

AA DISTRICT 28
DISTRICT MEETING August 30,2009
ATTENDANCE & MINUTES

Officers:

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

Committee Chairs:

Rafael T.	Men's Correction Alt. Chair
Charmaine I.	Women's Correction Chair
Jackie D.	CPC Chair
Julie P.	Intergroup Liaison
Greg H.	Literature/ PI Chair
Rock P.	Treatment Chair
Ann D.	Grapevine Chair

GSRs - Alt GSRs:

Rock P.	GSR- Bright Spot Group
Sandy H.	GSR- Crystal River Group
Dennis S.	Alt. GSR- Crystal River Group
Darral M.	GSR- Floral City Men's Group
Pat H.	GSR – Holder Way of Life Group
Beverly H	GSR – Inverness Friday Night Group
Greg H.	GSR –Inverness Wednesday Night Group
Al M.	GSR- Last Chance Group
Rafael T.	GSR- Monday Night Men's Step Group
Julie P.	GSR - Night Cap Group
Tim K.	GSR- Rainbow Group
Paula D	GSR – Women's Friendship Group

Visitors:

Marilyn B. – NFAC Alt. Chair / Share at Noon 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. July minute's accepted as given.

Treasurer's Report Paula D. Treasurer's report accepted as given.

New GSR's welcomed.

Women's Corrections Report – Charmain I.

The month of August has not been a successful one for Woman's corrections.

The only meeting brought in was on August 5th and that meeting almost didn't happen.

In the beginning of the month The jail came up with a new rule, which appears to bring another obstacle to woman's corrections. The woman's meetings now have to be brought in by a woman guard. Apparently they have kinks to work out with this change. I had a scheduled meeting On the 19th and didn't find out until 4:30 that it was cancelled because they couldn't find one. John tucker then suggested having a meeting the following week, so I set one up on the 26th. That one also cancelled at 5:00. John says it's confusing because they don't have any woman guards on full shifts between those times. It's quite frustrating! Also January applications still not back. We just lost a volunteer who was going in regularly. She is going up north for 8 months. Another regular is on hold until November. Finding able volunteers that are badged right now is very difficult. I feel as though I'm close to hitting a wall. Hopefully next month a happier report.

Men's Corrections Report – Ed H. There were four Men's Corrections A.A. meetings for the month of August with no cancellations. Approximately approximately 25 to 40 inmates attended each of the meetings. As usual books and literature moved well and inmate interaction at the meetings is improving. Currently we have a good supply of Big Books and other A.A. material. We still have a minor problem with photo ID badges but that should be resolved shortly, other than that, all is well.

I contacted our Liaison regarding CCA's requirements for volunteers and was informed that CCA has no definite conditions which would demand a

Denial, each case is taken on its merits. Past experience has shown however, applicants with arrest and/or conviction records other than minor violations within five years have been denied. With that in mind, the Men's Corrections Committee has a volunteer requirement of continuous sobriety in A.A. and no violations for five years.

In attempting to increase carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic in treatment centers and Correction Institutions, Area 14 Panel 59 has set as a goal a Grapevine subscription for every such institution in North Florida. Contact information at the Citrus County Detention facility to hopefully accomplish that goal was requested and sent.

Both the Men and Woman's Corrections Committees had a display at the District's workshop held this August. On display was information as to our purpose and goal plus books and literature relating to carrying the message to Correctional Facilities. The Men's Committee was represented by Al M., Bob R., Larry M., and Rafael T. Thank you Guys for your selfless commitment in carrying A.A. message

Treatment – Rock P. – The Treatment display was present at the District Workshop. Literature & racks have been ordered for use at the Centers, T.H.E. and the Drug Court. Rock is asking for back issues, or any old issues of the Grapevine be donated for the Treatment Committee to use, to "cut down" on costs for use at the treatment centers. Contact Rock if you can help.

Intergroup – Julie P Nine groups were represented. A copy of the Gratitude Dinner Flyer and tickets were passed around for comments. Ticket price has been set at \$3.00 per person. The back of each ticket will indicate what food item to bring, to go along with the chicken being provided by Intergroup. Tickets will be distributed at the Sept. meeting to be taken to groups for sale. The Hotline has purchased a new phone, as agreed upon at the last meeting. Beverly H. brought up the matter of "confusion" with the Hot Line number. This is because embarq mistakenly listed the NCI office number instead of the Hotline number. It was decided

that the office phone would be put on “call forwarding” to the Hot Line when the office is not open. For full report please go to the NCI website where the minutes are published.

Literature/PI – Greg H. I received 10 AA posters and handed out 5 to the school dist. I received 3 PSA DVD’s that I brought with me to review on the best one to present to bright house cable I want your input.

CPC/– Jackie D I have expanded my territory and have stopped by several judges offices with meeting schedules as well as information on anonymity and the importance of closed meetings.

Grapevine – Ann. District Workshop was a success. . Grapevine was there with a display board, and information. Raffled \$16.00 worth of tickets. . Greg from PI won the raffle. And donated the subscription to Corrections. Books were also raffled at the event. “Beginners “and” The Voices of Long Term Sobriety Both these books were donated for the raffle by Ann D. Ruth M., who gave it to a newcomer at the workshop, won the Beginner’s book. The Grapevine has raised its yearly subscription to \$27.50/year. Please subscribe. Concept VIII the trustees are the principle planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services. Exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities. Do we understand the relationship between the two corporate service entities? (AA World Services Inc., the AA Grapevine) and the General Service Board? How can the business term Custodial Oversight apply to the Trustees relationship to the two corporate service entities? Does my home group subscribe to GSO’s bimonthly newsletter Box 459 and the AA Grapevine? Do I?

Alternate DCM. Nothing to report.



DCM Report – Sue Ann A Chet P. our Area 14 Delegate gave a successful and very detailed report on the General Service Conference and afterwards had a question and answer session at our Aug. 8th workshop. One item brought up was the Poster for the Young people in the schools. The idea of this poster came from our area, Area 14. Greg H. our Literature Chair had with him the new poster, while Chet P. had the first concept of the poster, which both were passed around the room so to see how the process of the General Service Conference works. This is our Group Conscience at work at our Districts, Areas, and the General Service Conference

The three regional A.A. Directories-Canadian, Western U.S. and Eastern U.S.- will not be printed this year. This decision is due to the ongoing **economic condition** and its impact on G.S.O. in terms of lower sales and contributions this year.

2010 International Convention 75 years of A.A.

I e-mailed the registration form to all of you that have a e-mail address.

I have a few registration forms for the 2010 International Convention printed out. If you wish you can go here www.aa.org for a hard copy of the registration form to mail or fax.

Tradition Eight:

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

Tradition Eight (by Bill W.)

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS will never have a professional class. We have gained some understanding of the ancient words, "Freely ye have received, freely give." We have discovered that at the point of professionalism, money and spirituality do not mix. Almost no recovery from alcoholism has ever been brought about by the world's best professionals, whether medical or religious. We do not decry professionalism in other fields, but we accept the sober fact that it does not work for us. Every time we have tried to professionalize our Twelfth Step, the result has been exactly the same: our single purpose has always been defeated.

Is my own behavior accurately described by the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?

When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?

Do I sometimes try to get some reward-even if not money-for my personal AA efforts?

Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?

Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them? In my own AA life, have I any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?

Have I paid enough attention to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions? To the pamphlet AA Tradition How It Developed?

Concept VIII:

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(A.A. World Services, Inc., the A.A. Grapevine) and the General Service Board?

- Does my home group subscribe.S.O.'s bimonthly newsletter Box 4-5-9?The A.A.Grapevine? Do I?

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Holder Way of Life GSR requested that the business meeting not exceed the 7:00pm hour, as this interferes with Holder setting up for their Sunday night meeting.

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The Meeting Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

ATTENTION: Your secretary will be gone the entire month of September. Don G. has agreed to" fill in "in my absence. Please e-mail your reports etc. to Don @ bigbossman21c@tampabay.rr.com or call him at (352) 489-8752

. NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: SEPT 27TH 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.

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

Attention:

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