

**BRIDGING THE GAP REPORT**  
**SPRING COMMITTEE**  
**MAY 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Good Morning Area 20 Committee

My apologies today for not joining you. I am attending the wedding of a young couple that we have known for a while now

My report is brief:

Through a series of events, knowing the right people, answering my phone and asking the right questions, we had our first Bridging the Gap Meeting at Share Treatment Center in Hoffman Estates. The first meeting was May 4<sup>th</sup>, and was attended by four BTG Committee Members from the Elgin area, along with Carol H. and myself. All further meetings will be manned by this local committee. Staff, volunteers and those living there were all excited to get this started. According to a member of administrative staff there, they haven't had this type of meeting there in over 16 years.

May 30 there is a Bridging the Gap Workshop in Elgin hosted by Area 20 Treatment. This event was scheduled before there was a Bridging the Gap Committee. I will be there and looking forward to getting some thoughts on hosting a BTG Workshop.

July 11<sup>th</sup> in Kankakee Area 20 will be hosting its first Bridging the Gap Workshop

My entire life is very full, but I am still very glad and excited I accepted this new responsibility.

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Rich H.  
Area 20 Bridging the Gap Chair