

**Northern Illinois Area 20
District 41 Answering Service
Report for May, 2010**

We are around 320 calls accepted in the Answering Service Office. I missed another couple of weeks in the office. I was hospitalized for a week and a day, then in no condition to negotiate the stairs for another week. Which again leads to staffing.

Glad is going to Michigan for the summer. Wendy is ready to take her place. Nicki N. had to resign from the Thursday 5-9 shift, but Todd has been freed up to resume this shift. (This used to be his shift.) Chris T has volunteered for the Wednesday 9-1 shift. Adam, who had this shift, will relieve me on Mondays sometime after 11 when he can. (He is a musician and teacher and sometimes had late Sunday gigs.) Starting June 7, Kathy W. will be working with me on the Monday 9-1 shift for the summer (She's a teacher). I'm going to need an operation in late July and will miss a month or so. Just as the schedule was set, with all positions filled, Dave went back to work. So we now need someone for the Friday 1-5 shift. I have a couple of ideas, but they will take some time to implement.

Remember, candidates should have at least a year (or close) "solid" sobriety. A good guideline is that they are far enough into the 9th step that some of the "Promises" have started to kick in. They need to have something to give away. If they are in doubt, they should ask their sponsor.

"Upon further review" the Church decided our electrician would work to get a new line into the office for the air conditioner. Thanks to Bob K. from my home group, the air conditioner is in the window - installed. Don G donated it. It is a small unit and we may be able to limp along until the new line is installed.

The phone bill is down to \$169. This is for 2 lines and DSL. We will continue to monitor this with an eye toward getting it down even more. We are slowly building a reserve. The new electrical line for the air conditioner (and heater in the winter) will cost a couple of hundred dollars – mostly for City permits and fees. (And the fund still owes me \$500 - I haven't forgotten that.)

I had 2 calls this weekend. One from a gentleman from Ohio who was in the area for a week and needed to connect to his alcoholic family. I gave him directions to Anona East. He called to thank me. He made some friends at Anona, and has a home away from home for his next trip. The other was from the computer. A young man in Summit called because he was sick and tired of being sick and tired and was willing to try anything else. A buddy and I picked him up and took him to our Saturday meeting, and the restaurant afterward. He had a good time and is eager to continue.

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