

PLEASE share with your group!

District 21 Newsletter

April - Issue # 4 in 2005

*District 21 meets the 4th Tuesday of every month. 7:00 pm fellowship with the business meeting starting at 7:30pm.
Meeting place is United Methodist church at 4325 Zachary LN NW in Plymouth.
Located on the NW corner of County Road 9 (Rockford Road) and Zachary Lane.*

Check out our web-site at: www.area36-district21.org

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From Your Alternate DCM

Here we are at the beginning of another beautiful Minnesota Spring. The temperature is getting warmer, flowers are starting to bloom and thoughts of summer fun are not far off. This seasonal change, spring, is something I look forward to every year. The smell of spring is fresh and clean. Change is everywhere around us and this change is good for nature and for us.

Change in our lives, and how we live it, can be exciting and rewarding. I personally have changed many times since joining AA and I continue to change every day. Sometimes I embrace it and at other times it is a difficult burden to handle, but my newfound understanding of what I can change and what I cannot is what has been most rewarding to me.

Our District is also changing on a regular basis. New groups are being created, new District officers are finding out what "Service" really means and new opportunities await all of us to offer help and service to our fellow alcoholics. There are many positions open within District 21 and all you need is a desire to help others; which in turn will bring great satisfaction to you personally. Attend one of our District meetings or call one of "your" District officers to find out how you can make a difference.

As your Alternate District Committee Member I am responsible for the Structure of the District. This means that I continually review how the District functions, how it communicates to the groups of the District, to ensure they are being served. I also work with Group Records to maintain the right information about the District makeup. I help and inform groups to gain more participation and assist Group Service Representatives (GSR's) with their responsibilities and opportunities in District 21 service. All of this is continually changing as I change, the District makeup changes and those around me change.

Without the active participation of the groups in District 21 and their many members, the twelve step opportunities would never be completed.

The chance to make a change and be of service is there and we encourage you to visit us at the next District meeting. Put some of this year's "Spring" in your step. You will be amazed at the wonderful feeling you have.

In Love and Service,

Jeff H
District 21 Alternate DCM

Step Four

"Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves."

Tradition Four

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

Concept Four

"At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation", allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge."

From the Area 36 Finance Chair

Greetings,

This finance letter will be short and to the point. As you may or may not know, we had elections in October to elect new area officers and at the same time, the committee chairs that have been serving over the past two years have rotated out of their positions and as of the first of the year we have all new ones. A lot of them are planning what their committees will be doing over the next two years so I'm not going to talk much about that expense.

The purpose of this letter is to let you know how we spend the group contributions at the area level and of course, to encourage your groups to contribute.

Some of the on-going expenses the area incurs are things like putting out the "Pigeon", the area newsletter. We have to pay rent to store our area archives. We have four area committee meetings each year, three assemblies and a service conference where we have to pay for conference rooms. It takes postage to mail things like this finance letter and also the Pigeon. There are travel expenses for area officers and committee chairs to attend regional service conferences and forums. Our area-standing committees often put on workshops to educate professionals that come into contact with alcoholics.

We do all this so we may learn how to better carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic and to make sure that Alcoholics Anonymous will be around for generations yet to come. We also do all this to provide service opportunities to groups like yours.

As promised, short and sweet. I welcome anyone to call me with questions, comments or ideas. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Scott A

Alt. Area Chair – Chairperson, Finance Committee

Calendar of Upcoming Events

All are welcome to attend

Every Saturday through September 10th, Intergroup A.A. Orientation, 10:00 AM
Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 2544 S Hwy 100, St. Louis Park

April 26 District 21 meeting in Plymouth; 7 PM, meeting 7:30 - 9:30 PM

May 14 Intergroup Spring Workshop, St. Louis Park, 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM

May 24 District 21 meeting in Plymouth; 7 PM, meeting 7:30 - 9:30 PM

May 27,28,29 Gopher State Roundup, Sheraton Bloomington, I-494 & HWY 100

June 18 Area Assembly, Eden Prairie

The following are the volunteers that are currently serving the groups of District 21.

District Officers

DCM.	Susan H	dcm@area36-district21.org
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District Committee Chairpersons

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Finance	(Treasurer)	
Structure	(Alt DCM)	
Coop. with Prof. Community	Open	(we need a volunteer)
Public Information	Open	(we need a volunteer)
Correction Facilities	Open	(we need a volunteer)
Archives	Open	(we need a volunteer)
Grapevine	Open	(we need a volunteer)

Responsibility Pledge

I am responsible.

When anyone, anywhere
reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A.
always to be there.

And for that;
I am responsible.

Declaration of Unity

This we owe to A.A.'s future;
to place our common welfare first;
to keep our fellowship united.

For on AA unity depends our lives,
and the lives of those to come.

Go placidly amid the noise and the haste,
and remember what peace there may be in silence.
As far as possible, without surrender,
be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others,
even to the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons;
they are vexatious to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain or bitter,
for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble;
it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs,
for the world is full of trickery.

But let this not blind you to what virtue there is;
many persons strive for high ideals,
and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection.

Neither be cynical about love,
for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment,
it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years,
gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.

But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings.

Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe
no less than the trees and the stars;
you have a right to be here.

And whether or not it is clear to you,
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God,
whatever you conceive Him to be.

And whatever your labors and aspirations,

in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams,
it is still a beautiful world.

Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

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