



June 17th, 2026, NIA District 43 GSR Business Meeting Minutes

District 43 DCM, Jeanie L., welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced herself, and called the meeting to order with a period of quiet time, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Jeanie L. read Zoom protocols to all attendees.

Magic read Tradition 6: “An A.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the A.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property, and prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”

New Attendees and New District GSR introductions

- John, Bushwood’s Men Group, Naperville + Beginner’s group at WSFC
 - Frank F., GSR for Monday night men’s meeting
 - Scot S., GSR WSFC Friday 7 AM
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Anniversaries

- Laura, 6/8 – 13 years
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AA Announcements

No new AA announcement was brought forward.

Old Business

Vote was taken for approval of **May 2026** Meeting Minutes. **100%, Passed**

Vote was taken for approval of **May 2026** Treasurer’s Report. **100%, Passed**

Frank was voted in as our new Literature Chair for D43. **100% passed! Welcome Frank!**

A few district-level positions remain open. Votes were then taken accordingly.

GSRs: Please take this information back to your groups to allow AA members to report back on any open positions of interest. Thank you!

→ **Descriptions of the positions** can be found on our district website: [Microsoft Word - D43 Job Descriptions & Procedures_20200406_1925](#)

Accessibilities

- Chair: remains available
- Alternate: remains available

Literature

- Alternate: remains available

DCM

- Alternate: remains available

New Business

No new AA announcement was brought forward.

GSR REPORTS

Gene K. is planning a trip to Akron, OH, ~ 5 or 6 openings left. July 23rd & 24th. Link: [Welcome Home! Trip to Akron, OH | Alcoholics Anonymous \(N.I.A.20-District 43\)](#)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities

POSITION NEEDS TO BE FILLED

Answering Service

Jimmy K., Chair; Lori V., Alt. Chair

We had 29 calls in May; All answered. Everything is going great!

Archives/Archivist Report

Summary Report

The Archives Committee was unable to meet on June 10 due to inclement weather (and a storm-related power outage). But that hasn't stopped us from working on final details for the "Longtimers Panel" set for **Saturday afternoon, August 8**, at the WSFC. We look forward to a great afternoon of AA fellowship, learning and sharing about our local AA history. Pizza and refreshments will be served. We still have a couple slots open on the

Panel, so please pass the word and let us know. The initial Flyer for this event is being posted. We also continue to make progress on the District 43 written history project, and we continue to seek, gather and preserve relevant materials for the archives collection.

Call for Stuff/Contributions to Archives

We continue to collect and preserve materials related to District 43's history. Items we seek include (1) old flyers; (2) meeting directories; (3) event flyers; (4) other AA-related archives you may consider discarding; and (5) photos of meeting locations (inside or outside). If you have anything that may be useful, please contact Archives via the District website: archives@aa-nia-dist43.org

Service Committees Documentation Request

We invite District 43 service committees to share materials that go beyond the standard monthly report. Examples include: (1) committee meeting agendas; (2) drafts and works-in-progress; (3) correspondence with other districts; (4) communication with NIA20; (5) communications with outside organizations (non-AA). Committees know best what reflects their work, so we leave specifics to your judgment.

That concludes the Archives Report for June 2026.

George C (Archives Committee Chair)

Bruce M (Archives Committee Alt)

Jeff K (Archivist)

Patrick K (Archivist Alt)

Keep in mind that ...

***“Whenever a society or civilization perishes
there is always one condition present;
they forgot where they came from.”***

– Carl Sandburg

Bridging The Gap

Jeffrey A., BTG Chair

4 new committee members! Since kicking off in May, the BTG Committee has developed a system to connect individuals leaving treatment or sober housing with District 43 volunteers. The core infrastructure is now set up, and includes a centralized Google Form for data tracking, a volunteer sign-up flyer with a QR code, and a location based matching workflow.

With the foundational system ready we are ready to start recruiting volunteers and establish an official launch date.

Corrections

Adams S., Chair; Ryan B., Alt. Chair

AA meetings are facilitated at the DuPage County Jail through a non-profit organization called JUST. For those interested in helping facilitate AA meetings in the DuPage County Jail, here is the link to the [JUST Volunteer Application](#). After completing the application, please send a follow-up email to info@justofdupage.org with your name, email and best contact number letting them know you completed the application and inquire about the next step (Background and Safety Training).

Events

Ursula S., Chair; Laura, Alt. Chair

Spread the word about the picnic the **District 43 Picnic**: LUAU Theme, Sat August 29th, 1:30 - 3:30 DuPage River Pavillion 808 Royce Naperville

District 43 "Recovery" Comedy Night will be Sat Nov 7th 7PM-9PM doors open at 6:30PM held at the VFW Naperville 908 Jackson. Tickets will need to be purchased in advance.

Grapevine

Kim R. ,Chair; Liza D., Alt. Chair

Download the Grapevine App today! (android or Apple)
Free to register and \$29.99 a year to subscribe and get full access!

The July issue is “**Getting sober in prison**”.

National Contest for most new digital subscriptions goes till June 30th.

Groupvine

Aaron F., Chair

July 2026 Groupvine is attached to the mail email distribution.

GSRs: help distribute amongst your groups!

Literature

Frank F., Chair

PI/CPC

Julie R., Chair ; Margaret, Alt. Chair

Carrying the Message (Events)

- Veggie Fest in Lisle – 8.8 & 8.9.2026
 - o In the process of securing a booth for AA at Veggie Fest
 - o Our purpose there will be to

- Communicate about what AA is and what AA is not
- Carry the message of AA to
 - Suffering alcoholics
 - Loved ones of alcoholics
- Distribute pamphlets, make the 10-question survey available and share other AA literature
- Have personal conversations, as opportunities present themselves
- o We will have some service opportunities to work the booth. Interested volunteers must be ok forgoing their anonymity in a public setting.
 - If interested, please text Julie at 773.860.4361.

Carrying the Message (Reach Out)

- Postcards provided by Area (that Jeanie picked up from the Spring Assembly). We will drop these off vs mail them.)
 - o Food pantries
 - Loaves & Fishes
 - West Suburban Community Pantry
 - o Planned Parenthood
 - o YMCAs

Committee Work

- We have a new committee member! We are now up to 5 on the committee: Julie, Margaret, Diane W, Mary Ellen G and Cami K.
 - Monthly committee meetings
- We continue our approach reaching out to identified organizations to see how we can communicate what AA is to various professionals or to the public:
 - o Hold/attend an event
 - o Present at a table or booth
 - o Present to or talk with staff
 - o Drop off a Leave Behind Packet and have a conversation
 - o Any other creative way we find

Marketing Efforts

- Leave Behind Packet (LBP)
 - o We will have a trial set of LBPs available next month.

Technology

Dave S., Chair; Richard H. Alt. Chair

Per Dave, nothing new to report this for June.

Treasurer

Kathy S., Treasurer; Chris T. Alt. Chair

The Treasurer's reports are attached to the same email this report is attached to.

- Treasurers Report
 - Treasurers Report Supplement
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Treatment

Sofia W., Chair; Katie B., Alt Treatment Chair; Kyle Y., Committee member; Amy, Committee member

Highlights & Updates

The literature order was placed, and the container has been received. Literature will be dropped off at Linden Oaks Detox to help support patients and newcomers seeking recovery resources.

The new Monday 8:00 PM meeting has officially started. Thank you to the volunteers who helped make this possible and continue to show up in service.

The committee is also looking for young people in AA who may be interested in helping bring more YPAA-focused meetings to Linden Oaks Mill Street. This will help expand outreach and create a more welcoming space for younger members in recovery.

Secretary

Karine M., Secretary ; Kate R., Secretary Alt.

Nothing new to report this for June.

Web Admin

Stephanie H., Chair; Magic M. Alt. Chair

Keep sending them flyers for any event or request for changes to be made when needed!

These 2 positions are appointed by the DCM. Please contact Jeanie Long if interested at jldcm43@gmail.com

LCM - WSFC

POSITION NEEDS TO BE FILLED

LCM - East/West

Welcome Venus who will be filling in this position!

District Committee Member (DCM)

Jeanie L., DCM

Our NIA Chairperson, Aaron V., discussed what it would entail to host the 2028 State Conference: We have 3 areas in Illinois, and we rotate responsibility for hosting the State Conference. In 2028, it will be Northern Illinois' turn to host.

The good news is that there are plenty of past conference materials, formats, and recommendations available to serve as a roadmap, including lessons learned, what worked well, what did not, and suggestions for future planning.

The district provides leadership and guidance, with a Chair and Co-Chair overseeing the committee structure so responsibilities can be shared among many trusted servants. It is also a great opportunity to involve sponsees in service work and strengthen connections among our groups, district, and area. Attendance is typically around 300 people.

GSRs: Please take this information back to your groups and get a sense of their interest/support, including a group conscience vote on whether they would support Northern Illinois hosting the 2028 State Conference.

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Thank you to all of you District 43 trusted servants who work so diligently to carry the life-saving message of AA to the alcoholic who still suffers!

Upcoming Events:

- June 20, 2026, **NIA Area 20 Summer Assembly**
 - **Delegate report from GSC!** 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
 - Grace Pointe Church, 1320 East Chicago Avenue, Naperville
 - Lunch \$10 - McAllister's Deli!
- June 26-28 2026 **East Central Regional & Area 74 Conference**, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
- July 18 **The Foxhall Group Picnic**, Centennial Beach, Naperville
- July 23-24 **Welcome Home! Trip to Akron, OH**
- July 25 **Chicago Windy City Workshop-AA and Alanon Event**
- July 27 (Monday) **NIA Area 20 GSR Monthly Zoom Meeting**
- August 1 **NIA 20 Area Summer Committee Meeting**
- August 21st-23rd **2026 Illinois State Conference "Humility in Action"**, DoubleTree Hotel, Oak Brook, IL
- August 22 **Just for Today Women's AA Retreat**
- August 24 (Monday) **NIA Area 20 GSR Monthly Zoom Meeting**

- August 29 **District 43 Annual Picnic** 1:30-3:30 DuPage River Pavillion, Naperville

Details are available on our website: <https://aa-nia-dist43.org/events/>.

Connecting our A.A. groups to A.A. as a whole I will attend the NIA 20 Spring Assembly meeting Saturday June 20th at Grace Pointe Church in Naperville. This is a voting assembly, and I look forward to seeing District 43 GSRs there! It will be fun to see you in-person!

Meeting Directories update

Frank F has volunteered to take the meeting directories project over. We met to give him all the information needed.

DCM and LCM Visits

Venus, our LCM, and I visit groups in our district to share information on how the District 43 committee carries the message to the still suffering alcoholic and connects our locals groups to A.A. as a whole. We invite group members to our business meeting or to join us in service.

This month DCM or LCM visits have been made to New Life Women's Group, Our Basic Text, How It Works, Brown Baggers, Tuesday Grapevine Meeting, Step Sisters Prayers and Promises, Keep It Simple, Southside Sobriety Seekers, Beginner's Sampler, and Happy Hour.

There are several men's meetings in District 43. Since both the DCM and LCM are women, I have paid a 'visit' by means of a letter to these groups. DCM visit letters have been sent to and read at Bushwood Men's Group, Speak Easy Group, and Hobson's Choice.

Meeting Conclusion

Jeanie L. closed the meeting with the responsibility statement.