

**Minutes from the May 15, 2011 Assembly and Committee Meetings
Elmer Grange Hall, Pilesgrove, 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 IX by Priscilla S.

Concept IX – Presented by Priscilla S.:

Good service leadership at all levels, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of AA must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Good leadership cannot function well in a poorly designed structure and weak leadership can barely function at all even in the best structure. When we appoint a position to someone, we should ask ourselves who is best qualified for the position?

What is a good leader?

1. someone who can put principles before personalities
2. someone with dedication, vision and passion
3. someone who can put plans into effective action that we want to back the person up
4. a person who knows that a good idea can come from anyone anywhere
5. sometimes the leader may have to discard their plans for others that are better and give credit to that person
6. someone who has the ability to compromise

In addition to having good leadership, we must try to have good structure in determining that leader. The service structure is based on the dedication of the GSR's. GSR's are the link between our Fellowship and world service. They are trusted servants for their group to vote for committee members and/or Delegates. We try to use the Third Legacy method of appointing positions by a two-thirds vote. This reduces political friction and we should trust that as Tradition 2 states "a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience".

With my own experience, I believe that I practice good leadership. I try to put principles before personalities. If I see that I am not doing that then I discuss it with my sponsor. I love AA and have a strong passion for doing service work. I was told gratitude is an action work, which is why I do what I can to help the next alcoholic which in return keeps me sober. When I agree to do something, I do it. I was taught by a great service leader. Therefore, if I show the newcomer what being a good leader in AA is then I hope that they learn to be a good leader as well.

Area Panel Reports:

Delegate, Elaine McA:

Welcome, everyone, to your Spring Assembly. Thanks to Section 3 for hosting us this morning.

Most of my activity this past quarter has been in preparation for the General Service Conference. I attended the Northeast Regional AA Service Assembly (NERAASA) in Tarrytown, NY at the end of February, where I heard presentations on several of the conference agenda items, including that given by our Area Registrar. Two weeks later, Area 45 was host for the Northeast Delegate's Reunion (NERD) in Ocean City, NJ. Since the event was held at the beautiful Flanders Hotel, many of us enjoyed a little nostalgia for the days when our Area Convention was held there. Our Immediate Past Delegate, Fred E. chaired the event and his committee was made up of Area 45's past delegates. Although they claimed to be a very laid-back committee, no detail was overlooked and all who attended enjoyed a splendid weekend of fellowship. NERD provides an opportunity for the current NE delegates to become better acquainted with one another prior to serving together at the General Service Conference.

In late March, I attended our 47th Convention in Cherry Hill. I enjoyed being the host for our GSO speaker, Mary Clare L. from the Public Information desk at GSO. The Area 45 Panel put on a workshop on our Twelve Traditions. I hope you took the opportunity to hear their wonderful presentations.

Thanks to all who came together at our Mini-Conference on April 18th to help reach an informed group conscience on some of the conference agenda items. This was valuable information for me to have. I hope that some of you enjoyed the process enough to consider making yourself available for the next step in service when you rotate out of your current service positions. Thanks to Joe M. for his service in hosting that event. I know he had lots of help and will be thanking those individuals in his own Section 3 report. Thank you again to Fred E. for chairing the mini-conference and to Joe O. for acting as Parliamentarian.

On April 30th, I traveled to New York City To participate as Area 45's Delegate to the General Service Conference held at the Manhattan Crowne Point Plaza May 1st to 7th. Our Conference theme was "We Are Responsible for AA's Future – Let It Begin With Us"

Although I will be giving the full Post-Conference Report at the Summer Assembly in August, there are a few items I need to mention today.

First is the overwhelming gratitude I feel to my Higher Power and to each of you for your faith in me and your support that allowed me to enjoy this great privilege. When I attended my first Assembly as GSR some years ago, I could not have dreamed where this journey would eventually lead me or how it would change me. I have been given the opportunity to participate in AA history. I am humbled and very thankful. I also need to thank my husband for the sacrifices he has made so that I could do this job. Thank you to our Alternate Delegate, Janet C. for joining me in New York. Although I didn't see Janet at all during the day, it was nice to know that she was nearby. I looked forward to hearing of her adventures around the city each night when I returned to the room.

The Conference approved a Membership Survey which will be conducted this summer. I should receive information on which groups will be asked to participate in the survey in July. I will then contact those groups with directions on how to proceed. For that reason, I am asking that every GSR here makes sure that our Registrar has your correct contact information, especially your phone numbers before you leave today.

J. Gary L. was elected to serve as our new Northeast Regional Trustee (NERT). Gary is from Area 59, Eastern PA. He was a Panel 55 Delegate for his Area. Some of you will remember Gary as the Parliamentarian for NERAASA 2008, here in Atlantic City and also in 2010 in Niagara Falls. Gary takes the place of John K., who rotated out at the end of this year's Conference. John served 4 years in the position and is the first Northeast Trustee to come from Area 45. Please don't worry that John will have too much time on his hands, though. After years of sharing her husband with AA, John's wife assured me that she has a very long list of jobs for him to do! I hope that you will take the opportunity to thank John for his tremendous service to our Fellowship.

Northeast Region

The Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) will be held May 20-22 in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. There will be talks given by GSO staff to describe their work for us and an opportunity to ask questions of them. There are some exciting things happening both at AAWS and the Grapevine, Inc., our two corporations. This is an opportunity to hear about them first hand. I have been asked to moderate a workshop at NERF. I'd love to be able to tell you the topic for the workshop, but I don't know it myself yet!

GSO

You will soon be able to download eBooks from AAWS to your electronic devices. Activation is scheduled for October 2011 and the first books to be made available in this format will be Alcoholics Anonymous and The Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. These titles were selected in response to the Fellowship Survey done last year. I will be giving more complete information on this subject in my Post-Conference Report.

Grapevine has gone digital! Grapevine Inc, rolled out its digital format in late March. As of the 26th of April, over 1000 digital format subscriptions have been sold. You may order your own subscription at AAGrapevine.org. The cost is \$19.95 for a one year subscription. Those who wish can convert your current print subscription to digital by calling 800 631-6025. Since digital costs less, Grapevine will extend your subscription accordingly.

Alternate Delegate, Janet S-C.:

Good Morning, my name is Janet I am an Alcoholic. Thank you section 3 for your hospitality, and welcome to all the new DCM's and GSR's. Since our last meeting I have had the opportunity and pleasure of visiting all three Intergroups and received a warm welcome.

In the last weekend of February I attended NERASSA 2011, in Westchester New York, where the Theme of the conference was "We are responsible for AA's future, Let it began with Us". I had the privilege of participating in the opening meeting where the topic was the fifth Tradition. This discussion alerted me to our acceptance of being non-confrontational on our singleness of purpose. In other words, are we may be getting too soft?

In March, I helped stuff envelopes at our Delegate's home , Elaine McA. This was also the month of our Areas' annual Convention. During the convention, on Friday evening I

took part in a wonderful skit call "Look through the Shot Glass, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland". On Saturday morning, I took part in Big Book jeopardy, and had a wonderful time. In the afternoon, I participated along with the other panel members, in a workshop on the Traditions, my topic being the "Fifth Tradition".

The month of April was quite, except for visiting the Intergroups. In the first week of May, I was invited, by our Delegate, Elaine McA, to attend the yearly conference in New York, where the Delegates discuss issues concerning Alcoholics Anonymous. Words cannot express, my gratitude for the experience, and I want to thank our Delegate, Elaine for inviting me. This experience, gave me the occasion to meet many different people, (Alcoholics and non-Alcoholics) from all over the United States and Canada. While visiting New York, I also had the pleasure of going to the infamous "Stardust" café for ice-cream.

Chair, Thom O.:

1. Attended:
 - a. NERAASA in February
 - b. Convention Committee Meetings in March and May
 - c. Mini-Conference in April
 - d. Area 45 47th Annual General Service Convention in March
 - 1). Co-Chaired the Convention Wrap-Up Meeting
2. Signed lease for October 30th Election/Assembly at the Collingswood Senior Center.
3. Appointed Robbie W. as the 48th Annual General Service Convention Chair.

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 III for hosting this assembly, and welcome to all of you. We greatly appreciate your service.

My activity since the last assembly included attending the Northeast Region AA Service Assembly in Tarrytown, NY on the weekend of February 25th through 27th. As always, it was exhausting, but I learned things that will assist me in better serving Area 45, and I made connections with treasurers from other Areas. We continue to connect via email to provide each other assistance and support.

On March 6th I attended the 47th Convention Committee meeting to offer my support and assistance if needed. I attended the Mini-Conference envelope stuffing held by Elaine on March 14th and the workshop held by District 19 on March 20th. Rob and his committee gathered together some great speakers and some great food, which resulted in a very enjoyable and informative presentation. The workshop had a good turnout and enough time was made available for those in attendance to ask questions. Thank you District 19 for your hospitality and for being a good example for other DCMs who may be contemplating holding a workshop.

March 25th through 27th I attended the 47th Area 45 General Service Convention. I had a great time and want to thank the Convention Committee for their gracious hospitality toward me and thank you to the Committee members and all of the volunteers for your hard work in

It is with much sadness, that I have made the decision to resign from Area, due to personal reasons. I love AA and doing service within it. I love it enough to know that if you can't fully do a commitment, then the right thing to do is step-down to allow another willing alcoholic the chance to do it.

Saying this, I will contact GSO to come off of FNV, when you have a replacement. I'll be sending the contact sheets and receipt with Ken this weekend, if he is willing to bring them. I will update the contact sheets I received in the mail today in FNV. I will also train anyone who is taking over as long as it is during the weekday. I have Go To Meetings, so I can train them online.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve with all of you,

Secretary, Dave MacD.:

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

Aside from organizing and submitting the minutes from the February, 2011, Assembly and Committee to the newsletter and website, I also attended NERAASA, 2011, in Tarrytown, NY. In addition, I participated in our annual convention, in Cherry Hill and was a recorder for the Mini-Conference as well as an envelope stuffing gathering for same. This morning, I also filled in as interim Registrar at the New GSR/DCM Orientation following Wendy's resignation. Finally, we are looking forward to attending the Northeast Regional Forum (NERF) in Sturbridge, MA, next weekend.

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 May 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.

Committee Reports:

Archives, Lily McB.:

I won't bore you with a travelogue (if you want to, ask me). Efforts are underway to sort items of value to Area 45 history. The committee solicits any item you feel might contribute to the Archives. We are also looking for old copies of the book *Alcoholics Anonymous* First and Second editions. Please contact me.

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 at least three (3) times per year and reporting all findings at the Area committee meeting.

Accordingly, on May 12, 2011 I conducted a review of Area 45's financial records, including bank statements and checkbook, for the quarter ending April 30, 2011. I discovered no inaccuracies or omissions.

Convention, 47th Annual, Joanne C. (read by Dave MacD):

Hi I am Joanne and I am an alcoholic.

It was my privilege and honor to serve as your 47th Area 45 General Service Assembly Convention Chair.

The convention was a huge success overall and including financially. We had terrific speakers, panels, meetings, workshops, skits, food, entertainment & fellowship. I want to personally thank the Area 45 Panel for allowing me to be of service to the 2011 Convention. I also want to thank our Area Chair Thom for his faith and confidence in appointing me 47th Convention Chair.

I want to thank the Area 45 Budget & Finance Committee; this year's convention was able to replenish next year's seed money. The checkbook will be turned over to next's years Treasurer. A special thank you to Wallace for his efforts at keeping our books updated and balanced. We are able to repay the Area 45 Panel for the purchase of the new lap top for the 2011 Convention. Thanks for the loan ☐

As outgoing chair I encourage home groups to sponsor attendees to promote attendance at next year's convention. Also it important to promote members to stay for the overnight or for the entire convention weekend as this will get us closer to meeting our room block obligations.

I want to personally thank every committee member for all their efforts, diligence and fellowship. You were all wonderful and I was honored to work with each of you.

Lastly, everyone please join the 2012 Committee for their committee meeting's The committee meetings are most first Sunday of every month at the Hammonton Presbyterian Church at 1:00 p.m. Directions, contact information and further details about the convention are on the convention website at snjaaconvention.org.

Convention, 48th Annual, Robbie W.:

Hello Area 45, my name is Robbie and I am an alcoholic! My sobriety date is: 10/31/83, my Homegroup is the Stagecoach group of AA, and my sponsor's names are Johnny H. and John K.!

Our Team had our first Area 45 Convention Committee "Team-Meeting" with close to fifty committee members present on May 1st, 2001. As the Committee's new Team Leader, it was my high honor to "appoint" a new Steering Committee as well as twelve sub-committee chairs. To that end, I talked to Stella J., our Co-Chair, who I appointed officially at the 47th Annual Convention, and we decided to allow a loving God to appoint our steering committee as well as all our committee chairs, this idea took some trust and a whole lot of faith, let me tell you! But, when we Trust God it always seems to work out for the best!

So, at our meeting we utilized The Third Legacy Procedure as outlined in our AA Service Manual Combined with Twelve Concepts. Well, the election process was truly a spiritual experience for all involved! Every single position was filled with many candidates vying against each other. It was truly awesome to watch the tenacity each committee member exuded to serve our committee and how graceful those members were that didn't get elected. Many stood for different positions truly displaying their willingness to serve!!!

The final outcome is that we had four members from the 47th Convention Committee elected to positions; three on the steering committee, one as a sub-committee chair, and our other positions were filled by AA enthusiastic members from Area 45 that have some incredible AA service experience. Many new leaders have multiple years of past Convention Committee experience and have now come back to re-serve the committee. I must say, it is a very exciting time - for me, friends, as jumping back into AA service in this capacity really warms my heart and charges me up with excitement to serve God and others!!!!

So please get the word out that the Area 45 Convention committee is fired up and hitting on all cylinders full bore, flat-out – no braking!! ?

I would like to thank our Area Chair and the entire Panel for trusting I could lead the 48th Annual Area 45 Convention Team.

To that end Ladies and Gentleman, our Convention Committee is being designed as a Team. While we have filled all the "leadership positions" via the Third legacy process at our first team meeting, we still need more "Team Players!!!" Therefore, it is my high honor and distinct privilege to invite you personally to attend our one of our upcoming Convention Committee "Team-Meetings" to see and feel the excitement we have as we serve our Area 45 groups and members via our Annual Convention. Heck, if you would like to join our Team, please feel free to call me.

Our upcoming summer team-meetings are slated for: Sunday June 5th, Sunday July 10th, Sunday Aug. 7th, and Sunday Sept. 11th (please take our "Team Meeting" announcements that we are handing out today back to your groups). Our Team Meetings begin promptly @ 1:30 pm at the Hammonton Presbyterian Church on Bellview Ave. in Hammonton, NJ.

In closing, our 48th Annual Area 45 Convention will be held at The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill, NJ on March 23rd-25th, 2012. We plan to have quite a few new surprises in 2012 and would sure be excited if you helped us plan those surprises for our guests, so why not show up at our next "Team Meeting" and join on in – you won't regret it ... service work can be fun and exciting!!!

CPC, Buster R.:

No report submitted.

CTF, Priscilla S.:

Our next meeting is next Sunday, May 22 at 100 p.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church at 151 S. White Horse Pike Berlin NJ

DCM/GSR Orientation, Laurie E.:

No report submitted.

Grapevine, Jenn H.:

Hi, Everyone! I am an alcoholic named Jenn. First I would like to thank everyone who volunteered at the Grapevine table during the Cherry Hill convention. During the convention we sold 16 *Grapevine* subscriptions and 43 pieces of Grapevine literature.

Grapevine has updated their website! They are currently offering a 7-day all-access free trial to "*Grapevine Online*" *Grapevine Online* includes: never published stories, weekly-themed stories, digital archive, audio grapevine, the current issue of *Grapevine*, and add the current issue of *La Vina*. That is an approximately \$77.00 value for \$34.97.

We are planning on holding another "Grapefest" on September 10, 2011, at Cross Keys Methodist Church, in Williamstown, from noon until 4pm. We will have fantastic food and a few great speakers. If you are interested in volunteering, please see me at the Grapevine table.

Jal-Con, Joe McA.:

I attended the JalCon planning meetings each month this quarter.

Area 45 will host 5 AA meetings at JalCon this year and all our slots have been filled. This month we will be assigning meeting topics. The committee has been very creative and there are some fun topics that I think everyone will enjoy. The Convention theme is "Happy, Joyous, and Funky".

JalCon – the New Jersey State Al-Anon Convention- will be held August 12 through 14 at the Sheraton Hotel in Edison, NJ. There is a registration form in your Fourth Dimension Newsletter. If you didn't receive one, they are available here today. If you need help with registration or directions, please call me.

Newsletter, Andrew L.:

Thank you to Section III 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.

I am looking for newsletter submissions on or about your experience with the Traditions and Concepts. If you attended the mini-conference 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.

The deadline for the next newsletter is Friday July 1st.

Policy and Charter, Mike R.:

No report submitted.

Public Information, Ginny F.:

No report submitted.

Registration, Judy C-P.:

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| Panel Members: | 5 |
| Committee Chairs: | 14 |
| Intergroup Chairs: | 1 |
| Section Leaders: | 3 |
| DCMs: | 7 |
| GSRs: | 65 |
| Past Delegates: | 6 |
| Visitors : | 19 |
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| Total in Attendance: | 120 |

Special Needs, Jill J.:

No report submitted.

Web Site, Patrick M.:

No report submitted.

Workshop, Linda MacD.:

Today, after lunch, the workshop will be on Tradition #1. I had the privilege to attend NERAASA, the Area #45 Convention, and the mini-Conference. They all were very rewarding and educational. I will be attending NERF this next weekend.

Any suggestions for workshop topics are welcome.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

SJCYPAA, Jennifer H.:

On May 7th, 2011, we held a Spring Fling Picnic at Cooper River Park. This event was very successful. We met many new faces and almost ran out of food! We offered this event as free and are grateful to have received donations. SJCYPAA meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm at St. Luke's Church in Collingswood. Please come out and join us. "Young" means "room to grow!"

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

On March 26, 2011, I attended The 47th Annual Southern Area 45 General Service Convention. I attended several events during the day, including an AI-Anon Skit (One day at the time). At 6 PM, I was to chair The Spanish Speaking Meeting. The meeting was a "riot". I presided the meeting Spanish Style and we had so much Fun...

Early on April, I had the opportunity to carry the AA Message to a Spanish Speaking Alcoholic from Tuckerton, NJ. Kenny T. from District 15 relayed the message to Denis from Tuckerton. Denis contacted me and gave me the phone number of, now my friend, Sebastian from Beach Heaven, NJ. Sebastian got to Atlantic City on time for the AA Meeting at the Group Sobriety. We had a good time and became friends instantly. Sebastian liked the warmth reception the group gave him, and by Autonomy, the whole meeting was dedicated to him.

On April 21, 2011, I attended the GSRs Meeting in Ventnor, NJ. In attendance were our DCM, Pat P., and GSRs Ed, Wayne, Steve G., Lorraine, and myself. At the meeting, Pat P. announced that she is stepping down as DCM from District 17 due to personal reasons. Lorraine from Margate will be the Substitute DCM for the time being. At the meeting we discussed an upcoming event called "Summer Day in the Park." The event will take place, God willing, at the Oscar E. McClinton in Atlantic City, on July 16th, 2011 from 12 pm to 4 pm. We will have snacks and soft drinks, and two speakers on different hours. I will keep you posted about this and other upcoming events. Thanks for letting me serve you.

Cape Atlantic Intergroup, Cliff M. (Given by Jim B., Vice-Chair):

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

During the last week of March, we at CAIG moved into our new office. Many AA members helped unpack, organize and clean up. The new office looks great, and if you are interested in seeing it for yourself, you are welcome to come visit us at 3153 Fire Road, suite 1-C, in Egg Harbor Township - near exit 36 of the parkway. If nobody is at the office when you show up, then try calling the CAIG hotline number, or call me - my number might still be posted in the window.

I attended the Area 45 Convention and participated in the skit put on by Connie and Central Jersey Intergroup. It was fun and entertaining, just like she said.

Cape/Atlantic Intergroup has elected a new corresponding secretary, as well as a new

recording secretary. Our Budget/Finance chair has stepped down due to ill health. Ellie L. is putting together a new budget to reflect the necessary changes regarding financing our new office. We are still in need of an Archives Committee chairperson and a Young at Heart committee chairperson.

On May 1st, our H&I committee presented a workshop to raise awareness about bringing meetings into the county jail, and to sign up people to gain authorization to bring the AA message directly to inmates. There were about 30 attendees at the workshop. Two AA members shared their experience regarding jail meetings. We also heard from two very informative guests - one who coordinates volunteer services at the Atlantic County jail, and another who works for CODI - a non-profit organization which helps keep people on the right track after they are released from jail. A lot of questions were answered, and plenty of progress was made.

Upcoming events:

Unity Picnic - June 11, Tip Seamen Park, Tuckerton

Quarterly Bookers meeting - June 15, Epiphany Lutheran Church, Pleasantville, 7:00 pm, which is a half hour before the regularly scheduled Cape/Atlantic business meeting.

Unity Breakfast - September 25, Flanders Hotel, Ocean City

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

Event fliers and more information can be found online, on our website, at WWW.CAIGRP.ORG

Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

Central Jersey Intergroup, Connie Y.:

We had one of our five Trustees, Mike Z., resign as he moved to Las Vegas. We had an election to fill that position and it was filled earlier this month by Jeff.

During our June and July Intergroup meetings, the Trustees will present the proposed changes to the Central Jersey Intergroup By-laws they have been working on for over a year now. The groups will then have a chance to review this information and then on the proposed changes.

We just filled our Public Information Chair position, thanks John A.

We hosted a very successful and active Big Book Trivia Game at the Area 45 convention in March. It was so heated and competitive that I am surprised it didn't end up in a brawl! But in the end, everyone had fun and many learned more about our Big Book! Thanks to everyone who helped and participated in the Trivia Game.

Central Jersey Intergroup will be hosting the Day of Sharing to be held in October in the

Bordentown area. Stay tuned for more details to come on this event.

South Jersey Intergroup, Frank Z.:

No report submitted.

Election of New Registrar:

Following the resignation of Wendy M., as Registrar, Stephanie L. was elected as the new Registrar by the Third Legacy voting procedure.

New Business:

Agenda Items: None

Area Committee Meeting:

Section I, Joe B.:

My names Joe, I'm an alcoholic. The districts have been very active since our last assembly. I'll let them tell you what's going on. Unfortunately, they have been a lot more active than I have. I still haven't gotten to all of the meetings in Districts 30 & 31 to see if they mind splitting from District 25. I even have a lead on a prospective DCM for them. Janet sent me an e-mail about a prospective DCM for District 3. I've known Anthony for about 6 years now. I usually see him on Tuesday nights but I've been taking classes that night. This Tuesday will be the first one I've had off. I also secured the Carlslake Community Center for the Summer Assembly on August 21st.

I went to an anniversary meeting last night. One of the main reasons I went was to hear the speaker they had asked. That's the first time I've heard Stella speak. She described some of the many 12-step calls she has been on, she likes to grab waiters butts!, and she has been active in service since she was six months sober. That's some motivation for me to get off my butt. I like the way it makes me feel when I'm helping someone else. Thanks.

District 4, Mark G.:

No report submitted.

District 22-23, Jason D.:

My name is Jason and I'm an alcoholic. I am the DCM for District 22 & 23.

I am still currently working on attending meetings to make sure the GSR information is up to date and that each group has representation. If they are currently without a GSR I am offering my time to come into their business meetings and explain the responsibilities and importance of the GSR role.

The General Service Representatives of the district and I are currently in the process of planning for a trip to Stepping Stones on September 17th. There are flyers on the tables and your chairs for anyone who is interested. I was able to attend the Mini Conference that was

held in Sicklerville where I had the privilege of serving on the committee for Corrections and Treatment Facilities.

We had elections in February for all of the District positions except DCM. The following individuals have graciously volunteered to make a commitment to service work and makes up the new panel for District 22 & 23:

District Committee Member - Jason D.
Alternate DCM - Deb M. (stepped down)
Treasurer - Jack B.
Secretary - Kevin T.
Newsletter - Tom V.

I greatly appreciate this opportunity to be of service and look forward to the coming year.

District 24, Debbie H. (read by Dave MacD):

I apologize for missing this assembly meeting. I had a prior commitment that I could not break. Here is my report since our last Assembly Meeting.

We will be sponsoring a workshop on Step 4 on May 21 from 11:30-1:30. It will be held at the Trinity Methodist Church in Ewing. We will have round table discussions followed by a sharing of the various discussions. After a short break and some light refreshments, we will hold a Q&A. Hopefully the attendance will be as great as our last workshop this past fall.

The picnic will be held this year on August 28th (Sunday), at Rosedale Park in Pennington, NJ. We have not found a speaker yet.

Our next business meeting is Monday, May 16 where we will finalize plans for our workshop.

District 25, Yuri T.:

District 25 held its first district meeting since the district went dark several years ago on March 7 with 7 participants, including Section 1 Joe B. We have held two monthly meetings since – in April and May – and have had participation from 11 of 19 groups in Hightstown, Cranbury, Plainsboro and West Windsor. There are no active groups in East Windsor. We have reached out to all the groups and will continue to do so.

As part of our effort at publicizing the revival of District 25 and getting the GSRs and A.A.s in our district more aware of and informed about service work on the district and area levels, we have invited Area 45 Delegate Elaine M. to our next meeting on June 6 in Cranbury.

She will talk 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 share highlights from the annual General Service Conference she has recently attended.

Our goal for now is to continue planning 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.:

My name is Joe; I am an alcoholic. I am the Section Leader for Section II. I was able to attend the last GSR meeting for District 26 where they are planning a workshop on these topics: Anonymity on the Internet, Sexual Harassment, and Service Sponsorship. The workshop was moved to sometime in September. We hope to have a date and place by the next Area meeting. We look forward to all your support and hope that you will join us.

I also had the opportunity to attend the Delegate's Mini-Conference before she went to the Annual Conference. I think the day was a great time and very successful.

I am happy to report a new DCM in District 10: Bert has been very active in trying to light up that District as well as assist where ever needed in the Section. I would like to thank him for his service to the Section and Area as well as thank all the GSRs that serve their home groups by their service to the Area.

District 9, Colin M.:

No report submitted.

District 10, Bert W.:

The first District 10 meeting in nobody can say for sure how many years was held on Wednesday, May Fourth. While I had visited all eleven groups in the district, only two sent GSRs to the meeting--both of them personal friends. Three other groups had elected GSRs, but they did not show as promised. One group chose not to send a GSR, asserting that such representation was not necessary(!)

At the district meeting, we had presentations on Tradition Five and Concept Five, and we discussed the AA service structure and where District 10 fits in to the structure.

The next district meeting will be scheduled pending an attempt to combine several dark districts in order to find enough support for this important service work.

District 26, Jeff P.:

No report submitted.

District 27, Bob M.:

No report submitted.

Section III, Joe McA.:

This past quarter I attended our Area 45 Convention in March. As always, it was a great event.

Section III hosted the Mini Conference in Sicklerville on April 18th. Thanks to Linda MacD. for

bringing the breakfast for that event and for today's Assembly as well. I also had help with set-up and serving at the Mini-Conference and I'd like to thank Fred, Phil, Dave and Andrew for pitching in.

Thanks to Districts 12, 13 and 14 for helping to support today's Assembly and for everyone who showed up to help out.

District 12, Jennifer McC.:

Today, we have 11 GSRs and 3 Alternate GSRs in attendance.

Our bank account was set up with a balance of \$122.14.

I attended the Convention and am still in the process of visiting all 25 meetings in District 12. I attended the Mini-Conference on 4/18.

There are two new meetings or groups:

Wed. night – As Bill Sees It – 6pm – New Freedom Rd., Sicklerville

Thurs. 12 noon – Intensive Big Book Study – New Freedom Rd., Sicklerville

Neither are registered yet with GSO.

We are planning on a District workshop this summer with the topic of "Unity."

District 13, Linda MacD.:

I'm in the process of updating the GSR/meeting information for District #13 – again. Nothing remains the same for very long. We have 1 new GSR, 2 new Alternate GSRs in attendance today. I would like to thank all those in District #13 who came out and those who also helped out.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

District 14, Michael L. (given by Sandy A., Alt. DCM):

Our next meeting is May 19th, at 2nd and Pine, in Millville.

Our annual picnic will be held at Parvin State Park (Pittsgrove Twp. - Salem County) at the Thundergust Pavilion, on August 14th, from noon to 6pm. The cost is \$10.00 and children eight and under are free. Meat and drinks are provided. We are asking guests to bring desserts, sides, and chairs. If you want to get involved, committee meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 6:45 pm at 2nd and Pine, in Millville.

Our current treasury has a grand total of \$308.69 with \$250.00 prudent reserve leaving \$58.68 available. We had \$558.68 available with disbursements of: \$100.00 to Assembly, \$160.00 to picnic, and \$240.00 to the church (rent) for a total of \$500.00 paid out leaving a balance of \$58.65.

District 20, Peter A.:

No report submitted.

Section IV, Bob Z.:

No report submitted.

District 15, Ken T.:

No report submitted.

District 16, Isabel A.:

No report submitted.

District 17, Lorraine L.:

Hello, my name is Lorraine L. I am an alcoholic and am the new DCM for District 17. My Homegroup is Down Beach in Margate. I'd like to thank Pat P. for her gracious service as DCM and guidance in this position transition.

District 17 has scheduled a "Summer Day in the Park" event at Oscar McClinton Park. The part is located in Atlantic City near the Flagship. The event will be held on July 16th from noon to 3:00 pm. We are hoping to have three speakers. Lunch will be served. Please bring a chair and a friend.

District 19, Rob F. (read by Bill T.):

I'm an alcoholic and my name is Rob Fitzpatrick, blessed and humbled to serve as DCM for District 19. An important prior commitment has required that I leave the assembly early and I am unable to make this presentation to you in person. I want to thank Bill T. for reading this report.

District 19 holds its annual monthly meeting on the fourth Tuesday of every month beginning at 6 PM at the Millman Center, Villas, New Jersey. District 19's most recent monthly meeting was April 26, 2011. There were five members in attendance.

During our last district meeting we discussed selected topics from Area 45's April Mini-Conference and the relevance of this Mini-Conference to the actual process that takes place during AA Annual World Service Conference in New York and how the Mini-Conference will help our Delegate to express our opinions at the conference. This led to a lively discussion on how an item gets to become an agenda item in New York at the AA world Service Conference.

Under the topic of old business: we discussed the positive experiences of our recent workshop "Anonymity in a Digital age". This workshop was held March 20, 2011. District 19 wants to express our great appreciation to our panel presenters. Which included our now recent past North East Regional Trustee John K., as well as, Andrew L., and Pat M. Robbie W. helped to MC this event, as well as, give a short presentation on AA service structure. Their experience, strength, and hope on this topic gave a great deal of information to the approximately 70 members that were present. Again, thank you very much to those four

individuals.

Under the topic of New business: District 19 is currently looking for a new secretary and a new treasurer. Our current treasurer, Tom S., is retiring and moving out West. We want to thank him for his service as treasurer and his presence in our district will be missed.... "Thank you, Tom". We all wish him well as he moves on to new adventures in sobriety. We have also begun an exploratory committee for our next workshop. The details of this workshop will most likely be presented at the next area assembly in the summer.

A motion was also presented and passed to have the District 19 Alternate DCM be a position that makes him or herself available to assist the Area Grapevine Chair.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

NEW BUSINESS:

The following motions will be voted on at the next Assembly meeting on August 21st:

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)."

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."

Next Meeting:

See you at the Carslake Community Center, in Bordentown, on August 21, 2011.

