

**Summary of District 2 Minutes
July 27, 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) Group self support and 7th tradition issues (see Old Business)

 - b) Ideas for “Old Timers” participation at Group and District levels. (see New Business)

- 3) **Additional Notes & Comments:**
 - a) A big **THANK YOU!!!** TO Lester W. and Nick for taking notes for me since I missed most of the meeting due to work. Thank you Lester also for filling in for me as Secretary.
 - b) **I apologize to everyone for this getting out late due to a HUGE misunderstanding and lapse of observation on my part. I believe the problem to be corrected (unless Alzheimer’s is setting in) and I will do my best to get these out sooner next time.**

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NOTE: Next Meeting is Sunday, Aug 31, 2008

- **4:00 pm Committee Meetings**
- **4:30pm District Meeting**

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: Tammy F. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary: Lester W. for Jim J. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Web Manager: Lester W. for Max M. |

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BH Open Speakers Group, Dana C. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All-Timers Group, Warren J. | <input type="checkbox"/> Al's Group, Max M. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key Club Group, Rick for Tony W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dawn Patrol Group, Gene S. | <input type="checkbox"/> Happy Hour Group, Lori N. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rushmore Group, Lester W. for Chris S. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keep It Simple Group, Geneva S. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early Risers Group, Cyndy H. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noon N.S. Group, Frank D. | <input type="checkbox"/> Morning Star Group, Daron W.E. | <input type="checkbox"/> Unified LALL Group, John J. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCTNG, Jason (Jay) G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday AM Spiritual Group, Jeff J. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ellsworth Group, Bonnie K. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exit 51Group, Eloy M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Women in Recovery, Brenda M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Noon Luncheon Group, Denny S. for Pete M. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Morning 10:30 Group, Jake V. | <input type="checkbox"/> Almost Home Group, Sonny H. | <input type="checkbox"/> High Noon Group, Bob, Alt. GSR |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Wiconi Teca New Life Fellowship 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: read the 12 Traditions.

Committee Reports:

Secretary: April Old and New Business minutes were read by Lester W. Motion made to accept and passed. . --- Respectfully submitted, Lester W. for 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 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 = ; Expenses = ; Donations = YTD ; Ending Balance = . Pink Can Donations YTD = . **Due to error on my part I did not get a printed treasurer's report when I thought I did, so I am unable to give the preceding amounts at this late date. Will try to add them to the next minutes. Sorry for any inconvenience. A verbal report was given by Eric H.** **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: 7th 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: Nothing new to report. --- Submitted by Scott V.

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Corrections & Treatment: I am really pleased with the contributions that have been made to the “pink can”. Let people know that District 2 has money available for literature to corrections facilities. *Anyone needing a pink can for their group, contact Geneva S.* **District 2 corrections facilities are always in need of volunteers who are able to make a commitment to take the message into meetings at those facilities.** I am open to any suggestions on how to be a better scheduler and how I might get firmer commitments. Beginners meeting is currently being covered by the Gotta Want It Group until Aug. 3. The Ellsworth Group and the Early Risers Group have volunteered to take the meeting in future 6 week rotations. --- Respectfully Submitted, Dale J. Motion made and report passed as read. **Discussion:** Suggestion was made to get schedules of institution meetings for volunteers out in advance to groups and also to coordinate at Area level to get better prices on literature.

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

Public Information / Cooperation with Professional Community (PI/CPC): Nothing to report. --- Submitted by Anthony F., PI/CPC Chairperson. Motion made and report passed as read.

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

Literature/Grapevine: Stocking Club literature rack, truck stops still have AA Hotline cards, and planning on placing order for pamphlets to restock supply this coming week. ---Submitted by David K-S., Literature/Grapevine Chairperson. Motion made and report passed as read.

Items of Note: Dave has a stamp 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:**
 - **Rushmore Group**(Todd T.) - - Aug. 4th – Aug. 10th
 - **Key Club**(Mark) - - Aug. 11th – Aug. 17th
 - **Noon Group**(Marlin) - - Aug. 18th – Aug. 24th
 - **RCTNG**(Mike D.) - - Aug. 25th – Aug. 31st
 - **Ellsworth Group**(Scott V.) - - Sept. 1st – Sept 7th
 - **Keep It Simple Group**(Dale J.) - - Sept. 8th – Sept. 14th
 - **Early Risers Group**(Joan E.) - - Sept. 15th – Sept. 21st

If you have any questions please call me at 390-2767. ---Respectively Submitted by Jim J. for Tammy F., Hot Line Chairperson. Report was read and passed. **Discussion:** was asked why hotline transfer in evenings is tougher. Was suggested to maybe switch carriers for a simpler set up.

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

Web Manager: Meeting schedules are now posted for Hot Springs, Custer, and Hill City. **Anyone having feedback, please don't hesitate in contacting me at (605) 430 – 7078 or by email to webmaster@dist2aa.org.** --- Submitted by Lester W. for Max M., Webmaster. Motion made and report was passed as read.

GSR Reports:

The Key Club Group: is a open, topic, non smoking meeting and is a mixed group. The meeting is held Tuesdays at 6:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church at 402 Kansas City St., behind Hardee's. New officers recently elected. The group is in the process of making changes, including new share time 3 -5 minutes each and meeting topics. Anniversary Meeting is held the last Tuesday of the month with cake for celebrants. Attendance of 20. --- Submitted by Rick, for Tony W., GSR

Keep It Simple Group: is a mixed gender, topic meeting. We meet at 7:30pm on Monday nights in the First Presbyterian Church on the corner of 7th and Kansas City St., in the basement. Our attendance is 35 - 40 people per meeting. Birthdays are celebrated weekly and we encourage attendance of treatment centers. --- Sincerely, Geneva S. GSR

Rapid City Thursday Night Group: The RCTNG holds a closed call up meeting every Thursday at 8pm. We share in a general way What it was like, What happened, & What it's like now. The meeting ends at The Lord's Prayer. Our meeting is 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 5th St. Rapid City, SD. We hold a steering committee meeting the first Thursday of every month at 7pm. Also we celebrate our members birthdays with an open speaker meeting followed by cake & coffee the last Thursday of every month. Family & friends are welcome. We also hold a Monday night Big Book/ 12X12 Study at 7pm. Attendance is 40+ in the summer it ebbs and flows. Our group is doing fairly well with members getting married and leading by example. Congrats Perry G. and Lynn. Our message is still clear. We are here to stay sober and help the still suffering Alcoholics to achieve sobriety. --- Sincerely, Jay G., GSR

Rushmore Group: The Rushmore Group meets from 7:00pm to 8:00pm every Wednesday night at the Minneluzahan Senior Center at 315 N. 4th 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 1st Wednesday of the month. Verbal report given but written not submitted.--- Respectfully submitted, Lester W. Alt. GSR for Chris S. 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 1st, 3rd, and 4th or 5th 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 16. Our July attendance was about 25 + per meeting with many new comers and visitors. --- Yours in service, Warren J., GSR.

Early Risers Group: We had another great month. Lots of vacationers, visiting relatives and lots of newcomers have attended our meetings this month. Each morning has been a surprise of rain and lightning, sunshine or a beautiful sunrise. It's a great way to start your day. Our meetings usually have 25 – 28 people in attendance. Our group meets 5 days a week Monday - Friday at 6:45am at the Alano Club in the Pool Room. Monday is topic, Tuesday Big Book study, Wed. topic, Thursday topic. Fridays are split into 1st Friday step study, 2nd Fri. Tradition Study, 3rd Fri. Potluck Birthday celebration, last Friday is a Speaker meeting. This month Joe V. shared his story of his recovery – Thank you Joe. Our steering committee meets the third Monday after the Recovery meeting. The Committee is going to try to keep newcomers "coming back" by handing out Keep in Touch cards in the newcomer packets. It is another way to do service work. --- Yours very truly, 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.
No additional report submitted.

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.
No additional report submitted.

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. We meet at Viking Hall Senior Center which is located at 2900 Canyon Lake Drive.
No additional report submitted.

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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.

No additional report submitted.

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. **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.

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)

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 1st 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.**

Old Business:

- **Black Hills Workshop AA Meeting:** no update. Contacts need to be made and more research done.
- **7th Tradition Discussion:** stressed importance of self support of individual groups. The discussion included that it is still an individual choice on whether to donate or not. That AA is also suffering the affects of inflation with higher costs of putting on a meeting and lower donations. Was also suggested that spirituality and money does mix in AA and it happens in the basket. That pushing 7th Tradition can be a turn off. It was suggested that we need to lead by example. It was also expressed that this was a way to keep individuals connected to AA. It was also discussed that donations are down at GSO level and that the Government is basically supporting AA through purchasing Big Books and that AA donations are not. Some suggestions for 7th tradition ideas included contributing the current price of favorite drink when still drinking or a night at the bar. Passing the basket a 2nd time or until expenses for that day are met like they do at Area functions. That a memo to group members from groups, District, and/or Area be sent out and has been done in other parts of the country. It was lastly suggested this is an awareness issue and to let groups know that this is a problem that needs to be addressed.

New Business:

- **2007 District 2 Inventory Follow- Up:** E. Do we (as a District) encourage our “Old Timers” to remain active in the service to others. (1) Calling tree to encourage participation. **Discussion:** What is the definition of an “old timer” and what do we do to encourage their attendance and activity? It was brought up that it is the responsibility of old timers to stay active and lend their experience. A concern was brought up about quality vs. quantity in sobriety – amount of years vs. working the program. It was suggested that this subject dealt with those who served in District in the past as old timers rather than AA

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members at large with many years of sobriety. Another suggestion was to develop a forum to encourage past members to help and share what the District has gone through and how decisions, etc. were handled in the past. It was asked why are people leaving the fellowship after so much time and talked about their own experience with gaps in attendance. In relation it was brought up that a number of past members in both District and Area seem to drop out of participation at those levels when their term as GSR, Chair etc... was up and went back to just participating in their home groups, if that. Did this have something to do with "the spirit of rotation" and stepping down so that the newly elected GSRs can take responsibility? Or is it a "I did my tour of duty, I'm done" attitude? Another noticed similar actions of home group members and suggested a District 2 Reunion and that a call list was a good idea. A definition was given that an old timer was anyone with more sobriety than you and that the spirit of rotation and growth in life responsibilities were factors in non-participation. That we should reach out to old timers at conferences and functions. Was also suggested to encourage participation by having Old Timer Meetings. Other suggestions included sending invitations by email to participate at District meetings, posting invitation on the website, and inviting old timers to be to speak at District meetings and to be service sponsors. There was a burning desire expressing that some old timers feel they are not needed or wanted. When was the last time an old timer was called on? Cliques can destroy a group. Another burning desire expressed that we need to stay close to people who have been sober longer than we have to ask questions and to learn from.

Concept Presentation:

- **Concept 2:** Jim J. volunteered to discuss at next District meeting.

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, August 31, 2008, 4:30pm
At the Alano Club in Rapid City
4:30pm – District 2 Business Meeting
Everyone is Welcome to Attend!!*

2008-09 District 2 (Area 63) Committee Chairperson List

NOTE: This is a confidential list, please do not distribute at the public level.

Name	Position	Address	Phone	Email
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Jim J.	Secretary	928 Dilger Ave. Rapid City, SD 57701	605-343-2059	jtj@earthling.net
Dale Johnson	Corrections & Treatment Committee Chair	1980 Seger Dr. Lot 14 Rapid City, SD 57701	605-431-7242	N/A
David K-S	Literature / Grapevine Committee Chair	705 12 th St. Rapid City, SD 57701	605-484-5509	kiwi63davey@yahoo.com
Anthony Flores	Public Information / Cooperation With the Professional Community Committee (PI/CPC) Chair	6965 Townsend St. Black Hawk, SD 57718	605-484-3190	gratefulalkie@yahoo.com
Tammy F.	Hotline Committee Chair	840 N. Spruce St. Lot 284 Rapid City, SD 57701	605-390-2767	tkf840@rushmore.com
Max M.	Web Manager		605-430-7078	sd_daddio@yahoo.com



District 2 (Area 63) Hotline Remote Forwarding Instructions

General Comments:

The group Hotline representative is responsible for forwarding the hotline to group members who are covering the hotline for each specific shift. The following describes the steps necessary to complete the forwarding process.

Instructions:

1. Dial 1-800-349-3632
2. The phone number and pin is: The number to enter is 343- 1091
3. Security Code is: 1091
4. Activation is: *72
5. New number that you want the Hot Line Forwarded to: _____
(No area code needed)
6. Press 1 to confirm.
7. You have successfully completed this vital function! Have a great day and thank you!

NOTE:

- Technical Difficulties Call: Mid-Continent Communications at: 1-800-888-1300
- General Questions About the Hotline Call Tammy F. at: 605-390-2767 or Email: tkf840@rushmore.com
- ***Please provide a copy of these instructions to your group Hotline representative***