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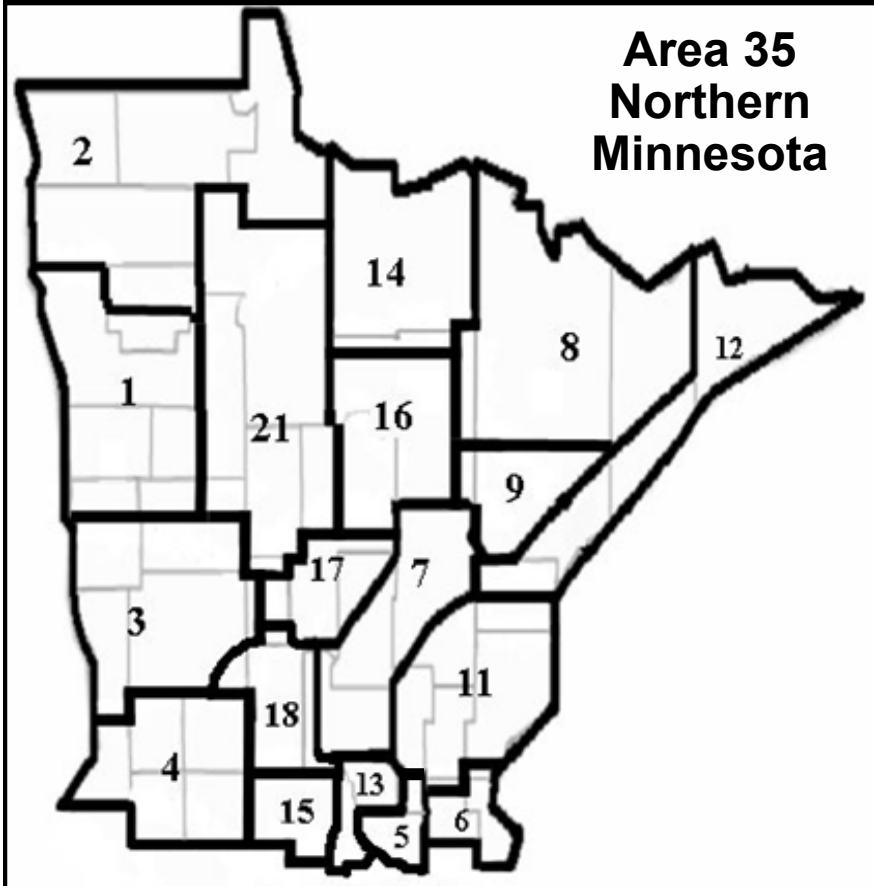
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## Area 35 Northern Minnesota

**District 4** - Alexandria, Browns Valley, Carlos, Elbow Lake, Evansville, Glenwood, Herman, Kensington, Osakis, Morris

**District 15** - Albany, Avon, Cold Spring, Holdingford, Lake Henry, Melrose, New London, Paynesville, Richmond, Sartell, St. Joseph, St. Stephen, Sauk Centre, Watkins

### Zone III

**District 5** - Becker, Big Lake, Elk River, Milaca, Otsego, Princeton, Zimmerman

**District 6** - Braham, Bethel, Cambridge, Forest Lake, Harris, Isanti, North Branch, Rock Creek, Stacy, St. Francis, Rush City

**District 7** - Aitkin, Baxter, Brainerd, Fort Ripley, Garrison, Ironton, Isle, Little Falls\*, Malmo, McGregor\*, Palisade, Pierz, Pillager\*, Wahkon

**District 11** - Finlayson\*, Grasston, Henriette, Hinckley\*, Lake Lena, Moose Lake\*, Mora, Ogilvie, Pine City, Quamba, Sandstone, Willow River

**District 13** - Kimball, Rice, St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, Foley

**District 17** - Backus, Cross Lake, Nisswa, Pequot Lakes, Pillager\*, Pine River

**District 18** - Browerville, 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,

**District 9** - Chisholm, Floodwood, Hibbing, Keewatin, Kelly Lake, Lawrence Lake\*, Nashwauk\*, Zim

**District 12** - Beaver Bay, Silver Bay, Barnum, Brimson, Brookston, Cloquet, Duluth, Esko, Finland, Fredenberg, Grand Marais, Grand Portage, Hermantown, Knife River, Lawrence Lake\*, Lutsen, Mahtowa, Pike Lake, Proctor, Sawyer, Foxborro (Wisconsin), Side Lake, Superior (Wisconsin), Toivola, Two Harbors

**District 14** - International Falls, Littlefork, Rainy River (Ontario, Canada)

### Zone I

**District 1** - Ada, Crookston, Erskine, Fertile, Fosston, Mahanomen, Naytahwaush, Red Lake Falls, Twin Valley, Waubun,

**District 2** - Badger, Baudette, Halma, Middle River, Roseau, Stephen, Thief River Falls, Warren, Warroad, Williams

**District 16** - Big Fork, Bowstring, Boy River, Cohasset, Deer River, Grand Rapids, Goodland, 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

\* 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of even months, 2:00 p.m.  
Fertile Community Center  
101 S Mill Street  
Fertile, MN 56540

### District 2

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of odd months, 3:00 p.m.  
Thief River Falls Alano Club  
614 Davis Ave  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

### District 3

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month, 12:00 p.m.  
Perham Alano Club  
43452 County Hwy 34  
Perham, MN 56573

### District 4

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month, 5:00 p.m.  
Contact DCM for location (It Rotates)  
Potluck at 6:30 p.m.  
Round Robin at 7:00 p.m.

### District 5

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month, 7 p.m.  
(use side door that opens to parking lot)  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
111 N 6<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Princeton, MN 55371

### District 6

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month, 7:00 p.m.  
Spring Lake Lutheran Church  
8440 Erickson Rd NE  
North Branch, MN 55056

### District 7

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.  
Day and location rotate.  
Contact DCM for info.

### District 9

Last Sunday of month, 6:00 p.m.  
Hibbing Alano Club  
3725 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Hibbing, MN 55746

### District 11

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month, 7:00 p.m.  
Peace Lutheran  
2177 Hwy 18  
Finlayson, MN 55735

### District 12

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m.  
1100 E Superior Street  
Duluth, MN  
Handicap Accessible

### District 13

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month, 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.  
St. Cloud Alano Club  
127 7<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Saint Cloud, MN 56301

### District 14

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month, 6:30pm  
Coffee Landing  
444 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
International Falls, MN 56649

### District 15

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of month, 7:00 p.m.  
Albany Community Center  
741 Lake Ave  
Albany, MN 56307

### District 16

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month, 6:30 p.m.  
United Methodist Church  
1701 SE 5<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Grand Rapids, MN 55744  
Handicap Accessible

### District 17

Not currently active or unknown

### District 18

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month, 6:00 p.m.  
Long Prairie Alano Club  
21 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
Long Prairie, MN 56347

### District 21

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of month, 7:00 p.m.  
Bemidji Alano Club  
3802 Greenleaf Ave NW  
Bemidji, MN 56601



## AREA 35 MEETING MINUTES

**Area 35 June 2024 ACM Minutes**  
**Aitkin, MN**  
**June 2, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Area Chair Vicki R. called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 2, 2024, and opened with the Serenity Prayer.

**Recognition of Past Delegates In Attendance:** Jim K., Panel 62, Jake J., Panel 64; , Scott A. Area 36 Panels 57 and 59, Steve L., Panel 72

**Additions to agenda:** District 6 PAI Update

**Points of order:**

Two-minute limit for sharing at the mic.

The purpose of the Area Committee and this meeting is focused on the health of the area and thus on growth and harmony in the AA Fellowship. The area committee does not create policy. We take care of "maintenance and upkeep issues."

Avoid crosstalk as it makes it hard to hear.

When speaking or asking questions, go to the mic.

**Approval of February 2024 ACM Minutes:** Jeff O. motioned to approve the minutes, Melvin S. seconded, **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**OFFICER REPORTS**  
**DELEGATE – DIANE R**

Hi Friends,

Since coming back from the 74 General Service Conference, I have presented two Report Backs from the General Service Conference. Thank you District 12 for being the first. We had a nice supper followed by my report with some questions. We had good sub sandwiches with chips and dessert. There was a brief business meeting. I was a bit nervous as it was my first report back. When leaving I felt relief and the feeling that I love our A.A. Fellowship.

The next report back was in Perham, District 3, at the Perham Alano Club. We had an excellent potluck. On the way there I remembered that I left my computer at home. It had a power point on it. I remembered everything else, so it was Plan B. The report back was done strictly from the papers that I brought, and that went well. They had some questions and comments. After we stayed for their business meeting. How lucky we are to have such a wonderful A.A. Fellowship in Area 35.

On May 20, we had our first West Central Regional Meeting with our new Trustee, Charlie H. Charlie is a past Nebraska Delegate, Panel 56. His assignments are to the Literature, Public Information, and Corrections Committees.

He reported that the General Service Board ratified all conference actions. Floor actions that were still on the agenda when the conference ended, were all assigned to trustees' committees. The authors of the Floor Actions would all know what the committees did with these floor items.

There is a suggestion that the West Central Region(WCR) raise the prudent reserve to \$12,000 from \$9,000. Hotels have direct pay or prepaid options for the WCR Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference(WCRAASC). There should be a Prudent Reserve to cover costs if the hotel takes the direct pay prior to the event being completed. Registration fees for WCRAASC cover the expenses. Expenses for the WCRAASC and costs to host have increased. Hotel and coffee costs increased. There are translation services and Zoom costs. Just thoughts to consider. We are looking for suggestions. A fee would help cover Zoom costs. A question may be asked if you are registering in person or on Zoom. We suggest that you not share your ID and password for Zoom. Encourage participation.

First quarter Financial Statements for the AAWS, GSB, and AA Grapevine are available.

Contributions to the GSB were 23% more than last year for the First Quarter. Literature sales were 16% less than last year. Operating Expenses were 3% more than last year. There was an operating surplus for the First Quarter. Reserve Fund is still 6.29 months. Ideally the reserve fund should be 9-12 months.

Total Grapevine Subscription Income is 14% behind budget. Total Grapevine Circulation is on budget. Grapevine App and Online Subscriptions is 9% ahead of budget. Gross Margin is 23% behind budget. Grapevine revenues are lagging due to delayed impact of subscription price increase which was budgeted for the full year but not rolled out until April.

In Service, Diane

**ALTERNATE DELEGATE – PAT M**  
present- verbal report given

**CHAIR – VICKI R**

Good morning,

I attended Spring Assembly and organized this ACM meeting. I have continued to make deposits of checks that came to my address. I have spent time in conversations with various Area 35 members and preparing the agenda for the Officer's meeting.

At our Officer's meeting we discussed:

-Pat M, Alternate Delegate will Chair the Fall Assembly. My daughter is getting married that weekend. Thank you to Pat, I will prepare all the materials for him, and be sure he has the resources he needs to do a fantastic job!

-The current Area Committee Chair or DCM on each ad hoc committee will take the lead in setting up a meeting to move the purpose of the committee forward. We still are hoping to have recommendations available to discuss and/or vote on at Fall Assembly.

-Denise R, Area 35 Secretary will form a committee to review trusted servant guidelines for officer and area committee chair positions. She is looking for 3 volunteers to assist, so if you have an interest, please reach out to her. This committee will also recommend some missing guidelines: who can vote at ACM's and Assemblies, other specific guidance that would be helpful to have in writing in the Actions Book. This work will be ongoing to some extent but is expected to be completed at the end of the rotation in 2025.

-The Chair and Treasurer will work together to update the Financial Policy Statement; it has some outdated and irrelevant information. We plan to have that ready for either Aug or Dec ACM.

-We discussed how to reach out to Districts 1, 2, and 14 to see if we can engage them in District or Area service. Pat M, Alternate Delegate will start by reaching out to Phylis for any group contact information and follow up to see if they would like us to visit them or provide any support to establishing District and/or Area participation.

-Going forward – Area Officers and Committee Chairs will turn in their reimbursement request to the Area Treasurer and let her know if you need a check that day, or if it can be mailed to you. This will allow the Treasurer to be engaged in the meeting and participate.

-Area webmaster will send out an invite for Office 365 and Teams training for July 21 at 10am. Kyle plans to be on hand to assist. The focus of the training will be: Sharing files, saving files, starting team meetings, joining team meetings, and other areas we are struggling with.

-Aug ACM Hybrid Assembly - Area Sound Tech will work with the Webmaster to test the system once the link is created to be sure that it goes smoothly. We also want up to 3 volunteers to help with the Teams voting and monitor admission and questions/comments.

-Area Sound Tech will visit the location where he purchased the amplifier to see what is needed to restore the system to working order. This will be critical for the Aug ACM.

-Fall Assembly, topic will be a panel discussion on the Concepts of Service. Our current FOC member and past delegate Scott A will work with the Alternate Delegate and I on content and needed volunteers.

-Area Chair is researching a Structure Committee to see if it would be supportive for Area 35. I will report more going forward,

-Some discussion was had about the Delegate Voting procedures. Currently a District nominates a candidate, and the resume is provided at the June ACM meeting in the voting year for publication in the NL. We are proposing a Pro/Con discussion at the Aug ACM for changing the procedure more in line with the Conference Charter "without personal nomination" instead asking committee members if they are willing to "stand" for the position. Then resumes are provided for the NL.

-The Treasurer brought to the Officers that because of hiring an accountant to prepare the Form 990 for submission that there is an additional form required by the Office of the Attorney General that we have not done in the past. Heidi will submit that form and the 990, I reviewed both at the ACM on Sunday.

In grateful service, Vicki R

**SECRETARY – DENISE R**

Greetings Area 35,

I completed the Spring Assembly minutes and would like to thank our Audio Technician, Aaron, for the recordings even after having difficulties with our sound system. I rely on the recordings, so we have accurate minutes. Please send your reports to me by Sunday June 9th.

There is a new service manual study beginning Monday June 3rd held virtually on zoom. If you are interested in joining this new study, please let me know and I will send you the information.

Vicki has asked me to form a small committee to review the Area Trusted Servant Guidelines since I had some concerns/questions on attending the Regional Forums and Conferences. If you are interested in joining me, please let me know.

I will also be asking for help with an upcoming pro/con discussion on how we elect our Delegates. Again, if you are interested in being a part of this discussion, please let me know.

Thank you for letting me be of service. Denise

#### **TREASURER – HEIDI B**

Hello Area, 35 –

The 2024 budgets have been entered into Quickbooks and will now be included in all 2024 financial statements. We are under the budgeted income for this period, so please continue to send in your group contributions. Thank you for continuing to support Area 35.

Budget templates for 2025 have been sent to all area officers and committee chairs and are due today. If you haven't sent me your budget, please do so in the next day or two. They must be compiled and sent to Jennifer to include in the July/Aug issue of the Northern Light. We will be voting on these budgets at Fall Assembly in October. This morning, Vicki and I discussed putting together a few options for travel to both the West Central Regional Serv Conference and Forum. I will put these together and will send them with the individual budgets for inclusion in the Northern Light.

As we had over \$50,000 in income last year, we were required to file a more detailed IRS Form 990, which required an accountant. That was recently completed and filed with the IRS. In the officers meeting this morning, we discussed filing an annual report with the state attorney general as required by the state of Minnesota. The accountant completed this paperwork for us, and I will be filing it next week.

Feb, March and April reconciliation reports for the checking and savings account have been given to the FOC committee. I am currently working on May's recon report.

Period 3: 4/1/24 – 5/31/24	
Group Contributions	\$7,481.03
Birthday Contributions	\$108.35
Literature/Other income	\$4,329.48
Total	\$16,248.34
Total Expenses	\$ 7,803.39
Net Income	\$4,115.52

Service work continues to humble me, keeping me right sized.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve., Heidi B

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS**

The Reconciliation Detail & Summary, Income, Expense, & Contribution Statement, and Balance Sheet with previous year comparison has been reviewed and discussed with our Area Treasurer. Everything looks good.

Scott A, Chair - Financial Oversight Committee

#### **WEBMASTER – TERRY P**

It has not been super busy since the assembly, but a few items have been addressed. We added licenses for the past delegates that participate on committees, there are a couple in reserve if needed. An assortment of calendar additions, light web updates and a couple access issues to deal with. A couple of these have been sticky and am still working on resolving them. Need to get some Teams Q&A sessions setup virtually. This will happen soon.

Thanks, Terry P

#### **NORTHERN LIGHT – JENNIFER T**

Since the Assembly, I have been accepting and reviewing submissions for the next edition of the Northern Light with the committee. In service, Jennifer

#### **DISTRICT 3 – MELVIN S**

Hello again Area 35,

At our May 19th District meeting we had the pleasure of our Delegate Diane R. stopping by to give her report from the GSC. Accompanying her was Rico and our alternate Delegate Pat M. We had a good turnout and lunch together. Diane kept her report interesting but simple. She did forget her power point, but things went very well regardless. It was a little disheartening that the rest of the conference didn't follow along with Area 35's consciousness, but that's the way this thing tends to go at times.

We still hear some grumblings about the PLBB at some of the meetings in the district. What we are experiencing is from some of the snowbirds coming back which may not have been well informed about the project, there are some very closed opinions and the printout from the GSO seems not to be helpful.

The Moorhead Thursday Night Group has been bringing meetings into the Clay County jail for quite a few years now. It makes sense for District 3 to let Moorhead Thursday Night Group continue this, even though they have

switched to Area 52 District 5. District 3 discussed this, and we feel that we couldn't cover this commitment as well as MTN has. I also have received emails confirming that the FM intergroup is no longer functioning, only the website remains with the meeting schedule. Thank you, Moorhead Thursday Night Group, for your commitment. District 3 is doing all that we can to cover the other 3 County jails in our district. At least now AA is being brought into all the jails in district 3.

In Service, Melvin S

#### **GROUP RECORDS – PHYLLIS K**

Hi all,

Since last report, I have processed 25 GSR/Contact People; 13 added and 5 group removed from the Meeting Guide; 18 people were added to the mailing list and 13 removed; 2 DCM changes; 1 district officer change, and 7 district chair changes; 5 New Groups are added, and some are still pending; 5-6 groups removed at FC (folded), and we received 2 calls for help.

I am going through each district's ACTIVE & REGISTERED groups at Fellowship Connection (GSO database) and taking out the old FNV numbers in the Meeting Guide App; and putting the new Group ID numbers into the Meeting Guide. This results in an inventory comparison and clean-up of groups.

To see your group number, click on the name of your group.

I email the DCM for groups registered at FC and not listed on the Meeting Guide App. I have not removed any groups from the Meeting Guide App, only when notified a meeting has folded. If you know of a meeting that has started or folded, please let me know so we can keep our publication of meetings up to date.

If a group is listed by an intergroup, I cannot make any changes or enter any Group ID numbers for that group. They have to go to the Intergroup with which you listed.

Thanks, Phyllis K

#### **DISTRICT 16 – DAVE C**

Dave C. DCM for District 16.

All our chair positions are filled except for. Alternate DCM. The most important? As I was hoping to be able to Become a snowbird and leave the district in the hands of the alternate. District 16 has a few upcoming events. First off, the delegate report Back by Dianne on June 12 at 6:00. At the United Methodist Church in Grand Rapids, MN. And then? A weekend with Bill and Lois, the 17th annual. At Camp Hiawatha Dear River Minnesota, June 12th through the 14th. flyers are on the back table. And we are also planning a public information luncheon. In the fall.

Yesterday we had I tri district workshop with 8,9 and 16. Which I felt went well A lot of information was presented. District 16 is doing well with a prudent reserve. For more information as to what District 16 is doing Please check out our web site At District 16 online.org.

Yours in service, Dave C.

#### **LITERATURE – MIKE U**

Greetings everyone,

Mike your literature chair at the last ACM there were 9 districts in attendance we talked how they are doing on literature. Since the spring assembly not much has been happening. I have been attending the statewide correction meeting on zoom and bringing meetings too our county jails I would like to remind all districts that I'm available to come to your district.

That is all for now thank you for letting me serve, Mike.

#### **DISTRICT 12 – RICH GOULD**

Hello Area, 35,

My name is Rich, an alcoholic currently serving as District 12 DCM. First, I want to express our gratitude to Diane R. for all the effort put into providing us with an informed group conscience so we can feel a part of AA's future by giving our voice at the General Service Conference.

District 12 has finally finished our updated district pamphlet which is being distributed to all groups along with our district web site which is showing greater participation in service.

We are registered at the St. Louis County Health and Human Service Conference.

Corrections and Veterans outreach continues more effectively with web site and meeting schedules as well as preparation for meetings in the Federal Prison.

Expansion of cooperation with Treatment Centers after a 3-year absence is beginning which we are grateful for.

Yours in Service, Rich G

#### **DISTRICT 5 – CHAD O**

Hello All, Chad O. with District 5,

District 5 meets at 7pm on the 3rd Monday of each Month at Trinity Lutheran Church in Princeton. All of our service positions are filled, however, we could use alternates for these positions. If you are reading this and have an

interest in being of service at the district level or have never been to a district meeting, I encourage you to attend a district meeting to check us out. Contempt prior to investigation applies here too !

District 5 is preparing to once again have an AA booth at the Mille Lacs County Fair from August 7th to August 11th. I asked some old timers how long we have had a booth here and don't have a solid answer, just, a long time. We will be putting together an on line sign up genius for volunteers to sign up for 2-hour blocks of time. A flyer will also be made to share the service opportunity. We also got a really cool spot at the fair, so come check it out.

District 5 has been invited to join District 6 at the Isanti Alano club on June 9th from 1-4 to hear Diane's report from the General Service Conference. This was shared with all at our last District meeting, and emailed to those that couldn't make it, so I'm hoping for a strong turnout from our District. Thanks again to Julie N. and everyone else in District 6 for the invitation and opportunity to join you, I'm looking forward to it

Service, Chad O

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION – RANDY A

We had 9 members present at our meeting today. I apologized to the committee for being late due to road construction. No excuse for commitments. District reports were read.

District 8 Voted to reinstate the PI Luncheon, printing new meeting schedules, QR codes on websites.

District 9 found a new person to fill the vacant slot in the district, they utilize stickers with phone numbers for the District.  
District 7 has a combined PI/CPC, they also have commitments for the District phone line.

CPC Chair made a presentation at the Tri-District Workshop in Hibbing. Discussion on how to do presentations utilizing the PI or CPC workbook, approach contacts and communications. I have contacted Area 36 concerning the PI booth at the State Fair- our dates are confirmed for Saturday August 24-Sunday August 25th with 6 time slots for each day for 2 people including a "day captain" for each day. Copies were made for districts to volunteer with a list of names.

Yours in Service, Randy A.

#### DISTRICT 2 – No DCM

#### DISTRICT 4 – JIM T

Due to a family mini crisis, I will be unable to attend Sunday's meeting in Aitkin. I regret that some family business will keep me here at home or, if need be, on the road to one of our son's homes here in Minnesota.

Brief Summary of district 4 activities:

While I experienced a new process in my history in local AA business, I'm also quite sure that all attendees at our last District Committee meeting took in with seriousness and appreciation the rare business to replace a DCM. The conversation and action to replace James was civil and direct to the point. Our wishes for him is that he now sort through how he can best serve our fellowship and take new adventures into service.

In other aspects of District 4, we are pleased that groups are responding well to the need to financially support our work; our bank balance is sufficient for the Committee to take on new tasks or provide to our members financial support to attend District or Area business meetings.

Part of my duties will be visitation to the group meetings in the District, in order to understand each group's needs and how they practice the 12 steps and 12 traditions. I plan to visit at least two meetings per month in various communities of the District.

Thank you to our district committee for placing their trust in me to serve our fellowship.

Yours in service, Jim

#### TREATMENT – KYLE H PRESENT VREBAL REPORT GIVEN

#### DISTRICT 6 – JULIE N

Hello from district 6,

HAPPY SUMMERTIME FRIENDS -2024 is halfway through I just can't believe how time flies. We have been busy within the district we had our district inventory hosted by Delegate Susie A. What we learnt from our inventory is we have some of upcoming challenges are to be addressed and worked on unity communication via e-mail, more involvement- focus on local service work like senior centers, schools, focusing on carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. The biggest issue we will be facing is unity, principles versus personalities. Overall inventory was interesting enough and we have challenges but when we ask God into our meetings and use his direction and guidance we shall not fail.

Looking forward we have money in the district and will be putting on a few workshops. Here are some of our ideas GSR workshop, service manual, unity, recovery, sponsorship, what is a Home group, history of AA, traditions,

what is AA. We are very excited that our delegate Diane will be coming to share with district 5 and 11 and us for a report back from New York on agenda items June 9th 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. The GSR's want to put on a workshop together for our zone so DCMS and zone 3 which include 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 17, 18. We are hoping that each of the districts want to get involved. We have kicked off tailgate for the year. We had a great turnout. And looking forward to our future of our district I want to thank the whole district for their service it means a lot to me

Thank you for allowing me to serve, DCM Julie N.

#### DISTRICT 7 – JESS S

No report

#### CPC – MARY S

Since I last reported, I asked Phyliss to send a request to the DCMs of each district, asking them to tell me who their CPC Committee chairs are for this rotation. I got responses from Districts 6, 8, 9, 11, 16 and 15. So, I would like to know who the CPC person is for District's 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 13, 18 and 19....

I realize that some Districts combine Public Information and Cooperation with Professional Communities together, and if that's the case, give me their names as well... I know that my own District combines PI/CPC and that works just fine.

I received a nice email from Michael, Cooperation with the Professional Community/Southeast Region Correspondent  
General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous  
New York, NY 10115 (212) 870-3107

A national CPC/PI working group meets online monthly, started by local A.A.s. For details, please contact picpceastbay@gmail.com. They meet on the second Saturday of the month; I hope you'll be able to join.

The CPC videos are on our GSO webpage, <https://www.aa.org/aa-for-professionals>, and the CPC presentation can be found here, <https://www.aa.org/cpc-powerpoint-lets-be-friendly-our-friends>. The CPC Kit and Workbook for reference, they are available on the committee page <https://www.aa.org/Cooperation-with-the-Professional-Community>

We are also excited to announce our CPC and Public Information (PI) service cards are available for local committees to print and distribute. More can be found on our GSO website at CPC Service Cards and PI Service Cards.

This morning in our breakout session PI/CPC input is as follows.... CPC and PI was discussed, and part of this report might be what Randy reported on also, so bear with me...

DCM - Dist 6 - Sue and Jessica reported - Just had an inventory for Dist 6, and decided they were weak in the area of outreach to Senior Centers and adolescents for the Schools - PI

Their Challenge is communication in District 6 ...

They Want to work on obtaining a QR Code - and getting familiar with their position as she is new to the position, and there is lots to learn...

Also, would like to get stickers, she is figuring out how to get them printed, want to place them on pamphlets, and group cards, anything that people can see - linked back to District website

The QR code goes to the District Website, then to the Professional area

Sue (PI) - Dist 6 - brought a bunch of cards with stickers to the Doctor and the library, The Doctor said it would be placed on a board, Started Tailgating last week,

Did a Senior Community outreach last month (PI)

Sharla - Dist 11 - PI/CPC On the agenda for Sandstone City Council meeting, getting 25 minutes to present, holding a couple meetings at City Hall - looking forward to meeting them, talking to the Mayor, has a connection - looking forward to the meeting

Physicians placed her on the Fall Meeting - Moose Lake, Sandstone and Hinckley = Conference room in the clinic, a time in Sept when physicians are no longer on vacation.

Talked to Christy at East Central School - K-12, going to talk to the Principal, presentation for Fall for Teenagers and Parents at an evening meeting. First talk to the school board, if she gets approval, then she can bring it into the school assembly.

Rich - Dist 12 - Billboards and TV stations publicity too expensive, Card for Website includes literature, flyers for upcoming events, videos, Steps, Traditions and Concepts all on the Website, Pinning the cards up in Grocery Stores, they are printed for them so purchasing stickers, The High Schools - starting with High Schools, pamphlets aren't being used, so Counselors are placing the cards in their windows so students can discreetly check out the QR Codes.

CPC - just registered with State Louis County Health and Human Services which is a large conference to attend. Very happy to be a part of that. Encourage people to go to beginner meetings.

Craig T - Dist 8 - PI/CPC

Updates website and phone lines

Used to have a luncheon but died during Covid, just formed a committee to revise the luncheon,

Going to print new meeting schedules, wants to get a QR code, also printing

business cards, wants the website to reflect accurate information about AA

Tom T = DCM Dist 9 - former PI/CPC

Finally has someone to PI/CPC - no activity to present, Tom would like to pass around business cards with the QR code - They had stickers made with information and QR codes, so far, has not had a phone call... But he likes the business card idea to hand out...

Bob (GSR) - Dist 7 -

(Chris CPC/PI,) unable to attend today, Bob says someone is involved with their phone line

PI/CPC an idea - provide Luncheons and Tailgate to the professionals instead of the professionals coming to a luncheon/presentation...

Randy requests help with finding people to fill in the State Fair on 8/24 and 8/25 at the State Fair - Area 35

Wondering if anyone is interested in helping to fill the two days - need a Day Captain, for Sat and Sunday - has to be there all day, report back every two hours to see if the people show up for their shift.... 9-11, 11-1, 1-3, 3-5, 5-7, and 7-9 at least two people if possible.... Both days....

## DISTRICT 18 – JOHN J

Greetings Area 35:

District 8 meets monthly, our district meetings rotate Monday through Friday, and different groups within our district volunteer to host. Our attendance at district meetings continues to increase. We are still looking for a Corrections 475 Riverside Drive, 11th Floor

NChair and Archives Chair. We participated in a service workshop with Districts 9 & 16 yesterday June 1st. A special shout out to our Alt. DCM Sally L. who was instrumental in planning the event. We will be holding our Delegate report during our July District meeting. I have had the privilege of visiting 15 out of our 27 groups so far this rotation. Thanks to District 8 for allowing me to serve.

In Service, John J

## DISTRICT 15 – FRED T

My name is Fred, and I am an alcoholic.

On May 4th the Women's Broad Hwy group presented a Twelve Traditions workshop which I attended. Rich S. from Glencoe explained how to apply AA's traditions in all areas of your life. He brought up some very interesting perspectives. It was attended by 50-60 people for the 5 1/2-hour session.

The Tuesday Night Women's meeting in new Munich stopped meeting. But we registered the Wednesday night 7:00pm meeting taking place in St. Stephen which has been meeting for some time. Also, the Friday night 7:00pm meeting taking place at the Willmar Alano has joined our district, along with GSRs for both groups.

This past week the Wednesday Night group in Cold Spring had an open speaker meeting potluck. Brad H from Little Falls shared his experience, strength and hope. Approx 50 people attended. On the first Saturday of the month the Saturday Grapevine meeting has a potluck open Grapevine meeting that was very well attended with 70 people at the last one.

Yours in service, Fred T

## ARCHIVIST – MARC N

Two of the old laptops were received from our Webmaster. One was repurposed for the Archive Committee Chair. The other will be used to present slide shows of archive items that are too fragile to transport and display.

There were three research projects, two were easy, the other not so much.

There were no visitors at the archive open house days. The time was used to unpack and catalog more books and put them on available shelves. Two shelf units were purchased, these will fill fast as more boxes are unpacked. Time was also used to sort some of the paper files from districts, these have been found in various parts of file cabinets and some were in boxes.

Some districts are sending copies of their district meeting minutes, event fliers and other archive worthy items, these are being stored as digital files.

In Service, Archivist, Marc N

## ARCHIVES - CATHY R

Thank you for allowing me time to get better. I spoke yesterday all about Archives at the Tri-District Conference. There were a number of speakers who discussed various district/area job functions. Mark and I would like to challenge each District to put together a "Long Timers Workshop" asking your members 30 yrs. and older to talk about how AA has changed in your District.

In Service, Cathy R

## DISTRICT 11 – KATHY M

Present- Verbal Report Given Kathy Miller

## DISTRICT 14 –

No DCM

## GRAPEVINE – TERRY A

PRESENT- VERBAL REPORT GIVEN

## DISTRICT 1 –

## DISTRICT 13 – MARGARET M

Greetings! My name is Peggy DCM for District 13.

We had a very productive month in May! High lights are Diane is coming to give her report from the General Service Office tomorrow. We have received contributions from several boxes of literature, a case of Big Books for the prison's, Detox and the Beginners meeting. I have been working with Mark to get some of this literature into the prisons. Robin Alt. DCM and I have schedule for attending meetings over the summer.

We had our District meeting on Monday May 6th, 2024. There was great attendance, here are a few highlights.

1. The District Budget was approved.
2. Gave report on the Spring Assembly. Reported Area budget was approved
3. Announced our Delegate Diane will be giving her report from the Conference Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, at the Alano club with District 13 and 15
4. The District 13 summer workshop is June 29th at the St. Cloud Alano club.
5. We had most GSRs attend the District meeting early and they joined a committee. PI did not have any members and after that night six people joined and an AA assistance line education was planned, and PI work was distributed.
6. All Committee chairs are working hard; PI, Treatment, Literature, Corrections, Treasurer doing the work of the district.

I have been out to several AA meetings over the months. And again, this past month an AA group reported they will send contributions to District.

We are excited to continue getting out to the groups with our District flyer created by one of our GSR JJ.

I am very happy we are so strong and moving forward!

Grateful, Peggy M

## DISTRICT 21 – JERIS

Thank you for the privilege to serve as District 21 DCM!

As your District 21 DCM, I attended the Crookston Assembly and West Central Service Conference in Minot ND. It is such a wonderful opportunity for me to learn about our singleness of purpose: To carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. I have also been visiting District 21 Meetings inquiring about the group's GSR's, encouraging GSR and other trusted servants' positions as well as participation at our Monthly District 21 Meeting. Our District 21 Meeting is held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM Alano Club Gratitude Hall. Kyle H Area 35 Treatment Chair gave an excellent talk about our opportunities for improvement as an area to be welcoming to our newcomers at Treatment Facilities. I appreciated Kyle's transparency about how AA is viewed by Treatment Facilities and our opportunities to live our Traditions. District 21 will continue to have open visitation by Area 35 Officer and Committee Chairs past and present.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service, Jeri S.

## CORRECTIONS – MARK R

Area 35 ACM Corrections Chair Report -

I just want to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to A.A. members in Area 35 Districts, and Groups, who are presently taking regular meetings into County Jails and Minnesota Correctional Facilities. Many hours are spent organizing meetings, working with jails to get volunteers approved, and managing rosters of volunteers! It is a sincere privilege to work with all of these dedicated A.A. members.

We continue to look for OUTSIDE A.A. members who would be willing to work on CTCP requests from INSIDE A.A. members looking to find Temporary Contacts. As an OUTSIDE Volunteer, you will correspond with these A.A. Members, and when released, bring them to A.A. meetings and help introduce them to the A.A. Fellowship in the area they are going to be released.

Mike U (Area 35 Literature Chair/District 6 Corrections Volunteer) and Gail S (Minneapolis Intergroup) attended the MCF-St Cloud Transition Fair May 15, 2024. We received 11 CTCP-INSIDE requests for Temporary Contacts. Again, District Corrections Chairs & DCMs, I will be forwarding these on to you looking for Volunteers to be Temporary Contacts! Thank you so much for Volunteering to attend the Willow River #1 Transition Fair Mike & Gail! I continue to be available to help our Area 35 District Corrections Chairs & DCMs with their respective Corrections opportunities. If you are a DCM or Corrections Chair, please contact me with any information you have regarding A.A. member contacts and Corrections Facility Contacts you may have. Monthly, I Chair the Statewide Corrections Committee meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 6, 2024, starting at 6:00pm via Zoom. We have decided on a date for this year's SWCC Corrections Workshop, it will be held on November 2, 2024 – See the



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SAVE THE DATE flyer for more details.

ACM Corrections Action Chair Committee Meeting Report

We had 7 in attendance. We opened with The Serenity prayer and introductions. We then followed by sharing about what is going on in our Districts and Corrections facilities.

Peggy M. (District 13 DCM): District 13 has 3 facilities – MCF St Cloud Prison, Benton County Jail, and Stearns County Jail. 3-4 A.A. members from the St Cloud Alano continue to take men's & women's meetings into Benton County Jail every Monday. There are 3 women who have been through orientation at Stearns County jail – no meetings yet. John D., District 13 Corrections Chair is trying to get men volunteers also for Stearns County jail. Mark R continues to bring an A.A. meeting into MCF-St Cloud Prison every Thursday to a Treatment group as well as the General Population. Averaging 15-20 in attendance each week! John has been getting Corrections volunteer flyers passed around District 13. Peggy has been visiting many of the groups around District 13. Several have accumulated pamphlets, and Grapevine books – they would like to distribute them to newcomers as well as the county jails. One of the groups had a case of A.A. Big Books and graciously donated them to the MCF-St Cloud Chaplin to be used for the A.A. meetings!

Melvin S. (District 3 DCM): Paul H. District 3 Corrections Chair and Paul C. Corrections Volunteer continue to bring A.A. meetings into Becker, Ottertail, and Wadena County Jails. The Moorhead Thursday A.A. Group is facilitating A.A. meetings for the Clay County Jail. At this time District 3 is working on starting a women's A.A. meeting at each facility.

Paul C. (District 3 Corrections Volunteer): In addition to Melvins report, we are seeing a decline in the attendance of the men INSIDE. We are hoping this is just normal up & down with general numbers of people in custody at these facilities. Due to issues at one of the County Jails with a few men not seeing eye-to-eye, we are visiting them on a one-to-one basis to be able to continue to Carry the Message to them all! Thank you so much District 3 members for going above and beyond to continue to Carry the Message into these men even during these times of turmoil!

Ricco R. (District 9 A.A. Corrections Chair): Ricco started to attend the A.A. meetings at MCF-TOGO in Togo, MN. Ricco attended the Tri-District Workshop hosted by Districts 8, 9, and 16 about Service at the Hibbing Alano Club yesterday, June 1, 2024. Ricco represented Area 35 Corrections and spoke about what the Corrections Committee does at both the District and Area levels. Some of his main topic items included The CTCP process and its sometimes "lifesaving" importance to those less fortunate than us on the INSIDE. Ricco also added that it is so very important for all A.A. members to think about getting involved as volunteers for this special CTCP Service work. One last topic Ricco covered was our DOC Transition Fairs where we represent the A.A. Fellowship here in Minnesota and had out public information pamphlets, District meeting cards, and most importantly, get men & women to sig-up for the CTCP Bridging the Gap program for Corrections.

Gary H. (District 11 Corrections Chair): Gary and one other A.A. member is bringing A.A. meetings into MCF Moose Lake, MCF-Willow River, MCF-Rush City, and Pine County Jail. At this time, Kanabec County Jail remains closed to meetings. Recently, Sandstone Federal Prison closed itself to all meetings from outside volunteers. Gary is not sure why – Mark R said he would follow up with the prison to see why and if there is an ETA on these programs continuing there.

Mark R. (Area 35 Corrections Chair): I have been facilitating A.A. meetings every Thursday at MCF-St Cloud Prison. We have 6 volunteers and attendance has been averaging 12-16 men. I also volunteer at Mille Lacs County Jail on the 2nd Tuesday each month. Working to get Temporary Contacts for the 25 CTCP-INSIDE requests we have received to date. Planning the 2024 SWCC Corrections Workshop, November 2, 2024, from 9:30am-3:00pm at the Jack & Jim's Event Center in Duell, MN (Foley/St Cloud area).

#### SWCC Chair Report

Our committee continues to work hard to promote A.A. Corrections Service Work throughout the State of Minnesota! At our May 1, 2024, meeting, the following A.A. Members were in attendance: Paul H. (A35/D3 Corrections Chair), Mark R.

(SWCC & A35 Corrections Chair), Ricco R. (A35/D9 Corrections Chair), Aaron A. (A35 Sound/D6 Corrections Member), Joseph S. (A36/D15 Corrections Chair), Carter L. (A35/D5 Corrections Chair)

#### GENERAL SHARING & REPORTS

JOE S. - A36, D15 Corrections Chair: The first orientation in 4 years for Washington County Jail volunteers will be May 23, 2024! There are 3 meetings Saturday nights, 2 men's and 1 woman. Every Tuesday at 5:30pm there is an A.A. meeting at MCF-Stillwater in the minimum-security area. On the 1st & 3rd Mondays there is an A.A. meeting at MCF-Lino Lakes for the Gen-

eral Population, and on the 3rd Thursday for the TRIAD Treatment program.

RICCO R. - Area 35, District 9 Corrections Chair: Ricco attended his 1st District 9 meeting as the Corrections Chair. He filled in everyone on what is happening with the SWCC. Ricco passed out CTCP OUTSIDE forms to potential volunteers. He contacted District 12 about meetings at the Duluth federal Prison but has not heard back yet. Ricco started to attend A.A. meetings at MCF-TOGO on Wednesdays. The MCF-Togo houses up-to 90 adult male Challenge Incarceration Program (CIP) participants. The facility opened in 1955 as "Thistledeew Camp" for youth. In 2015, MCF-Togo's mission changed from juveniles to minimum-security adults. CIP-Togo is a minimum-security boot camp program mandated by the Legislature in 1992 that allows non-violent individuals who qualify to earn early release.

PAUL H. - Area 35, District 3 Corrections Chair: Sunday nights there is an A.A. meeting at Becker County jail. Paul has checked with the facilitator for A.A. meeting at Ottertail County jail in Fergus Falls and is waiting for him to call back. Paul C is facilitating A.A. meetings in Wadena County. Clay County jail A.A. meetings are being hosted by the Moorhead Thursday A.A. group as well as District 5, Area 52 in Fargo, ND.

CARTER L. - Area 35, District 5 Corrections Chair: Meetings at Mille Lacs County jail still going and are Every Tuesday from 7:30pm-8:30pm, need volunteers, a women's meeting will be starting soon! Sherburne County jail has started In-Person meetings for both Men & Women, on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month from 6:30pm -7:30pm. There is a single pod for women with 10 women attending. There are 3 men's pods with 11-15 men attending. Carter has 12 volunteers for Sherburne County and 5 for Mille Lacs County and is in need of more.

AARON. - Area 35, District 6 Corrections volunteer: No updates for District 6 (Isanti County jail).

MARK R. - Area 35 Corrections Chair, SWCC Chair: The Thursday evening A.A. meeting at MCF-St Cloud is going strong. We are averaging 8-11 men from the RIVER's Treatment program. This meeting as well as the Tuesday meeting have brought positive attention to the MCF-St Cloud Prison leadership, Chaplin, and the Warden that they have opened it up to the General Population as well! We have seen our attendance go from 8-11 each week to about 30 men attending each Tuesday & Thursday! At this time, we have 6 volunteers on Thursdays. I continue to attend Mille Lacs County jail meeting on the 2nd Tuesday each month.

#### GENERAL DISCUSSION

SWCC Chair Rotation: It was discussed by all attendees and decision made not to change the rotation for Chair & Secretary and keep it for 2 years.

SWCC Chair Position: It was discussed to allow any A.A. Member interested in Corrections Service work who has more than a few years of experience in Corrections at both the County Jail and State Prison levels to be able to run for the SWCC Chair – therefore, it is not just limited to an Area Chair. This was agreed upon, no changes are necessary in the Guidelines as it is already written in a way that makes it open to any existing Corrections Volunteer.

SWCC Guidelines: Everyone has reviewed the revised SWCC Guidelines. A Motion for Approval was made by Paul H., The Motion was Seconded by Joseph S., and was Unanimously Approved by everyone in attendance.

SWCC Minutes: After a short discussion, it was decided that the Monthly SWCC Meeting minutes would also be sent to both Area Secretaries. Mark mentions in addition to the monthly minutes that he currently sends the Secretary and the Northern Light Chair update reports of what is going on with the SWCC. This is written in the Guidelines and has been agreed upon by all SWCC members in attendance.

2024 MCF Transition Fairs: Craig H. & Tracy Jo (both Area 36) were scheduled to attend the MCF-Red Wing Transition Fair April 23rd. Due to unforeseen circumstances, neither was able to attend and therefore, A.A. Minnesota did not have representation at the fair. MCF-Shakopee women have been cancelled. Mike U. & Gail S. attended the MCF-St Cloud Transition Fair May 15th! We received 10 CTCP requests for Area 35 releases and Area 36 received 15. Vicki Z. has volunteered to attend MCF-Faribault with Craig H. on June 12th, and MCF-Lino Lakes Transition Fair August 8th. Ricco R. has volunteered to attend MCF-Moose Lake on September 17th. MCF-Rush City, MCF-Willow River #2, and MCF Stillwater are still OPEN.



## 2024 Facility Transitions Fair Dates

Facility Deadline	Transitions Fair Date	Facility Application
MCF-St. Cloud	May 15, 2024	April 24, 2024
MCF-Faribault	June 12, 2024	May 22, 2024
MCF-Lino Lakes	August 8, 2024	July 18, 2024
MCF-Moose Lake	September 17, 2024	August 27, 2024
MCF-Rush City	October 9, 2024	September 18, 2024
MCF-Willow River #2	October 15, 2024	October 1, 2024
MCF-Stillwater	November 13, 2024	October 23, 2024

2024 SWCC Corrections Workshop: After discussion, it was decided the dates we should look at with Area 36 for the Annual SWCC Corrections Workshop should be September 28, November 2nd or 16th. Since there were so many positive remarks from A.A. members who attended last year's Workshop at Jack & Jim's Event Center, it was agreed upon to go back to Jack & Jim's Event Center this year! Joesph S. has a Corrections Committee for Area 26 coming up this weekend, he will bring this information to Craig H and others attending the meeting.

The SWCC meets on the 1st Wednesday of each Month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 6, 2024

### JOIN ZOOM MEETING

Meeting ID: 816 0729 1607 Passcode: 261258

Humbled & Honored to Serve you, Mark R

A.A. Statewide Corrections Committee Chair, correctionsmn@gmail.com

## DISTRICT 9 – TOM T

I attended the 2024 Spring Assembly in Crookston, MN. The main topic was the Agenda Items for the upcoming General Service Conference, so that our Delegate, Diane R., could take our input to the conference. There was a good variety of information and ideas from the assembly. I also had the opportunity to meet with the other DCM's that were present, and we had good discussion and ideas about how to help our Districts to reach the still suffering Alcoholic.

I had also been working with Districts 8 and 16 to put together a Workshop that was just done yesterday, June 1, 2024. It was giving the information about the duties and responsibilities of the offices and committees in our Districts. We had great participation from Area Committee Chairs and District AA members on the presentations. Scott, former Area 36 Delegate, shared his story and the importance of service work. Then we had Sloppy Joe's and Ice Cream after.

District 9 now has just 1 office left to fill, Archives Chair, and we are working on developing committees for help with some of the offices. I continue to visit the evening groups in District 9. They are awesome I'm looking forward to attending the upcoming District 9 Delegate feedback on June 6, next Thursday, from our Delegate Diane R. to be held from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Hibbing Alano Club and also attending the Fall Assembly in St. Cloud.

In service, Tom T

## DISTRICT 8 – JOHN J

Greetings Area 35:

I am John, and I am the new District 8 DCM for this rotation. Our monthly district meetings rotate Monday through Friday, and different groups within our district volunteer to host. Our attendance at district meetings seems to be increasing, which is encouraging, and as my predecessor Heather had already reported all of our service committee chairs have been filled! This 1st Month of the rotation I am still getting my feet wet. I attended the Area 35 Service Workshop in Saint Cloud. I learned a lot and enjoyed the weekend. I have been in the process of putting together a District 8 contact list which is almost complete. I have been able to visit 3 groups as DCM and received some encouraging feedback from them regarding participating in District 8 meetings on a more regular basis. We have also had 2 new groups start up. The first is the Ely Primary Purpose Men's Group which meets Tuesdays at 7 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, and the second is the Kabetogama AA Group which will start meeting on March 7th, and thereafter meet on Thursdays at 7 pm at the Kabetogama United Methodist Church. I am thankful to District 8 for allowing me to serve.

In Service, John J

## OLD BUSINESS

-Ad-hoc committee Updates - no updates from any of the committees

- PAI- Founder's Writings added to the Conference Charter- Steve L. This is an Area group effort, please read through the PAI and if you have questions or suggestions let Steve know. Some changes requested were to make this retroactive going back to the changes in the 12x12, this was declined to be added to the PAI to try and keep this simple and focus on moving forward- Founder's writings would be pre 1972 as Bill died in 1971- **Motion to bring this forward to the August ACM meeting for a vote- Melvin S. Motioned- Mark second motion - Motion passed-**

- August ACM add GSR's-

**Motion to open the August ACM as a short Hybrid Assembly using Teams to allow GSR's to vote on PAI's- John J. motioned, Julie N. Seconded**

**- Diane made a friendly amendment to use Zoom- John accepted amendment**

Discussion- Teams is easy to use- The Area does not have an Area Zoom account? Is Area 35 going to train GSR's on Teams now also? Area Corrections Workshop used Teams last year with no issues with many in attendance virtually-

**Diane withdrew friendly amendment- back to original motion- Motion to open the August ACM as a short Hybrid Assembly using Teams to allow GSR's to vote on PAI's-**

Discussion- Are we having 3 Assemblies now? Understand why the need for the August Assembly to address PAI's but should we be addressing this overall issue on how many Assemblies and when we have them?

**Motion carries- no minority opinion given**

- PAI - Temporary Halt to Pamphlets

- PAI - Spending Moratorium

Julie DCM 6 - Regarding both PAIs brought forward by District 6, Spending Moratorium and Development of Pamphlets.

Two groups in district 6 became aware of financial issues at GSO and wanted to know what is being done to resolve these issues. At Area35 Spring Assembly it was suggested that more research be put into these PAI concerns. We (District 6) are still researching.

To date we have discovered: Spending Moratorium-

· Financial concerns are being addressed as noted in the GSO 2024 First Quarter Report. These included cost reductions and deferred projects as well as improved reporting.

Development of Pamphlets-

· We questioned the cost of printed materials, development and printing costs. The costs were not the issue so much as the need. We are still researching the need for the various pamphlets. We are looking beyond literature, for example, looking into whether our use of PSAs and social media platforms are aligned with our tradition of attraction rather than promotion. This could go so far as to suggest better ways to use technology to carry our message.

· The PLBB project started as a needed item to carry the message to language challenged people, now it seems to be pushed as a needed item to increase literature sales.

· How much literature is being developed or changed to satisfy social rather than spiritual values?

· Looking at Grapevine did GV Online lead to reduced subscriptions of printed magazines?

· In the 1993 GSC Final Conference Report in the Literature report there was discussion of how literature for minorities impacted singleness of purpose.

· From our Area35 Delegate's report in 1995 there had been discussion if a Fourth Edition Big Book was prudent even though it could be afforded financially.

· Some of these will be addressed as part of the 75th GSC workshop.

Another Concern

· We questioned the errors made by publishing that were visible to AA members. Emails with AAWS Chairperson have resolved this.

District 6 is not putting a PAI forward at this time and are doing more research looking for a different direction since the PAI's are not working. We are looking for a different way so we can be heard.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Add Corrections Tab on our Area 35.org Website-

**Kyle made a motion to add Corrections Tab to Area 35 Website, Tom T. Second motion-**

Discussion-

Will it be for Area Corrections or Statewide Corrections? probably both

Will it be part of the Bridging the Gap Tab? no-

**Motion Carries- no minority opinion shared**

- Area Budgets due Today-

- Area 35/36 joint workshop -July 20th 1-3pm virtually- Doug Area 36 Chair will be leading-email with information will be sent out-

Can there be some rules for attendance - Vicki will discuss this with Doug

**Motion to adjourn made by Pat M. Julie N. Second- ACM adjourned at 2:30.**





	2025 Budget												Total Budget
	Service Wkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	
Meals	95.00	10.00	-	95.00	10.00	10.00	-	95.00	10.00	95.00		80.00	\$ 500.00
Travel	31.90	9.60	-	19.00	9.60	9.60	-	14.56	9.20	91.20		200.00	\$ 394.66
Lodging	258.00	-	-	278.00	-	-	-	338.00	-			-	\$ 874.00
Supplies													\$ -
Printing													\$ -
Other	25.00												\$ 25.00
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>409.90</b>	<b>19.60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>392.00</b>	<b>19.60</b>	<b>19.60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>447.56</b>	<b>19.20</b>	<b>186.20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>280.00</b>	<b>1,793.66</b>

	2025 Budget												Total Budget
	Service Wkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Transition Fairs Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	SWCC Correction Workshop Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	
Meals	45.00	10.00	90.00		10.00	10.00	100.00		60.00		10.00	90.00	\$ 425.00
Travel	110.00	30.00	370.00	12.00	30.00	30.00	100.00	200.00	110.00		30.00	185.00	\$ 1,367.00
Lodging	125.00		175.00				100.00		185.00			185.00	\$ 770.00
Supplies							50.00	250.00		125.00			\$ 425.00
Printing								60.00		50.00			\$ 110.00
Postage							25.00	117.00					\$ 142.00
Facility										600.00			\$ 600.00
Speaker										100.00			\$ 100.00
Other	25.00		25.00										\$ 50.00
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>305.00</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>660.00</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>375.00</b>	<b>627.00</b>	<b>355.00</b>	<b>875.00</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>460.00</b>	<b>3,989.00</b>

	2025 Budget												Total Budget
	Service Wkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	
Meals		15.00			15.00	15.00			15.00				\$ 60.00
Travel		18.72			18.72	18.72			18.72				\$ 74.88
Lodging													\$ -
Other													\$ -
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33.72</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33.72</b>	<b>33.72</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33.72</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>134.88</b>

	2025 Budget											Total Budget
	Service Wkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget		
Meals	50.00	10.00		50.00	10.00	10.00		50.00	10.00		\$ 190.00	
Travel	35.00	30.00		35.00	30.00	30.00		60.00	30.00		\$ 250.00	
Lodging	135.00			145.00							\$ 280.00	
Supplies	20.00			20.00			20.00				\$ 60.00	
Printing											\$ -	
Other	25.00		25.00								\$ 50.00	
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>265.00</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>110.00</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>830.00</b>	

	2025 Budget												Total Budget
	Service Wkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	
Meals	75.00	10.00		75.00	10.00	10.00		75.00	10.00				\$ 265.00
Travel	54.16	17.33		32.50	17.33	17.33		32.50	17.33			100.00	\$ 288.48
Lodging	260.00			280.00				340.00					\$ 880.00
Supplies													\$ -
Printing													\$ -
Other	25.00												\$ 25.00
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>414.16</b>	<b>27.33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>387.50</b>	<b>27.33</b>	<b>27.33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>447.50</b>	<b>27.33</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1,458.48</b>

	2025 Budget												Total Budget
	Service Wkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	
Meals	45.00	10.00	60.00	45.00	10.00	10.00		60.00	10.00	60.00			\$ 310.00
Travel	84.00	21.00	317.00	84.00	21.00	21.00		59.00	21.00	150.00		100.00	\$ 878.00
Lodging	260.00		260.00	260.00				338.00		300.00			\$ 1,418.00
Supplies													\$ -
Printing													\$ -
Other	25.00		25.00										\$ 50.00
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>414.00</b>	<b>31.00</b>	<b>662.00</b>	<b>389.00</b>	<b>31.00</b>	<b>31.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>457.00</b>	<b>31.00</b>	<b>510.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>2,656.00</b>



		2025 Budget			Position: Northern Light								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	30.00	10.00		30.00	10.00	10.00		30.00	10.00				\$ 130.00
Travel	30.00	35.00		60.00	35.00	35.00		60.00	35.00				\$ 290.00
Lodging	129.00			139.00				169.00					\$ 437.00
Postage		425.00		425.00	425.00	425.00		425.00	425.00				\$ 2,550.00
Printing		415.00		415.00	415.00	415.00		415.00	415.00				\$ 2,490.00
Other	25.00												\$ 25.00
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>214.00</b>	<b>885.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,069.00</b>	<b>885.00</b>	<b>885.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,099.00</b>	<b>885.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,922.00</b>

		2025 Budget			Position: PI Chair								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	30.00	10.00	30.00	30.00	10.00	10.00		30.00	10.00	30.00		30.00	\$ 220.00
Travel	60.00	33.68	247.00	60.00	33.68	33.68	50.00	12.50	33.68	147.25		50.00	\$ 761.47
Lodging	140.00		260.00	140.00				170.00		300.00			\$ 1,010.00
Supplies													\$ -
Printing													\$ -
Other	25.00		25.00				25.00						\$ 75.00
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>255.00</b>	<b>43.68</b>	<b>562.00</b>	<b>230.00</b>	<b>43.68</b>	<b>43.68</b>	<b>75.00</b>	<b>212.50</b>	<b>43.68</b>	<b>477.25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>2,066.47</b>

		2025 Budget			Position: Treatment								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	50.00	10.00	30.00	50.00	10.00	10.00		30.00	10.00			30.00	\$ 230.00
Travel	60.00	20.00	247.00	60.00	20.00	20.00	50.00	50.00	20.00			50.00	\$ 597.00
Lodging	140.00		260.00	300.00				170.00					\$ 870.00
Supplies													\$ -
Printing													\$ -
Other	25.00		25.00										\$ 50.00
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>275.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>562.00</b>	<b>410.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>1,747.00</b>

		2025 Budget			Position: Webmaster								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	90.00	10.00		60.00	10.00	10.00		90.00	10.00				\$ 280.00
Travel	95.00	26.68		20.52	26.68	26.68		73.55	26.68			150.00	\$ 445.79
Lodging	258.00							339.90					\$ 597.90
Supplies													\$ -
Technology							1,506.60						\$ 1,506.60
Hosting/Web							251.28						\$ 251.28
Other	25.00												\$ 25.00
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>468.00</b>	<b>36.68</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80.52</b>	<b>36.68</b>	<b>36.68</b>	<b>1,757.88</b>	<b>503.45</b>	<b>36.68</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>3,106.57</b>

		2025 Budget			Position: Audio Tech								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	Misc Budget	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals													\$ -
Travel	117.00	38.25		45.00	38.25	38.25		89.00	38.25				\$ 404.00
Lodging	258.00							340.00					\$ 598.00
Supplies													\$ -
Other													\$ -
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>375.00</b>	<b>38.25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45.00</b>	<b>38.25</b>	<b>38.25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>429.00</b>	<b>38.25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,002.00</b>

		2025 Budget			Position: Area Events								
	Service Wrkshop Budget	Feb. Mtg. Budget	WC Reg. Conf. Budget	Spring Assy. Budget	June Mtg. Budget	Aug. Mtg. Budget	State Fair Booth	Fall Assy. Budget	Dec. Mtg. Budget	WCR Forum Budget	Zonal Forum Budget	Dist Travel Budget	Total Budget
Meals	100.00												\$ 100.00
Travel	1,000.00												\$ 1,000.00
Lodging	300.00												\$ 300.00
Rent	3,000.00	150.00		3,220.00	150.00	150.00	700.00	1,500.00	150.00		100.00		\$ 9,120.00
Coffee	500.00			500.00				374.00					\$ 1,374.00
Printing	200.00			200.00				200.00			50.00		\$ 650.00
Other													\$ -
<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>5,100.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,920.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>700.00</b>	<b>2,074.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,544.00</b>



**Rule 62**

( Full story: A.A. Comes Of Age )

To illustrate: Years ago in a certain town a super-promoter got sobered up in A.A. At once he got very big ideas, all for the good of A.A. of course. As he saw it, the right setup would require a very big building and would take an awful lot of money. On one floor there would be a club. On the next floor there would be a meeting room. On the next, a clinic and rehabilitation center. Upstairs, there surely would have to be a loan agency where the indigent alcoholic could borrow a little spare cash. Such was his vision of the new center! He was some promoter, this one, and he actually sold the townspeople on his idea. He, naturally, was to become the general manager. His blueprint involved three separate corporations, one for the club, one for the clinic, and one for the loan department. Altogether, he wrote sixty-one rules, regulations, and by-laws to make these corporations do their good work.

With the exception of a few diehards, his fellow A.A.'s were sold. He was the man of the hour. He applied to New York for a super-charter. Hearing of this, some of the dissenters wrote us. We had to tell them that each A.A. group could manage its own affairs as it liked, provided it did not harm surrounding groups. But as strongly as we dared, we did point out that even less grandiose schemes of a like character had failed everywhere before. As it had a right to, this very autonomous group ignored our warnings.

Maybe you can guess what happened. After many a rumbling, the crash came. It was like a boiler explosion in a clapboard factory. The thump of colliding egos could be heard and felt for miles.

But of course things quieted down, and after a long interval we heard from the promoter. He wrote, "You told us that outside enterprises can be fine and very helpful. But you also said that they could not be mixed with A.A. I figured that they could be, and should be. Well, you folks at Headquarters were right and I was wrong."

With his letter, the promoter sent us a card, which he had already mailed to every group in the United States. It was folded like a golf score card, and on the outside was printed, "Group so-and-so, place so-and-so. Rule No. 62." When the card was unfolded a single pungent sentence met the eye: "Don't take yourself too damned seriously."

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.. Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age (p. 135). Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc.. Kindle Edition.

**Area 35 2025 Budget**

Positions

Delegate	\$	8,658.42
Alt Delegate	\$	4,389.64
Chair	\$	3,987.90
Secretary	\$	2,425.00
Treasurer	\$	4,025.00
Archivist	\$	10,939.00
Archives	\$	2,589.80
Corrections	\$	3,989.00
CPC	\$	1,793.66
Grapevine	\$	1,458.48
Group Records	\$	830.00
Literature	\$	2,656.00
Nor Light	\$	5,922.00
PI	\$	2,066.47
Treatment	\$	1,185.00
Webmaster	\$	3,106.57
Audio Tech	\$	1,002.00
Area Events	\$	12,544.00
FOC	\$	134.88
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>73,702.82</b>

**Expected Contributions**

	\$	55,000.00
<b>Projected Loss</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(18,702.82)</b>

	May 31, 24	May 31, 23
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
1000 · Area 35 Checking Account	12,556.31	18,694.87
1100 · Savings - Prudent Reserve	6,061.09	6,055.39
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>18,617.40</u>	<u>24,750.26</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>18,617.40</u>	<u>24,750.26</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>18,617.40</u></b>	<b><u>24,750.26</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	18,725.52	18,725.52
32000 · Retained Earnings	11,824.55	-4,433.36
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>-11,932.67</u>	<u>10,458.10</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>18,617.40</u>	<u>24,750.26</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>18,617.40</u></b>	<b><u>24,750.26</u></b>



	Apr - May 24	Budget	Jan - May 24	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
4000 · Group Contributions					
4000-01 · District 01 Contributions					
138576 · 100510-Moment by Moment Gro	300.00		300.00		
Total 4000-01 · District 01 Contributions	<u>300.00</u>		<u>300.00</u>		
4000-02 · District 02 Contributions					
716253 · 10884-TRF Twin Rivers Recovery	0.00		300.00		
Total 4000-02 · District 02 Contributions	<u>0.00</u>		<u>300.00</u>		
4000-03 · District 03 Contributions					
372323 Flynn High but Dry	0.00		25.00		
697326-31307 New Beginnings Gro	0.00		200.00		
107702 · 104860-The Formers Group	0.00		75.00		
107884 · 48646-Perham Solutions Group	353.70		353.70		
147632 · 106426-Friday Noon Group-DL	180.00		180.00		
635785 · 78689-St Mary's of the Lake	200.00		400.00		
Total 4000-03 · District 03 Contributions	<u>733.70</u>		<u>1,233.70</u>		
4000-04 · District 04 Contributions					
222222 Dist 4 Other Group Contr	15.00		15.00		
107752 · 13822-Glenwood Tuesday Night	175.00		175.00		
171076 · 92690-Thurs As Bill Sees It	20.00		20.00		
637112 · 26999-Wed 7pm Non Smokers	40.00		140.00		
663064 · 104638-Elbow Lake AA	0.00		50.00		
717046 · 90330-12 & 12 Step Trad Study	0.00		100.00		
Total 4000-04 · District 04 Contributions	<u>250.00</u>		<u>500.00</u>		
4000-05 · District 05 Contributions					
122111-77677 Squad #2 Group	0.00		63.00		
404288 Elk River Squad 4	75.00		75.00		
451270 Hopes Up North	0.00		30.00		
117918 · 95029-Becker Group	25.00		25.00		
147266 · 14751-Lost & Found AA Grp	200.00		200.00		
164018 · 52610-Princeton AM Groups	0.00		100.00		
704281 · 5616-The Way Out Group	200.00		400.00		
4000-05 · District 05 Contributions - Other	0.00		50.00		
Total 4000-05 · District 05 Contributions	<u>500.00</u>		<u>943.00</u>		

	Apr - May 24	Budget	Jan - May 24	YTD Budget	Annual Budget		Apr - May 24	Budget	Jan - May 24	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
4000-06 - District 06 Contributions						4000-13 - District 13 Contributions					
105893-667106 Friday 12x12	3.60		25.36			103780-694383 Eye Openers Group	0.00		50.00		
369901 Isanti 530 Thursday BB	40.00		90.00			107498 - 26978 Wed Happy Hour group	150.00		250.00		
666666-666666 Dist 6 Other Grou	99.00		99.00			107522 - Thursday Night Young People AA	50.00		70.00		
678077-36774 Women's Gr Sq 14	0.00		18.00			123538 - Fri. 10 A.M. Big Book	0.00		35.00		
107656 - 95486-Bethel Community Group	20.00		20.00			126445 - 13260 Tues Morning AA	0.00		50.00		
107681 - 97742-Cambridge Community Gr	0.00		30.00			139018 - 42404 Older Adult Group	0.00		25.00		
107870 - 37224-North Branch Community	0.00		240.00			164180 - Womens AA Group (Sat. 1030 am	0.00		35.00		
124462 - 77760-Squad 3 Isanti Thurs	137.68		263.92			697239 - 109894 Heard it Through the GV	150.00		150.00		
137319 - 83177-Sun. Night Squad 4 Isanti	21.75		21.75			718334 - 5123 Keep It Simple	0.00		200.00		
140016 - 85613-Fri AM AA North Branch	0.00		100.00			721677 - 7385 Thursday Night BB Grp	50.00		50.00		
142131 - 90338-Forest Lake 12X12 Study	0.00		15.00			4000-13 - District 13 Contributions - Other	125.00		165.00		
167901 - 7282-Thursday Night 7 pm AA	0.00		50.00			Total 4000-13 - District 13 Contributions	525.00		1,080.00		
171684 - 17191-Unity AA	186.40		216.40			4000-14 - District 14 Contributions					
307923 - Daily Reprieve Group	60.00		160.00			631781 - 84047 Sunday Morning Open Gro	200.00		200.00		
666121 - 24817-Isanti Mon Night Open	0.00		40.00			Total 4000-14 - District 14 Contributions	200.00		200.00		
684775 - 91822-A Woman's Way Group	40.00		80.00			4000-15 - District 15 Contributions					
684788 - 26582-Wed Nite AA 6 PM	0.00		40.00			102997 Eden Valley Mon Nite	0.00		25.00		
Total 4000-06 - District 06 Contributions	608.43		1,509.43			323345-Womens Broad Highway	0.00		57.00		
4000-07 - District 07 Contributions						333333-333333 Dist 15 Other Gro	0.00		60.00		
324610 12 Steps for Women	25.00		25.00			487780 The Garage Group	0.00		50.00		
107749 - 106946-Mon Garrison Group	0.00		150.00			722310-99595 Cold Spring Grapev	0.00		150.00		
123531 - 71823-Sleepy Hollow Group	0.00		75.00			107693 - Cold Spring Friday Nite AA Grp	0.00		150.00		
123660 - 16875-Malmo Rhymer Reason Av	52.64		103.94			107797 - 19359 Melrose AA Group	100.00		100.00		
132510 - 48607-Pequot Lakes AA Group	0.00		100.00			107951 - 65281 Tues Night AA Sauk Centre	50.00		50.00		
609161 - 39348-Wednesday Woman's Wo	0.00		113.95			118632 - 94078 Avon Tues. Night Group	0.00		100.00		
609418 - 67938-Serenity in the Pines	0.00		75.00			167100 - 7217 Sauk Centre Thurs. Morning	0.00		75.00		
710094 - 73044 Sober Sailors Group	75.00		75.00			673438 - 7529 Thurs Night Fellowship	50.00		100.00		
726095 - 109491 Happy Hour Group	0.00		25.00			719372 - 71937-34287 New London Sund	200.00		400.00		
727272 - 223629 Design For Living Group	150.00		150.00			Total 4000-15 - District 15 Contributions	400.00		1,317.00		
4000-07 - District 07 Contributions - Other	60.00		310.00			4000-16 - District 16 Contributions					
Total 4000-07 - District 07 Contributions	362.64		1,202.89			117890 - 25115 Mon Night BB Grand Rapid	114.00		114.00		
4000-08 - District 08 Contributions						118696 - 14449 Fri Night Longville	0.00		50.00		
107486 - 96157 Biwabik Sun Night Group	100.00		100.00			120344 - 103049 Effie Group	0.00		100.00		
107523 - 27578 Mount Iron 12 x 12	150.00		150.00			125990 - 86282 Lawrence Lake AA	100.00		100.00		
107537 - 19851 Virginia Wed AM	0.00		50.00			259068 - Warba Discover AA	50.00		50.00		
107876 - 45232 Orr Tues. Nite AA	0.00		50.00			625896 - Wednesday Womens AA Group	0.00		250.00		
107970 - 106181 Virginia Fri Nite Open	0.00		75.00			665046 - 14170 Tues Nite Solutions Group	0.00		200.00		
120255 - 46826 Palo Kitchen Table #1	92.00		212.04			696926 - 99576 Cohasset North Group	0.00		150.00		
126501 - 92569 Alango Friday Night AA	70.00		70.00			4000-16 - District 16 Contributions - Other	33.00		33.00		
126625 - 235599 Gilbert Tues. AA	0.00		100.00			Total 4000-16 - District 16 Contributions	297.00		1,047.00		
128079 - 100191 Cotton Big Book	60.00		60.00			4000-17 - District 17 Contributions					
142087 - 84297-Cook Sun. Night Big Book	65.00		65.00			224034 Monday Night Mens	0.00		600.00		
171078 - 25414 Ely Monday Womens	334.00		334.00			294129-270179 Crosslake ThurN	50.00		75.00		
716110 - 6836 Lake Vermillion 12x12	200.00		200.00			123762 - 100545 Crosslake Tuesday Night	0.00		117.00		
Total 4000-08 - District 08 Contributions	1,071.00		1,466.04			Total 4000-17 - District 17 Contributions	50.00		792.00		
4000-09 - District 09 Contributions						4000-18 - District 18 Contributions					
444444-444444 Dist 9 Other Grou	0.00		20.00			107722 - 102265 Eagle Bend AA	0.00		100.00		
107763 - 110173 Thurs Morn Downtown Hib	0.00		50.00			107785 - 19219 Little Falls AA Club	250.00		250.00		
107764 - 110172-Hibbing Downtown Group	100.00		200.00			107787 - 14377 Long Prairie Alano	50.00		50.00		
107765 - 13824 Tues 8PM Hibbing Alano	0.00		50.00			132913 - 47111 Parkers Prairie AA	80.00		145.00		
107861 - Nashwauk Fri. Nite Group	80.00		80.00			637835 - 25133 Monday Courage To Char	0.00		250.00		
121039 - 42543 Zim Group	50.00		100.00			Total 4000-18 - District 18 Contributions	380.00		795.00		
128162 - 83295 Sunday 12x12 Step Group	80.00		80.00			4000-21 - District 21 Contributions					
138250 - 110174 Hibbing Sat Morning	0.00		100.00			888888-888888 Dist 21 Other Gro	15.00		15.00		
138435 - 94618 Sun. Balkan Group	0.00		40.00			107511 - 94573 Bagley AA	0.00		30.00		
179485 - As Bill Sees It - Hibbing	25.00		50.00			139141 - 76830 Spiritual Aw areness Group	118.65		118.65		
611186 - 24189 Mon. Big Book Group	50.00		60.00			145909 - 38031 Nooners AA Group	0.00		170.00		
694149 - 12541 Tues Afternoon Hibbing	75.00		75.00			158263 - 82268 Straight-Talk Group	20.00		20.00		
719309 - 8471-Hibbing Thursday Noon Gr	20.00		20.00			663310 - 77955 Squaw Lake Tues	0.00		241.00		
Total 4000-09 - District 09 Contributions	480.00		925.00			679835 - 105769 Big Book Study Bemidji	0.00		1,000.00		
4000-11 - District 11 Contributions						683774 - Women's Way Group	20.00		85.00		
107885 - 49354 Pine City AA Group	150.00		300.00			4000-21 - District 21 Contributions - Other	0.00		90.00		
107949 - 93029 Sandstone Amethyst Gro	200.00		200.00			Total 4000-21 - District 21 Contributions	173.65		1,769.65		
122533 - 41787 Thurs Ogilvie AA	75.00		75.00			4000 - Group Contributions - Other	200.00	9,000.00	500.00	22,500.00	54,000.00
141987 - 97036 Quamba Mon AA	75.00		75.00			Total 4000 - Group Contributions	7,656.03	9,000.00	18,142.72	22,500.00	54,000.00
646266 - 109567 Happy Joyous & Free	0.00		20.00			4100 - Birthday Contributions					
647203 - 33873-Willow River AA	0.00		50.00			4100-06 - District 6 BDay Contributions	0.00		48.00		
724683 - 19974 Moose Lake Vision of Hop	0.00		16.00			4100-08 - District 8 BDay Contributions	39.00		44.00		
Total 4000-11 - District 11 Contributions	500.00		736.00			4100-13 - District 13 BDay Contributions					
4000-12 - District 12 Contributions						B107498 Wed Night Happy Hour	69.35		69.35		
264855 Living in the Solution	0.00		100.00			Total 4100-13 - District 13 BDay Contributions	69.35		69.35		
107573 - 100551 Crossroads AA	24.61		51.01			Total 4100 - Birthday Contributions	108.35		161.35		
107708 - 239226 Phoenix AA Group	25.00		25.00			4200 - Special Contributions					
120338 - 83744 9am Sun Basic Text	150.00		150.00			4210 - MMYPA	0.00		194.91		
125933 - Rule 62 Group	50.00		50.00			4200 - Special Contributions - Other	0.00		15.00		
127270 - 94477 Back to Basics	50.00		125.00			Total 4200 - Special Contributions	0.00		209.91		
132613 - 67747 Serenity Club Inc.	200.00		250.00			4250 - Other-anonymous					
133564 - 9922 Lester Park Thursday BB	75.00		75.00			4253 - B-Day Contribution	0.00		30.00		
140763 - 6615 Thurs Noon Big book	0.00		100.00			4250 - Other-anonymous - Other	30.04		30.04		
172668 - 78663 Tuesday Night AA Group	50.00		50.00			Total 4250 - Other-anonymous	30.04		60.04		
635620 - 47870 Pattison Park Group	0.00		100.00			4500 - Service Workshop Registration	0.00		1,485.00		
637117 - 42746 On Awakening Group	0.00		400.00			4550 - Service Workshop Coffee	0.00		425.00		
4000-12 - District 12 Contributions - Other	0.00		50.00			4570 - Seventh Tradition	229.00		229.00		
Total 4000-12 - District 12 Contributions	624.61		1,526.01			4600 - Spring Assembly Coffee	563.50		563.50		
						4700 - Grapevine Sales	562.44		952.87		
						4710 - AAWS Literature Sales	2,644.50		4,553.28		
						4750 - NL Flyer Insert Income	450.00		698.00		
						4800 - Interest on Deposits	0.10		0.37		
						Total Income	12,243.96	9,000.00	27,481.04	22,500.00	54,000.00
						Gross Profit	12,243.96	9,000.00	27,481.04	22,500.00	54,000.00



	Apr - May 24	Budget	Jan - May 24	YTD Budget	Annual Budget		Apr - May 24	Budget	Jan - May 24	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Expense						7000 - Archives Chair					
5100 - Committee Meeting Rent	0.00	0.00	150.00	600.00	600.00	7000-01 - Meals	0.00	115.00	0.00	125.00	300.00
5120 - Grapevine Inventory	1,274.86		2,001.57			7000-02 - Travel	0.00	73.00	5.27	126.00	410.00
5125 - AAWS Literature Inventory	2,736.89		7,357.79			7000-03 - Lodging	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	682.00
5200 - Service Workshop						7000-05 - Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
5201 - Coffee	0.00	0.00	1,534.90	1,109.90	1,109.90	Total 7000 - Archives Chair	0.00	438.00	5.27	501.00	1,432.00
5202 - Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	7100 - Archivist					
5203 - Room Rental	0.00	0.00	2,048.01	2,048.01	2,048.01	7100-01 - Meals	0.00	60.00	48.28	108.00	598.00
5204 - Speaker Expenses	0.00	0.00	668.63	675.00	675.00	7100-02 - Travel	78.73	220.00	147.74	290.00	642.00
5205 - Supplies	0.00		49.01			7100-03 - Lodging	110.62	220.00	255.91	365.00	1,439.00
Total 5200 - Service Workshop	0.00	0.00	4,300.55	3,882.91	3,882.91	7100-05 - Supplies	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	675.00
5300 - Spring Assembly						7100-08 - Other	1,100.00	1,075.00	3,215.00	2,650.00	6,500.00
5301 - Room Rental	3,311.80	3,500.00	3,311.80	3,500.00	3,500.00	Total 7100 - Archivist	1,289.35	1,975.00	3,666.93	3,813.00	9,854.00
5302 - Coffee	385.00	250.00	385.00	250.00	250.00	7200 - Corrections					
5303 - Other	94.84	250.00	94.84	250.00	250.00	7200-01 - Meals	42.45	60.00	65.28	83.00	303.00
Total 5300 - Spring Assembly	3,791.64	4,000.00	3,791.64	4,000.00	4,000.00	7200-02 - Travel	169.53	150.87	365.27	347.87	698.58
5350 - Zonal Forums	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	7200-03 - Lodging	110.62	110.00	220.88	220.00	597.00
5360 - State Fair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00	7200-05 - Supplies	0.00	120.00	28.39	120.00	381.39
5400 - Fall Assembly						7200-07 - Postage	21.80		21.80		
5401 - Room Rental Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	7200-08 - Other	0.00	0.00	43.52	44.00	844.00
5402 - Coffee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	Total 7200 - Corrections	344.40	440.87	745.14	814.87	2,823.97
5403 - Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	7300 - CPC					
Total 5400 - Fall Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	7300-01 - Meals	0.00	95.00	0.00	95.00	300.00
6550 - Finance Oversight Committee						7300-02 - Travel	36.28	22.50	36.28	22.50	270.00
6550-01 - Meals	0.00	0.00	48.94	60.00	90.00	7300-03 - Lodging	110.62	220.00	110.62	220.00	574.00
6550-02 - Travel	0.00	0.00	15.48	0.00	69.00	7300-05 - Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
6550-04 - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	15.00	7300-08 - Other	27.50	0.00	27.50	0.00	100.00
6550 - Finance Oversight Committee - Other	0.00		15.00			Total 7300 - CPC	174.40	337.50	174.40	337.50	1,544.00
Total 6550 - Finance Oversight Committee	0.00	0.00	79.42	75.00	174.00	7400 - Grapevine					
Total Expense	7,803.39	4,150.00	17,680.97	8,707.91	11,006.91	7400-01 - Meals	28.48	95.00	77.42	144.00	419.00
Net Ordinary Income	4,440.57	4,850.00	9,800.07	13,792.09	42,993.09	7400-02 - Travel	61.34	61.00	92.30	91.00	415.00
Other Income/Expense						7400-03 - Lodging	286.20	220.00	551.21	485.00	839.00
Other Expense						7400-05 - Supplies	0.00	0.00	9.93	10.00	10.00
6100 - Delegate						7400-07 - Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	110.00
6100-01 - Meals	30.61	70.00	154.64	194.03	284.03	7400-08 - Other	0.00	0.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
6100-02 - Travel	89.63	2,890.59	191.28	2,997.51	5,868.51	Total 7400 - Grapevine	376.02	376.00	745.86	745.00	1,808.00
6100-03 - Lodging	110.62	110.00	403.44	402.82	579.82	7500 - Group Records Secretary					
6100-05 - Supplies	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	7500-01 - Meals	45.00	60.00	102.50	121.00	271.00
6100-06 - Printing	104.99	500.00	238.82	633.83	833.83	7500-02 - Travel	30.00	75.00	70.27	166.00	516.00
6100-08 - Other	0.00	0.00	2,243.52	43.52	43.52	7500-03 - Lodging	105.00	110.00	250.00	255.00	255.00
6100 - Delegate - Other	0.00		5.27			7500-06 - Printing	20.00		20.00		
Total 6100 - Delegate	335.85	3,620.59	3,236.97	4,321.71	7,659.71	7500-08 - Other	0.00	0.00	48.85	49.00	49.00
6200 - Alternate Delegate						Total 7500 - Group Records Secretary	200.00	245.00	491.62	531.00	1,091.00
6200-01 - Meals	120.62	100.00	165.62	235.00	440.00	7600 - Literature					
6200-02 - Travel	150.00	45.00	165.00	163.00	344.00	7600-01 - Meals	58.00	10.00	68.00	20.00	40.00
6200-03 - Lodging	257.00	100.00	402.29	445.29	622.29	7600-02 - Travel	83.00	98.60	116.80	281.91	679.10
6200-06 - Printing	0.00	0.00	42.00	47.00	182.00	7600-03 - Lodging	220.00	220.00	388.00	588.00	1,142.00
6200-08 - Other	0.00	0.00	15.00	40.00	40.00	7600-07 - Postage	25.75		25.75		
Total 6200 - Alternate Delegate	527.62	245.00	789.91	930.29	1,628.29	7600-08 - Other	25.00	0.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
6300 - Chairperson						Total 7600 - Literature	411.75	328.60	638.55	923.91	1,901.10
6300-01 - Meals	44.97	80.00	179.77	214.80	414.80	7700 - Northern Light					
6300-02 - Travel	7.38	50.00	93.65	91.72	371.72	7700-01 - Meals	25.00	40.00	56.00	71.00	161.00
6300-03 - Lodging	110.62	220.00	589.26	698.64	1,052.64	7700-02 - Travel	30.00	24.00	129.50	124.00	346.00
6300-05 - Supplies	21.78	0.00	50.50	29.00	29.00	7700-03 - Lodging	50.00	110.00	293.64	353.00	530.00
6300-06 - Printing	0.00	0.00	193.15	307.00	607.00	7700-06 - Printing	1,055.25	400.00	1,943.36	873.00	2,473.00
6300-08 - Other	0.00	0.00	43.52	43.52	343.52	7700-07 - Postage	4.80	415.00	4.80	830.00	2,490.00
Total 6300 - Chairperson	184.75	350.00	1,149.85	1,384.68	2,818.68	7700-08 - Other	0.00	0.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
6400 - Secretary						Total 7700 - Northern Light	1,165.05	989.00	2,467.30	2,291.00	6,040.00
6400-01 - Meals	60.00	100.00	199.73	247.43	452.43	7800 - Public Information					
6400-02 - Travel	43.20	45.00	112.49	162.00	343.00	7800-01 - Meals	38.49	60.00	143.64	165.00	315.00
6400-03 - Lodging	125.00	125.00	325.00	325.00	502.00	7800-02 - Travel	63.73	60.00	240.54	238.00	503.00
6400-05 - Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	932.50	947.50	7800-03 - Lodging	156.92	110.00	607.15	560.00	740.00
6400-06 - Printing	0.00		927.50			7800-08 - Other	0.00	0.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
6400-07 - Postage	0.00	0.00	12.48	12.48	12.48	Total 7800 - Public Information	259.14	230.00	1,031.33	1,003.00	1,598.00
6400-08 - Other	0.00	0.00	40.00	540.00	540.00	7900 - Treatment					
Total 6400 - Secretary	228.20	270.00	1,617.20	2,219.41	2,797.41	7900-01 - Meals	0.00	80.00	28.50	109.00	209.00
6500 - Treasurer						7900-02 - Travel	0.00	63.00	51.00	114.00	385.00
6500-01 - Meals	51.26	90.00	188.53	227.51	547.51	7900-03 - Lodging	0.00	220.00	0.00	220.00	370.00
6500-02 - Travel	39.00	39.00	224.09	187.27	507.27	7900-06 - Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
6500-03 - Lodging	110.67	110.00	354.31	355.29	532.29	7900-08 - Other	0.00	0.00	15.00	15.00	35.00
6500-05 - Supplies	30.04	200.00	453.28	519.60	519.60	Total 7900 - Treatment	0.00	363.00	94.50	458.00	1,099.00
6500-06 - Printing	178.13	75.00	708.86	606.00	871.00	7950 - Webmaster					
6500-07 - Postage	83.95	240.00	233.50	389.55	389.55	7950-01 - Meals	112.60	60.00	164.00	111.00	291.00
6500-08 - Other	0.00	340.00	48.85	389.00	389.00	7950-02 - Travel	163.19	93.00	248.45	179.00	514.50
Total 6500 - Treasurer	493.05	1,094.00	2,211.42	2,674.22	3,756.22	7950-03 - Lodging	481.54	220.00	481.54	220.00	574.00
						7950-08 - Other	0.00	0.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
						Total 7950 - Webmaster	757.33	373.00	908.99	525.00	1,394.50
						8000 - Web Technology					
						8000-08 - Software Products	248.10	220.90	1,138.86	1,111.35	2,267.66
						Total 8000 - Web Technology	248.10	220.90	1,138.86	1,111.35	2,267.66
						8050 - Audio Technician					
						8050-02 - Travel	50.00	65.00	89.75	105.00	197.20
						8050-05 - Supplies	495.70		495.70		
						8050-08 - Other	18.19	1,120.00	33.19	1,135.00	1,135.00
						Total 8050 - Audio Technician	563.89	1,185.00	618.64	1,240.00	1,332.20
						Total Other Expense	7,558.90	13,081.46	21,732.74	25,890.94	52,905.74
						Net Other Income	-7,558.90	-13,081.46	-21,732.74	-25,890.94	-52,905.74
						Net Income	-3,118.33	-8,231.46	-11,332.67	-12,098.85	-9,912.65

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GSR

TRI-DISTRICT WORKSHOP

June 1, 2024

Good Afternoon. My name is Mary W., and I am an alcoholic. I am the GSR for the Cook Sunday Night Big Book Group. I was asked to make a presentation on the responsibilities of the GSR. Although I am the last person who wants to have all eyes on them, I learned early on in AA that we don't say "NO". So, I said "Yes" to the mission, and here I am, outside of my comfort zone.

My grandson, Nolan, is a chiropractor, who has a practice outside of Dallas, Texas in a lovely town named - WAIT FOR IT - "Grapevine." When he began his 3-year program, he gifted me a book entitled: "How's Your Atlas." The Atlas is the vertebrae at the base of the skull. Beyond informing about how chiropractors generally help people, the book focused on how the spinal cord is the vital link between the brain and all the organs and muscles of the body, transmitting millions of messages. When there is a misalignment of the vertebrae, there is pressure on areas of the spinal cord, which causes an interruption, or diminishing, of the transmission of those messages. Consequently, our general health can be negatively impacted. I thought the importance of the spinal cord to the functioning of our body would be a good analogy for why a GSR is vital to the health of A.A.

According to the GSO, through service as a GSR, we allow the group's conscience to become part of the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

We are encouraged to share with our groups the contents of the G.S.O. Newsletter, Box 4-5-9, which contains AA news and current AA experiences on how members and groups handle various situations that arise. Profiles of new hires, and stories about their journey to sobriety are featured.

GSRs are asked to attend the monthly meetings of their District, the two Area 35 Assemblies held each year, the Area Workshop in January, and to attend or participate in workshops like the one being held today.

GSRs are better equipped to serve their groups if they read the material suggested in the Service Manual. These materials include the following: AA's Legacy of Service Pamphlets: "GSR General Service Representative," "The AA Group, AA Tradition – How it Developed," "Twelve Traditions Illustrated," and "Twelve Concepts Illustrated." And, the following books: "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions," "Twelve Concepts of World Service," "Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age," "Our Great Responsibility," and "The Language of the Heart."

So far, my favorite pamphlet is: "Twelve Steps Illustrated." It is an abbreviation of the Steps, with a fun narrative and some interesting scenarios. The cartoon illustrations are delightful, and bring the Steps to life, helping a person to better understand their point.

I read in "Where Money and Spirituality Mix," that many groups look to their GSRs for specific information about A.A. finances. Bringing the Area 35 Budget back to the groups and making it available for review, informs them exactly what the budget consists of, which is basically the guesstimated expenses of Area Officers, Committee Chairs, the cost of Assemblies, and the Workshop, based on what the costs were one or two years prior. Members can decide for themselves if their contributions are being spent wisely & responsibly.

GSRs are encouraged to get a Service Sponsor, to avoid trying to do "general service" alone. The Service Sponsor can make the difference between struggling in one's service position, and gaining a sense of purpose and accomplishment. They are there to answer questions about the GSR's responsibilities, and talk you down if you get overwhelmed. I have been talked down. Both my Sponsor and my Service Sponsor strongly suggested that I only take on ONE major commitment. I had considered throwing my hat in the ring to be District 8 Secretary. Boy Howdy, am I glad that I heeded their advice.

When a GSR attends their monthly District meetings, most of the time there are issues that the DCM requests the GSRs take back to their groups, in order to get the group's conscience, or voice, that can be taken back to the District, and *down* the pipeline to the Area and possibly the GSO.

GSRs give a report at the monthly District meetings. These reports inform the body of what each group has been doing, what sobriety birthdays have been celebrated, if their group is growing, activities they are planning to help carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. There is **always** an invitation to stop on by and enjoy the "best coffee in town."

Area Assemblies are founts of information, and GSRs are informed about actions taken at the bottom of the Triangle, why they were taken, and what procedures/processes were followed to get there.

During Assemblies, issues are brought up, and GSRs are asked to take them back to their groups. The GSRs are given background information on these issues to share with their groups, which enables them to make an informed group conscience.

The decisions made at ensuing Assemblies and General Conference meetings will be based on those group voices. Sometimes, when GSRs receive new information at the District meeting or Area Assembly, they will exercise their "Right of Decision," and possibly change their group conscience vote. They also use this "Right of Decision" when a new issue arises at the Assembly, which needs to be decided then. When they



report back to their groups, the GSRs explain why they changed the group conscience vote, and explain their vote on the "Floor Action."

In the first year of the 2-year rotation, at the Spring Assembly, GSRs provide to the Area their group's conscience on the Agenda Items that will be discussed and voted on at the General Conference. GSRs read and summarize for their group members background information on these Agenda Items, enabling the groups to ask informed questions, discuss, and vote.

In the second year of the 2-year rotation, at the Fall Assembly, we have the privilege of expressing our group's conscience for Area 35 Officers, Committee Chairs, and our Area 35 Delegate.

These are weighty matters and have a big impact on the health of our Fellowship.

I found it a bit disconcerting when, during the GSR Sharing Session at the Area 35 Spring Assembly, the question was asked: "How do we get our group members interested in attending our business meetings/group conscience meetings?" One GSR said she "bribes" with food. Another said that their group gives them 10 minutes.

It feels like many members view AA through the lens of their own groups, focusing on paying the rent and coffee, and a few pamphlets and books.

If groups are not interested in listening to the reports from their GSRs, do not care to participate in a discussion on issues being brought to them, and do not vote and make their voices known, there is an interruption in the flow of information, and that interruption can negatively impact the AA Fellowship.

One thing I believe can be done is for GSRs to educate/inform their groups on what the Districts, Areas and GSO do, how what they do benefits us, and how their actions enhance the ways in which AA carries the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

When group members are given the opportunity to be fully informed, perhaps it will spark more interest in GSR reports and participation in reaching a group conscience. Most importantly, GSRs can remind their group members that their voices matter, and without it, the upside-down triangle will not be effective.

An approach to accomplish this is to pick the brain of your Service Sponsor, talk to people who have been GSRs in the past, suggest people read certain pamphlets, and DO THE READING. The reading can be overwhelming.

In that connection: my mother, Elna, was the type of mom: If Elna's up, we are all up. Everything was chop, chop, do it now. Be early or on time; never late. I recall one day she and another mom, Harriet, were going someplace, and my mom was driving. Harriet was rarely in any hurry. After Elna figured she had waited long enough, she started slowly driving down the street; Harriet came tearing out of her house.

I was a legal secretary, and in that job, there were nothing but deadlines, so I spent around 30 years hurrying, hurrying, hurrying five days a week, and some weekends.

I am a Type A personality. Combining that with growing up in my mom's chop, chop world, and working for attorneys, it is no wonder I can feel the blood coursing through my veins most of the time and think everything has to be done now. I will race through tasks and then sit there, with hours left in the day, wondering "What do I do now?"

When I realized how much reading I needed to do, as well as how much information I was required to digest, I got a little panicked. I took a deep breath, reminded myself that Rome was not built in a day, and now I carve out time here and there to do the suggested reading. I am applying this approach to my life in general, and it is starting to make a positive difference.

After plowing through some of the material suggested by the GSO (I am still working on it), I have made available to my group the pamphlet on self-support, "Where Money and Spirituality Mix," "Traditions Checklist," "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated," "Box 4-5-9", CONFERENCE ADVISORY ACTIONS OF THE 74<sup>th</sup> GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE, and the GENERAL SERVICE BOARD REPORT. Recently, I have provided to my group copies of a recent Proposed Agenda Item, together with background information, on the issue of changing the Founder's writings.

At the Area 35 Spring Assembly, we were told that the GSR is one of the most important positions in the AA Fellowship. I blushed at the thought, but now believe it to be true. Without them, needed and important information cannot effectively be transmitted to the groups, and groups cannot transmit their voice.

In a nutshell, GSRs **are** the conduit for transmitting information from the Districts, Area and GSO to their groups, and then sending our group consciences to the District, Area and GSO. As the pamphlet the "G.S.R General Services Representative" states: It is up to the GSR to keep the two-way communication going between their group and the Conference.

Although being a GSR can be daunting, it is rewarding. We experience Fellowship, we learn how it all works, we gain some confidence, and we begin to make some nice acquaintances along the way.

I would say that the most important thing a GSR can do, is relax, have fun, and enjoy the ride.

Mary W  
GSR – Cook Sunday Night Big Book.

## Service is the Secret: helping others get to meetings is a Spiritual high

I first heard about Bridging the Gap (BTG) in 2002 as a new GSR. I was assigned to the Treatment Committee. I learned BTG was a service that would provide a temporary AA contact to escort treatment program clients to their first AA meeting after leaving treatment. This way, a newcomer would not have to walk into an AA meeting alone. I thought it was a great idea. Fast forward about twenty years later, I attended a Corrections Workshop in November 2023. My motive for being there was I had just been elected DCM for the upcoming rotation and we did not have a Corrections Chair. As the new DCM I decided to join Corrections at the Area level to become better informed and to help the district. The Corrections Workshop was great! Very inspiring. I was very interested in the Corrections Temporary Contact Program (CTCP). I understood the process to a degree from when I was a GSR. The Corrections Chair was looking for women to become temporary contacts that day. There were women very close to being released in the St. Cloud area soon and letter writers were needed. I signed up to be a CTCP person.

I remember studying the email from the Area Corrections Chair with a woman's picture and information, thinking, "I could have done that, It could have been me". Suddenly I was very excited to share my story. I wrote out my letter where I described what I was really like as an active alcoholic and how my life is today. I explained that for me Alcoholics Anonymous was the solution to my living problems. After I sent it, I found myself connecting with this woman, thinking "She must have liked getting mail", "I wonder what her day is like?" A few weeks later in mid-December I sent a Christmas card with a short letter. Again, I was thinking about what it would be like to spend Christmas in a correctional facility, and how she was doing. I was so happy in January when I received a long letter from her. She let me know she would love to go to an AA meeting with me, so I wrote her back.

During this time my mother was hospitalized and in a rehabilitation center. I am the only one of her children who lives close by and was very pressed with caregiver responsibilities. I also suffered a serious physical injury right before I was leaving for a month in Mexico. Everything was merging at once. It's so easy to become self-centered while experiencing extra stress and worrying about the future. Self-pity and fearful thoughts were starting in. Interestingly the correspondence and thinking about my AA friend got me right out of it. Reaching out to another alcoholic kept me from thinking about myself and my problems. It is only when I push my self-centeredness aside and make room in my mind for God. That's when the thought came, God's got it.

I found myself saying, "You are okay, your AA friend is okay, your mom will be okay". One of my biggest concerns was connecting with my AA friend before I left. I let go and let God, went to the P.O. box just before my trip. As I walked into the Post Office, I had an overwhelming sense of love and gratitude. With confidence (and with only one day to spare) I opened the box. There it was! The letter from the correctional facility! Oh, happy day.

The letter contained all her information with a program from her graduation ceremony and a picture of the class. I was able to text her and support her while I was away. God really is in charge. The best part happened while we were corresponding, she mentioned a woman from my homegroup that she knew from the past. She wanted to go back to her old group, which happened to be my homegroup. Imagine how happy we were when I was back from Mexico, and she walked into my homegroup. She reconnected with her friend who now gives her, and several other women rides to the meeting.

Service keeps me grounded in my recovery. I get to experience that Spiritual energy each week when I see the women come in together for the meeting and are now "regulars". Today I know that the Living Grace of God moves through me and through all of us. When I just say "yes" to what is in front of me, I am richly Blessed and experience a life beyond my wildest dreams. Thank God for AA!

Peggy M.  
DCM D13

## Once Upon a Starry Night

Very early in my sobriety my newfound AA friends began taking me along with them to jail, prison, workhouse, and detox center meetings. At the time I didn't think I had anything to contribute that could help anyone else. I went along anyway, and it helped me a lot.

Since then (1975), I have been involved with AA's corrections efforts one way or another.

A few years ago, I took three inmates to an open /potluck meeting in a neighboring town. These three gentlemen were state prison inmates that were serving the last portion of their sentences in our county jail.

On the way back to the jail from the meeting about 9:00 PM, I thought I heard some 'oohs and 'ah's' coming from the person in the seat right behind me. Since my hearing is not very good, and all three of the inmates were in my charge under supervision passes, I thought I had better check it out.

When I asked what was going on, the inmate in the seat behind me commented on how clear the sky was, and how bright the stars were. Then he said, "Do you realize that it has been nearly six years since I have seen the stars at night?"

If I am never rewarded any more than that for being in our corrections efforts, that would be just fine with me. The fact of the matter is that in every jail meeting I attend; I go away with more than I bring. I have learned so much from this wonderful experience.

I haven't taken my sobriety for granted, it's a day at a time gift. Now that I don't take my other freedoms and being able to enjoy a beautiful star lit sky at night-any night granted wither.

Submitted by Brent T.

## AREA OFFICER & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

### DELEGATE- DIANE R

Hi Friends,

Since we last met, I had the opportunity to present two presentations on Reports Back from the Conference. The Report Back in St. Cloud included District 13 and District 15 which met on June 3 at the St. Cloud Alano Club. The meeting had snacks and drinks for everyone. The Report Back room was full. The fellowship always asks good questions. Thank you for having me and to all that attended and participated. Of course, I always love our discussion and participation which shows love for the A.A. program.

On June 9, Districts 11, 5, and 6 met at the Isanti Alano Club for a Report-Back from the Conference. First, we ate lunch and dessert. The event was well attended with lots of excellent discussion and questions from the fellowship. There were three past delegates in attendance that helped to answer some of the questions. Also, there were members in attendance from Area 36. Thank you to all that attended and participated.

There were two other Report Backs from the Conference scheduled in June but one cancelled due to the weather and may reschedule. The other one had members that already heard the report back, so we just ate ice cream.

There will be a Trustee-at-Large/U.S. vacancy following the 2025 General Service Conference. Two Nonalcoholic (Class A) trustee vacancies will occur on the General Service Board at the conclusion of the 75<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. More information about Class A Trustee and Class B Trustee-at-Large can be found in the A.A. Service Manual.

Rooms for the West Central Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (WCRAASC) will be at the Best Western for \$99.00 a night. Discussions are continuing about the Zoom option at the WCRAASC due to lack of members with experience necessary. Charlie H., WCR Trustee, will invite the speaker which may be a Class A Trustee.

PSA's – Sobriety in AA; My Drinking Built a Wall and When Drinking Is No Longer A Party are new PSAs. They are going to publication and should be available shortly for order.

Pat M., alternate delegate, and I met with Charlie H. on a Zoom call to work out some of the details of our January Workshop. We had a good discussion and look forward to meeting our WCR Trustee at the workshop.

I received a text message from a group inquiring about making a Linguistic District in Area 35. Vickie R., our Area Chair, will follow up with them.

In a recent letter from the Bob W., General Manager, G.S.O., he stated that that from January to May 2024, contributions were up 4%. Net profit from literature sales were down \$200,000. He stated that expenses are trending under budget. Scott H. is the new Chair of the General Service Board.

In service with Tolerance, Kindness and Love,

Diane R., Area 35 Delegate

### ALTERNATE DELEGATE-PAT M

Hello area 35, I am your Alternate delegate and I am alcoholic.

So what have I been up to? I've been busy with the winter workshop which will be held in Crookston Minnesota on January 11th and 12th. Our guest speaker will be our new West Central Trustee, Charlie Hannah. I will be contacting districts on presenting at the workshop. The theme for the workshop will be, working together, increasing trust.

I've also been attending conference reports with Diane. I've been to several reports back. It's always interesting to hear other people's perspectives on the report. I have been in contact with a few districts that I plan on visiting. I've also been attending NAAD meetings and a Delegates meetings. West Central Trustee Charles Hannah has been a breath of fresh air, so far I would encourage everyone to come to the Winter workshop and meet Charlie.

Yours in service, Pat Middendorf

### CHAIR – VICKI R

No report. given

### SECRETARY – DENISE RINNE

Greetings Area 35,

Since the June ACM I have completed the Minutes from that and emailed them to all Area 35 Officers, Chairs, DCM's and past Delegates. If you did not receive them or would like to be added to the mailing list to receive them, please let me know at [secretary@area35.org](mailto:secretary@area35.org)

Thank you for allowing me to serve,  
Denise R

### TREASURER – HEIDI B

Hello Area 35 –

All 2025 budgets have been finalized and were sent to the Northern Light editor, Jennifer T, for inclusion in this issue of the Northern Light. Our total estimated budget for 2025 is \$73,702.82. Our estimated group contributions for 2025 (at this time) are \$55,000 (based on 2024 projected contributions). Our 2024 budget was \$63,638.

This budget includes travel to the West Central Regional Forum, which happens only **every other year**. We did not have this expense for 2024. With this in mind, I prepared several options regarding the West Central Regional Service Conference in Casper, WY and the West Central Regional Forum in Omaha, NE. One option includes travel expenses for our Delegate and Alt Delegate only to travel to each event. A second option is for Area Officers only to travel to each event and a third option is for all Area Committee Chairs and Officers who are willing/able to travel to each event. Please look at all budgets with WCR event options with your groups. We will be voting on the 2025 budgets at Fall Assembly. Please consider your own group contributions when discussing this budget. *Please note: In 2023, 208 groups contributed to the Area. If 208 groups again send contributions to the area in 2025, each of these groups would need to send \$354 (\$29.53 monthly) to support the estimated area budget. Is this feasible for your group? This needs to be considered when discussing the budget. Please reach out to me if you have any questions about this.*

May reconciliation reports have been sent to the FOC committee for review. Our 2023 annual report has been filed with the Minnesota Attorney General's Office as required for Mn non-profits.

#### Period 4: 6/1/24 – 6/30/24

Group Contributions	\$4,160.76
Literature/Other income	<u>\$2,734.25</u>
Total	\$6,895.01

Total Expenses	<u>\$3,801.33</u>
Net Income	\$3,093.68

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Heidi B

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### WEBMASTER – TERRY P

No report. given

#### NORTHERN LIGHT – JENNIFER T.

Since the last ACM, I have been waiting for submissions from members and was delighted to get a couple for this edition. Hopefully more will come in from our district for the next edition. I am enjoying getting flyers for area events and seeing how active our districts are. I am filled with gratitude for getting to serve in this position.

#### GROUP RECORDS – PHYLLIS K

Hi all!

If your group is registered at Fellowship Connection, but not on the Meeting Guide:

Please email me the day and time of your meeting, any specifics (like closed or open meeting) and I'll add your meeting to the Meeting Guide. Fellowship Connection (FC) does not track day and time of your meeting, so I need this from you. I have emailed the list to your DCMs.

The Meeting Guide updates at 7am and 7pm ET, so we can see the changes after 6pm of the day they are listed.

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GSRs/Contact People: 23 added and 1 removed  
The Meeting Guide: 12 removed and 7 added  
The Mailing List 11 Added and 4 removed  
District Changes: 0  
Groups: 4 Added and 4 removed  
Help Messages: 3  
Returned Northern Lights: 2 for \$1.60.

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What it takes to be registered at Fellowship Connection (FC) is a GSR with name, address, and phone number or a contact person (with the same info). This keeps your group registered and active at this GSO database. Then, you can be listed in The Meeting Guide. Without an email address, FC has to enter you, I can't do it.

I am happy to report that with DCM help, we have eliminated our UN-

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KNOWN List of groups at Fellowship Connection. There are 3 groups I still need contacts for the Meeting Guide and they will be removed from the Meeting Guide July 24, 2024 if contact information not provided.

I am beginning to understand the correlation between Fellowship Connection (FC) and the Minnesota Meeting Guide better. When we give our information, we are connecting to each other, not just giving it to GSO. The registrar (presently me) enters the information that is viewable to servants in our Area (and GSO helps when there is no email). We are not anonymous to each other. I checked with the AAWS Tech Services Senior Director and our website is up to business standards of security for credit card/personal information-level from the outside world.

The Minnesota Meeting Guide is a publication of our registered and active groups at FC. Per our agreement with them, we only post groups and not meetings. This is our way of keeping contact with our groups and knowing that a meeting is still active and present. If I can't get contact information of name, email, and phone, the meeting will be removed from the Meeting Guide.

The Meeting Guide does not publish the contact's name and information. It is confidential.

I ran into 3 incidences since taking this job of published meetings being absent and missing current contacts:

A person went out of town and called me for contact for an AA group there, after going to the meeting and the door never opened. The contact had quit months ago. I gave him the group contact for the next town over, after he drove over an hour to attend that group and found the door locked. The contact person told him that they had folded months ago.

A man rode his bike 11 miles to attend a meeting and the door was locked. He contacted another AA member, who told him the meeting had folded months ago. That member contacted me.

I called a lady listed as a contact for a group and she had moved from that town "years ago."

I got a help call to find a meeting in one of our towns and I typed him the list posted on the Meeting Guide of 13 meetings. I have called all the contacts since to verify their meetings (no DCM) and found them to be there. Thank God! This was a newcomer.

When anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA to always be there, and for that, I am responsible. When I called for help, I called a number in the phone book. I shudder to think what may have happened if no one answered the phone. I was still half-drunk and waffling about getting help.

Please remember to email me when your group folds, gets a new GSR/Contact Person, or changes information-yours and/or your group. DCMs, you can send me a list of your GSRs/Contact People and District Chairs (with their information); and I will check through and update FC and the Meeting Guide.

In grateful service, Phyllis K

**LITERATURE – MIKE U**  
No report given

**PUBLIC INFORMATION – RANDY A**  
No report given

**TREATMENT – KYLE H**  
No report given

**CPC - MARY S**

No report given

**ARCHIVIST – MARC N**

To date follow-up on a request into AA early members in Canada has come up empty. As with other research about early members it is hard to find, maybe because we are anonymous. At the group level we know each other by first and last name, but not always. There is little documented history of group members. District and Area members do appear in their respective records, if kept in archives.

We are doing an open house at the archives repository, (9 3<sup>rd</sup> St NE, Aitkin, MN) the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every month, 12:00 noon to 4:00 PM. Please offer feedback. Remember the archives are open for a while after ACM, please stop by. Visitors are welcome by appointment. Assistance with research is available by request. Donations of AA related items in print, digital, or audio/video form are graciously received.

In Service, Archivist, Marc

**ARCHIVES – CATHY R**

No report given

**GRAPEVINE – TERRY A**

Greeting from Terry A, Alcoholic and Grapevine Committee Chair.

Some wonderful ways our "Meeting in Print" is getting into the hands of alcoholics that have a difficult time getting to meetings are by AA Groups, Districts, or individuals buying subscriptions for Jails and other institutions that have few meetings able to bring meetings to them. These last few years have made it hard for meetings to get reestablished back in these institutions.

Subscriptions to the Grapevine have gone up to \$36 for a year's subscription. This is the only increase in the last 12 years. That's \$3.00 an issue - great deal!!! There are other ways of getting Grapevine stories around, and that is by having the Grapevine Committee Chair or District Chair at your next Workshop, Round-up, or Annual / Anniversary Meeting.

The New "Our Twelve Steps" has been very popular. A group has incorporated this into their 12 Steps Group and has held some very good conversation.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

**CORRECTIONS - MARK R**

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God Bless you all, Mark



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7TH TRADITION PRIORITIES		LITERATURE FUND	
Priority #1	Pay Our Own Way	Moneys received (cash & venmo) from "Literature Sold" automatically go into the "Literature Fund" to be used to replenish our literature supply.	
Be able to pay our bills: rent, etc.			
Priority #2	A Voice & Vote		
Financially ensure we have a Voice & Voting Representation at District & Area. (Financial Support of GSR)			
Priority #3	Prudent Reserve	2024 GSR FUND (1/4/24)	
Money Set Aside to Protect the Group in Hard Times.		\$225 x 3 (Mar, May, Sept) = \$675	2024 Budget \$750
Priority #4	Support AA as a Whole	\$75 x 1 (Nov) = \$75	
Contribute to AA Service Entities (District, Area, GSO, Intergroup)		Total: \$750 / 12mo = **\$62.50/mo	
		PRUDENT RESERVE (1/4/24)	
		Prudent Reserve as decided by Group Conscience is equivalent to 3 Mo Rent	
		2024 Budget \$375	

### 7th Tradition for Group fund disbursement in order of importance

"I've been having a lot of conversations lately that focus on self support and how groups use their 7th tradition contributions...

Seems money, property, authority, and the sorts are still a major controversy within some groups.

The way I was taught is that the Group has 4 levels of self support to meet..

In order of importance per the teaching of the old timers that taught me Traditions.

1. Be able to pay its own way (*Pay its bills*)
2. Ensure it has a voice and voting representation in AA as a whole through the service structure at District and Area. (*election and financial support of GSR and the efforts of the GSR*)
3. Money set aside to protect the group in hard times (*Prudent Reserve*)
4. Contributions to the whole of the society (*District, Area, GSO, Central Office/Intergroup*) to ensure AA remains Strong and relevant.

Lack of Tradition knowledge and apathy towards Traditions have a serious ripple effect though our society..

This is why those of us who know Traditions should never be silent on the issues that confront us.

Our verbal expression of Traditions and our example may be the only reference to Traditions that some members get.

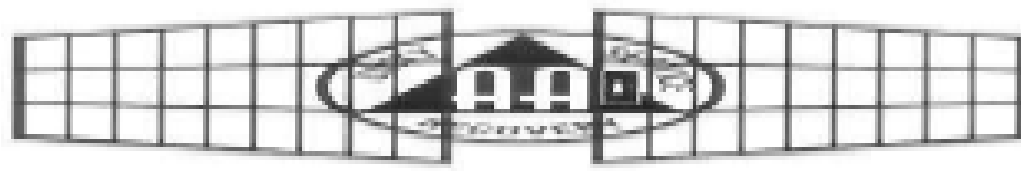
Through repetition — the message can eventually get through."

-Wayne H. Panel 72 Delegate

**Share your experience, strength & hope with Area 35 by writing an article for the Northern Light. We want to hear from you!**

**Did you have a great time at an Assembly? Is your home group bringing a meeting to a local treatment center or correctional facility? Please tell us about it. Send an email to: [northernlight@area35.org](mailto:northernlight@area35.org).**

**\*\*All submissions must be approved by the Northern Light committee.\*\***



## DISTRICT 13 CORRECTIONS

### MCF-St Cloud RIVERS Program A.A. Meetings

Every THURSDAY 6:15pm - 7:15pm - Will meet at the Main Entrance -  
Meetings are being held in the Chapel.

*Freedom, It's An Inside Job*



*Redemption*

*Help Unlock the A.A. Message of Hope*



*Restoration*

## 12<sup>th</sup> STEP SERVICE

*Help Carry The Message To The Most Difficult to Reach, Those Who Are Not Free To Attend Meetings.*

*There Are No Second Class A.A. Members, Some Are Locked Up Behind Physical Bars, But Their Minds Are Free. Some Members Are Not Physically Locked Up, But Their Minds Are In Prison!*



For more information or application forms, Contact:

Mark R. at: [corrections@area35.org](mailto:corrections@area35.org)

OR

Peggy M. at: [dcml3@area35.org](mailto:dcml3@area35.org)

*Thank you for your Compassion and Willingness to Serve!*

## \*\*\* VOLUNTEER INVITATION \*\*\*

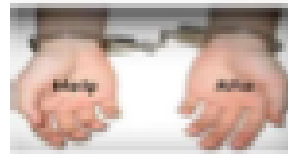
Join The A.A. Area 35/Area 36 Statewide Corrections Committee

Redemption

Reconciliation

Peace

Support



FREEDOM ....

IT'S AN INSIDE JOB

- We meet to ensure consistency in our relationship with MN department of Corrections facilities, including participation in Transition Events for the purpose of Bridging the Gap.
- We work together to share our corrections service experience in an effort to offer solutions to each other and engage in creative problem solving.
- We focus on corrections topics of interest to enhance "Carrying the Message" to Inside Alcoholics/members of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- We plan an Annual Statewide Corrections Workshop for all interested A.A. members.
- Open to interest of past and present Corrections Trusted Servants. Open to any A.A. member interested!
- We "Carry the Message" to those most difficult to reach, those who are not free to attend meetings. Carrying the Message to whoever wants it, wherever they are.

CARE RESTORATION



COMPASSION SERENITY

Help Unlock the A.A. Message of Hope

We Will Know a New Freedom

We meet monthly on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM CST.  
Microsoft Teams Meeting

[Click here to join the meeting](#) Meeting ID: 212 769 216 350 Passcode: Y9JqVU

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)



SCAN the QR Code to the right to go to the TEAMS Link

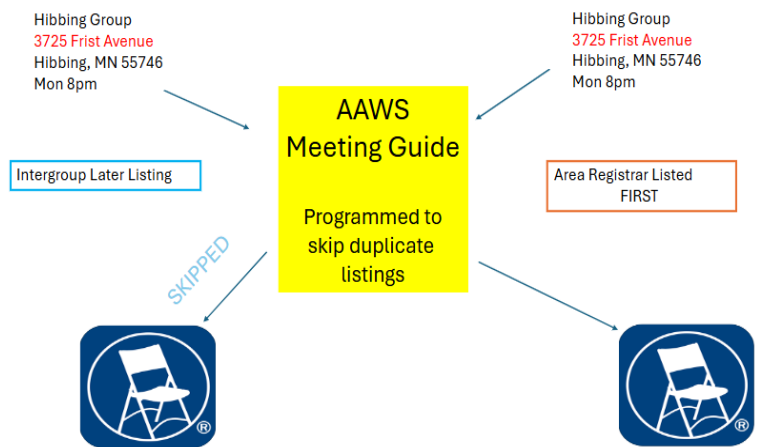


*"A SPECIAL KIND OF A.A. SERVICE"*

For more information, Please contact Mark R - SWCC Chair at one of the following:  
[correctionsmn@gmail.com](mailto:correctionsmn@gmail.com), or [corrections@area35.org](mailto:corrections@area35.org)



## How the Minnesota Meeting Guide App Works



Your Meeting

Area 35 Registrar

FELLOWSHIP CONNECTION

Minnesota Meeting Guide App



St. Francis AA Group  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Ambassador Blvd. NW  
St. Francis Tues 6:30p

INTERGROUP Listing



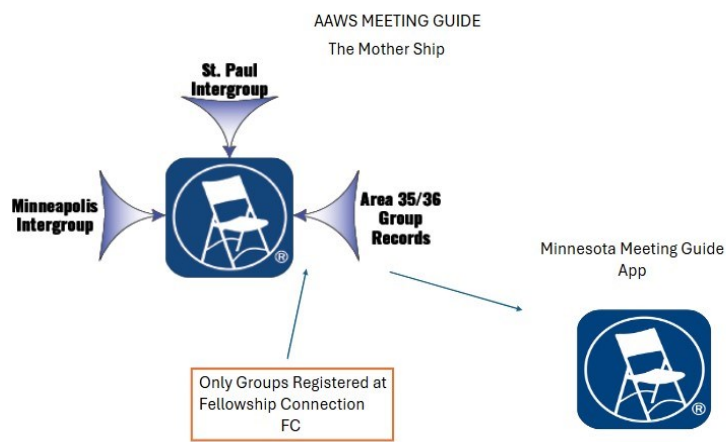
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Trinity Lutheran Church  
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St. Francis Tues 6:30p

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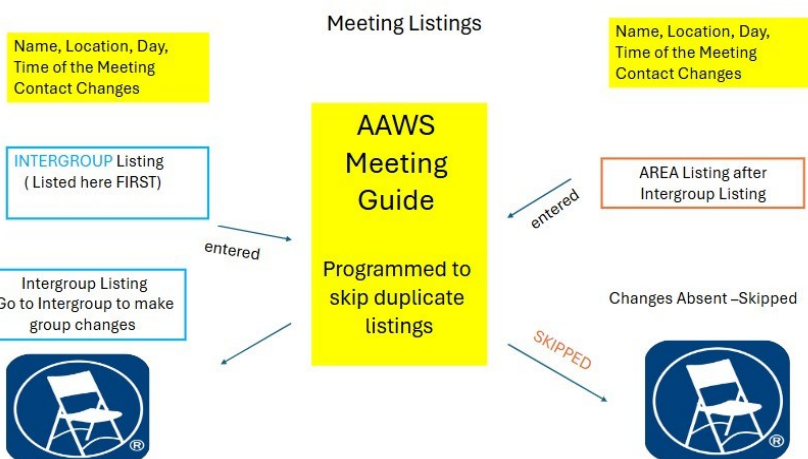
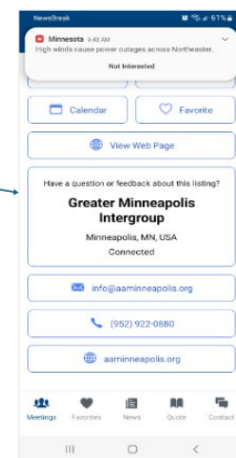


AAWS Meeting Guide



### Who is Listing My Group?

On your phone, click open the meeting and scroll down. You will see a listed-by box. Go to them for changes to your meeting-day, time, location, name.



### FELLOWSHIP CONNECTION Where Your Group is Registered (GSO)

Please still contact me with changes  
FC (GSO) is Different than The Meeting Guide App



Does not list Day and Time of the Meeting



These questions were originally published in the AA Grapevine in conjunction with a series on the Twelve Traditions that began in November 1969 and ran through September 1971. While they were originally intended primarily for individual use, many AA groups have since used them as a basis for wider discussion.

### The Traditions Checklist

#### Tradition Three

The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.

1. In my mind, do I prejudge some new AA members as losers?
2. Is there some kind of alcoholic whom I privately do not want in my AA group?
3. Do I set myself up as a judge of whether a newcomer is sincere or phony?
4. Do I let language, religion (or lack of it), race, education, age, or other such things interfere with my carrying the message?
5. Am I overimpressed by a celebrity? By a doctor, a clergyman, an ex-convict? Or can I just treat this new member simply and naturally as one more sick human, like the rest of us?

**When someone turns up at AA needing information or help (even if he can't ask for it aloud), does it really matter to me what he does for a living? Where he lives? What his domestic arrangements are? Whether he had been to AA before? What his other problems are?**

#### Tradition Four

1 Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole.

1. Do I insist that there are only a few right ways of doing things in AA?
2. Does my group always consider the welfare of the rest of AA? Of nearby groups? Of Loners in Alaska? Of Internationalists miles from port? Of a group in Rome or El Salvador?
3. Do I put down other members' behavior when it is different from mine, or do I learn from it?
4. Do I always bear in mind that, to those outsiders who know I am in AA, I may to some extent represent our entire beloved Fellowship?
5. Am I willing to help a newcomer go to any lengths-his lengths, not mine-to stay sober?
6. Do I share my knowledge of AA tools with other members who may not have heard of them?

To be continued in the next issue....

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

### The 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Duluth Roundup

September 13-15, 2024  
Radisson Hotel Duluth - Harborview  
505 W Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802

#### Friday

Registration Opens 2:00  
AA Speaker, Mike F. - Aurora, Co 7:00  
Ice Cream Social to follow

## ROCKETED INTO A FOURTH DIMENSION

#### Saturday

Breakfast 8:00  
Early Bird AA Meeting 8:30  
Speaker Meeting, Bob J. - Duluth, MN 10:00  
Meetings, Workshops, & Panels 12-4:00  
Dinner 5:00  
AL Anon Speaker, Carol M. - Hutchinson, MN 6:30  
AA Countdown & Speaker, Mark L. - Northfield, MN 8:00  
Raffle Drawing & Silent Auction to follow

#### Sunday

Early Bird AA Meeting 8:30  
AA Speaker, Hannah B. - Minneapolis, MN 10:00

for more information or to register online, visit:  
duluthroundup.org  
questions? contact Shelley at 218.780.0986

### Registration

Mail registration form with U.S. funds to  
PO Box 16771  
Duluth, MN 55816-0771

Roundup Tickets - \$25 amount: _____	Dinner - \$50 amount: _____ ____ Steak & Shrimp (GF) ____ Chicken ____ Vegetable Penne (limited tickets available)	Breakfast - \$25 amount: _____ (limited tickets available)	Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____
Name _____		Address _____	
City, State, Zip _____		Email Address _____	
Phone _____			

Presale tickets can be purchased online, by mail, or from a Committee Member before August 31st.  
On site registration begins Friday, September 13th at 2:00 PM at the Radisson Hotel - Harborview.

## Save the Date

Area 35 & Area 36 Statewide  
Corrections Committee

2024

### CORRECTIONS SERVICE | WORKSHOP



November 2, 2024

From 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM  
In-person at Jack and Jim's Event Center  
11025 Duelm Road NE, Foley, MN 56329  
or  
Online Hybrid via Teams/Zoom (TBD)

Featuring Speakers and Topic Presentations

Awesome On-Site Lunch Sandwich Buffet Available for purchase!

For more information, contact:

Mark R. at corrections@area35.org or correctionsmn@gmail.com (320) 266-4831

Craig H. at corrections@area36.org

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

\*See area35.org for printable flyers

43<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
**Keep It Simple Weekend**  
Camp Chicagami on Pleasant Lake (South of Eveleth, Minnesota)  
**Theme: Working With Others**  
August 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

FRIDAY	5:30 PM	REGISTRATION
	6:30 PM	SUPPER
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon Speaker – TBD AA Speaker – Julie N. (North Branch, MN)
Campfire Call-up Meeting to follow the speakers		
SATURDAY	8:00 AM	BREAKFAST
	10:00 AM	AA Open Big Book Meeting Al-Anon Open Meeting
	NOON	LUNCH
	1:00 PM	Recreation Time**
	5:00 PM	SUPPER
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon Speaker – Kit S. (Minnetonka, MN) AA Speaker – James S. (Burnsville, MN) Homegroup: Fractured Skulls
Ice Cream Social to follow the speakers		
SUNDAY	8:30 AM	BREAKFAST
	10:00 AM	AA Speaker – John K. (Forest Lake, MN) Homegroup: 156 Club Planning meeting for 2025 after speaker



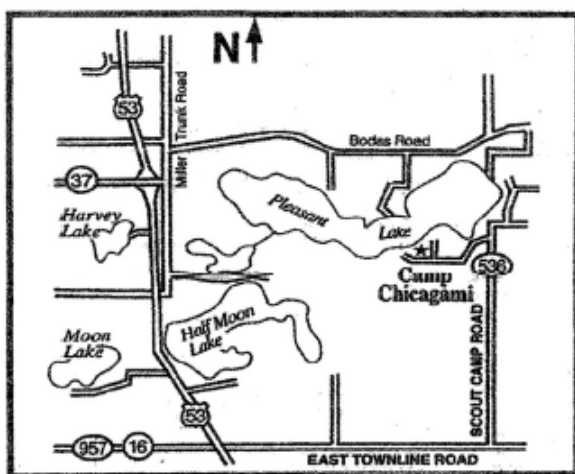
Adults Tent/Camper Pkg: 2 nights – 5 meals \$65.00 Adult Bunkhouse Pkg: 2 nights – 5 meals \$85.00 (Pkgs. include all meals, registration and lodging)	Children Tent/Camper Package 2 nights & 5 meals 10 & under \$20.00 11-17 \$40.00 (includes all meals, reg. and lodging.)
General Admission (all events, not including meals. \$30.00 per weekend or \$10.00 per day.	Meals: \$8.00 each (payable before eating) Saturday Supper: \$10.00 per person.
Camping - \$10.00 per person per night (no hookups available) Bunkhouses - \$20.00 Per person per night. (Does not include general admission.)	All accommodations are on a first come/first served basis. There is room for everyone!  Pre-registration is not necessary

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

\*\* Activities include volleyball, basketball, canoeing, bocce ball, kayaking, fishing, hiking, campfire and lots of fellowship

For more info, call Dianna S. 559-433-7754 or Sam K. 218-780-8849

**SORRY, NO PETS ALLOWED.**



**DIRECTIONS:**

**FROM EVELETH:**  
Take Hwy. 53 South and turn left onto Townline Road (2.0 miles south of Hwy 37 cut-off). Continue on Townline Road for 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Scout Camp Road and continue for 1.5 miles. Camp Chicagami sign will be on your left.

**FROM HIBING:**  
Take Hwy 37 to Hwy 53 and turn south. Continue for 2.0 miles. Turn left onto Townline Road and continue for 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Scout Camp Road and continue for 1.5 miles. Camp Chicagami sign will be on the left.

**FROM DULUTH:**  
Take Hwy 53 North. Turn right at Phillips 66 Station (4.1 miles north of Anchor Lake Rest Area) onto East Townline Road. Continue for 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Scout Camp Road and continue for 1.5 miles. The Camp Chicagami sign will be on the left.

**FROM GIANTS RIDGE & BWABIK:**  
Take Hwy 135 through Bwabik to Gilbert. Turn left onto Hwy 37 and continue to Eveleth. Take Hwy 53 South, 2.0 miles south of Hwy 37 cut-off, turn left on Townline Road. Continue for 1.5 miles. Turn left onto Scout Camp Road and continue for 1.5 miles. Camp Chicagami sign is on the left.

\*Townline Road is County Road 957  
\*\*Scout Camp Road is County Road 536

### 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Area 35 Service Workshop "Working Together, Increasing Trust"

January 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Crookston Inn & Convention Center  
2200 University Ave, Crookston, MN 56716

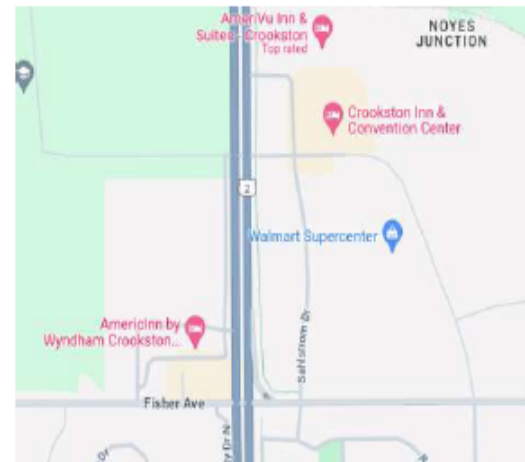
Room Rates: Two Queen Beds or One King Bed \$99.00 + tax per night  
(Wi-Fi & continental breakfast included)

To make reservations please call: (218) 470-1000

Reserve Under: Area 35 Block Cut Off Date: **December 11, 2025**

Saturday, January 11  
8:00 AM Workshop Registration  
9:00 AM Workshop Convenes

Sunday, January 12  
9:00 AM Workshop Continues



The Area 35 Service Workshop is designed 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 District 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!

To strive toward the area action of making the service workshop self-supporting, there will be a registration fee.

### Area 35 Fall Assembly

October 5-6, 2024

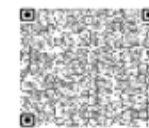
Holiday Inn  
5637 Hwy 29 So  
Alexandria, MN 56308

Room Rates: Double Queens Standard and Single King Standard non-smoking rooms:  
\$159.00 plus tax.

To make reservations please call: (320) 763-6577

Reserve under: **NMAA Fall Conference**

Cut off Date is: **SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**



Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM Registration  
10:00 AM Assembly Convenes

Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM Assembly Reconvenes

Holiday Inn Alexandria, an IHG Hotel  
5637 Highway 29 South, Alexandria, Minnesota, United States, 56308



All DCMs, GSRs, Area Officers and Committee Chairs, Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Past Delegates are encouraged to attend as well as all others interested in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic. The only requirement is a willingness to serve.



## UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

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**Registration:**  
 AA, Al-Anon \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Alateen \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8 = \_\_\_\_\_

**All Adult Accommodations:** (please check and describe)  
 RV/Camper  Need Electricity  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Cabin (name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge (Room #) \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Tent/Tree House \_\_\_\_\_

Friday \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Children Under 12 (under 5 free):**  
 Friday \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult Meals:**  
 Friday p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sunday a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sunday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 All Meal Package \_\_\_\_\_ x \$55.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Children Under 12 Meals (under 3 free):**  
 Friday p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Sunday a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$9.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sunday Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

### “Experience the Serenity”

FALL . . . brings a coat of many colors to our forest. Enjoy the area foliage while hiking, golfing, fishing or boating are nearby. Headwaters Golf Course is just across the road! Access to the Heartland Trail is down the road!

CAMPING & RV's  
PREREGISTRATION  
REQUIRED

FISHHOOK LAKE  
Waterfront for Swimming  
with lifeguard  
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ~ Sat. Only

ON-SITE PLAYGROUND  
Volleyball, Basketball, GaGa Ball  
Soccer, Tetherball, Disc Golf  
Children's Play Area  
(Children must be supervised)

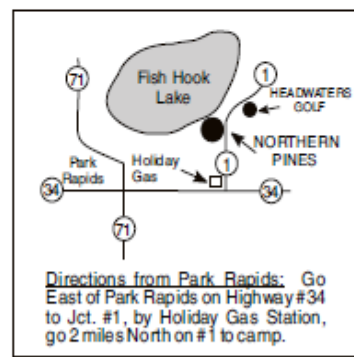
#### PET POLICY

Pets allowed in RV/Campers and campground only.  
**ALL BUILDINGS ARE PET FREE.**  
 Pets must be leashed or contained at all times.  
 Please register all pets along with current vaccination records and sign a waiver of responsibility upon arrival.

## 33rd ANNUAL HEARTLAND ROUND-UP SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 8 - 2024 20033 COUNTY 1 PARK RAPIDS, MN 56470

### NORTHERN PINES CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

20033 County 1 • Park Rapids, MN  
 Situated on a 40 acre site on the east shore of Fish Hook Lake, in the woods and pines near Park Rapids in the area known as the Heartland of northern Minnesota, Northern Pines is an ideal setting for walking, running, hiking and biking. The headwaters of the Mississippi in Itasca Park is about 20 miles.



Google Maps may be inaccurate, please use these directions.

## 33rd ANNUAL HEARTLAND ROUND-UP

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 6**  
 3:00 . . . . . Registration Begins  
 6:00 - 7:00 . . . . . Sandwich Bar  
 8:30 . . . . . AA Speaker - Jack W. - Carbondale, CO  
 Campfire Call-up Meeting following speaker

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 7**  
 8:00 - 9:00 . . . . . Breakfast  
 10:00 . . . . . Al-Anon Speaker - Vicky A. - Blaine, MN  
 11:30 - 12:30 . . . . . Lunch  
 1:00 - 2:15 . . . . . AA Speaker - Tonya M. - Sergeant Bluffs, IA  
 2:45 - 3:30 . . . . . AA Workshop - Joe C. - San Diego, CA  
 "Leadership in AA: Ever a Vital Need"  
 3:45 - 4:30 . . . . . AA Workshop - Jack W. - Carbondale, CO  
 "Traditions"  
 3:45 - 4:45 . . . . . Al-Anon Meeting  
 5:30 - 6:30 . . . . . Dinner  
 7:30 . . . . . AA Speaker - Joe C. - San Diego, CA  
 9:30 . . . . . Dance - Music By "Big Show Entertainment"

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 8**  
 8:00 - 9:00 . . . . . Breakfast  
 10:00 . . . . . AA Speaker - Will M. - Sioux City, IA  
 11:30 - 12:30 . . . . . Lunch  
 3:00 . . . . . Check-out

### Make Your Reservations Early!

#### LODGING/CABINS

Limited Availability

Sleeping accommodations are with single, double and bunk beds with mattresses. All you need to provide is your own amenities, bedding, pillows, towels, wash cloths and a flashlight. All have toilet and shower facilities. Call for availability. Preregistration required. All are pet free. Monitor weather conditions and bring appropriate bedding and clothing. There are camping cabins and there is no heat or air conditioning in them.

**ALL NORTHERN PINES BUILDINGS ARE SMOKE FREE AND PET FREE. CAMPFIRE ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

#### LODGING/RV/CAMPER/TENTING RATES

(All per person per night)

RV's/Campers . . . . . \$15.00  
 Tenting & Tree House . . . . . \$10.00  
 Lodge . . . . . \$25.00

Cabins:  
 Cornerstone, both Susanna's, Serenity, Woodward . . . . . \$25.00  
 New Wesley, Kufu, Sleepwell, Birchmont, Staff . . . . . \$20.00  
 Old Wesley, Terill Do, 3 Oaks, Hackett, Hilltop, Little Lemon . . . . . \$15.00

**WEBSITE and FORMS**  
 For more information about the Round-Up  
[www.heartlandroundup.com](http://www.heartlandroundup.com)

If you prefer:  
 AmericInn . . . . . 1-218-732-1234  
 Heartland Inn . . . . . 1-218-732-1471  
 Super 8 Motel . . . . . 1-218-732-9704  
 Rustic Inn . . . . . 1-218-237-2828

For resort information contact  
 Park Rapids Chamber . . . . . 1-800-247-0054

### A Weekend of Fun and Fellowship!

Mail form and payment to:  
 Heartland Round-Up  
 PO Box 744  
 Wahpeton, ND 58074  
 701-642-1861

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if new mailing address

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Attending? Please check:  
 Returnee \_\_\_\_\_ Year  New

If "New" how did you discover the Heartland Round-up?  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional forms can be downloaded from our website: [www.heartlandroundup.com](http://www.heartlandroundup.com)



## UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

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### 2024 Service Events

**August 4: Area Committee Meeting  
Aitkin, MN**

**October 5-6: Fall Assembly  
Alexandria, MN**

**December 1: Area Committee Meeting  
Aitkin, MN**

### 2025 Service Events

**Jan 11-12: Service Workshop  
Crookston, MN**

**Feb 2: Area Committee Meeting  
Aitkin, MN**

**Feb 28-March 2: WCRAASC  
Casper, WY**

**April 4-5: Spring Assembly  
St. Cloud, MN**

**June 1: Area Committee Meeting  
Aitkin, MN**

**August 3: Area Committee Meeting  
Aitkin, MN**

**October 4-5: Fall Assembly  
Ely, MN**

PLEASE POST

“But we  
do have  
expenses...”

When you “put money in the basket”  
you support your group and A.A. worldwide.

You help make sure that:

- Your group gets meeting space
  - Phones get answered
- Alcoholic inmates get Big Books
- Professionals get correct information about A.A.
  - Loner A.A.s get letters
  - Newcomers get literature and meeting lists
- A.A.s around the globe share experience, strength and hope



Region, Country, World  
“I want the hand of A.A. always to be there...”

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**“Concerning any given service, we pose but one question: ‘Is this service really needed?’ If it is, then maintain it we must, or fail in our mission to those who seek AA.”**

**AA Co-Founder, Bill W., July 1955, “What Is the Third Legacy?”, *The Language of the Heart***



### Area 35 General Service Conference Agenda Items Process

Greetings Area 35,

The Agenda Items **do not** come out any sooner to the Delegate than the week of February 15<sup>th</sup> due to the January General Service Board Meeting.

We realize that this timeframe does not give us a lot of time for discussion within our home groups before our April Spring Assembly.

It is the responsibility of the DCM’s to get the Agenda Items along with the “Hot Topic List” to the group GSR’s in their District. It is important that this information be passed on as soon as it is received.

Thank you for your help.

## Agenda Deadline Dates

### September 15<sup>th</sup>

Deadline to receive proposed Agenda Items and submit Agenda Items to GSO from our Area 35 Delegate

### February 15<sup>th</sup>

Delegate receives Agenda Items from the General Service Office and sends them along with background information to the Area 35 Webmaster.

The Webmaster posts the material on our website (area35.org) with a protected password. The Delegate sends out an email to the Area 35 Committee with the password information, which is used to download the Agenda Items and background information off the Area 35 website.

### 1st Sunday in February

Agenda Items are distributed to Area 35 electronically or DCM. Can request a hard copy from the Delegate.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend in March

Agenda Items are discussed at the West Central Regional AA Service Conference.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend in April

Agenda Items are discussed and voted on at the Area 35 Spring Assembly with the Area 35 Delegate.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Week in April

Delegate attends the General Service Conference and carries the voice of Area 35 to New York.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Diane R.  
Area 35 Panel 74 Delegate  
delegate@area35.org  
(218) 929-7846

## 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 to 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 knowledge of MS Publisher, MS Word, MS Excel and other misc. computer programs as needed. 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 the Area Group Records Chair, Area Webmaster and Area Audio Technician along with two D.C.M.s in Area 35. DCM's are picked randomly at the start of each rotation and 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.

**N.L. COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** The Committee meets every other month, before the start of the Area Workshop and at Spring and Fall Assemblies. If needed, additional meetings may be called.

## NORTHERN LIGHT SUBMISSIONS:

General submissions are welcome! Feel free to send letters or articles that are pertinent to AA and Area 35. All submissions will be approved by the Northern Light committee, in accordance with Tradition Two; For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern. 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.

Please send submissions to [northernlight@area35.org](mailto:northernlight@area35.org) or my address on page 2. The deadline for each issue is printed on the front page.

All submissions should have a title. Please include the first name, last initial and city where the author is from. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. 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, Jennifer T.

## Directions for Inserting a Flier into the Northern Light

1. First & foremost, **contact the Northern Light Editor** at [northernlight@area35.org](mailto:northernlight@area35.org) or call the phone number listed on page 3 of the print version of the Northern Light, for the Northern Light Editor (remember this will change every 2 year rotation).

2. Email a .pdf version of your flier to [northernlight@area35.org](mailto:northernlight@area35.org) for approval. Upon approval a copy will be forwarded to the webmaster to be placed on the Area 35 websites calendar of events.

3. Upon approval mail 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. **OR** if you wish to have Cold Spring Record print your fliers to be inserted into the Northern Light. The NL Editor will forward a copy of the pdf flier to Cold Spring Record, along with your printing instructions (paper color, one or two sided printing). Currently there are **1000 copies printed with 750 pieces to mail**. What is not mailed is passed out at the Area meetings and assemblies.

Number of Copies	Printing Costs		Insertion Fee	Total Cost
	1 Sided	2 Sided		
750	\$ 68	\$ 90	\$ 30	\$ 98/120
1000	\$ 90	\$ 120	\$ 30	\$ 120/150

5. The cost for having a flier inserted into the Northern Light is \$30. Make Checks payable to NMAA and mail to :

**NMAA  
1102 E Camp St  
Ely, MN 55731**

**MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE MOST CURRENT ADDRESS!!!**

## RELATED FLIER INSERTION INFORMATION

- ◆ Only Area 35 A.A. Members may submit a flier. Fliers must be for A.A. sponsored events only.
- ◆ Fliers needed—750 mailed only or 1000 for mailed and handouts.

## Northern Light Deadlines for 2024 are as Follows:

- ◆ September 1, 2024: Flier will be included in the September/October Issue
- ◆ October 7, 2024: Flier will be included in the November/December Issue





## OUR PAST DELEGATES

<b>Panel 72</b> 2022-2023 Steven L	<b>Panel 36</b> 1986-1987 Louie H	<b>Panel 10</b> 1960-1961 Bob B (deceased)
<b>Panel 70</b> 2020-2021 Jim S	<b>Panel 34</b> 1984-1985 Bob P (deceased)	<b>Panel 8</b> 1958-1959 Pearl N (deceased)
<b>Panel 68</b> 2018-2019 Christine G	<b>Panel 32</b> 1982-1983 Tom L (deceased)	<b>Panel 6</b> 1956-1957 Waldo H (deceased)
<b>Panel 66</b> 2016-2017 Kelly D	<b>Panel 30</b> 1980-1981 Don M (deceased)	<b>Panel 4</b> 1954-1955 Wendell H (deceased)
<b>Panel 64</b> 2014-2015 Michael "Jake" J	<b>Panel 28</b> 1978-1979 Garfield (Duffy) S (deceased)	<b>Panel 2</b> 1952-1953 Arthur R (deceased)
<b>Panel 62</b> 2012-2013 Jim K	<b>Panel 26</b> 1976-1977 Vern R (deceased)	
<b>Panel 60</b> 2010-2011 Jon C	<b>Panel 24</b> 1974-1975 Gordon B. H (deceased)	
<b>Panel 58</b> 2008-2009 JoAnne M N	<b>Panel 22</b> 1972-1973 Frank P. J (deceased)	
<b>Panel 56</b> 2006-2007 Jerry S	<b>Panel 20</b> 1970-1971 Clarence B (deceased)	
<b>Panel 54</b> 2004-2005 Charlie CravC	<b>Panel 18</b> 1968-1969 Dave H (deceased)	
<b>Panel 52</b> 2002-2003 Tim C	<b>Panel 16</b> 1966-1967 Arno Adams (deceased)	
<b>Panel 50</b> 2000-2001 Tom A	<b>Panel 14</b> 1964-1965 Donald Formo (deceased)	
<b>Panel 48</b> 1998-1999 Susie A	<b>Panel 12</b> 1962-1963 Donna T (deceased)	
<b>Panel 46</b> 1996-1997 Bill P (deceased)		
<b>Panel 44</b> 1994-1995 Bruce B		
<b>Panel 42</b> 1992-1993 Greg G (deceased)		
<b>Panel 40</b> 1990-1991 Bob J		
<b>Panel 38</b> 1988-1989 Scott J		

Q: Why list our past Delegates?

A: They are a resource to you!

In Alcoholics Anonymous we value experience. Our Twelve Steps did not exist when Bill stepped into the lobby of a hotel in Akron, Ohio. Even after meeting with Dr. Bob and soon founding our program, there were only six steps until the experiences of 100 Alcoholics were summed up. Soon after a book followed, but it was a few years later when the Twelve Traditions were discussed and agreed on. Twelve Traditions that were "hammered out on the anvil of experience". Our past Delegates are a wealth of experience, an interactive living archive if you will. When you plan your next service workshop or need an outside voice to offer help, consider this resource available to you.

## 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.

## AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETING

Agenda  
Aitkin, MN  
August 4, 2024

<p><u>9:00 A.M.</u> Action Chair Committee Meetings (9:30 a.m. Financial Oversight Committee) <u>10:30 A.M.</u> Area Committee Meeting Call to Order Open with the Serenity Prayer Recognize Past Delegates Add to Agenda Approve Minutes from February 4 ACM</p> <p><b>OFFICER REPORTS</b> Delegate – Diane R  Alternate Delegate – Pat M  Chair – Vicki R Secretary – Denise R Treasurer – Heidi B</p> <p><b>COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS</b> Financial Oversight Committee- Scott A District 7 – Jessica S  WEBMASTER – Terry P NORTHERN LIGHT – Jennifer T GROUP RECORDS – Phyllis K District 2 - District 11 – Kathy M LITERATURE – Mike U District 8 – John J District 15 – Fred T PUBLIC INFORMATION – Randy A District 1 - Jennifer Z District 21 – Jeri S TREATMENT – Kyle H District 5 – Chad O District 14 - CPC – Mary S District 6 – Julie N District 9 – Tom T ARCHIVES – Kathy R ARCHIVIST – Marc N District 4 – James W District 18 – Rich</p>	<p>GRAPEVINE – Terry A District 12 – Richard G District 16 – Dave C CORRECTIONS – Mark R Statewide Corrections – Corrections District 3 – Melvin S District 13 – Peggy M</p> <p><b>12:00 P.M.</b> Lunch <b>12:45 P.M.</b> Reconvene</p> <p><b>OLD BUSINESS</b>  Ad-hoc committee updates: Inventory Articles of Incorporation Web/Technology Zonal Forums PAI - Add No changing any of the Founder's Writings to the Conference Charter PAI – Temporary halt to Pamphlets PAI – Spending moratorium</p> <p><b>NEW BUSINESS:</b> discuss adding a corrections Tab on our Area35.org website 2025 Budget  Calendar of Events Adjourn - responsibility statement</p>
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Please remember to include your group service number on all contributions.  
This will ensure that your contributions get credited to your group.

**Mail Area 35 Group contributions to: NMAA  
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Ely, MN 55731**