



October 16, 2024 District 43 GSR Business Meeting Minutes

District 43 DCM, Laura V., welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced herself, and called the meeting to order with a quiet time followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Laura V. read Zoom protocols to all attendees.

Michelle H. read Tradition #10 – “Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.”

New Attendees

Ashley, Alt GSR, Tuesday Night Women’s Spiritual Group

Anniversaries

Sandy P., 4 years on 9/24/24

Brad T., 2 years on 10/6/24

AA Announcements

None.

Old Business

Vote for Approval of September 2024 Meeting Minutes and Treasurer’s Report
Both were accepted with a 100% approval vote of those who voted.

New Business

Laura V

- We now have two grillers for the District 43 picnic on 10/20/24. We need volunteers for the picnic setup and break down. Please use the QR code on the attached flyer to sign up.
- An AA member told Laura they were inappropriately contacted by a person who found her contact information on an old meeting list. She asks all GSR’s to please make an announcement at your meeting that meeting lists should be updated and kept current.

- All district positions are filled. However, the Tech committee is looking to add someone willing to step up and assist when needed. Jodonna informed all that she is a tech person and would be glad to help as an informal committee member until a formal member is found.

GSR Reports

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities

Renee L., Alt Chair

She went to the NE IL Accessibilities meeting and got some great ideas there. She will be sharing them with Joe P., Chair.

Answering Service

Chris D., Chair

It's going well, calls are being picked up, and there have been no hiccups.

Archivist/Archives

Patrick K., Archives Committee Chair

November 2024 Group Anniversaries District 43

Wednesday AM Step Group – 39 years

Meets at DuPage Unitarian Church

Anniversary Group – 36 years

Meets at Benedictine University, formerly Illinois Benedictine College

Thursday Night Men's Group – 35 years

Meets at Congregation Beth Shalom 772 W 5th Ave, Naperville

Walk With Us in Sobriety – 30 years

Meets at Naperville Riverwalk -Gazebo

Our Basic Text – 20 years

Meets at Trinity Church, 1451 Raymond Drive, Naperville

Bridging the Gap

Geoff B., Chair

I did speak with the director of RCA to see if there was any additional support needed or additional opportunities. He said that there might be an opportunity at Healthcare Alternative Services in Wheaton. He said he would update me as he thought there might be an opportunity for service there.

Everything else was as expected. I do have volunteers lined up for the next two months at this time.

No calls received for help getting to meetings.

Corrections

Bill N., Chair

Bill did not attend the meeting. He did submit to the Secretary that Corrections is doing their weekly visits to Du Page County jail.

Events

Julie S., Co-Chair

Fall District 43 Picnic is this Sunday, October 20th at Dupage River Park (808 Royce Road, Naperville). We are still looking for volunteers for set up, takedown, and appetizer/desserts. If interested please sign up using the QR code on the flyer, or you can reach out to Julie S or Lisa M personally. I hope to see you all there :) it will be great fun and fellowship!!

Grapevine

Michelle H., Chair

The Grapevine would like your help! Please consider submitting your stories about the following topics:

- *Young & Sober — Did you come into AA at an early age? What was that like? What were the challenges? Do you go to Young People's AA meetings, dances, or conferences?*
- *Annual Prison Issue — Did you find AA in prison? What is sobriety like inside? Are you involved in correspondence service or prison sponsorship?*
- *AA Around the World—What is AA like in other countries around the globe? How is it different or the same? Do you attend AA outside of the U.S. and Canada?*
- *More upcoming topics: Atheists/Agnostics in AA, Technology in AA, Remote Communities, and Gratitude.*

Important: We're looking for your experience with each Step and each Tradition: Pick a particular Step or Tradition and share about it! We run one every month! We also need your jokes!

The October 2024 *Grapevine Magazine* is titled "Operation: Cooperation" and this month's featured section is "CPC: Cooperation with the Professional Community," featuring stories by AA members rolling up their sleeves and getting involved in CPC service. There are stories about people putting together CPC workshops and the importance of CPC work in the court system.

Since October is the tenth month, there is also a wonderful story about Step Ten. In "Clearing the Air", a father writes about how using Step Ten helped him rebuild his relationship with his daughter.

Tradition Ten is highlighted in the article "No Opinion" where the authors describes how this tradition taught him that it was OK to not let everyone know what he thought about everything and that his opinions are not always correct.

The Grapevine is always a terrific resource for finding ideas when leading a meeting!

Those of you that have hearing difficulties should check out the ASL information on the Grapevine website.

And the Grapevine joke of the month is called “Rocket Fuel”: An alcoholic took a geographical to the international space station. Unfortunately, he found the space bar!

We Are Not A Glum Lot!!

**Groupvine,
Roxanne H., Chair**

Things are going great! A big thanks to our dedicated writers and Archives for their consistent contributions. As we embark on a new year, we're looking for volunteers to help keep our articles flowing.

D43 thrives on members sharing their experience, strength, and hope. If you're interested in service work and being more involved, this is a fantastic opportunity!

To GSR's, here's a suggestion to reach more members: GSRs could email the PDF to their groups using the contact information on the phone lists. We hope this will increase readership and encourage more members to volunteer.

Have questions, comments, or want to contribute to Groupvine?

You can find contact information in a few places:

- **D43 Website:** Check the bottom of any Groupvine article.
- **Email:** Reach out to us directly at groupvineeditor@gmail.com

Literature

Julie K., Chair

We have been busy reviewing pamphlets and making recommendations (e.g., rewrite, retire, combine). Please let Luci or me know if you or someone you know is interested in a “low key” service opportunity review pamphlets.

Please share the fall concepts with your groups if you haven't already done so (flyer). And, check out the new literature that's available (flyer).

Thank you for allowing us to be of service. I will be at the committee meeting Saturday and hope to see you there.

<mailto:literature@aa-nia-dist43.org>

PI/CPC

Naomi A., Alt. Chair

I received the District cards in the mail. I attended the area workshop on September 28 for CPICPC in Huntley. Got some area cards too and learned a lot of good information. Also, we would love to brainstorm with Laura V and Stephanie who presented on the PI committee at the AA service workshop hosted by NIA 20 and district 71.

Technology

Brad T., Chair

I was able to turn closed captions on in our Brown Bagger's meeting. We turned them on because some of the members are hard of hearing and were able to adjust the font size and position of the captions so that they were able to read what people were saying. Sometimes it interprets speech incorrectly, but overall, the implementation was a success. Mary Ellen stated each attendee can turn it on and adjust to their need. However, the host admin for the meeting must allow it through their settings.

Treasurer

Richie H., Treasurer

We received contributions of \$205.00 during the month of September, and our expense were \$521.23 which include reimbursements to Archives \$40.00, LCM East/West \$65.00 AT&T \$151.23 Grapevine \$36.00, WSFC \$90.00 & SAS \$139.00. Which leaves us with a \$221.91 above our prudent reserve.

Please remind everyone that contributes via Venmo to include their Group name and Group number under "What's it for?"

Treatment

Julie R., Chair

Chugging along, status quo, and all is good.

Webmaster

Jeanie L., Chair

The website is current as far as she knows. Please send her all changes and updates. We are still looking at managed hosting options. I've gone to Wordpress meetings about security and updated the security settings on the website accordingly. Magic also stated as far as he knows, the website is up to date.

LCM East-/West

Kathy S.

I did not submit a report but will send one to Dan for the minutes. No updates to share.

LCM WSFC

Kim R.

Kim was not at the meeting. However, she sent a report: "Thank you to our awesome DCM, Laura V., for personally dropping off yellow meeting guides to the West Suburban Fellowship Club as we were out."

District Committee Member (DCM)

Laura V., DCM

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ASSEMBLIES:

- Fall Committee Meeting: October 19th at Lord of Life Church in Elburn

Recent (Past) Events:

- I attended the AA Service Workshop hosted by NIA 20 and District 71
- Stephanie (Alt DCM) and I attended this service workshop and gave a presentation on the PI Committee. We were asked to give this presentation because NIA 20 thinks our district has done high quality PI work for many years now i.e. newspaper ads, social media ads, etc.
- We learned a lot about Public Information when putting this presentation together, so if those committee chairs want to brainstorm some ideas, let's talk!

Reminders:

- District Picnic: Sunday, October 20, 2024 at DuPage River Park (808 Royce Road) from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. BBQ and food; games and fun! We need people to bring food and desserts.
- 2024 NIA Big Book Conference: November 9, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at First Covenant Church (316 Wood Road, Rockford, IL 61107). Hosted by our very own Area!

DCM 43 Committee Positions Still Available: We have them ALL filled! Go D43!!! BUT – consider filling up your committees with other people. It doesn't have to just be a Chairperson and an Alternate – consider adding more committee members to support the work.

Laura V, DCM, then closed the meeting with A.A.'s Responsibility Statement – “I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.”