

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

DISTRICT MEETING June 29, 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:

Gordon B	GSR – ABC Group
Paula D	GSR – Attitude Adjustment Group
Janet B	Alt GSR – Attitude Adjustment Group
Doc Cheryl	Alt GSR – Crystal River Big Book
Sandy H	GSR – Crystal River Group
Cindy P	GSR – Floral City Group
Walter W	GSR – Floral City Men's 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
Rafael T	GSR – Monday Night Men's Step
Rick T	Alt GSR – Monday Night Men's Step
Ed P	GSR – No Name Group
Sue Ann A	GSR – Rainbow Group
Bill A	Alt GSR – Resentment Group
Nanci R	GSR – Women to Women
Gayle W	Alt GSR – Women's Friendship Group
Bill C	GSR – Won Rebos

Visitors:

Fred H	Area 14 Delegate
Don G	Holder Way of Life
Marilyn B	Women to Women/NFAC Treasurer
Ann D	Rainbow Group
Martha G	Holder Way of Life
Neil S	
Ron B	
William	Inverness

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

Secretary's Report – Tami E: Roll call. May minutes accepted. 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. One meeting was cancelled.

Men's Corrections Report – Ed H: There were two Men's Corrections meetings for the month of June. Both were attended by 25 - 30 inmates. As usual, both the Big Book and literature are moving well. The committee still has eight active volunteers and word has it that other A.A. members also want to get involved in carrying the message to prisons.

A special thanks to the New Beginnings Big Book Study Group of Dunnellon for their contribution of Big Books to the Men's Corrections Committee. We have a good supply of books and literature but can always use more and some of the books have already been given to inmates.

Good news also in our developing relationship with Citrus County Corrections. I recently had a conversation with the newly installed liaison at the detention center. He is as enthusiastic as we are in increasing our meetings to weekly instead of bi weekly and having backup personnel to monitor those meetings, hopefully eliminating cancellations. During our talk, he expressed a desire to meet with him in the near future. A list of available dates was e-mailed for setting a date and time, hopefully sometime in July. The meeting will consist of those committee members who wish to attend. I'm certain that together with the DVD "AA in Correctional Institutions," progress will be made in carrying AA's message of recovery to the suffering alcoholic.

Will keep you all informed as to further developments.

Treatment – John O:

Therapeutic Health Endeavors - Outpatient treatment facility – Inverness: Greg H. has volunteered to stock the rack w/pamphlets and meeting lists.

Baycare - Outpatient treatment facility – Inverness: Bill K. is keeping the rack stocked w/pamphlets and meeting lists.

The Centers - Outpatient treatment facility – Lecanto: Miss Janet distributed the new meeting list to The Centers.

All of the facilitators/directors and staff know that A.A. is available to come in. For now we are carrying the message through literature.

Intergroup – presented by Martha G:

Intergroup Office is now at Room 305, instead of 308.
17 voting members present at monthly Intergroup meeting.
91 hotline calls: 78 for A.A., 10 for Al-Anon, 3 for N.A.
We will be adding a new literature rack in our office.
Literature (conference approved) will be going up 10% in August.
Entertainment Chair has been removed from his position.
Intergroup office phone number is 352-344-0290.

Literature – Greg H: Have put together 5 new Welcome GSR Packets, if anyone needs one.

CPC/Public Info – Janet B: We had a busy month distributing our new Where & Whens. John O, in addition to his treatment work, took care of the west side of the county at the Sheriff’s Crystal River Station, the Chamber of Commerce and St. Benedict’s.

On the east, I visited Casa, the Centers, Eckerd Youth, Dr. Sudduth, Dr. Medara Metla, Share Club, Children’s Visitation Center, Citrus Memorial Hospital, Court Alternative Program, Teen Court (courthouse), Citrus County Sheriff’s Dept. – main and substations in Inverness, Florida Dept. of Corrections, Inverness Probation and Parole, Citrus County Probation Dept. at the Salvation Army and the West Center Driver Improvement Inc. I also attended the June 12th meeting of the Drug Coalition of Citrus County, where I placed our meeting schedules at the sign-in table and they were all taken – mostly by professionals working with the youths. There was a great presentation by the Sheriff’s Dept. on a sting operation geared to the retail sales of alcoholic beverages. A young operative (in the company of her sheriff’s detective father) related her experiences buying alcohol with her legal (unaltered in any way) driver’s license.

The sticker shock campaign went very well.
The next town hall meeting is still slated for July. Though the topic will be drugs, we will be present with a full display including 80 copies each of four A.A. publications related to young people.
Anne D has been assisting John O and myself. She has great enthusiasm and willingness. I feel confident that next year John O will step in and be a capable CPC and PI chair person, with Anne D as his back-up.

Alternate DCM – John R: New Where & Whens are available.
Have only received 2 Group History Forms. Jim K has mailed 3. John R has blank forms and they are also available online @ www.ncintergroup.com.



Old Business:

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

www.52flstateconvention.com

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

New Business:

Dave K was kind enough to volunteer to critique the workshop we had, but because of the air conditioner problem and the Area 14 Delegate report, we'll forgo that report until next month.

DCM Report – Jim K:

♦ District Committee Member (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 and the DCM, 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. The Delegate's Report tells us what our A.A. 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.

North Florida Area Delegate's Report, Fred H:

I have the distinct pleasure and privilege of serving as your delegate for Area 14 for North Florida Panel 57. Last year I came over to give my first report. This year I'm giving you my 2nd and final report. Because in keeping with the tradition of the General Service Conference, delegates only serve 2 years.

The first General Service Conference was an idea of our co-founder, Bill W in 1948. At that time, he knew that Dr. Bob was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Bill suggested to the General Service Board, at the time, a method of getting the people/the membership to come to communicate their concerns or issues about the fellowship. Bill thought of this idea of the General Service Conference. At first, it was met with a lot of hesitation. At the time, the board was made up primarily of non-alcoholic trustees. There were more non-alcoholic trustees than alcoholic. It took a couple of years before the General Service Board decided to let's try this idea.

1951 – First General Service Conference.

2008 – 58th General Service Conference.

At the time, the beginning, there were approximately 35 delegates. Now there are 93 delegates from the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

93 delegates meet annually at the General Service Conference in New York City, and together, we conduct the business of Alcoholics Anonymous for you, the groups and members.

How delegates are elected: ½ of the delegates are elected every year. They in turn join delegates who have already been serving for a year. So you always have a mix of some experience there and some new people coming in.

Fred H had given 15-20 delegates' reports over the last year and a half. Each one is a blessing.

Things that you hear in your homegroup are the things that we collectively hear at the Conference.

INVERTED TRIANGLE: A.A. Groups, GSRs, DCMs, Area Assemblies, Delegates, General Service Conference.

You are the voice of the Fellowship. Your voice comes through your GSRs.

District 28 would like to extend a special thank you to NFA delegate Fred H. His dedication to AA and his service position stands as a shining example-of what we can accomplish if we stay sober and be of 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: July 27, 2008 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.

- ◆ 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.