

## District 22 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

### June 7, 2015

Meeting Time: 4:30  
Serenity Prayer  
Tradition 6 – Chuck  
Concept 6 – Kim

In attendance: 39

Review of District Minutes-

**New Gsr's/ Alternate:**

**Visitors:**

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

**Recent Anniversaries:**

Ken – 3 years  
Curt – 23 years  
Larry S. – 29 years  
Herb – 20 years

***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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- 100 cup coffee pot has been donated to the district
- Saturday Sherman Open needs help. Please attend the business meeting
- 12x12x12 and more meeting is moving to 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church, meeting time changes to 7pm

**Guest Speaker:** Rich H. and Carol H.

Sept Fall assembly voted to have BTG. 6 years ago we were trying to meet with people to have pre-released contacts.

Carol provided a brief history of BTG. BTG worked well when there was a separate committee. Share did not have any type of BTG efforts for 16 ½ years. BTG workshops are all over the US and Canada.

**Old Business:**

- Picnic – kids games and raffle needs committee chairs – will meet next month before district

**New Business:**

**Officer Reports:**

**DCM: Manus**

**Monthly DCM Report**  
**June 7<sup>th</sup> 2015**

I attended the Bridging The Gap workshop on May 31st and found the program and discussion very helpful. Many thanks to Rich Healless and other members of the Area committee who worked hard to make this an exceptional program.

We further thank Rich for doing double duty by addressing us here today on the topic of Bridging the Gap. It is to be hoped that you have all gained sufficient information on the BTG program to discuss with your groups and come to the July meeting prepared to vote on adding a BTG service Committee at the district level.

By way of a reminder.....the 2015 East Central Regional Forum is approaching. I have registration fliers and agendas for those interested in attending in Milwaukee on November 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. I have put some out on the table for anyone who might be interested.

Please note our July meeting will be the second Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**DCMA: Kevin**

I attended and participated in the Area Committee Meeting on May 9th, in La Fox. During the meeting we discussed items on the Agenda for the Summer Assembly. Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, and DCM's gave their Quarterly Reports. Since Manus was unable to attend this meeting, I filled in on giving our District's Quarterly Report. Our Delegate touched on the 65th General Service Conference that she attended back in April. But she will be giving her full report about the Conference on June 13th, at the Summer Assembly. ( Flyers for the Summer Assembly are over on the table )

I also attended our District's first Summer Picnic Meeting and plans for that are under way. Thank you to all District 22 members for stepping up to be of service for this event.

I attended 2 meetings with our LCM's and I will have to purchase some more coffee supplies for our next meeting.

**Treasurer: Dan S.**

- \$300 motioned to increase Treatment budget. Wade L seconded the motion. Big Books to LSSI and literature motion carries
- Report attached

**LCM:**

Sandy M. – I attended 5 meetings in May, and 3 business meetings. Everything is going well. Monday First Baptist has a new GSR & Alternate, Bobby J. Is the new GSR and Diana R. Is the new alternate.

Curt – 8pm Thursday night men's group at St Hugh going very well, except contacts in directory are outdated. I have two new ones. Very good support.

730pm Tuesday night meeting one day at a time meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran church is no longer going it is cancelled.

8pm Friday big book and 12and12 they have a gsr and meeting large and doing well.

7pm Sunday night library group they have a gsr good attendance .meeting doing well

8pm Monday meeting at Issi could use more support. Last Monday of month is a speaker meeting and it was very interesting and very good.

730pm Wednesday night serenity group has a gsr and doing well.

730pm Hampshire meeting. I gave them meeting directories. they have a new gsr Joy B .I have contact information. They have Ann. coins now meeting doing well.

8pm Friday night fellowship meeting. They have a active gsr ,attendance is very good it was a speaker meeting ,informative interesting very good.

Rick W. –

Andy R-

Keith B. –

**GSR Reports:****Committee Final Reports:****Answering Service:**

- Workshop has been postponed

**Archives:** Nate

- No Report

**C.P.C.:** Ken

- I visited 3 small businesses this month. I am in the process of moving which will be done Thursday, so I will be more productive this month. I visited Cross Container which had no E.A.P. department. The same was true with another company I visited Nation Inc. Finally, I visited Bulk Lift Company which did not even have a human resources person. All were pleased and had no program in place to deal with those afflicted.

**Correctional Facilities:** Herbert

- No report

**Directories:** Tina

- printed 500 copies

**Grapevine:** Bobby

- workshop is August 1<sup>st</sup>

**Literature:** *Kristen*

- \$1 a piece newcomer packets

**PI:** *Linda*

- Still planning workshop.

**Special Needs:** *Bob*

- I have nothing to report. If group conscience dictates we now will have a Bridging The Gap committee in District 22 I look forward to helping out. That is most definitely a cooperative effort which may include Special Needs.

**Treatment:** Bill

- Contacted VA about a treatment center and contacted area chair. We have been put on the list to be able to drop off info at VA as well as Army National Guard
- On wed may 27<sup>th</sup> members from our committee met with LSSI and other bridge volunteers. We received the rules and guidelines for attendees of LSSI Bridge Groups and meetings. We were informed that as of 5/5/15 LSSI clients are no longer going to be in attendance of the AA and other 12 step programs. We were also informed that there will no longer be a 30 day policy regarding previous clients attendance to the AA meetings. The treatment committee has been asked to provide volunteers for the bridge groups on Sunday mornings for June, July and August. The requirements are as follows:
  - a) Must have at least one year of sobriety
  - b) Must have worked all 12 steps
  - c) Must have a sponsor

The treatment committee would also like to report on our efforts with bridging the gap, not only with in our own district but at the area level also. On May 4<sup>th</sup> we began the BTG meetings at Share in Hoffman Estates. We have also been in contact with Area 19 as this is a part of Area 19. We were welcomed by Area 19 to continue this work. These meetings take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month at 7:30 pm. Currently we have 5 members of the treatment committee and one member of the PI committee who volunteer to carry this work. All six volunteers attended the BTG workshop that was held at First Baptist Church on May 30<sup>th</sup>. The workshop was informational and gave us

some additional ideas, such as how to set up and maintain our database as well as which AA literature is beneficial to take in for clients.

We have been building a database of temporary contacts. This list includes roughly 80 contacts both men and woman. We are still looking for additional contacts within D22 to become volunteers for this important work.

We have also been in contact with LSSI's representative in regards at that facility, which is why it is imperative the temporary contact list continues to grow. We have requested literature from GSO to put together packets for clients when we go into the treatment centers.

Our committee makes an effort to follow up with the clients upon discharge to ensure that the bridges between treatment and AA are taking place. To date we have had success with 2 male clients transitioned into men's residence west and the 2 female clients transitioned into three quarter houses in District 11.

Additional Treatment efforts:

We took 2 men to detox at St.Alexis one was discharged and was handed off to FOB while he waited to go in to LSSI's 28 day inpatient program. The second one returned home to his family.

We have been contacted by an inmate of IDOC who has transitioned to North Lawndale adult transitional center with a discharge date of Nov/Dec. The content is to bridge him into Men's Residence West or sober living in our District. We will keep you informed on these efforts going forward.

We have reached out to Kane County Drug Court clients who drop in Elgin to give them our numbers, and offer rides or assistance in getting to meetings.

Future work to be done-

Reach out to Renz center in regards to BTG

Two members of our committee have been asked to attend the BTG weekend workshop in Park City, UT Sept 11-13 in the absence of the Area BTG chair and alternate.

**Website:** Larry  
District 22  
Webmaster  
June 7, 2015

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There were 1186 visits to the site in May. Those visits were made by 658 separate people and they viewed a total of 2411 pages.

I added the district mailing address to the Information for Members page and will be looking into a report that some of the fonts on the site are difficult to read on a PC.

Please remember that there is a link on the information for members page that you can use to report changes to the meeting schedule.

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](mailto:larrys86@comcast.net) or go to the website and you can email webmaster.

### **Website Visits**

	<b>Unique Visitors</b>	<b>Visits</b>	<b>Pageviews</b>
• May 2015	658	1186	2411
• April 2015	658	1183	2490
• March 2015	608	1120	2331
• February 2015	613	1039	2543
• January 2015	581	1055	2513
• December 2014	470	803	1858
• November 2014	515	918	2153
• October 2014	541	974	2190
• September 2014	537	1029	2355
• August 2014	524	949	2235
• July 2014	527	1005	2454
• June 2014	480	967	2299

**Upcoming Area Events:**

District 52 Bridging the Gap Workshop **Kankakee, IL July 11**  
District 10 Picnic **Vernon Hills, IL July 26**  
Delegate Report at 12 and MORE **Elgin, IL July 29**  
32nd Anniversary Open Meeting **McHenry, IL July 31**  
Wolf River - Nicolet Campout **White Lake, WI August 7-9**  
Delegate Report and Pool Party **Clifton, IL August 8**  
Summer Committee **La Fox, IL August 8**  
2015 Illinois State Conference **Normal, IL August 28 - 30, 2015**  
Fall Assembly (revised flyer) **East Moline, IL September 19**  
NIA 20 Big Book Conference (English) (Spanish) **Palatine, IL October 24**  
East Central Regional Forum **Milwaukee, WI Nov. 13-15**  
Kankakee Mini Conference **Kankakee, IL November 14, 2015**

***District Meeting – July 12<sup>th</sup> – 4:30pm, St. Hugh of Lincoln***

*Peace, Love & Unity*  
*Alicia F.- District 22 Secretary*