

AA DISTRICT 28
DISTRICT MEETING Oct. 25, 2009
ATTENDANCE & MINUTES

Officers:

Sue Ann A.	DCM
Pat H.	Secretary
Paula D.	Treasurer

Committee Chairs:

Al M.	Men's Correction Chair
Charmaine I.	Women's Correction Chair
Jackie D.	CPC Chair
Julie P.	Intergroup Liaison
Rock P.	Treatment Chair
Ann D.	Grapevine Chair

GSRs - Alt GSRs:

Rock P.	GSR- Bright Spot Group
Darral M.	GSR- Floral City Men's Group
Pat H.	GSR- Holder Way of Life Group
Beverly H	GSR – Inverness Friday Night Group
Ruth M.	Alt GSR- Keep in Step Group
Al M.	GSR- Last Chance Group
Rafael T.	GSR- Monday Night Men's Step Group
Julie P.	GSR - Night Cap Group
Bill W.	GSR- No Name Group
Paula D	GSR – Women's Friendship Group
Toni T.	GSR- Women's New Beginnings Group

Visitors:

Marilyn B. – NFAC Alt. Chair / Share at Noon Group
D'Adjoa – Keep in Step 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. Sept. 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 Finally women's corrections is back on track. We had a successful month. Since Sept 30. We have been able to bring in a meeting every other Wednesday as scheduled once again. It appears so far the jail has ironed out their kinks with the women's part. We also have a meeting scheduled this upcoming Wednesday Oct 28th.

We have turned in 3 more willing volunteers applications; hopefully they do not take 9 months for approval like the last ones. We are also taking more applications. Our goal is to bring in a weekly meeting like the men's corrections. As of now, we still don't have enough approved willing participants on a regular basis. With more approvals that should be changed.

Lori the co-chair for women's was present at the assembly. We're looking forward to another successful month bringing in meetings

Men's Corrections Report – Ed H There were three Men's A.A. Corrections Meetings for the month of October with one cancellation due to illness on the part of CCA. As usual 20 to 35 inmates with increased inmate participation attended all meetings. Books and literature moved well.

Again, due to my work schedule. I was not able to attend Area 14 Conference. However, Committee members attended it and Al M. will report on the NFCC Workshop.

This will be the last month I will be Men's Corrections Chair for District 28. After three years, it is time to "pass the baton" so to speak. I will however remain a Committee Volunteer. With the DCM's approval, I have asked Al M. to accept the Chair and he has graciously agreed. His enthusiasm and commitment to carrying the message to those in Correction facilities I am sure will be seen and appreciated by all.

Much has been accomplished in the years I have been associated with the Corrections Committee none of which would have been possible without the selfless dedication of all the Committee Members. My thanks to you all for your support and commitment and my sincerest gratitude and thanks to District 28 for allowing me to serve as Chair.

Treatment – Rock P. – All is well at the Drug Court and T.H.E. Regretfully we have lost our contact person at the Centers, due to her taking a job in Hawaii. I will be visiting The Centers again this month, and will attempt to make contact with her replacement. I attended the Area Assembly this month where I enjoyed the benefit of several good workshops, including Treatment, CPC & PI workshops, and learned how we can better cooperate within our own Service Structures to ensure that we will always carry the message.

. Intergroup – Julie P Eight (8) voting members present. Report given on the status of the Gratitude Dinner. So far 171 plus tickets have been sold. Tickets are still available at the NCI office/bookstore. Two (2) Trustee positions will be vacant in January 2010. Bring resume to NCI meeting in Nov. or Dec. if interested in these positions. The Hot Line had 82 calls this month. 77 AA, 3 Alanon, and 2 NA. Still need "Door Prizes" donated by groups for Gratitude Dinner. See NCI website for more detailed minutes of their meeting.

Literature/PI – Greg H. I have been working on the young people in jail. I also ordered 30 more posters to be put in laundry mats, libraries, etc. If anyone can help with the distribution of these posters please contact Greg H. I would like to suggest the use of the 44 Questions as a topic for meetings. The Service Fair theme is "Alcohol the Silent Crippler."

CPC/– Jackie D. I attended the area meeting in Gainesville. There was further discussion of a future agenda item regarding Tradition 12, anonymity. Some psi's have a disclaimer that the people in these commercials are actors and not AA members, while their faces have been blurred in some way. The discussion was how much of their faces should or should not be shown. Also, I learned that when contacting the clergy, I might have more prospects in a black community. Our area CPC chairperson read an article from the Grapevine called 'Dinner

with Doctors' which explains that the basic purpose of working with doctors and nurses is so they can better treat their patients. I would also like to thank those district committee chairpersons who showed up at the workshop. It was very informative.

Grapevine – Ann. I attended the Workshop at Area Assembly, where we discussed giving gift subscriptions of the Grapevine for the holidays. Great gift idea for both Sponsors and Sponsees. I also attended the District workshop on the “Wet Drunk” and learned about both helping the wet drunk as well as the functioning of our “Hot Line”.

Alternate DCM. . Necessary changes have been made to the Where & When’s. They are now at the printers. We have ordered 2500 copies, and should be forthcoming soon.

DCM-SUE ANN Wet Drunk Workshop:

We had 19 people that attended the Workshop. Dan E. (Past Delegate of Area 14) gave an interesting and informed presentation on how to handle a 12 Step call to assist a Wet Drunk; we had great participation from all the members.

Julie (Intergroup) gave a very informed presentation on how to handle the Hotline calls and answered some tough questions with a lot of knowledge. She and Rock have the Hotline Phone this month and she had it with her.

Danny C. won the crossword puzzle prize (A.A. Comes of Age book).

I would like to thank Connie (Parliamentarian) of Area 14 for her help and Marilyn (Alt. Chair) of Area 14.

Ann, thank you for helping me setup. Also, thanks to Ann, Julie and Jackie for cleaning up afterwards.

Thank you to all that showed up and made it a success.

Area 14 Assembly:

We had 5 GSRs, 1 DCM, and 1 visitor.

Total Votes at the Oct. Assembly (6).

Thank you, Rafael, Julie, Rock, Paula, and Al for being there to vote, and our visitor Ann for wanting to learn More about how it works in all of our service structure.

We had at the assembly: 297 voting members.

GSO recognizes our area as the Archives Area; they are talking about how we are preserving our Groups Histories

In area 14. If you have not done your groups history, please do so and have your GSR take it to the next assembly and give it to our Archivist. I have the form or you can go on the Intergroup Website and print it out. One of the Area Inventory topics was " doing more for the Spanish Speaking communities", which was a long session on this topic, and what other districts were doing to help. We do have their meetings in our W&Ws and I asked the district 28 Intergroup Web site to add the map again, it had vanished. The Area 33 district (Spanish) already has the district 28 Intergroup Web Site on their Web Site.

I went to the Spanish meeting; Ann and Rafael went with me, as before it was a good meeting. Most of the members do speak English. I gave them three Spanish Conference books and Ann gave them two Spanish Grapevines.

I speak to Ben, one of their members, every so often, and he is so grateful for all we do for them.

*Area 14 is accepting service resumes for Accessibilities.

Tradition Ten:

Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the AA name ought never be drawn into public

controversy.

Do I ever give the impression that there really is an "AA opinion" on Antabuse? Tranquilizers? Doctors? Psychiatrists? Churches? Hospitals? Jails? Alcohol? The federal or state government? Legalizing marijuana? Vitamins? Al-Anon? Alateen?

Can I honestly share my own personal experience concerning any of those without giving the impression I am stating the "AA opinion"

What in AA history gave rise to our Tenth Tradition?

Have I had a similar experience in my own AA life?

What would AA be without this Tradition? Where would I be?

Do I breach this or any of its supporting Traditions in subtle, perhaps unconscious, ways?

How can I manifest the spirit of this Tradition in my personal life outside AA? Inside AA?

Concept X:

Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

OLD BUSINESS: Wet Drunk workshop held as scheduled. Questions raised about monies for the Alt. DCM will be carried over to the 2010 calendar.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussed splitting the cost of business cards with Intergroup. Intergroup will be discussing/voting on cards at the Nov. meeting. In the past, District and Intergroup ordered the cards together and split the cost and the cards.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON Nov. 22, 2009 @ 6:00 P.M.

DECEMBER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON DEC.20,2009.

ATTENTION: Make your room reservations for the upcoming Assembly. The dates are Jan. 15th –17th, 2010 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.

A form to make reservations for all the Assemblies in 2010 was e-mailed to each GSR by your DCM. If you do not have e-mail access please see your secretary and I will give you the necessary form to use for all 2010 reservations.

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