

CHICAGOLAND GA INTERGROUP

2025

December 9, 2025, Intergroup Meeting Notes

Chicagoland GA Intergroup Officers

Role	Name	Present
Chairperson	Tony C	X
1 st Chair	Al A.	X
2 nd Chair	Brian V	Absent
Secretary	Reba L.	X
Co-Secretary	Eileen Z.	Absent
Co-Treasurer	Mark M.	X
Co-Treasurer	Tom H	X
Area 8 Trustees	Present	
Dianna R.	X	
Donna M	X	
Doug K	X	
Mary D	X	

Attendees

Attendees	Count
Participants representing rooms (63 reps and 11 open rep spaces)	24
Officers (7 positions)	5
Trustees (4 positions)	4
Committee Chairs (19 Chairs & Co-chairs combined)	10
Event Chairs (10 Chairs & Co-chairs combined)	5

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

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Meetings Represented (Highlighted below in **blue**)– 24 of 60

Label	Meaning
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		31	Wed – Hoffman Est.	7:00 PM	ZOOM	
2	Sun – Chicago St. Gertrude	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	32	Wed – North Shore	7:30 PM	ZOOM	
3	Sun – Elgin	4:00 PM	LIVE	X	33	Wed – Oak Park	7:00 PM	LIVE	
4	Sun – Evanston	7:00 PM	ZOOM		34	Wed – Wheaton	8:30 PM	LIVE	X
5	Sun – Naperville	8:00 PM	LIVE	X	35	Thur – Algonquin	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
6	Mon – Arlington Hts.	7:00 PM	ZOOM		36	Thur – Burbank	7:30 PM	HYBRID	
7	Mon – Bloomingdale	7:00 PM	LIVE		37	Thur – Chicago North	7:30 PM	LIVE	X
8	Mon – Chgo - Our Lady/Holy Family	8:30 PM	LIVE	X	38	Thur – Downers Grove	8:30 PM	LIVE	X
9	Mon – Highland, IN	8:30 PM	LIVE		39	Thur – Elk Grove	7:00 PM	LIVE	
10	Mon – Joliet	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	40	Thur – Gurnee	8:30 PM	PHONE/ LIVE	
11	Mon – Lisle	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	41	Thur – Kankakee	7:00 PM	LIVE	
12	Mon – Loves Park	8:30 PM	LIVE		42	Thur – Lisle	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
13	Mon – Mt. Prospect	7:00 PM	LIVE		43	Thur – Orland Park	7:30 PM	LIVE	
14	Mon – Oak Lawn	7:30 PM	HYBRID	X	44	Thur – Palatine	11:30 AM	LIVE	X
15	Mon – Naperville/Aurora	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	45	Thur – Plainfield	11:30 AM	LIVE	X
16	Mon – Peoria	7:00 PM	LIVE		46	Thur – Peoria	7:00 PM	LIVE	
17	Mon – South Holland	11:30 AM	LIVE		47	Thur – Rockton	8:30 PM	LIVE	
18	Tues – Algonquin	7:00 PM	LIVE		48	Thur – St. Charles	8:30 PM	LIVE	
19	Tues – Bloomingdale	7:30 PM	LIVE	X	49	Fri – Bolingbrook	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
20	Tues – Chicago Loop Early Riser	8:00 AM	ZOOM		50	Fri – Buffalo Grove	7:00 PM	LIVE	
21	Tues – Chicago South – Willa Rawls	7:00 PM	HYBRID		51	Fri – Chicago Northwest	12:30 PM	LIVE	X
22	Tues – Chicago NW - Edison Park	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	52	Fri – Hinsdale	8:30 AM	ZOOM	
23	Tues – Palatine	11:00 AM	LIVE	X	53	Fri – Ottawa	7:00 PM	LIVE	
24	Wed – Aurora	7:00 PM	ZOOM	X	54	Sat – Cherry Valley	9:00 AM	LIVE	
25	Wed – Bloomington/Normal	7:00 PM	LIVE		55	Sat – Chicago Northside	8:00 AM	LIVE	X
26	Wed – Burbank	10:00 AM	LIVE		56	Sat – Downers Grove	9:00 AM	ZOOM	X
27	Wed – Chicago Lincoln Park	7:15 AM	LIVE		57	Sat – Downers Grove	9:00 AM	LIVE	
28	Wed – Deerfield	7:30 PM	LIVE		58	Sat – Forest Park	9:30 AM	LIVE	
29	Wed – Downers Grove	7:00 PM	LIVE		59	Sat – Park Ridge	8:00 AM	ZOOM	
30	Wed – Elgin	7:00 PM	LIVE		60	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	Bob D
Unity Step #12 – Red Book	Monica O.
A Day-at-a-Time – December 9th	Cindi C.

Tony read the guidelines for the meeting. The collection basket and attendance list were passed out for collections and room representatives sign-in.

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November minutes change(s):

Additions or Corrections to November meeting notes

- None

Motion to approve minutes made by Mary D and seconded by Sandy M

Motion passed. Intergroup November 2025 minutes Approved

New Intergroup Reps

- Andrew S.-- Sunday Night St Gertrude

Unfinished (Old) Business

- All roles (Officers, Committee Chairs, and Event Chairs) will be acclimated as none were contested
- Unfilled Position(s):
 - Holiday Party Co-Chairs

New Business:

Nathan W. made the following motion:

“Chicago Intergroup will cover the cost of all pins, 5 years and above as long as the pinning has been submitted, approved, and posted on the website.”

INFO: Pins are \$25 each. Total cost in 2025 was \$1,875.

Seconded by-Allen H

Discussion

- Payment for all 1-year pins was discussed. Decided in a previous Intergroup that the cost for 1 year pinnings would be covered by Intergroup.

Motion passed

Committee and Events Reports

Activities –Steve K—No Report

Monday was the last golf outing. Winter break

Anniversaries – Linda R-- Linda R reporting

December Anniversaries

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Member	Anniversary Date Years	Location
Nick D.	12-1-22 3 years	Naperville (Sun)
Annette J.	12-4-24 1 year	Lisle
Tom D.	12-4-97 28 years	Joliet

November Anniversaries

Member	Anniversary Date Years	Location
Raelyn S.	11-9-23 2 years	St. Charles
Jeff L.	11-12-23 2 years	St. Charles
Dan T.	11-21-24 1 year	St. Charles
Trent S.	11-3-14 11 years	Naperville (Mon)
Jake G.	11-7-22 3 years	Naperville (Mon)
Jim D.	11-9-06 19 years	Naperville (Mon)
Jim J.	11-11-01 24 years	Joliet (Mon)

October Anniversaries

Member	Anniversary Date Years	Location
Brandon H	10-17-24 1year	Plainfield

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.**

Annual Conference 2026—Brian V and Rob M—

No Report

Budget – John R – No Report

GA Chicagoland Website— Mike O and Brian V -No Report

Reminder: Thursday meetings need to share if they are closed for the holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years).

- 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*****

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Holiday Party-Mary D and Bob D.—Mary D. and Robert D. reporting

Holiday party was Sunday, December 7th—12 PM-4 PM

Great Attendance :107 attendees

Kids 5-12: 7

5 and under:11

Under budget by 5 cents

Joys, Cares & Concerns – Gina K /Sandy M – Sandy M. reporting

No new Joys, Cares, & Concerns

- Budget questions-\$25 or \$50
- Larissa had health issue-send thoughts and prayers
- Linda P-moved to Pennsylvania-due to surgery
- Allen H-Doing well-Thanks for support and thoughts & prayers

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

Holidays and/or weather-related meeting closures need to be sent

meetings@gachicago.org .Winter is here ☺

Lisle/St Charles/Algonquin closed for Thanksgiving and Christmas

- 12/20-Downers in person closed/Zoom will be open
- 12/25-St. Charles, Algonquin, Lisle
- 1/1-Lisle and St. Charles

Meetings that need support

- Wednesday Oak Park needs support
- Saturday Meeting 6-8 at Alano club
- Elgin Wednesday meeting needs support—needs a lot of people

Can list meetings as “GA Only” meeting rather than “Closed”. Meetings listed as closed on the website are confusing because people think there is no meeting being held.

Speaker Box – Conor B and Paul A Reporting

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.

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

- New hotline number is **855-222-5542** --Make sure this number is saved on the phone correctly!
- Committee reaches out to members if they miss 6 calls in a month for problem solving and discussion.
- Phone call volunteers need to make sure call availability times are correct and updated

Ring Central Information	
Type of Calls	Number
Total Calls – October 1-31	46
Accepted	38
Voice Mail	0
Missed Calls	3
Hang-ups (on-line less than 60 seconds)	5

Missed Calls

Date	Time
Saturday 11-1	10:40 PM
Sunday 11-9	4:20 PM
Sat 11-22	5:32 AM

*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-Rachel M and Dianna R—Rachel M reporting

- August 9th date secured for the same site

More information to follow

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Pinnings –Sandy M & Cathy W.– Sandy M reporting

Date	Pinning Location	Pinnees
2/28/26	Buffalo Grove Friday Evening Meeting <i>In room pinning</i> Note: GA & Gam-Anon meeting 501/2 Raupp Blvd. Buffalo Grove, IL 60089 Youth Center Building(behind Village Hall)	Laura D.-- 10 Years Gam-ANON Stu P.—30 years GA Jim M.—30 years GA

***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.**

Chicagoland GA Pinning Scheduling Guidelines:

- *For a pinning event to be added to the pinning list, it requires submission to the*

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.

Pinning Chairperson-Sandy M at least 30 days prior to the pinning date and

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preferably 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 –No Report

- If you need help, **contact Joe L** at pressurerelief@gachicago.org

Public Relations – Allen H and Nathan W – No Report

Spirituality Conference 2025 --Al A and Marius—No Report

Supplies – Fran S and Nathan W-No Report

- Some orders were short pins—They will be in next month

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- *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

Mary D — No Report

Dianna R --- No Report

Donna M --- No Report

Doug K — No report

Treasurers' Report – Mark M. and Tom H

Chicagoland Intergroup November 2025 IG Meeting Financial Breakdown	
Item	Amount
Intergroup collections	\$4749.50
Cash	581.50
Checks	\$4168.00
ISO room donations +1/2 IG collection	\$245+ \$40=\$285.00
Total sent to ISO	\$285.00
Chicagoland Intergroup donations + 1/2 of IG collection	\$423.00+\$40=\$463.00
Total Chicagoland Intergroup donations	\$463.00
Supplies	\$206.50
Pinning Funds in Trust	0
Holiday Party	\$3595.00
Other: Conference Leftover (Swag)	\$200.00
Total Bank Deposits	\$4749.50

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Chicagoland Intergroup Treasurer's Report				December 2025	
BALANCE 10/31/2025					\$ 34,872.75
11/25/2025	Checking		Interest	Interest Inc	\$ 0.29
11/25/2025	Checking		PNC Bank	Service Charge	\$ (5.00)
11/25/2025	Checking	DEP \$	Deposit	--Split--	\$ 2,914.75
11/25/2025	Checking		4309 Nathan W	[Supplies]	\$ (789.50)
11/25/2025	Checking		4310 Dianna R	Trustee Expenses	\$ (413.23)
11/25/2025	Checking		4311 Nathan W	[Pinning Funds]	\$ (100.00)
11/25/2025	Checking		4312 Mary D	Trustee Expenses	\$ (1,585.30)
11/25/2025	Checking		4313 Donna M	Trustee Expenses	\$ (145.40)
11/25/2025	Checking	4314 \$	Doug k	--Split--	\$ (103.88)
11/25/2025	Checking		4315 Mary D	Mt Prospect Pinning	\$ (325.00)
11/25/2025	Checking		4316 Mary D	[Pinning Funds]	\$ (30.00)
11/25/2025	Checking		4317 GA ISO	Nov Can Collections	\$ (600.00)
11/25/2025	Checking	DEP	Deposit	Correction	\$ 0.09
11/25/2025	Supplies		Deposit	[Checking]	\$ (509.50)
11/25/2025	Supplies		Nathan W	Supply Order	\$ 789.50
11/25/2025	ISO Collections		Deposit	Nov Can Collections	\$ (600.00)
11/25/2025	ISO Collections		GA ISO	Nov Can Collections	\$ 600.00
11/25/2025	Pinning Funds		Deposit	[Checking]	\$ -
11/25/2025	Pinning Funds		Nathan W	St. Charles Pinning	\$ 100.00
11/25/2025	Pinning Funds		Mary D	Mt Prospect Pinning	\$ 325.00
11/25/2025	Pinning Funds		Mary D	Mt Prospect Pinning	\$ 30.00
				11/1/2025 - 11/25/2025	\$ (447.27)
Checking Balance 11/25/2025		\$ 31,697.62		BALANCE 11/25/2025	\$ 34,425.48
				TOTAL INFLOWS	\$ 4,759.29
Pinning Funds		\$ (3,717.54)		TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$ (5,206.56)
Bowling Funds		\$ -			
Supplies		6,445.40			
TOTAL Other Accounts		\$ 2,727.86			
OVERALL TOTAL		\$ 34,425.48	Less Non-cash asset		
		\$ (6,445.40)	Approximate Funds Available to Chicagoland Intergroup		
		\$ 27,980.08			
		\$ (4,000.00)	Less obligation for Fall 2026 Conference		

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

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.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn- Motion made by Dustin G and seconded by Bob M.

Motion Passed. Meeting ended at 8:08PM with the Serenity Prayer completed in a circle.