

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



Concept VIII

Long Form:

The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.

Short Form:

The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.



District 18 Events:

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

- *The next three dates are: September 11th, 2014, October 9th, 2014, November 13th, 2014*
- *October 4th, 2014 | District 18 Workshop | Sponsorship | The Alt DCM needs volunteers for this workshop. If you are interested in volunteering please email our Alternate District Committee Member (DCM) at: d18altdcm@gmail.com*

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



DISTRICT 18 OPEN COMMITTEES

- Archives

“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.



Daily Reflections: August 7th

A “DESIGN FOR LIVING”

We in our turn, sought the same escape with all the desperation of drowning men. What seemed at first a flimsy reed, has proved to be the loving and powerful hand of God. A new life has been given us or, if you prefer, “a design for living” that really works.

— ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, p. 28

I try each day to raise my heart and hands in thanks to God for showing me a “design for living” that really works through our beautiful Fellowship. But what, exactly, is this “design for living” that “really works”? For me, it is the practice of the Twelve Steps to the best of my ability, the continued awareness of a God who loves me unconditionally, and the hope that, in each new day, there is a purpose for my being. I am truly, truly blessed in the Fellowship. From the book Daily Reflections

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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/>*



NOTE: All contributors to this newsletter share their experience, strength, and hope in order to be helpful, informational, and to help carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic.

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.

D18 DCM Report August 2014

Hello District 18 !

We continue to meet monthly for the Rusc committee. We have selected presenters (some of you may get a call soon). Topics are done- now we match topics with presenters. The Finance chair, treasurer and I met to start on the 2015 budget for District 18. This we should have ready for you in September. We have asked the committee chairs for your input –please email that to me directly asap.

Many proposals have been brought forth to the area for discussion and vote at the October Assembly. I will present these at the August District meeting and be available to answer any questions I can answer or humbly help find the path to the answers.

We have upcoming commitments at the State Fair.....be ready to volunteer and be the best example you can be. Carrying the message to those at the fair- answering their questions and being the positive light shining for all to see.

I am available anytime (well almost anytime) to help-answer questions etc, just call!

In Peace and Service,
Karl R.

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

In the last month Remote Communities/Special Needs participated in the Area 36 Special Needs web page input session on 7/29 with the RCSN Area chair and the Area 36 web team. We help determine what information and documents will be found on the Special Needs page of the new area web site.

We received a thank you email from the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library for sending braille copies of the Twelve Steps and Traditions and Daily Reflections.

We emailed the Community Outreach Liaison at the Hennepin County Sheriff's office to request an opportunity to meet and share how AA is a resource that is available to the Sheriff's office. We spoke to him and hope to meet in early September.

We also reached out to the Axis Medical Center on 18th and Nicollet in hopes of doing an AAI with their clinical psychologist. Axis is a health care provider whose staff speaks ten different languages.

- Brad E.

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.*

- Thank you for your time, Sarah S.

Area 36 Event Calendar

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

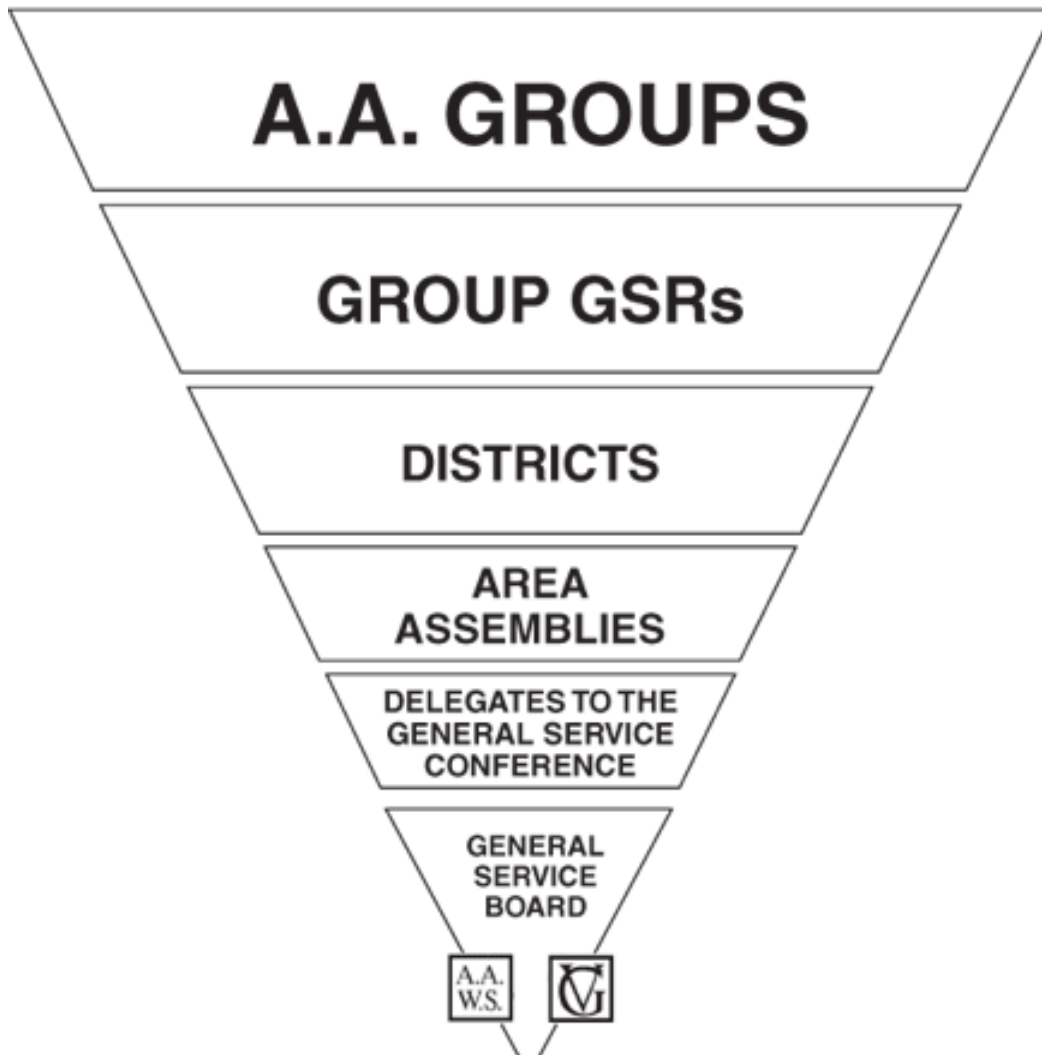
- September 20th, 2014 | Area Inventory | Wooddale Church | 6630 Shady Oak Rd. | Eden Prairie, MN 55344
- September 26th-28th, 2014 | Area 63 (So. Dak) Fall Conference | Ramkota Best Western Inn | 2111 N LaCrosse St | Sioux Falls, SD
- October 18th, 2014 | Area Election Assembly | New Ulm Community Center | 600 N German St | New Ulm, MN 56073

**For more information related to Area 36 & AA go to: <http://www.area36.org>*

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).

Other AA Related Events Calendar

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- September 5th-7th, 2014 | "Bridging the Gap" (Corrections in AA.) Conference | Kansas City, MO | Bridging the Gap 2014 Spring Newsletter | For the registration flyer go to: www.district18mpls.org

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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 AUGUST 2014:

- Sahara 7:30 Men's Group
- Shoulder to Shoulder
- South East Homes Phillips AA Meeting
- Chunks and Measures
- Sonya J
- Pocket our Pride
- Southwest Women's AA
- Prospect Park AA
- Beyond Jitters
- GSN 000107831
- Ladies Friday Night Happy Hour
- Monday Night Temple Meeting
- Saturday Night Live



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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.