

AA DISTRICT 28
DISTRICT MEETING: JULY 26,2009
ATTENDANCE & MINUTES

Officers:

Sue Ann A.	DCM
Hans N.	Alt. DCM
Pat H.	Secretary
Paula D.	Treasurer

Committee Chairs:

Ed H	Men's Correction Chair
Charmaine I.	Women's Correction Chair
Lori M.	Alt. Women's Correction Chair
Jackie D.	CPC Chair
Julie P.	Intergroup Liaison
Greg H.	Literature Chair
Rock P.	Treatment Chair
Ann D.	Grapevine Chair

GSRs - Alt GSRs:

Rock P.	GSR- Bright Spot Group
Sandy H.	GSR- Crystal River Group
Walter W.	GSR- Floral City Group
Darral M.	GSR- Floral City Men's Group
Pat	GSR – Holder Way of Life Group
Lori M.	ALT GSR – Hope Speaker's Meeting
Beverly H	GSR – Inverness Friday Night Group
Greg H.	GSR –Inverness Wednesday Night Group
Al M.	GSR- Last Chance Group
Julie P.	GSR - Night Cap Group
Bill W.	GSR – No Name Group
Paula D	GSR – Women's Friendship Group

Visitors:

Martha G. - Holder Way of Life Group
Don G. - Holder Way of Life Group
Marilyn B. – NFAC Alt. Chair
Mike W. - Holder Way of Life Group

DCM Sue Ann A., with the Serenity Prayer and the Declaration of Unity, opened the meeting.

Secretary's Report – Pat H. - Roll call conducted. June minute's accepted as given.

Treasurer's Report Paula D. Treasurer's report accepted as given. Message from Treasurer: The budget line has been changed on the P&L for Men's & Women's Correction's budgets to be increased by \$200.00 each (From \$350.00 to \$550.00 to reflect the motion that was PASSED last month. (June09). The numbers speak for themselves. For every one-dollar (\$1.00) in contributions last year, we have had one & a half dollars (\$1.50) in expenses.

New GSR's welcomed.

Women's Corrections Report – Charmain I. Once again woman's corrections had a successful month. We had scheduled meeting for July 8th and July 22. Both meetings went well. I got the pleasure of going to one. I really feel as though we really make a difference going in there. We get such thanks from the ladies when we leave.

Also the quarterly assembly was this month. I attended that as well. It was interesting to see how corrections work in other districts.

Women's corrections will definitely be ordering books and pamphlets in the next week or so. Still waiting on approvals that were submitted in January. I keep checking. I have other woman as well wanting to submit applications. I'll have them fill them out and I'll turn them in. It will help us all practice patience

Men's Corrections Report – Ed H. . There were three Men's A.A. Corrections meetings held at the Citrus County Detention Facility so far with more scheduled for the 29th.

Approximately 25 to 30 inmates attended each meeting. Books and literature again moved well. It was reported that most inmates were attentive and a few shared their own experience with alcoholism. Overall response from those that attend the meetings has been positive.

Last report I neglected to thank the New Beginnings Big Book Group from Dunnellon for their contribution of Big Books for the Corrections Committees. Thank you New Beginnings, your contribution along with the Rainbow Group and the generosity of District 28 has given the Committees an abundant supply of material to carry the message.

Moving on to the Corrections Workshop held at the Area 14 Assembly meeting on

A few things worth mentioning regarding State prisons: To be a volunteer an Aug. 8th, most of the discussion again dealt with State prisons. Convicted felon must be clean for six years. Anyone convicted of dealing drugs or assault on an officer of the law will not be eligible. State prisons no longer have badges but pin numbers instead. The NFCC Chair will be meeting with Sec. McNeal, who is in charge of State Corrections, to seek a uniform standard of admissions and to try to speed up the screening process and background checks. And finally, a new meeting was brought to the Coleman Prison in Sumter County.

Again, please note the above deals with State and Federal Institutions. The Local County jails are run either privately or by the respective county and are independent of the State Department of corrections. The upside is that any corrections or changes made that benefit NFCC has a trickle down effect and eventually can benefit the local Corrections Committees.

The Chair also reminded us that should we need help in dealing with a Facility, NFCC is there to assist.

Treatment – Rock P. – I visited the Centers in Lecanto. Were able to deliver the message there. We are now allowed to come once a month. Their literature racks were refilled. Also visited the Drug Court in June.

Intergroup – Julie P. There were 10 groups represented at the July business meeting. The Hot Line had a total of 47 calls. The NCI editor would like groups to submit a written history of their group for future publication in the Journal. Gratitude Dinner still in planning stage. Motion made and PASSED to look into

Internet access for the bookstore: not to exceed \$25.00 per month. Motion made and PASSED to upgrade the Hot Line phone. .

Literature/PI – Greg H: I was able to attend the Area meeting in Gainesville this quarter. Much discussion on whether we need to change the Public Service Announcement, in order to assure anonymity for the participants. A new pamphlet “AA along the Way” was introduced. This has a map of Fl. with the locations and numbers of Hot Lines, along our interstate system. The plan is to have them available at restaurants, hotels, and truck stops along the interstate. .

CPC/– Jackie D! I’m sorry to say that as fast as I get volunteers, they change their minds. Oh well, I’ll keep seeking. Sue ann. gave me some May schedules, so I was able to do my rounds again finally. I also began expanding my list, but I need more schedules first. Looking forward to the workshop!

Grapevine – Ann. The Grapevine is compiling a list of Correction facilities that do not have access to the Grapevine. During the holidays they will be asking people to purchase a subscription along with a gift subscription that will be sent to these facilities. I will be having a raffle for a Grapevine subscription as well as two other books. One is “The Beginners Book”, and the other is “Voices of Long Time Sobriety”. This raffle will be at our workshop on August 8th.

Alternate DCM. The Where & When’s are now available with necessary corrections made?



: DCM Report – Sue Ann A I would like to thank the GSRs that showed up at our NFA Assembly. Unfortunately we had a poor show and I appreciate those that did show up. Thanks to Al M, Pat H, Sandy H, Rafael T and Paula D. This gave us 6 votes including myself. Also, the Committee Chairpersons were there Sat. to participate with the Workshops. Thanks to Jackie D (CPC) Ann D (GV) Bob R (Alt Corrections) Charmaine I (Corrections) Greg H (Lit/PI) and our (Alt.DCM), Hans N.

What Responsibilities does the GSRs have? : TO SHOW UP” In your Home Group, District and Area.

This is how our fellowship stays United.

I spent a lot of time with our Area Registrar, Andy D, getting the resource pages up to date. Please check with our Secretary Pat H or myself to see if I added or even deleted anything that should not have been. I am passing out copies of the NFA Resource pages, notice that the first one and a half pages the print is larger (This is what the Area has on our groups) and down further on the second page the print is smaller, (This is the information that GSO has on our groups) We need to be sure that they match.

I will send the information back to Andy when I know it is correct.

There is a correction in our Where & When’s. The Inverness Wed. Night Group meeting is at (7:30 pm) not at (8:00 pm).

I have added the Dunnellon area to the Structures & Guidelines. It will also be changed on the NCI website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Both the November & December Business meeting will be held a week earlier. New dates are Nov. 22nd and Dec. 20th. Will be held a week earlier new dates are **Nov 22nd**, and **Dec 20th**.

. Reminder that it was passed that all Committees will have a table set up at the Workshops to introduce what each position does. This will hopefully get others interested in a particular area of service. If you, as a committee chair cannot attend, then please ask your Alt. Chair to attend.

New Business:

Our second workshop (**The Wet Drunk**) will possibly be held in October, before the holidays. Volunteers are needed for an Ad Hoc committee to do this workshop.

Motion made and PASSED that the August Workshop not to exceed two hundred (\$200.00) total.

The Meeting Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Tradition VII

Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.

Tradition Seven (by Bill W.)

Self-supporting alcoholics? Who ever heard of such a thing? Yet we find that's what we have to be. This principle is telling evidence of the profound change that AA has wrought in all of us. Everybody knows that active alcoholics scream that they have no troubles money can't cure. Always, we've had our hands out. Time out of mind we've been dependent upon somebody, usually money-wise. When a society composed entirely of alcoholics says it's going to pay its bills that are really news.

1. Honestly now, do I do all I can to help AA (my group, my central office, my GSO) remain self-supporting? Could I put a little more into the basket on behalf of the new guy who can't afford it yet? How generous was I when tanked in a barroom?
2. Should the Grapevine sell advertising space to book publishers and drug companies, so it could make a big profit and become a bigger magazine, in full color, at a cheaper price per copy?
3. If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?
4. Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?
5. Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?
6. How important in my recovery is the feeling of self-respect, rather than the feeling of being always under obligation for charity received?

Concept VII

The Charter and Bylaws of the General Service Board are legal instruments, empowering the trustees to

manage and conduct world service affairs. The Conference Charter is not a legal document; it relies upon tradition and the A.A. purse for final effectiveness

. NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Aug. 30th 2009 @ 6:00 P.M.

ATTENTION: Make your room reservations for the upcoming Assembly. The dates are Oct 9,10, and 11th, 2009 at the Paramount Hotel, Gainesville 352-377-4000. If you are a GSR without group funds call Sue Ann A., DCM, 533-3051. Two District Rooms are available on a first come first served basis.

NOTES:

Contributions to District 28
Make Checks Payable to District 28

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713 Laurel Ave.
Inverness, Fl. 34452

Contributions to Area 14:
Make checks payable to NFACAA

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PO BOX 567
Melbourne Fl. 32902

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 Main St. Suite 305
Inverness FL 34450

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

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Please remove District 28 Resource Page from Minutes and Financial Report before posting at your meeting place. Thank you.