

Northern Illinois

District 41 Messenger

District 41 of Northern Illinois Area 20

Serving Addison, Bensenville, Lombard, Elmhurst

Oakbrook Terrace, Villa Park & Wood Dale

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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P.O. BOX 6365

VILLA PARK, IL 60181

hotline

630-833-7897

773-202-5324



MEETING GUIDE

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

Get the

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Guide app

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



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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

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.



THE AREA VOICE



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 AREA ASSEMBLY 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

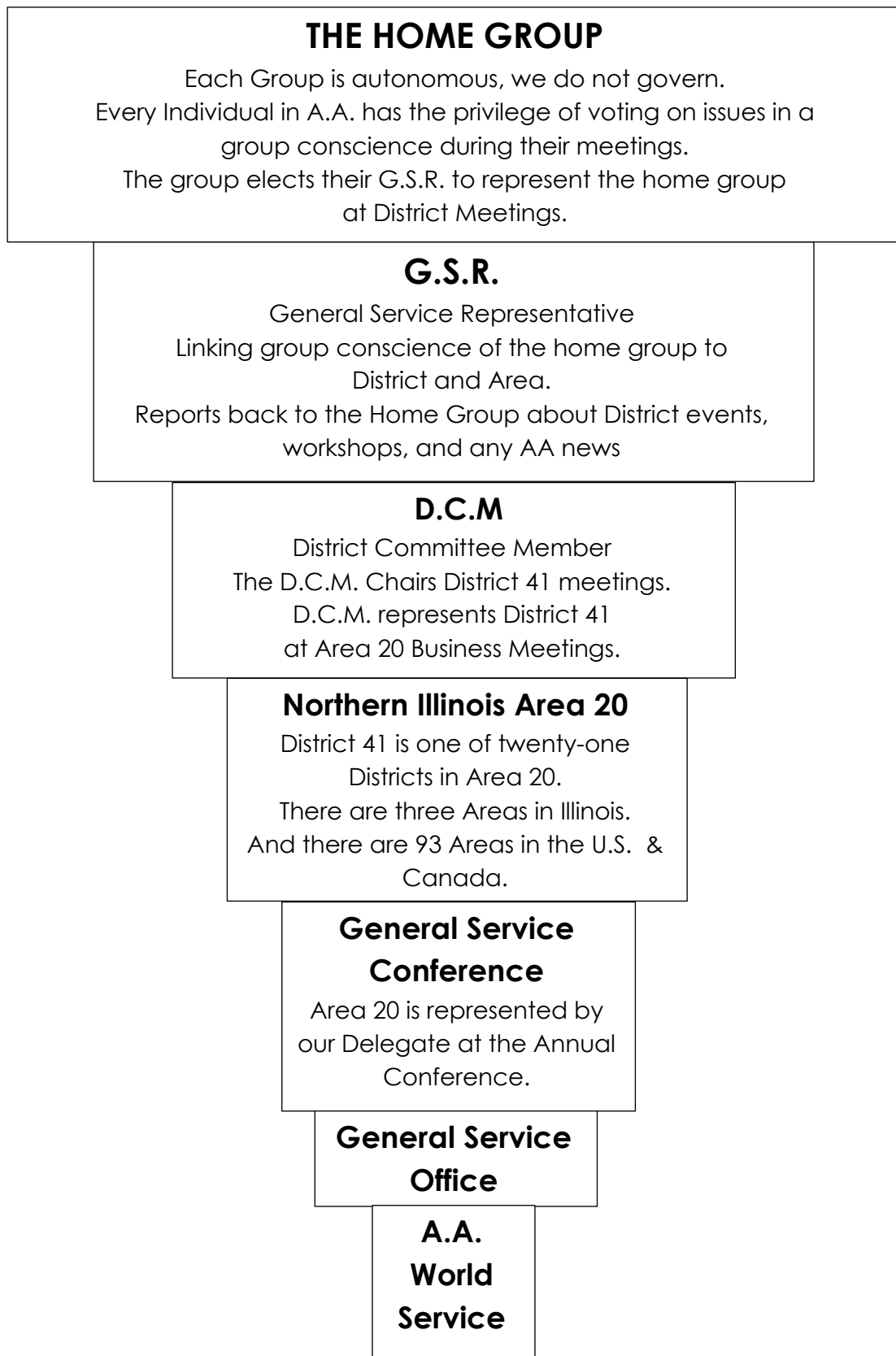
We recognize AAs who are attending assemblies for the first time.
Mention this article for the gift of a **Grapevine** subscription.

In Service, Susan H., NIA20 Area Accessibilities Chair

Your
Opinion
matters



The Upside-Down Triangle of A.A. 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

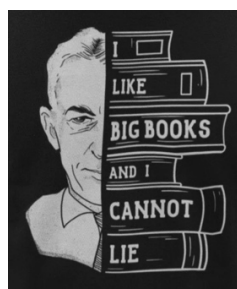
A.A., in cooperation with print and electronic media as well as with organizations concerned with the treatment of alcoholism.

- 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.



Responsibility Statement

I am responsible,
when anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help,
I want the hand of AA
always to be there,
and for that
I am responsible.



Events



2022 AA Illinois State and East Central Regional Conference

August 12-14, 2022 | Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel, 3000 Warrenville Rd., Lisle, IL 60532 (630-505-1000)
Use Code "Northern Illinois AA"



"MORE WILL BE REVEALED"

<http://aa-nia.org/state>



Hosted by Illinois Area 20, District 10 and District 42

Registration hours:

2-9 p.m. on Friday and 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on Saturday

AA SPEAKERS:

- Mike M., Cedar Rapids, IA
- Ericka M., Cedar Rapids, IA
- Chris K., Chicago, IL

AL-ANON SPEAKER: Liz P., Chicago

GSO Staff Member: Sandra W., Director of Staff Services

East Central Regional Trustee: Cathi C., Indianapolis, IN

- Hourly Alcañon & Al-Anonathion meetings
- AA Panel members from East Central Region
- Friday night: Ice Cream Social/Young-at-Heart Dance
- Saturday night: Banquet & Dance
- Hospitality Room, Literature, Grapevine, Archives
- ASL Interpreters and Traductor de Español

To volunteer or for more information: aaisc2022@gmail.com
or call Charles H. 331-202-8876 | Michael L. 847-571-5002

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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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Women's Retreat

Hosted by The Flying Geese

Emotional Sobriety

August 26th, 27th & 28th, 2022

Friday the 26th @ 4:30 pm - Sunday the 28th @ noon
Come join us at Lorado Taft Field Campus

1414 N. River Rd.
Oregon, IL 61061

This is a closed retreat for women in AA which includes program meetings, meals (Friday evening through Sunday morning) and dormitory lodging for only \$120. Click on the QR code to register. Or fill out the bottom portion of this form and mail to address below.
Or email: flyinggeese2000@gmail.com

Deadline for registration is Friday, July 22, 2022.
Registration Contact: Monica F. (847)845-8937 OR Carrie W. (847) 804-9411
Retreat Chair: Cindy F. (847) 754-7429

Cut and return below, a map is printed on the back.

Full name _____ Preferred first name for tag: _____
Telephone (____) _____ Email (required) _____
Special dietary or physical needs: _____
Are you willing to VOLUNTEER? YES or NO (if yes, we will contact you for service)
Payment method (please circle one): \$120 Cash _____ Check/money order Check # _____ \$ _____
Make your check payable to: Flying Geese Group. Payments can be made via Zelle to cbw1144@gmail.com
Are you seeking a partial scholarship? (Limited number available, up to 50% of fee) YES or NO
T-Shirt Purchase "Dandelions" add \$20 (circle one) YES or NO \$ _____
T-shirt Size/# of shirts: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____
Money raised from t-shirts sales goes to Scholarship Fund for next year's retreat
Scholarship donation amount, if you so desire \$ _____

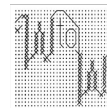
Give or mail completed registration forms with payment to:

Monica F. 28757 W. Pittner Avenue, Cary, IL 60013 OR

Carrie W., 12 Grant Avenue, Lake in the Hills, IL 60156

- There are NO refunds or cancellations after Friday, July 22nd

By registering, you agree that for yourself and anyone entitled to act on your behalf, you release and discharge the Women's Flying Geese Group and Lorado Taft Field Campus, their staff, and volunteers from all claims in any manner arising from participation in this event.



37th Midwest Annual WOMAN-to-WOMAN SEMINAR

"Recovery In Progress"

A Weekend of Workshops by and for Sober Women in AA

October 7, 8, 9, 2022

Rockford, IL

Conference Hotel:	*Char, Life, Public Transit NO Hotel Shuttle available	Overflow Hotel:
Holiday Inn 7550 E. State St. Rockford, IL 61108 (800) 383-7829 / (815) 398-2200 Room Rates: \$142.95/night 1-4 people		Fairfield Inn & Suites 7651 Walton Street Rockford, IL 61108 Phone: 815-398-7400 Room Rates: \$149/night 1-4 people

Must register for this hotel rate by September 27, 2022. Request: Woman-to-Woman Seminar Rate
Pre-Registration \$25.00 On-site registration \$38.00 Send in your registration early to receive the discounted price

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Tulsa, OK	Brenda A-J	567-888-1756	centrose@yahoo.com
Tulsa, OK	Eva S.	419-610-7793	centrose@yahoo.com

To register using Credit Card, go to www.midwestwtw.org / Check website regularly for updates.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ First _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-Mail _____

(Please print legibly to permit us to contact you with any questions. Thanks!)

Would you like to volunteer at the event? _____

For Saturday Banquet select entrée choice: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

How you would like your name to appear on your name tag: _____

Please Specify Special Needs: _____

REGISTRATION FEES: Pre-Registration \$25.00, On-site registration \$38.00

FREE GIFT FOR FIRST 150 REGISTRATIONS

Pre-Registration \$25.00

Sat. Banquet \$45.00

Sun. Banquet \$25.00

Souvenir Tumbler: \$15.00

Souvenir T-Shirts (Yellow): \$5.00

Souvenir Hoodies (Black): \$25.00

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Souvenir T-Shirts (Black): \$5.00

Souvenir Hoodies (Black): \$25.00

TOTAL: \$ _____

Mail-In Registration Postmarked By: September 27, 2022. Make Checks payable to: Midwest WTW Seminar
Mail Registration to: Midwest Woman-to-Woman, P.O. Box 264, Davis Junction, IL 61020
Questions? Email us at wtw2022@gmail.com

Podcasts, Websites, Online Meetings



GLAAM Global Ladies AA Meeting On Zoom

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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 &

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WEEKDAYS 11.30 EST/4.30 GMT

WEEKENDS 12.00 Noon/5.00pm EST

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