

**SOUTH SUBURBAN FIRESIDE  
AREA  
NEWSLETTER  
April, 2008**

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**Area Info**

**Mailing Address:** South Suburban Fireside Area PO Box 565 South St Paul, MN 55075-0507

**ASC Meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at first Presbyterian Church at 7:00 535 20<sup>th</sup> Ave N. South Saint Paul, MN

**Sub Committee Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7 pm

***Faith United Methodist Church*** on 1530 Oakdale Avenue West Saint Paul, MN

**Website:**

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

**Meeting Of the month:**

**Round Robin 7:00 PM**

First Presbyterian Church at 7:00 535 20<sup>th</sup> Ave N. South Saint Paul, MN

***Skip H. 218-341-1889***

**PIG '08:**

JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>-20<sup>TH</sup>

**Committee meets:**

6:00 First Thursday of every month at the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian in South Saint Paul church. (one hour before ASC)

Pig is one of the largest functions in the Minnesota region. It is a weekend camp out in Gaylord Mn. There will be plenty of workshops games and great fellowship and of course the pig roast! Admission is 25\$ at the gate or you can pre register for 15\$ (before 5/31) Check out the flyer online Or contact Chair



**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”***

**H&I Committee meets:** Second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at the ***Faith United Methodist Church*** on 1530 Oakdale Avenue West Saint Paul, MN Contact Chair **Brent F.** at 651-276-6050 or email [brentfoy@gmail.com](mailto:brentfoy@gmail.com) for more details.

\*Currently in need or a Co-Chair.

Current Commitments and contacts:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month:  
Avalon Treatment
  - Brent 651-276-6050
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month:  
Lino lakes prison
  - Dan W. 651-278-8833
- 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month:  
Dakota County Detox
  - Chad O. 715-760-3144

**Monthly Step:**

**Step Four: "We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves"**

To me the 4<sup>th</sup> step is about getting all the bad stuff out into the open, writing it down and letting it go in the 5<sup>th</sup> step. I don't believe in writing down the good and bad. For me it's about getting through the hard stuff and moving on with the program. As I go through time in the program my 4<sup>th</sup> step changes and I find new things to let go of and some things I've buried deep down to forget. So with that said I've had to do a few 4<sup>th</sup> steps. I do like this step because it allows me to grow and hopefully people can see change in me trying to be a better person.

***Bruce B.***

**Monthly Tradition:**

**Tradition Four:**

**"Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or Na as a whole."**

Autonomous, having the right of power every group stands on its own. Open mindedness remember our part as a greater whole.

Through working the steps we become responsible for our recovery.

Working Tradition Four encourages us as a group in the fellowship to act responsibly. Tradition Four takes the form of a group inventory helping member's success of unity of NA as a whole. Our most common ways in which groups express their autonomy is the choice of meeting format. Speaker meetings open topic, open meetings, to

everyone or closed meetings to addicts only. In the spirit of autonomy, many groups hold meetings that appeal to members similar needs. Freedom in tradition is helping addicts anywhere feel comfortable. NA meetings are encouraged to keep the focus on recovery from the disease of addiction. Addicts come looking to find a better way to live by coming at our meetings, some look for the differences to separate themselves. Experienced member lead by example to the best of their ability. Trusted servants are chosen to be responsible for their position also so our message is clear. Any addict can loose the desire to use and find a better way to live. Keeping an open mind by allowing addicts to be welcome no matter how they present themselves when they first get here.

We are here to consider our common welfare of the fellowship as a whole. Unconditional love guides us to see our fellowship as a whole. The autonomy of our groups is necessary for our survival.

***I.L.S.***

***Jeanie M.***

**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.**

**Phone: 612-309-6304**

**Email: [Rollermasterg@msn.com](mailto:Rollermasterg@msn.com)**

**Regional Activities:**

**May 3rd, 2008** Saturday 4pm to 1pm  
MNNAC XVI **Speaker**  
**Extravagana! Silver Lake, MN**

**May 10th, 2008** Saturday Noon to ?  
Sunday Night Gift of Life NA  
**SoftBall Tournament** Faribault,  
MN Food!

**May 10th, 2008** Saturday 1 to 7pm  
**CMASC Spring Thing** St. Cloud  
music food speakers

**May 16-17, 2008** Friday 7:30 pm to  
Saturday PM Winona NA Winonas  
2nd Annual **Speaker Jam By the**  
**River**

**May 23-26th, 2008** Friday 5pm to  
Monday UMRCA XXV Fair Hills  
Resort **Upper Midwest Regional**  
**NA Convention**

**June 7th , 2008** Saturday 10am -  
9pm **ICUC Speaker Jam St. Paul,**  
**MN**

**June 13-15, 2008** Friday 2pm to  
Sunday **SMARB XX Southern**  
**Minnesota Annual recovery blast!**

**July 18th-20th, 2008** Friday ' till  
Sunday **SSFA PIG ROAST 2008**  
**24th Annual Pig Roast and**  
**Campout** Gaylord, MN

**August 22-24, 2008** Friday 3pm '  
till Sunday Open Door Area **Just for**  
**the Weekend 14 Campout**  
Houston, MN

**Sep 20th, 2008**

Saturday Night TCASC Banquet  
**TCASC 25th Annual Banquet**  
Mayflower Church South Mpls.