

**DISTRICT 28 Monthly Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2012**

Officers/Chairs Present at Meeting:

DCM - Pat H (present)
Alt DCM - Paula D. (present)
Treasurer - Char S. (present)
Secretary - Steve N (present)
Men's Corrections – Walter M. (present)
Women's corrections - Paige B. (not present)
CPC/PI - Janet B. (not present)
Literature – Darral M. (present)
Treatment - Willye M. (present)
NCI Liaison – Steve N (present)
Grapevine - Debra S. (not present)
Archives - John R (not present)

GSR/Alt GSR and Visitors in Attendance

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT GROUP	Rose C
CRYSTAL RIVER GROUP	Sandy H
FLORAL CITY GROUP	David N
FLORAL CITY MEN'S GROUP	Darral M
HIGH NOON GROUP	Paul B
HOLDER WAY OF LIFE	Mike W
KEEP IN STEP GROUP	Mary S
MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S STEP	Rick T
RAINBOW GROUP	Steve N
RESENTMENT GROUP	Mark T
WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP	Genet R
WON REBOS	Bruce P
YOUTH OF THE NATION GROUP	Jeffrey E

Welcome by DCM

Pat H. welcomed group and called meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Moment of Silence

Serenity Prayer -

*God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference*

Declaration of Unity

*This we owe to A.A.'s future:
To place our common welfare first;
To keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives,
And the lives of those to come.*

Responsibility Statement

I am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

Recognition of New GSR's - Mike W Holder Way of Life Group
- Paul B High Noon Group
- Mark T Resentment Group

Secretary: Roll Call and Report: Steve N

Roll call - 13 groups were represented.

Minutes of October meeting. Moved to accept, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Char S.

Moved, seconded and passed to accept November Reports.

See Attached Reports

7th Tradition Basket Passed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Men's Corrections – Walter R.

This is the report for the month of November 2012. We are now seeking an Assistant Chairperson for the Men's Corrections Committee. We are very pleased to have Mr. David Newland as the next Men's Corrections Chairman for the 2 year position which begins on Jan. 1st, 2013 thru Jan. 1st 2015.

October 31st (20 Inmates Attended) November 3rd (21 Inmates Attended) November 14th

(22 Inmates Attended) November 21st (Cancelled by CCA) November 29th (17 Inmates Attended).

During the 4 November meetings, (5) little big books & 6 donated grapevines & several Where &

When's & other AA pamphlets were taken by the inmates for the month of October. If anyone is

interested in becoming a corrections committee member and is able to attend the meetings inside

the jail then please call me @352-489-2238 or 352- 895-6422 or email me @

walter@citruspainting.com For information.

Women's corrections - Paige B (not present/no report)

Treatment - Willye M.

"First Thank all in this district and A.A. for the warmth and love you extended to the kids , at the Gratitude dinner, the spark you instilled by what you all did in true unity, recovery, and service of our program spark within each of them more hope and love for this program , treatment is better than ever, the want for the A.A. way of life bloomed 7 fold along with the Fri night 7pm open meetings starting to pick up , thank you also for that support, this is what these children now all look forward to seeing you each and everyone , In honor, service and love" William M

CPC/PI - Janet B (not present/ report given by Rose C)

Updated Where and Whens were delivered to the following Inverness sites: State and County Probation and Parole, Citrus Memorial Emergency Room and the Share Club, Sheriff's main station, County Courthouse, Court Alternative Program, Chamber of Commerce and the SW Central Driver Improvement School. Many sites, particularly on the west side of the county were not visited as I did not have any schedules left.

Literature – Darral M - nothing to report

Grapevine – Debra S (not present/no report)

NCI Liaison – Steve N

Eight groups were represented.

TREASURER:-John L. presented his report for the month and it was accepted. He said that Sandy H. had returned \$218 from the Gratitude Dinner having been provided \$200 seed money earlier. John

said that an extra \$160 from the 50/50 drawing at the dinner was returned by Sandy and that he would send this amount to New York as per tradition. This was John's final report as Treasurer and everyone thanked him for his extraordinary service in the position.

WEBMASTER:-Dave B. said that he will be working with the District to improve access to their business in the webpage.

HOTLINE:-Dave N. reported a total of 83 calls to the hotline as follows:-AA 64, Treatment 4, Alanon/Alateen 6, NA 1, Sales Calls 8. He said he would be grateful for updates to the contact sheets and said that he was very much enjoying the experience of answering the Hotline phone.

INVENTORY AND SALES:-Darral M. said that the inventory from the closed bookstore had been disposed of and that the final items were given to the Gratitude Dinner for auction.

GRATITUDE DINNER:-Sandy H. said the large crowd present had a wonderful time and that the feedback had been amazing. She said everyone enjoyed the food, the speaker and the atmosphere at St. Benedicts. She thanked everyone who helped her out in any way and said that it would have been impossible without the goodwill of so many people. She said we did it together as it should be. Sandy H. was installed as a new Trustee.

Archives - John R - (not present/no report)

Alt DCM Report - Paula D.

It is my privilege and pleasure to serve as District 28's Alt DCM
District

Where and Whens

If there are any changes that need to be made, please let me know. An order has been placed for the new Where and Whens. They should be arriving soon.

Area Assembly

The dates for the next assemblies are January 18-20, 2013 and March 29-31, 2013 which will be held at Lake Mary, FL. You can make reservations for these on the North Florida Area website at <http://www.aanorthflorida.org>

Please make your reservations at least 30 days before the assembly. The area only holds a certain amount of rooms with the hotel.

An Update from the Area Chair:

There are 25 more rooms added to Friday's room block at \$90 on a first come first serve basis. You will need to use two different links to get the NFAC rate on the rooms for the Assembly in January.

The Friday link is:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mcoml?groupCode=nfanfae&app=resvlink&fromDate=1/18/13&toDate=1/19/13>

The Saturday rooms are going fast. Use this link for your Saturday

reservation: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mcoml?groupCode=nfanfaa&app=resvlink&fromDate=1/19/13&toDate=1/20/13>

You can also call Marriott Central Reservations at (800) 380-7724, 24 hours a day.

Any problems or concerns with your reservation, contact Heather at heathermvance@yahoo.com or Ken S. at altchairperson@aanorthflorida.org.

Considering how fast the room block has filled, you may want to use the links on our <http://www.aanorthflorida.org> website to make your reservations for the Assemblies for the rest of the year.

The district has 2 rooms already reserved for the January assembly for GSR's of groups that do not have funds to send their GSR to assembly.

Southeast Regional Forum

November 9-11, I had the opportunity to attend the Southeast Regional Forum in Boca Raton, FL (which is considered a bottom heavy service forum). A representation of Class A and B trustees and trustees-at-large were there, in addition to the manager and general manager from the General Service Office. The office staff members were also well represented: including Grapevine. The weekend was a wonderful experience full of excellent information. I would certainly encourage anyone to attend.

I hope that you all have a wonderful and safe holiday. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

DCM Report - Pat H.

No report this month, but I do want to let you know what a privilege it has been for me to serve as your DCM.

Paula, I could not have asked for a better Alt. DCM. You served the District in my absence over the summers, and I am so indebted to you for all your help, both when I've been here and in my absence.

Steve: I thank you for all your service to the District as our Secretary, and your personal guidance and direction to me. I have learned so very much from you. I believe you are the best secretary the District has had in a long time.

Char: You have been a trusted steward of our money. Your service to the District is much appreciated.

Men's Correction Chair: Walter. You have grown this committee so very much in the past 2 years. Your enthusiasm for this committee has been contagious and this has added to the number of volunteers you have attracted.

Women's Corrections: Paige: When the original chair of this committee had to resign due to health issues you gladly took over the chair duties and you too have added volunteer numbers over the past two years. Both you and Walter have been a positive role model in the community.

CPC/PI Janet: Thank you for volunteering to head this committee when we needed someone. This is not your first role as chair of this committee. I thank you for your expertise and your contact base in the community.

Treatment Chair: Willye: You have done nothing short of performing miracles at the Centers. I had no idea what you were capable of doing. I'm still not sure what you're up to, but whatever it is "Keep it up".

Grapevine: Debra: You energized the groups' enthusiasm for the Grapevine by getting them involved in the Grapevine subscription contest. Job well done and congratulations on your new position as Treasurer.

Archives: John R.: Thank you for stepping up when we needed someone for this committee. Our history is in good hands.

Literature: Darral: You have always been willing to do whatever you could when we needed literature, etc. Thank you.

NCI Liaison: Steve: I'm beginning to think if I look up Service in the AA Dictionary I might see your picture. Thank you for being an example to all of us how very important Service work truly is.

To all of the GSR's: Keep up the spirit of service. I know some of you belong to groups who think this part of AA is not necessary. You just keep on doing what you're doing. You never know who you might be able to change their outlook on Service work. I applaud you all for showing up each month. I believe we have had some really good times, as well as, getting our work done. Your participation is appreciated and I have enjoyed each one of you, from the oldest to the newest.

My best to the incoming Panel 63. May you be blessed as I have by serving District 28!

Pat H.

Old Business

The 2013 budget was passed unanimously. (see attached)

New Business - None

Announcements - Pat H was thanked for her service and for how well the District worked together under her leadership.

Concept/ Tradition

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.

- 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?

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?

Closing---Lord's Prayer A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 6:40 PM . Pat asked Rick T to lead the Lord's Prayer.