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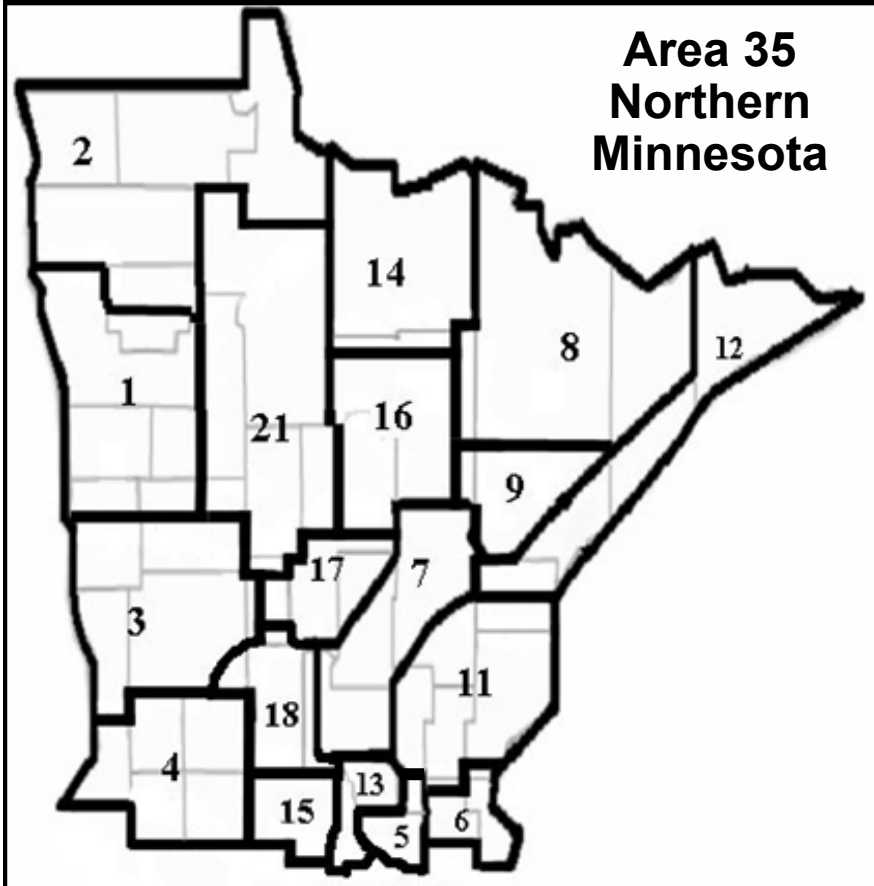
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Area 35 Northern Minnesota

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, Foxboro (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

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

District 2

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

District 3

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

District 4

3rd 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

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

District 6

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

District 7

3rd Thursday of month, 7:00 p.m.
First Congregational United Church
415 Juniper Street
Brainerd, MN 56401

District 8

Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m.
General District Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Day and location rotate.
Contact DCM for info.

District 9

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

District 11

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

District 12

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

District 13

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

District 14

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

District 15

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

District 16

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

District 17

Not currently active or unknown

District 18

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

District 21

2nd 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

August 5, 2024

Area 35 Committee Meeting Minutes

with Special Assembly (Hybrid)

Aitkin, MN

August 4th, 2024

Call to Order: Vicki R Called meeting to order at 10:30 and opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Recognition of Past Area 35 Delegates in Attendance: Michael "Jake" J Panel 64 and Steve L Panel 72

Chair Welcomed GSR's for this special assembly session - GSR's were able to attend in person or virtually using Microsoft Teams. There were 17 in attendance via Microsoft Teams. There were 3 GSR's that were not able to access Microsoft Teams therefore they phoned in. This was accepted by the body.

Vote on GSC Proposed Agenda Item (PAI) - Proposed Agenda Item submitted and unanimously approved by the Biwabik Sunday Night Group (District 8 Area 35) - Unanimous approval for the PAI by District 8 Area 35. Steve L read the complete PAI stating Area 35, Northern Minnesota, would like to add to AA's Current Conference Charter under article #3, that A.A.W.S., Grapevine publications and personal correspondence of pre-1972 "Founders Writings" have no contextual changes to their writings without a super-majority of 3/4 approval from the full General Service Conference. This includes but is not limited to AAWS publications of the books; Alcoholics Anonymous (Big Book), Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, As Bill Sees It, Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, Our Great Responsibility, and the Twelve Concepts currently in the Service Manual. AAWS Pamphlets: Problems other than Alcohol and Let's be Friendly with Our Friends etc. Including Grapevine publications, Language of the Heart and Best of Bill along with any archival articles pre-1956 written by our Founders both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. Alcoholic Founders include: Bill W., Dr. Bob S., Hank P., Bobbie B., etc., and non-alcoholic Founders include: Dr. Silkworth, Father Dowling, Henry Tiebout, Bernard Smith, Frank Amos, etc. these writings should be left intact.

Motion John J. DCM Motioned to approve Biwabik PAI as written- Jeff GSR Seconded-

Discussion- None

Motion carried 64 in favor 7 opposed Minority Opinion given-

- This proposal is to change the Conference Charter that isn't a legal document which implies suggestive only therefore not clear that the proposal would achieve its goal.
- writers of this proposal think 2/3 substantial unanimity is not enough and should be 3/4 vote,
- this proposal contains a highly charged emotional language,
- careful reading of this proposal suggests real problem the writers had was woke language included in the 12 by 12, revisions already cited.
- our group discussed this proposal's intent to forever limit what and how certain decisions can be made at future General Services conferences.
- this assumes that we, in our current time based on our current sobriety and spiritual progress, can look into the future and decide what's best for AA in the future
- we oppose the proposal on those basis.

Motion John J. Motioned to close Assembly portion of meeting, Tom T. Seconded- motion carries

Additions to the Agenda: Ad hoc Committee Articles of Incorporation update

WCRAASC information for discussion

Approval of the June Area Committee Minutes: Motion John J. DCM Motioned to Accept June ACM minutes as written- Tom T. DCM District 9 seconded - motion carried

Officer Reports

Delegate- Diane R-

I am Diane R, alcoholic, and your Area 35 Delegate. Welcome to all the GSRs here at the Area 35 Committee Meeting.

During the month of July, I had two report backs. One in District 18 at the Long Prairie Alano Club which had participation from many towns in their district and I attended their district meeting. District 18 has lots of active committees. Another report back was with District 8 in Virginia Mn. District 8 had a short business district meeting. There were some GSRs, District Committee members, and four past delegates also good fellowship and food. Brainerd is on the schedule for August. If any other districts would like to have a report back, please contact me. It is the fellowship that makes these reports worthwhile and knowing that they love Alcoholics Anonymous as much as I do.

The deadline for Proposed Agenda Items(PAI) for 2025 General Service Conference will be 9/30/24 at 11.59pm. Other key dates for materials related

to the proposed agenda items and the General Service Conference Agenda are:

Preliminary list of agenda items November 6, 2024

Conference Committee Background February 17, 2025

Final Agenda List February 17, 2024

List of PAIs not forwarded February 24, 2025

Keep in mind, individual A.A. members, groups, delegates, trustees, area assemblies, area committee members, directors, and staff members of A.A.W.S. and Grapevine can submit PAIs. If they do not meet the deadline, they would be considered for the 2026 conference.

The 75th General Service Conference will be electing a Trustee-At-Large for the US. Each area can select one candidate. The nomination(s) from our area will take place at the Fall Assembly in Alexandria. If there are more two more interested, we will have a Third Legacy Election.

On July 20 I attended the Area 35/Area 36 Joint Meeting. We split into Breakout Groups, and I attended the Grapevine La Viña and Literature. We had six in attendance with two from Area 35 and 4 from Area 36, including the Area 36 Grapevine (GV) La Vina (LaV) Chair. Many topics were covered including the new American Sign Language GV/LaV YouTube video sharing stories for deaf members, the Grapevine La Viña Apps, new literature catalogs, purchasing literature through the area chair, and other topics that will be covered in the minutes from that meeting.

In the AAWS Highlights for June 2024 it stated that the ERTC (Employee Retention Tax Credit) will not be applied for. The Auditor said based on consolidated GSB, AAWS, and AAGV financials, neither AAWS nor AAGV was eligible.

Box 4-5-9 stated that online registration and housing for the 2025 International Convention will be open September 10, 2024. Print registration and housing forms are being prepared for distribution during the summer. Check the IC2025 Webpage for updates.

The two latest videos from the Young People's Video Project are now available on aa.org. These are the two in English. They are also available in Spanish and French. Young and Sober in AA: It could save your life | Alcoholics Anonymous Young and Sober in AA: I thought drinking made me an artist | Alcoholics Anonymous

I attended the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (WCRAASC) meeting in July. It is up to the host committee to decide if they will have Zoom at the West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference. They asked for feedback regarding having Zoom and a call in option. No decision was made yet. Our West Central Regional Trustee, Charlie H., attended General Service Board (GSB) Weekend at the end of July. I am looking forward to his report from that board meeting. It was his first.

There was an announcement from the General Service Board. After letters of concern, appeals, process concerns, and letters of support; the discussion resulted in the General Service Board affirming its desire and responsibility to implement Advisory Action regarding the Plain Language Big Book. They will also make ten minor editorial changes. The Plain Language Big Book, A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous, will cost \$11.00 and expected to be available in November 2024.

Please remember our tradition of anonymity when publishing on our websites. I received an email stating that there was the full name of a trustee on a website in our area. Remember that on a website, anyone can view that website and it is an anonymity break.

West Central Regional Service Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference

· There is a suggestion for raising the Prudent Reserve from \$9,000 to \$12,000. WCR administer believes that this should cover the liability exposure for each WRC Service Conference and we will not end up without cash in the bank if an event requests money before the event. Currently there is \$12,819.05 in the bank. Expenses for 2022 were \$11,526.47 and 2023 were \$13,983.88. There is talk of having a tech fee. Tech people in 2024 cost \$800.00 to do Zoom at WCRAASC.

· Based on feedback from the delegates, providing a virtual option for the WCRAASC is a positive and well used service by the AA members of the WCR.

-Is it time now to consider having a WCR Virtual IT Tech for consistency and continuity of the virtual option?

-This person would be responsible for setting up the virtual controls referring to the Virtual IT document Nebraska started in 2023 and North Dakota updated in 2024.

-Like the reimbursement structure for the WCR Admin, suggestion would be

to fund the Virtual IT Tech to the WCRAASC including travel, room and meals. Costs for budgeting would be comparable to the WCR Admin.

-The Virtual IT Tech would be on site during the conference. There could be other AA volunteers from the host area on site or at home to assist

-Possible cost for couple of cameras and microphones. The in no equipment or hardware required.

-Is it now time to consider having the WCR purchase its own FM frequency translation headsets? Area 24 Iowa has graciously offered their translation headsets for the last two years.

In Service with Patience, Kindness, and Love,

Diane R
Area 35 Delegate Panel 74
delegate@area35.org

ALTERNATE DELEGATE- Pat M.

Present - No written report

AREA CHAIR- Vicki R.

Good morning

I attended June ACM

I attended Area 35/36 Workshop on July 20

I attended the Teams Office 365 training session put on by Terry, webmaster July 21

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 agendas for the ACM and for the Officer's meeting and Fall Assembly

I prepared the materials Pat will need to Chair the Fall Assembly

At our Officer's meeting we discussed:

-Linguistics District – will revisit if we receive a request

-2025 Service Workshop – discussed having GSR and DCM training

-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 Dec ACM.

-Update - Fall Assembly, find time for the panel discussion on the Concepts of Service. Will host a Teams meeting to finalize agenda

-Reviewed brochure from Lakeplace Foundation received by an aa member in Dist 9; Diane will follow up with the implied affiliation on their brochure

In grateful service,

Vicki R
Area 35 Chair

SECRETARY-Denise R.

Greetings Area 35,
Since our last ACM I have completed and distributed the unapproved minutes from the June ACM.

I apologize I was unable to attend the Area 35/36 Joint Workshop as I had a prior commitment.
I attended the July 21st, 2 hour training our Webmaster held to learn more about Microsoft Teams and even more about using Outlook. Thank you Terry it was very informative!

I received information from the Area Chair for the Spring Assembly and will make flyers for that.

I completed a flyer for today's meeting for distribution to make sure we are getting that information out to the DCM's and GSR's.
I spent time researching, talking with past Delegates, Delegates and other Officers preparing for the presentation concerning the Delegate Nominations.

I am also reviewing trusted servant guidelines to see if it is time to update and revise those? Plus, clarifying what our Area Actions book lists concerning our voting procedures at the Area Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings. If anyone would like to join me on a committee for these tasks, please let me know.

I participate in an online 12 Concepts study and a Service Manual study to continue learning.
Thank you for allowing me to service.

In Service
Denise R.
Area 35 Secretary

TREASURER- Heidi B.

Hello Area 35 –

The 2025 budgets have been completed and were printed in the latest edition of the Northern Light. I also emailed the budgets to DCM's to pass along to their groups. I brought limited copies today. Please look through these with your groups. We will be voting on these budgets at Fall Assembly. I included 3 options for the area to attend the 2025 WCR Service Conference and Forum. Please be sure to look through these options as well.

I attended the Joint 35/36 Meeting on July 20 and sat in the PI committee. I have notes on the discussions that I passed on to our Area Chair. I also attended the Teams training, thank you to our Webmaster, Terry, for putting this together and answering our questions. It was really helpful.

I met with the Inventory Ad-Hoc committee July 14th to discuss implementing suggestions from our area inventory last rotation. We will be discussing one suggestion today during new business.

June and July reconciliation reports for the checking and savings account have been passed on to the FOC committee for review.

Period 4: 6/1/24 – 7/31/24

Group Contributions	\$7,761.31
Birthday Contributions	\$210.00
Literature/Other income	<u>\$2,854.30</u>
Total	\$10,825.61
Total Expenses.	<u>\$ 6,112.30</u>
Net Income	\$4,713.31

As of July 31, 165 groups have contributed to the area. Last year we had 208 groups contribute. We are below anticipated/budgeted contributions. We need a total of \$4500 contributions monthly to support the 2024 budget. The checking account balance is \$17,269.57 plus our prudent reserve of \$6061.14 for a total of \$23,330.71.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Heidi B

COMMITTEE CHAIR & DCM REPORTS

Financial Oversight Committee - Scott A - Jess S.

After reviewing the reports and bank statement provided by our Treasurer we found everything in order and had no questions.

Scott A.

Financial Oversight Committee Report:

Heidi emailed the reconciliation reports to Scott and me, we both reviewed them, and everything looks good. Scott suggested we ask groups to step it up so we can meet our budget.

Jess S.

District 7 - Jessica S.

Greetings from District 7!

Our district meeting is held on the third Thursday of each month, in the basement of the First Congregational Church, 415 Juniper St, Brainerd, MN at 7 pm.

Our Treatment Chair has successfully been connecting with a few of the local treatment centers, who have not previously wanted our services, unfortunately only one of those treatment centers would like AA meetings brought in at this time, but we will continue working on this in our district.

CPC/PI is working within the district to form a small committee to help distribute our business cards and to help with other necessary actions, as our district is quite large in area.

The Grapevine & Literature Chair reports that we are receiving more and more calls to our hotline, which is very exciting. Our cards are working & we are grateful, still, to whichever district gave us this idea, in one of these reports!

Our Corrections Chair has served the Area at a couple of transition fairs & has been in contact with local county jails, meetings are being held regularly in all of them.

Our Web & Schedule Chair has put in a lot of time and effort to getting our district meeting schedules, both online & on paper, accurate & current. We recently had 500 new ones printed that are in circulation now.

In June at our district meeting, we had a potluck and hosted our Area Treatment Chair, Kyle. He gave us some pointers on how to better bridge the gap in our district with our treatment centers & we had great discussion.

In July we held our annual district picnic, we grilled burgers and hot dogs & people brought dishes to share. It was a great turn out and a beautiful sunny day for fellowship!

Yesterday we wrapped up our booth at the Crow Wing Co. Fair. A special thanks to Bob N for coordinating and offering so many hours of service for this event.

Next month, for our district meeting we will hold another potluck & host our Area Delegate, to give us her General Service Conference Report & have discussion.

In September, we plan to attend a local event, a Recovery Walk, where recovery resources are present as vendors & are excited about this opportunity.

I do plan to attend Fall Assembly in October, see you there!

In Service,
Jess S.

WEBMASTER - Terry P

Hello,

Update since the last ACM. We had our first Technology How-To in July. The attendance was very good with 15 showing up for some or all of the meeting. We covered a broad overview of both Outlook and Teams functionality, followed by a Q&A session. My plan is to continue having these during the non-event months on the calendar. Watch for the invites. A corrections tab was added to the Area 35 website with information related to this area. We had a brief meeting to discuss the SWCC coming up in November and a Webinar and registration page has been established. Regular event/link ads and access issues were presented and addressed. Scheduled the assembly portion of the ACM so we could facilitate voting for GSRs on the proposed agenda item.

Thanks,
Terry P

NORTHERN LIGHT - Jennifer T.

All submissions and requests are being reviewed by committee members until September 1st for the next issue, please consider submitting something of interest. We had a new DCM and 4 GSR's at our committee meeting this morning. I will be absent at the fall assembly in October but Robyn will fill in for me, thanks to her willingness to serve.

GROUP RECORDS - Phyllis K.

I attended the GSO Meeting for Area Registrars on 7/16/2024 and learned a lot. There are things being worked on to make the database more user-friendly. The Member Services office is efficient, prompt, and kind.

I have reconciled all the groups registered at Fellowship Connection with the Meeting Guide. There are a few groups registered that have not contacted me to add them to the Meeting Guide. Those who are not registered at FC have been removed from the MG. If anyone wants back on, send me your GSR or Contact Person's information. Thanks,

Since June 30, we have had these changes:

GSR/Contact People: 18 added and 2 removed

Changes o the Mailing List: 7 added and 6 removed

Changes to the Meeting Guide: 5 added and 17 removed

New Groups registered: 5

Group Changes: 2
New District Officers: 1 DCM Change

Returned Northern Lights: 5

Help calls: 0

It takes one person in a group willing to submit their name, address, email, and phone number to be registered and included in our service structure. Belonging together is important and supports the life of the group in the future.

The Meeting Guide posts groups and not simply meetings in Minnesota. Spread the word- belong together. Fellowship Connection is our storage area for our group records at GSO. We are still the program together. We are the Area together.

Thanks, Phyllis King Area 35 Registrar

District 2 - Kim B.

New DCM- Welcome!

District 11 - Kathy M.

Not present - No report

LITERATURE- Mike U.

Present- No written report

District 8 - John J

Greetings Area 35:

District 8 meets monthly; our district meetings occur the 1st full week of the month and rotate Monday thru Friday with different groups volunteering to host. We are still looking for a Corrections Chair and Archives Chair. We received our Delegate July 9th. For other activities the Cook Sunday Group

had a PI booth at the annual Cook Timber Days Celebration in June. There are three Open Speaker Meetings Scheduled in the next couple of months; The Ely Women's Group on 8/24/24, The Virginia Back to Basics Group on 9/21/24, and The Biwabik Sunday Group on 9/22/24. 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 Jordan

District 15- Fred T

My name is Fred and I am an alcoholic. DCM for District 15. Our District meeting is held the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm at the Albany Senior Center.

I am continuing to attend meetings that do not have GSR's coming to district meetings informing them of updated treasurer's addresses and the benefits of having a GSR. There have been two GSR changeouts, one new and one that is returning to the GSR service position for their groups.

One new GSR attended the GSR workshop that was put on by District 13. He stated that he did get a lot out of it.

We have been checking with the local newspapers to confirm or start listing our meeting schedules. One did state that they would publish the whole list, not just their subscription area.

Our literature chair has resigned due to moving. I am confident that the position will be filled at our next district meeting. GSRs, visitors and I attended along with 6 others from District for Delegates report put on by District 13. Comments were made that Diane was very informative. I did attend the TEAMS online workshop.

Yours in Service,
Fred T.

PUBLIC INFORMATION - Randy A

Greetings Area 35- It's been a very busy summer personally. I've been in contact with several different Entities (radio stations) regarding PSA requests. There are a few in the Area that have already placed the messages on the air, there are many districts that are active in PI work such as bringing Big Books or conference approved literature to libraries, schools or places of employment, some utilize the QR codes on cards with meeting schedules.

There are 2 new videos from "The young people's video project - available on aa.org entitled: Young and sober in AA "It can save your life. Young and sober in AA -I thought drinking made mean artist. - Please share them with young people in your Area or District. These essential tools can be used for PI or CPC presentations

I have made contact with the upcoming "Recovery, Healing & Health Conference contact person regarding holding a PI presentation and or manned booth, The conference is slated for September 10-11 at Northern Light Casino in Walker Mn. I have also made contact with 3 native American treatment centers in regard to putting on a PI presentation and or talk to clients and staff. I am currently waiting on a response for both these requests.

The commitment for the State fair booth is slated for August 24-25 in St. Paul, we have several openings for anyone interested in 12th step work. Please sign up as soon as possible and let me know, we need to have that information sent to the Area 36 PI Chair ASAP. My apologies as I was unable to attend the Joint workshop this month as I had other commitments that day and unfortunately forgot to assign one of our committee members to represent our Area. But I did contact the Area 36 PI Chair Sarah, who also wasn't able to make it that day either, about what was going on in our Area pertaining to Public Information.

There is a Day Captains checklist and guidelines for the State Fair, that we need to follow when we staff the booth that needs to be followed. I will be nearby and available at the fair if there are any concerns, questions or cancellations. I have made copies of the checklist for people who are volunteering. It is essential that we adhere and follow these guidelines to the best of our abilities. I understand that some service obligations or commitments are not feasible for people who live far away or have other agendas, especially in today's high cost of living and expenditures. Remember, it's all about carrying the message and letting the public who we are and where we came from and what AA is and what AA isn't.

Yours in Service,
Randy A.- PI Chair, Area 35

District 1 - Inactive

District 21 - Jeri S.

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

As your District 21 DCM, I continue to visit District 21 Meetings inquiring about the Group's GSR's, encouraging current GSR's to attend our District 21 Meetings the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM Alano Club Gratitude Hall! This has resulted in Hal volunteering to be GSR for Nooners Meeting as well as GSR Angela attending District 21 Meetings! Participation at District 21 Meetings has been robust with Patrick volunteering to be a Corrections Trusted Servant, Angela & Steve volunteering to be PI/CPC Trusted Servants! I met with Area 35 Former Delegate Steve and Secretary Sally to review "The Articles of Association" on 7/5/24. Many thanks to our

Former Area 35 Delegate Steve for his excellent work and Former Area 35 Secretary Sally for her excellent editing skills! I want to thank current District 21 Trusted Servants Mary Treasurer, Dale Secretary, Brent Archives and Stan Literature--I cannot do this work without you! 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!

Thank you!
Jeri S.

TREATMENT - Kyle H.

Present- No written report

District 5 - Chad O.

Hello All,
My name is Chad O. and I am the District 5 DCM, District 5 meets the 3rd Monday of each month, we meet at Trinity Lutheran Church in Princeton at 7PM.

We just got our new District 5 meeting cards from the printer and we are distributing them to the 3 Alano clubs in our district, I will have them at our next district meeting for all to take back to their meetings, share at treatment centers, jails, our government center and wherever else we feel they need to be distributed to.

District 5 has a long standing service commitment at the Mille Lacs County fair, this year the fair runs from August 7th to the 11th, we have a booth that has a District 5 AA banner and a display rack of AA pamphlets, literature, and meeting cards, our members volunteer in 2 hour blocks of time, with at least 2 volunteers per time slot, I'm happy to report that Friday, Saturday and Sunday slots are all filled, we just need a few more last minute volunteers to cover a few shifts on Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you to Mark R. for setting up and running the sign up genius for this event.

Our treatment chair had to step down for personal reasons, however, she found a replacement and we will vote at our next district meeting to formally accept the nomination. Carter L. our corrections chair has been doing an awesome job during this interim period in finding volunteers to speak at our treatment service commitment, with his help and help from others at the district I'm confident the transition period will be smooth. Thank you Mandy for all you did in your service for District 5.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in October at the Fall Assembly in Alexandria.

Yours in Service,
Chad O.

District 14 - No DCM

CPC -Marv S.

This summer has been unusually busy in my personal life. I was unable to attend our August Area Committee meeting. Therefore, I have no Area 35 information to report. I would like to share this information I received from Mike at GSO. He's been very helpful and as I write this I am attending a Zoom Meeting with him and CPC Area Chairs across the United States. It's interesting how much we all have in common....

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
Desk Activity Update
July 2024

To: CPC Committee Chairs
cc: Members of the General Service Conference
From: Michael R., CPC Coordinator
GSO cpc@aa.org

Warm greetings from the CPC desk at GSO. I would like to take this opportunity to share how we are connecting more with the professional community and spreading A.A.'s message to those who need our help.

Message to all CPC Chairs (Area, District, Intergroups/Central Offices)
This update is sent to CPC Chairs listed with GSO. If you are receiving this and are not currently serving as an active CPC Chair, that is because you are still registered with us as such. If you would take this chance to notify your Area Registrar that you have rotated off your assignment, or contact memberservices@aa.org, we can remove you from our list. These Activity Updates will continue to be shared with the Fellowship, but to maximize efficiency we strive to keep our records current here at the GSO. Please reach out to Michael R. at cpc@aa.org if you need any assistance.

CPC Service Cards
We are 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. Click those links where you'll be able to access the template to download and customize for your committee's work.

LinkedIn Page: (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/aaworldservicesinc>)
Since November 2023, the AAWS LinkedIn page has received 2,800 visits leading to about 350 clicks to www.aa.org. As of June 30, 2024, we have 3,856 followers (+89 increase from last quarter). Our top performing posts by impressions featured P-83: "Access to AA Pamphlet," "About A.A. Winter 2023," and P-42 "A Brief Guide to A.A." respectively. We just recently released the "Why Anonymous" video. In collaboration with the Communications Department, we are continuing to release at the minimum cadence of two posts per month.

Did you know? Past and current employees and trustees/directors of AAWS and the General Service Board may choose to "link" their profiles on LinkedIn to our AAWS LinkedIn page. Trusted servants, and employees of Central Offices, Intergroups or General Service structures outside of the US/Canada are not employees of AAWS and as such are not included in our page. When these accounts are linked, a process is in place for our Human Resources to remove them to not cause confusion.

Examples of Professionals Recommending AA:

The Cochrane Study: The 2020 study is the largest, most rigorous independent study on Alcoholics Anonymous to date. Led by Dr. John Kelly of Harvard and Dr. Keith Humphries of Stanford and sponsored by the respected Cochrane Institute, provided the first extensively researched evidence that A.A. works as well or better than other scientific treatments for alcoholism, including cognitive behavioral therapy, outpatient treatment delivered by a mental health professional, meditation or certain educational programs. (A.A. does not engage in or sponsor research about itself.)

Does Alcoholics Anonymous Work? ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...))

Link to Stanford Study

Podcast: Alcoholics Anonymous: what is it, how does it work?

Request for shared experience in Online CPC efforts:

Has your area, district, central office or home group presented to professionals in an online format? Maybe you held an interactive presentation? Or a sharing session or Q&A?

GSO is looking to collect shared experience from committees as they continue to explore the many ways to inform professionals. Any input is welcome and may be sent to cpc@aa.org.

F-23 and the About A.A. newsletter

Professionals can sign up for digital delivery of the "About A.A." newsletter on our website, <https://www.aa.org/about-aa>. When we receive the blue cards (item F-23) via postal mail, we will continue to reply to them and assist professionals and future professionals so that they are signed up for digital delivery. We no longer print and mail physical copies of the "About AA" newsletter.

CPC Resources on aa.org: Available in English, Spanish, and French

CPC Committee page: <https://www.aa.org/Cooperation-with-the-Professional>

Community CPC Presentations: PowerPoint template; contact the CPC desk
CPC Workbook: <https://www.aa.org/cooperation-professional-community-cpc-workbook>

CPC Kit contents: www.aa.org/cpckit

About AA Newsletter for Professionals: <https://www.aa.org/about-aa> Back issues searchable.

Newly Launched FAQ page: <https://www.aa.org/faqs>

Other CPC Resources: AAWS LinkedIn Page: Briefly describes A.A. to professionals and provides a link to the www.aa.org website and lists national professional conferences where traveling exhibits will show. <https://www.linkedin.com/company/aaworldservicesinc>.

AAGV YouTube Page: Has audio stories from AAGV and AA La Viña
<https://www.youtube.com/c/aagrapevine>

Thank you for your service,
Michael R., GSO Staff

District 6 - Julie N

Hello to all in area 35,

I can't believe Summer is already coming to an end. I felt like it was June just yesterday. Our district has been not as engaged as it has in the past. We truly need to refocus and find our purpose and helping the alcoholic that still suffers. At the beginning of the year, we talked about all the things that we would like to do like have a sponsorship workshop steps and tradition workshop getting into hospital and treatment centers.

I know it starts with one alcoholic working with another. This coming up months I will reach out to each of the committees And asking, what can I do to better serve.

On a positive note, tailgates rotation has been a great adventure and I want to thank those that are involved.

I was asked by Pat or alt. Delegate to travel up to District 2 to help put on a tailgate. that was really fun. We met some new friends at twin River. I can't wait to watch District two get excited about their area.

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that I am responsible.

Thank you for allowing me to serve
Julie N.

District 9 - Tom T.

Good Morning,

I'm Tom T and I'm the District 9 DCM for this rotation and I'm an alcoholic. Our District meetings are held the last Sunday of each month, except for July when we do not have a meeting, or when the last Sunday is on a holiday weekend. The yearly schedule is on our District 9 Website. Our attendance at these meetings has been good so far this year with both GSR's and Committee Members attending regularly. We have most of our committee positions filled, with the exception of Archives. We are working on the development of the District Offices having a committee where practical. The PI/CPC group has developed a group of 3 volunteers to reach the still suffering

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alcoholic. I have been attending additional meetings in our district and am very uplifted with the attendance and content of them. I appreciate the opportunity for our GSR's to vote either in person or on line at this Area Committee Meeting. I also attended, on Teams, the training for using Teams. I am looking forward to attending the Area 35 Fall Assembly in October. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve.
In Service,
Tom T.

ARCHIVES - Cathy R.

Hi from Archives Committee.

We had a new member attend, She is Michelle from District 12. Also we had visitors Steve L. and Sally L.

We discussed:

- Can the Archivist keep the digitalized version of the various Area 35 Secretary minutes?

- Should we offer to play (via MP3) a recording of Bill Wilson or Dr. Bob at District workshops? What about the Winter Workshop?

Reminder from Archivist and Archives Committee

- We will come to your district and speak about archives-

- Come to visit the archives location on every 3rd Sunday from Noon-4:00pm

- Contact Archivist or Archives Chair for an appointment to visit the Archives.

In Service,
Cathy R.

ARCHIVIST - Marc N

Archivist report, Aug 2024 ACM

The Area 35/36 joint meeting was attended by the Area 36 alt archives chair, the Area 36 newsletter editor and alt editor, past Area 35 delegate and newsletter editor and me. Most of the discussion was regarding how the newsletter should be archived and made available on area websites. We also discussed how archives could help with the State Fair exhibit.

As I copy cassette tapes to mp3 format I am very, very thankful for this opportunity. Not only is it an element of service to preserve our audio history, but it is an opportunity to listen to long timer stories, inspirational stories, and entertaining stories. There is also an opportunity to get to know about our Area 35 service history.

I will not attend the National AA Archives Workshop.

The archives committee along with our webmaster will be discussing some of the obstacles to getting past so that an archive presentation can be added to our area website.

As the Archives Chair stated we (either or both of us) are willing to attend district meetings to demonstrate area and district archiving methods. I now have audio recordings of our Founder's that can be made available for speaker meetings, an audio recording of "Why We Have A Conference" could be of interest for district meetings.

Although not part of my report, a discussion item that came later at the ACM, regarding the nomination and election of delegate process brought a request for background on past area decisions. I might have audio recordings but would need clarity regarding who can listen to these recordings as part of research.

In Service,

Archivist, Marc Noerenberg

District 4- James T.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT 4

Greetings from the beautiful lakes area of Western Minnesota. In the past 3 months our District has continued to work on topics which will be resolved perhaps only with God's direct intervention...we celebrate those seemingly few successes of the District which allow us to shout "hip, hip hooray"...and then there are those "special" situations which only prove that we are human and remind us that humility is a positive and helpful concept.

We are stressing the need for all District Groups to send workers to Alexandria on October 5&6 for the Area Fall Assembly. There are many tasks which require attention throughout the event, and the more workers, the merrier it is for everyone. We look forward to seeing you at the Alexandria Holiday Inn this fall.

The District Committee in June discussed the need to better organize how we schedule AA speakers for our monthly District meetings. We move the meetings to different communities for six months mid-year, then schedule them at the Alexandria clubhouse the remainder of the year. Host groups have reported difficulties in finding speakers who provide new experiences and viewpoints. So we have asked each group to submit a list of members from their community who can be called upon.

Our finances are in excellent shape, though I remind our groups that our funds are collected to be spent...ultimately... and are not a long-term savings account. Of course, we hold back a prudent reserve but one of our future discussions will focus on "what are our obligations and opportunities" to carry the message.

I remain a real stickler on the concept of AA's Singleness of Purpose. In next

month's meeting we will study and discuss the AA pamphlet "Problems Other than Alcohol".

Respectfully submitted,
Jim T. DCM

GRAPEVINE - Terry A.

Present- No written report

District 12 - Richard G.

District 12 Report

Treatment: District 12 continues with a speaker meeting Saturdays at 7pm at Port Rehab and is well attended. Corrections: Meetings at St. Louis County, Douglas County and the Federal prison continue to expand and more volunteers are encouraged to participate.

PI/CPC: Continues to set up our presentation at the St. Louis County Human Services Convention for 2 days at the DECC starting Oct 9th complete with our website demonstration throughout.

DULLYPAA is attending district and has secured the state convention here in Duluth for next summer.

Intergroup is represented and continues to operate as usual with the addition of new meetings there and a well stocked AA library.

Our literature chair is developing a District Newsletter (monthly) which contains articles on District 12 and of it's mission to show service that can add to sober life. The 1st draft will be reviewed by the groups for input.

Yours in Service,
Rich G.

District 16 - Dave C.

Not Present- No Report

CORRECTIONS - Mark R

Again, 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, as well as all District Corrections Chairs for all their efforts. 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. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS, this is very rewarding Service Work, it may be some of the best Twelfth Step work you can do!

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.

I attended the joint Area 35/Area 36 Joint Meeting – it was awesome. There were many more in attendance from Area 36, I wish more of our Area 35 members would have been on the meeting! We need to encourage not only our Area Chairs, Officers, and DCM's but any Area 35 member especially District Chairs and GSR's!

I will be attending and look forward to the Fall Assembly in Alexandria – let's set some attendance records – as Julie, DCM District 6 would say: "WHEW-WHEW"!

Monthly, I Chair the Statewide Corrections Committee meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 7, 2024 starting at 6:00pm via Zoom. The SWCC Corrections Workshop, it will be held on November 2, 2024 – See the new FLYER! Spread the word, bring a Sponsee!

CORRECTIONS ACTION CHAIR COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES:

Paul C. (D3 Alt DCM, GSR): The Wadena Sheriff has shared his gratitude for the AA member's patience when they were not able to allow meetings due to lack of staff – seems things are back to normal again. Melvin (D3 DCM) has purchased Spanish Language Big Books for the facilities in District 3 as well as supplied meeting schedules. Shared a story of a man in custody who was attending meetings in Wadena County jail, got out, was on his way to treatment in Duluth, Relapsed & Slipped. A reminder that we may need to be there and help our County jails ensure these men & women make it from point A to B!

Ricco R. (D9 Corrections Chair): Going Wednesdays with Jerry to bring AA meetings into MCF-TOGO. Ricco continues to share about our CTCP program and our upcoming Statewide Corrections Workshop!

Peggy M. (D13 DCM and Corrections Action Chair): Provided a report from John D. (D13 Corrections Chair). On Thursday, Dawn from Stearns County got me the updated list of AA members who have completed their requirements for taking meetings into the jail. There are seven women and one man who have completed the training, so for now we will only be able to start women's meetings there. Need to see which weeks work the best for them (2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month). Starting putting the message out about the need for more men to volunteer, and will inform members about the next training session at Stearns, which is Wednesday, Sept 25th, from Noon - 4:00 PM. Benton County meetings continue every Monday evening at 6:30 (women's) and 7:30 (men's). Benton County is hosting a vol-

unteer appreciation picnic on Wednesday, August 28th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at Holdridge Park in Foley. Dave Kieke (the program director at Benton) is requesting RSVPs from any interested volunteers by Aug 23rd so he can order the appropriate number of meals. JJ is corresponding with the inmate at MCF-Faribault. I have not yet written to the most recent request from MCF-St Cloud, so if you have someone already in mind, feel free to pass that information on. If not, I am more than happy to contact that inmate.

Cathy (D6 Corrections Volunteer): Isanti County jail, meetings are going very well.

Mark R. (A35 Corrections Chair): I take a meeting into Mille Lacs County jail on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Meetings are strong with attendance each Tuesday around 12-14 men. Every Thursday, I facilitate an AA meeting inside MCF-St Cloud. Very powerful meeting with usually 21-25 men in attendance. We read from the Big Book and are now in "We Agnostics". God's presence is definitely with us, these men are opening up and no one is shying away from talking about what God is doing in their lives, and how the program of AA is keeping them alive and giving them hope while they are incarcerated! I also share a story from one of our men at Mille Lacs County jail. He was released from Mille Lacs County jail and was on his way to Teen Challenge. He has been attending AA meetings in the jail for a year now and had also joined a church group in Milaca. While on his way, he stopped to visit his girlfriend in Mora who was at a Recover Center there. When done, he found his ride had left. Another woman in the Recovery Center had her boyfriend there and he said he would give this man a ride downtown Minneapolis to Teen Challenge (he said he was sober). On the way this guy told our Mille Lacs man, he was gaming his girlfriend and proceeded to stop at a liquor store, then a bar. Our man from Mille Lacs jail did not partake or go into the bar! He actually had to drive the car and drove to one of his "old friends" to get away from this dude. Our man from Mille Lacs County jail thought he was fine, but when he got in with his "old friend" he could smell the odor of Meth. This is when his relapse ended, and his SLPI happened! This 1 1/2 hour episode landed him back in Mille Lacs County jail - so sad. I have asked the Program Coordinator at Mille Lacs County jail to contact one of us willing volunteers, whenever someone attending our AA meetings is being released to a treatment center and needs a ride to call one of us and we can make sure they get from point A to B. We need to help more in Bridging the Gap in our County Jails

God Bless you all,

Mark R

A.A. Area 35 Corrections Chair

Statewide Corrections - Mark R.

Our committee continues to work hard to promote A.A. Corrections Service Work throughout the State of Minnesota!

At our July 10, 2024 meeting, the following A.A. Members attended: Paul H. (A35/D3 Corrections Chair), Mark R. (SWCC/A35 Corrections Chair), Ricco R. (A35/D9 Corrections Chair), Lucy K. (A35/D15 Corrections Chair), Adam C. (A35/D16 Corrections Chair).

GENERAL SHARING & REPORTS

ADAM C. - A35, D16 Corrections Chair: The District 16 county is Itaska. The District will be starting to take meetings into the Itaska County jail located in Grand Rapids, MN. Orientation was held for 6 AA volunteers! At this time, they are waiting on additional approvals, then will start the meetings. Meetings are Thursdays, could be 20-40 men attending!

RICCO R. - Area 35, District 9 Corrections Chair: District 9 just had their monthly meeting, Ricco did a presentation on our CTCP and spoke about the Statewide Corrections Workshop.

PAUL H. - Area 35, District 3 Corrections Chair: Ottertail, Wadena, and Becker County jail meetings are going well. Still looking to start a Women's A.A. meeting in Becker County jail.

LUCY K. - Area 35, District 15 Correction Chair: Not much new, nothing to report. Lucy had some questions for Mark, Mark said he would give her a call.

MARK R. - Area 35 Corrections Chair, SWCC Chair: Meeting is going strong on Thursdays at MCF-St Cloud from 6:15pm-7:15pm. Continue to average 18-25 men. We have 6 volunteers on Thursdays. I attend Mille Lacs County jail meeting on the 2nd Tuesday each month, average 12-14 men. Continue working on the 2024 Corrections Workshop.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

2024 SWCC Corrections Workshop:

Mark has spoken with Warden Jesse Pugh from MCF-St Cloud. Warden Pugh has accepted Mark's offer to be our 2nd Speaker at the Statewide Corrections Workshop on November 2, 2024!

Mark met with Terry P. on July 29th to go over all our technology requirements - we are all set!

We will be going with same menu as last year at Jack & Jim's Event Center. The cost will be more around \$19 for each person in order to cover taxes and gratuity. Mark is working on handouts, will put together folders similar to last year.

2024 MCF Transition Fairs: Craig H. (Area 36 Corrections Chair) was informed by Lino Lakes that due to space, AA was not selected to attend. I followed up with MCF-Lino Lakes, even after pleading our case, they would not budge and had no comment when I asked why they allowed "other" programs in that offer AA, NA and other services, and not AA, very disappointing! There will be 15-20 men who will not have a chance to talk with us or fill out a CTCP INSIDE Request form. Ricco R. has volunteered to attend MCF-Moose Lake. MCF-Shakopee will be held November 5th. Jessica S. (Area 35/D7 DCM) will be attending from our Area and the Area 36 person is TBD. MCF-Rush City, MCF-Willow River #2, and MCF-Stillwater are still OPEN - WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

2024 Facility Transitions Fair Dates

FACILITY LINE DATE	TRANSITION FAIR DATE	APPLICATION DEAD-
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-Shakopee	November 5, 2024	October 15, 2024
MCF-Stillwater	November 13, 2024	October 23, 2024

The SWCC meets on the 1st Wednesday of each Month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 7, 2024

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

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Humbled & Honored to Serve you,

Mark Rinehart

Area 35 Corrections Chair

Statewide Corrections Committee Chair

corrections@area35.org

District 3 - Melvin S.

Hello, Area 35, District 3 hasn't been super active lately. We are still covering the four jails and treatment centers in the district.

Round Robin meetings are well attended and some of the meetings in the district are seeing more than usual attendance. Mainly seasonal and visitors to the lakes in the area.

We also are experiencing some Spanish speaking members attending, so we are obtaining literature in preparation. We do not have a Spanish speaking meeting yet.

In Service, Melvin S

District 13 - Peggy M.

Greetings! My name is Peggy DCM for District 13.

We have been very busy over the summer, here are a few highlights.

1. Our Delegate Diane gave her report from the Conference Monday June 3rd 2024 at the Alano club with District 13 and 15

2. The District 13 summer workshop was June 29th at the St. Cloud Alano club. Past Area Officers were the presenters. I was great!

3. All Committee chairs are working hard; PI, Treatment, Literature, Corrections, Treasurer doing the work of the district.

4. DCM submitted an article to Northern Light on CTCP.

We have received a contribution of several boxes of literature for Detox and the Beginners meeting. I have been working with "New Way" a treatment program for women released from Correctional Facilities. They are incredibly grateful.

My primary focus over the last 2 months has been getting out to AA meeting. The visits are very well received. I attended the Beginners meeting; it was well attended and there was very positive feedback from the members.

We are excited about our Fall service workshop November 16th at the St. Cloud Alano Club. We have two past Delegates who will present on service sponsorship and present on aspects of service.

We have great positive energy moving forward!

Grateful,

Peggy M

DCM D13

OLD BUSINESS

- **State Fair Booth- Sign up-** Discussed in Public Information Report, See Randy to sign up.

NEW BUSINESS

- Pro/Con Discussion on Changes to voting procedures for Area Delegate-Denise R. brought forward idea of changing the way we choose our delegates by eliminating personal nominations. We have used our current process since 1977- page 20 of the Area Actions Book dated 3/27/1977 "The Area Assembly decided to adopt a nominating and electing procedure for future Delegates whereby etc.... each District will submit a resume to the Assembly of the person it feels is qualified to become Delegate etc..."

- I would like to discuss changing these procedures to coincide with Original and Current Conference Charter from our Service Manual page 120- 7. Area Assemblies, Methods of electing Area Committee Members and Delegates.

Whenever practicable, committee members are elected by written ballot without personal nomination. And delegates are selected from among such committee members by a two-thirds written ballot or by lot-

- Also referenced the book "Our Great Responsibility" Bill W.'s 1955 talk page 184-185 referring to "political pressures that came into play on personal nomination" etc..

- Conversations with Scott A. past Area 36 Delegate and Carla N. current Alt.

Delegate in Area 36 about their voting procedures as examples- Area Chair reads the qualifications from the Service Manual, Duties/Responsibilities from the Area Manual then proceeds to ask the Area Officers, Area Committee Chairs, DCM's if they are willing to stand for the position- after that they may also have nominations from the floor

- The Service Manual gives Qualifications for Delegate we can use along with our Area 35 Duties and Responsibilities. We could use these as our guides in choosing Delegates being selected from the Area Officers, Committee Chairs and DCM's.

Discussion:

- Question of why in 1977 did they do that? - There is no reason listed in the Actions book - recording or past minutes could provide that information.
- People that would be able to serve would then be Area Officers, Area Committee Chairs and DCM's currently serving? Is that correct? - Yes
- Archivist found recording of 1977 meeting however that is not official minutes of the meeting and would be unsure of who would be able to listen to the recording. No Northern Light in 1977 to find official minutes therefore the Actions book would be our only source of information.
- There are 93 Areas each one is autonomous, we can choose delegates as we see fit- Service Manual is suggestive only- other Areas see what we do and might like to try what we do having resume's ahead of time to see who they are voting for- taking people from the floor who may not know what is involved in the position and end up resigning-
- we could still have resume's ahead of time in the Northern Light by asking who would stand for Delegate at the Spring Assembly- there are other options-
- a member who proctored Area 36 Elections stated his experience was it is a long process and members don't appear willing to stand-there is merit in people being willing to be nominated- their experience showed some members stand because no one else will-
- a DCM asked if we have had people outside the Area Committee Members become delegate?- we have-
- this could be done on a trial basis, a rotation or 2 - since doing it this way since 1977- try something new-
- why do you think it's broke and want to fix it? - not in favor of nominations
- it feels like a personal "stamp of approval" based on personal relationships- Believe we should follow the Conference Charter having members who have read the qualifications and responsibilities from the Service Manual, Actions book who are qualified and willing to stand, no personal endorsements.

Discussion ended

- Inventory Ad hoc Committee Recommendation-

Jeff GSR had a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee- We met on Sunday, July 14.

In attendance were Jake J, Mike U, Jeff O, Fred T, Heidi B, Nels P.

We continued our discussion from Spring Assembly on GSR orientation.

We received positive feedback from GSR's regarding the GSR Orientation at Spring Assembly as well as a clear interest/need for an orientation at the beginning of the rotation. We discussed adding the GSR Orientation to the January Service Workshop, instead of Spring Assembly, so that GSR's have the information they need to vote and participate at the assemblies.

Our recommendation to the Area is to add a GSR Orientation/Training to the January Service Workshop. This could follow the opening/announcements and the Meet Your Area Officers & Action Committee Chairs, first thing in the morning. It could replace at least two district (possibly three) presentations, depending on the amount of time needed. Details to follow if approved.

Discussion-

- GSR stated at the GSR Orientation there were about 40 people, we had an hour and a half, we chose 3 topics and felt didn't have nearly enough time to discuss thoroughly. We all felt the same, we had questions and didn't know who we could ask - anytime you can get GSR's together with more time to discuss and learn, the better. Need to do everything we can to help GSR's figure things out-

- Mike U made motion to accept Ad hoc Committee Recommendation John DCM 2nd motion-

Discussion-

Clarification needed on who can vote, make motions and second motion at the ACM- GSR's do not at ACM's only at Area Assemblies

- can non voting members speak? yes

- there is no DCM orientation and would like to add to the topic

- at workshop we did have breakout session for GSR's and DCM's- we should also be using time at our Districts to educate

- we are talking about GSR orientation at winter workshop-thinking of how we can structure the upcoming workshop to include this- not sure we can change the schedule for the upcoming workshop, possibly 2026? Alt Delegate responsibility to put together January Winter Workshop

- a DCM stated consistency wanted for DCM and GSR orientation/workshops being held at the same time, preferably at the January Workshop to be ready for the Spring Assembly, also keeping the orientations at the Spring Assembly to continue preparing the new GSR's/DCM's

- a member of the original ad hoc committee spoke from original committee notes- stating to reinstitute GSR orientation and add DCM orientation in a productive, useful manner, to educate on communication procedures and the service structure. Many GSR's approached them at Spring Assembly asking for more information, stating "we don't know what we are doing"- because of that, ad hoc committee focused more on GSR orientation. Officers' meeting discussed having a more organized orientation for GSR's at January Workshop, if DCM's would like one too, someone could ask for friendly amendment to the motion to include DCM orientation-

- Sponsors or service sponsors can also help educate

Peggy DCM made friendly amendment to add DCM orientation to the motion- Mike U. accepted friendly amendment-

- Point of Order? - Alt Delegate states it's their job to put the Workshop together and has right of decision-
- read the responsibilities for the Alt Delegate from the Area Actions Book which include setting the agenda for the January Workshop-
- 2026 or this January? speaking of January 2025 orientation
- If this is Alt Delegate's job, no motion needed?
- With this discussion we have let our Alt Delegate know what we want at the January Workshop-
- Point of Order? need to table the motion or drop the motion-

Mike U. withdrew his motion-

- Articles of Association Ad hoc committee-

Steve L. stated last Fall Assembly before elections- discussion was to make ad hoc committee and we've done that- the committee made changes, will forward PDF to Chair and they can send to all DCM's, GSR's to be voted on at the Fall Assembly- business filings show it has to be renewed every 2 years-Treasurers have been doing this- Treasurer has password protected access to the Secretary of State website for this reason and will do some research- Listed as a "registered agent" in the articles of association is a past member of the Area along with their address, this should be updated- could possibly use the Area Chair as acting registered agent and use the address of the Archives building as a more permanent address? We could pay outside agent to be Acting Agent- technically they need to be available 24/7

Bring forward to GSR's for discussion how do we want to handle our Area 35 registered agent? vote at Fall Assembly

Will the Committee put forward a recommendation?

Discussion ended-

- WCRAASC proposals-

Delegate Diane brought forward that our WCR Administrator would like to increase the Prudent Reserve to \$12,000 instead of our current amount of \$9,000- They feel they need more to be able to pay all the bills when needed

- currently there is \$12,819 in the checking account, they would simply take \$12,000 of that and put in Prudent Reserve. Expenses in 2022 were \$11,526 and in 2023 expenses were \$13,983.

Previously an Event Center submitted a bill early and we were down to \$700 with no backup

Discussion-

If the reserve goes under \$12,000 do they want Area's to Contribute to make up the difference? Not at this time-

They did discuss being able to send contributions to the WCR - this has been a self supporting Conference and if not self supporting we need to take a look at that-

How many in favor of raising the limit? Majority was in favor- yes

- Based on feedback from Delegates virtual option for the WCR has been positive and a well used service by AA members in the West Central Region, however this does not apply to this year-

- Is it time to have a WCR Virtual IT Tec person for consistency and continuity in having the Virtual Option?

The person would be responsible for setting up all virtual controls - costs for position would include travel, rooms and meals with a budget comparable to the WCR Administrator- virtual IT Tec would be on site during the conference- . Is our Area interested in this?

Discussion-

Treasurer noted that our next WCRAASC is in Casper Wyoming and our funds are limited so most of us probably won't be able to attend and not having a virtual option is a bad idea.

- Diane clarified for this upcoming 2025 WCR in Casper Wyoming it is still up to the host Area to decide if they will have a virtual option, they have that right of decision- at this time there is not a virtual option for the upcoming WCR in Casper Wyoming

- DCM asked why can't hosting Area provide the tec instead of creating a new position? Each Area could have an IT person that could take care of it?

- a DCM believes we, Area 35, won't have the money to cover the expenses of providing a good virtual option for our upcoming responsibility of hosting the WCR and believes we need this IT tec position to continue with the virtual option

- We have the WCRAASC coming here in 2027 and we don't have money or equipment to do this-

all for WCR creating the position

- Clarification question- would WCR Committee buy equipment and staffing? Microphones and Camera's would need to be purchased as well as the IT person- Budget the IT person and equipment separately-

Diane - Who is In favor of having a personal IT person for the WCR - Vote passed with most voting yes-

Minority opinion- Who is paying for this?

The WCR service conference is funded by the Conference, self supported.

There may be a fee for those that register for virtual- It is suppose to be self supporting-

Question- Will there be a Two-Tier registration system then for in person and virtual? - Correct it is a possibility-

Member stated -there is no cost mentioned- having a hard time deciding when we have no costs given to us.

Member stated - we have a lot of GSR's that don't approve of having virtual meetings and doesn't know if we should have this vote without the GSR's voice

A DCM stated I carry my GSR's vote here at the ACM-

-WCR Also asking is it time to purchase FM Frequency translation headsets

for Spanish and/or French speaking people that attend the Conference? They do have to budget for translators-

Discussion -

There is no cost provided for this yet? Would we use it only once a year and would that be worth the cost?

From a translation perspective- If we are going to offer a Zoom or Teams virtual option, there is already translation provided using those- Maybe they need to step back and take a look at the needs better to provide a better plan with a cost so we can have an informed discussion and make a decision

When Area 36 hosted the WCRAASC a few years ago they lost \$4-6,000 by providing Sign language translators and there was not a need for this- no one needed it-

We need to ask on our registration forms to see if there is a need. We need to find out how necessary these things are before we purchase them

Things are more expensive now- We get hit with Gratuity fees now and many hidden fees- Do we need all this?

Diane got a sense of the room and feels we all need more information before we decide. We need informed group decisions

- Area 35/36 Joint Workshop-

Chair stated next year Area 35 is hosting in May- this year we had 9 from our area out of the 33 that attended.

- Trustee at Large-

We will vote for the Candidate for Trustee at Large at the Fall Assembly

-Calendar of Events

-Page 28 of Northern Light has upcoming servant events, please see the Northern Light also at Area35.org

John J. motion to close the ACM- Cathy R. Seconded- motion approved closed with Responsibility Statement 2:20pm



"Yes, you should include your father on your Ninth Step list. His slippers are a wreck!"

-CHRIS C., Rockville, Md.

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.

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

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.

Tradition Four

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?

Tradition Five

Each group has but one primary purpose-to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

1. Do I ever cop out by saying, "I'm not a group, so this or that Tradition doesn't apply to me"?
2. Am I willing to explain firmly to a newcomer the limitations of AA help, even if he gets mad at me for not giving him a loan?
3. Have I today imposed on any AA member for a special favor or consideration simply because I am a fellow alcoholic?
4. Am I willing to twelfth-step the next newcomer without regard to who or what is in it for me?
5. Do I help my group in every way I can to fulfill our primary purpose?
6. Do I remember that AA old-timers, too, can be alcoholics who still suffer? Do I try both to help them and to learn from them?

"ONE PRIMARY PURPOSE"

AREA HIGHLIGHT - 1962 CONFERENCE

Donna T. [REDACTED] - Northern Minnesota

I have been told A.A. first started in Northern Minnesota in 1941, with the help of Pat C. [REDACTED], the founder of A.A. in Minnesota. I understand it was rather slow in growing the first few years, but at present we have approximately thirty groups with a membership of about five hundred. They are not, however, all active in our Northern Assembly, and by checking, we find those groups who aren't, don't grow. Our present group in Bemidji was started five years ago with four of us and our average attendance now is from fifteen to twenty.

There are some Institutional Committees active in this area now. It seems we are rather backward up here and only very recently divided the Northern Assembly into Areas. By electing good, active Area Committeemen, I'm sure we will have more success here in helping new groups get started, and having various committees for hospitals, prisons, etc. I have high hopes for our Northern Assembly in the future, but it does take time when you try to start something new.

I know of very few new groups in our area, although just recently several from our group went to an Indian Reservation to help them get started. They show a great deal of interest and have the law, clergy and all public officials backing them. I sincerely hope they will continue because A.A. is surely needed there as well as in all communities. We feel if they have a group of their own, they will be more successful, and we have promised to help them get started in any way we can. We will go there regularly until they feel they can be on their own.

The surrounding groups helped us a great deal when we first started by driving fifty to one hundred and fifty miles to put on meetings, and any time we can do the same, we will.

We hold open meetings once a month, as do most groups in this area, and we all encourage all interested non-A.A.'s, including the clergy and all public officials, to attend. At these meetings, we try to have an outside speaker. It never fails to amaze me how ignorant some of our public officials are about A.A. I recently was called to another city in our area to get one of our men out of jail. The judge there knew nothing about A.A. and how we work. Some of his questions surprised me, such as - "Are you connected with A.A. in a professional capacity? Surely you don't do things like this without getting paid! Why?" There is an active group in that city and he has been invited to attend meetings but hasn't so far. Perhaps now he will, to learn more, and by so doing, may help others.

There are not many women in A.A. in this area that I know of. I would say about a dozen. In my own group, although there are three women now, most of the time I am the only one present at meetings, and in many groups there are no women at all.

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Donna T. [REDACTED] - Northern Minnesota

There are also some loners, and those I have contacted prefer to remain that way.

Quite a few old-timers in this area are still active to a certain extent, and by their continued presence at meetings, they are certainly helping all of us.

AREA OFFICER & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

DELEGATE- DIANE R

Hi Friends,

Thank you to District 7 who invited me to give a report back from the General Service Conference in August. We had an excellent pot luck. It is always wonderful to connect with our A.A. fellowship because they love A.A. as much as I do. Thank you to Pat for attending many of the report backs with me. I greatly appreciate his support. In August I also attended Friday night Keep It Simple and heard our friend Julie share her story. Good times and Fellowship.

The International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous Registration and Housing Processes will open on September 10, 2024. There is online registration and housing process and a print form registration process. For more information check online at www.aa.org.

The link to the 2024 General Service Conference Final Report is available online at www.aa.org. This is the 74th General Service Conference that was held April 14-20, 2024, in New York City. The 2024 General Service Conference Final Report, printed version, should be available at the Area 35 Fall Assembly.

At the Area 35 Fall Assembly we can submit our ideas for the 2026 General Service Conference. This would include ideas for the theme, topics, and workshop presentations. A list of previous themes, topics and workshop presentations was sent to all DCMs.

AAWS announced that the **Plain Language Big Book, A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous** will be out November 1, 2024, with a price of \$11.00. Other new items available in September are a pamphlet, **Black in A.A. – Experience Strength and Hope**; **Literature Workbook**; and **Reflexions Diarias**.

The West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference for 2025 in Casper Wyoming will have a hybrid option. There may be an added fee for the hybrid option. They are still working out the details.

A.A. Second Quarter reported the following information for the first six months of 2024. Contributions were \$5,600,000 which is 15% greater than last year. Net Literature Sales were \$3,700,000 which is 11% less than last year. Operating Surplus before Depreciation is \$529,000. We now have 6.33 months of Reserve Coverage.

Grapevine net loss for the first six months of 2024 was \$487,000 versus a budgeted loss of \$357,000. This is a \$130,000 more than budgeted. This was due to delayed print subscription price increase and greater than budgeted expenses for professional fee and cost related to App development. Reforecasted loss for Grapevine in 2024 is \$672,449 which is \$89 thousand more than was expected.

The reforecasted full-year revenue and expense for LaVina approximated the original budget. So far in 2024, LaVina loss is \$297,000.

Development of the Fifth Edition of the Book Alcoholics Anonymous continues. Story submissions have been narrowed from 2,500 to 159. Selected stories are being reviewed to narrow them to about fifty for the committee to review.

The literature subcommittee reported that work on expanding the existing ideas in Appendices III and V continues. Current and past Class A trustees are being contacted for professional references and content development.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE-PAT M

Hello Area 35

Alternate Delegate Pat M and I am an alcoholic. I have been working on the Winter workshop or 49th annual workshop. The workshop is a learning workshop for all who join in, especially the GSR and DCMs. It's really all about the DCMs in GSRs, so if you are a DCM or a GSR, I encourage you to join us January 11th and 12th 2025 at the Crookston Inn convention center in Crookston Minnesota. You will not regret it. Our guest speaker for the workshop is our new West Central regional trustee, Charlie H. I've had some conversations with Charlie, I think you are all going to love to meet our West Central regional trustee. I'm also looking for some DCMs and GSRs to take Charlie out for dinner and lunch, that's how you can get to know Charlie, talk to Charlie and ask him questions, if you have any questions. Charlie is a very easygoing guy, he's very easy to talk to, you will like this.

At the fall assembly I will let each district know who is presenting and what they are presenting on for the winter workshop.

I attended a report back with our delegate Diane at District 7. Diane reported on the conference, excellent job again by Diane. District 7 had a potluck and if you left there hungry that was your own fault, they do the terrific job, keep it up district 7. AA is alive and well there.

I've been attending delegate meetings with our delegate Diane and NADD meetings. September 1st, West Central region put on a presentation which I participated in, along with three other alternate delegates, Kat from Wyoming, Dawn from Nebraska and Al from South Dakota. We presented on the warranties, it was really fun to work with these three Alternate Delegate's. Thank you Area 35 for giving me this opportunity, it's truly humbling.

CHAIR – VICKI R

Good morning

I attended June ACM

I attended Area 35/36 Workshop on July 20

I attended the Teams Office 365 training session put on by Terry, webmaster July 21

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 agendas for the ACM and for the Officer's meeting and Fall Assembly

I prepared the materials Pat will need to Chair the Fall Assembly

At our Officer's meeting we discussed:

-Linguistics District – will revisit if we receive a request

-2025 Service Workshop – discussed having GSR and DCM training

-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 Dec ACM.

-Update - Fall Assembly, find time for the panel discussion on the Concepts of Service. Will host a Teams meeting to finalize agenda

-Reviewed brochure from Lakeplace Foundation received by an aa member in Dist. 9; Diane will follow up with the implied affiliation on their brochure

In grateful service,
Vicki R

SECRETARY – DENISE R

Greetings,

I have completed the minutes from the August Area Committee meeting and distributed them. I also spent time preparing for the Concepts Presentations at the upcoming Fall Assembly.

I completed the flyer for the Spring Assembly 2025 and will have that available at the Fall Assembly.

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Denise R.

TREASURER – HEIDI B

Hello Area 35 –

Financials are as follows:

Period 5: 8/1/24 – 8/31/24

Group Contributions	\$4,664.00
Literature/Other income	<u>\$137.50</u>
Total	\$4,801.50

Total Expenses	<u>\$2,580.60</u>
Net Income	\$2,220.90

Checking account balance is \$19,490.47 as of 8/31/24.

Group contributions surpassed our budgeted monthly goal of \$4,500 this month! Thank you to the groups that contributed this month. We are still below our budgeted contributions for the year by \$5,500. Please keep sending in your group and birthday contributions so that the Area can continue to provide the services your groups have requested.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Heidi B

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

WEBMASTER – TERRY P

No report. given

NORTHERN LIGHT – JENNIFER T

I received a first edition *Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers* from Mary in Park Rapids for the area archives. Mary also submitted a binder of the Park Rapids and Detroit Lakes AA history for archives. I continue accepting submissions for current and future editions of the Northern Light.

It was brought to my attention that there have been event flyers submitted for printing that exceed the size quoted in the Northern Light and there is an extra cost passed on to the districts for printing. **A \$20.00 fee will be added for a submission larger than 8 1/2 x 11.**

I welcome continued submissions from all members of the area.

GROUP RECORDS – PHYLLIS K

GSRs and Contact People: 9

Meeting Guide: +9 and -1 (meeting MIA)

Mailing List: +8 and -5

District Officer Changes: 1 new DCM and +1 Chair

New Group: 2

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AREA OFFICER & ACTION COMMITTEE NL REPORTS

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Help Messages: 0

Returned Northern Lights: 7

Thank you so much to the groups that updated their GSRs/Contact People and got their meetings reactivated. It only takes one person in your meeting to keep your group connected in our Area and published on the Meeting Guide. Please spread the word...it only takes name, address, email, and phone number. I am grateful that in unity, we recover.

Phyll

LITERATURE – MIKE U

No report given

PUBLIC INFORMATION – RANDY A

Greetings Area 35-

It's been a very busy summer personally. I've been in contact with several different Entities (radio stations) regarding PSA requests. There are a few in the Area that have already placed the messages on the air, there are many districts that are active in PI work such as bringing Big Books or conference approved literature to libraries, schools or places of employment, some utilize the QR codes on cards with meeting schedules.

There are 2 new videos from "The young people's video project – available on aa.org entitled: Young and sober in AA "It can save your life. Young and sober in AA -I thought drinking made mean artist. – Please share them with young people in your Area or District. These essential tools can be used for PI or CPC presentations.

I have made contact with the upcoming "Recovery, Healing & Health Conference contact person regarding holding a PI presentation and or manned booth, The conference is slated for September 10-11 at Northern Light Casino in Walker Mn. I have also made contact with 3 native American treatment centers in regard to putting on a PI presentation and or talk to clients and staff. I am currently waiting on a response for both these requests. The commitment for the State fair booth is slated for August 24-25 in St. Paul, we have several openings for anyone interested in 12th step work. Please sign up as soon as possible and let me know, we need to have that information sent to the Area 36 PI Chair ASAP. My apologies as I was unable to attend the Joint workshop this month as I had other commitments that day and unfortunately forgot to assign one of our committee members to represent our Area. But I did contact the Area 36 PI Chair Sarah, who also wasn't able to make it that day either, about what was going on in our Area pertaining to Public Information.

There is a Day Captains checklist and guidelines for the State Fair, that we need to follow when we staff the booth that needs to be followed. I will be nearby and available at the fair if there are any concerns, questions or cancellations. I have made copies of the checklist for people who are volunteering. It is essential that we adhere and follow these guidelines to the best of our abilities. I understand that some service obligations or commitments are not feasible for people who live far away or have other agendas, especially in today's high cost of living and expenditures. Remember, it's all about carrying the message and letting the public who we are and where we came from and what AA is and what AA isn't.

Yours in Service,

Randy A.- PI Chair, Area 35

TREATMENT – KYLE H

No report given

CPC - MARY S

Greetings from your CPC Area Chairperson:

It's been an unusually busy summer for me this year, but as I write this the feel of Fall is in the air and we all know what comes after that....

My home district is District 16. The PI/CPC District Chairperson, Dan H. is planning to hold a PI Luncheon at the Timberlake Hotel on Friday, October 4th at noon. The District is inviting professionals to attend the event. I plan to attend the event before driving to Alexandria for the Area Assembly in Alexandria the following day. District 16 hasn't held a PI Luncheon since before 2020 when Covid stopped all activities. So this is a great service to the Grand Rapids Community.

As stated in the AA Guidelines... CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) provides Information about A.A. to those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession. This group includes healthcare, EAP, and HR Professionals, educators, faith leaders, lawyers, social workers, military professionals, government officials and those working in the field of alcoholism. Information is provided about where we are, what we are, what we can do and what we cannot do.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns and I'd be happy to visit either in person or by phone.

Yours in service,
Mary S

ARCHIVIST – MARC N

Greetings,

August 2024 has been uneventful. My efforts were mostly preservation of the memorabilia that we have.

Looking to the future there is some regional attention coming to Northern Minnesota soon, spring 2027 to be more precise. Area 35 is hosting the West Central Regional AA Service Conference.

There will be exhibits by several of our area committees. Archives will have an opportunity to display our collection of memorabilia. To represent Area 35 Archives, I would like some presentations that show what our beginning was and how we are now. An idea is to assemble portfolios from each district that tell of the old, the in-between, and the present. These could include stories of meeting places, "get-in-the-car" stories, stories of roundups, and most importantly stories of recovery. Some districts have a good handle on this, some do not, let's all work together to make this happen. Please DCM's and GSR's keep groups informed of this endeavor.

In Service,
Archivist, Marc

ARCHIVES – CATHY R

No report given

GRAPEVINE – TERRY A

No report. given

CORRECTIONS - MARK R

I again, would like 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!

It is a sincere privilege to work with all of these dedicated A.A. members. Looking for A.A. members who would be willing to volunteer to be Temporary Contacts for men and women in custody in our State Prisons. As a CTCP INSIDE Request volunteer, you will correspond with A.A. Members still in custody, 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. This is just a Temporary Contact commitment, not a sponsor.

I attended the ACM on August 4th. We had a productive Corrections Break-out session, and again, it was a great opportunity to see many from the Area as well as many DCM.s Chairs, and GSR's from our Districts in Northern Minnesota!

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, September 4, 2024 starting at 6:00pm via Zoom.

A "2024 SWCC Corrections Workshop" flyer was made available at the August ACM and has been posted at area35.org, area36.org, several District, St Cloud, Duluth-Superior, and the Minneapolis Intergroup web-sites!! This year's theme is: Our Corrections Temporary Contact Program and all that encompasses. Please attend this year's awesome workshop and bring a Sponsee!

God Bless you all,
Mark R

Statewide Corrections Committee (SWCC) Chair Report

Our committee continues to work hard to promote A.A. Corrections Service Work throughout the State of Minnesota!

At our July 10, 2024 meeting, the following were in attendance: Paul H. (A35/D3 Corrections Chair), Mike U. (A35 Literature Chair/D6 Corrections Volunteer), Joseph S. (A36/D15 Corrections Chair), Mark R. (SWCC & A35 Corrections Chair), Ricco R. (A35/D9 Corrections Chair), Lucy K. (A35/D15 Corrections Chair), Adam C. (A35/D16 Corrections Chair) Meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer followed by introductions. Motion by Mike U. to Approve the July 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes, was Seconded by Paul H. and Unanimously Approved by all in attendance.

GENERAL SHARING & REPORTS

ADAM C. - A35, D16 Corrections Chair: The District 16 county is Itaska. Finally, after two months, everyone has been orientated! Including Adam, there are 4 other volunteers. Meetings will be Thursday nights and the District will be Carry the Message into (2) 20-men Pods.

RICCO R. - Area 35, District 9 Corrections Chair: Rico is volunteering at MCF-TOGO. MCF-TOGO is like a boot camp but for men who have earned time off their sentences and are in their last year of being incarcerated. Ric-

co received a letter from Maerene L. for the Transition Fair at MCF-Moose Lake, he will forward on to Mark. Frank K. from D12 (Duluth) has started AA meetings at the Duluth Federal Prison! Ricco continues to talk about the CTCP program and the Statewide Corrections Workshop coming up on November 2, 2024. Thanks Ricco!

PAUL H. - Area 35, District 3 Corrections Chair: Volunteers at Becker County (Sunday Nights). Meetings are going strong at Ottertail, Wadena, and Clay County jails. No new news on the Women's A.A. meeting in Becker County jail.

LUCY K. - Area 35, District 15 Correction Chair: Not much new in District 15 (No facilities). Mark provided Lucy with information on some non-correctional facilities in District 15. Lucy will engage Kyle (A35 Treatment Chair) to see if she can be of service for any of those.

JOE S. - Area 36, District 15 Corrections Chair: Joe is volunteering to bring AA meetings into Washington County jail. 3 meetings on Saturday nights (2 men, 1 women's). There is also a women's meeting on Tuesday night. Joe volunteers at MCF-Lino Lakes, Twice monthly on Mondays for general population. Once monthly on Thursday for MCF-Lino Lakes TRIAD program. Takes meetings into MCF-Stillwater on Tuesdays. There is a new Big Book study starting on Wednesdays!. Joe travels to MCF-Moose Lake MSOP on Saturday mornings for an 8:00am AA Meeting. Mark has received the Application packet from David C., the Volunteer Services Coordinator and hopes to start going on Saturdays in the future!

MIKE U. - Area 35 Literature Chair, District 6 Corrections Volunteer: Mike is volunteering to bring AA meetings into Isanti County jail on Thursday nights. The volunteers rotate every 4 months. Meetings are going well at the jail!

MARK R. - Area 35 Corrections Chair, SWCC Chair: Meeting is going strong on Thursdays at MCF-St Cloud from 6:15pm-7:15pm. Averaging 20 men! We have 6 volunteers on Thursdays, looking for more. I attend Mille Lacs County jail meeting on the 2nd Tuesday each month. Averaging 14 men each Tuesday. Busy working on the 2024 SWCC Corrections Workshop, handouts, and the Event Center. Working on DOC Transition Fair volunteers for the remaining 2024 fairs. If interested, let Mark know!

CARTER L. (Absent) - Area 35, District 5 Corrections Chair: A.A. Meetings every Tuesday of the month at Mille Lacs County jail. Average 14 men. Thanks Brad L, Jason G, Mark R, and Terry P for volunteering! A.A. meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at Sherburne County jail. There is 1 women's meeting and 3 men's meetings on these nights. Thanks to our volunteers; Tom T, Jarrin V, Terry P, Butch, Brian, Rich W, Patrick, Spencer, Alyssa, Chelsie, Mandy, Julianna, and Alice!

OLD BUSINESS

2024 SWCC Corrections Workshop:

Mark met with Terry P. on July 29th to go over all our technology requirements for the November Workshop. We are all set to go! Terry created a Registration link and once registered, attendees will receive the TEAMS meeting link. Mark has completed the Workshop Program and Evaluation forms. They were reviewed by all and look good to print. Mark is also working on printing all other Handouts for the Workshop Folders each attendee will receive. These Handouts will also be post by Terry P on the morning of the Workshop in PDF format.

2024 DOC Transition Fairs:

MCF-Lino Lakes dropped AA from this year's fair. They said there were too many organizations who wanted to attend. Mark called and asked how it was determined that such a vital program (life-saving) like Alcoholics Anonymous did not make the cut, and they would not answer. This is very unfortunate.

Ricco R. and Vicki Z. have volunteered to attend MCF-Moose Lake Sept 17th. Mike U. and Mark R. have volunteered for MCF-Rush City October 9th. Mark will go with Mike if there is no volunteer from Area 36. Mike U. has volunteered for MCF-Willow River #2 - we are waiting to see if anyone will volunteer from Area 36. Jessica S. has volunteered for MCF-Shakopee November 5th. We are not sure who from Area 36 will be with her. Joeseph S. from Area 36 has volunteered for MCF-Stillwater and most likely will be paired up with another Area 36 volunteer.

2024 Facility Transitions Fair Dates

FACILITY	TRANSITION FAIR DATE	APPLICATION DEADLINE
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-Shakopee	November 5, 2024	October 15, 2024
MCF-Stillwater	November 13, 2024	October 23, 2024

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for SWCC Chair, Alternate Chair, and Secretary:

Mark's rotation is up at the end of December 2024! We need anyone interested in being the next SWCC Chair, Alt-Chair, and Secretary to step up, and help continue the great work this Committee has been doing the past four years. This is a great opportunity to be a Trusted Servant for Corrections Service work in A.A.!

The SWCC meets on the 1st Wednesday of each Month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 4, 2024

JOIN ZOOM MEETING

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81607291607?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81607291607?pwd=L0NpMVdtNUJxVS9EVWFVb2tCZ2J1QT09)
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Meeting ID: 816 0729 1607 Passcode: 261258

Very Humbled to Serve you,
Mark R

Come visit our AA heritage

Review the books, records, magazines, posters and more

- The Area35 Archives library is open:
- on the 3rd Sunday of every month
- from noon to 4pm in Aikin.

- Call Marc N. at 612 434 0858 or Cathy R. at 218 966 6130 for other day visits



Announcing: a new book from AAWS on sale November 1, 2024



The *Plain Language Big Book* is a tool to help readers understand the book *Alcoholics Anonymous*, which was first published in 1939. This new book is designed so that the A.A. Twelve Step program of recovery from alcoholism may be easily understood and accessible by all people who have a desire to stop drinking.

Members of A.A. fondly call the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous* "the Big Book." It is the basic text of the A.A. program. The *Plain Language Big Book* has been written to present the original ideas and same spiritual message of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*.

This new text is not intended to replace the much beloved Big Book. Rather, the *Plain Language Big Book* is a book crafted over several years by A.A. members and publishing professionals to support alcoholics on the path to recovery. The book is intended to help people who have a problem with alcohol gain access to A.A.'s lifesaving message.

For years, A.A. members have expressed a need for a *Plain Language Big Book*. Based on the shared experience of A.A. members, some people may not have regular contact with other A.A. members to help them understand the A.A. program of recovery and the specific vocabulary as it is used throughout the original book *Alcoholics Anonymous*. Other people have a hard time reading, especially books that were written long ago. This *Plain Language Big Book* is written in simpler language to support readers in their recovery.

This book is published in accordance with Advisory Actions passed by substantial unanimity of the General Service Conference (GSC) of Alcoholics Anonymous. In 2021, the 71st GSC advised that this book be developed. Progress reports, then sample chapters were reviewed at the 72nd and 73rd GSCs. The final draft of the *Plain Language Big Book* was reviewed and approved by substantial unanimity at the 74th GSC, in April 2024. This process and outcome adopts this text as Conference Approved Literature.

The *Plain Language Big Book* covers the core content of what is the "abridged version" (the edition without personal stories) of the original Big Book.

Readers are also encouraged to seek out the current edition of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* and meet with A.A. members to support their own individual paths of recovery from alcoholism.

The *Plain Language Big Book* is A.A. General Service Conference-approved literature.

- PLAIN LANGUAGE BIG BOOK: A Tool for Reading *Alcoholics Anonymous*
- Publication (on-sale) date: November 1, 2024
 - List Price \$11.
 - Item B-90
 - 192 pages; 8 1/2" x 11"
 - Softcover format with flaps

Announcing: NEW items from AAWS!



"Black in AA - Experience Strength and Hope" (P-51) List price \$.75

New completely revised pamphlet

Now available in a completely updated and rewritten pamphlet - "Black in A.A. - Experience, Strength and Hope" replaces the pamphlet titled "A.A. for the Black and African American Alcoholic." With an illuminating new Introduction and contemporary sharing by 12 A.A. members from the United States and Canada, the new pamphlet will be published in English, with French and Spanish translations to follow.

ON SALE: MID SEPTEMBER

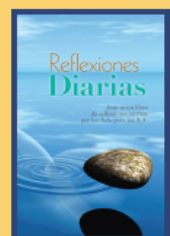


Literature Workbook (M-52) List price \$6.00

New Literature service tool

Several years in the making, this brand-new Workbook was compiled from practical shared experience of A.A. members in the Literature service area. Literature committees at the District and Area levels help educate the Fellowship about General Service Conference-approved literature and related service material. All of their efforts work to insure we protect and maintain the integrity of the A.A. message. Helpful sections of the workbook include: "Samples of Planned Service Activities," and "Growing Literature Committees in Districts."

ON SALE: MID SEPTEMBER



Reflexiones Diarias (SB-19) List Price \$12.50

in a new Large Print edition

A.A.'s popular book of daily meditations that features quotations from A.A. literature paired with members' responses to them for every day of the year is now being made available in Spanish in a Large Print edition, for the first time. This edition will help make this inspirational text more accessible to our Spanish-speaking members, and it is published as a direct result of responding to the expressed need of the Fellowship.

ON SALE: END OF SEPTEMBER

BOX 4|5|9

News and Notes From the General Service Office of A.A.

VOL. 27, NO. 4 / AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1982

Service: Coffee Cups To the Conference

Of the Three Legacies bequeathed by A.A.'s founders, the Third Legacy, Service, is perhaps the most misunderstood. Many A.A.'s recoil at the words "service structure," pointing out that everyone knows A.A. is not organized. Others brush the idea off as unrelated to individual recovery.

What is service, anyway? There's no short, sweet answer. A non-A.A. who attended the opening dinner of the 1982 General Service Conference remarked that every cup of coffee among A.A.'s leads ultimately to the Conference. He might have been echoing the words of co-founder Bill W., who, in a talk at St. Louis in 1955, described services as ranging all the way from making coffee to national and international action.

Jim O., Southern California area delegate, has strong feelings on the matter. He wrote: "When the subject of A.A. service comes up, you sometimes hear a member say, 'I don't care about that stuff. It's just business and politics. All I need is my own recovery in my own group.'"

"What this member doesn't realize is that he has been dependent on A.A. service, not just from the time he called A.A., but for many years before that. How did he know there was an A.A. to call? Or how did his wife or doctor or pastor know about A.A. to tell him? Because a public information committee, a basic part of the service effort, has worked for years to tell people what A.A. is and how to reach it.

"How did A.A.'s number get in the telephone directory? Why was a concerned A.A. at the other end of the phone when he called for help? A.A. service put them there. If he is in a prison or institution, he can't go out to find sobriety through our program, so A.A. service takes the program to him.

"He received A.A. literature at his first meeting. How did that literature get written and printed and distributed so it would be there for him when he needed it? A.A. service, through our literature committees, made sure that it would be.

"The member who dismisses service as having no rela-



tion to his own recovery has missed the point. He is sober today because service made it possible. Service is our Twelfth Step, extended to reach thousands of suffering alcoholics we would never reach acting as individuals."

The local group is where service begins. There, it takes the form of coffee-making, ashtray-emptying, serving as a group officer. For most groups, service moves outward through the G.S.R. (general service representative), its link with the overall service structure. When a group elects a G.S.R., it gains a voice in worldwide A.A.

In a flyer sent out before the 1982 Conference, Jeanie H. invited participation in an interdistrict meeting to discuss topics on the Conference agenda. She pointed out that A.A. groups actually own A.A.'s service entities, and asked, "Is your group an absentee landlord? Silent partners have no voice and no vote. To be an active, fully franchised 'owner,' your group needs only to elect an interested, active G.S.R. who conveys your wishes. When your delegate goes to New York for the Conference, will he or she know what your group thinks? Or you?"

A D.C.M. (district committee member) from Western Ontario, R. M. D., related service to personal recovery after completing his term: "Selfishness and self-centeredness — this very basic problem can prevent us from placing A.A. principles over our own personalities. If service has not enhanced your sobriety, then just maybe your true motive is still somewhat selfish. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help others to achieve sobriety. We cannot have a better opportunity to do this than in service."

Joint Minnesota Area 35 & Area 36 Statewide Corrections Committee

CORRECTIONS WORKSHOP

November 2, 2024

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Jack & Jim's Event Center

11025 Duelm Road NE, Foley, MN 56329

(15 miles Northeast of St Cloud, MN)

IN PERSON AND ONLINE!

Bridging the Gap



Carl D, A.A. Corrections Speaker, Castle Rock, CO

Jesse Pugh, Warden, MCF-St Cloud Prison

Craig H, A.A. CTCP Presentation, Area 36 Corrections Chair

Question & Answer Session

(Step to the Mic, raise your hand online, ask our Guests anything about today's topics!)

Online Registration

Go to: [2024 SWCC Corrections Workshop registration](#) (Press CTRL plus CLICK to follow the Link) for workshop information/registration or use the QR Code below. Once registered, you will be provided with a meeting link for access the day of the event. Contents of the workshop folders and forms will also be provided at this link or QR code.



Sandwich, Soup, and Salad Buffet Lunch for only \$16.50
FREE Coffee ALL DAY!

For more information, please contact:

Mark R. corrections@area35.org / correctionsmn@gmail.com or Craig H. corrections@area36.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

*See area35.org for printable flyers



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

July 3-6, 2025 | Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

August 9, 2024

Dear A.A. Friends,

This is an exciting time in the planning of our 2025 International Convention. The **Registration and Housing Processes** will open on September 10, 2024, at Noon, Eastern Time. This memo includes information on the two ways to register and obtain housing, if needed.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND HOUSING PROCESS

Attendees planning to register and book housing online through our vendor, Showcare, **should use the Online Registration and Housing Process**. In the online portal, attendees can register, as well as add on our exciting product offerings. Once the online registration is complete, attendees seeking housing will be guided to book an option.

Attendees can access the Online Registration and Housing Process via a link on our website at <https://www.aa.org/international-convention>. Additionally, the attached Registration Brochure is filed with information about the 2025 International Convention you want to review.

PRINT FORM REGISTRATION PROCESS

Due to security and privacy guidelines, we no longer allow attendees to provide their credit or debit card information on our Print Registration Form. The **Print Form Registration Process** will allow attendees to pay for the registration fee and our additional product offerings by **check or money order only**. If your print registration form arrives by mail to Showcare before registration opens, it will not be processed until September 10, 2024.

General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous
P.O. Box 459 | Grand Central Station | New York, NY 10163 USA | (212) 870-3400 | www.aa.org

HOW TO REQUEST HOUSING USING THE PRINT REGISTRATION FORM

In the **housing section** of the print registration form, attendees can indicate they want to "reserve housing." Individual members will be able to indicate a preferred housing dollar range and book up to two (2) rooms. We require attendees to provide a **valid email address** to complete the booking of a housing reservation. **You must have a credit card to reserve a hotel room.**

NOTE: YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER SHOULD INCLUDE THE TOTAL OF THE REGISTRATION FEE AND ALL SELECTED PRODUCT OFFERINGS. PLEASE DO NOT ADD IN A HOUSING DEPOSIT WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

We will do our best to match you to your requested housing range, but if not available, we will search for a housing option at the closest available rate. A link to the housing system will be emailed to you with your confirmation so you may provide your **credit card information** to complete the reservation. Please read the entire **Print Registration Form** for all details regarding the process.

UNABLE TO ATTEND THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN PERSON? WE HAVE NEW OPTIONS FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE.

You can use the Online Registration or Print Registration Form to:

- Register for a **Virtual Session Program Track**. This is a two-day 8 session virtual program track. The sessions will be live streamed as they are taking place and will not be available for purchase after the Convention. Cost is \$35 (USD).
- Purchase the **2025 International Convention Three Big Meetings Video Product**. It will be an anonymity-protected video recording available for viewing after the Convention is over. Cost is \$80 (USD)

Registration and housing questions? Call (514) 380-9375. Press 1 for English, press 2 for Spanish, press 3 for French, or email: 2025ic@showcare.com.

Warm regards,

Patrick C.
2025 International Convention Coordinator
2025ic@aa.org

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*** VOLUNTEER INVITATION ***

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

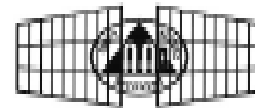
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FREEDOM

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

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



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For more information, Please contact Mark R - SWCC Chair at one of the following:

correctionsmn@gmail.com, or corrections@area35.org

UPCOMING EVENTS IN AREA 35

*See area35.org for printable flyers

49th Annual Area 35 Service Workshop "Working Together, Increasing Trust"

January 11th - 12th, 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**

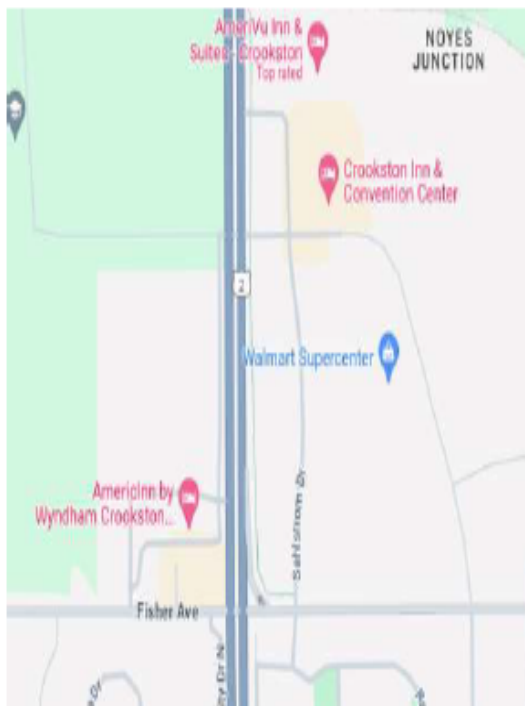
Saturday, January 11

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 5th, 2024**



Saturday, October 5th

9:00 AM Registration

10:00 AM Assembly Convenes

Sunday, October 6th

9:00 AM Assembly Reconvenes

Holiday Inn Alexandria, an IHG Hotel

5637 Highway 29 South, Alexandria, Minnesota 56308, USA
Reservations: 800.451.3211



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

*See area35.org for printable flyers

2024 Service Events
October 5-6: Fall Assembly
Alexandria, MN

December 1: ACM, Aitkin, MN
2025 Service Events
Jan 11-12: Service Workshop
Crookston, MN

Feb 2: ACM Aitkin, MN

Feb 28-March 2: WCRAASC
Casper, WY

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

May 24: Joint Area 35/36 workshop
On Teams 11am to 2pm.

June 1: Area Committee Meeting
Aitkin, MN

August 3: Area Committee Meeting
Aitkin, MN

October 4-5: Fall Assembly
Ely, MN

Dec 7: ACM, Aitkin, MN

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“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 15th 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 15th

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

February 15th

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.

1st Weekend in March

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

1st Weekend in April

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

3rd 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 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 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 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. **A \$20.00 fee will be added for a submission larger than 8 1/2 x 11.**

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:

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

Area 35 Event Flyer Guidelines

To be included in the Northern Light, all flyers must answer the following questions.:

- Who is involved or sponsoring the event? Examples:
 - AA Group
 - District
 - Area
- What type of event is it? Please include itinerary. Examples:
 - An open or closed meeting
 - Speaker meeting
 - Call up meeting
 - Big Book meeting
 - Workshop with itinerary
 - Conference with itinerary
 - Fellowship (ice cream socials, potlucks, chili cook offs, etc.)
 - AA must appear somewhere on the flyer
- When is the event to take place?
 - Date and time
 - Does it reoccur
- Where will the event take place?
 - Name of the facility and the address
 - Maps are sometimes helpful but not necessary
- Why is the event taking place?
 - The reason for AA events is to carry the AA message to the still suffering alcoholic (this doesn't have to be printed on the flyer)
 - Usually covered in Who and What

*For safety reasons, if a phone number is listed on the flyer consider NOT putting a name in association with the number.

**Only Area 35 AA members may submit a flier.
Fliers for AA sponsored events only.**

Please submit flyers in PDF format when possible. Flyers will be posted on area35.org and in the Northern Light at the Area 35 Webmaster's and Northern Light Editor's discretion. Email northernlight@area35.org with any questions.

Acronyms

(Spaghetti Soup)

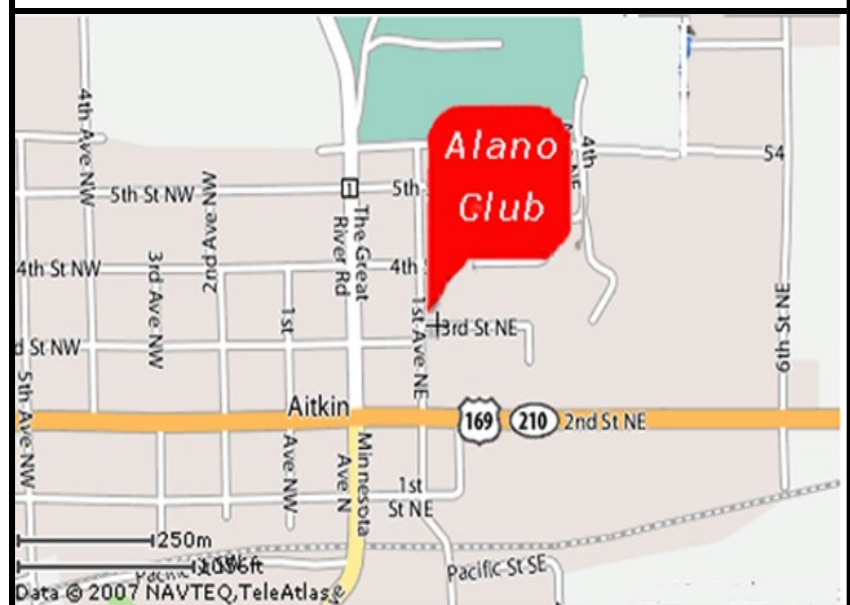
- AAWS - Alcoholics Anonymous World Service
ACM - Area Committee Meeting
BB - Big Book (Alcoholics Anonymous)
BTG - Bridging the Gap
CCS - Corrections Correspondence Service
CFCP - Correctional Facility Contact Program
CPC - Cooperation with the Professional Community
DCM - District Committee Member
FC - Fellowship Connection
FOC - Finance Oversight Committee
GSB - General Service Board
GSC - General Service Conference
GSO - General Service Office
GSR - General Service Representative
GV - Grapevine
GVR - Grapevine Representative
ICYPAA - International Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous
NL - Northern Light
NMAA - Northern Minnesota Area Assembly
PI - Public Information
Panel - The Two Year Rotation a Delegate Serves (Ours is an Even # Starting with Panel 2 in 1952)
WCRSC - West Central Regional Service (Conference)
WCRAASC - West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Conference (same as above)
WCRF - West Central Regional (Forum)
WCRAAF - West Central Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Forum (same as above)

AREA 35 EVENTS INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

- Area Chair asks for weather reports from all DCMs from respective Districts, either by email or phone.
- Meeting format (virtual, in person or hybrid) is based on DOT report and national weather service, individual safety being paramount. Decisions will be made by 9pm the day before the meeting.
- Chair contacts webmaster with meeting format information (including any virtual links) which will be posted on area35.org
- Chair notifies the Alano Society in Aitkin on food preparations.
- Chair remains available and in close contact as they are the focal point and main contact; Chair must make the decision and be available for calls.
- Districts contact their DCM in inclement weather for updates on meeting format.

AREA 35 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Where is the Aitkin Alano Club?
Area 35 holds Committee Meetings in February, June, August and December at the Aitkin Alano Club
322 1st Ave. N.E.
Aitkin, MN



OUR PAST DELEGATES

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

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 Fall Assembly
Oct 5th - 6th, 2024
Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN

<p>AGENDA</p> <p>_____ 9:00 a.m. Registration</p> <p>_____ 10:00 a.m. GSR Orientation & Action Chair Committee Meetings</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Lunch (On your own)</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Assembly Convenes</p> <p>_____ Call to Order-Open with the Serenity Prayer</p> <p>_____ Why We Need a Conference</p> <p>_____ Recognize Past Delegates</p> <p>_____ Recognize GSRs</p> <p>_____ Additions to Agenda</p> <p>_____ Approve 2024 Spring Assembly Minutes</p> <p>_____ 12 Concepts Panel (Concepts 1-6)(1 hour)</p> <p>OFFICER REPORTS</p> <p>_____ Delegate – Diane R</p> <p>_____ Alternate Delegate – Pat M</p> <p>_____ Chair – Pat M stand in for Vicki R</p> <p>_____ Secretary – Denise R</p> <p>_____ Treasurer – Heidi B</p> <p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>_____ Voting Privileges for Archivist</p> <p>_____ Voting Privileges Sound Tec position</p> <p>_____ Registration fee for Jan Service workshop (\$25)</p> <p>_____ Proposed revisions to Articles of Incorporation</p> <p>_____ Intergroup links on Area website</p> <p>NEW BUSINESS:</p> <p>_____ 2025 Area 35 Budget/&Options WCRAASC WCRAAF</p> <p>_____ Nominations for Trustee-at-Large</p> <p>_____ Does the Area want to send in Theme and Workshops ideas for 2026 GSC</p> <p>COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND DCM REPORTS</p> <p>_____ Financial Oversight Committee – Scott A</p> <p>_____ District 7 - Jess S</p> <p>_____ WEBMASTER – Terry P</p> <p>_____ NORTHERN LIGHT – Jennifer T</p> <p>_____ GROUP RECORDS – Phyllis K</p> <p>_____ District 2 – Kim B</p> <p>_____ District 11 – Kathy M</p> <p>_____ LITERATURE - Mike U</p> <p>_____ District 8 – John J</p> <p>_____ District 15 – Fred T</p> <p>_____ PUBLIC INFORMATION – Randy A</p> <p>_____ District 1 –</p> <p>_____ District 21 – Jeri S</p>	<p>_____ TREATMENT – Kyle H</p> <p>_____ District 5 – Chad O</p> <p>_____ District 14 –</p> <p>_____ CPC – Mary S</p> <p>_____ District 6 - Julie N</p> <p>_____ District 9 – Tom T</p> <p>_____ ARCHIVES – Cathy R</p> <p>_____ ARCHIVIST – Marc N</p> <p>_____ District 4 – James W</p> <p>_____ District 18 – Rich A</p> <p>_____ GRAPEVINE – Terry A</p> <p>_____ District 12 – Richard G</p> <p>_____ District 16 – Dave C</p> <p>_____ CORRECTIONS – Mark R</p> <p>_____ Statewide Corrections – Mark R</p> <p>_____ District 3 – Melvin S</p> <p>_____ District 13 – Peggy M</p> <p>2:30 pm Break</p> <p>2:45 pm Continue with Committee/DCM Reports</p> <p>4:50 p.m. BREAK</p> <p>5:00 p.m.</p> <p>_____ GSR Sharing Session</p> <p>_____ DCM Sharing Session</p> <p>_____ Area Officers and Area Chairs Meet</p> <p>_____ Closed AA meeting</p> <p>6:00 P.M. Dinner (On Your Own)</p> <p>7:30 P.M. Assembly Reconvenes</p> <p>_____ 12 Concepts Panel (Concepts 7-12) (1 hour)</p> <p>SUNDAY</p> <p>7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Big Book Meeting</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Assembly Reconvenes</p> <p>***Finish Business/Reports (If Any)</p> <p>_____ GSR Sharing report back</p> <p>_____ DCM Sharing report back</p> <p>_____ Area Officer and Area Chair report back</p> <p>_____ Ask It Basket</p> <p>_____ Calendar of Event</p> <p>_____ 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
 1102 E Camp St
 Ely, MN 55731**