

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

DISTRICT MEETING May 25, 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/PI Chair
Toni T	Intergroup Liaison
Greg H	Literature Chair
John O	Treatment Chair/Alt CPC Chair
John R	Where & When Chair

GSRs - Alt GSRs:

Paula D	GSR – Attitude Adjustment Group
Janet B	Alt GSR – Attitude Adjustment Group
Julie P	Alt GSR – Brightspot Group GSR – Night Cap Group
Sandy H	GSR – Crystal River Group
Dennis K	GSR – Dunnellon New Beginnings Big Book
Cindy P	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
Joe L	GSR – Inverness Monday 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
Bill A	Alt GSR – Resentment Group
Debbie	Temp Alt GSR – Sober Sand Gnats
Nanci R	GSR – Women to Women
Char S	GSR – Women's Friendship Group

Visitors:

Don G	Holder Way of Life
Marilyn B	Women to Women/NFAC Treasurer
Ann D	Rainbow Group
Martha G	Holder Way of Life

Willie M NCI Activities Chair
Beverly C Holder
Rick T Men's Monday Step Group
Rafael T No Name Group
Jackie D

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

Secretary's Report – Tami E: Roll call. Corrections to April minutes: 1) Rafael T is not the new Alt GSR for the No Name Group, Richard S is still the Alt GSR, 2) All minutes since January 2008 have read "Next District Business Meeting: __ __, 2007", this should have been 2008, 3) Beverly G, Alt Women's Corrections' Chairs last initial on District Resource Page is G, not P. For corrections to minutes, please telephone, e-mail or bring them to me at the following month's district meeting.

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

Women's Corrections Report – Beverly G: One meeting hosted at the jail this month with another meeting scheduled for this upcoming week. All went well.

Men's Corrections Report – Ed H: Two men's corrections meetings were held in the month of May. Both meetings were attended by all the volunteers and 25 to 40 inmates. Again the inmate participation at both meetings was very good. One of the ways we know the message is being heard is how well the books and literature moves. At both meetings, almost all the big books and a substantial amount of literature was taken. All the men on the committee are well motivated and commitment is high. No news as yet as to who the new liaison officer is. I will again attempt to contact the HR department before the next District meeting in June. Hopefully there will be good news to report.

Treatment – John O: Baycare ~ Inverness ~ Outpatient treatment facility – Bill K has been restocking the rack with pamphlets and meeting lists. Thanks Bill. I left a message for Mr. Jackson, Baycare knows that A.A. is available.

Therapeutic Health Endeavors ~ Inverness ~ Outpatient treatment facility – Dropped off meeting lists, Mr. Anderson will let me know when he would like A.A. to come in.

The Centers ~ Lecanto ~ Outpatient treatment facility – Dropped off meeting lists and pamphlets.

Intergroup – Toni T:

Store Special – History Package - \$33.00 – A.A. Comes of Age, Pass It On, Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers & The Little Red Book

The Hotline had 101 calls: 96 for AA

Volunteer Coordinator Report: Still need volunteers for store & new volunteer chair person.

Discussion was had on raising price on conference approved literature by 10% - Reps will take that amount back to groups for a vote and return next month with outcome.

An Ad Hoc Committee was formed to review By Laws.

Intergroup office phone number is 352-344-0290.

Literature – Greg H: No report.

CPC/Public Info – Janet B: Most of our sites for Where & Whens were pretty well filled. I only had to replenish at the Citrus Memorial Hospital, the Driver Improvement Inc., and the service providers at the Drug Coalition.

I attended the Drug Coalition of Citrus County on May 8th for their monthly meeting. The art work for Sticker Shock had been chosen and they will be placed on beverages containing alcohol by young people in our community on May 17th. Selected retail merchants participate.

Guest speakers were Anne Black and Tom O'Brien from the Dept. of Health. Their topic was smoking prevention. They also touched on alcoholic energy drinks and the way many retailers make alcohol accessible to the underage drinkers by their placement in coolers and shelves. The ABT agents who were attending stated that Florida has no law separating alcoholic beverages from another.

Also of note, we were excited to hear Lake City had instituted a registration form for all buyers of kegs. We had hoped to start this in Citrus but the state of Florida has deemed this illegal, thanks to the lobbying efforts of sellers of alcoholic beverages.

The Hunger and Homeless Coalition had their fair at the First Baptist Church in Crystal River. John O, Anne D and I were at our table which looked great filled with Big Books, Twelve and Twelves and Living Sober books both in Spanish and English. We also had a rack of pamphlets and a stack of Where & Whens (that had to be replenished). Of the books written in English, all 30 were given out. We had 18 titles written in Spanish and half of them were given away. It was a great success and we are looking forward to a repeat performance at the larger fair on November 22nd.

The following is a list of all sites that are visited when new meeting schedules come out. Some are refilled 2-3 times per printing. Some providers contact us directly:

Able Body Labor

Casa

Family Resource Center

SHARE Club

Children's Visitation Center

Citrus Memorial Hospital

Court Alternatives Program

Teen Court

Citrus County Courthouse

Drug Coalition of Citrus County

Value Inn – Central Motel

Holiday Inn Express – Mid Florida Motel

Community Support Services

Project Healthy Choices

Citrus County Sheriff's Dept – main office and substations in Inverness & Crystal River

Chamber of Commerce in Inverness & Crystal River

Florida Dept of Corrections, Inverness Probation & Parole

Citrus County Probation Dept at the Salvation Army

West Center Driver Improvement Inc.

Dennis would like Where & Whens distributed to Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce. Dennis is willing to drop off Where & Whens to Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce.

Alternate DCM – John R: Where & Whens will be ready on Tuesday, May 27th. I will distribute them as soon as they are available to the Intergroup Office, Crystal River, Dunnellon, Holder, Inverness, Floral City and anywhere else I am asked to.



Old Business:

Delegates Report: Fred H, Area 14 Delegate, will be giving his report on June 29th at 6pm. District Meeting will start promptly at 5:30 pm. Please be seated by then. Pizza will be provided after Delegate Report.

Please bear with me on what I am about to explain. I know there are people here that know a lot more on the Service Structure than I do, but sometimes I think we take for granted that everyone knows what is going on. I know I didn't at the first couple of District Meetings and every day is a learning experience for me.

(DCM) What is? What does the term DCM mean? District Committee Member—that's what it means. The DCM is an essential link between the Group GSRs and the Area Delegate to the General Service Conference. As Leader of the District Committee made up of all GSRs in the District the DCM is exposed to the Group Conscience of that District. As a member of the Area Committee also he or she is able to pass on the District's thinking to the Delegate and the Area Committee. One of the duties of the DCM as spelled out in the Service Manual is inviting the Delegate to give his Delegate's Conference Report. This report culminates into what we have been working on the past months. This Delegate's Report tells us what our AA Collective Group Conscience is on the General Service Conference Agenda items. These items we went over at the last Assembly and gave Fred the Area Group Conscience. So this Delegate's Report ties everything in. This is basically how our Fellowship has been able to survive and stay united. It has been said "the cost of freedom is constant vigilance." The Twelve Concepts written by Bill W assures us that our Service Structure will work as long as we work it.

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:

More duties of DCM: Makes sure that GSRs are acquainted with the AA Service Manual, the Twelve Concepts, and Box 459. We have already gone over Concepts I, II and III. At this meeting we will briefly touch on IV and V.

- Concept IV: "Throughout our Conference structure, we ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional 'Right of Participation,' taking care that each classification or group of our world servants shall be allowed a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge."
- Concept V: "Throughout our world service structure, a traditional 'Right of Appeal' ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for the redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered."

Alabama & NW Florida Area Convention – "Let the Sun Shine In" – Panama City Beach, Florida – September 11-14, 2008. The Boardwalk Beach Resort. For reservations call: 800-224-4853. Mention the A.A. Area Convention #2017ID. More information at www.panamacityaa.org/2008conv.htm

DCM Report – Jim K:

- ◆ I attended the annual dinner for the Jail Volunteers. It was held at the Lion’s Club in Homosassa. We had a very good turnout. The affair was catered by Croft Barbeque. The food was delicious and good fellowship was to be had. I had the opportunity to meet with the new Chaplain, Daniel Savage, and the Warden. In conversation, I advised them both that we could use an alternate officer for the meetings at the Jail when Officer Tucker is sick or unable to be there to conduct the meeting. This would correct the meeting cancellation problem we have had. Both of them stated to me that they were aware of the problem and would look into it. No commitments were made by either.
- ◆ 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.

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: June 29, 2008 5:30pm,
followed by the Delegate’s Report at 6pm**

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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NFAC
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Make checks payable to General Service Board

General Service Board
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10164-0371

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