



NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

MINUTES OF THE FIRST QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY OF THE N.FLA. AREA OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, JAN. 19-20, 1980, TREASURE ISLAND INN, DAYTONA BCH., FLA.

AGENDA, SAT., 1/19/80:

- 12:00 NOON Institutional Committee Meeting
- " " Grapevine Committee Meeting
- " " Handicap Committee Meeting
- 2:00 P.M. Public Information Committee Meeting
- " " Group Secretaries/Treasurers Workshop
- 4:00 P.M. General Service Representatives Workshop
- " " Area Committee Meeting

AGENDA, SUN., 1/20/80:

- 8:30 A.M. GSR Sharing Meeting
- 10:30 A.M. General Assembly

SATURDAY, 8:30 P.M. Open Speaker Meeting

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING: Chairman, Tom L. opened meeting with meditation and Serenity Prayer. Roll Call - 25 present. Absent - 2: DCM#9; DCM#16. Minutes were approved as written. Treasurer's Report approved as read. 12/31/79 Balance on hand - \$1,758.17. 12/31/79 "Prudent" Savings - \$559.61.

Delegate's Report: Lou M. advised that all Print-Outs, with the exception of three districts, had been returned to New York, with the necessary corrections. Remaining three, Nos. 2, 9, and new 17, to be mailed by 1/31/80. Lou asked everyone to remind all groups of the Int'l. Convention in July, and to get registrations in NOW for hotel space. Also remind all groups of the Fla.State Convention in August.

He asked that the DCMs bring to the next meeting, feed-back and any questions for him to carry to the New York Conference, April 20th. (See details on this under Assembly Mtg., Sunday-Delegate's Report).

Lou then presented to the Area Committee the following question:

"Should we announce, at the N.Fla. Assembly, all other types of activities related to A.A., such as Camp Outs, Cruises, Retreats, Sale of Tags, Buttons, etc.? Do all of these type of activities follow A.A. Guidelines?"

Motion was made and seconded, as follows: "At the N.Fla. Assembly meetings, limit announcements, endorsements, publications and meetings to only those approved as an extension of GSO approved functions." Following discussion of the question, vote was called for by show of hands. Majority vote carried affirmative.

Lou concluded his report by advising that a new letter on "Anonymity" was being released by GSO to send to newspapers, radio and television stations, etc.

Committee Reports, by Chairmen of Instit., P.I., Handicap, Grapevine, GSRs, and Secty/Treas., are attached, following Minutes.

State Convention Report: See details under Sunday Assembly meeting.

New Business: New DCM #7 - June F ;
New DCM #14 -Jim I ;
Request to redistrict #13, by dividing and have a new District added, which will be District #17, was approved. Revised Maps-next meeting.
New DCM #17 -Bill C

Please make these corrections on your Rosters.

Next Assembly Conference: Altamonte Springs - District 10 - Host Group.
Tenative dates - 1st choice: April 12-13; 2nd choice: Mch. 29-30.
Tenative Location - Holiday Inn.

Meeting adjourned 5:15 P.M. Basket passed. Closed with Lord's Prayer.

SPEAKER MEETING, 8:30 P.M., Saturday: Wes I., from New York, gave an inspiring message of strength and hope by sharing his experiences with a large and very attentive audience. The registration list showed 243 names, and the large majority of that number were present at this meeting.

SHARING SESSION, Sunday A.M.: Chaired by Eddie R. Had excellent turn-out, with animated open discussion on "Being a General Service Representative". Topics were: 1. How does a group get a member to accept the responsibility of being a GSR?; 2. What particular problems do you, as a GSR, find in your area? In summation, these are some thought-provoking comments: Being a trusted servant is not an ego-trip - it is twelve step work on a different level; Present your report to group in positive manner-let them know how great it is to share, not only in the meeting sessions, but also in good times and good fellowship; It should be the group's responsibility to contribute enough money for the GSR to attend at least one of the quarterly meetings; We are not organized in A.A., but we do have a structure to work in; A GSR might chair a meeting and talk on the 3 Legacies, as a means of telling the group about the quarterly meeting highlights; Somewhere in past records, it has been noted that 90% of those coming into A.A. will receive 10% of the benefits - that 10% will receive 90% benefits - that 1% will receive 99%! Are you among the 1%?

ASSEMBLY MEETING, 10:30 A.M., Sunday, 1/20/80: Chairman, Tom L. opened with moment of meditation, followed by Serenity Prayer. Roll Call - 59 present. Absent - DCMs #4, #5, #9, #14, #16. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes were approved as written. Upon motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's Report was approved - Bal. 12/31/79-\$1,758.17. Copy of Summary Report for '79 will be mailed each Group by Treasurer.

REPORTS, of Institutional, Public Information, Handicap, and Grapevine Committees attached after Minutes. Also reports on Secretary/Treasurer and General Service Representatives Workshops are attached.

STATE CONVENTION: Chmn., John D , announced dates are Aug.28-29-30, 1980, at the Court of Flags, Orlando, Fl. Regis.\$7.00 to Apr.1; \$9.00 after Apr.1.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Lou thanked District #8, as the host group, for such fine meeting facilities, and great weather! He said he had been reminded, in the early morning sharing session discussion, of the fact that "there is NO class distinction in service work". We all, each in his own way, give and receive much, when we become involved and committed in service.

He reminded everyone of the International Convention, July 3,4,5,& 6, 1980 in New Orleans, La. Do get your registrations in NOW, for convention and hotel space. Time grows short.

There will be a Mini-Conference in Atlanta, Ga., December, 1980. G.S.O. from New York comes to Atlanta to give us their views and information on what makes A.A. work. This is a conference from which everyone in service work can benefit greatly. Let's all try to attend.

Bring ideas, thoughts and questions to the next meeting, so that Lou can carry them to the New York Conference, beginning April 20, 1980. He particularly wants us to get feed-back of groups on:

1. Should individuals, whether alcoholic or non-alcoholic, who are professionals in the field of alcoholism and who own or operate rehabilitation centers - be members of the Board of Trustees (Alcoholic Board and Non-Alcoholic Board) in New York Conference?

2. Guidelines will probably be started concerning taping of A.A. talks and meetings for use in other type facilities, than A.A., itself. Discuss this with your group, and bring that's back to Lou.

3. There will be few literature changes - some minor ones in "As Bill Sees It".

4. Re letter from GSO, about "Anonymity" - DO NOT NAME OTHER RECOVERED ALCOHOLICS AS MEMBERS OF A.A. When someone breaks his own anonymity, he has the right to do so, as an individual. There is no governing body in A.A. - we do not govern - BUT, we do have a set of principles and traditions to use as our guidelines. It is our responsibility to observe the traditions - it is not the responsibility of the media, or others outside of A.A. - when we are participating in activities outside A.A. While the traditions are not mandatory, they can and should remind each one of the importance of anonymity. The best resistance (with no comments) is NO RESISTANCE, when you find someone in A.A. forgetting the meaning of the Traditions, when involved in public affairs.

5. For discussion on the Conference Agenda, also: There is some thinking of changing the delegates' representation of 66-2/3% to 75%. Take this to your Groups, together with the Service Manual, for discussion.

6. Delegate's term may be changed from two years to three years. Lou closed report by stating that the Conference for 1980 will be on "Participation" it's theme "Recovery".

Chairman, Tom L. reminded us of the theme for the Int'l. Convention - "Joy of Living". He stated that Districts 9,10, and 11 will be the host group for the next quarterly meeting, to be held in Altamonte Springs. Tentative dates are Apr. 12-13, with 2nd choice of Mch. 29-30. Tentative location-Holiday Inn. He also announced there is a new District - District #17. Maps will be revised and given out at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 11:15 A.M. Basket passed. Closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted



Phyllis G. Dickenson, Corresponding Secretary

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NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Public Information Meeting
Saturday, January 19, 1980

Chairman, Del E. opened the meeting with a moment of meditation, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Katy D., Jax., acted as Secretary.

Copies of P.I. Information Sheet were distributed. Pamphlets on Bulletin Board were reviewed. Del showed the small edition of the 12&12, which is good for answering questions concerning whether activities might conflict with the Traditions. He also showed the pamphlet "How the Traditions Were Born". There is a free pamphlet available on A.A. Guidelines in Clubs. Controversy, re clubs, can be avoided by using the guidelines, which can be gotten from N.Y.

The new Public Information Workbook was shown - side pockets carry information pamphlets. Sections carry Guidelines; Information on radio and/or TV scripts for an interview;; A "blurb" format for radio, t.v., and paper articles; information about women alcoholics; formats for letters to Crisis Centers, Mental Health, High Schools, etc. The P.I. Workbook (which supersedes old P.I. Kit and P.I. Manual) will be sent upon request, to the chairman of a newly formed P.I. Committee, at no charge. Anyone else, interested in P.I., may purchase a copy for \$7.00. Mail request to Susan D., GSO, Box 459, Grand Central Sta., New York, N.Y., 10017.

Del emphasized that each individual is responsible in carrying the message through Public Information, to such individuals as clergymen, doctors, and others in professional fields, as well as to those involved in community services, so that others might know what Alcoholics Anonymous can do (and also what A.A. may not do.)

The sharing session, which followed, brought out the following comments: A.A. has an openness of avenues available thru the media, for telling the A.A. story.; There is a very active P.I. program in the Orlando area.; the Melbourne area still carries the "spot" announcement on "The Typical Alcoholic" - which ranges from professional, to workman, to housewife, etc.; Guard your anonymity, not only in public programs, but also in 12-step work; A recent request from a doctor for help with an alcoholic patient, shows that the seed was planted in the "Dr. Program" which N.Fla. Area took part in last year - and even though it has had a slow start, it is growing!; When we feel an article in a newspaper is not true about A.A., we should contact the paper, and state the A.A. policy, in writing. However, the less controversy that is raised about such issues, the better; In response to how to start an Intergroup Office, answer was to use Guidelines for Central Offices, and also write to other Intergroup Offices in N.Fla. area, for their help and suggestions.

Members at this meeting were advised to have on hand the pamphlets "Speaking at Non-A.A. Meetings" and "44 Questions", whenever they are participating in any public programs.

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

P.I. Chairman - Del E

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INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
AREA ASSEMBLY MEETING
JANUARY 19 & 20, 1980

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

Forty-three persons were in attendance representing 14 of the 16 Districts, also included was representation from the Brevard Intergroup.

Perry G. reported on some of the problems faced at Raeford:

- 1) the number of persons allowed to attend A.A. meetings has been limited, and
- 2) they are experiencing difficulty in getting outside sponsors to assist with Institutions

Perry added that he had been in touch with Jim I in Tallahassee and discussed the first problem, however, they still have an urgent demand for outside sponsors.

The State of Florida has been very supportive of A.A. work in Penal Institutions, and find that whenever the inmate has been released, his chances of staying straight on the outside are increased because of the follow-up work done by A.A.

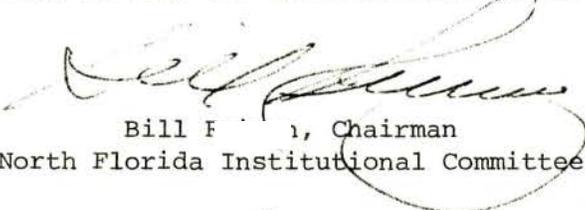
The Chairman reported that alcoholism education was now being undertaken by the Churches. A 3-day Seminar is being held in Orlando sponsored by the Florida Council of Churches. Also, Thee Door is planning a program dealing specifically with alcoholism among Senior Citizens.

A discussion was led by the Chairman regarding the guidelines for organizing A.A. Groups in Correctional and Hospital or Treatment Centers. Problems faced by the different Districts, and possible solutions were discussed in depth. One point was stressed frequently - we are the GUEST and must obey all rules and regulations set down by the Institution.

The Chairman requested that with everyone's permission, he would like to prepare a master mailing list of those attending this meeting and make it available to everyone. This would make it much easier to follow through in keeping a contact with persons moving from one District into another, also if information is needed, names and addresses would be readily available.

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 F. 1, Chairman
North Florida Institutional Committee



GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

FLORIDA STATE COMMITTEE
NORTHERN AREA

Handicap Committee Report

Area Assembly Meeting
Daytona Beach Jan. 19-20

This 1980 conference marks the first birthday of the Handicap Committee and throughout this period, we have made known our purpose starting with the first meeting in Tallahassee, followed by Melbourne, Orange Park and now Daytona Beach conferences.

Slowly, interest and participation has grown from conference to conference as the communication gap is being breached in the North Florida area which was shown by the attendance at this meeting.

At first, the committee was looked upon as a "special interest" group-open only to those A.A. members with actual physical disabilities. However, as in any area of service work, our primary purpose is to carry the message of recovery. Not only to the handicapped alcoholic who is still suffering from his or her first disability, alcoholism, but to share and renew our strength hope and experiences with the member who has gotten out of the mainstream of the fellowship.

We have obtained and distributed information on A.A. material useful to the handicapped member, published P.I. articles about the committee and naturally have made 12 Step calls. The General Service Office and Grapevine are also giving us their support.

There is no yardstick to measure how much we have accomplished collectively during the first year, but individually through our own experiences, we realize that we are growing and the satisfaction of this is unmeasurable.

One of our goals for this year is to work in conjunction with the other service committees not only in an effort to help the handicapped, but each other. But once again, we appeal to the individual A.A. group and its members to join us in any capacity.


Bob F
Handicap Chairman

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Grapevine Committee Meeting
Saturday, January 19, 1980

There was a general discussion and review of the Grapevine Workshop format, which covers the questions: 1. Is the Grapevine something new in A.A.?; 2. Who writes articles appearing in the Grapevine?; 3. Do you know why the Grapevine does not carry the Conference-Approved Seal? 4. Do you see any value to the "gray pages"?; 5. Is there a Grapevine Representative in your group?; 6. Do you feel that time devoted to the Grapevine Workshop at this forum was time well spent?; 7. A review of these questions is an aid to new GVRs and a reminder to older members, that the Grapevine is the important extension of the program of A.A. as "The Meeting in Print".

In re function of GVRs (Grapevine Representatives), it was noted that it is another way to get involved in A.A. service work, and have a deeper insight into the benefits of working with others. Florida has 141 GVRs at this writing.

Members were reminded of the importance of supporting the Grapevine through subscriptions, as well as all of the other service items available. Much of the support for the General Service Office, which serves all the Groups in A.A., comes from Grapevine Sales.

At the next quarterly meeting, we will try a different meeting format - Ellen T and Mac (Jax.) will select the articles, which in their individual opinions, are the best, and report on each for discussion. Should make an interesting meeting.

All GVRs bring your new GVRs. Any group that doesn't have a Grapevine Representative is missing the benefits the Grapevine offers.

Grapevine Chairman - Dick F.....

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Secretary-Treasurer Workshop
Saturday, January 19, 1980

Meeting opened in usual manner. Four basic concepts were discussed:
1.- The importance of following the guidelines to help the officers and group run smoothly; 2-The importance of rotation of officers with the group, and to delegate duties to other group members; 3 - The importance and duties of a steering committee within the group (especially larger groups);
4. - The duties of the Treasurer in handling group monies. Included in this discussion was the 60-30-10 contribution method to be used after group expenses and also the payment partial and/or full of the GSR to attend meetings and workshops.

Chairman - Bob V.....

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General Service Representative
Workshop
Saturday, Jan. 19, 1980

Ellen T., Chairman, opened meeting with meditation and Serenity Prayer. She stated that the purpose of this Workshop is to exchange ideas, ask questions, and answer questions.

Several topics were covered, namely: 1. Sobriety requirements; 2. Apathy regarding involvement in service work; 3. Voting Requirements, when a member represents more than one group.

Ellen read from the Service Manual, on GSRs - They are elected for a two year term, to run consecutively with the two year term of the Delegate; 2 years or more of Sobriety is usually required; Should have previous service experience. The GSR has an important job, as the liason person between the group and New York. Pamphlet on "The GSR" is available from New York.

There were many comments, and good suggestions, made on the topics discussed. On handling the problem of a member of a group, who is involved in service work, and goes back to drinking - the suggestion was made that conscience and honesty should be the guidelines. On the length of sobriety - sometimes the two year requirement might be waived, if the group is a very new group (i.e. six months old, at least), and no member has more than one year of sobriety - the quality of sobriety would be of importance here.

How do we get group members to become interested in service work, and be willing to serve as a General Service Representative? One suggestion - bring another member with you to the quarterly meetings; make your reports back to you group as interesting and lively as possible - point up the fact that not only does one learn more about the "inner structure" of A.A., but also has a wider field for making lasting friendships, and there is great fellowship and good times before and after meetings!

In serving as GSR for more than one group - we are reminded that when it comes to voting - we each have only one vote. Having an Alternate GSR for a group could be one solution here. Emphasis was made on having one group as "Home Group", and serving it well. Ellen pointed out that we all are "World-Wide" members of A.A., but an individual member of a home group.

Meeting closed with observation that sometimes we can serve, and "learn in service, what we are doing".

Basket was passed, and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

General Service Representative Chairman-Ellen T

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TREASURER'S REPORT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - NORTH
 FLORIDA GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE AREA - JANUARY
 19-20, 1980, TREASURE ISLAND INN, DAYTONA BEACH
 SHORES - FIRST QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY FOR 1980

THIS REPORT SUMMARIZES FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES BY PERIODS FOR THE YEAR 1979,
 WITH DETAILED REPORT ON PERIOD OF 10.23.79 TO END OF YEAR 12.31.79.

R E C E I P T S

G R O U P D O N A T I O N S

	General Use(1)	Institu- tions(2)	Total Group (3)	Misc. Collections (4)	Total Receipts (5)
BALANCE ON HAND 1.1.79					\$ 872.95
1.1./3.21	\$1,394.54	\$ 70.00	\$1,464.54	\$ 272.61	1,737.15
3.22/7.12	630.41	10.00	640.41	229.41	869.82
7.13/10.22	488.25	5.00	493.25	250.66	743.91
10.23/12.31	371.66	5.00	376.66	322.13	698.79
TOTALS	\$2,884.86	\$ 90.00	\$2,974.86	\$1,074.83	\$4,049.62

E X P E N S E S

	GSD/DELEGATE EXPENSES (6)	OPERATIONAL EXPENSES(7)	ASSEMBLIES (HOTELS,ETC)(8)	TOTAL (9)
1.1./3.21	\$ 300.00	\$ 207.55		\$ 507.55
3.22/7.12	1,000.00	148.84	\$ 226.69	1,390.03
7.13/10.22		221.61	216.20	437.81
10.23/12.31		589.06	240.00	829.06

	PERIOD BALANCE	CUMULATIVE	"PRUDENT RESERVE"-SAVINGS
1.1./3.21	\$1,229.60	\$2,102.55	12.31.78.... \$ 531.82
3.22/7.12	- 520.21	1,582.34	INT \$27.79
7.13/10.22	306.10	1,888.44	
10.23/12.31	130.27	1,758.17	12.31.80 \$ 559.61

CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY GROUPS DURING 10.23 - 12.31 (FINAL PERIOD OF 1979)

DIST.			DIST.		
I.	Central	\$ 5.00	VIII.	Big Book Study (2)	\$ 20.00
	Life Line(2)	10.00		Ocean Holiday (2)	20.00
	San Man	20.00		Port Orange (2)	9.00
II.	Caboose	10.00		Way of Life (2)	17.41
III.	Hangin' Loose(2)	12.25	X.	Rebos	30.00
	*Ortega	25.00	XI.	Marvin R.	13.00
IV.	Riverside	25.00	XII.	Eau Gallie	20.00
V.	Tallahassee			Sandpiper	10.00
	Central	5.00	XIII.	Serenity	5.00
VI.	Oldest City	10.00	XIV.	Trenton	2.00
	Palatka	10.00	XV.	Bradford	25.00
VII.	You Are Not Alone	48.0		Live Oak Friday	
				Evening Group	10.00
*	Also contributed \$5.00 designated for use by Institutions Committee			Serenity (Lake City)	10.00

During 1979, 84 out of 198 registered groups made approximately 160 contributions to the support of the North Florida GSConference Area operations and sending the Delegate to New York, about 42-43% of the groups. In addition two groups of GSR's representing Districts I and Iv made separate contributions. Five groups made 10 contributions especially designated for institutional use.

*Up in Planning
 Submitted
 12.20.79*