

## **Minutes from the November 7, 2010 Assembly and Committee Meetings Collingswood Senior Citizen Center, Collingswood, NJ**

### **Opening:**

Chair, Thom O., opened the Assembly with recognition of all new G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s, and Section Leaders followed by the recognition of all who had celebrated A.A. Anniversaries since our last meeting. Following his opening remarks, a short presentation was given on Anonymity by Mike R., Policy and Charter Chair.

### **Area Panel Reports:**

#### **Delegate, Elaine McA.:**

Reminder: Remember to pick up your copy of the Final Conference Report! I have distributed them to a few of the districts. If you did not get one, please take it back to your groups. Point out the Advisory Actions and the Additional Considerations to your group members. This is the work of the Conference. Look for the financial information and mention the amount of contributions to GSO by the groups in Area 45. In order for AA to be self-supporting, every AA member would need to contribute \$6.46. The groups in Area 45 contributed, on average, \$7.52 per member. While this amount is down from last year, it still is well above what is needed to consider our Area self-supporting.

This has been a busy quarter for me, both in and out of Area 45.

In August, I attended picnics put on by D-24 at Rosedale Park and by District 14 at Parvin State Park, where I was invited to speak and also D-19's picnic at Cape May County Park. These were three enjoyable days of fun and fellowship. Thanks to the respective districts for these events

I attended the September Convention meeting in Vineland and participated in our Area Inventory on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. Our Immediate Past Delegate, Fred E. did a wonderful job of preparing questions that allowed us to gain insight into the way Area 45 carries the AA message. Late in September, I was a guest at the Area 44 Annual Convention, which is always a wonderful event.

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, I was in Albany, NY for a final meeting of the NERAASA Guidelines Committee. This is an ad hoc committee formed at NERASSA 2010 and is composed of the seated delegates of the North East Region. Our charge was to review and revise, where necessary, the Guidelines by which NERAASA operates. The original set of Guidelines were developed 20 years ago and needed to be updated to reflect changes made over the years, such as the operation of a NERAASA website. The committee met a total of 5 times - 3 times at NERD 2010 and once at the 2010 General Service Conference. We endeavored to do the bulk of our work at venues where we were already gathered, thus reducing the financial impact on each of our Areas. It became obvious, however, that we could not complete this task at the General Service Conference. Our focus there had to be on the agenda of the Conference itself. Thus, we found it necessary to have one more face to face meeting. Albany was selected as it is central to our region. Since plans for this trip were finalized after

Area 45's budget had already been submitted to the Assembly, the expenses for it were not able to be included in that budget. The revised Guidelines will be submitted for approval at the NERAASA 2011 business meeting next February.

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, I participated, along with the Area 44 Delegate Cathie F. in our Inter-Area Corrections and Treatment Conference in Sewell. I gave a report on Conference Actions that effect the work of the Corrections and Treatment committees.

On Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Day of Sharing in Woodbury. Thank you to our Alternate Delegate Janet C. and thank you to South Jersey Intergroup for being our host this year.

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, I was in Linwood, NJ, to give a Post Conference Report. Thank you to Bob Z. For hosting the Report and to all who helped. I am indebted to Thom O. for the use of his projector and laptop.

Giving the Post Conference Report in each section rather than just once at an Assembly, was a new experiment for our Area, and I thank you for your willingness to support this effort. The objective was to reach more people than we could have at one Assembly and to help people outside of Area service to feel that the General Service Conference belongs to every AA member. For me, the experiment had mixed results. Looking at just the numbers who attended, there were 65 people who heard the report. This is fewer than the number who would attend one Assembly. There was also added costs to doing it this way. However, in looking over the sign-in sheets, I was gratified to see how many of the attendees are those who are not currently in service to Area 45. These are AA members who would not ordinarily have an opportunity to receive this information and several of these people remarked to me that this was a whole new experience for them. They never realized what happened at the General Service Conference. I was grateful to be able to bring that information to them. I was puzzled that a number of GSR's, DCM's, and even some Committee members did not attend any of the four reports. As your Delegate, I had an obligation was to make the results of the Conference available to all. I am satisfied that this was done that and that everyone who had a desire to be informed has been.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, I participated in a Workshop in District 17 where I spoke on the benefits of service. Thank you to Pat P. for inviting me.

I have been able to visit a number of group anniversaries. If I didn't make it to you group, I apologize. Please know that Area 45 appreciates each of the groups and is thankful for your support of Area 45 work. Please try to let me know of your groups anniversary date as soon as possible and I will endeavor to attend.

### **NORTH EAST REGION**

There will not be an election to nominate a candidate from Area 45 for North East Regional Trustee today as no resumes were submitted to me prior to today's Assembly.

A new NERT will be elected at the 2011 General Service Conference from among the nominees from Areas of the NE Region.

Upcoming North East Region Events

*Mark Your Calendars!*

**NERAASA**

North East Regional AA Service Assembly  
February 25 - 27, 2011  
Area 49 - SENY  
West Chester Marriott  
Tarrytown, NY

*Flyers Available!*

**NERD**

North East Regional Delegates Reunion  
For seated Delegates, Alt. Delegate and Past Delegates, only  
March 11 -13, 2011  
Area 45 Southern NJ  
Flanders Hotel  
Ocean City, NJ

**NERF**

North East Regional Forum  
May 20 - 22, 2011  
Areas 30/31  
Eastern Mass/Western Mass  
Sturbridge Hotel and Conference Center  
Sturbridge, MA

**GSO**

Doug R. Has assumed the newly created position of Director of Staff Services as of Oct 1, 2010. Prior to this promotion, Doug was Staff Coordinator. He now has responsibility for the oversight management of the 10 GSO staff members and coordination of services that support this division. In addition, Doug will continue as Assistant Secretary to the General Service Board.

The duties of Staff Coordinator will now be performed by Rick W., who will also assume charge of web services. His title will be Staff Coordinator/Web Services.

The trustees committee of the General Service Board are busy implementing the Advisory Actions and Additional Considerations approved by the 2010 General Service Conference.

**GRAPEVINE**

The Grapevine staff wishes to thank all who participated in its readership survey sent out to subscribers. They had a great response. They would like to invite anyone who has suggestions to improve the Grapevine website to send them in as they continue their efforts to work on the site.

Over the next several months, Grapevine will be changing its subscription and product fulfillment service provider. The mailing address to which you send your subscription orders will change and changes will also be made to improve the online subscription experience at [AAGrapevine.org](http://AAGrapevine.org).

There will also be some exciting new additions such as a E-edition for Grapevine and La Vina; features to allow you to check your subscription status online and to navigate more easily when placing orders and overall improvements in customer service.

Grapevine has several new products for sale. One is a book Spiritual Awakenings II: More Journeys of the Spirit @ \$10.95, a 2011 Pocket Calendar as well as GV 2010 International Convention Commemorative products.

Thank you to all who took the time to fill out the Grapevine Questionnaire that was distributed at the last two assemblies. As of October 31, I had received and entered results from 63 questionnaires onto a spreadsheet and submitted them to Deborah A., Delegate from Area 51, North Carolina. She and her committee will then collate the responses and submit the results to the AA Grapevine staff. I will report those results to you at a future assembly.

### Membership Survey

**The next membership survey will be conducted in 2011 once approved by the 2011 General Service Conference. The survey was scheduled for 2010, but due to an oversight, it was inadvertently left off the agenda at the 2010 General Service Conference.**

### **Alternate Delegate, Janet S-C.:**

Good morning my name is Janet I am an alcoholic. I would like to thank section II for the hospitality, and welcome all new GSR and DCM.

Since our last meeting I have had the opportunity to visit all three intergroups, and received a warm welcome. In the month of September, on the 18th I attended our Area Inventory held @ The Devine Word Seminary , in Bordentown NJ. On September 24 & 25th, I was privileged to attend area 44's annual convention, of which was a wonderful experience. On 26 September is I attended the Cape Atlantic intergroup breakfast, in Cape May New Jersey.

The month of October was a little busy, in that I also had the opportunity to attend the CTF conference held in Sewell New Jersey, on October 9, and the Day of Sharing was held on October 16, 2010. I would like to thank all those who participated in the day of sharing, Frank Z. for helping get the event together, Joey H. for being the cook, but especially those who manned the tables for lively discussion. That is, Thom O, our chairman, Connie Y., from Central Jersey intergroup, and Tam, from Cape Atlantic intergroup.

### **Chair, Thom O.:**

1. We have the following Committee chair openings:
  - a. Public Information
  - b. Budget and Finance
2. Congratulations to:
  - a. Jason D. and District 22 & 23 for an informative workshop on the structure of A.A. through service positions.
  - b. Paul B. and the CTF Committee for a great conference.
  - c. Janet, the Area 45 Alternate Delegate, Tam from Cape Atlantic Intergroup, and Connie and Frank, the Chairs of Central Jersey and South Jersey Intergroups, for a

- terrific DOS. Thanks to SJI for hosting the event.
- d. Debbie H. and District 24 for an interesting and entertaining workshop on sponsorship.

3. Attended:

- a. Convention Committee (October 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>) Hammonton
- b. District 22 & 23 Workshop (October 2<sup>nd</sup>) Bordentown
  - I. Spoke about Area service
- c. CTF Conference (October 9<sup>th</sup>) Sewell
  - I. Introductory speech
- d. Area 45 Day of Sharing (October 16<sup>th</sup>) Woodbury
  - I. Moderated PI & CPC Discussion
- e. District 24 Sponsorship Workshop (October 23<sup>rd</sup>)

4. Created Ad Hoc Committee for Convention Site Investigation and Negotiation for the 2012 and 2013 Area Conventions. Mike R and Joe McA are the co-chairs.
- a. Mike and I toured the Westin Hotel in Forrestal Village in Princeton.

**Treasurer, Kim R.:**

Good morning. My name is Kim and I am an alcoholic. Thank you Section II for hosting this assembly, and welcome to all of those who are new to the assemblies. We greatly appreciate your service.

I will not report on any events I attended, but will only report on my duties as treasurer. In the Fall newsletter you'll notice a notation on account balances report, reporting an error in the previous report. There was an error in the numbers reported at the last assembly and in the newsletter. Last quarter was the first time reconciling the accounts through the TD Bank website, and, due to a math mistake, a deposit was recorded twice. As a result, in an attempt to lower the risk of human error, I have adjusted my procedure for recording deposits to include using quickbooks, instead of a calculator for computations.

When mailing in your group's Area 45 contribution, please remember to include your group name as listed with the General Service Office, your group number, and a return address or email address to send the contribution confirmation to. I am holding some confirmations that have been returned to the Area due to having an incorrect return address. In addition, I sometimes get contributions with an incorrect group number, and/or a group name that does not match any group name listed in the database. Please include your group name and number as listed with the General Service Office in New York.

I received boxes of unorganized files when I became treasurer. The individual treasurers were generally organized (panel 58's records were particularly organized); however, each treasurer used a different method for filing (ie., everything filed under the month of activity; everything filed under committees, and so forth). I have contributed an old file cabinet and have been working on organizing the Area's financial files. I am holding 2 boxes of records from prior to 2004 that can be shredded; however, I will maintain all important files, such as

contracts, receipts for equipment, etc . . . .

You may notice a change in the contribution confirmations. When I first became treasurer, I personalized the confirmation letters, but I have since realized that this was not the most cost effective or time effective decision. I have since composed a generic confirmation statement that I can make copies of and fill in the blanks with the contributing group's information. The confirmations are less attractive due to losing the color and less personalization, but they are more cost effective than individually printing each confirmation.

I am in the process of auditing all the checking account transactions for this year, to verify that quickbooks completely reconciles with the TD Bank statements. In addition, I will be verifying that all transactions are categorized correctly in quickbooks which will entail much research on transactions categorized as "uncategorized expenses" from previous years. This will be a time consuming project so I expect it to take quite a few months.

Contributions have increased by \$1,267.23 so far this year when compared to the same period in 2009. Contributions received from January 1, 2009 through October 22, 2009 were \$22,451,59; 2010 contributions during the same period were \$23,718. Expenses have increased by \$2,271.23 when compared to this same period in 2009. Some of this increase in expenses is due to additional travel and hotel expenses required by our delegate to attend the weekend of the NERAASA guidelines meeting in New York, which is not a typical event. In addition, the Area has been responsible for a larger percentage of assembly costs this year. Ideally, the Area is responsible for hall rental expenses while districts typically contribute to cover the expense of food and supplies. So far this year the Area budget has been required to contribute \$730 toward assembly food and supplies.

Per Area 45 policy and the panel budget notes that were distributed in February, 2010 and then again at the May 15, 2010 Area 45 assembly, each committee that has their own bank account is required to have their monthly bank statements mailed directly to the Area PO Box for the treasurer to distribute. Presently, only the CTF Committee is complying with this policy. The Convention Committee, Grapevine Committee, and Young People's Committee need to notify the bank as soon as possible to change their bank account address to the Area PO Box. In addition, I need these committees to forward a copy of all 2010 statements that were not previously mailed directly to the Area PO Box.

All checks received in the area post office box by Thursday, October 21, 2010 have been deposited.

Your treasury report is as follows:

Beginning Balance

08/15/10

\$29,260.32

Income	+ 6,611.93
Expenses	<u>- 9,417.14</u>
Subtotal	\$26, 452.03
Prudent Reserve	<u>+ 26,000.00</u>
Total 11/06/10	\$52,452.39

Thank you to all of the groups that send contributions to the area thereby helping us to remain self-supporting, and thank you all for allowing me the privilege to serve.

**Registrar, Wendy M.:**

Good Morning! I'm Wendy, you're Area Registrar. I have brought my internet with me today, so if you have not gotten a welcome package from GSR and you registered last quarter. You can come see me at the break or lunch. I'll be able to look it up for you. Also, if you haven't yet. If you are a new GSR, please make sure you hand me your change of Group form.

If you have asked me for your districts group forms. Please see me today to have them e-mailed to you. I have been having trouble with the mail merge system, but hopefully I'll be able to get it to work. Andrew is helping with this.

If you need your group # please see me at lunch.

At the last assembly, quite a few group forms were handed back to me. Some of the forms read the group has no contact person, but is still active. As an FYI... If a group has no contact person, it is inactive as far as GSO is concerned.

As for what I've done since the last assembly. I was asked to speak at the District 17 Service Workshop. I attended the District 19<sup>th</sup> picnic in Cape May County. I attended the CTF conference and the Day of Sharing. I want to thank all the service workers at those events that helped make the day so successful.

**Secretary, Dave MacD.:**

Hi, my name's Dave and I am an alcoholic. Thank you to Section II for hosting this meeting. I am sorry that I could not be with you today, but family business required that Linda and I be in Hot Springs, AR, this weekend. Thanks, also, to my Panel partners who were willing to read my report this morning.

Aside from organizing and submitting the minutes from the August, 2010, Assembly and Committee to the newsletter and website, I also attended the District 14 picnic in Parvin State Park (Pittsgrove Twp.) and the District 13 meeting in Woodstown. I was also a discussion leader for the Area 45 Inventory, in Bordentown, as well as Secretary for the whole event.

The following weekend, I was in one of the skits at the excellent District 13/14 Workshop on Resentments. Finally, I attended the Day of Sharing, in Woodbury, where I shared in the group reviewing websites and newsletters.

For those who may be new to the Assembly I'd like to remind everybody that all reports must be read at the Assembly/Committee Meeting in order to appear in the minutes. If you are unable to attend, please try to arrange in advance to get someone else to read your report (as I did today).

All reports need to be written and submitted to me no later than two weeks after the Assembly/Committee Meeting. For this meeting that deadline would be November 21st. If you could simply hand your report to me after you give it, that would solve a lot of problems.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Archives, Lily McB.:**

Thank you, Section II for your hospitality.

It is my pleasure to announce that our Area 45 Archives Collection has been successfully moved from its old location in Glassboro, NJ, to its new location in a climate-controlled storage space in Tuckerton, NJ., where it will be accessible to organize and add to as material is collected.

In recent months, in addition to the Summer Assembly, I was in attendance at the recent District 15 elections where a new slate of officers were elected. Ken T. is the new District 15 DCM and Levi B. is the Alternate DCM. Others were John T. as Treasurer and ??? returning as Secretary/Treasurer.

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, I participated in the Area 45 Corrections and Treatment Facilities Conference in Sewell. On October 15<sup>th</sup>, it was the Day of Sharing and on October 17<sup>th</sup>, was in Linwood, NJ, to hear the Delegates Post-Conference Report. October 22 was a moving day for the Archives. Thanks to Peter F. and Pete C. who so ably made it happen. The remaining clean-out occurred on October 28<sup>th</sup>. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Halloween Dance in Absecon, NJ. On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, helped CPC at Pinelands Middle School Health Fair.

Presently, plans are underway to establish a five-member Area Committee with members who have a dedication to preserving our history. If interested, please contact me.

#### **Audio, Ken T.:**

No report submitted.

#### **Budget and Finance, Vacant:**

#### **Convention - 47<sup>th</sup> Annual, Joanne C.:**

The 47th Convention is requesting you please help us by distributing fliers to the meetings you attend. We are supplying 3000 pre-registration fliers. Please let members know that they

can also download the registration flier in pdf form from the convention website. Go to [www.snjaa\\_convention.org](http://www.snjaa_convention.org), and print as many as you wish. Online registration is available there as well.

We're selling zippered, hooded logo sweatshirts. They will be available for pre-order through the pre-registration form only. So if anyone wants to get the sweatshirt be sure to pre order it.

The progress has been moving forward smoothly thanks in part to the foundation laid by previous chairs and committee members, Alice, Joe and Pat.

The speakers scheduled for the 2011 convention are:

Mary Clare L. GSO Friday Speaker  
Paul Collins W. DC YP Speaker  
Ralph W. Los Angeles, CA Saturday Speaker  
Jane D. Tallahassee, FL Sunday Speaker

Two different DJs were retained for the entertainment and will also have Karaoke as years past on both nights.

GSRs & DCMs, please take the marathon meeting sign up form too, distribute these and try get them back to Ann C. as soon as you can so we can finalize the marathon meeting program.

Please request from each to group to consider paying for (sponsoring) a member's registration from their group who may not be in a position to afford it.

### **CPC, Buster R.:**

The members of the Area 45 CPC want to thank the Area 45 Panel for this opportunity to serve – it is truly a privilege and an honor for all of us to be involved in AA service.

We want everyone to know that the Area 45 CPC Committee meets along with the Cape Atlantic Intergroup H & I and P & I / CPC Committees at Cape Atlantic Intergroup, 32 East Black Horse Pike, Pleasantville, NJ from 5 - 6 pm on the following Saturday's: November 20, December 18, 2010 and January 22, 2011. Future meeting dates will be announced at the next meeting. All are welcome to attend our meetings.

In September 2010, CPC distributed pamphlet packets to various school guidance counselors, one youth detention center, libraries, doctors and mental health care facilities in Egg Harbor City, Pleasantville, Township of Hamilton, and Egg Harbor Township, NJ areas. We are in need of assistance in distributing additional literature packets to various libraries, school guidance counselors, doctors, hospitals and health care professionals throughout Area 45, anyone interested in assisting the CPC committee please contact Buster R. 609-432-7545 and/or attend the next CPC meeting.

On November 3rd, the Cape Atlantic Intergroup P & I / CPC and Area 45 CPC attended the Pinelands Regional Junior High School Health Care Expo, Little Egg Harbor Township, NJ. Approximately 750 students attended this event. We want to offer a special thanks to Lily Mc.

and Mike L. for helping out at this event.

On November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Area 44 and Area 45 attended NJEA Teachers Convention, in Atlantic City, NJ.

**CTF, Paul B:**

My name is Paul I am an alcoholic:

Since are last report the CTF committee held are 15 annual CTF Conference on Oct 9. The CTF committee would like to thank all who were involved. The three intergroups played a big part in putting the conference together, with their help we were able to have a great conference, and look forward to working with them on the up coming workshops.

We had 118 Attendee, we gave out 48 LIPS Cans, We are in the planning stage for next years conference on Oct 8 2011, so come on out to a committee meeting. We had 49 evaluation forms returned to us, 21 were first time attendees, the evaluation forms will help us out in putting a better conference next year. We had many people sign up to be volunteer. We were able to get 9 new prison app fill out, 7 county jail app fill out.

The CTF committee has started a PINK CAN CAMPAIGN; our goal is to have lips can in every AA room in area 45 before this panel rotates out. So please take a can back to your home group, with the help of the three h&I chairs we will succeed in this campaign.

The CTF committee is planning three workshops in 2011 so keep an eye out for those dates. Are next committee meeting is Dec. 12 at united Methodist church in Berlin NJ at 1 pm. The CTF committee will have a table at the Cape-Atlantic roundup, come on out to see us and buy a book for an inmate, see ya all there.

**BRIDGING THE GAP**

Since Aug 15 we had the usual calls from telemarketer, also call for rides. We receive two calls a week from Dan L. from Miami Florida district 15 BTG coordinator to provide transitioning from rehabs in Florida to New Jersey, all calls were answer and volunteers were provided.

**DCM/GSR Orientation, Laurie E.:**

No report submitted.

**Grapevine, Stephanie L.:**

Hello, I'm Stephanie, I'm an alcoholic.

I'd like to report that I am no longer Area 45 Grapevine Chair.

Thank you to Area 45 for allowing me to serve.

Grapevine funds will be turned over to the Area 45 Treasurer today. In addition, all Grapevine

inventory and supplies will be turned over to the Panel.

The total in the Grapevine account, as of today, is \$1,016.00.

**Jal-Con, Joe McA.:**

I would like to thank Section II for hosting today's Assembly.

I attended the Jal-Con meeting on September 11, in Fords. We had a great luncheon and talked about the 2010 convention and what we could improve for 2011.

Area 45 will be responsible for five AA meeting leaders. I have asked two single people and one couple to be meeting leaders. I am still looking for two more meeting leaders. If you are interested in do this service please see me to give me your information.

Area 45 will also have the literature table at the 2011 Convention.

If anyone read the last 4th Dimension news letter, there was an article on the Jal-Con Convention. Hopefully it portrays the Al-anon Convention in a way that shows what a great opportunity we have as alcoholics to see firsthand how Al Anon works. I feel we often tend to think we are at the center of the universe, and the world revolves around us. Jal-Con, and working on this committee, has reminded me that this is a disease that affects many others in addition to the alcoholic and to respect their need for their own recovery.

Thank You for allowing me to serve

**Newsletter, Andrew L.:**

No report submitted.

**Policy and Charter, Mike R.:**

No report submitted.

**Public Information, Vacant:**

**Registration, Judy C-P.:**

Panel Members:	5
Committee Chairs:	9
Intergroup Chairs:	3
Section Leaders:	2
DCMs:	8
GSRs:	45
Visitors:	3
Total in Attendance:	75

**Special Needs, Jill J.:**

Good morning. I'm Jill J., Chairperson for Special Needs. Since our last Assembly I have had the opportunity to participate in Public Information service at a local health fair with Thom O.

I reviewed the report from the Day of Sharing, on 10/16/10, which reported the following: Special Needs should concentrate on special needs as described and outlined in the GSO pamphlet, which limits it to hard of hearing, blind, or other physical limitations and the chronically ill person stuck at home.

The GSO pamphlet is here and a flyer is at the front table with Area 45 Special Needs contact info. Please distribute to your groups.

Please feel to contact me with any questions, needs, or ideas.

Thanks so much for the opportunity to be of service.

### **Web Site, Patrick M.:**

The Area 45 website, [snjaa.org](http://snjaa.org), has a new look and easy navigation. It is the hope of the website committee that everyone finds it informative and easy to use. If you haven't already, please go have a look.

The Area 45 Website is always a work in progress; it will continue to grow and change and serve Area 45 as technology, the Area's need and understanding allows.

If anyone has any suggestions or can provide any assistance, the Website Committee wants to hear from you. Email us at [webadmin@snjaa.org](mailto:webadmin@snjaa.org)

Also, everybody go on the website and sign up to receive the quarterly email when the Fourth Dimension, the Area 45 newsletter, is posted.

Thanks so much for the opportunity to serve A.A. & Area 45.

### **Workshop, Linda MacD.:**

I'm sorry I can't be with you today due to a death in the family. But, this morning you will be hearing some great stuff from Mike R. regarding protecting our anonymity at the level of the electronic media such as facebook, twittering, blogs, etc. Technology is moving forward so quickly we must be determined in our efforts to guard our traditions.

Questions have also arisen as to how to advise grateful friends and families when putting obituaries into the newsmedia in regards to the deceased being a member of our fellowship.

Please let me know if you have any topics you would like to be presented in the future assemblies.

### **SJCYPAA (Young People), Jennifer H.:**

Hello, my name is Jennifer H., and I'm an alcoholic. I am also Co-chair for SJCYPAA reporting for Chair, Jessica K. On Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, we had a Halloween meeting and dance. It was a great success. We are now looking to plan a fun winter event. SJCYPAA meets at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in Collingswood, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 7 pm. "Young" means room to grow. We appreciate your support. Thank you.

**Ad Hoc Outreach to the Hispanic Community, Fernando B:**

No report submitted.

**Cape Atlantic Intergroup, Cliff Mc.:**

Good morning and greetings from the Cape/Atlantic Intergroup. I'm an Alcoholic and the Chairperson of the Cape/Atlantic Intergroup and my name is Cliff Mc. First I want to thank Our Corresponding Secretary, Tam S., for covering for me and Jim at the day of Sharing Oct. 16. She has been doing the work of 2 because our recording secretary Donna S has been out sick for about 2 months. We have been very busy with our Unity Breakfast Sept. 26, where we had approx. 260 people show up, The workshop in the woods Sept. 18, and our annual Halloween Dance Oct. 29, all of which were well attended. We have been working through some growing pains and glitches and hope to be through them before the year is out. Finally, let's not forget our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Waves of Sobriety Roundup coming up at the end of this month, Nov. 19-21, at the Grand Hotel in Cape May. We can sure use all the support we can get. Also please visit us on our website [WWW.CAIGRP.org](http://WWW.CAIGRP.org) for meetings and upcoming events Thank you.

**Central Jersey Intergroup, Connie Y.:**

We participated in the Day of Sharing that South Jersey Intergroup hosted in October. I have my full report available for anyone interested. The report will also be published in our next Newsletter.

We filled our open chair position for the Newsletter and a co-chair position for the Meeting List. We still need a Literature chair person (we have a co-chair and helper for Literature). And we need a chair for Public Information.

Our five Trustees finished their review of our Intergroup Representative Handbook and their recommended changes were approved. The Trustees continue to work on proposed revisions to our By-Laws.

At the March, 2011, Area 45 convention, it is Central Jersey Intergroup's turn to host a one hour slot. We are in the planning stages of what we will do. It will be very fun, interactive workshop that will get everyone involved, test your knowledge of the Big Book and be directly related to the theme of the convention "We Will Know Peace".

We are holding our 4<sup>th</sup> annual Gratitude Breakfast on Sunday, December 5, 2010, at 9am at the Carlslake Community Center on Crosswicks Road in Bordentown. Tickets are \$13 each. There will be a complete all-you-can-eat breakfast and Justine D., our recording secretary, is the speaker. If you want tickets, please contact me.

## **South Jersey Intergroup, Frank Z.:**

Good morning, everyone my name is Frank and I am an alcoholic and proud to serve as your South Jersey Intergroup Chair. Welcome to our newest GSRs. SJIG has been operating pretty much "Business as usual". I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all the groups for your continued support.

I would like to thank Janet C., Alt. Delegate, for all her support in putting the Day of Sharing together. Also I like to thank the entire Panel for all their support.

Our Answering Service Committee is looking for a few Volunteers to man two-hour phone shifts or perhaps an overnight phone shift.

Literature can always use volunteers to help out by distributing literature during two hour shifts at the office in Pennsauken. They will arrange training at a time that is convenient for you.

We also have a team of volunteers that are going to different home groups and selling literature. If your group would like to have the road show come to your meeting to sell literature please contact the office.

Hospitals and Institutions is reporting an increase in the number of commitments. Please, if you take a commitment, fulfill it or get it covered.

The Labor Day Alcathon's held at Woodbury Christ Episcopal church on Delaware Ave went very well thanks Joey H and his committee for all their hard work.

Social Events Committee has quite a few events lined up that will keep us busy. Check out the list on our website at [www.aasj.org](http://www.aasj.org).

Speaking of the website, be sure to submit your home group's anniversary announcements to the events page for an easy way to get the word out. If you submit a flyer, we'll be sure to have copies at our Intergroup meeting.

Our Unity Committee will be hosting an alkathon on Thanksgiving starting at 6pm Wednesday 'til 6pm Thursday. Meetings will be held every hour on the hour only breaking from 1pm to 3pm for our Thanksgiving Feast.

Thanks for letting me serve.

## **New Business:**

**Agenda Items:** None

## **Area Committee Meeting:**

### **Section I, Joe B.:**

My name's Joe, I'm an alcoholic. I've been traveling through District 3 attending meetings and updating the GSR list. I've got lucky I chose this time of year to do it because I hit two Anniversary meetings that had a lot of good food! Anything that I don't have to cook, is good food! ! I still have over half the meetings on list to go. I met a lot of good people and look forward to meeting a lot more.

After District 3, I'm going to concentrate on District 25 (Hightstown, the Windsor's and Cranbury). I spoke to the outgoing DCM a while ago and he said no one wanted to take over because they said, with District 30 & 31, it was just too much territory. So I'm going to see if I can find someone for 25 and then someone for 30 & 31. At least that's my plan. We'll see what happens.

I'm looking forward to NERAASA this Feb. and the Area 45 Convention this Spring. Thank you.

### **District 04, Mark G.:**

No report submitted.

### **Districts 22 & 23, Jason D.:**

No report submitted

### **District 24, Debbie H. (read by Michelle N., Alt. DCM):**

Since becoming DCM of District 24, I am realizing that I have a lot to learn! We held our first sharing session on October 23, 2010. The theme was sponsorship and how to be a good sponsor or find a good sponsor. We centered our discussion on a skit with six vignettes. We had about 40+ in attendance with four guest speakers. Most audience members got involved by playing a role in our skit, voicing their experience, or asking a question. I believe it was a success because nobody left after the break and people were expressing the need for this type of workshop and the fact that we should do another one continuing the same theme!

Our next agenda will be centered on the alkathon and getting more people involved in the planning and celebration of the night.

In addition, District 24 is sending me to NERAASA. I am very excited about this opportunity. There, I will learn more about my role as DCM. Hopefully, I will come back with more of an understanding of my position and how I can best serve District 24. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

### **Section II, Joe M.:**

No report submitted.

### **District 09, Colin M.:**

No report submitted.

**District 26, Jeff P.:**

Hello, my name is Jeff and I am an alcoholic. District 26 meets the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm at St. Mark's Church in Oaklyn. Our current treasury balance is \$1,051.37.

I'd like to invite any GSRs in Section II, that do not have a district meeting, to attend District 26 if they would like to.

Thanks to Section II and especially District 26 for hosting today's Assembly. We, at District 26, are seeing more and more GSRs every month. Today, we have twelve District 26 people in attendance. We are looking into running a workshop sometime next year. I'd like to thank Area 45 for help with the Assembly. Once again, a special thank you to District 26. Great job.

**District 27, Bob M.:**

1 - Visited 5 groups last 3 months. Attended 2 business meetings. Topics discussed in those business meetings; financial responsibility, contributions to GSO, Area 45 budget.

2 - Anyone wants to do a workshop- we can help. DCM 4 and 27 are talking about getting together to do same. Call 609-268-7541. Topics; sponsorship, conducting meetings, honesty, steps.

**Section III, Joe McA.:**

I would like to thank Section 2 for hosting today's Assembly.

We have two DCMS and nine GSR's at today's Assembly.

The Elmer Grange Hall has been secured by deposit for the May 15, 2011, Assembly.

I attended a workshop Four skits on resentments plus a major food-fest put on by Districts 13 and 14 in Millville. All I can say is , WHAT A GREAT WORKSHOP!  
I also attended a picnic by District 24 at Rosedale Park to hear our Alt. Delegate speak and the very next day another picnic by District 14 at Parvin State Park to hear our Delegate. Great fellowship and great food, Bottom Line they did the work and I got to eat very well which is the way I like it. On September 18th, I attended the Area Inventory as well as the CTF Conference on October 9<sup>th</sup> and the Day of Sharing on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

On October 17, I was privileged to be able to help our Delegate with the Post Conference report in Linwood for Section 4, by running the Power Point presentation.

We have \$125.00 in our account.

**District 12, Jennifer McC.:**

I am the DCM for District 12 since August. There are 24 meetings in District 12.

Using the Group Information Sheets provided by the General Service Office I attempted to contact the Contact persons or GSR's for each group using the Information sheets; some successful, some not.

I've discovered that one group is out of existence and one that is listed in the Meeting list is not in the records of the General Service Office.

I have been able to attend 8 additional meetings to confirm and/or update pertinent GSR and contact information.

There were contributions made to District 12; which were never processed by the former DCM; I have returned those funds to the respective Groups; requesting that they resubmit to District 12. I have received one contribution from one group thus far. I will set up an account for the contributions; to be used for travel and to facilitate the start up of District 12 GSR Workshops and Meetings.

That's it for now; thank you for the opportunity to be of service. All in the name of Unity!!!

**District 13, Linda MacD.:**

In September, we had a great workshop in cooperation with District #14 on the topic of resentments. It was nicely attended, and no one left with a resentment.

I also had the privilege of attending District #14's picnic at Parvin State Park. Even the rain didn't dampen out spirits.

**District 14, Mike L.:**

Hello, I'm a recovered alcoholic and my name is Mike. I am the District Committee Member for District 14. We hold a monthly GSR meeting on the third Thursday of the month in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Pine Streets in Millville. Over the last six months, we have seen an increase in participation at the district level by the GSR's in D-14, and we hope that this enthusiasm will continue to grow.

In September, along with our friends from D-13, we hosted a workshop in Millville with the theme "Resentments". We put on four skits dealing with that theme, and judging solely by the lack of rotten tomatoes hurled our way, I believe it is safe to say that our acting chops were well-received by the audience of nearly fifty members. Thank you again to everyone who attended, and especially to the workshop committee members for making it possible. We certainly are not a "glum lot".

Coming up on November 18, the Millville Thursday Night group will be celebrating it's 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This is the oldest group in our district, and has been meeting in the same room since day one. This year there will be 2 speakers and plenty of food, so come on out and help us celebrate.

On Thanksgiving, the groups that meet at 8<sup>th</sup> & Wood in Vineland will be hosting an alkathon from 8am to 8pm. All are welcome.

Thank you very much to Section II for hosting the Fall Assembly. Thank you to District 14 for allowing me to serve.

**District 20, Peter A.:**

No report submitted.

**District 21, Jim L.:**

No report submitted.

**Section IV, Bob Z.:**

No report submitted.

**District 15, Ken T.:**

No report submitted.

**District 17, Pat P.:**

Good afternoon. My name is Pat P. and I represent District 17. Thank you Section II for hosting this event. We have three GSRs here today.

In September, District 17 held a workshop on the importance of being in Service. It was an honor to have Elaine, our Delegate, as a speaker, as was Wendy M., Ken T., and Steve G. Also, I attended the CTF Workshop. Paul and his committee did a wonderful job on informing all of the importance of this.

I am looking forward to the "Waves of Sobriety" coming soon! Hope to see you there.

**District 18, Lonna R.:**

No report submitted.

**District 19, Rob. F.:**

No report submitted.

**New Business:**

There were no new agenda items brought to the floor for voting at our February meeting.

**See you in District IV on February 20, 2011.**