

**CHICAGOLAND G.A. INTERGROUP
MINUTES FOR April 12, 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 – Jim M
Unity Program (Step 4) – Paul A
One Day at a Time – Mike S.

New Reps:

No new reps.

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 – 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:

Allen H
Jeff F
Arnie B
Kathy H

Review of the minutes from the March meeting

No Corrections

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

Old Business:

- Arnie B advised that the Board of Regents will not challenge a member who applies to be on the board if he has answered that he or she has attended at least 39 meeting per year and been clean for at least two years.

New Business:

- Trustee nominations were held:
 - Arnie B was nominated and the nomination was seconded, he accepted the nomination.
 - Kathy H was nominated and the nomination was seconded, she accepted the nomination.
 - Jim H was nominated and the nomination was seconded, he accepted the nomination.
 - Phil S was nominated and the nomination was seconded, he accepted the nomination
 - Fred L was nominated and the nomination was seconded, he accepted the nomination
 - Debbie M was nominated and the nomination was seconded, she accepted the nomination
- Arnie B. withdrew his nomination as more than four members were nominated
- Discussion was held as to the process to hold the trustee election in May. A member suggested that ballots should be mailed to all Area 8 rooms. It was reaffirmed that each room may vote for 4 trustees. However, if there is more than one Intergroup Rep per room the room may only vote for 4 nominees. All 4 votes may not be used for one person.
- Phil S withdrew his nomination.
- Arnie B made a motion: **I move that we accept the nominations of the four trustees.** Motion seconded. **Motion passed.**
- As there are only 4 nominees no election will be held in May. The term for the new trustees will begin July 4, 2010.

Committee Reports

Pinning's:

Please call or email Russ R Buckeyeruss05@aol.com 773-860-5427 **AT LEAST ONE DAY PRIOR TO INTERGROUP**

Date	Day	Time	Location	Person	Years
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
4/22/10	Thursday	6:30 PM	Waukegan/Gurnee Meeting Gurnee	Jody R	1 yr GA
4/28/10	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Mercy Provena Hospital Hospital	Terry B 2	10 yrs GA
5/25/10	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Church of the Incarnation Bloomingdale	Ellen Z Vince O Justin W	5 yrs GA 1 yr GA 1 yr GA
5/26/10	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Lutheran General Hosp. Park Ridge Johnson Auditorium Food First!!!	Paul A	1 yr GA
5/28/10	Friday	6:30 PM	Willa Rawls 1 st FL. of Community Room 4120 S. Indiana Ave. Chicago	Larry O	1 yr 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 5 pressure reliefs since last intergroup. Two held at Orland Park, (1 financial & 1 marital), three at Downers Grove, (2 financial & 1 marital).

Public Relations – Allen H

- Committee Chair reported that he spoke at East Leyden High with another member and it went very well.
- David B a member is incarcerated and needs support. The Board of Trustees does have a prison committee and he will reach out to make sure the prison has current literature and inquire if they can reach out to incarcerated members.

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:

- Committee Chair reported that 18 people were in attendance for Whirleyball and everyone had a great time,
- **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 **There are still 15 tickets left. Please contact Michelle they are going fast!**
- **May 8 – Cascade Drive in:** Saturday May the 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 appox. 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

Picnic Report – Dan B

- Sunday May 2 will be the one & only picnic planning meeting. It will be held at the picnic site, Bemis Woods Grove 7 at 2:00 pm.
- The picnic will be held on Sunday August 8th.

Phone Service –Dianna R

- Ellen Z accepted the position of Phone Service Co-Chair
- Billing Period March 19 2010 – April 18, 2010 for usage period February 19 – March 18, 2010

866-442-8620	Calls	56
	Minutes	320.8

GA Natl	Calls	34
	Minutes	206.3

Total Calls	90
Total Min	534

We are responsible for \$50.00

GA Chicago Website Doug K

- Committee chair reported that the website was not down at all since last Intergroup.
- Doug requested that room reps encourage members to visit the website and continue to send feedback & suggestions.
- Please send meeting updates & closings to Doug K and he will update the website.
- The Thursday Marengo meeting will be moved from the front page of the website to the meeting list as an official meeting.

Treasurers' Report – Phil S.

- The treasurers have made 3 deposits since last intergroup.

CIG	\$1228.00
ISO	1042.00
Can ISO (Intergroup)	57.00
Total ISO Collection	<u>\$1099.00</u>
Supplies	258.95
Flower Power	217.00
Pinning	420.00
Spring Conference	2857.00
T Shirts	339.00
Golf Outing	536.00
Donation	115.00
	<u>\$4,742.95</u>
Additional Deposits in April	\$3,426.00
Total Collection	\$10,495.95

Trustees Reports: listed in order of report

Kathy H

- Passed out white envelopes for the Louisville Walk-A-Thon. Kathy reported she will not be able to make it to all the rooms and asked for the rooms to pass the envelopes and bring the donations to May Intergroup.

Jeff F

- Made available the Louisville Agenda items that may be of interest to members at the room level. Please ask your rooms for feedback & bring to the next Intergroup.
- The complete agenda is available on the trustee website: www.trusteewebsite.com

Allen H

- Member thanked room for allowing him to be of service.

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 is looking for ways to reduce costs & expenses.
- Discussed the infringement of the GA trademark by people on social networking sites. Litigation may be necessary in order to get the offenders to stop
- There were 2 new life liners 27 starter kits sent out and 14 new group information forms were received back.

Meetings Report – Cindi M

- Friday night St. Gertrude is located in the Ministry Center
- Friday Night Hoffman Estates meeting has closed permanently
- Scott D reported that Ingalls Hospital in Harvey has rooms available every night for meetings, if anyone would like to get a meeting started there.
- Jump Start Agenda Saturday Elmhurst Hospital 6:30 pm -7:30 pm. These meetings are for everyone not just newcomers.
 - April 17th No meeting Spring Conference
 - April 24th Topic Conference Wrap Up – Tony C
- Conference Meeting Closings: These meeting will be closed the weekend of the conference.
 - Friday: Buffalo Grove
 - Saturday: Bartlett
 - Saturday: Elmhurst no jumpstart. Meeting will be open

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

- Conference will be at the Westin Hotel in Itasca April 16, 17 & 18th.
- Conference Flyers were made available to bring back to the rooms.
- **Top Golf:** The venue cut the guarantee in half so we had to confirm 25 golfers & 5 non golfers. As of intergroup we are in need of 1 golfer & 3 non golfers to meet the minimum.
- **Friday Night:** There are 5 pinnees Pizza will be served after the pinning
- **New Comers Group:** Prior to the Saturday keynote speaker there will be a short workshop for new members with information about the conference & what to expect. New members will have a sparkly sticker on their name tags.
- **Registration:** As of intergroup there are 310 members registered, 137 for Saturday night dinner, 93 for Sunday brunch, 35 GA scholarships & 7 Gam-Anon scholarships' We show 131 room nights reserved and the Westin shows 115. Debbie M will work with the hotel to get figures resolved.
- **Saturday evening entertainment** will be a variety show and a DJ with karaoke & dancing. It is going to be a lot of fun.
- **Volunteers:** 95 people have stepped up to volunteer. There are still openings so please give back and help out. Please 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.
- **Workshops** are full and the schedule has been sent. The schedule will be in the binders
- **Flower Power** flowers will available at the conference.

- **T-Shirts & supplies:** T-shirts, pens, peace sign necklaces and bracelets will be available for sale at the conference
- Fred L thanked members for getting the word out and doing a great job

Spirituality Conference – Tom C

- Co-Chairs Tom & Tony will begin looking for new places to hold the Spirituality Conference, probably in Arlington Heights.

Supplies – Eileen Z.

- Please remember to order the pins for pinning's. Committee chair tries to get a few in stock, however, it is the rooms responsibility to order the pin if it is needed.

March 2009

21 Orders	\$875.00
Supplies Ordered for Inventory	174.25
Less Orders filled with inventory	-
	<hr/> \$1049.25
Shipping	36.00
Total due to ISO	<hr/>\$1085.25
 Inventory	 \$1,103.05

Good and Welfare- Peggy G

- **Jack O** Park Ridge: Is still in the hospital. He is getting close to 35 years in the program. He is not doing well. Please keep him & his family in your prayers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with the group joining hands and reciting the Serenity Prayer.