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District 41 Messenger

District 41 of Northern Illinois Area 20

Serving Addison, Bensenville, Lombard, Elmhurst

Oakbrook Terrace, Villa Park & Wood Dale

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From our District Committee Member,

My name is Chris S.and I am the DCM for District 41. As the DCM I strive to carry the collective group conscience of the AA groups in the District to the Area Committee. It is my intention to bring a positive and thoughtful attitude when I represent the District. As the new DCM for the past six months, I am starting to feel more comfortable in my role and learning to be a better equipped representative for our AA community.

Among the two-way communication responsibilities of the DCM, I have been growing in my capacity to:

* *Hold regular meetings of all GSRs in the District*
* *Build a relationship with the Delegate and Area 20*
* *Keep GSRs informed about Conference activities*
* *Acquaint myself and the area GSRs with The AA Service Manual, Box 4-5-9 Area 20 Newsletter, and other AA literature*
* *And, of course, to make a regular practice of talking to groups*

*about the opportunities of general service work.*

We are working on becoming a more efficient district through our meeting structure and service positions. The alternate DCM Jeffrey A. and I plan to attend meetings to meet the local groups and GSRs of our District. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email us through the District 41 website at *dupage41aa.gmail.com*.

Currently the Board of District 41 is working on hosting an *Open House* for our Area Delegate to Area 20, Chris D. We will be hosting the *Open House* held on August 18 at 7pm at Elmhurst Presbyterian Church, 367 Spring Road at the corner of Spring and St. Charles in Elmhurst, IL 60126. This is the regularly scheduled time for our monthly District meeting. A presentation from Chris D. will be part of the Open House. All members of District 41 are welcome to attend.

In Service, Chris S., D.C.M.

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**District 41 Meetings 2022**

*Third Thursday of every month*

*at 7:00 P.M.*

All GSRs from Area 41 and visitors are encouraged to attend.

July 21

August 18 \*\*\*

September 15

October 20

November 17

December 15

Attend online via Zoom

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/7926549615

password 062312

Meet with us in person at

**Elmhurst Presbyterian Church,**

in Calvin Hall

367 Spring Road,

Elmhurst IL 60126

Contact the District at

*dupage41aa.org*

contributions can be made to

District 41 Treasurer

P.O. Box 7226

Villa Park, IL 60181

MEETING GUIDE

Looking for an AA meeting --Anywhere in the U.S.A.?

Get the

**AA Meeting Guide app**

on your phone.

**DISTRICT 41 ARCHIVES**

Are you holding on to materials from District 41 that could be added to our District Archives?

Calling all AA members that may have interviews, CDs, print materials or anything that is pertinent to the history of District 41. As Archives Chair, I will be undertaking the task of transcribing and organizing the history of our District. I am looking ***specifically*** for historical information **for District 41.**

These materials will be “archived” and accessible to all members of District 41.

*Contact the Archives Chair, Lael*

*at* [*dupage41aa@gmail.com*](mailto:dupage41aa@gmail.com)

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**DISTRICT 41 OPEN HOUSE**

**Thursday, August 18, 2022**

**7-8:30 pm**

Elmhurst Presbyterian Church

367 Spring Road, Elmhurst, IL 60126

Regular Meeting of District 41

**Welcomes**

**SPEAKER**

**Area 20 Delegate Chris D.**

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Greetings fellow members,

My name is Susan H. I am your Area 20 Accessibilities Chair. Since we regularly have new members and those new to service, a reminder about the purpose for the Area Assembly is provided below.

Ideally you belong to a Home Group of AA, the most important part of the service structure, at the top of the upside-down AA Triangle. Your voice, as an AA member, is guaranteed to be heard, when you choose to express it, as Bill W. left us in **Concept V** of the concepts for world service: “*Throughout our world service structure a traditional ‘right of appeal’ ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.”*

We are in Area 20, one of 3 Areas in Illinois, and one of 93 Areas in the US and Canada.

Assemblies are meetings of GSRs, DCMs, Area Committees and any AA member interested in how AA conducts business. During the Assembly we communicate with one another and carry the message to our District members. Our Area, Northern Illinois 20 (NIA 20) holds four assemblies each year.

The next NORTHERN AREAASSEMBLY is SEPTEMBER 10, 2022, with the location and if hybrid to be announced. There are usually over 100 in attendance in person and on Zoom from our Area.

Both our District 41 and NIA 20 maintain informative working websites, where you can find this information and more. Browse through the websites. Take a look at the meeting minutes and agendas and see what catches your eye. Since the pandemic, many of us have been more willing and able to access AA via Zoom, with a computer or by phone. The websites are-- *www.dupage41aa.org and www.aa-nia-org*

Assemblies are great events to attend, because:

* We meet AAs from other places in our Area
* We listen to each other and agree to disagree
* We are all there in A.A. Unity to stay sober and carry the message
* It’s even more fun if we travel to assemblies with our AA fellows
* We can make a difference at home and abroad through

Area outreach

We recognize AAs who are attending assemblies for the first time.

Mention this article for the gift of a **Grapevine** subscription.

In Service, Susan H., NIA20 Area Accessibilities Chair

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The Upside-Down Triangle of A.A. Service

**THE HOME GROUP**

Each Group is autonomous, we do not govern.

Every Individual in A.A. has the privilege of voting on issues in a

group conscience during their meetings.

The group elects their G.S.R. to represent the home group

at District Meetings.

**G.S.R.**

General Service Representative

Linking group conscience of the home group to

District and Area.

Reports back to the Home Group about District events, workshops, and any AA news

**D.C.M**

District Committee Member

The D.C.M. Chairs District 41 meetings.

D.C.M. represents District 41

at Area 20 Business Meetings.

**Northern Illinois Area 20**

District 41 is one of twenty-one

Districts in Area 20.

There are three Areas in Illinois.

And there are 93 Areas in the U.S. & Canada.

**General Service Conference**

Area 20 is represented by our Delegate at the Annual Conference.

**General Service Office**

**A.A. World Service**

### **How the G.S.O. Serves A.A.**

The **General Service Office** in New York City serves all A.A. groups in the United States and Canada. The G.S.O also offers services to A.A. overseas, especially in countries where there is no service structure. Many other countries have their own general service offices as well.  The U.S./ Canada office works with committees of A.A.’s General Service Board and the General Service Conference (U.S. and Canada). G.S.O. has broad responsibilities to its member groups, including the following:

* To collect and organize shared experience on group challenges and solutions, and to pass this information along to A.A. groups and members throughout the U.S. and Canada when asked.
* To work with alcoholics overseas and in the armed forces; with those living in areas with no meetings; with housebound and travelling A.A.s; and with members in treatment and correctional facilities.
* To respond to letters requesting information about A.A. and the help it provides for alcoholics.
* To publish the A.A. newsletter,

Box 4-5-9, and other bulletins; to publish and distribute A.A. books and

pamphlets approved by the General Service Conference; and to provide a sampling of complimentary literature and service materials to each new group

* To share public information at the national and international levels for A.A., in cooperation with print and electronic media as well as with organizations concerned with the treatment of alcoholism.
* To coordinate and support the work of General Service Conference committees.
* To maintain the G.S.O. Archives.
* To operate and maintain the aa.org website and the Meeting Guide app.

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Events

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125 S. Villa Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181

Meeting schedule www.anonaeast.org

Meetings Daily

Schedules on the meetings app or

www.dupage41aa.org

**A.C.E. Annual Joe T. Picnic**

Sunday August 21. 1- 4pm

LOMBARD LAGOON –

820 S. Finley Rd. in Lombard

* Free Admission
* Kids Activities
* Fun & Fellowship
* Raffle! $100/$200/$300

Winners need not be present.

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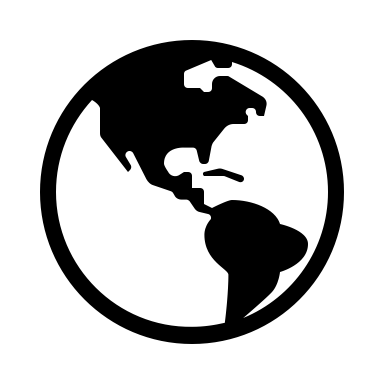
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**Podcasts, Websites, Online Meetings**

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*GLAAM Global Ladies AA Meeting*

*On Zoom*

**ID-**872-5057-2992

**PW-**2020aa

**Daily:**

**MON** -Read & share on book Living Sober

**TUES-** A Deep dive on steps 10,11 &12-Reading from Big Book/12x12 Speaker on 2nd Tues of each month.

**WED-** Read & Share on book Women’s Voices in AA

**THURS-**Read & share on book As Bill Sees It

**FRI-** Speaker/Topic- Listen & share on AA approved literature.

**SAT-** Read & share on conference approved Beginners book, Getting Staying Sober in AA

**SUN-**Read & share on stories from the Big Book & on book &

Experience, Strength, and Hope

WEEKDAYS 11.30 EST/4.30 GMT WEEKENDS 12.00 Noon/5.00pm EST

**AA General Service**

**Office Website**

**www.aa.org**

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Each week long-time members Don and Sam will interview a different member about their experience, strength, and hope, in a casual and humorous “meeting after the meeting” manner.

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Online Global Recovery Community

Live Video Meetings

www.intherooms.com

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**F.R.O.G.**

**Finally**

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**AREA 20**

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