

## Summary of District 2 Minutes June 29, 2008

- 1) **Items for Groups to Vote On:** None.
  - a) **District Level:** None.
  - b) **Area Level:** None.
- 2) **Items to Consider:** (Groups and /or GSRs & District Chairs)
  - a)
  - b)
- 3) **Additional Notes & Comments:**
  - a) Dist. 2 has volunteered to host the **Area 63 GSR and Officer Workshop** (if no objections from other Districts) tentatively set for **Sept 13** as an all day event. **Will be potluck** so everyone attending please bring a dish. Meat so far will not be provided. Tentatively set to be held at Silver City at the old school house. Tried emailing Estelle G. about this and haven't heard back from her.
  - b) See **Delegate's Report** on **page 5** in Other Reports and Items of Note.
  - c) **Dist 2 Potluck see page 2, 6, and Flyer on pg 10**

### District 2 Business Meeting Minutes

June 29, 2008

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**NOTE: Next Meeting is Sunday, July 27, 2008**

- **2:00 pm Potluck**
- **3:00pm Area 63 Delegate's Report (John T.)**
- **4:30pm Business Meeting**
- **\*\*\*FLYER ON PAGE 10\*\*\***

**District Committee Officers:** (  = Absent,  = Present or represented by back up)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DCM: Todd T.                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Treasurer: Eric H. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grapevine/Lit.: Dave K-S.        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alt. DCM: Scott V.              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PI/CPC: Anthony F. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrections & Treatment: Dale J. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotline: Jim J. for<br>Tammy F. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary: Jim J.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Web Manager: Max M.              |

**GSR's:** (  = Absent,  = Present or represented by back up)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stand Up & Shine Group, Kirsten L.                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Timers Group, Warren J.               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Al's Group, Max M.                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BH Open Speakers Group, Dana C.                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Patrol Group, Gene S.                | <input type="checkbox"/> Happy Hour Group, Lori N.                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Key Club Group, Doug N.                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keep It Simple Group, Geneva S.           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early Risers Group, Cyndy H.                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rushmore Group, Lester W. for Chris S. | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning Star Group, Daron W.E.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Unified LALL Group, John J.                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noon N.S. Group, Frank D.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday AM Spiritual Group, Jeff J.                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ellsworth Group, Bonnie K.                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCTNG, Jason (Jay) G.                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Women in Recovery, Brenda M.              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noon Luncheon Group, Denny S. for Pete<br>M. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exit 51Group, Eloy M.                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Almost Home Group, Sonny H.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> High Noon Group, Bob, Alt. GSR                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Morning 10:30 Group, Jake V.             | <input type="checkbox"/> Wiconi Teca New Life Fellowship<br>Group, Daron W.E. | <input type="checkbox"/> Grapevine Group, Mike K.                                |

## Meeting Opening:

**General Greetings & Serenity Prayer:** Todd T. (DCM) welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. It was agreed to put cell phones on vibrate and to put “Principles before Personalities”.

**Opening Readings:** Max M. read the 12 Traditions.

## Committee Reports:

**Secretary:** April Old and New Business minutes were read by Jim J. Motion made to accept and passed. . --- Respectfully submitted, Jim J., Secretary. **If anyone reading these minutes notice anything that had been omitted or anything that is incorrect, please let me know! My email is [jtj@earthling.net](mailto:jtj@earthling.net) and my phone # is (605)343-2059. Would prefer emails but if that is not possible feel free to call. All suggestions are welcome!!! Also if you know of anyone or if you would like to get a copy of the minutes by email or regular mail, let me know.** --- Jim J.

**Treasurer:** Beginning balance = 1320.90; Expenses = Mid-continent \$48.31; Donations = YTD: \$756.35 ; Ending Balance = \$1485.49. Pink Can Donations YTD = \$261.97. **Note:** All pink can donations are used for purchasing literature for correction and treatment facilities and are not a part of District 2 finances. A motion to accept the treasurer’s report as read was made and seconded, and approved as read – Submitted by Eric H.

**NOTE: 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Mailing Addresses for Alcoholics Anonymous - Please make checks payable:**

- **DISTRICT 2: District Two Finance Committee, Attn: Eric H., PO Box 1382, Rapid City, SD 57709**
- **AREA 63: Area 63 Treasurer, Tammy F., 840 N. Spruce Lot 284, Rapid City, SD 57701**
- **GSO: General Service Organization, Grand Central Station, PO Box 459, New York, NY 10161**
- **Finance Committee Report:** (same as above)

**Alternate DCM:** Dist 2 banquet next month. Group needed to volunteer to host Potluck. (See New Business) --- Submitted by Scott V.

**Corrections & Treatment:** I have Big Books available for Corrections & Treatment facilities. **Volunteers are always needed for meetings at all facilities i.e. Jail, JSC, Work Release, Star Academy.** In the month of June I went through my list of volunteers and ended up with 3 that were on the list and 1 that was not. While 4 members is a doable number, 6 would be ideal. This was at the Star Academy. **Anyone needing a pink can for their group, contact Geneva S.** --- Respectfully Submitted, Dale J. Motion made and report passed as read.

- **Corrections & Treatment Committee Report:** (same as above)

**Public Information / Cooperation with Professional Community (PI/CPC):** Working on communication with the nursing schools in Rapid City. Anyone interested contact: Anthony F. at (605) 484 – 3190. --- Submitted by Anthony F., PI/CPC Chairperson. Motion made and report passed as read.

- **PI/CPC Committee Report:** (same as above)

**Literature/Grapevine:** Purchased literature pamphlets, cost: \$47.20. I AA For Me, Young People & AA, AA For Women, Dou You Think You’re Different?, Q & A on Sponsorship, AA for the Native American, -- 30 each. AA The Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic, AA For The Black & African American, - 10 each.

Taking Grapevine Donations for Pete M. for Institutions, both individual and Group donations.

---Submitted by David K-S., Literature/Grapevine Chairperson. Motion made and report passed as read.

**Items of Note:** Dave has a stamper that has the card information on it that is available. Pete made a suggestion to stamp pamphlets so that new comers or anyone needing the information would have it readily available on the pamphlets.

- **Literature Committee Report:** (Same as above)

**AA Hotline (District 2):** Hotline phone number is **605-343-1091** (please make a note of it).

**NOTE: District 2 (Area 63) Hotline Remote Forwarding Instructions are located below / at the end of this document.**

As a hotline volunteer, you must have a current meeting schedule with you and phone numbers of other AA’s to contact or refer callers to – i.e. men to men and women to women – for 12-step calls. Please answer the phone during your time slot, if it goes to your voice-mail the caller thinks they have the wrong number. NOTE: GSO recommends that a volunteer have 6 months of sobriety to do 12-step work. Each volunteer should have a **calling list of their home group** and a **meeting list** of District 2. Also never go on a 12 step call alone, always take someone with you! **NOTE: 1.) A reminder that men work with men and women with women; 2.) GSR’s please pass on to your home-group hotline rep that whoever is covering the line at their designated time needs to be sure their phone is on at all times!** This is for your benefit and safety and the person being 12 stepped. **3.) IF THERE IS A**

**CHANGE IN YOUR HOTLINE REP FOR YOUR GROUP PLEASE NOTIFY TAMMY FOWLER WITH NEW REP AND PHONE NUMBER:** The week begins at 6am on Monday to 6am the following Monday. The group responsible to take the line on beginning Monday at 6am is responsible to transfer the hotline.

**REMEMBER:** *When anyone anywhere reaches out for help we want the hand of AA to always be there and for that we are responsible.*

- **Hotline Group April/May Schedule:**
  - **Ellsworth Group**(Scott) - - July 7<sup>th</sup> – July 13<sup>th</sup>
  - **Women in Recovery**(Geneva & Sarah) - - July 14<sup>th</sup> – July 20<sup>th</sup>
  - **Keep it Simple Group**(Dale J.) - - July 21<sup>st</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup>
  - **Early Risers Group**(Joan E.) - - July 28<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - **Rushmore Group**(Todd T.) - - Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>
  - **Key Club**(Mark) - - Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>
  - **Noon Group**(Marlin) - - Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>
  - **RCTNG**(Mike D.) - - Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>

If you have any questions please call me at 390-2767. ---Respectively Submitted by Jim J. for Tammy F., Hot Line Chairperson. **Jim also apologizes for not having Tammy's report at the time of meeting but found it to put in District 2 Minutes.** Report was read, half calling schedule given and passed.

- **Hotline Committee Report:** Committee consists of Tammy F. Chairperson, Cyndy H. Alt. Chairperson, and Brittney A.

**Web Manager:** I am submitting a copy of the receipt for the hosting and domain costs for our website (to Treasurer). I was originally issued a check for \$160.00 and would like to be reimbursed an additional \$12.74. The total of \$172.74 consists of 3 **full years** of web hosting and the domain ownership of dist2aa.org, dist2aa.com and dist2aa.net. Anyone going to the other addresses should automatically be redirected to .org.

I owe amends to the district chairs as I had posted the phone list originally, but removed it from all copies of the minutes after Tammy pointed this out. Other than that, all is going smoothly with the website. We could use news of any activities in the neighboring communities/districts to post on our "Neighbors" page. I've added meeting resources with the Closed/Open Meeting Statements and the AA Preamble. All available minutes are posted to the site along with the latest events. Anyone having feedback, please don't hesitate in contacting me at (605) 430 – 7078 or by email to [webmaster@dist2aa.org](mailto:webmaster@dist2aa.org). --- Respectfully submitted, Max M., Webmaster. Motion made and report was passed as read. **Items discussed:** Can retrieve 12 Steps and 12 Traditions off the website. Anything going on in the northern or southern districts be sure to email them to Max to get activities posted. Was brought up that there should be more than 1 contact person listed on the website besides Web Manager. Also was discussed that the Hotline phone # is on every page of the website.

## **GSR Reports:**

**Rushmore Group:** The Rushmore Group meets from 7:00pm to 8:00pm every Wednesday night at the Minneluzahan Senior Center at 315 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. (across from Rushmore Plaza-Holiday Inn and next to the Boys Club). We are a closed meeting but open the last Wednesday of the month for our Speaker and Pot Luck Birthday meeting. All birthdays are now recognized for the previous month and will be called up to receive chips with only the speaker to speak. The potluck begins at 6pm with the Birthday speaker meeting 7pm – 8pm. Birthday cake celebration follows the speaker. Business meeting from 8:00pm to 9:00pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month. Chad R. was our birthday speaker for June and there were several birthdays celebrated. The meeting attendances has been in between 75 – 100. Currently the Rushmore Group does have a picnic planned for July 12<sup>th</sup> at Sioux Park working with the RCTNG. -- - Respectfully submitted, Lester W. Alt. GSR for Chris S. GSR.

**Keep It Simple Group:** is a topic discussion meeting that takes place Monday nights at 7:30 – 8:30pm in the First Presbyterian Church on the corner of 7th and Kansas City St., in the basement. Our attendance is 40 – 50 people per meeting. We typically have an equal number of men and women. Our group business meeting is the first Monday of each month. We celebrate birthdays, 1, 3, 6, 9, months plus yearly at the beginning of each meeting. The meeting is a tag team/round robin system alternating the discussion between men and women. We are a growing group so stop in and see us. ---Respectfully submitted by Geneva S. GSR

**Al's Group:** Al's Group holds closed, topic, discussion meetings every Wednesday at 7:00PM with one open meeting on the last Wednesday of each month. This open meeting is our monthly potluck/birthday meeting beginning at 6:00PM. It is followed by a group business meeting at 6:30PM. **All are invited.** Attendance has been between 15 – 25 people, lately. We meet at Viking Hall Senior Center which is located at 2900 Canyon Lake Drive. --- Yours in Service, Max M. GSR.

**Rapid City Thursday Night Group:** The RCTNG is a closed call up speaker meeting that meets every Thursday from 8 – 9pm, located in the basement of the Immaculate Conception Church (next to the Knights of Columbus Hall at the corner of 5th Street and Columbus Street) located at 922 5<sup>th</sup> St. Rapid City, SD. We hold a steering committee meeting the first Thursday of every month at 7pm. Also we celebrate our members B-days the last Thursday of every month with a Birthday Celebration Speaker meeting open to anybody who is curious to see the way we work. We also hold a Monday night Big Book/ 12X12 Study at 7pm. Attendance averages between 5 - 30 that meeting. In the past month we have had a Canoe Trip in North Dakota, **men only**, and a Canoe Trip in Nebraska for men and women. We seem to be attracting newcomers at an average rate. Also our Group is working on a Group picnic. --- Respectfully Submitted, Jay G., GSR

**All-Timers Group:** meets Saturday's at 9:15 am in the "Card Room" of the Alano Society. We conduct a "closed" AA Step Study meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday. Traditions are studied on the second Sat. Birthdays are celebrated at each meeting and the celebrant receives a chip from the group. Our current home group membership is around 18. Our June attendance was about 25 + per meeting with many new comers and visitors. We are a closed meeting. --- Yours in service, Warren J., GSR.

**Women in Recovery Group:** is an open, topic, meeting that meets at 6:00 pm on Thursday, in the pool room, at the Alano Club in Rapid City. This meeting is for women only. Our business and birthday meeting with food is the last Thursday of the month. We have 10 full time members that have this meeting for their home group. Everything is okay and going well. Summer is here our group is a little down. We didn't have a business meeting this month because the Secretary and Treasurer were gone so we will have one next month. I celebrated 8 years this month. We average 13 – 15 each meeting. --- Thank you, Brenda M., GSR

**Dawn Patrol Group:** is a closed meeting held at 6:45am, Saturdays, at the Alano Club. It is a 12X12 study meeting. Birthdays are celebrated at each meeting. Birthday celebrants are requested to relate on the step on birthday days. Attendance is 35 – 45 people. --- Submitted by Gene S., GSR.

**Early Risers Group:** We've had a great month. Each meeting is open and has 25 – 28 people each morning in the pool room. Our group meets every morning Monday thru Friday at 6:45am at the Alano Club. Our main objective is to start our day in a positive way. The breakdown of our meeting is Monday topic, Tuesday Big Book study, Wed. topic, Thursday topic. Fridays are split into 1<sup>st</sup> Friday step study, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. Tradition Study, 3rd Fri. Potluck breakfast and Birthday celebration, last Friday is a Speaker meeting. Lester W. was our speaker of the month of June. Our committee meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month after the Recovery meeting. --- Yours sincerely, Cyndy H., GSR.

**Ellsworth Group:** Meetings are held at the Temple Baptist Church on Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's at 7:30. Monday is a Big Book study, Wednesday is a Step study, and Friday is topic meeting. On the first Friday of the month we celebrate birthdays from the previous month after the Year Birthday. Attendance is best on Fridays, but Monday and Wednesday have a few who attend regularly. --- Submitted by Bonnie K., GSR.

**Noon Luncheon Group (Big Room):** meets from Monday to Friday at noon at the Alano Club. We have a variety of formats each day. We have a newcomer's package, a Grapevine Representative, a GSR, Alternate GSR and a group chair. Submitted by Denny S., Alt. GSR for Pete M. GSR.

**Saturday Morning 10:30 Group:** We meet Saturday's at 10:30 am in the Pool Room at the Alano Club (Rapid City). We are a closed, topic discussion meeting. Attendance average is 25 people. GSR is Jake V. Secretary/Treasurer is Tom H. Alternate GSR is Mary.

No additional report submitted.

**Stand-Up & Shine 12-Step Study Group:** Stand Up & Shine is a closed women's 12X12 study meeting. We meet on Monday's at 5:30pm. We finally have a permanent location, 710 Kansas City St. (basement of church). We hope our permanent location will allow us to increase attendance. --- Yours in Service, Kirsten L.

**Morning Star AA Group:** We are an open meeting group. We meet on Friday and Sunday nights at 7:00 pm - 8:00pm at the St. Isaac Jogues – 220 Wright St., Rapid City. We hold a potluck dinner for birthdays. Morning Star group has been growing from 17 people to about 25 people.

No additional report submitted.

**Black Hills Speaker Meeting Group:** We meet at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church (next to the Knights of Columbus Hall at the corner of 5th Street and Columbus Street) on 925 5th Street on Tuesday's at 7:00 pm and Saturday's at 7:30 pm. No additional report was submitted.

**5:30 Happy Hour Group:** (no report)

**The Key Club Group:** (no report)

**Exit 51 Group:** (no report)

**Noon NS Group:** (no report)

**Grapevine Group:** (no report)

## **Other Reports & Items to Note:**

- **2008 Area 63 Fall Conference Committee Report:** Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 840 N. Spruce St. lot # 284 in Rapid City. 7:15 pm. Speakers are ready – AA speakers: Gary K. Parker, CO; Bill B., Little River, SC; Shirley T., West Blockton, AL. AI – Anon speakers: Bo T., West Blockton, AL and Bernadette B., Little River, SC. The dates are – October 24-26, 2008; location – Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn. **2008 Fall Conference is accepting money and registrations now! We could use more volunteers!! Anyone interested in helping please contact Anthony F. (605) 484 – 3190. Gratefulalkie@yahoo.com. ---Anthony F., Chairperson.**
- **Area Delegate's Report: Given by John T., Area Delegate.**(See also Delegate's Report Area 63 Spring Conference Minutes 2008 at area 63aa.org.) **COME TO THE DISTRICT POTLUCK SUNDAY JULY 27, 2008!!!! JOHN T. WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER AND WILL BE GIVING THE DELEGATE'S REPORT THERE ALSO!!!!**

## **Old Business:**

- **Discussion of committee budget continued discussion:** Motion to discuss: *To leave the current District 2 general fund account and the prudent reserve as is until the contributions equal our approved 2008 budget of \$4,000.00 We will review this at the end of the year or before if our contributions reach \$4,000.00 which ever comes first. Then we will decide how to disperse the funds to Area 63 and GSO accordingly.* Discussion consisted of what to do with District 2 monies now and in the future and boiled down to 3 choices: 1) To leave as is; 2) Donate to Area 63 and GSO now; or 3) Come up with a hybrid or combination of both. Eric H., Treasurer, suggested that we make no donations yet. *Contributions to District 2 are down compared to last year and we are approximately \$1800 under budget.* **Motion made: To leave as is til the end of the year to properly close books for the first time ever so we can start next year on a clean slate. Motion was voted on and passed.**
- **Preliminary review of the District 2 "Handbook for Newcomers" per the District 2 inventory last summer.** Review of Handbook was tabled til next District 2 meeting.

## **New Business:**

- **Scheduling for District 2 Potluck:** Hosted by Ellsworth Group schedule and location voted on and passed. (see Flyer pg 10)
- **Black Hills Workshop:** Eric H. brought to the District's attention that clients there hold an AA meeting on their own. Do we as District want to volunteer to help put on the meeting? Was decided that it would fall under Corrections and Treatment. Dale J suggested that was okay but it would help if someone volunteered to focus on that area. Was brought up that the district might want to start thinking about a Remote Communities/Special Needs Committee in the future. Literature volunteered to donate some literature. It was agreed that some research was needed, to find out what resources was available for the mentally challenged AA on how to present the Big Book to them, a meeting, sponsoring, etc.... before proceeding.
- **District 2 Meeting Schedules needed at Alano Club:** Jim J. agreed to print some out and deliver to Alano Club.
- **Discussion on 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition:** Brought up that District 2 is not self supporting and that a lot of Groups are in the same boat. Need to bring up the importance of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition to groups and as possible topics for meetings i.e. emphasize benefits to individual, Group, District, Area, GSO of 7<sup>th</sup> tradition. No rent/utility money = no place to hold meeting. No donations = no coffee!!! Discussion of different donating strategies i.e. donate current price of favorite drink, birthday donations = \$1 for every year sober, home group members donating a certain amount every week, etc...
- **2007 District 2 Inventory Follow-Up:** D. Is time set aside at District meetings to educate members about the various service positions, job descriptions, titles (acronyms), committees, and General Service Office (GSO) structure? Actions to consider: 2) Do we communicate with groups within the District regarding the significance of service as a part of carrying the message? 3) Do we address having "service sponsors" to help those new to service? Discussion included: Possibly holding a Service Workshop for newcomers: most newcomers get scared when mentioning service work. Sponsors need to stress the importance of Service Work and how important it is in their sobriety. Having Service work as a topic for meetings. Groups and individuals incorporating service work into part of carrying the message. Get groups involved in inventory taking.

**Things to Think about:**



**Concept Presentation:**

- **Concept 1:** was read and presented by Nick B. Good job Nick!!

An adjournment motion was made and seconded and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**NOTE: The Next District 2 Business Meeting will be held**

**Sunday, July 27, 2008, 2:00pm - 6:00pm**

**At the Flano Club in Rapid City**

**2:00pm - Potluck**

**3:00pm - Area 63 Delegate's Report**

**John L. Area 63 Delegate**

**4:30pm - District 2 Business Meeting**

**Everyone is Welcome to Attend!!**

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Feel free to print out the flyer below!

# District 2 Potluck

***Speaker & Business Meeting to Follow***

**Sunday,  
July 27<sup>th</sup>**

**2:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Alano Club  
325 Deadwood Ave.  
Rapid City**

- 2:00 pm – Potluck
- 3:00 pm – Area 63 Delegates Report (John T.)
- 4:30 pm – Business Meeting

*Contact Info:*

*Scott V. 390-9659 or Todd T. 484-5795*



***District 2 Will  
Provide the Meat  
Please Bring  
Something to Eat***

Hosted By:  
The Ellsworth Group