chair


2010-11 Area 35 Web Master

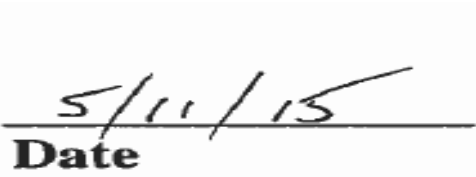
2012-13 Area 35 Treasurer

2012-13 Area 35 Financial Oversight Committee Chair

The most important job of all has been attending my home group meetings, welcoming all people to AA and offering hope to those who show up and offer a cup of best coffee in the area.

I have 34 continuous years of sobriety


Signed


Date

Resumes continued:

DELEGATE RESUMES PANEL 66

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

Full Name: Roger R.
Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Telephone:
My Home Group: Primary Purpose

My AA experience has included:

Home Group:

Jail Meeting Volunteer, Stearns County Jail	2002-Present
Corrections Chair, St. Cloud Call –Up Meeting	2003-2004
Representative, West End 12 Step Group at WCRAASF	2005

District:

Public Information Chair, District 13	2006-2007
DCM District 13	2008-2009

Area:

Area 35 Secretary	2014-Present
Area 35 CPC Chair	2012-2013
Area 35 Public Information Chair	2010-2011
Committees: Chair of WCRAASF Host Committee	2009

Area 35 Inventory Committee (2011).

Sponsorship: I sponsor and am sponsored. I now have 9.75 continuous years of sobriety

Roger R.

April 28, 2015

**Area 35 Northern Minnesota Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous
Delegate Resume
Panel 66**

Full Name: Carl P.
Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Telephone:
Home Group: Serenity in the Pines
Sobriety time: 34 years-July19th,1980

A.A. service experience:

- 6 years of GSR. 2 in St Cloud. And 4 with Serenity in the Pines
- I have chaired countless meetings over the years.
- I have started two new meetings. One in St Cloud back in the early 90’s and one in Barrett in 1980.
- I presently do three phone lists. Courage to Change, Little Falls Alano and Serenity in the Pines.
- I currently serve as the DCM of District Seven.

Resumes continued:

DELEGATE RESUMES PANEL 66

**Area 35
Northern Minnesota Assembly
of
Alcoholics Anonymous
Delegate Resume
Panel 66
Brad I.**

- Sobriety date: 6/10/1990
- Home Group: Joe’s Group Saint Cloud
- I also attend the Waite Park and Sunday morning meetings in Saint Cloud
- Service History
- Ash tray washer
- Coffee maker
- Group chair
- Group Treasurer
- GSR
- District CPC Chair
- Area 35 CPC Chair
- Area 35 Archives Chair
- Area 35 Group records
- Area 35 Secretary
- Area Sound Technician
- Area Archivist.

Delegate Qualifications

(from the *AA Service Manual*)

Like other A.A. members, delegates come in all shapes and sizes. But some characteristics seem to make for well-qualified delegates. For example:

- Several years of active participation in local and area affairs, as a G.S.R. and as a committee member.
- Time available, not only for the week-long Conference meeting in April but for all the efforts needed before and after the Conference
- Five or six years of continuous sobriety. The sobriety requirement varies from area to area; in any case, a delegate should have been sober long enough to be responsible and informed.
- The ability to make and take suggestions—and criticisms, too.
- Experience in chairing meetings.
- Knowledge of A.A. affairs, and of where to find the correct information when they do not know the answers.
- Thorough familiarity with the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts and how they apply to local problems.
- The ability to be open-minded, to sit down with A.A.s in the area and with other delegates to discuss and act on matters vital to A.A.

If you are thinking about standing for a term as delegate, ask yourself these questions:

- How well did you do as a G.S.R.? As a committee member? Did you enjoy the responsibilities? Were you active?
- Have you discussed the possibility with your family and your employer? Will the time be available for the amount of work required?
- Are you familiar with this manual? With A.A. Comes of Age? And of course, with the Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts?
- Have you talked with past delegates to get an idea of the time and effort required and the sort of work you will need to do?

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

A recent conversation with a sponsee brought to mind some lessons learned while doing service...

1. I mustn't get caught up in thinking "it will be like this forever." A few weeks/months down the road few if any will remember what was said or done. We just aren't that interesting and our memories just aren't that good.

2. Some things have to die before they can return whole again. Each group has the "right to be wrong." Even if things are going down a path seemingly filled with trouble and frustration, this may very well be the path filled with the most insight and learning opportunities.

Often times our groups and districts have to learn pervious lessons over again. It's called discovery learning and unfortunately with a transitory population like ours, we have to do a lot of discovery learning over and over again. It's just the way things are and getting frustrated over it would be akin to getting frustrated over the sun rising and the moon setting.

3. "Do well your part for therein lies all the honor." Remember this isn't about being popular, liked, or well thought of—this is about the best way to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

John D.
St. Cloud, MN

This seemed to be very appropriate for the times and specific to events occurring in my little world on the particular day that I read it.

Rodney S.

From A.A. Grapevine's Daily Quotes:

"Newcomers are approaching A.A. at the rate of tens of thousands yearly. They represent almost every belief and attitude imaginable. We have atheists and agnostics. We have people of nearly every race, culture and religion. In A.A. we are supposed to be bound together in the kinship of a common suffering. Consequently, the full individual liberty to practice any creed or principle or therapy whatever should be a first consideration for us all. Let us not, therefore, pressure anyone with our individual or even our collective views. Let us instead accord each other the respect and love that is due to every human being as he tries to make his way toward the light. Let us always try to be inclusive rather than exclusive; let us remember that each alcoholic among us is a member of A.A., so long as he or she so declares."

A.A. Co-Founder, Bill W., July 1965

"Responsibility Is Our Theme,"
The Language of the Heart

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

I read with interest a letter on Safety in A.A. in the most recent edition of the Northern Light. The question I would pose is this. How come when the Area Treasurer steals Area funds, the area reacts by setting up a special committee to oversee the handling of area finances, but when it comes to predatory behavior within the Groups/Districts/Area, the Area says there is nothing we can do about it? Both are criminal behaviors, yet with one we set up safe guards to ensure the behavior doesn't happen again and with the other we say "we just have to practice love, patience and tolerance."

It appears that there is a difference between our deeds and our creeds. It appears that we aren't putting principles before personalities because if we were then our approach would be more consistent, i.e., in both cases we would say let's put some safeguards in place, or in both cases we would say "we just need to practice love, patience and tolerance."

I also find it sad that we would put a higher priority on safeguarding money than we would on safeguarding members of an A.A. group.

The letter went on to say...

"The only solutions I have come to are Responsible Groups that do their work well, and sponsorship, all acting under the guidance of a loving God. It is only through the group conscience as found within our traditions that we can be more cohesive and less separate in developing our conscience. If we don't talk together about issues, we are part of an ongoing problem."

I agree with the above, but here is how I interpret what the author is saying.

1. Responsible groups talk about these issues. Responsible groups have a plan on how to deal with these issues. They put parameters and safeguards in place - just like the Area did with the Area funds.

2. Responsible groups remind their members what AA is about, i.e. recovery from the disease of alcoholism as outlined in the first 164 pages of the Big Book and carrying the message to the still sick and suffering alcoholic. Responsible groups also remind their members what A.A. is not: dating service, job service, welfare service, a haven for criminal behavior, etc...

3. Responsible groups avail themselves of all or part of the following:

D) Extract from document New Hampshire (US) General Service Workshop 2012 – Safety in AA : Our Common Welfare namely Sec 3 para 2... “The group conscience should fully empower meeting chairs and make them aware of their responsibilities to maintain order and safety in meetings so that the group as a whole will benefit. Group Conscience discussions should include emphasis on Tradition One and the importance of the unity of the group having precedent over the individual. Some groups include in their opening announcements that illegal and disruptive behav-

ior is not tolerated; include statements at the start of meetings that announce that abusive behavior will not be tolerated. Groups can set boundaries; do what is necessary to keep meetings safe. Ban persons who repeatedly engage in disruptive conduct that prevents the meeting from fulfilling its primary purpose. Do what is best for the whole group. Address disruptions when they occur.” (The full 6 pages of this report can be read online at: http://www.nhaa.netwpcntentuploads/2012/11SafetyInAA_2012.pdf).

A statement that comes up repeatedly when the issue of "Safety in A.A." is discussed is: "We don't want GSO/NY telling us what to do."

This kind of hyperbole only confuses the issue. It is not unreasonable or unprecedented for GSO to publish guidelines on particular matters. For example, there are guidelines on: A.A. Answering Machines, A.A. and Clubs, A.A. and Members Employed in the Alcoholism Field, etc.

So, if this precedent has already been established, is it really unreasonable for A.A. to publish guidelines entitled "Safety in AA"?

Response: This letter was sent with what I considered an “easy out”—the intro, “For your consideration...”

It is a serious enough matter, one that is discussed repeatedly at Regional Forums and Conferences, and our own Area 35 Spring Assembly, as to be included in this issue.

Unlike other newspapers, where a “letter to the editor” is usually expected to evoke a direct response from that editor, my opinion will not be presented here as it reflects that of the Area Committee. Whether or not a question or opinion is valid doesn’t matter—if it is expressed through a motion at an A.A. Assembly and that motion fails then that is the position I must abide by. The voice of the general A.A. community in Area 35 is important and welcome and will be printed in future editions should someone wish to contribute.

With that said, however, I will once again ask that future contributors keep the 12th Tradition in mind.

Our opinions are nothing more than our egos battling for attention and when an ego is gathering steam, nothing but its survival matters, no matter who or what suffers. I do not wish to see the good and useful tool that this little paper is to become a battleground for egos, for proverbial right versus wrong, good versus bad.

I am not important, my actions are.

I would like to remind all contributors, especially those contributing in this “letters to the editor” section that aside from those elected we are not spokespersons for our groups or districts so attaching that information, regardless of motive, is pointless as it will not be included.

Rodney S.

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.

36th Annual

Keep It Simple Weekend

Camp Chicagami on Pleasant Lake (South of Eveleth, Minnesota)

Theme: The Doctor's Opinion

August 7, 8, & 9, 2015

WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

** NOTE: due to CAMP POLICY, there is NO ADMITTANCE into the camp prior to 5:30 PM Friday**

FRIDAY

5:30 PM

REGISTRATION

6:30 PM

SUPPER

7:30 PM

AI-Anon Speaker – Dixie B., Brainerd,MN

AA speaker – Pete B., Fort Frances,ON

Campfire Call-up Meeting to follow the speakers

SATURDAY

8:00 AM

BREAKFAST

10:00 AM

AA Open Big Book Meeting

AI-Anon Open Meeting

NOON

LUNCH

1:00 PM

Recreation Time**

5:00 PM

SUPPER (Baron of Beef)

7:00 PM

AI-Anon Speaker – Steve G., Duluth,MN

AA Speaker – Jim S., Fargo,ND

Ice Cream Social to follow the speakers

SUNDAY

8:30 AM

BREAKFAST

10:00 AM

AA Speaker – Steve B., Brainerd, MN

Planning meeting for 2016 after speaker

REGISTRATION

Adults Tent/Camper Pkg: 2 nights – 5 meals \$55.00	Children Tent/Camper Package
Adult Bunkhouse pkg: 2 nights – 5 meals \$75.00	2 nights & 5 meals 10 & under \$20.00
(Pkgs. Include all meals, registration and lodging)	11-17 \$40.00 (includes all meals, reg. and lodging.)
General Admission (all events, not including meals.	Meals: \$5.00 each (payable before eating)
\$18.00 per weekend or \$6.00 per day.	Saturday Supper: \$7.00 per person.
Camping - \$6.00 per person per night (no hookups	All accommodations on a first come/first served basis.
available)	There is room for all
Bunkhouses - \$20.00 Per person per night.	Pre-Registration is not necessary
(Does not include general admission.)	

Bring your own LAWN CHAIRS, BEDDING, FLASHLIGHTS, ETC.

** Activities include volleyball, basketball, canoeing, bocce ball,

kayaking, fishing, hiking, campfire and lots of fellowship

For more info, call Gwen at 218-744-1585 or Steve 218-410-2275 or Mary 218-741-7670

Sorry, NO PETS ALLOWED.

St. Cloud AA Convention - Sept 19, 2015

Fellowship Hall

713 Anderson Avenue

Saint Cloud, MN

Convention Hours: 12 p.m. to 12 a.m.

Speakers, Workshops, Meetings, Refreshments, Food, Fun and Fellowship

Tickets: \$5.00

If you are interested in attending, or if you or your group would like to

present at one of the meetings or workshops, please contact:

JD: 320-492-1878

Answers to the Archives Quiz (page 12)

1. 1943
2. October 1941
3. February 1954
4. Archi L. Trowbridge
5. August 1949
6. June 1944
7. Dr. Bob (4 times; Bill just 3)
8. 1949
9. June 1951
10. It was actually two groups: Fosston and Mahnomen, in April 1949

A WEEKEND WITH BILL AND LOIS
Camp Hiawatha – Deer River, MN
July 24-26, 2015

Friday Night Festivities

5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. Dinner

Friday Evening Speakers

7:30 P.M. Becca B. Al-Anon, Grand Rapids

8:45 P.M. Butch and Diane B. A.A., Grand Rapids

Saturday Festivities

7:00 A.M. AA and Al-Anon Meeting

8:30 A.M. Breakfast

9:30 A.M. – 12:00 noon AA history Scott J. Al-Anon history Lana H.

12:00 Lunch

1:00 P.M. Fishing Contest Afternoon Activities on your own

5:00 P.M. Supper

Saturday Evening Speakers

7:00 P.M. Niki P. Al-Anon, Duluth

8:45 P.M. Bob N. A.A., Duluth

Campfire Call-Up following speakers

Sunday Event

8:30 A.M. Breakfast

10:00 A.M. Planning Committee

For Questions Call or e-mail:

218-244-2111 218-259-9170 218-910-0173 billandloisw@gmail.com

FRIENDLY REMINDER: NO PETS

SAVE
THE DATE

WHEN
Oct 1st – 4th, 2015

WHERE:
Saint Louis, MO

Registration and Hotel details to follow, check the website and register for email updates at:

TVL2015-info@NAATV.org

Web Sites · eServices · Bulk Email · Mobile NOW
Meeting Search · Area Technology Service · Ways to Manage Content · Improvements in Mobile Apps
Cloud Storage and Backup · Web Management

WWW.NAATW.ORG



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BENEFITING

· Intergroup

· Area Committees

· Districts

· Public Information

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· Meeting Directories

· Meeting Search

· Programmers

· Webmasters

MORA A.A. SPEAKER MEETING

What is it?

- A pot luck and speaker meeting to bring the message of fellowship and recovery to the recovery community in the greater Mora area with:
 - A.A. speaker
 - Al-Anon Family Group speaker

Please bring your favorite dish to share!

- OPEN MEETING – Everyone is welcome to include; non A.A.'s, Al-Anon's, family members, friends and anyone interested in recovery from alcoholism.

When?

- 1st Saturday of the month – EVERY MONTH!
 - Potluck starts at 6 PM
 - Meeting opens at 6:45 followed by:
 - Al-Anon speaker
 - A.A. speaker
 - Meeting closes at 8 PM

Where?

- Lower Level Mora Public Library (follow sidewalk around back)
- Address: 200 West Maple Ave Mora MN 55051

Contacts:

Jodie 320-209-1941 (AA)

Darin 320-496-0216 (AA)

Rachelle 612-220-7657 (Al-Anon)

"Give freely of what you find and join us. We shall be with you in the Fellowship of the Spirit, and you will surely meet some of us as you trudge the Road of Happy Destiny."

Pg.164 Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous

8th Annual
Summer
Wild Rice
Round-Up

August 14, 15, & 16, 2015
Sandhill Bible Camp



Contact Information:

Email: drgrain@arvig.net

Wild Rice Round-up

PO Box 203, Mahanomen, MN 56557

www.wildriceroundup.com

Fred 218-935-5007

Registration Charges:

\$100 before August 1, \$105 on August 2

(includes Lodging & all meals)

A Daily Rate: \$15 Plus \$10 for each meal

Agenda

Friday, August 14, 2015

3 p.m. Registration: Meet & Greet

6 p.m. Dinner

8 p.m. AA Speaker: Laura C., Crookston, MN

10 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Camp Fire Meeting

Saturday, August 15, 2015

9 a.m. Breakfast

10 a.m. Al-Anon Speaker: Julie E., Bismarck, ND

12 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Recreation Options: Cribbage Tournament, swim, fish, canoe, horseshoes, volleyball, softball

4:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting

5:30 p.m. Pipe Ceremony

6:30 p.m. Dinner

8 p.m. AA Speaker: Kevin M., Mpls., MN

10 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Camp Fire Meeting

Sunday, August 16, 2015

8:30 a.m. Breakfast

10 a.m. AA Speaker: Leslie H., Fosston, MN

11 a.m. Packing & Farewells

Please bring: bedding, towels, toiletries, ice, pop, snacks, appropriate clothing for warm days and cool nights. No pets allowed.

Call 218.435.6100 for RV & Camping Information

Web: www.sandhillbiblecamp.com 6 miles South Fosston

New Beginnings
Round-Up
New York Mills

Saturday, Aug. 15th, 2015

6:00 Dinner

If you'd like to bring a dish to share, please do.

7:00 Dennis S.

Al-Anon Speaker Fargo, ND

8:00 Curt W.

AA Speaker Fargo, ND

Trinity Lutheran Church

424 Gilman Street
New York Mills, MN

West Entrance

Open Meeting



"A Certain Simple Attitude"

2 Day Event 33rd Annual New Format

St. Cloud Roundup

October 23-24, 2015

SPEAKERS

Friday

8:00 PM Doug M AA
Atlanta GA

Saturday

1:30 PM Bob N AA
Duluth MN

3:00 PM Tracey M AA
Atlanta GA

7:00 PM Kathy H Al-Anon
Cincinnati OH

8:30 PM Hilda H AA
Studio City CA

EVENTS

Friday

6:30 PM Registration

7:00 PM Archives Open

Ice Cream after Speaker \$4.00

Saturday *New Meetings*

3 Legacies Meetings

9:00-9:50 AM Recovery

10:00-10:50 AM Unity

11:00-11:50 AM Service

4:30 PM Big Book Meeting

4:30 PM Al-Anon Meeting

Ice Cream after Speakers \$4.00

9:45 PM Dance DJ

HOTELS

Connected to Convention Center

Kelly Inn
800-528-1234 320-253-0606

Le St. Germain Suite Hotel
320-654-1661

Country Inn
320-252-8282

120 7th Ave SE St Cloud



Registration Badge is Required for the Entire Roundup (including the Dance)
Children are required to pay Registration and must be under Adult Supervision at all times. (No Exceptions)

www.stcloudroundup.org

NORTHERN LIGHT PRIMARY PURPOSE:

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

 - ◆ Publish an informative and attractive newsletter to the Area in a timely fashion.
 - ◆ Encourage District reports and be available to work with Districts on communications. One or more of the N.L. Committee should try to attend area events to report on what’s happening in their areas. If they are unable to attend, encourage local members to write short articles about events and happenings to be published in the N.L.
 - ◆ Provide encouragement for writing articles, particularly to D.C.M.s and Area Action Committee Chairs. This should 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.

2015 — AREA 35 SCHEDULE

Area Committee Meeting — August 2nd - 9:00 am

Aitkin Alano Club
322 First Avenue N.E.
Aitkin, MN

Zone II, Zonal Forum—District 3—August 15th, 2015

Lion’s Park, Lakeshore Drive,
Battle Lake, MN 56515

WCRF—Aug 21 – 23, 2015

Parkway Plaza Hotel
123 W E St
Casper, WY 82601

Northern Light Deadline—September 1st, 2015

Fall Assembly— October 3 - 4, 2015

River’s Edge Convention Center
10 4th Avenue South
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Northern Light Deadline—November 1st, 2015

Area Committee Meeting — December 6th - 9:00 am

Aitkin Alano Club
322 First Avenue N.E.
Aitkin, MN 56431

40th Annual Area 35 Service Workshop (2016)

Date and destination forthcoming

July 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Upcoming Events in Areas 35 & 36

note: Area 35 events take precedence !

CPC, District 7—May 21st

Grand View Lodge Golf Resort & Spa
23521 Nokomis Avenue
Nisswa, MN 56468

Gopher State Roundup—May 22nd-24th, 2015

Double Tree Bloomington Hotel
7800 Normandale Blvd.
Bloomington, MN 55439
(952) 835-7800

5th Annual Open Meeting & Potluck—May 28, 2015

Into Action Group
111 6th Ave. N
Princeton, MN 55371

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

Keep it Simple Weekend — August 7 — 9th, 2015

Camp Chicagami on Pleasant Lake (south of Eleveth)
3755 Scout Camp Rd
Eveleth, MN 55734

Heartland Roundup—September 11-13, 2015

Northern Pines Assembly Grounds
East shore of Fish Hook Lake
Park, Rapids, MN 56470

A.A. “Back Then” —September 12th, 2015

Cold Spring Alano Club
Red River Ave
Cold Spring, Minnesota 56320

Duluth Round Up — September 18 — 20th, 2015

Marshall School
1215 Rice Lake Road
Duluth, MN 55811

St. Cloud AA Convention - Sept 19, 2015

Fellowship Hall
713 Anderson Avenue
Saint Cloud, MN 56303

National AA Technology Workshop—October 1st—4th, 2015

1973 Craigshire Road
Saint Louis, Missouri, 63146

St. Cloud Roundup—October 23—24, 2015

River's Edge Convention Center
10 4th Ave. S.
St. Cloud, MN 56301

AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING
Sunday, August 2nd, 2015, 9:00 am—3:00 pm
AITKIN ALANO CLUB
322 1st. Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN

AGENDA:

- _____ 9:00 A.M. Action Chair Committee Meetings
(9:30 a.m. Financial Oversight Committee)
_____ 10:30 A.M. Area Committee Meeting
_____ Call to Order Open With the Serenity Prayer
_____ Recognize Past Delegates
_____ Add to Agenda
_____ Approve June 2014 Committee Minutes

OFFICER REPORTS
_____ Delegate – Michael J.
_____ Alternate Delegate – Kelly D.
_____ Chair – Sarah K.
_____ Secretary – Roger R.
_____ Treasurer – Randy A.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS
_____ NORTHERN LIGHT – Rodney S.
_____ District 14 – Deb A
_____ LITERATURE – Jim S.
_____ District 3 – Steve D
_____ District 1 – Jon S
_____ CPC – Servando M.
_____ District 16 – Griffin M
_____ District 7 – Carl P
_____ WEBMASTER – Bob B.
_____ TREATMENT – Paul M.
_____ District 21 – Irv R
_____ District 6 – Garrett B
_____ GROUP RECORDS – Rolene L
_____ District 13 – Christine G
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12:00 P.M. Lunch
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OLD BUSINESS
_____ Financial Oversight Committee Report
_____ Web Technologies Report
_____ 2016 GSC Agenda Items

NEW BUSINESS
_____ Joint Workshop
_____ AA meeting locator
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