



District 7 Nov. 2014 Newsletter



Recent Events in AA

Several events have been recently held in District 7, all of which can be counted as excellent success. Back on Oct. 25th (it seems like another life the way the weather has changed since then) we participated in the 5th Annual Cuyuna Range Round Robin. This awesome event was held at the Deerwood Auditorium. The speaker, a decorated Vietnam War Veteran, gave an inspirational talk about recovery, and told a harrowing tale of several brushes with certain death. The food was excellent, and filling. Live music was provided by the band called Happy, Joyous, and Free who sang songs about working the steps, developing working relationship with God as you understand God, and recovery from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body. In this author's not so expert opinion the event was attended by 125 persons, but who's counting. One thing is certain, being a member of Alcoholics Anonymous is a popular thing to do in central MN. If you passed on this event....well, you missed out. But in the small community of Deerwood they packed the house. We'd especially like to thank Jim for driving all the way over from Duluth to speak to us. Thank You!

I'd pause here to give a brief pitch for the meetings I've attended lately in Central Minnesota. Attendance at A+A meetings in District 7 is up. I went over to Malmo and they couldn't get everyone up to the table....and it was a really big table. And they had to spilt into two groups for the discussion part. Although there was much talk before the meeting about deer hunting, and coyotes, once the meeting started it was pure AA. Just think, all this on a cold rainy night. Getting sober is just the thing in Malmo!

A recent trip up to Big Sandy showed me the very same thing. They packed the house. they had to put chairs down the hallways,

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Hello all. Good to see you all. It was a busy time since the last meeting. I received a list of inactive and unknown groups from Rolene at Area Group Records, fifty-six groups in all. Eric and I have determined that 35 groups have disbanded and several others have had their contacts persons updated. I learned that the groups remain in this list, even after we deal with them. Therefore, I have made copies of these groups to pass along to the next DCM so that they don't have to go through this process again. We have several more groups to go through. It seems like a never ending process. I attended the joint area workshop along with Carl (archives). There were lots of discussions about how we can work together with area 36. Corrections has a big jump on the rest. There was one idea about getting a stamp for literature which includes local numbers.

I traveled to Pine River and registered a new group there. I went to upfront club, also. I am waiting to hear about their meetings from their president. Some updates needed. 615 Maple street is all done.

Up comings events are phone line pot luck December 4th and Aitkin committee meeting December 7th. Area workshop is January 17th and finally WRAASC the February 27-March 1.

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into the kitchen, and no wonder, it is because of the awesome recovery and discussion. It is truly attractive. AA is alive and well in Big Sandy/McGregor. What it tells me is we need more meetings!

So how is A+A doing in your community? Hopefully what we have to offer is more attractive than the neon and stale beer and vomit odours at the local dive. But it is up to each of us to make this a reality. And it takes work. This spiritual journey is not for the faint of heart. (I'd use other verbiage but the censors would pitch a fit)

Did you attend the 8th Annual Gratitude Dinner in Pequot Lakes Sat. the 22nd of Nov.? Over Two Hundred of us did. It was held at the Trailside Center on Old 371. The food was probably the best spread of the year. Dr Atkins is undoubtedly rolling over in his grave. But even a picky anorexic would have waddled out of there stuffed. And with this kind of annual attendance we'll have to tax tobacco and build a stadium to hold the event. Over two hundred persons, men women, and children packed the hall....in the small town of Pequot Lakes. Tell me AA isn't busting at the seams. Well something is busting the seams. All this, and we enjoyed two excellent speakers in addition. Pam G. and Jeff R. walked it to us. Both told of the miracle of families reunited because of recovery. THAT is attractive. Tim, the M.C. of the event did an outstanding job. The fellowship, and the gratitude for recovery were inspiring.

The next event will be the Central Lakes Help Line Training Event. Let's get the awesome colourful flyer out there, and clear the calendar on the evening of Dec. 4 th.. The Event kicks off at 6:00pm with a Pot-luck dinner. There will be baked ham, the famous Chicken wild rice soup, an inspirational salad with cilantro, and avocados, Dave's Famous Chilli, and so much more. And of course conversation with no obligation about the AA Helpline. We welcome your input. This is Your District Event.

Do you have an up coming AA event? District 7 would like to be of service. We would like to distribute your flyers, and publish them on the web site. Our members travel far and wide baring gifts, of flyers, and meeting schedules. We also carry information to and from members and groups, Districts and Area. How can we be of service?

District 7 PotLuck Dinner, and Help Line Volunteer Training

Dec. 4th 2014
6:00 PM

Bring a dish to pass!
All AA Members are Invited to Attend!!!

District 7 Maintains and staffs a Help Line as part of their service to the still suffering alcoholic. We are holding an awesome potluck dinner, and conversation and no obligation, where you can learn more about this vital service to our community. Real live volunteers will professionally present on the topic of serving on the AA Central Lakes Help Line which has helped so many people through the years. If you have a year or more of sobriety, you too could be volunteer in this awesome effort- Carrying the message of HOPE to those who are sinking in that morass of despair. Join us to ask questions and learn more. There are no lectures to endure, no people to please....just a sincere desire to be helpful.

Location- The First Congregational Church,
415 Juniper St. Brainerd MN



Sunday the 7th of Dec. is the next Area Meeting in Aitkin. Be there! Remember what Rodger said at our Sept. District Meeting!

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!