

## District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes January 8, 2012

Meeting Time: 4:30

Accepting Minutes: Manus S./ Tina R.

**1st Tradition – Concept I-** Tina R.

Attendance: 47

Committee Members & Officers: 12/6

GSR's & Alternates: 43

Groups Represented:

**Visitors:** Brittany J./Elizabeth/Casey- Welcome to our fantastic district. ☺

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

- Juan V. GSR/Sunday Morning Unity
- Kenny S. A-GSR/Sunday Morning Unity
- Sarah M. GSR/Came to Believe II
- Karin S. GSR/West Dundee Thursday Night Group
- T.J. B. GSR/Young & Restless
- Lena K. A-GSR/Young & Restless

***Welcome to D22. Your service work and commitment is greatly appreciated.***

### **December Anniversaries:**

Christy M.- Dec. 12th/1 Year

Krista L.- Dec. 23rd/2 Years

Janene H. - Jan. 6th/1 Year

***Happy Anniversary!!! Congratulations to everyone having another day of sobriety.***

### **Announcements from the floor:**

- <http://dist22.aa-nia.org/Events.html>
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- Winter Committee Meeting Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> in La Fox at Lord of Life Church- Registration: 8 a.m. - Event starts at 9 a.m.
- Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> Young & Restless Hosting "Chili Cook Off" and Speaker Meeting @ the Alano Club starting at 6 p.m. **Our very own Venus E. will be speaking, let's come out and show our support!**
- March 24<sup>th</sup> Elgin Alano Club 5th Anniversary Open Banquet Guest Speaker- Chris R. from Ingram, TX.
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### **Saturday, 7pm, Open Speaker Hosting Groups:**

**Dec- Friday Night Recovery Group**

**Jan- W. Dundee Thursday Night Group/Dan S.**

**Feb- Woman's New Beginnings-Group 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Marcia S.**

**Mar- Tuesday Fellowship Group/Bill N.**

**Apr- Monday Night Westside Fellowship/Phil C.**

**May- Marengo Misfits**

**June-Wednesday Night Hampshire Group**

**July- OPEN**

**Aug- Monday Night/Hampshire Oaks**

**Sept- Wanderer's #911**

Oct- OPEN  
Nov- OPEN  
Dec- OPEN

**Past/Upcoming Event Reports:**

- Alcathon Final Report Next Month

**Old Business:**

- None

**Officer Reports:**

**January 2012**

**DCM REPORT**

Welcome everyone to District 22 meeting. As we embark on a new year, I would like to thank all the past officers, committee chairs and alternates, GSRs, former delegates and members of AA for their hard work and commitment over the past term. They have set a high bar to follow. I personally would like to thank Chris D. for all his hard work and the extra time he has spent with me to make my transition to DCM go as smoothly as possible. Way beyond the call of duty.

In my opinion I believe we have the best district around bar none. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming 2 years. I am open to your thoughts and suggestions as to how to improve and make our district better, however be ready to act on your own suggestions, because I believe AA is a Program of Action and that that action must come from within.

I have already been in contact with many of you. I have been working with Michelle, Krista and others. I look forward to working with all of the Committee Chairs. Perhaps setting up workshops, reaching out to the community and getting more Alcoholics involved in 12 step work. Let us always remember that our primary purpose is to stay sober and to help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

I look forward to working with all of you and please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you, Joe M.

**DCMA:** *Michelle B.*

\*\*\*\*\*Reminder that when driving clients from LSSI to meetings\*\*\*\*\*

- Must fill out a form that LSSI provides. Form is available at LSSI.
- Have valid driver's license
- Have a car
- Have car insurance for the vehicle you are driving the clients in to the meeting
- You are responsible for the clients

### **Communication with Groups**

1. Hit dark meetings with no GSR's 1st.
2. Hit meetings that need support.
3. Hit meetings in the red financially.
4. Hit as many as possible after that.

- Plan to schedule a meeting with DCM(Joe M.) and new appointed LCM's to form a better communication link from groups to District.

-Michelle B. DCMA

**Treasurer:** *Manus.*

### **NIA- AA District 22 Treasurer Monthly Report Year End 2011.**

1. Financial records and all balances were transferred from Mike M. to Manus S.
2. Manus S., Treasurer and Phil C., Alt treasurer opened a new bank account with Harris Bank depositing \$600.00 prudent reserve as passed on by Mike. Subsequently the rest of the 2011 yearend balance of 232.09 was also deposited to the account. (The reason for the new account is that Chase had started making a \$26.00 a month charge for us as a business and Harris is willing to handle our account without making any bank charges.)
3. Attached is the year end 2011 detailed report as completed by Mike. I do have the Christmas Party and Picnic detailed reports if any of you would like them.
4. Thanks to Phil C., Alt. Treasurer for running errands for me while I was in the hospital this week.

**Secretary:** *Krista L.*

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**LCM:** Michelle B. is working with the following members to attend all meetings in the district. In doing so, LCM'S act as Liaison between your group and the district.

- **Newly Elected LCM's**
  - Jayne M.
  - Rob C.
  - Mike H.
  - Jeff J.

## **GSR Reports:**

### **Sunday:**

- Sunday Morning Fellowship/Keith B.- Maintaining Contact List, **Meeting Needs Support**
- Sunday Morning Unity Group/Juan V.- Average meeting attendance: 50 people, Alcahthon was a success.
- **Friday and Sunday drivers for the LSSI patients need to remember that we need to follow the LSSI rules. We had a couple of situations and a reminder was asked to be sent out.**

### **Monday:**

- 12:00 P.M./Second Shifters- Paula P.: **Looking for Alternate GSR.**
- 7:30 p.m./ Hampshire Oaks- Joe G.: Meeting moving to the church next door.
- 8:00 p.m./ Big Book & Discussion Meeting@ LSSI: **Meeting on the women`s side is desperate need of support!**

### **Tuesday:**

- 7:00 p.m./As Joe & Charlie See it- Burt L.: **Looking for Alternate GSR.**
- 7:30pm, Woman`s New Beginning-Mary W: Started Big Book meeting in the basement, February is this meetings anniversary month in which they are hosting the Sherman Open Speaker meeting, Jody B. and Christi P. are Co-chairing the annual Women`s retreat. More information on this retreat while be given in the upcoming months.

### **Wednesday:**

- 12:00p.m./ Wednesday Grapevine- Kiley C.: **Looking for Alternate GSR.**

### **Thursday:**

- 1:30 p.m. / Living Sober- Christy M.: Looking to change the format of the meeting.

### **Friday:**

- 7:30 p.m./Came to Believe-Anthony M.: **Meeting needs support.**
- 10:30 p.m./ Last Call- Emily T. : Breakdown of *How it Works*, pick up in attendance.
- 3:30pm, Jaywalker`s-Needs a GSR

### **Saturday:**

- 9:00 a.m./ Saturday Little Red Door Group- Manus S.: Needs greeters and help with set-up.
- 3:00 p.m./ Healing the Heart- Joyce P.: Looking for GSR.
- 7:30pm, Open Speaker Meeting- Burt L.: Looking for Alternate GSR.
- 7:30pm, Young and the Restless-T.J. B: January 28<sup>th</sup> Chili Cook Off starts at 6, speaker meeting @ 7:30.

## **Committee Final Reports:**

### **Answering Service: Emily T.**

AnswerCall received 67 phone calls in the month of December. Thirty five callers were looking for meeting information. Many times, when the caller wished to speak to someone in AA, many outgoing calls had to be made until an available member was located. In light of this, I'd like to immediately start updating the list. If you are currently on the list and wish to remain on the list, please see me to verify that we have your correct phone number and let me know when you are most likely to be available.

This is a wonderful opportunity for service work. Nothing beats one drunk talking to another. If you are not currently on the list but would like to be, please get in contact with

me right away. In the next couple of months, I hope to have the whole list updated and ready to go! Minimizing the number of outgoing calls that AnswerCall has to make will ensure that we are effectively and efficiently helping those who need it.

**Archives:** *Joyce P.*

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**C.P.C.:** *Sandy M.*

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**Correctional Facilities:** *Alice P.*

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**Directories:**

- For the upcoming years 2012-2012 we will be staying with Super Print. Thank you for serving as our 2010-2011-D22 Directories Chair.

**Grapevine:** *Soby B.*

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**Literature:** *Terry B.*

- Newcomer Packets available for \$1 each.

**PI:** *Herbert L.*

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**Special Needs:** *Matt K.*

- Asta Care still needs support Saturdays @ 2pm. This meeting has moved to a larger due to the support of the people who do attend and the increase of patients that are attending also.

**Treatment:** *Ben C.*

- Bridge meeting is still Sunday, 9:30am @ LSSI for those patients that are unable to go to the St. Joe's meeting. **This meeting needs support.**

**Website:**

There were 449 visits in November and 494 in December.

A reminder that I can put up a page for your group or for your committee. You just need to provide content.

If you want your Saturday night speakers listed on the website please email me the names and last initials at [larrys86@comcast.net](mailto:larrys86@comcast.net) or go to the website and you can email webmaster.

#### **Website Visits**

January, 2011	323
February 2011	361
March 2011	306
April 2011	326
May 2011	290
June 2011	316
July 2011	421
August 2011	453
September 2011	470
October 2011	476

November 2011 449  
December 2011 494

**Upcoming Area Events:**

- 38<sup>th</sup> Annual NIA Spring Conference: March 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> is being held at Georgio`s, Orland Park.
- Spring Assembly: March 3<sup>rd</sup>. - Georgio`s, Orland Park

*District Meeting – February 12th – 4:30pm, St. Hugh’s*

*Respectively submitted by ~Krista L. - District 22 Secretary*