

AA DISTRICT 28
DISTRICT MEETING JULY 25, 2010
ATTENDANCE & MINUTES

Officers:

Sue Ann	DCM
Paige B.	Interim Secretary
Paula D.	Treasurer

Committee Chairs:

Al M.	Men's Correction Chair
Charmaine I.	Women's Correction Chair
Rock P.	Treatment Chair
Julie P.	Intergroup Liaison
Ann D.	Grapevine Representative
Jackie D.	CPC Chair
Greg H.	PI/Literature Chair

GSRs - Alt GSRs:

David N.	GSR-Floral City Group (New GSR)
Darral M.	GSR-Floral City Men's Group
Greg H.	GSR-Inverness Wednesday Night Group
Ernie P.	GSR-Attitude Adjustment Group
d'Adjoa N.	GSR-Keep In Step Group
Paula D.	GSR-Women's Friendship Group
Rock P.	GSR-Bright Spot Group
John C.	GSR-Yulee Beginner's Meeting
Al M.	GSR- Last Chance Group
Julie P.	GSR- Night Cap Group
George K.	GSR- Rainbow Group
Ben R.	GSR- Sober Sandgnats Group

Visitors:

Walter W.	Former GSR-Floral City Group
John R.	Inverness Wednesday Night Group

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

A warm welcome was extended to new GSRs David N. of the Floral City Group and Ernie P. of the Attitude Adjustment Group.

Committee Reports:

Secretary's Report - Paige B. (Interim Secretary)

Roll call conducted. June minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Paula D.

See Attached. Treasurer's Report accepted.

Women's Corrections Report – Charmain I.

For the month of July, we had two scheduled visits one on the seventh and one on the fourteenth. Neither visit was a success due to a cancellation on our part and later to a miscommunication on their part. The approval status of the previously submitted volunteer applications remains the same...in limbo.

Effective immediately, I submit my resignation as the Women's Correction Chair for District 28. Thank you for letting me serve this past year and a half; it has been quite a learning experience. Thank you. Charmaine I.

Men's Corrections Report – Al M.

We had three meetings this month. Attendance at all meetings ranged from 25 to 35 inmates. Demand for our meetings is high. The possibility of having two separate meetings one early and one later is being discussed. Exit time will remain the same, approximately 9pm. We have yet to make any progress on getting volunteers approved. However, a new Human Resource Director is being hired and this should help in speeding up the process. We have replenished our supply of books and literature. With the increased attendance, literature is taken at a much faster rate. Donations from groups have helped a lot. Also, I purchased a DVD about alcoholics behind bars. I plan to show it and then entertain comments from the inmates. I attended the Corrections Workshop at the Area Assembly and discussed topics like AA literature, the difficulties encountered in carrying the message; we must always use restraint and practice patience. There was a corrections officer present. He commented on how much prison officials appreciate the volunteers. Some inmates that attended our meetings are now free and attend local meetings. Seeing this, makes it all worth it. Also at the assembly, there was talk about the Grapevine going completely electronic. The inmates would no longer be able to receive it. I explained that this was a very bad idea and that we should do all we can to keep it in print. Yours in service, Al M.

Treatment Chair's Report– Rock P.

All is well at the drug court and T.H.E. The Centers is well stocked with literature. As always, it is my pleasure and an honor to carry the message. In love and service, Rock P.

Rock challenged all GSRs to create new forms for 12th step volunteer availability, bring them to their groups and help create a larger pool of volunteers.

It was mentioned that a 12th step volunteer availability form already exists at Intergroup. Darral M. volunteered to locate, duplicate and make the form available to GSRs at the NCI Office and District 28 meetings

Intergroup Liaison's Report – Julie P.

No Report

Literature/PI Chair's Report- Greg H.

Greg H. returned Literature and PI materials to the district and resigned the position as District 28 Literature/PI Chair.

CPC Chair's Report– Jackie D.

Not a whole lot to report from Area. They still have a couple presentations to make in Orlando that they need help with if anyone is interested. Now is also the time to apply for any of the area service positions.

There was a question about whether to use a video clip at the exhibition tables at the conventions. Cons were that there isn't enough time, equipment may not be available and there is not enough interest. Pros were that a video would attract people to the table. Also mentioned was that while attending a table, the AA rep should dress up, stand up and say hello to visitors and ask them if we can answer questions or send them literature. A new item has been added for the professional: *AA as a Resource for the Drug and Alcohol Court Professional Newsletter* (F-13). In love and service, Jackie D.

Grapevine Chair's Report – Ann D.

I attended The Area Assembly Grapevine Workshop.

Attention AA Members Electronic Delivery Tell Us What You Think? This is a Grapevine Survey. Copies will be made of this survey and given to the GSR of every group. Please be sure you fill one out and mail it to either Chet P. at 1006 Eastern Way, Orlando, Florida 32804 or the Area Grapevine Coordinator. Completed surveys must be submitted no later than November 1, 2010. Thank you, for letting me serve you. Ann D.

Alternate DCM's Report - Hans N.

Report given by several GSRs attending the Area 14 Assembly.

- Ben R. Attended both days. His group, the Sober Sand gnats, is listed on the Area 14 map as belonging to District 27. The Sand gnats maintain they are members of District 28 and plan on remaining so. "We are members because we say we are." The Area 14 registrar has the group's correct information. For now, the map will remain unchanged.
- The new area map available at the Assembly will be posted on the NFA website down the road.
- Al M. The Grapevine is conducting a survey. Copies will be available on the NFA website, at the Naturecoast Intergroup Office and from GSRs . Surveys should be completed by AA members and returned to Chet P. no later than October 15 2010. The data will be collected and compiled by Chet P. and an ad hoc committee. The results will be presented at the next Assembly.
- There was mention and discussion of the availability on the NFA website of the Service Manual in electronic format making it available for download. Additionally, the availability of AA texts and the Grapevine in Braille were discussed



DCM's Report – Sue Ann A.

I sent our request for the district Rental/User Form back to the Parks and Recreation Department. This will calendar us in for Oct.1st, 2010 to September 30th, 2011.

The District will meet on the Last Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. except on the following dates:

- Sunday, November 21, 2010 before Thanksgiving
- Sunday, December 19, 2010 before Christmas
- Sunday, May 22, 2011 before Memorial Day

Sue Ann will be out of state on the last Sunday In August, The Alt-DCM Hans will preside.

Tradition Seven

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

- **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?**
- **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?**
- **If GSO runs short of funds some year, wouldn't it be okay to let the government subsidize AA groups in hospitals and prisons?**
- **Is it more important to get a big AA collection from a few people, or a smaller collection in which more members participate?**
- **Is a group treasurer's report unimportant AA business? How does the treasurer feel about it?**
- **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.

- **Do we act responsibly regarding the “power of the purse?”**
- **Do we realize that the practical and spiritual power of the Conference will nearly always be superior to the legal power of the G.S.B.?**

Old Business:

District 28 Workshop

“Service And Rotation In The Home Group And District: It Starts At The Home Group Level.”

When: August 21, 2010
10:00AM TO 2:00PM

Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
439 East Norvell Bryant Highway
Hernando, Fl. (Across from Citrus Hills Entrance)

Please plan to be at the church by 9:15am in order to set-up your displays.

- I would like to thank John R., our past Alt-DCM, for accepting to give Paula’s presentation; Once again he steps up for Alcoholics Anonymous!
- The church has offered the use of their facility at no charge. I explained our 7th Tradition, that we are self supporting, declining outside contributions.
- Sue Ann is trying to get Chet P., North Florida Delegate, to speak on the spirit of rotation at the District 28 workshop.
- Each District officer will explain what their position entails: DCM, Alt-DCM, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Each Standing Committee member will have their displays and tell of their perspective on the services that their position does for the still suffering alcoholic, and what they had received from doing this service.

If you would like to volunteer to help set up or clean up, please let me know.

New Business:

- I would like to thank Greg H. and Charmaine I. for all the hard work they put into and dedication they showed in holding their positions, serving the Alcoholics that are still suffering. I wish them the best in all they do in the future for Alcoholics Anonymous.
- **Replacement for Women's Corrections Chair**
- **Replacement for Public Information Chair**

Discussion around the two vacated positions ensued. Each former Committee Chair spoke on their experience. The difficulties and rewards of this service were discussed. Sue Ann stressed the importance of being frank with your replacement and available to help them get adjusted to their new position until the end of the year, it was agreed we have done good work in this area.

Sue Ann, DCM, will coordinate the Women's Correction activities until the year's end.

- Discussion of an appropriate amount as donation to the Good Shepherd Church for use of their facility occurred. The question was raised weather this amount was budgeted for. The DCM cited this expense as budgeted for.

A motion was made and seconded to offer the church \$50.00. With 10 (ten) GSRs still present, the motion was carried unanimously.

Announcements:

- Sign up sheets and resume forms for District 28 Committee chairs will be available at the workshop. Hopefully a pool of volunteers will be created for the new DCM to choose their committee from. Resume forms for the District Committee Chair positions; Men's and Women's Corrections, Treatment, Intergroup Liaison, CPC, PI/Literature and District Officer positions; DCM, Alt-DCM, Secretary and Treasurer are attached to the July District 28 minutes. Resumes for District Officer positions should be in by August or given to the DCM before September elections. Forms will be available at the District 28 workshop on August 21st.

Elected positions specifically, the District Officers job descriptions, suggested qualifications, term and time requirements are available for review in the Service Manual. Structures and Guidelines and will be posted in the August District minutes.

- The Hernando Tuesday Men's Meeting has been suspended indefinitely
- We have new Where & Whens, if you need any for your group you may contact the DCM at (352) 533-3051, e-mail her at tootiesue2@hotmail.com or come to a District meeting on the last Sunday of the month.
- Darral M. from the NCI Bookstore, announced the availability of literature if, it is needed in bulk, please call ahead, it can be ordered.
- Ben R. announced the start of a sober film fest...Recovery movies on Saturdays. Flyers will be made and distributed.
- John C. announced the existence of a side-by-side meeting of AA and Al-Anon on Thursday night at 8PM at The Yulee beginner's Meeting in Homosassa. "A great opportunity for both the AA and The Al-Anon to catch a meeting and a night out together.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**THE NEXT DISTRICT 28 MEETING WILL BE ON Sunday,
August 29, 2010 @ 6:00 P.M.**

THE INTERIM SECRETARY IS PAIGE B. PLEASE E-MAIL HER YOUR

REPORTS FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST. HER E-MAIL ADDRESS IS ahotcoffeekindagirl@gmail.com

**Contributions to District 28
Make Checks Payable to District 28**

**District 28
713 Laurel Ave.
Inverness, Fl. 34452**

**Contributions to Area 14:
Make checks payable to NFACAA**

**NFAC
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.**