

From the Desk of the DCM

I hope that your summer is going well. Here it August already and there are back to school ads out there.

So we have a couple of suggested topics for the fall workshop. The suggestions are to do a 4th step workshop or a 6th & 7th Step Workshop. We have 39 Groups in this district so let's pull together and discuss this so we can decide whether or not to do a fall workshop and if we do, which topic workshop is acceptable.

We are heading for the end of this rotation and looking forward we need people to step up to stand for the District positions that are going to be available. Traditionally in AA these elections are held in October. The positions that will be open will be the DCM, Alternate DCM, Secretary and Treasurer. **You can view the guidelines for these positions on the Web site under Business and News.** These are 2 year positions and they do take a commitment from those who would stand for the job.

The committee chairs are appointed by the DCM and are vital for the district to carry the message. **You can view the guidelines for these positions on the Web site under Business and News.** There are ways to do this through the committees that we have not even approached. We have come a long way as a district in the last two years and we should be proud of ourselves for the things we have accomplished. Before we break our arms patting ourselves on the back we must realize that we do have work ahead of us. There are ways that we can carry the message that we have not attempted as yet. This will require that we select the best people we can for the next rotation and support them in their efforts. We have many qualified people in the district and we need to encourage participation so we can continue to grow and become a real active district.

I have been working on the budget for 2009 and it is a slow process. To do the work of the committees and other things we want to accomplish will take a realistic budget and commitment by the groups to send their support. There will be more information forthcoming about the budget and what we can do as members of the district to support the work that we do.

The good news is that there is now a Spanish speaking meeting in Chaska. Due to the efforts of Terry F and others the meeting is up and running. This is an example of ways that we can carry the message to those who are in need of it.

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