

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
September 29, 2013

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM-Paula D.
Alt. DCM/Where and When-Steve N.
Treasurer-Debra S.
Secretary-P. J. O.
Men's Corrections Chair-David N.
CPC & PI Chair-Janet B.
Intergroup Liaison-Paige B.
Grapevine Chair-Debra S.
Archives Chair-Denis S.
Literature Chair-Genêt R.

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
Floral City Group-David N., GSR
High Noon Group-Paul B., GSR
Keep In Step Group-Mary S., GSR
Rainbow Group-Ron B., GSR
Real Happy Hour Group-John Chaplin
Resentment Group-Ernest P., GSR
What's The Book Say-Paige B., GSR
Women's Friendship Group-Genêt R., GSR
Won Rebos-P. J. O., Alt. GSR
John A.-Rainbow Group-Visitor
Glen L.-Visitor
Mike B., Crystal River-Visitor
Mark A., Crystal River-Visitor
Clint S., Crystal River-Visitor

Welcome by DCM:

Paula D. welcomed groups and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer
Declaration of Unity
Responsibility Statement
Recognition of New GSRs-Paige B. is now GSR for the What's The Book Say Group.

Secretary Report:

Roll Call: P. J. O. took roll call and minutes. There were 12 groups represented.
Minutes from the August 2013 meeting were accepted unanimously as written.

Treasurer's Report: Debra S.

Upon Motion and second, the Treasurer's Report for September was unanimously accepted.

It was reported that a \$1000 contribution was received from Intergroup, which would be reflected in next month's report.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives Report: Denis S.

Denis reported that he had purchased the Sony recorder pursuant to the authority granted at the last meeting, for \$62.48. The archivist for the Area suggested to Denis that he record stories from members who had 40 or more years sobriety. Denis has interviewed and recorded George G. from Homosassa, who has 48 years sobriety. After further investigation of the technology options, he will reduce the recording to a CD or some other appropriate form for preservation. Denis is interested in forming a Historical and Archives Committee, and would welcome anyone from the District who cared to join, and sought their suggestions. He is also looking into the possibility of having a display case of some sort for AA books and other items of historical interest that need to be protected and preserved. He has attended a Workshop regarding preservation methods, some of which were very high-tech.

CPC/PI Report-Janet B.

The new meeting schedules were very welcome at the following sites: State Probation and Parole, County Probation, Inverness Sheriff's Station, Crystal River Sheriff's Sub-Station, County Courthouse, Court Alternative Program, Lake's Region Library, Highland Boulevard Laundry, Laundry by Publix, VA clinic in Beverly Hills (thanks to Ernie P.), Share Club, Citrus Memorial Hospital Emergency Room, Central Motel, S.W. Regional Driver Education, Children's Visitation Center, the YANA Club and the Lighthouse.

On September 18th the Citrus County Re-Entry Council sponsored an Outreach Fair at the Resource Center on Connection Boulevard in Hernando. AA in Citrus had a table with the literature rack and displays of books in both English and Spanish. The most popular pamphlet was our locally generated Ordered to AA with the insert AA At A Glance. Clients were present but most importantly this was a great opportunity to network with the many providers in Citrus County.

Men's Corrections Report: David N.

On August 7, an AA meeting was held at Citrus County Jail which was attended by 16 inmates and chaired by Gene and John. Corrections Corporation of America (a/k/a CCA) cancelled the scheduled August 14th meeting due to security reasons. On August 21st Walter and Ed chaired an AA meeting that was attended by 17 inmates. On August 28th, Richard chaired an AA meeting which 17 inmates attended.

On September 4th, an AA meeting was held at Citrus County Jail, 16 members attended and the meeting was chaired by none other than Al. CCA cancelled the scheduled meetings for September 11th and 18th due to undisclosed security reasons. On September 25th, 19 inmates attended an AA meeting which was chaired by Richard. These are good attendance figures. You can't foresee the cancellations for security reasons, and have to call at least 1 ½ hours in advance to check if there is a problem. There are nine people on his committee now and he is trying for more.

Women's Corrections Report: (presented at the meeting by Steve N. for Char S.)

Meetings were held successfully on Aug. 30, Sept. 13, and Sept. 27, with attendance running between 9 and 15.

I picked up 10 Living Sober books and 5 soft-cover Big Books (all they had in stock at the time) from the Hernando County Intergroup office, the cost was \$99 which exceeds our budget for the year by \$24, so I would like to ask that it be brought up at the proper time during the meeting to raise the budget to at least \$99.00 or transfer some money from the men's budget as the books are shared.

We have 5 volunteer applications that are pending approval. We've been spread a little thin with Sue Ann having to go to Punta Gorda for an as-yet undetermined amount of time, she is taking care of her mother, please keep them in your prayers. Kathy G. and Brenda R. (especially Brenda, who brought both Sept. meetings by herself) have really been going above and beyond to help us keep carrying the message to those who need it so desperately.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Char S.

Grapevine Report: Debra S.

I had an e-mail this week from a member of AA who was trying to access the Grapevine Archives and could not. Access to the Grapevine archives is not free. There is a fee of \$34.97 per year for access to 12 issues of Grapevine, the Grapevine Story Archive-from 1944 to present, 12 issues of Grapevine print magazine online, and 6 issues of La Vina print magazine online.

The Grapevine has published a new book this month called *No Matter What: Dealing with Adversity in Sobriety*. All recovering alcoholics have had to deal with hard times throughout sobriety, whether it is death, financial hardship, divorce or something else. But, through it all we cannot drink. Our very lives depend on it! This book has a collection of stories from AA members who have weathered these difficulties and came out of it with their sobriety. The cost of the book is just \$10.99, not much for helping a fellow AA member to get through a difficult period in sobriety. I have brought some books with me that the Grapevine has published. Anyone wanting to borrow one or to take back to their home group for others to look at may take it. All I ask is that you bring it back to next month's meeting. If anyone is interested in ordering any of these publications go to www.aargrapevine.org and search by title. The prices are reasonable and the reward is priceless.

Literature Report- Genêt R.

The Literature Challenge contest is still in progress and will continue until October 2014. The contest can be entered by either individuals or groups. If anyone needs the list of AA books and publications it is available on the NFAC website at <http://www.aanorthflorida.org/> under documents, "Panel 63 Literature Challenge List". If you need any help in accessing the information, or other assistance in entering, just let me know.

I have previously mentioned the matter of "Thank You" notes or cards for donations. While I am at the Assembly, I will go to the Finance Meeting to ask about initiating the practice of sending out such cards to people who make donations for anniversary recognition etc. People who make donations should get some official acknowledgement that is more than just a receipt.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

NCI Liaison: Paige B.

Rick T. opened the September meeting of the Nature Coast Intergroup with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Genet R. took roll call. Ten groups were represented. Paige B. was welcomed as a new Intergroup Representative for the What's the Book Say Group. Denis S. read minutes from the August 2013 meeting. The minutes were accepted as read. Rick T. delivered the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Bill W..

The hotline received 78 calls for the month; AA 61, Al-Anon 2, Wet Calls 8, NA 2, Detox 2 and Misc. 3.

A final report on the income and expenses from the picnic was delivered. A \$144.50 profit from the event and \$92.50 from the 50/50 raffle were forwarded to GSO.

The location of the 2013 Gratitude dinner was chosen from the hat. This year the event will be held at the Crystal River United Methodist Church on Citrus Avenue in Crystal River on Sunday November 10, 2013. Doors will open at 4:00 PM, dinner will be at 5:00PM and Chuck from Hudson will speak at 6:00 PM. The decision to hold a Chinese Auction was made by unanimous vote. Anyone wishing to volunteer at this event is welcomed to call Gratitude Dinner Chair Sandy H. at (352) 628-3981. A volunteer sign-up sheet for the event was passed. Ticket sales are going well. Anyone needing tickets or looking to sell them may contact Paige B. at (352) 422-3189. Rick T. echoed the positive feedback he's received on Nature Coast Intergroup events. Particularly encouraging is the excitement generated among the young members who "Are our future." The disbursement of excess reserves was finalized this week with a \$500.00 check mailed to both GSO and Area 14 and a \$1,000.00 check given to District 28. Plans for a New Year's Eve Masked Ball are in the making.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Treatment Report- Wyllie M.

Willye could not be present due to an illness in the family (your prayers will be appreciated), but submitted the following report for September:

Things are going well out at the centers, now known as stepping stones, although there have been many changes in staff and procedures with regard to the youth at the centers in Lecanto. Yet, we are the main stay thru it all, with meetings open and in-house strong and steady. The youth completed Chapter 5 How It Works today and wrote their own Third Step prayers using the guideline from our loving Big Book. We put a Fourth Step workshop on the board with youth jumping in fully and ready to understand HOW IT WORKS...of course sponsors will take them fully thru what is needed. We now start into action next with smiles and hope.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Willye M.

With the crossing of my mother at hand, service and A.A. are making difficult times easier. Thank you all again for your messages, e-mails, thoughts and prayers, and most of all for allowing me to serve A.A.

Alternate DCM Report: Steve N.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Where and Whens are available at the Holder Intergroup and District Meetings. As you have corrections, changes in meetings, or new meetings not listed, please email me those changes at northsea@usa.net by midnight on October 7. I will immediately

change the printing template so it is correct for the next printing, which will be in the next three weeks.

The District has two rooms reserved at the Lake Mary Marriott for the October 4th -6th Assembly. They are reserved for Saturday night October 5th and check in time is 3:00 PM. Please let me know today if your group needs a district room for you so I can give the hotel your information. Steve advised everyone that if there were no requests for occupants of the rooms by the end of the meeting tonight, the reservations will be canceled.

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

DCM Report for September 2013: Paula D.

It is my privilege and pleasure to serve as DCM for District 28

A special thank you to Nature Coast Intergroup for their contribution to District 28.

District

Workshop: **“Home Group: The Heartbeat of AA”**

When: October 19th Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

Workshop to begin at 10:00 am.

Where: Our Lady of Fatima - 550 U.S. Highway 41 S., Inverness, FL

SIGN UP SHEET is being circulated for SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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>

I look forward to sharing the Area Assembly experience with all of you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Concept / Tradition The Traditions (The Long Form)

Our A.A. experience has taught us that:

Tradition Nine.—Each A.A. group needs the least possible organization. Rotating leadership is the best. The small group may elect its secretary, the large group its rotating committee, and the groups of a large metropolitan area their central or intergroup committee, which often employs a full-time secretary. The trustees of the General Service Board are, in effect, our A.A. General Service Committee. They are the custodians of our A.A. Tradition and the receivers of voluntary A.A. contributions by which we maintain our A.A. General Service Office at New York. They are authorized by the groups to handle our over-all public relations and they guarantee the integrity of our principal newspaper, the A.A. Grapevine. All such representatives are to be guided in

the spirit of service, for true leaders in A.A. are but trusted and experienced servants of the whole. They derive no real authority from their titles; they do not govern. Universal respect is the key to their usefulness.

Concept IX and Checklist

Concept IX

Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees.

· Do we discuss how we can best strengthen the composition and leadership of our future trusted servants?

· Do we recognize the need for group officers? What are our criteria for election?

Do we sometimes give a position to someone “because it would be good for them?”

· Do I set a positive leadership example?

· **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: A sign-up sheet was passed around for service opportunities for the workshop. We will go a little over budget with the Workshop which will be addressed under new business. Copies of the Workshop flyer will be attached to the meeting minutes for distribution.

New Business:

Women’s Corrections: Paula advised that Char was requesting an additional \$24 for the Women’s Corrections budget. The budget is currently \$75. A motion was made that budget be increased by \$25, bringing the total to \$100. The motion was seconded. David N. advised that Men’s Corrections was under budget and could yield the \$25 to Women’s Corrections out of the Men’s budget, and it was also noted that the literature is shared. The motion on the floor, to increase the Women’s Corrections budget by \$25 was passed without opposition. In answer to a question from the floor as to whether more could be given, Paula advised that Char could always request another increase if it was necessary.

Workshop Budget: There is presently a balance of \$251.60. People will be reimbursed for the items donated as listed on the sign-up sheet that was passed around. If other contributions are made it would be helpful. A motion was made and seconded to add \$30 to the Workshop budget, which passed unanimously.

New Meeting Suggested: Janet B. reported that while attending the Outreach Fair at Hernando she learned that there is presently no AA meeting at the Outreach

Connections, which is part of the Resource Center. There is a strong N.A. presence, but no AA. She encouraged that a volunteer should start a new AA meeting at the Center; she cannot do it herself because of other commitments. There is plenty of room at the Center, and every night of the week is open except for Monday and Thursday. It would be a great thing if a volunteer could start a new AA meeting.

Upon motion made, seconded and passed, the Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.