



NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

FIRST QUARTERLY MINUTES OF THE NORTH FLORIDA AREA OF ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS

January 8 - 9, 1983 - Titusville, FL

OFFICERS' & DCMS' COMMITTEE MEETING: Chairman Jimmy G. opened the meeting with a moment of meditation followed by the Serenity Prayer.

ROLL CALL: Rhoda called the roll; absent were District Committee Members #2 and #9. The minutes of the previous Assembly were accepted as mailed out.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Elise D. gave the financial report stating the Assembly began 1982 with a balance of \$1,871.76. Total group contributions for 1982 with miscellaneous donations totaled \$7,199.29; total expenses \$7,057.05 with a balance of \$142.24 and a cumulative balance of \$2,014. Our December 31, 1982 Prudent Reserve balance was \$5,951.92.

Elise stated group contributions statements for 1982 and a letter requesting donations for the No. FL Assembly will be sent out. A motion was made and passed to accept Treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: See individual reports attached

NEW BUSINESS: Pat read a letter from Alene S., Corresponding Secretary, stating due to health problems she would be unable to assume these duties. Alene's resignation was regretfully accepted with our wishes and prayers for her good health and return to service work.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Evelyn commented that the Regional Forum in Nashville "lack of communication between District Committee Members, General Service Representatives, the delegate and the groups was continually discussed. Evelyn stated a more detailed report would be given. Evelyn stated she looked forward to good communication with the DCM's and GSR's and the officers which she needed to do the best job possible.

Evelyn introduced Madeleine C. new Corresponding Secretary, starting next Assembly.

Dick P., District #1 stated they had made tentative plans for the next Area Assembly at the Downtown Hilton in Jacksonville, April 9 - 10, 1983.

The Chairman gave the tentative schedule of Assembly meetings as follows: April 9/10 - Jacksonville (Hilton); July 9/10 - Orlando; October 15/16 - Ocala. The 1984 schedule is Jan. 14/15 - Crystal River; April 7/8 - St. Augustine; July 14/15 - Tallahassee; Oct. 6/7 - Orlando.

Tom L., past delegate reported the Southeast Conference in Orlando at Buena Vista is August 24 - 27, 1983. The rooms at the Dutch Inn are \$55 doubles; a restaurant will be open 24 hours a day; open meetings rooms, excellent dining facilities - everything under one roof. Tom stated they needed 1,200 people to break even and stressed that DCM's distribute all pertinent information back to their GSR's and groups.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pat
Pat N

SPEAKERS' MEETING: Tom L., past delegate chaired the meeting opening with the Serenity Prayer. Madeleine C. read "How It Works" and Betty W. read the "12 Traditions".

Tom introduced the speaker, Bob P., General Service Manager of General Service Office. The following is a small portion of Bob's talk:

I am a member of the Wednesday night group in Greenwich, Conn. which I live. I am also a member of the 4-6-8 meeting of AA - so called because of where it meets, which is 468 Park Ave. South, which is the address of your Alcoholic Anonymous General Service Office in New York City. The group we have meets every Friday at 11 a.m. and is attended by 15 or so AA members who work at the General Service Office and again we meet together for the purpose of our own sobriety. This was a great break for me as it's the only place I've ever worked in my life where I can go to an AA meeting on company time.

I would like to invite any and all visiting New York to come up and see the General Service Office because you would be very interested to see it now and would be very proud of it. I

SPEAKERS' MEETING Cont.

hope each and everyone of you will visit us - have a cup of coffee, meet the staff and see the AA archives to see some of the most precious artifacts of AA stored there.

I wish to thank Tom and the whole committee for the invitation to come down - particularly an invitation to Florida on a January weekend which is fantastic!! I do a lot of traveling but the typical January invite is usually South Dakota or Canada.

I am enjoying the meetings today but was particularly thrilled at the GSR meeting when the chairlady asked a show of hands of the new GSR's at their first assembly. It looked like between 30-40% of the room raised their hands and that's just marvelous.

I'd like particularly to take a couple of minutes to speak to you, the new GSR's who are here for the first time because I'd like to say "welcome to a whole new world of service - a whole new world of sobriety". I know that the first inkling I had of anything outside my home group was when they appointed or elected me intergroup representative for my home group. I served in that capacity for possibly over six months. Now I don't know about your intergroups down here, but ours in that area is notably contentious, angry and hostile and at their meetings they tend to get a little unkind to each other!! So as a new member of Alcoholic Anonymous, it was a baptism of fire into service. But nevertheless, it did open my eyes and I know that service will do the same for you. My sponsor told me and kept emphasizing to "stick with the winners" and you will find a lot of winners in service and that is one of the great joys in coming to a weekend like this.

One other comment I would like to say in the way of a service message is to say to all of you whether a new GSR or old, that you are a part of a great deal bigger thing than you realize at this point. Because AA has grown so much in the past few years and decades and it spread so and it has helped so many people that it is awe inspiring, at least to me. For example, looking at some of the figures of AA's growth, in 1970 there were 11,000 AA groups in the U. S. and Canada which is a pretty big organization. Today there are about 30,000 AA groups in the U. S. and Canada - in just 12 years. In 1970, we sold 54,000 copies of the Big Book in one year and were extremely proud of selling that many copies in just one year! In 1982, we sold and distributed 480,000 copies of the Big Book in just one year! In one year, we are distributing over 7,000,000 pieces of AA literature which is all through your groups. Almost all of this literature goes to groups or through intergroups or central offices.

It is a great big AA world out there and not only in this country and Canada but all over the world. * * * *

This is only a small part of Bob's talk which was enjoyed by so many. We were truly fortunate having Bob visit our Assembly and our thanks to him for sharing with us.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Chairman Jimmy G. opened the meeting with a moment of meditation followed by the Serenity Prayer. Rhoda took roll and absent were District Committee Members #9 and #13; all Intergroups were present.

The minutes of the previous Assembly were accepted as mailed out.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Elise D. gave the financial report stating income for 1982 was \$7,199.29 and expenses was \$7,056.05 for a balance of \$142.24; cumulative balance as of Jan. 1, 1983 was \$2,014. Our Prudent Reserve as of December 31, 1982 was \$5051.92.

A question was raised about funds for institutional literature and Elise stated that if groups wished to earmark a donation for this, it would be done. Also, anyone needing institutional literature should contact the Institutional Chairman so that funds be made available.

Elise requested that all groups write their District No. on their checks to the No. FL Assembly so they are credited to the correct group and district.

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

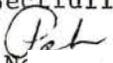
The Chairman commented to all the new GSR's attending their first Assembly that he didn't know what a GSR was when he was elected. However, in asking questions of old timers, he was told that he could do as little or as much as he wanted; however, the more he did, the more he would benefit. Also, that by coming around you would soon learn what to do. Jimmy also recommended that the new GSR's ask questions of their Committeemen or any member of this committee.

Tom L. stated he personally thanked Bob P for the Assembly for his visit and sharing at our first quarterly in 1983. Tom commented to the new GSR's to carefully read Box 459 and the quarterly reports to keep you up to date.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Evelyn introduced herself as the new delegate and also expressed her thanks to Bob P. for being here. Evelyn expressed her thanks for this opportunity stating she would do the best she could with our help. Evelyn stated that all members and new GSR's should have received their quarterly report. There are two articles to report on - the first regarding Father Martin. Evelyn quoted, "We reviewed Father Martin's film on The Twelve Steps and agreed that **the** credit line given on this film as well as promotional material regarding it was misleading and implied that AA World Service had given informal permission to make the film as opposed to permission to use the Twelve Steps in it. A letter was sent to Father Martin asking that steps be taken to correct that impression. He immediately responded stating that he would comply with the request. A trailer containing the required wording will be added to all prints of the film and all mentions of AA will be omitted from any promotional pieces". Evelyn stated the other article commented that we approved in principal the proposal from Lois W., Bill W.'s wife, that the royalty agreement between Bill W. and the Board be amended to permit her to bequeath a portion of her royalties upon her death to a foundation for a limited period of years rather than bequeathing all her royalties to persons. No action will be taken until more study is given; the trustees will give this study. Evelyn stated she went to the Forum in Nashville in December as delegate-elect. Some of the subjects discussed were: Is Our Membership Forgetting Our Singleness of Purpose; Ways to Carry the Message to Interested AA's; Temporary sponsors and Sponsorship; the Dually Addicted Membership and "Communication". Evelyn's participation was on the panel discussion of "The Feasibility of Central Offices and Intergroups Becoming a Part of the General Service Structure". Evelyn presented her part of the participation from previous knowledge of intergroup services up to the present time. Evelyn shared how she became aware of service through intergroup, became an Intergroup Representative and how this stimulated her interest of service. At the completion of the speakers, there was controversy on the subject. Evelyn stated it takes a long, long time to make a change in AA. Evelyn commented that new GSR's need to make themselves known, ask questions and get to know their committeeman. She also stressed better communication within groups and to get started on a good foundation. Evelyn stated that her district would be planning monthly meetings and workshops and she recommended all districts to concentrate on monthly meetings stressing that the GSR's should attend with their alternate. Evelyn commented on the large turnout attending the Assembly and stated that if you wanted better sobriety, it's here for you if you go out for it and listen to the suggestions you hear - try them, you'll like them. Thank you.....

Bill requested a workshop for newly elected officers which was done a few assemblies ago. Jimmy stated there already had been discussion regarding such a workshop and probably would be one in Jacksonville along those lines. Jimmy thanked the host committees, Districts #12 and #15 for the Assembly and hospitality. Meeting closed after the basket was passed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


Pat Ne, Secretary

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING Mitch M., Chairman 1/8/83 a p.m.
Mitch opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. There were 65-70 in attendance including approximately 25 new GSR's attending an Assembly for the first time. Mitch explained to the newcomers the sole purpose in all public relations is to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic within the parameters of the 12 Traditions. The Assembly is to hear ideas that have worked in other districts and to formulate new P.I. ideas. The 5th District (Tom D) reported that all TV and radio stations in their district are participating in AA Public Service announcements. This district has distributed over 17,000 pieces of literature through racks placed in locations, such as rehab centers, detox, salvation army, hospitals, alcoholic wards, etc. Rhoda AmA. reported on presentations at Melbourne High School, Palm Bay High and Rollins College. In several instances, we have received direct response through AA attendance or requests for further information.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING Cont.

Orlando and Daytona stations are carrying AA Public Service announcements. Certain industries have encouraged or started AA meetings in support of rehabilitation of company personnel (District #12). Mitch encouraged the districts in proximity to medical schools to contact or invite medical students to AA meetings, forums or open houses. Stickers with Intergroup/Answering Service phone numbers are encouraged with permission of the location. District #8 reported that AA answering service phone number has been added to the directory sign entering Ormond Beach. Patsy R. reminded us all that in our zeal to carry the message, we should insure that we do not violate the 12 Traditions. The basket was passed and the meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE MEETING M. R. Jones, Chairman 1/8/83 a p.m.

M. R. Jones opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer with 18 in attendance. One District Grapevine Representative, Tom D. of District #10 was present. M. R. chaired the meeting by explaining the goal of having a Grapevine Representative in every AA group. Duties of group and district GvR's were outlined and methods of obtaining GvR's were discussed. "What is the Grapevine and Why is the Grapevine so important?" were questions that received active discussion from the group. Dick P., former Gv Chairman and Bill D., DCM District #10 provided much needed information. Scotty R. asked why GV isn't available on tapes. Printouts of group GvR's were distributed. These printouts represent the initial effort of the Grapevine to set up a file of representatives on the computers. It was requested that Group ID numbers be added to the printouts and that any needed corrections be made. Printouts are to be returned to M. R. Jones, 1633 Ferris Avenue, Orlando 32803 and he will forward these to New York. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Betty Wt , Acting Secretary

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DISABILITIES MEETING Tom Cc , Chairman 1/8/83 a p.m.

Tom C. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer with ten people in attendance. The chairman informed the meeting of a bulletin from GSO entitled, "Loners - Internationalists Meetings" designated specifically for homebound alcoholics either temporary or permanent. The bulletin is made up of written messages of shared experiences which are available from the General Service Office, Box 459, New York. Tom informed the group that GSO also has installed a telephone number (212/686-5454) which is attached to a teletypewriter for use by people with impaired hearing. It is important that the groups in the Assembly distribute this number to their group members. A version of the 12 Steps is available in sign language from GSO in New York together with tapes and books in braille for the blind. Tom had with him a list of tapes made in various states for their local use. This included a large list of pamphlets in braille available in Daytona Beach. Tapes from other states include The Big Book, 12 and 12, As Bill Sees It and others. Any group interested should contact the chairman for addresses. It was suggested that pertinent AA literature be made available to the various centers for Independent Living. You can't be a drinking alcoholic and be independent. In the North FL Assembly, there are at least six such centers, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Orlando, Satellite Beach, Millard Conklin Center in Daytona Beach and Tallahassee. It would be suggested that the center be contacted to see if they are receptive to having the literature made available to them. It was suggested that the disabled be invited to speak at speakers' meetings as they have a special message for all of us. Chairman Tom then threw the meeting open for individual comments and suggestions: Karla from Daytona suggested that at large discussion meetings a microphone be passed through the room which helps those with impaired hearing. An additional suggestion would be the purchase by the group of a cordless mike, trade name Mr. Microphone, suggested price \$16.95.

DISABILITIES MEETING Cont.

It was suggested that meeting lists carry a notation of whether there are aids for the physically disabled. Tom pointed out that he attends two meetings - both held on the second floor and neither can accomodate a wheel chair. If the meeting is on the second floor many of our elderly members cannot climb stairs. The help and considerations we give the disabled helps us all.

People coming out of institutions should be considered disabled - temporarily. There can often be a very fine line between institutionalized and disabled.

It was noted in Daytona Beach that they are endeavoring to speed up the movement of people in mental health facilities to halfway houses. It was suggested that more contact with H.R.S. would expand our list of rehab centers for the distribution of our approved literature to these facilities. Tom pointed out that Florida is still not overly progressive in initiating or maintaining these social programs.

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

Bill M., Acting Secretary

P. S. Helen stated at the Assembly that Tom told a "pig joke" and that when Tom chaired the next Disabilities Meeting, only those attending the meeting could hear the joke!!!

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INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING Bob Scott, Chairman 1/8/83 2:30 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order.
2. There were approximately 65 in attendance.
3. The first order of business discussed was to find out who the District Institutional Chairman was for each district.
 - (a) To get a name and address if we had one or get one for that District, so that we could communicate in order to get the literature that is available and needed in the different institutions.
 - (b) See what money was available for literature.
4. The second order of business was that we had three inmates from the Brevard Correctional Institute in Titusville and they shared their hope and strength with all of us.
 - (a) Discussed temporary sponsorship for inmates and persons getting out of different institutions for two or three months to introduce them to AA on the outside until they get things together and settled down some.
5. Meeting was adjourned.

Bob Scott, Chairman

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SECRETARY/TREASURERS' MEETING 1/8/83 2:30 p.m.

Chairman Mike Y. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer; 47 were in attendance. There was discussion on how groups elect their officers and their role. A few indicated that due to the size of their group, they had to assume more than one office.

Terry H. said his group gives each newcomer a group pamphlet for awareness of duties and responsibilities within the group. They become involved in service in one form or another right away. Al I. discussed the importance of rotation among group officers and told how the treasurer functioned in his group. Discussed was the importance of quality sobriety in electing a treasurer after hearing "war stories" of the treasurer leaving town with the funds!

It was noted regular treasurer reports on how funds were used was a primary duty of the treasurer. Some groups post monthly reports. All groups tried to keep prudent reserves depending on their monthly needs. It was reiterated to open a bank account and not to keep cash around.

Contributions by the 60-30-10 method was discussed as well as the new GSO pamphlet with alternative ideas. This new pamphlet included the district when contributions are being considered.

Also discussed: assisting GSR's and DCM's financially for travel to assemblies; a chairman's responsibility to guide a meeting without numerous interjections and comments after each

SECRETARY/TREASURERS' MEETING Cont.

sharing; following the guidelines for large meetings offering a better change for everyone to share in the time frame; comments of members not attending meetings in excess of 20 attendees - reminding us how AA grows - large meetings become small groups of their own.

Betty W , Acting Secretary

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GSR SHARING SESSION

1/9/83 8:30 a.m.

Porter B. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer with 35 present. A portion of the Legacy of Service was read.

1. A brief explanation was given of service structure, breakdown of various jobs and committees within the structure.
2. Questions asked: (These were primarily answered by Bob Pearson who was in the audience).
 - (a) Should we go on 12 Step calls when a person is still drinking? Some people would not be sober today if an AA member had refused to go.
 - (b) Rotation: important in most cases with exception for certain situations.
 - (c) Purpose of Gratitude Dinner: proceeds to be sent to support GSO, Area Assembly and now very much in the picture and should be encouraged by the District.
 - (d) Grapevines sold: about 130,000 sold last year.
 - (e) Follow up on Doctor's program: Putting AA literature in doctor's office found to be ineffective and not likely to be started again.
 - (f) Georgetown Program: proved to be effective but slow in starting but gaining momentum in various parts of the country. This was started by Bill Flynn - medical and nursing students given AA sponsors who take them to meetings, tell their story and a general study of AA and alcoholism.
3. Bob also spoke of "a penny a day for sobriety"; we should explain and encourage this in the groups. Most groups that do not contribute do so out of ignorance.
4. Remember there is a lot of free literature that can be obtained from World Service.
5. Encourage new members to attend service meetings; make them feel welcome; ask them to do something and remember the "chain of service".
6. Discussion on Dual Addition - Court ordered attendance - Closed meetings: the general feeling was that as long as a person emphasizes his alcoholism and has a "desire to stop drinking", he would be allowed to stay.

Adjourned the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Madeleine C , Acting Secretary.

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Remember, our next Assembly is April 9 - 10 in Jacksonville (Hilton).

Please note for future reference:

<u>PUBLIC INFORMATION CHAIRMAN</u> Duane "Mitch" M	<u>INSTITUTIONAL CHAIRMAN</u> Bob S	<u>GRAPEVINE CHAIRMAN</u> M. R. J	<u>DISABILITY CHAIRMAN</u> Tom C
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TREASURER
Elise D

SECRETARY
Pat N

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Madeleine C

Please include District No. with donations to No. FL Assembly

Any name/address change

Correspondence/minutes



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FIRST QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY FOR 1983 - TITUSVILLE, FLA.
HOLIDAY INN, TITUSVILLE - JANUARY 8 & 9, 1983

REPORT BY TREASURER FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 11 - DECEMBER 31, 1982
With Summary of Income-Expenditures for Year

ADDRESS INQUIRIES,
donations, etc. to:
Elise D

PERIOD ENDING 1982	I N C O M E			DELEGATE ALT. DEL. GSCONF.	ASSEMBLY: HOTEL/ HOST COM.	OPERATIONAL EXPENSES	TOTAL EXPENSES	B A L A N C E S	
	GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS *	MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	T O T A L RECEIPTS					PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
								JAN 1, 1982....	\$1,871.76
MARCH 31	\$1,471.75	\$ 456.77	\$1,928.52	\$ 750.00	\$ 318.60	\$ 417.35	\$1,485.95	\$ 442.57	\$2,314.33
JULY 15	1,594.84	436.34	2,031.18	**2,000.00	594.60	214.80	2,809.40	-(778.22)	1,536.11
OCT 10	1,219.74	369.12	1,588.86	350.00	565.76	390.92	1,306.68	282.18	1,818.29
DEC 31	1,224.88	425.85	1,650.78	400.00	576.80	478.22	1,455.02	195.71	2,014.00
TOTALS...	\$5,512.21	\$1,688.08	\$7,199.29	\$3,500.00	\$2,055.76	\$1,501.29	\$1,455.02	\$ 442.24	\$ 2,014.00
BALANCE ON HAND DEC 1981.....							BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1983.....		\$ 2,014.00

* Group Contributions include contributions made during each quarter by District GSR'S. These have been listed under individual Districts in each quarterly report showing group distributions (i.e., see below for this quarter).
** Seed money of \$1,300.00 for the Southeastern Conference Committee. This sum will be returned after the Conference.

G R O U P		C O N T R I B U T I O N S		SUMMARY \$'s		
I. ARLINGTON	\$ 100.00	VIII. DELTONA-DEBARY	\$ 10.00	XI. ATLANTIC DRY DOCK	\$40.00	1. \$ 160.00
GSR'S	25.00	HAPPY WANDERERS	7.50	SHARING & CARING	10.00	2. --
LIFE LINE (2)	10.00	HELPING HAND	7.00	XII. LOCAL	10.00	3/ 92.50
THE Group	25.00	OCEAN HOLIDAY (2)	22.00	MERRITT ISLAND	15.00	4. 102.77
II. --	-0-	PORT ORANGE	20.00	SANDPIPER (2)	40.00	5. --
III. HANGIN' LOOSE (2)	12.50	ROAD TO RECOVERY (2)	20.00	SERENITY	14.49	6. 20.00
HAPPY HOUR	25.00	STORMY SEAS	25.00	WOMEN'S BEACHSIDE	50.00	7. 75.00
ORTEGA	15.00	THREE LEGACIES	13.00	XIII. LECANTO	10.00	8. 263.12
WESCONNETT	40.00	WAY OF LIFE (2)	36.32	LIVE OAK	20.00	9. 52.00
IV. BALDWIN (2)	43.00	WINNERS WAY	56.91	XIV. DOWNTOWN	25.00	10. 165.00
GSR'S (2)	17.00	IX. FRIENDSHIP (3)	52.00	TUES NITE STEP STUDY	10.00	11. 50.00
FERNANDINA TUES NIGHT	7.99	X. ALTAMONTE	30.00	XV. --	-0-	12. 129.49
SAINTS & SINNERS	24.78	CASSELBERRY	15.00	XVI. BRADFORD	25.00	13. 30.00
V. --	-0-	FAIRBANKS	15.00	12 STEP GROUP	10.00	14. 35.00
VI. TRINITY (2)	20.00	LONGWOOD	30.00	XVII. SERENITY	15.00	15. --
VII. BIG BASS	40.00	SANFORD WOMEN	5.00	51 groups, out of 269 groups.		16. 35.00
CLERMONT	10.00	SEVENTEEN NINETY TWO	20.00	2 groups of GSR's (I, IV)		17. 15.00
NINE TWENTY FIVE	25.00	TANGLEWOOD	30.00	made 66 contributions during		\$1,224.85
VIII. BRIGHTER DAYS (2)	15.39	WEKIVA	10.00	this quarter.		
BIG BOOK STUDY	5.00	YOUNG AND FREE	10.00	NO. GRPS PER DISTRICT: 1-11; 2-8; 3-16; 4-11;		
DELAND	25.00			5-18; 6-10; 7-15; 8-16; 9-12; 10-25; 11-17; 12-19; 13-17; 14-15; 15-10; 16-8; 17-11.		
PRUDENT RESERVE 1/1/82 -	\$4,639.35	Balance brought forward	5/4 - \$4,855.69	DEC 31, 1982 INT 66.41...\$5,054.92		
1/3 YPConf.	182.44	6/30 INT \$64.29.....	4,919.98			
	\$4,821.79	9/30 INT 65.53	4,985.51			

Respectfully submitted
Elise D. Treasurer