

# **AA DISTRICT 28 P.O. BOX 914 BEVERLY HILLS, FL. 34464-0914**

## **DISTRICT MEETING Oct 30, 2005 ATTENDANCE**

### **Officers :**

Marilyn B	DCM
Jim K	Alt DCM, Mens Correction Chair
John R	Treasurer
Don G	Secretary

### **Committee Chairs:**

Janet B	CPC,PI,
Beverly H	Literature
Frank S	Intergroup Liaison
Kevin B	Where and When

### **GSRs - Alt GSR's**

Warren S	GSR-Early Birds
Janet B	GSR-Attitude Adjustment Group
Mary D	GSR -Keep in Step Group
Martha G	GSR-Citrus Springs Group
Steve H	Alt GSR-Attitude Adjustment Group
Frank S	GSR - Floral City Group
Andy K	GSR - Last Chance Group
Beverly H	GSR - Inverness Friday Night
Sandy H	GSR - Crystal River
Danny S	Alt GSR -Monday Night Men's
Jim K	Alt GSR - Last Chance Group
Don G	GSR - Holder Way of Life
John R	Alt GSR - Wednesday Step Group
Pam T	Alt GSR - Women's New Beginnings
Gayle W	GSR - Women's Friendship Group
Gail	Alt GST - CATS Group

### **Visitors:**

Gail N	CATS
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The meeting was opened by DCM Marilyn B., with the Serenity Prayer and the Declaration of Unity

**Secretary's Report - DON G:** Roll Call. Please update your phone numbers on the sign in sheet so that we can keep them updated

**Treasurer's Report -JOHN R:** Report accepted. See attached report.

**Alt DCM Report-Jim K-** This report is related to the business conducted in the Correctional Workshop at the area assembly. Subject: Our Singleness of Purpose - What is it and how is it different than our primary purpose. I wasn't sure. The statements that follow are taken from the final Report of the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the General Service Conference on Our Singleness of Purpose, "The Cornerstone of AA". They describe cornerstone as a basic element. Singleness of Purpose is the basic element that is the foundation of everything we do. Our Primary Purpose is to stay sober and to help other alcoholics achieve sobriety. Or, put another way, our Primary Purpose is to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. It is an action goal for each of us. It is our responsibility, it is what we do and it involves spirituality and love. Our Singleness of Purpose is an

essential message of AA. The message is how to stay sober and how to recover from alcoholism. It is about the solution to the problem and how we deal with alcoholism to help others, ourselves and groups achieve sobriety. Bill W. often said that one of AA's greatest strengths is its single-minded focus on one thing and one thing only. By limiting our Primary Purpose to carrying the message to alcoholics and avoiding all other activities AA is able to do one thing supremely well. The atmosphere of identification is preserved by that purity of focus and alcoholics get help.

**Grapevine-Sherri L-** Spoke with DCM and excepted this position during the month

**Corrections - Beverly P & Kathy G (Women's):** Meetings were taken to the Women's Correctional Facility this month and everything is going well.. **(Men's) Jim K-** Two meeting were taken to the Citrus County Jail this month. Books were distributed along with assorted AA pamphlets. Two committee members had to step down from this commitment due to personal reasons. Best wishes and thanks go to Tom and Pete for their time and service. Two others have stepped up and are currently being processed at this time. During the past month I attended the area assembly and while there I participated in the Area Correctional Meeting. Chairperson Chaze H. suggested we talk on singleness of purpose. As usual there were many different opinions on this subject. As District Chair I shared that in Citrus County we use the Preamble of AA as a guide as suggested by GSC. As a representative of AA and the GSC I feel a responsibility to follow their direction. Our Correctional Facilities Workbook states Singleness of Purpose is central to the survival of AA. Inmates faced with no programs other than alcohol find their way to AA meetings. AA's not wishing to exclude such individuals from meetings can do so only with firm understandings of AA's Singleness of Purpose. I explain to inmates that it is OK to share that they had problems with drugs but they should not dwell on them and to share their alcohol related problems. Every meeting has a different flow or mood and one should use common sense, tolerance, and compassion. Remember the Promise--If we are working our program we will intuitively know how to handle situations that used to baffle us.

**Literature: Bev H:** Highlights from the Area Assembly Literature Workshop. Michael Scott, Area 14 Delegate, explained what went on in the Literature Committee at the spring General Service Conference in New York. He discussed the fact that the comic books, "Whatever Happened to Joe & Whatever Happened to Alice" were being revised. There were 8 delegates who took the comic, frame by frame and worked at changing little things to update them, such as clothing styles and hair, etc, so that newcomers could relate to them today. Daily Reflections is being translated. They preview, review and help translate it and it comes to the Conference in draft form. Literature pamphlets are divided into 4 categories: 1-Recovery 2-Service 3-Unity 4-Professional. Pamphlets with a banner are literature for newcomers. Pamphlets with "steps and a rectangle are for service. Pamphlets with steps without a rectangle are for Unity. Other pamphlets are for professionals such as Doctors, Treatment Facilities, etc.

**Treatment - Melissa C :** - Still waiting for the turnover at all the facilities.

**Public Information - Janet B:-CPC - Janet B:** Visited Bay Care and Driver Education Offices and dropped off Where & When's. Steve H has taken over the Courthouse and Court Alternatives Program and leaves info at these sites. Attended a meeting of the Hunger and Homeless Coalition of Citrus County Inc and we will be having a table at their annual outreach on Nov 19. Other service providers and support groups will also be present. It will be held on the grounds of DCF from 10 -3. Attended area workshops for CPC & PI at the Area Assembly. I came away very impressed also got a few ideas for PI. Discover Magazine came out today and we are listed in it under support groups.

**Intergroup - Frank S** Still a few tickets left for the Gratitude Dinner Nov 20. Website has been renewed for another year. 143 calls for Hotline past month.

**Old Business-**

Workshop on Sponsorship will be held on Nov 5 at 9:30 AM at Lutheran Church in Inverness. See Flyer for more info. Also Michael S will be attending to give the Delegates Report to us.

The Growth committee rejected both proposals submitted by the State-Convention ad-hoc committee. The Area Chair, Tom H., appointed a new ad-hoc committee with instructions to disregard the statement "N.F. will be 100% responsible for the state convention when it falls within Area 14 geographical boundaries".

The item about DCM's voting at the assemblies never got to the floor as it never came out of the growth committee.

The Web Chair and Committee at the Area level were approved.

The new Where & When's are going to press as soon as their computer problems are resolved.

### **New Business**

The DCM & GSR's discussed how service on the District level is just another way of "carrying the message". The group discussed how to dispel the notion that District service is "politics". Good suggestions were offered.

### **DCM Report-**

I was pleased that District 28 had 4 chairs, 3 Officers and 10 voting members in attendance at the Area 14 Assembly in October. Per-capita District 28 was one of the best represented. A reminder that we will be one of the host Districts for the January Assembly. Volunteers are needed please call 637-9643.

Registration Forms are now available for the 50<sup>th</sup> State Convention.

The DCM asked GSR's too take 2 questions back to their groups. Two questions.

- (a) What are we doing well
- (b) What do we need improvement in or what should we start in the District. We will discuss the group's responses at the November District Meeting.

A question was raised about meetings for persons that are hearing impaired. One thing that was suggested is that the group sits in a circle so that the person may read the lips of the people sharing. As far as a translator we believe that the cost may be unreasonable.

If your group would like to hear from the DCM she is available to attend your business meetings if invited.

We still have East-West Directories available if you want one.

## **Next District Business Meeting: Nov27, 2005**

**Future Area Assemblies:** Phone # is ( 352 ) 377-4000. There is a cut-off for registration at the hotel. Make your reservations early. Jan 6-8 2006, April7-9, 2006, July 14-16, 2006, Oct 13-15, 2006.

### **Contribution to District 28**

**Make Checks Payable to District 28**

**Acknowledgements are the treasurer's report**

### **District 28**

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