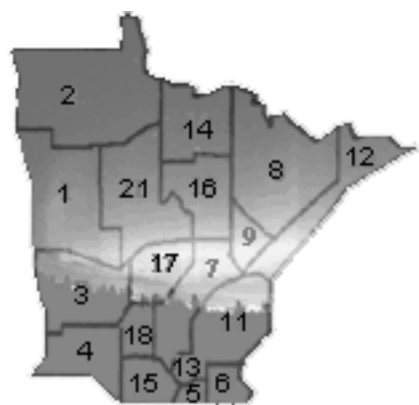


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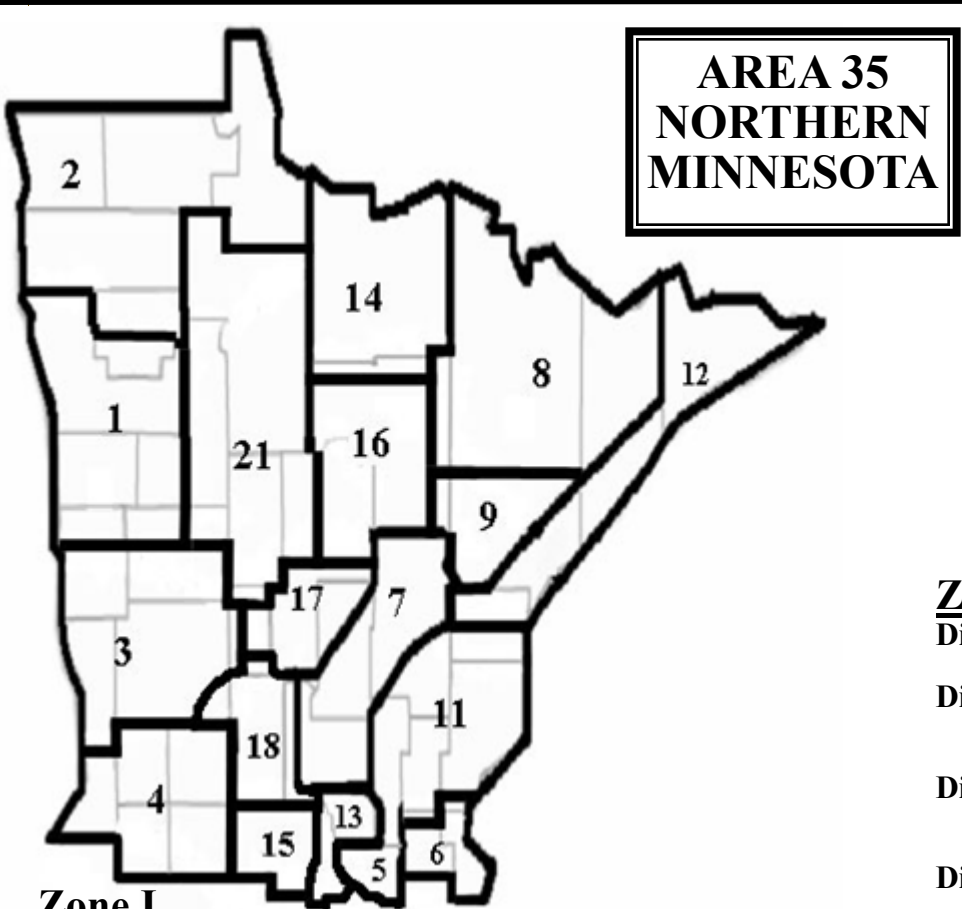
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Northern Light is
January 23rd, 2016

This is YOUR Newsletter.

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

Please bring extra copies to share with your group!

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



Zone I

- District 1** - Ada, Crookston, Erskine, Fertile, Fosston, Mahnomen, Naytahwaush, Red Lake Falls, Twin Valley, Waubun,
- District 2** - Badger, Baudette, Grygla, Hallock, Halma, Middle River, Rainy River (Ontario, Canada), Roseau, Stephen, Thief River Falls, Warren, Warroad, Williams
- District 16** - Bowstring, Boy River, Cohasset, Deer River, Effie, Grand Rapids, Hill City, Lawrence Lake*, Longville, Remer
- District 21** - Akeley, Bagley, Bemidji, Blackduck, Cass Lake, Debs, Menahga, Onigum, Park Rapids, Red Lake, Shevlin, Solway,Squaw Lake, Walker

Zone II

- District 3** - Audubon, Barnesville, Battle Lake, Cormorant, Deer Creek, Detroit Lakes, Dilworth, Elizabeth, Erhard, Fergus Falls, Frazee, Hawley, Henning, Lake Park, Moorhead, Osage, Ottertail, Pelican Rapids, Perham, Underwood, Wadena
- District 4** - Alexandria, Browns Valley, Carlos, Elbow Lake, Evansville, Glenwood, Herman, Kensington, Morris, Osakis
- District 15** - Albany, Avon, Cold Spring, Holdingford, Lake Henry, Melrose, Paynesville, Richmond, Sartell, St. Joseph, St. Stephen, Sauk Centre, Watkins

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Zone III

- District 5** - Becker, Big Lake, Elk River, Milaca, Otsego, Princeton, Zimmerman
- District 6** - Braham, Bethel, Cambridge, Forest Lake, Harris, Isanti, Lindstrom, North Branch, Rock Creek, Stacy, St. Francis, Rush City
- District 7** - Aitkin, Baxter, Brainerd, Fort Ripley, Garrison, Ironton, Isle, Little Falls*, McGregor*, Palisade, Pierz, Pilager*, Waukon
- District 11** - Finlayson*, Grasston, Henriette, Hinckley*, Lake Lena, Malmo, Moose Lake*, Mora, Ogilvie, Pine City, Quamba, Sandstone, Willow River, Wahkon
- District 13** - Kimball, Rice, St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, Foley
- District 17** - Backus, Cross Lake, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Pillager*, Pine River
- District 18** - Browerville, Clarissa, Eagle Bend, Little Falls*, Long Prairie, Motley, Parkers Prairie, Staples, Verndale

Zone IV

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

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

District Meeting Location Information

- District 1**
2nd Sunday of even months, 2:00 p.m.
Fertile Community Center
101 S. Mill St., Fertile, MN 56540
- District 2**
2nd Sunday of Odd Months, 2:00 p.m.
First Lutheran Church
210 Park Ave. N.
Middle River, MN 56737
- District 3**
3rd Sunday of Month, 10:00 a.m.
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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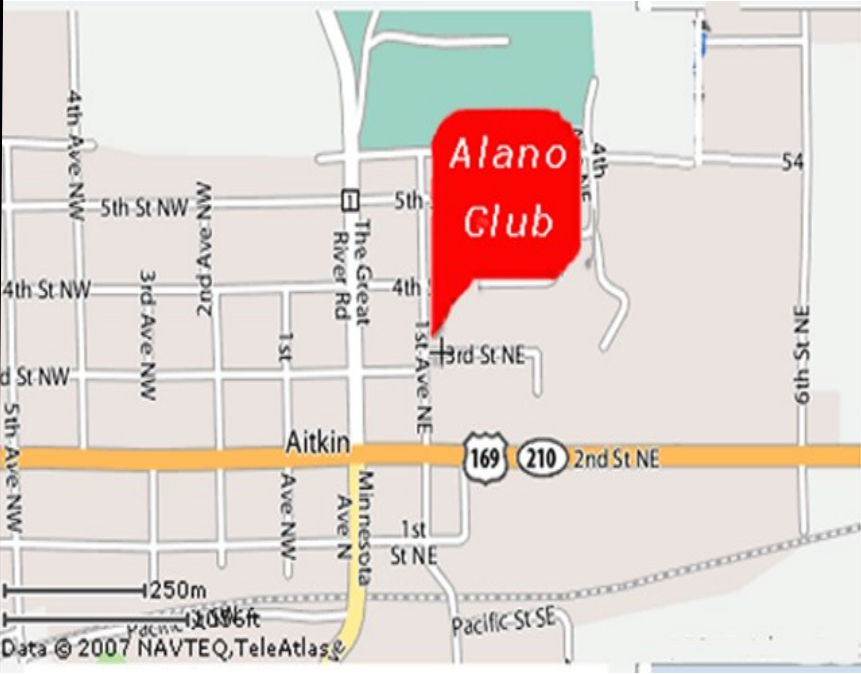
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AREA 35 EVENTS
INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

- ◆ 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

Many greetings to my fellow A.A. members. I wish you all well and pray for only the best as you go through your life in A.A.

This is my last official report as your delegate but I hope not the last time I send an article in to the Northern Light (finally getting it right ...no s). As I ponder what message to leave you with I pray for humility and to leave with the knowledge that God is in charge and all we can do is serve as he sees fit. I just want you all to know that serving A.A., and especially Area 35, has blessed my life. Thank you all!

I hope that some of the issues I have brought to light hit home so we can remain strong. There are many issues for our groups to deal with such as unity, money, singleness of purpose and vision. Without all of our members taking part in these discussions we will continue to suffer things like safety, leadership and carrying the message. Leadership is only valuable if the people we serve participate. Those of us who serve are only in place to help with communication and information. We coordinate A.A. services; we do not implement them or direct them. We work the same 12 Steps, the same 12 Traditions and follow the same 12 Concepts for world service that all other A.A. members do. I have been so honored to be asked to serve at the different levels. Humility comes from loving those you serve and that which you serve. We do not get to act like the rest of the world. We need to follow God’s simple plan and keep A.A. as the fellowship it was intended to be. Happy, joyous and free are not just words—they are results of working our 12 Steps and enjoying sobriety to the point of bursting to share it with others.

Support our new Delegate and the rest of the Area Committee and enjoy the ride.

God Bless you!

Michael (Jake) J., Panel 64 Area 35 Delegate

ALTERNATE DELEGATE’S REPORT

Greetings Area 35,

So here we are at another end to another two year rotation of service in Area 35. It is with much gratitude that I write my last article as your Alternate Delegate. It truly has been an honor and a privilege and as I reflect on the last two years I am humbled by the many blessings I have received through service and being a part of the work that we do here to carry our message of hope to the still suffering alcoholic. I want to thank each and every one of you for your confidence in me to serve and also for your service to Area 35.

Our Fall Assembly turned out to be another very spiritual experience for me as all our assemblies often do. As usual, God had plans for my continued journey in service. I did what was asked of me, I was willing to serve and left the rest up to him. I am truly humbled and honored that I will be serving as your Panel 66 Delegate for the next rotation. I truly hope that I see and continue to serve with many of you as we continue “to trudge the Road of Happy Destiny.”

As always, thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Kelly D., Alternate Delegate.

AREA CHAIR’S REPORT

Greetings Area 35.

As we wrap up the last quarter of our rotation I have been busy establishing locations for upcoming events and negotiating with facilities. I'm updating the trusted servant guidelines for distribution at the December committee meeting. I will be working with Roger to update the area actions booklet with attendees for all of our area assemblies. I'm putting together all of the budgets and actuals for the last 2 years to distribute at the December committee meeting for the incoming chairs who will have to set their budget as soon as they rotate in. I would again like to encourage all newly appointed chairs, newly elected officers, and outgoing officers and chairs to meet up at the December committee meeting. It is essential that you turn in and turn over any materials before leaving the December committee meeting. Congratula-

tions to all the incoming people and best wishes for a good two years of service!

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Sarah K.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Since our Fall Assembly I have been busy fulfilling my duties as a trusted servant and your area secretary. These duties include completing minutes from the Spring Assembly, June and August Area Committee meetings. I also participated in our Area 35 Zonal Forum in August in Battle Lake, MN. I am currently working on updating our Area 35 Actions Booklet. I just completed minutes from our Fall Assembly in St. Cloud, MN.

This is my final report as area secretary in the Northern Light. I have enjoyed working with all area officers, chairs and DCMs in this rotation. I have also enjoyed meeting many district chairs and GSRs. Your enthusiasm has kept me going in a position that I was not sure I wanted several years ago. Turns out I did enjoy this position and give you all my heartfelt thank you for allowing me to serve as area secretary.

For those of you who are not able to continue in service, please stay in touch with me. For those who are able to continue I am looking forward to working with you as Alternate Delegate.

In loving service, Roger.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Greetings!

We have been busy getting ready for our next rotation to come in and continue the services for Area 35. I am sure the next slate of officers and area committee chairs will do an excellent job. It can be overwhelming at first as some may think “What did I get myself into?” But as time passes we gain more confidence in our abilities to do the work, as self-sacrifice is instrumental in commitment to any service position.

Our next Area Treasurer is Christine G. from St. Cloud, current DCM for District 13. Christine should be well prepared for the job with her past service experience. Remember it’s not that “if we are qualified for the job” it’s that “God qualifies us for the job.”

This will be my last report as Area Treasurer and as a trusted servant in service for Alcoholics Anonymous. I have been doing service for 18 years and started my first service position when I was 6 months sober as a sponsor and home group member chairing meetings. It has been a very exciting and spiritual journey and blessed experience. I will continue to do service within the home group level and on a limited basis, speaking and carrying the message of recovery, as time permits in my busy life.

Thank You, Alcoholics Anonymous and Area 35 for letting me have the opportunity be a part of this wonderful, growing experience.

Yours in Service,

Randy A., Area 35 Treasurer

Northern MN Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous						
Balance Sheet						
Cash Basis	Aug.1 -Sept. 30, 2015 : Period 5					
	Apr 30, 15	May 31, ...	Jun 30, 15	Jul 31, 15	Aug 31, ...	Sep 30, 15
ASSETS						
Current Assets						
Checking/Savings						
1-4200 · Grapevine Cash Account	1,281.40	1,281.40	1,281.40	1,281.40	1,281.40	1,281.40
1-4250 · NL Mailing Flyer Cash	735.00	735.00	735.00	735.00	885.00	885.00
1000 · Area 35 Checking Account	10,127.35	12,360.54	13,734.46	15,839.67	17,243.42	15,640.90
1100 · Savings - Prudent Reserve	6,040.07	6,040.22	6,040.36	6,040.52	6,040.67	6,040.67
Total Checking/Savings	18,183.82	20,417.16	21,791.22	23,896.59	25,450.49	23,847.97
Total Current Assets	18,183.82	20,417.16	21,791.22	23,896.59	25,450.49	23,847.97
TOTAL ASSETS	18,183.82	20,417.16	21,791.22	23,896.59	25,450.49	23,847.97
LIABILITIES & EQUITY						
Equity						
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	27,413.47	27,413.47	27,413.47	27,413.47	27,413.47	27,413.47
32000 · Retained Earnings	-4,451.66	-4,451.66	-4,451.66	-4,451.66	-4,451.66	-4,451.66
Net Income	-4,777.99	-2,544.65	-1,170.59	934.78	2,488.68	886.16
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WORDS of APPRECIATION

Great Friends of Bill:

First, thank you for your help, service and volunteer efforts in making the A.A. Convention in St. Cloud an overwhelming success. Over 275 tickets were sold for the event and we estimate that over 200 people came through the doors during the day.

Special thanks to our Al-Anon speaker, Kerri Jo, and our A.A. speaker, Katy C. They both did a wonderful job and left the audience feeling hopeful and inspired. Thanks, gals, for a great job and great message!

There were so many inspiring moments and messages that I don't have to time to recount them all, but I'll leave you with this one.

At the end of the last speaker a young woman, new in sobriety, came up to me and asked...

"This was great - are you going to do this again next year?"

And that ladies and gentlemen is what makes this all worthwhile. Because in the end - its all about the newcomer - the most important person in the program.

JD, District 13
TNYPAA Group

DRINK TODAY?



No! Because I have somewhere to be NEXT Wednesday.

Greg B.

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, A.A., and any members on a "friends" list.

SPECIAL REMINDER for CONTRIBUTIONS:

With the new rotation of officers there is also a new Area 35 Treasure's address. Be sure to contact the new officers regarding contributions and look for the new address in the next issue of the *Northern Light*.

A.A. in Heaven - submitted by Carlyn C. of Live & Let Live Group

An old-timer comes home from his home group meeting, gets ready for bed, and is on his knees saying his evening prayers.

He's in the middle of his "God blesses" saying "God bless the guy who says the same thing no matter what the topic, God bless George, the 'cake lady,' God bless . . ." suddenly he pauses and looks up.

Then says, "You know God. I wonder if there is A.A. in heaven. If there isn't A.A. in heaven, I don't know if I want to go there. These folks are so important to me, I don't want to spend eternity without them."

There's a bolt of lightening and a loud clap of thunder and then the old timer hears a voice saying, "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, there is A.A. in heaven. The bad news is ... "You're speaking tomorrow night."

Credit: aalondon.org



AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI)

It's hard to believe that the service rotation is coming to an end. Yet, by the time this is published new chair positions will have been identified and we will be working on a smooth transition to the next group of trusted servants. I have been going through the materials that were handed down to me and sifting through the notes and reports that I have made in the past two years so that I can hand over the Area 35 Public Information historical information in a form that is useful and user friendly. There were times throughout the rotation that I didn't feel like I had enough time to meet all of the commitments and there were times that I wondered if I was doing justice to the position and to Area 35. Upon reflection I realized that just being willing to serve and attending the majority of the scheduled events during the two years is a good portion of what service at the area level requires. As a member of A.A. I have become a person who does what he says he is going to do and be where I say I am going to be. That's a big change for a guy like me.

I don't know that we made any big impact or changed anything significant in Public Information at the area level. Sometimes I thought that was my job and I would find myself coming up short. But in reflection - I realized that individuals at the district and home group level were having a significant impact every day by carrying our message of hope and recovery. A.A. Service exists to support the function of A.A. which is one alcoholic talking to another alcoholic. In that respect I am happy to report that the spirit of A.A. and the spirit of service throughout Area 35 is alive and well.

I want to take time to thank our Area Officers and the group of Area Chairs who served through this past rotation. It was a great privilege to work with you and I enjoyed getting to know everyone better. I have often described district and area service work by talking about the dedicated people that I have gotten to know over the past ten years or so. Even with the long car rides I have always looked forward to each Area Committee Meeting, Regional Service Conference and Assembly. I would have to say that the January service workshops and the Joint Area 35/36 meetings are a couple of the highlights throughout the year. I won't have a specific position with the area for the next rotation as I am settling in to a new job and a new home and working on being a better member of my new home group. I know that Area 35 will be in good hands and I know that when I do get a chance to attend area functions I will see many of the same dedicated members working to carry the AA message.

Yours in service,
Jeff C.

ARCHIVIST

Greetings Everyone,
Since the Fall Assembly I brought the display to the Saint Cloud Round-Up. I had several great conversations about personalities and the historical context of items. I also had a major adventure loading up the van after midnight, but space precludes me from relating it here. I attended the Archives Alive in Glencoe this past Saturday. It was thoughtful and well presented. I am helping Area 36 at Founders Day in November. Paul has a bunch of new stuff to put out and needs someone besides him to answer questions and bring a historical perspective to the display. I am continuing to develop a searchable data base of the Archives and maintaining the display.

I look forward to serving with the incoming officers, chairs and DCM's and I hope transitions are smooth. On the transition spectrum my sole wish is to be of maximum service to Area 35 and I will continue to serve as asked. Alas, I am not immortal. I don't have a sunset date in mind but it is probably time to start working with someone to succeed me. I know this would be a daunting endeavor. Optimally this person would spend a rotation with me at the Area functions, Round-Ups and workshops. The technical aspects of the P.A. and recording are relatively simple. As far as the history talks some of you are aware that I only have a brief outline that I use and everything else comes from memory. As far as setting up the display groupings, that would require a huge amount of learning. Please put this out to your groups. I still love and am passionate about the Archives and would not want to transition out until someone felt comfortable to segue into the position.

Brad I., Area 35 Archivist

TREATMENT

Greetings from your Area 35 Treatment Facilities Chair!

Another rotation has come to pass. Hard to believe this will be my last report! It's been an honor and a privilege to serve Area 35!

I've had a few temporary contacts calls this month and found contacts for them in Area 35. One was from the southern area which I turned over to intergroup.

We had three districts represented in our last meeting: Districts 13, 6 and 4. District 13 reported the importance of knowing all your treatment centers in your district and getting contacts for them, and offering them literature. District 6 reports all is well at Dellwood. Still trying to get into team focus hopefully the new chair can accomplish this. District 4 has a new treatment chair—welcome Kathy. She has five on her committee. In one facility they meet every other Friday and they break off into two groups—male and female. We had a lengthy discussion on the many types of temporary contacts and bridging the gap programs, and the best way to do this to help the still suffering alcoholic; the importance of getting a contact before you get out of treatment so you're not alone when you hit the outside world.

We still need old Grapevines and literature to handout to our treatment facilities.

Thanks for letting me be of service to Area 35 as your Treatment Facilities Chair,

Paul M.

CORRECTIONS

No report.

ARCHIVES

No report.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC)

Hello everyone.

There has not been a lot of call on the CPC front. I have been spending time gathering up the materials to bring for the next chair to the December committee meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved with the area for allowing me to participate in this rotation and grow in my own recovery through this experience. Service work has played a very important part in my journey and has taught me valuable lessons that have carried over in every aspect of my life. I am also grateful for the many friends that I have gotten to know—there are so many.

My hope is that everyone has a chance to experience the blessing that is known as service work. May God bless you all and keep you in His loving arms.

Yours in service,
Servando M., Area 35 CPC Chair

LITERATURE

Hello Everyone,

I would like to take a moment to thank Area 35 for allowing me to serve as the Literature Chair this rotation. It has been such a wonderful experience, mostly because I have gotten a chance to meet so many people as a result of this position. I look forward to serving with you all this next rotation and seeing what this journey we are on has in store for us.

The deadline for my last literature order will be November 22nd. Please remember that if you email me and don't get a response within 24 hours I did not get your email. Please call me at xxx-xxx-xxxx with your order.

I look forward to seeing you all in December. God bless and take care.

In service,
Jim S., Area 35 Literature Chair

GRAPEVINE

Greetings from northern Minnesota.

It's hard for me to believe that this rotation is ending; along with winter on the way both things make me sad. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Grapevine and all the people in the area and I want to encourage people to try the Grapevine. They have many other things to offer if you haven't already.

Time certainly does fly when you're having fun and I have had a lot of fun with the Grapevine I will encourage you to buy the Grapevine if you haven't already. You can get it online. You can get both paper and electronic. You can order it through the Grapevine magazine or you can find it on aagrapevine.org (just look in the magazine—there's some order instructions in there). There are a lot of things that Grapevine has to offer that are very beneficial to you and the people that you know: CDs on different topics, calendars and planners—you can't go wrong. They make great gifts for sponsees, family, friends, and yourself. I encourage you to look at what's available.

Thanks for all that you do and for allowing me to serve,

Antonette

WEB TECHNOLOGY

NAATW 2015

The National AA Technology workshop was held in St. Louis on October 2-4. I wanted to discuss Security vulnerabilities in WordPress and naturally talk to others mapping and AA web-sites.

Richard W. (GSO): Before the workshop started I met Rich W. He is a manager over our internet at GSO. He knew I was extracting meeting data from our Group Records FNV database. He explained to me that the Group Records database was not designed to provide data for meeting lists. The purpose of the database was to keep track of Group Contacts and GSRs. There are minimal fields in the Group Records database to store meeting information. Both the “Alcoholics Anonymous New Group Form” and “Alcoholics Anonymous Group Information Change Form” do not ask or have fields for group information. There is a field to list open or closed meetings. We have 2577 meeting in Minnesota. Only 931 meeting are marked open or closed 1645 meetings do not have this information.

The Responsive Website: In the beginning web sites were written in HTML. HTML was a content and formatting web language designed to display static WEB pages and static information. Server side executables were scripts in the cgi-bin directory. Many remember the little box at the bottom of a WEB page 1969 visitors visited this website. This was server side software. Javascript was used for client side software like small animations. Next came CSS, Cascading Style Sheets. CSS is used for formatting web pages. Basically is split html. Formatting was done in the css files and content was in the html files. Then we added PHP. PHP is a server-side scripting language designed for web development. WEB pages became dynamic. aaMeetingLocator.org uses php software to display the pages and run the database searches. Cell phones start displaying web pages. The screen is small and the updates are slow. jquery mobile solves the small screen problem. WEB pages are redesigned for cell phones only using jquery mobile. The user selects a web site aaMeetingLocator.org on a cell phone. aaMeetingLocator.org checks the screen size and if it's a cell phone it sends the user to m.aaMeetingLocator.org. At this point we have two web sites: one for PC and one for cell phones. Along comes the responsive web sites and the death of the Webmaster. Responsive web sites respond to the screen size as needed. The software pages take care of all the formatting and displaying on a web page. The Webmaster is dead. Webmaster is someone that knows how to write web pages using html, css, php, etc. These functions are now in the responsive web design software.

Responsive Website in Action: Responsive web sites respond to the screen size and format the WEB pages. This can be tested by shrinking the WEB window and watch the website reformat base on the screen size. Area 35 does not have responsive web sites. Google has changed their web search criteria. If a google search is done from a cell phone web sites that are responsive or mobile ready will be at the top of the search list.

Responsive software in many cases is free. There may be a cost for templates and plugin packages. Weebly and Wix are respon-

sive web site service providers. Web Builder, Wordpress and Drupal are packages offered by web site service providers. Dreamweaver is in the Abode design package and can be leased for \$65.00 per month.

Birds of a Feather: (These are topics from the floor)

1. Which software would have the easiest learning curve to pass on every two years? Lots of talk. One person felt using php because it is easy to learn if the servant is an experienced programmer. A Drupal developer felt that we should all use Drupal and design one add in package for all AA sites. The majority of attendees were using WordPress. There was some caution-- Build a test web site first and use test site when changing website -- Keep WordPress up to date -- Use up to date plugins. There is a WordPress plugin to create a searchable directory of meeting on a website. It growing in use around the country. Users can op in and help build an Country Wide meeting finder The plug in validates addresses and geocoded the location. There is also a beta Meeting Guide App for iOS and Android (see <http://meetingguide.org>). Rich from GSO spoke to this topic and feels that we are heading in a good direction.
2. This was a question and answer session about sharing information. Topic ranged from web payments to WordPress. There are discussion about platform neutral meeting locators.
3. Google will be discontinuing google voice. This has been in the news since March 13, 2013. My google voice is still working and I think google is still opening new accounts.

Successful AA Website: (Intergroup): This was a talk about an Intergroup that used current software to bring their offices and services up to date. The needs were evaluated and the software was used to share information across the needs of the office. This was an informative talk. About 30% of the NAATW attendees were from intergroup/central office support.

DEAF AA; Can Technology help carry the message. Much of this discussion was centered on providing ASL signers for deaf AAs at AA meetings. NAATW was signed and deaf were asked to attend the workshop to share their experience. Some of the meeting directories include ASL information with ASL meeting. ASL signer information is added to the meeting information. When a signer is as needed information will be in the meeting directory so the deaf will know how to request a signer.

Drupal – Everything you wanted to know: Drupal is a high end responsive web design package. Drupal is open source code that is updated by the Drupal development community. Drupal is a powerful package used for profession large web site. Like the US White House. It has a significant learning curve, all update pages need to be tested and may require rework. Drupal was used in the first aaMeetingLocator software package.

User Experience (UX): User Experience (UX) involves a person's emotions and attitudes about using a particular product, system or service.

User experience includes the practical, experiential, affective, meaningful and valuable aspects of human–computer interaction and product ownership. Additionally, it includes a person's perceptions of system aspects such as utility, ease of use and efficiency. User experience may be considered subjective in nature to the degree that it is about individual perception and thought with respect to the system. User experience is dynamic as it is constantly modified over time due to changing usage circumstances and changes to individual systems as well as the wider usage context in which they can be found.

When we design a new web site or make updates, we should test the design with others that are from different computer experiences and not part of the design. The designer would sit and watch a user use the WEB site.

Intro to Design Studio method: This was a hands on design method. We spilt up in group and used the Design Studio Method to design an aa WEB pages that could be used by new comers and old timers in AA. We have fun doing this fast paced design exercise. After a half hour we could see the design improvements by including multiple people. This method uses people from different areas. It is not intended for a group of designers. More information can be found at <https://vimeo.com/37861987>

AA Communication: This meeting started with the Grapevine Quote

Quote October 3, 2015 “Let us remember that great legion who still suffer from alcoholism and who are still without hope. Let us, at any cost or sacrifice, so improve our communication with all these that they may find what we

have found – a new life of freedom under God.””

Attribution: AA Co-Founder, Bill W.,
February 1961
“The Shape of Things to
Come”
*I Am Responsible: The
Hand of AA*

This was a just in time quote to start a workshop on AA Commu-
nication. Some Facts

- * 310 Million people on the internet right now
- * Average 6 hours a day
- * 63% are on Social Media 2 hours per day
- * 1% of AA Found AA on Line 14,000 people

Our websites are our most published form to reach the public.
Put a new comer’s hat on and search the web for information on
AA. Take a good look at the search return. How would a new
comer know which web sites are AA sponsored sites? How
much public information is on our site? Our biggest public in-
formation tool is not being used for public information.

Backchannels: This is interesting and producing good re-
sults. Backchannels are web bases tools that allow listeners to
make comments about speaker/presenter in real time. Schools
have found these tools help listeners pay better attention. When
comments are made presenter would be able to see the comments
in real time allowing the presenter know if a topic was not under-
stood. Here is an example: Our area chair is discussing a topic
and people do not understand the topic. We could send text type
message to the group in the room. Our question may be an-
swered via text or the area chair would learn that more explana-
tion was needed. These tools take some etiquette rules. I can
picture a presenter making a presentation and the majority of the
room start texting. This could turn into a big distraction.

My Recommendations for Area 35:

1. That we convert our web sites area35.org and aameetingloca-
tor.org to WordPress. I stopped working on this project af-
ter area35.org was compromised. I have a better under-
standing about security leaks in WordPress. Keeping Word-
Press up to date and good password management. This will
be a good project for our next Webmaster.
2. We have a couple years’ experience using our Group Rec-
ords FNV Database. I do not feel there is enough meeting
information in the database. We should stop using the Group
Records FNV Database to populate our aaMeetingLocator.
3. The front end to our web sites needs to be updated to include
information for those that have not found AA.

Bob B., Area 35 Web Technology

WEBMASTER

**WEB area35.org
Statics:**

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan-15	2,299	4,215	11,633	115,677	2.60 GB
Feb-15	2,046	3,666	10,268	110,959	2.91 GB
Mar-15	2,329	4,100	10,958	127,402	3.31 GB
Apr-15	2,257	3,749	9,985	118,010	2.78 GB
May-15	2,169	3,697	10,199	112,677	2.72 GB
Jun-15	2,163	3,724	11,071	111,621	2.34 GB
Jul-15	2,372	3,755	11,144	125,114	2.63 GB
Aug-15	2,299	3,467	10,753	118,228	2.26 GB
Sep-15	2,237	3,349	9,929	115,500	2.14 GB
Oct-15	2,113	3,305	11,104	113,811	2.27 GB
Total	22,284	37,027	107,044	1,168,999	25.96 GB

**WEB Technology aaMeetingLocator
PC**

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan-15	4,884	8,077	32,464	162,168	3.82 GB
Feb-15	4,130	6,708	23,514	135,505	3.39 GB
Mar-15	4,975	7,505	26,964	155,744	3.89 GB
Apr-15	4,634	7,372	24,187	147,385	3.66 GB
May-15	4,512	6,647	23,043	138,664	3.15 GB
Jun-15	4,679	6,978	28,858	143,969	3.30 GB
Jul-15	5,148	7,570	25,336	155,229	3.63 GB
Aug-15	4,987	7,260	24,497	153,905	3.54 GB
Sep-15	5,697	8,168	27,864	178,485	4.15 GB
Oct-15	5,553	8,391	31,049	178,840	4.64 GB
Total	49,199	74,676	267,776	1,549,894	37.17 GB

Mobile

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan-15	2,224	2,916	11,131	17,706	552.92 MB
Feb-15	1,808	2,377	9,268	14,920	457.49 MB
Mar-15	2,485	3,367	12,471	20,444	637.46 MB
Apr-15	2,172	2,951	11,238	18,002	555.05 MB
May-15	1,724	2,312	8,678	13,747	421.80 MB
Jun-15	1,752	2,397	8,776	13,921	422.49 MB
Jul-15	1,871	2,486	9,551	14,773	427.01 MB
Aug-15	1,956	2,652	10,048	15,668	481.91 MB
Sep-15	2,235	3,110	12,177	19,193	592.50 MB
Oct-15	2,344	3,148	13,027	20,350	607.01 MB
Total	20,571	27,716	106,365	168,724	5.03 GB

Searching Back Issues of the Northern Light:

I can search back issue of our Northern Light using a command
line search. Google charges for this service when used on the
WEB site. There are add-ins that will do this on the WEB pages.
This can get complex so I held off doing this. I do not have any
requests to do Northern Light back issue searches on our WEB
site.

Looking Ahead:

We are at the end of rotation. There are some challenges ahead.
Our WEB site is in HTML, CSS, and PHP. We need to move
our site to a responsive, content management WEB site. A re-
sponsive web site is a site that will size itself based on the device
size. Content management site will do away with the need to
have technical Webmaster.

Today our sites support Area 35 service work. Our site needs to
be designed to meet the needs of our new comers. There is a
contact us on aaMeetingLocator. A number of newcomers are
using the contact us to ask general AA questions and to get help
finding their first AA meeting.

Bob B.

WEB Technology and Webmaster

GROUP RECORDS

Hello Area 35; this is my last report for the Northern Light of
this rotation. I am so grateful to have been apart of Area 35 ser-
vice work as your group records. It has been a great experience
working with so many of you and getting to know you. Due to
health issues I am not able to serve in any service position. It has
been a wonderful journey in my sobriety; Nov. 7th will be 19
years of sobriety for me. I have been in a service position for 16
years of my sobriety and for that I am truly grateful.

I wanted to thank all the DCM’s who worked on getting their
groups information updated and correct in the FNV database.
This is very important that we have the correct information.
Thank you Districts, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 18 for continu-
ing to work hard. These districts had a lot of incorrect and out

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dated information and did a great job.

On that note, I would like to put this out there that we need to have our FNV database up to date with all your groups’ information. That the meeting locator doesn’t do us any good with incorrect information. I believe we need to really need to focus more on the groups in districts. I have worked with a lot of districts in getting this, but I think we need to encourage DCM’s to go to each group or contact the group to make sure the information in the database is correct. This is more important than anything. I know the past group records Sandy H. told me that also. We need to get on the groups and districts. I agree we need to have a meeting locator however, we need to have it accurate, also. Food for thought.

I want to thank all of you for your support and for all your hard work in getting this done! It has been a pleasure serving you in Area 35.

Rolene L., Area 35 Group Records

NORTHERN LIGHT

Greetings Area 35.

Every year, since getting sober, it seems as though I am always exceptionally busy in the late fall, usually due to some sort of preparations for winter—even before my move up north. In my defense, this is not always a reflection on my procrastination, which is not as ugly a demon for me as it seems to be for many others. In any event, here I am once again, rushed to write my report, rushed to get the paper to Mike at Cold Spring Record for printing and up on area35.org.

The Fall Assembly was chocked full of new GSR’s and people interested in service and I felt a deeper sense of responsibility than I have at other assemblies, more of an awareness of my example to others. Some of this, I am sure, is a result of the knowledge that this path of the journey is coming to an end. It reminds me of the way I feel towards the end of a good book, a little sad because it is ending. I know, also, that in my old life, I had a lot of bad endings that I wanted to reverse but couldn’t,

and even though the paths I take in this new sober life always take me to new paths with special journeys of their own, the old feelings resurface, bringing that old friend self-pity with them. I am grateful that with the help from my higher power and the program and people of Alcoholics Anonymous, that old friend is just a part of the past, not a companion for me to embrace today.

I was surprised at how much “I was surprised” by several of the officer elections. It’s a great feeling to experience those types of surprises. There is an abundance of great and loving people in Alcoholics Anonymous and I want to mentally kick myself in the butt whenever I am able to see how I have let my selfish-ness impede my getting to know them better and experience that greatness and love.

Every day, when I think about the words relating to our Tenth Step, that “our next step is to grow in effectiveness and understanding,” I know I am on the right path when those two words go together, and I am in danger when, because of my ego they do not complement one another. This is not meant to be idle speculation, but rather a goal or direction for my growth; it gives me something to focus on in trying to be available for our new rotation of area officers, DCM’s, GSR’s, and other Area 35 Committee members, as well as the new Northern Light Editor. I have thoroughly enjoyed this position, as having a tangible object that one can hold in one’s hands and is representative of the hard work, hours devoted, and obstacles overcome holds a strong and worthy appeal for the creative part of my soul. Congratulations to the new editor—and all knew officers and chair persons.

Being the Northern Light Editor has been the same as any other service position I have held in that I learned and grew as I went through the necessary steps, coming to a point to where I saw that it wasn’t the big deal I made it out to be, but that the *experience of doing* it was a bigger deal than I had thought it would or could be.

Once again, I thank everyone for the wonderful opportunities in my life and the sense of purpose and belonging I get in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Your friend,
Rodney.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Contribution from the editor:

As I’ve stated many times I was interested in the earliest beginnings of A.A. from the onset of my path of recovery and freedom. It seems to me that I was underlining and highlighting phrases and paragraphs in *A.A. Comes of Age* before doing so in my Big Book, but that may just be a distortion on my part. At any rate, I was enthralled by our early history and I think now that perhaps one of the reasons for this is that Bill (and other authors) did a good job with the descriptions that set the scene for some of those early events, thus allowing me to identify with the same emotions that were in play for the original members. A good example of this is Bill’s first meeting with Father Dowling. I can identify with Bill’s feelings of despair of things not going so well in the outward appearance of his life, seeming to not be of much help despite his most earnest efforts, his initial reaction to jump to conclusions, and then the recognition of the presence of someone special—of a significant moment—so much so that it was the merest beginning of a lasting and fruitful relationship.

This excerpt is found on page 38 of *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*.

Father Ed’s talk to us at the Convention that Sunday morning flashed with humor and deep insight. As he spoke, the memory of his first appearance in my own life came back to me as fresh as though it were yesterday: One wintry night in 1940 in A.A.s Old Twenty-Fourth Street in New York I had gone to bed at about ten

o’clock with a severe dose of self-pity and my imaginary ulcer. Lois was somewhere. Hail and sleet beat on the tin roof over my head; it was a wild night. The Club was deserted except for old Tom, the retired fireman, that diamond in the rough lately salvaged from Rockland asylum. The front doorbell clanged and a moment later Tom pushed open my bedroom door. “Some bum,” said he, “from St. Louis is down there and wants to see you.” “Oh Lord!” I said. “Not another one! And at this time of night. Oh, well, bring him up.”

I heard labored steps on the stairs. Then, balanced precariously on his cane he came into the room, carrying a battered black hat that was shapeless as a cabbage leaf and plastered with sleet. He lowered himself into my solitary chair, and when he opened his overcoat I saw his clerical collar. He brushed back a shock of white hair and looked at me with the most remarkable pair of eyes I have ever seen. We talked about a lot of things, and my spirits kept on rising, and presently I began to realize that this man radiated a grace that filled the room with a sense of presence. I felt this with great intensity; it was a moving and mysterious experience. In years since I have seen much of this great friend, and whether I was in joy or pain, he always brought to me the same sense of grace and the presence of God. My case is no exception. Many who meet Father Ed experience this touch of the eternal. It is no wonder he was able to fill all of us there in the Kiel Auditorium with his inimitable spirit on that wonderful Sunday morning.

Sign in a Local Pub - from the AA Grapevine

If you are drinking to forget
..... please pay in advance

AREA 35 FALL ASSEMBLY MINUTES
OCT. 3-4
RIVER PLACE CENTER, ST. CLOUD, MN

Convened by Sarah K.

Why We Need a Conference: Reading

Recognition of Past Delegates in Attendance: Tim C., Tom A., Susie A, Bob J., Jerry S. Bruce B., John C., Charlie C., Scott J. and Jim K.

Recognition of GSR's in attendance

Motion to Approve 2015 Spring Assembly Minutes by Chuck M. and Melissa A.: Passed

OFFICER REPORTS:

Delegate- Mike (Jake) J. Greetings A.A. members from Area 35. I hope you are doing well with the happenings in your life. It has been a great year to be a servant of Area 35. May we enjoy our assembly and especially the election process as Area 35 has so many wonderful people willing to serve us. We must be prepared to support the new officers and carry on our tradition of unity. I have been busy with life, enjoying family visits, summer projects work, sharing my reports with the districts, attending round-ups and speaker meetings, along with the regional forum in Wyoming.

Life has come full circle and I have enjoyed the last half of the ride. To become a giver rather than a taker and enjoying serving has been a gift from God that I could not have imagined when I first arrived in A.A. When I heard a person say from the mic that a future delegate is probably sitting in the room today I did not imagine that it would have been me. Next thought was who would want all that work and service. I just wanted sobriety. I am glad I did not settle for less because God always has more in store if you let him.

I enjoyed spending time with the districts and sharing with all of you that asked questions and sought to make A.A. better. I have finally got the final reports in and am sure that the inventory reports will come soon. I have talked with other delegates about things going on in A.A. and we all agree that unity, God and singleness of purpose are important to discuss regularly. Our concepts don't work without the traditions. I spoke with a delegate recently from Toronto and one of the things they are dealing with is a group that decided to change the steps and was taken from the intergroup list. A couple of members from the group are suing A.A. How far are we willing to allow A.A. to change? To the point where it is no longer recognizable? Who will guide us in our purpose and protect our traditions. I hope it is the members that are sitting in front of us. We must remember that saving a drunk is more important than being liked. We don't have to go along with everything. It is okay to share how we feel, and what our experience has been.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve,

Michael (Jake)

Alternate Delegate- Kelly D. Greetings Area 35,

It is great to be here with all of you this weekend and I look forward to our time together at our last assembly of this rotation. It will be a great weekend of business and fellowship for all of us. We area officers presented at the GSR orientation this morning; we had 35 in attendance and 8 of them were new GSR's. Again I would like to thank all of them for their commitment and I wish each and every one of them the best as they travel the road of service in Area 35. Since my last report from our Area Committee Meeting August 2nd I had a very busy month. I had the opportunity to be a part of carrying the message at the Mille Lacs County Fair A.A. Booth which is an event that is part of my home District 5 on August 7th. The following weekend I attended and presented at our Zone 2 Zonal Forum which consists of Districts 3, 4 and 15 with my other fellow area officers in Battle Lake. It was a very hot and muggy afternoon and we appreciated all that came out that day. I also got to hear Jake's report back from the General Service Conference again. District 3 hosted this event during their Round Up and I would like to thank Steve and that District for inviting us to be a part of it. On August 27th I was invited and asked to present at District 13's Service Workshop on "The Basics of the A.A. Service Structure." Roger our Area 35 Secretary and Brad our Area 35 Archivist also presented that evening along with me. There was great discussion and questions asked amongst those that attended along with some A.A. history from Brad that is always interesting to hear about. I

would like to thank Angie and District 13 for that opportunity to be of service. On August 29th I then headed out to the Minnesota State Fair. We had two different professionals stop by the A.A. booth (along with many others) during our two hour time slot that made an impact on me and why we do what we do in Alcoholics Anonymous. One was a nurse that worked in an emergency room at a hospital and the other was a psychologist that worked with married couples, both wanting literature about our program to help individuals that they see often that have a problem with alcohol. Are we making a difference in the lives of those that still suffer? I believe so!

I have also been busy working on the final preparations for our upcoming Area 35 Service Workshop that will be held in St. Cloud at the Tuscan Banquet and Conference Center on January 16-17, 2016. Hotel reservations have also been made just around the corner at the Hampton Inn and Suites. I have the Agenda complete but am still waiting on some of the districts to let me know if they are willing to present. Also as many of you know back in February our editor and publisher for the Grapevine Amy B. agreed to be our quest that weekend but contacted me in July to let me know that she had to decline. I knew I would have a very difficult time getting a replacement at such a late date from GSO so we area officers discussed in our Committee Meeting in Aitkin an alternative guest. Our theme for the workshop is "Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts." Two individuals known around our West Central Region that do a great job sharing on those topics are Carl B. from Denver, Colorado on the 12 Traditions and Brooke C. from Sheridan, Wyoming on the 12 Concepts. Because of the gracious invitation from Tom and Susie A. (thank you both) to have them both be quests in their home that weekend and save the Area the extra costs, they both accepted my invitation to come and be a part of our Workshop. It will prove to be a great Service Workshop so please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We area officers will be presenting at our last Zonal Forum of our rotation which is in Zone 4 and consists of Districts 8, 9, 12 and 14. It will be held at the Duluth Alano Club on Saturday, November 14th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. There will be a potluck lunch from 12:00 – 1:00 and it will be a great time of fellowship before we present. I would like to thank Rillis and District 12 for hosting this event. As you know the topic about Zonal Forums is on our agenda this weekend to discuss. I look forward to hearing from you on your thoughts on continuing with them in Area 35.

I would like to thank you all for the opportunity I was given to serve the last 2 years as your Alternate Delegate. It is always been an honor and a privilege to serve in any capacity in Alcoholics Anonymous and I am truly grateful for the journey service has taken me on with all of you. Wherever your journey make take you next, may you always feel the presence of a loving God in your life, and again thank you.

In love and service,

Kelly D.

Chair-Sarah K Greetings Area 35. As we near elections and rotation, I would encourage you to look within the fellowship to identify potential trusted servants that have the willingness and time available as well as embodying the principles and exhibiting the qualities of a good leader outlined in the concepts. Please pass your recommendations on to myself or the newly elected Area Chair as soon as possible as he will be announcing the slate of committee chairs for approval at the December committee meeting. I was grateful to be able to participate in the Zonal Forum this August hosted by District 3 during their Roundup. It was well attended and I was able to have some wonderful service related discussions with a few members after the event. I have made arrangements for all upcoming events for the next two years, including the Joint Workshop on Nov. 21 in Clearwater at the Warner Lake Nature Center Shelter. Our 2016 Spring Assembly will be in Crookston on April 2-3, and the 2016 Fall Assembly will be in Alexandria at the Holiday Inn on Oct. 1 & 2. Thank you for allowing me to serve these last few years as your area chairperson.

Secretary- Roger R. As an Area 35 Officer and resident of St. Cloud MN- I would like to welcome you all to St. Cloud MN which is of course in District 13.

Since our Fall Assembly I have been busy fulfilling my duties as a trusted servant and your area secretary. These duties include completing minutes from the Spring Assembly, June and August Area Committee meetings. I also participated in our Area 35 Zonal Forum in August in Battle Lake, MN. I am currently working on updating our Area 35 Actions Booklet.

I would again like to thank Jake J., our Delegate, for submitting my name to AAWS to present at last summer’s International Convention in Atlanta GA. Attending the International Convention was a spiritual ,heartfelt and informative experience.

On the shop-keeping front for area officers, chairs and DCM’s- please send me your reports digitally by October 18, so I can complete the assembly minutes in a timely manner. If you are unable to send me your report please leave a hard copy of it with me today.

As this rotation nears completion and elections for 2016-7 area are at hand; I would like to encourage all in attendance today to remain willing to serve this wonderful spiritual fellowship as we carry our message directly and indirectly to still suffering alcoholics.

In loving service,
Roger.

Treasurer- Randy A. Greetings Area 35; it has been a very nice fall so far with lots of A.A. events going on around the Area. On August 18th I traveled to Battle Lake for the Zonal Forum which was well attended. There were some very interesting questions from the GSR’s and positive feedback from the Area Officers. On September 18th & 19th, I attended the Duluth Round-Up - which was also well attended and included a few workshops on spirituality on their agenda. It is sure nice to attend events around the Area which shows in Northern Minnesota that we are very active in service whether it be in your home group, district, area level or service on different committees such as Treatment, Corrections, PI/CPC, Literature, Archives, Grapevine or Round-Ups. There are plenty of opportunities for us to do service at all levels. It is hard to imagine that we are finally winding down to our last few months of this rotation. I would like to thank Area 35 for giving me the opportunity to be of service as your Area Treasurer, despite the troubles and difficulties which sometimes come with the job, it has been an exciting experience and the rewards we receive back are tenfold. It is all about carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. We must never turn our backs on those who still suffer. And always remember where we came from. Total birthday contributions for the period are: \$102.00; total for the year are \$115.00. Total Group Contributions are: \$4368.15 for the period and total for the year are: \$20,631.97. The total current assets for the period are \$23,847.97. Total in checking are: \$15,640.90 and total in savings are: \$6040.67. Total birthday and group contributions are down slightly from last year. There are still a few more events that are left in the year and we will try to get the groups to participate more in sending in contributions for the remainder of the year. Let’s keep up the good work!

Yours in Service, Randy A.

COMMITTEE CHAIR AND DCM REPORTS

Webmaster – Bob B. WEB and Technology Report

PERSONAL PHONE NUMBERS ON A.A. EVENT FLYERS

Due to search services on the Internet, it is now possible to utilize phone numbers to find out a person’s identity, including full names and, possibly, other personal information. If A.A. members become increasingly uneasy with personal phone numbers being placed on flyers, event committees may need to look into alternate ways of providing contact information such as an event email address. (From “A.A. Guidelines – Internet”)

Contact Us on aaMeetingLocator.org

We received the following e-mail on aaMeetingLocator. This is an excellent response from one of our area 35 DCMs. I took the names, cities, district, and phone numbers out. This is the response from A.A. that I would like if I was new to an area.

Message:

Hello! I'm new to the ?????????, MN area and have been searching for a list of current meetings within a 10 mile radius. Any help would be much appreciated!

B.

I responded and forward the e-mail to the DCM.

B.:

I do not have a AA help line phone number for the ??????? area. I'm forwarding your request to the District DCM. They should be able to help you find local meetings.

The DCM responded:

Hey B.!

Welcome to District ?? and to the ????????? area. ???????? has several meeting at their Alano club! And they are AMAZING meetings! I am attaching our current meeting card to this email which is all the meetings in our area from ?????? to ??????. If you ever need anything please don't hesitate to call, text or email me! Day or night! And if you need help with finding a sponsor I know several women who can help in that department!

We should get together and attend a meeting sometime! It would be great meeting you!

Thanks!

Anonymous

DCM ??

Phone number.

aaMeetingLocator meeting updates

Occasionally I get meeting updates on aaMeetingLocator Contact Us form. I pass the information on to our area Group Records Secretaries. Both Area 35 and Area 36 Group Records Secretaries are doing an excellent job following up with the DCMs and updating Group Records. aaMeetingLocator Contact Us has turned out to be a good way for A.A. members to get meeting information updated. Thank you, Group Records Secretaries.

Treatment- Paul M. Good morning Area 35. Greetings from your Treatment Facilities Chair. It is hard to believe another rotation is coming to an end. We had 3 districts represented this morning. District 13 reports how important it is to know of all the treatment facilities in the district and get literature to them all. District 6 reports all is well at Dellwood and is still trying to get into Team Focus and hopes their new Treatment Chair can accomplish this. Kathy from District 4 is here for her first assembly and we welcome her. She reports five on her committee and all is going well. We had a lengthy discussion on the many types of temporary contacts, bridging the gap programs and many different ways to connect with the alcoholic who still suffers. We continue to ask for old Grapevine magazines and literature to contribute to Treatment Facilities. Thank you for allowing a drunk like me to serve as your Treatment Facilities Chair, Paul.

District 21 - Irv R. No report

District 6 - Renell Delivered a report on District 6 at the assembly. All is well in District 6.

PI - Jeff C. We opened the PI/CPC meeting with the serenity prayer.

The first topic we covered was a debriefing of the State Fair Booth. There were several people in attendance who had volunteered at the state fair. Everyone said that they really enjoyed the experience. It worked really well to appoint a day captain to be a point of contact each day. One person noted that they had been asked for information about alanon during their shift. This information will be shared at the joint 35/36 workshop in November.

Carl DCM district 7 gave a summary of the suicide awareness event at Camp Ripley. The fun run was one of two held in the state to raise awareness about suicide amongst veterans. Service organizations were invited to host a table at the event. Carl said that the event was well attended and that the A.A. table was well received.

The final PI topic was the upcoming rotation. Please recommend people eligible to serve at the area or district level. We need a lot of dedicated volunteers involved in service to continue to carry the message.

We conducted a brief sharing session and talked about several topics including; speaking at non A.A. meetings, volunteer recruitment, information cards, and local community resource fairs.

We closed the meeting with the responsibility declaration.

District 5 –Jon S. Greetings all; my name is Jon and I am the DCM of district 5. For those of you who don't know I took over as DCM in June and was recently elected as the DCM for the next rotation. We held voting in September for the next rotation, filling approximately half of the positions which is great as we have been operating with two district members for several months. Thanks to an effort by some A.A. groups in our district

and some dedicated members we have not missed any obligations. Yours in service.

District 4 Deb S. Greeting from District 4! We are still adjusting to our changes. Our committee is small, and we are struggling to find committee members for our district. Deb S. is planning on going to more meetings to spread the message by going to groups and talking with them on a more personal level. We are also planning a sponsorship workshop and will use some of that time to discuss service opportunities. Date is November 21st noon to 5, before our district meeting at the Alano Club in Alexandria. The flyer has been uploaded to the Area 35 Website. It was also sent to the Northern Light email address as well.

Our A.A. help line has changed over to a new volunteer. We have also developed new cards to pass out to those that are still suffering and have been distributed throughout the district.

Update on PI / PCP committee: [they] are brainstorming ideas of how to reach the professional community; [they] are putting together a list of where to distribute A.A. literature throughout the district.

Treatment Facilities Committee: continues to reach out to the treatment facility, by organizing groups to facilitate meetings; is supplying A.A. literature. Our treatment Facilities chair is also becoming actively involved with “Bridging the Gap” for those leaving treatment and going back to their communities.

Corrections: the corrections committee is going through changes and we have a lack of female volunteers to go to the jail; [they are] hoping to continue this commitment, and it is a topic of discussion in our meetings.

As a district we continue to educate our groups about the importance of having a GSR and we continue to hope for greater attendance in the future.

Respectfully Submitted, Deb S. and Bonnie M.

NORTHERN LIGHT- Rodney S.

Greetings everyone,

Our meeting started with a personal sharing session while waiting on others to show up. Angie, the alternate DCM for District 13, Bill C., DCM District 11, Rolene for group records, and I were present.

Rolene brought up the need for a Northern Light/Group Records workshop. The connection with the Northern Light is that the Northern Light mailing list comes from the FNV database, which is maintained through good communication between Group Records and DCM's. Our discussion kept going back to groups, district, and other positions operating through snail mail or other less technical venues.

Our meeting swung into a passionate discussion regarding these positions in our committee: web technology, webmaster, and group records—it seems if we stay vigilante with work between Area 35 group records and the DCM's in keeping accurate records, aameetinglocator will pretty much take care of itself.

Another recurring theme of our meeting this morning was that any of these positions can be done by anyone willing and committed to do so, regardless of their technical aptitude or skills.

Concept nine states: “. . . we have an abundance of men and women whose dedication, stability, vision, and special skills make them capable of dealing with every possible service assignment. We have only to seek these folks out and trust them to serve us.”

I am somewhat sad that my position with this rotation is coming to an end. I am grateful for the experience.

I have a new job in the working world and although I've only been there a little over a month I am doing some training for new workers, and letting them shadow me. I enjoy this quite a lot. I look forward to at least a bare minimum of that same process with whoever is chosen as the next Area 35 Northern Light Editor.

Thank you all for your help and trust in allowing me to do this job in the positive manner that I have, despite my defects and limitations.

In love and service,

Rodney.

Literature – Jim S. Hello Everyone,

We had 11 in attendance with 8 districts represented. We discussed several topics including: Can people or groups be charged for shipping when ordering literature? Is the meeting list a responsibility of the Literature Committee or the PI Committee? We discussed the duties of the Literature and Grapevine

Committees. We discussed how to increase participation within the committees.

Myron (District 2)- Low participation, encourages Grapevine and new Literature, has material, 2 meetings in county, do not have a Grapevine meeting.

Dave (District 3)- Incoming Literature Chair, going to help Steve with stuff, hard time with position, been trying to get people to get involved, low attendance and participation, has been getting better, has the time to be involved.

Renell (District 6)- Have committee chair for both literature and Grapevine that are being elected for another term. Would like to see the literature part improved, not a lot of activity in that, struggle to get inventory, new elected DCM for this next term, hoping to get more involvement, guy doing Grapevine is just getting comfortable and reaching out to groups.

Melissa (District 15)- District has Big Books and 12x12 on hand, in the process of ordering the 12 traditions illustrated. Planning on going to meetings

Dave (District 16)- Been doing this position for a little bit, we have been working on getting literature out there, in Grand Rapids. We have the fair and 2 stands for the VA, 3rd and 4th year doing literature at our community connect, simple ordering literature through the area has worked for them.

Susan (District 8)- [She] came into the position a year ago, was disturbed by not having participation from the younger people in district. Saddest part about being involved at the District level because no young people want to come in and people are doing the jobs 10 times over, found when stuff had to be reordered the simplest way was the best way, may end up going through the area due to the shipping costs. Has a question on ordering through the area.

Steve (District 3)- Welcomed Dave for attending this meeting, it is important that as an Area that we communicate and share our experience, strength and hope. Dave will do a good job, he is passionate about A.A. Our past Literature chair left due to having hard feelings towards DCM, hoping to focus on the Round Robin literature displays so that we can show different groups and different people. Focusing on the 3 books of the BB, AA comes of Age---- encourage Dave to make Grapevine a part of that duty, would like Dave to have a Grapevine display available at the Round Robins, New DCM is here and is going to find out at the next committee meeting what chair he is on.

The deadline for the next literature order is Nov 22nd.

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.

We held our District 3 elections at our September District Meetings. We have a new DCM, Brian P. from Moorhead, MN. Our Alternate DCM is Tom O. from Detroit Lakes. I know area 35 DCMs and officers will be a great help to them as they begin their new roles.

The District 3 Roundup was a great success. The area officers held a Zonal Forum in the afternoon. It was well received. There were many great comments about the fact that our area officers took the time to educate us on what goes on at the area level. Chad L. from Minneapolis was our speaker Saturday night. Great food and fellowship was the norm for the day.

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.

As this is my last Area Assembly as a DCM. I look forward to continuing to serve Alcoholics Anonymous in whatever capacity I can. The learning experience at the Area level has helped me to better serve in District 3

Yours in Service, Steve.

District 1- Jon S.—no report

Group Records –Rolene L. Hello Area 35. I have been updating changes as I get them. I encourage all new DCM's to have all of your information ready for the next rotation. I will have the incoming Group Records Secretary put this information on the

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system. I am saddened and grateful to let Area 35 know I will not be able to continue in service due to health reasons. If believe that if I cannot give 110 percent I should not serve. I am saddened by this but know it is in my best interest. Thank you for allowing me to serve Area 35. It has been blessing in my life and for that I am truly grateful. Yours in service, Rolene.

District 11- Bill C. This will be my last Area Assembly for a while as I have served as a DCM for 3.5 years and it is time for me to rotate out. I would like to thank al the Action Committee Chairs and past delegates for teaching me what happens at area functions. I would especially like to thank, Rolene, Roger R. and Rodney S. whose committees I served on. I learned a lot on those committees.

As DCM the thing I am most proud of is the increase in Fellowship events such as Sober Bowling and our 2rd Annual New Years Eve Dance in Hinckley MN. Last year we had 80 people and this year we hope to have more than 100. I have met a lot of very nice people at these events and I will miss you ALL. Bill C.

District 13 Christine G. Greetings from District 13,

We hold our district meeting the 1st Monday of the month at the St. Cloud Alano Club starting at 7:30pm. We have had approximately 30 people attending our meetings. We have had a couple new GSRs.

Angie, our Alt. DCM, held a Service Workshop on Aug 27th at the St. Cloud Library. It was on a Thursday evening and we had about 18 people attend. We had presentations by Alt Delegate, Kelly, Secretary, Roger, and Archivist, Brad I. There was good feedback given and enthusiasm for more workshops.

We hosted the Archives workshop with District 15 on September 12th. We had about 30 people in attendance. We also had 2 speakers from our district share their experience. It was a beautiful day with great speakers, food and fellowship.

We had two presentations at the "A.A. Convention" in St. Cloud, on Sept 19th. Gayle, our Correction's Chair, presented on bringing meetings into jails and prisons, writing to inmates scheduled to be released, ordering Grapevine subscriptions for jails and she played the DVD "Carrying the Message Behind these Walls." Angie, Sara and Chris did our presentation that we did at the January Service Workshop "Diversity – Our AA Heritage". And George, our Treatment Chair, had a table set up where people could sign up and ask questions about all our Service opportunities we have available within the District.

George, our Treatment Chair, has been busy recruiting volunteers by using some postcards he had made up that have all the opportunities available. People fill them out and drop them in a box at the Alano Club or they can mail them.

Sara, our Secretary, is coordinating a booth at the Civic Center in St. Cloud. We will be providing AA literature for an event for Project Homeless Connect. Project Homeless Connect is an event that offers people within our community the opportunity to access services offered by governmental, non-profits and other agencies. Elections, for District 13 positions, will take place Monday, October 5th.

In Service, Christine G.

Grapevine – Antonette F. We had about 12 in attendance in our breakout session. A discussion was held about how to get more people involved what to do to spark interest and getting people motivated. We talked about how "attraction, rather that promotion" is a good rule to follow. If others can see that you enjoy what you do, they are more apt to be interested. We talked about the upcoming end of rotation and answered questions about both the Grapevine and Literature chars and reminded everyone if they were interested to let the chair person know. It was a great discussion. Thanks for allowing me to serve. It has been my pleasure. Antonette.

District 8- Jerry B. Hi, I'm Jerry B. 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 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 & help us share some fellowship. In April Butch R. and myself attended the volunteer appreci-

ation dinner held at Sandstone Federal Prison along with 2 new volunteers from our district. Sam K. and Dale T. 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/Lit., Alt. Treatment and the Alt. Corrections Chair, who recently resigned.

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 B

District 15 Melissa A. no report

Corrections-Jake C. Greetings. My name is Jacob and I am serving as your Area Corrections Committee Chair. This has been a very busy and humbling time, especially the last couple of months. This morning we had our committee meeting, with 13 in attendance, and a couple of new faces. It is fantastic to see members sponsor others in service, as incoming DCM's were present to see what our committee does. We discussed the need for volunteers to make their commitments, and to coordinate with the volunteer coordinator ASAP when a commitment cannot be met. We discussed the need to place principals before personalities, and go by the law of the land as guests in facilities, that our relationships with facility administrators is the path to improving our ability to carry a message. Sandstone Federal Detention Center, Rush City Prison, Benton/Sterns/Sherburne/Pine/Kannebec counties especially need volunteers, though all districts would appreciate more help corrections-wise.

I was unable to attend the "Bridging the Gap" conference in Utah, however after consulting the Area Chair, I attended the West Central Regional Forum in Wyoming, though I was not originally going to go. Thank you, Melisa and Pat from district 15, for traveling with me.

I participated in a longtime to release offender forum at the Rush City prison, to see if A.A. could utilize activities offenders are wanting to organize. It was also a great opportunity to network with MN DOC officials and continue growing our relationships. I attended the District 6 CPC luncheon, thank you District 6 for inviting me to your great presentation. I will be attending a transitions fair at MCF Moose Lake this week.

I received a couple of calls this last month with concerns or various nature. As shown me, I did my best to answer questions and encourage participation. All of us serving you, are here to answer your questions and be of aide to you to the best of our ability. Please do not ever wait to ask us anything, it is a pleasure for us to be of service. Please this weekend, bring your concerns up to the mic, especially you GSRs!

Thank you for allowing me to serve, Jacob.

District 2 Myron H. Good afternoon from District 2,

My name is Myron and I am an alcoholic. My home group is Hallock, MN. September's elections at Middle River District meeting resulted in my becoming DCM. Ken M. was elected alternate DCM. Julie H. was elected Treasurer. All other positions are open and we will be looking for people to fill the vacancies.

Warroad has started a new women's group on Saturday night at the casino.

We discussed placing literature at the local fairs in the coming year.

District 2 is financially sound. Finally we discussed setting some goals for the new rotation at the November 8 meeting. It will be held at 2 PM at the Middle River 1st Lutheran church.

Yours in service, Myron H.

District 9 Chuck R. Our district is doing well. The new Lending Library of literature is doing well. We would like to thanks to a volunteer who build great shelves for this venture. Our DCM and Alternate DCM could not make it today so I am delivering our district report. In service, Chuck R.

CPC Servando M. Please see report by Jeff C. on joint PI/CPC break-out session.

District 16-Griffin M. We had 10 in attendance at our last district meeting.

Weekly jail meetings are going on thanks to our Monday Noon

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GSR Mike F., who is our incoming DCM and here today along with two other members from District 16.

Monthly treatment informational and speaker meetings continue to be fulfilled at four of the facilities in our district.

Tuesday Solutions Open Speaker Meeting is coming up on November 14th.

GSR workshop committee is putting on a workshop on October 17th at the Library, and being led by Dan H.

Personally, I have had several recent changes going on. I was married last weekend, and accepted a job in South Minneapolis that will begin November 2nd. I am looking forward to going back to my A.A. roots in the cities, and am overwhelmed with the gift of service I have had these past six years in District 16 and Area 35.

Yours in Service, Griffin.

District 7 Carl P. Greetings from District 7. Since our last meeting in August my wife and I were at the State Fair to watch over the booth at the education building. We enjoyed visiting with several people who stopped by. District Seven participated in the Power of One Run at Camp Ripley. September was suicide prevention month. The military is taking an active role in helping to prevent suicide by military members. We had a booth there emphasizing that there is a solution. We handed out A.A. meeting locator cards and District 7 help line cards and schedules of meetings.

District 7 moved their September meeting to Pequot Lakes in an attempt to get some more local involvement. The results were not what we had anticipated. District Seven elections will be held October 15th in Brainerd. We are hoping for continued strong support by district members and may all of our service positions be filled again. We are having a GSR School December 17th at our regular meeting place in Brainerd. We will be having a pot luck starting at six pm followed by the GSR School and a very short business meeting. The Pine River Treatment Center has closed due to lack of funding from the state. Yours in service, Carl.

Archives-Pete B. In attendance this morning were Districts: 18, 12, 13, Brad I. and myself. District 18 did another Group History. Neil will be acting Archives Chair and DCM for his district. District 12 will have a new Archives Chair. Camille will be new Archives Chair for District 13 and will get group histories, save district minutes and flyers.

The Archives Workshop “AA Back When” was attended by 30 people. I would like to give thanks to Melissa, District 15 and Christine in District 13 for putting on lunch and finding long-timers to present. Thanks, also, to Brad I. for the A.A. History talk and display. Also to John D. and Steve J., District 13, and Don J. and Alex B. District 15 for old timer presentations.

I will try to put together another Archives Quiz? Pete B.

District 12 Rillis E. no report

District 18- Neil R. Greetings from District 18. Everything is going well. We hold our district meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at the Long Prairie Alano Club at 6:30 pm. At our last meeting on September 1, Jake, our Delegate, came and gave his final report from the 2015 GSC. We also held elections for the upcoming rotation. Our treasures and literature/Grapevine Chairs will continue in their positions. Mindy will be Corrections Chair and Jo Anne will be Treatment Chair. I will take over as Archives Chair. We do not have anyone to take over as DCM or Secretary. If need be I will continue as interim DCM and secretary until someone steps up. We had two new group change GSRs. The Long Prairie Group is having a Round Robin on October 17. As it says in the Big Book “we are treading the road of happy destiny...” Yours in service Neil R.

Archivist- Brad I. I have great news. I am now employed again. I have other news. We moved the repository from one room to another in the same building. I no longer have to walk everything down the hall to the elevator. Tom and I got everything moved in an afternoon with a huge amount of help from Tom and Susie’s nephew. With the layout and shelving in the new room I no longer have to move stacks to get to other stacks. I attended the Duluth Round-up two weeks ago. I had several great conversations about several items on display. The next scheduled display is the Saint Cloud Round-up at the end of this month.

I presented at the Archives workshop in Cold Spring. It was well attended with tremendous speakers. Pete did a great job organizing and a big shout out to Christine and Melissa for the

speakers and the lunch.

The last quarters issue of “Markings”, the Archives newsletter, had an outstanding article on the 1939 “Your Faith” magazine. This article is available for download on the GSO webpage.

Please keep those district minutes coming. I am always available, schedule permitting, for history talks for your district workshops. Thank you again for this incredible opportunity to be of service. Respectfully submitted,

Brad I.

District 14 Stephanie-District 14 would like to announce that Deb A. has moved to Treatment Chair and Paul E. is our new DCM. We currently have about 9 people attending our district meeting. Most of our positions are filled. Koochiching County Jail now has weekly men’s and women’s meetings. Thanks for the opportunity to serve, Stephanie.

GSR Sharing Session Report

Fall Assembly GSR Sharing Session Oct 4, 2014 5:00PM GSR Sharing Session chair Leslie opened the session with the Serenity Prayer.

Previously elected GSR secretary Shane was not present. Ben was elected secretary for the GSR sharing session.

Question developed at Spring Assembly:

How do we receive agenda items in a timely manner?

Vickie moved to save the question for tonight in a larger sharing session instead of just us GSRs. Seconded by Mike. Passed with overwhelming majority.

A 2 minute speaking limit was agreed upon.

Aaron: How do you go about getting people to do the service work, when you've got a group of 40 that attend a meeting, and the same few always end up doing the service work?

Vickie: If sponsors push service to the sponsees, it gets done.

Justin: When going through the steps with my sponsor, a gift was freely given to me and I feel a duty and obligation to give back. Is unrecovered alcoholism the problem? Myron: Myron sets up the meeting and is the treasurer and GSR. There has been only one year medallion to one person once per year. Don't let service work turn to resentment. Do the best you can and hopefully set an example for someone else. If you force people into service, you get bad service. I can only help people who ask me for help, same with service. I can't expect people to constantly thank me, I just do my best. Mike: Explain what service is about to your group members. Hold a workshop. Its hard to get someone with many years sober to become a GSR, hopefully one day that newcomer will come in. Don't try to make service look terrible! A workshop might attract others to join your group. Carl: I had to go through the steps, go to different meetings. Step forward and help. Start with making coffee and chairing meetings, and ease into district positions. GSR schooling helps teach service work, how to be a GSR. Workshop/seminar to help with different groups. We need a sponsor to help us through it. Jim: Our program is one of attraction rather than promotion. I've gotten a lot out of service in AA. Its helped me in my sobriety. If we're trying to fill these positions that need to be filled, mention how its helped you out and suggest positions that need to be filled. A newcomer can start service in AA starting simply with cleaning up, coffee, eventually went through steps with a sponsor, actually starting from service.

Helps to feel like you belong. Ann: Experience with my home group is with strong sponsorship and welcoming the newcomer. An opportunity to be part of the group. It was explained at the beginning of the meeting what service opportunities were available on a clipboard. Sponsors made it clear you need to sign up on the clipboard for something to get involved. Peter: When you are rotating positions, the people that previously held them should be there to back you up. There should be confidence that the people around there are there to help you. Aaron: To clarify my question, my sponsor a year and a half ago said I was taking on too much, and now nobody wants to step up. I like doing service work, but have obligations to family, too. I don't want to leave all that open and have it not get done. Steve: My sponsor had me doing service work before my hands were done shaking, had me be a greeter. “Can you help me do this?” Then transition them to doing it and teaching others. Service work has helped me immensely. Let people know that it is fun. Kathy: Sometimes a sponsor knows best if you've taken on too much. Let go and see

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what happens. Somebody else will probably do it.

Michelle: If nobody is stepping up, if you don't make the coffee, some one will step up the following week to make the coffee. Ask for volunteers! Don't be afraid to use your mouth. We may feel responsible for doing this. That group is so large, somebody will step up to the plate. Roxanne: The DCM has said they can come see how your meeting is going. Let the DCM talk about different service areas that need to get filled.

Dave: I had every position there was. My sponsor said to tell them your going to shut it all down if nobody steps up to the plate, and it worked. Let go and let God. Myron: When my rotation is done, it is done. Still go to the meetings and remind people about open positions. But, I can't save the whole world. My responsibility if someone asks for help is to help them. I can't stay awake at night and worry about if someone is making the deposits, taking out the trash, etc... Chuck: Nobody wanted to be GSR, after a year, I quit, but nobody stepped up. But I went back to being GSR, since nobody stepped up. Tough to get people in the district, too. Going to let them go without again when term is up. Tammy: Aaron, If you weren't to make the coffee, would someone else make it? Service work is the best thing in the world. After going to spring assembly as alternate GSR, I understood, and took over for the GSR. I wanted to get involved, so I did. I love it. I wouldn't be doing anything else. Stub: It's the same old thing every year. No alcoholic wants to do a thing. I'm the same way. Let the others do it. But they don't do it right! After 20 years, the same officers are still running the show. GSRs don't know they are supposed to guide the officers. The GSR is the most important person in AA, the guardian of the traditions. If people want to go against the traditions, tell them "No!"

Roxanne: *Is a business meeting and a group conscience meeting the same? In my group, I have no control of these meetings, I'm lost.* Leslie: They're usually not, but our group has the business meeting and then the group conscience together. Roxanne: *How do you take control of it? Past GSRs and old timers just take over. Who leads the meeting?*

Leslie: In our group, the person that chairs the regular meeting chairs the business meeting. Mike: We have group conscience and business meeting together. The chair is technically in charge, but the treasurer and GSR do most of it. Occasionally, the GSR needs to bring the discussion back to the topic or call a vote. Aaron: For our meeting, we don't have somebody that is the chair every time, it rotates, you sign up for it. We have the treasurer or the GSR, we have the group conscience together, the GSR runs it and the treasurer, so we don't have a chair. April: We have between 30-35 women. If you work it let it work. We have a chair person that keeps everybody on task. As far as the GSR report, we go by a structure. It gets really heated, but everybody loves everybody. If there is an issue to be discussed, we announce the group conscience. There are elected people. If you don't have structure, maybe you need to find another meeting.

End of questions. No new questions brought up for January Workshop.

Passed the basket for printing funds. We collected \$62.25. Printing compliments of Country Inn and Suites. All collected funds contributed to Area 35.

Next GSR Sharing Session will be at the January workshop.

DCM Sharing Session Report

Area 35 Spring Assembly

April 11, 2015

DCM Sharing Session

Attendees: *Steve (District 3), Irv (District 21), Rillis (District 12), Carl (District 7), Griffin (District 16), Michael (District 2), Jerry (District 8), Garrett (District 6), Christine (District 13), Angie (District 13), Melissa (District 15), Neil (District 18), Dean (District 5), Cathy (District 9), Jon (District 1), Bill (District 11), Tim (District 7 GSR)*

Chair called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM. Meeting began with introductions. 17 people were in attendance with representation by 15 districts. Sharing session section was read from the Service Manual. Chair provided an overview of the topics discussed at the January Area Workshop DCM Sharing session.

How does the current DCM handoff the DCM duties to the next DCM for the next rotation when there is no alternate DCM or other likely new DCM? Including discussion regarding all rota-

tion of officers and committee chairs at the district level.

- It is not necessarily the Alternate DCM to step into the DCM role in the rotation.
- Similar to teaching someone the steps, sharing experience. What happens when you became DCM part way through the rotation? The district can decide. One district said they rotate all positions at the same time.
- It has been helpful to have direction from previous DCM about what the position includes.
- Another DCM was elected to the position for the new rotation after serving for a partial rotation. DCMs can also become action committee chairs, which helps with teaching others at district meetings.
- One DCM shared about passing on information and work that has been completed.
- An Alternate DCM can be a helpful job because the position works with the DCM.
- Holding vote in October helps because there are a couple of meetings in rotation left to share information.
- Sponsorship helps with the process to answer questions about new positions. Sponsors can provide tools: literature, resources etc. that can be very helpful.

Discussion on gender guidelines for sponsorship:

- Is there a pamphlet that provides guidance on this?
- Every situation is different. Talked about various examples some worked out and some did not.
- These are guidelines passed on from past experience; men/men and women/women sponsorship is based as much on understanding of experience as the relationship aspect. Treating everyone the same and treating people how we were treated when we came in is important.
- Question about is it different with each individual with what they are comfortable with.
- Would a newcomer be more comfortable with what might be better for them, would they know?
- DCM role would only provide guidance if asked, would not provide direction/rule on this.

How do districts maintain websites?

- One district has their website through Area 35. No need to maintain it or create it; it's already there.
- One district has a web technology position. Another district has a web master position too and cross-trains other positions to maintain it.
- Two districts have their own website. Two districts have websites through the Area website.
- A few districts are interested in utilizing the Area website.
- Question about what is appropriate for a District website. Please provide feedback. Look around at other district websites.

How do you maintain focus and motivation for service?

- Rotate into other positions and keep going if you are asked to serve and if you can.
- Ask for help from other group/district members.
- Delegate tasks you are unskilled in to other members/positions. Ask Area officers or chairs for assistance.
- Remember what service is: gratitude made visible. The benefits pay off. Seeing new people come in and changed because of service is rewarding.
- Comment about how an individual can learn talents and skills by going through service positions (such as typing).
- Remembering that you can only do what you can do.
- Keep a "to-do" list and keep working on things little by little.
- Be mindful of comparing yourself to others in service and too high of expectations. Remember the importance of prayer and meditation.

Voted to place the notes into the Northern Light. Closed meeting with Responsibility Statement at 6:00 PM.

Area Officers and Chairs Meeting. Report by Roger R.

Current Area Officers and Chairs offered suggestions for new officers (election tomorrow) and actions chairs to be passed on to newly elected Area Chair.

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*(Continued from page 16)***OLD BUSINESS****-Area 35/36 Joint Workshop-** Event is on November 21

-Zonal Forums Motion to discontinue zonal forums unless requested by districts within the Zones, in which case the expenses for the forums will continue to be paid by the Area. **Amendment:** And that the alternate delegate continue to inquire of the districts within the specified zone to determine if there is any interest in having a zonal forum. Both the motion and amendment were tabled at the Spring Assembly 2015. The **Amendment** was reconsidered by Scott to be friendly until the Fall Assembly at which time we will need to vote first on the amendment, and then on the motion.

Discussion.

District 13 is in favor of discontinuing zonal forums and feels that inquiring of specified zone is important. Possible name change...

District 8 originally came up with the motion but is in favor of the amendment.

So the amendment is now friendly.

Nice to integrate Zonal Forum with district round-ups.

Jake J. – doesn't change set up but does put responsibility on the DCM's.

Motion Passed by 2/3 majority

-Statewide Corrections Committee Report- Jake C.

NEW Business**-General Service Conference Agenda Item Proposals**

Motion: We the groups of District 5 are asking Area 35 to support our proposal for the coming General Service Conference which reads: We would like the General Service Board to explore the feasibility and report back to the fellowship of providing one online place to find any A.A. meeting in the US and Canada similar to the joint venture of Area 35 and Area 36 (aameetinglocator.org). Motion made by Jon District 5 DCM and second by Sean GSR District 13. Jon amended motion to say we would like the spirit of this motion to go forward, allowing flexibility in wording.

Discussion: Open to what Bob B. is learning at NAATW. Best to say this is what we want versus feasibility study. Requires 2/3 majority to pass today. December 15 is deadline for submitting GSC Conference proposal. Intent by Jake is to get this discussion going. A.A. has been doing national data base in printed, regional directories for a long time.

Motion passed by over 2/3 majority.

Ad hoc committee formed with Jon, Jim K and Jake J. to work on wording.

Minority opinion. Are we taking this responsibility away from ourselves. We need to keep it updated. GSO does not need to duplicate what we are already doing.

-Financial Oversight Committee ad hoc committee report.

Christine G. and Griffin M. Recommendation: Financial Oversight Committee will be comprised of two persons with financial experience in the area (Past Delegate, Past Treasurer or Past Area Chair), current Area 35 Chair, current Area 35 Treasurer. DCMs selected on a rotating basis will also observe the FOC meetings. Financial Oversight Committee will meet at four yearly Area Committee Meetings.

Motion: Roger R., second by Mary for the above recommendation of the ad-hoc committee to be implemented in Area 35. Financial Oversight Committee will be comprised of two persons with financial experience in the area such as (Past Delegate, Past Treasurer or Past Area Chair). Financial Oversight Committee will meet at four yearly Area Committee Meetings.

Discussion- best to have one DCM assigned to the committee versus a rotation.

Do we really need this? Oversight Committee is important. Committee does find mistakes by treasurer. Good to have a lot of eyes on this to maintain our checks and balances. Current costs of the oversight committee YTD is \$137.00 not \$4,000.00. Recommendation from past FOC members to meet at ACM's. Issue was budget was inflated. Steve L. budgeted according to past Area Actions on FOC.

Motion passed by 2/3 majority.

-Elections for 2016-2017: Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Secretary and Treasurer.

Area 35 follows the Third Legacy voting procedure as outlined in the A.A. Service Manual. A past Delegate was selected to proctor each election.

Kelly D. was elected as Delegate (this one went to the hat); Roger R. was elected as Alternate Delegate (second ballot); Jim S. was elected as Area Chair (this one went to the hat); Rillis E. was elected as Secretary (this one went to the hat); Christine G. was elected as Treasurer (white ballot)

General Sharing Session on Evolution of Area 35 Service Structure

Scott- First assembly in 1976. Were about 8-9 districts. All assemblies were held in Brainerd Armory in reserve centers in steel chairs. NO temperature control. Area workshop was always in Grand Rapids. Meetings were changed by group conscience to different locals on a rotating basis. About 1986 this changed. Northern Light got started. First one was a single sheet. Became a stable communication piece in the area. Were only 3 committees, no CPC, PI, Achieves. Were a lot less activities. Lots of changes in last 40 years. One person was both Achieves Chair and Archivist. If a need was there then the body responded to that need. Bob J. had the first computer on the committee. All falls apart without communications. That's what service really is - communication. One year we gave a bunch of money to GSO because the delegate was on Finance Committee. All about groups participating in A.A. so that the groups voice is heard with love and enthusiasm. Area has never been bashful about sharing our opinion with the rest of A.A., this is what we believe in Northern MN and are proud of it! Even though we are often in the minority.

Bob J., Panel 40, 90-91. Came in 1976. Heat was down. Got in in Moorhead MN. Recalls being at a district meeting in June of 1976 in Fargo. Guy said lets go to the district meeting. Don't send guys when they are too new. Didn't know what state he was suppose to be in. Lived in St. Cloud. Went to a Brainerd Assembly. Got nominated to be GV/Lit Chair for part of a rotation. Services were not developed to the extent that they are now. Area Secretary did the group records, had a stack of information on each group. Took over as Area Secretary for Patty who typed on-to label stock, sending out minutes in snail mail. At area assemblies and committee meetings, unless some had all their files with them it was a problem- so we put Area Actions book together. At end of assembly needed to decide where to meet next time. Then discussions on rotation of meetings came into play. When I came in- past delegate became the area chair. Changed- now when delegate you are done- keep coming back like a bad penny. Remembered that people in area service welcomed me. Anyone wanting to be n service was welcomed. We deserve to meet in nice places because this is a first class bunch of people. We are still willing to reach out our hand and carry are our message as in the past.

Bruce B.- 1994-5. Fellowship of people who talk too much: on and on and on.

4 past delegated sobered up in 1976. Stopped drinking to celebrate Bi-centennial. When he was new he was told to go to the GSR meeting at Bethel Rehab old building. Read steps and the traditions and the 12 conflicts. Heard about GSR, DVD's, DMZ and a PCP committee. They spent the whole meeting talking about when they were gong to have the next meeting. Was not ready. Patient, intolerant and cynical. Quit going to meetings. Went to give his GSR report and they wanted to talk about birthday celebrations. Got minutes in his mailbox. After working steps and got a sponsor realized someone needed to be there. Sat on his hands when asked for volunteers. First was district secretary. 60 groups, manual typewriter. Area secretary had a computer and did labels for Bruce. Explained 12 conflicts to him. 60 envelopes to lick, cut tongue... Saw a dish of water with a sponge at the post office and went with this new technology. Never cut tongue again. Great to give a little hope. We are helping and enriching A.A. by taking the time to be here. Monday night group had couches- designated sleeping and non- sleeping sections of meeting. Remembers when GSR and DCM sharing sessions came in. Wanted to meet on their own. Posted guard at doors for sharing sessions.. Regional conference in Sioux Falls always was in worst weekend of winter. Couldn't see the road but needed to get there for A.A. Remembers traveling from Duluth to International Falls at -38. Went to McDonalds to eat ice cream in chopper mitts. This service is a good deal. You come home and your

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heart is full. That is the heart that I was trying to fill with alcohol. **Susie A.** Delegate in 1988 and 1999. GSR came in said we need a new GSR at WEWPM. Just need to go to one more meeting each month. DCM in 84-86. Dick R. was a very dedicated service worker. Lots of prison meetings. Everet H. both did their absolute best to carry the message. Saw Harry who drank brandy-manhattans. First assembly arguing about drugs and alcohol. Once you get to area level you just do the work. GSRs are the voice of A.A. Dick R., was my mentor. Bless his heart he would take me to committee meetings in Crosby. Brown bag lunches, worked through- never stopped. ACM was in Crosby. GSO came out with new thing called CPC. Dick R. was our first CPC chair. Was asked to be area secretary, said she hadn't typed since high school. They said I would know how to type when done. First minutes were on manual typewriter. Suggestion came to have a group records secretary. Thought it would be a great idea. Asked Tom if he would consider being Group Records Secretary. He had it all done in 2 weeks. Voting for all area positions. Were in Mora MN-1985. Voted for every position- took until about 5 pm on Sunday pm. Then area voted to let area chair choose a standing committee. Fall of '85 was the last time we had a full election. District 13 is similar to what it was 30 years ago.

Scott- Bob J. on request from the area was the first author of Area Actions Booklet, dictated by Scott. Kenny his sponsor was an idea person. 2 ideas of DCM's being appointed onto Area Actions Committees and GSR sharing Sessions. Kenny was concerned about the GSR's getting together to discuss what they want. Similar to delegates sharing session at conference. This is a work in progress. A.A. needs people to come in and serve.

General questions.

Working with wet- drunks at meetings.

Question on Affiliation.

-Calendar of Events- Rodney S. see Northern Lights

-Area 35 Nomination for W. Central Regional Trustee

Tom A. Panel 50 nominated.

Ask It Basket Questions-

Jon C.- Should the area be providing lunch for every one? No

Charlie C.- On affiliation versus cooperation. We can go out to other fellowships and places to share our information? Should not give our support an organization such as NA or that is an implied affiliation.

Bruce B. Why does Convention Center sign say welcome Area 35 of Alcoholics Anonymous? Tradition identifies personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and film. So it isn't a break. But we do ask facilities not to put our name or A.A. on their welcoming signs.

Susie A. - How can incoming DCM support our delegate? Be there to support him/ her after the election.

Charlie C.- Who is best to speak at a CPC event? Someone who has read the service manual and has read the PI and CPC manuals too. .

-What is the right way of giving back? Enthusiasm, example and a loving nudge once in a while.

Bob J.- Is there such a thing as a quorum at a district meeting? Really is up to the district. Involves building that enthusiasm to get people there.

Tim C.-Are we losing attendance at area meetings? Area events seem to be about the same size as in the past.

Jerry S. What has been your experience with alcoholics who also have a drug problem.? Not much. I was too drunk to enjoy pot.

Charlie C. - We are still just trying to help the still suffering alcoholics.

Jim K. -Are past delegates available for speaker meetings? Yes because they are alcoholics. They go from a very busy schedule and lots of communications when they rotate out to feeling like a spare tire; are reminded of just what you are and need A.A. more than ever. Make use of your past delegates.

Jon C. Why is so hard to get people in service. Important for sponsorship. Starts in our home groups and works way through the fellowship. .

Bruce B. - What does an area trustee do? We elect a nominee from our area for Regional Trustee every four years. The other 8 areas in our region may also nominate someone from their area. Voting takes place at the General Service Conference. Each region has a trustee for 4 years.

Bruce B.-What is the importance of the 12 traditions? Our common welfare should come first, our personal recovery depends on A.A. unity. Other 11 traditions give us less to argue about. Need to know your newcomer and only give him/her as much as they can handle on the traditions.

Tom A.- Has Area 35 ever had a regional trustee? Yes - Don N. Ted S. lived in Aberdeen and is now in our area.

Is there a resume form that goes to GSO for regional trustee nominees? Yes, it is a standard form that will go to Jake.

-What is the right way to encourage participation. Enthusiasm – the god within.

Jim K. What is the right of decision? Interesting concept. We give the individual our trust to make decision for us. If a body feels that person is not representing us they can ask that person to step down. Delegates at GSC have the ability to remove a board member.

What is going to happen to that dark district -17? Need to ask people what they would like to do. Sarah went to that district (17) to see if any members want to have a district? Invitation was laid out. No one did anything. Recently spoke with a person who said neighboring districts can be of assistance versus the area.

Charlie C. - Where did medallions come from? Not officially a part of A.A. Discussed as delegate - A.A. did not want to get into business of medallions. Washingtonians had medallions as well as temperance societies. Was an issue in losing the triangle and circle.

Charlie C. - What was the hardest thing in being a delegate? Spiritual. Need to deal with things that do not go along with our spiritual principles. Hard but important to be able to take criticism.

Tom A. Hasn't missed an Area Committee Meeting or Area Assembly since fall of 1987.



Watch how you share when asked to be a Speaker at a meeting:

A lady, first time to A.A., was listening to a man and wife tell of their former problems with booze. The wife concluded by saying that the year before, thanks to the Man Upstairs, they had become the proud parents of their first child.

The new member, never having heard of God referred to that way, turned to the person next to her and whispered in horror, "Do all the people in A.A. make such shocking personal confessions?"

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• 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Registration	• 6:00 pm Banquet & Countdown
• 6:00 pm – Opening & Welcome	• 7:30 pm – Speaker Personal Story – Mari G., Toronto, Canada
• 6:30 pm Steps 1 & 2 – Ralph W., Los Angeles, CA	
• 8:00 pm – Speaker personal story - Kent C., Sandusky, OH	
• 9:30 pm – Ice Cream Social & Photo Booth	
SATURDAY	SUNDAY
• 8:30 am Step 3 – Polly P., Jacksonville, FL	• 7:00 – 8:00 am Breakfast Buffet
• 10:00 am Steps 4 & 5 – Ralph W., Los Angeles, CA	• 8:30 am Steps 10 – Mari G., Toronto, Canada
• 11:30 am Steps 6 & 7 – Roger B., Minneapolis, MN	• 10:00 am Step 11 – Polly P., Jacksonville, FL
• 12:30 pm Lunch (on your own)	• 11:30 am Step 12 – Jeff V., Fargo, ND
• 2:00 pm Steps 8 & 9 – Kent C., Sandusky, OH	
• 3:30 pm Q & A Panel (All Speakers)	

All listed events are included in registration cost.

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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)
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“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

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A Weekend of Study, Discussion and Fellowship
December 4th, 5th and 6th – 2015
Lake Poinsett Camp – Arlington, South Dakota

Concepts I, II, and III along with their connection to the Steps and Traditions will be covered over the weekend through presentations, small and large group discussion.

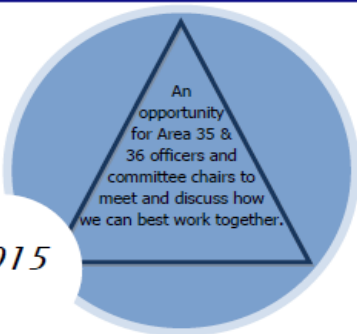
Lake Poinsett Camp has both hotel-like accommodations and bunkhouses. Participation will be limited by the size of the facility. Registration will be first-paid, first-served, will include room/meals, and will not exceed \$130 per person. All members are welcomed! Don't forget to bring you Service Manual!

For more information or for registration forms, please contact a member of the planning committee:

Mike L. Panel 53/Area 24 – 402-277-0975
Estelle G. Panel 56/Area 63 – 605-216-1533
Lori G. Panel 58/Area 41 – 402-560-6190
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Area 35 & 36 Joint Workshop

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When anyone,
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And for that, I am
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November 21, 2015

12:30 – 4:30

At
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(Off 94, near Clearwater)

Warner Lake County Park
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- 12:30-12:50
-----Welcome & Introductions
1:00-1:20
-----Cooperation & Communication
1:30-3:00
-----Breakout Sessions
• Area Officers
• Newsletter/Web/Group Records
• Literature/Grapevine
• Archives
• Public Information/Cooperation With Professionals
• Treatment/Special Needs
• Corrections
3:00-3:15
-----Break
3:15-4:00
-----Cooperation & Communication

AA Sponsorship Workshop! Hosted by District 4



Saturday , November 21st from noon to 5 PM
Alexandria Alano Club - 1604 Jefferson St.
Prior to Round Robin/District 4 meeting

Anyone wanting support and ideas about sponsoring or looking for a sponsor in AA are welcome to attend. We will go through the Sponsorship pamphlet (conference approved) and also have a panel of experienced sponsors to share what has worked for them. Free Lunch, snacks & beverages provided.

Dr. Bob said, "I spend a great deal of time passing on what I learned to others who want and need it badly. I do it for four reasons:
1. A sense of duty.
2. It is a pleasure.
3. Because in doing so I am paying my debt to the man who took time to pass it on to me.
4. Because every time I do it I take out a little more insurance for myself against a possible slip."

Topics covered but not limited to:

- Brief History of Sponsorship
- What is a Sponsor? For the Person Seeking a Sponsor
- For the Person Wanting to Be a Sponsor
- For Groups Planning A Sponsorship Activity
- Service Sponsorship
- Boundaries
- Sponsorship- What it is and is NOT
- Twelve Traditions
- Twelve Concepts

"Practical experience shows us that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other Alcoholics" (The Big Book, pE. 88)

Questions Call - Debbie S. 612.210.8142 Or Bonnie M. - 320.766.4540 Thank You

Registration Deadline

Dec 15, 2015

40th ANNUAL AREA 35 SERVICE WORKSHOP "Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts" Rooms are \$109.00 a night plus tax which does includes a continental breakfast. When booking ask for the block of rooms for Area 35 Assembly and be sure to register by December 15th to receive the discounted room rates. To make your reservation call 320-252-4448. If you need to cancel a reservation it has to be 24 hours in advance or you will be charged for that room.

TUESDAY NIGHT SOLUTIONS Open A.A./Al-Anon 11th Annual Speaker Meeting

Saturday November 14, 2015

United Methodist Church
1701 S. E. 5th Avenue
Grand Rapids, MN

5:30-6:30 Pot Luck Bring A Dish To Share

7:00 –Al-Anon Speaker Elaine L. Hibbing MN.

8:00-8:15 Break

8:15 A.A. Speaker Dana J. Embarrass MN.

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Hotel accommodations are very close by at the
Hampton Inn & Suites
145 37th Ave. North St. Cloud, MN 56301

Rooms are \$109.00 a night plus tax which does includes a continental breakfast. When booking ask for the block of rooms for Area 35 Assembly and be sure to register by December 15th to receive the discounted room rates. To make your reservation call 320-252-4448. If you need to cancel a reservation it has to be 24 hours in advance or you will be charged for that room.

(Registration starts at 8:00 am the Workshop starts at 9:15 am)
There is a \$10.00 registration fee for this Workshop to keep it self-supporting.



The Area 35 Service Workshop is designated to be educational and attended by any and all members of Alcoholics Anonymous inside and outside of Area 35. These workshops allow an opportunity to see what services are being provided in Northern Minnesota to better carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Several Districts in Northern Minnesota will be presenting and allowing for sharing on topics pertinent to Area 35 and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. Please come and join us for this wonderful opportunity and weekend of Recovery, Unity and Service!

NORTHERN LIGHT PRIMARY PURPOSE:

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

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

- D.C.M.s and Area Action Committee Chairs. This should include the strong encouragement to submit their reports for each issue, if no report is submitted it will be stated, example “Northern Light Report - NOT GIVEN” this is currently being done in the Southern Minnesota Area newsletter.
- ◆ Keep informed of activities and issues going on within Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. The N.L. Committee could subscribe the Grapevine or other pertinent A.A. news sources.
- ◆ Gather useful service information to publish from sources within the Area, Region and A.A. as a whole. Obtain, read and use other Area newsletters.
- ◆ Listen to comments from the Area on the content of the N.L.

EDITORIAL POSITION & N.L. COMMITTEE:

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

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

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

N.L. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

NORTHERN LIGHT SUBMISSIONS:

General submissions to the *Northern Light* are very welcome! Feel free to send letters or articles that are pertinent to Alcoholics Anonymous. However, please note that if space is limited, first priority will be given to reports from Area Officers, Area Standing Committee Chairs and D.C.M.s from Area 35.

Submissions are preferred electronically using a Word or WordPad document to the Area’s newsletter e-mail address: northernlight@area35.org. Most other file formats can also be accepted. You may also send articles or letters to my postal address, listed on page 2. The deadline for each Issue is printed on the front page.

Letters to the Editor or opinion articles should have a title. They also can not be anonymous please include the first name, last initial and name of the city where the author is from. If you have any questions regarding submitting an item for the *Northern Light*, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you!

Northern Light Editor, 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

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.

TWELVE TRADITIONS of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS—LONG FORM

Our A.A. experience has taught us that:

- 1. Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.
- 2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.
- 3. Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.
- 4. With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience. But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. And no group, regional committee, or individual should ever take any action that might greatly affect A.A. as a whole without conferring with the trustees of the General Service Board. On such issues our common welfare is paramount.
- 5. Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose—that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
- 6. Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.—and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.
- 7. The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members. We think that each group should soon achieve this ideal; that any public solicitation of funds using the name of Alcoholics Anonymous is highly dangerous, whether by groups, clubs, hospitals, or other outside agencies; that acceptance of large gifts

- from any source, or of contributions carrying any obligation whatever, is unwise. Then too, we view with much concern those A.A. treasuries which continue, beyond prudent reserves, to accumulate funds for no stated A.A. purpose. Experience has often warned us that nothing can so surely destroy our spiritual heritage as futile disputes over property, money, and authority.
- 8. Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we may otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. "12 Step" work is never to be paid for.
 - 9. Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our overall public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.
 - 10. No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.
 - 11. Our relations with the general public should be characterized by personal anonymity. We think A.A. ought to avoid sensational advertising. Our names and pictures as A.A. members ought not be broadcast, filmed, or publicly printed. Our public relations should be guided by the principle of attraction rather than promotion. There is never need to praise ourselves. We feel it better to let our friends recommend us.
 - 12. And finally, we of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

2015 - 2016 — AREA 35 SCHEDULE

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—Jan. 16-17, 2016
“Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts”
The Tuscan Center at Midtown Square
3333 West Division Street
St. Cloud, MN 56301

Northern Light Deadline — January 20th, 2016

Area Committee Meeting — Feb 28, 2016 - 9:00 am
Aitkin Alano Club
322 First Avenue N.E.
Aitkin, MN 56431

Northern Light Deadline — March 1st, 2016

2016 West Central Regional Forum — Mar 4 – 6, 2016
Ramada Bismarck
1400 East Interchange Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58501

November 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29	30					

December 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Upcoming Events in Areas 35 & 36

note: Area 35 events take precedence !

District 4 – Sponsorship Workshop
Saturday, Nov 21, 2015
1604 Jefferson St
Alexandria, MN 56308

Staples Thanksgiving Dinner
Saturday, Nov 21, 2015
5th St & 3rd Ave NE
Staples, MN

Wadena Round Up
Saturday, Nov 21, 2015
Immanuel Lutheran Church
402 2nd St SE,
Wadena, MN

Nisswa Women’s Work Holiday Party
Wednesday, Dec 2, 2015
Nisswa Community Center
25628 Main St.
Nisswa, MN 56468

Concepts in the West
Dec 4 – 6, 2015
Lake Poinsett Camp with Living Waters Retreat Center
20 South Lake Drive
Arlington, SD 57212

District 7 GSR School
Thursday, Dec 17, 2015
415 Juniper St.
Brainerd, MN 56401

Rule 62 Rendezvous
Jan 15 – 17, 2016
Baymont Inn & Suites
Mandan Bismarck Area
2611 Old Red Trail NW
Mandan, ND 58554

Alexandria's 12th Annual Big Ole Roundup
March 11 – 13, 2016
Holiday Inn
5637 St Hwy 29 S
Alexandria, MN 56308

AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
DECEMBER 6, 9:00 AM

- 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
- Aug. 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

- GRAPEVINE – Antonette F.
- District 8 – Jerry B
- District 15 – Melissa A.
- PI – Jeff C.
- District 5 – Jon S.
- District 4 –
- CORRECTIONS – Jake C.
- District 2 –
- District 9 – Fred H
- ARCHIVES – Pete B
- District 12 – Rillis E
- District 18 – Neil R.
- ARCHIVIST – Brad I.
- TREATMENT – Paul M.
- District 21 – Irv R
- District 6 – Garrett B
- GROUP RECORDS – Rolene L
- District 13 – Christine G
- District 11 – Bill C
- NORTHERN LIGHT – Rodney S.
- District 14 – Paul E
- LITERATURE – Jim S.
- District 3 – Steve D
- District 1 – Jon S
- Webmaster-Bob B
- CPC – Servando M.
- District 16 – Griffin M
- District 7 – Carl P

- 12:00 P.M. Lunch
- 12:45 P.M. Reconvene

OLD BUSINESS

- Financial Oversight Committee Report
- Statewide Corrections Committee Report
- Nation Web Conference Report

NEW BUSINESS

- Approval of incoming 2016-2015 Action Committee Chairs
- Drawing of DCM’s to serve on Area Action Committees for 2015-2016
- Budget deadline for incoming Officers and Chairs
- Joint Workshop Evaluations
- Fall Assembly Evaluations
- Calendar of Events
- Adjourn

40th ANNUAL AREA 35 SERVICE WORKSHOP
“Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions and Concepts”

January 16-17, 2016
Tuscan Center at Midtown Square
3333 West Division Street, St. Cloud, MN 56301

Saturday, January 16, 2016

- 8:00 am Registration Begins
- 9:15 am Opening and Announcements
- 9:25 am Meet Your Area Officers and Action Committee Chairs
- 9:30 am **Connecting With the Newcomer: Home Group – Where it Begins** – District 11
- 10:10 am **Anonymity – The Spiritual Foundation** – District 5
- 10:50 Break
- 11:10 pm **Be Involved, Be Inspired, Be of Service - Participating In All of A.A.** – District 14
- 12:00 pm Lunch on Your Own
- 1:30 pm **Informed Group Conscience – The Key to Unity** – District 12
- 2:10 pm **Singleness of Purpose – Staying Pertinent in a Changing World** – District 13
- 2:50 pm **Understanding Self Support** – District 8
- 3:30 pm Break
- 3:50 pm **12 Concepts Presentation /Sharing Session** – Brooke C. Sheridan, Wyoming
- 5:00 pm Dinner on Your Own
- 6:30 pm **GSR Sharing Session With Area 35 Chair Jim S. DCM Orientation With Past Area 35 Delegate Jake J.**
- 8:00 pm **Open Speaker Meeting** – Carl B. Denver, Colorado
- 9:00 pm **Ice Cream Social**

Sunday, January 17, 2016

- 7:00 am **Big Book Closed A.A. Meeting**
- 8:30 am **Getting Others Involved in A. A. Service** – District 3
- 9:10 am **Reaching Out to the Next Generation of A.A.’s** – District 7
- 9:50 am Break
- 10:00 am **12 Traditions Presentation/Sharing Session** – Carl B. Denver, Colorado
- 11:10 am **Ask-It-Basket** – Past Delegates
- 11:45 am Adjourn

\$10.00 Registration fee to strive toward the area action of making the Area 35 Service Workshop self- supporting.

Mail Area 35 Group contributions to:

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PO Box 411
Hoyt Lakes
MN 55750**