

**GSRs and Group contacts, please read and then share the newsletter with your group.**

# District 21 Newsletter

**June 2007 Issue # 6**

District 21 meets the 4<sup>th</sup> 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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## **From your DCM**

Greetings,

Things at the District level continue to move forward. We had a great presentation by Samira Anderson, our Delegate for Area 36, about her attending to the General Service Conference in New York. So, with the GSC items behind us, we are now looking to the next few months and how we can help the still suffering alcoholic locally.

Our next Area Assembly is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June in Hutchinson, MN. At the Assembly, a new Alternate Delegate will be elected to replace Samira as she moves from the area to further her education. As a GSR, you are a voting member at the Area Assemblies and your vote is needed, so please plan to attend. If anyone needs more information, please contact me. The Area will also be looking at whether or not to continue the Remote Communities and Special Needs Committee. Please refer to my last note in the News Letter for more information on this. Your input as a GSR is vitally important.

Well, what about closer to home? First, we start out with the celebration of the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of District 21. Karin N, our first DCM, will be present to talk about what was in place to cause the formation of a new District and the work that was necessary to get things off the ground. There will be cake and ice cream, and all are invited to attend. So, plan on spending evening with us on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June at 7:30 pm. Bring your significant other or just a couple of friends and help us celebrate our birthday.

In July, we hope to have the Public Information Chair from Area 36 come and talk to us about what is happening around the Area and how groups may become involved. This will be a good lead up to the State Fair as we have an information booth at the Grand Stand and District 21 is set up for the very first day to man that booth. In the next few weeks you may have someone ask your group to sign up for a 2 hour stretch at the booth. This is a great opportunity to serve and admission on first day of the Fair is half priced. If you are interested, please contact me at [dist21@area36.org](mailto:dist21@area36.org) So, grab a couple friends and join us.

In August, we also hope to have the Archives guys come and do a presentation on AA in the Area including a display of some photos and old memorabilia. This too will be a great time to come and relive some of the history of AA right here in Minnesota. We are also getting into the Out Reach part of the year and will be looking for groups to help adopt a hotel, so that they will have on hand the local meeting directory and have a contact person from that group to act as a contact.

All in all, it looks busy, but we only do what the groups ask us to do as we continue to look for ways to help the still suffering alcoholic. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve you and AA.

Tom L.

***“When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,  
I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible”***

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

## **District Officers**

DCM	Tom L
Alt. DCM	Alan N
Treasurer	Gary Q.
Secretary	Brenda R.

## **District Committee Chairpersons**

Correction Facilities	Fran O.
Public Information	Don D.
Group Records	Patrick
Website	Eric L.
Finance	Treasurer
Structure	Alt DCM
Newsletter	Open (we need a volunteer)
Treatment Facilities	Open (we need a volunteer)
Outreach	Open (we need a volunteer)
Literature	Open (we need a volunteer)
Coop w/ Prof. Community	Open (we need a volunteer)
Archives	Open (we need a volunteer)
Grapevine	Open (we need a volunteer)

**District 21 can use some help in filling a few more of the Committee Chair positions, especially the Newsletter position is of high priority. Please contact our DCM for more information on the committee that you can be of service to AA**

## **Concept Six**

*On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.*

Here again is a Concept where we are talking about delegation. Just as the groups in an Area delegate to their delegate to communicate to the General Service Conference, the Conference itself must delegate to the Trustees of the General Service Board to carry out the recommendations of the Conference. Of course the Board has to delegate to A.A. World Services and the A.A. Grapevine Inc. to make sure these things happen.

The Delegates of the Conference only meet once a year and it would be impossible for them to follow through with all the Conference recommendations. The Trustees meet four times a year and have the ability to follow up and are in constant contact with the directors of our two corporate entities. It only makes sense that they should be the one to handle this responsibility.

“This is the basic corporate concept on which our structure of world service rests. We have deliberately chosen the corporate form rather than the institutional or governmental model, because it is well known that the corporation is a far superior vehicle when it comes to the administration of policy and business.”

## **Tradition Six (long form)**

*Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.—and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.*

**District 21's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party**  
**Tuesday June 26 at 7:30pm**  
**FUN, FOOD, & FELLOWSHIP**  
**And it is Free to attend.**



**Schedule:** Take care of District 21 Business for 1<sup>st</sup> \_ hr. Then serve cake and ice cream and socialize. Then listen to Karin N, our 1<sup>st</sup> District Committee Member (DCM) talk about why District 21 was formed, how it has helped the still suffering alcoholic, and how helping in AA service added to her quality of sobriety.

**Where:** Pilgrim Methodist Church, NW corner of Cty. Rd 9 (Rockford Rd) and Zachary LN. in Plymouth, MN

**Who:** Please invite your AA friends, sponsees, Spouses, etc, and plan to attend. We have also invited past committee members from District 21, so catch up with old friends. This is open to anyone, as all District 21 meetings are.

**Step Six**

*Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.*

## ***Unapproved District 21 Meeting Minutes*** **May 22, 2007, 7:30p.m.**

- **Opened** with the Serenity prayer at 7:30.
  - 12 people in attendance including 2 new GSR's.
- **Concept 5:** Fran, Corrections Chair. Patrick will do Concept 6 next month.
- **Minutes:** April minutes were approved as written.
- **Treasurer's report** was given by Gary.
  - Total income was \$453.81, expenses were \$535.53, net -\$82.72. Available balance is \$1,693.06 on 5/24/07.
  - Web page is completely paid for; it cost \$119.00.
- **Intergroup Report** was given by Julie
  - Teen Outreach is needed. 19 and under year teens with at least 6 months sobriety are needed to volunteer for high school presentations.
  - Take meetings by bus now available.
- **Old business:** Alan, Highlighted Area Committee Meeting.
  - Beginning discussions concerning if the disbanding of the Remote and Special Needs Committee.
  - Pigeon newsletter should be arriving shortly.
- **New Business:** Upcoming events for June Area Assembly in Hutchinson, MN
  - Vote for Alternate Delegate, as Scott will assume the Area Delegate position.
  - Enter into discussions concerning the GSO General Manager. The person currently in this position has not been rotating out and is currently in his 9<sup>th</sup> year. Some are worried that this Manager is becoming the face of AA and that this is not good for AA or him.
- **Presentation:** Samira, Overview General Service Conference 2007 in New York.
  - May be known as the "Minority Opinion Conference." Conference immediately voted on the Chairperson to announce to the floor "is there a minority voice that would like to speak to the conference?" This had not been done in the recent past. The conference voted yes to the Chairperson's announcement and Samira felt that this lead to a more thorough discussion.
  - Finance – Groups cannot order online. Only Districts and larger AA entities and Non-AA entities that spend over \$25,000/yr. can order online. Samira believes this is in direct conflict with AA's upside down pyramid
  - Trustees – Conference overwhelmingly approved that an alcoholic, Class B trustee, may now serve as the GSO Chairperson. 104 – 21 passed.
- **Committee Sharing:** None.
- **GSR Sharing:** None.
- **Announcements:** Gopher State Roundup this weekend and June 26<sup>th</sup> D21 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party
- **Closed** with Responsibility statement at 9:00 p.m.

**From your Corrections Chair**

It is an honor to serve District 21 as your Corrections chairperson. Starting out, two areas of concern are establishing contacts at the Hennepin County Workhouse and establishing a local network of contacts with the various police departments in District 21.

It seems that between rotation at the District level committees and the turnover of personnel at the correctional facilities, most of the committee chairs time is spent trying to figure out who the contacts. What I would like to do is have a person who is taking meetings into Hennepin County become the contact person between the county and District 21. That way, when the District rotates committee chairs, the connection between AA and the institution is not broken. Likewise, when the contact at the prison leaves the position, the connection is not broke between the prison and AA because the AA contact will be in a position to know who the new person will be. I would appreciate it if there is someone who is taking meetings into the Hennepin County Workhouse now and is interested in talking to me about being a contact person, please call.

When it comes to contacts at the various local police department, the most effective people would be members of AA groups in the immediate area of the police department. I would like to establish a network of AA groups willing to be contacts to their local police department. It would entail meeting with the person in charge from the department, informing him or her of AA and of how AA can be of assistance. By having this AA contact in the community where the police department is located, the connection between AA and the police department will again not be broken when the District position rotates or there is a new contact in the police department. The District Corrections chair will have the local AA member to contact and the AA member will know when there is a new contact at the police department.

In the spirit of service, if you can be a contact for District 21 or want to help establish this network of contacts, please do not hesitate to call me.

Yours in service,  
Fran O.  
District 21 Corrections Chair

## From your Group Records Chair

We are still updating group contacts. We turned in District 21's group updates to the Area Records Chair, but please continue to send in your Group's GSR's contact information. It's never to late to update! Currently, group records is working with District 21's PI Chair in an attempt for our district to expand its current outreach to the local community. We are working towards District 21 groups to adopt a library or hotel. This can get AA books in the library and literature, meeting lists, and group contacts at various hotels throughout our district. We are looking for groups who would like to take part in this Outreach Program. This is a wonderful way to help the still suffering alcoholics.if you or your group are interested.

Hope you are enjoying the summer!  
Patrick S. Group Records Chair

## District 21 Financial report. June 2007 Summary

<i>Income:</i>		<i>Account balance:</i>	
Group Contributions	279.00	Beginning balance 5/8	\$1121.04
In-Kind contributions	0.00	Total income	279.00
Other income	<u>0.00</u>	Total expenses	<u>245.01</u>
Total income:	\$279.00	Ending Balance 6/14	\$1155.03
 <i>Expenses:</i>		District 21 prudent reserve	<u>800.00</u>
Assembly operating	\$ 13.83	Overall total	\$1955.03
Committee expenses	231.18		
Other Exp.	<u>00.00</u>		
Total expenses	\$ 245.01		

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition contributions can be sent to: District 21, Box 47322, and Plymouth, MN. 55447**

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

All members of the fellowship are welcomed to attend.

\* Denotes events that both the groups' General Service Representative & Alt. GSR should attend to represent their groups' conscience.

- June 23      \*Area Assembly, Best Western Victoria Inn, Hutchinson, MN 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
On Hwy 7 on the west end of town on the left side. For agenda, see the Area's website: [www.area36.org](http://www.area36.org)  
and look for the May 2007 *Pigeon* Newsletter. The agenda is on page 4. Further details on discussion  
topics can be found in the Pigeon newsletter under ACM minutes and Comm. reports.
- June 26th    \*District 21 meeting, 4325 Zachary Nn NW, Plymouth, 7:30 PM  
**June 26 District Meeting Agenda Highlights**  
Recap of what happened at the Area Assembly  
**15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party of D21!** Serve cake and ice cream  
and then Karin N, D21s 1<sup>st</sup> DCM will speak about the history of D21
- July 21      Joint Area 35/35 Archives Workshop, St. Cloud, MN 8-5 see the Area's website for  
further info <http://www.area36.org/>
- July 24      \*District 21 meeting, 4325 Zachary LN NW, Plymouth, 7:30 PM
- Aug 11      Area Committee Meeting, Best Western Inn, Mankato  
Standing Committees-9:30 am; Full Committee 1:00 pm

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