

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

DISTRICT MEETING April 27, 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
Beverly G	Alt Women's Correction Chair
Janet B	CPC/PI Chair
John O	Treatment Chair/Alt CPC Chair
Paula D	(representing) Intergroup Liaison
Greg H	Literature Chair
John R	Where & When Chair

GSRs - Alt GSRs:

Gordon B (new)	GSR – ABC Group
Paula D	GSR – Attitude Adjustment Group
Janet B	Alt GSR – Attitude Adjustment Group
Dennis K	GSR – Dunnellon New Beginnings Big Book
Cynthia P (new)	GSR – Floral City Group
Bill K	Temp Alt GSR – Hernando Men's Group & It's In The Book Group
Dave K	GSR – High Noon Group
Pat H	GSR – Holder Way of Life
Beverly H	GSR – Inverness Friday Night
Greg H	GSR – Inverness Wednesday Night
Ruth M	Alt GSR – Keep in Step Group
Scotty E	GSR – Last Chance Group
Ed P	GSR – No Name Group
Rafael T (new)	Alt GSR – No Name Group
Sue Ann	GSR – Rainbow Group
Sherrie L	GSR – Sober Sand Gnats
Nanci R	GSR – Women to Women
Char S	GSR – Women's Friendship Group
Hans N	Temp Alt GSR – Won Rebos

Visitors:

Don G	Holder Way of Life
Neil S	Last Chance Group
Marilyn B	Women to Women/NFAC Treasurer

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

Secretary's Report – Tami E: Roll call. March minutes accepted. 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 – Beverly G: A meeting of the "A New Beginning – One Day at a Time" group was held on April 2nd. The April 16th meeting was cancelled by the CCA. Since only one corrections officer is assigned to our meetings, we do not have any control over circumstances that may deem it necessary to cancel a meeting.

If you have extra issues of the Grapevine or other AA approved literature and wish to donate to the women's group, please arrange to give your items to one of the volunteers. We also are in need of DVD's, videos, cassettes and CD's that are AA related.

We continue to ask for volunteers who would like to carry the AA message to these women. If you have already filed out an application and have not received your badge, please call Beverly at 352/860-2422 (after May 30th) or Kathy at 352/860-2875. We also continue to encourage the women who are released to have an exit plan and to attend an AA meeting as soon as possible. If you can give a ride to one of these women or seek them out at a meeting, they would appreciate your willingness to extend your hand. The Hot Line has a list of numbers on file for calls for rides. If you are interested, please contact the Hot Line chairperson.

CCA Volunteer Procedures

1. Arrive 30 minutes prior to the meeting start time
2. Leave everything in your car except what you need to conduct the meeting
3. Remember your badge and driver's license
4. You must enter through the front entrance
5. Everyone is subject to be searched

Do's

- Arrive on time
- Notify corrections' chairs if you cannot make your meeting
- Try to arrange for you substitute
- Bring your badge and license
- Dress appropriately – no shorts, hats, scarves, sleeveless shirts or short dresses
- Remember you are a guest in this facility and it is important to follow directions given by staff
- Avoid becoming emotionally involved with inmates
- Say no when asked to send verbal or written messages to other inmates or family members
- Stay with your group at all times
- Treat the inmates with respect – you are not to judge why they are in this facility
- Remember you are carrying the message of AA

Do Not's

- Bring anything out that you did not bring in
- Bring money, gum, cigarettes, pictures, books, pocket knives, finger nail files or anything else without administration's approval
- Give anything to an inmate without prior approval (AA literature is acceptable)

- Argue with correctional personnel
- Discuss problems concerning the prison system
- Make promises you cannot keep, send money or gifts through the mail
- Give out personal information about yourself; phone, address, etc
- Volunteer if you are on an inmate's visitation list
- Touch, shake hands of hug unnecessarily

Men's Correction Report – Ed H: Two new committee members have been approved, bringing the Men's Corrections Committee membership to nine volunteers.

There was one Men's Corrections meeting in April. The April 9th meeting was cancelled by Citrus County Corrections due to illness. The meeting on April 23rd was attended by four volunteers including one of the two new volunteers who shared his experience, strength, and hope. The responses by all those who attended was very good and the books and literature moved well.

The Area 14 Assembly was held on April 5, 2008. At the Corrections workshop a discussion was held as to whether there should be any considerations put forth to the 2008 Conference Committee on Corrections to change/add to the Corrections workbooks and kits used in carrying the AA message. It was decided to leave the workbooks and kits the way they are.

It was noted by the chair that the NFCC is working with County Jails to establish an "Open Door" procedure to help solve the various problems, such as cancellations, and slow approvals of volunteer applications, etc. many District Committees have been having.

Our relationship with Citrus County Corrections is improving daily. I have been talking to both Steven A., from the CCA HR Dept, and the Corrections Chaplain regarding weekly meetings and substitute personnel to avoid cancellations. Both the CCA Liaison and the Chaplain agree these two situations should be resolved. Our DVD on AA in Corrections was mentioned to the HR liaison and one was given to the Chaplain. Two areas seem to be in the works. First, there is movement in the part of CCA to make modifications to accommodate our request to have weekly AA meetings for both the men and women's groups. Hopefully we should see positive changes in a month or so. Second, I received a call from the HR Liaison and was told the Chaplain was not going to be our contact with CCA. Corrections has another in mind who, according to the HR liaison, is very interested and enthusiastic in helping us carry the AA message. I was told that when that person is installed, we will be notified and a meeting will be set up and to bring the DVD on "AA in Corrections Facilities." Things are looking good. Time will tell...

I would like to add that there is an excellent write up in Box 459, February/March 2008 Issue on Corrections. The heading is "Communications in North Florida Opens a Lot of Doors." It is worth reading. Our effort is paying off.

Treatment – John O: Baycare – Bill K volunteered to stock Where & Whens and pamphlets. I spoke to Nancy and let her know that AA is available to bring in meetings whenever they would like.

Therapeutic Health Endeavors – Where & Whens and pamphlets restocked. They will let me know when they would like a speaker to come in.

The Centers – Dropped off meeting lists and some pamphlets. They did get the funding to start breaking ground on an inpatient treatment facility; approximately 15 beds for adolescents.

Marilyn reports Jay B and residents of treatment center extend heartfelt thanks to District 28 for literature that was received.

Intergroup – presented by Paula D:

The Hotline had 74 calls in April; 70 for AA, 2 for NA and 2 for Alanon.

Our Inventory and Sales committee reported that the NCI office is willing to deliver items to our monthly meetings, when notified, the Wednesday before the meeting.

The Monthly Package Special for May will be the "AA on the Road Package" which consists of a Pocket Big Book, Pocket 12 & 12, 24 Hour Book, Travel Mug, Bumper Sticker, and Car/Motor Cycle Plate Cover for \$37. Due to the increase in activities that will be going on for the next couple of months, we will be adding an "activities calendar" to the Newsletter. It will be an insert in the journal and have a calendar of events on one side and detailed information about the event on the other, so it can hang and have it handy as a quick reference to the activities.

Our Entertainment Committee is planning a celebration for District's 20th anniversary and Intergroup's 10th anniversary.

The contract was signed for the new NCI office and we will be moving the 1st of June to Room 305 in the same building. We look forward to seeing you there!

Intergroup will be asking the groups for permission to increase the price of conference approved literature. The NCI reps have been asked to discuss this at their group business meetings. NCI will be addressing this under new business at the May meeting.

Intergroup office phone number is 352-344-0290.

Literature – Greg H: 2 pamphlets going up to the General Service Conference for vote.

- 1) Pamphlet titled "44 Questions" be changed to "FAQ" subtitled "Frequently Asked Questions About AA."
- 2) Bring back the pamphlet titled "Letter to the Woman Alcoholic."

CPC/Public Info – Janet B: The usual spots were taken care of re: our meeting schedules. This month I went to Able Body Labor and the Inverness office of the Salvation Army.

The Drug Coalition of Citrus County sponsored a Town Hall meeting and we were able to gather enough material to fill a spot, despite rather short notice. John O attended.

Ms. Scott, executive director of OCCC, assured us of better communication of the next Town Hall meeting; possibly in July – subject DRUGS.

I spoke with James Czerevinski, supervisor of Inverness State Probation and Parole. He was very gracious as I explained the problem of non-alcoholics attending our closed meetings. I pointed out the key on the back of Where & When and how to use it. He said he would inform his staff. Officer Czerevinski also said to inform him if we had further problems.

The Hungry and Homeless Health Fair will be held May 24th at the Crystal River First Baptist Church on Citrus Ave. John O and I are all ready. We have tons of "stuff" to give away and quite a bit of material written in Spanish. It is a long day from 9am – 2 or 3pm and we would love to see some friendly faces – perhaps to give us a break now and then. Again, thanks to Holder Way of Life for their contributions.

Alternate DCM – John R: Asked by Archivist to gather history (for updated information) of groups in District 28. Would like these to be ready at next assembly. Forms will be available at the next District meeting. New Where & Whens will be available for next district meeting.



Old Business:

Delegates Report: Fred H – Area 14 Delegate – will be giving his Delegate’s Report on June 29th at 5:00 pm here at Holder, followed by our regularly scheduled District Meeting. Food and beverages will be served.

Workshop: Fourth Step by the Book. May 31st. Our Lady of Fatima Church. 9:15am, breakfast and coffee. 10:00, workshop begins. Lunch provided. Bring notebook, 12 & 12, and Big Book.

52nd Florida State Convention: 52nd Florida State convention will be held August 13-17, 2008.

www.52flstateconvention.com

New Business:

- Situation – Florida Court System, Probation, Parole, or Corrections Dept. failing to direct their clients properly with respect or regarding AA’s Traditions.
District Chairs, Corrections, Cooperation with Professional Community, Public Information, and Treatment please work on coming up with information to educate above-mentioned Correction Organizations in regards to open meetings and closed meetings of AA. People are coming to closed meetings who have no desire to stop drinking.
- Workshop (fall 2008) – AA is Anonymous, Not Invisible. Would like doctors, judges, other professionals to attend this workshop.
- Area Assembly – Thank you Pat H. for taking notes at April 6th business meeting.
- April 24th – Fred H. attending GSC (general service conference) in New York.

DCM Report – Jim K:

♦ A special thank you goes to John O., our Treatment Chair and Alt. CPC Chair, for representing AA and District 28 at the workshop segment on underage drinking at the Town Hall meeting sponsored by the Drug Coalition of Citrus County. John had little time to prepare. Good job. Thanks for your service.

DCM Report on NFAC: Area Assembly, Sunday, April 6, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Agenda items:

- * Fred H. Area 14 proposed Orlando, FL as potential site for 2020 International Convention. However, it did not make it to the finals.
- * GSO January contributions were down. February contributions were up to balance out the numbers.
- * Fred will be attending the 58th General Service Conference in Manhattan the week of April 24, 2008. He will be representing the North Florida Area Conference. By doing so he represents all the Districts in North Florida and all individual groups in the Districts.
- * Fred comes to District 28 on the scheduled day of Sunday June 29, 2008 to give his Delegate’s Report and explain how he spent six days at the Conference. It is nice to know we had some small part in funding his trip and giving him our input on the Agenda items. We should feel more a part of AA – which is the General Service Conference – which is a collective Fellowship Group Conscience.

Alt Delegate Chet P.

Alt Delegate Chet P. attended the Southeast Delegates “get together” in Atlanta in February. He reports that GSO had a financially good year in 2007. Contributions were over \$6.5 million. Contributions comprise 48.1% of GSO income, the rest comes from literature sales.

Literature sales were up in 2007, 60,000 more Big Books were sold than in 2006. Lavina subscriptions were up. Discussed funding GSO totally from contributions

Chairperson Tina C.L.

Chairperson Tina C.L. requests that you make your intentions known at July Assembly if you are interested in standing for an area position to be voted on in October.

Alt Chair Connie D.

Alt Chair Connie D. reports there were 278 people registered at this Assembly of which there were 50 visitors, 156 GSRs, 44 DCMs and NFA officers.

Our District had 15 voting members attending—a very good turn out, the second best at the Assembly. Thank you District 28.

Registrar Glen W.

Glen W. reports that the 53rd Convention will be held in Jacksonville and the bid is already in for 2010 to be in Orlando.

Corrections Jim E.

Jim E. discussed efforts being made to work with Law Enforcement to continue having meetings brought into jails/prisons.

Area Archives Cecilia K.

Group History Forms/Questionnaires - Groups will be receiving these forms. ALL DISTRICT 28 GSRs, when you receive them, please bring them to your respective groups and help fill them out so the NFA can update their records.

Intergroup Lori S.

Discussed workshop on “Daily Functions of an Intergroup Office.”

Literature Ruth R.

Requested we bring any self-published pamphlets to the next Assembly.

NEW BUSINESS (Area)

- Site and Agenda wants to change time for Saturday AM start time from 8am to 9am and change the Traditions workshop to 10am permanently.
- Literature & Grapevine, CPC/PI and Treatment and Finance NOT to be held at the same time to increase participation.
- Motion made that Area 14 create a website administrative committee, comprised of the webmaster and DCMs. Referred to Growth Committee for consideration.
- Finance requested allocation of \$100.00 for purchase of audio equipment.....MOTION CARRIED.
- Site & Agenda requested increase of \$500.00 for secretary’s recording equipment.....REFERRED BACK TO SITE & AGENDA.

- ◆ If any group would like me to visit their group and give a DCM Report, please call me at 352-746-3115.
- ◆ I would like to remind the groups to send Area Contributions to Marilyn B. (see contribution page)
- ◆ Are you getting your paperwork processed correctly at the Area level (i.e.: New GSR packets, Box 459, etc)? If not, advise me and I can go through proper channels and help to resolve the problem.

- ◆ “Freedom under God to grow in His likeness and image will ever be the quest of the Alcoholics Anonymous. May our General Service Conference be always seen as a chief symbol of this cherished liberty. To a man, we of A.A. believe that our freedom to serve is truly the freedom by which we live—the freedom in which we have our being.” Quoted from the A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

ATTENTION: Make your room reservations for the upcoming Assembly. The dates are July 11-13, 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: May 25, 2007 6:00pm

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

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

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Contributions to Area 14:
Make checks payable to NFACAA

NFAC
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Inverness FL 34452

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

Nature Coast Intergroup
111 W Main Street - Suite 308
Inverness FL 34450

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