

Do you know what you're a part of? Would you like to?



Concept IV

DISTRICT 18 OPEN COMMITTEES

Long Form:

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 the 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.

Short Form:

The Conference recognizes that the chief initiative and active responsibility in most world service matters should be exercised by the trustee members of the Conference acting as the General Service Board.

- Archives
- Literature

“Carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic” and practicing “self-support” includes giving of our time as well as our money. **Please contact our DCM (District Committee Member) at d18dcm@gmail.com** if you or anyone you know is willing to give of your time to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous is around for future generations.



District 18 Events:

**District 18 meetings take place every 2nd Thursday at 6:30pm ~ Location: Plymouth Congregational Church 1900 Nicollet Ave MPLS 55403*

- July 10th, 2014 | District 18 monthly meeting | Plymouth Congregational Church | Minneapolis, MN | 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- August 14th, 2014 | District 18 monthly meeting | Plymouth Congregational Church | Minneapolis, MN | 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- September 11th, 2014 | Monthly District 18 Meeting | Plymouth Congregational Church | Minneapolis, MN | 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

**For more information related to District 18 & AA go to <http://www.district18mpls.org/>*



Daily Reflections: June 12th

FORMING TRUE PARTNERSHIPS

But it is from our twisted relations with family, friends, and society at large that many of us have suffered the most. We have been especially stupid and stubborn about them. The primary fact that we fail to recognize is our total inability to form a true partnership with another human being.
— TWELVE STEPS AND TWELVE TRADITIONS, p. 53

Can these words apply to me, am I still unable to form a true partnership with another human being? What a terrible handicap that would be for me to carry into my sober life! In my sobriety I will meditate and pray to discover how I may be a trusted friend and companion.

From the book Daily Reflections

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A note from your District 18 Newsletter Chair:

It is my intent to include all Officer and Committee Chair reports in each Newsletter. I will print what is turned in each month.

DCM Report June 2013

Hello District 18 !

I attended our second RUSC committee meeting of the year. It is an honor to serve in this capacity. We will be meeting monthly over the next 6 months- picking the venue, topics, readings and presenters for the RUSC event in January 2015.

I chaired the DCM session at our last area committee meeting. It was a positive experience. Much to be shared and learned amongst the districts of Area 36.

I hope many of you had the chance to partake in our awesome Gopher State Roundup! What a great happening for the AA community here in our backyard, every year!

We have an Area committee meeting on Saturday June 28th . This will take place in Maplewood- ALL GSRs try to get there. If need a ride-contact me directly.

We have booth at Juneteenth and Gay Pride to help carry the message!! If you are at either event stop by and say hi.

Let's give Group Records a hand and move along with getting the correct information to GSO and in your literature and meeting locator to help the ones who are still out there! Hope to have the book at District meeting in June or July!!!!

Let's keep carrying the message to all we can help! Please let me know if I can help you or your group in any capacity.
In Peace and Service, Karl R.

A Note from your District 18 Newsletter Chair:

The purpose of the District 18 Newsletter is to keep District 18 A.A. members and groups within District 18 informed

- Do you have a suggestion about the content of this newsletter?
- Are you willing to share your experience, strength, and hope as it relates to the Three Legacies?
- Does your group want more information about General Service and how it implements the Responsibility Statement, ensuring that AA is around for future generations?

If you or your group would like to make a suggestion or need a large-print version, please email me at D18Newsletter@gmail.com

**Polite suggestions will be considered.*

**D18 Remote Communities and Special Needs
June 2014 Report**

Remote Communities Special Needs recently meet with two of Minneapolis Councilman Abdi Warsame's staff and did an Alcoholics Anonymous informational presentation. We also left Intergroup cards, an Area 36 contact card and some pamphlets.

Last week we purchased literature for two libraries that serve our District. There was a few learning opportunities as we didn't expect Hennepin County libraries to decline some AA literature they currently do not have. HCL asked that we do not donate any Braille or foreign language literature at this time. Through this we learned that the MN Braille & Talking Book Library services all of Minnesota. After reaching out to them they requested we only donate one copy of the two AA Braille titles currently not in their possession.

Based on the library feedback here is what we have purchased.

For MBTBL

1- M-35 12 Steps & Traditions/ Braille

1- M-50 Daily Reflections / Braille

For HCL

3- B-16 Large print softcover

3- B-19 Daily Reflections / large print

3- DV-11 DVD Closed Captioned BB in ASL (not all stories)

3- DV-12 12 Steps and Traditions CC DVD in ASL for deaf/hearing impaired

The total cost was \$119.75 instead of the \$164 approved at the May District meeting.

The District 7 Remote Communities chair expressed a desire to be involved in our literature purchase and has been given approval to contribute half of the funds needed so the total cost to District 18 will be \$59.88.

We also contacted the GSO regarding what AA literature has been translated into an electronic Braille file. We are checking with the National library (which serves the whole country) to determine what titles could be requested for electronic Braille translation so anyone in the country could have access to them.

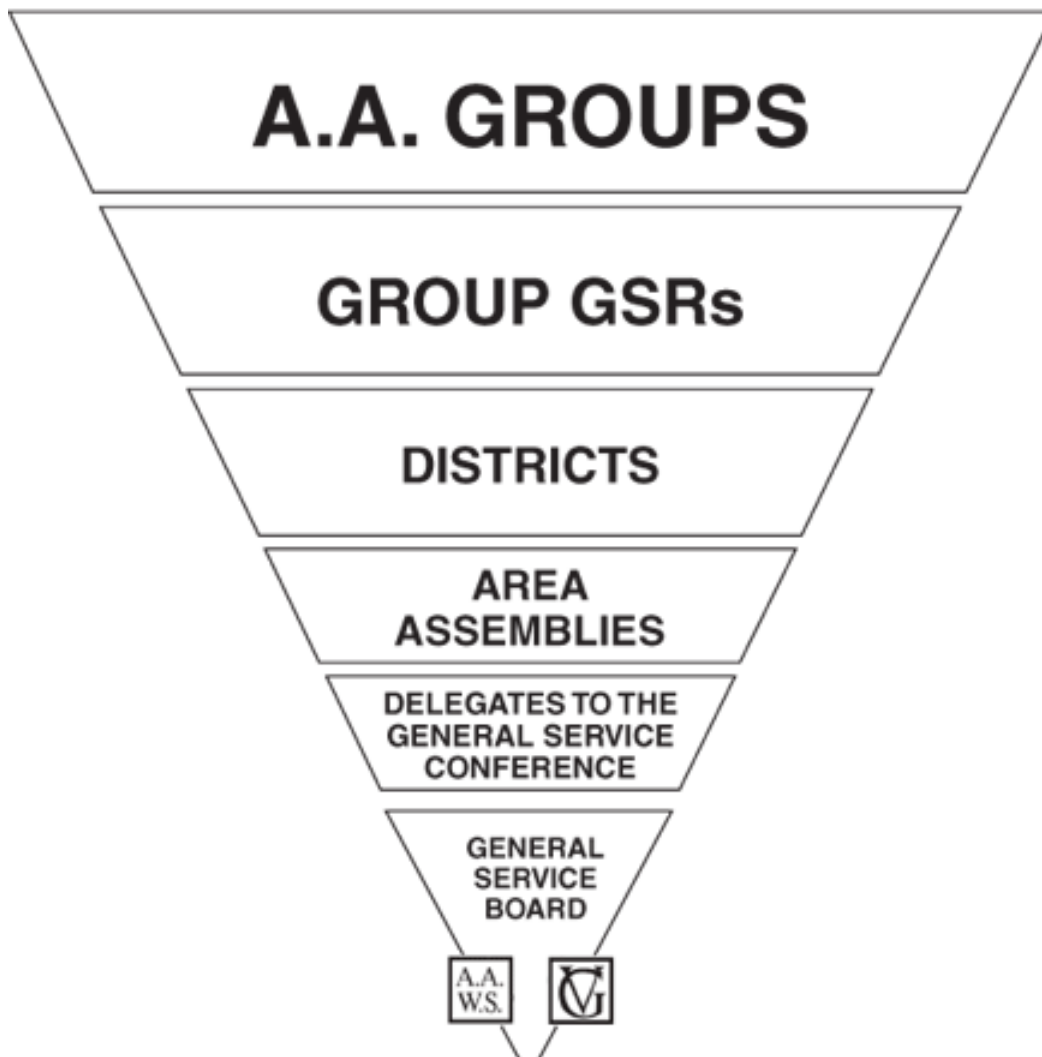
Brad E.
RCSN Chair

- Thank you for your time,
Sarah S.

Did you know that the leaders a.k.a. trusted servants of Alcoholics Anonymous do not govern the fellowship? Check it out...

***There are several resources to refer to:** The illustration below, Traditions 2 & 9 in the book titled “The Twelve Steps And Twelve Traditions” or at this website:
http://www.aa.org/bigbookonline/en_appendicei.cfm

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE (U.S. and Canada)



What is District 18's geographical area?

District 18's Boundaries....

Inner Metro; the Ramsey/v County lines, east of France Avenue, a line following East Hennepin Avenue, from the Ramsey/Hennepin county line, westward across the Mississippi River and north to West Broadway Avenue (County 81) to James Avenue North and south to Golden Valley Road (County 66) west to the Minneapolis/Golden Valley city line then south to France Avenue South and north of Crosstown (Highway 62).

Area 36 Event Calendar

**Area 36 contains Districts within Southern MN, for more information go to www.area36.org.*

- August 9th, 2014 | Area Committee Meeting
- Best Western Hotel | 1111 Range St | Mankato, MN 55006
- September 20th, 2014 | Area Inventory | Wooddale Church | 6630 Shady Oak Rd. | Eden Prairie, MN 55344
- October 18th, 2014 | Area Election Assembly
- New Ulm Community Center | 600 N German St | New Um, MN 56073

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Other AA Related Events Calendar

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- Archives Workshop - Archives Alive | 712 East 10th Street | Glencoe, MN
- August 8th-10th | Keep It Simple Weekend | Camp Chicagami (South of Eveleth, MN)
- September 26th-28th, 2014 | Area 63 (So. Dak) Fall Conference | Ramkota Best Western Inn | 2111 N LaCrosse St | Sioux Falls, SD

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District 18 would like to thank...

the following groups for their participation in our primary purpose and their generosity through practicing the Seventh Tradition...

GROUPS THAT CONTRIBUTED IN June 2014:

**I do not have a list of groups to print at this time.*



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Intergroup Events and Announcements

- **Orientation Meetings & Intergroup Representative Meetings** are now held at:

*Mizpah United Church of Christ
412 5th Avenue N.
Hopkins MN 55343*

**For more information related to Intergroup or AA go to <http://www.aaminneapolis.org/>*



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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.