

"We have found much of heaven and we have been rocketed into a

Fourth Dimension

of existence of which we had not even dreamed."

[Big Book, "There is a Solution," page 25]

**a newsletter for Southern New Jersey
Area General Service Assembly, Alcoholics Anonymous**

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A Message from the Chair

For this newsletter, I offer a veritable miscellany of topics. By way of upcoming events, our spring assembly is coming up on May 15, 2016. Note that this will be an election assembly. Area 45 will be holding elections to fill the Alternate Delegate Panel position recently vacated by Stephanie L. The election will be held as the first order of business at the Area 45 Spring Assembly, to be held starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Elmer Grange, 535 Daretown Rd, Elmer, NJ 08318. Panel members, DCMs, GSRs, and Section Leaders are eligible to vote. Alternate GSRs are eligible to vote only when the GSR is not present.

Remember that if another panel member is elected to the open Alternate Delegate position, there may be multiple elections on that day. Persons interested in standing for the position of Alternate Delegate may wish to review the job description of that position in the Area Handbook, available on the website. If you want to be well-versed in advance of the election, you can review the information on our "Third Legacy Procedure" in the General Service Manual, pages s21-22. (Online at http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/en_bm-31.pdf)

In addition to an election and the Delegate's report, the Budget Committee will present the proposed Area 45 budget for 2017-2018 at the Committee Meeting portion of the May 15, 2016 Assembly. Area 45 operates on a two-year budget that spans the last year of one panel and the first year of the next. The members of the budget committee have been diligently working on the budget, with Justin S., the budget & finance committee chair, doing most of the heavy lifting.

By way of recent events, first, the convention. I had a blast and hope you did too. There are truly too many people to thank individually for their service to the convention here, but I did want to single out Wallace, the convention committee chair, Kelly, the convention co-chair, Jessica, convention registration, and Bill, the convention treasurer, for special recognition of all their efforts on Area 45's behalf.

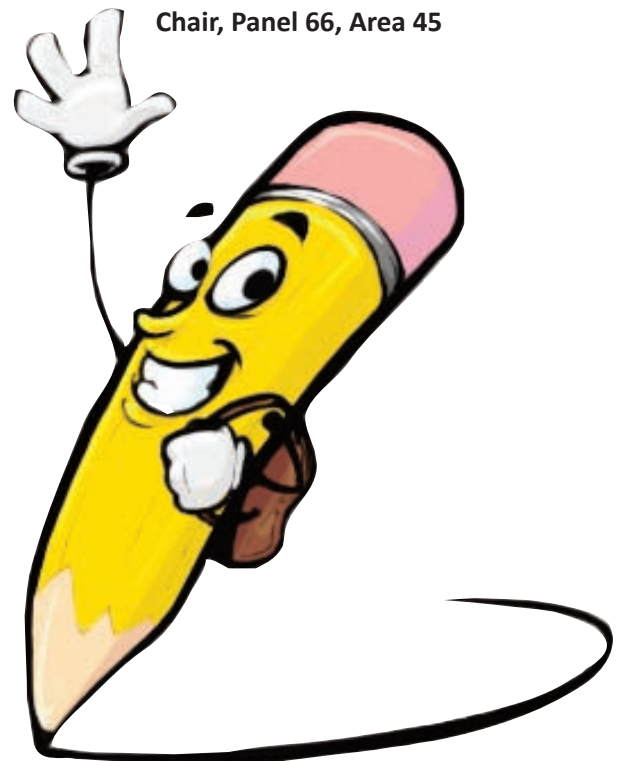
Please save the dates for next year for the 53rd Area 45 Southern New Jersey General Service Convention, March 24th-26, 2017. I also am

pleased to announce that Kelly W. accepted my invitation to chair the next convention, and that Angela R. has accepted the convention co-chair position. If you want to get more involved – or if your sponsor says you should -- the convention committee is a great place to look.

Also, Area 45's mini conference was held April 9, 2016. The purpose of the mini conference is to help inform our area delegate about the Area's "group conscience" on a variety of issues in advance of his attendance at the General Service Conference in New York the week of April 16, 2015. About 80 AA members joined us for the mini-conference. Thanks for your support of this effort.

My final thought for this newsletter is really more of a question than a statement. Do you remember the first time you ever heard of AA? How about the first time you opened a Big Book? Sometimes, when I'm thinking I've not made much progress, I think back to when I first learned a little bit about this program and realize the truth of the saying, "little by little we go far...."

**In love & Service,
Rich H.
Chair, Panel 66, Area 45**



Area 45 2016 52nd Convention Experiences



Missy M. Masonville ---This was my 1st convention. I was able to attend because I received a scholarship from my home group, Masonville. In return I spoke and chaired at a marathon meeting 4am. The convention exceeded my expectations!" "Spiritual Experience, "Awesome fellowship", "Real life people with real life journeys...priceless" Thank you.

Yanick CK. --- As a member of AA the 52^d convention was an eye opener. It was a way to put the steps and traditions into practice.

The convention was a good way for people to get out of their comfort zone and get a chance to meet other alcoholics. The committee did an awesome job and the banquet was blast. --- **Blue Anchor/ Berlin Group**

Carol P. Sister's in Sobriety, Willingboro ----I look forward to Convention every year like a kid waiting for Christmas morning. Where else can you go and start the evening off having a dinner at the banquet with all your favorite friends, hear great speakers sharing their experience strength and hope making you laugh and making you cry. The evening has only begun. Next is karaoke- walk across the hall and boogie with the DJ playing great music and then stop at the at the photo booth and get crazy pictures with all your friends. The night's still not over yet there are marathon meetings all night long. The convention this year was absolutely wonderful. I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work and commitment. I can't wait until next year's convention and celebrate another wonderful year of sobriety, one day at a time.

Connie M. Mt Empriam Livingroom Group ---- - "Matthew M. Sunday morning speaker blew my mind"

Al B. Getting Sober Young --- I thought this year's convention was special. It was well organized. The selected speakers spoke personally to me. It raised the bar for all future convention. Washington Township Step Group/Saturday Sanity

Chris M. ----... This was my 3rd area convention and the unity among the many levels of service was amazing. I saw how AA as a whole functions on a front line viewpoint. Speakers hit points I otherwise didn't see if I had not heard them. Lastly the young peoples' workshop and speaker were great to see the cooperation between young people in the area.

Tish T. --- Good Morning Ocean City. Speaker selection was great. Not a glum lot was contagious! Thank you committee

Anonymous --- Convention needs your support.

Ann M. - Yardville Center Group "Convention was great and the Sunday spiritual left the presence of God allover"

Carol F. - Sober Living Delran---- the Area 45 Convention this year was the best I've ever experienced. From the theme, "We aren't a glum lot," punctuated by the wonderful greeters wearing Groucho masks to the mustaches handed out at the main speaker's meeting to the best speakers I've heard, it was altogether fantastic. The comradery of being with old and new friends made it very special. I'll be sure to attend next year!!

*If you want to get more involved -
or if your sponsor says you should --
the convention committee is a great
place to look. Please joins us at our
first convention meeting*

May 1st 2016 1:00pm

**Hammonton Presbyterian Church
326 Bellevue Avenue
Hammonton, NJ 08037**

Lessons and Experience from Area 45's Mini Conference

Last Saturday I attended my first mini-conference in Collingswood. I'm not sure what I expected, but it was definitely worth the time to join together with faces that are beginning to look familiar (a week after the Convention, and not long after the GSR orientation in Seaville) to see a glimpse of how AA works on a scale beyond the individual and group level. At first I thought that consideration of creating a "plain English version" of the Big Book was going to be a hot topic, and anticipated being a part of a varied, informative, and possibly heated dialogue. What I found, instead, is that if each of us spoke in small groups about each one of the many considerations put forth to the committees at New York, and we were just ONE area, then this entire fellowship of trusted servants would collapse before it got off the ground. Instead, our assigned committees discussed the background provided to us by our group facilitators on just the topics delegated to our group. Another person with experience served as a "buddy" to fill in history or past practice when questions arose amongst us, and yet another person recorded our determinations. Then each committee reported out to the group at large, and, in what I can only describe in newbie words, we had opportunities to address particular concerns from the floor. Order was the goal. What's the old expression about "progress, not....?" (Kidding aside, it was surprisingly civil and orderly.)



The process I had seen on a flowchart on paper came alive on the floor of the room, and suffice it to say, I can already get the sense that practicing "principles before personalities" must become essential, particularly to people who attend these sorts of events and work sessions routinely. I see, too, why all of us in the fellowship should at least try to attend some of these sorts of events in order to appreciate the work that is being done to ensure the sanctity and integrity of our steps, traditions, and concepts. For me, the experience (perhaps clearly) is difficult to distill into words. However, I imagine that as I grow in experience at

this level, my personal program will be strengthened as well. I am

beginning to understand

in its nuanced way

how the Alco-

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mous is a "we"

program. Not just

because we need

a group, or a net-

work, but because

we need every single

person to have a

voice. The mini-con-

ference and all work-

shops I've attended in

this new stage of my recov-

ery show me that interac-

tions with others at this level

and my essential understanding of the

program's history are both necessary to preserve

AA for the future, a future upon which so many

people's survival rests. In so doing, the added ben-

efit is that I am enriching my own recovery along

the way.

In love and service, Anonymous



DISTRICT 3 TRADITION WORKSHOP

MAY 14, 2016

2:30 REGISTRATION 3:00 PM WORKSHOP

ST MARY'S GUILD HALL
WEST BROAD & TALBOT ST. BURLINGTON, NJ

Tradition Workshop with speakers presenting a brief view of the individual traditions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: BOB P @ (609) 304-7791



Birds eye view on Concept two and tradition two

Concept II

When, in 1955, the A.A. groups confirmed the permanent charter for their General Service Conference, they thereby delegated to the Conference complete authority for the active maintenance of our world services and thereby made the Conference — excepting for any change in the Twelve Traditions or in Article 12 of the Conference Charter — the actual voice and the effective conscience for our whole Society.

In 1955 at the convention in St Louis Bill Wilson put forth that AA must continue on even after the founders passed on. Early on trustees were picked so that the AA founders would have help in keeping up with the business of running AA. These trustees were both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, and the Alcoholic Foundation was formed in 1938 allowing the groups to spend their time carrying the message to the suffering alcoholic. This was done by developing a service structure giving the conference authority to carry out AA business. Concept two allowed the development of the service structure of the conference to be determined and that yearly meetings were held so that AA would continue on. The conference consisted of trustees elected by the groups and delegates who serve two year terms and are picked by the groups GSRs so that the groups could appoint members to convey how they would like things done. The charter set forth the details as to how this would be done.

Concept Two allowed this charter to be developed and put into practice at the 1955 convention, and controls operation of the AA Grapevine and AA World services, and the general service of-

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Tradition II

"For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority – a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience.

Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern"

I had often heard that all that is needed to start a new meeting is a coffee pot and a resentment. I was told by the old-timers that "I couldn't take my toys and go home every time I didn't like what the group was doing. I had to ask myself what am I bringing to the group.

As with everything in Alcoholics Anonymous. I can only share a story about the 2nd tradition I can give no advice. In early recovery I began attending a Women's step meeting 2 years after its beginning and therefore knew both of the founders of the meeting. As time went on the members passed on, or moved, or no longer attended the meeting and membership waned and changed. I grew up in that meeting and felt it was my responsibility to the old-timers to always be there at that meeting. As membership changed and new-comers started making suggestions for changes, I thought I should consult with one of the meeting founders who was still living at the time. I went to her and explained my concerns and asked her what I should do. Her comments resonated with me to this day. She said "It was not her meeting and whatever the group wanted to do is what was right for the group. I was not responsible for the meeting and just a worker amongst worker".

Years later, after membership went to an all-time low and we survived, the meeting was thriving again. The women who attended the meeting decided that we should become a group. After 24

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Concept II

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face in New York. The trustees carry out business but are controlled by the Conference which is ultimately controlled by the AA groups, the GSRs, and the delegates who meet in New York yearly with the trustees. Concept two allows for the delegation of AA business to carry on even after the founders passed on. The general service conference is the way AA carries on and allows members a say in the affairs of AA.

Bob P.

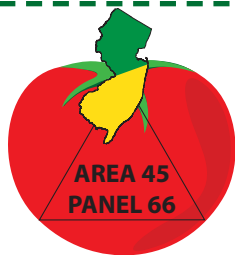
Tradition II

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years as a meeting, once again I was leery of that drastic of a change from just a meeting to group. But with the founder's words still ringing in my ears, I stated my thoughts, made my votes and never took my toys and left.

It's been 2 years since the meeting has become a group. It is more than thriving and has been a staple of the area. When I look around I see members at all level of service from intergroup, H & I, and Bookers. We have group members on the Area Panel, the Area Convention, and the Area Mini-conference. They will never directly hear the words of the founders of that meeting but they will always feel her spirit through the group conscience.

Angela R.



Southern New Jersey - Area 45 Panel 66

"Principles before Personalities"

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
May 15, 2016	Area 45 Spring Assembly Registration begins 8:30am DCM/GSR Orientation 8:45am Assembly 10am, Lunch 12:30pm Committee Meeting 1:30pm	535 Daretown Rd. Elmer, NJ 08318
To Be Determined	Area 45 Inventory	To be determined
August 21, 2016	Area 45 Summer Assembly Registration begins 8:30am DCM/GSR Orientation 8:45am Assembly 10am, Lunch 12:30pm Committee Meeting 1:30pm	Section I To be determined
To be determined	Day of Sharing Hosted by all 3 Intergroups and the Area 8:30am	To be determined
November 20, 2016	Area 45 Fall Assembly Registration begins 8:30am DCM/GSR Orientation 8:45am Assembly 10am, Lunch 12:30pm Committee Meeting 1:30pm	Section II To be determined

Minutes from the February 21st Area Meeting

Delegates Report to Area 45 Feb. 21, 2016

Welcome Good morning everyone my name is Andrew L. and I am an alcoholic. I have the honor and privilege to serve you as the Panel 66 Delegate to the General Service Conference. I want to extend a warm welcome to all of the new GSRs and anyone else new to the Assembly this morning. I am glad you are all here. Additionally, I want to thank Section 4 and all of the Districts for hosting today's Assembly and Committee meetings. GSO As a new Delegate you receive a lot of correspondence from the General Service Office. After the customary welcome and greeting documents I received my committee assignment and communications package for the Conference. I have been assigned the Public Information Committee. Even though the Conference isn't until mid-April there is a lot of preparation work that needs to get done prior. So after completing all of the paper work and turning it in and receiving the gratuitous gold star of exemplary completeness the only other thing that I had to do was reach out to our Treasurer Ted W. and ask him to send our Conference Fee to the GSO by March 1st. In Early February I received an email from the General Service Office giving me a username and password to the ever so famous and elusive Conference Dash Board. This online platform allows Delegates to spend countless hours awake at night reading about the background information associated with all of the conferenced topics and agenda items. I thought that I had arrived!!! I hurriedly stopped everything that I was doing at work that day, closed the door to my office and drew the blinds on the window and proceeded to login. To my dismay, my excitement was short lived as I looked through the site and discovered that the 2016 Conference background materials would not be up loaded for at least two more weeks. My excitement was further dampened when I changed my password, logged out of the site and then promptly forgot my password and had to call IT services to restore my login credentials. Nevertheless, the Conference background material and Final Conference Agenda were later added to the site and am now busy studying the materials for the Public Information Committee. Switching gears to the General Service Office the construction project consolidating office from two floor to 1 floor is in the 4th out of 5 stages. It is being reported that all is going well and that the final phase will start soon. North East Region Items of importance from the North East Region include the NERAASA that is happening this coming weekend in Springfield Massachusetts. If you are new or just want to get involved in service NERAASA offers a weekend long program of service activities for all positions. I particularly like the round tables forums where you get to learn from your counterparts from Areas all over the North East region. If you have never been please consider attending. The North East Regional Trustee Rich P. has been holding a series of conference calls in which I have been able to participate. The conference calls are a way for the North East Regional Delegates to get together all at once to discuss issues and priorities to the region. Area 45 Bringing things back to Area 45; I have been

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busy since the election. There are several roles and responsibilities that the Delegate in Area 45 has and some of them needed to be completed before today. As Delegate I have the honor of appointing to Committee Chairs; Grapevine and Jalcon. Our new Grapevine Chairwoman is Gail N. and out new Jalcon Chairwoman is Daniel M. If you don't know them, please make it a point to introduce yourself to them sometime today. Another honor for the Delegate is that he/she gets to pick the theme and design the logo for the next Panel. We are in Panel 66 and out new theme is "Principles before Personalities". I wrote extensively about his topic in the last edition of the newsletter. If you have not read it, please visit our website and do so. As for the logo, which is being transformed into a nice lapel pin as we speak, I thought it would be nice to remember our Southern NJ agrarian roots and designed a logo that depicts one of our most famous fruits, the Jersey Tomato. The logo is displayed on the website as well. My service started off in early December with meeting with Section 3 and all of the DCM's to discuss the state of the Section and how they are progressing with attracting new groups and participation. They have some really good ideas. On December 28th I met with the Delegate from Area 83 Eastern Ontario, Joyce S, and we attended a meeting in Toronto, Ca. Joyce later invite me to attend the Area 83 Eastern Ontario Assembly on March 18th – 20 in which I am looking forward to attend. On February 6th I spoke at a workshop in District 3 Section where we discussed the service structure and how to keep the light on in struggling districts. The Panel has met once formally since the election and I have been in regular contact with all of the Panel members. I feel like we have a steady flow of information between the six of us and it works well. I look forward to continuing to serve with all of you for the next two years. We have a busy couple of months ahead of us. I am actually speaking to the GSR's, DCM's Committee Chairs and the rest of the people of this room. The General Service Conference will be held on April 17th – 23rd and as a result the Area 45 mini-conference will be held on Saturday April 9th at Holy Trinity Fernand on Haddon Ave. in Collingswood. This is important for two reasons, first because the Area Convention is being held one week prior to the mini-conference on April 1, 2, and 3 and I know that this is a lot of time away from your family and friends but this is where service and sacrifice meet. The second reason this is important is that the miniconference is your opportunity to tell me and the Alternate Delegate what you think about the agenda items form the Conference. I really want to hear your input and I encourage all of you to attend the mini-conference. Thank you, in loving service Andrew L Panel 66 Delegate Area 45 Southern New Jersey

Alternate Delegate: Stephanie L.

AREA PANEL OFFICERS

Chair: Richard H.

Chairperson's Report

My name is Rich and I am an alcoholic. First, I want to thank everyone whose planning and hard work last night and this morning made this assembly possible. If you can hang around after the Assembly, I'm sure they would appreciate help with cleaning up.

I am also grateful for the folks who stepped up to accept invitations for service to Area 45. Our new committee chairs are a mix of familiar and new faces. I'm looking forward to hearing their reports and to an exciting couple of years.

You'll note that Area 45 is still without a Budget & Finance chair. This is a key position that I have been unable to yet fill. Having done that job once or maybe twice, believe me when I say I get why it is vacant. But also believe me when I say that Budget & Finance was one of the toughest jobs I ever loved. If you have an interest or know of someone qualified who might please get with me today.

I'd like a quick and honest show of hands on who's read the most recent Fourth Dimension? In the back of my mind, I keep thinking that maybe we should look at printing it as well as having an electronic version.

Another thought I had was asking groups to consider reimbursing mileage for their GSRs to travel to Assemblies. Unlike intergroup functions, Assemblies are going to be relatively distant for GSRs at least 75% of the time. I'd be willing to suggest that groups divert some of their contribution to Area 45 to help defray their GSRs mileage expenses.

Finally, I want to urge each GSR here to join one of Area's committees. Along with attending their District meetings, I can't think of a better way to become a part of AA as a whole while helping to carry the message.

Respectfully submitted,

Rich H., Chair

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Treasurer: Ted

02/20/2016 TREASURER'S REPORT

The starting balance on 01/01/2016	\$29076.16;
Interest earned	\$.90
Expenses paid	\$1035.47
Contributions received	\$22460.28
Balance on 02/20/2016	\$30287.87

Respectfully Submitted,

Theodore W. Area 45 Treasurer

Registrar: Jessica S.

Good morning everyone. My name is Jessica and I am an alcoholic. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Area 45 Registrar for Panel 66. I am very excited about this new position and grateful for the opportunity to be in service. Thank you Section IV for hosting today's assembly. I was able to attend last month's first panel meeting, District 22/23's New Year's Day Alcathon, as well as an awesome workshop put on by District 3 and am looking forward to attending NERASSA next weekend. I have already interacted with some new DCMs and GSRs prior to the assembly and have updated your group's information and had the opportunity to meet some more of you this morning in orientation with Joe. I am looking forward to working with all of you to keep our groups information up to date with GSO. I am missing information on the Contact sheet for some sections and districts who I know are active, so if your name is missing, my apologies. Please provide me with your contact information today and I will update the contact sheet for the next assembly. We have 519 Active Groups (Registered Groups with a Primary Contact or GSR) and 57 Unknown groups (Registered groups without a Primary Contact), and 1 pending active. A total of 577 groups. My first duty as Registrar is to oversee the annual group updates process. The annual update process is updating group records to be included in the GSO Regional Directories. Groups must have a primary contact to be included in the Directory. The primary group contact does not have to be a GSR. Information such as a change in group location or meeting time should be updated as well. Updates must be made in the FNV website by May 6th so I will be sending out forms within the next couple of weeks to provide DCMs with plenty of time to reach out to groups and relay that information back to me in time to make the necessary updates. I look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone better and working with you all on this endeavor. In love and service,

Jessica S.

Secretary: Tammy C.

Hi!!

I would first like to thank everyone for this opportunity to be of service to our area!! It is truly an honor!

On February 21, 2016, the meeting began with the Serenity prayer and Reading. This was followed by the introduction of the new GSRs and DCMs. We then acknowledged anniversaries that occurred between the November Assembly and today. District 26 will hold a short meeting at the beginning of lunch.

Reports are read.

Topics voted on are as follows:

Motion 1: Registration needs a computer. It is suggested that it should not exceed \$500 with no further software to be needed. Fred addressed Concept 3. Mike asked if we have the funds available to fund this endeavor since it is not a line item on the budget. It was determined that we do.

Vote: Unanimously passes

Motion 2: Start time for Orientation to be moved to 8:45 am to 9:15 am to be more efficient and streamline.

Vote: Unanimously passes

11:26 am LUNCH

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12:26 pm reconvene.

Section Leaders and District Leaders reports are read.

Agenda for May Assembly is discussed.

Gail – brought up increasing readership.

Andrew – refer to work with Policy and Charter.

Grapevine is a meeting in print.

Action suggested – would changing the tagline increase leadership possibilities?

Stephanie suggested referring to it as the International Journal of AA.

Ted suggested that it is not our place to change the name of the Grapevine.

Fred E. explained the market effect.

Ginger brought up her concern that several meetings share the same names.

Bob said that the Beverly group, “The Fellowship Group” is to change their name.

Andrew said that our “Young People’s” Committee has room to grow.

We can go over literature to have folks “edit”.

1:15 We closed with the Responsibility Prayer.

I am personally looking forward to NERASSA coming up on February 26, 27, 28 and the Area 45 52nd annual General Service Convention being held on April 1,2 and 3!!!

Thank you all!!

Tammy C.

Secretary

Panel 66

Area 45

AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Archives: Rose S.

Good Morning everyone. I am sorry I am unable to attend my first assembly meeting as Archives Chair for Area 45. I want to thank Rich, for asking me to serve. I am so excited to start this journey with all of you. First, we will be displaying the Archives at the Area 45 convention. If you would like to volunteer at the table or join our committee, please contact me. My contact info is on the contact sheet. Also don't forget to stop by.

We will also be looking into moving the Archives Storage to a closer location. We will also be available to display the Archives at your Area Events. Please let me know if you would like to have the archives displayed.

At the May assembly meeting I will have much more Information about our committee.

In Love and Service

Rose

Audio: Jamie D. - No Report Submitted

Budget & Finance: Vacant - No Report Submitted

Convention Committee (52nd): Wallace D.

The Area 45 convention is fast approaching and will start in 40 days. There are currently no show stopper issues.

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All the speakers have been selected and recently contacted to confirm their attendance and that their travel plans are in place. This year's program also includes an increase in the number of workshops that will be running in parallel with the programs in Grand Ball room to provide attendees with more options.

Contracts have been finalized for the evening entertainment including DJ, karaoke, and a photo booth.

The banquet this year will have a Caribbean theme. We have met with the hotel chef who is a native of the islands and she provided some exciting and colorful menu options to choose from. A tasting committee made selections that are sure to please. The hotel really stepped up this year. A steel drum player will set the mood in the banquet hall. We were able to maintain the pricing the same as it has been for some years. The \$40 price tag includes the dinner, beverages, desert, and gratuity making the event competitive with other outside dining options. The \$40 price tag is actually less than the cost per person the hotel charges and it is supplemented from the convention registration fee. Our requirement to meet a minimum food and beverage sales figure justifies this subsidy and at the same time provides the attendees with a great value. Please consider attending this year as it is imperative that we meet our numbers.

It is too early to determine how we are doing on our room night sales numbers. We have a contractual obligation to sell a specific number of room nights to get the meeting room spaces comped by the hotel. Over the last several years, we have gotten close but have had to buy some unused rooms. This is one of the biggest financial risks the convention faces. While we are not trying to make money, we do want to break even. That said; why not consider staying at the convention for one or two nights. Sharing a room with some roommates brings the cost of staying at the hotel down to as low as \$33 per person per night including tax. Booking rooms through the convention also saves attendees part of the tax on the rooms due to our tax exempt status.

If you would like to volunteer to work a shift at either the registration table or as part of our hospitality team, please see me before you leave and give me your contact information.

In closing I would like to thank the area for their confidence in me to serve as the convention chair. It has been a great experience. I would also like to thank the entire convention committee for their tireless dedication and hard work. Without all their efforts, this would not be possible.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the convention. Please remember that since the convention starts on April Fool's day, you should all consider yourself potential fair targets of my warped sense of humor.

Respectfully,

Wallace D.

Convention Chair

CPC Committee: Randi J.

My name is Randi and I'm an alcoholic.

I'd like to thank Section IV for hosting our assembly.

Since the last assembly, here are the activities of the CPC Cooperation with Professional Community Committee:

On November 17 we failed miserably in a comical attempt to group Skype our monthly meeting, if anyone can help me with this endeavor, please see me.

On November 24th I attended the State Probation Officers Convention in Atlantic City at the Golden Nugget. Myself along with Kimberley R. taught a workshop for the attendees on what AA is an is Not, and tried to encourage Probation officers to utilize AA as a resource as much as possible. Jershua M. and Jeanmarie T. came along as moral support.

I attended the monthly Corrections Committee meeting in Cherry Hill on November 29; the purpose being to see if the corrections committee would be on board with the next CPC project and it seems everything's a go. Our next project is to get AA meetings in more Prisons in Area 45 by contacting the Wardens (i.e. the professionals) to gain access. Into their facility. After we get the go ahead from the wardens, all further arrangements will be turned over to the corrections committee.

Our monthly meeting, the third Wednesday of every month, at 7pm, at the Recovery Advocates office, suite one, in the Lexington Square Office complex, 2117 Highway 33, in Hamilton Square, is now posted on three area calendars - Central Jersey Intergroup, South Jersey Intergroup, and the Area 45 Website.

We held our monthly meetings in December January and February.

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I am happy to announce Lorraine V. is our new Co-chair and Maia S. is our new Secretary.

At our monthly meeting in February, we had a guest, Richard L., whose been the chair of Corrections for the Central Jersey Intergroup the past two years. He gave us lots of useful information, and additionally, we made sure we would not duplicate our efforts. The three prisons in Mercer county, which are not currently holding meetings, were divvied out for approach to the wardens, as our first targets.

The CPC committee really needs members. Please consider joining us. See me for more information. Or show up at our next meeting. We would be so grateful.

In love and service, Randi J Chair CPC

Public Information Committee: Jenn M.

Greetings Area 45 Panel & Assembly Attendees:

I apologize that I cannot be in attendance today; as a prior scheduled family commitment has taken priority. I want to thank you all for your prayers and support during my recent illness. I am well and still in the process of healing; but capable of returning to work and to undertake my commitment to the Public Information Committee.

I have been recruiting AA members and presently have 3 on board; two of which are retired; with extra time on their hands to do some of the necessary footwork.

My goal is to schedule monthly meetings for the next few months; as suggested in the Public Information Handbook, to read and discuss the necessary pamphlets; the service piece "Information on Alcoholics Anonymous" and the workbook. Special focus will be on the specific topic of "Understanding Anonymity."

Just some of the potential goals to be set by the Committee will be to tackle some of the following: placement of Conference Approved literature, such as: The Big Book and the 12 and Twelve in libraries; preparation of letters to be sent to high schools, colleges, police stations, and hospitals, convalescent homes, rest homes and senior centers in the district offering AA literature and/or a presentation on AA.

Also to be considered are announcements in newspapers, placement of meeting schedules behind front disks of hotels, motels and bed & breakfasts.

In the meantime, there will be a Public Information table set up at the upcoming 52nd Annual Area 45 General Service Convention.

There is a lot of work to be done, so if anybody out there would like to jump on board, please contact me at (856) 761-4538 or via my email address, jennifermccormick257@yahoo.com.

Thank you.

In love & service,

Jenn M.

Chairperson

Corrections: Kathleen F

My name is Kathleen F. and it is y privilege to serve as Corrections Chair for this term; my co-chair is Judy K.

Literature orders have been filled for Camden County, Burlington County and Fort Dix. We have received LIPS donations from the various groups in the amount of \$1,306.97 and our checking account has a current balance of \$6,330.55.

This year, the Corrections Committee has obtained a slot at the 52nd annual convention being held in April. Our workshop will be held on Saturday, April 2nd at 9:15am. The purpose of this workshop is to recruit volunteers who are willing to carry meetings into the various correctional facilities within Area 45. The workshop will consist of 4 panelists – 2 former inmates – who will discuss how AA meetings while incarcerated, changed their lives for the better and helped them become productive recovering individuals after being released. The other 2 panelists – are volunteers carrying meetings into the facilities who will share their desire to help other individuals and their sense of gratification in performing service in corrections.

For those of you who will be attending this year's convention, I invite you to stop by the workshop to see what it's all about.

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We will still have a corrections table set up in the promenade as we have in past years.

In love and service,

Kathleen F.

DCM/GSR Orientation: Joe McA.

Good morning. My name is Joe McA., Alcoholic.

I'm the GSR/DCM orientation chair. I'd like to thank our chairperson, Rich H., for asking me to do this job. Also for my wife, Elaine for agreeing to be Co-Chair. Thank you to Section 4 for hosting this Assembly.

This Morning, we had 20 new GSRs, 4 new DCMs plus 1 guest at our Orientation workshop. We went over the General Service Structure and an overview of what could be expected from today's Assembly Meeting.

Our Registrar, Jessica S. assisted the orientees in filling out the new Group Change Forms so that they will be registered with the General Service Office

Our Delegate, Andrew L., was introduced and he welcomed all newcomers to service.

I have 2 requests to make:

1st, In giving reports, please let's keep in mind that not everyone is familiar with the acronyms we use. It will be helpful to say the actual name of your committee.

2nd, All DCM's, please make a point of introducing yourself to the new GSR's in your district and let them know when and where your district meetings are held. Also, any upcoming district events. Most will not be here to hear your report this afternoon.

Thank you for this opportunity to continue in service.

Grapevine: Gail N.

Hi, my name is Gail and I'm an alcoholic. I'd like to thank our Delegate Andrew L. for asking me to serve as the Area 45 Grapevine. And thanks to outgoing Grapevine Chair Linda M. for meeting with me to talk about all things Grapevine.

I recently attended the District 16 & 17 Workshop on Anonymity which was awesome with roundtable discussions and speakers. I also had the opportunity to enjoy the Cape Atlantic Intergroup bus trip to the GSO office in New York. I got to tour the offices, see where the Grapevine are is, meet some of the Grapevine employees - including the Grapevine office manager.

Next weekend I will be attending NERAASA in Springfield, Mass where I hope to get ideas for our Area 45 Grapevine Committee and display material ideas and learn more.

I am looking for help to man the Grapevine display booth at the 52nd Annual 45 General Service Convention held in Cherry Hill the weekend of April 1st. See me after the meeting if you think you can help out a few hours – I have a sign-up sheet by the Grapevine Display.

My current goal is to make Grapevine attractive to all age brackets while keeping up with technology and finding a way to reach the on-line readers and younger members with digital subscriptions.

A BIG thanks to all members and groups who increased the Grapevine subscriptions. **The 2015 Grapevine Challenge Results** are in the monthly newsletter on the Area 45 website as well as AA.org and AAGrapevine.org

The winners were Missouri for Grapevine and Delaware for La Vina. The New Jersey subscriptions increased by 17%!

I'm looking for members in Area 45 to learn about the Grapevine Committee and to serve by helping inspire members and Home groups to contribute their own stories and / or artwork to AA Grapevine and increase subscriptions. We need contributions of your experience, strength, and hope either in written and / or audio formats which can be passed on and carry the message to others.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Gail N – Grapevine Chair Area 45, Southern NJ

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JalCon: Danielle M. - No Report Submitted

Policy & Charter:

Good morning, people!

I would like to just take a moment and introduce you to the committee that labored for months on the Area 45 Handbook revision that we will be voting on later today. Each individual, whether they were recruited by me or volunteered to take part, brought their own unique thoughts and experience to the process. Your committee:

Elaine McA., Stephanie L., Randi J., Stephanie C., Ken T. and Fred E.

500 copies of the revised 2015 Area 45 Handbook have been printed.

Copies were passed out today to the Assembly, and the remainder of the inventory was given to the GSR orientation committee.

We are still looking for members to join our committee, so when matters are referred to our committee, we will have a broader input from the Area.

Respectively Submitted,

Fred.

Registration: Matt C.

Past Delegate	3
GSR	52
Alt GSR	8
Section Leaders	3
Intergroup chairs	1
Committee Chairs	8
Panel Officers	5
DCMs	14
Alt DCMs	6
Visitors	12
Total	112

AREA 45 SPRING ASSEMBLY
Sunday, May 15, 2016

535 Daretown Road
 Elmer, NJ 08318

Registration: 8:30 AM
 Orientation: 8:45 AM
 Assembly: 10:00 AM



Accessibility/Special Needs: Katie T.

Website: Al B.

I just would like to thank the committee for giving me the opportunity to serve as website chair. It has been rewarding working with our Panel Chair. If there is anything that I can do to make the site better, please feel free to reach out.

Workshop: Cyndi W. - No Report Submitted

Newsletter Chair: Laura H.

Hi I would like to congratulate the new panel again and thank them for their efficient and quick responses for getting the newsletter together. Thanks to our past panel for assisting with our questions for our new panel and myself. We are spotlighting the concepts this year so please pick a concept and email to the newsletter email. The next newsletter info will need to be ready for approval by April 15th. Thank you for this wonderful privilege.

Respectfully,

Laura your newsletter chair.

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Adhoc—Efficiency: John K. - No Report Submitted

Young People: Dana L.

Young Peoples Committee has decided to be a part of the Area 45 Convention held on April 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. We have chosen a speaker for one hour and will, also, be holding a workshop. We hope in doing so, we will connect with fellow young people in AA and gain their interest in being a part of the committee and begin to unify our community of young people in AA. Thank you.

Dana L.

INTERGROUP CHAIRS

Cape Atlantic Intergroup: Ken

Good morning, I am and alcoholic and my name is Ken.

It's an honor and a privilege to serve as Chair of Cape Atlantic Intergroup.

Since the last assembly, CAIG held its elections. We have an inspired new group of trusted servants that are enthusiastic and are already doing a great job in their respective panel positions, and committees.

I have to thank the outgoing panel and committee members for exceptional effort in 2014-2015, and for an efficient outgoing rotation.

Our annual Unity Picnic, unity breakfast, and Roundup were a great success in 2015, and we are already planning those events for this year.

We are fiscally healthy, and in. 2015 our expenditures matched contributions almost to the dollar. In the first 2 months of this year, the contributions are normal.

We closed 2015 with an informative inventory that inspired some new ideas for reaching more newcomers, and members who may not have regular access to AA meetings.

We introduced at our last business meeting, our "Accessibility Committee", which will focus of wheelchair access, ASL, reaching the home bound, nursing home residents, and members in hospitals among other things.

CAIG coordinated a bus trip last month to GSO that was a great time for all who attended.

I will connect with the Area 45 committee chairs today to see if there is anything we can do to help their efforts to carry the message to our fellowship.

Central Jersey Intergroup:

**CENTRAL JERSEY INTERGROUP
BODY MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 2016**

LOCATION: Hamilton Public Library, 1 Municipal Drive, Hamilton, NJ 08619

OPENING: Pat L. opened the meeting with the serenity prayer @7:05 p.m.

New Representatives:

Allison. – Venture to Help – Saturday 3pm

Danielle – Living Sober

Greg - Princeton

Rita – Casalan Group

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Alan – Live and Let Live
Robert K– Bordentown 1, 2, 3

New reps will receive a hand book please see the literature chairperson.

Anniversaries:

Matthew – 2 years on 1-19

Chair: Pat L. – Compiling a list of the panel's and committee chairperson's emails and contact numbers.

Co- Chair: Pat – He is dealing with issues with Verizon, bundling the cable, internet and phone. They installed the router. Voicemails in the office on the intergroup phone are not to be deleted. Pat checks them. Thanks for keeping the office clean. Also, working on a spreadsheet for the day time phone commitments and will add to next minutes. There are opened commitments. Pat will post a sign in office saying, "Please don't delete voicemails"

Recording Secretary: Janice

If you would like a physical copy of the Body Meeting Minutes mailed to you, let me know. All reps need to give me your email address so you could receive the minutes electronically.

Treasurer: Ethan (not present Kim gave report)

Treasurer's Report: 1- 2016

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$	3,653.88
LITERATURE	\$	1,570.00
Interest	\$	8.71
Other (breakfast)	\$	200.00
	\$	5,432.59

Financial Secretary: Kim R.

Copies of the report were handed out at meeting.

Beginning Balance \$35,836.91

Expenses	Amount	Check #
Rent	\$ 700.00	1383
Hamilton Township Library	\$ 80.00	1384
Answercomm	\$ 168.94	1385
Dex Media (yellow pages)	\$ 78.75	1387
AT&T	\$ 33.71	1386
Verizon (phone)	\$ 281.37	1389
AAWS (Literature purchase)	\$ 1,567.44	1390
State Farm Insurance	\$ 478.00	1388
USPS	\$ 19.60	1391

Total Expenses: \$ 3,407.81

Ending Balance: \$37,861.69

Prudent Reserve: \$35,140.00

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Attached is the proposed budget for 2016 which was voted on and accepted.

Committee reports

Steering Committee Chair: Cindy

- Discussed at last meeting about the website. Panel and committee members will have email on CJI website to reach out to them, if needed. They also wanted to thank Natalie for doing such a fantastic job!!

Natalie mentioned they only voted on putting emails on website no phone numbers. The emails are there but no one can see them.

Answering Service: Mike – Time slot: 5 pm to 8 am. Call Mike 609-508-7281 if interested. Here is the list of openings:

Sunday – 1st, 4th and 5th

Monday – 2nd and 4th

Tuesday – 1st, 2nd and 4th

Wednesday – 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th

Thursday – 2nd, 4th and 5th

Friday – All Fridays are open

Saturday – 2nd- 4rd and 4th

Requirements: if you have under 2 years of sobriety you have to answer the phone at the office. If you have over 2 years of sobriety, you can have the phone forwarded to your cell phone.

This could be a personal or a group commitment

Chris mentioned our bill is cheaper when people take the answering service commitment.

Connie mentioned to post all the open commitments on the website. This will be discussed at the steering committee meeting.

Groups asked Mike to make a flyer of open slots, and also update the 12 step list that is in the office.

H&I: Mark

- Open commitment - Helene Fund Saturday at 7 p.m. on the 3rd floor. Bring back to your groups to see if individual or group wants to take this commitment. Call Mark @ 609-273-0082 if you anyone or any group wants to take it.

Website: Nat

- Click on the committee tabs on the Central Jersey Intergroup website to see what they do and to send an email to that person or committee. No one can see your email address. It's sent privately to you. Adding new meetings and making corrections. Has a Co-Chair - Sean B.

Social Events- Chair – Chris/Co-Chair - Nicole

- Planning on a Halloween dance, rafting/canoeing, bean bag toss contest. Someone mentioned quates. The committee will met and discuss plans. Any help or input is appreciated.

Literature: Pat M. not present – Chris gave report

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- Sold \$367.50 literature sold
- Will be going to Hightstown early birds anniversary to sell literature.
- If groups are looking for literature just let the intergroup reps know and they can bring it back to Pat.
- Also if there is an anniversary coming up, please let them know they will attend.

Public Info: Todd – Co-chair

- They received a Public Information kit from New York. Making sure Big Books are in public libraries. Any volunteers see Todd; they could use help.

Prisons:

Angie – This position is opened – please take back to your groups to see if anyone wants to take this commitment. Angie is doing it temporarily.

- Work house commitments are open. You need to fill out an application and get fingerprinted. Angie has the applications. Email her at: anng123@comcast.net
- Bo Robinson commitments are still opened.

There is Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and Sunday commitments opened. Time has changed to 6:30 pm.

Rich – not present – Temporarily filling in until position is filled.

Unity: Theresa

- Going out to visit groups to make sure they are sending an intergroup representative to the intergroup meetings.

Newsletter: Tom

- Still has not received the disc.

Meeting list: Peter

- Spring list is heading to be published soon. Any changes, let Peter know now. Can be reached at Central Jersey Intergroup website, under CJI Panel and Committee, go to Meeting list and click.

Booker's: Kevin

- Next bookers will be April 7 at 8pm at the intergroup office in Bordentown City. There were 9 groups at the last bookers meeting. Kevin can be reached by email: kstanton7@gmail.com

Trustees: (Joe, Fred, Roseann, Angie, and Connie) no report.

Alt Delegate: Stephanie – not present (resteph11800@yahoo.com)

Area 45 Delegate is Andrew his email is alvecchi@gmail.com

Old Business: Prisons

Matthew M. was nominated – Matt gave his qualifications.

It was voted on and he was accepted. Congratulations Matt

Matt's email is mattmartin@gmail.com

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New Business:

Tom from District 25 General Service Representative was present at the CJI meeting to let us know they have a training session coming up and would like the participation of CJI. Tentative date: April 16, from 10 to 2 - possible topic: Unity, Service and Recovery. Will be held at the Plainsboro Library municipal building. He will send Pat L. an email when this is finalized.

There was a motion to close.

Closed with Responsibility pledge @ 8:15 p.m.

Next Body meeting: March 2, 2015

South Jersey Intergroup: Brett Rickman, Chair - NO REPORT

AREA SECTION LEADERS and DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS (DCMs)

Section I Leader: Ted W. - NO REPORT

Districts 01 & 02 - Moved to District 23

District 03: Robert P.

On February 6, 2016, district 3 held a workshop on the importance of the GSR. Our next workshop will be on the 12 will tentatively be held on May 14 2016.

The treasury has a current balance of \$645.96 with deposits of \$171.00 and expenses of \$84.75. The district approved a motion to open a PO Box for the district mail, including donations and bank statements. I will not be attending NER-AASA, but the district 3 secretary, treasurer and other GSRs will be attending. The secretary has reminded the district that all printing will be the responsibility of the district secretary.

6 groups were represented at the district meeting with 11 groups silent.

District35NJ@gmail.com.

District 04: John G. - No Report Submitted

Districts 22 & 23: Kelly W., DCM

My name is Kelly Williams and I am an alcoholic. I am also privileged to serve as DCM for Hamilton and Trenton District 22/23.

On June 6th we joined with the other Section 1 Districts to host a workshop on the AA service Structure. About 80 people were in attendance for superb presentations on the role of the intergroup, district, area and GSO given by Stephanie L., Fred E., Michele N., Bret and Brian. This workshop was followed by yet another very well represented pot luck dinner and dance.

We have most recently been working with our Section Leader, Ted W., to coordinate and do our part to host today's assembly.

Our plans for the future include our second annual Halloween event- held on Halloween- which will include a short skit and presentation on the 4th Tradition, a dinner, and dance. Costumes strongly encouraged! This event will tentatively be held in the Bordentown area and several other Section 1 districts have expressed interest in co-hosting the event with us.

Our monthly GSR meeting will be held tomorrow evening as it is always held on the third Monday of the month at 8PM at the Divine Word Seminary in Bordentown. Although it is still only August, we will already include plans for our New

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Year's Day Alkathon as part of the agenda. I hate to think about the dead of winter already but these things require a lot of advance planning when you only meet once a month!

On a personal note, I have continued to serve our Area 45 General Service Convention Committee as Co-Chair. I am really excited for the work already going into innovative additions to our program that include an anticipated higher attendance, more music, and more opportunities for attendees to learn about Area service. With the dates overlapping with April Fool's Day, our theme We Aren't a Glum Lot is bound to be infused into many aspects of the convention and I know a good time will be had by all.

District 24: Mike

My name is Mike and I am an alcoholic. It's a pleasure to have the honor and privilege to serve District 24 as DCM for the next 2 years.

We have started a series of workshops on the Twelve Traditions of AA. They are being held the third Friday of every month at Ewing Presbyterian Church, 100 Scotch Road at 7:00 pm. Pat from "Lit on Wheels" will be there thru out the year. (Thank you, Pat).

Our Unity Picnic will be on again this year. We are trying for a Sunday August 7th date at Rosedale Park in Hopewell.

With Love, In Service

Mike R.

District 25: Craig M.

District 25 continues to meet the first Monday of each month at St David's Church in Cranbury NJ at 7pm. Meetings are fairly well attended and we are reaching out to groups for more participation. Our Treasury has approximately \$2100.00 and we are planning events and making plans to spend this money wisely for the district.

Our DCM, Ian, has moved out of town and I have taken the role of DCM for the balance of the year. I have been fortunate to work with him over the past year and a half and he has helped me to prepare for a successful year. I'd also like to thank our Section Leader, Ted, for all his support during this transition.

Our last event was a well-attended as we held Family BBQ at Mercer County Park. We had speakers from both AA and Al-anon and raised 176.00 for our local Al-ateen.

We have begun to make some preliminary plans for another event in the fall with more details to follow. We expect it to be a movie night in early December, but are waiting for further suggestions from the groups.

In addition to events, we are continuing to reach out to meetings with little or no participation in the district to get more involvement.

District 30 & 31: Vacant - No Report Submitted

Section II Leader: AJ S. - NO REPORT SUBMITTED

District 06: Vacant

District 07: Tom E. - NO REPORT SUBMITTED

District 08: Chuck M.

My name is Chuck M. and I am an Alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 8, Section II.

Our Treasury balance is \$850.60.

Our monthly meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church in Moorestown,

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NJ.

District 8 has a bowling event scheduled for Sunday, March 6, 2016 from 12-3 at Pinsetters in Pennsauken. District 8 is contributing to some of the costs for the event.

I will be reaching out to members of District 27 in Section 2 to discuss the possibility of joining districts.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Chuck M.

District 09 - VACANT

District 10: Peg I.

For the past year and a half I have been sending out monthly letters to all meetings in my district. These letters are meant to disseminate information from Area 45 as well as from South Jersey AA intergroup. These letters also go to Al S. and Joe McA. I also wish to encourage 7th step tradition support for our area. This includes a financial donation as well as a GSR request from each meeting in the district. To date, I have received \$125.00 dollars from 2 meetings. Our GSR's include: Tracey C., Paul S. and Connie M.

We now have a well-established meeting place and time and date for all GSR's in District 10 at New Beginnings in Run-nemede 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm.

Yours in Service,

Peg I.

District 26: Frank F.

I am Frank F, a recovering alcoholic. I am acting as DCM, endorsed by exiting DCM, Scott K.

Our Treasurer is Joe B.

We are working to relight the district.

Meeting today of GSRs / alt GSRs at lunch to select a permanent DCM.

Gratefully submitted,

Frank F.

Acting DCM

District 26

District 27: Allen B.

We have 12 active groups

7 GSR's in place at this time, some changes are on the horizon.

4 with person contacts (no GSR in place) still working for GSR'S

One group still at this time does not wish to participate

A couple of groups are experiencing attendance problems, might be seasonal

We have communicated this quarter via e mail.

We will meet this coming quarter we new reps.

Updated personnel sheets will be forwarded prior to the fall assembly

Section III Report: Justin

My name is Justin and I am an alcoholic, and grateful to be trusted as Section III Leader.

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Since my last report, Section III DCMs and Alternates came together on December 12th at the Colonial Diner in Woodbury for a working lunch. I want to thank our Area Delegate, Andrew L., who took time out on a Saturday to join us and provide valuable experience and input. Andrew was peppered at this lunch (pun intended) with many questions. I learned a lot from what he shared, and I know the DCMs who hung around for the meeting after the meeting did as well.

The discussion around the table really centered on the importance of the DCM position. We have 3 Districts in our Section --- 21, 28 and 29 --- with relatively new DCMs who have stepped up in the spirit of service to work on re-lighting what has been dark. I want to thank Al B., Connie M. and Jeff W. for what they are trying to do. I have no doubt they will succeed. These are some of the finest alcoholics I've ever had the privilege of getting to know.

I also want to thank Greg C. from District 14 for leading by example and giving us insight into what a thriving District conscious looks like and talks about. As I'm sure you'll hear in his report today, they've got a lot going on in 14. Greg is a worthy and trusted servant, and his willingness to help other DCMs in the Section is recognized and appreciated.

While it is difficult to get everyone together at a Section level, we've been able to do it twice in the past year. Tentatively, we'll do it again in April as we prepare to host the Spring Assembly in May at the Elmer Grange. I hope to see you all there.

In love & service,

Justin S.

Section III

District 12: Edward S. - NO REPORT SUBMITTED

District 13: Jim H. - NO REPORT SUBMITTED

District 14: Greg

Hello, my name is Greg and I'm an alcoholic serving as DCM of District 14. Our district meets every third Thursday of the month at 6:45pm at First Presbyterian Church, corner of 2nd and Pine in Millville, NJ. We have been averaging 8-10 GSRs in attendance.

Since the last Area Assembly, District 14 has:

1. Continued discussions about developing a District 14 budget based on supporting the Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service;
2. Participated in a Section III meeting in December of District DCMs, hosted by Section Leader Justin S. and attended by Delegate Andrew L., where we discussed sharing ideas and keeping open lines of communication. Andrew L. suggested that DCMs should send him copies of district reports and communications so that he can remain aware and involved, so I have included him on my email list when I send out information to the district;
3. Supported Thanksgiving and Christmas Alcathon hosted by the Bridgeton Steps to Serenity and Bridgeton H.O.W. Groups, and a New Year's Alcathon hosted by the Vineland Group;
4. Celebrated in November the 68th Anniversary of the Millville Thursday Night Group;
5. Presented in January a "Forgiveness" Workshop that was well attended and well received;
6. Celebrated in January the 15th anniversary of the Shiloh Serenity Group;
7. Saw the Rosenhayne Keep It Simple Group change its meeting time on Tuesday nights from 8:00pm to 7:00pm and adopt an A.A. Literature format.

Looking forward, the District plans to:

1. Celebrate an anniversary with the Bridgeton Wednesday Night Group on Wednesday, February 24, 2016;
2. Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Millville Friday Pass It On Group on Friday, February 26, 2016;
3. Celebrate the 7th Anniversary of the Millville Sober Saturday Group on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

NO REPORT

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District 20: Debbie C., Acting DCM - NO REPORT SUBMITTED

District 21 – Vacant

District 28: Connie M - NO REPORT SUBMITTED

District 29: Al B.

Still happy to be of service. Process to lighting up District 29 is slow. I am continuing to reach out with groups from my district to learn about the members and how I can be of service. I continue to have enthusiasm for the position and it is my hope that that will be enough to make a difference. Also, I look forward to attending NERAASA.

Section IV Leader: Steve

My name is Steve, I'm an alcoholic. It is my privilege to serve as new section 4 group leader for Panel 66

I attended district 15, 16-17 meetings in Jan. & Feb

I attended the Jan. district 18 meeting.

My apologies to District 19 for not yet making their meeting. Apparently I was in the right place but it was the wrong time.

I attended the Cap Atlantic inter-group meetings in Jan. & Feb.

I attended the district 16-17 "Spirit of anonymity" workshop on January 30.

I also attended the 2nd anniversary meeting of the Getting sober young group in Margate, and the CAYPAA comedy night in December.

Special thanks to all the districts in Section 4 for their service in providing the food and beverages for today's assembly. Great job everyone.

I look forward to working with all the new DCM's in this sections districts to bring more groups into participation on the district and area level.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Steve M.

Section 4 Group Leader

District 15: Gail N.

Hi my name is Gail and I'm on alcoholic. District 15 meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Holiday Spirit Church in Tuckerton. Our current treasury balance is \$1,243. We have a full panel and GSR participation continue to grow in the District.

We are grateful to continue receiving support in the District from our Groups. Our next event is scheduled for October 4th at Tip Seaman Park in Tuckerton – Unity in the Park Until Dark.

We have formed a Joint-Area/District Committee comprised of 2 GSRs from our District 15 and 2 GSRs from Northern NJ Area 44, Districts 27/29. We will be hosting a joint fellowship event on the border of the 2 Areas (somewhere near Waretown or Manahawkin). It will be a speaker meeting followed by an AA movie with snacks and beverages. This will be held either late October or early November.

Our final event of the year is on December 6th at the Holiday Inn in Manahawkin. It is a speaker meeting followed by a dinner and dancing.

Finally, I want to thank Rose, the Area 45 Registrar, for the wonderful spreadsheet of the District 15 Groups. Our Visitation Committee and myself will be using this to verify and visit all the unrepresented Groups in the District to carry the message. We will leave behind a letter from the District GSRs and myself explaining the District, the GSR pamphlet and the AA document "It Your Group Connected To AA As A Whole" to foster interest and participation.

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District 16/17 report: Jeanmarie T

We had elections in December. Many thanks to outgoing Kim H (DCM) and Luann (Secretary) for their reliable service over the past couple of years. I want to introduce our new panel. Alt DCM Joe E is already working on putting together lists to see how many groups are in our area. We hope to ensure that ALL groups in our district know they have the opportunity to participate in our AA service structure. Our new secretary is Rebecca S, who is just delightful and efficient. Our treasurer is Chris L. Chris has taken on the huge task of organizing and developing clear, open records of our finances.

We very enthusiastically planned a 4 hour (!!) service event in January. We explored the topic of "Anonymity" with two short speakers as well as a round table discussion format. We used AA literature as a basis for questions to be discussed at each table. This format allows for plenty of discussion, exploration of what traditions are involved and an opportunity to grow in personal application and knowledge of this subject. Huge turnout - between 85-90 attendees. I'd say about 2/3rds of attendees made it to the end!!!! Despite some minor problems with some of the "details" involved in our execution of the event, (we got some great feedback on how to improve our next event), it was very enjoyable and a huge success. Thanks to all for the hard work, planning and enthusiasm.

Nerassa is coming up, we have 3 GSRs as well as my self-attending.

Gratefully submitted, Jeanmarie T DCM district 16/17

District 18: Vacant - No Report Submitted**District 19:**

District 19 is pleased to report on the following matters:

A seminar / workshop was recently held on February 27, 2016. This involved a showing of a DVD of the Broadway Play "THE PLAY" a story of Bill W. and Dr. Bob. In addition, District 19 volunteers participated in a skit dealing with the known factors of alcoholism: fear, depression, anger, anxiety and dealing with these issues.

The event was from noon to 4:00 pm and included lunch, refreshments, live music and fellowship. We were pleased to have about 100 people in attendance.

A beach meeting is planned for June 11, 2016 (rain date June 12) at the North Wildwood Beach at 2nd Street. The program will have presentations on prayer, meditation, yoga and alternative spirituality.

It will be held from noon to 4:00 Pm and will include live music, food & refreshments, games and relaxation. This beach event has been well received in the past and the District is expecting good participation.

District Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Crest Community Church, Crocus and Pacific Avenues, Wildwood Crest, New Jersey. The District has recently welcomed 2 new GSR's representing groups that had not previously been represented.

The Treasury has a balance of \$1600.00 of which \$500.00 is kept as a prudent reserve since the District attempts to schedule 4 events per year that focus on fellowship and the AA Message. The District budgets \$400.00 per event and recent events have exceeded budgeted amounts – hence the prudent reserve has been increased.

Respectfully submitted,

GENERAL SERVICES DISTRICT NO 19

AREA BUSINESS**Assembly**

Motion: (by Jimmy S.) Approve the revised Area 45 Handbook, which was available for review on the Area 45 Web site. If approved, the revised handbook would take effect January 1, 2016.

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Passed unanimously

Motion: (by Rich H.) Amend Area 45's 2015-2016 budget to provide funding at the level of \$300 per year for each of the following committees: a: Special Needs & Accessibility, and b: Public Information

Passed unanimously, will appear on November agenda

Area Committee

Motion: (by Fred E.) Expand the duties of the Section Leaders to be the Liaisons to the Intergroups, attending their monthly meetings and report to the Area Committee meeting and reporting Area information to the Intergroups. There will no longer be a need for the Alt. Delegate to travel to the Intergroups, funds that were used for travel would be split among the four Section Leaders (i.e., Section I: Central Jersey Intergroup. Section II & III: South Jersey Intergroup. Section IV: Cape Atlantic Intergroup)

Motion seconded, will be on November agenda

Motion: (by Michael S.) I move that Area 45 take out a liability policy to cover the meetings whose hosts insist on insurance coverage.

Referred by Area Chair referred to a special committee for recommendations.

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