



# NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

## FIRST QUARTERLY MINUTES OF THE NORTH FLORIDA AREA OF ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS

January 9 - 10, 1982, Daytona Beach Shores, FL

Agenda - Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Public Information Meeting
		Grapevine Meeting
		Handicapped Meeting
	2:30 p.m.	Institutional Meeting
		Secretary/Treasurers' Meeting
	4:00 p.m.	General Service Representatives Meeting
		Area Committee Officers' & DCM Meeting
	8:30 p.m.	Open Speakers 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 with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Bob commented that Dick M was in the hospital in Gainesville for only a few weeks. Also, Frank H was critically ill and asked we keep both in our prayers.

ROLL CALL: Secretary Rhoda took roll and 25 were in attendance; absent DCM #13 Howard Shambarger, DCM #15 Porter Ball & DCM #16 Carl Vining.

The minutes of the previous assembly meeting were approved.

Treasurer Elise D. presented the financial statement. The period balance as of December 31, 1981 was \$1,871.76 after \$2,000 was transferred into the savings account plus interest of \$24.10 for a total of \$4,797.72. A listing of group contributions and a letter requesting money will be sent in the next mailing. A motion was made and passed that the treasurer's report be approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: See individual reports attached.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Tom stated there is a new treatment center in Orlando, The Ithica Place. They have a speaker's meeting on Sunday and a step meeting on Wednesday.

Tom commented that at the General Service meeting in New York it was suggested that we get some support for the Grapevine and Handicapped representatives. It was suggested this job be given to the 'alternate' GSR giving them something to do and some incentive.

In regard to Public Information, Tom suggested setting up a central area with committee and buy TV tapes. These tapes are to be shown - not left in the TV stations' library. What we need is a commitment in writing from the TV station to the PI people to show these tapes once or twice a month. Then the tapes can be switched around from one area to another. After general discussion, it was decided to check with the PI Chairman Mitch and discuss this at the General Assembly.

Tom commented he will be going to New York as delegate in April.

There is a new pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" which can be ordered from GSO.

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Dick P. suggested that we rotate the committee meetings to various time slots so that

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING Cont.

people can attend other meetings. It was explained by Rhoda that some hotels request we use three rooms for opening meetings followed by two meetings to allow progressive clean up by the hotel staff during the day. Dick suggested that we look into the possibility of having two meetings at one time with 20 minute intervals between meetings and also suggested we look into old schedules and try this, if possible. Lou suggested possibility of having some meetings after the GSR/Area Committee meetings. The chairman suggested that the Orlando group make every effort to facilitate these problems.

The second quarterly assembly will be hosted by Districts 9, 10 & 11 in the Orlando area, Holiday Inn, Altamonte Springs at Rts. 1-4 & 436 on April 3-4. It was decided that the third quarterly assembly hosted by District #5 in Tallahassee will be July 24-25 at the downtown Hilton Inn.

Meeting was adjourned after passing the basket and the Lord's Prayer.

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SPEAKERS MEETING: Joe M. welcomed everyone to the speakers meeting and the assembly. Gus McC., Chairman, introduced Patsy R., New Smyrna Beach, who gave a memorable talk of her walk with AA. There was a very large crowd on hand and everyone appreciated Patsy for sharing with us.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Chairman Bob S. opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

ROLL CALL: Secretary Rhoda called the roll. Absent were Katie D., Grapevine Chairperson, Scotty R., Handicapped Chairman, Bill M. DCM #10 and Porter D. DCM #15. Also present were delegates of Orlando, Brevard and Daytona Beach intergroups.

The minutes of the previous assembly were approved.

Treasurer Elise D. gave the financial report which is a yearly summary divided into four quarters. The balance as of December 31, 1981 is \$3,871.76. \$2,000 was deposited into our Prudent Reserve savings account leaving a balance of \$1,871.76. Our savings account balance is \$4,821.79 including interest of \$48.17. These figures were revised since the Area Committee Meeting. Elise stated a list will be compiled of all group contributions and mailed with the minutes along with a letter requesting group contributions. Elise asked that all groups try to contribute even if it is a small amount.

Elise also requested that all contributions be marked with their district plus group name.....please!

A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Tom thanked District #8 for their hospitality and service.

Tom requested we consider nominations for a new slate of officers, delegate, alternate delegate, chairman and various committee for October elections. These trusted servants not only represent North Florida but the delegate represents all of AA - everyone in AA. The decisions are made world-wide at the General Service Conference. It is quite a spiritual experience - one never forgotten!

Tom also commented about the birthday plan - \$1 for each year of sobriety. It is a way to show gratitude to AA at the world level so that books and periodicals can be printed in foreign languages to countries who are still seeking the message.

There will be a Delegate's Round-up in February 5, 6 & 7 in Atlanta. Since most areas of the southeast, the northeast and Texas send their delegate to the various round-ups, Tom proposed a stipend of \$150 to help defray expenses of alternate delegate, Evelyn, to go to the delegate's round-up in Atlanta. The motion was seconded and passed.

The General Service Conference in New York is April 18-24, 1982.

DELEGATES REPORT Cont.

Tom was guest speaker at the Seminole County seminar for teachers in December. It was well attended and received. Tom stated he thought it was one of the first in the northern part of the state - which was a three day seminar starting out with Chalk Talk. Teachers from the junior and senior High level were in attendance as well as a juvenile court judge and a lieutenant from the Alcohol & Drug Abuse of Seminole County plus professors and instructors from the other universities in the area. The questions were very intelligent asked by these teachers and a good job was done! The teachers and parents break up into workshops there once a month to tackle the problems of alcohol and drug abuse in the school system. This seminar was in cooperation with the law enforcement authorities, judges, teachers and parents. All of groups of Seminole County made sure that each school had a copy of the Big Book. If anyone wants information on how to set up a seminar contact Tom after the meeting.

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A motion was made after the Public Information Committee report to purchase three (3) tapes for \$37.50 at the expense of the North Florida Area. Motion was seconded and passed. These tapes are to be kept under the supervision of the PI Chairman Mitch.

The next quarterly assembly will be April 3-4 (Palm Sunday) in Altamonte Springs at the Holiday Inn located at 1-4 and 436. Rooms are \$25 single and \$36 double. The third quarterly assembly will be in Tallahassee July 24-25 at the downtown Hilton. Singles are \$32 and doubles are \$38.

The alternate delegate Evelyn spoke to the assembly and especially wished to thank us for the round-up trip in Atlanta.

Secretary Rhoda requested all DCM's to check their new rosters and if there are any corrections to please let her know immediately. Postage is too expensive to waste!

The meeting adjourned after passing the basket with the Lord's Prayer.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Mitch M., Chairman

1 p.m. 1/9/82

Mitch opened the meeting without the Serenity. He forgot - typical alcoholic - later rectified! There were about 70-75 in attendance.

New ideas were brought up, such as telephone directory listings. There is frequently listed on the second page important numbers and sometimes this does include AA. In case it does not, you might call the business manager about this and have it included.

Jack R., Tallahassee is interested in TV tapes for his area and he has permission to put them on the air. We have tapes that are available at GSO for \$12.50 each. There are three tapes to a set for \$37.50 which can be passed around the area after Tallahassee is finished with them. See address below for additional information.

A list has been compiled of names of persons interested in PI work and anyone interested is to contact Duane G. M , 800 N. ALA - #707, Indialantic, FL 32903, 305/725-9752.

Ruth of the Oxford Group mentioned the successful "Open House" for members of the Professional Community. There was a short discussion of possible CPC (cooperation with professional community) being organized in our area.

Tom L. shared about the Seminole County seminar (see delegate's report) for complete report.

There was a seminar announcement "Duval County Council on Alcoholism" NAS Jacksonville "O" Club, January 14, 1982.

The meeting adjourned after passing the basket with the Lord's Prayer.

Rhoda, Secretary

The meeting was opened by the Serenity Prayer followed by the AA Preamble. A copy of the Preamble can be purchased for 25¢ from the Grapevine. It was noted that all material, with the exception of the Big Book, to start a meeting can be purchased through the Grapevine.

The format was changed slightly with the addition of a proposed Grapevine article to be submitted for possible publication by Katie D. The article is tentively entitled "In Neon Lights" - about an AA adventure at Christmas time with an unexpected gift of two hours of friendship and strength shared by way of a red neon sign saying "AA" in a second story window in a strange town on a cold December night by two visitors.

Anyone can submit an article to the Grapevine for possible publication - this is what the publication is based upon - our sharing in print of our strength, hope and experience.

The other articles selected and given were from Bill D. found in the November Grapevine by Dr. Thiebault "What Does Surrender Mean". Hitting our bottom and surrender do not necessarily coincide. Ego must be reduced to surrender.

This was followed by the article on "Our Right to be Responsible" given by M. R. taken from the December issue. This dealt with the 4th Tradition and a discussion on the points illustrating the difference between anarchy and autonomy.

Jerry from Gainesville chose another article from the December issue concerning "Freedom in AA". The transition from doing things to promote and maintain your sobriety 'from fear of drinking and death' to doing them because 'you should' to finally doing them because 'you want to'.

The meeting was too short and could have gone longer.

Katie D., Chairman

Bob G. chaired the meeting which was opened with the Serenity Prayer with 4 in attendance.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports from the previous Assembly in October and discuss ways to reach the handicapped alcoholic.

As announced in the last report, the Daytona Beach group has taped a quantity of AA literature to be used by the blind or other handicapped. These "talking tapes" are \$1.50 each and available from the Daytona Beach Intergroup Office, 114 N. Helms St., Daytona Beach, FL 32014 or at some local intergroups. Listed are the tapes: AA for the Woman Alcoholic; A Member's Eye View of AA; Questions & Answers on Sponsorship; A Newcomer Asks; A Brief Guide to AA; This is AA; 44 Questions and Do You Think You're Different.

Bob announced that their Intergroup publication, "High & Dry" was available to publish articles or information pertaining to handicapped programs and had had articles printed.

It was reminded that we all are responsible to help the handicapped especially through publicity by intergroups, newsletters, ads and public appearances.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Bob G., Chairman

Perry G. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer with approximately 70 in attendance.

Grady and Mike were introduced from the Daytona Beach Work Release Center who spoke of how beneficial AA has been to them. Particularly interesting was Mike's story who has been in and out of prison for 20 years and how AA is changing his life. Both spoke of their gratitude and of continuing their sobriety through AA when released.

The question was raised "How to get temporary sponsors or people willing to assist those in half-way houses and correctional institutions and treatment centers"? After discussion, the following was compiled:

1. Compile a list of those willing in ALL districts;
2. Contact a willing AA prior to departure from the institution and ask them to take them to one meeting;
3. Discuss various methods of getting literature for the institutions;
4. See that all institutions have a copy of "When & Where" especially for those discharged;
5. Have meetings on sponsorship for those being released,

Since the last discussion regarding a list of temporary sponsors, five areas have compiled a list of persons available.

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

Betty D., Secretary

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SECRETARY/TREASURERS' MEETING

2:30 p.m. 1/9/82

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Ellen T. reported the meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer with 30 in attendance.

Two questions were raised: 1. How to handle the inability to set up a meeting due to an overlap in church schedules. Advised meeting with the minister to figure out a solution; 2. Eddie, Leesburg brought up the advisability of renting space from a mental health clinic. After discussion, it was suggested that newcomers be fully informed where the meeting is being held and that it is not affiliated with the group or agency.

Beth, St. Augustine stated their group had been having problems with 'personalities' which was corrected through a 'change of attitudes'.

One group had a candlelight meeting to help unify their group.

Helen suggested the need showing the framework of AA by chart to help single individuals understand the structure from General Service Representative up through Delegate omitting the various committees

The "AA Group" pamphlet was discussed including the three legacies. The duties of the Secretary or Treasurer are included in this pamphlet which are helpful in solving small problems within a group structure.

It was commented we didn't have enough reference to traditions or to the discussions of traditions.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Report from Secretary's minutes at General Assembly.

Bob G., Chairman opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. Bob read the minutes from the November GSR meeting in Titusville. There were approximately 130-135 in attendance.

Linus O., Deltona-deBary asked for a good way to get phone numbers and addresses, especially for outlying areas with no intergroup service. There were several suggestions offered, such as having volunteers designate specific hours rather than 24 hour call basis; publish a list, 3 x 5 cards listing volunteers.

Helen, Jacksonville would like to hear the traditions read more often, especially the first, "We are responsible". She also feels sponsorship should be emphasized more often.

Bob B., Deland, Alternate GSR, recommends each group obtain the pamphlet "The AA Group" and to read from it at meetings. It was also recommended to give a copy to all newcomers.

Virginia, Jacksonville commented her group had cards with names, addresses and phone numbers indicating the hours and days they would accept 12-Step calls.

Jack, South Orlando asked to hear some discussion about the "Statement of Purpose of Intergroup". It was finally ascertained that the Orlando Intergroup reads this Statement of Purpose at each Intergroup meeting; however, no one else seemed to know much about this. A copy of this statement will be sent to Bob G. from Tom L., Delegate.

Del, Daytona Beach commented he was disturbed over the lack of service heard today. Bob G. commented that Del's group, the Three Legacies, was especially service oriented. Del's recommendation was that we add "Our primary purpose is to stay sober and to help the recovering alcoholics - I am responsible" to our meetings.

Bob H., Jacksonville Beach discussed business meetings and it was generally felt it is difficult to keep members interested - much less in attendance.

Delorus, Altamonte Springs commented that due to the largeness of their group, they elected a steering committee, which worked out well. However, the group dictates what is needed by group conscience.

Charles, Winter Park feel that we, as GSR's, should thank the volunteers who open up, make coffee, the secretary and treasurer - psychologically it helps!

Don from Brooksville wanted to know how to get people involved. It was recommended that if no one volunteers usually it is because no one has asked anyone to volunteer.

Bob G. talked of the 5 chip system versus the 3 chip system. Bob has the address if anyone is interested.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Betty W., Secretary



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TREASURER'S REPORT to First Quarterly Assembly, January 9-10, 1982  
 Treasure Island Inn, Daytona Beach, Shores, Fl. Covers last two  
 months (Nov-Dec, 1981). Summary of 1981 Receipts and Expenditures.

1981 INCOME			EXPENDITURES				BALANCES		
PERIOD ENDING	GROUP * CONTRIBUTIONS	MISCELL: COLLECTS	TOTAL INCOME	GSCONF/ DELEGATE	ASSEMBLY (HOTEL, ETC)	OPERATIONAL	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	Period Balances	Cumulative Balances
B A L A N C E O N H A N D D E C E M B E R 31, 1980.....									
April 5	\$ 1704.76	\$ 422.46	\$ 2,127.22	\$ 600.00	\$ 359.60	\$ 444.05	\$1,404.55	\$ 722.67	\$ 2661.26
June 23	498.05	368.57	866.62	800.00	453.35	515.93	1,769.28	(902.66)	3383.93
Oct. 30	1378.19	347.32	1,725.51	400.00	115.60	204.15	719.75	1005.76	2481.27
Dec. 31	714.69	427.29	1,141.98	- - -	328.00	429.25	757.25	384.73	3487.03
	\$ 4295.69	1565.64	5,861.33	\$1800.00	\$1256.55	\$1593.38	\$4,650.83	\$1210.50	\$ 3871.76

TRANSFERRED FROM CHECKING TO SAVINGS

2,000.00	\$ 1871.76
\$6,650.83	1871.76

\*Included in Group Contributions are special donations by District I GSR's of \$50.00 and District VIII Intergroup of \$100 (April); District VIII Intergroup \$300.00 (Oct.) and District V DCM \$25 (December). i.e. Group Con.=\$3,820.69; Special Donations-\$475.00

### E X P E N D I T U R E S

<u>Operational</u>	
Tapes for Recording meetings	\$ 44.00
Misc.-GSO for Radio Tapes	65.00
Printing, Postage, etc (Expenditures made by Secretaries & Treasurer)	320.25
Total Operations	\$ 429.25
ASSEMBLY-Hotel(Coffee)	328.00
Total Expenditures	757.25

### G R O U P C O N T R I B U T I O N S

I. LIFE LINE	\$ 5.00	IX. FRIENDSHIP (2)	\$ 19.00
V. NITE OWL	14.00		20.00
VI. PALATKA	20.00	PINE HILLS GRACE	20.00
TRINITY	30.00	X. ALTAMONTE SPRINGS	10.00
VII. NINE TWENTY FIVE	25.00	CASSELBERRY	15.00
VIII. BIG BOOK STUDY	30.00	MAITLAND (SERENITY)	10.00
BRIGHTER DAYS BREAKFAST(2)	20.00	SANFORD	25.00
BUNNELL-STORMY SEAS	30.00	TANGLEWOOD	25.00
CALM SEAS	18.50	WOMEN'S GRATITUDE	5.00
HAPPY WANDERERS	6.00	XI. LAKE UNDERHILL	20.00
LIVE & LET LIVE	10.00	XII. EAUGALLIE	30.00
NEW SMYRNA BEACH	25.00	PATRICK	10.00
OCEAN HOLIDAY (2)	10.00	SANDPIPER	10.00
PORT ORANGE	10.00	SERENITY	48.00
THREE LEGACIES (2)	5.50	XIII. CRYSTAL RIVER	40.00
WAY OF LIFE (2)	32.26	SAT.NIGHT ACTION	19.00
WINNER'S WAY	32.43	XVII. OCALA	30.00
		SERENITY HOUSE	30.00

( ) indicate number of contributions.  
 34 groups made 29 contributions in this period.

SAVINGS ACCOUNT - DECEMBER 31, 1980 -	\$1,402.94
4.5. State Convention 1980 ...	\$375.00
7110 Interest	23.16
10/18 Interest	23.73
11.2 State Convention 1981	750.00
11.2 Transfer from Checking	2000.00
Interest	24.10
12. First Ever Young People Conference of Florida	\$182.44
	\$4,797.72

Please note Prudent Reserve...  
 An update at the bank gives us the benefit of an additional \$206.51 that your treasurer cannot account for presently. Since the statements were supposedly in the mail I could not check against specific deposits. Hopefully, will have this statement in hand while you are reading this!

Respectfully

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