

**CHICAGOLAND G.A. INTERGROUP  
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 10, 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 7:33 p.m.

**Readings:**

Recovery Program – Gil M  
Unity Program (Step 8) – Roz L  
One Day at a Time – Pam E

**New Reps:**

Pat C                      Thursday Mayfair

**Meetings Represented:**

Sun - Elgin / 6:00 PM	Thur – St. Charles / 7:00 PM
Sun - Evanston / 7:00 PM	Thur - Mayfair / 8:00 PM
Sun - Naperville / 6:00 PM	Thur - Oak Lawn / 8:00 PM
Sun – Chicago Hts. / 6:00 PM	Thur - Orland Park / 7:30 PM
Mon - Arlington Hts. / 7:00 PM	Thur – Elk Grove / 7:00 PM
Mon – Hinsdale / 6:30 AM	Thurs – Lisle / 7:00 PM
Mon – Joliet / 7:00 PM	Thurs – Chicago / 12:00 PM
Mon – Oaklawn / 7:30 PM	Thurs – Gurnee / 6:00 PM
Mon – Aurora / 7:00 PM	Fri – Buffalo Grove / 7:00 PM
Mon – Lisle / 7:00 PM	Fri - Bolingbrook / 7:30 PM
Mon – Chicago St. Mary’s / 6:30 PM	Fri - Hoffman Est. / 7:30 PM
Tues - Algonquin / 7:30 PM	Fri - Joliet / 6:30 PM
Tues - Bloomingdale / 7:30 PM	Fri – St. Gertrude / 7:00 PM
Tues - Romeoville / 7:00 PM	Fri – Hinsdale / 6:30 AM
Tues - Schaumburg / 11:00 AM	Sat - Bartlett / 9:30 AM
Tues – Norridge / 7:00PM	Sat - Downers Grove / 9:00 AM
Tues Chicago / 12:00 PM	Sat - Elmhurst / 8:00 PM
Wed – Oak Park / 7:30 PM	Sat – Lake Forest / 7:00 PM
Wed - Hoffman Est. / 7:00 PM	Sat - Elmhurst / 8:00 PM
Wed – Joliet/ Spanish	Sat - Oak Park / 9:30 AM
Wed – Aurora / 7:00 PM	Sat – Hinsdale / 2:00 PM
Wed - Downers Grove	
Wed – Hinsdale / AM	
Wed - Park Ridge / 7:30 PM	

## Area 8 Trustees:

Allen H  
Jeff F  
Arnie B

## Review of the minutes from the July meeting

- No corrections to July minutes:
- **Motion to accept minutes Motion passed.**

## Old Business:

- No old business

## New Business:

- Jim H. introduced a discussion of the financial guidelines for reimbursement to the trustees for mileage regarding travel to and from pinnings.
- The current rate approved by the IRS as reimbursement for a business expense is \$.55 a mile. (this is the current rate reimbursed to the Chicagoland GA Trustees) The current rate approved by the IRS as a charitable expense is \$.14 a mile.
- Last year \$520.00 was reimbursed to the trustees for mileage. To date this year \$50.00 has been reimbursed to the trustees for mileage.
- Trustees who wish to be reimbursed for mileage will turn in the Mapquest calculations to the treasurers' for payment.
- Members agreed to continue discussions at September Intergroup.

## Pinning's:

Please call or email Russ R [Buckeyeruss05@aol.com](mailto:Buckeyeruss05@aol.com) 773-860-5427 **AT LEAST ONE DAY PRIOR TO INTERGROUP**

Date	Day	Time	Location	Person	Years
8/16/09	Sunday	6:00 pm	Hosanna Lutheran Church St. Charles	Harvey W Vi W Gayle B	5 yrs GA 5 yrs Gamanon 10 yrs GA
8/18/09	Tuesday	7:30 pm	Church of Incarnation Bloomingdale	Dave M	25 yrs GA
8/27/09	Thursday	7:00 pm	St, Nicholas Church Elk Grove Village	Michelle M Alice L Patty L	1 yr GA 1 yr GA 1 yr GA
10/04/09	Sunday	7:00 pm	Saint Francis Hospital Evanston	Matt S. David H.	1 yr Ga 5 yrs GA
10/05/09	Monday	7:00 pm	First Presbyterian Church Joliet	Tom L Scott D Wayne B.	15 yrs GA 15 yrs GA 20 yrs GA

## 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**

- Mike is continuing to negotiate with Kane County on a members behalf

### **Public Relations – Allen H**

- No Report

### **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:**

- 8/17/09 – Pat Benatar & Blondie Concert. You can buy your own tickets at the Ravinia website [www.Ravinia.org](http://www.Ravinia.org). Lawn tickets \$25.00 for adults \$5 for kids. Michelle M will make a meetup location on the lawn. Once at the park, call Michelle M 224-563-7876 for the location. Please RSVP to Michelle by August 15<sup>th</sup>
- 10/3/09 – Richardson Corn Maze & Bonfire: 4pm-11pm at 9407 Richardson Rd in Spring Grove, IL (well worth the drive!) Join us for the largest corn maze in the area and then stick around for our private bonfire to eat s'mores and have some fun.
- 10/30/09 Halloween/Costume Party: 6pm – 10pm at Volunteer Resource Center ( 6100A N. Central, Chicago). Cost: TBD More info to come. Want to help plan? Contact Michelle M, Michelle E or Jim N.

### **Anniversaries – Arnie B**

- Please continue to bring phone lists to intergroup so that they can get submitted into the bulletins. Or you may email anniversaries to Arnie.
- Please remember there is a one month time lag before the anniversary appears in the bulletin

### **Picnic Report – Dan B**

- Dan B thanked all volunteers who helped make the picnic a great success
- There were approximately 300 adults and 80 kids 4-12 at the picnic. More than half of the registrations were walk ups. Of the paid registrations there were 25 adults that did not make it.
- The picnic had a loss of \$1,179.04

### **Phone Service – Dianne R**

- No Report

### GA Chicago Website

- Please post that the Friday night Buffalo Grove meeting will be closed September 4 due to Buffalo Grove Days
- Please post the Monday night Lisle meeting will be closed September 7<sup>th</sup> in honor of Labor Day
- Please post the Monday night St. Mary of Nazareth Chicago will be closed September 7<sup>th</sup> in honor of Labor Day
- Please post the New start time for the Elmhurst Hospital Jump start Meeting will be 6:30 pm starting Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup>
- Please post that the Trustee website is available to all members. Please post a link [www.trusteewebsite.com](http://www.trusteewebsite.com)
- Please remove the contact person for Monday St. Mary's
- Please correct the Intergroup date on the website.

### Treasurers' Report – Phil S.

CIG	\$1,144.00
ISO	979.00
Can ISO (Intergroup)	43.00
Total ISO Collection	<u>2,166.00</u>
Supplies	296.00
Picnic	1,089.00
Pinning	24.00
Conference	55.00
	<u>1,464.00</u>
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>3,630.00</b>

### Trustees Reports: listed in order of report

#### Allen H

- Allen H has information regarding sightseeing and excursion activities for the 2009 conference in Quebec. Please email him if interested

#### Jeff F

- Jeff requested more feedback from the rooms in reference to the Quebec conference agenda items.
- Jeff stated that they would like to vote on the agenda items in a way that it will be best for Chicagoland GA as a whole.
- A portion of the agenda items were passed out to members and they were asked to take them to their rooms for discussion & feedback. The entire Trustee agenda can be found on [www.trusteewebsite.com](http://www.trusteewebsite.com)
- Question was asked by a member who should attend a pressure relief. The question was answered that 2 representatives from GamAnon, 2 representatives from GA, the gambler and their significant other and the gamblers sponser

#### Arnie B

- **Made a motion:** To set aside up to ½ hour for a discussion in the September Intergroup meeting on the agenda items that will be in the Oct. 09 Trustee's meeting with any feedback from their rooms. **Motion Passed**

- ISO sent 32 new starter kits and received 17 new group requests,
- There are 9 new Life Liners 5 in CA, 3 in NY, 1 in TX. There are currently 8 Life Liners in IL.
- ISO is still working on acquiring a tax id number for GA as a whole. This will allow GA to reduce costs for our conferences, picnics etc.
- Discussions are being held regarding the possibility of the Trustees holding workshops on the internet instead of the annual meetings.

**Meetings Report – Cindi M**

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- The Monday night Lisle meeting will be closed September 7<sup>th</sup> in honor of Labor Day
- The Monday night St. Mary of Nazareth will be closed September 7<sup>th</sup> in honor of Labor Day
- The New start time for the Elmhurst Hospital Jump start Meeting will be 6:30 pm starting Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup>
- The new Elmhurst Hospital Jump Start meeting Agenda was passed out to members.
- Cindy asked members to note a correction on the Jump Start Agenda that on 9/19 it will be Wayne G not Wayne B who will be the facilitator
- Tony C will be speaking at Linden Oaks Hospital Naperville on Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm

**Budget Report – Jeff F.**

- Committee chair reported that the budget is trending more favorably as members are turning in donations. In addition, he requested that members turn in their room donations on a more regular basis.
- Chair is starting to work on next years' budget. Please think ahead for your committee budgets as to what you may need.

**Conference 2010 – Jim H**

- Conference will be at the Westin Hotel in Itasca April 16, 17 & 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The first planning meeting will be August 18<sup>th</sup> at the Westin Hotel in the Chambers Room 7:00pm. No committees have been assigned so please come and get involved.

**Spirituality Conference – No Report**

**Supplies – Eileen Z.**

**April 2009**

14 Orders	\$523.80
Supplies Ordered for Inventory	121.65
Less Orders filled with inventory	
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	\$402.15
Shipping	18.00
<b>Total due to ISO</b>	<hr/>
	<b>\$420.15</b>
<b>Inventory</b>	<b>\$861.61</b>

**Holiday Party – No Report**

**Good and Welfare- Peggy G**

- Larry J became a Grandpa. Please join us in congratulating him.
- Terl A: Monday St. Mary's is in the hospital. Please keep her & her family in your prayers
- Jim L: Wednesday Aurora has a heart condition. Please keep and his family in your prayers
- Gayle B: Wednesday Hoffman Estates her mom is in the hospital. Please keep her and her family in your prayers

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. with the group joining hands and reciting the Serenity Prayer.