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GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

FLORIDA STATE COMMITTEE
NORTHERN AREA

MINUTES OF THE FOURTH QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTH FLORIDA AREA OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, OCT. 27-28, 1979, BEST WESTERN MOTEL, ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA.

AGENDA, SAT., 10/27/79:

<u>12:30-1:30 P.M.</u>	<u>Institutional Committee Meeting</u>
" "	<u>Public Information Meeting</u>
<u>2:00 -3:00 P.M.</u>	<u>Grapevine Committee Meeting</u>
" "	<u>Handicap Committee Meeting</u>
" "	<u>Secretary/Treasurer Workshop</u>
<u>3:30 -4:30 P.M.</u>	<u>General Service Representatives/with film</u>
" "	<u>Area Committee Meeting</u>
<u>8:30 P.M.</u>	<u>Speaker Meeting</u>

AGENDA, SUN., 10/28/79:

<u>8:30 A.M.</u>	<u>Sharing Session/with film "A.A.-An Inside View".</u>
<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>Assembly Meeting.</u>

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING: Opened by Chairman, Tom L., with moment of silence, followed by Serenity Prayer. Roll Call - 23 present. Absent - 4: Alt.Delegate, P.I.Chmn., DCI#5, and DCI#9.

Minutes were approved as printed. Treasurer's Report approved as read.
Bal. on hand 10/23/79 \$1,888.44

Delegate's Report: Lou H. reported on the following points: 1. Int'l. Convention, New Orleans, 7/3-6/1980; 2. S. Fla. Hospitality Room there; 3. Regional Forum, Atlanta, Ga., Dec., 1980; 4. New Film-"A.A.-An Inside View"; 5. Literature; 6. Print-Outs for Districts; 7. New District Maps; 8. Questions for delegate for 1980 General Service Conference; 9. Use of material by non-A.A. groups and organizations; 10. Archives for Florida; 11. Florida State Convention, 8/28-31/1980, at Orlando, Fla. (For the detailed report on these points, refer to the minutes of the Assembly Meeting.)

Reports from Institutional, Public Information, and Grapevine Committee Chairmen: (See separate reports, attached at back of minutes.) Report from the Handicap Committee Chairman: (See Assembly Meeting Minutes.)

Tom L., Chairman suggested that we check in our areas about the type of transportation for the International Convention - such as, chartered plane for a large group (less expensive).

Requests approved: 1. New Alachua Group to be included in District 14; 2. Durnell to be transferred from District 7 to District 13; 3. Riverview Study Group announcement at Assembly mtg., Sunday, in re Jax.Northside Club important November 3rd meeting concerning facility survival.

Next Assembly Conference: January, 1980 - Daytona Beach.
(Alternate choice-Ocala)
Tentative Dates - 2nd week-end OR 4th week-end.

Meeting adjourned 4:35 P.M. Basket passed. Closed with Lord's Prayer.

SPEAKER MEETING: Del E., Chairman, reminded everyone to turn back the clocks at bedtime! He asked that all those present with twenty-five or more years of sobriety in the program, stand and be recognized. The past delegates who were present, were also asked to stand and be recognized. With a total of ten, North Florida Area can well be proud of such fine representation from these folk who continue to carry the message! Del then introduced the speaker, Bernest T. - "Bernie", from Jacksonville, who held our attention completely with his story of how it was then and how it is NOW for him. There was both humor and pathos in his sharing with us the road he traveled from then to now.

SHARING SESSION: Everyone, it appeared, did remember to turn the clock back to Standard Time, and a large number shared in the viewing again of the new film "Alcoholics Anonymous - An Inside View". There were evaluation sheets which we were asked to fill in. These were forwarded to GSO in New York, the following week. The audience, as a whole, were most receptive to the film.

ASSEMBLY MEETING: Chairman, Tom L., opened the meeting with a welcome to all area committee members, and all spouses and other visitors present. There was a moment of silent meditation, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Roll Call, by Rhoda McA., Recording Secty. - Sixty (60) members present. Absent - Alt. Delegate, DCM#5, DCM#9, Central Intrgrp., Brevard Intrgrp., and Ocala Intrgrp. Minutes as printed were approved on motion and second. Treasurer's Report approved as read on motion and second. Elise D., Treasurer, reported that this has been a good year; that in this last period from July 13-Oct. 23, 24 groups and 1 district group of GSR's made 34 contributions. (Last year at this time the treasury was very low-only \$323.34). 10/23/79 BALANCE-\$1,388.44.

Delegate's Report: Lou M. covered the following points clearly and concisely:

1. a. International Convention, New Orleans, La., July 3-6, 1980: Pass the word on to all your members in your areas to be thinking now of sending in registrations as quickly as possible. An estimated 26,000 are expected to attend!

b. South Florida may set up a Hospitality Room in New Orleans. Discuss with your members in your area about whether or not we would want to participate in this. It would take a great deal of planning and be a lot of work. Contact Lou M., before January, if possible.

2. Report covering Gen'l. Service Conference, 1979: At the request of some of the GSR's, Lou ordered some extra copies, which are available at this meeting. All DCMs received theirs direct from New York. You may order from GSO, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Sta., N.Y., N.Y., 10017, copies @ \$2.00 ea.

ASSEMBLY MEETING, Delegate's Report, cont'd:

3. Regional Forum "Mini-Conference": Will be held in Atlanta, Ga., December, 1980 - General Service Office representatives bring meeting to this conference. Lou suggests that all North Florida Area representatives should plan to attend.

4. New Film - "Alcoholics Anonymous - An Inside View": Final Conference approval will be based upon the feed-back from the Evaluation Sheets, which are sent along with the film - these sheets are to be completed wherever the film is shown, and mailed back to New York.

The film was rented for showing at this quarterly meeting (shown Sat. afternoon and Sun. morning), then taken to Orlando, for showing in that area for a week. The film was very well received at this meeting, based upon the Evaluation Sheets which were mailed to New York the following week.

Jacksonville Intergroup has also rented the film on a long-term lease, for use by individual groups in A.A.

Lou reported that the film will not be shown at any future film festivals - It was shown at the San Francisco Film Festival, where it received 2nd prize as a Documentary, and the couple who made the film received a silver award. Due to the reaction of the Northwestern A.A. Area to this being done (it was not an approved Conference action, due to an oversight in the question not being raised, but approval was given from GSO) there will be no future showing at film festivals.

5. Literature: The Committee met in August, 1979, and the feeling is that in the 1980 Conference, all Conference approved, and service literature will be approved, with no changes except numbers and quantity where mentioned.

6. PRINT-OUTS: Each DCM, at this quarterly meeting, received these print-outs for his District. Please contact all your groups, and make any necessary corrections, as stated in your instruction sheet for them. They are to be returned to New York - DEADLINE DATE IS JANUARY 31, 1980, for the new Directory information. Each DCM is asked to notify Phyllis D [redacted], Corresponding Secretary, when this has been done.

7. Revised Map, N.Fla.Area: Shows total of 16 Districts. Each DCM received copies for each GSR in his District, in his packet containing print-outs and Group quarterly statements.

8. New Group Information Sheet: GSR's and DCM's can get additional copies from GSO, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Sta., N.Y., N.Y., 10017.

9. April, 1980 General Service Conference: Bring "grass roots" questions from your area to the next quarterly meeting, for Lou to take with him in April, to the Conference. Some of the themes will be: Working with others; the role of the alternate at all levels of service; The GSR-the cornerstone of structure. Participation is the key to recovery - it's the leg of the stool.

10. Use of A.A. material in Non-A.A. programs: a. World Services can grant or withhold approval - their policy is to be as generous and discretionary as possible - this does not imply approval by A.A.'s as to how others interpret our 12 Steps and 12 Traditions: b. Drug Groups should go through

Narcotics Anonymous: c. Video-taping - discuss with your groups between now and next April, their feelings about the taping of individual A.A. talks or meetings for use by rehabilitation programs in their facilities. Closed circuit video taping does not break anonymity, according to the wording in the Traditions, but it may be breaking the spirit of the Tradition, when used in other recovery programs. We need feed-back on this from all the Districts. It may be that we will need guidelines from New York, to follow.

11. Archives: It has been suggested that we begin thinking and making plans to gather information and histories from individual members and groups in the North Florida Area, to begin Archives for Florida.

12. Fla. State Convention: Will be held in Orlando, Fl., August 28-31, 1980. Registration fees are needed NOW, to help defray expenses. Special rate of \$7.00 per person until April 1, 1980. After April 1st, the fee will be \$9.00 per person. Contact John D., Chmn., or Lorne Lister, DCM#11, for further information.

Public Information-Chairman, Del H., reported that the new P.I. Kits are now available - write to Susan D., GSO, P.O. Box 459, Grand Central Sta., N.Y., N.Y., 10017. (See separate P.I. Report, attached to minutes).

Institutional-Chairman, Bill R., reported attendance at Sat. meeting of 37 people - 12 Districts were represented, and 18 individuals were directly involved in institutional work. (See separate report, attached to minutes).

Grapevine-Chairman, Dick P., reported 16 present at Sat. meeting - a format for a Workshop was used. The Grapevine is Conference approved in concept. (See separate report, attached to minutes).

Handicap-Chairman, Bob K., reported 10 present. This new committee is growing! They will coordinate with the other committees - communication is important. The A.A. books are available in Braille, or on cassette tapes. Bob will pass this information on to the DCM's.

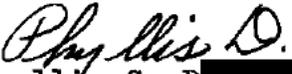
Secretary/Treasurer Workshop-Report by Katy D., in the absence of chairman. Meeting was well attended, with general sharing of questions and answers from the floor. It was the consensus of opinion that individual groups should financially support their representative to the N.Fla.Area conferences, when in a position to do so. Also, that each group, being autonomous, can use any monies remaining after meeting its A.A. obligations, as it sees fit.

General Service Representative Meeting- The new film "Alcoholics Anonymous - An Inside View" was shown, with discussion following on the merits of the film. Some felt that the beginning of the film moved a bit slowly - but all agreed that it was very well done, and depicted A.A. in a good way. The Evaluation Sheets were filled out, and turned over to the Secretary.

Next Quarterly Meeting - January, 1980 - Daytona Beach (Alternate-Ocala). District #8 will be responsible for arrangements. Tentative dates are the 2nd or the 4th week-end, at this time.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 A.M. Basket was passed. Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,


Phyllis G. D. [redacted], Corresponding Secretary

11/10/79



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INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING
OCTOBER 27 & 28, 1979

The meeting was opened with a moment of silent meditation, serenity prayer and preamble.

Thirty-eight persons were in attendance representing 12 of the 16 Districts, and 18 of which were directly involved with Institutional work. Reports were received from District 12, 15, 8, 7, 13, 14, 16, 6, 1, 2, 3, 4, Jacksonville Intergroup and Brevard Intergroup. The Chairman gave a brief review of how the North Florida Institutions Committee is organized and functions, and how the different Committee members are elected or selected.

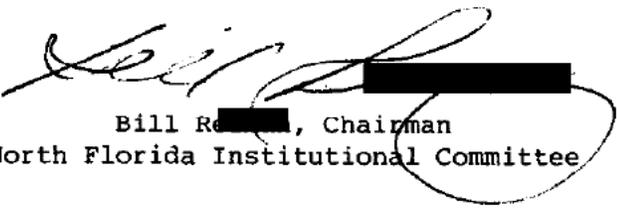
A discussion was held concerning ways in which the different Districts and groups carry the A.A. message into Correctional and Non-correctional facilities in North Florida on a regular basis. There seemed to be general agreement that additional encouragement should be directed to those groups and Districts that regularly do not have representatives at the Service Conferences to get them more active. It was agreed that considerable 12th step work needs to be done in Institutional Facilities and 1 way to better cope with it is during the workshops, both at State and District level.

During both the Institutional Committee meeting and the General Service Conference, the Chairman pointed out that we are simply there to carry the message and are not to be involved or concerned with the day-to-day operations of the different facilities.. It is not against A.A. traditions to carry the message into an Institution which receives State or Federal funding, nor is it the concern of the individual members.

During the General Service meeting the motion was made and duly carried to keep Sumpter Correctional Institution within the responsibility of District 13.

The basket was passed and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

An Institutional Committee Report was made at the main Assembly meeting on Sunday morning, summarizing briefly the Institutional Committee meeting on Saturday.


Bill Re [redacted], Chairman
North Florida Institutional Committee



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Public Information Meeting

Assembly Meeting-10/27-28/79

There was a review of the Pamphlet Bulletin Board on literature which is available for P.I. work. Del talked about where to have literature and what type to leave. The P.I. Information Sheet was reviewed and discussed, particularly the two points on What A.A. Can Do, and What A.A. Does Not Do.

In answer to the question "How does one go about putting out public information?", Del advised that the new P.I. Kit contains all necessary info. and material. Write to GSO for Kit. It was also brought out that in passing on information to community and other agencies, they then in turn will know who to contact, when they have a referral to A.A.

On the question of any quicker lines to working hand-in-hand with military personnel, the answer was to "play it by ear", and stick strictly to A.A. traditions and principles. Military personnel are advised to contact A.A., upon leaving a rehab. facility.

Del further stated that in giving out public information, use it as you would in doing a 12-Step Call. Also it is a good idea to leave information as to meeting places and times.

Meeting closed with basket being passed, and with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary-Paul G [REDACTED]

P.I. Chairman - Del E [REDACTED]

Grapevine Committee Meeting

Assembly Meeting-10/27-28/79

A Workshop discussion, based on format received from Grapevine office, New York, was held. On the question "Is the Grapevine Conference approved?" the feeling is that this is in concept only, since a monthly meeting would have to be held for approval of each issue, otherwise.

Florida ranks 6th nationally, in terms of number of GVR's. Gift Certificates are available by order from GSO. Dick has the order forms. Bulk orders of 100 or more of the Grapevine receive a 20% discount.

If you feel you can't tell your story from the "podium", then use your pen, and send story to the Grapevine. You will help yourself and someone else, as well.

A workshop will be held again at the January quarterly meeting - bring your new GVR's - the ones you are going to sign up! Also, any ideas for discussion.

It's looking better from here - I can see it more clearly.

Meeting closed with basket being passed, and with the Lord's Prayer.

Grapevine Chmn.-Dick P [REDACTED]

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ORANGE PARK, FLORIDA - BEST WESTERN/FIRST NATIONAL INN
FINANCIAL REPORT COVERING PERIOD JULY 13-OCTOBER 23,
1979, WITH SUMMARIES OF FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1979.
PRESENTED TO COMMITTEE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH
FLORIDA GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE AREA, OCTOBER 27-28, '79

	R E C E I P T S				E X P E N S E S		B A L A N C E S	
	General Use (1)	Institu-tions(2)	Total Group(3)	Miscel. Collect.(4)	TOTAL RECEIPTS(5)	TOTAL(6)	PERIOD (7)	CUMULATIVE (8)
1.1.79					\$ 872.95		\$ 872.95	\$ 872.95
1.1-3.21	1,394.54	70.00	1,464.54	272.61	1,737.15	507.55	1,229.60	2,102.55
3.22-7.12	630.41	10.00	640.41	229.41	869.82	1,390.03	(520.21)	1,582.24
7.13-10.22	488.25	5.00	493.25	250.66	743.91	437.81	306.10	1,888.44
	<u>2,513.20</u>	<u>\$ 85.00</u>	<u>\$2,598.20</u>	<u>\$ 752.68</u>	<u>\$4,223.83</u>	<u>\$2,335.39</u>	<u>\$1,015.43</u>	<u>\$1,888.44</u>

NOTE: Totals of columns (1),(2), (4) less Column (6) give balance shown in Period Column (7).
Column (5) less Column (6) give current balance, Column (8).

EXPENSES. Coffee (Hotel) \$216.20. Operational Expenses including printing, postage, envelopes, expenses of putting on General Assembly such as name tags, etc. \$221.61, total \$437.81

DIST.			DIST.		
I.	Beaches Unity (2)	\$ 30.00	VIII.	Big Book Study	\$ 10.00
	Central (3)	15.00		Deland	25.00
	Life Line (3)	15.00		Ocean Holiday (2)	13.00
	Southside Young Peop.	25.00		Port Orange (2)	18.10
	THE Group	30.00		Way of Life (3)	12.64
				Winners Way	25.96
II.	Caboose	9.00	IX.	Fairbanks	15.00
III.	Ortega (Inst. \$5.00)	25.00	X.	Live Oaks	15.00
IV.	GSR'S	10.00		Tanglewood	10.00
VI.	Oldest City	10.00	XI.	Atlantic Dry Dock \$24	30.00
	Palatka	25.00		Harvin R.	15.00
VII.	Eustis(Fairweather)	54.00	XII.	Canova Beach	10.00
			XIV.	Big Book Study Group	\$25.55

During this period 24 groups and one district group of GSR's made 34 contributions.

This has been a good year, and the Committee is most appreciative of the support given by the groups in our area. At this time last year our balance was \$323.34, and we were beginning to wonder whether we would have enough to send our Delegate to New York.

PRUDENT RESERVE	Flagship Bank of Seminole
10/4/77	\$500.00
10/12/78	523.20
10/23/79	582.30

Respectfully Submitted,

Elin R. [Redacted]

