

CHICAGOLAND GA INTERGROUP

2025

May 13, 2025, Intergroup Meeting Notes

Chicagoland GA Intergroup Officers:

Role	Name	Present
Chairperson	Tony C	X
1 st Chair	Laura P	Absent
2 nd 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	

Attendees

Reps present 21/63 (41% attendance)

Attendees	Count
Participants representing rooms (63 reps and 11 open rep spaces)	21
Officers (7 positions)	5
Trustees (4 positions)	4
Committee Chairs (19 Chairs & Co-chairs combined)	10
Event Chairs (10 Chairs & Co-chairs combined)	3

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

Meetings Represented – 21 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	X
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	
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		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		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	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	
21	Tues – Chicago South – Willa Rawls	7:00 PM	HYBRID		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	X
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	
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		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
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Unity Steps – Yellow Book	John S
Unity Step #5 – Red Book	Monica O
A Day-at-a-Time – May 13	Andrew S

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

March minutes approval:

- Motion to approve minutes by Allen H, seconded by Sandy M.

Motion passed. Intergroup April 2025 minutes Approved

New Intergroup Reps

Name	Meeting Time	Location
Reeve L	Saturday Morning	Schaumburg
Tom G	Tuesday 11AM	Palatine

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 Reported by Cindi C. — Second Chance Swing Memorial Day Kick-Off – May 26th – flyers were distributed. At Warren Golf course -lunch at noon, tee times start at 4. Bags and BBQ. 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

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- Conference is scheduled for October 3-5, 2025, at the Hyatt Lisle
- Registration forms are available! Paper copy at Intergroup—bring back to rooms. Also available online.
- Next conference planning meeting is in-person on **Wednesday, June 4 at 7 PM at Hyatt-Lisle in the Willow Room** (moved from June 3rd based due to pinning schedule conflict)
- 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 do not 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. —Workshop ideas will be posted on the website
- Registration is growing – 29 registered – do not wait for the last minute. 10% percent to goal of 260+ If you are going with the full package, you can make a \$100 deposit.
- Conference Friday Night will be a talent show—more details to follow

Anniversaries – Linda R-- Linda R reported

March 2025 Anniversaries

Member	Anniversary Date Years	Location
Matt M	March 5 1 year	Joliet-Monday Night
Christine D	March 19 7 years	
Bill S.	March 11 29 years	Elgin-Wednesday
Brendan F.	March 8 1year	
Rose B.	February 8 25 years	Hinsdale-Friday morning

April 2025 Anniversaries

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

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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 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)
- Tom M passed away suddenly—celebration of life TBD
- Discussion about how long Joys, Cares, and Concerns should be on the website
 - Suggestion: Brian V can set up a link on the GA Chicagoland website to archived Joys cares & concerns
 - Keeping Joys, Cares, and Concerns on live website for 30 days (for now or if another time frame is specified)

Send info to sunshine@gachicago.org

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

- Memorial Day is coming up
- Some meetings will be closed on Monday May26th
 - Lisle Monday
 - Joliet Monday
 - Oak Lawn Monday
- Scott J. started a new meeting; first meeting was on April 6th --meeting in McHenry Sunday evenings starting at 6:00 pm. Gam Anon members welcome

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and 3 couples were present, one new member and several other members, nice quality location.

- Paul attended the Friday Bolingbrook meeting—decent size meeting and Wednesday night Elgin meeting also well attended—younger population
- Meetings that need support:
 - Wednesday, Oak Park 7:00 PM Start
 - Saturday, Chicago, Saturday evening, 6-8 pm at the Alano club.

Speaker Box –

- Wayne G.-Saturday, May 31st Downers Grove morning meeting

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.

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

- Members who have a history of missed call-may have wrong number for hotline saved in phone
- 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 – April 1 – 30	46
Accepted	33
Voice Mail	1
Missed Calls	8
Hang-ups (on-line less than 60 seconds)	4

Missed Calls Day/Time

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Saturday	4/5	8:50 PM
Saturday	4/5	9:11PM
Wednesday	4/9	2:27 PM
Saturday	4/12	7:21PM
Monday	4/14	1:12 PM
Tuesday	4/15	11:08 AM
Sunday	4/20	7:35 AM
Friday	4/25	8:33 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—Mary D reporting

- July 27th – Registration form was available. Bemis Woods in Hinsdale – same location as last year.
- Take Picnic registration forms to room
- 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

*****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**

DATE	DAY	TIME	LOCATION	PINEE	CELEBRATING
5/20/2025	Tuesday	6:00 AM ZOOM Pinning	<u>Chicago Loop</u> <u>ZOOM Meeting</u> <u>ZOOM Login</u> <u>Information:</u> Zoom ID: 930 793 8338 Passcode: ITSEARLY	Brendan F. Joe C.	1 year GA 1 year GA

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5/21/2025	Wednesday	6:30 PM Food first Pinning will begin promptly at 7:00 PM	<u>Deerfield Meeting</u> Kingswood United Methodist Church 600 Deerfield Road Deerfield, IL 60015	Landon K. Michael R. Jonathan S. Jeff T. Stew F.	1 year GA 1 year GA 5 years GA 10 years GA 30 years GA
6/3/2025	Tuesday	7:00 PM Start <i>(TBD if will be food first or food after – will update when known)</i>	<u>Chicago Northwest Meeting</u> Edison Park Lutheran Church 6626 N. Oliphant Avenue Chicago, IL 60631	Nick D. Mike M. Andrew S.	1 year GA 1 year GA 1 year GA
6/5/2025	Thursday	7:00 PM - Food first Pinning to follow	<u>Orland Park Meeting</u> All Saints Lutheran Church 13350 S. LaGrange Road Orland Park, IL 60462	Meg J. Christine K. Mike C. Brian M. Gina K. DeWayne T. Sam L. John O. Stew M. Peggy B.	1 year GA 1 year GA 1 year GA 1 year GA 5 years GA 5 years GA 5 years GA 10 years GA 15 years GA 20 years GA

- **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:

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.

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- *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

- 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 –No report

- Allen H attended a mental health seminar regarding mental health and addiction

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- 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

- New Pamphlet- Gambling Problem: Please Help-35 cents
- *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:

- No Report

Donna M:

- Went over items on the agenda for the Trustee meeting that will be discussed/voted at the meeting—Combo book changes will only be put on the agenda and voted upon in years ending in 0 or 5.
- This meeting 32 of the 77 items are on the combo book suggested changes
- Six items on page 17
- Forty-eight items are about pronoun changes—to be discussed

Dianna R: Reiterated the importance of the items to be discussed at the trustee meeting and that GA is an international organization

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Mary D: - No Report

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

Chicagoland Intergroup Treasurer's Report					May 2025	
BALANCE 3/31/2025						\$ 26,637.17
4/19/2025	Checking	DEP	Deposit	--Split--		\$ 6,468.75
4/20/2025	Checking	4267	Nathan W	Supply Order	[Supplies]	\$ (532.00)
4/20/2025	Checking	4268	Mary D	Candy - Conference	Conferences	\$ (665.60)
4/20/2025	Checking	4269	GA ISO	Apr Can Collections	[ISO Collections]	\$ (398.00)
4/20/2025	Checking	4270	Auto Owners	annual insurance premium	Bills & Utilities:Insurance	\$ (1,295.00)
4/22/2025	Checking		Interest	Interest	Interest Inc	\$ 0.26
4/22/2025	Checking		PNC Bank	Check printing	Fees & Charges:Bank Fee:Check Pri	\$ (5.00)
4/22/2025	Checking	4271	Hyatt Regency	2025 Conference Deposit	Conferences	\$ (1,250.00)
4/19/2025	Supplies		Deposit		[Checking]	\$ (487.75)
4/20/2025	Supplies		Nathan W	Supply Order	[Checking]	\$ 532.00
4/19/2025	Bowling Funds		Deposit		[Checking]	\$ -
4/19/2025	ISO Collections		Deposit	Apr Can Collections	[Checking]	\$ (398.00)
4/20/2025	ISO Collections		GA ISO	Apr Can Collections	[Checking]	\$ 398.00
4/19/2025	Pinning Funds		Deposit		[Checking]	\$ (281.00)
Checking Balance 5/05/2025						\$ 29,954.42
Pinning Funds						\$ (3,758.54)
Bowling Funds						\$ (1,136.55)
Supplies						3,664.50
TOTAL Other Accounts						\$ (1,230.59)
OVERALL TOTAL						\$ 28,723.83
						\$ (3,664.50) Less Non-cash asset
						\$ 25,059.33 Approximate Funds Available to Chicagoland Intergroup
						Less Conference Obligations
4/1/2025 - 4/30/2025						\$ 2,086.66
BALANCE 4/30/2025						\$ 28,723.83
TOTAL INFLOWS						\$ 7,399.01
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						\$ (5,312.35)

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 April 2025 Meeting Financial Breakdown	
Item	Amount
Intergroup collections	\$5343.75
Cash	\$1221.25
Checks	\$4122.50
ISO room donations + 1/2 of IG collection	\$617.50+\$36.00
Total sent to ISO	\$653.50
Chicagoland Intergroup donations + 1/2 of IG collection	\$790.50+\$36
Total Chicagoland Intergroup donations	\$826.50
Supplies	\$465.75
Pinning Funds in Trust	\$338
Bowling Funds in Trust	0
Annual Conference	\$2420

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Fundraiser Candy	\$600
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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

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

Respectfully submitted by Reba L., Intergroup Secretary