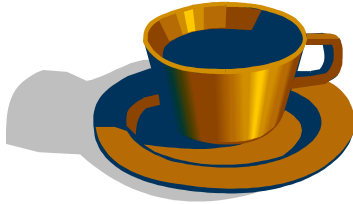




Newsletter

March 2009



Area Information:

Mailing Address

South Suburban Fireside Area
PO Box 565
South Saint Paul, MN 55075-0507

Website Address

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

ASC Meeting

When: 1st Thurs. of the month, 7:00pm
Where: First Presbyterian Church
535 20th Avenue North
South Saint Paul, MN

Sub-Committee Meeting

When: 2nd Thurs. of the month, 7:00pm
Where: Faith United Methodist Church
1530 Oakdale Avenue
West Saint Paul, MN

Meeting of the Month

Woodbury Free Birds
When: March 15th, 2009
Where: Woodbury Lutheran Church
7380 Afton Road, Woodbury



PIG 2009

The PIG Committee continues to need volunteers to help with writing up new by-laws. If you have ever held a position on the PIG Committee please feel free to write a short description of what responsibilities you had and give to your GSR.

* We also need support for continuing this exciting event. There are many positions open to take advantage of.

Here is a list of current open positions:

PIG Co-chair, Co-treasurer, Co-Gates chair (1), Food chair, Co-Breakfast chair, Co-Merchandise chair, Activities chair, Co-Activities chair, Kids Activities chair, Co-Kids Activities chair, Co-concessions chair, Co-Radio chair, Co-Outreach chair, Coffee chair, Co-Coffee chair, Clean up chair.

If you are interested please contact Kyle M (PIG chair) or show up at the next PIG meeting. They meet at 6pm the 1st Thursday of each month at the same location as the ASC meeting. Thanks so much for your participation.



Hospitals and Institutions

H& I Committee meets the 2nd Thurs. of the month, 7pm at the Sub-Committee Meeting.

The H& I Committee is offering

wonderful opportunities to carry the message to the addict who is still suffering inside Hospitals and Institutions. All you need is 2 years off paper and 6 months clean to share the message in jail & prisons, 6 months clean to share at Hospitals & recovery centers and any amount of time clean to go along and help support.

The H&I Commitments are as follows:

2nd Tuesday of the month: Avalon Treatment (Eagan) 6-7pm

☎ Vern B. 651-263-1614

⇒ 3rd Wednesday of the month: Cochran Treatment 7-8pm

☎ LeAnn J. 651-208-8187

⇒ 3rd Thursday of the month: Lino Lakes Prison 7-8pm

☎ Dan W. 651-278-8833

⇒ 4th Monday of the month: Red Wing Juvenile Facility.

☎ Buddy K. (Need young people to carry the message.)

⇒ 4th Thursday of the month: Hastings Detox. 7-8pm

☎ Chris C. 612-481-5535

⇒ Every 3 months (Feb, May, Aug, Nov) The Haven Treatment. (Please call contact for exact day and time)

☎ Garret L. 763-360-8151

They may be having a new meeting in Dakota Co. Jail. No given time yet. They need NEW addicts to go into jails & prisons. There is also a female treatment center in West St. Paul that they would like to set up a commitment for but, they need FEMALES to help carry the message there. If you have any free time that you would like to attribute to getting the message out to these addicts, please feel free to contact any of these panel leaders including Brent F. 651-276-6050. They would be more than happy to

bring you along.

OPEN POSITIONS AT AREA:

☺ Outreach Chair

☺ Activities Chair

☺ Personal Relations Chair

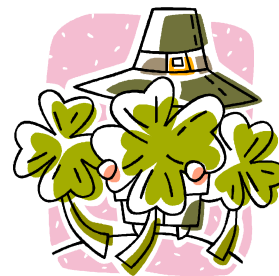
☺ RCM (have one, need two), Region meets every other month: Feb, April, June, August, October, December

****Interested in being on the Area Committee?***

Show up at the next Area meeting: 7pm
1st Thursday of each month to see what's in store!!!

Activities:

St. Patty's Day



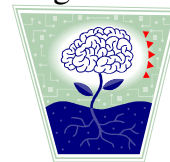
March 17th

PIG Fundraiser

-Speaker Meeting-Pot Luck-

\$5.00 at the door (no addict turned away). Old Langdon School 8839

96th St. S Cottage Grove, MN



Area Service Learning Day

Saturday March 28th, 2009

1pm-5pm

Workshops and Speakers on :

Public relations, Hospitals &
Institutions and Outreach.

Beverages and Snacks will be
available.



Have an idea for a FUNdraiser or FUNction?

*Talk with other groups and see what
you can put together. Bring your ideas to
the next ASC meeting or e-mail me & I
can share your ideas with the committee/
groups.*

Step 3:

“We made a decision to turn our will and
our lives over to the care of God as we
understood Him.”

-It Works How and Why pg.26

For me handing over anything to have
someone else guide me through it was
not something I ever thought about. I
enjoyed taking care of everything on my
own. I can do it by myself. Now I realize
that the only way for me to get through
tough times is to turn what ever it is I am
struggling with over to my higher power,
pray and let it go. It's good to know that
my HP is always with me and letting me
know in one way or another what I
should do, even if I don't ask for it. I
know that as long as it is not my will that
I am using, I can count on things going
the way they should. Sometimes I think

‘hey, maybe my will can work this time.’
(That's usually when I want things to go
my way, now.) I know for myself that
when I become self-willed , what I am
doing is deciding that I am only going to
care for myself . I have acted selfish in
the past and in the end all I had was
myself. I am grateful that I have the
support from fellow addicts that I need
and the will of my HP that guides me.

Tradition 3:

“The only requirement for membership
is the desire to stop using.”

-It works How and Why pg.144

I think this is a good requirement, and
glad it is the only one for many reasons.
I know I didn't want to stop using and I
know I definitely did not want to go to a
meeting. ‘A meeting, really? I have to?
With all those people I don't know? You
can't make me do this.’ These were my
thoughts at the beginning of my
recovery. They told me, ‘fake it till yeah
make it,’ And you know what, that's
exactly what I did. Everyone has
different reasons for wanting to stop and
different reasons for staying or not
staying. The important thing is the desire
because I believe the desire will bring
you back.

*If there is anything you would like to share
in these monthly newsletters, please e-mail me
tbinc07@yahoo.com and I will be sure to add
your experience, strength and hope. Thanks for
everyone's contribution.*

-Jocelyn

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