

District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2012

Meeting Time: 4:30

7th Tradition – Concept VII- Jeff J.

Attendance: 36

Committee Members & Officers: 14/8

GSR's & Alternates: 22/3

Groups Represented: 26

Visitors: Rich H., Urbano S., Regino R., and Sheila K. Welcome to our fantastic District. ☺

New GSR's & Alternates:

- Brian C.-GSR-Fellowship of the Spirit
- Dave-GSR-Grapevine
- Shannon-GSR-Healing the Heart
- Amy-Treasurer-Gratitude Gals

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

Recent Anniversaries: (Within the last few months)

Marcia S. 25 Years

Mary W. 2 Years

Sandy M. 2 Years

Cindy S. 16 Months

Bryan T. 1 Year

Amy-10 Months

Shannon-9 Months

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

Announcements from the floor:

- <http://dist22.aa-nia.org/Events.html>
- <http://www.aa-nia.org/Events.html>
- Harvest Retreat- Door County, WI.- Sept. 7-9 – Men Only
- **All Chicago Open 2012-** 6-9pm/ Doors open at 6, meeting starts at 8pm.
- **Soberfest-** November 16-18- Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, WI. **Paula P.** is collecting money for those who want to sit together at the banquet. She needs your registration and money no later than **October 7th**.

Saturday, 7pm, Open Speaker Hosting Groups:

Aug- Monday Night/Hampshire Oaks

Sept- Wanderer's #911/Ben C.

Oct- Tuesday Night Group/Curt B.

Nov- Sat. Morning 12 & 12/Scott M.

Dec- OPEN (If your group is interested in hosting December please contact Burt L.)

-Old Business:

- **Summer Picnic Update:** The park would like us to consider a new venue
- **Christmas Party:** Elected Chair: Steven M., Kristen B. will be helping Steven as it looks like Kiley will not be able to make the committee meetings.

-New Business:

- **GSR Workshop:** October 14th - More details to come- Trying to secure location at St. Joe`s, flyer will be out soon.
- **Additional Forum:** Funds available for AA members to attend the forum
- **District 20:** DCM, Urbano, is offering help with Corrections
- **District 28:** Bill E. offering help with Treatment Facilities

-Other Business:

- **Visit from Rich H. our Delegate**
- **Gateway needs Woman support, contact Sandy M. for more details**
- **Bill B. was elected as the PI alternate.**

Officer Reports: *Joe M.*

DCM Report for Summer Committee Meeting,

District 22 is moving along great. We have great participation at the District level.

All of our Committee positions are filled, and when there is an opening we have been able to fill these positions quickly.

We have about 65 meetings listed within our district. I have been visiting many of these meetings myself. We have also assigned responsibility for getting the word out to these meetings through our DCMA Michelle B. and our four LCMs. They are encouraged to attend their assigned meetings at least quarterly and keep their meetings updated with District news and events, and to encourage and also remind GSRs of their responsibilities to attend District meetings and Area events.

We are well along on the planning for our annual Summer Picnic on August 18th, where we expect close to 500 people. There will be ample food, games for children and adults, speakers and plenty of fellowship.

Planning for our Gala Winter Christmas party in December, which includes a stage show presentation, has already started, because we have found these events take considerable planning. More will be revealed.

Within our District we will be hosting several workshops in the upcoming months. You can find more information at the District web site.

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

I am very grateful for this opportunity to serve.

Thank you,

Joe M. DCM D22

DCMA: *Michelle B.*

DCMA Report-Michelle B.

Big Book & Discussion Meeting that meets on Monday's at 8:00 pm at LSSI has chairpersons on the Women's side till November.

All the 1:30 pm meetings at the Elgin Alano Club have joined together as one group & meeting at same scheduled days and times. However, there is 1 GSR for all 5 meetings. The group is called Fellowship of the Spirit.

Gratitude Girls' GSR & Alt. GSR are not able to attend District because of work/personal issues. I continue to let them know if they need help or support let me know.

I've been able to visit to all of my assigned meetings. Some of them numerous times. I'll continue to visit & keep in contact with GSR of these groups.

Treasurer: *Manus S.*

NIA- AA District 22 Treasurer Monthly Report
August 5th 2012.

1. In July 2011 group contributions to District 22 were \$126.00. This year we received \$1,698.70 in group contributions in July. **(Of this please note \$966.50 was designated for the summer picnic.)**
2. Contributions YTD through July 2011 were \$2,313.73 while contributions through July 2012 were \$6,659.37. **(Of this please note \$1,926.50 is designated for the picnic.)**
3. Expenses through YTD July 2011 were \$4,015.40 while expenses through July 2012 were \$4,367.96.
Expenses include Picnic Seed Money: \$556.90.
Expenses include Christmas Party Seed Money: \$284.50
4. Note that the monthly report includes a spread sheet for the picnic and the Christmas Party. Please note the budget for the picnic & the Christmas party is included in this report.
5. Please remind your group treasurers that contributions should be mailed to:
District 22, P.O. Box 1434, Elgin, IL 60121. I will not normally issue a receipt for checks but I am always happy to issue receipts for cash contributions.
6. I am happy to issue checks at the monthly district meeting or reimburse receipts at any time during the month. Just mail your receipt to our P.O. Box.
7. Please note: All service chairs should confirm with the treasurer before placing orders on behalf of another service chair to be sure sufficient funds are included in the budget to cover this expense.
8. Please Note: Of 64 groups listed in our directory only 28 (less than half) have contributed to the picnic so far this year. Please remind your groups we are about \$1,500.00 short of covering our expenses for the picnic.

LCM Reports: Jeff J. / Jayne M.

Visited:

1. **Tuesday Night One Day at a Time @ 7:30pm-** Group is stable
2. **Wednesday Night Reflections Group @7:00pm-**Meeting is growing
3. **Saturday Morn. Little Red Door Group @9am-**Attended business meeting, making minor changes to group such as sign-up sheet, and creating Sponsor Availability Sheet

-Jeff J.

I visited 4 groups since my last report. These groups include:

1. Woman`s New Beginnings: They have a workshop coming up on 9/11 entitled "Emotional Sobriety." This is a well organized group; they have a GSR, Treasurer, Secretary, and Grapevine chair. The business meeting is held the 1st Tuesday after District. There is also babysitting available. This meeting breaks up into smaller meetings including: Big Book Discussion, Grapevine Reading, and Discussion Groups.

2. Second Shifters: Meeting is located at Holy Trinity and starts at Noon. Business meeting is held the 1st Monday of the month. They have a GSR and Alt. GSR.

3. Grapevine: 7:00pm- located at Zion Lutheran. Mike M. Served as this meetings GSR for 7 years and recently handed the commitment over to Dave. Group of about 20 regulars, both new and old sobriety. Talked to this group about the Special needs meeting at Maplewood.

4. Faith, Hope & Serenity: The Program House- Wednesday nights @ 6:30. This meeting has a GSR, Secretary, and Treasurer. This group is involved in a lot of service work.

In Love –N- Service,

Jayne M.

GSR Reports: No Reports given this month

Committee Final Reports:

Answering Service: *Emily T.*

As always, thank you to all who volunteer for the answering service. I am still planning on going on a tour of the AnswerCall facility. I am hoping to do this before the next district meeting. If you need to add, remove, or update you info for the volunteer list, please contact me. I will email Krista a breakdown of the calls that came in for July this week so it can be included in the minutes for those who are interested.

Thank you!!!

Correctional Facilities: Nathan B.

Hi Folks,

Happy August!! There seems to be something new going on in corrections.

Local:

It's About Change. The state sponsored halfway house for recently releases inmates is more than it would appear. Every Friday a group hosts a speaker meeting at 7:00pm where residents of the house ask for local AA to come share their story with residents, friends, families, and the community. The house hosts early intervention meetings from 9-11am during the week. Starting this Tuesday August 7 lasting throughout the rest of the month will be a "Back to Basics" comprehensive study of the 50 paragraphs in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous containing the steps.

State Hospital:

I was only able to attend the non-corrections related meeting in the facility. I was able to find out the Tuesday meeting does have a consistent attendance from members of the outside, however. Over the past month there has been a robust list of outsiders who attend the Thursday meeting. On one occasion, the local members outnumber then the hospital's residents. We appreciate every one's continued attendance and participation.

State Volunteer Help sheet:

Districts 22 and D23 are pooling resources to create a spreadsheet which will collect all of the data required for 12 step volunteers in State Corrections Facilities throughout the state. In June, we collected contact info for each facility. There are many unknowns when faced by Corrections Chairs throughout the state once selected to serve in this capacity. We hope to do the heavy lifting in putting together a spreadsheet answer volunteers' potential questions at a glance.

Phase 1: We will be setting up meetings with volunteer coordinators and program administrators.

Phase 2: We will put together a syllabus get questions answered which will help us put together this comprehensive document.

We will let you know where we all this stands upon the next report.

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Special Needs: *Matt L.*

- **Asta Care** still needs support Saturdays @ 2pm. **New Service Opportunity:** Maplewood Care Home , **Wednesdays at 4pm.** Come out and share your experience, strength, and hope with those that cannot get out for a meeting.

Web Master: *Larry S.*

District 22
Webmaster
August 5, 2012
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There were 421 visits in June and 436 in July.

A reminder that I can put up a page for your group or for your committee. You just need to provide content. Also you need to let me know when there are updates to the information on your page.

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

Larry

| Website | Visits |
|----------------|---------------|
| August 2011 | 453 |
| September 2011 | 470 |
| October 2011 | 476 |
| November 2011 | 449 |
| December 2011 | 494 |
| January 2012 | 491 |
| February 2012 | 508 |
| March 2012 | 601 |
| April 2012 | 482 |
| May 2012 | 428 |
| June 2012 | 421 |
| July 2012 | 436 |

Upcoming Area Events: Click on the links for more details

- [Illinois State Conference](#) , August 24-26th, Springfield, IL.
- [Ice Cream Social and Open Speaker Meeting](#), August 25th, 7:30PM-@ Elgin Alano Club.
- [Women's New Beginnings Emotional Sobriety Workship](#), September 11th, 7pm-St. Hugh of Lincoln. *Men are welcome!*
- [54th ICYPAA](#), September 13-15th, the Millennium Hotel, St. Louis, MO.
- Fall Assembly, September 15th, 9is-Wheaton, IL.

District Meeting – September 9th – 4:30pm, St. Hugh of Lincoln

Passionately submitted by ~Krista L. - District 22 Secretary