



NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

SECOND QUARTERLY MINUTES OF THE NORTH FLORIDA AREA OF ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS

April 11, 12, 1981 - Ocala, Florida

AGENDA - Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Public Information Committee Meeting Grapevine Committee Meeting Secretary/Treasurers' Meeting
	2:30 p.m.	Institutional Committee Meeting Handicapped Committee Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	General Service Representatives' Meeting Area Committee Officers' & DCM's Meeting
	8:30 p.m.	Open Speaker Meeting
AGENDA - Sunday	8:30 a.m.	GSR's Sharing Session
	10:30 a.m.	General Assembly

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING: Chairman Bob S. opened the meeting followed by the Serenity Prayer.

ROLL CALL: Present - 24; Absent - Alt. Chmn., DCM's #4, #7 & #9.

The minutes of the previous assembly meeting were approved.

The treasurer, Elise D. presented the financial statement from 1/1/81 thru 4/5/81. Income - \$4,862.73; expenses - \$1,404.55; cumulative balance \$3,488.18. A summary of donations by districts as well as individual groups was listed. A motion was made and passed to approve the financial report.

Each DCM was given group print outs from GSO of contributions received as of 12/31/80. New York will simplify these forms to incorporate our district number. Tom suggested each DCM give these print outs at monthly meetings or by mail. Any discrepancy in group contribution should be reported to New York with photostat of checks enclosed. Use group service number on all correspondence. The print out numbers are explained as follows: D - denotes domestic file, that is, USA or Canada; L - means loner; first two digits - group's state or providence; center five digits - group's basic service number; next two digits - area delegate's number (Intergroup Services). The following two numbers will be our breakdown of districts in our area. Tom also asked all DCM's to check any new group and supply the new number to Pat and Phyllis to complete their roster which will then go on computer in New York.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE: Bob reported that Orlando has a start on their history. Jacksonville area through Tom S. has also begun to gather information of early Florida history. Bob stated New York has guide lines but we are not ready for this presentation yet. However, if local areas want to begin collections of material for the archives, they are urged to record first meetings, where held, names present and any other pertinent information available. At some point in the future, we will need to discuss whether we need a central area for all archive material or whether to remain dispersed. DCM's were requested to check with all groups about their feelings about the gathering of their local history. Tom will bring from N. Y. a decision from GSO whether the archives will be set up by district, area or a whole region. This will be presented at June Assembly.

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The next assembly dates have been changed to June 27/28 in Palatka at the Holiday Inn. Jim from District #14 reported the Hilton & Holiday Inn in Gainesville for Jan., 1982 meeting is prohibitive due to cost. Also, Howard from District #13 reported he did not renew reservations at the Plantation Inn in Crystal River for October, 1982 due to

change of ownership and price. However, he will continue looking for a replacement and will report back. Dick M. from District #8 stated they would check on rates in Daytona Beach for January, 1982 and report at the next assembly.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: See Assembly minutes.

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

SPEAKER MEETING: The speaker meeting was held at 8:30 p.m. with a very good crowd in attendance. The speaker gave a good presentation relating his experience, strengths and hopes in the AA program.

ASSEMBLY MEETING: Bob S. opened the meeting with a moment of meditation followed by the Serenity Prayer.

ROLL CALL: Present - Committee Officers, District Committee Members - 24;
Absent - Alt. Chmn., DCM's #4, #7 & #9.

The minutes of the previous assembly were approved.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$3,488.18; prudent reserve \$1,421.58 as of April, 1981. The Central Florida convention donated \$375 which will be deposited into Prudent Reserve. Elise requested all donations to use group name as well as district. The group identification number which is on all information from GSO and found in the AA directory should also be used. A motion was made and passed to approve financial report.

Bob S. stated that the next quarterly assembly dates have been changed to June 27/28 in Palatka at the Holiday Inn. District #6 will be host.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE REVIEW - reported in Committee meeting minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - attached.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Tom introduced himself as "I am Tom L. from the Altamonte Springs group of AA and have been sober for over 20 years". Tom stated that when speaking at open or closed AA meetings, GSO suggests we get back into this habit. Tom stated "Let's not be anonymous among ourselves - the spirit of anonymity is at the level of press, radio, films and TV.....we have become so anonymous among ourselves, we don't know who we are".

Tom gave personal thanks to his wife, Vera and to Pat, for their work and support prior to going to New York. Tom also thanked Elise for her letter of support and hoped that GSR's would take back to their meetings the need for financial support. Tom stated "When you give of money that means you give of self and therefore, it is a spiritual donation as well as a monetary donation". If your group doesn't have enough money to send a dollar to New York, you as an individual have a responsibility to see that your donation goes to GSO. Tom also discussed the 60-30-10 plan - after group expenses, 60% goes to Intergroup or local service, 30% goes to N. Y. (GSO) and 10% to No. FL. Area.

Tom commented that he would make appointments with groups to visit their area and would like the areas combined, if possible.

Tom commented on the Round-up this past February as the most spiritual experience ever attended. Tom added that these delegate round-ups were the only ones held in the US and Canada. The northeast plans to begin them soon. The round-up was an unstructured meeting with emphasis on what to expect as well as procedure when serving your area in N. Y. Also discussed was the International convention and how to pursue this since the last convention lost over \$200,000. There will be discussion on whether the area can support it and if the area hosting can possibly support it monetarily. Tom stated that there were two areas that needed inventory: 1. Were the DMC's holding monthly meetings and

DELEGATE'S REPORT Cont. instructing GSR's of the Service Manuel and the 12 Concepts of AA, 2. Were reports of General Service conference taken to meetings and discussed.

Tom stressed a better understanding of the GSR's duties to represent their group at assembly. He suggested we incorporate into the teaching workshops the 12 Concepts, the Service Manuel and the expertise and experience of past delegates. He further stressed that as a GSR, we are sponsor to our group. As a DCM, we are sponsor to the District. One of the duties of a sponsor is to explain service in all these areas. Tom expressed his appreciation for the help from Lou M., past delegate, as chairman and at every occasion understanding the duties of a delegate. Tom also urged monthly meetings to DCM's as this is the way the flow of information comes.

Other points brought up were: AA's birthday is June 10; if your group isn't supporting GSO, support them as an individual; for each year of sobriety - give \$1 and Tom mentioned the possibility of special envelopes for this donation; a suggestion to post the group's that do not contribute will be discussed at another workshop.

The basket was passed and the meeting adjourned after the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat N *Pat*, Secretary

NEXT ASSEMBLY - June 27, 28, 1981 Palatka, Florida Holiday Inn

PUBLIC INFORMATION Janice J., P. I. Chairman 1 p.m. 4/11/81

In the absence of Janice, Del E., past PI Chairman, gave the PI report.

The latest public information release from GSO was brought to the attention of the group. Radio spots are available by request to GSO by interested stations. Order forms were given to those people where stations had already requested information from GSO. Also available are the new guide lines for making live copies with the cooperation of the radio stations.

A question was raised in regard to tradition whether to have a telephone answered for AA by a mental health group in a sparse area. After discussion, it was the general consensus that traditions would be kept and met by answering with the number of the telephone only and taking the person's name and number so an AA contact could be made. This matter can be resolved locally.

There was also discussion about introducing AA to school age children. We were reminded that when a school requests information from AA that a qualified person (preferably with one year sobriety or more) should be sent to answer questions about AA and not alcoholism. When teachers want children exposed to AA, we have no control over their request. We can only carry the message anonymously not wishing to become engaged in any legal questions such as transporting minors, etc. When minors elect to attend AA meetings, it was strongly recommended that we get permission in writing from parents or guardians. If court ordered, a copy of the court order is needed. If the teacher wants to send the child to AA we have no control over their request. It was also suggested that Alateen speakers be used with proper guide lines. All requests from schools should be from the principal of county or state schools.

Report from Secretary's minutes at General Assembly, Sunday, April 12.

GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE Katie D., Chairman 1 p.m. 4/11/81

Katie opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and introduced herself to all newcomers and visitors.

Katie informed the group of available pamphlets which can be used for general information as a 'one on one' meeting as well as a good topic for any meeting. Especially noted was "What is a Grapevine Representative" and suggested that each group get a representative.

GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE Cont. Katie explained when she is notified of a new Grapevine Representative, their name, address, phone number and group is sent to New York and literature plus a free Grapevine subscription will be sent the new representative.

Katie stated that Grapevine helps groups to have structured meetings. It sets guide lines of AA as a whole to the group. It was suggested that we 'lose' Grapevine magazines in public places, such as doctor's offices, restaurants or any place people will pick it up or pass it on.

Two articles from the Grapevine were discussed and Katie asked for changes or suggestions in the quarterly GV meetings. To submit an article to GV, sent to AA Grapevine, Inc., 468 Park Ave., South, NYC 10016; articles are requested on sobriety - not drunk-o-logs and all articles are read by staff members. There is no guarantee your article will appear but expressing helps the staff choose better articles. A portion of GV money goes to GSO.

Marilyn G., Acting Secretary

Please mail group name, GV representative's name, address & phone to Katie D., 4929 Branch Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32207 for New York registration and receive your free copy of GV each month. If already registered, please notify Katie indicating prior registration in N. Y.

"We invite you to support your Grapevine as it supports you". Thank you.....Katie D.

SECRETARY/TREASURERS' MEETING

1 p.m. 4/11/81

There was discussion on the pamphlet "The AA Group" which outlines the duties of both Secretary and Treasurer. A discussion was held as to a member starting a new group and to plan to put five years of his time to see that the group is a success.

A Secretary/Treasurer should have at least one year of sobriety and report to the group business meeting each month. It was also discussed that if a secretary/treasurer was not doing a satisfactory job, this should be discussed with the steering group and a replacement made for the good of the group and AA.

Meeting was closed at 2 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

HANDICAPPED MEETING

Scotty R., Chairman

2:30 p.m. 4/11/81

Scotty R. gave his report as new chairman at the General Assembly meeting on Sunday.

Scotty stated the Handicapped meeting was "an introduction to learning" of handicapped people around us and their potential need; for example, the deaf and how in the last couple of years that the General Conference approved translators for the deaf at open and closed meetings and these translators do not need to be members of AA. However, there are other handicaps which need to be looked into if we are to be responsible as members of the program.

Scotty also stated that in this area we may be seeing the birth of a new language in carrying the message. Very briefly, in our area (Daytona Beach) a member discovered a need of a young blind girl when asked "How can I tell if I am alcoholic"? This introduced us to an existing need that somehow incredibly had been overlooked for so many years. In trying to answer this young girl's need, we came upon what we've grown to call "talking pamphlets".

First, we contacted other areas of AA such as World Services and GSO plus blind agencies for their experiences they could share with us. They could share none! However, World Services and GSO gave us encouragement to embark on this project. We were given the copyright release - the first one ever given by AA or World Services - to our district to reproduce these pamphlets on cassettes.

HANDICAPPED COMMITTEE Cont. We were able to obtain the recording facilities of the Division of Blind Services and narrators from the program. Bob W. and others did a professional and excellent job. Tom will take samples to N.Y. and we are confident they will be pleased with what has been accomplished.

Scotty also recommended that we take back to our groups this new information - that the blind or anyone who cannot read will soon be able to listen to these "talking pamphlets" with dignity and in the privacy of their own homes. Scotty also urged that each group elect a handicapped secretary as much help is needed in this area.

Report from Secretary's minutes at General Assembly, Sunday, April 12.

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

4 p.m. Sat. 4/11/81

Fred K. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

There was discussion of the duties of a GSR and the structure of the program. There were many new GSR's in attendance. A suggestion was made that the DCM/GSR meetings be hosted by various groups once a month, such as Ocala has a group breakfast in Inverness.

Giving financial support was also discussed and a show of hands indicated half of the groups present supported the area. It was stressed the need for attraction of new members into service work. It was also suggested the elimination of the initials (GSR) and to use the full name of Group Service Representative so there will be more understanding of this service work. Length of service work was discussed and left up to the discretion of the individual and group.

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

GSR SHARING SESSION

8:30 a.m. Sunday 4/12/81

Keith W. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer with about 45 present.

There was discussion regarding family relationships and how to deal with them. It was suggested that Steps #8 and #9 be utilized to help better family relationships and communication. It was commented that often children and other members of the family of the alcoholic show their appreciation in their own way which helps the AA member to break down any barriers. It was also suggested that the family be taken to open meetings and that Alnon can play an important part in recovery.

Meeting closed at 9:30 a.m. with the Lord's Prayer.



NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY
INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

3337 Calcutta Ave.
Orlando, Fl. 32817

Institutional Committee Minutes
2nd Quarterly Assembly

The meeting was opened with a moment silent meditation, the Serenity Prayer, and preamble.

The theme of the meeting was "A.A. An Inside View", and there were thirty-eight persons in attendance.

Keith W., outside sponsor and G.S.R. from the Faith Group M.C.I., introduced John C. [redacted], CO I, the inside sponsor for M.C.I., and Johnny M., and Carlton B., from the group. Mr. C. [redacted] gave a excellent talk on his feelings about working with the group, and some of the areas that he and Keith W., along with the other outside sponsor in setting up a list of half-way houses (which will be available at the next conference) and introducing by letter out-going members of the M.C.I..

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Both Johnny M. and Carlton B., gave excellent talks on each of their lives before and after. The committee broke up into two separate work groups to exchange ideas during which both of the speakers participated.

A review of groups requesting material was made and an order was sent to G.S.O. totaling \$108.05.

A report of the meeting was to be made at the General Assembly on Sunday, the basket was passed and the meeting closed with the Lord's prayer.

W. A. "Bill" R
Chairman

In Reply: Write or Call
Elise D , Treasurer

Karla + Delegates re Inst Donations

NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE NORTH FLORIDA
GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE AREA GENERAL
ASSEMBLY, 2ND QUARTERLY MEETING, HELD

APRIL 11-12, 1981, SHERATON COUNTRY INN, OCALA

PERIOD COVERED: January 1, 1981
through April 5, 1981

INCOME			
Group Donations	\$1,779.76	*	
Misc. Collections	421.71		
Period Total	2,201.47		
BALANCE ON HAND	2,661.26		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4,862.73		
EXPENSES			
GSConference)	300.00		
Delegate)	300.00		600.00
<u>Assembly</u>			
Hotel	351.90		
Host Com.	7.70		359.60
<u>Operational</u>			
Committee	444.95		444.95
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,404.55		

BALANCES	
Period	\$ 796.92
Cumulative	\$3,458.18

*Includes donations marked for
Institutions: \$20.00. Also in-
cludes special donation by Dist.
I GSR's & Dist. VIII Intergroup.

SUMMARY OF GROUP DONATIONS			
DIST.	Amount	No. Gr's	No. Donations
I.	\$309.00	7 out of 11	15
II.	10.00	1 " " 8	1
III.	93.50	(\$5 Inst.) 5/15	5
IV.	60.00	3 out of 9	3
V.	79.00	3 out of 15	3
VI.	45.00	1 out of 9	2
VII.	80.00	(\$10 Inst.) 2/9	2
VIII.	447.76	15 out of 34	24
IX.	50.00	1 out of 10	2
X.	62.00	4 out of 22	5
XI.	23.50	2 out of 10	2
XII.	235.00	5 out of 13 (\$5, Inst.)	5
XIII.	140.00	5 out of 17	5
XIV.	40.00	1 out of 15	1
XV.	35.00	1 out of 10	1
XVI.	30.00	2 out of 8	2
XVII.	20.00	1 out of 7	1

This represents 78 donations made by 58
out of 222 groups, plus special donations
from Dist I GSRs, Dist VIII Intergroup, and
(noted separately) donations to institutions
by Dists III-Ortega; VII-Fairweather; XII-
Melbourne.

GROUP DONATIONS BY DISTRICTS

DIST.	Description	Amount	
I.	Beaches Unity	\$ 15.00	
	Better Days Women	25.00	
	Brighter Days Breakfast Club (3)	10.00	
	Central (4)	100.00	
	DIST. I-GSR's	50.00	
	Life Line (4)	29.00	
	San-Man	30.00	
	T H E Group	50.00	
	II.	Helping Hand	10.00
	III.	ARS Alumni	10.00
Contemporary		25.00	
Hagin' Loose		8.50	
Orange Park Men		25.00	
Ortega (\$5-Inst.)		25.00	
IV.	Riverside	25.00	
	Tradition	15.00	
	Yulee	20.00	
V.	Central Tallahassee	35.00	
	Nite Owl	14.00	
	Southside	30.00	
VI.	Palatka (2)	45.00	
VII.	Fairweather	30.00	
	Leesburg	50.00	
VIII.	Big Book Study	30.00	
	Boulevard	35.00	

DIST.	Description	Amount
IX.	Pinecastle FRIENDSHIP (2)	\$ 50.00
X.	Altamonte Springs	30.00
	Sanford Big Book	10.00
	Sanford Women	5.00
	Tanglewood (2)	17.00
XI.	Lake Underhill	20.00
	Women Sharing & Caring	3.50
XII.	Canova Beach	10.00
	Eau Gallie	80.00
	Melbourne (\$5.00 Inst.)	5.00
	Sandpiper	20.00
XIII.	Serenity, ...	120.00
	Brooksville Thurs. Night	15.00
XIV.	Crystal River, Saturday	75.00
	Inverness	20.00
	Spring Hill, Open Speaker	20.00
XV.	J & G	40.00
XVI.	Central Brevard	35.00
XVII.	Live Oak	20.00
	Serenity, Lake City	10.00
XVIII.	Serenity House	20.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Elise R. D , Treasurer