

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



**Area Info**

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

**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

**Website:**

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

**Meeting Of the month:**

*Woodbury Freebirds*

*Sunday 6:00 PM*

Woodbury Lutheran church

7380 Afton road

Woodbury, Mn.

Scooter: 651-308-0890

**PIG '08:**

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

**Committee meets:** Second Thursday of  
each month at 7:00pm at the ***Faith  
United Methodist Church*** on 1530  
Oakdale Avenue West Saint Paul,

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

Or contact Chair Scooter S for more  
Info.

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**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 F. 651-276-6050
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month:  
Lino lakes prison
  - Dan W. 651-278-8833
- 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month:  
Dakota County Detox
  - Chad O. 715-760-3144

**Monthly Step:**

**Step Two:** We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity”

Believing that a power greater than my self could restore me to sanity was one of the hardest steps for me to do. Mostly because I had a big head and thought that I didn't need help from any one let alone a power greater than myself. Then I soon came to find that life was hard living on life's terms. It seemed that every time I came close to solving one of my problems another was beginning to start. I found my self being resentful to god of my understanding but i was still to stubborn to ask for help. Then life got harder and harder almost to the point of me using. I broke down and cried my eyes out and ask my higher power for help. It was one of the hardest things I had to do. But shortly after, my life took a turn in the right direction. I came to realize that I can't handle this on my own and with out my higher power I was going insane.

*Alex Anonymous*

**Monthly Tradition:**

**Tradition Two:**

For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority- a loving caring God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants they do not govern.

The Basic Text tells us of the nature of ourselves as addicts; self-centered and

strong willed. We must protect our groups from these two things. We do this by leavening it up to our spiritual understandings of our Higher Power. Often, before we make decisions, we ask our Higher Power to express His will in our group's conscience. This is done by a vote of the members of the group. The names of the different service positions are named in a way that implies service rather than control. “Our experience has shown that if a group becomes an extension of the personality of leader or member, it loses its effectiveness.”

*Pg. 61 Basic Text* Our egos will always turn our groups in the wrong directions. The group is too precious to guide ourselves. We need a loving and caring higher power to help us.

*Kevin 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:**

**February 9th**, 2008 Saturday 11 am  
till 9:15 pm TCASC Old Time  
Speakers Jam

**February 16th**, 2008 Saturday 7pm  
to late Area of Hope  
Valentines Day dance 639  
Jackson St. Paul, MN 5\$  
donation  
Central Park Methodist Church  
across from Regions Hospital

**February 23rd**, 2008 Saturday 3:30  
pm NA Day Mtg SSFA Annual Chili  
Cookoff ,feed & Cribbage Tourney...  
PIG Fundraiser

**April 4th-6th**, 2008 Friday to  
Sunday MNNAC XV MN Narcotics  
Anonymous Convention Flyer  
Online Registration

**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 UMRONA XXV Fair Hills  
Resort Upper Midwest Regional NA  
Convention

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

**Sep 20th**, 2008  
Saturday Night TCASC Banquet  
TCASC 25th Annual Banquet  
Mayflower Church South Mpls.