

DISTRICT 28
Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2015

Officers/Chairs present at meeting:

DCM – Steve N.
Alt. DCM-Paige B.
Secretary- P. J. O.
Treasurer – Jen B.
Archives - Denis S.
Grapevine – Paula D.
Intergroup Liaison- Dean B.
Men’s Corrections- Al M.
Women’s Corrections- Brenda R.
Public Information – Janet B.

GSRs/Alt. GSRs and Visitors present at meeting:

Janet B. - Alt GSR, Attitude Adjustment Group
Sandy H. - GSR, Crystal River Group
Jen B. - Alt. GSR, Crystal River Group
Sandy H. – GSR, First Thought Wrong Group
Paula D. - Alt. GSR, First Thought Wrong Group
Al M. - GSR, Holder Way of Life Group
Rich M. – GSR, No Name Group
Wendy S. – GSR, Real Happy Hour Group
Bruce P. – GSR, Resentment Group
Dean B. - GSR, Sober Sand Gnats Group
Brenda R. – GSR, Women’s New Beginnings Group
Sue S. – GSR, Rainbow Group
Paige B. - GSR, What’s The Book Say Group
P. J. O. – Won Rebos Group (sub for Lisa B., GSR)

Visitors:

James C., First Thought Wrong Group

Welcome by DCM:

Steve N., DCM, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Serenity Prayer

Declaration of Unity

Responsibility Statement

Wendy S. was welcomed as the new GSR for the Real Happy Hour Group.

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

Roll call: 11 registered groups were represented by GSR or Alt. GSR.

Everyone had received copies of the Minutes of the August 30, 2015 meeting. Upon motion and second, the Minutes of the August meeting were accepted unanimously as submitted.

P. J. reported that the Group registration numbers on our Resource Page would not, at this time, be updated with the information that had been received from the Area 14 Registrar. There were numerous conflicts between the Area records and our record which should be addressed before changes are made. Further contact with the Area registrar will be made in order to resolve the matter.

Treasurer's Report: Jen B., Treasurer, presented the final Report for August, 2015. Copies of the Income and Expense and Contribution sheets were distributed to everyone. The Income and Expense Sheet showed a beginning balance of \$3499.63, income of \$358.45 (\$23.45 from the meeting basket and \$335.00 in contributions), expenses \$461.81, and the ending balance of \$3396.27. Jen noted that the ending balance was again below our Prudent Reserve. Upon motion and second, the Treasurer's Report for August was accepted as submitted. Jen also presented a preliminary report for September. Jen also confirmed that the increase in the Grapevine Budget had been noted.

The 7th Tradition Basket was passed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives Report: Denis S.

Denis reported that some restoration work had been done on one of the vintage donations from the early 1950s that had been received. The archives display that was put together for the recent workshop, AA in the Age of Technology, was much appreciated.

Steve thanked Denis for his work and also noted, regarding the workshop, that Lisa B. had prepared a Literature display for the workshop even though her husband was in the hospital and she was not able to be present. Paula was also commended for the Grapevine displays she has put together.

Accessibilities Report: None

CPC Report:

Steve announced that Barb M. had moved away. Barb was sharing the CPC Chair position with Lina, who will not be returning to the area until November. Steve preferred to wait until Lina returns before selecting a replacement co-Chair and, there being no objections, the matter was left in that status.

Public Information: Janet B.

Janet reported that for the month of September she had continued to neaten-up and refill all of our usual sites. The Sheriff's Department in Inverness has again changed its display rack, this time to a revolving pedestal that is a messy disaster. It is also hidden from direct view from the entry. Somehow the March schedules were stuck in with the current July schedules. It looked a tad better when we left and she is grateful they accommodate us.

As always, the W. Central Driver Improvement business was running low. They are anxious for the October Where and Whens. State Probation and Parole, Inverness and the County Probation Office in Lecanto were all checked. County uses the "Ordered to Attend AA?" pamphlets. One of our members gave a stack of meeting schedules directly to a counselor of substance abuse at the Salvation Army facility.

Thanks to Dean B., Lacie E. and Sheila S. from the Inglis/Yankeetown area for volunteering to assist PI in "Carrying the Message." In fact, they started last month with great enthusiasm and left Where and Whens in 12 spots. Our PI Committee now numbers five workers.

Thanks to Paige and Lynn and many of our members who helped distribute lots of NCI Journals and tickets to sell for the Chili Cook-Off.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet B.

Men's Corrections Report: Al M.

There were two meetings in September, averaging 15 to 22 people. The meetings went well. A lot of literature was passed out. Officer Tucker says that the approvals of new volunteers will happen soon. NA is also trying to put a group together. Things are going pretty good.

Women's Corrections Report: Paige B. reporting for Brenda R.

Brenda is to be commended, she was able to have a meeting in the facility last Friday and another one is scheduled for this coming Friday. Brenda has also brought recovery literature into the facility for those interested. Real progress is being made.

Grapevine Report: Paula D.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to serve District 28 as the Grapevine / La Viña Chair. This month I attended the District 28 workshop AA in the age of Technology, and had a display set up for the Grapevine. I enjoyed setting up the display and had a lot of help. I want to thank our Area 14 Grapevine / La Viña service coordinator, Yvonne, for her encouragement and sending literature for the District 28 display. The display contains information about the Grapevine and the Grapevine website. There is a wide variety of information available online. Any group that would like to borrow the display for meetings, please contact me.

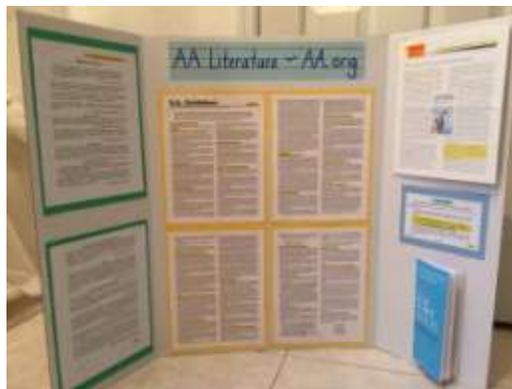
Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Literature Report- Lisa B.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the AA Service Structure. This month, The Literature Committee reviewed literature on technology and prepared a display for District 28's "AA in the Age of Technology" workshop held in Lecanto on Sept. 26th.

The pieces of literature that we looked at were: **A.A. Guidelines: Internet**, Service Material from the General Service Office: **Anonymity Online**, Pamphlet: Understanding Anonymity, Spring issue of **box459: Anonymity and the 2015 International Convention** and the A.A. Anonymity announcement for reading at meetings open to the public.

Thank you for the opportunity serve and to grow in the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.



Treatment Report: Rich M.

Things are going very well with the meeting at The Centers treatment facility in Lecanto. We continue to have from 3 to 6 volunteers mostly from the Young People's Group in Inverness. Many thanks to all of you for giving up a Sunday night to help carry the message to these young boys, ages 12 to 17.

Anyone is welcome to show up and share at this meeting. The boys are particularly interested in the stories of people that have been through treatment, the court system and incarceration, and other intuitions. They can identify with that. There is a lot of participation at the meetings. It is going real well.

Our meeting time and place: 7:00 p.m. Sunday

The Centers
3238 S Lecanto Hwy
Lecanto, FL 34429

Respectfully Submitted,
Rich M.

NCI Liaison Report – Dean B.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Rick T. with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.

Jen B. took roll call; there were eight (8) groups represented and fourteen (14) people in attendance. We welcomed James from the First Thought Wrong Group as a new representative.

The Secretary's report was read by Jen B. and accepted as read.

The Treasurer's report was read by Paige B. and accepted as read.

Hotline Report - Paige B. reporting in Amanda's absence. 62 calls: 1 for NA, 1 for Alanon, 10 wet calls, 50 for AA, 4 of which were from out of state.

Website Report - Steve N. reported 1,071 visits by 858 unique visitors in September, 75% were new visitors. The Top 10 pages visited were the Where and When, Meeting by Location, Meetings by Day, Information Links, the Calendar, the Journal, District 28, Resources, Newcomers, and Is AA for You. (Thank you again Steve for having a copy of the information for me)

Journal Report - Paige B. reported the October issue is out.

Events – Lynn reported that the plans for the Chili Cook-off are in place. The Gratitude Dinner theme is, "Gratitude is the Best Attitude". Hams and turkeys are needed for the dinner if anyone cares to donate.

Trustees' Reports – Denis praised those doing the work in Intergroup. Janet has been helping Paige and Lynn with Events. Bill concurs with the AA's of Tomorrow. Sandy expressed a thank you on the "AA in the Age of Technology".

Chairman's Report – Rick T. made mention about the lack of 'participation' with Intergroup and asked for member to bring their sponsees with them. It was mentioned to not confine the solution to sponsees but to not come alone.

Old Business and New Business kind of got mixed/discussed together – there was discussion on the Picnic in the Park date again to miss the excessive heat. Lynn says we have a date set for next year where it should be more comfortable. Janet stated that the NCIntergroup flyer and cards are under way. Denis asked that with the moving of Founder's Day and Picnic in the Park, could we fit a summer event to take place indoors.

We are looking for a place to hold the New Year's Eve dinner.

There will be a Hotline Workshop in February of 2016. (After Dean's report, Steve mentioned that District 28 will be a co-sponsor of the Workshop.)

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Workshop Report: None.

Technology Report: Rich M.

The (workshop) AA in the Age of Technology was a success. I'm not sure of the exact count but I counted around 40 people. Many thanks to everyone who helped set up, participated, and helped clean up. It was fun putting it all together I think everyone attending got something out of it. I know I learned a lot of new facts. Maybe we should do another one next year. Technology is constantly changing!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rich M.

Alt. DCM Report: Paige B.

My name is Paige; I am an alcoholic who has the privilege of serving District 28 as an Alternate DCM.

The District 28 Workshop, "AA in the Age of Technology," took place on Saturday, September 26 at Unity of Citrus in Beverly Hills. An excellent turnout of members, were

treated to the experience strength and hope of Steve N, Rich M, Paige B, Cathy E and Michelle S. Many aspects of anonymity, privacy and the Traditions in the digital age were discussed. Many thanks to Grapevine Chair, Paula D, Archives Chair, Denis S, and Literature Chair, Lisa B, for their amazing displays. Last but not least, a special thank you to all those who volunteered on set up, take down, take tickets and arrange refreshments making the event possible.

The next Area 14 Assembly is scheduled for October 9th, 10th and 11th. If you are planning to attend and need accommodations, please contact me at floridadistrict28@gmail.com by Monday, October 5th.

In an effort to observe anonymity at the service level, District 28 email addresses are currently being created for all District 28 officers and service representatives.

The next Where and When, originally scheduled for print on October 1, 2015, will be printed after a survey of how many July 2015 Where and Whens are left. Please submit additions, deletions and revisions to me at floridadistrict28@gmail.com.

The Florida Unity Roundup is scheduled for the October 2nd, 3rd and 4th in Jacksonville at the Hyatt Regency. To register and for more information, go to the website www.floridaunityroundup.com.

The 60th Florida State Convention, "New Freedom New Happiness", is scheduled for August 3rd through 7th, 2016. The convention will be held at Innisbrook Golf and Spa Resort in Palm Harbor, FL. Registration for the convention is already underway. For registration and more information on the convention go to the website, 60flstateconvention.com.

The Gratitude Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2015 at St. Benedict's Church Fellowship Hall in Crystal River. Tickets may be reserved online at events@ncintergroup.com and will be available beginning Sunday, October 18 at the Chili Cook-off.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,
Paige B

DCM Report: Steve N.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your DCM for District 28. I met with your officers (Paige, P.J. and Jen) this month and want to thank them for their input and service to the District. I also met with the Technology workshop committee (Paige, Rich, and Cathy) and attended the September 26th workshop, "AA in the Age of Technology." In my mind the workshop with 35-40 attendees was a total success and certainly expanded my knowledge of how to protect anonymity in the age of the internet, tablets, cell phones and other digital devices and social media. I want to thank the speakers; Paige, Rich, Michelle, and Cathy E. for their informed presentations. The attendees also made valuable contributions and insights into this complex subject. It was so nice to see the beautiful Archives, Grapevine and Literature exhibits, thanks to Denis, Paula and Lisa. Thanks also to Paige and Doreen for keeping the fun rolling with door prizes, drawings, and trivia quizzes.

I thank Paige for her efforts to keep up with changing meeting times, locations and types to keep the web and printed Where and When current. This is a difficult task because it seems there are constant changes, but the web Where and When is correct and up to date. Please email all meeting changes, deletions or additions to floridadistrict28@gmail.com.

I urge you to attend the Area 14 NFAC Assembly - Panel 65 at the Paramount Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, 2900 SW 13 St., Gainesville, FL 32608, Phone: (877) 992-9229, on October 9-11. The agenda and times are available at aanorthflorida.org. Your

input as GSR's and alternates and service coordinators is needed for AA to have an informed group conscience at the Sunday morning business meeting.

I continue to act as secretary for the Ad Hoc Area 14 Inventory committee and will participate in the Area 14 Inventory meeting at 4:30 on the Saturday of the Assembly. Your input and the work you did at the last two meetings regarding the Inventory are appreciated and reflect the attitude of many others in the Area.

I also continue to work with the Area 14 web site committee and will attend that meeting on Saturday at 2:45. If you have suggestions or concerns for the NFAC website please let me know.

In order to protect privacy and anonymity, the NFAC website location that contains Minutes and other confidential matter is now protected. The required username is "NFAC" and the password is "concept9". Those are subject to change periodically.

I have also been contacted by several members about why we have no independent website and about having a District 28 website created. One kind member has donated the domain name AADistrict28.org and its complementary domains plus the hosting fees so that we can try a web site at no cost for one year. If we decide to do this we could budget for it thereafter. This would also include email addresses which could be used to create anonymous addresses for officers, committee chairs, event coordinators, etc. that are not gmail.com. Costs in subsequent years would be about \$100 per year to the district. I would be willing to create the web site and maintain it. Others have volunteered to help me. This means that you would have to move and second and pass a motion to do so. I have added web site to new business on the agenda for this meeting.

Please feel free to contact me with any District 28 concerns, suggestions, etc. This truly is an organization of the upside down triangle and I am dependent upon you to be the best DCM for District 28.

My current contact information is:

Home phone 352-489-0404

Cell Phone 352-586-8751

Email address floridadistrict28@gmail.com .

Again it is a privilege and honor to serve you as DCM. Thank you for the opportunity.

Steve N.

District 28 DCM

The Ninth Tradition and Concept will be included with the distribution of the Minutes.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. The District's budget for rent needs to be amended to accommodate an increase in the rent. The net increase will be \$27.50. Upon motion and second, the District budget amount for rent was increased by \$27.50.

2. Nature Coast Intergroup has requested that we participate with them in sponsoring three traditional AA events, the Gratitude Dinner, the Founders' Day Breakfast and the Old Timers Speaker Meeting. A motion was made and seconded that District 28 participate with NCI as co-sponsors of those events. Motion passed without objection.

3. Brenda R., Women's Corrections Chair, followed-up on the earlier remarks by Paige regarding meetings in the jail. Brenda said that it appeared that they would be allowed to have meetings every week but if this happened the Committee would need additional volunteers.

4. Steve advised that the Workshop Committee, in cooperation with NCI, was proposing to present a workshop on the Hotline and how volunteers handle the job of

receiving and properly responding to hotline calls. Upon motion and second, it was voted without objection that a workshop on that topic will be presented in February 2016.

5. District 28 Website. We currently have a web page on the NCI site, and this is done as a courtesy. NCI has been very helpful and we are very grateful for their assistance. Steve reported that he had received many inquiries as to why District does not have its own web site. As DCM, he suggested that we set up a Study Committee to determine whether or not we should establish our own site. In addition to privacy and password issues, there are other considerations to be addressed. We try not to publish last names or phone numbers in our minutes and will continue to be mindful of anonymity considerations. At that point a discussion of the web site proposal for District 28 was initiated. Concern was expressed regarding the number of service-related web pages there are out there. There are different levels of inquiry, which might make it difficult to search for what you are looking for. Information gets fragmented. Perhaps a common site for the two organizations would be better. Questions were raised as to whether there are enough people to staff the project; if we set up a website, do we put a strain on the available person-power? Content of a District site would include meetings, calendar, workshop, minutes, all of the things currently on our web page at NCI. If you search on line for the District 28 website, there is none, and you are directed to NCI. Intergroup and District serve the same population and overlap to some extent, but they should be separate. If we cooperate, we can avoid any unnecessary duplication of services. Once a District website was up a running, not much maintenance would be required. The two sites could serve the same population in different ways. District and NCI are different legal entities. The two separate sites could have links to each other. Several people took the position that since the two organizations are separate legal entities, they should have separate websites. No one was able to recall why the existing web site was established for NCI as opposed to District 28. Steve asked for volunteers to serve on an Ad Hoc Committee to study this matter; volunteers included himself, Paula, Paige and Bruce P. Steve asked that everyone take this matter back to the Home Groups for input, and the issue will be on the agenda for the next meeting under Old Business.

Before adjournment it was announced that Gratitude Dinner tickets could be reserved online at the NCI site and would be available for purchase beginning October 18 at the Chili Cook-off and will be distributed to the Home Groups.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion and second at 6:45 p.m. followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Tradition and Concept for September

Tradition Nine: AA, as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

1. Do I still try to boss things in AA?
2. Do I resist formal aspects of AA because I fear them as authoritative?
3. Am I mature enough to understand and use all elements of the AA program—even if no one makes me do so—with a sense of personal responsibility?
4. Do I exercise patience and humility in any AA job I take?
5. Am I aware of all those to whom I am responsible in any AA job?
6. Why doesn't every AA group need a constitution and bylaws?
7. Have I learned to step out of an AA job gracefully—and profit thereby—when the time comes?
8. What has rotation to do with anonymity? With humility?

Concept Nine: 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?