

# MIRUS

Minneapolis Intergroup: Recovery, Unity, Service

September 2015 *Step, Tradition, and Concept Nine*

## Step Nine

*"Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others."*

I worried about Step Nine when I was new in sobriety. I would listen to speakers share their experience with this step, and I would wonder if my experience would be better or worse, trying to predict the future. I wrote my fourth step, wondering if I would have to make amends to the people I was writing about. I am thankful that my sponsor told me to only be concerned about the step I was on, and that the steps are in order for a reason.

My sponsor and I read together about step nine in the "Big Book" and "Twelve and Twelve." From my eighth step list, we would pick people I needed to make amends to. I would write down what I planned to say to them, and then she would read it to make sure that the message would get across. For my face-to-face amends, I would then read them and then set up a time to make the amends.

I have had various experiences when making amends. There were times when I got invaluable feedback that opened my eyes to the fact that it was not only me I was hurting when I was drinking. There were times when I had to send a letter of amends because the persons lived far away. I've had to pray to become willing to make some of my amends, because even though I may have written on paper my amend, the wanting to truly mend that relationship was not there, so I had to pray for that willingness. I have had times where the person didn't want to see me and I just had to accept that my part was done. There were also some amends that I just did not do, and I try to make living amends in that I do not treat anyone like that again, since that it would injure them or others to know the truth of the situation.

For me, this step also brings me back to steps six and seven, and character defects. When I make amends, I think about how I can change my behavior in my other relationships as well, and I try to be aware if it crops up again. The people around us are all too familiar with the apologies, but they need to see us changing the behavior or thinking that made up the reason for the apology to begin with.

My amends process continues. I make living amends on a day-to-day basis, and there are still people who pop up in my life unexpectedly and give me the feeling that I need to make amends to them. I take these instances to be my higher power giving me the opportunity to look at this part of my past or attitude and grow.

Step Nine is the final step of clearing up the wreckage of my past, the way to get rid of all the guilt and shame that would make me unhappy and wanting to either drink or die. Working this step has given me freedom and self-worth that I thought I would never get back. The ninth step is one of those steps that were sobriety-changing for me. All the steps have played a part in my spiritual experience but Step Nine was one that changed my sobriety, having had profound effects both on myself and my relationships. This is where the ninth step promises that I heard being read in meetings, really started taking effect for me and I am very grateful for that.

*Anonymous, Golden Valley, MN, for the Mirus*

## Board Announcement

The Annual Board elections will be held  
at the Intergroup Reps meeting on  
Thursday, September 24, 2015.

There will be four openings that are  
a 3-year term.

3rd Legacy Procedure

Board Resumes are available  
at the Intergroup Office,  
at the IG Reps meetings,  
or on our website at [aaminneapolis.org](http://aaminneapolis.org).

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am-4:30 pm • Tuesday & Thursday 9 am-7 pm • Saturday 9 am-1 pm

## Notes from your Service Office:

*"Celebrating 80 Years of Recovery, Unity & Service – The Foundation for Our Future."*

[www.aaminneapolis.org](http://www.aaminneapolis.org)

As I write this September MIRUS article, we are in the final stages of development of the new website. We hope you not only like it but love it!

We will always be grateful to Lonnie K. for creating and maintaining the current Minneapolis Intergroup website. He has been of service to Intergroup for many years and has made it possible for hundreds of thousands to find a meeting and get connected to Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you Lonnie.

In August 2014, we took the first web survey and took note of your comments and concerns, and what you thought was important to include on our website. We appreciate your feedback and feel we have successfully implemented your suggestions.

It was a privilege to work with the Website Committee Taskforce. It was indeed a huge task, and we wish to thank Jane A.-W., Chair, and Miles S., Co-Chair, who kept the project going from start to finish. Jennifer M., Jim S., Greg W., and Matthew Y. did crucial work on content, programming and site navigation. Their talents in the areas of marketing, communications, writing, and programming, combined with their dedication to Minneapolis Intergroup and Alcoholics Anonymous, were great contributions to our success.

Fathead Design, the website developer, proved to be talented and reliable. We thank them for their expertise.

The site is functional from desktops, tablets, and mobile phones. Let us know what you think!

Your Office Manager, Gail S.

## Notes from Your Board

"GOOD judgment, a careful sense of timing, courage, and prudence—these are the qualities we shall need when we take Step Nine." (Page 83, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*).

Wow; what a list of character assets suggested as necessary when performing this step! Because of the humility resulting from my pain, I relied on my sponsor's good judgement, sense of timing and prudence. My willingness to trust him combined with my desire to get better provided the courage to begin making direct amends. Of course, this trust was built having taken the previous 8 steps with this sponsor!

We will be electing our 4 new board members at September's representative meeting on 09/24/15. Resumes are available on our website and in the office. While this commitment does require a significant amount of time, it is a very rewarding one. I am grateful that I was repeatedly encouraged (particularly by Chuck R.) to consider serving Intergroup this way.

Yours in Love and Service,

Robert S, Board Chair

"Practical experience shows that nothing will so much insure immunity from drinking as intensive work with other alcoholics. It works when other activities fail."  
--*Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 89

**Intergroup**  
**12 Step Service Opportunities**  
**Contribute Your Time**  
**at Minneapolis Intergroup**  
Just Stop In!

**Daytime Phone Answering**  
Training Provided  
**Daytime Office Volunteers**  
Service work available

**Carry the AA Message**  
**to Outside Agencies\***

**Groups and Members are Invited to:**

Hennepin County Adult Detention Center (Men)  
Mission Nursing Home, Plymouth (Men & Women)  
Sherburne Co. Jail/Federal Holding Facility (Men & Women)  
Smith Lodge Transitional Housing (Men & Women)  
Dakota County Jail (Men & Women)  
Redemer Health & Rehab (Men & Women)  
Scott County Jail AA Meetings (Men & Women)

**Call or Stop by the Office for Details**

*\*In Cooperation with the Professional Community*

"This is our *twelfth suggestion*: Carry this message to other alcoholics! You can help when no one else can."  
--*Alcoholics Anonymous*, p. 89

## Intergroup Board

### Board Officers

Chairperson Robert S.  
 Co-Chairperson Jane A.-W.  
 Secretary Miles S.  
 Treasurer Tom B.

### Board Members

Mary G. Ron C.  
 Jim R. Jeanie O.  
 Doug H. Michael D.  
 Ginger B. Miles S.  
 Gail S. Office Manager, Ex-Officio

### General Service District Board Liaisons

District 7 Mary G.  
 District 13 Jeanie O.  
 District 14 Ginger B.  
 District 17 Doug H.  
 District 18 Michael D.  
 District 19 Miles S.  
 District 20 Robert K.  
 District 21 Ron C.  
 District 22 Jim R.  
 District 24 Tom B.  
 District 25 Ron C.

### Intergroup Staff

Gail S. Office Manager  
 Claudia S. Office Assistant  
 Terri D. Office Assistant  
 Drew H. Office Assistant

Your Intergroup Board meets every month at 6:30pm on the Tuesday before the Rep's meeting in the Intergroup Office.

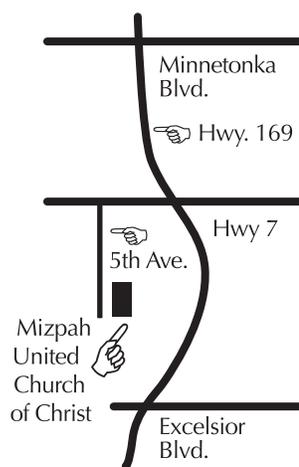
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## Metro District General Service Meetings

- District 7 Second Monday, 6:30 pm  
St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
13600 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie, MN 55344
- District 13 First Tuesday, 7:00 pm  
United Methodist Church  
10506 Hanson Blvd. N.W., Coon Rapids
- District 14 First Monday, 7:30 pm  
United Methodist Church,  
609 8th St. NW, Buffalo, MN
- District 17 Second Tuesday, 7:30PM  
Crossroads Assembly of God Church,  
10478 Bell Ave, Plato, MN
- District 18 Second Thursday, 6:30 pm  
1900 Nicollet Avenue S, Plymouth Congregational Church
- District 19 Second Wednesday, 7:00 pm  
Rosemount Community Center, Room 210  
13885 S. Robert Trail, Rosemount
- District 20 4th Tuesday 7:00 pm  
Twin Lake Alano Club  
Brooklyn Center
- District 21 Second Tuesday, 7:30  
Pilgrim United Methodist Church;  
4325 Zachary Lane, Plymouth
- District 22 Second Wednesday, 7:30 pm  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church;  
13207 Lake St., Minnetonka  
(N.W. corner of Baker Rd. and Hwy. 7)
- District 24 First Monday, 7:00 pm  
St. John's Lutheran Church;  
8th and Fuller, Shakopee
- District 25 Second Wednesday, 7:30 pm  
Woodlake Lutheran Church,  
7525 Oliver Ave South, Richfield, MN 55423

## NOTICE • NOTICE



**Intergroup  
 Reps meeting**  
 Thursday,  
 Sept. 17th  
 6:30 pm

At Mizpah United  
 Church of Christ:  
 412 5th Ave. N.  
 Hopkins, MN 55343.  
 (See orientation mtg  
 directions)

## Intergroup A.A. Orientation Open Meetings

The Saturday Orientation Open Meeting takes place every week at 10am at the Mizpah Church, located just west of 169 and just south of Hwy 7 in Hopkins.

- 09/05 Local Service Office: Minneapolis Intergroup  
Her Story
- 09/12 Step Nine / Tradition Nine  
His Story
- 09/19 AA Service Entities: District and Area  
Her Story
- 09/26 Step Ten / Tradition Ten  
His Story

## Tradition Nine

Volume 9 Issue 8, December 1953

*“AA, as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”*

WHEN Tradition Nine was first written, it said that "Alcoholics Anonymous needs the least possible organization." In years since then, we have changed our minds about that. Today we are able to say with assurance that Alcoholics Anonymous. . . AA as a whole. . . should never be organized at all. Then, in seeming contradiction, we proceed to create special service boards and committees which in themselves are organized. How, then, can we have an unorganized movement which can and does create a service organization for itself? Scanning this puzzler, people say, "What do they mean, no organization?!"

Well, let's see. Did anyone ever hear of a nation, a church, a political party, even a benevolent association that had no membership rules? Did anyone ever hear of a society which couldn't somehow discipline its members and enforce obedience to necessary rules and regulations? Doesn't every society on earth give authority of some of its members to impose obedience upon the rest and to punish or expel offenders? Therefore every nation, in fact every form of society, has to be a government administered by human beings. Power to direct or govern is the essence of organization everywhere.

Yet Alcoholics Anonymous is an exception. It does not conform to this pattern. Neither its General Service Conference, its Foundation Board, nor the humblest group committee can issue a single directive to an AA member and make it stick, let alone mete out any punishment. We've tried it lots of times, but utter failure is always the result. Groups have tried to expel members, but the banished come back to sit in the meeting place saying, "This is life for us; you can't keep us out." Committees have instructed many an AA to stop working on a chronic backslider, only to be told: "How I do my Twelfth Step work is my business. Who are you to judge?" This doesn't mean an AA won't take advice or suggestion from more experienced members, but he surely won't take orders. Who is more unpopular than the old-time AA, full of wisdom, who moves to another area and tries to tell the group there how to run its business? He and all like him who "view with alarm for the good of AA" meet the most stubborn resistance or, worse still, laughter.

You might think AA's headquarters in New York would be an exception. Surely the people there would have to have some authority. But long ago, trustees and secretaries alike found they could do no more than make suggestions, and very mild ones at that. They even had to coin a couple of sentences which still go into half the letters they write: "Of course you are at perfect liberty to handle this matter any way you please.

But the majority experience in AA does seem to suggest. . ." Now, that attitude is far removed from central government, isn't it? We recognize that alcoholics can't be dictated to, individually or collectively.

At this junction we can hear a churchman exclaim, "They are making disobedience a virtue!" He is joined by a psychiatrist who says, "Defiant brats! They won't grow up and conform to social usage!" The man in the street says, "I don't understand it. They must be nuts!" But all these observers have overlooked something unique in Alcoholics Anonymous. Unless each AA member follows to the best of his ability our suggested Twelve Steps to recovery, he almost certainly signs his own death warrant. His drunkenness and dissolution are not penalties inflicted by people in authority; they result from his personal disobedience to spiritual principles.

The same stern threat applies to the group itself. Unless there is approximate conformity to AA's Twelve Traditions, the group too can deteriorate and die. So we of AA do obey spiritual principles, first because we must, and ultimately because we love the kind of life such obedience brings. Great suffering and great love are AA's disciplinarians; we need no others.

It is clear now that we ought never to name boards to govern us, but it is equally clear that we shall always need to authorize workers to serve us. It is the difference between the spirit of vested authority and the spirit of service; two concepts which are poles apart. It is in this spirit of service that we elect the AA's group informal rotating committee, the Intergroup Association for the area, and the General Service Conferences of Alcoholics Anonymous for AA as a whole. Even our Foundation, once an independent Board, is today directly accountable to our fellowship. Its trustees are the caretakers and expeditors of our world services.

Just as the aim of each AA member is personal sobriety, the aim of our services is to bring sobriety within reach of all who want it. If nobody does the group's chores, if the area's telephone rings unanswered, if we do not reply to our mail, then AA as we know it would stop. Our communications lines with those who need our help would be broken.

AA has to function, but at the same time it must avoid those dangers of great wealth, prestige, and entrenched power which necessarily tempt other societies. Though Tradition Nine at first sight seems to deal with a purely practical matter, in its actual operation it discloses a society without organization, animated only by the spirit of service. . . a true fellowship.

*Bill W.*

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## Tradition Nine too

So how is it that without organization AA has not only existed but thrived over these past years? How were these “few simple rules” still here, for me, when I needed them?

Reading what the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions has to say on page 174 gave me the answer.

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So when, by my own hand, my life had been placed “beyond human help”, the hand of AA was offered in loving response to my cry for help. For that I am truly grateful to this companionship of people still carrying the message of how to defend against the first drink . . . and much, much more.

*Jac F., New Brighton, for the Mirus*

## Concept Nine

Bill W. writes "No society can function well without able leadership in all its levels, and A. A. can be no exception. Fortunately, our Society is blessed with any amount of real leadership—the active people of today and the potential leaders of tomorrow as each new generation of able members swarms in. We have an abundance of men and women whose dedication, stability, vision, and special skills make them capable of dealing with every possible service assignment. We have only to seek these folks out and trust them to serve us.”

Concept IX in concert with our Twelfth Tradition reminds us to place principles before personalities and also recognizes the fact that A.A. members will permit themselves to be led, but we do not generally suffer being told what to do. As Bill W. said, it is like we are saying to our leaders, “Act for us, but don’t boss us.” If A.A. is to survive, it is imperative that that we find and support the very best General Service Representatives (GSRs); after all, it is the GSRs who select the District Committee Members (DCMs) and who also ultimately select Delegates to the Conference.

The spiritual principle of Unselfishness is manifested in our willingness to let go of our personal favorite for any position of responsibility in favor of the person who has shown qualities most closely aligned with description set forth in Concept IX. Humility and Honesty are manifested in how we respond to widespread wishes while at the same time being willing to stand action or plans that we see as potentially being unwise or hasty and further examining whether we are voting based on relationship or qualifications.

In closing, I would also like to add that Concept IX impresses upon us the importance of vision and sets forth that vision is

### **Twelve Concepts for World Service, written by Bill W. in 1962**

*Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety.*

*The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A. A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.*

the very essence of prudence; an essential virtue. Vision can start with a tentative idea, which then can become experimental policy that if proven to work, becomes a deep conviction.

Reference for this article and additional information about the Concepts can be found in “The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service” [http://www.aa.org/pdf/products/en\\_bm-31.pdf](http://www.aa.org/pdf/products/en_bm-31.pdf) and “The Twelve Concepts Illustrated” pamphlet (P-8) [http://www.aa.org/pdf/products/p-8\\_the\\_twelveconetps.pdf](http://www.aa.org/pdf/products/p-8_the_twelveconetps.pdf)

Yours in Love and Service,

*Lisa Dawn G. ; Panel 65 Delegate; Area 36, Southern Minnesota  
delegate@area36.org*

## Group Contributions – June 2015. Thank you all, in the Spirit of Hope.

A Vision for You	Happy & Sober	Rule 62 AA
Amazing Grace	Happy Destiny	Saturday Night Live Group
Andover Alano Sq 9	Happy Hour Sq 27	SDSG
Annandale Lakers	Happy, Joyous, Free-Columbia Hts	St. Louis Park Sunday Night AA Group
Bar None Thursday	Hope's Noon AA	St. Lukes Saturday Mens Group
Basic Principles	Hopkins Mon Friends Group	Step Sisters Mon PM
Basic Twelve	Howard Lake-Waverly AA Group	Sunday Night Grace
Bloomington Hyland Group	Isanti AA Squad 3	There is a Solution AA Group
Bridge to Shore	Ladies Night Happy Hour- Sahara Club	There is a Solution Womens AA
Bryant Lake Group	Mainstreeters AA	There Is A Solution-Sahara 430pm
Chunks & Measures Sq 88 at 2218	(Plymouth II Alano)	Third Tradition Group of AA
Common Solution Big Book Study	Minnetonka Big Book Study Group	Thunderbird Noon Groups
Continuous Action	Monday Night Group Hanover	Thursday Night Womens AA Group
Dakota Alano Friday 6pm	Monticello Alano Sq 4	Tradition 3 Group of Edina
Elders Topic - Sunday	Monticello Wed Night	U.R.S. Tuesday Nite A.A.
Elm Creek Group	Discovery Group Sq 1	Up the Creek Big Book Group
Fairhaven Friday Night AA	New Hope Alano Sq. 30	Valley West Thurs AM Group
Five Alive AA Group	North Oaks on Emerson AA	Women's AA Group at Elim
Foglifters	Pocket Our Pride	Womens Serenity Group
For Today Group	Promises on Knox	Thurs. 10am
Foreword XIX Group	Rich/Blmngtn Alano	
Golden Valley AA Group II	Sunday Open Spkr Mtg	
Gratitude Group	Ringmasters AA Group	
Groveland Group		

## Group Contributions – July 2015. Thank you all, in the Spirit of Hope.

2218 Squad 1 Depth and Weight	Edina Thurs Men's Group I	Minnetonka Big Book Study Group	Sober on Saturdays Group
42nd St AA Group	Elders Big Book Stories-Friday	Minnetonka Senior AA	Squad 7 Big Book Study, Blaine
830 Sunday Morn Big Book	Eye Openers Group Lakeville	Monday Night Temple Meeting	Steps to Serenity @ Westwood
Study/SaharaClub	Five Alive AA Group	Normandale AA Group	Stepsisters of Northfield
A Baffled Lot	For Today Group	Norwood Young America AA	Suburban North Alano Sq 1
As Bill Sees It - Delano	Foreword XIX Group	Our Friend's Place - Squad 9	Sunday Night Solutions - Big Lake
Basic Principles	Foundations Stone Group of AA	Practical Experience	Sunday Serenity Group
Basic Twelve	Fourth Dimension AA Group	Rich/Blmngtn Alano Sunday Open Spkr Mtg	Third Tradition Group of AA
Birds of a Feather	Foxhall Chapter 7 Group	Rojo Group	Thursday Night Big Book in Buffalo
Bridges-Shakopee	France Ave Group	Rule 62 AA	Tradition Five
By Grace Group-Mound	Garage Dogs Mens Group GDMG	Sahara Saturday AM Mens	Up the Creek Big Book Group
Central Pacific Group	GLBT Proud	Sahara Thurs 730 Men's Closed Group	Victory AA
Chunks & Measures Sq 88 at 2218	Gopher AA Wednesday	Sahara Tues 8pm Men's	Waconia Friday Nite AA Group
Common Solution Big Book Study	Gratitude Group	Saturday Night Live Group	Watertown AA - Wednesday
Continuous Action	Happy Hour Sq 27	Saturday Sisters	Wed Night Big Book (Mpls)
Crushed Grapes	Ladies Night Happy Hour-Sahara Club	SDSG	Wed Womens Serenity-Good Sheperd
Daily Reprieve of Eden Prairie	Lake of the Isles Men's Tues PM	Serenity Seekers - St. Hubert's AA	West Moore Lake AA Group
Design for Living (Coon Rapids)	Lakers Friday 6.30	Silver Lake AA Group	
Dynamic Women's Group	Lakers Saturday Morning AA	Sisters In Sobriety	
Edina Open Speaker Meeting	McRae AA Sq.		

Every AA Group that sends a group contribution is sent a receipt along with a "Thank You" letter from the office. It is the responsibility of the group treasurer or trusted servant to share the receipt and "thank you" letter with their respective group. Every AA Group that sends a contribution will be listed in the MIRUS. On request your AA group can request a contribution summary.

## Group Contributions/Birthday Plan\*\* July 2015

Foxhall Chapter 7 - (2)

Medina AA Group

Plymouth II Big Book 7PM

St. Louis Park Sunday Night AA Group

Tradition Five

\*\*On their sobriety birthday, many AA members contribute one dollar or more for each year of sobriety to any or all of our four service entities; District, Area Assembly, the General Service Office and the local Intergroup. Some members attribute their birthday contribution to their home group. Those groups receive a receipt and "Thank You" letter from the office and are listed in the MIRUS.

# Calendar of Events

Deadline for publication of notices is the 10th of the preceding month.

## Open Speaker Meetings

### **Thursday:**

Central Pacific Group, 7:30 pm  
Central Lutheran Church, 333 South 12th St., Minneapolis

Foxhall Chapter 7 Group, 7:30 pm  
Wooddale Church, 6636 Shady Oak Road, Eden Prairie

### **Friday:**

Edina Open Speaker Meeting, 7:30 pm  
Christ Presbyterian Church, 6901 Normandale Blvd., Edina

Three Legacies, 7:30 pm  
Cross of Glory Baptist Church, SW Corner  
Excelsior Blvd and Shady Oak Road, Hopkins  
A sign language interpreter is provided  
each week.

### **Saturday:**

There Is A Solution (Beginners Meeting),  
6:00 pm, Dakota Alano Society, 3920 Rahn Road, Eagan

Saturday Night Open Speaker Meeting,  
8:00 pm, 2218 1st Avenue South, Minneapolis

Saturday Night 7:30 Open Speaker Meeting  
At The Common Table  
2001 Riverside Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55454  
(parking in back of bldg. off Riverside)

Saturday Night Live Open Speaker Meeting, 7:30 pm  
Basilica School 3rd floor (behind the church)  
16th & Hennepin, downtown Minneapolis  
Free parking in the ramp across 16th Street  
Wheelchair accessible

Tradition One, 7:30 pm  
Pilgrim United Methodist,  
4325 Zachary Lane, Plymouth

### **Sunday:**

Step & Speaker Open Meeting; 7:00 pm  
First Baptist Church,  
10th & Hennepin, Minneapolis

Open Speaker Meeting  
Richfield Bloomington Alano  
9321 Bryant Ave S., Bloomington  
11:00 am Sunday

## Special Events

September 11-13, 2015  
Southern Minnesota Roundup  
Best Western Hotel  
North Mankato, MN  
[somnroundup@gmail.com](mailto:somnroundup@gmail.com)

September 11-13, 2015  
25th Annual Heartland Roundup  
Park Rapids, MN  
[www.heartlandroundup.com](http://www.heartlandroundup.com)

October 10, 2015  
Statewide Corrections Committee Workshop  
Calvary Community Church  
1200 Roosevelt Road, St. Cloud, MN  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

November 27-29, 2015  
Founder's Day Weekend  
DoubleTree Park Place Hotel, St. Louis Park, MN  
4:00 pm Registration Opens

## General Service Announcements

October 17, 2015  
Area Assembly  
Hutchinson Event Center  
North Mankato, MN  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Most Area 36 events have a map on how to find the location @ [www.area36.org](http://www.area36.org). Open Speaker Meetings are listed for the convenience of members who wish to bring newcomers and non-alcoholic friends. Listing in the Mirus should not be construed as any endorsement on the part of Minneapolis Intergroup. Call Intergroup if you need directions to any of these Open Speaker Meetings. Roundups, Workshops and Special Events are not endorsed by Minneapolis Intergroup and listings are provided for informational purposes only. Flyers for these events are available at the office.

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**HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS**  
**MONDAY, SEPT 7TH**  
**LABOR DAY**  
**Phones answered by Night Owls**

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AA Pamphlet  
of the month:

The Twelve Traditions Illustrated

AA Book  
of the month:

Alcoholics Anonymous, Fourth Edition

Grapevine Book  
of the month:

Grapevine Daily Quote