

**SOUTH SUBURBAN FIRESIDE AREA
NEWSLETTER
July 2007**



Area Info

Mailing Address:

South Suburban Fireside Area
Como Station PO Box 8089
St. Paul, MN 55708

Meeting: 1st Thursday of the month at:
First Presbyterian Church
535 20th Ave N.
South Saint Paul, MN

Website: <http://www.ssfa.naminnnesota.org>

NA News:

George L., Co. Chair of the Inner City Unity Convention came to the area meeting in June to further explain the ICUC's mission. The Mission of the ICUC is to start a large convention in the Twin Cities, partly for the purpose of carrying the message to the addict who cannot travel to other large events. He has made it clear that they are not asking for any donations from area, all they ask for is spiritual support. He has also made it clear that they will be scheduling events around those of which we have already established. Through donations and fund raiser activities they hope to raise enough money to have the convention in a projected 2-3 years. Also after the convention any money left over will be evenly dispersed amongst the three Areas in the Twin Cities and suburbs. If you are interested in becoming involved in the ICUC or would like to get more information, they meet the first Sunday of every month at 4:00. The meeting is held at the Calvary Church on 2601 Blaisdale Ave. in South Minneapolis. Below is some contact info.

Co. Chair-George L.: (612)232-5554
Secretary: Shannon S. shannonrae.na@hotmail.com

Hospitals and Institutions:

“NA’s primary purpose is to carry the message to the addict who still suffers. Its not surprising then that carrying the message into Hospitals and Institutions is one of our top priorities”

(I.P No. 20 Hospitals and Institutions and the NA member)

H&I needs SUPPORT! Committee members have other institutions and jails interested in having NA come every month but there is not currently enough addicts stepping up to take part in H&I. You must have 6 months of clean time to speak on panel and to facilitate a panel you must have 1 year. There are also different requirements for certain places, such as jails you must be off papers for felonies for at least 2 years. If you are interested in H&I, they meet the second Monday of every month from 8:30-9:30 PM at the first Presbyterian church in South Saint Paul. For more information you may also contact H&I Chair Brent F. (651)276-6050

Current Commitments:

- 2nd Thursday of the month: Avalon Treatment Center
6-7 pm
- 3rd Thursday of the month: Lino Lakes Prison
- 4th Monday of the month: Dakota County Detox
7-8 pm

Monthly Step:

Step Seven "We humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings"

"Humility is a result of getting honest with ourselves. We have practiced honesty since Step One. We accepted our addiction and our powerlessness. We found strength beyond ourselves and learned to rely on it. We examined our lives and honestly tried to be ourselves. None of is perfectly good or perfectly bad. We are people with assets and liabilities. More importantly, we are human." (Basic Text Pg. 35) Thanks for the quote Todd S!

Personal Story:

Through my addiction, I continued to run my life off the road and into the ditch over and over again. I soon realized that my current way of life was not working and needed to change. Admitting this was difficult and was my first introduction to humility. The basic text defines humility as "the result of being honest with ourselves," a completely new concept for me. However, soon I became willing, willing to talk to members, sponsors and most importantly, my God. With this I grew strength to honestly examine my life, my actions and my behaviors. Through this examination I was able to identify several shortcomings. The basic text defines shortcomings as "things that cause pain and misery all of our lives." By practicing the principles of NA, I learned I have the opportunity to remove my shortcomings by humbly asking Him. I have also learned in these walls, that I am not perfect, nor do I expect perfection of myself, but I do, however, expect progress. Keeping a conscience contact of a God of my understanding, daily meditations, practicing humility and attending meetings all play a crucial role in the success of my Seventh Step. I'm Dave – a gratefully recovering addict.

Meeting News:

Northfield NA meets Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. They have an average of 3 members in attendance. They are in dire need of support!

Activities:

Pre Pig Picnic

Sunday, July 22 the Pre Pig Picnic will be held at Kaposia Park in South Saint Paul (hwy 52 and butler). Activities include games, disc golf, volleyball and horseshoes. Burgers brats and soda will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

PIG 2007 Party In Gaylord! PIG is right around the corner! It is July 27th through the 29th in Gaylord Minnesota. The cost is 25 dollars at the gate. Activities include meetings, workshops, various games, raffles, and of course THE PIG ROAST! Discounts will be given to halfway houses; treatment centers, etc...please contact: Wayne L. at 612-721-8689 for any more info.

If you would like to share your personal story or write about the monthly step or tradition, or if you have any suggestions at all, please contact Outreach Chair Geoff D.

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