

This cover sheet is provided to list Action Items from the March 13, 2018 District 34 Meeting and Events that are coming up in the next two months.

District Surplus: There is a District Surplus of approximately \$552.60. Check with your home group and bring back to the April 2018 District meeting the following: Does your group want to keep the surplus in the District and, if so, how do they want it to be used? Or does your group prefer that District 34 split the surplus 50/50 between Intergroup and GSO? See “District Surplus” under the Treasurers Report on the attached minutes for further details.

March 24, Eastern Pre-conference: When announcing the Pre-conference, please mention a couple of the following items to raise interest:

- Review the 2018 trustees’ Public Information Committee Report on the use of Google AdWords and Google Grants to carry the A.A. message. (Workgroup 1 – Public Information)
- Consider request that A.A. (U.S./Canada) publish “The God Word” (a pamphlet currently published by the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Great Britain). (Workgroup 3 – Literature)
- Review social media report regarding Instagram, Facebook and Google for Nonprofits (Workgroup 4 – Grapevine)
- Consider removing the following statement from the section Area Newsletters or Bulletins: “Any group or district of the Fellowship is free to use the symbol of a circle and triangle on newsletters, meeting schedules or other A.A. material.” (Workgroup 5 – Report and Charter)

New District 34 Secretary needed: Carol is moving in June and will no longer be able to serve as secretary. Therefore, an election for new District 34 Secretary will be held in May. Please consider standing for secretary yourself or announce the opening at your home group so that we can get this position filled.

Encourage participation in service: Please invite your sponsees and friends to come to the GSR meetings and other District events. It’s more effective to do so one-on-one rather than as a general announcement.

Support the AA Groups in District 34 by attending their group anniversaries. Here is a list of upcoming group anniversaries:

District 34 Group Anniversaries	
See flyers at http://d34a51.com/	
Greenwood Forest Group 40th Anniversary	March 18, 2018 Food at 1:30 p.m., Speaker at 3:00 p.m.
Change Agents 3rd Anniversary	April 15, 2018 Food at 6 p.m., Speaker at 7:30 p.m.
Garner Big Book 34th Anniversary	April 14, 2018 Food at 6:30 p.m., Speaker at 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming events for March and April 2018	
GSR School	April 15, 2018, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Held at McDonalds on Walnut Street in Cary, near Crossroads
2018 Eastern Pre-Conference See flyer at http://d34a51.com/	March 24, 2018, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM Held at: Westminster Church in Raleigh

District 34
Meeting minutes
March 13, 2018
Apex Masonic Lodge
408 E Williams Street
Apex NC 27539

Members Present

DCM	Brooks
Alt. DCM	Sue
Registrar	Natalie
Treasurer	Glenn
Secretary	Carol
Web Master Co-Chairs	Robert H and Rob S

Groups:

Apex	Micki W		Living Now	
Arch to Freedom	Bill B, Tommy H		Log Cabin	Debby V
Basics for Beginners	Casey T		Maynard Road Group	
Be Still Morning Meditation	Michael A		Morning Meditation	
Cary Twelve Step			New Freedom Group	Susan R
Cary Young People	Laura V		No Reservations	Michelle H
Change Agents	Jeanine P		One Chapter at a Time	Sandy W
Experience Strength and Hope			One Day at a Time	
First 164	Nathan N		One Noon at a Time	
Fuquay-Varina	Mary Ann A		Paths to Serenity	
Garner Big Book	Alan G		Promises of a New Beginning	
Gateway	Deb D		Sunday Morning Spirituality Group	Jim C, Nancy W
Green Level			The James Club	
Greenwood Forest	Daniel C, Liz B		There is a Solution	Hal H
Holly Springs	Randy K		West Cary Noon	Steve P
Lakeside	Leonard H		Willow Springs 12 Step	Mike J
Last Call	Emily V		Women's Path to Serenity	Susan H, Laura D, Theresa M
Let Go, Let God	Anne D			

Visitors

Roger G, Nicky

Call to Order

730 pm - Brooks opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Readings

Long form of Tradition 3 – Read by Susan:

Our membership ought to include all who suffer from alcoholism. Hence, we may refuse none who wish to recover. Nor ought A.A. membership ever depend upon money or conformity. Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an A.A. group, provided that, as a group, they have no other affiliation.

District Purpose – Read by Emily:

The primary purpose of our District Committee is two-fold:

- To fulfill Tradition 5, “Each group has but one primary purpose – to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers”, by supporting all the groups within our district.
- To carry the voice of AA from the groups in our district to the AA General Service Conference and Area 51 Assembly by meeting regularly to discuss Conference and Assembly business as well as attending, participating in and voting at, Area Assemblies per our responsibility as stated in Concept 1: “The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for AA world Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship.”

Introductions

Welcome new GSRs and Alt GSRs:

Sandy W., GSR for One Chapter at A Time
Susan H., GSR for Women’s Path to Serenity
Laura D., ALT GSR for Women’s Path to Serenity
Nancy W., ALT GSR for Sunday Morning Spirituality
Janine P., ALT GSR for Change Agents

AA Anniversaries:

Jim C., Sunday Morning Spirituality Group - 36 years

Concept 3 and a Joke

Concept 3– Sue read Bill W’s words from Page 13 of the AA World Services Book: “The right AA solution for this problem is to be found, however, in the latter part of Tradition Two, which provides for ‘trusted servants’. This really means that we ought to

trust our responsible leaders to decide, within the understood framework of their duties, how they will interpret and apply their own authority and responsibility to each particular problem or situation as it arises. This sort of leadership discretion should be the essence of 'The Right of Decision' and I am certain that we need not have the slightest fear of granting this indispensable privilege at nearly every level of world service." Then Sue stated: "As GSRs you are entrusted with the responsibility to vote on your groups behalf here at District 34 meetings and at Area 51 Assemblies. If some new information comes up at D34 or Assembly meetings, you can change your mind and vote what you feel is in the best interest of AA and your group.

Joke: punchline: The Parrot Kid (you had to be there)

<Jim - Concept 4 and a Joke >

Secretary Report

February 2018 GSR Minutes

Motion to approve minutes made by Sue, seconded by Natalie, passed unanimously

Treasurer Report

Reviewed February 2018 Treasurer's Report

\$ 453.00 in income

\$2569.87 total at the moment

Motion to approve made by Deb, seconded by Tommy, passed unanimously

[If your group has not contributed to District, it is encouraged to support the 7th tradition. The mailing address for group contributions to District 34 is:

PO Box 271

Cary NC 27512]

District surplus:

Glenn reviewed the following information which had been sent to GSRs for review prior to tonight's meeting:

Surplus Policy:

At the end of the DCM's term the GSR's will be made aware of any general fund surplus as of Dec 31st of the previous year. All home groups will be invited to submit requests and suggestions for the use of the funds toward fulfilling our primary purpose in District 34. These suggestions will be submitted for approval at subsequent district meetings.

In keeping with the seventh tradition all money without a designated purpose by the end of March will be forwarded to the Tri-County Intergroup and the AA General Service Office in NY in equal (50%/50%) portions.

Surplus Policy *(continued)*

Data

- The last District 34 Surplus Distributions were made in August of 2016 in the amounts of \$800 each to GSO and Intergroup.
- On 12/31/2017, the District had a cash balance on hand of \$1913.44 above our (then) \$900 prudent reserve.
- We have approved expenses of \$5492.00 for 2018, of which \$1131.16 have been paid and \$4360.84 remain.
- Based on 2017 income received, a reasonable (and optimistic) projection for expected income for the remainder of 2018 is an additional \$3000.
- Math: \$4360.84 (2018 expenses remaining) - \$3000 (2018 expected income) = \$1360.84 shortfall.
- More Math: \$1913.44 12/31/17 surplus minus anticipated \$1360.84 shortfall = \$552.60
 - We already designated \$600 above our 2018 budget to satisfy our back rent to the Masonic Lodge.

After the presentation of the above policy, GSRs made the following suggestions in tonight's meeting: hold a Speaker gathering, a second workshop or create a scholarship fund for groups that cannot afford for their GSR to stay at hotel during Area 51 Spring or Fall Assemblies.

ACTION ITEM: GSRs should take the above information back to your home groups and bring your group's input back to the April D34 meeting. Does your group want to keep the surplus (of approx. \$552.60) in the District and, if so, how do they want it to be used? Or does your group prefer that District 34 split the surplus 50/50 between Intergroup and GSO?

Registrar Report

If you are a new GSR or Alternate GSR or if you are changing positions, please let Natalie know before you leave so that she can update your new information. Once she updates your information, you will receive your GSR packet from the General Service Office in New York.

Also, please let Natalie know if there are any new meetings or other changes to your home group information.

Alt DCM Report

- GSR School – four attendees in February; they went through the pamphlet “GSR may be the most important job”.
- Next GSR School – April 15, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. Please let Sue know if you are planning to attend or if you’d like to see a different topic

DCM Report

- **Committee Meeting-Mock Conference (Report and Charter/International and Regional conventions), Site Investigation Committee**

Sue and Brooks went to committee meeting in Greensboro and did a mock conference. Brooks chaired her break-out meeting and Sue acted as secretary. 6 different groups presented information that their groups had come up with at the mock conference.

- **March 24 Eastern Pre-conference**, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., BBQ will be served. The location of the pre-conference is:
Westminster Church
301 E. Whitaker Mill Road
Raleigh, NC

ACTION ITEM: A flyer was distributed to D34 GSRs with 4 things listed on the back about the preconference. When announcing the pre-conference at home groups or other meetings, GSRs should mention a couple of the following items to raise interest:

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If you are unable to attend the March 24th Pre-conference, there are two other Pre-conferences you can attend. Please see the list of Area 51 events on the last page of these minutes for information on the Central and Western Pre-conferences.

Questions: Someone asked if other items will be discussed. Yes, they will. Sue will send out the top topics today.

Website Committee Report

<http://d34a51.com>

Rob S.: sent invitations to the District 34 mailing list for you to set up a log-in with password for the District 34 website. Once you set that up, you will have the ability to edit the website so that you can upload flyers and enter password-protected homegroup information. He also plans to set up a YOUTUBE video, so you will know how to edit the website.

Questions: Some attendees at tonight's meeting said they did not receive his invitation. He will resend it to everyone.

Robert H.: made corrections to the site this month and did his first post.

Old Business

none

New Business

- **Form the District 34 workshop committee:** (Liz, Sue and Michelle volunteered to be on the committee)
- **Alcothon-budget, food distribution**
 - For food distribution: We need to define the role of the Alcothon volunteer-coordinator. After discussion, it was determined that the volunteer-coordinator will coordinate when the food will be brought, who will heat the food and the distribution of the food at intervals throughout the Alcothon. Brooks also stated that we will add a food slot to the Alcothon time slots, so someone can sign up for it during the Gratitude Dinner in November 2018. There will be a coordinator and others to help implement the above.
 - No one brought up the budget

- **Inventory Action Plan**

Carol presented the following:

The District 34 steering committee met on January 24, 2018 to go over the needs for improvement that came from the 2017 District 34 Group inventory. The steering committee also suggested the following ways to address those needs:

1. Improve attendance at District 34 GSR meetings

Implementation: There is already good attendance at District 34 GSRs meetings but a few of the groups in our district do not send GSRs to the meetings. To try to remedy this:

- Brooks will go to groups which have not been represented at District Meetings and during announcements invite them to come to the meetings and let them know we are available to serve them. The announcement will include an overview of what we do, the fact that anyone can attend, and the website address. She may invite others to go with her.
- Brooks and other members of steering committee will attend a business meeting of the absent groups and offer to be of service

2. To better carry District 34's message and, therefore, encourage participation in service

Implementation: ACTION ITEM: GSRs should invite your sponsees and friends to come to the GSR meetings and other District events. (Our experience shows that it is better to do this one-on-one, rather than announcing at your group.)

3. Promote District 34 unity:

Implementation:

- At District 34 meetings, as Brooks asks for announcements of home group events, she will encourage all AA members present to attend the anniversaries of district groups. She may even suggest carpooling to such events.
- Have more events/workshops/activities. We already have the following additional items planned:
 - We are hosting pre-conference this year
 - Glenn will talk about where money and spirituality meet
 - Sue will be giving a presentation on how to inform your home groups about the District 34 GSR Meeting
 - Our first District 34 workshop for 2018 will be on Service Sponsorship

- Brooks will ask our Intergroup office to add the Service Manual study to the AA Meeting List.
 - Rob will create a GSR School flyer for distribution to District 34
 - Make events/workshops/activities more visible to groups in the district:
 - Carol will add a cover sheet when she sends out District 34 GSR minutes which:
 - Adds upcoming anniversaries and events (the cover sheet will also include action items which came from the minutes)
 - Robert will send flyers to District 34 1 week prior to event such as group anniversary
4. **Protect the anonymity of District 34 GSRs, Alt GSRs and steering committee:**
- Implementation:** The steering committee members will use the bcc line in emails to protect members' anonymity
5. **Keep our meeting place clean (to leave it better than we found it):**
- Implementation:** Brooks will ask for volunteers at each meeting to clean up our meeting place. This will be a more thorough cleaning than we have been doing. (sweep, mop, etc.)
6. **To improve communications from District to GSRs:**
- Implementation:** Carol will put long form of the current month tradition and our District 34 purpose statement in each set of meeting minutes. Brooks will ask that GSRs always bring their Service Manual to District meetings
7. **Is District 34 self-supporting?**
- Per Glenn, we are not meeting our budget. We are fully self-supporting, but we are currently outspending our income.

- **Secretary election in May - Carol is stepping down in June because she is moving out of District 34. ACTION ITEM FOR GSRs: An election for new District 34 Secretary will be held in May. Please consider standing for secretary yourself or announce the opening at your home group so that we can get this position filled.**

History Fact

Robert H presented information about the history of the circle and triangle: The foundation (bottom) of the triangle is recovery (12 steps-mental); the left side is unity which can be found in fellowship with other AAs (12 traditions-physical), right side is service which can be found carrying the message and contributing inside and outside of

AA (12 concepts-spiritual). The information was taken from the Barefoot Bill (note: non-conference approved)

<April History Fact – Michelle >

Home Group Announcements

Greenwood Forest 40th Anniversary - March 18, 2018

Food at 1:30 p.m., Speaker at 3:00 p.m. (Daniel C. from Cary, NC)
Triangle Alano Club
177 High House Rd.
Cary, NC

Change Agents 3rd Anniversary - April 15, 2018

Food at 6:00 p.m.; Speaker at 7:30 p.m. (Max H. from Richmond, VA)
Westover United Methodist Church
300 Powell Drive
Raleigh, NC

Garner Big Book 34th Anniversary – April 14, 2018

Food at 6:30 p.m.; Speaker at 8:00 p.m. (Natalie E.)

7th Tradition Basket

Basket was passed - \$63.00 collected

End of the Meeting

Adjourned at 8:45 p.m.
Closed with The Responsibility Pledge

Reminder: Next meeting: April 10, 2018 @ Apex Masonic Lodge
6:30p – Service Manual Study
7:30p – District meeting

Addendum – Helpful Mailing Addresses and Websites

Emails

DCM	d34dcm@gmail.com
Alt-DCM	d34dcma@gmail.com
Treasurer	d34treasurer@gmail.com
Secretary	d34secretary@gmail.com
Registrar	d34registrar@gmail.com

Website

<http://www.raleighaa.com/district.php>

<http://d34a51.com>

<http://aanorthcarolina.org>

User: 34

Password: notglumlot

Mailing Addresses

Area 51 Treasurer

NC-CSG Treasurer

PO Box 657

Wilmington NC 28402

Area 51 Registrar

NCSSC – Registrar

PO Box 61991

Durham NC 27715

Area 51 Archivist

Archivist

PO Box 3794

Cary NC 27519

GSO

AA World Services, Inc.

PO Box 459

Grand Central Station

New York, NY 10163

(919) 870-3400

<http://www.aa.org>

D34 Contributions

PO Box 271

Cary NC 27512

Schedule of upcoming Area 51 events

Held at the Hilton North Raleigh Midtown, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh NC (unless otherwise noted)

2018	
2018 Central Pre-Conference	March 17, 2018, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM Held at: Westminster Presbyterian Church 3906 West Friendly Ave Greensboro, NC 27410
2018 Eastern Pre-Conference	March 24, 2018, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM Held at: Westminster Church 301 E. Whitaker Mill Road Raleigh, NC
2018 Western Pre-Conference	April 7, 2018, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM Held at: First Baptist Church / Fellowship Hall 312 Fifth Ave. West Hendersonville, NC 29739
Spring 2018 Committee Meeting	June 15, 2018
Spring Assembly	June 16-17, 2018
71 st North Carolina State Convention	July 19-22, 2018
Summer 2018 Committee Meeting	August 25-26, 2018 Held at: Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons 3121 West Gate City Boulevard Greensboro, NC 27407
Fall 2018 Committee Meeting	November 2, 2018
Fall 2018 Election Assembly	November 3-4 2018