

**DISTRICT 28**  
Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2013

**Officers/Chairs present at meeting:**

Treasurer-Debra S.  
Secretary-P. J. O.  
Grapevine Chair-Debra S.  
Archives Chair-Denis S.  
Intergroup Liaison-Paige B.  
Literature Chair-Genêt R.

**GSRs/Alt. GSRs and Visitors present at meeting:**

Dunnellon New Beginnings Big Book-Debra S.  
Monday Night Men's Step: Rick T., GSR  
Resentment Group-Ernest P., GSR  
Real Happy Hour Group-John C., GSR  
What's The Book Say: Paige B., GSR  
Women's Friendship Group-Genêt R., GSR  
Won Rebos-Lisa B., Alt. GSR; Diane P., Alt. GSR

**Welcome:**

Debra S., welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.  
Serenity Prayer  
Declaration of Unity  
Responsibility Statement  
Recognition of New GSRs-Lisa B., GSR for Won Rebos, and Diane P., Alt. GSR for Won Rebos

**Roll Call:** P. J. O. took roll call and minutes.

Roll call-7 groups were represented.

Upon Motion made and seconded, the Minutes of the November 17, 2013, meeting were accepted unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Debra S.

Upon Motion made and seconded, the written Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted after amendment by the Treasurer. (The Report as amended is attached.)

Debra reported that William R. of Inverness had donated \$15 this month, and if anyone knows his address, please let her know so we can send him a thank you. There were no expenses this month. The donations for the year were very near what we had anticipated.

**The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.**

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Archives Report:** Denis S.

Denis reported that a number of items had been donated recently and that he has been sifting through them to see which items are most appropriate for display. He will contact the other members of the Archives Committee and they will make a decision.

An AA member named Al B., who has fifty years of sobriety, has agreed to speak on the record for the Archives Committee. That will be done as soon as possible in the New Year.

**CPC/PI Report-** Paige B. presented the report for Janet B.

Where and Whens were in good supply at most sites. As usual, the displays at the Emergency Room at Citrus Memorial needed sorting out. The Share club has kept the meetings lists for two months; persistence pays off! The Laundromat at Highlands Blvd. was empty, but is now stocked.

While attending a meeting at the Breakfast Club in SW Ocala I left a few of our directories and picked up some of theirs.

**Men's Corrections Report:** No report.

**Women's Corrections Report:** No report.

**Grapevine Report:** Debra S.

Debra reported that we had been asked to make a gift of a subscription to a person or organization, and asked for comments. Genet suggested that based on a recent experience that she had had, it might be good to donate a subscription to the emergency room waiting room at one of the local hospitals. Debra commented that the cost of subscriptions was a factor to be considered and, since no motion was made at this time, the matter can be taken up with New Business.

**Literature Report-** Genêt R.

Genet has ordered new 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition pamphlets; donations were requested. She will take the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition packets to the next meeting. The Reading competition continues.

**NCI Liaison:** Paige B.

Rick T. opened the December meeting of the Nature Coast Intergroup with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. Genet R. took roll call. Ten groups were represented. Denis S. read minutes from the November 2013 meeting. The minutes were accepted with one correction. Rick T. delivered the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Bill W.. Trustee Sandy H. thanked all those who helped make the Gratitude Dinner a success. The hotline received 81 calls for the month; AA 61, 12 Step 8, Al-Anon/Al-Ateen 2, Treatment 2, NA 3 and Miscellaneous 5. There were 775 visits to the website. The January journal is in the works. Babette V. S. encouraged the submission of articles and reminded representatives to submit anniversaries. The Gratitude Dinner event wrap-up report posted a net profit of \$14.87. The 50/50 Raffle raised \$418.00 in total, \$209.00 for one lucky winner and \$209.00 for GSO. The New Year's Eve Masked Ball is just around the corner! On Tuesday, December 31 from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM the first annual New Year's Eve Masked Ball will be held at Calvary Chapel in Inverness. Paul B., Dance Chair, reported that all is going well! Diane P. has developed a lovely menu of light fare. The music promises be...hot! At midnight the ball drop will be streamed live from around the globe. Masks will be provided at the door, formal dress is not required...All are welcome to come, join the fun and ring in the New Year. Tickets are available for \$10.00 per person. If you need tickets or are interested in selling them, please contact Paige B. at (352) 422-3189. A Valentine's Day Dance is in the works. The event is tentatively scheduled for Friday, February 14 with the location TBA. The event will be chaired by Denis S. A festive dessert and coffee buffet is planned for refreshment. All are welcome to bring their favorite sweet and of course, their favorite sweetie! Tickets and flyers will be available by the first week of January. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Treatment Report-** None.

**Alternate DCM Report:** None.

**DCM's Report:** Written report submitted after the meeting.

Thank you Debra S. for stepping up and chairing the meeting in my absence.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the January 17-19 Area Assembly. Please contact our Alternate DCM if you need one of the District rooms.

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

**Tradition 12**

We of Alcoholics Anonymous believe that the principle of anonymity has an immense spiritual significance. It reminds us that we are to place principles before personalities; that we are actually to practice a genuine humility. This to the end that our great blessings may never spoil us; that we shall forever live in thankful contemplation of Him who presides over us all.

**Concepts**

**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?

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

**Old Business:** Debra introduced the District 28 proposed budget for 2014. Upon motion made and seconded, the proposed budget was unanimously approved. Discussion of any amendments was deferred until the January meeting.

Debra also advised that the District 28 Treasurer's audit needs to be completed by the January meeting. Neither of the people who are serving as auditors is here tonight. She will contact them and schedule a date for the audit.

**New Business:**

Genêt made a motion that we get a Grapevine subscription for the Emergency Room at 7 Rivers Hospital in Crystal River. Lisa thought it would be a good idea. Debra suggested that instead of a subscription, people could donate their old issues. There are several hospitals that could benefit, but the cost of each subscription is \$28.97. The District is already paying for two subscriptions. She suggested further that we bring up this matter with our home groups and encourage members to donate their surplus old copies. A motion was made to table this matter, which was seconded and allowed.

**Announcements:**

Debra advised that in addition to the New Year's Eve party, there is also a bonfire that night, and that "alka-thons" were planned at both Club Recovery and Crystal River, with several meetings and food to be available at both places.

Upon motion made, seconded and passed, the Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.