

## NIA 20 2013 Summer Committee Meeting

August 10, 2013

Lord of Life Church, La Fox, IL

(District 21, Host)

AA anniversaries

Carmela R. 13 years

John 6 years

Frank 31 years

Tom B 36 years

Twelve Concepts of World Service -John

Announcements ; Katie

### POINT OF ORDER

Ray M. point of order on Candidates declaring what positions they will be running for. Believes Area Chair does not have authority to change 3 Legacy or procedure. Asks that you withdraw it. Chair declines. Ray makes motion to vote to NOT do this, Cheryl 2nds it. Ray says his point is that chair lacks the authority to do this today. It makes a fundamental change to the 3<sup>rd</sup> legacy and introduces the opportunity for politicking. Questions; none. Discussion: Rich H, I like the idea, part of the reason we have committee mtgs is to have DCMS inform districts. This would be the opportunity for DCMs to bring this info back. Our GSRs don't always know who their voting for, but discussion by groups ahead of time will help. It's a good idea to know who may be standing. People can also change their mind about running or not. This gives groups/GSRs the opportunity to discuss who's running ahead of time. Bill W.; Feel like I'm being put on the spot to step up today, we need to have more discussion at the Assembly level to put this into practice or not. Cheryl V; This topic came up at Service Structure, this change to our guidelines should be decided by Assembly, not one person or the Area Committee. Jeff G; I agree that this is a good thing, better to know who's running. Discussing it right now is a good idea. Tom B; Question, if we do this that doesn't stop anyone from being nominated or standing at assembly?. In the ancient past we did have nominating committees to go around and ask who would run. It avoided having people who could not do the job standing for it. We need to see that we have the candidates to fill the most important positions. I don't see any harm in this, and I don't think it's beyond the Chair's authority. We need responsible people. Terry; The only thing i want to bring out is that I know in many groups and Districts they do noms a whole meeting before elections take place. Going from my own experience I don't see the harm. Chris D; I agree with what Tom said, this is a room full of Area people, the people who lead their districts and Area in service. It's a good idea if this body knows who's willing to stand. A discussion and knowing who's interested wouldn't be harmful. Larry S; Topic is not whether it's a good idea, it's does the Chair have this authority? How many DCMS told their districts? Answer is one. If you're not here today you can't declare your intention. Can we make this change without the permission of the assembly? There is a fear among GSRS that committee will run area without Assembly. Robert S; do guidelines address this? Ray, no, they don't. The elections are a matter of the Assembly, the third legacy. Is the chair and the Area Committee the ones to make this change? Rich H; 6 years ago Terry ran elections the way our service manual said we do it, and no ones done it that way since. 4 years ago I stood alone for Alternate Delegate. I think if we see there is a lack of people to stand that we then have the opportunity to encourage others to do it. Show me where it says we can't do this. Larry; I have an issue with "show me we can't". Nowhere in the guidelines does it say I cant put a link to a Conference on Facebook, but when it happened many objected. Just

bc it doesn't say we can doesn't mean we should. Michelle H; I understand what Ray is saying, but sometimes it's time to try something new. I've been to elections 3 times, and there have been times no one has been elected. This would give people the chance to talk about what positions need to be filled.

SENSE OF THE COMMITTEE; in FAVOR OF KEEPING ON AGENDA; 21 IN FAVOR, OPPOSED-17

THIS WILL STAY ON THE AGENDA.

Approval of 2013 Spring Committee Minutes : Terry motion, Michelle second

#### Officer Reports

Chairperson: Kelly

Thank you District 21 for hosting today's committee meeting. I haven't done much traveling to districts or planning committee meetings since the summer assembly. I was able to attend the 2013 Illinois State Conference planning committee meeting on July 21st. It was mentioned that with the committee members, volunteers and panelist there are about 100 already at the event. I hope everyone was able to meet the due date on conference hotel rates. If not please still register for the event.

I have been reading reports and working on the Unabridged Service Handbook. Thank you Matt the Area Answering service chair for the updated "How to Find A.A. in Illinois". That has been added in the latest version which I have here today. There were 15 pre-orders and I printed an extra 15 copies. The person at Office Max forgot to add some charges on my two previous sample orders so the cost is back to \$5.00 per copy.

I am registered for the State Conference and the Annual BTG Weekend Workshop so I am sure I will have more to share at the Fall Assembly. Side note yes I am also registered for the Big Book Conference as well.

Thank you for your attention

Alternate Chair –Allen

No Report

Secretary : Dawn

Please make sure to turn in or email your reports. If you need a new badge, please let me know.

Registrar: Marilyn

Fellowship New Vision database

Fellowship New Vision database (FNV) was developed by the General Service Office and released for use by the areas in May, 2007. FNV is a web based tool and because of that, updates are immediate. FNV also provides each area, via their Area Registrar, access to update certain area information directly into the database. Because FNV is an online-real time database, what is entered by either the areas or the GSO Records department is available for immediate use.

Four times a year the Alternate Registrar will be sending to the DMC and the District Secretary a document of all of the groups in their district. The last column is where updates can be entered. GSRs can update group information by working with their DCM or district secretary or by completing a group information change form which they can find online at

<http://www.aa-nia.org/forms.html>.

Group information includes group name, group number, area, district, history dates, meeting locations and times, and complete group contact information. District information, on the other hand, includes district service positions and contact information for those elected to those positions and Area information is similar to district information but at the area-level.

This information is the key to communication throughout the A.A. general service structure. GSO uses group information to send information kits to new GSRs, copies of Box 459, the GSO quarterly newsletter, and GSO quarterly reports. Similarly, the area uses the information to send to the group Concepts, the NIA newsletter, and area assembly meeting minutes. This information is also used by GSO to send information kits to District and area-level committee chairs to help orient them to their service positions and by area service committee chairs to communicate with their district counterparts.

Since we will be sending minutes via e-mail, please check with me or your DCM to be sure that your e-mail is correct in FNV. In FNV the Registrar can search for groups or individuals and do instant updates.

It is no longer necessary to send group information updates to both NIA and GSO. All information update requests can be sent to the area registrar at registrar@aa-nia.org.

New e-mail address for the Area Registrar The new e-mail address for the Area Registrar is: registrar@aa-nia.org.

Information updates since 01/01/2013

All update requests that were received before 08-08-2013 have been processed in FNV.

Total for 2013

Group information 93

New groups 25

Folded/Inactive 49

Group contact information 189

District contacts 91

Area contacts 16

Total updates 463

We will continue to send welcome letters from the area to new GSRs. The packets include the following:

- a welcome letter from the area
- a snapshot of the group's information from FNV
- NIA contribution envelope

Since 1/1/2013 the Area Registrar/Alternate Registrar have sent 90 new GSR group packets.

Treasurer's Report ; Mike F

Michelle H, is 500 for BB conf (PPB 13) a typo, should it say 2500? Mike; you are correct, no it's not for everything. Carmela; 2 columns 1 saying projected cost, which I take to mean when it was initiated, and the actual cost. Ppb 40, initial cost and actual total used almost all of it, it needs to be reworked. Mike, I can put what projected cost and then actual total are. Carmela, projected cost should never change. Mike; we can't keep track of expenses and how much is spent of projected cost if we don't itemize it. Cheryl you do not understand PPM Mike. Your balancing and not how much has been spent or what has been done. Janet, we DO have that information, it's not on Mikes red sheet, it's not lost, we have it. Maybe we just need to add to it. Jeff, I propose projected cost column remain the same, we need to

show expenses incurred in each year. There is no budget year in a PPM budget. Bill; on PPM 10 we may need new motion.

Alternate Treasurer ; Janet N.

The contributions report is attached to this memo. The summary of the numbers are as follows:

Group Contributions	\$ 31,572.00
District Contributions	12,678.35
Conference Contributions	<u>6,285.50</u>
Total:	\$ 50,535.85

Please let your groups know that the address to send contributions to the NIA Treasurer is:

**NIA Treasurer  
Northern Illinois Area, Ltd.  
P.O. Box 241  
Elburn, IL 60119**

There are contribution envelopes on the information table for you to take back to your groups.

Please indicate your group number on your donation. If you know of a missing group number on my report, and have the group information, please contact me.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions to NIA 20.

Delegate Report ; Rich

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. As for myself, my life has been busy and full. And as I look forward to some of the work I will be doing as Area 20 Delegate, I can also see that time as being short, and am looking forward at what my AA future has to offer.

Since our Summer Assembly I have given four Post Conference Delegate Reports. June 23<sup>rd</sup>, District 72, an event in Elizabeth, July 7<sup>th</sup> District 22 at their District meeting, July 26 District 40 at their District Meeting, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Districts 90 & 91, an event in Galesburg. With two reports still scheduled. Tonight, August 10<sup>th</sup>, in Clifton, at an event for the Woman to Woman Group of Bourbonnais, and August 16 District 73 at their District Meeting. These reports have ranged from 20 minutes to 2 hours in duration. And other than actually doing the work on the Conference Floor, this is the most exciting part of my commitment.

The weekend of July19-21, I was at the East Central Regional Conference in Appleton Wisconsin. There was roughly about a dozen of us there from Area 20. And I must say that Michelle H. District 62 DCM, and Matt J. Area 20 Answering Service Chair did excellent jobs on their panels. I spoke on a panel with the topic, What more could be done to insure the General Service Board remains transparent and thorough in their reporting to the fellowship? My views on this have changed over the years, to now, where I think that responsibility falls into the hands of the Delegates. And open communication in BOTH directions between the Board and the Delegates. Also at this Conference, the 12 of 14 East Central Regional Delegates present met with our new Trustee, Bill F. And we all shared on how we thought we could better communicate with each other, with the goal of keeping our local fellowships more informed. We talked about conference calls, timely delivery of all AA correspondence, and the desire to get a break down of Board Weekends in our Trustees words. In this short time, we all feel that it is working and will continue to do so.

This past Saturday, on my way home from Galesburg, I played the part of replacement for Jeanne F., our Grapevine Chair, at Mi Ultimo Refugio in Elgin. Roughly translated- My Last Shelter. Been there before. LIKE IT. I wasn't as prepared as I would have liked to have been to talk about Grapevine, but picked it up by talking about local corrections and the need for Hispanic volunteers at the McHenry County Jail. I shared time with our Treatment Facilities Chair, Chris D., who did an excellent job speaking for and about Area 20 and local Treatment work.

Area Chairperson Kelly and I had agreed to share the responsibility of attending 2013 State Conference Planning Meetings. And because of my activities she has picked up my slack so I thank her for that.

You all should have received an e-mail from me about an opening for Non-Trustee Director on the Grapevine Board. I want to remind you of submittal deadline of September 9, 2013. And one of the key interests is familiarity and ties to the Spanish-speaking community.

And Finally, I hope all are considering a road trip to the 2013 East Central Regional Forum in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the weekend of November 15-17, 2013.

Alternate Delegate ; Cheryl V.

Greetings and salutations to everyone!

I have *finally* been a busy gal! I was starting to think maybe some of you didn't like me, but I know that I'm too much fun now that I'm sober for that to be the case.... Drinking... I was not so much fun. I had the opportunity to visit District 61 on June 28th and District 72 on July 17th. Both Districts wanted to have an opportunity to have their GSRs hear about the Role of the GSR. It can give you an idea of how big our Area is when you drive to Elizabeth on a Wednesday night and have to be back at work the next morning at 6:30am. And while there was only 7 people at the District 72 meeting, that's a far cry from when it was dark not too long ago.

I've also been asked to help facilitate an AA Service Social for the Flying Geese Group in District 11 on September 21st. This Group is very active in putting on regular workshop within their District. I've had opportunity to attend other workshops put on by groups, and it seems a great way to build fellowship, support a District, and provide help to the AA community in general. If your group is a looking for an idea of how they can do 12th Step Work, consider doing something like a workshop. Here in AA we don't lack for topics.

Additionally Districts 21 and 28 are teaming up to do a workshop in October. Details to come. Another way to consider doing something for the AA community is to host jointly with another District. Maybe you have a small turnout in your District, but two small Districts, with the right enthusiasm, can have one heck of a good time and "create the fellowship you crave."

I had the chance to attend the East Central Regional (ECR) Conference in Appleton. I know many of you have not considered attending ECR events since they are sometimes in other states. Please think about trying a Forum or Regional Conference in the future. Yes, they are service oriented, but, you are in service now ;-). What I have found though is that after going to them for a few years is that I have AA friends in 5 states now instead of just 2. (I live within spitting distance of Wisconsin, so some of us cross the border there.) Not to mention that I have developed a deeper understanding of General Service and how big AA really is. It definitely goes beyond the confines of my District, the Area, much less the walls of my Home Group....

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday!  
Service? WooHoo!

### Conference Reports

#### 1. 2013 State Conference (D22&23) Larry S, co-chair reporting

The theme for the 2013 State Conference, hosted by District 22 and 23, is Our Solution in Action. The conference will be held August 23 - 25, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield in Schaumburg (1800 W. Golf Rd.) which is across from Woodfield Mall. As of yesterday there are 235 registered and 192 have purchase banquets. A quick review of the registration list reveals that only twelve area committee members have registered for the conference. The room rate is \$89 per night. The room block is being held open until further notice. The phone number for room registration is 1-888-421-1442. Refer to the 2013 Illinois State AA Conference. As of Friday, August 9th there were a total of 149 rooms reserved. At 150 rooms our liability to the hotel is \$1000. At 170 it's \$500 and at 190 it's zero. So with two weeks to go we are in good shape there. Flyers are available today or you can download them from [stateconference2013.aa-nia.org](http://stateconference2013.aa-nia.org). There are opportunities to participate in the alcathion or hospitality room. Check the links on the website. Registration is \$20 and the banquet is \$33. The A.A. speakers will be Debra B. from Madison, WI Bob H. from Huntley, MT and Mary D., a staff member from G.S.O. Our new East Central Regional Trustee, Bill Farnsworth from Ohio will also join us. The AI-Anon speakers are Eric S. from South Elgin, IL, Beverly B. from Lewisville, TX and an

Alateen speaker to be announced. Program topics are: Personal Recovery: Roundtable discussion of shared recovery in action. Emotional Sobriety: Focused discussion of "The Next Frontier: Emotional Sobriety," .Family in Recovery: Shared experience by three family groups (AA, Al-Anon, Alateen) relating to recovery in the family. Freedom to Fail: discussion of Warranties 5 & 6 Self-Support: the application of Primary Purpose and of the 5th and 7th Traditions. Your Home Group: Does it Carry the Message? A round table discussion. Panel discussion by Area 19, 20 & 21: Reaching the Still Suffering by trusted servants involved in Answering Service, CPC, Grapevine, Literature & Special Needs

The Alcoholic & the Penal System At the Corner of AA and Treatment. Your General Service Conference: a panel of the three seated delegate from Illinois sharing on their experience at the GSC. And there will be a skit entitled Into Action Heros, a Meeting for the Books Our final meeting will be at the hotel on August 18th at 2:00 pm.

## 2. Annual BTG Workshop Weekend

## 3. 2013 Big Book Conference (D62) Michelle H:

It has been a busy summer for the Big Book Conference Committee; we have continued to meet every month. This month we are switching to 2 times a month in OCT we will be meeting EVERY WEEK! We have finalized the program and we are reaching out to Districts for Big Book Meetings to speak! If you know of a good Big Book Meeting in your district please contact Michelle ASAP. Michelle has signup sheets with her today and is able to take registrations as well !

We have spoken with the carter and the desert person and finalized the menus. We are asking people to REGISTER EARLY for our food Count for cater! We will be taking the Final Count for food on 10/15/2013!

We have had had Prep meetings for Greeters. They have decided to wear matching shirts that we hope the whole committee will be wearing. (This is at our own cost) We are presenting to the committee on 8/14/2013 for the whole committee to wear.

We are in the process of going to every district meeting in the Area to talk about the Big Book Conference. If you have not heard from us please contact Michelle!

We will have a station at the State Conference and Bridging the Gap Conference for people to REGISTER!

We are also asking people to Car pool!

Last count we have only 37 registered, 36 AA and one Alanon.

We are planning a final tour of church at the end of the month that the cater and all committee members will attend. We are also going to ask the EEC committee to attend for set up suggestions. We are right on track with money, Depending on the amount of people registered we will need to rent Chairs and tables PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

## 4. 2014 Spring Conference (D10,11,12) Bob P:

The planning committee meets on the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 P.M. Meetings are held at Joy Lutheran Church, 749 S. Hunt Club Road, Gurnee, IL. The event is hosted by Districts 10, 11 and 12. The Conference theme is: "Living in 10, 11 and 12". The event will take place March 28, 29 and 30, 2014, at the Holiday Inn Gurnee Convention Center: 6161 W. Grand Ave., Gurnee, IL, 60031. Registration starts at 4:00 P.M. [The Convention Center is located at the southwest corner of I94 (TriState Toll way) and Grand Ave. (Great America exit).

PLEASE NOTE: The September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M. at the Holiday Inn Gurnee for the committee's first walk through tour of the facility.

The 2014 Spring Assembly Conference budget was based on the following:

600 Registrations @ \$20.00 each [2013 Spring Conference had 654 registrations – 50% walk-in]

300 Banquets @ \$35.00 each [2013 Spring Conference sold 328 banquet dinners]

250 Hotel "room nights" at \$89.00/night (Double or King beds) [2013 Spring Conference sold 236 room nights]

Final Banquet numbers are due to the hotel on March 24, 2014. The 2014 Food and Beverage commitment is: \$8,500.00. NOTE: Box lunch and ice cream social proceeds will apply towards the \$8500.00.

All Committee Chair positions have been filled. A few Alternate/Co-Chair (4) positions are open. The requisite A.A. and Al-Anon speaker commitments have been secured; their names and cities appear on the flyer. As is customary, the Sunday morning A.A. speaker will be from the General Service Office. Al-Anon does plan to have an Alateen speaker; the flyer will list the Alateen speaker as "TBD" [to be determined]. Banquet meal choices are: Combination Beef/Chicken or Vegetarian. Box Lunches consist of sandwich, chips, whole fruit, and beverage. Choices are: Ham, Turkey, Roast Beef, or Vegetarian Wrap.

Flyers will be available and will be distributed to DCMs at the Area 20 Summer Committee Meeting. The flyer is "bi-lingual", with English on one side and Spanish on the other. Eight thousand flyers have been printed. A registration table will be at the State Conference (August 23rd-25<sup>th</sup>) in Schaumburg.

A registration table is planned to be set up at Area 20 events, e.g.: Assemblies, Committee Meetings, etc. Chair, Bob Pierce and Alternate Chair, Bill Woolridge plan to visit all (25) Area 20 District meetings in order to promote this event, pass out flyers, explain what help will be needed from individual Districts, and answer questions. Mailing of the flyers to surrounding Alano Clubs, etc. is planned. The DCM from District 20 has asked for flyers to distribute to 83 Spanish speaking meetings in Illinois. The flyer will be posted on the 2014 Spring Assembly Conference website. Electronic distribution of the flyer is planned. Individual Districts will be solicited for help with: Alcathons, Panels, Greeting, Hospitality Room, Registration, Public Information, etc. The committee is hoping to be "proactive" in securing registrations throughout the upcoming 8 months.

The individual event committees are meeting separately and are underway evaluating the facility, securing commitments, lining up materials, and otherwise planning for a successful event. The committee is on track at this point having achieved milestones as set forth in the Area 20 "Procedures for Planning the Spring Assembly Conference".

#### 5. Delegates Past and Present Conference (Area 20) Ray M Reporting;

We create a mock GSC. Discussion amongst Delegates and Trustees on things important to the fellowship as a whole. Rich; thanks to Ray and Marcia. We are going to need participants for hospitality and greeting.

#### DCM Reports

District 10: Mike M We  
now have a couple of workshops Happening soon: A corrections workshop at the Waukegan Alano club in Waukegan hosted by district 10 and twelve on Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 pm.

An answering service workshop at Serenity House in Libertyville Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Robin and Bridget from our answering service committee will be facilitating and there will be a panel discussion.

Also in the district Serenity House in Libertyville will be having their annual picnic Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> in the Old school forest preserve at noon.

District 10 is hosting the Fall committee meeting at Lord of life church, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Planning is ongoing for the spring conference 2014, at the Holiday inn Gurnee on March 28 hosted by district 10,11,

and 12.

Last and certainly not least The "A Way out" group will be having its annual Anniversary party/ dinner gala at the civic center in Libertyville on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Speaker this year is Otto.

District 11; Dave :Corrections committee has attracted the immigration detainees but finds a strain on the two Hispanic volunteers. Volunteers needed in all areas, male and female. The District voted to adopt and implement NIA 20 Website guidelines. Elections in October, budgets in November.

District 21; Nicole E.

On behalf of District 21, we want to thank you for the opportunity to host this event. We have a great bunch of enthusiastic volunteers and I want to thank them all for their work; John, Scott, Kristina, Barbara, Chet, Katie, Chuck, Jim, Carl and Bill. We currently have 25 active registered groups, 7 of those meet in members homes. At our May meeting we had the pleasure of hosting a discussion by our Delegate who shared his experience at the GSC. We were also visited by past Delegate Larry S in June to promote the upcoming state conference. I asked Larry to plug the East Central Regional Forum coming up in November, which I am hoping will encourage participation from our district members. Our committees have been active. PI/CPC is working to place service announcements in the public health section of our local paper and has dropped off meeting directories to the Palatine Police Department. Treatment/Corrections has provided pamphlets to social services and a local treatment facility. Our website is up to date and answering service is working. Grapevine has renewed subscriptions donated to libraries and schools as well as copies for District service committees to use. At our July meetings we decided to hold district elections in October. We discussed ideas to generate interest in General Service. There was interest in hosting a workshop in advance of district elections. We are in discussion/planning to hold a service workshop in early October and will partner with district 28. We are working on location, program and participants. Wood Street young people's meeting needs support in the form of members with sobriety. Group meets Thursday at 8:30 pm at 1<sup>st</sup> United Church 123 N. Plum Grove Rd, Palatine.

District 23; Karen M

We will be having a Grapevine workshop on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Hanover Park. There will be some history of the Grapevine and speakers who have had their stories published in the Grapevine. Things are going well on the District level. Almost all the positions are filled and the people holding those positions are taking action to fulfill their roles/duties.

District 40; Debbie

Addition; We are beginning to plan for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Du Page county open in conjunction w/Districts 41, 42 and 43 to be held in February 2014; Date still to be determined. Getting ready for end of Summer picnic on 9/8 from 11 to 4 at Churchill Woods on in Glen Ellyn. Tickets are \$5, kids 12 and under are free. Food, fun and games. Our CPC/PI chair has been busy providing presentations at COD for nursing students as well as working with the college on PSAs. In addition, she has been placing AA brochures in the public information kiosks at some district grocery stores. Chris, our CPC/PI chair is our new Alternate DCM, so we have an opening for CPC/PI chair. One of our meetings hosted a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> step workshop on 8/3. The event was a big success with approximately 100 in attendance.

District 41: Walt

#### District Finances:

July 2013 closing balance: at \$731

Answering Service (financially independent) June closing balance: at \$1,753

#### District Actions

A successful 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Step Workshop was held in mid-March with 30+ people attending to participate and learn more about these important, but sometimes forgotten, Steps. Another workshop concerning sponsor/sponsee relationships is going to be held this September at Faith Evangelical UMC in Elmhurst.



The District 41 website was updated. This includes district meeting information being updated regularly, helpful information being added for Answering Service home volunteers and new, updated descriptions for our service positions.

We had an incident at the Lombard branch of the Du Page Crisis Intervention Center in July. During an AA meeting being held there the patients were erroneously told by an AA member that bipolar dx didn't exist, that the 12 Steps could be used in such situations.

Our participation with at Elmhurst Hospital's Intensive Outpatient Program has been expanded to 3 times a month (we provide two speakers and follow up with a question/answer period).

Haymarket Symposium, held 6/10-12/2013, seems to have gone well. I believe that we had 8/9 volunteers that participated. The volunteers talked with treatment-related professionals and passed out literature. We'll never know the impact we had on these people as they came from all around Chicago, Illinois and I'd assume some from out of state.

One of the services District 41 performs, is distribution of A.A. pamphlets through our local libraries. Here is a breakdown of our library pamphlet distribution since 7/12/12:

	Lombard	Villa Park	Elmhurst
Distributed	448	28	160
Monthly average	42	2.7	32

That's over 1200 known pamphlets distributed in the last year, with a vast majority going to our local libraries. The Lombard library actually e-mails requests for pamphlets to us now when their supply starts running low. Pamphlets are given to one of DuPage County's DUI evaluators on a regular basis, one of the Du Page County clinics and to Kane County's Victim Impact Panel. The Bensenville and Addison libraries were added to our distribution program in the last few months. Distribution numbers for each library were 100 pamphlets in July; both in English and Spanish. Last month we had someone volunteer to support the Villa Park library on a regular basis.

The District Answering Service actually has an office to be manned by volunteers; the problem has been manning that office with volunteers. We have been experiencing to many vacant time slots or 'no shows'. It was decided that we should look into an outside service. At our last meeting a motion to look further into "Answer Call" system was approved.

District 43: Erik

All our committee positions are filled.

Our Corrections Committee delivered over 12 cases of big books to the DuPage Correctional Facility in July.

Our Treatment Committee continues to arrange for speakers at the Linden Oaks Treatment Facility and Detox Units in Naperville. We are also continuing participate in an inter-district effort to carry the message into the Good Sam Detox facility as well as the Crisis Intervention Center in Lombard.

Our Annual District Picnic was held on July 13<sup>th</sup> in Naperville and was well attended.

District 61:

Dist. 61 just had their third annual pignic (picnic pigroast) had great weather and fellowship. Working on the winter assembly which we are hosting in Dec. Had Cheryl come and do the Role of the GSR so that in the future any new GSRs will get the intro! Thanks Cheryl for your service! Meetings at the Kane County Jail are doing well ... just got 3 new female volunteers!!!

District 62: Michelle

Hello trusted Servants,

We have had a big couple months in District 62! We are working hard on the Big Book Conference but also we have had our Picnic and Annual Softball game against District 64! I am proud to say we are CHAMPIONS once again for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a ROW! woohooo! Attendance was wonderful there were over 100 people there! It was a really good time! We had a picnic on Aug 4 that was a lot of fun! We had no meeting in July for the District but still continued with the Big Book Meeting as planned.

We are having our elections in September and we are hoping to fill all the positions. We are still trying to get a Service School together but looks like it might be in November ( after the Big Book Conference )

We will also be having our annual Wilson-Smith Golf outing on Aug 24<sup>th</sup> at the Wolfrun golf course in Aurora IL . This info is on our website.

I was asked to be a moderator at the East Central Regional Conference in Appleton Wis. I am including my report of what I said and my visual aids. Of Course things always don't go as planned and I was able to speak to fill time on the panel. I was truly humbled to be able to speak. I was extremely nervous, however I was approached after by many people in Area 74 and 75 who loved the idea and are going to try to relate the idea to their districts. I was also asked to speak at the 2014 Round up in Wisconsin as the Friday night speaker! HOLY COW! I am amazed at how God is working in my life. I was able to meet our NEW East Central Regional Trustee Bill and hear his story. He was a very nice man and I truly enjoyed speaking with him. I would like to thank Rich H for asking me and Area 20 for helping me to attend.

The next few months are going to be really busy as we continue to plan for the big book conference. We once again ask you to register for the Big Book conference early and often LOL to help with the count for the food and to car pool.

District 90: Randy

District 90 and 91 joined forces and held the Delegates Post Conference Report last weekend. We learned a lot and had a informative interactive session. Thanks to District 91 (Ed and Eva) for hosting and doing the lions share of the work. District 90 is starting preparation for our summer service event. We are planning a campfire meeting with the theme "Recovery, Unity, and Service".

District 73:

We will devote our next GSR meeting to a Post GSC report presented by our Delegate Rich H. on 8/16 in Polo II. I have flyers. Our annual Round up will be held November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Loveland Community Center in Dixon. Workshop in Mt Carrolle IL hosted by New Hope Group. Flyer will be at State Conference and also all NIA 20 Events, "The Traditions".

#### Standing Committee Reports

#### Concepts: Phil G.

The fall Concepts is under construction. This is a wonderful time to consider sending a comment or article or news of an upcoming event. Or, to report on a recent event. Are you entirely happy with all that goes on in the Area? This is a good place to air your opinion.

The last Concepts went out to a total of 1,395. Of these, 1,035 were NIA Area GSRs. Of these, half or more do not attend either district meetings or Area Assemblies. This means that Concepts is the only contact they have with the AA world outside of the confines of their own group. It is the only place they see district, area or GSO news and the only place they hear how, why and where to support their district, area and GSO financially.

The district news posted in the Area Beat may help attract some of these GSRs to your district meetings and, hopefully, articles about Area activities will entice some to our assemblies.

The Concepts Calendar is updated quarterly in print and monthly on the web. Please let us know what group and district activities are planned so we can get them on the calendar

Thank you to all who have contributed to and continue to support this NIA Area 20 publication.

Treatment-Chris D.

Workshop coming in September. Went recently to Hispanic District to speak on Area Treatment Committee Work.

CPC: Carmela

Your CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) Committee presents the following report for this committee meeting:

1. District 71 has a new CPC chair - we will get together next month for activity.
2. District 70 is CPC very active, getting small displays of literature, meeting schedules, and contact phone into smaller hospitals, clinics, and community social service offices.
3. Plan on visit to District 73 monthly meeting, hoping to participate in service workshop - October possibly.
4. Planning has not yet begun but interest has been expressed by District 10 CPC committee to have a workshop in the fall.
5. Your CPC Committee has been invited to participate in the "Open Hand of AA: Tools for Reaching the Still Suffering Alcoholic" session at the upcoming Illinois State Conference being held at the Hyatt Regency - Schaumburg, August 23-25, 2013. This session will be held at 9:00 AM on Saturday in the Mahogany 1 Ballroom. We will share our experience with the session attendees as to how this CPC in the group, district and area can reach out to professionals who serve suffering alcoholics to help them find their way to the rooms of AA.
6. Update on PPM Register items –
  - a. PPM 26 – projected cost of \$750.00 when motion was initiated, \$399.92 has been spent thus far. This is for Workshops that we can participate in with districts as well as CPC Work Books.
  - b. PPM 40 – projected cost of \$800.00 when motion was initiated, \$708.93 has been spent thus far. This is for support of Haymarket Symposium event held in 2012 and 2013. This motion can now be retired.
  - c. The Primary Purpose Register does not accurately reflect our overall activity and expenses for either motion named above – we will work with our Area treasury to ensure updates are available for our report to the upcoming Fall Assembly.

Corrections: Dan L, Alt Chair

He has received Re-entry requests for Joliet, Kankakee, McHenry, Gurnee, Rockford and Aurora. Bill passed them along to DCM's or District CF chairs and personally sends a return letter to the inmate.

The books that the Area sent to Decatur and Logan Correctional facilities have reaped a good harvest. The lady that sent the initial request to District 11 is due to re-enter and possibly in time to get to the State Conference.

Bill will be Moderating the Correctional panel at the State Conference. The panel will include Area 19 & 21 Corrections Chairs, two Professional Correctional workers, and two success stories. One of which is a Drug Court graduate. He will be moderating the Correctional Panel at the Bridging The Gap Workshop Weekend beginning of September, too.

Districts 10 & 12 have joined forces, and have been doing Twelve Step workshops in the Lake County jail. The third workshop is set to start soon. District 11, McHenry County, has been doing it a little longer, and have seen "fruit growing on the vines".

Corrections will be present and supporting the Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend in Sept

Bill has held up ordering any literature in order that Area 21 D.O.C. facilities can get their requests in.

Bill has received a pen pal request for a man that has three more years on his sentence at Dixon.

From Dan L

I have received a request for Big Books and Twelve and Twelve Books for Sheridan Correctional Center. That order will be fulfilled shortly.

I will be participating in a panel during the Bridging The Gap Workshop Weekend in September.

Bill and I have been discussing and communicating about the transition coming up after elections take place.

Both Bill and I attended the BTGWW planning meeting August 4, 2013.

That is all Folks!!

#### Discussion of NIA Committee Agenda items

1. Bids for the 2014 Big Book Conference ; To Fall Assembly

2. Motion by the Finance Committee to amend the guidelines for the prudent reserve , Presented by Mike M. AMENDMENT; "IT IS MOVED THAT UNDER THE GUIDELINES FOR THE PRUDENT RESERVE ON PAGE 48 OF THE HANDBOOK, IT BE AMENDED TO READ 'THE PERCENTAGE SHALL BE 25%'".

Questions; Cheryl V; In the summer assembly it was recorded that prudent reserve was raised to 18k, and original motion was that 2013 we would have 30% of PPB. So we are already at 30%, is it your suggestion to lower it? Mike; Yes, lower back to 25%. Cheryl : FRIENDLY AMENDMENT NOT GOING TO INCREASE FOR 2013. Mike M; YES, Terry; Actual Motion should strike "and increase to 30% in 2013". Mike; Yes, it's already there. MOTION WOULD BE TO STRIKE PAGE 48 OF HANDBOOK STRIKE PARAGRAPH AT TOP THAT SAYS THIS PERCENTAGE WILL BE INCREASED TO 30% IN 2013. Erik L; let's not get hung up on semantics, change wording in handbook to 25% if you strike out last words of last sentence. Ray M; Speak to the analysis please. Mike M; General increase in contributions and low rate of expenses are the reason, and it's reflected by the Treasurers report today.

Discussion; Larry; I would be opposed to this. The motion to increase came before last year, there were no unexpected shortfalls on horizon. There are never unexpected shortfalls. We don't know what's going to happen next year. We already have 30% in prudent reserve, why would we want to back it off? Bad things CAN happen. We cannot always guarantee financial security, why give that away and lessen prudent reserve. Mike F; Sentiment that I have received that we are sitting on too much money. Cheryl; I would be opposed to this motion for similar reasons as Larry. We have been down to 800, had the conference costs hit us when we had only that, it would have had to come out of prudent reserve. Erik L; We looked at previous years, not a one year anomaly. We felt 3 months was enough. Carmela; The rationale for this is certainly not provided within the motion. Should definitely be clearer before vote at assembly. Lee; In my district we have operated below prudent reserve, it's confusing to me, since God will provide. In my district prudent reserve is usable money. We don't NOT touch it. Just to leave it sit there to never be touched strikes me as unnecessary to discuss. Michelle; we have 32k commitments in the next month with 17k in the bank. It was raised to 30 percent for a good reason, and that might even be too low. Rich; I'm neither for or against. We seem to have a fear of touching money that's set aside. Are we accumulating funds for no purpose? NEW MOTION SHALL READ; (IT'S ON MY PAPER)

3. Motion by the Finance Committee to add to the procedures for presenting motions ; Mike M presented.

Questions; No. Discussion; Cheryl V; Opposed. In asking to do this it's not in the spirit of the concepts. Our service committee chair should not have to go before anyone else. If it's coming out of committee, they should not have their

work reviewed by another committee. Are we now demanding that our finance committee review? Wording is already in place for review when approved.

4. Motion by the Finance Committee to amend the finance committee guidelines ; Presented by Mike M.

Questions; Michelle H; If you are doing this as a finance committee separately then what are we taking back to our districts? Mike; in past years, there have only been a handful there, the thinking would be we would get more people if we did it this way. They will have plenty of time to discuss with districts. Joe; In light of previous motion, it doesn't make sense. Mike F; the previous motion was talking about PPMs, this motion is about PPBs. Cheryl; Is it your intention that finance committee is a line item on the agenda? Mike F; it would be at end of committee meeting. Cheryl; You're asking all to do committee and then stay later to conduct further business. Mike F; we wont be here that late. It will be the same day and actually be a time saver. Ernest; Why was 3 weeks prior put in there? Mike; past history was that we discussed and reported to committee. So why go line by line and then 3 weeks later go line by line when no one comes to the 3 weeks prior finance meeting? Trying to SAVE time here. Discussion; Chris D; Former Finance Committee Chair, from experience I didn't know what our responsibilities were, keeping in mind that this is summer committee, then fall assembly, then fall committee, I was told prior to fall committee we needed a cohesive budget at Winter Assembly. I could not have been prepared without that 3 weeks prior meeting to get things ready. Robert S; Motion 3 and 4 are contradictory. The guidelines also say that you will work to resolve issue one week prior to Fall Committee Meeting. I think motion needs to be rethought. Carmela; Similar sentiment, not in favor of it. We cant make good decisions based on this motion. Ray; page 41 of most recent handbook "scheduled agenda items prepare and approve proposed calendar and budget at fall committee mtg". How can that happen?Erikk L; Ive never seen a more convoluted budget process. Simple intent was to let finance take a look at a new motion, we can weigh in for a more informed assembly vote. Terry; this is a holdover back from the old budgeting process when every chair had to argue for their share. PP Financing was supposed to eliminate this. We should be able to review PPMs as they come up to simply recommend or not to the Assembly. Larry; Why does finance committee get input into the motions of others? Sounds like we are investing an awful lot of authority in Finance Committee. These things need to be clear. Karen M; **Friendly amendment . MOTION NOW READS; IT IS MOVED THAT UNDER THE "FINANCE COMMITTEE GUIDELINES" ON PAGE 67 OF THE SERVICE HANDBOOK, IT BE STRICKEN THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE NEEDS TO MEET 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE FALL COMMITTEE MEETING AND BE REPLACED WITH "THAT THE ANNUAL PPB REQUESTS BE SUBMITTED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AT LEAST 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE FALL COMMITTEE MEETING SO THAT THEY MAY BE REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO THE FALL COMMITTEE MEETING"** Larry; I was involved at the beginning of Primary Purpose Finance. I'm not sure everyone understands it. Maybe some changes are needed, but maybe we need to get some Finance people together to discuss it.

5. Candidates standing for 2014-2015 Area Positions (no voting)

Delegate;

Bill W

Kelly

Alternate Delegate;

Chair

Robert S

Allen J

Jeff G

Alt Chair

Chris D

Treasurer

Alt Treasurer

Sec

Alt Sec

Registrar

Dawn

Alt Registrar

Ans Serv

Alt Ans Serv

Archives Chair

Alt Archives

CPC

Joe S

Alt CPC

Corr

Dan L

Alt Corr

GV

Alt GV

Lit

Jeff L

Francisco

Alt Lit

PI

Jim W

Alt PI

Spec Needs

Alt Spec Needs

Treatment

Alt Treatment

## 6. 2015 Spring Assembly Conference

Tina Motions to close

Dave seconds

### Background:

#### **2. Motion by the Finance Committee to amend the guidelines for the prudent reserve**

It is moved that under the guidelines for the prudent reserve on page 48 of the handbook, it be amended; TO STRIKE" INCREASE IN 2013. NO INCREASE IN 2013. RETURN PRUDENT RESERVE TO 25%"

#### **Background**

It was thought at one time this was needed to cover shortfalls due to unexpected expenses. However it does not seem this is necessary now.

#### **3. Motion by the Finance Committee to add to the procedures for presenting motions**

It is moved that in the "Procedures for presenting motions to the area Assembly" portion of the service handbook on page 40, it be added that "All motions that affect the PPR are to be reviewed by the finance Committee prior to the Committee meeting and subsequent Assembly.

#### **Rationale**

It seems prudent that The Finance Committee check procedures, dates, guidelines, and specifics of the motion to make sure it is planned on being inserted into the PPR at the proper point to guarantee availability of funds and provide the Assembly with a more informed decision.

#### **4. Motion by the Finance Committee to amend the finance committee guidelines**

It is moved that under "Finance committee guidelines" on page 67 of the service handbook, it be stricken that the Finance needs to meet 3 weeks prior to the Fall Committee meeting.

#### **Rationale**

The Finance committee can accomplish what it needs to get done with a meeting at the Fall Committee meeting. The current wording of the service handbook "Schedule and conduct an annual PPR meeting at least three weeks prior to the Fall Area Committee Meeting." We would like the wording to be "Schedule and conduct an annual PPR meeting at the Fall Area Committee Meeting".