

## **Minutes from the August 21, 2011 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.

### **Delegate's Post-Conference Report:**

The meeting was turned over to Delegate, Elaine McA., for the presentation of her post-conference report. (See text in last newsletter)

### **Area Panel Reports:**

#### **Delegate, Elaine McA.:**

Thanks to Section 1 for hosting us today.

Welcome to our new GSR's and thank you for your service to your home groups. This has been a very busy quarter for me as your delegate. In addition to my regular duties, I have spent most of my time in preparing the Post-Conference Report that I will be presenting this morning. I hope it will give you a sense of what it is like to participate in AA's Annual Business Meeting – which is really what the General Service Conference is – a weeklong Assembly where we discuss and vote on issues facing AA today. These issues (or agenda items) originated in the groups of AA. At the Conference, our three corporations and trustees report to you through the delegates who accept their reports on your behalf. We bring those reports back to you at our Assemblies and you, in turn, take them back to your groups, thus completing the circle.

In May, I attended the Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) in Sturbridge, Massachusetts with the rest of the Panel. There, I had the privilege of moderating a workshop on "Service Sponsorship-Staying Focused on the Principles"

I have had the opportunity to visit many of our groups and districts and am grateful for being invited. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, the Alternate Delegate, Janet S.C. and I visited District 25 to talk about the Conference and service in general. It was an enjoyable evening and I thank Yury T. for having us. D-25 was a dark district just a few short months ago. There were more than 20 GSR's and visitors present for the meeting. It proves that one person really can make a difference.

I've been able to attend the past three convention committee meetings and I can assure you that the spirit of service is alive and well there.

I attended the New Jersey Alanon Convention (Jal-Con) August 12-14. As always, it was a wonderful time of unity and Fellowship with our Alanon and AA friends.

I was sorry to miss the CTF Conference on the 13<sup>th</sup>, but was already committed to Jalcon. Thanks to our Alternate Delegate for taking my report to CTF.

AA conducted its triennial Membership Survey this year from August 1-14. Six groups in Area 45 were selected at random by GSO to participate in this year's survey. As with all things in AA, this project was a group effort. Thank you to Linda Mac (D-13), Jen M. (D-12), and Yury T. (D-25) for their help in providing contact info for the groups in their districts. Thanks to our Alternate Delegate for accompanying me to the six groups and also to the groups for welcoming us and participating in the survey. The completed surveys have been mailed back to GSO. We will see the results next year in a pamphlet put out by AAWS. The purpose of the survey is to keep us informed of trends or characteristics of our membership. It also is useful to professionals who provide services to still-active alcoholics.

**GSO:** Staff rotation was done on July 11<sup>th</sup> this year. I have a list of new staff assignments for those committees that need to know their new contact person. Rotation of assignments is done every two years. This ensures that there are always multiple people capable of carrying on AA's work should a staff member become unable to do their job for any reason. It also brings fresh ideas and talents to the assignments. At GSO, each staff member actually packs up their belongings and moves to a different office.

There is a new staff member at GSO. Tracey U. started out on the Corrections desk on August 15<sup>th</sup>. We wish her well.

### **Alternate Delegate, Janet S-C:**

Good morning, my name is Janet, I am an alcoholic. Thank you section 1, for your hospitality. Welcome to all the new GSR's and DCM's. Since our last meeting, I have had the opportunity to visit all three Intergroups and received a warm welcome from each.

The summer months of June and July were quiet and uneventful. The last weekend in July gave me a chance to meet with the chairpersons of Cape Atlantic intergroup, Central Jersey intergroup, and a liaison of South Jersey intergroup for dynamic discussion and making plans for the **Day of Sharing**, which is scheduled to be held on **October 15, 2011, here at Carlslake Community Center, beginning at 9 AM.**

The month of August, started off with much activity. I must thank Elaine our delegate for this not to be missed opportunity, to experience her dedication and courage, first hand in carrying the message. Starting August 1, and continuing to August 7, 2011, your delegate, Elaine and I traveled as far north as Cranbury, NJ and as far south as Elmer, New Jersey, to deliver surveys mailed from GSO, in New York. The first interaction,(according to the information received, this should have been a Spanish Speaking AA meeting)began in Trenton NJ, started with a group of men, who did not understand Alcoholics Anonymous, thought we were from the state, and attended an anger management meeting, for Spanish speaking males. Although this occurrence was amusing, it demonstrated the necessity for translation equipment in Area 45. The remainder of the surveys (that were mailed from GSO) were able to be delivered without incident and we were invited and welcomed to stay at their meetings. The month of August, continued with a large amount of activity. On August 7th, I attended the Area Convention meeting, which is held in Hammonton, NJ and August 13, I attended Freedom from Bondage, the CTF conference held in Sicklerville, New Jersey where I had the privilege of moderating a panel on Correction Facilities and how I got started in this area of

service, Thanks to Priscilla S chairperson, Bill T and the other committee members for their service. Thanks also to Joe McA. for asking me to attend Jal-Con in Edison, NJ., it was a wonderful experience sharing with Al-Anon.

**Chair, Thom O.:**

1. Attended:

a. CTF Committee Meeting, May 22nd,

b. Convention Committee, June 5th,

c. Convention Committee, July 10th,

d. CTF Conference, August 13,

The CTF Conference was excellent! Congratulations to Priscilla and all who helped out to make this event so successful.

2. Asked our Treasurer, Kim, to return \$550.00 to Lee, the taper at the Area 45 47th Convention. The A.A. Guidelines for Conferences, Conventions and Roundups state that:

a) "Self-support. Based on A.A. experience shared with G.S.O., committees have found it best not to solicit for outside donations of any kind. This is in keeping with our A.A. principle of self-support. (This does not pertain to ordinary business negotiations with the facility where the event is taking place.)" and

b) "Convention committees discourage any taping royalties to the convention committee."

A question was raised concerning the CTF Committee and supplies and money from the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.

After the convention the former chair had the supplies and money in his possession. He was also in the process of moving his home and business. Reportedly, the CTF supplies got stored with the personal belongings.

The former chair suffered a series of medical issues requiring repeated hospitalizations. While in the hospital and recuperating he did not look for the CTF supplies.

Eventually he found some supplies and about \$1300.00 in cash. He returned the CTFR banner and some supplies but did not deposit the money. He needs to find the checkbook for the account number. I spoke with him in August before the Assembly and he said the money was in a home safe and that he would deposit it as soon as he can.

More information will be provided to the Assembly as it comes to light.

**Treasurer, Kim R.:**

Good morning. My name is Kim and I am an alcoholic. I am honored to serve as your Area 45 Treasurer. Thank you Section I for hosting this assembly, and welcome to all of you. I

appreciate you all coming out on a beautiful Sunday to be of service.

My activities this quarter included attending the 48th Convention Finance Committee meeting on May 26th. Thank you Stella for your hospitality and allowing us to meet at your house. Some great ideas were discussed regarding cost reductions and other changes. I also attended the monthly 48th Convention Committee meeting on July 10th. There I witnessed the benefit of having all committee members elected through Third Legacy proceedings rather than all committee members being appointed. With Robbie's and Stella's leadership and experience as a guide the Committee appears to have developed into a grateful and enthusiastic team.

The Budget and Finance Committee audited the Area 45 checking account yesterday and found no discrepancies or concerns to address regarding the Area checking account but they and I have some concerns regarding this panel never having received a SJYPAA bank account statement and concerns over checks written on the CTF bank account (related to the previous CTF Committee Chair).

The Area had some unbudgeted expenses this quarter related to the CTF Committee and the 47th Convention. Regarding the CTF Committee, the Committee received literature from Cape Atlantic Intergroup to sell at the convention but never paid for it so Area 45 paid the \$2643 bill. I was notified that the previous chair has some checks and cash to cover part of this cost, but I have not received any of these funds.

The unbudgeted expenses for the 47th Convention totaled \$2954.00. These expenses included \$550 the Area spent to purchase a laptop for the Committee, \$1500 that the area paid toward panel registration, unpaid GSO speakers expenses in the amount of \$154, \$550 to reimburse the taper for the profits he was requested to give to the committee, and the area paid the 48th Convention Committee \$350 due to a shortage of the seed money they received. I have since determined that the shortage was only \$200 as the 48th Convention Committee began with \$4800, therefore, the committee will be reimbursing the Area \$150. In summary, the 47th Convention returned \$2657.87 to Area 45; however, the cost of the convention to Area 45 was \$2954.00.

Your treasury report is as follows:

Beginning Balance		
05/15/11		\$20,271.41 **
Income	+ 9,249.30	
Expenses	-10,356.30	
Subtotal		\$19,164.41
Prudent Reserve	+ 26,000.00	
Total 08/19/2011		\$46,164.41

\*\* The ending balance of \$20,571.41 reported at the May 15, 2011 assembly was incorrect as I neglected to account for check # 1367 in the amount of \$300 payable to Elmer Grange Hall that was in process over that weekend.

Thank you to all of the groups that support Area 45 and please remember to write your return address legibly and to include your group number and your proper group name as listed with

the general service office. And please make sure that you have the money in your account when you write your check. This quarter we had a \$49.17 contribution check bounce on May 16th and another \$20 contribution check bounce on August 9th. Not only does the Area not receive the contribution, but each bounced check costs the Area \$15.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve.

**Registrar, Stephanie L.:**

Hi, I'm Stephanie. I'm an alcoholic and privileged to serve as your Area 45 Registrar. Thank to Section I for hosting the Summer Assembly. Since being elected at the last Assembly, I've been getting slowly accustomed to the new role. A few weeks ago, I was provided access to FNV, our Fellowship New Vision database. I have updated the Area 45 Contact List. If you are a DCM or Section Leader, and you're not on the Contact List, or if your contact information has changed, please see me today. I've also updated the FNV database with the new GSRs and DCMs from the Spring Assembly and will update today's new GSRs and DCMs-- within the next week. If any new GSRs or DCMs did not meet with me during this morning's orientation, please see me during the break to ensure that you get registered. It is suggested that each AA group be registered, and that each AA group have a contact person who agrees to receive communications, from the Area and the General Service Office, for the group. It is hoped that the contact person will share those communications with their group so that the group is kept informed and therefore able to make informed group conscience decisions that affect AA as a whole.

Any DCM that would like group information sheets or a spreadsheet of the groups and contacts within your District to use a resource in obtaining accurate group/contact information, or to identify groups that are active yet not registered, groups that need to be identified as inactive, etc., please either see me today, email me directly or contact me using the Registrar email address link located on the Area 45 website.

I just received access to this Registrar email address a few days ago, so if anyone has attempted to make contact using the Registrar email address and has not received a response, please resend your requests and I will respond.

I'm grateful to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

**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, 2011, Assembly and Committee to the newsletter and website, I also attended NERF, 2011, in Sturbridge, MA. In addition, I attended the Convention Committee meetings in June and August. On July 16, my wife, Linda, and I spoke at the District 17 picnic in Atlantic City and I also attended the anniversaries of the Penns Grove Big Book Step Study Group, on July 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Swedesboro Living Sober Group on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Finally, Linda and I were honored to be among the A.A. members who had the commitment to chair an A.A. meeting at Jal-Con, the annual Al-Anon Convention, in Edison, on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Joe McA., for asking us to serve.

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 September 4th. 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.:**

No report submitted.

#### **Audio, Ken T.:**

No report submitted

#### **Budget and Finance, Richard H.:**

The Budget and Finance Committee has the responsibility of auditing the books of the Area and reporting its findings at the Area committee meeting. Accordingly, on August 20, 2011 former delegate Fred E. and I reviewed of Area 45's financial records for the quarter ending July 31, 2011.

As to Area 45 and Grapevine Committee checking accounts, no issues were noted.

As to the Convention Committee checking account, the current convention treasurer and the Area 45 treasurer have raised questions relating to processing fees debited from the account and are in the process of obtaining additional information regarding those fees.

As to the South Jersey Committee of Young People account, no information was available, as bank statements for that committee have not been provided to the Area Treasurer.

As to the CTF account, additional information will be needed to address questions regarding some entries on the bank statements.

We will be working with the Area 45 Treasurer on these open issues and will report any findings at the next Area committee meeting.

#### **Convention - 48<sup>th</sup> Annual, Robbie W.:**

Hello Area trusted servants, my name is Robbie and I am an alcoholic! Through the Grace of God, Fellowship of AA, a great Home-group, a Team of Sponsors, and the fact that I have applied AA's 36 spiritual principles as outlined in the Big Book of AA into my life, I stand in front of you as a sober member of AA since 10/31/83! Today it is my high honor to give you an update on the progress to date of the 48th Annual Area 45 General Service Convention. It

has been an incredible privilege to be the Convention's Team Leader since the conclusion of the 47th Annual Convention. Before I give you our committee highlights please allow me to acknowledge the fact that 20 team members from our Convention Committee Team are in attendance today could you all stand and say hi to your fellow trusted servants? You see Area, we believe in the "Team Concept" and doing things together. We also understand the importance of "our part" in Area 45. We are a committee that reports to the Area 45 Assembly (Tradition 9) - you are our boss! To that end, we plan to be transparent with all our proceedings and will surely ask for your group conscience when we feel as though it is called for. I would also like to extend an incredible amount of gratitude and love to our Area panel that are attending our committee meetings and have helped in supporting our efforts. Okay, here's our "Team Highlights" to date:

1. Our Program Committee has secured all our main speakers!!! (and they are awesome).
2. We have agreed on a budget and would like to thank Kim - our Area Treasurer for working with us during this process.
3. Our theme we selected is: "I am Responsible!"
4. We have some "New Entertainment" planned - how about coming to the convention and hearing a "Comedian?" Well, we're working on it gang! Stay tuned
5. Our Workshops are being set and we are considering some awesome leaders to make sure they are POWERFUL!!!!
6. We fully believe in the Team concept on our committee, no decisions are being made without the consent of the entire team. So, in order to be a strong team I have asked our committee to meet once a month (outside of our normal meeting) in unity. We are meeting on the Ocean City Beach one Sunday a month and this has really helped us bond not only as a committee - but also as life-long friends!
7. We will be going to the Wilson House in November to further foster our Team unity.
8. Today our Marathon Meeting Chair will be passing out the Marathon Meeting Time slots. Please read the directions and have them back to our committee by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>!

In conclusion, you can hurry up and believe that the 48th Annual Area 45 General Service Convention is going to be one enthusiastic, fun, and spiritually enriching weekend that you will not want to miss! The Dates are March 23rd - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 ... we'll see u there!

In 'Enthusiastic' Love and Service to the Fellowship that has saved my life.

**CPC, Buster R. (read by Judy C-P):**

We have nothing to report for the CPC for this quarter but wanted to thank each and every member of Panel 60 for their service and the opportunity to allow us to serve Alcoholics Anonymous and Area 45 on this committee. Alcoholics Anonymous has given us the chance to live life – one that is beyond our wildest dreams. God Bless and thank you all for all that you do for the suffering alcoholic for without you this “design for living” could not continue.

## **CTF, Priscilla S.:**

I would really like to thank our committee, as well as the Area panel. We were not sure if we were having a conference this year and God willing we had one that was very successful. I would really like to thank Thom, Elaine, Janet, Kim and Dave for all there support in putting the conference together. I would also like to thank Thom, Kim and Stephanie for attending the conference. I am amazed at the way our committee has come showed me what unity really means to throw a conference together in such short notice.

Gratitude to our consistent, thorough **CTF Committee**, **ABUNDANT, DELICIOUS Food Donations, Volunteer Groups**: Swedesboro, Blue Anchor, Shiloh, Woodbury Into Action, Ts Noon, Tansboro, Clementon, Wrap-A-Round, Morning Glory, EZ Does It, Threshold, Ocean City Sun, Absecon, Nurturing the Newcomer, Levittown, Williamstown ABSI, Millville Nooners, Riverside, Bridgeton HOW, Rosenhayn, Woodstown, Carney, Phil Underground Groups.  
**Registration Table**: Swedesboro Paul, Marsha, Teri, Theresa, Jean, Miriam  
**Lit Table**: Shiloh Laurie & Amy  
**Clearance Table**: Absecon Steve H., PJ, Sicklerville Glenn N.  
**Kitchen**: John L, Rose, Cathy, Collie, Gio, Mil, Glenn, Jim, Tina, Kate, Ray, Mike K.  
**Banner**: Phila Eoin F.  
**Folder Prep**: Millville Scott P. / Vicki & Steve  
**Area Audio Chair**: Tuckerton Ken T.  
**HOSTS**: Woodstown Justin, Morning Glory Sharon, Gloucester City Sun. John, Swedesboro Jon, Pitman Peg, our **Area 45 Panel** were ALL incredible!

Kudos to **CTF Committee** Treas. Neal, Sec. Jenn, Archivist Bridge The Gap Chr Lollipop Joe, Program/Buzzer Bill, Elder Joe O', Mil, Glenn, Co-Chr Steve and Conference Chair: Ginger F.

We had 171 people sign in for the conference from 7 different areas.

Our treasury report:

When I was appointed chair, our beginning balance was: \$176.09.

There was not a deposit made from the convention. We received our \$1300.00 budget which went towards literature for the conference right down to the very penny. We also received our \$800 towards the conference. This covered the following:

\$100 for St. Charles  
\$208 for Tom I and Adrienne B. hotel  
\$200 for Tom I. air fare  
\$30.00 Tom I. parking  
\$48.00 for Tom I. mileage  
\$181.25 for pamphlets for folders  
\$32.75 partial pay for 2<sup>nd</sup> hotel night for Tom I.

We have also received many LIPS donations from the following groups, since I have been appointed chair:

Easy Does It Group \$60.00



Venture to Help Group \$10.10  
Blue Anchor Group \$50.00  
The Fellowship Group \$43.00  
Blackwood Women Group \$112.78  
Serenity in Recovery \$5.00  
Red Lion Group \$11.00

Our ending balance as of August 16, 2011, is \$632.56.

**DCM/GSR Orientation, Laurie E. (Given by Linda MacD.):**

Lori sends her regrets that she couldn't be here today. Fred E and I had the privilege of conducting the workshop. We had a total of 21 enthusiastic attendees:

12 New GSR's,  
5 New alternate GSR's  
4 Others

Thank you for allowing Fred and I to serve,

**Grapevine, Jenn H.:**

Hi Everyone I'm an alcoholic and my name is Jenn.

There will be a quiz at the end of my report so please pay attention! We are going to have our second annual Grapefest on 9/10/11! Grapefest will take place at Cross Keys United Methodist Church from 12 - 4pm. The date again is 9/10/11! That is September 10, 2011!

News from AAGrapevine, Inc:

- The GrapeNet forum is up and running.
- The state of NJ has just over 1700 subscriptions to the Grapevine.
- Grapevine Complete combines the Grapevine print magazine and online subscriptions into one for the price of \$49.97. That is a \$13.97 savings if purchased separately.

\*\* What is the date of the Area 45 Grapefest? \*\*

- Pay pal is now available as a payment option on the Grapevine online store.
- In September there will be two new books: "Step By Step" and "Emotional Sobriety II."
- If you haven't yet, please take advantage of the 7 day free trial of Grapevine Online! Grapevine online subscription includes: unpublished member stories, new web exclusives, audio grapevine, story archive, the current grapevine issue online and the current issue of La Vina online!

I'm going to order calendars and pocket planners in time for our October 31st assembly. If you would like a pocket planner or calendar please let me know by the end of today!

What is taking place on 9/10/11??

Thanks for allowing me to be of service!

**Jal-Con, Joe McA.:**

I'm an Alcoholic called Joe.

Thank you Section 1 for hosting today's assembly.

I attended the Jal-Con planning meetings each month this quarter. Jal-Con – the New Jersey State Al Anon Convention- was held August 12 through 14 at the Sheraton Hotel in Edison, NJ.

Area 45 hosted 5 AA meetings at Jal-Con Convention this year.

The Convention theme was "Happy, Joyous, and Funky" and I believe that our topic leaders were just that. Everyone enjoyed themselves while carrying the message of recovery. A huge thank you to all our topic leaders.

Thanks to CJIG for supplying and manning the literature table.

This was my second year as Area 45's liaison to Jal-Con and it has been a great experience for me. Getting to know members of the Al Anon Fellowship has opened my eyes and my heart to those who are on the other side of our stories. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve and to grow.

**Newsletter, Andrew L.:**

Good morning Everyone,

Thank you to Section I for hosting today's assembly.

The new edition of the newsletter is available. I put several copies on the tables and I have packets available in the back. Please share the newsletter with your home group.

This quarters edition include the Delegate report and the conference advisory actions.

The deadline for the next edition of the newsletter will be Friday September 16th.

I am looking for newsletter submissions on or about your experience with the Traditions and Concepts. If you attended Jalcon or any other event and would like to share your experience please contact me.

Thank you to everyone that has submitted articles and as always the

newsletter is available online at the Area 45 website. Additionally, you can sign up to receive the newsletter by email by typing in your email address where it says receive the newsletter by email.

**Policy and Charter, Mike R.:**

No report submitted.

**Public Information, Ginny F.:**

No report submitted.

**Registration, Judy C-P:**

There are 110 people in attendance today. Of that 110 people, 3 are also past delegates:

Panel Members:	6
Committee Chairs:	12
Intergroup Chairs:	3
Section Leaders:	3
DCMs:	10 (9 + 1 Alt)
GSRs:	61
Alternate GSRs:	3
Past Delegates:	3
Visitors:	10

Total: 110

**Special Needs, Jill J.:**

No report submitted.

**Web Site, Patrick M.:**

No report submitted.

**Workshop, Linda MacD.:**

The time for today's work shop was donated to our delegate for her report. It is an excellent example of how AA works in action.

I was able to attend NERF in May and Jalcon in August. At Jalcon, I co-chaired a workshop along with our Area Secretary on Family Forgiveness.

Dave MacD and I also had the privilege of sharing at the District #17th picnic in August on the topics of "I am responsible" and one of the Traditions.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**SJCYPAA, Jenn H.:**

SJCYPAA meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7pm at St. Luke’s Church in Collingswood.

Thanks to our successful “Spring Fling” our committee has been slowly growing. We are planning some fun upcoming events: September 24th some members will be participating in the Philadelphia Recovery Walk. We have a tentative camping trip and campfire meeting planned for first weekend in October and we are very excited about our “Speaker Jam”, date and location to be announced. Please come out and support us, remember young means room to grow! In Service Jennifer H.

Young People’s Budget 2011

Prudent Reserve \$500

Literature for Area Young Ppl Meetings And Institutions:

20 Big Books (soft cover)	\$135
20 12+12 (soft cover)	\$130
10 In Our Own Words	\$85
100 YP + AA Pamphlets	\$25
100 Too Young Pamph.	\$25
Lit Total	\$400

2 Area Convention Sponsorships \$70

2 ICYPAA Sponsorship \$64

Final Total \$1034

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

No report submitted.

**Cape Atlantic Intergroup, Jim B.:**

My name is Jim B., and I am the Chairperson for Cape/Atlantic Intergroup.

In May, Cliff stepped down from the position of Chairperson. I am deeply humbled and honored to stand before you as the chairperson of Cape/Atlantic Intergroup. Thank you for your support. Bill T. has been elected as our new Vice Chairperson. Welcome, Bill!

Our Unity picnic was on June 11th at Tip Seaman Park in Tuckerton. Many people showed up to hear Randall, Priscilla and Carla share their experience with Unity, Service and Recovery. Later on, we all had lunch and played softball. We are grateful for our Unity chairperson, Charles, and the rest of our Unity committee, for producing yet another fun-filled and informative event!

Last month, I attended a planning meeting for the annual Day of Sharing in October. I am

excited to be involved with this event. We will be working with South Jersey Intergroup to put together a Jeopardy game as a fun part of the Day of Sharing. See you there!

Please join us for our annual Unity Breakfast on Sunday, September 25th, at the Flanders Hotel in Ocean City. Tickets cost \$23, and all registrations must be submitted by September 19th. There will be no walk-ins. Our speaker will be Sammie G. from Powhatan, Virginia. We look forward to seeing you at the Flanders in September.

The CAIG Roundup committee is planning a Bus trip to GSO. Please feel free to contact me or check out the website for more details.

Upcoming events:

**Canoe/Kayak trip** - Saturday Aug. 27th, 9am, Pizza Palace in Weymouth.

**Open House** - September 17th, 3153 Fire Road, Suite 1-C, Egg Harbor Twp, from 11am-6pm

**Quarterly Bookers meeting** - September 21st, Epiphany Lutheran Church, Pleasantville,  
7:00 pm

**Unity Breakfast** - September 25, Flanders Hotel, Ocean City (pre-register by September 19th)

**CAIG Roundup** - November 18, 19 and 20th, Grand Hotel, Cape May

Event fliers and more information can be found on our website, at [WWW.CAIGRP.ORG](http://WWW.CAIGRP.ORG)

### **Central Jersey Intergroup, Connie Y.:**

Central Jersey Intergroup is hosting the annual Day of Sharing on October 15th at the Carslake Community Center from 8:30 to noon. This is a morning where Area 45 and the three Intergroups get together to share and exchange ideas, solutions to problems, etc. and to have some fun. There will also be breakfast served and A.A. jeopardy.

We are in the middle of voting on the Proposed New By-Laws of Central Jersey Intergroup that our panel of Trustees have been working on for well over a year now. I thank them for a great deal of service and insight they have provided.

We hope to have details on our annual Gratitude Breakfast that is held every year in December. Stay tuned for more details.

Other than that, we have kept busy with spreading the word of Alcoholics Anonymous to those you want to hear it. We have had several Public Information requests and we sold Literature at the Jal-Con convention earlier this month. We continue to work on filling requests for Hospitals & institutions and Prisons as they come in as well.

### **South Jersey Intergroup, Frank Z.:**

Name is Frank currently serve as your SJIG chair, its been a quite few months at IG level I've been out of the loop for 2 months as I had back surgery on June 6th, I want to thank my co-chair Beverly who step up and led IG for the 2 months I was absent. Our July IG meeting was lead by our Trustee's as Bev and myself were unable to attend..

Our newsletter will gladly print your group's upcoming events, as well as accept your short

stories and articles relating to the Step or Tradition of the month.

The Memorial Day and 4th of July Alcahons, as well as the Founder's Day Picnic, were very well attended. Thank you goes out to the New Beginning's club house for the use of their facilities and for all the food donations..

Literature will train two-year sober candidates for a literature sales commitment at your convenience. Also don't forget about the road show, if your group is have a function and you would like the road show to attend please contact Joey C. or email the literature committee.

H&I is always looking for individuals, or better yet, groups to take on an institutional commitment. Surprisingly, some folks who book these commitments are neglecting to show up to fulfill them.

Social Events is open to your ideas for different types of sober outings for all of us to enjoy.

As we pass the mid-point of 2011, an election year for both SJIG and Area 45, I am going to ask those who might be interested in service to consider taking on an Intergroup or Area level commitment.

At SJIG, there are currently several co-chair positions available right now that would allow you to "get your feet wet" before you consider a two-year commitment. Please think about it and discuss it with your sponsor. AA works only if we work it! Thanks for allowing me to Serve.

#### **New Business:**

#### **Agenda Items:**

**Motion (by Andrew L.):** "Dedicate \$1,000 donated by the International Committee of Young People (ICYPAA) to the South Jersey Committee of Young People (SJCYPAA)."

Passed with substantial unanimity on the second vote following the minority opinion.

**Motion (by Elaine McA):** "To allow current Area Chairperson to set the Assembly meeting dates for the following year. The purpose of this motion is to be able rent meeting space ahead of time. It has become increasingly difficult to get reasonably priced meeting places on short notice."

Passed unanimously.

#### **Area Committee Meeting:**

##### **Section I, Joe B.:**

No report submitted.

##### **District 03, Anthony B.:**

No report submitted.

**District 04, Mark G.:**

No report submitted.

**District 22 & 23, Jason D.:**

No report submitted.

**District 24, Debbie H.:**

To date, District 24 is in the planning process of our picnic on August 28<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Rosedale Park from 10-6. Our speaker this year is Jack D. with over 30 years of sobriety. There will be games, door prizes, and a 50/50. Lots of fun, food, and fellowship.

This past spring, we had a workshop on Step 4. About 25 people were in attendance. We had 4 people on our panel and then we split up into roundtable discussions, reported out, and ended with questions to the panel from our question box. All; in all, we felt it was a huge success and people were asking when we were going to have our next workshop.

We are planning another workshop this fall on Steps 8 and 9. Details to follow.

**District 25, Yury T.:**

Area 45 Delegate Elaine M. and Alternate Delegate Janet S. attended our District 25 meeting on June 6 in Cranbury and spoke about A.A.'s service structure, A.A.'s inverted triangle, the importance of the A.A. home group and its activity, as well as sharing highlights from the annual General Service Conference.

Over the past three months, participation in District 25's meetings grew to include 13 of 19 groups in Hightstown, Cranbury, Plainsboro and West Windsor. There are no active groups in East Windsor.

We are also getting more informed as to the duties and activities of the GSR and devoted part of July's meeting going over the GSR pamphlet.

We have begun planning several events to educate our local A.A.'s about the importance of the GSR, sponsorship and the home group.

Our goal remains to plan ways of informing the local groups in our district about the importance of connecting to the A.A. service structure through an active district and stress the importance of having GSR representation from every group.

**Section II, Joe M.:**

No report submitted.

**District 09, Colin M.:**

No report submitted.

**District 10, Bert W.:**

After a disappointing response to attempts to revive interest by groups in District 10 to send GSRs to our first district meeting, and after meeting with Section II Leader Joe M as well as with Area 45 Chair Thom and my service sponsor, Janet, I'm instead committing to look for group support to combine all dark districts in Section II to form one district. Dark districts include 6, 7, 8, and 10. I'm looking for a volunteer acting ADCM to help in visiting all groups in those districts to drum up support.

**District 26, Jeff P.:**

No report submitted.

**District 27, Bob M.:**

No report submitted.

**Section III, Joe McA.:**

Good afternoon, I'm an Alcoholic called Joe. A thank you to Section I for holding this quarter's assembly.

I attended a number of Anniversaries in Section III last quarter, which gave me the opportunity to become better acquainted with several of the GSR's. I attended NERF. I also attended the District 14 business meeting. Michael L. resigned as DCM for personal reasons. We appreciate his service, the Alt. Sandy has been filling in.

We have 1 DCM and 7 GSR's in attendance today. Currently, Section III has a \$10.00 balance in their account.

**District 12, Jennifer McC. (read by Steve):**

District 12 has 24 Group meetings on record with GSO; only 20 of these meetings are legitimate; thus far 13 of these are active. I am in the process of confirming the other 7. Of the 20 groups, 11 have GSRs, 2 have a GSR and an alternate.

There are 2 new groups which have been added to District 12.

"Leave Your Cellphone in the Car" Group – Established 12/15/2010 - Wednesday Nite - 6PM - on Erial Rd., New Brooklyn Park, Sicklerville. It is a literature meeting with the reading of "As Bill Sees It." Contact is Sandy T.

A Big Book Study Group - Thursday afternoons at 12 noon. Erial Rd., New Brooklyn Park in Sicklerville.

Neither group has registered with GSO yet. They have indicated that they are going to wait a bit longer to make sure the group maintains consistency. I am checking in with them



periodically.

There have been contributions made to District 12 by a few groups since the last Assembly. There is \$326.14 in the account.

I visited a meeting that I happened to find listed on Page 5 of the most recent SJIG meeting list. It is in my District, so I checked it out. I had no record of this meeting in my Group Information Sheets. Washington Twp. (6:30 pm) - (Night of Recollection) - St. Charles Borromeo. Needless to say, there is no meeting there. I called SJIG and spoke to Joe C., so that a correction could be made in the next publication of the meeting list. He also said that possibly a note could be placed on the website so that a newcomer searching for a meeting on that night would know not to go there.

I am preparing to hold a District 12 meeting hopefully by the end of September. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

**District 13. Linda MacD.:**

I've been slowly updating new information for the groups in my district. I was also able to assist our delegate and alternate delegate with the membership survey at the chosen group (by the General Service Office) in my district. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**District 14, Sandy:**

No report submitted.

**District 20, Peter A.:**

No report submitted.

**Section IV, Bob Z.:**

No report submitted.

**District 15, Ken T. (read by Nancy):**

I am an alcoholic, and my name is Ken. Home group, The Only Requirement Group, that meets every Monday night @ 7PM in Tuckerton.

The GSR's of District 15 have continued to meet monthly at the holy Spirit Episcopal Church, on Rt 9 in Tuckerton.

Our current account balance is approximately \$1,300.00.

Our alternate DCM stepped down due to health reasons, so that commitment is currently open.

A motion was made, and voted in to make the meetings quarterly moving forward, corresponding with the week before the Area 45 Assembly.

Discussions have been very engaging, with GSR's bring issues regarding AA Traditions, and questions about handling group issues, and group participation in H&I commitments through CAIG.

Participation has increased slightly, and members of our district continue to support local meetings, and make announcements with the hope of inspiring groups to join us in the effort of carrying the message of Unity, and sharing the benefits of connecting with AA as a whole.

Our next unity event is tentatively scheduled for October 24, at the Holy Spirit Church. It will be sharing session on Sponsorship, and a spaghetti dinner. In the future months, the body has discussed a possibility of sponsoring a Unity event / fishing trip, to make it make it attractive for groups in the shore community, and LBI. We continue to support Area 45, and CAIG events by making announcements available at every district GSR meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

**District 16, Isabel A.:**

No report submitted.

**District 17, Lorraine L. (read by Steve):**

Hello. My name is Lorraine L. and I am an alcoholic.

District 17 had our "Summer Day in the Park" event on July 16th. It was a beautiful, sunny day in Atlantic City. I would again like to thank Linda and Dave MacD. for being our guest speakers and Ken T. for doing our audio. A wonderful time was had by all.

Over the next few months we will be reaching out to the groups in District 17. Hopefully, by sharing information about AA's service structure there will be more involvement and interest in service.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

**District 19, Rob F.:**

Hello everyone! My name is Rob F. and I am an AA. Grateful to serve as DCM for District 19

We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Millman Center, on Bayshore Rd, Villas,NJ.

After a brief discussion to the month's Tradition and Service Concept we have our monthly business meeting. There are 6 to 8 members who regularly attend our meetings.

A recent loss of a few trusted servants in the positions of Alternate DCM, Treasurer, and Secretary were filled by Joe C. as the District's Alt DCM and Sharon T. wearing two hats as the treasurer and secretary. Thanks to both of them for stepping into these service positions. Hopefully, another member will step up to take one of Sharon's roles.

Our District is planning a Sunday, September 18th Picnic / Workshop. This will be held at the

Cape May County Zoo in Cape May Court House. The picnic and fellowship activities will be held in Pavilion 3. Fred E., Past Delegate from Area 45, will be the speaker at the picnic / workshop. Please join us at noon. The function is free and open to all AA members.

**New Business:**

The following motions will be voted on at the next Assembly meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>:

**Motion for three changes to Area 45's Hand book (Note – this is ONE motion) (by Mike R., Policy and Charter Chair):**

**1. In order to reduce the potential for confusion:**

Page 12: Split Section titled Equipment Purchases in 2 paragraphs (**without changing the wording**) to read as:

*The assembly will vote on all Panel or Committee equipment purchases of \$300 or more. Incremental Purchasing of equipment is not authorized for the Panel or Committees. ("Incremental purchasing" is buying in segments rather than all at once to get around the Assembly vote threshold. For example, the ultimate goal is to have a sound system. So microphones are purchased at one time, speakers the next time, etc. until a whole sound system is purchased. )*

*"Emergency Purchases" for repairs or replacement of previously approved equipment that is broken and is needed for an event that will occur before the next Assembly Meeting require the prior approval of the Delegate, Panel Chair, Treasurer, and Budget and Finance .*

**2. In order to give the CTF Committee more flexibility in choosing to have either workshops or an annual conference, or both, the following deletions are being made:**

Page 13- Delete 3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph under Section F the Correction and Treatment Facilities Committee. Pertaining to Inter Area Conference which currently reads: *"This committee hosts an annual Inter-Area Conference sharing their experience with others involved in service to the correction and treatment facilities"*

**3. As a result of the second change, the following change must also be made:**

Page 17- Delete sections C and D of Chapter XII title Area 45 Actives and rearrange letters accordingly. The current wording which would be deleted is as follows:

*"C. The Area 45 Correctional and Treatment Facilities"*

*"D. Inter-Area Conference: This one-day event is held each fall. It is an exchange of information and experience in carrying the message into Institutions and Treatment Centers in Southern New Jersey."*

*Consequently, Paragraph E. would become paragraph C. and the other three paragraphs would follow in the same manner.*

**Motion (by Rob F., DCM D-19):**

“Area 45 would suggest the Area's pool of Alternate DCMs be directed to become involved in this Area's Grapevine Committee. This committee is in need of support and this pool of members is an excellent source of experienced AA's to become involved in this committee. This idea is not without precedence as this has been done in Area 44.”

**Next Meeting:**

See you in Section II on October 30, 2011, at the Collingswood Senior Citizen Center. **This is an important election meeting. Registration is 9:00 am – 9:55 am and voting will begin promptly at 10:00 am.**