

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2013

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM-Paula D.
Alt. DCM-Steve N.
Treasurer-Debra S.
Secretary-P. J. O.
Grapevine Chair-Debra S.
Archives Chair-Denis S.
Intergroup Liaison-Paige B.
Literature Chair-Genêt R.
CPC Chair-Janet B

GSRs/Alt. GSRs and Visitors present at meeting:

Attitude Adjustment Group-Janet B., Alt. GSR
Crystal River Group-Sandy H., GSR
Dunnellon New Beginnings Big Book-John S., GSR
High Noon Group-Paul B, GSR
Holder Way of Life-Al M., GSR
Keep In Step Group-Mary S., GSR
Rainbow Group-Ron B., GSR
Real Happy Hour Group-John C., GSR
Resentment Group-Matt B., GSR
Women's Friendship Group-Genêt R., GSR
Won Rebos-P. J. O., Alt. GSR
John A.-Rainbow Group-Visitor
Chuck M.-Guest/Visitor
Diane P.-Won Rebos Group-Alt GSR

Welcome by DCM:

Paula D. welcomed groups and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
Serenity Prayer
Declaration of Unity
Responsibility Statement
Recognition of New GSRs-none present

Special election for District Secretary - P. J. O. agreed to stand for the office of Secretary and was duly elected.

Roll Call: P. J. O. took roll call and minutes.
Roll call-11 groups were represented.
Minutes from the July 2013 meeting were accepted unanimously as written.

Treasurer's Report: Debra S.

Debra asked that the Report that she had distributed at the beginning of this meeting be amended to show that it is the Report for July 2013, not June 2013 as indicated. Upon motion made, seconded and passed unanimously, the report the amended was approved.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives Report: Denis S.

Thanks again for the appointment to District Archives Chair. Denis suggested that we establish a District Archives Committee and asked that anyone who is interested in serving on such a committee to please contact him. He recommended based on what he had learned at the recent Area workshop, that our records be kept on acid free paper to prevent deterioration. Also, he again recommended that we purchase a digital recorder to be used for recording the stories of people who have more than thirty years sobriety.

Men's Corrections Report: None

Women's Corrections Report: Char S.

Char S. reports that meetings have continued as scheduled with attendance between 9-12. There is still no word on 5 pending volunteer applications. There is one more meeting scheduled for this month, to be held on the 30th.

CPC/PI Report: Janet B.

Most of our sites for meeting schedules were pretty well filled when I went to the Sheriff Main Station and the Crystal River Sub-Station. YANA Club was closed so I left a stack in the outside basket. I visited the Courthouse, Drug Court, Children's Visitation Center, Share Club and the Citrus Memorial Hospital Emergency Room, where I had to move some hospital information folders from our display and replace them with Where & When booklets and AA At A Glance. The Lakes Region Library was okay but the Driver Improvement School and the Laundromat needed copies.

I'm not sure my last report made it into print. The best news was an invitation by John Young (formerly of Hunger & Homeless) for Citrus AA to have a table at an outreach program aimed at offenders who have been released from prison or jail who may or may not be on probation. The program will be at the Hernando Resource Center on Wednesday, September 18th and will start at 10 a.m. We have been asked to bring any information we can give regarding AA and our meetings.

Grapevine Report: Debra S.

I mentioned last month that The Grapevine has published a new book, "One on One; AA Sponsorship in Action." I have received the copy that I ordered for myself and it looks pretty good.

I also want to recommend that everyone check out the AA Grapevine website, <http://www.aagrapevine.org/>. It provides all kinds of information and resources that are available, including books, tapes and other publications. Please share this with your home group.

Literature Report: Genêt R.

The new Where & When's have arrived and I have been distributed; more are available. They are printed on white paper this time. The old ones can be cut up and used as note pads with phone numbers.

The reading competition is still taking place; the deadline for entry is October 4.

Genêt suggested that there should be an acknowledgement from GSO-NY for donations that are made by individuals. A donation was made but the only acknowledgement was a return of the cancelled check. Sandy H. advised that her group had a similar experience; individual contributions were not acknowledged but there was recognition for Group contributions. It was suggested that this topic be brought to Area 14's Finance Committee in October.

NCI Liaison: Paige B.

Rick T opened the August meeting of the Nature Coast Intergroup with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Genet R. took roll call. Eleven groups were represented. Denis S. read minutes from the July 2013 meeting. The minutes were accepted as read. Rick T. delivered the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Bill W. The Trustees reported having met to deliberate the disbursement of surplus funds. The hotline received 101 calls for the month. Dave B., webmaster, presented an eight month summary of website activity that revealed an average of 800 visits per month. Babette V. S. distributed 200 copies of the August journal and encouraged the submission of articles and AA related items of interest. Paige B. thanked all those who made the picnic a huge success. The event surplussed \$38.45 which is earmarked for GSO. Additionally, a 50/50 raffle raised \$92.50 for both one lucky winner and for GSO.

Sandy H. agreed to chair the 2013 Gratitude Dinner. A volunteer sign-up sheet for the event was passed. The date, November 10, 2013, and the ticket price, \$2.00, were determined by vote. Authority to choose the location was given to the Events Committee. We are looking for locations that can accommodate 250 people, with appropriate parking and kitchen facilities, probably school and church properties. Groups will be asked to donate the main dishes; individuals can also bring food to share. Tickets will be made available as soon as possible. Intergroup encourages moving the dinner to a different location each year.

A 2014 events questionnaire is in the works and will be distributed to members and groups to solicit feedback on what events they would like to see happen in 2014. A motion to reserve a date at the Rainbow Springs State Park for a 2014 Picnic was made and accepted unanimously. In the Chairman's Report, Rick T. echoed the positive feedback he's received on Nature Coast Intergroup events. He is delighted at seeing so many AA members involved and expressed commitment to more events.

Under Old Business, the Trustees delivered their recommendation regarding surplus funds; to maintain a prudent reserve between \$2,000.00 and \$2,400.00, to donate \$1,000.00 to District 28 and to donate \$500.00 to both Area 14 and to GSO. A motion to accept this recommendation was made, seconded and approved unanimously. Also under Old Business a discussion on providing literature for District 28 was rescheduled.

Under New Business, a New Year's Eve dance was suggested. Also under New Business, a recommendation that representatives of Intergroup travel to meetings and groups encouraging their participation was made. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Treatment Report: Willye M.

Paula D. advised that there will be no report this month due to an illness in Willye M.'s family. As mentioned in last month's report; prayers will be appreciated.

Alternate DCM Report: Steve N.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Where and Whens have been printed and are available at the monthly Holder Intergroup and District meetings. The large date has been removed from the front as people were throwing them out thinking they are only good for the month listed. Date of publication is now printed in small font at back bottom. Please email additions and corrections to northsea@usa.net so the template for the next printing can be updated. Corrections and additions will also be sent to the webmaster to make the most current meeting schedule available on the Nature Coast Intergroup website.

Area Assembly will be held Friday October 4 through Sunday October 6 at:
Orlando Marriott Lake Mary
1501 International Parkway
Lake Mary, FL 32746
Phone: 800-380-7724
Book Online rooms at the link on the NFAC website at:
http://www.aanorthflorida.org/assembly_agenda.asp

The District has reserved two rooms for GSR's whose groups cannot afford to pay for their lodging. They are reserved for Saturday night October 5th and check in time is 3:00 PM. The rooms are reserved in my name and you can call me at 352-586-8751 when you reach the Marriot in order to check in. Please notify me if you need the rooms. I will need your full name and address/phone information to add to the reservation. If I have received no confirmed requests by Sunday, September 29th District Meeting, the rooms will be canceled.

Again thank you for the opportunity to serve, it contributes greatly to my sobriety efforts.
Steve N.

DCMs Report for August 2013: Paula D.

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

District

A special thank you to Nature Coast Intergroup for hosting the "Picnic in the Park". There was a large turnout from all corners of our District. Thank you to those who set up and cleaned up, our chefs of the day, skit performers, activity coordinators, and all that participated in the fellowship! Especially those who are behind the scene to make this all happen! What wonderful fellowship was shared by all!!!

Area Assembly

The dates for the upcoming Assemblies are **2013 Assembly Dates** - October 4-6, 2013

2014 Assembly Dates - January 17-19, April 11-14, July 11-13 and October 17-19, 2014.

You can make reservations for these on the North Florida Area website at <http://www.aanorthflorida.org>.

**Concept / Tradition
The Traditions
(The Long Form)**

Our A.A. experience has taught us that:

Tradition Eight - Long form

Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we may otherwise have to engage non-alcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. "12th Step" work is never to be paid for.

Concept VIII and Checklist

Concept VIII

The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of over-all 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 (A.A. World Services, Inc., the A.A. 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 G.S.O.'s bimonthly newsletter Box 4-5-9? The A.A. Grapevine? Do I?

- **The deadline to return the Area Assembly Inventory is Sept. 13th.**
- **The General Service Conference moved the deadline for sending in any Agenda Items to December 15th.** The most effective process is for these to come from the groups to the District and to the Area. In order to have the support of the Area, any Agenda Items will need to be brought either through committee or from the floor at the October 2013 Assembly.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Old Business:

Fall Workshop:

The workshop will be on October 19th beginning at 9:00 a.m. at a location to be determined. The topic will be "The Home Group: The Heartbeat of AA."

New Business:

A motion was made to establish a budget of \$100 for the Archives Committee; to purchase any materials and equipment that are needed, including the Sony recorder and acid free paper and file folders. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Reminders:

- Area 14 Assembly.-October 4-6, 2013
- September 29, 2013-Deadline for GSR room request for October Assembly.

Upon motion made, seconded and passed, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.