

**CHICAGOLAND G.A. INTERGROUP
MINUTES FOR March 8, 2010**

Chairperson: Cindy M
1st Chairperson: Arnie B
2nd Chairperson: Harold D
Secretary: Patti G
The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Readings:

Recovery Program – Donna M
Unity Program (Step 3) – Doug K
One Day at a Time – Gil M

New Reps:

Jerry S Thurs-Marengo

Meetings Represented in Bold:

Sun - Elgin / 6:00 PM
Sun – Chicago Hts. / 6:00 PM
Sun Naperville / 6:00 PM
Sun - Evanston / 7:00 PM
Mon - Arlington Hts. / 7:00 PM
Mon – Joliet / 7:00 PM
Mon – Oak Lawn / 7:30 PM
Mon – Aurora / 7:00 PM
Mon – Hinsdale / 6:30 AM
Mon – Chicago St. Mary's/6:30PM
Mon – Morris / 7:00 PM
Mon – Lisle / 7:00 PM
Mon – Norridge / 7:00 PM
Tues – Schaumburg / 11:00 AM
Tues - Bloomingdale / 7:30 PM
Tues – Chicago / 12:00 PM
Tues – Edison Park / 7:00 PM
Tues - Romeoville / 7:00 PM
Tues – Chicago South / 7:00 PM
Tues – Algonquin / 7:30 PM
Wed – Oak Park / 7:30 PM
Wed – Oak Lawn / 10:15 AM
Wed - Hoffman Est. / 7:00 PM
Wed - Park Ridge / 7:30 PM
Wed – Aurora / 7:00 PM
Wed – Hinsdale /6:30 AM
Wed – Joliet/ Spanish
Wed - Downers Grove /
Thurs – Elk Grove / 7:00 PM

Thurs – Marengo / 7:30 PM
Thurs - Orland Park / 7:30 PM
Thurs – Lisle / 7:00 PM
Thurs – Gurnee / 6:00 PM
Thurs – Mayfair / 8:00 PM
Thur - Oak Lawn / 8:00 PM
Thurs – St. Charles / 7:00 PM
Thurs – Chicago / 12:00 PM
Fri – St. Gertrude / 7:00 PM
Fri – Willa Rauls / 6:30 PM
Fri - Hoffman Est. / 7:30 PM
Fri – Hinsdale / 6:30 AM
Fri – Joliet / 6:30 PM
Fri - Bolingbrook / 7:30 PM
Fri – Buffalo Grove / 7:00 PM
Sat – Oak Park / 9:30 AM
Sat - Bartlett / 9:30 AM
Sat – Hinsdale / 2:00 PM
Sat - Elmhurst / 8:00 PM
Sat – Lake Forest / 7:00 PM
Sat - Downers Grove / 9:00 AM

Area 8 Trustees: (present)

- Allen H
- Jeff F
- Arnie B

Review of the minutes from the February meeting

No Corrections

- **Motion to accept minutes. Motion passed.**

Old Business:

- No old business

New Business:

- Felicia a member of Gam Anon reported that we are able to purchase an alternate insurance policy from Auto Owners that has a superior A++ rating with the same coverage as our current policy for a \$100.00 less than our current policy.
- In addition, with the new policy there is not an additional \$50.00 fee for additional named locations. This policy covers Chicagoland GA & Gam Anon and the annual cost is \$1,397.00.
- Ten other insurance agencies were contacted for quotes and only two stated that they would work with the type of coverage we needed.

Committee Reports

Pinning's:

Please call or email Russ R Buckeveruss05@aol.com 773-860-5427 **AT LEAST ONE DAY PRIOR TO INTERGROUP**

Date	Day	Time	Location	Person	Years
3/14/10	Sunday	6:00 PM	Hosanna Lutheran Church St. Charles	Lynn S John A Terri G Bryan C	1 yr GA 1 yr GA 1 yr GA 1 yr GA
3/15/10	Monday	7:00 PM	First Presbyterian Church Joliet	Chris M	10 yrs GA
3/24/10	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Provena St. Joseph Medical Center Joliet Conference Room B	Jose R. Lalo M	1 yr GA 1 yr GA
4/16/10	Friday	7:00 PM	Opening Night at the Conference Westin Hotel Itasca	John N Janet N Heather B Donna M Rakesh B	1 yr GA 1 yr Gam Anon 1 yr Gam Anon 5 yrs GA 5 yrs GA
4/19/10	Monday	7:00 PM	Morris Hospital – Morris Closed Pinning	John M Dave S	1 yr GA 1 yr GA
4/28/10	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Mercy Provena Hospital	Terry B 2	10 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.

Pressure Relief – Mike S

- Committee Chair reported that there were 4 pressure reliefs since last intergroup one held at Bloomingdale, one at Oak Park, and two at Downers Grove.
- Mike is working to negotiate with the IRS for a couple of members.

Public Relations – Allen H

- Committee Chair will be speaking at East Leyden High school to three health classes with another member on March 18th.
- Allen is available to speak at other high schools, senior centers, halfway houses or other locations if there is a need.

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.
- If you would like to attend one of the following activities but do not have the resources to do so, please contact Michelle M to see about receiving a scholarship.
- Have an activity you'd like to see offered? Contact Michelle M and let's talk!

Upcoming Events:

- **March 21 – Whirleyball:** Sunday from 2-4pm in Lombard. Come by 1:30 to sign up for your games. 800 E Roosevelt Rd, Lombard, IL 60148. Approx \$10.00 per person (payable the day of the event) Please R.S.V.P
- **April 25 – Chicago White Sox** April 25th vs. Seattle at 1:05pm. Out tickets are just \$23/person. We will offer a limited number of scholarship tickets. Please contact Michelle M if you are interested in receiving a scholarship ticket. Our goal is to get a minimum of 50 people at this GA outing. Tickets must be paid for by March 22nd to join us for this outing. Please RSVP
- **May 8 – Cascade Drive in:** Saturday May 8th at 7:00 pm. Admission is: Adults - \$8.50; Children (ages 5 – 11) -\$4.50. Children under 5 and pets are free. The drive-in accepts cash only. One low admission for two features! We will gather at the drive in & park near each other. (call Michelle for approx. location once you arrive.) Theatre is located at 1100 E. North Ave. in West Chicago and is open rain or shine. **PLEASE RSVP** so we can get an idea of the number of spots we need.
- **June 13 – Schaumburg Flyers:** Join GA Chicago at the Schaumburg Flyers game on Sunday June 13, 2010 as the Flyers play Winnipeg. The game starts at 1:20 pm so plan to pick up your tickets no later than 1:00 pm. This game includes Dog Day Family Day & Post Game Autographs. Tickets are only \$8.50 per person. All tickets must be purchased no later than May 11, 2010. Please R.S.V.P

Anniversaries – Arnie B

- Please submit your anniversary lists to the committee chair so they can be submitted to the bulletin. Please email anniversaries to Arnie at gaworks1@aol.com

\$3190.35

Total Collection

\$4,853.85

Trustees Reports: listed in order of report

Jeff F

- Made a flyer available to members: Responsibilities of International Trustees of Gamblers Anonymous. Jeff reminded the room that if a member would like to run for a Trustee position, the member must be present at April Intergroup with a biography.
- Reported that there are several GA groups set up on social networking sites such as Facebook. Currently the ISO is working with Facebook to have these sites removed as they are not authorized and are in violation of copyright laws.
- Members are not allowed to use the GA logo without the express written consent of the ISO.

Arnie B

- Discussions are being held by the Board of Regents as to how to handle the replacement of the ISO secretary if she becomes ill or resigns.
- The Board of Regents election will be held at the May conference in Kentucky. Arnie reported that there are new people coming in to run for the positions.
- To run for a Board of Regents position a member must have two years consecutive clean time and attend at least 39 meetings per year.
- There were 18 started kits sent out and 12 new group information forms were received back.

Allen H

- No Report

Meetings Report – Doug K

- Jump Start Agenda Saturday Elmhurst Hospital 6:30 pm -7:30 pm. These meetings are for everyone not just newcomers
 - March 13th Step writing/discussion Meeting
 - March 20th Topic Letting Go of the Past – Brad H.
 - March 27th Topic Discussion Meeting – Dave M
 - April 3rd Newcomer Meeting
 - April 10th Step writing/discussion meeting
 - April 17th No meeting Spring Conference
 - April 24th Topic Conference Wrap Up – Tony C
- New Meeting has started in Marengo on Thursday nights at 7:30 pm. The location is the 1st United Methodist Church 119 E. Washington in Marengo at the intersection of routes 20 & 23. For more info contact George S.2 847-363-3763. This is a combined GA & Gam Anon meeting
- Dianna R requested the guidelines as to how long before a new meeting can be listed on the phone service & website. Jeff F responded that there are no ISO restrictions as to how long a meeting needs to be active, as long as the meeting follows the Guidance Code; however, they are not able to vote for three months.

- Dianna R. **Made a motion:** *“When Intergroup is advised of a new meeting I would like to see it posted on the website, phone service & meeting list”*. The motion was seconded.
- Arnie B. made an **amendment to the motion:** *“That the meeting be in effect four weeks before it is published on the phone service, meeting list or website.”* The amendment to the motion was seconded. **Amendment to the motion passed.**

Budget Report – No Report.

- The Budget Committee Chair remains vacant. If you would like to be of service and become the Budget Committee Chair please contact Cindy M.

Conference 2010 – Fred L

10. I'm too busy.
You were never too busy to gamble.
 9. My meeting is on Saturday
Have your meeting at the conference we have 24 hour therapy rooms that can be used for your meeting
 8. I work a strong program and I don't need to go to the conference.
Work a stronger program
 7. I used to go to the conference but I've already heard everything that people who put on the the workshops have to say
If you haven't been to a conference in a few years you will be surprised as to how many stories you've never heard.
 6. I have enough unity and fellowship from my meetings and friends
You've got to be kidding. That's like saying I have enough health and I don't need anymore.
 5. I have other commitments that Saturday.
Life happens, but unless you're on the space station or you or your kid is getting married that day go to the conference.
 4. I can't afford it
How can you afford not to.
 3. None of my friends are going to the conference.
You need better friends
 2. What is the benefit?
The benefit is being there for new brothers & sisters in the program just like someone was there when you first walked into or were dragged into a GA room.
 1. The Conference committee chairman is trying to make me feel guilty about not going to the conference.
What ever works.
- Conference will be at the Westin Hotel in Itasca April 16, 17 & 18th.
 - Conference Flyers were made available to bring back to the rooms.
 - There will be a Top Golf outing prior to the conference on Friday April 16, 2010 from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. The cost is: \$40.00 for golf food & drink. This also includes a \$15.00 gift card to come back & play again. If you don't want to golf the cost is \$28.00 for food & drink only. This event will be in the Corporate Suites which also includes foosball & shuffleboard games. Flyers are available and reservations must be in no later than April 7, 2010 with full payment being made no later than April 9th. For more info please contact Eileen Z. 847-921-1860 or via email ezgolfs@att.net
 - Please encourage members in your rooms to sign up as soon as possible for the conference.
 - The Next planning meeting will be Monday Thursday March 18th 7:00 pm at the Westin Hotel in Itasca

- The Saturday evening entertainment will be a variety show and a DJ with karaoke & dancing. Please contact Cindi M if you would like to participate in the variety show.
- Please ask members in your rooms to volunteer. It is an easy way to give back. Please contact Tony C 630-408-4430 tonyc1308@gmail.com or Bob G 773-230-5545 bobbyg_8@yahoo.com.
- The workshops are full. No more will be accepted. The Workshop committee hopes to have a workshop schedule available at next Intergroup.
- If any member would like to have their flyer included in the giveaways please have 350 three hole punched copies available prior to April 9th. Contact Pam E for more information.
- Flower Power flowers were passed out to members. They are \$1.00 each and will be posted in the Hospitality room at the conference.
- Currently there are 147 people registered for the conference with 11 scholarships.
- Registrations are slightly ahead of last year.
- **To get the GA room rate discount members must book their rooms by March 15th.** Currently there are 60 room nights booked.

Spirituality Conference – Tom

- No report

Supplies – Eileen Z.

- Orders for April Intergroup need to be placed by March 29, 2010

February 2009

20 Orders	\$625.00
Supplies Ordered for Inventory	
Less Orders filled with inventory	<u>-161.90</u>
	\$463.65
Shipping	<u>18.00</u>
Total due to ISO	\$481.65
Inventory	\$913.30

Good and Welfare- Peggy G

- **Jack O** Park Ridge: Is still in Lutheran General Hospital. Please keep him & his family in your prayers.
- **Tina B** New Norridge: had knee surgery and is doing well. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers
- **Lenny I** of Hoffman Estates. Lenny's brother-in-law passed away, keep Lenny and his family in your thoughts and prayers
- **Phil S** of Bartlett: Phil's brother passed away Wednesday 2/24/10. Keep Phil and his family in your thoughts and prayers.
- **George S** Bartlett : George's wife Kay has suffered a brain aneurysm she is still in the hospital & stable. Keep them both in your thoughts and prayers
- **Harvey W** Bartlett : Harvey's mother has passed away. Keep Harvey and his family in your thoughts and prayers
- **Char B:** Her husband passed away. Please keep her & her family in your thoughts & prayers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with the group joining hands and reciting the Serenity Prayer.