

AA DISTRICT 28
DISTRICT MEETING December 19, 2010
ATTENDANCE & MINUTES

Officers:

DCM Sue Ann A. (acting Women's Corrections Chair)
SECRETARY Pat H.
TREASURER Paula D.

Committee Chairs:

Walter R. Men's Corrections
Jackie D. CPC/ PI
Ann D. Grapevine

GSRs - Alt GSRs:

CRYSTAL RIVER GROUP	GSR- Sandy H.
FLORAL CITY	GSR- David N.
FLORAL CITY MEN'S	GSR_ Darral M.
INVERNESS FRIDAY NIGHT	GSR- Beverly H.
KEEP IN STEP GROUP	ALT. GSR- Ruth M.
LAST CHANCE GROUP	GSR- Paige B.
MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S	GSR- Rafael T.
NO NAME GROUP	GSR- Kevin G.
RAINBOW GROUP	ALT GSR- Steve N.
WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP	GSR- Paula D.
WON REBOS	GSR- Bruce P.
WON REBOS	ALT. GSR- Lina R.

Visitors:

Brenda R- Women's Friendship Group

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

New GSRs and visitors were welcomed.

Secretary's Report – Pat H.

Roll call conducted. November minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Paula D.

See Attached. Treasurer's Report. Accepted as given.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Women's Corrections Report- Sue Ann A.

We had one cancellation by the facility this month. There has been a large participation by the women inmates, there is a few that are continuing studies on their own time and had gathered materials as to learn more about our disease.

Thank you, Sue Ann

Men's Corrections Report – Al M.

There really is not too much to report this month. CCA cancelled most of the Meetings. We did have one so far. It was chaired by Walter & Al. There were Almost 30 inmates in attendance, It was a spirited meeting and the participation was terrific. Mr. Tucker has now been given control of new applications and told us that he will try to speed up the approval process. Larry M. and Ed H. Are slated to chair the next meeting on Wednesday December 22. This Concludes the correction report. Wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. Yours in service: Al M.

Treatment Chair's Report– Rock P.

NO REPORT

Intergroup Liaison's Report – Julie P.

There were 12 groups at the Dec. Intergroup business meeting. An audit of the bookstore will be done before the January meeting by two of the Trustees. Nature Coast Journal editor stated

that names for anniversaries must be received by the last Thursday of the month, prior to the anniversary. No Hotline report was available. For a complete report check the website.

Literature CPC/PI Chair's Report– Jackie D.

I followed up with county and state probation offices to reiterate the difference between open and closed meetings. I was unable to speak with Eve from county probation as she was not in, so I slipped into the mail slot the court-ordered pamphlet and other info as I did in 2009. I sent an email to Stephanie P. at state probation and to Stephanie K. at drug court. I didn't realize Stephanie K. had emailed me back when I went to the courthouse to refill the literature rack. Turns out, Stephanie K's office is next to the rack, and she called me in to question me. I was glad to have the opportunity to communicate with her in person, as we'd only spoken on the phone last year. I don't feel the conversation was too productive. I explained that closed meetings are for those that either want to ensure their anonymity and for those who have a desire not to drink; and further, that everyone is welcome to attend open meetings. She somehow ended up thinking that we turn people away or are hostile toward them if they have 'other issues'. I explained to her that we're not hostile, that we just want to make sure they get into the right 12-step room and that a drug addict cannot teach me how she stopped drinking. I told her of the Washingtonians and why we have singleness of purpose and many 12-step rooms. Her reply was, 'that was a long time ago, some people do have alcohol problems, and I'm not going to tell anyone what meeting to go to'. I told her that my job was to simply explain what AA does/not does for her own information and so that she could try to guide the individual to the right place. I also asked her if she ever referred anyone to NA She didn't have a rebuttal. She did ask for an NA schedule. I told her that I don't have one because I'm with AA, and that she could probably get that information on line. I'm not sure she fully understands what I was explaining, but we bid each other a Merry Christmas and I'm sure she'll remember our conversation. It was a learning experience for me though. I still have to talk with my sponsor to find out what I learned, and what I can do to improve communications in the future.

Grapevine Chair's Report – Ann D.

I will be returning all the Grapevine supplies I have from the previous 2 years. I will also be contacting a potential new Grapevine Rep who has expressed interest in the Position for Panel 61. Thanks for letting me serve.

Alternate DCM's Report - Hans N.

Where & When's are at the printers and expected to be ready the last week in Dec.

DCM's Report – Sue Ann A.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all the Chairpersons and Officers whom have worked hard in their positions as to help the still suffering alcoholic and to Julie P., Ann D., and Jackie D., whom went beyond their positions to help me with the activities these past two years.

Thank you to John R. our past Alt. DCM for your help when called upon.

Also, I would like to thank Pat H. (Secretary) and Paige B. (Interim Secretary) for their services; it is not an easy job.

Thank you for letting me serve. Sue Ann

Old Business:

* I had spoken to Dina Emmanuel about our reimbursement on the rent; it was credited to our account and will be reflected on our 2011 invoice.

* The Where & When's will be ready next week, with the holidays the printers are backed up.

* **S&G's are updated and will be e-mailed out with the minutes.**

New Business:

Announcements:

Christmas Eve Alkathon at Holder.

Meetings are 6, 8, 10 & 12. The 8 o'clock meeting will be CANDLELIGHT. 7, 9 & 11 are open for fellowship and eating. Please bring a finger food if you can.

Jan 15-16, 2011: [North Florida Area Assembly](#), St Augustine, FL

- **Apr 9-10, 2011: [North Florida Area Assembly](#), St Augustine, FL**
- **Jul 9-10, 2011: [North Florida Area Assembly](#), St Augustine,**
- **Oct 15-16, 2011: [North Florida Area Assembly](#), St Augustine, FL**
- **Jul 20-24, 2011: [55th Florida State Convention](#), Orlando, FL**

Deadline for Directories

In order to be included in the 2011 Regional Directories, Group updates made via Fellowship New Vision (FNV) Should be completed by May 13, 2011. Hard copy updates should be received at the G.S.O. Records department no later than May 6, 2011 to be Included.

Seventh Tradition Stories Sought

As a result of a 2010 General Service Conference Advisory Action, submissions of personal stories are being sought That humanizes the impact of Seventh Tradition monies. This is for the purpose of communicating with the Fellowship about Self-support. These stories would be for Possible inclusion in new or existing literature. Manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double spaced. Please send submissions, by February 15, 2011, to the CFO At General Service Office, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163 or by e-mail, to literature@aa.org.

Call for Stories Focused on Spirituality

In response to the 2010 General Service Conference recommendation That "the trustees' Committee on Literature Develop literature which focuses on spirituality that Includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are successfully Sober in Alcoholics Anonymous..." the trustee's Literature Committee is seeking stories from A.A. members. The trustees are looking for stories that reflect a wide range Of spiritual experiences from A.A. members who, With any belief or non-belief, have found a solution to the concept of spirituality and sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous. Manuscripts should be 500-800 words, double spaced. Please attach your name and address on a separate piece of paper. The anonymity of all authors will be observed,

whether or not their story is selected for publication.
Please send sharing, by February 15, 2011, to: Literature
Coordinator, General Service Office, Box 459, Grand
Central Station, New York, NY 10163, or e-mail:
literature@aa.org.



Tradition Twelve

Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Why is it good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare?

What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?

When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?

In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?

Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?

Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?

Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition-or belie it?

Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?

Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior-especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?

Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?

Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?

Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?

What is the real importance of me among more than a million AAs?

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Concept XII: The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

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How do we guard against becoming a “seat of perilous wealth or power?”

• How do we practice prudent use of our Seventh Tradition contributions and literature revenue?

• Do we insure the spiritual liberties of all A.A. members by not placing any member in the position of absolute authority over others?

- Do we try to reach important decisions by thorough discussion, vote and, where possible, substantial unanimity?
- As guardians of A.A.'s traditions are we ever justified in being personally punitive?
- Are we careful to avoid public controversy?
- Do we always try to treat each other with mutual respect and love?

OLD BUSINESS: Dina Emanuel, from the county, contacted the DCM and says we will be credited for next years rent of the community center for business meetings.

NEW BUSINESS (1) Proposed 2011 budget presented, voted on (PASSED) and discussed. (2) Motion for Committee Chairs assembly expense to be increased from \$600.00 to \$700.00 per year made and PASSED.

(3) Motion made, discussed and voted on to have District pay for (2) rooms at each Area Assembly for GSR's who are unable to pay for a night's lodging. One will be for females and the other for males. PASSED (4) Motion made, discussed and voted on to add one (1) nights lodging for the Alt. DCM. This is an increase of \$360.00/year, bringing the amount to \$560.00 /Year from \$200.00. DCM will also receive \$560.00/year from previous amount of \$500.00/year. PASSED

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be on January 30, 2011, 2011.

**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*

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