

CT Region Service Committee  
2008

March 29,

YMCA, High Street, New Britain, CT

The meeting opened at 2:15 p.m. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Group members read the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts.

Visitors: Robert introduced himself as a visitor. Bob introduced himself as the new Alt. RCM from the GHA.

Joe F. introduced himself as the representative from GWANA for this month. All were welcomed.

Roll call was taken. All 9 areas present. H&I Chair and Alt. Web Servant were absent. Lois E. reviewed the minutes from February. One correction was made to the date of the RSC meeting for March. Minutes were voted on and accepted, 9-0-0.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chair – Susan O. reported that the Philadelphia Insurance Company has reviewed our application for coverage and has come back with a quote. Provided a detailed written report, which includes the proposal for insurance. This policy would cover the following three areas: 1) general commercial liability to cover every meeting in our schedule, 2) coverage for special events and 3) personal liability for individual members against lawsuits brought against them by anyone who felt harmed by what occurred at a meeting or event. In order to be eligible for the personal liability coverage, an individual would have to prove that they are a member of our fellowship. Discussion ensued regarding how members of our fellowship could prove their membership, since we are members when ‘we say we are’. The total premium for this policy is \$772.00. Our current insurance premium is \$1,139.72; it provides only commercial general liability and does not include special events. Susan asked RCMs to make copies of this proposal for GSRs in their respective areas for further discussion and input.

Vice Chair – Jim H. prepared a written report. He created a monthly calendar for April based on the information found on the website. Also picked up the mail from the P.O. Box.

Treasurer – Dwight presented a report for March. Opening balance: \$831.67 Area donations: \$1,828.97 Expenditures: \$646.98 WSO Fund Flow: \$0 RSC Closing Balance: \$2,0123.66. Schedule Closing Balance: \$2,583.71 Checkbook Balance: \$4,597.37. Accepted, 9-0-0.

Alt. Treasurer – OTF.

Regional Delegate – Glen A. gave a written report. He will be attending the WSC from 4/27 to 5/3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> two CAR Workshops went very well, with double the attendance when compared to 2006. Special RSC to collect the CAR votes will be held on 4/19. Submitted RD and Alt. RD budget for 08-09, showing the difference between conference cycle and off-conference cycle years.

Alt Regional Delegate – Melinda S. had no report.

Web Servant – Julie S. gave a written report. Outdated events were deleted and new events were posted. Meeting schedules were also updated. There were 2,149 hits in February. New web pages for newcomers, family & friends of addicts, about the site, website committee, new meetings and meetings in need of support and beginners meetings are under construction. Many links to NAWs were added and organized. Used a software trial of Dreamweaver to do many of the updates and is requested money in the budget to purchase this software to better manage the web site in the future and for future web servants.

Alt Web Servant – Absent.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

B.O.D. – Bob M gave a written report. The 2008 convention realized a lower attendance than expected. As a result, fewer meals and less merchandise was sold.

There was a total loss in profits of \$2,838.13. The 2009 convention will be held at the Hartford Hilton on Jan. 2, 3, and 4. The main speaker meetings will be held at the Civic Center.

Convention – Keith W. gave a written report. Brought a flyer Convention Subcommittee Meeting Locations and Times.

H & I – Absent.

Literature – OTF

PI/PL – Justin A. gave written report. Vice Chair, Secretary and Phone Line Coordinator positions are OTF.

Schedules – Jim H. met with former Schedule Chair, Cathy D. to review the tasks of the subcommittee and to handle the mailings of schedules to the various institutions throughout CT. There were more than 4,000 schedules to ship in boxes and stuff in envelopes. Expressed appreciation to Cathy for her service over the past 2 years – encouraged members of the RSC to also thank her the next time they see her. The next Schedule Committee meeting will be on 4/16 at Center Congregational Church, Meriden, CT.

WSR – Roberta gave written report. Assistant Coordinating Secretary and Vice Chair positions are OTF.

#### AREA REPORTS:

CCA – Cathy W. gave report. Positions OTF: Alt.Treasurer, Alt.RCM, PI/PL Chair.

GDA – Bill B. gave report. Alt. RCM is OTF. Fund Flow: \$184.05

GHA – Sharon B. gave report. Position OTF: Vice Chair, PI/PL Chair, Activities Secretary, Campout Vice Chair.

GNHA – Ron D. gave report. Reported that the area has sent a motion to look into possibly outsourcing the web site. Positions OTF: Secretary, Alt. RCM, Area Chair.

GWANA – Joe F gave report. Positions OTF: RCM, Alt. RCM, Campout Chair, Chair, Vice Chair, Literature Chair, Policy Chair.

MSUA – Robin S gave report. Area Vice Chair reviewed rules of order to help new GSRs and to help the meeting to run more smoothly.

SFCANA - Lou T. gave report. Area is trying to get more groups to send GSRs and make donations to Area. Area liaison is visiting new groups on a weekly basis. Fund Flow: \$300+.

TVA – Ray G. gave report. Noted that the area is trying to get a young people's meeting started.

Positions OTF: All Area position are OTF. Area concerned about lack of participation with service commitments.

Fund Flow: \$271.82

USA – Vicki McN. gave report. Reports that the area is operating at approximately \$400 under prudent reserve at this time. Positions OTF: Vice Chair, Alt Treasurer, Alt RCM, PI/PL Chair.

#### BREAK

#### SHARING SESSION:

~Ray G. (TVA) voices area concern about lack of support at the PI/PL subcommittee. Addicts attended meeting to support a recent mailing, but no consistent support since that time. Suggestions were given that PI/PL Chair from TVA attend Regional PI/PL for support.

~Robin S. & Megan O. (MSUA) asked for experience from fellow addicts regarding when trusted servants appear to be 'under the influence'. Input was given from many addicts – the consensus was that taking medication is an outside issue.

All agreed in the importance of handling the issue in a loving and caring manner and making an effort to talk to the addict privately to voice concern. Emphasis was put

on motives being spiritually based and non-judgmental.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion #1 3/29/08 To accept the proposed Literature budget for 2008-2009.

Intent: To ensure funds are available to fulfill the committee's purpose.

Maker: Susan O.(RSC Chair) 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lou T. (SFA)

**Motion tabled to Areas for 60 days** by Megan O. (MSUA), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lou T. (SFA)

Motion #2 3/29/08 To accept the RD & Alt. RD budgets for 2008-2009.

Intent: To be financially responsible.

Maker: Glen A. (RD) 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Melinda S. (Alt. RD)

**Motion tabled to Areas for 60 days** by Vicki McN (USA), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill B. (GDA)

Budget for H&I will be brought to the April RSC.

ELECTIONS:

Alt. Treasurer: No nominations or volunteers. Remains OTF.

Literature Chair: No nominations or volunteers. Remains OTF.

Schedule Chair: No nominations or volunteers. Remains OTF.

BOD for TVA out 'at large' to the fellowship: No nominations or volunteers Remains OTF.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion #1 3/29/08 The CT Region of NA obtain (or consider obtaining) the services of a professional agency to service the CT Regional website.

Intent: To provide consistency/reliability of the CT webmaster/web site of NA – to better carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

Maker: Ron D.(GNHA) 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lou T. (SFA)

**Motion Fails, 1-7-0.**

Susan reminded Joe F. that the RSC will be meeting in the GWA in May, June and July and asked that a flyer be brought to the RSC next month with a location and directions.

The meeting closed at 4:16 p.m.

In Loving Service,  
Lois E.

The next meeting will be on April 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

YMCA, High Street, New Britain, CT

Parking available on street in front of building or in parking lot in back (Columbus Blvd entrance)

From points North – East (Hartford):

Take Rt. 84 West to Exit 35 (Left exit Rt. 72 & Rt. 9 New Britain)

Follow Rt. 72 to Exit 8 (Columbus Ave)

Straight thru 1<sup>st</sup> traffic light.

Right at 2<sup>nd</sup> light (High St.)

YMCA is immediately on right.

From points West (Waterbury / Danbury):

Take Rt. 84 East to Exit 35. (Stay in left lanes for exit Rt. 72 & Rt. 9 New Britain)  
Exit 8 (Columbus Ave)  
Straight thru 1<sup>st</sup> traffic light.  
Right at 2<sup>nd</sup> light (High St.)  
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From points South – East (Middletown / Shoreline)

Take Rt. 9 North to Exit 26 (Downtown New Britain)  
Go straight thru 5 traffic lights.  
Take a left at 6<sup>th</sup> traffic light (High St.)  
YMCA is immediately on right.

From points South (Meriden / New Haven)

Take Rt. 91 North to Exit 22-N (Rt. 9)  
Follow Rt. 9 North to Exit 26 (Downtown New Britain)  
Go straight thru 5 traffic lights.  
Take a left at 6<sup>th</sup> traffic light (High St.)  
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From points South – West (Bridgeport / Fairfield)

Take Rt. 8 North to Exit 31 (Rt. 84 East in Waterbury).  
Follow Rt. 84 East to Exit 35 (Stay in 2 left lanes for exit Rt. 72 & Rt. 9 New Britain)  
Exit 8 (Columbus Ave)  
Straight thru 1<sup>st</sup> traffic light.  
Right at 2<sup>nd</sup> light (High St.)  
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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Visit [www.ctna.org](http://www.ctna.org) Activities page for directions and events in other regions.

Saturday, April 5, 2008  
from 9 p.m. – Midnight.

Speaker Jam & Dance from Noon – 8 p.m. Dance  
233 North Main Street, Waterbury, CT

Wednesday, April 9  
p.m., McCullough Temple,

Issue's Group of NA 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from 6 p.m. – 8:30  
55 Chapman St, New Britain, CT

Wednesday, April 9  
Corner of Cooke & Grove,

It's A Boy 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Waterbury, CT

Saturday, April 12  
Midnight, sponsored by

Annual Spring Bling Bling Dance 2008 from 8:00 p.m. til  
A Day At A Time Group of NA. Kramer School

Gymnasium, 322 Prospect St.,  
requested.

(corner of High St.), Willimantic, CT. \$5 donation

DJ – The Fabulous Mark J.

Saturday, April 12  
a.m., United Methodist

Swing Into Spring Fling Dance from 9:00 p.m. til 1:00

Church, Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT Tickets: \$5.00

Saturday, April 19

Spring Breakfast from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Sponsored by the GNHA  
Activities Sub-Committee, Trinity Lutheran Church, Corner of Orange &  
Wall, New Haven, CT  
Tickets \$2 in advance, \$3 at the door.

Saturday, April 26 thru

GWANA Basketball Shootout, North End Recreation Center, Waterbury,  
CT

Sunday, April 27

Friday, May 9 thru  
Sunday, May 11

4<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Sponsorship Weekend Retreat, Sponsored by the  
Straight from the Hip Group, Incarnation Retreat Center, Ivoryton, CT  
Cost: \$155

Saturday, May 10

GHA PI/PL Learning Day from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., St. Patrick St. Ann,  
Hartford, CT –

**This Event has been Cancelled.**

Sunday, May 18  
Fest,

Shoreline Activities Committee presents: 2008 Rockin' Recovery

From Noon – 7:00 p.m. at McCook Park, Niantic, CT Come and enjoy a  
day of live music played by many venues, BBQ on the beach, Children's  
activities, raffles and FUN! Cost is \$6.00 at the door. Food donations  
greatly appreciated.

Friday, June 6 thru  
Campout, Camp Mohawk,  
Sunday, June 8

GWANA 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Together in Recovery Family

Cornwall, CT

Friday, Sept. 5 thru  
Lyme, CT 06371  
Sunday, Sept. 7

Never Alone Campout, Camp Claire, Hamburg Cove,

\$50/weekend, \$25/day pass