

District 21 Newsletter

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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.

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January 18th, 2007

Well, the year of 2007 has begun, and like the New Year, the work at District 21 has also begun. As we start the New Year, we have tried to set some priorities that reflect our primary purpose, to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. So, how are we to do this? We have a new Institutions Chairperson, Fran O. Fran has worked in service for many years and has worked tirelessly in this pursuit, and has initiated many contacts with or started meetings at facilities ranging from that at Moose Lake to the one in Shakopee. I expect that the energy he has brought to those, will be brought to help our District.

Bill W. was certain that communication was necessary to keep AA vital and growing, as well as unified and strong. I happen to agree, and we have set out to meet with every group in District 21. So far, I have met personally with over 20 of the 60 groups. We will continue to do this, and will be setting up an Outreach person, to coordinate this function so as not to leave some groups out of the loop, and others visited more than some. I am also trying to get a Group Contact Person from each group so that I can e-mail information directly to the groups to disperse. This may include flyers of up coming events, new meetings, etc. The whole idea is to facilitate communication in ways that may be too cumbersome or too slow for the News Letter or word of mouth alone. This will also open a channel for the Group Contact Person to contact me directly at the district when help or information is needed. This is not meant to replace the GSR, for the GSR is a voting member of the Area and is vitally needed to pass on group conscience.

The District is also going to try to bring in outside speakers to our monthly meetings to discuss different items on Recovery and Service. It is our hope that by doing so, more people will be enthused to attend. We would also like to set up a list of speakers from the local area to be used for the meetings in our District, making it easier on those to find a speaker for their events. More on this will follow.

We would also like to help in getting more literature out to those groups who are located at distances too far from Intergroup to make the trip easily. We are going to try to get more of the groups to be involved in the distribution of literature to places such as hotels, motels, churches, libraries and more.

There are more things that we will try to accomplish, but this is a nut shell of the most important at the time. I would like to encourage all of those in the District to become involved in some way to help. Remember that Service is the third leg to the stool and is needed to help AA continue on and to reach the still suffering alcoholic. Please think about joining us as we tackle the items listed above. Service is not just an opportunity, but a unique gift we all have as recovering alcoholics as we all try to pass it on.

In gratitude for this opportunity,

Tom L.
DCM District 21

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

District Officers

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District Committee Chairpersons

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Group records	Kathi W.	records@area36-district21.org
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Structure	Alt DCM	alt-dcm@area36-district21.org
Coop/w Prof. Community	Open	(we need a volunteer)
Public Information	Don D.	pi@area36-district21.org
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Archives	Open	(we need a volunteer)
Grapevine	Open	(we need a volunteer)

Step One

Admitted we were powerless over alcohol -- that our lives had become unmanageable.

Tradition One

Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity.

Concept One

Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

All are welcome to attend

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

- Jan 23 District 21 meeting, 4325 Zachary Ln NW, Plymouth, 7:30 PM
- Jan 26-28 26th Annual Area Recovery, Unity and Service Conference; Holiday Inn, Fairmont MN; 7:00 pm Fri. – Noon Sun.
- Feb 10 Area Committee Meeting, Best Westen Inn, Mankato
Standing Committees-9:30 am; Full Committee 1:00 pm
- Feb 27 District 21 meeting, 4325 Zachary Ln NW, Plymouth, 7:30 PM
- Mar 2-4 West Central Regional Service Conference,
Lincoln NE; 7:00 pm 3/2 – Noon 4/4
- Mar 24 Area Assembly, First Baptist Church, 1021 Hennepin Ave
Minneapolis MN 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- April 14 Delegates Workshop, St. James Hotel, Red Wing MN
Discuss agenda items 9:30 am – 11:30
Delegates discussion time 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- Apr 22-28 56th Annual General Service Conference, New York
- May 5 Area Committee Meeting, Best Western, Mankato MN
Standing committees meet 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Area Committee Meeting 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- June 23 Area Assembly, Best Western Victorian Inn, Hutchinson MN
9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Aug 11 Area Committee Meetings, Best Westen Inn, Mankato
Standing Committees-9:30 am; Full Committee 1:00 pm
- Sep 7-9 West Central Regional Forum, Doubletree Hotel, 1616 Dodge St.
Omaha NE; 7:00 9/7 – Noon 9/9
- Oct 13 Area Assembly, Holiday Inn, Austin MN 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Dec 1 Area Committee Meetings, Best Western Inn, Mankato
Standing Committees-9:30 am; Full Committee 1:00 pm

**Financial report.
December Summary**

Income:

Group Contributions	\$387.60
In-Kind contributions	0.00
Other income	<u>31.00</u>
Total income:	\$ 438.60

Expenses:

Assembly operating	\$ 0.00
Committee expenses	123.85
Officer/Comm. Travel	<u>0.00</u>
Total expenses	\$ 123.85

Account balance:

Beginning balance	\$ 1301.52
Total income	438.60
Total expenses	<u>123.85</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 1616.27

District 21 prudent reserve	<u>800.00</u>
Overall total	\$2416..27

**7th tradition contributions accepted at: District 21, Box 47322, and
Plymouth, MN. 55447**

**Ever deepening humility, accompanied
by an ever greater willingness to accept
and act upon our clear-cut obligations –
these are truly our touchstones.....***

*Bill Wilson, in a talk.
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