CHICAGOLAND GA INTERGROUP

2025

March 11, 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.	X
Co-Secretary	Eileen Z.	Absent
Co-Treasurer	Doug K	X
Co-Treasurer	Tom H	X

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 and11open rep spaces)	26
Officers (7 positions)	5
Trustees (4 positions)	4

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Committee Chairs (19 Chairs & Co-chairs combined)	6
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		31	Wed – North Shore	7:30 PM	ZOOM	
3	Sun – Elgin	4:00 PM	LIVE	X	32	Wed – Oak Park	7:00 PM	LIVE	
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	X	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	X
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	X	43	Thur - Palatine	11:30 AM	LIVE	
15	Mon – Naperville/Aurora	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	44	Thur -Plainfield	11:30 AM	LIVE	
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	X	48	Fri – Bolingbrook	7:00 PM	LIVE	
20	Tues - Chicago Loop Early Riser	6:00 AM	ZOOM		49	Fri – Buffalo Grove	7:00 PM	LIVE	X
21	Tues – Chicago South – Willa Rawls	7:00 PM	HYBRID		50	Fri – Chicago Northwest	12:30 PM	LIVE	X
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	
26	Wed – Burbank	10:00 AM	LIVE		55	Sat – Downers Grove	9:00 AM	ZOOM	X
27	Wed - Chicago Lincoln Park	7:15 AM	LIVE		56	Sat – Downers Grove	9:00 AM	LIVE	
28	Wed - Deerfield	7:30 PM	LIVE	X	57	Sat – Forest Park	9:30 AM	LIVE	
29	Wed – Downers Grove	7:00 PM	LIVE	X	58	Sat - Park Ridge	8:00 AM	ZOOM	
					59	Sat – Schaumburg	9:00 AM	LIVE	X

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

Reading	Member
Unity Steps – Yellow Book	Paul A
Unity Step #1 – Red Book	Larissa M
A Day-at-a-Time – January 14	Rachel M

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

February minutes Approval:

Motion to approve minutes made by Allen H seconded by Donna M. **Motion passed. Intergroups February 2025 minutes Approved**

New Intergroup Reps

Name	Meeting Time	Location
Rachel M.	Wednesday	Wheaton
John S.	Thursday	Algonquin
Monica O.	Thursday Morning 11:30 AM	Plainfield

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Unfinished (Old) Business:

New Business:

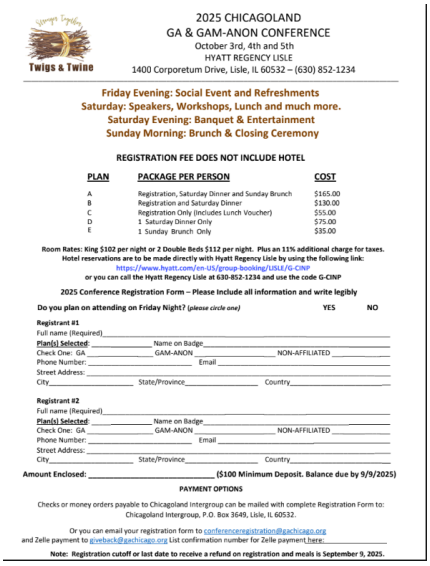
Committee and Events Reports

Activities –Steve K

Trivia Night report by Cindi C. — Great turnout and everyone had fun! 41 people RSVP and 41 people showed! Only expenditure was $32 for soda! $144 profit!

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

- Registration forms are available! Paper copy at Intergroup—bring back to rooms
- Flyer on website soon



2025 CHICAGOLAND
GA & GAM-ANON CONFERENCE
October 3rd, 4th and 5th
HYATT REGENCY LISLE
1400 Corporetum Drive, Lisle, IL 60532 – (630) 852-1234

Twigs & Twine

Friday Evening: Social Event and Refreshments
Saturday: Speakers, Workshops, Lunch and much more.
Saturday Evening: Banquet & Entertainment
Sunday Morning: Brunch & Closing Ceremony

REGISTRATION FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE HOTEL

PLAN	PACKAGE PER PERSON	COST
A	Registration, Saturday Dinner and Sunday Brunch	$165.00
B	Registration and Saturday Dinner	$130.00
C	Registration Only (Includes Lunch Voucher)	$55.00
D	1 Saturday Dinner Only	$75.00
E	1 Sunday Brunch Only	$35.00

Room Rates: King $102 per night or 2 Double Beds $112 per night. Plus an 11% additional charge for taxes.
Hotel reservations are to be made directly with Hyatt Regency Lisle by using the following link:
https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/LISLE/G-CINP
or you can call the Hyatt Regency Lisle at 630-852-1234 and use the code G-CINP

2025 Conference Registration Form – Please include all information and write legibly

Do you plan on attending on Friday Night? *(please circle one)* **YES NO**

Registrant #1
Full name (Required)_____
Plan(s) Selected: _____ Name on Badge_____
Check One: GA_____ GAM-ANON _____ NON-AFFILIATED _____
Phone Number: _____ Email _____
Street Address: _____
City_____ State/Province_____ Country_____

Registrant #2
Full name (Required)_____
Plan(s) Selected: _____ Name on Badge_____
Check One: GA_____ GAM-ANON _____ NON-AFFILIATED _____
Phone Number: _____ Email _____
Street Address: _____
City_____ State/Province_____ Country_____

Amount Enclosed: _____ ($100 Minimum Deposit. Balance due by 9/9/2025)

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Checks or money orders payable to Chicagoland Intergroup can be mailed with complete Registration Form to:
Chicagoland Intergroup, P.O. Box 3649, Lisle, IL 60532.

Or you can email your registration form to conferenceregistration@gachicago.org
and Zelle payment to gwebeck@gachicago.org List confirmation number for Zelle payment here:_____

Note: Registration cutoff or last date to receive a refund on registration and meals is September 9, 2025.

- Next conference planning meeting is in person on **Wednesday April 2, 7PM 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*
- Workshop form will be available at the April Intergroup Meeting
- Conference is scheduled for October 3-5, 2025, at Hyatt Lisle
- Fanny may candy is fund raiser-$2 a bar/$20 a bag
- 3 people registered for conference

Questions—Is conference open to non-GA members? Yes open to everyone

Is Saturday entertainment free? No, it is a part of the Saturday package

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Friday evening at conference is free.

Nathan gave a quick overview of the available conference packages:

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Anniversaries – Linda R-- Linda R reported

January & February 2025 Anniversaries

Member	Anniversary Date |Years	Location
Tom H	1/29|36 years	Palentine
Wally T	2/9|1 year	Joliet
Fran S	2/10| 5years	Lisle Monday

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 V – No Report

- All new chairpersons should send their email address to info@chicago.org to have your 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

- Allen H update-cancer is localized
- Ingrid -husband passed away
- Terry B is still in the hospital and celebrated 25 years

Send info to sunshine@gachicago.org

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

- Contact Conor B. to update the meeting point of contact information that is on the website. Room reps need to check that the information is correct.
- Question: What information is needed? Name and telephone number is best but can have that which the representative feels comfortable
- Paul went to the Schaumburg Saturday morning meeting —great meeting!
- Scott J to start new meeting in McHenry—finishing the process with ISO (Will launch early to mid-April)
- 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.

Meetings that need support:

- **Wednesday, Oak Park** 7:00 PM Start
- **Saturday, Chicago** 6-8 pm at the Alano club.

Speaker Box

- Naperville Sunday Speaker March 30, Nathan W
- Downers Grove – Speaker Saturday morning 9 AM March 29, Paul A

Send updates to meetings@gachicago.org

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

Peggy H made the following motion: $300 annual donation to ISO

- Motion: Make an annual donation of $300 each March to ISO in support of the National Phone Service Platform that Area 8 joined on March 1, 2025. This contribution will stay in effect until a motion is passed to rescind this annual donation.
- Motion Seconded by Allen H. Motioned Passed Unanimously

Chicago is Now taking calls for *all of* Illinois—even those closer to St. Louis

Ring Central Information

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Type of Calls	**Number**
Total Calls – February 1 - 28	52
Accepted	32
Voice Mail	2
Missed Calls	4
Hang-ups (on-line less than 60 seconds)	14
Robo Calls (not included in total calls)	N/A
Information only	N/A

Missed Calls Day/Time		
Friday	2/7	8:30 PM
Monday	2/10	7:30 PM
Monday	2/10	10:40 PM
Monday	2/17	10:30 PM

The phone Service transferred to new national phone service platform on March 1st. The change has been seamless for the volunteers.

Questions? None. Motion Passed unanimously

*We are **always** looking for volunteers for the hours you are available. **6 months** 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.

Pinnings –Sandy M & Cathy W – Sandy M reporting

Chicagoland GA & Gam-Anon Pinning List (as March 11, 2025)

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Pinnings as of March 11, 2025					
Date	**Day**	**Time**	**Location**	**Pinee(s)**	**Celebrating**
4/7/2025	Monday	7:00 PM	Joliet Monday Meeting First Presbyterian Church 805 Western Avenue Joliet,IL 60435 Open Pinning	Chris M	25 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.**

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 – No report

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 has been invited as a speaker to share his story

Spirituality Conference 2025 --No Report

Supplies – Fran S and Nathan W--No report

- Some orders were short-new website issues/ran out of stuff.
- *Grab a sheet with the QR code for your roomFor 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*

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- *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:

Intergroup Chair asked her to share her experience about attending the Wisconsin conference

Donna M: No report

Dianna R: No Report

Mary D: - News story about gym for people in all types of recovery—She will find out the name and location by next intergroup

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

Chicagoland Intergroup Treasurer's Report					**March 2025**	
BALANCE 1/31/2025						**$ 26,517.38**
2/21/2025	Checking	4260	Nathan W	Supply Order	[Supplies]	$ (873.25)
2/21/2025	Checking	4263	GA ISO	Feb Can Collections	[ISO Collections]	$ (180.00)
2/21/2025	Checking	DEP	Deposit	Deposit	--Split--	$ 801.00
2/21/2025	Checking		Interest	Interest	Interest Inc	$ 0.21
2/21/2025	Checking		PNC Bank	Service Charge	Fees & Charges	$ (5.00)
2/21/2025	Supplies		Nathan W	Supply Order	[Checking]	$ 873.25
2/21/2025	Supplies		Deposit	Deposit	[Checking]	$ (430.00)
2/21/2025	ISO Collections		GA ISO	Feb Can Collections	[Checking]	$ 180.00
2/21/2025	ISO Collections		Deposit	Deposit	[Checking]	$ (180.00)
					2/1/2025 - 2/28/2025	$ 186.21
Checking Balance 3/05/2025		**$ 26,197.48**			BALANCE 2/28/2025	**$ 26,703.59**
					TOTAL INFLOWS	$ 1,854.46
Pinning Funds		$ (2,959.54)			TOTAL OUTFLOWS	$ (1,668.25)
Bowling Funds		$ (900.10)				
Supplies		4,365.75				
TOTAL Other Accounts		**$ 506.11**				
OVERALL TOTAL		**$ 26,703.59**				
		$ (4,365.75)	Less Non-cash asset			
		$ 22,337.84	**Approximate Funds Available to Chicagoland Intergroup**			

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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.

Chicagoland Intergroup March 2025 Meeting Financial Breakdown	
Item	**Amount**
Intergroup collections	**$3567.95**
Cash	$512
Checks	$3055.95
ISO room donations +1/2 of IG collection	$517.50+$41
Total sent to ISO	**558.50**
Chicagoland Intergroup donations + 1/2 of IG collection	$961.50+$41
Total Chicagoland Intergroup donations	**$1002.50**
Supplies	$742.25
Pinning Funds in Trust	$518.00
Bowling Funds in Trust	$236.45
Annual Conference	$330.00
Trivia Night	$177

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

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn- Motion made by Nathan W and Mary D.seconded. Motion Passed. Meeting ended at 8:15 PM with the Serenity Prayer done in a circle.

Respectfully submitted by Reba L., Intergroup Secretary