

Meeting Minutes

District 35 GSR Business Meeting DATE_03/16/2026

DCM: Jane F. DCMD35A11@gmail.com

Alt. DCM/ open

Secretary: open

Treasurer Dolores W. TREASURERD35A11@gmail.com

GSR ORIENTATION WILL BE HELD AT 6:30pm FOR ALL NEW GSR's

Open meeting__7:00pm_____ GSR Preamble followed by the Serenity Prayer

Welcome to all present, introduction of any new GSR's/Alt. GSR's and visitors.

#of GSR's present__7__, Chair Committees present__7_____, Visitors present__0__

Anniversaries: 1) Al W. 3/10 46 years, 2) Laurie S. 1/30 37 years, 3) Sarah M. 2/20 4 years

Tradition 12/Concept 12 read and discussed

Recording Secretary Report: Motion Mark M. 2nd Dave P. Accepted

Treasurer Report: Motion Al W. 2nd Sarah Accepted

DCM Report: See Attached Report

Website Report: See attached committee reports.

PI Report: See attached report.

Answering Service Report: See attached report.

Events report: See attached committee report.

Corrections Report: See attached report

GSR's Report: No Report

Old Business: Re-discussed status of Putnam Unity Meeting

New Business: D35 Workshop

Report from NERAASA on 7th Tradition given by Julie. See attached report .

GSR Wrap-up: D35 workshop 4/4/26, Round-up 3/21/26, Pre-Conference Assembly 4/11/26

Closed meeting with the Responsibility Statement, Adjourned 8:30pm

DCM Report 3/16/26

New business to update A11 voting guidelines under Area Spring and Fall Assemblies section 5 to be aligned with AA Service Manual.

Current #5. Eligible voters at Assemblies: All GSR's, District Officers, All DCM's, Immediate Past Delegate, Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Area Officers, Service committee Chairpersons, and Area Event Chairpersons.

Motion proposed is to eliminate District Officers.

District 35 Web Chair Report – March 16, 2026

District 35 Web Chair, Mark M., attended the Area 11 Web Committee meeting on Tuesday March 10th. Successful meeting with 12 attendees.

Currently on the District 35 site; Putnam Unity flyer, Area 11 Literature Committee, 4/4 Workshop Safe Haven announcement. Please use <https://ct-aa.org/district-35/> to view our District 35 website. #Workshop

Al D. is heading up the Area 11 AdHoc website redesign committee; all is well. 158 completed surveys came in for the website improvement survey. District 6 is looking to redistrict into 3 districts. More discussion on making the area website more mobile friendly.

Area 11 Web Committee meetings monthly on 2nd Tues. 7:30-9pm on Zoom if any member would like to attend. Please see <https://ct-aa.org> to view the Area 11 website.

Next Area 11 web committee meeting on Tuesday April 14, 2026.

RoundUp: Pitkin Community Center, Wethersfield, CT 9am-3pm “Humility Into Action” Register at: <https://ct-aa.org/event/area-11-round-up-march-21st-2026>

Or Scan:



EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT 3/16

NO NEW EVENTS HELD SINCE LAST DISTRICT MEETING (2/16)

~~THE OLDER BUS~~

STILL HAVE \$198 IN EVENTS COMMITTEE FUND.

OUR NEXT EVENT IS THE DISTRICT 35 WORKSHOP ON APRIL 4TH FROM 9AM-3PM AT THE CENTRAL VILLAGE FIRESTATION. WE WILL BE WORKING WITH OUR DCM (GANE) TO THROW THIS EVENT. IT WILL BE FULLY FUNDED BY DISTRICT.

AFTER THIS EVENT WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE IDEA OF A HOLISTIC WELLS EVENING AS WELL AS A SPRING FISHING DANCE. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THAT AT OUR NEXT DISTRICT MEETING..

3/2/26

P.I. AREA MEETING - 7:10 START - 35 MINUTES

JEFF - CHAIR AT ROUND-UP WITH TABLE

ED - G NEW G.S.R. DIST. #34 OLD SAYBROOK, CT
FROM CALIFORNIA LOOKING FOR INFO.

KRISTEN - DIST. #5 HAS CO-CHAIR, EASTON, WESTPORT

MADE P.I. FLYER 100 & PUSH PINS

LIZ DIST # DANBURY - QR CODE PROTECTED QR CODE

NO ADVERTISING - QR CODE NO TRACKING
FROM CODE - DIFFERENCE BETWEEN P.I.
G.P.C AT NORTHEAST REGIONAL DISCUSSION

WALTER - DIST #2 SPENT \$1,800 LAST YEAR ON
RACKS IN SCHOOLS - SECOND THOUGHTS THIS
YEAR

LIZ - DIST #1, MYSTIC - PRICES FROM DAY NEWSPAPER
ADAPT A RACK IN COFFEE SHOP WITH
BULLETIN BOARD

CHRIS - DIST #14, NEWTOWN, BETHAL
PAPER PLACE MAT. ADDS QR CODES
HANGING QR CODE - 3 DIFFERENT KINDS

RICHARD - DIST #35 - KILLINGLY - CONTACT LEE HOWARD
AT THE DAY FOR NORWICH TIMES

Activities

The district has donated 6 copies of the Spanish language book INMATE to INMATE for a cost of \$22.40

Notes

Brooklyn Correctional Institution has a long running and successful AA program that they are very happy with. These meetings have been facilitated by Roger G. for several years. The DOC has approved me to assist Roger G. in this service work.

Currently we have one meeting per week on Tuesday nights. The meeting format alternates bi weekly between a step meeting and a speaker discussion meeting. Currently we have around 35 outside AA speakers preapproved by the DOC. Normally we get around 20 inmates attending.

Answering Service Report

Call volume continues to decrease with only 27 calls being sent to volunteers in February. This is the number for the entire Area. District 35 had 2.

There is a renewed emphasis on recruiting volunteers who are willing to offer rides the most common request) and encouraging them to put "any time" rather than specific hours regarding their availability.

March 16. 2026

This Month has been very Productive. I have had 2 people coming To the hospital To do A meeting with me EVERY Thurs. Morning AT 11 am.

We Average 4-6 patients at a Time. We are reading out of The Living Sober book at the moment.

I HAVE 1 person interested in starting a ~~the~~ Night meeting at the Hospital. We are talking To the Treatment Counselor-Social worker To move forward with it.

Michelle Lowell

NERAASA 7th Tradition

Ken who is our North East Regional Trustee as well as a member of the AA World Service Board reported that we spend \$18,900,000 annually. Our prudent reserve is historically and proudly kept at a 9 month minimum which equates to \$14,175,000. Currently we are short by \$4.75 million but he explained that by nonprofit standards 9 months is very high. Usually 3 months of prudent reserve is acceptable. Ken said that we prefer to live on the edge of broke because we cannot get into trouble or be tempted to spend the extra money.

Reasons for the shortfall: The General Service Office renovation project is costing \$2 million. The renovation is a prudent one which is designed to streamline services by integrating the two floors into one for better efficiency. Contributions are down. The example that was given was that September 2025 contributions were down 11 percent. Only 31.6% of groups contribute. That's 2/3's of our groups that do not!! Additionally, Grapevine has needed support. Subscription sales have been waning as the trend is for people to be online. As the goal of AA is to reach people where they are, the Grapevine has been undergoing profound changes. They have a YouTube channel, create 2 podcasts, developed an app, maintain Social media, e books, audio books, books, magazines and the website.

It was estimated that if each member of AA contributed \$12 and some change, the shortfall would be eliminated! Ways to support, "self support" can be to set up recurring monthly contributions on AA.org that come out automatically. Some give the amount that represents years of sobriety. Locate groups that aren't contributing and encourage them to be a part of. During the week of Thanksgiving, "Gratitude Week" is a highly anticipated time to give. The dollars corresponding to the amount of years of sobriety are dropped in your home group basket or sent directly to GSO. Groups are now placing a Venmo QR code in the basket that is linked to your groups' bank account for people who no longer carry cash. Capital One Shopping Research states that "Shoppers spend up to 4 times as much when they pay with credit cards instead of cash." This is a psychological phenomenon known as "the pain of paying." People find it psychologically harder to part with cash. Homegroup.online describes themselves as "a National Central Office providing 7th Tradition and Treasury Services for 12-Step Groups." Through Chase Bank your group can send payments to anyone, pay rent, reimburse member expenses, or distribute to program officers. - [Homegroup.Online](#)

Heather K. wrapped up the 7th tradition segment with My Part in Self Support. There is "spirituality of the basket" she said. She explained that the basket represents self support, gratitude and carrying the message to other alcoholics. It is so much more than rent and coffee. Often when we get to AA we are attending 7 or more meetings a week which translates to \$7 in the basket if we have it to give. After we have been sober for a while and slip into a more settled life with work, family and responsibilities, many of us slim down our meetings to those that we feel compatible with and that complement our schedules and subsequently and inadvertently give less. She realized that AA gave her everything: A house, cars, family, a profession. "I now give my home group a lump sum every month that reflects what AA has given me. What you put in the basket will be returned to you tenfold." In the Book The Language of the Heart PP 221 Bill W. wrote in 1957 that "We cannot skimp when the treasurer of our group passes the hat."

District 35	
February 2026	
Hometown Bank Account	
Beginning Balance as of February 1, 2026	\$8,165.74
INCOME:	
Contributions from Alcathon	\$0.00
Group Contributions	\$114.00
Contributions at Meeting	\$23.00
Seed money for events	\$0.00
Total Income	\$137.00
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EXPENSES:	
Administrative:	
DCM	\$0.00
Alternate DCM	\$0.00
Secretary/Registrar	\$0.00
Treasurer	\$0.00
Rent	\$25.00
Technology/Media	\$0.00
Post office box	\$0.00
Meeting Flyers (Keith)	\$38.55
Sub-Total Administrative	\$63.55
Spec Committee Expenses:	
Treatment	\$0.00
Public Information	\$0.00
Events	\$0.00
Archives	\$0.00
Hospitality (Food at D35 meeting)	\$92.26
Corrections (6 Books for inmates)	\$22.40
Grapevine	\$0.00
Literature	\$0.00
Intergroup- Living Sober books	\$60.00
Sub-Total Spec Committees	\$174.66
Total Expense	\$238.21
Income - Expenses	-\$101.21
Ending Balance as of 2/28/2026	\$8,064.53
<u>We Thank You For Your Generosity:</u>	
Keep It Simple Group #102964	\$50.00
ECSF #000375116	\$64.00