

**Area 24 Fall Conference
October 11, 2008
Marshalltown, IA**

Tom N. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Leanne T. read the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Ray R. read the 12 Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Wes G. read the 12 Concepts short form.

Comment from the chairperson: Add to the agenda a report from the website flyer committee

Announcements from Conference chair person: He asked that everyone take all their items with them when we break for lunch; lunch will be in this room. Coffee is available; badge covers available. Dicobe is recording all the speakers this weekend – see them to purchase in Room C. Smoking allowed in courtyard thru the pool.

Chairman reviewed the Third legacy voting procedure with body; procedure distributed and is also in service manual. We will use the third legacy voting procedure for delegate, alternate delegate, chairman, secretary and treasurer. ELECTIONS TOOK PLACE THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE FOR EACH POSITON. RESULTS OF ELECTIONS ARE ATTACHED.

Full Roll call of all committee members and GSR's registered taken by Area 24 Secretary Michelle N.S.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Motion (Karla K.) seconded (Rosie) to read old and new business only.

Some discussion that a previous motion already made to read only old and new business. Clarification provided that that motion related only to the committee meetings.

Voice vote: motion passed unanimously

Michelle N.S. read the old and new business minutes from Spring Conference meeting held on June 14, 2008.

Amendment to the minutes by secretary: Reference to August 2007 motion to read just old and new business from the minutes removed from the June 2008 minutes and replaced with motion made and seconded to read old and new business only.

Motion (Rod B.), seconded (Roger R.) to accept minutes as amended.

Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Area 24 Income & Expense Statement					
August 1 - September 29, 2008					
	2007	2007	2008	2008	2008
	Budget	YTD	Budget	Actual Period	YTD
Expenses					
Actions Booklet	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.15	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Archive Rent	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 540.00	\$ 2,160.00
Area 24 Newsletter	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,586.23	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 758.72	\$ 2,393.84
Computer & Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Conference Planning	\$ 400.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 79.50	\$ 103.50
Conference Committee Exp.	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,531.36	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 831.05	\$ 3,496.77
Conference Seed Money	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Directories	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 516.12	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
GSO Conference	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,000.00
GSO Background Information	\$ 100.00	\$ 214.98	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Marshalltown Business Meetings	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,140.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,014.34
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 192.80	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Regency Inn	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,541.37	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,464.88
Regional Conference	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 310.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 700.00
Regional Forum	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
WCR Trustee	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Website	\$ 250.00	\$ 196.95	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 216.95
Officer/Chairpeople					
Alternate Delegate	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 499.36	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.62
Archivist	\$ 250.00	\$ 242.44	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 191.38
Chairperson	\$ 350.00	\$ 29.06	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 211.52
CPC	\$ 200.00	\$ 28.92	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 435.57
Corrections	\$ 500.00	\$ 468.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 196.00
Delegate	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,773.49	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 99.25	\$ 1,843.77
Grapevine	\$ 450.00	\$ 186.82	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 310.59
Literature	\$ 225.00	\$ 222.20	\$ 400.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 319.79
Newsletter	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Public Information	\$ 250.00	\$ 275.43	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 270.65
Secretary	\$ 250.00	\$ 107.64	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 26.49
Treasurer	\$ 350.00	\$ 134.11	\$ 350.00	\$ 230.40	\$ 342.16
Treatment	\$ 100.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Expenses	\$ 31,835.00	\$ 22,083.43	\$ 30,560.00	\$ 3,538.92	\$ 23,848.82
Income					
Return of Seed Budget	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Area Conference Profit	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,263.36	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 70.43	\$ 70.43
Group Contributions	\$ 26,135.00	\$ 18,731.34	\$ 25,560.00	\$ 4,593.30	\$ 15,859.52
Other Income	\$ 200.00	\$ 416.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 181.00	\$ 362.07
Total Income	\$ 31,835.00	\$ 23,410.70	\$ 30,560.00	\$ 5,344.73	\$ 16,792.02
	Opening Balance		\$ 1,333.76		
	Expenses		\$ 3,538.92		
	Income		\$ 5,344.73		
	Ending Balance		\$ 3,139.57		
	Prudent Reserve		\$ 3,000.00		
	Grand Total		\$ 6,139.57		

Karla K., Area 24 Treasurer

Motion (Rosie S.) seconded (Tracy T.) to accept treasurer report.

Voice vote;

Motion passed unanimously.

- Treasurer announced that she is distributing District group donations to DCMs

DELEGATE REPORT:

Hello to everyone in Area 24. It's good to be here with all of you this weekend. I want to start out my report by reminding everyone of some upcoming events;

The 2009 WCRAASC will be held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel from February 27th through March 1st in Casper, Wyoming. If you are planning to attend you should consider making your hotel reservations now because of a state tournament that is scheduled for the same weekend. The hotel # is 307-266-6000 and be sure to request a reservation under the WCRAASC room block.

The 2009 Regional Forum will be held September 11, 12, 13 at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud, MN.

The 2010 Additional Forum will be held November 12, 13, 14 in Rapid City, SD.

The 2011 Forum, hosted by Area 24 will be held in Sioux City, IA.

I would also like to remind everyone that you have until the middle of January to present agenda proposals for the 59th General Service Conference.

If you plan to visit our G.S.O. soon please note that the Archives will be closed to all visitors and researchers beginning in November, 2008 for approximately three months due to renovations. The renovations taking place will double the Archives storage space, add a new workroom and ensure compliance with existing fire code regulations. Any inquiries received during this time will be addressed two to three months after the Archives reopens.

Part of the job requirements of the G.S.O. Conference Coordinator is to read through Area and District minutes received at the office and distribute them to the staff to read and ultimately give them to the G.S.O. Archives. Doug R who currently serves on this assignment is requesting that Districts please provide an Area number in the heading of the minutes so that they know where you are from.

The CPC desk at G.S.O. is happy to announce that the two videos directed to professionals in the Healthcare and Corrections fields are now available for viewing on the website at www.aa.org

There appears to be an increase in literature costs on the horizon again for the Big Book. I have spoken to our WCR Trustee Ken B about this. We seem to always be told that if contributions were to increase, literature cost would go down. But here we are, contributions have increased, and literature costs are on the rise. In fact, for the tenth year in a row contributions have increased over the previous years. More will be revealed on this.

At the 57th General Service Conference in 2007 there was a minority appeal presented to the Chair of the Conference Committee on Trustees. This committee was then placed in a precarious situation because although our principles guarantee that this should be an avenue to take, there were no policies in place for this committee to follow to bring this minority appeal before the conference, which they decided not to do. To make a long story short, the Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference is putting forth a proposal that states:

“We request that the Conference Policy and Admissions Committee formulate a procedure for filing a minority appeal directly with the General Service Conference, as described in Bill W.’s commentary to Concept V.”

The reason that this is going before the Policy and Admissions Committee is so that they can create the process, not the Trustees, therefore the Conference can own the procedure top to bottom.

Al H who served as a freelance artist with G.S.O. for over 30 years passed away on October 6th. Al did the drawings in the Final Conference Report, as well as other pamphlets and newsletters.

G.S.O. recently published the first "Special Needs Workbook" as well as a new service piece called "Collected Sharing – Cooperation with the Elder Community Committees". I have a copy of these if anyone is interested in looking at them.

I have one final Delegates Report to present on December 6th at a group in Iowa City. In closing I would just like to tell you what an honor and privilege it has been to serve with all of you in Area 24. I can only hope that my participation here and at the 57th and 58th General Service Conferences has somehow benefited Alcoholics Anonymous. I love you, and I owe you my life.

God Bless,

Mike Maynard

Panel 57 Delegate

Area 24 - Iowa

ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT:

Hello to Area 24! First off, I would like to thank this body for allowing me to serve these last two years. It has been an enjoyable experience.

As my term is coming to an end my duties are not slowing down. I will be busy updating all the new changes from Area, Districts and Groups as elections are held and members are rotating out. I have sent an e-mail out to our DCM s with an attached sheet for them to fill out after their elections. I have asked them to send this information to me ASAP so I can get the new District Committees updated in the GSO Database. This will allow the new servants to get their packets hopefully before their positions begin.

Lastly, as new incoming GSR s are starting to be elected and updates are needing to be made, please give me their information via a group change form or a new group form where applicable. I will only be accepting changes in these forms. This method keeps updates most accurate. Also, just another friendly reminder for you to ask your new GSR s for their e-mail addresses. The Area 24 Newsletter is trying to reduce costs by sending more mailings to e-mails instead of snail mail.

Thank-you so much for your help in keeping our records updated!

Your Alternate Delegate, Becky Peltzer, 9916 Ashton Drive, Johnston, IA 50131 515-681-8594 r.peltzer@mchsi.com

2008 FALL CONFERENCE REPORT

The chairman announced that as of 10:00 am we had the following registered:

AA 249, Alanon 116, Alateen 3 for a total of 369

Yours in love and service, Dan Geels, Area 24 2008 Fall Conference Chairperson

2009 SPRING CONFERENCE REPORT:

“The Doctors’ Opinion” has been chosen as the theme for the Sunday morning workshop, committee to be formed by Jamie S. A walk-through and meeting was conducted at the Holiday Inn, Best Western in Clear Lake, Iowa on September 20th, 2008. Although not well attended, much was accomplished! Flyers are here (2500). A copy of the DJ contract was received today and it was needed. Jamie will get from Tom N. Desserts added to supper. Old business: Set up a t hotel, room usage reviewed. The following changes noted: the area workshops will be panel workshops (PI/PC/TC/A/N, L/G). Smoking permitted outside, not in courtyard. Grapevine will be located in N. wall of the sapphire room (with tapers). Easels provided by hotel. Program changes discussed plenty of time!

New business: Menu needs to be picked one month prior to assembly. Numbers of purchased meals need to be in three days prior to the event. THE HOTEL WILL HAVE 10% ABOVE THAT FIGURE AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. We do not have to pay for any left over meals, just the ones bought. Sharon will contact absent committee members to remind them of next meeting. There will be no meeting in Oct. We will meet November 16th at 3:00 p.m. at Forrest City IA (after the District meeting.)

Sharon S. Chairperson (District 14)

- Question: Reported that menu would be decide, thought that was on the bid? Basically it is just what 2 meats we want. It is just to finalize the details. The price range is set. It is the special side dish where we pick 3 out of 8.

2009 FALL CONFERENCE REPORT

In August 2008 the AA conference chairs, al-anon Conference Chairs and past AA conference chairs met at the West Des Moines Marriott. We met again at the end of August to meet the contact person at the Marriott and make the necessary changes to the contract. We need to sign the contract and return it to the Marriott with advance deposit of 10/23/08.

We meet the last Thursday of the month at 5:45 p.m. We will be meeting on 10/23/08 because of a conflict with Beggar’s Night. Please contact me if you would like to be a part of our meetings at 515-720-3931.

We request \$500* (secretary note: initially request \$200 – see motions below) in seed money. We opened a checking account and purchased checks, so we can’t provide the \$500 advance deposit for the contract.

We selected the theme of “On the Broad Highway.” We met in 9/08 with our full committee and subcommittee. The chair needs to select 2 Area committee members as listed in the Guidelines under “18 months prior to the proposed date of the Conference.” We are very excited to be hosting the 2009 Fall Area 24 conference. Please take this information back to your districts and groups. We hope to see you at the Fall 2009 Conference.

District 7 & 20, Leanne Striegel

Motion (Rod B) seconded (Audrey V.) requesting \$200 in seed money to get by.

- Comment: Have you thought about need money for flyers?

Amend to \$500 (Rod B) seconded (Audrey V.)

Voice vote

Motion passed unanimously

- Question: How many rooms blocked right now? 140 under contract
- Question: Is that per night or weekend? Weekend
- Question: What are costs of room? \$85+ tax
- Question: Where is the actually facility? off of Jordan creek parkway. It is easy to get to West Des Moines Marriott

Motion (Leanne) no second that area committee planning chair person or co- chair be reimburse to come to the area business meetings or assemblies or anything they are required to attend.

Point of order: Motion should go in new business

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 1:

Before I give my report I would like to say thank you to our Delegate Mike for your Love for AA. Thank you for your passion for AA. Thank you for representing Area 24 well in GSO. Thank you for your humbleness. Thank you for your patience and tolerance. You are a shining example of what AA can do for us. Save our lives. Love you. God Bless you and your family. Greeting to all from District 1. It gives me great pleasure and fills me with gratitude to be among my AA family Area 24. It is hard to say that this will be my last report as DCM. It has been long 40 months for me. In that time I have gone beyond all my fears. Thanks to all of you for your words of encouragement and love. September was a month with lots of joy happiness and also some sadness. We had our Labor Day picnic it was a huge success. Bill K with 56 plus years past on I am pleased to say that Bill was part of my early recover. Vern K. on September 7 celebrated 54 years of continuous sobriety. We had our first round up on September 12th thru 14th with 300 plus registered lots of fun and fellowship. October 14th on our District meeting we will be having elections. I have informed District that that I will not be at the meeting on the month of December will be vacationing in Texas. If I may say so myself a much needed time off from work and Iowa weather. God Bless,
In love & Service, Rosie Sanford, District 1 DCM

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 2:

Greetings from District 2. Things are going ok in northwest Iowa. We are making plans for our Midwinter Blast in Newell . It is usually held as close to Valentines Day as possible. It is a one-day event with speakers, food, door prizes and a dance. I don't have any flyers but if you want to call 712-841-4207 and leave a message I will see that you get some. (Someone announced that they do have flyers here this weekend.) We have had some big chips go out most notably is my sponsor Fred E. from Albert City. He is part of our core group in that keeps the Laurens Tuesday night chip group going for me that is a lot of dedication for each and every Tuesday for a lot of years. On a more

personal note these last two years have been a wonderful experience for me and I thank each and everyone of you for helping make this so. I wish every one in AA would do this or a GSR position. It is a very meaningful experience go to each and every one of you. Thank you for allowing me to serve.
Brent Peterson DCM District 2

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 3:

It's been a great 2 years. I want to thank all of you for what I've learned. This is something that will last a lifetime. What this experience has done for me and my sobriety can't be put into words so thanks to each of and every one of you.
In service, Rob B., District 3 DCM

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 4:

Hello from District 4. Two months ago I assumed the position of DCM. I have just a few things to report that have been happening in our district the last two months and what is coming up in the near future. On October 14th we will be having elections for new officers and chairs for District 4. We have been focusing on singleness of purpose at our correction meetings. Preliminary reports are that Minor School will be unable to open in the same location due to the flooding. A new location is yet to be determined and more definite information will be sent out as soon as we have it. Due to the limited time frame between our elections and the Corrections workshop at Mt. Pleasant we are not sure we will be able to have the District 4 Corrections chair attend. I will also be sending in the newly elected officers information as soon as I have it.
Sincerely Lance Wieskamp, 325 1st Street Washburn, IA 50702 319-296-9151 home 319-464-7994 cell
mylaw1969@gmail.com

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 5:

Greetings from District 5,
Good to see everyone here this weekend, it is hard to believe my term of DCM is about over. I have learned quite a bit in my term. I am looking forward to handing the position over to Tom P. our newly elected DCM, and start the new phase of my growth as Alt. Institution/Treatment chair.
We held our District Meeting last Sunday, had about half of the Groups represented. They reported about the same number attending their meetings or a decline in numbers. Elections were held, I am happy to report that all of the positions were filled. Two of them were filled by people that hadn't served at the District level in our district before, and one that has been inactive at district level for a while. There were a lot of good questions asked and information shared before they were elected. Four of the newly elected were planning on being here today.
Other than that I have nothing else to report from District 5.
Yours in Service
Murray Arends, DCM District 5

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 6:

Greetings to all from District 6,

As always, we are honored to be here this weekend, participating in another Area 24 Conference.

This will be my last report given to this body as District 6 DCM. I want to thank District 6 and Area 24 for allowing me the opportunity of being one of your trusted servants. The experience has been one that I shall never forget.

I am pleased to announce that District 6 has recovered from an approximate six-year slump in participation. Our enthusiasm towards the service structure at the District level is running higher than I have seen it in several years. Our District Officers, Service Chairs and GSRs are pumped and ready to be of maximum service.

When I became DCM almost two years ago we were lucky to have five to seven people attending our monthly District meetings. At that time we also had seven or eight empty Service Chair positions. Today I can proudly inform you that all but one of our positions have been filled.

We held our elections for the upcoming 2009 – 2010 term at our September District meeting. No one had to be rail-roaded or begged to stand for a service position. It was also nice to see that we actually voted on at least one position where the Third Legacy Voting Procedure was implemented.

District 6 has been fortunate enough to be able to afford booking a couple of rooms this week-end to allow some of our present and future Officers, Service Chairs and GSRs the opportunity to attend the Conference who would have otherwise not been able to afford the out of pocket expenses to be here. Thusly, we are well represented here today. And I want to thank all of our Service Reps and GSRs who made the trip this weekend.

As I stated in my last report at the Area Committee Meeting in August that the District was going to host a Sponsorship Work-Shop. We did do exactly that, but rather than to call the event a Workshop we simply titled it “Working with Others”. It was an all day function held on September 13th at the 500 Club in Council Bluffs. There were eight speakers throughout the day giving talks on such topics as “What Is Our Primary Purpose”, “The Responsibility Statement”, “Finding Newcomers and Service Opportunities”, “Doing a Twelve Step Call” and “Tips on Effective Sponsorship”. A free lunch was also included in the event. Attendance was good. And was said by many to be one of the best and most informative functions the District has ever put together.

It has been an honor and my pleasure to have been of service to District 6.

“Your Friend in Sobriety” Kenny Talcott

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 7:

Greetings from District 7!

Once again it's so great to see everyone – I can't believe how quickly the last 2 years have flown by...it has truly been an honor and privilege to serve side-by-side with all of you and I'm grateful to have made so many new friends and acquaintances from across the state our state.

The last few months have been fairly low key in our District. A committee has been put together for the 2009 Area Fall Conference and meetings are underway. People are very excited to co-host with District 20 and to have a conference in our own backyard again. Attendance is holding steady at the District meetings and we have occasional new groups pop up and sometimes even get a new GSR or two to attend our monthly meeting. Elections will be held in November for District Chairs and budgets will be set in

December. Our treasury is looking a little slim these days as group contributions are down, but we've taken some measures to ensure the incoming rotation has a little money. We have many outstanding GSR's and Chairs and it is my hope that they stay on with the District in one capacity or another. We hosted a step workshop early in the year and have been kicking around the idea of a Traditions Workshop, but the 2009-2010 body may end up with the event.

Our PI/CPC Committee is busy as usual – this time focusing on human service organizations. They've sent in several submissions for the your people in AA video – there are many your people in the metro and I'm glad they've taken the opportunity to share their experience, strength and hope.

The Corrections Committee is beginning to participate in the Correspondence program through GSO and hopefully that will be a new way for us to connect one-on-one with alcoholics. Tours of the new Polk County Jail are underway and we're anxiously awaiting the transfer to the new location. The Treatment and Corrections Committee almost continually has a few openings for people to chair meetings or find people to do scheduling, but the majority of commitments are covered. We've begun to do weekly Bridge the Gap presentations at Mitchellville which has proven fruitful based on inmate attendance.

Literature & Grapevine are brining in revenue from book sales and always have traveling displays available for functions or meetings.

Our Archives Chair created a traveling display and had a request for an archives display that people can come visit. Many multiples of old Grapevines in our archives will be donated to treatment and correctional facilities, as well as possibly sending them to troops overseas.

Our website is updated regularly with flyers of District and other local events. Hard copy flyers for the annual Men's Retreat in Boon and the Capital City Conference are on the registration tables. The Whitehouse will host a Halloween dance on 10/25. Phil and Lyla C., originally from District 3, will be celebrating 30 years in A.A. and Al-Anon on 11/15/08 – there will be fellowship and speakers at the South Side Senior Center in Des Moines.

Again, it's been wonderful to see you all – you've taught me a lot and I value our time together. I hope we meet again as we trudge the road to happy destiny. May God bless you and keep you.

Yours in love and service, Maureen L. District 7 DCM

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 8:

District 8 held elections at last month's district business meeting. All positions were filled and there were at least two people nominated for each position. Thanks to Chuck B for helping count ballots and calculate percentages.

The following people were elected:

DCM: Dave H	Alt DCM: Joe K	Secy: Sheila M
Treas: Mark W	Archives: Barb S	Corrections: Brandon D
CPC: Art P	Grapevine: Sarah D	Literature: Shawn L
Newsletter: Cindy P	PI: Kelly W	Treatment: Jeff F

I truly enjoyed the chance to represent District 8. It was tough, at times, to maintain an objective viewpoint as I presided over some really interesting discussions. Each district meeting, it became easier for me to keep silent and let the process work. The most important thing I learned as DCM is that AA will continue to thrive even if I don't voice my opinion on every issue. District 8, once again, has a fine group of officers and committee chairs. I can now step aside as I know District 8 will be in good hands for the next two years. I hope to see everyone again when you finally see fit to select Cedar Rapids to host an Area Conference.

Yours in service, Chris Heald DCM, District 8

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 9:

District 9 had their elections on October 5, 2008 and all but 2 positions were filled. We found it very helpful for all to have our SOP's so that those that were interested would have the information needed to know what each position does and if they would be able to fulfill the commitment all of the chairs are still very active. Our treatment meetings at Country Oaks, Salvation Army and the MARC Unit are going well and bridging the contact list are being updated. Our corrections committee is holding men's and women's meetings at our county jail. They are having another orientation scheduled in a few weeks. Our grapevine committees have been meeting on a regular basis. They are working with groups on placing boxes at each group and collecting old grapevine subscriptions to pass along to local treatment centers. District donated a one-year subscription to Honorable Judge Mullen at the Scott C. Courthouse. The PI committee is working on sending information to our local schools. The archives committee are going to groups and handing out group history forms. The CPC Committee are working to re-design their CPC presentation board and to mail out more introduction letters to large Quad-City employers (Human Resource), local schools and several other interested parties. Our Alt DCM works with our webmaster on updating our meeting. We have averaged 472 hits per month. Our website again is www.aaquadcites.com. She also was elected to be our new DCM for 2009-2010. She along with District 11 and 13 did a great job facilitating our Cluster Meeting that was held Sept 13th. We had an attendance of over 60 people. I again want to thank Mike M for doing a great job with the concepts and the Area chairs who attended. Lastly I want to thank everyone for the wonderful experience I have had serving as the DCM for my district. I believe that this experience has helped me grow and I am blessed to have met and served with all of you.

In Love and Service, Sheryl F., DCM District 9

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 10:

Greetings from District 10!

On Saturday, September 27th, we had our first annual district picnic. Although the attendance was not what we had expected, it was a good start for an event that will allow members of AA in our district to have fellowship

Last month we held our elections and were able to fill most positions. The elections for DCM and alternate DCM were tabled until our meeting in November.

In the meantime, we are preparing for Christmas gathering in December on Saturday 6th, which will be in Mount Pleasant at the Episcopal. Tracy T. from Muscatine will be our Speaker.

In love and service, Patrice C.

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 11:

Greetings from District 11.

District 11 continues to be a pocket of enthusiasm in the NE corner of Iowa. We enjoyed many outdoor activities over the summer months, and it is now time to get together indoors. We will have our Halloween Party on Saturday, November 1, please come and join us for an evening of good food, speaker, costumes and dancing.

November is our 22nd annual Mini Conference with panels all through the day, good food and fellowship. Banquet speaker this year is Bill S. from Roswell, GA. Come join us. I have brought flyers for both these events.

We held district elections on October 4th with a large gathering eager to serve and I am happy to report that all district positions are filled for the next term. Group elections in the district are under way and change forms starting to trickle in.

It is hard to believe that almost 2 years have gone by since my friends in the fellowship entrusted me with the charge of DCM. It has been a humbling experience in growth and service. I will treasure the many moments together we have had at service weekends and conferences, and I look forward to see you again at future conferences and gatherings.

Yours in love and service, Keep it simple,

Dorte B DCM District 11815-297-5505 dorteb@galenalink.com

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 12:

Greetings from District 12. Not a lot has happened in the District since the August business meeting. The members of the District decided to hold off election of new chairs until December. This is to allow time to get more information on the chair positions out to our meetings. Some of our meetings have voiced that they really don't know much about the chair positions. I have put together a couple of pages giving general descriptions of what each chair does. I will be sending this out to the meetings I have contact information for. Rick C. will be coming in from Eldon to give a talk on service work Rick has spoke in District 12 before and was well received. Once positions are elected I will get the new information to Area. I look forward to a new group of chairs in the District. I hope to see more towns in our district once again become involved in the District meetings.

Yours in Service, T.J. Fletcher District 12 DCM

afletcher@mahaska.org

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 13:

Good day to all. District 13 held its elections on September 28th; our new incoming DCM will be Bob G. Alt DCM, Treasurer, Corrections, Newsletter, PI has been elected.

However, the following positions still remain open: Secretary, CPC, Grapevine, Literature, Treatment and Activities. We are hoping with the new incoming GSR's we will have more participation at the next meeting. We will complete the updated information forms by year-end so everyone will receive their respective materials.

The hot topic in District 13 has been the inverted triangle and is it working effectively in AA today; more will be revealed today during our business meeting. *“Resolved: That the AA Fellowship, through the general service conference, the Grapevine, Regional forums,*

area conferences, workshops and supplemental literature address the question: Is the “inverted triangle” really working in AA today?”

We held a cluster workshop on September 13th, 2008 with District 9 & 11 and all went well. Participation was approximately 66 in attendance to hear about AA’s 12 Concepts and their practical application. District 13 has invited our Delegate to share his GSO experience with us on December 6th, 2008 at North Hall in Iowa City. There is an AA meeting from 12-1pm, a luncheon and then Mike will speak from 2-4pm.

In closing, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve such a dedicated and passionate committee. I have grown spiritually as a result of this adventure and have made many friends. Thank you for the opportunity to be your District Chair member for 2007&2008. In love and service, Tracy T. District 13

DISTRICT 14:

Hi everyone! It is wonderful to see you all again and to be a part of service in Area 24. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to be of service. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Jamie S. for filling in for me at the June Assembly and August Committee meeting. I have been fortunate to have an Alternate DCM who is very committed to Alcoholics Anonymous and willing to step up to the plate when I needed him. It is truly my honor to inform you all that Jamie will be the new DCM for District 14 and I have every confidence that he will do a fantastic job of representing our District. We held our elections in September and have four positions remaining, which we will hopefully fill later in October. I have been working on Group updates for the next service rotation, as some of the groups have also held elections, and am hopeful to have them all updated by the first of the year. I have had the opportunity to get out to more groups in our District, which has been a huge benefit to my own recovery. Many of the groups have been busy this past summer holding campfire meetings, campouts, dinners, and sobriety celebrations, proving that “we are not a glum lot.” We have been busy planning for the Spring 2009 Assembly and I would like to thank Sharon S. for doing such a great job as Chair of the planning committee, as well as the rest of the Committee Chairs and volunteers for all of their hard work. We are also working on plans for the annual District New Year’s Eve celebration, which will be held at the Rolling Acres Free Methodist Church in Mason City. Thanks to Shawntel B., Chair of the committee, and company for all the hard work planning for the dinner, speaker, and dance.

District 14 continues to carry the message into correctional and treatment facilities, having added two County Jails to the list of facilities we visit. Service chairs have not been terribly busy in the past few months, mainly working on keeping things going in their respective chairs. Jamie continues to fill in as the Newsletter Chair, which has been a blessing. We are planning to offer an email version of the District Communicator to all DCMs in Area 24 with the hope of fostering unity throughout the Area by letting you all know what is going on up North. Incoming DCMs may provide their contact information to me or send it to district14newsletter@hotmail.com to receive the District Communicator.

Once again, I am truly grateful to have been given the opportunity to represent District 14 and to work with all of you. I wish you all well as we “trudge the Road of Happy Destiny” – together.

Gratefully yours, Lisa L. DCM

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 15:

Greetings from District 15. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service these past two years. District 15 will be holding elections next week for service positions, some which have members already volunteered to fill much to my surprise.

It is my perception that the meeting and members in District 15 have become safer and more attractive to the newcomer which in final analysis is the reason our service structure exists. Outreach to treatment centers, hospitals, prisons and public information has blossomed greatly in the past year. I want to commend all the embers that made this possible. Grateful to trudge the road to happy destiny,
Roger Ruhland, DCM District 15

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 16:

Greetings from District 16

I am so happy to be here in Marshalltown today, and even more happy to have three other members from District 16, Alcoholics Anonymous, traveling with me this weekend.

2008 brings the end of our current service chair rotations, and we are actively preparing for our elections in November. Also in November, as always, District 16 will be hosting the Sixth Annual Attitude of Gratitude Pot Luck and Speaker Night held on November 8th, 2008, in Red Oak, IA. Our District looks forward to this incredible tradition of recognizing gratitude as a pivotal element in all our sobriety. Just as our founders celebrated with food and fellowship, so does District 16, and we invite you all to join us for a buffet of oven baked ham and roast beef, door prizes and two fabulous speakers, Rich S. and Fred P., both from Red Oak. I have fliers here this weekend for this event or feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. This event has become self supporting, and in fact allows District 16 to remain in budget throughout the year.

Donations of door prizes and other goods by members of the District help keep our costs down and allow us to add income into the general funds of the District. Since August, this district has received two very generous donations from two of our groups. The REBOS group in Red Oak contributed \$400.00 and the Clarinda High Fliers group also donated \$400.00. Both groups also made donations to Area 24. All of the groups in our district have received packets of information including the final 2008 General Service Report, descriptions of the service chairs and committees, a sample ballot, and a description of the election process for our district. At the November business meeting, nominations will be confirmed and the ballots will be completed for elections at the pot luck. Write ins will again be allowed. I look forward to sharing my service experience with the new officers, and Thank you all for this amazing experience and opportunity to serve!!

Shari B., DCM District 16

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 17:

Greetings form District 17. Back in August we had the Armstrong/Estherville picnic with speakers Shane and Shelly form Ft. Dodge, what a fun and rewarding time; also the Spencer Wednesday Night Chip Group held its 45th Anniversary, the sharing was inspirational. ON September 26th through September 28th Spencer held their 23rd annual Hardcore Campout, Faye b. formerly from Spencer now form Minnesota was the speaker and she also received her 17 year chip, a good time was had by all. Coming up is the Pre-

Winter Rally on November 7th through the 9th at Village West in Spirit Lake always a wonderful time of great speakers and fellowship; flyers are available on the table. At our last District meeting we had our elections filling all our officer and chair positions. Mike W. is our new DCM, and Terry R. is our new Alternate DCM, Lenor W. Is our treasurer, Mike M. secretary, Frank P Archives, Corrections/Treatment Mike Wo, Grapevine/Literature Joe W. and Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community Karla K.

As our terms are about to end, I look back and feel the gratitude I have for this
In Love and Service, Mike Mears, DCM District 17

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 18:

Greetings Area 24. My where has the summer gone? In September District 18 held its elections. The following people have either been elected or asked to continue in their present positions. DCM – Wes G. , Alternate DCM – Mike A. , Secretary – Debbie, Treasurer – Brett M., Literature – Doug W., Grapevine – Cindy Rae S.

The District has several open positions which are being worked on.

I wish to take this moment to thank District 18 for allowing me to be apart of the service process and hopefully to have been a part of the solution.

Form my prospective things have progressed well in District 18.

Take care, We're all in God's Hands,

Darrell Boisen, DCM District 18 1215 Robbins Street, Sac City, IA 50583, 712-662-4810

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 19:

Greetings from D-19. D-19 Held its sixth annual picnic September 13. Good Food, GREAT speakers and fellowship was enjoyed by all. District -19 meeting was held on 10-8 with only SIX in attendance. It is believed that there was some confusion with the date as the first day of the month fell on a Wednesday.. It was decided to send reminder post cards, and have pizza at the next district meeting. Hopefully we can generate some interest with food as a drawing card. I have mixed emotions about leaving the DCM position, but feel I am leaving the position to a dedicated man in Casey. I know he will do a great job. We have only one new Chair, Orene B. Orene is the new GV/Literature chair. Orene commented she has been sober for several years, and it is time to do some service work. Waverly reports that they are close to moving into their new clubhouse, perhaps this weekend Thanks to all who helped in any way. I plan to stay in service in one capacity or another so I'll see you at the next business meeting. Thanks to all who helped me during my tenure. God Bless you all, Dave

In service, David Paulus

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 20:

Greetings to everyone from District 20. Our newest meeting, the Greenfield Traditions meeting on the Tuesday Night, continues to go strong with 10-15 people in attendance. District 20 celebrated its 15th Anniversary on July 13th with a picnic in the park in Adel. We had 3 different speakers, a raffle and about 70 people in attendance.

Brian T. was selected as our representative to serve as co-chair for the district 7 and District 20 joint bid for Fall 2009 conference.

We would like to invite everyone to join us in Winterset November 1st to help the Madison County Group celebrate their anniversary, social hour starts at 5 p.m. at the Madison County fairgrounds community building. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely, Pete Custer Dist. #20 DCM

DCM REPORT DISTRICT 21:

Greetings from District 21; we're doing the best we can to carry the message of AA. Our meetings may be small in numbers, they are strong with God given sobriety. We had our District elections and we didn't fill all the positions yet, the way I look at it give them time and the Right People will step UP.

We had our Annual Campout last month; we had a good turn out and real good time. I love campfire meetings. The weather couldn't have been better.

We are having a Halloween Party at the Turin Meeting on the 25th from 7:00 pm to when ever.

It has been an honor serving District 21 and serving with all of you in Area 24. I didn't know much about unconditional love before I came to AA and the People of the Program showed me how to love Unconditionally today I can say that I love All of you and that you are Friends. I look forward to our paths crossing again in the future. Thank you. In Love and Service, David Deen, District 21 DCM

AREA CHAIR REPORTS:

ARCHIVES REPORT:

Fall Conference 2008 Archives Report

Greetings to Everyone. I have some new "News" from Archives this fall. Alcoholics Anonymous has an updated Web Site and it is wonderful. There is a link to "Archives and History" which then lets you click on several different options. Some being "About the GSO Archives", "Visiting the GSO Archives", "Research Using the GSO Archives", "Resources for Local AA Archivists", "Markings-The Archives Newsletter", and "Items Available From the GSO Archives". Take a look, some of the items are printable.

There is also a link called "Timeline View" which gives the history of over 70 years of growth in Alcoholics Anonymous. The 1st link is "Origins" which gives the history leading up to Bill and Bob's 1st meeting. The other links (1935-1944), (1945-1954), (1955-1964), (1965-1984), and (1985-2008) give the recorded history during these periods.

The Archives Workbook-M-44i,(A Booklet on How to Set Up An Area Archives. Covers Preservation, Oral Histories, Reference Information etc) Archives Guidelines-MG-17, and The AA Archives-F-47 have all the new revisions that were approved by the 2008 Conference Committee and are available for purchase or you can print them off the web site.

The Summer 2008 "Markings" newsletter touched on the origins of the "AA Preamble, Who Wrote It and When the Word *Honest* was dropped from it", "The History Behind AA's Responsibility Statement", "What is the History Behind AA's Unity Declaration?" These are just a few of the history items in these Markings. Massachusetts AA

Discovered its past in the Grapevine Digital Archives! The Archives Committee log onto the magazine's digital archives at www.aagrapevine.org. A search for "Massachusetts" returned a list of 593 articles on 60 index pages dating back to 1946!

We still have our own living Archives in Dan B., who has agreed to let me tape him while at the Conference. He told me all the history is in his brain, so we're going to see if we can't get some of that on tape. Thank you Dan for all you have done for AA and all you continue to do!

The Fall 2008 "Markings" newsletter has an article on Milton Maxwell who served as a Class A Trustee and then Chairman of the G.S. Board for many years. This is a wonderful article showcasing how Mr. Maxwell being a non-alcoholic had such a love for A.A. There is also an article on Sybil C., one of the 1st women in find sobriety in A.A. I heard Sybil speak during my 1st year sober. She was hilarious. She sobered up when there was no Big Book or Traditions. These articles are well worth the read. I can't say enough about this newsletter.

I do have some copies with me, but not enough for everyone.

When the Cedar Rapids area, and other areas around Iowa, lost their meeting places and were displaced because of the flooding we had, I'm sure there were some difficult times. I got in on some of the conversations that were taking place with the AA Community in Louisiana and the AA Community in Iowa. If anyone kept records of any of this I would sure like to include it in with the Iowa AA Archives.

Yours in Love and Service,

Jan Petska, Area 24 Archives 814 E. 5th Street, Spencer, IA 51301 712-262-3094 email: fjapet@smunet.net

CORRECTIONS

Hi everyone

The big thing keeping me busy since June has been our Corrections Workshop in Mt. Pleasant. I think everything is going good to date. All the security apps have been turned in and I'm waiting for response from the prison.

It looks like as many as 12 people working either as Parole/Probation Officers or employed by The Iowa Dept. of Corrections may be in attendance. I'm excited by this, one of those folks is an Associate Warden at ISP in Ft. Madison. As you may remember, we've had a time getting the opportunity for more involvement in Ft. Madison, so this is a great chance for that Associate Warden to hear first hand, (or ear) what AA can be and do in his Facility.

It also looks like a Psychologist from Oakdale may be in attendance. People like this, at the entry level of an offenders sentence, could be valuable friends for AA and future AA's.

I received a BTG request from GSO and have got that hooked up.

I'll be in Ottumwa Dec 6th to give a talk on service and in Chicago next weekend Speaking at a prison on Friday night and speaking at the Chicago Area Corrections Conference on Saturday.

Thank you all for your Pink Can money....WOW! The numbers show your passion, on behalf of our incarcerated members, and those members who carry our message into Correction Facilities, THANK YOU!

This is my last (and longest) Corrections Report...Thank you for visiting with me at the Workshops you asked me to be a part of, and the phone calls and the e-mails and the questions and the support and kindness...and laughing at my jokes.

I've learned and experienced things in the last two years, that will be with me all my life.... And I hope I've served you and the future members of AA in some way.

With Sincere Gratitude

Rick

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INCOME

Spencer	Saturday Night 12x12 Group	\$ 54.00
Keokuk	Serenity Group	\$ 26.00
Sioux City	No Matter What Group	\$ 13.41
Sioux City	Grupo Unidos	\$ 9.00
Sioux City	Mon 10 A.M. Group	\$ 12.99
Sioux City	Wed 10 A.M. Group	\$ 10.26
Sioux City	Fri 10 A.M. Group	\$ 12.76
Marshalltown	Happy Joyous and Free	\$ 32.77
Marshalltown	Happy Joyous and Free	\$ 24.85
Urbandale	Subtle Foes	\$ 11.95
Des Moines	Three Legacies Group	\$ 29.69
Des Moines	Foxhall Group	\$ 28.95
Spirit Lake	Keep It Simple Group	\$110.70
Iowa City	Blue Noon Group	\$ 50.00
Sioux City	Mon 10 A.M. Group	\$ 9.04
Sioux City	Wed 10 A.M. Group	\$ 6.70
Sioux City	Fri 10 A.M. Group	\$ 5.29
Sioux City	Grupo Unidos	\$ 8.00
Sioux City	No Matter What Group	\$ 9.89
Sioux City	No Matter What Group	\$ 11.84
Sioux City	Mon 10 A.M. Group	\$ 6.29
Sioux City	Wed 10 A.M. Group	\$ 9.02
Sioux City	Friday 10 A.M. Group	\$ 14.52
Sac City	Sac City AA Group	<u>\$ 37.29</u>

TOTAL

\$545.71

EXPENSES

Woodbury County	Living Sober (Spanish)	Qty 10	\$3.75	\$ 37.50
	Came To Believe (Spanish)	Qty 6	\$3.75	\$ 27.50
	Daily Reflections (Spanish)	Qty 10	\$7.25	\$ 72.50

Daily Reflections (English)	Qty 20	\$7.25	\$145.00
	TOTAL		\$277.50

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$3,249.65
INCOME	\$ 545.71
EXPENSES	<u>\$ 277.50</u>
ENDING BALANCE	\$3,517.86

COOPERATION WITH PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC) REPORT:

Good afternoon;

Well, I do not have much to report today. When I was at the meeting in Marshalltown in August I was invited to speak briefly at the cluster conference on September 13th in Bettendorf. When I arrived our area delegate, Mike M., asked if I would speak briefly on the 8th concept, without thinking I said yes, OK now I better find out what this 8th concept is! This is not the easiest one of the concepts for me to get into! I must have done OK since no one threw anything at me or got up and left! I just want to thank Mike for giving me so much time to prepare for this!

During one of the breaks I met Herman J. He was very interested in a CPC presentation for parole officers. We talked at each break and before I left I gave him a CD presentation to share with the CPC committee in his district. I am hoping to hear from him or the CPC chair in his district.

Last night Sandy (PI chair) and myself put on a PI/CPC workshop. I was able to show the power point presentation for professionals that we have been using in District. I also handed out copies of this CD and had a request to send a couple to CPC chair.

We had a good turnout for the workshop. I am eager to learn what is being done in all the different Districts. If I can be of any assistance or if you would like me to come to your meeting just give me a call.

Yours in Fellowship, Dave Birch

I can be reached at: Dave Birch 620 Greenfield St. Dubuque, IA. 52001 (563) 556-0095
dleebirch@hotmail.com

GRAPEVINE REPORT:

Greetings from the Grapes!

As noted in the Newsletter, the book Language of the Heart celebrated its 20th Anniversary in August. This book is a comprehensive collection of Bill W's writings for the Grapevine and is quite historical in its content. The articles it contains were written over a period of twenty-six years and document "the painstaking process of trial and error that resulted in AA's spiritual principles of Recovery, Unity, and Service, and articulated [Bill's] vision of what the Fellowship would become." The Release goes on to say that "Bill W's insights are timeless reminders of what it used to be like, what happened, and what it is like now, illuminating the present with the wisdom of AA's experience in its first thirty years." It's a great book and I highly recommend it.

Also in August, AA Grapevine released a new set of CDs – *Spiritual Awakenings, Volumes I and II*, which contain selections from the book of the same name. It is available in Spanish and English and I have both versions on hand.

In September, *Beginners' Book – Getting and Staying Sober in AA* made its debut. It is a collection of over 40 stories in which “members share what helped them in early recovery...” Their experiences “provide insights and solutions to problems common to the newly sober.” I have numerous copies in stock; cost is \$8.50.

In the October issue of the Grapevine, there is a wonderful article on sponsorship. Also, the theme of the Special Section this month is *Sober After Sixty*. You can read or listen to an article from this section called Time in a Bottle on the website, www.AAGrapevine.org.

Speaking of the website, you can listen to samples from the new *Spiritual Awakenings* CDs, and read sample selections from the Grapevine's new publication *Beginners Book*. Also, there is always an extra Step and Tradition article online. This month's article, The Washingtonians taken from the February 1971 issue of the Grapevine, is on Tradition Ten.

As for my activities, in September I set up the Area Grapevine Display at the Cluster Workshop in Bettendorf, IA. I also shared, along with other Service Chairs, what I do in my position as the Area's Grapevine Chair. There was an excellent turnout and Mike M did an amazing job of presenting the Concepts. I left with more knowledge than I came with, a realization of how dumb I really am when it comes to the Concepts, and a desire to remedy that. Thanks Mike!

Don't forget – the new calendars and planners are out. They are available at the Grapevine table along with the items mentioned above, and numerous other goodies. They are very valuable tools for personal recovery and make great gifts.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you for the awesome opportunity you gave me to serve the Area as your Grapevine Chair – it has been an honor and a privilege to do so. Remember, I am still available until the end of my term to do presentations, workshops, Grape-a-thons, etc. for your districts and groups. Please don't hesitate to call.

Love and Grateful Service, Sarah Hynnek, Area 24 Grapevine Chair

- Comment: Member expressed concern about new beginner's book; we have a book and why do we have an ongoing need to continue to publish.
- Comment: On web site is the “I say” on the grapevine website; go on there and state your opinion.
- Comment: I agree we just keep publishing and publishing and it is not keeping it simple. Can we bring this up to GSO through our delegate?

LITERATURE REPORT:

Greetings from the literature corner. Since August, my only commitment was the Concept Cluster Meeting held by districts 9, 11, and 13 in Bettendorf on September 13th. I was pleased to have not only some outgoing literature chairs at the Literature Workshop last night, but also a couple incoming chairs. Additionally, I have not received any literature from GSO recently.

I currently have no functions scheduled before the end of the calendar year. I have plenty of time available to travel, so if you desire a literature display set up for a function, please do not hesitate to contact me. One possible display would be a service-oriented display if a district has a service rotation workshop scheduled. I do ask that we talk within the next

week, if possible. This way, I am able to coordinate the transition with the incoming chair that you guys elect today.

I truly wish to thank Area 24 for the opportunity to serve you the last two years as your Literature Chair. I think back to occasionally helping Jeremiah pack up, and thinking that it would be neat to do that sometime. It has been a blast. I look forward to a smooth transition with my replacement, and to whatever Area 24 decide is my future.

Yours in Love and Service, Kevin A., Area 24 Literature Chair

NEWSLETTER REPORT:

It has been with great pleasure that I have been given the privilege to serve as the Area 24 Newsletter chair. I appreciate your trust in developing the Area 24 Newsletter for the remainder of this elected term . I have set up the sub-data base of email addresses from the primary Area 24 data based, as provided by the Alternate Becky P., and sent out the email copies of the newsletter to those email addresses as listed. However, the new Area 24 database has further complicated this process for hard copies, and slowed it down considerably for distribution purposes between this Newsletter Chair and the publisher. This problem has been solved for the current edition and if you have not already received it, it's in the mail.

Yours in Service and Fellowship, Lynne Smith, Area 24 Newsletter Chair

- Question: Does Lynne and Dave B. who took their positions mid term need to be nominated to stand again or will they automatically be nominated? Yes they need to be nominated.

PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT:

Greetings Area 24,

My time as Area 24 P.I. has gone by so fast. It is hard to believe that this is my last Public Information report. I would like to thank this body for allowing me the opportunity to be of service. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve. I would like to thank Districts 9,11, and 13 for putting on the Cluster Meeting in Bettendorf on Sat. 13th and for asking me to set up the Area 24 P.I. Display. I was glad to be of service. The meeting was well attended and Mike M. and the others gave a good talk on the Concepts.

I attended a Sponsorship Workshop on Sat. Oct 4th sponsored by the Ames Intergroup. I was glad to see that it was well attended and the speakers Mike M. Becky P. and Bob M. gave an excellent talk.

GSO sent me the new 2007 Membership Display. I hope you all had a chance to look at the display it is really awesome.

In mid-November the new A.A. TV P.S.A. "I Thought" will be centrally distributed to over 800 English, Spanish and French television stations. P.S.A plays will be tracked and evaluated for the following six months.

For the month of September Area 24 website had 927 hits and a total of 27,830 for the month.

In the latest BOX 459, on the front page it talks about how

GSO has redesigned their website to allow easier navigation and provide information successfully. They now link directly to Intergroups and Areas around the world, among

other things. When a user clicks on the link, they are given a notice that they are leaving GSO's website. This may be a good idea for Area 24. Another useful and informational tool is their AA timeline, starting from 1935 to the present, offering a visual on many significant happenings in AA. There are lots of other new changes on the GSO Website. I hope you get a opportunity to check it out!

I had my last P.I. Workshop last night and there were 20 people in attendance. A lot of good information was shared and questions asked. Thanks Dave B. for a great CPC Presentation.

Again, I thank you so much for allowing me to be of service.

Love and service, Sandy Engdahl, Area 24 PI

Announcement: Concepts workshop in Davenport taped and put on CD; if you are interested in obtaining a copy of those CD's, see Sandy.

TREATMENT REPORT:

I have not had any Bridging the Gap requests since our last business meeting. I've been doing a lot of traveling the last couple of months. I attended the 18th Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend with my sponsor Bob F. on September 5-7 at Kansas City MO. Also attending from Area was the District 7 Treatment Chair, Pam G. An article about this experience was in the Area 24 Newsletter and we will be talking about it at the Treatment Workshop. On September 13, Bob and I attended the Cluster meeting at Bettendorf, Iowa. Mike M. as usual did a great job on the Concepts. Bob and I also attended the Whitehouse Conference at Des Moines on September 26 and 27. I was invited and took one of my sponsees to the Forest City Unity Group on Saturday, October 4. Thanks Sandy B. for inviting me. The next day I was at the West End AA Group in Davenport to celebrate a sponsee's one-year anniversary.

Yours in love & service, Milo Mead – Area 24 Treatment Chair

OLD BUSINESS:

Report from District Study Committee

Due to prior commitments I was not able to make the Spring Assembly at Sioux Center and the August committee meeting at Marshalltown (year 2008). I am grateful to Kevin, Tracy and Rosie for their reports and support. Thank you.

As chairman of this committee I had not taken any action until the past week making calls to meet this weekend. Met with Tracy and Rosie last evening, spoke separately with Kevin.

As mentioned in the Spring report, if there is an interest and desire from the Spanish speaking community to be a part of Area 24 committee, it will happen internally, from the Spanish AA groups. Our part is in doing 12th step work, having our hand out as we do with the newcomer coming into our Home Group meeting, I believe we all know, the newcomer is leery, cautious, and even untrusting. As with most it takes time for the new person to feel comfortable and a part of. So it is with offering our hand to the Spanish AA Groups.

At this time, Rosie shared two groups in Sioux City has indicated an interest. Kevin has always helped with planning and helping where needed. Tracy has communicated with a person in Utah, however, at this time she has not received a report. If Tracy is willing, I think it is best she share about her visit with the party from Utah.

Tracy had several talks with German from Muscatine and Sergio from Davenport. German and Sergio expressed interest, have talked with Spanish Groups in their communities, no response as yet. Tracy has and is providing AA General Service information in Spanish to these groups.

We do not know how many Spanish AA groups there are in Iowa. Of these groups are any registered? At this time agreed on plan of action:

1) Tracy will try to find out how many Spanish groups in Iowa and of those groups how many are registered.

2) we will, with the help of several Spanish speaking persons put together a letter with hopes of the Spanish groups sharing their thoughts with us, and if there is interest in being a part of our Service Structure. When I said we, I am hoping there is one or two other persons along with one or two Spanish speaking persons who will help put a letter together. We cannot take and further steps until we learn what interest there is from the Spanish groups.

3) Tracy shared she would again seek a response from Utah.

(We need to proceed slowly)

We are nearing the end of year 2008. At least two persons on this committee will be stepping down. The three points of action will be addressed before the end of this year. The present committee is passionate about wanting to help the Spanish AA groups in Iowa and elsewhere grow. Of the present committee some may wish to continue. That decision will be left up to the new Chairperson. It is my recommendation and hope Area 24 continues with this study.

I pray that we continue as GOD would have us, with Love, Patience and Tolerance.

Grateful what AA has given me.

Love and Service, Frank Petska

- Committee member: When I first found out about this is was around June 2006 when I talked with the delegate; I wanted to wait and he said it could start. I know the delegate's passion for AA and wanting to bring this to the Area. Even though I did not stand for a position I will continue to work on this and see it happen even if I have to come and interpret for the first time they are here. It will happen
- Committee member: I got the privileges to work on this, I contacted many areas. I received a response from July S. in Utah. They were going to have a conference and I have not heard from her. She had a lot of experience and information to share. My experience is that they are their own body and own service structure; I don't think we should not drop this but first and foremost we should see who we need to talk to; most groups are not registered groups they are just groups. Recently it has been put into the works where and Spanish speaking person is going to go to other groups and see if they are interested in this. I will continue to work on this

- Committee member: One of the things I would like to remind people is that early on we saw that it is going to take time; other areas said it took 5-10 years; it is going to take time to succeed. Let's give it the time to succeed.
- Committee member: There always has been interest in Storm Lake and there is interest again and I have talked to the person in the district; we are planning on having a meeting by November 1st. There is a priest in the community who has an interest in starting a meeting. The members in Sioux city willing to come to this meeting in Storm Lake once a week for 2 months to help them. It reminds me of the poem, Sam Shoemaker I stand by the door.
- Comment by Spanish speaking person : We have to work hard and you people have opened the door, I am here and I will be here as much as you need me to be.
- Comment: This subject is interesting to me. I help form the 1st Spanish-speaking meeting in Dubuque 3 years ago – Amigos in Sobrieda “friends in sobriety.” My daughter’s mother is Hispanic – she is not part of my life due to alcoholism. The Spanish speaking community is near and dear to my heart. It is my sincere hope and desire that some day my grandchildren to be can come to AA if they need it wherever throughout the world.

Website Committee Report feasibility to add flyers to web site

Motion (made at the Spring 2008 Area 24 Conference): to form a committee to look at the feasibility of placing fliers of Group, District and Area events to be put on the Area website.

Yes. It is feasible. We are overachievers and we created some guidelines.

Our committee, consisting of Sandy E., Jamie S., Chris S., and Maureen L., met o Sunday July 27th at Sandy’s house. We feel that yes, it is feasible for Area 24 to place Group, District and Area event flyers on the Area 24 website. We referenced several sources in coming to our conclusion: The Area 41 website (Nebraska), the Area 36 website (Southern Minnesota), the Area 40 website (Montana), the A.A. Internet Guidelines on GSO’s website, the Ames and Lincoln, NE Intergroup websites, as well as District’s 7 and 12 (Area 24) and The Deal Group’s website. We came across calendars and flyers for round-ups, campfires, retreats, workshops, anniversaries, etc. After reviewing our source material, we came up with a list of potential guidelines, or criteria, that would help determine which sorts of the flyers would be acceptable for posting on the Area website.

Potential Guidelines:

- The following quote is taken from the Lincoln NE Intergroup website and is listed under their guidelines for web postings. “All posted events must be sponsored by a recognized A.A. entity. In addition, all Group or District (or Area) events must include an A.A. meeting or carry the spiritual message of recovery through the 12-steps, 12-Traditions or 12-Copncepts. They must have no outside 12-Step Fellowships participating other than Al-Anon.”
- All postings would be from within Area 24 only.
- Any contacts listing their phone number on a flyer are aware and approve of their

information being posted on the website. Whoever is sending the flyer to the Area Webmaster is responsible for checking this out prior to submitting the flyer – this IS NOT the responsibility of the Area Webmaster.

- All listed contacts are referred to with first name and last initial only in order to protect anonymity.
 - All flyers to be submitted in “PDF” format.
 - Webmaster, or potential “flyers committee”, to approve or reject (with possible changes – i.e.: a last name printed on flyer) any submitted flyers, according to established guidelines.
 - Flyers submitted in allotted time prior to even (according to Webmaster’s recommendations/time needed to add to site).
 - Format on website in either a calendar-style with links or in a chronological list with links to each flyer, but is ultimately dependent on the discretion of the Webmaster.
- We appreciate being asked to serve on this committee and look forward to discussion on this topic.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy E., Jamie S., Chris S., and Maureen L.

Recommend that someone make a motion to keep these things going.

Motion (Mike M.) (Seconded TJ. F) that Area 24 chairperson appoint a committee to develop guidelines for the inclusion of flyers on Area 24 website.

- Question: Wouldn’t be appropriate to decide whether we want to place the flyers on the website before coming up with guidelines?
- Comment: Think it is the same thing.
- Comment: What was the motion made at the last assembly? re-read motion. Let’s vote on that. And then get guidelines.
- Comment: Add that we put the area agendas on the web site too so that the area agendas can be on the website.
- Comment: That seems like a whole separate issue; should be done automatically.

Offer Amendment to the motion (Lisa L.) that current committee read their guidelines first; amendment declined.

Voice vote

Ayes outnumbered nays

Motion passed

Chair asked if minority wished to speak; no one identified.

Report from Area 24 conference Guidelines Committee

Area 24 Conference Guidelines Revision Committee recommends the following changes:

First Motion to be voted on

1. a. Under Exhibit B, C, & D Sunday and Under Minimum room requirements on Page 7 change from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. early bird meeting to 6:45 to 7:45 a.m. early bird meeting.

This suggestion came from the Planning committee of the last assembly that was held in Dubuque.

2. Bid form page 9 add to Bid form
 - a. Parking availability onsite off site
Any parking costs If so, how much?
 - b. Audio/video equipment cost if separate from charge for rooms
 - c. Is there a set up fee? Yes No
3. Minimum room requirement page 7
 - a. Create separate page for each minimum room requirement for Election and Non Election year is too confusing as is.
 - b. A/V equipment – there are some that is not currently listed for example 1 overhead projector for Delegate report, PI report etc. DVD, TV, VCR for Al-Anon and Alateen all weekend: we need to know specifically what needs are before June to make correct adjustments.
4. Change approved 6/11/05 revisions to bold print make new revision from current revision committee for Oct 08 easier to read.
5.
 - a. Under F Speaker chairperson on page 3 Change item #4 from Fruit basket to Care Package or Gift Basket for speaker in rooms specific to their needs.
 - b. Add to Responsibility of E. Program chairperson page 3 add Create a Banner (if banner currently exists put theme from conference on Banner) Currently the only mention of the banner is under D. Treasurer on Page 3 that states develop a proposed budget to include all anticipated AA, al-Anon and Alateen costs speaker, entertainment, flyers, name tags, decorations, banner, signs, etc. Ideally all costs will be covered by registration fees excluding meals = Currently it does not state who is responsible for getting the banner made.
6. It was discovered that past committee for Sioux City did not have the most updated version of Area 24 conference guidelines. They were using 10/9/99. It is recommended that the Area 24 Secretary have copy of the most updated version of Area 24 Conference guidelines to be given to all DCM's at the January Area meeting every year as to hopefully eliminate possibility of that Host Committee going off of old Guidelines.
7. At all assemblies collect signed voting registration slips from all eligible voting members at the assembly, total and submit the total and the signed slips to the secretary by the start of the business meeting.

Motion (Celeste N.) seconded (Sheryl F.) to approve recommendation – guidelines as presented

- Clarification requested: number 8 – why would we change the early bird meeting on Saturday there is a ½ hour? This is for Sunday.
- Question: If the committee decides not to have the 8-9 meeting, it doesn't matter?
- Comment: Point is can't go to both meetings because of the time involved.
- Question: Can we change "IF" the conference planning committee decides to have the 8-9 meeting?
- Question: Historically has every conference had the 8-9 meeting? Yes
- Comment: We brought it up formally in Dubuque. We discovered that there was

not enough time to get from meeting to the other and historically there have always been these meetings. We received special dispensation from the assembly to change the time.

- Question: Are we amending this motion?
- Comment: We should not put it to “if.” Lets just keep it the same from 6:45 to 7:45 for continuity.
- Comment: Committee did a lot of work on this.

Call the question (Rod B.) seconded (Mike M.)

Voice vote

Motion passed unanimously

2nd Motion to be voted on

1. a. Under H. Registration and Ticket Chairperson

Suggestion regarding pre registration refunds and or transfers of pre registration fees.

Refunds: To be given in the event of a death or extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the current Conference Chairperson.

Transfer of pre-registration: to those who have been sent in place of another person such as a DCM or GSR when the person that pre registered is unable to attend for some reason and sends that person in there place.

This is recommended to avoid conflict.

Possibly post a sign stating these exceptions??? Not sure if this would be necessary or not?

This suggestion came from the Sioux City experience. It became very confusing when a refund was appropriate.

Motion (Chris H.) seconded (Celeste N.) to approve recommendation – guidelines as presented with the following change in the last sentence change” there” to “their.”

- Comment: think it is very well put and clear cut and we need to approve.
- Comment: also happen in Dubuque and we handled it just like it is stated and the members decided how to change the money.
- Comment: Change to conference committee as this put s too much pressure on the chair person.

Voice vote; Ayes outnumber nays

Motion passed

Chair asked if minority wished to speak; no one identified.

Ask secretary to make these revisions immediately and give them to the Area chair to distribute. Destroy any old ones.

NEW BUSINESS:

2010 WCAASC Bids

Delegate sent information regarding the March 2010 WCAASC bids to the Districts.

However, the chairman did not receive any bids. District 6 contacted Chair but nothing further was submitted or done. Chair asked if any District has a bid to present. No bids were presented.

Chair asked the Districts to really consider this issue. Chair asked the Trustee to provide some information on this subject. Trustee reported that there is a set of guidelines about 3/4 inch thick. He did not bring them; we usually plan for 400 to attend.

Delegate: Due to the time restraint we cannot wait until the next conference. It is the responsibility of delegate. Outgoing Delegate will get together with Incoming Delegate, will send DCM's information and make a decision in January. We need to take care of it.

2010 Spring Conference Bids

Chair announced that no advance bids received for to host this conference. Chair stated that this is the 3rd time in 2 years no bids were received for a conference. Chair asked if any District has a bid to present. Member asked whether bids have to be done in advance. Bids are suppose to be done in advanced according to the guidelines. Member stated that she thought we did this in Marshalltown and it was clarified that in August the bid was for a forum in 2011 and this is for our Spring Conference Bid for the Area.

Chair asked Districts to consider hosting and presenting a bid for this conference.

Trustee-at-large selection from Area 24

This trustee will succeed Dorothy B.

Delegate read some of the qualifications and requirements.

Suggested that we have six past delegates in the room, we could just ask them if they are interested. It was noted that we don't have to have a nominee.

Past Delegate Jim R. is interested in standing. Past Delegate Terry C. declined. Past Delegate Chuck B. declined and clarified that he can't stand for it. Past Delegate Jan P. is interested in standing. Past Delegate Frank P declined. Past Delegate Hugh V. declined. Delegate Mike M. declined.

Past Delegate Jim R. withdrew his name from consideration.

Candidate for Trustee-at-large is Jan P.

Motion (Leanne) seconded (Rod B.) the area conference planning committee chairperson or co-chair provided the chair is unable to attend, be reimbursed for mileage and expenses to attend all Area Business meetings and Area conference at which chairperson is required to give a report.

- Comment: Member did so on my own dime; if unable to afford it, DCM or GSR can give report.
- Comment: In theory great but area having money problems so maybe DCM could do it.
- Comment: Guidelines says that we pay mileage so I think it is in the guidelines; think we are going to pay it.
- Comment: Already \$1000 given to cover this so already paid.

- Question: Is this going in the area 24 budgets? If so groups give money – want to take it back to group.

Voice vote

Nays outnumbered the ayes

Motion failed

Note: We did not vote on Archives chair today because Archives is a four year position and Jan has two years left of her term.

Motion (Doug G.) seconded (Rosie S.) to destroy the ballots.

Voice vote: Passed unanimously

Motion (Celeste N) seconded (everyone) to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed

Meeting was closed in the usual manner.

Respectfully submitted and with gratitude for the opportunity to serve,
Michelle Neels Scheper, Area 24 Secretary

Elections

Chair reviewed 3rd legacy procedure and eligible voters for the assembly.

*** service talks given by all nominees throughout election process**

SOP for delegate read.

Nominations for Delegate:

Becky P., Tom N., Michelle N.S., Rick C., Sarah H., Sandy E.

Called for nominations from the floor 3 times - no nominations received.

Motion nominations cease (Lisa L) second (Kevin A.)

Suggestion on service talks to give talks at the front and face the body.

Service talk given by all nominees.

Voting took place; 2nd ballot took place eliminating all nominees except Becky and Rick;

3rd ballot no nominee received 2/3 vote; 4th ballot no nominee received 2/3 vote.

Motion (Doug G.) seconded (Mike M.) go to 5th ballot.

No discussion

Voice vote: Ayes outnumber nays

Motion passed

Chair asked if minority wish to speak; no one identified themselves

Motion stands

5th ballot no nominee received 2/3 vote

Vote went to the hat –

Delegate for 2009-2010 is Rick C.

SOP for Alternate Delegate read

Alternate Delegate nominations:

Tom N., Michelle NS, Sarah H., Sandy E., Maureen L.

Called for nominations from the floor 3 times - no nominations received.

Nominations closed.

Alternate Delegate for 2009-2010 Maureen L.

SOP for Area chair read.

Area chair person nominations:

Sarah H., Kevin A., Lynne S., Sandy E., Milo M., Lisa L.

Nominations from the floor: Frank P.

Area chairperson for 2009-2010 Lisa L.

SOP for Area Secretary read.

Area secretary nominations:

Sarah H., Kevin A., Chris H.

Called for nominations from the floor 3 times - no nominations received.

Nominations closed.

Motion (Doug G.) seconded (Roger R.) to go to a 5th ballot

Voice vote: Too close

Hand vote: Nays outnumber ayes

Motion failed

Went to the hat with Sarah and Chris

Area secretary for 2009-2010 Chris H.

SOP for Area treasurer read.

Area treasurer nominations:

Sarah H., Kevin A., Sandy E., Milo M., Sheryl F.

Called for nominations for the floor 2 times. Terry Coates nominated and accepted nomination. Called for nominations from the floor called for 3rd time.

Nominations closed.

Area treasurer for 2009-2010 Sheryl F.

Nominations for Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC):

Dave B., Lynne S.

Called for nominations from the floor 3 times - no nominations received.

Nominations closed.

Area CPC for 2009-2010 Dave B.

Nominations for Corrections

Darrell B., Sandy E., Sarah H., Milo M.

Called for nominations from the floor 3 times - no nominations received.

Nominations closed.

Area Corrections for 2009-2010 Darrell B.

Nominations for Grapevine

Sandy E., Kevin A., Linda H.,

Called for nominations from the floor 3 times - no nominations received.

Nominations closed.

Vote done by Hand count due to time

Area Grapevine for 2009-2010 Kevin A.

Nominations for Literature

Roger R., Linda H., Jack P., Sandy E., Milo M.

Motion nominations cease (Mike M.) seconded (Rosie S.);

Voice vote; passed unanimously

Vote done by Hand count due to time

Area Literature for 2009-2010 Roger R.

Nominations for Newsletter

Lynne S., Sarah H., Sandy E., TJ F.

Motion nominations cease (Rosie S.) seconded (Mike M.);

Voice vote; passed unanimously

Vote done by Hand count due to time

Area Newsletter for 2009-2010 Lynne S.

Nominations Public Information (PI)

Dorte B., Sharon S. – decline, Patrice C., Milo M.

Motion nominations cease (Doug G.) seconded (Roger R.)

Voice vote; passed unanimously

Vote done by Hand count due to time

Area PI for 2009-2010 Patrice C.

Nominations for Treatment

Sandy E., Sarah H., Dorte B.

Motion nominations cease (Dan G.) seconded (Mike M.)

Voice vote; passed unanimously

Vote done by Hand count due to time

Area Treatment for 2009-2010 Sandy E.