CHICAGOLAND GA INTERGROUP

2025

April 8, 2025, Intergroup Meeting Notes

Chicagoland GA Intergroup Officers:

Role	Name	Present
Chairperson	Tony C	X
1st Chair	Laura P	Absent
2nd Chair	Al A.	X
Secretary	Reba L.	Absent
Co-Secretary	Eileen Z.	X
Co-Treasurer	Doug K	X
Co-Treasurer	Tom H	Absent

Area 8 Trustees	Present
Cindi M	X
Donna M	X
Mary D	X
Dianna R.	X

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Attendees

Reps present 26/63 ***(41% attendance)***

Attendees	Count
Participants representing rooms (63 reps and 11 open rep spaces)	26
Officers (7 positions)	5
Trustees (4 positions)	4
Committee Chairs (19 Chairs & Co-chairs combined)	6

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Event Chairs (10 Chairs & Co-chairs combined)	3

Please Note: Some rooms and committees have more than one room representative or chair

Meetings Represented – 25 of 59 (Meetings List highlighted below in blue)

Label	Meaning
TC	Temporarily Closed
Hybrid	Zoom and Live
Zoom	Zoom Only
Live	Meeting In Person
X	Meeting Representative present

	MEETING	TIME	FORMAT	Attendance		MEETING	TIME	FORMAT	Attendance
1	Sun – Champaign-Urbana	7:00 PM	LIVE		30	Wed – Hoffman Est.	7:00 PM	ZOOM	
2	Sun – Chicago St. Gertrude	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	31	Wed – North Shore	7:30 PM	ZOOM	
3	Sun – Elgin	4:00 PM	LIVE	X	32	Wed – Oak Park	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
4	Sun – Evanston	7:00 PM	ZOOM		33	Wed - Wheaton	6:30 PM	LIVE	X
5	Sun – Naperville	6:00 PM	LIVE	X	34	Thur - Algonquin	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
6	Mon – Arlington Hts.	7:00 PM	ZOOM		35	Thur – Burbank	7:30 PM	HYBRID	X
7	Mon - Bloomingdale	7:00 PM	LIVE		36	Thur - Chicago North	7:30 PM	LIVE	X
8	Mon – Chgo - Our Lady/Holy Family	6:30 PM	LIVE		37	Thur – Downers Grove	6:30 PM	LIVE	X
9	Mon – Highland, IN	6:30 PM	LIVE		38	Thur – Elk Grove	7:00 PM	LIVE	
10	Mon – Joliet	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	39	Thur – Gurnee	6:30 PM	PHONE/ LIVE	
11	Mon – Lisle	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	40	Thur – Kankakee	7:00 PM	LIVE	
12	Mon – Loves Park	6:30 PM	LIVE		41	Thur – Lisle	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
13	Mon - Mt. Prospect	7:00 PM	LIVE		42	Thur – Orland Park	7:30 PM	LIVE	X
14	Mon – Oak Lawn	7:30 PM	HYBRID		43	Thur - Palatine	11:30 AM	LIVE	
15	Mon – Naperville/Aurora	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	44	Thur -Plainfield	11:30 AM	LIVE	X
16	Mon - Peoria	7:00 PM	LIVE		45	Thur – Peoria	7:00 PM	LIVE	
17	Mon - South Holland	11:30 AM	LIVE		46	Thur – Rockton	6:30 PM	LIVE	
18	Tues – Algonquin	7:00 PM	LIVE		47	Thur – St. Charles	6:30 PM	LIVE	X
19	Tues – Bloomingdale	7:30 PM	LIVE		48	Fri – Bolingbrook	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
20	Tues - Chicago Loop Early Riser	6:00 AM	ZOOM		49	Fri – Buffalo Grove	7:00 PM	LIVE	
21	Tues – Chicago South – Willa Rawls	7:00 PM	HYBRID	X	50	Fri – Chicago Northwest	12:30 PM	LIVE	
22	Tues – Chicago NW - Edison Park	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	51	Fri – Hinsdale	6:30 AM	ZOOM	
23	Tues – Palatine	11:00 AM	LIVE	X	52	Fri - Ottawa	7:00 PM	LIVE	
24	Wed – Aurora	7:00 PM	ZOOM		53	Sat – Cherry Valley	9:00 AM	LIVE	
25	Wed – Bloomington/Normal	7:00 PM	LIVE		54	Sat - Chicago Northside	6:00 AM	LIVE	X
26	Wed – Burbank	10:00 AM	LIVE		55	Sat – Downers Grove	9:00 AM	ZOOM	
27	Wed - Chicago Lincoln Park	7:15 AM	LIVE		56	Sat – Downers Grove	9:00 AM	LIVE	X
28	Wed - Deerfield	7:30 PM	LIVE	X	57	Sat – Forest Park	9:30 AM	LIVE	X
29	Wed – Downers Grove	7:00 PM	LIVE		58	Sat - Park Ridge	8:00 AM	ZOOM	X
					59	Sat – Schaumburg	9:00 AM	LIVE	X

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Tony C.

Reading	Member
Unity Steps – Yellow Book	Allen H

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Unity Step #4 – Red Book	Christine K
A Day-at-a-Time – April 8	Jim M

Tony read the guidelines for the meeting. The collection and attendance list were passed out for collection donations and sign-in.

March minutes approval:

- Corrections made to Reading – Unity Step #3 and Day at a Time - March 11.
- Motion to approve minutes as amended by Allen H, seconded by Donna M.

Motion passed. Intergroup March 2025 minutes Approved

New Intergroup Reps

Name	Meeting Time	Location
Christine K	Saturday Zoom	Park Ridge
Penny G	Friday	Ottawa
Mike M	Thursday	Chicago - St. John Episcopal

Unfinished (Old) Business: None

New Business: In June, we will have nominations for the Annual Conference and Spirituality Conference for 2026. Bring it up to your rooms to see if anyone is interested in stepping up.

Committee and Events Reports

Activities –Steve K

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Reported by Cindi C. — Second Chance Swing Memorial Day Kick-Off – May 26th – flyers were distributed. Regular Drop-in League starts the week following – tee times are 4:30 – 5:30. No commitment to a league, just sign up as weeks allow**.**

Annual Conference 2025– Brian V, Jimmy M, Nathan W, and Rob M –Nathan W. reported

- Conference is scheduled for October 3-5, 2025, at the Hyatt Lisle
- Registration forms are available! Paper copy at Intergroup—bring back to the rooms. Also available online.
- Next conference planning meeting is in person on **Thursday, May 1st, 7 PM at Hyatt-Lisle in the Willow Room**
- 50 rooms blocked for each night-book through the hotel-last day for hotel discount is *September 11*
- Fanny May candy is fundraiser a bar/$20 a bag; we make over $1 a bar
- Cindi C & Tony C are in charge of workshops. Signup forms were available. Tony promoted workshops saying that you don't need to be a professional speaker, educator. You just need to be someone that wants to share something that they felt was key to their recovery. If you are intimidated about doing a workshop for the first time, ask someone that has done it already to join you. Recommend each room do a workshop – so many ways to do it and so many options - 25 – 30 slots are needed to be filled.
- Registration is growing – 9 registered – don't wait for the last minute.

Anniversaries – Linda R-- Linda R reported

March 2025 Anniversaries (Need from Linda)

Member	Anniversary Date |Years	Location
Jerry P.	4-5 | 42 years	Hinsdale-Friday Morning

You can provide information to anniversaries@gachicago.org or bring your information to Intergroup.

When submitting names, please indicate the first name, last initial, meeting room, clean date and how many years Deadline to submit is the ***17th of every month****.*

Budget – John R – No Report

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GA Chicagoland Website_– Mike O and Brian V

- Brian is working on some broken links on the website
- Meetings that are closed need to be very specific about if they are closed for just a day or a specific period of time. Clarification is needed.
- Minutes will also be updated.
- All new chairpersons should send their email address to info@chicago.org to have their name added to the email address for your committee/position.

Send information/updates* **info@gachicago.org*

Holiday Party-No report

Joys, Cares & Concerns – Gina K_/Sandy M --Sandy M reporting

- Dick C passed away; funeral is Thursday @ 1:00; Shiva is after 5 on Thursday at 808 Endicott (check website for details)
- Melanie F passed away from the Ottawa meeting
- Terry B returned to the hospital as of April 7th
- Chris M of Joliet's mother-in-law passed away
- Allen H started radiation April 7th
- Ingrid thanked everyone for the outpouring of love in the passing of her husband.

Send info to sunshine@gachicago.org

Meetings – Paul A and Conor B.– Paul A and Conor B. reporting

- Coming up Easter holiday weekend. Good Thursday 4-17-2025, Good Friday, 4-18-2025, Saturday April 19 and Easter Sunday April 20. please let us know if any meetings will be closed in observance of.
- Downers Grove Saturday meeting will be closed on Saturday April 19, church closed in observance. There is a DG Saturday morning Zoom meeting.
- Thursday, Elk Grove Village will be closed April 17th
- Paul A. went to first time meeting in which, handed out conference registration forms and talked about the conference to the group.
- Scott J. started and first meeting was on April 6th of announcing a new GA meeting in McHenry Sunday evenings 6:00 pm start. Gamanon welcome and 3

couples were present, one new member and several other members, nice quality location.

- Meetings that need support:
    - Wednesday, Oak Park 7:00 PM Start
    - Friday, Buffalo Grove, 7:00 Pm. start, Gammon members welcome.
    - Saturday, Chicago, Saturday evening, 6-8 pm at the Alano club.

Speaker Box - None

- Please send to meetings@gachicago.org any changes to meetings, or any new meetings information or any questions at all to Paul A and Conor B.

Send updates to meetings@gachicago.org

Phone Service – Peggy H, Cathy W.& Dustin G – Dustin G reporting

- Successfully converted to the new system
- Reports are very helpful in knowing what is happening
- Looks like Robo call issue has been fixed

Ring Central Information	
Type of Calls	**Number**
Total Calls – March 1 - 31	54
Accepted	50
Voice Mail	1
Missed Calls	3
Hang-ups (on-line less than 60 seconds)	??
Robo Calls (not included in total calls)	N/A
Information only	N/A

Missed Calls Day/Time		
Wednesday	3/19	10:46 PM

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Tuesday	3/25	8:46 AM
Saturday	3/29	2:20 PM

*We are **always** looking for volunteers for the hours you are available. **6 months** of clean time is required. Information is on gachicago.org on how to be of service answering hotline calls.*

Please communicate any questions or concerns with the phone service; email Peggy at phoneservice@gachicago.org.

Picnic – Bob D

- July 27th – Registration form was available. Bemis Woods in Hinsdale – same location as last year.
- Adults $20, Children (5-11) $5. Noon – dusk. Pony rides and pinata for kids. All are invited – anyone can come, friends, family, neighbors. Register by July 17th, if possible.

Pinnings –Sandy M & Cathy W – Sandy M reporting

Chicagoland GA & Gam-Anon Pinning List

Joliet - Monday, April 28, 2025 - *New Date*
Chris M 25 Years GA
1st Presbyterian Church
805 Western Avenue
Joliet, IL 604357:00 Pinning and Dessert will be served after.

Orland Park, June 5 @ 7pm.
Food first, Open pinning to follow.
Address:
All Saints Lutheran Church
13350 S La Grange Rd
Orland Park, IL 60462

Meg J 1 year
Christine C 1 year
Mike C. 1 year
Brian M. 1 year
Gina K. 5 years

DeWayne T.	5 years
Sam L.	5 years
John O.	10 years
Stew M.	15 years
Peggy B.	20 years

*****Please send pinning info/updates to Sandy M. and Laura P., Pinning Co-Chairs at pinnings@gachicago.org OR call/text Sandy at 630-263-1962 or Laura at 312-802-2775**

- **Important:** To ensure that the Supplies Chair(s) are aware of pins that need to be ordered, please advise the Pinning Chair if you need to order a pin(s) at least 6 weeks in advance to ensure they are received in time for your pinning.
- When you submit information for a pinning by email please include (meeting room/location, date, and if you need a pin(s) in your email). Please ensure you include a phone number when submitting pinning requests in case of questions.
- **All pins will be provided by Intergroup and subject to review with the yearly budget process.**

DISCLAIMER--Note that this Pinning list in the meeting minutes is effective only on the date of the Intergroup meeting at which it was reported. For the latest Pinnings information, go to www.gachicago.org, to the Member Page, then look for the Pinnings link.

_Chicagoland GA Pinning Scheduling Guidelines:

- *For a pinning event to be added to the pinning list, it requires submission to the Pinning Chairperson-Sandy M at least 30 days prior to the pinning date and preferably at least one day prior to the Intergroup meeting. Intergroup Reps can do this by emailing or calling the Pinning Chairperson.*
- *It is recommended that no meeting schedule more than 1 pinning event in a 30-day period. This is done in order to prevent pinning events being scheduled on the same date in different meeting locations.*
- *Chicagoland Intergroup will pay for pins once the pinnee has qualified to be added to the pinning list. The Intergroup Rep will be asked if the member*

requesting a pinning, by their own admission, has met all following requirements to qualify.

- ***To be eligible to be pinned, a member must have (Per the Gamblers Anonymous Guidance Code, Article VII, Section 4 stating):*** *Abstinence from gambling and regular attendance of at least thirty-nine (39) Gamblers Anonymous meetings (exceptions can be made, via group conscience decisions, for medical reasons and military stationed overseas) in the prior 12 months, by the member's own admission, is required for pinnings and for all successive anniversaries. Date of abstinence starts from your first meeting after your last bet.*

Pinning General Guidelines:

- *Announce at beginning of pinning that* ***"As this is a program of anonymity, we ask that Family & Friends be mindful of this and ask before taking pictures. This is also why we provide first name and last initial only for GA members when introducing them."***
- Announce prior to a collection being taken that: ***"Donations will be accepted only from GA members. While we appreciate contributions offered, our organization is self-supporting."*** (See Unity step 7 regarding declining outside contributions.)

Pressure Relief-Joe L

- Pressure relief set up in Burbank this week
- If you need help, contact Joe L at pressurerelief@gachicago.org

Public Relations – Allen H and Nathan W

- Allen H attended a mental health seminar regarding mental health and addiction
- Health Care Alternatives & Gateway Foundation Problem Gambling Conference--March 26- 10Am-3PM--Allen H attended. Heard a lot of stories. Allen shared his story. Big issue is teenagers in high school. Fortnite is costly and causing problems. State is trying to reduce harm, too convenient to gamble.

Spirituality Conference 2025 --No Report

Supplies – Fran S and Nathan W

- ISO lowered shipping, but it is taking a lot longer to get supplies. Didn't get the March supplies. He will make sure we get stocked up for May IG.
- *Grab a sheet with the QR code for your room.For big orders of 10 or more items, please try to email to supplies@gachicago.org so they can ensure they have it for you at the next meeting*
- *Please complete the forms in their entirety;* ***Name, Room Location*** *and* ***Night of Meeting;*** *if this is not completed, the order will not be filled. Pay the treasurers, have them sign the order and present to Nathan or Fran.*
- ***Reminder:*** *Your room will need to place a Supply order for the pin(s) far enough ahead of time to ensure it is available for the pinning event.* ***Please tell Pinnings chairperson (Sandy M or Cathy W) if you need a pin and let a Supply chairperson (Nathan W or Fran S) know, as well.***

Trustees Reports

Cindi C:

- Spoke about the Wisconsin Conference on April 26th. They are looking for presenters. Contact Cindi if interested.
- Next month we will talk about Open Meetings, Closed Meetings, and who can speak at them.

Donna M:

- Getting close to the next trustee meeting on May 19th. The agenda will be available for next IG.
- Each one of you are public relations for the conference to your rooms. You need to get your rooms excited and involved…it's up to you!!

Dianna R: No Report

Mary D: - No Report

Treasurers' Report – Doug K and Tom H– Doug K reporting

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Chicagoland Intergroup Treasurer's Report					April 2025	
BALANCE 2/28/2025						$ 26,703.59
3/13/2025	Checking	4264	Cindi C	Trivia Night Expenses	Activity	$ (32.43)
3/13/2025	Checking	4266	GA ISO	Mar Can Collections	[ISO Collections]	$ (558.50)
3/13/2025	Checking	DEP	Deposit	Deposit	--Split--	$ 3,567.95
3/18/2025	Checking		PNC Bank	Service Charge	Fees & Charges	$ (5.00)
3/29/2025	Checking		Interest	Interest	Interest Inc	$ 0.24
3/30/2025	Checking	4261	Hyatt Regency	2025 Conference Deposit	Conferences	$ (1,250.00)
3/30/2025	Checking	4265	Mary D	Candy - Conference	Conferences	$ (166.40)
3/31/2025	Checking		PNC Bank	Check printing	Fees & Charges:Bank Fee:Check Pri	$ (122.33)
3/13/2025	Supplies		Deposit	Deposit	[Checking]	$ (745.50)
3/13/2025	Bowling Funds		Deposit	Deposit	[Checking]	$ (236.45)
3/13/2025	ISO Collections		GA ISO	Mar Can Collections	[Checking]	$ 558.50
3/13/2025	ISO Collections		Deposit	Mar Can Collections	[Checking]	$ (558.50)
3/13/2025	Pinning Funds		Deposit	Deposit	[Checking]	$ (518.00)
					3/1/2025 - 3/31/2025	$ (66.42)
Checking Balance 4/05/2025		$ 27,631.01			BALANCE 3/31/2025	$ 26,637.17
					TOTAL INFLOWS	$ 4,126.69
Pinning Funds		$ (3,477.54)			TOTAL OUTFLOWS	$ (4,193.11)
Bowling Funds		$ (1,136.55)				
Supplies		3,620.25				
TOTAL Other Accounts		$ (993.84)				
OVERALL TOTAL		$ 26,637.17				
		$ (3,620.25)	Less Non-cash asset			
		$ 23,016.92	Approximate Funds Available to Chicagoland Intergroup			

Chicagoland Intergroup April 2025 Meeting Financial

During Intergroup, please ensure room contributions are submitted as soon as possible; contributions received after 8:00 p.m. do not allow for the treasury report to be completed before the end of the meeting.

Breakdown

Item	Amount
Intergroup collections	**$6468.75**
Cash	$1386.00
Checks	$5082.75
ISO room donations +1/2 of IG collection	$358+$40
Total sent to ISO	**$398.00**
Chicagoland Intergroup donations + 1/2 of IG collection	$743+$40
Total Chicagoland Intergroup donations	**$773**
Supplies	$487.75
Pinning Funds in Trust	$281.00
Bowling Funds in Trust	$0.00
Annual Conference	$4529

Contributions can be made via Zelle or Pay Pal email to giveback@gachicago.org

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn- Motion made by Sandy M and Mary D. seconded. Motion

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Passed. Meeting ended at 8:39 PM with the Serenity Prayer done in a circle.

Recorded by Eileen Z, Intergroup Co-Secretary

Respectfully submitted by Reba L., Intergroup Secretary