

CHICAGOLAND GA INTERGROUP

Minutes for February 13, 2023

Chicagoland GA Intergroup Officers:

Chairperson	Tony C	Present
1st Chair	Sue M	Absent
2nd Chair	Al A	Present
Secretary	Eileen Z	Present
Co-Secretary	Sandy M	Absent
Co-Treasurer	Doug K	Present
Co-Treasurer	Tom H	Absent
		Fran S Sub

Area 8 Trustees	Present	Not Present
Cindi M	X	
Dianna R		X
Donna M	X	
Mary D		X

Attendees were as follows: Participants representing 22 rooms, highlighted below in yellow, 4 officers, 2 trustees, 11 Committee Chairs, and 3 Event Chairs.

Meetings – 21 of 53 rooms available (below)

TC = Temporarily Closed; Hybrid = Zoom and Live; Zoom = Zoom Only; Live = Mtg In Person X = Meeting Represented

1	Sun – Champaign-Urbana	7:00 PM	LIVE		29	Wed - Deerfield	7:30 PM	LIVE	X
2	Sun – Chicago St. Gertrude	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	30	Wed – Downers Grove	7:00 PM	ZOOM	
3	Sun – Elgin	4:00 PM	LIVE		31	Wed – Hoffman Est.	7:00 PM	ZOOM	
4	Sun – Elk Grove	5:00 PM	LIVE		32	Wed – North Shore	7:30 PM	ZOOM	
5	Sun – Evanston	7:00 PM	ZOOM		33	Wed – Oak Park	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
6	Sun – Naperville	6:00 PM	LIVE	X	34	Thur - Algonquin	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
7	Mon – Arlington Hts.	7:00 PM	ZOOM		35	Thur – Burbank	7:30 PM	HYBRID	X
8	Mon - Bloomingdale	7:00 PM	LIVE		36	Thur - Chicago North	7:30 PM	LIVE	X
9	Mon – Chgo - Our Lady/Holy Family	6:30 PM	LIVE	X	37	Thur – Downers Grove	6:30 PM	LIVE	X
10	Mon – Highland, IN	6:30 PM	LIVE		38	Thur – Elk Grove	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
11	Mon – Joliet	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	39	Thur – Gurnee	6:30 PM	PHONE/LIVE	
12	Mon – Lisle	7:00 PM	LIVE		40	Thur – Kankakee	7:00 PM	LIVE	
13	Mon – Loves Park	6:30 PM	LIVE		41	Thur – Lisle	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
14	Mon - Mt. Prospect	7:00 PM	LIVE		42	Thur – Orland Park	7:30 PM	LIVE	X
15	Mon – Oak Lawn	7:30 PM	HYBRID	X	43	Thur – Peoria	7:00 PM	LIVE	
16	Mon – Naperville/Aurora	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	44	Thur – Rockton	6:30 PM	LIVE	

1 7	Mon - Peoria	7:00 PM	LIVE		4 5	Thur – St. Charles	6:30 PM	LIVE	X
1 8	Mon - South Holland	11:30 AM	LIVE		4 6	Fri – Bolingbrook	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
1 9	Tues – Algonquin	7:00 PM	LIVE		4 7	Fri – Buffalo Grove	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
2 0	Tues – Bloomingdale	7:30 PM	LIVE		4 8	Fri – Chicago Northwest	12:30 PM	LIVE	
2 1	Tues - Chicago Loop Early Riser	6:00 AM	ZOOM		4 9	Fri – Hinsdale	6:30 AM	ZOOM	
2 2	Tues – Chicago South – Willa Rawls	7:00 PM	HYBRID	X	5 0	Fri - Ottawa	7:00 PM	LIVE	
2 3	Tues – Chicago NW - Edison Park	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	5 1	Sat – Cherry Valley	9:00 AM	LIVE	
2 4	Tues – Palatine	11:00 AM	LIVE		5 2	Sat – Downers Grove	9:00 AM	ZOOM	
2 5	Wed – Aurora	7:00 PM	ZOOM		5 3	Sat – Downers Grove	9:00 AM	LIVE	X
2 6	Wed – Bloomington/Normal	7:00 PM	LIVE		5 4	Sat – Forest Park	9:30 AM	LIVE	
2 7	Wed – Burbank	10:00 AM	LIVE		5 5	Sat - Park Ridge	8:00 AM	ZOOM	
2 8	Wed - Chicago Lincoln Park	7:15 AM	LIVE		5 6	Sat – Schaumburg	9:00 AM	LIVE	

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

Readings:

Unity Program – Yellow Book	Sam A
Unity Step #2 – Red Book	Steve K
A Day-at-a-Time – December 12 th	Pam E

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

December, 2023 minutes: Motion by Allen H seconded by Joe L to approve December minutes. Motion passed.

New Intergroup Reps Acknowledged:

Name	Meeting Time	Location
Sam A	Sunday night	Naperville
Fran S	Monday night	Lisle

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Tony spoke about the January meeting being cancelled. He advised that the decision was made after consulting the other chairpersons and members. Emails were sent to the IG distribution list; it was put on the website and Second Chances. Second Chances is a private Facebook group that is available to GA members and information is posted there, as well. We recommend that you become a member to keep informed.

Activities – Brian V and Steve K

- 9-hole golf league is being planned for Lombard Golf Course on Mondays – details to follow
- Steve is going to plan Saturday night dinners for fellowship, picking a location and people can join as available

Anniversaries – Pam E reporting

Reported to ISO in December:

12 yrs.	Peggy H.	10-18-12	Schaumburg
8 yrs.	Bob C.	10-5-15	St. Charles
5 yrs.	Deb K.	10-20-18	St. Charles
1 yr.	Rhonda H.	10-8-22	Bolingbrook
20 yrs.	Fred L.	11-23-02	Palatine
19 yrs.	Donna M.	12-30-04	Palatine
1 yr.	Nick D.	12-1-22	Naperville

Reported to ISO in January:

20 yrs	Fred L.	11-23-03	Palatine
19 yrs	Donna M.	12-30-04	Palatine
1 yr	Nick D.	12-1-22	Naperville
35 yrs	Tom H.	1-29-89	Palatine
26 yrs	Cindy F.	1-19-98	Joliet
24 yrs	Chris M.	1-31-00	Joliet
20 yrs	Pam E.	1-5-04	Joliet
20 yrs	Dianna R.	1-16-04	Palatine
16 yrs	Tony C.	1-3-08	Park Ridge
9 yrs	Monica O.	1-2-15	Bolingbrook
8 yrs	Valerie C.	1-4-16	Lisle
8 yrs	Reba L.	1-12-16	Elmhurst
7 yrs	Lee W.	1-5-17	St. Charles
5 yrs	Gary B.	1-26-19	Cherry Valley
4 yrs	Andy D.	1-14-20	Palatine
3 yrs	Mara G.	1-16-21	Elmhurst

- 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

GA Chicagoland Website – Mike O and Brian – Brian reporting

- Will be updating the committee email addresses. If there is more than one person on the email, they will get a email from Google Groups to get set up.
- Send information/updates info@gachicago.org

Holiday Party – 2024 – Mary D and Bob - no report

Joys, Cares & Concerns – Nathan W reporting

- Dory D is going through a difficult time and requested prayers and is taking phone calls and texts
- Connor B and his wife welcomed Beau Everett into their world on February 10 weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz. 20.5 inches long. Congratulations!
- Send info to sunshine@gachicago.org

Meetings – Paul A and DeWayne T – Paul A reporting

- Send updates to meetings@gachicago.org
- Sunday Elk Grove Village meeting is remaining open as Tom F stepped up to run the meeting; it restarted on 2/11
- Reminder to give advance notice if a meeting is going to be closed at any time.
- Meetings that need support are listed on the website.
 - Burbank Wednesday morning – 10 am
 - Oak Park Wednesday evening – 7 pm
 - Chicago Northwest Friday afternoon – 12:30 pm
 - Forest Park Saturday morning – 9:30 am
 - Elgin Sunday afternoon – 4 pm
 - Elk Grove Village Sunday – 5 pm

Phone Service – Peggy H, Laura P, & Dustin G – Laura P & Dustin G reporting

Total Calls – January 1- 31	129
Accepted	43
Voice Mail	3
Missed Calls: Fri 1/5 12:06a & 10.24a, Fri 1/12 3:14a, Mon 1/29 4:49a, Wed 1/24 9:45a, Thurs 1/25 10:34a, 2:18p, Mon 1/22 7:02p	8
Hang-ups (on-line less than 60 seconds)	37
Robo Calls (not included in total calls)	38

Laura reminded that volunteers can sign up for blocks of time – it's not a full time commitment. She encouraged us to take the volunteer info to our rooms. It's a great way to give back to the program. If someone is going to be unavailable due to travels or something else, they can be temporarily suspended by notifying the phone committee.

Allen H added that there is a suicide hotline #988 available.

We are always looking for volunteers for the hours you are available. 6 months clean time is required. Information is on the website 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.

2024 Picnic – Bob D and Pat F – no report

August 4th will be the picnic at Bemis Woods; flyer will be out soon. There will be more activities planned for both adults and children.

Pinnings –Sandy M – no report

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 Pinning information, go to www.gachicago.org, to the Member Page, then look for the Pinnings link.

DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	PINNEE	CELEBRATING
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- To schedule a pinning, please call or email Sandy M at pinnings@gachicago.org or call 630-263-1962.

- *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.*
- ***1-year pins will be provided by Intergroup; subsequent pins will be provided by Intergroup until the funds dedicated to pins depletes.***

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 a submission to 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 1-year 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 - No report

Public Relations – Allen H and Nathan W – No report

- Allen H went to a form hosted by State Representative and Senator to explain the new Suicide Help Line available by calling #988.
- There is an outreach by the state called Are You Really Winning
- The 1-800-gambler is now manned by trained people.
- *If you'd like to volunteer or have any ideas for public relations, please email to publicrelations@gachicago.org.*

Supplies – Deb K and Nathan W reporting – Nathan W reporting

- There is a new version of the supply order form that is 2-sided. All English literature is on the first page and the second page contains audio and foreign language literature. (copy attached)
- If you know you have a large order coming, 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 treasurer's, have them sign the order and present to Deb.*
- **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. (Your room will not be charged for a 1-year pin as this is a CIG expense to reflect the new policy passed at the March, 2022 IG meeting). **Please tell Pinning chairperson (Sandy M) if you need a pin and let a Supply chairperson (Deb K) know, as well.**

Spirituality Conference 2024 – Mary D & Bob D - No report

Trustee Reports

Cindi C:

Lifeline donations are tax deductible. It's easy to set up. You call Israel at ISO and are issued a number, then set up with your bank through Bill Pay function to make a monthly donation. The Lifeline Bulletin link is on our website and information about becoming a Lifeline is also in those bulletins.

Received a request from 2 meetings in Springfield that want to join our Intergroup. They used to be in our IG but moved to St. Louis; however, there is no longer an IG in St. Louis. Cindi said that are no guidelines on what needs to happen for them to join us. It was discussed and agreed to as a group that the Reps should discuss with their rooms the inclusion of Springfield into the Area 8 Intergroup and that, at the next Intergroup meeting, Cindi would make a formal motion to be voted on regarding the proposed inclusion.

Dianna R: No report

Donna M:

Went to the Ottawa meeting; it is good to have a meeting so far south.

May 5-6 is the next trustee meeting to be held in California. Cindi and Diana are the official IG representatives, however Donna and Mary are going at their own expense.

You can now purchase the Combo book as an E-book. Instructions were provided and are attached to the minutes

Mary D: - No report

Treasurer's Report – Doug K and Tom H – Doug K reporting

- *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.*
- **Intergroup collections totaled \$2,931.00. Cash of \$785.50 and checks of \$2,145.50. ISO room donations \$809.00 plus ½ of IG collection of \$21 total \$830.00 which will be sent to ISO. Chicagoland Intergroup donations were \$941.00 plus IG collection of \$21 for a total of \$962.00; Supplies - \$887.00 Bowling funds in trust \$271.00 Int'l Conference \$107.20 and Pinning Funds in Trust - \$252.00**
- Contributions can be made via Zelle or Pay Pal email to giveback@gachicago.org

Motion made by Brian V seconded by Allen H to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and meeting ended at 8:29 PM with the Serenity Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Z, Intergroup Secretary

Chicagoland Intergroup Treasurer's Report					January 2024	
Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
BALANCE 11/30/2023						\$ 31,087.14
12/12/2023	Checking	4194	Donna M	Trustee Meeting - Chicago	Trustee Expenses	\$ (463.74)
12/12/2023	Checking	4195	Mary D	Trustee Meeting - Chicago	Trustee Expenses	\$ (463.74)
12/12/2023	Checking	4196	Mary D	holiday gathering	Holiday Party	\$ (548.87)
12/12/2023	Checking	4197	GA ISO	Intergroup Nov Collection	[ISO Collections]	\$ (391.00)
12/12/2023	Checking	4198	GA ISO	Supplies kept from conf	[Supplies]	\$ (1,099.50)
12/12/2023	Checking	DEP	Deposit		--Split--	\$ 3,112.00
12/22/2023	Checking	DEP	Deposit	Bowling Funds		\$ 315.00
12/25/2023	Checking		Interest	Interest	Interest Inc	\$ 0.25
12/25/2023	Checking		Service Charge	Service Charge	Fees & Charges	\$ (5.00)
12/12/2023	Supplies		GA ISO	Supplies kept from conf	[Checking]	\$ 1,099.50
12/12/2023	Supplies		Deposit		[Checking]	\$ (939.00)
12/12/2023	ISO Collections		GA ISO	Intergroup Dec Collection	[Checking]	\$ 391.00
12/12/2023	ISO Collections		Deposit	Dec can collections	[Checking]	\$ (391.00)
12/12/2023	Pinning Funds		Deposit		[Checking]	\$ (165.00)
					12/1/2023 - 12/31/2023	\$ 450.90
Checking Balance 1/04/2024		\$ 31,582.81			BALANCE 12/31/2023	\$ 31,538.04
					TOTAL INFLOWS	\$ 4,917.75
Pinning Funds		\$ (3,593.52)			TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$ (4,466.85)
Bowling Funds		\$ (1,073.00)				
Supplies		\$ 4,296.75				
TOTAL Other Accounts		\$ (369.77)				
OVERALL TOTAL		\$ 31,213.04				
		\$ (4,296.75)	Less Non-cash asset			
		\$ 26,916.29	Approximate Funds Available to Chicagoland Intergroup			

CONTRIBUTION REPORT = FEBRUARY 2024	CIG		ISO		SUPPLIES	
Group Name	Month	YTD	Month	YTD	Month	YTD
Algonquin - Christ United Tuesday	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	144.00	144.00
Algonquin - Christ United Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Arlington Heights Zoom Monday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Aurora Zoom Wednesday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bloomington - Church of the Incarnation Tuesday	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
Bolingbrook - Friendship United (Friday)	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	15.00	15.00
Buffalo Grove - Youth Center (Friday)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	67.50	67.50
Burbank - Our Savior (Wednesday)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Burbank - Our Savior (Thursday)	192.00	192.00	192.00	192.00	119.50	119.50
Bloomington/Normal - St Matthews Wednesday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cherry Valley - United Methodist (Saturday)	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chicago - St. Gertrude Sunday	9.00	9.00	5.00	5.00	18.50	18.50
Chicago - Our Lady of the Holy Family Monday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chicago - Early Risers Zoom Tuesday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chicago - St Elizabeth of the Trinity Friday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chicago - Lincoln Park Alano Wednesday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chicago - St John's Episcopal Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	111.00	111.00
Deerfield - Kingswood United Wednesday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	20.00
Downers Grove - Glory Dei Thursday	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	111.50	111.50
Downers Grove - St Luke Saturday	48.00	48.00	48.00	48.00	7.00	7.00
Downers Grove Zoom Saturday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Edison Park - Edison Park Lutheran Church (Tuesday)	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	40.00	40.00
Elgin - St Hugh of Lincoln Sunday	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	0.00	0.00
Elk Grove Village - Alexian Brothers Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Elk Grove Village - St Nicholas Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Evanston Zoom Sunday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Forest Park - Hannah House (Saturday)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gurnee - Weckler & Assoc. Thursday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hammond - St Margaret Mercy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	87.50	87.50
Hinsdale Zoom Friday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hoffman Estates Zoom (Wednesday)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Joliet - 1st Presbyterian Church (Monday)	16.00	16.00	0.00	0.00	16.00	16.00
Kankakee - Riverside Medical (Thursday)	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Lisle - Trinity Lutheran Women's meeting Monday	66.00	66.00	17.00	17.00	0.00	0.00
Lisle - Trinity Lutheran Thursday	33.00	33.00	30.00	30.00	0.00	0.00
Loves Park - Javon Bea Hospital (Monday)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Supplies/Literature Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt Prospect - Northwest Covenant Monday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Naperville - West Suburban Fellowship (Sunday)	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	29.50	29.50
Naperville - River Glen Church Monday	66.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	51.00	51.00
North Shore Zoom Wednesday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oak Lawn - Pilgrim Faith (Monday)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Oak Park - The Grateful House (Wednesday)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Orland Park - All Saints Lutheran (Thursday)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Palatine - Good News Church (Tuesday)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Park Ridge Zoom Saturday	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Schaumburg - St. Johns Evangelical (Saturday)	62.00	62.00	27.00	27.00	13.00	13.00
St. Charles - Hosanna Lutheran (Thursday)	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	36.50	36.50
South Holland -Christ Community Church (Monday)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Willa Rawls Zoom Tuesday	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.00	0.00
Gifts/Internet Collection	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intergroup collections	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Collections	962.00	962.00	830.00	830.00	887.50	887.50