

Minutes from the August 15, 2010 Assembly and Committee Meetings Carslake Community Center, Bordentown, NJ

Opening:

Chair, Thom O., opened the Assembly with recognition of all new G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s, and Section Leaders followed by the recognition of all who had celebrated A.A. Anniversaries since our last meeting. Following his opening remarks, a short presentation was given on Concept X by Debbie H., District 24 Alt. DCM.

Area Panel Reports:

Delegate, Elaine McA.:

Thank you, Section 1 for hosting our Assembly today.

During this past quarter, I have presented the Post Conference Delegate's Report in Sections 1, 2, and 3. I will be given the Report in Section 4 on Sunday, October 17th, at 3:30 PM, at the Seaview Baptist Church in Linwood, NJ. Thank you to the Section Leaders and DCM's for hosting these reports. I'd like to give a special thank you to Thom O. for using his expertise to prepare a power-point presentation of my report and also for the use of his projector. Thom has attended all three of my reports and could probably give it himself by now! Thanks to our Ken T. for providing audio, also.

In addition to the reports given in each Section, I was invited to speak on the Conference at a Founder's Day celebration at the Simple Beginnings Group in Gloucester. It was a privilege to be there and I truly appreciated the opportunity.

I attended a workshop of our CTF Committee and South Jersey Intergroup H& I on June 12th. A lot of important information on taking prison commitments was shared in addition to the inspiration of several speakers who have benefited from the work of these committees.

Over the 4th of July weekend, I attended the International Convention in San Antonio celebrating AA's 75th Anniversary. There were close to 53,000 people in attendance, with wonderful workshops, speaker meetings, and plenty of fellowship. I spent time visiting all the Hospitality Suites and enjoyed seeing the paintings done for our Area 45 Conventions on display at the combined Area 44 and 45 Hospitality Suite. I agree with the gentleman I heard remarking that we were blessed to enjoy the talents of the various artists who have provided us with those paintings over the years.

I attended a Delegate's Luncheon at the Convention, where I was happy to see many of my fellow Panel 60 and Panel 59 Delegates with whom I served at this year's Conference, in addition to many more Delegates, who served before me. There was a Delegate present who had served at the 21st Conference.

A highlight of the Convention for me was the opportunity to write a short note to an AA Loner, while visiting the L.I.M. Room. Loners are those who, because of their occupation or just the geography of where they live, have no access to AA meetings. They stay sober with their

AA literature and the occasional letter they receive from other loners in AA. To learn more about L.I.M., which is Loners Internationalists Meeting, go to aa.org and click on the groups and members tab.

On July 18th, I was invited to share at the Fellowship Group in Beverly, NJ for their anniversary meeting. Thank you to Janet. C. for that invitation.

I attended the JalCon Convention on July 15 through the 17th. Thank you to the JalCon Committee for their kind invitation. I had the privilege of leading a discussion on the 12 Concepts. Thank you, Joe M. for inviting me to do that. I also had the opportunity to talk about the AA Grapevine at our sales table while there.

I have attended several Area 45 Convention Committee meetings during the past quarter. It is a spirited, lively committee, always ready to try out new ideas to make each year's convention even better than the one before it.

Please remember that I am available to your groups, your districts, your committees, and of course, to each of you. If I can provide any information or assist you in any way, it would be my privilege to do so. My contact information is on the contact sheets available at the registration desk, or I can be reached via our Area website. I always enjoy your correspondences and I appreciate your support of the Delegate.

North East Region

In May 2011, our current North East Regional Trustee, John K. will rotate at the conclusion of the 61st General Service Conference. At the November 2010 Assembly, Area 45 will hold an election to choose our nominee for this position, whose name will then be submitted to the Trustee Committee on Nominations. A final election will be held at the 2011 General Service Conference to choose a NERT from among the candidates of each Area in the NE Region. Anyone interested in standing for the position of NERT should contact me ASAP for the required forms to apply. I must hear from you by October 31st in order to prepare your resumes in time for the November Assembly.

AAWS

The Conference desk reports that the Final Conference Report for the 60th General Service Conference will be mailed in late August. I had hoped to have them available for you today. Therefore, I will be bringing them to your districts starting in September. Thank you for your patience.

The AAWS E-Tech Committee serves as an oversight committee involved in short-term and long-term goals in support of the GSO E-Technology Team in the development and delivery of electronic formats of AA literature and other means of electronic communication. AAWS has approved two recommendations from this committee. The 1st recommendation gives full support to GSO to begin developing e-publishing as a digital format that will enable electronic delivery of our literature.

The second recommendation gives full support for GSO to distribute a questionnaire that requests feedback from the Fellowship on preferences for digital devices and e-delivery. Those who attended the International Convention may have seen this questionnaire as it was first introduced there. I will be distributing this questionnaire to you today and ask that you

take the few minutes necessary to answer the questions and return it to me. This will help me to meet the deadline for submitting it to GSO.

A newly created Digital Archives Exhibit has been launched at the Archives Portal of aa.org. There is presently just one display (AWARDS and Recognitions), but we can look forward to more in the future.

There is now an AAWS Copyright Committee whose prevue it is to examine and consider present and future policies related to AA trademarks and copyrights. At the committee's first meeting, they met with Intellectual Property attorneys to receive information regarding the law on trademark and copyright use and protection.

Thanks to the efforts of the Fellowship, the Corrections desk reports that the number of yet to be linked AA members on the "inside" has been cut in half. We still need volunteers for our Corrections Correspondence Service. Each day sees new requests from men and women who trust that the hand of AA will be there for them.

Financial

Since the June 10th "go-live" date, there has been a steady increase in the use of **Contributions on Line** and no significant problems or complaints have been reported.

As of June 30th, total distribution of all books is down by 26 % over the same six-month period in 2009. Actual units sold in 2010 were 864,161 as opposed to 1.5 million in 2009. This was not entirely unexpected, due to the large orders of books from non-AA distributors received last year just prior to the price increases that were enacted in July, 2009. Sales to non-AA purchasers accounted for 14.6% of all sales. For the same 6 month period last year, non-AA purchases accounted for 30.6 % for the reason cited above. In both 2007 and 2008, these non-AA sales accounted for 19% of book sales revenue, so we appear to be moving towards our norm. Contributions, however, are 3% greater than the same period last year. Thus, total revenue is less than the same 6 month period last year by \$999,000.00.

Operating expenses were less than in either of the two prior years for the same 6 month period. This is due to two factors. One is the continued effort at cost-containment at GSO and to the receipt of an insurance payment to cover costs incurred due to a virus that struck our computer system in 2009.

These figures do not include the financial results of the 2010 International Convention. This will be calculated and reported in the 3rd quarter.

Publications announced the availability of a limited number of the special soft-cover edition of "AA Comes of Age" which was the souvenir for the International Convention. They may be purchased on a first-come, first-served basis with a limit of 20 books per purchaser.

The AA Grapevine continues to struggle with decreased subscriptions.

La Vina is soliciting more articles to be contributed. While La Vina is NOT a translation of the AA Grapevine, it has had to use some translated articles on occasion when it doesn't receive enough Spanish article submissions. To help to remedy this, La Vina has reactivated an email address devoted to receiving Spanish articles and art work for La Vina. Articles

should be submitted to manuscritosLV@aagrapevine.org. The La Vina Editor can be contacted at LV@aa.org. Please remember also that La Vina staff are available to speak at your group meetings or workshops in an effort to increase submissions of articles to the magazine.

At the request of the Conference Committee on the Grapevine, Area Delegates are conducting a survey on the Grapevine. At the May Assembly, I distributed Grapevine surveys. Janet C. has distributed them at all three Intergroups. Of the 200 distributed, I have only received 30 back this far. Today, I am distributing them again! If you have not already filled one out, please do so today and leave them with me. This will enable me to meet the deadline set for submitting them back to the Conference Committee.

The AA Grapevine and La Vina magazines will be conducting their own survey soon. Unlike the Delegates survey, this is limited to subscribers. Some subscribers, chosen at random, will receive the survey in the mail. If you receive one, please fill it out. Your participation will help the magazines to know what direction they should move in.

Alternate Delegate, Janet S-C.:

Good Morning, my name is Janet, I am an alcoholic.

Thank you section one for hosting our assembly today. Except for visiting the different intergroups in Area 45, and taking a wonderful trip to the International Convention, in San Antonio, Tx, the summer has been quiet. On July 16-17 I was invited to attend Jal-con, in New Brunswick, NJ. Thank you Joe McA for asking me to speak on "Passing the Tools".

Please keep these dates in mind: **Saturday, September 18, 2010**, the Area 45 Inventory, to be held @ Divine Word Seminary, 101 Park Ave Bordentown NJ, registration begins @8:30am.

Saturday, October, 16, 2010 Area 45 Day of Sharing, to be held @ Christ Episcopal Church, 62 Delaware St. Woodbury, NJ 08096, 9am to 12:30pm. Registration will begin @ 9am. This event will be hosted by your Alternate Delegate and all three Intergroups of Area 45. Breakfast will be provided.

Chair, Thom O.:

1. We have the following Committee chair openings:
 - Public Information
 - Budget and Finance
2. Attended the Convention Committee: July 11
3. Assisted Elaine with PowerPoint presentation of Delegates Report:
 - June 5 in Bordentown
 - June 19 in Sicklerville
 - June 26 in Collingswood
4. Participated in Group Inventories for:

Hightstown Big Book Study Group
Venture to Help in Ewing

5. Chaired an A.A. meeting at Jal-Con 2010. Thanks Joe for the opportunity, it's always a treat to visit JalCon.
6. Emailed an apology to the Area 44 Delegate and Chair for our lack of participation with the Hospitality Suite in San Antonio.
7. Visited the Westin Hotel in Princeton, NJ. Their main ballroom can accommodate about 1100 people and they have 294 rooms. Depending on their price schedule this may be a viable alternative to the Crown Plaza in Cherry Hill as a site for future conventions.

Treasurer, Kim R.:

Good morning. My name is Kim and I am an alcoholic. First of all, thank you to Section I for hosting this assembly, and welcome to all of the new GSRs and DCMs. We greatly appreciate your service.

Since our May assembly, I was asked to chair an A.A. meeting at JalCon on Saturday night, July 17th. I was not able to attend the whole convention, but I appreciate being asked to be of service. Thanks Joe for allowing me to serve.

The area tax returns have been completed, and I have been focusing on ways to save the area money. I am now able to pay bills online through TD Bank's "bill pay" website. This will save the area the expense of postage, envelopes, checks, and time. Since the TD Bank website does not offer the ability to set up bill pay reminders, I set up reminders through my personal bank account's website to contact me ten days prior to the due date of any semi-recurring bill's, such as TD credit card or Staples charge card, in order to avoid the area incurring any late fees.

I have revised the area expense voucher, particularly to remove the section for toll expenses incurred as tolls are not reimbursed separately but are reimbursed through the flat mileage reimbursement. I will be emailing all panel members and committee chairs a copy of this new expense voucher. For those of you who have a printer with scanning capabilities, you may email me your voucher and I will mail you a check. Typically when I mail reimbursement checks out, I include a copy of your submitted voucher. Since these checks will now be mailed from TD Bank directly, no voucher copy will be included, so please make a copy for your records. Two signatures are required on area checks, but no signatures are required when sending checks directly from the bank, therefore, prior to the treasurer requesting any checks be sent, the area chair and/or delegate (whoever responds first) will approve checks via email.

Area 45 already possesses a stamp of the area mailing address; therefore, we will no longer incur the expense of having envelopes printed for us. I will purchase inexpensive blank

envelopes and use the stamp for our return address, which is also less expensive than using my home printer. I had considered not including return envelopes when I mail out contribution confirmation letters to save money, however, it was decided that making contributing more difficult may have a negative effect on the amount and/or frequency of contributions received.

When mailing in your group's contribution to Area 45, please remember to include your group name as listed with the General Service Office, your group number, and a return address or email address to send the contribution confirmation to.

Per Area 45 policy and the panel budget notes that were distributed in February, 2010 and then again at the May 15, 2010 Area 45 assembly, each committee that has their own bank account is required to have their monthly bank statements mailed directly to the Area PO Box for the treasurer to distribute. Presently, only the CTF Committee is complying with this policy. The Convention Committee, Grapevine Committee, and Young People's Committee need to notify the bank as soon as possible to change their bank account address to the Area PO Box. In addition, I need these committees to forward a copy of all 2010 statements that were not previously mailed directly to the Area PO Box.

All checks received in the area post office box by Friday, August 13, 2010 have been deposited.

Your treasury report is as follows:

Beginning Balance

05/15/10		\$25,125.99
Income	+ 9,930.67	
Expenses	- 5,055.07	_____
Subtotal		\$30,001.59
Prudent Reserve	+ 26,000.00	_____
Total 08/14/10		\$56,001.59

Thank you to all of the groups that send contributions to the area thereby helping us to remain self-supporting, and thank you all for allowing me the privilege to serve.

Registrar, Wendy M.:

Good Morning, My name is Wendy and I am an alcoholic.

Everyone's information was added into the FNV that was given to me last quarter.

If you were supposed to get a packet from GSO and have not, please let me know at lunch.

If you are a new GSR or DCM, please give me a change form before you leave today.

I have been removing wrong addresses from the database, based on the unprocessed addresses from newsletters.

Secretary, Dave MacD.:

Hi, my name's Dave and I am an alcoholic. Thank you to Section I for hosting this meeting.

Aside from organizing and submitting the minutes from the May, 2010, Assembly and Committee to the newsletter and website, I also attended the CTF workshop in Bordentown, the CTF workshop in Williamstown, the Delegate's report in Sicklerville, the International A.A. Convention in San Antonio (where I worked as a Hospitality volunteer along with my wife), and two meetings at District 14 to aid in planning the District 13/14 joint workshop on "Resentments."

For those who may be new to the Assembly I'd like to remind everybody that all reports must be read at the Assembly/Committee Meeting in order to appear in the minutes. If you are unable to attend, please try to arrange in advance to get someone else to read your report.

All reports need to be written and submitted to me no later than two weeks after the Assembly/Committee Meeting. For this meeting that deadline would be August 29th. Ideally, it would be best if you could email them to me before you give them. Second best is to email them to me after the meeting. Third best is to simply hand it to me at the meeting. I'm always looking for the easier, softer way so anytime I can cut and paste, it makes my life a whole lot easier.

Area Committee Reports:

Archives, Lily McB.:

Since being gifted with this opportunity to serve, my time has been mainly devoted at activities to learn the full impact of the responsibility this position entails.

After a smooth and educational transfer from my predecessor, the able, talented Stella J., the necessary transfers of information were made with Area, Intergroup, and GSO.

Arrangements were made with the Area 44 Archives people to provide them with our Area 45 display at the NJ Hospitality Room at the AA International Convention, in San Antonio. That project was successfully completed.

At this writing, preparations are in progress to transfer Area 45 Archives from their present location in Glassboro, NJ, to a more accessible site in Tuckerton, NJ.

Contact has been made with other Area Archivists around the country so as to allow me to learn from their experience.

I also attended the Linwood Group's Archive's meeting on 2/28, District 17 Workshop on 3/17, Area 45 Convention on 3/26-3/28, and Area 45 Mini-Conference on 4/10.

Audio, Ken T.:

No report submitted.

Budget and Finance, Andrew L., Interim Chair:

No report submitted.

Convention, 47th Annual, Frank Z. for Joanne C.:

I am happy to report that the 47th Convention is moving along well. We have our theme: "We will know Peace" and chose our logo this past meeting. We have put together an early registration form which you can find online and in the fall issue of the *Fourth Dimension*. Our new two-page registration flyer is ready, and the online registration is only days from going live.

All of our sub-committees are firing on all cylinders. We have our entertainment booked. On Saturday night, there will be a DJ dance, and both nights will have karaoke. I am pleased to report that the Program Committee was able to get their Saturday and Sunday speakers.

The Convention Chair had contacted the Crowne Plaza in order to confirm pricing so that we could get registration up and in full swing a little early this year.

Remember that if you want to download and print some registration fliers to take along to your home groups go to snjaaconvention.org and click on registration.

CPC, Buster R.:

No report submitted.

CTF & Bridging the Gap, Paul B.:

My name is Paul I am an alcoholic

Since the last report, CTF committee has been busy putting together the final details on an upcoming conference on Oct 9 at Lambs Road Cathedral in Sewell N.J. We have two great speakers set for that day, Billy N. from GSO and Superior Court Judge Michael C. along with a Corrections panel and a Treatment panel. I hope that everyone will attend on that day. I would hope that everyone will bring their sponces along so they can learn why it is so important to carry this message. We know you will not want to miss this. There are Flyers on

the back table, please take some to your home group and any other meetings you go to, the CTF committee thanks you all for your support.

The CTF committee and the three intergroup put three workshops on. The Theme was "Why We Carry the Message." The first workshop was in Cape Atlantic on April 17 with 58 attendees the second was held in Central Jersey Intergroup on May 22 with 38 attendees the third workshop was held in South Jersey Intergroup on June 12 with 53 attendees. The workshops were only half of what we have in store for you at the Conference. I would like to thank all three intergroup for their support. Are next committee meeting is August 22, please come out and join the committee, all are welcome. The CTF committee was ably to start four new meeting in area 45 since the last time we met. Bringing the total to 7 new meeting to this area since January and three more are pending.

I was bless to attend the international convention and I can not begin to tell you what an experience, it was amazing. I also attended the jailcon convention in north jersey on July 17 thanks Joe for inviting me.

BRIDGING THE GAP:

From the period 4-16 to now we had a number of calls. As usual the telemarker call at least three times a week. Also a number of people asking for rides. We have received a two to three calls a week from Dan L. from Miami Florida district 15 BTG coordinator to provide transitioning from rehabs in Florida to New Jersey, all calls were answer and Volunteers were provided.

DCM/GSR Orientation, Laurie E.:

No report submitted.

Grapevine, Stephanie L.:

No report submitted.

Jal-Con, Joe McA.:

I would like to thank Section I for hosting today's assembly.

I'm happy to report that since our last assembly I was able to attend all of the Jal-Con planning meetings and attended the Jal-Con Convention, which was held July 16,17 and 18 at the East Brunswick Hilton in Brunswick, NJ.

I would like to thank all of the people who took and fulfilled their speaking commitments at Jal-Con, making it so much easier on me. Elaine M., Janet C-S, Thom O., Kim R., and Paul B., thank you.

Our Delegate and Alternate Delegate did double duty by also setting up and manning an A.A. Grapevine table, thus giving some new people an opportunity to learn about our meeting in print.

The convention was a lot of fun and it was very easy to get caught up in all the activities. Along with Phil M., the Area 44 AA liaison to Jal-Con, I conducted the countdown at the Saturday night meeting. So we introduced everyone to an AA countdown. They were a little slow in catching on at first, but by the end everyone was just as loud and enthusiastic as any AA convention I have ever attended.

In addition to an Al-Anon and an AA speaker, there was an Al-Ateen speaker, a young girl who spoke of her struggle to deal with her father's alcoholism.

If you have never attended an Al-anon Convention, you are missing a great opportunity. It has taught me that this disease affects many others in addition to the alcoholic and to respect their need for their own recovery.

The Jal-Con Committee met informally yesterday and we are already looking at ways to make next year's Convention even better!

I am grateful for the opportunity for personal growth that this service has given me.

Newsletter, Andrew L.:

No report submitted.

Policy and Charter, Mike L.:

No report submitted.

Public Information, Open Position:

No report submitted.

Registration, Judy C-P.:

In attendance today were:

- 6 Panel Members
- 9 Committee Chairs
- 2 Section Leaders
- 8 DCM's
- 53 GSR's
- 2 Visitors

For a total of 83 (including 1 Trustee)

Special Needs, Jill J.:

Good Morning, I'm Jill J your chairperson for Special Needs.

I apologize for not submitting a written report at the last assembly. I brought a supply of the service pamphlet "Serving Alcoholics with Special Needs", courtesy of the GSO. Please

distribute and discuss them within your groups.

I had the privilege of attending the International Convention in San Antonio. While I was there I attended a topic meeting regarding special needs. I also had the opportunity to serve as a convention volunteer in San Antonio. As always, I get much more than I give, whenever I have an opportunity for service. I saw first hand how “AAs throughout the fellowship are discovering that the common bond of recovery can transcend the barriers of disabilities. “ (F-107, pg.2)

I discovered how much has already been done to make sure that the message of hope, recovery, and service is carried to alcoholics with additional challenges. The one example I want to share with you was when I realized that the volunteers directing pedestrian traffic at the shuttle bus stop where visually impaired. It took my breath away. Never before have I witnessed the degree of honesty, open mindedness, and willingness necessary to facilitate not only the pedestrian traffic directors but also scores of convention attendees who were afforded the opportunity to provide service in accordance with their capabilities.

So that the committee can facilitate an awareness of the current need, problems, and successes, I invite any AA member who has a question, concern, or idea to contact me at

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Web Site, Pat M. (read by Dave MacD):

Unfortunately I am unable to be in attendance for the Summer Assembly. I do have some good news though. After a few snags, we have a test site on a local machine and are currently processing all of the pages. Once all the pages are updated to the new script we should be able to go live with the new look.

We've been able to keep the current site up to date and have added a new type of calendar. There are a couple of events pages that were eliminated as redundancies while we complete the new site design with its easy navigation menus and such.

It appears that everyone has gotten used to the new website email: webadmin@snjaa.org. That is the link on the website pages if anyone needs to reach the website committee. If anyone has any suggestions or wishes to help out on the website committee, please shoot us an email.

Thanks so much for the opportunity to serve A.A. & Area 45.

Workshop, Linda MacD.:

My name's Linda and I'm an alcoholic.

Debbie H. presented Concept X this morning. Excellent presentation. Thank you, Debbie.

We are open for suggestions for the next Assembly Meeting in November.

I also attended the International Convention in San Antonio. Our hospitality room with archives had many great comments.

SJCYPAA, Jess M.:

Since our last Assembly, we have haeld SJCYPAA meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at St. Luke's Church, in Collingswood, at 7 pm.

Our next event will be held on September 18th, starting at 2 pm, at Cooper River Park, called "Fall into Fellowship." There will be food, music, and games. All are welcome to attend. Further information will be posted on the Area and Intergroup websites.

ICYPAA (the International Convention of Young People in AA) will be held in two weeks (August 26-29) at the Marquis Marriott in Times Square, NY. I will be attending to represent SJCYPAA.

Please come out to support our committee either at our committee meetings or our events. Remember, "young" means young at heart having room to grow.

Thanks you for the opportunity to serve.

Ad Hoc Outreach to the Hispanic Community, Fernando B.:

No report submitted.

Cape Atlantic Intergroup, Jim B., Vice-Chair:

My name is Jim, I am the Vice-Chairperson for Cape/Atlantic Intergroup.

Planning for the Roundup has been going very well. Event dates are November 19, 20 and 21. The Roundup now has its own website: WWW.CAIGROUNDUP.ORG

Due to a very busy summer season, our Trustee resigned last month. The position is vacant, and we will be holding our first round of elections for Trustee on Wednesday of this week, at the regular CAIG Business Meeting on August 18. More changes have occurred in our committee chair assignments. All of our appointed committee positions are currently filled, and responsibilities are being met.

Many new H&I commitments have been added to our monthly commitment roster, and I am very pleased to report that our intergroup reps quickly filled these commitments and are showing up to carry the message.

We are looking into getting a new office. An ad-hoc committee is being formed to discuss this matter.

The CAIG body has accepted a change to our By-Laws which allows us more freedom in choosing where we can hold the steering committee meeting. This amendment also adds the ability to delay the steering committee meeting in the event of an emergency.

Our "Young at Heart" committee had a canoe trip on July 10". A lot of people showed up and canoed and kayaked in the rain. I skipped it... but everyone who attended said that the trip was fantastic, and very peaceful. The next canoe trip is August 22. Fliers are available online.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, August 22: The second canoe trip of 2010

Saturday, September 18: Workshop in the Woods/Camping trip

Sunday, September 26: Unity Breakfast

November 19, 20, 21: CAIG Roundup (Grand Hotel, Cape May)

Fliers and more information available online at WWW.CAIGRP.ORG.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Central Jersey Intergroup, Connie Y.:

Hi I am Connie and I am an alcoholic. In May, we had our Hospitals & Institutions, Prisons, and Correctional Treatment Facilities workshop. We had several good speakers and several volunteers sign up to help with these committees in Central Jersey.

Not a lot else is going on in the summer. We are rolling along with carrying the message of AA.

I am working with South Jersey Intergroup on their hosting of the Day of Sharing in October.

South Jersey Intergroup, Frank Z.:

Good morning, everyone my name is Frank and I am an alcoholic and proud to serve as your South Jersey Intergroup Chair. Welcome to our newest GSRs. SJIG has been operating pretty much "Business as usual" with only a few exceptions. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all the groups for your continued support.

Our Answering Service Committee is looking for a few volunteers to man two-hour phone shifts or perhaps an overnight phone shift.

Literature can always use volunteers to help out by distributing literature during two hour shifts at the office in Pennsauken. They will arrange training at a time that is convenient for you.

We also have a team of volunteers that are going to different home groups and selling literature. If your group would like to have the road show come to your meeting to sell literature please contact the office.

Hospitals and Institutions is reporting an increase in the number of commitments that are not being fulfilled. Please, if you take a commitment, fulfill it or get it covered.

The Memorial Day Alcathon's held at Woodbury Christ Episcopal church on Delaware Ave went very well thanks Joey H and his committee for all their hard work.

Social Events Committee has quite a few events lined up that will keep us busy and

entertained over the summer months. Check out the list on our website at www.aasj.org.

Speaking of the website, be sure to submit your home group's anniversary announcements to the events page for an easy way to get the word out. If you submit a flyer, we'll be sure to have copies at our Intergroup meeting.

In closing, please don't forget about the Day Of Sharing on Oct. 16th. If you like to get involved, please see me after the assembly.

Thanks for letting me serve.

New Business:

Agenda Items:

1. Approve the Budget for Panel 60 covering August, 2010 to December, 2010.
(PASSED)
2. Add \$600.00 back to the CTF budget for the Annual CTF Conference.
(PASSED)
3. Discuss the possibility of reducing the number of printed newsletters by up to half and moving to a wider-used electronic format. **(Much discussion ensued)**

Area Committee Meeting:

Section I, Joe B.:

No report submitted.

District 4, Mark G.:

No report submitted.

District 22 & 23, Jason D.:

No report submitted.

District 24, Debbie H.:

Thank you for the opportunity to give this report to you.

District 24 continues to meet at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Monday of the month, however this Monday, the 16th, we will be meeting at Rosedale Park at 6:30 pm to finalize plans for our District Picnic which will take place on Saturday, August 21st from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. We are fortunate enough to have gotten Janet S-C, our Alternate Delegate, who will be speaking at 3:00 pm.

We are still growing and at our last meeting, we counted at least 12 GSR's in attendance. At this time, we have a balance of \$1,718.21 in our treasury, which will be utilized for the picnic and our upcoming workshop. The sponsorship workshop will take place in the fall. We are

still ironing out the details.

Thanks you for the opportunity to serve as your DCM.

Section II, Joe M.:

No report submitted.

District 9, Colin M.:

No report submitted.

District 26, Jeff P.:

Hello, my name is Jeff and I am an alcoholic. I would like to thank Section I for hosting today's meeting. District 26 meets the last Tuesday of every month, at 7:00 pm, at St. Marks Church in Oaklyn.

I attended the May Assembly.

District 26's current balance is \$832.97.

We are working to improve attendance at meetings. I'd like to thank John S. and Joan for getting out to groups to spread the word on the importance of a GSR. Currently working with Section II Leader to help support the Fall Assembly which will be held November 7th, at the Collingswood Senior Citizen Center, 30 Collings Ave., Collingswood.

District 26 has 7 GSR's or Alternate GSR's in attendance today.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Section III, Joe McA.:

I would like to thank Section I for hosting today's assembly.

We hosted the Delegate's Report to Section III on June 19th. Thanks to Linda MacD. (DCM of D-13) for her help. Thanks to Linda, we didn't have to eat with our fingers! I had somehow walked out of my house and left off the plastic knives and forks there.

I'm happy to report that since our last assembly that Section III, has received funds from some of the Districts. We now have \$125.00 in our account towards our next function. Thank you, D-14 and D-20 for your support. It will be a big help when the Section puts on our next event.

District 12, Barbara J.:

No report submitted.

District 13, Linda MacD.:

My name's Linda and I am an alcoholic.

We had no summer meeting due to the International Convention in San Antonio.

We will be holding a workshop with District 14 on September 25th from 1:30 to 3:30 pm on Resentments at Second and Pine in Millville.

Thanks for letting me serve.

District 14, Mike L.

No report submitted.

District 21, Jim L.:

No report submitted.

Section IV, Bob Z.:

No report submitted.

District 15, Scott B.:

No report submitted.

District 17, Pat P.:

Hello, my name is Pat P. I represent District 17. My homegroup is ACYP.
Thank you section I for the great breakfast and lunch. It is an honor to be a part of today.

On Sept 10th we will be hosting a workshop on How Important Being of Service to those who need AA. We hope all will try to attend. Elaine McA , Ken T, Wendy M, and Steve G, will be our speakers.

District 17 meets the first Wed of the month in Ventnor. Please feel free to come to our meeting.

District 18, Lonna R.:

No report submitted.

District 19, Rob F.:

No report submitted.

New Business:

There were no new agenda items brought to the floor for voting at our November meeting.

However, Chair, Thom O. asked those assembled for a sense of the group on the following three points:

1. Do we feel it would be worth looking at other hotels for our Convention starting in March, 2012? (Answer = Yes)
2. Would we like an Area Picnic for 2011? (Answer = No)
3. Would we like to change the day of the Assembly from Sunday to Saturday? (This was actually brought up as a possible agenda item but it failed to be brought forward by simple majority).

See you in Collingswood on November 7, 2010, at Collingswood Senior Citizen Center.