

District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes July 11, 2010

Meeting Time: 4:30

Attendance: 52

Committee Members & Officers: 9/5

GSR's & Alternates: 30/4

Groups Represented: 32

Visitors: 2

June Minutes: Accepted by Dan S. accepted, Mike M. seconded

7th Tradition-Concepts VII read by: Jennifer J.

New GSR's & Alternates:

- Phil M-GSR-Tuesday Night One Day at a Time, 8:00pm
- Luke C-GSR-Elgin Wednesday Night Eastside Group, 8:00pm
- Lawrence W-Alt GSR-Friday, It's About Change, 8:00pm
- Jared R-Alt GSR-Saturday, Little Red Door, 9:00am
- Larry R-Alt GSR-Saturday Night Open Speaker Meeting, 7:00pm

Thank you for being a part of District 22

Visitors:

Mike H., Crystal Lake representing the 2010 Illinois State Conference Aug. 20-22

Jose H., Thank you for joining us today.

Anniversaries:

We forgot to announce anniversaries.

Happy Anniversary to all June-July celebrations.

Announcements:

1. Service Orientation Workshop and Post General Service Conference Delegate Report. Saturday, 7/17, Crystal Lake. Registration and fellowship starts 9:00am. Workshop, 10:00am-3:00pm.
2. Special afternoon discussion led by Past Delegate Larry S. on "Anonymity & the Internet".
3. Glen Ellyn Primary Purpose Workshop Hosted by Tom I. from NC. July 30-31. \$10.00.
4. District Picnic Softball Tournament: August 8th – First game starts at 1:00pm. Katz Park in DeKalb. Elgin D22 vs. DeKalb D71. See flyer attached.
5. Summer Potluck-Open Speaker Meeting, hosted by The In-Depth Big Book Study Group. Sunday, August 15th. Food and Fellowship @ 5:30pm. Meeting and Speaker @ 6:30pm.
6. Speaker: "Doc" Bob R.
7. 2010 Illinois State Conference, August 20-22. Wyndham Lisle-Chicago Hotel. Registration and Banquet deadline 8/6/10. www.aa-nia.dist11.org
8. The NIA Fall Assembly, September 18, 2010. Registration begins at 8:00am. Community United Methodist Church, 20 N. Center St., Naperville, IL 60540. Lunch \$8.00.
9. A Way Out 10th Anniversary Party. Open AA Meeting. October 16, 2010. Libertyville Civic Center. Speaker: Angie P., Cincinnati, OH, Fellowship, Food & Refreshments 6:00pm. Speaker 7:30pm. Free Event – Donations Gratefully Accepted

D22 Upcoming Events:

District 22 Picnic, July 24th, 11:00am- 4:00pm , Wing Park, Shelter One.

Good Morning to All Committee Members & Volunteers,

I just wanted to say thank you for all your help with this years District 22 Annual Picnic. We have done a lot of service work. I am confident that the picnic will be a big hit. It is a privilege to be able to give back to our community, and District 22 thanks you for all your hard work. Keep the Faith. I will see you all on Saturday. 7/24. Last, I need everyone to try and be at Wing Park between 8:00am and 8:30am for set up.

Sincerely,
Your Picnic Chairman,
Eddie O.

GSR Reports:

1. Sunday, 10:00am, Sunday Morning Unity Group-Michelle has coordinated a business meeting for Sunday, 7/18 @ 9:15am. The agenda is discussing whether or not give the remaining group money from the picnic donations towards a raffle prize or give the money to the picnic committee. Your support is much appreciated.
2. Sunday, 12:00pm, There is a Solution-Jacque asking for meeting support.
3. Monday, 12:00pm, Second Shifters-Paula looking for Alt GSR.
4. Monday, 8:00pm, Big Book and Step Meeting-Albert willing to order any literature you are looking for.
5. Tuesday, 6:30pm, Elgin Mental Health Hospital-Herbert **needs support!** If you would like to attend the meeting, you still need to call Jeff P. 847-742-1040 x3173, before 3:00pm to get your name on the list. Bring a picture I.D., and nothing else. No phone, knives, etc. You will be going through a metal detector. This meeting is the clients meeting, we are there to bring the AA support in from the outside.
6. Tuesday, 8:00pm, Tuesday Night Group-Curt asking for meeting support.
7. Tuesday, 8:00pm, Back to Basics Group-Dave reminds us that this is a beginner's meeting.
8. Tuesday, 8:00pm, Tuesday Night One Day at a Time-August 1st this meeting time will change to 7:30pm.
9. Wednesday, 12:00pm, Westside Grapevine, Jody has coordinated a business meeting for Wednesday, 7/14 @ 11:30pm. The agenda is discussing the Grapevine survey, the GSO self support e-mail and distribution of our updated group phone list. Your support is appreciated.
10. Wednesday, 6:30pm, Faith, Hope and Serenity-Looking for woman support.
11. Wednesday, 7:00pm, Wed Night Reflections Group-This group is speaking the month of July at our Saturday, 7:00pm, Open Speaker Meeting.
12. Thursday, 1:30pm, Living Sober-Looking for new GSR. Please contact Albert M.
13. Thursday, 7:00pm, New Horizons Group, EMHC Goldman Bldg.-Needs woman support.
14. Friday, 7:00pm*****New Meeting-It's About Change, 995 Bode Rd, Elgin Open Speaker Meeting- They are looking for Speakers. Please contact Albert M. if interested.
15. Friday, 10:30pm*****New Meeting starts this Friday 7/17 @ Alano Club****

16. Saturday, 7:00pm, Open Speaker Meeting-Challenging all GSR's to pick up a month and organize the speakers for the month. Amy has a business meeting the second Saturday of each month immediately following the open speaker meeting. Your support is appreciated.
17. All other meetings are going strong. A HUGE Thank-You to all the GSR's who attended. D22 Rocks!! Please remember to announce to take the Grapevine survey at <http://aa-nia.org>, and register if you are going to the 2010 Illinois State Conference www.aa-nia-dist11.org.
18. Please visit GSO Self Support in less than 5 minutes website at: <https://ctb.aaws.org/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=/default.aspx%3flang%3den&lang=en>

Officer Reports:

DCM: *Chris D.*

7/11/10

DCM Report

Hello D22-

I attended the Summer Assembly held June 19th in Joliet. Detailed reports from our Area Chair, Delegate, Registrar and Treasurer are available on the back table and in some cases, on the AREA website <http://www.aa-nia.org>. Also in back are current copies of BOX 459 as well as copies of the NIA 20 Service handbook. These handbooks are intended for all GSR's, committee chairs and anyone else interested in general service and they are provided free of charge by the AREA. If your interested in CONCEPTS (our Area newsletter) current and back issues are also available on the AREA website. When visiting the website, please take a minute to participate in the Grapevine survey!

Below is a quick recap of the motions presented and their outcome-

1. A motion by the Grapevine Committee to conduct a series of up to 24 workshops. Cost of these workshops is expected to be \$2500. **PASSED**
2. A motion by the Service Structure V Committee to obtain a one year \$200 subscription to Survey Monkey. **PASSED**
3. A motion by the Report & Charter Committee to amend the Service Structure Guidelines to merge "Procedures for Hosting Area Committee Meetings" and "Procedures for Hosting Area Assemblies" documents, and to create a new Reference Document for these events. **PASSED**
4. Elections:
 - a. PI Chair elected Janet N. No Alt. Chair Elected
 - b. Corrections Chair Elected John R. No Alt. Chair elected
 - c. NO Alt Literature Chair Elected

I would like to remind the district of an additional website created by the Area Treatment Chair. The link is <http://treatment.aa-nia.org>. The website offers a great deal of information for those of you interested in the Treatment Committee. Speaking of websites, another website for available treatment centers (not affiliated with AA) is <http://dasis3.samhsa.gov/default.aspx>.

My travels next took me to Texas! I recently attended my first AA International Convention in San Antonio. I was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and passion exhibited by over 60,000 alcoholics in one place! I was joined by more that 20 other D22 representatives and we all came away with the same feeling of gratitude for this program that has given us much more than we ever could have dreamed. The next International will be in 2015 in Atlanta. Our own past

delegate Larry S. gave an excellent talk on Anonymity in Digital Age. This talk can be heard again at the Post GSC Delegates Workshop next Saturday (7/17) in Crystal Lake. Flyers for this event are also on the back table or you get info at the DISTRICT website <http://dist22.aa-nia.org>. I'm sure Ray would appreciate seeing a lot of familiar faces!

Locally, the picnic is right around the corner on July 24th at Wing Park. Please remember to bring a dish to pass if you are attending. As of June there were 3 meetings in D22 that did not have updated contact information with the Area. Wed. Night Eastside, Today's Gift Group and Tuesday Noon Group still need to get updated group info to Jody so she can update the Area database. Thanks to Jody for the excellent work in providing our registrar with accurate info for more than 95% of our meetings. For reference, when we started we had accurate info for only about 30% of our meetings!

The directory has a new look this month. Please take a moment to review your group's info and let us know what you think. Suggestions are always welcome. The directories will be updated every month at the district meeting but we will only be printing them 4 times a year now as opposed to every single month. If you need more directories you can always download the updated PDF from our district website.

Thanks to everyone over the last month for their continued efforts to help carry the message and thank you for allowing me to serve.

Respectfully submitted
Chris D.
D22 DCM

Treasurer: Tom M.

Thank you for all your group and picnic donations. 38.00 was collected at the July D22 meeting today. Tom has confirmed the insurance for the D22 Picnic and Christmas Party events. Please see the attached file for June financials.

Secretary: Jody B.

Hi D22,

All the GSO and D22 updates are complete as of July 1, 2010. I am very grateful for Judd W., our Area 20 Registrar who allows me send him monthly updates for all our GSR's when there are any changes within our district. The last report from him on 6/19/2010, we only had 3 meetings that needed to be updated. 2 of the 3 do not have current GSR's. Since our meeting on 7/11, that has changed. I truly appreciate all the GSR's and your commitment to District 22. We do work well together and everyone is willing to "Step-Up to The Plate".

On that note, I am looking for volunteers for the 2010 Illinois State Conference ~ Hospitality Suite. We have committed to Saturday, 8/21, 8:00am-10:00am. Sponsee's talk to your sponsor, Sponsor's talk to your sponsee's. Anyone interested, please e-mail or call me.

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service,
Jody Banning

LCM Reports:

Mike M. has reported that the Saturday, 10:00am, Early Bird Group needs a new

GSR. If anyone is interested, please see Mike M.
Joe M. advised us that his meetings that he has been designated are looking good and doing well.
Jim H. reported for Chuck A. who is the LCM for the Alano Club said they are looking for new attendance at the Alano Club. The club donated a one year membership to the 2010 Picnic Raffle Committee.

Thank you to all the LCM's for your continued commitment.

Committee Reports:

Answering Service: *Wendy G.*

There were 36 calls in June. June and July breakdown of calls will be submitted in the August minutes. Wendy and Jayne have updated the Answering Service phone list. There are approximately 60 volunteers on the list.

Archives: *Mike G.*

No report provided

C.P.C.: *Kristy M*

No report provided

Correctional Facilities: *Nathan B.*

No report provided

Grapevine: *John S.*

District 22 July Grapevine Report

Dear Friends,

I was privileged to attend the International Convention in [San Antonio](#) this year. At the convention I attended a Grapevine [Writers Workshop](#) meeting. All of the speakers had articles that have been published in the Grapevine. Interestingly, the speakers had in common that they all tried more than once to get articles published. They were able to shed some light on what kinds of writings tend to be published. I know that all you GSRs out there have Home Group members with interesting stories that could be published so please pass on this information.

I did research and found submission guidelines at www.aagrapevine.org/about/submit_guidelines.php.

A few highlights from this web site:

1. Most of the published articles are first-person accounts of the writer's experience with alcoholism and [Alcoholics Anonymous](#).
2. Grapevine and LaVina publish stories for special departments, such as, Along Spiritual Lines, AA Around the World, The Home Group, and Youth Enjoying [Sobriety](#).
3. Articles about the Steps and Traditions are welcome too.
4. Neither Grapevine or LaVina publishes poems, prayers, song lyrics, tributes to individuals, plays, previously published material or anything unrelated to AA or that violates the principles of AA.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Wintczak - Alternate Grapevine Chair

Literature: *Nancy D.*

Ms Kappie, our Area 20 Literature Chair has over 400 pamphlets that she will be donating to District 22.

Public Information: *Alex H.*

The Alternate GSR has stepped down from this position. Anyone interested, please contact Alex H. The P.I. display is available for anyone's use.

Special Needs: *Sue L*

DISTRICT 22

July 11, 2010

REPORT TO DISTRICT

Committee: Special Needs

Chair: Sue L.

Alternate Chair: Shawna L.

Committee Accomplishments and Current Projects:

- Continue to bring meetings to Asta Care Center every Saturday.
- Continue to coordinate a weekly homebound meeting on Friday evening.
- No additional requests for meetings in June
- No literature or materials purchased.

Committee Request for Support:

- Support for meeting at Asta Care Center at 2pm every Saturday . Address: 134 N. McClean Blvd., Elgin. Please pick up information flyer with map and bring a few to your meetings. Thank you.
- Support for member home meeting every Friday at 6pm. We need women to support this meeting. Contact Shawna or Sue. Thank you to all the women who continue to help with this meeting.

- New perspective, ideas and support are always needed for the Special Needs Committee. Please contact Sue L. or Shawna L. for info on our next meeting. Feel free to just stop in and see what we're working on. As always, thank you for your participation and consideration of support.

Respectfully Submitted by District 22 Special Needs Chair:

Sue L.

Date: July 11, 2010

Website: *Larry S.*

Website: Larry S.

District 22 Webmaster

July 11, 2010

<http://dist22.aa-nia.org>

webmaster22@hughes.net

I have updated the website with a number of flyers including the softball tournament, the Tom I. workshop, two Delegates reports and Soberfest. I did have a small computer issue which slowed me down. That 's now resolved. If you have any events you want on the website please send me a copy of the flyer. My email address is lstiff@hughes.net or you can contact me through the website.

I have plans to add a password protection page in the near future. What we would do with it is not clear as yet. But we could use it to distribute documents by providing a universal password that would be valid for a limited amount of time. There might be other uses as well but controlling passwords might become an issue.

Thank you for all your continued support to District 22!

******The next district meeting will be held August 1st @**

4:30pm****

Respectfully Submitted by Jody B. - District Secretary -