

## **District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes April 11, 2010**

Meeting Time: 4:30 Attendance: 46 Committee Members & Officers: 11/4 GSR's & Alternates: 30 Groups Represented: 30 Visitors: 1 March Minutes: Accepted by Alex, John S. seconded 4th Tradition-Concepts IV: Read by John S.

### **New GSR's & Alternates:**

Paula P., Mon 12pm, Second Shifters Thurs Night Group Lisa C., Thur 7:30pm, W. Dundee

### **Welcome New GSR and Alternate GSR!!**

### **Visitor:**

Bill from Tues. 8pm, One Day at a Time

### **Welcome Bill to D22 Meeting!!**

### **Anniversaries:**

John S., 9 mo, Bev R., 18 mo, Chris D., 20 Yrs

### **Happy Anniversary!!**

**Announcements:** **1.** Tom Mc., D22 Treasurer made us aware that as of March 31st, we are down approximately 750.00 from last years donations. **766.02 to be exact!!!** GSR's please go back to your meetings and **stress** the importance as to where your donations are going!! **2.** Jayne M., reminded us of our Answering Service Workshop, this Saturday, April 17th at St. Catherines School Cafeteria. 11:30-1:30. Lunch will be provided!! **3. OPEN Speaker Potluck Dinner on Sunday, May 16th at Holy Trinity.** The In Depth BB Study Group is holding this event. Open meeting speaker is Derek S. Flyers were distributed at D22 meeting. **4.** Woman's New Beginning 2010 Woman's Retreat is June 18-20. See flyer attached. **5.** Joyce announced the Faith, Hope and Serenity Group is holding their annual BBQ Picnic on 6/27/10. **6.** Eddie O., is chairing the District Picnic. The next planing committee meeting is Sunday, 5/2 @ 3pm. See flyer attached. **7.** D23 is holding a Special Needs Workshop, Saturday April 17th, 1-4pm. Lunch will be provided. St. Peter Damian, 109 S. Crest Ave., Bartlett, IL.

**G.S.R. Reports:** **1.** Dave D., GSR for Tuesday, 8pm, Back to Basics Group is now an OPEN SPEAKER Beginners Step meeting. Every meeting 3 steps are discussed. **2.** Ebby E., GSR for Saturday, 7:30pm, Young and Restless is now an OPEN DISCUSSION meeting. **3.** Paula P., GSR for Monday 12pm Second Shifters number is incorrect. Her correct nbr is 224- 402-8252 not 8253. **4.** Sandra H., is requesting your help finding a new GSR for the Tuesday 6pm, Tuesday Night Group at the Renz Center. Please contact her if you are interested. **5. Meetings needing support-**Wed 6pm, Big Book Group Discussion, Wed 6:30pm, Hope, Faith and Serenity (woman's group) and Sat 3pm, Healing the Heart (woman's meeting). **6.** Gratitude Gals, Monday @ 7pm has moved back to Sherman Hospital, mtg room 1.

**Past/Upcoming Event Reports:** **1.** Answering Service Workshop April 17th, St,

Catherine's School Cafeteria.

2. D22 Picnic is July 17th @ Wing Park, Shelter 1.

**Old Business: 1.** The proposal to include Alateen Meeting on our D22 directory. The original motion of the Alateen meeting being listed on the directory under the Wednesday meeting at Westridge was withdrawn. The new motion by Joe M., of listing the meeting time and location on the back under the Alanon meeting was unanimously voted against. The 2nd motion by Jacque S. was to only list the Alateen hotline number under the Alanon meeting on the back of the directory. This was passed unanimously.

**New Business: 1.** Eddie O is chairing the district picnic this year and he needs volunteers!!! The next committee meeting is May 2nd, 3pm @ St. Hugh's.

**DCM:** *Chris D.* DCM Report (April 2010)

Since our last meeting I had the opportunity to attend the Spring Conference, the Spring Assembly (which was part of the Spring Conference) and also attended "part" of the Pre General Service Conference workshop yesterday.

Spring Conference- I received numerous comments and thanks for District 22's enthusiasm and participation at this event. We participated in Alca-thons, hospitality hosting, registration and many other facets of the conference. I was asked many times to extend the thanks of the conference committee to the members of D22. More than once, I heard the familiar phrase "D22 ROCKS".

Your NIA 20 Service Structure V Committee wants your feedback! As there may have been people in your districts who attended the Conference/Assembly and did not get a survey to complete, we have included the link below for them to go in and complete online.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7BMHDDG> (For those who DID attend but did not receive a survey) ALSO - For any trusted servant in your district who did NOT attend, we would like to know, in a general way, why that is. Here is a link to a brief survey for those who did NOT attend.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PXR3YZQ> (For those who did NOT attend)

Spring Assembly- As most of you know, this was the first year that the assembly was held at the Spring Conference. I heard reports from all of the committee officers and standing committee chairs. The highlight of these reports (in my opinion) was the report and discussion from the Area Treatment Chair. She lets us know that that she had created an Area Treatment website (<http://treatment.aa-nia.org>) that has a link to a website that searches for treatment centers in the Area. This was met with spirited discussion on whether or not we were coming close to violating the 6th tradition which says that AA ought not endorse or lend the AA name to any outside institution....In the end, the consensus was that she was within AA guidelines because she doesn't directly link to any one particular "for profit" treatment center website. The entire 30 minute conversation was extremely beneficial and fun.

Pre-General Service Conference Workshop Although I was able to attend to the full

event, I was present for many of the committee reports in the afternoon session. The format of the workshop was such that the Area Committees and interested participants met in the morning to discuss and provide recommendation on relevant agenda items. Then in the afternoon session, the Committee Chair would go the podium and inform the entire assembled body of those recommendations. During the reports, there were opportunities for questions, minority opinions and discussion on many of the items. Again, a fun

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and informative session....One of the most thought provoking topics that heard yesterday was the theme "Anonymity in the Digital Age". Hopefully this phrase gets some of you thinking and we as a district can discuss it more in the near future.

Many D22 service committees' chairs have approached me during the last month asking what they can do to be more proactive in their respective committee assignments. I'm looking forward to seeing more activity and participation from these committees in the coming months.

Next district meeting is the second first Sunday in May, 5/2. Thank you for allowing me to serve-

Humbly submitted Chris DeGrane D22 DCM

**DCMA:** *Mike M.* No report provided

**Treasurer:** *Tom M.* Please see the financial reports attached. Once again, Attention ALL GSR's/Meeting Contacts, D22 contributions are down 766.02 from last year since March 31st. Please go back to your groups and if you are ready to send in any contributions, PLEASE DO SO!!. Mailing address for D22 is: Northern Illinois Area 20

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**Secretary:** *Jody B.* Hi Everyone,

District 22 PO Box 1434

Elgin, IL 60121

I am still in the process of updating the GSO Group Info sheets. I will be contacting all the D22 GSR's to see if you want your name and number in the East Central Regional Directory. If you choose to not have your name and number listed, your group/meeting cannot be listed in the directory.

I want to thank everyone for contacting me with all your meeting changes. We only had 2 changes for this month. This procedure works. I contact Ben with all the changes AND the GSO group info sheets are updated also!. So please, if something comes up this month, please call me, text me, e-mail me the changes. It will get done!!

My hat comes off to all the Spring Conference volunteers. I truly appreciate everyone doing registration, greeting, Alcathon speakers and of course the Hospitality suite/Expresso Cafe'. What a fun and interesting event. D22 ROCKS!

Respectively submitted, Jody Banning D22 Secretary

**LCM Reports:**

Mike M.- He is continuing to visit meetings. Mike spoke highly of the new format at the Tues. 8pm, Back to Basics meeting.

Joe M. - He is also visiting many meetings. Many of the GSR's attended to district meeting. Joe

mentioned again that the Wed., 6pm Renz meeting needs support. Per Jacque, she enjoys this meeting time because she has the rest of the evening to herself. Joe was quite impressed of the Hampshire group.

Chuck A.- In process of polling club meetings for approval to list meetings in the regional directory with name and number. Also, requesting preference for listing Alateen and Alanon meetings on D22 directory. Need more directories for the club. Handouts at D22 mtg are not enough. Is it possible to get allocations for club meetings and treatment centers.

Dawn E.- Not present at meeting Ron S. - Not present at meeting **Committee Reports: Answering Service: Wendy G.** Month of March TTL calls 28. See the following breakdown:

First Time Caller Need Detox Treatment Wants to talk to someone in AA Alanon person, wants help Hung-up, caller hung up Meetings. Wants directions/locations Meetings, Wants a ride Meetings, Wants spanish Needs a sponsor Wants web-site Suicidal Wrong number WCB Later Other

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Answering Service Workshop, Saturday 4/17, 11:30-1:30pm. St. Catherine's School Cafeteria.

Submitted by Wendy G.

**Archives: Mike G.** Mike has a new computer and when able, he will do an inventory for Archives.

**C.P.C.: Kristy M and Ebby R..** I went to the Pre-General Service conference and I sat in the CPC breakout session with Fred B., our CPC area chair. We looked over the CPC kit and workbook. We suggested we put the doctors opinion in our fact file under the

historical data. We also suggested we have all the guide letters be put on a pdf file available to the CPC committee. I will distribute 100-AA At a Glance to Sherman and St. Joe's hospitals and gave 100 to PI Committee. Ebby and I also met today with PI Committee. I suggested we have a workshop for all AA members and guests to attend. We can inform the fellowship on what CPC does so we can stir interest for members to be on our committee. I will call Fred to come to a district meeting in regards about the workshop.

Love and Service, Kristy M. D22 CPC Chair

**Correctional Facilities:** *Albert and Nathan*

Albert respectively stepped down as the Corrections Chair. Nathan respectively stepped up as the chair for Corrections. Andy decided that he would be interested as the Alt- Chair for Corrections. Both Nathan and Andy were volted into the new positions. Thank you to Albert for all the committed time that you put into the Corrections position. You have done a terrific job! Thank you to Nathan and Andy for your new committed service work.

**Directories:** *Ben W.* Not present at meeting but a huge Thank-You for the updated directories.  
**Grapevine:** *John S.*

April Grapevine Report As a Grapevine Representative for D22, I would like to again announce to all groups that the Monthly Magazine is always available for subscriptions for the year for 27.00. Or 51.00 for 2 years. If your group currently does not subscribe, we encourage you to do so if the group is so inclined.

Secondly if you would like to become a Grapevine Representative for your particular group, please see me for a registration form, that gets filled out and sent to the GVR Coordinator in New York, so that you can start receiving material. Being a representative is Fun and Easy and gets you more involved being in service. You can also register online at [www.aagraevine.org](http://www.aagraevine.org)

This month's issue hits very close to home for alot of us with an article named "Going to any length" with the cover picture of a person walking threw a snow storm, to get his next drink. I'm amazed by the articles covered in our monthly magazine that always gives the right message, at the right time. The Grapevine is an excellent tool in all areas of being a member of AA.

Last but certainly not least, a lot of agenda items will be brought to the next GSC, in regards to the Grapevine magazine, including Lavina'. I will report next month as to what took place. Once again, if you don't currently subscribe to the Grapevine magazine, we encourage you to do so!

In Service, John S. D22 Grapevine Representative

**Literature:** *Nancy D.* Nothing to report this month.

Nancy D D22 Literature Chair

**Public Information:** *Alex H.*

I attended the Pre-General Service Conference workshop on Saturday April 10, 2010 and I participated in the PI breakout session. That committee looked at eight agenda items and took a census on six out of eight. Agenda items A,C,E,F,G,H. Agenda items B,D were to review P.S.A.'s

and video's; and did not have access to view them. \*So we "Trust Out Trusted Servants" and endowed the right of decision to Ray M. our delegate at the GSC. If anyone has any questions these agenda items...

PI Committee Report 4/11/2010 Chair-Alex H. Co-Chair-Mike M. Attendees: Jim H, John S, Scott R, Ebby R, Kristy M. \*John S will be going this Wednesday to the Elgin DMV office and drop off some AA info.

\*Scott R will be going to Larkin High School and Elgin High School this Thursday. \*Renz Center is hosting a parent awareness forum at Ellis Middle School on April 29, 2010, 6:30-8:30. This month is alcohol awareness month.

Our next committee meeting is May 2, 2010 at 3:30pm. Submitted by: Alex Hernandez

### **Special Needs: Sue L DISTRICT 22**

April 11,2010

Committee: Special Needs Chair: Sue L. Alternate Chair: Shawna L.

### **REPORT TO DISTRICT**

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#### Committee Accomplishments and Current Projects:

- . 1 Continue to bring meetings to Asta Care Saturdays.
- . 2 Continue to bring regular weekly meeting to homebound member.
- . 3 No literature or materials purchased

#### Committee Request for Support:

- . 1 Support for Asta Care Center meeting at 2pm every Saturday . Please contact Shawna or Sue.
- . 2 Support for member home meeting every Friday at 6pm. Needs women to support this meeting. Contact Shawna or Sue.

**Respectfully Submitted by District 22 Special Needs Chair:**

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**Sue L. Date : April 11, 2010**

**Website: Larry S.**

District 22 Webmaster April 11, 2010

Updated the speaker list for April and May for the Open Speaker meeting on Saturdays, 7:30pm, Sherman Hospital. Link into the calendar was broken. I thought I fixed this but maybe not. I'll look into it tonight. It was reported to me tonight that there are no names listed for the Saturday Open. I will get that fixed asap.

Larry Stiff

**Thank you everyone for ALL your service work! \*\*\*\*The next district meeting will be held May 2, at 4:30pm\*\*\*\***

*Respectfully Submitted by Jody B. - District Secretary -*