It is time once again for us to respect AA’s principle of rotation and elect a new set of leadership for District 7 going forward. This month we elect new officers and our newly elected DCM will appoint a new Committee to serve the still suffering alcoholics in District 7. With the pending election, I would like to share the writings in our service manual related to the choosing of trusted leaders in Concept IX.

Concept IX: “Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.” The service manual goes on… “A leader in A.A. service is therefore a man (or woman) who can personally put principles, plans and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back him up and help him with his job. When a leader power-drives us badly, we rebel; but when he too meekly becomes an order-taker and he exercises no judgment of his own – well, he really isn’t a leader at all.

Good leadership originates plans, policies and ideas for the improvement of our fellowship and its services. But in new and important matters, it will nevertheless consult widely before taking decisions and actions. Good leadership will also remember that a fine plan or idea can come from anybody, anywhere. Consequently, good leadership will often discard its own cherished plans for others that are better, and it will give credit to the source.

Good leadership never passes the buck. Once assured that it has, or can, obtain sufficient general backing, it freely takes decisions and puts them into action forthwith, provided of course that such actions be within the framework of its defined authority and responsibility.”

I have been fortunate, as DCM of District 7, to be able to recognize my own limitations and ask for help from many sources. Through practiced humility and trust in God, I have reached out to many of you and, we in turn, have helped others.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Yours in grateful and humble service.

Ryan H.

DCM, District 7

*Step Eleven:*
Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

*Tradition Eleven:*
Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

*Concept Eleven:* The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.
District Officers

DCM        Ryan H.        d07dcm@gmail.com
Alt. DCM   d07adcm@gmail.com
Secretary  Erica H.       d07secretary@gmail.com
Treasurer  Linda M.       d07treasurer@gmail.com

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CPC        d07cpc@gmail.com
Facilities Cliff K.            d07facilities@gmail.com
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Web Committee Jim V.           d07web@gmail.com
Workshop   Kelli S.            d07workshop@gmail.com

HELP WANTED

-Alternate DCM    -Archives Chair    -Alternate Archives    -Alternate Literature
-Remote Communities -Alternate Remote Communities -CPC Chair
-Alternate CPC     -Alternate Group Records    -Alternate Treatment
Upcoming Events!

**New Years Eve 2012: Pass It On Marathon!**

When: Friday December 31st, 2012. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Ends at 12:30 a.m. January 1st, 2013.
Where: De La Salle High School, 1 De La Salle Dr. Minneapolis, MN 55401
Tickets $7.00 in advance.
$10.00 at the door.

Stephanie K. from Minneapolis MN is the main speaker

8:00 p.m. Main Speaker
9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Classic Sounds with DJ Jared
9:30 p.m. Game Room
9:30 p.m. Candlelight AA Meeting
9:30 p.m. Topic AA Meeting
12:00 Midnight Happy New Year
12:30 a.m. Clean Up

Parking: No charge for the first 175 vehicles (carpooling strongly encouraged)
Additional metered marking available so bring quarters.

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**Minneapolis Intergroup Winter Open House**

“CELEBRATING THE GIFT OF RECOVERY”

Saturday December 29, 2012
9am-10pm
7204 West 27th Street, Suite 113
St. Louis Park, MN 55426
Map and directions at www.aaminneapolis.org

9am-11am: Breakfast Goodies
11am-1pm: Appetizers

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**Founder’s Day Weekend 2012**

Celebrating 72 Years of AA in the Upper Midwest And Honoring Those With One Year of Sobriety!!

November 23, 24 & 25
Doubletree Park Place Hotel, St. Louis Park

Speaker meetings and workshops all weekend!
wwwFOUNDERSDAYMN.org

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**SMAA Committee Meeting**

December 1st, 2012
Best Western, North Mankato, MN
Standing Committees Meet 9:30 a.m. – 11:30
Area Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m. – 5:00
Hello Everyone,

Our 6th meeting of the District 7 Public Information Committee was held on October 30th, at 6:30 pm at Wooddale Church. It was lead by Mark S. and was attended by, Steve H. and several visitors. I did not attend.

The following is the status for each program:

**Local Cable Access Coordinator:**
Jim J. is reaching out to the local Cable Access Channels to air Public Service Announcements. He has contacted the cities of Eden Prairie, Lake Minnetonka Communications Commission, Brooklyn Park and St. Louis Park. His efforts have been well received and next steps are to order and deliver the selected PSA's to each organization.

**Major Radio PSAs:**
Steve H. has been hard at work as the new Subcommittee Chair for the Major Radio Outreach Program! He will work with other Area 36 Districts to run Public Service Announcements on major local radio stations.

**Major Television Network PSAs:**
Brian C. is the new Subcommittee Chair for Major Television Networks Outreach Program. He is coordinating with District 8 and other Area 36 Districts to run Public Service Announcements on major local TV stations.

**The following programs are open and need Subcommittee Chairs to lead them:**

**Bus Shelter Poster Program:**
CBS Outdoor has been contacted to begin the design, build and posting of Bus Shelter Posters in downtown Minneapolis. Transfer Stations in Eden Prairie. We are designing and building 2 posters – Standard and Holiday Season.

**High School Outreach:**
Joan Anderson, the Health Sciences Teacher at Eden Prairie HS was contacted and is looking to schedule 2-4 young people; both males and females present an AAI talk sometime during the second quarter. There is an outside chance that Joan would want 2 presentations. The next step is to meet with Joan in person and schedule dates and times for the class.

**Adopt a Hotel Program:**
The Adopt Hotel Program Subcommittee Chair places literature and Meeting Directories behind the front desk at all hotels in our district.

**Rack Tracker:**
Rack Tracker Subcommittee Chair works with the Literature Chair to track and install literature racks at local area libraries, City Halls, Medical Facilities and Correctional Facilities

**Local Area Newspapers Coordinator:**
This Subcommittee Chair will coordinate activities to print information about A.A. in local area newspapers.

If you or someone you know would like to get involved please contact me.

Please get involved and join our next meeting on Tuesday evening, November 27th at 6:30 pm at Wooddale Church. Please use the rear entrance in the back of the church.

Yours in Love and Service,

Eric

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**Responsibility Declaration**

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

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**11th Step Prayer**

“As we go through the day we pause, when agitated or doubtful and ask for the right though or action. We constantly remind ourselves we are no longer running the show, humbly saying to ourselves many times each day ‘Thy will be done.’”

(Alcoholics Anonymous.

Financial Summary for Newsletter as of September 30, 2012

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**Corrections Committee Report**

This is a story about four recovered alcoholics named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about it, because it was Everybody’s job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it. But Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn’t do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody, but Nobody accused Anybody. Isn’t the Responsibility Statement refreshing by comparison??

Many of us are celebrating a time of year in which we express our gratitude for finding a way of life we had never dreamt of. Many of us share a feast with family or friends. I am grateful for all the gifts my sobriety has brought me, including my personal freedom. Out of that gratitude, I am writing to a couple of inmates in out-of-state prisons. I can ponder the differences in our drinking histories and backgrounds, but there are a LOT of similarities- so I know I am qualified to be of service carrying the message in this way. I was matched with these alcoholics through our General Service Office’s Corrections Correspondence Service. Last year this service matched 819 male and 384 female alcoholics with 1203 volunteers. According to Tracey O., on the G.S.O.’s Corrections Desk, it is even busier this year. Here’s how it works: You contact AA at corrections@aa.org or General Service Office, Box459, New York, NY 10153. Let them know your gender, name and mailing address. Many outside correspondents use a P.O. box, Intergroup’s address (with permission) or their home address. You will be matched with someone in an institution at least two states if not two regions distant. You make the initial contact after choosing your mailing address. Correctional facilities require full names be used on return addresses rather than first-name only or last initials. When I see what AA’s inside the walls have to go through, I’m all the more grateful for my freedom.

Thanks, AA!

Blair C., Corrections District 7
Hi there! This is the November issue of our District 7 newsletter. I have included another word find. The title, “Step it up on Eleven,” relates to the Step, Tradition, and Concept. Winter weather is upon us and Founders Day Weekend is right around the corner on Thanksgiving Day Weekend. I hope to see all of you there. See page 3 for more information. We have some positions available: Alternate DCM, Archives Chair, Alternate Archives, Alternate Literature, Remote Communities, Alternate Remote Communities, CPC Chair, Alternate CPC, Alternate Group Records, Alternate Treatment. If you would like to include anything in the newsletter, or if you have any feedback, please feel free to contact me or Lisa.

Yours in service,
Stef M., Alternate Newsletter Chair

Step it up on Eleven

ANONYMITY
ATTRACTION
CARRY
CORPORATE
FILMS
KNOWLEDGE
MAINTAIN
MEDITATION
POWER
PRAYER
PRESS
PROMOTION
RADIO
SERIOUS
UNDERSTOOD

INTUITION AND INSPIRATION … we ask God for inspiration, an intuitive thought or decision. We relax and take it easy. We don’t struggle.

I invest my time in what I truly love. Step Eleven is a discipline that allows me and my Higher Power to be together, reminding me that, with God’s help, intuition and inspiration are possible. Practice of this Step brings on self-love. In a consistent attempt to improve my conscious contact with a Higher Power, I am subtly reminded of my unhealthy past, with its patterns of grandiose thinking and false feelings of omnipotence. When I ask for the power to carry out God’s will for me, I am made aware of my powerlessness. Humility and healthy self-love are compatible, a direct result of working Step Eleven.

### District 07 Calendar 2012

General Meeting 2nd Monday of every month at
St Andrew Lutheran Church
13600 Technology Drive, Room 206
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

(Steering Committee for Officers and Committee Chairs meets at Intergroup, 2 weeks prior to the District 07 General Meeting)

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Area Assembly Review(s)

6:00 PM Minneapolis Intergroup
1st *Committee Transition Meeting*