



District 7 May 2015 Newsletter



District Seven April 2105

Greeting area35.

Currently, all of our positions at the district level are filled. Our Alternate DCM has created a District Seven newsletter and was also published in the latest Grapevine issue. Our corrections chair has been busy with the Aitkin and Crow Wing jails. He is always looking for more volunteers to help put on meetings there. Our treatment chair is busy learning the job as she took over someone who had to step down. She has five treatment facilities in the district to work with. Our archives person is trying to get a group to sponsor a founders' day event like we had a year ago in Pequot Lakes. Our pi-cpc chair has been busy planning a CPC event at Grand View Lodge just North of Brainerd on May 21, 4-6 pm. She has also gotten several radio stations to run PSA's. In her spare time she is coordinating efforts to have information booths at Crow Wing, Pine River, and Aitkin county fairs. I was fortunate to be able to attend the WRAASC in Nebraska. I really enjoyed the speaker from GSO who is the current manager. I recently registered two new groups and welcomed three new GSR's. I am continuing to update group information sheets. We are having a District picnic at Lum Park in Brainerd July 19th from 11am until 4pm. No district funds are used for this event. Thank you for allowing me to serve.
Carl DCM D7



Detailed Explanation of Upcoming District Events

Greetings Dear Reader,

In this article I would like to explain in more depth several upcoming District 7 sponsored events. We can explore what they are, and how to participate in them. The next three in question would be the C.P.C. Event, the various County Fairs, and the Delegates Report.

After attending several years of District meetings I suppose I am as qualified as anyone to discuss these events. Over the years some of the details change, times, dates, and locations. Our members sometimes struggle with methods of participation, for instance the annual discussions around having a manned, or unmanned booth at the County Fair.

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Aitkin County Jail

We need volunteers especially women, to bring meetings into the jail Thursday 5:30 pm. Orientation in April. Contact- Tim 218-838-0628, or Arden 218-392-0081, or Jail Volunteer Coordinator, Dan Moriarty.

SAVE THIS DATE! Cooperation with the Professional Community

Sponsored By:
Alcoholics Anonymous District 7

Date: Thursday, May 21st, 2015

Time: 4:00pm—6:00pm

The event includes:

- Appetizers and beverages
- Speakers from the area
- AA Archives Display
- Literature and the Big Book available for the professional

**Grand View Lodge
23521 Nokomis Ave.
Nisswa, Mn 56468**

**Contact person: Liz.
218-820-9558**

Only 15. \$

This is an informative event designed to educate those who have contact with alcoholics through their profession. Information is provided about what we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. It also provides an excellent opportunity for fellowship before and after the event. The Glacial Water Spa as well as The Pines and The Garden Golf Course are available at a discounted rate. Please contact Liz at 218.820.9558 for tickets and more information. You can also contact Grandview at 218.963.2234 for spa appointments or tee times.

Historically we have looked for support for this event from our groups to sponsor at least one professional as well as purchase the ticket. Payment for the person from the group who will sponsor the professional will be left up to each group's discretion.

Are you finally ready to contribute to the District 7 Newsletter?

Do you have something news worthy or interesting that you'd like to bring to the table?

The current editor of this publication is requesting help with copy for the newsletter. This is something you will not want to miss. Perhaps you'd like to talk up an upcoming AA event- like the CPC Event to be held at Grandview. Or perhaps there is a proposed item that you would like to bring forward to the 2016 Agenda, and you'd like to "float" an idea for the betterment of all our fellowship. Maybe you have a recovery story that you feel compelled to share. This newsletter could be a venue for you to reach out. Our distribution list is growing- for you.

Email your copy to a District Committee member and remember together WE can do this.

But generally these details are ironed out without anyone getting their feelings hurt. Today I'll give a more detailed overview of the events.

The C.P.C. event is a chance for our fellowship to educate the professional community about what our fellowship is and what functions we can offer to their various professions. Generally groups purchase the ticket for the professional, (lawyer, clergy, medical, and others), and the group also purchases a ticket for a member to accompany the professional person. Sometimes arrangements are made to car together to the event, or meet at the door. The member is available to answer questions for the professional , and to make them feel welcomed - to hold the hand so to speak. At the event there are several presentations given; what AA is, the history of our fellowship, what we have to offer to the professional community, what we are not. Generally there is also a presentation on a personal recovery story given also. We provide the professional with a copy of our basic text, and whatever pamphlets they desire. This event lasts for two hours, and will be held at scenic Grand View Lodge on a Thursday afternoon, (See Sidebar for Information). You may participate in this event in several ways; You can volunteer to help as a worker at the event, You may attend at a sponsor for a professional person, You can attend as an individual member, You might in the future make yourself available as a presenter.

The various County Fairs are all held in the summer months. Currently District 7 is supporting booths at the C.W.C. Fair, and the

Aitkin County Fair. Volunteers have already stepped forward to participate, but there is plenty of room for additional persons. These fairs generally like the booths to be manned, but they have also given our fellowship a pass on having the booth unmanned, provided our literature isn't in disarray, blowing all over the county. Currently we have a standing offer to support the groups in Cass County if they would like to have a booth in Pine River this summer. Our Groups in Pine River, Backus, and Pequot should be alerted to the opportunity for service. The window for reserving space for the booth won't last forever. District 7 will finance the venture, and provide the literature, and literature racks, poster boards, and accessories, but you and your groups will be required to volunteer and attend.

The Delegates report is an annual event sponsored by District 7. It normally includes a pot luck dinner, and historically is held at the 1st Congregational Church in Brainerd, though last year Sleepy Hollow generously sponsored the event at the fellowship hall. At this event our Area Delegate gives his findings following his trip to N.Y. and his attendance at the yearly Conference. All of our Delegates have been well spoken and articulate. In previous years there have been controversial items on the agenda, and members have been passionate about the outcomes. It takes time to understand the service structure of our fellowship. These Delegate reports are an excellent way to gain insight into the function and structure of AA. It has been said " The wheels turn slowly, but grind very fine." Occasionally a Delegate will have a power point display. It should also be noted that our representatives are approachable, and friendly. They, like you, started somewhere. It is their job to inform you, and part of that is explaining how AA makes decisions to steer it's self into the future. And on top of all this is an excellent feed. You don't want to miss out on the second best pot luck of the year....the first best is the District Picnic.....but we'll save that discussion for next month.

Sleepy Hallow Round Robin

Sat, June 6, 12am – Sun, June 7, 12am

Where 8300 Town Hall Road Southwest, Fort Ripley, MN 56449, USA
[map](#)

Calendar AA Events

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Description Sleepy Hallow Serenity In the Pines
Pot Luck Round Robin

September 13th
5:00 PM Fellowship
6:00 PM Pot Luck
7:00 Alanon
8:00 AA Charile C. Gilbert MN
Ice Cream Social Follows

District 7 Annual Meet and Greet Picnic

Held on July 19th, 11 Am-4 pm, at Lum Park

Pot Luck, Grilled Hamburgers, and beverages!
Lots of wonderful food! entertainment, speakers, games....
This is an event for the whole family. Everyone is welcome!

This event is funded solely by individuals within District 7.

Be sure to attend!

Area 35 Comittee Meeting

When Sunday, Jun 7, 2015
Where 322 1st. Avenue N.E., Aitkin, MN ([map](#))
Description Area 35 Comittee Meeting
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Aitkin Alano Club
Aitkin, MN

Would you like to be added to the distribution list for District publications? Email Carl at papapump09@hotmail.com , or Dave at eegs@charter.net

The 3rd Thurs. of every month we hold District Meetings at the 1st Congregational Church in Brainerd. We Need Warm Bodies! Be There-Be Square!