

**CHICAGOLAND G.A. INTERGROUP  
MINUTES FOR October 12, 2009**

Chairperson: Cindy M  
1<sup>st</sup> Chairperson: Jim H  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chairperson Arnie B  
Secretary: Patti G  
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Readings:**

Recovery Program – Jeff F..  
Unity Program (Step 10) – Pat C.  
One Day at a Time – Pam E

**New Reps:**

Eileen Z	Thursday Elk Grove
Michelle M	Friday Buffalo Grove

**Meetings Represented:**

Sun - Elgin / 6:00 PM	Thur - Oak Lawn / 8:00 PM
Sun - Evanston / 7:00 PM	Thur - Orland Park / 7:30 PM
Sun - Naperville / 6:00 PM	Thur – Elk Grove / 7:00 PM
Mon – Morris / 7:00 PM	Thurs – Lisle / 7:00 PM
Mon - Arlington Hts. / 7:00 PM	Thurs – Chicago / 12:00 PM
Mon – Hinsdale / 6:30 AM	Thurs – Mayfair / 8:00 PM
Mon – Joliet / 7:00 PM	Fri – Buffalo Grove / 7:00 PM
Mon – Oaklawn / 7:30 PM	Fri - Bolingbrook / 7:30 PM
Mon – Aurora / 7:00 PM	Fri - Hoffman Est. / 7:30 PM
Mon – Lisle / 7:00 PM	Fri - Joliet / 6:30 PM
Mon – Chicago St. Mary’s / 6:30 PM	Fri – St. Gertrude / 7:00 PM
Tues - Algonquin / 7:30 PM	Fri – Hinsdale / 6:30 AM
Tues - Bloomingdale / 7:30 PM	Fri – Willa Rauls / 6:30 PM
Tues - Romeoville / 7:00 PM	Sat - Bartlett / 9:30 AM
Tues - Schaumburg / 11:00 AM	Sat - Downers Grove / 9:00 AM
Tues – Chicago South / 7:00 PM	Sat - Elmhurst / 8:00 PM
Wed – Oak Lawn / 10:15 AM	Sat - Oak Park / 9:30 AM
Wed - Hoffman Est. / 7:00 PM	
Wed – Joliet/ Spanish	
Wed - Downers Grove /	
Wed – Hinsdale /6:30 AM	
Wed - Park Ridge / 7:30 PM	

## Area 8 Trustees:

Allen H  
Jeff F  
Arnie B  
Kathy H

## Review of the minutes from the September meeting

- Corrections to September minutes: Igor M was not on the pinning list for St. Frances Hospital Evanston. October 4<sup>th</sup>
- The Treasurers' report listed the ISO collection as \$1,059.31. The correct figure is \$1,090.45
- **Motion to accept minutes as amended Motion passed.**

## Old Business:

- Jim H made a motion: **I move that we use the charitable rate for reimbursement which is currently at \$.14 per mile to be revisited every six months in the event of a gas price increase.** Motion seconded. **Motion Passed**
- Kathy H. stated that the guidelines were made in 2003
- Doug K passed out the new member handouts. Additional handouts will be available through supplies.
- Member suggested that members getting pinned for 5 years or more of abstinence from gambling pay for their own pins and the money then get donated to ISO. Multiple members disagreed. This discussion will be continued at November Intergroup.(continued from September Intergroup)

## New Business:

- Jim H will not be able to finish the remainder of his term as Intergroup 1<sup>st</sup> chair. Group agreed that Arnie B. will take over as 1<sup>st</sup> chair. The 2<sup>nd</sup> chair opening will not be filled.
- Elections for Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair, Secretary and one Treasurer will be held at December Intergroup. If you would like to be nominated please bring a Bio which will be posted on the GA website. The requirement for the Chair & Treasurer position is two years of clean time in GA. The requirement for the Secretary position is 6 months clean time in GA.
- Holiday meetings that will be closed:  
Thanksgiving: Lisle  
Christmas Eve: Lisle, Elk Grove Village  
Christmas Day: Hoffman Estates  
New Years Eve: Lisle

## Pinning's:

Please call or email Russ R [Buckeveruss05@aol.com](mailto:Buckeveruss05@aol.com) 773-860-5427 **AT LEAST ONE DAY PRIOR TO INTERGROUP**

Date	Day	Time	Location	Person	Years
10/14/09	Wednesday	7:30 pm	Lutheran General Hosp. Johnson	George C.	10 yrs GA

			Auditorium Park Ridge		
10/16/09	Friday	6:30-8:00 pm	Willa Rauls Manor	Irma D Florence L	5 yrs GA 5 yrs GA
10/29/09	Thursday	7:30 pm	Oak Lawn Community Church Oak Lawn	Pat R Mark B	5 yrs GA 5 yrs GA
11/1/09	Sunday	6:00 pm	Church of the Nazarene Chicago Hts.	Beverly W.	1 yr GA
<b>11/14/09</b>	<b>Saturday Morning</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>St. Peter Damian Bartlett</b>	<b>Michelle E</b>	<b>1 yr GA</b>
11/16/09	Monday	7:00 pm Open	First Presbyterian Church Joliet	John R	1 yr GA
<b>11/25/09</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Lutheran General Hospital Park Ridge Johnson Auditorium</b>	<b>Dick C</b>	<b>25 yrs GA</b>
<b>11/30/09</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>St. Linus Catholic Church (Cardiff Center) 10300 S. Lawler Oak Lawn</b>	<b>Zeke F. Patty B Dave G</b>	<b>5 yrs GA 10 yrs GA 20 yrs GA</b>
<b>12/9/09</b>	<b>Wednesday Morning</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Oak Lawn Community Church Oak Lawn</b>	<b>John M</b>	<b>1 yr GA</b>

#### **Pinning Guidelines:**

1. To be eligible to be pinned a member must attend at least 39 meetings each year up to the pinning date.
2. No room should schedule more than 1 pinning event in a 30 day period.
3. Notification of pinning must be communicated to the pinning chairperson NO LATER than the day before intergroup meetings.
4. To prevent conflicts, it is recommended that not more than one pinning is scheduled on the same day as another room.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Pressure Relief – Mike S**

- Committee Chair is requesting the help of an attorney for legal advice. If any member knows an attorney who is willing to help, please call Mike at 708-289-0122.
- Committee Chair reported that the debt consolidation company he has been working with paid the members accounts as directed and was able to get a reduction in interest. He will continue to monitor the progress and report back.
- Intergroup reps should be giving Mike S monthly reports of the pressure reliefs provided in each room.
- Please bring a list of your rooms pressure relief chair person/people to next Intergroup.

##### **Public Relations – Allen H**

- The Chicago Suntimes ran a story about compulsive gambling and the committee chair was interviewed about Gamblers Anonymous.
- Committee chair is now on the National Public Relations Committee

### Activities – Michelle M

- Join the GA Chicago Activity Meetup (a private online way to learn about upcoming activities). Go to: <http://www.meetup.com/serenityactivities/> and ask to join. Please contact Michelle M for the code or assistance.

### Upcoming Events:

- 10/30/09 Halloween Hoedown: 6pm – 10pm at Volunteer Resource Center ( 6100A N. Central, Chicago). Cost: Purchase your advance ticket for \$10.00 from your rep and your child is admitted free. ( available until 10/23 ) **Room Reps please contact Jim N or Michelle E with the # of tickets sold so they can plan for food and activities.** Prices at the door: \$15.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for kids.
  - **Many volunteers are needed** for : Decorating, Food Pick Up/Set Up, Stereo Set Up Prepare stations for pumpkin carving, Game station set up, Ticket Sales at the door/Ticket Collection and Clean up. Please ask your rooms for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please contact Michelle E. 847-852-0644 or Jim N. 773-484-7722 for times
- No new activities are planned for the remainder of the year as there is the Holiday Party in December

### Anniversaries – Arnie B

- Please submit your anniversary lists to the committee chair so they can be submitted to the bulletin.

### Picnic Report – Dan B

- No Report

### Phone Service – Dianne R

- For the billing period July 19, 2009 through Aug 18, 2009 for calls made between May 19 –June 18  
GA National #
  - 47 calls
  - 324.4 minutes866 #
  - 55 calls
  - 345.4 minutesTotal 102 calls 669.8 minutes we are responsible for \$50.00
- For the billing period Aug 19, 2009 through Sept 18, 2009 for calls made between July 19 –Aug 18  
GA National #
  - 36 calls
  - 202.2 minutes866 #
  - 79 calls
  - 462.9 minutesTotal 115 calls 665.1 minutes we are responsible for \$50.00

- For the billing period Sept 19, 2009 through October 18, 2009 for calls made between Aug 19 –Sept 18 the bill is the same as above. (Duplicate Bill) Chair is contacting the phone company for the correct figures.
- Member reported many of the calls received on the hotline should be referred to Gam-Anon. This hotline is for the gambler. Please continue to refer family and friends of the gambler to Gam-Anon
- Committee Chair requested volunteers for the phone service. The greatest need is for overnight. If you can volunteer please contact Dianna R. 847-757-5040 [gahotline@cs.com](mailto:gahotline@cs.com)
- The suggested time requirement for new volunteers is 4 hours a week.

**GA Chicago Website**

- Members are receiving emails that state the domain [www.gachicagoweb.com](http://www.gachicagoweb.com) is available. Members are asked to disregard this email as spam.
- Sunday Wayback Inn 6:00 PM meeting should be removed from the meeting list
- Beginning Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> : Please change location for the Oak Lawn Monday GA & Gam-anon Meeting:  
St. Linus Catholic Church (Cardiff Center) 10300 S. Lawler Oak Lawn 7:30 – 9:30 pm
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**Treasurers' Report – Phil S.**

CIG	\$789.15
ISO	701.25
Can ISO (Intergroup)	43.00
Total ISO Collection	<u>\$1533.40</u>
Supplies	243.95
Pinning	44.00
Halloween Party	250.00
Trustee Conf. Refund	70.98
Insurance Refund	5.00
	<u>\$613.93</u>
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$2,147.33</b>

**Trustees Reports: listed in order of report**

**Arnie B**

- Reported that the Board of Trustees does not have a bid for the 2011 National Conference.  
Discussion:

- Member asked what are the trustee's expectations? Who will handle the clean up & set up? Our 2011 conference has not yet been planned so we are not able to provide details to the trustees.
- Arnie agreed to get additional information and will report at November Intergroup

### **Jeff F**

- Reported on the decisions of the agenda items of the Montreal Conference. All decisions will be available on the trustee website. [www.trusteewebsite.com](http://www.trusteewebsite.com)
- There is still a need for pen pals for prisoners. If you are interested please contact a trustee.
- Stories are still be accepted for the blue book which will not be published until 2013.

### **Kathy H**

- The Macomb meeting will be officially opening next month.
- Kathy raised \$4,200.00 for the Quebec Walk a Thon.
- Asked that rooms keep the phone lists current.

### **Allen H**

- Reported that based on feedback from other trustees at the Montreal Conference we have a very active Intergroup, which is not the case in other areas of the country.

### **Meetings Report – Donna M**

- Naperville Sunday October 25, 2009 Open Speaker Meeting: Addictions Counselor Glen Cannon will be the speaker from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Sunday Wayback Inn 6:00 PM meeting is no longer an active meeting.

### **Budget Report – Jeff F.**

- The 2010 budget committee meeting will be on 10/28/09 7:45 PM at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge.
- Please request funds for you committee in advance so that it may be included in the budget.

### **Conference 2010 – Fred L**

- Conference will be at the Westin Hotel in Itasca April 16, 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The third planning meeting will be Thursday October 22nd 7:00 pm at the Westin Hotel in the Tafalga room.
- Our 2010 theme is Peace Love & Serenity
- Please ask members in your rooms to volunteer

### **Spirituality Conference – Tom**

- No Report

### **Supplies – Eileen Z.**

- No supplies were received this month from ISO. Once received the committee chair will try to get them to the rooms prior to the next intergroup.

**September 2009**

22 Orders	\$649.20
Supplies Ordered for Inventory	
Less Orders filled with inventory	<u>(50.00)</u>
	\$599.25
Shipping	<u>18.00</u>
<b>Total due to ISO</b>	<b>\$617.25</b>
<b>Inventory</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Holiday Party – Pat F**

- The Holiday Party will be on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter Damien Church in Bartlett 2:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00 Adults \$5.00 Kids 5-12 Kids 4 and under free. Flyers were available to members to take to their rooms.
  - Dinner will be 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
  - Please encourage members to sign up early as November Intergroup will be the last Intergroup before the party.

**Good and Welfare- Peggy G**

- Pat F: Wednesday Hoffman Estates: Her brother had a heart attack returning home from her mother's funeral. Please keep her & her family in your prayers
- Mel S: Sunday Lisle: Will be having shoulder surgery on Wednesday 10/14. Please keep him & his family in your prayers.
- Allan H: Thursday Mayfair: His sister Carol is in the hospital. Please keep him & his family in your prayers
- Jim M: Monday Arlington Hts: His bladder cancer has returned. Please keep him & his family in your prayers
- Grace B: Wednesday Hoffman Estates: Is in the hospital. Please keep her & her family in your prayers

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. with the group joining hands and reciting the Serenity Prayer.