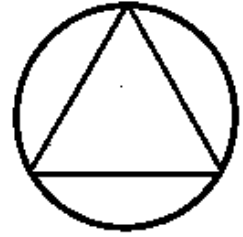


District 7 News Letter



April 2011

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The warm weather has finally appeared at least for a few day's and summer seems little nearer.

The Spring Assembly took place the 1st weekend in April; it was well attended with GSR's and District Chair's. The discussion was interesting and we can be certain that Jon C. our Area Delegate will have our Group Conscience and represent us well at the conference next month.

The General Service Conference is the first week in May; this is the main event for the Alcoholics Anonymous service structure, held every year at this time. The pertinent issue's of the day, affecting Alcoholic's Anonymous will be discussed and voted on and AA will be the better for it.

April and May are busy months for AA, please go to Area35.org and check out the events calendar, there is a lot going on and you should get out and enjoy some fellowship and meetings and good food.

Here in District 7 we are busy working on:

- Reviewing and registering, meetings and groups.
- Thinking about a District 7 Web page.
- Summer picnic - July 31st
- Getting out to the Jails and Treatment facilities.
- Getting literature and pamphlets out in the community.
- Keeping the newsletter going.
- The county fair booth August 2nd through the 6th
- The Fall CPC Luncheon

AA service work might not be for everyone but it very well could be for you. Please think about it and give it a try. Stand in for Treasurer or General Service Representative for your home group, or show up at a district meeting held every 3rd Thursday at the 1st congregational church in north Brainerd. It could be a game changer in your recovery.

Recommended reading for this month, the General Service Manual, if you need a copy get a hold of me and I'll get you one.

Thanks,

Your's in Service - Gratefully

Mark N.

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District Committee Meeting

District 7 holds a District Committee Meeting the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for: **Thursday May 19th 2011** at 7:00 pm. The First Congregational Church, 415 Juniper St. the SW corner of Gregory Park, Brainerd All AA members and especially all GSR's are encouraged to attend.

Area Events

May 19th: 7PM District Committee Meeting The First Lutheran Church is located at 424 South 8th Street in Brainerd

June 5th: Area35 Committee Meeting - Aitkin, Mn. Aitkin Alano Club, 322 1st. Avenue, Aitkin, MN

July 31: District 7 Picnic: Lum Park, Brainerd, MN

Aug 2 - 6th: Crow Wing County Fair: District 7 sponsors AA informational booth.

Aug 7th: Area35 Committee Meeting - Aitkin, Mn. Aitkin Alano Club, 322 1st. Avenue, Aitkin, MN

Additional Events:
www.area35.org

Tradition 4: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole.

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AA Central Lakes

218-829-3740

Our district supports an AA informational/helps line. District committee members volunteer to take calls on a monthly basis. 218-829-3740 is a physical telephone line in an AA member's home. The phone line has a call forwarding feature. AA members that volunteer to answer the AA phone use their personal cell phone or home phone number. Our district phone number, 218-829-3740, is forwarded to an AAs personal phone. Not all AA members can share their personal phone with incoming AA informational calls. Should a call go to voicemail -- is the voicemail messaging an AA message or a personal message? When an incoming call is answered is it answered as an AA call or personal call? When one returns a call do we want the caller to receive out personal phone number? This limits the number of volunteers available to cover our districts AA informational/help line.

Our AA informational/help line is supported by members' personal phones services. The district funds the expenses associated with 218-829-3740. Individual members fund their own phone line. Not all AA members have enough of their own resources to support the district phone line.

At our district meeting we are discussing ways to improve our AA informational/help line support. On the surface, moving to a cell phone would solve our problem. We could pass a district owned cell phone from one volunteer to another. Moving to a cell phone only is not a simple solution.

- Land lines companies are required to be associated with a telephone book. Cell phone companies do not have phone book listings. If we were cell phone only we would have to pay for our listings in the phone book. We can figure \$10.00 to \$11.00 per month/per phone book. We are in Dex – Brainerd lakes, Yellowbook – Brainerd Lakes, Brainerd Lakes -- Brainerd Lakes, and Dex – Aitkin-Crosby (we are not in this book should we be). There may be other phone books in our district that we need to review.
- Cell phones could be lost or broken.
- Cell phones could be abused
- Our land line is in an AA member's home. Should we have a phone line in a member's home? Is it time to move this line? Is there a better way to manage call forwarding?

At the monthly district meeting we are discussing our options. We are looking for input from all. When we reach a proposal the first step will be to bring the proposal to our groups for their input and guidance. Our first order of business will be to review our current phone book entries and discuss which phone books should we have a listing.

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Our Area 35 web site at area35.org has a page with all the registered meetings in the area! Area 35 and Area 36 have joined together to create meeting locator for the whole state!

Try the state wide meeting locator at ameetinglocator.org/

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