



July 15, 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.

Karine read Tradition 7: "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

New Attendees and New District GSR introductions

- Glenn G., GSR, TNDG
- Ryan G., GSR, Hobson's Choice
- Cami, Alt. GSR, Babes without Booze
- Lexi, GSR, Naperville Young People's meeting

Anniversaries

- Jonathan, 14 years on 07/17
- Dennis, visitor, 34 years on 07/03

AA Announcements

Cami mentioned that there will be a booth at Veggie Fest this weekend! View attached flyer for reference. **They are looking for volunteers to help work the booth:** purpose is to educate the community about AA is and isn't, and also reach out to the Alcoholic still suffering.

Old Business

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

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

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

We are discussing taking a motion to potentially submit a bid to host the 2028 state conference, please talk to your groups and have a group conscience to report back at the August 2026 D43 meeting. **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.** Reminder as to what it entails: 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.

Vote was taken for a motion for D43 to host an upcoming NIA 20 Assembly or Committee meeting. **100%, Passed**

GSR REPORTS

Meeting needing support: The Saturday evening Living Sober meeting at 6pm at 20 N. Center St. In Naperville room 308 also attend the Sunday night 7pm Big Book (referred to in the listing as the Blue Book meeting) at the same place. **The Sunday meeting is in need of support . It is even having trouble meeting its rent commitment to the church. If you can help and attend, please join the Sunday group! Meeting info: <https://aa-nia-dist43.org/meetings/h-sn-190-sndntcntrstrtblbkm?weekday=sunday>**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities

POSITION NEEDS TO BE FILLED

Answering Service

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

We had 8 calls this month everything is going well

Archives/Archivist Report

Summary Report

At the NIA20 Summer Assembly on June 20 our district Archivist and Archives Committee Chair participated in the Archives breakout session led by the Area Archives Committee chair. We learned about new archives initiatives at the Area level as well as what other districts' archives committees are doing. We shared what our District archives has been working on recently (e.g., digitizing the archives collection, drafting a written history of our district, and hosting the "Longtimers Panel" on Saturday, August 8). On July 8, our Archives Committee held its monthly meeting; we reviewed and discussed next steps on the written history project and details for the Longtimers Panel in August.

Call for Materials/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 to donate, please contact us at archives@aa-nia-dist43.org. We also 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 ends the Archives Report for July 2026.

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

Bridging The Gap has nothing new to report at this time.

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

District Picnic

Sat 8/29

Updated Flyer

If anyone wants to bring something

Beverages or desserts would be great

District Comedy Night

11/7 7pm-8;30 pm

Doors open at 6;30

Light refreshments included with tickets

Updated flyer

Tickets on sale now Early bird tickets \$20

Grapevine

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

Grapevine has a new book! Gratitude. A collection of past Grapevine stories. Price is \$14.99 each. Bulk pricing is available.

Want to flex your funny bone? Caption this cartoon and best one get's published! Submit via the free app.

Groupvine
Aaron F., Chair

August 2026 Groupvine is attached to the mail email distribution.

GSRs: help distribute amongst your groups!

Literature
Frank F., Chair

Literature is finalizing the quantities and pricing of the printed meeting guides with the printer and the other districts.

PI/CPC
Julie R., Chair ; Margaret, Alt. Chair

Note: please review also the attached volunteer opportunity PDF flyer sent as an separate attachment along with this monthly report.

Carrying the Message (Events)

- **Veggie Fest in Lisle – 8.8 & 8.9.2026**
 - o Our booth for Veggie Fest is secured!
 - o Our purpose there will be to
 - Carry the message of AA to
 - Suffering alcoholics
 - Loved ones of alcoholics
 - Communicate about what AA is and what AA is not
 - Distribute pamphlets, make the 10-question survey available and share other AA literature
 - Have personal conversations, as opportunities present themselves
- GSRs – see flyer for volunteer opportunities. Please share with your meeting groups!

Carrying the Message (Reach Out)

- Postcards mailed to
 - o Food pantries
 - Loaves & Fishes
 - West Suburban Community Pantry
 - o Planned Parenthood

Committee Work

- 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

- Creation of the Leave Behind Packet (LBP) is in progress.
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Technology

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

In June, technology conducted polls and the approval of Our literature chair, I also set-up a Zoom meeting for our event committee to get together. Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

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

Big books have been dropped off at Linden Oaks for volunteers to distribute to patients with interest in AA.

We have opportunities open for monthly commitments. 2nd & 4th Thursdays (male spot) — and 1st Tuesdays at Detox (female spot)

Linden Oaks, Naperville - IOP Bridge Group Evening - 1335 N Mill St - 2nd - 7:15 PM (MALE)

Linden Oaks, Naperville - Detox Open Meeting - 852 S West St - 1st Tuesdays - 8:00PM (FEMALE)

Secretary

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

Nothing new to report this for July.

Web Admin

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

Stephanie reported that the expense to host and support our D43 website is \$13/month to reach all of the suffering alcoholics, which is low cost to allow for the needed support!

LCM

Venus, Chair

Venus is doing outreach visits at District and it's been successful as there is more awareness built in the community's involvement in the district.

District Committee Member (DCM)

Jeanie L., Chair

Tradition Seven: Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Thank you to all who attended the NIA Area 20 Summer Assembly! We had a terrific turnout from our District!

Upcoming Events:

- 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 21, 22, 23 **2026 Illinois State Conference**
- 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 attended the East Central Regional & Area 74 Conference at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire on June 26-28. It was a great, interesting conference where I met our East Central Regional Trustee. She is a recovering alcoholic who helps carry our voice to the General Service Conference and who also brings information at the conference back to us. She gave a fantastic report!

At the same conference I attended a very engaging interactive panel on the Concepts and how to apply them in specific situations. It was a great opportunity to connect with other AA's in service and to hear some fantastic speakers!

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 Spiritual Renegades, Mid-Morning Serenity, The 12 & 12 Study Group in Bolingbrook, 7:00 Beginner's Forum, and The Anniversary Group.

Your in service,

Jeanie L, DCM District 43

Meeting Conclusion

Jeanie L. closed the meeting with the responsibility statement.