

AA DISTRICT 28 P.O. BOX 640914 BEVERLY HILLS, FL. 34464-0914

DISTRICT MEETING February 24, 2008

ATTENDANCE & MINUTES

Officers:

Jim K	DCM
John R	Alt DCM
Beverly H	Treasurer
Tami E	Secretary

Committee Chairs:

Ed H	Men's Correction Chair
Janet B	CPC (cooperation with professional community)/PI (public information) Chair
Toni T	Intergroup Liaison
John O	Treatment Chair
Rob P	Alt Treatment Chair

GSRs - Alt GSRs:

Paula D	GSR – Attitude Adjustment Group
Rob P	GSR – Back to Basics
Julie P	Alt GSR – Brightspot Group
Shirley M	GSR – Crystal River Big Book
Sandy H	GSR – Crystal River Group
Dennis K	GSR – Dunnellon New Beginnings Big Book
Bill K	Alt GSR – Hernando Men's Group & It's In The Book Group
Dave K	GSR – High Noon Group
Mike W	Alt GSR – Holder Way of Life
Beverly H	GSR – Inverness Friday Night
Sandra E	GSR – Keep in Step Group
Scotty E	GSR – Last Chance Group
Chris W	GSR – Monday Night Men's Step
Julie P	GSR – Nightcap Group
Ed P	GSR – No Name Group
Sue Ann A	GSR – Rainbow Group
Walt W	GSR – Recovery by the Fire Group
Bill A	Alt GSR – Resentment Group
Nanci R	GSR – Women to Women
Char S	GSR – Women's Friendship Group
Joan B	GSR – Women's New Beginnings
Bill C	GSR – Won Rebos
Steve H	Temporary Rep – Yulee Absolute Group

Visitors:

Rick T	Monday Night Men's Group
Marilyn B	Women to Women/NFAC Treasurer
John B	Crystal River

The meeting was opened by DCM Jim K, with the Serenity Prayer and the Declaration of Unity.

Secretary's Report – Tami E: Roll call.

January minutes corrections:

- 1) Treatment Report - * Baycare, Inverness.....outpatient treatment facility.... literature/meeting lists stocked. * Therapeutic Health Endeavors, Inverness.....outpatient treatment facility.... literature/meeting lists stocked. * The Centers, Lecanto.....outpatient treatment facility dropped off literature/meeting lists and the video "hope."
All facilitators/counselors are aware that AA is available to come into the facilities. As of now, "the message" is being carried through literature.
- 2) Pauline was listed as Women's Friendship Group GSR. She is not. She was present as Intergroup Rep for that group. Char S is still Women's Friendship Group GSR.
For corrections to minutes, please telephone, e-mail or bring them to me at the following month's district meeting. I have group change forms for any new GSRs, Alternate GSRs, or group changes that need to be made.

Treasurer's Report – presented by Beverly H: Report accepted. See attached report.

Women's Corrections Report – Kathy G: 2 meetings brought to jail in February. All went well. Anyone interested in volunteering for corrections meetings, please call Kathy G at 860-2875.

Men's Correction Report – Ed H: Two men's meetings were held at the Citrus County Corrections since last district meeting in January, 2008. Both were successful with active participation on the part of both the inmates and the volunteers. The committee has a current total of six volunteers with two applications pending. Participation on the part of CCA Human Resources has increased significantly regarding the expediting of applications and our relationship with the Corrections authorities is good. The literature and books are moving well.

Jim F, NFCAA Chair, has notified me that he has been in contact with key personnel in the Citrus County Corrections relating to our recent cancellation problems and the communication gap between District 28 and CCA. We have been informed that a plan is being implemented for the Corrections Chaplain to be the Liaison for all of the volunteer programs at the institution. Any communication problem should vanish when that becomes a reality. Time will tell.
All is going well at this moment in time.

Treatment – John O: Baycare (outpatient treatment facility/Inverness) – Baycare has moved to Hwy 41, across from DCF. Spoke to Don Jackson, restocked the literature rack and meeting lists. I let him know a little bit about AA treatment and left my phone number and some business cards.
Therapeutic Health Endeavors (outpatient treatment facility/Inverness) – rack is stocked with literature and meeting lists. Mark has my number.
The Centers (outpatient treatment facility/Lecanto) – dropped off literature and meeting schedules. Left message with the director.

I was informed that a case of Big Books, 12 and 12's and Living Sober was donated to Marion-Citrus Centers at a cost of \$342.38.

Received a call concerning Bridging The Gap and that seems to be working well.

Intergroup – Toni T:

Discussion of venue for picnic & gratitude dinner and chair people. Willie will bring back info at March meeting.

Hotline Report: total calls–86; AA–75; NA–2; AlAnon–6; ride–1; wet–1

Thanked Women's New Beginnings for volunteering to carry hotline in February.

Heart of Hope Dance went very well. All had a good time.

Made arrangements to look into boosting sales & raising profits for Intergroup office. Will be running specials monthly to reduce overage in inventory.

Holder Way of Life Group - Anniversary Celebration: 3/15/2008, Whispering Pines Park, 11am-2pm, eat 12-1, speaking 1-2

Intergroup office phone number is 352-344-0290.

CPC/Public Info – Janet B: I made a trip to the old/new C.C. Sheriff's Station in Crystal River. The staff, as always, was very welcoming. The AA meeting schedules have now been placed on a small table in the very small lobby. They used to be behind the counter. I purchased a leaflet holder to keep them in and will bring it over.

The new Holiday Inn Express on Rt. 44 has meeting schedules and business cards. The manager was very helpful. They do not have a rack up yet – perhaps if & when, we can have a bit of space in it.

Made the usual rounds with schedules. At the County Courthouse I met with Stephanie, the director of the Court Alternatives Program. She was glad to have info on our office/bookstore. She directed me to Deborah Scott's office. Ms. Scott is the director for the Drug Coalition of Citrus County. She was not in, but I left info on her desk.

Carol Hamilton, realtor, whose office is beside the lobby on the 3rd floor of our office building, invited us to share her shelf space. I bought a leaflet holder and placed it there with schedules, Intergroup flyer and office info. Many thanks to Carol.

The Holder Way of Life Group has donated Big Books to the health fair on May 24th at the C.R. Baptist Church. This fair is for veterans and the homeless and we make certain that everything on the AA table is for free. Thank you so much for your donation.

On March 18th, John O and I will be at the Drug Coalition booth at the Citrus County Fair from 2-6 handing out AA literature aimed at our youth. Please stop by and say hi.



Old Business: Insurance – in August 2007, District 28 received a letter from the Department of Community Services, Division of Parks and Recreation. The letter stated effective October 1, 2007 all community building users will be required to provide their own insurance. The minimum requirement for non-profit tax-exempt organizations is \$300,000 general liability insurance. This proposal was voted down in September by the Board of County Commissioners. It reappeared on the County's agenda this month and again it was voted down. One

of the reasons this proposal was voted down again is that we have submitted no claims to the County. It looks as if we have received another “stay of execution.”

New Business:

- Fred H., Area 14 delegate, will be giving a delegate report; scheduled for June 29th at 5pm Sunday evening followed by District meeting. Followed by refreshments served after delegates' report.
- **Motion passed:** District will buy copies of BOX 459 for any GSRs not receiving their bi-monthly packets from GSR. 6 issues a year for \$6.00.
- Group Change Forms/New Groups - if you are a new GSR and need a new GSR packet, please notify Jim K

DCM Report – Jim K:

- ◆ Our three legacies of AA are recovery, unity and service.
- ◆ We have Twelve Steps based on spiritual principles for recovery. We have Twelve Traditions based on spiritual principles to maintain our unity. And last, but not least, in 1962, Bill W put on paper twelve related principles to help ensure that various elements of AA’s service structure remain responsive and responsible to those they serve. What a concept that was. Hence, what are these twelve principles named. The Twelve Concepts.
- ◆ Concept One: Final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship.

At the group level, the GSR gets authority from his group to vote for them at District and Area level, but in turn the GSR is responsible to them for voting their group conscience. At the area, our DCM and GSRs vote our group conscience again to inform our delegate how we feel on items of importance, so he can vote our area conscience at the General Service Conference in Manhattan once a year.

- ◆ Concept Two: The General Service Conference of AA has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs. With millions of members in the fellowship how does anything get done? The answer, “delegation.”

Bill and Dr. Bob delegated to their non-alcoholic friends (known as trustees) responsibility for overseeing our finances, the Big Book, literature, public info, the Service Office, and the AA Grapevine.

However, the trustees were constantly looking to the co-founders for advice and guidance and the groups also continued to hold them accountable.

It was evident that the leadership should be transferred to the AA groups as a whole. But if the groups were to carry on their primary purpose they would have to delegate their leadership role to a General Service Conference. They do this by electing a General Service Representative for each group.

This material was taken from: “Big Book, the Twelve Concepts-short form,” The AA Service Manual, Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, The Twelve Concepts for World Service – illustrated.

Meeting closed with Lord’s Prayer.

Future Area Assemblies: April 4-6, 2008. July 11-13, 2008. October 3-5, 2008. There is a 30-day cut-off for registration at the hotel. Make your reservations early.

ATTENTION: Make your room reservations for the upcoming Assembly. The dates are April 4-6, 2008. Paramount Hotel, Gainesville 352-377-4000. If you are a GSR without group funds call Jimmy K., DCM, 746-3115. Two District Rooms are available on a first come first served basis.

Next District Business Meeting: March 30, 2007 6:00pm

**Contributions to District 28:
Make Checks Payable to District 28
Acknowledgements are the treasurer's report**

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Beverly Hills FL 34464-0914**

**Contributions to Area 14:
Make checks payable to NFACAA
6035 E Tudor St
Inverness FL 34452**

**NFAC
Attn: Marilyn B**

**Contributions to General Service:
Make checks payable to General Service Board**

**General Service Board
P.O. Box 459
Grand Central Station N.Y.
10164-0371**

**Contributions to Intergroup:
Make checks payable to Nature Coast Intergroup
Inverness FL 34450**

**Nature Coast Intergroup
111 W Main Street - Suite 308**

Please see that all contribution checks include: Area Number, District Number, Group Name & Group Number. *Sample Number from GSO 14-28-654321*