

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

DISTRICT MEETING July 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
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
Dennis K	GSR – Dunnellon New Beginnings Big Book
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
Mike W	Alt GSR – Holder Way of Life
Beverly H	GSR – Inverness Friday Night
Joe L	GSR – Inverness Monday Night
Greg H	GSR – Inverness Wednesday Night
Margaret M	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
Nanci R	GSR – Women to Women
Gayle W	Alt GSR – Women's Friendship Group
Hans N	Alt GSR – Won Rebos

Visitors:

Ann D	Rainbow 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. June minute's changes: 1) Contributions page – Intergroup suite # is 305. June minutes accepted with change. 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: Two meetings taken to jail this month. All went well.

Men's Corrections Report – Ed H: One Men's A.A. Corrections meeting was held for the month of July and one was cancelled by Corrections. However looking at last years record regarding cancellations, there has been improvement.

Speaking of progress, our relationship with the department is on the upswing. We have a definite date and time to meet with the Department of Corrections liaison to discuss expanding our efforts in carrying the message. Hopefully, the meeting will go as planned, again time will tell.

The NFCC conference held at the July Area 14 Assembly dealt mainly with developing further participation in carrying the A.A. message to State inmates, specifically in a pre-release program previously called "Bridging the Gap". To avoid conflict with a similar program the name has been changed to simply "Prerelease Program." Basically, it involves an A.A. member willing to meet with an inmate upon their release in helping them get introduced to A.A. (taking them to meetings etc.). An inmate fills out a form requesting A.A. contact which is mailed to the Corrections Committee in NY who then contacts a volunteer willing to meet with the inmate upon release. If anyone is interested in becoming an "AA Prerelease Contact," you can call me at 352-489-3219. Please note though that this only applies to State Prison inmates, not local jails. Call if you have any questions.

Treatment – John O:

The Centers - Lecanto - Outpatient treatment facility... Meeting lists were dropped off. I spoke w/the director. A.A. is available whenever they need anything.

Therapeutic Health Endeavors – Inverness - Outpatient treatment facility... Greg H. is stocking the rack w/literature and meeting lists.

Bay care – Inverness - Outpatient treatment facility... Bill K. is stocking the rack w/literature and meeting lists. A.A. is carrying the message through literature for now.

Intergroup – Toni T:

19 Groups represented

Inventory is heavy this month; stocking pamphlets & books for easy access for District Chairs if they need them and some groups that are consistent supporters

Committee Report – We still need a volunteer coordinator at office. If interested, call Martha G or Pat H for more info. Volunteers still needed. Please call Toni T at 382-7578.

Journal Editor – is submitting stories for this month's Newsletter from two 20+ yr. individuals...should be interesting. \$30 gift certificate drawing Wednesday 8/30 at Intergroup office. New group order forms for inventory are available at Intergroup office. Also, a folder is at office to place up-coming events – if your group,

or any other group has an event planned, flyer can be dropped off at Intergroup office for publication in Newsletter.

Hotline Report – 64 calls; 57 A.A., 4 N.A., 3 Al-Anon.

Gratitude Dinner – Sunday, November 9, 2008. Doors open at 2:30. Menu being decided on by groups.

Coordinating chairs: Marilyn B, Gail W, Toni T. Speaker will be Brenda, from Tampa. If there is going to be a dance following dinner, it will be brought back to the groups and voted on at next Intergroup meeting.

Voted to amend Article of Incorporation to match Bylaws, to place ultimate authority in hands of fellowship.

Janet B introduced a pamphlet (with copyright permission) with Intergroup name, address, phone & hotline number on it for OK by group to be reproduced as it reads. It will be printed by District if approved & distributed by CPC & PI, Intergroup, and groups for newcomers if court ordered. The pamphlet will be accompanied by the A.A. *at a Glance* flyer. Thanks to Paula D, Janet B, John O, & Willie M. The group reps voted unanimously in support of printing & distribution of the pamphlet, if District approves.

Service Resumes are ready for submission – Elections are in September.

Intergroup office phone number is 352-344-0290.

Literature – Greg H: Trying to put together a Beginners Envelope with: 1) Where & When 2) Pamphlets 3) Other A.A. Literature 4) Phone numbers

A.A. *Along The Way* – Pamphlet is being polished up to send to districts to copy and district will distribute to truck stops, rest areas, etc. A map of Florida highway system.

CPC/Public Info – Janet B: The next Town Hall Meeting, sponsored by the Citrus County Drug Coalition, is scheduled for October 30th at the Curtis Petersen Auditorium. We plan to have a full table – all books and pamphlets will be free – at this event. Due to great success at the May Hunger and Homeless Health Fair, our book stock is depleted. We would ask groups and individuals for donations of Big Books, 12 & 12s, and Living Sober. We would be so grateful if you could do this.

I refilled meeting schedules at the Lakes Region Library, the Share Club, Citrus Memorial Hospital (emergency room), West Central Driver Improvement and the Florida Department of Probation and Parole. I also added the Florida Motel to our roster of sites.

John O and I are pleased to add Richard S to our volunteer list. With Annie D, the four of us can pretty much cover the county.

John, Paula D, and I have been working on a pamphlet titled “*Ordered to Attend A.A.?*” This is not original with us. If approved, it would be of help for service coordinators of Treatment, Corrections, CPC, and PI.

Alternate DCM – John R: New Where & Whens are here.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the quarterly Assembly. I purchased a book with the History of Area.

This is similar to what I am trying to compile for District 28. For this, we need the Group History Questionnaire filled out. I have several questionnaires, they are also available online @ www.ncintergroup.com.



Old Business:

Critique of Workshop: Dave K presented a critique of “The Fourth Step, By the Book” workshop held on May 31st at Our Lady of Fatima Church. Approximately 80 people were present...with open minds and a willingness to learn.

The workshop was presented by Jay, who started with a little history of the Oxford Group, their steps, and how they evolved from six to twelve we now have in A.A. He proceeded to show the layout of a fourth step, beginning with resentments. I felt he made a very good explanation of resentments, and how they effect the individual and tied all parts of the presentation into the pages of the Big Book.

Following resentments, Jay addressed fears and sex. Again using charts and getting examples from members in the audience. It was a great learning situation, which I truly enjoyed and I hope everyone came away with a better understanding of the fourth step. I felt Jay was totally honest about his experience, strength and hope, and feel he was the perfect person to present the workshop.

At the end of the workshop, a catered lunch was put on by the district. I think a good time was had by one and all.

District 28 would like to extend a special thank you to Jay B for his very professional presentation of the workshop titled Fourth Step by the Book. It was very informative, and everyone learned something about themselves. And that’s what workshops are all about.

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

Critique of Delegate’s Report: Presented by Sue Ann A., GSR of Rainbow Group,.

Our delegate Fred H. was here on June 29th and gave us his report on the General Service Conference that took place in April of this year.

Fred reported what service work can do for your sobriety.

FROM YOUR DELEGATE:

I have just returned from attending the 58th General Service Conference in New York City. My experience at the conference was filled with joy and gratitude from the opening moment to the last hug and farewell. I may not see many of the other delegates again, but no one can ever remove the memories and blessing that I personally experienced.

The 134 voting members of the conference were busy throughout the entire week including a 15-hour session on the final conference day. After completing our agenda on Friday evening and closing the conference with the Serenity Prayer in English, Spanish & French all of the delegates traveled to Bill & Lois’s home at Stepping Stones just north of New York City on Saturday morning. After returning to our hotel on Saturday afternoon each delegate went their separate ways to our home areas. Many of us shed tears as we engaged in a final hug.

Here is a man that thought his life was ended until he came to AA. I remember when I first saw Fred, in the early days of my sobriety when I was doing service work in 1993,94,95, and 96. I was able to see Fred’s dedication to service. When he was here and I was listening to his story, again I remembered how important it is to give service to our program of AA.

As Fred stated that when he looked out the window at the General Service Office and saw the church that he had been married in, he never thought that he could have the life he has today, and appreciated his sobriety even more.

Good fellowship was had by all. Pizza and soda was served. There were approximately 42 people that attended.

In Service, Sue Ann-GSR

Janet B presented the pamphlet *Ordered to Attend A.A?*, and requested money from the District to help fund the printing of this pamphlet.

*** Motion passed to approve pamphlet & pay for printing of pamphlet (1,000 quantity)**

*** Motion passed to have District buy desert for the Gratitude Banquet**

A piece of A.A. literature, called *Markings* can be found/downloaded at aa.org (in archives)

DCM Report – Jim K:

- Area Assembly - Thank you Pat H. for taking notes at the Sunday morning Business Meeting. Alternate Area Chair Connie D reported 317 in attendance, of which there were 185 GSRs, 75 DCMs and Alternate DCMs, 57 visitors and Past Delegates. NFA Registrar reported 223 voting members present. District 28 had the second largest number of people present with 12 eligible votes. Thank you all for a great turnout.
- Special Reports
The 52nd Florida Convention to be held in Ft. Lauderdale has already registered 1,500 people. The cutoff number is 2,000. The host hotel is sold out, however, there are other rooms available at other hotels close to the Convention site.
Alternate Delegate, Chet P, reported the flyers are being printed for the 53rd Convention in Jacksonville at this time.
Archivist Cecilia reports she has only received 22 Group History Forms. Five were from District 28. Cecilia personally thanks District 28 for responding. Anyone else filling out History Forms, please give them to Alt. DCM John R.
All interested in running for Area positions at the October meeting will be given the opportunity to present their resumes.
Area Business Meeting was started at 9:00 am and adjourned at 12:55 pm.

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: August 25, 2008 6:00pm

Future Area Assemblies: 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.

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
Attn: Marilyn B
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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 305
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*