



NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

THIRD QUARTERLY MINUTES OF THE NORTH FLORIDA AREA OF ALCOHOLIC ANONYMOUS

July 16 - 17 - Orlando, Florida

SPEAKERS' MEETING: Bill R DCM #11, chaired the meeting which was opened with Serenity Prayer. Jack Parrish read "How It Works", and Bill M "The Traditions." Bill introduced the speaker, Charlie L, "The Arkansas Traveler." Charlie talked about his "growing up years" and shared stories about poverty, trials and "fun" people through these years. He said that AA took him in when all other doors were closed. AA accepted him and gave love and hope - not drinking "one day at a time." We thank Charlie for an interesting talk through which he shared his strength, hope and courage through AA.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeleine C., Secretary

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OFFICERS' & DCMS' MEETING AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Chairman, Jimmy G, opened both with a moment of silence followed by Serenity Prayer.

ROLL CALL: Pat N called the roll - absent were Dist. #3 and #9. Minutes of previous assembly were accepted as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Elsie D gave report, which was accepted as read - report attached.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Attached

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Evelyn S, delegate, gave her report on the April conference in New York. She shared with us her personal feelings on the week in New York. She expressed it as an "emotional experience", that only by being there could one realize the full impact. The theme of the conference was "Anonymity." (copy available) We are encouraged to co-operate with The Professional Community (CPA) when we go into Treatment Centers with meetings, don't forget we are on their turf. She spoke of conference views on "How Does AA Respond to A Changing World?" We are urged to listen to the newcomer and try to understand this world. Even though, perhaps, some of us cannot totally relate to some of the experiences we hear, we can give credence to the new and changing times. Evelyn said that she was so pleasantly surprised to hear that Florida is far ahead of many other states - things such as school programs and institutions among others.

There is going to be a random survey by GSO sometime this year.

Encourage interim and temporary sponsors to newcomers.

In order to have more participation from rural groups, we should rotate the assembly sites to adjust this.

She placed emphasis on "Communication" - particularly between groups and districts - this is the way we carry the message. In the next few months, Evelyn will get to every District in the area to give a full report.

Respectfully submitted,

Madeleine C., Secretary

INSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Bob S , Chairman

Bob opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. There were three speakers; Jim, LCI outside sponsor and Richard and Mackie who are residents at LCI.

Bob said that he has attempted to get a film library for Institution Meetings, but has not had any response from Tallahassee. If you need literature for your institution group, forms are available.

Discussion about juvenile groups - There is only one, that is in Trenton, 13-18 age group. If you want to start one, contact HRS; Lucy H in Jacksonville. Inverness started a meeting at the county jail.

Want to start a list of persons who are willing to speak at institution and make it available to everyone.

Persons on probation must get permission from Superintendent to attend a meeting at the institution.

Meeting was closed with The Lord's Paryer - 65 were in attendance.

Bob S , Chairman

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SHARING SESSION

Bob S , Chairman

Forty-eight Assembly Attendees joined Bob S for the Sunday Morning Sharing Session. Greeted as "fellow miracles" they joined Bob in a period of silent meditation and the Serenity Prayer. After a brief explanation of why he considers recovering alcoholics as "miracles" and how he got to be one of them. The chairman introduced some thoughts for discussion. "About A. A.," a publication from GSO, suggests what A.A. does not do. "A.A. does not: furnish initial motivation for alocholics to recover, solicit members, engage in or sponsor research, join 'councils' or social agencies, follow-up or try to control its members, make medical or psychological diagnoses, provide drying-out or nursing services, hospitalization, drugs or any medical or psychiatric treatment, offer religious services, engage in education about alcohol, provide housing, food, clothing, jobs, money or any other welfare or social services, provide domestic or vocational counseling, accept any money for its services or any contributions from non-A.A. sources, provide letters of reference to parole boards, lawyers, or court officials." Stimulated by that quote, the discussion was immediate and extensive. The hour passed rapidly and was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Bob S , Chairman

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SECRETARY/TREASURERS MEETING

Basia H , Chairperson

Secretary/Treasurer meeting was called to order by chairman Basia at 2:00 P.M. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

There were approximately 25 people present -- come Secretary/Treasurers, others not. Basia gave a short talk on her experiences as secretary both in groups and as past secretary of the Intergroup office. Mostly related to keeping the group(s) informed as to what was going on within our Central area and also keeping the group itself, records (if any) mostly birthdays up to date, letting GSO know of any changes within the group, etc. as well as the group meeting.

Many questions and answers bounced back and forth. Each idea was great for newcomers and many agreed to "hey" that's a good one.

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

Basia H , Chairperson

Tom opened the meeting with a moment of meditation followed by the Serenity Prayer. Tom stated that the District Committeeman (DCM) is the direct link between the groups and the delegate. The duties of the DCM are in the Service Manual. Tom stressed the importance of the District Committeeman holding monthly meeting with all the General Service Representatives (GSR) of his district - contact each GSR to get them attend this meeting!

During this meeting, the DCM can explore topics in Box 4-5-9 and copies can be ordered, if necessary. It is also advisable to have the alternate DCM attend all these meetings since the alternate might have to assume some of these duties during the two-year term of a DCM. At the quarterly assemblies, the DCM should keep the GSR's up to date on all changes, etc. COMMUNICATION is the largest problem of the DCM. The DCM shows attraction to service by serving through gratitude.

Barbara Sc. _____, past delegate & DCM, stressed communication. It is vital to get the feelings of the groups. The regularity of monthly meetings is important; listening is important in service work.

Dick Pi _____ past DCM, stated they had breakfast meetings to overcome their communication problem once a month. They Discuss GSO (General Service Office), group problems and often eliminate problems that arise as they come up. Dick also requested 3-4 minutes of a group chairman so that the DCM could talk at a meeting - courage went a long way. Dick stressed he only talked the 3-4 minutes as agreed upon, too! Dick stated a DCM should go around to groups of his district to tell them what they can do as a group - growing as a group. He can discuss the area assembly, explaining the different committees, such as PI, Gvp., Instit., and Disabilities.

Tom said one day a GSR or DCM might be elected to be delegate! The only way you can do this is to come to the monthly district meetings, Area Assembly, etc. Tom suggested having someone speak at the district (monthly) meeting.

Jimmy Ga _____ past DCM, said he looked at people with good sobriety - most were involved in the Area Assemblies or service work of some sort. Jimmy said as DCM he went to every single meeting in his Jacksonville area and explained his job and what he was trying to do. Tom stated groups become stagnant without communication but through communication by the GSR/DCM to groups service is shared.

Howard Sh _____ past DCM, stated that the DCM is the forgotten person in contributions. He spent over \$400 out of his pocket for service, willingly. Many can't afford to do this. Many GSR's get contributions from their group but there are no contributions from any groups for the DCM.

Tom stated in talking to other delegates that some groups contribute to the DCM - to ask for contributions for the DCM.

Bob Ha _____, DCM District #1, commented at the last assembly this was discussed and it would be ideal to help pay; however, they don't have enough money to do this. He explained that he just "used" his whiskey money now! Bob also stressed the importance of their breakfast meeting.

Owen Mc , DCM DistricT #16, said he comes from a spread-out area. They have meetings every two months due to the large distance between groups. They have a news letter and felt this was one of their best links in communication.

Evelyn S: Delegate, stated she grew in monthly meetings. Communication is vital and the way to service. Tom suggested the earlier you get into service, the easier it is.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Pat Ne , Rec. Sec.

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DISABILITIES MEETING

Tom Cc , Chairman

Tom opened the meeting with a moment of silent meditation followed by the Serenity Prayer; 23 were in attendance.

Tom opened the discussion concerning Centers for Independent Living and their need to know about alcoholism. There are various types of organizations for the disabled and they are listed according to type of disability unless they are a center for Independent Living. Going to see them - leave literature - even a Big Book is a great idea.

Next we discussed the problems with meetings which do not separate smokers and non-smokers, where there is poor ventilation. It was suggested that chairman could ask any meeting to reduce the smoking during the meeting. Use of candles helps reduce smoke. The question was raised regarding the third and fourth traditions when designating a meeting as smoking or non-smoking and a lively discussion ensued. Groups may designate non-smoking meetings if they so desire.

Tom indicated the problem where meetings are not designated with symbols as to being accessible with whell chairs, second floor and no elevators for instance. Discussion followed concerning possible problems with OSHA since they are responsible for safety in public buildings as well as industrial plants. It was suggested that intergroups or central offices be advised where meetings are held that maybe a problem for disabled to reach and they could then advise those would call for info.

Tom indicated the most important point of these meetings was to help eliminate frustration of those persons wanting to get to meetings and being faced with obstacles in addition to their own disability. Tom also said he is planning to write articles on the subject of disabilities for the Grapevine and he was urged to do so.

Bill pointed out that alcoholism for the disabled is being treated as a family disease just as it is for other alcoholics. A blind person can get just as drunk as one who can see. Tom said he could sing very well when drunk!

Basket was passed. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Tom Cc , Chairman

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Mitch M , Chairman

Meeting was opened by Mitch with Serenity Prayer. There were 55 in attendance.

1. Stickers - 1,000 distributed - many districts ordered more.
2. Schools - 13 of 17 districts are now participating in the school program.
3. Armed Forces - new groups at Orlando Naval Base and Jacksonville Base.
4. Orlando groups held Workshops to which they invited representatives from the Mayor's office, Police, Newspaper, Mental Health and other community agencies. The response was very good. These were particularly informative.

Meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer

Mitch M. , Chairman

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GRAPEVINE

M. R. J , Chairman

M. R. asked help in determining whether all printouts of Grapevine Representatives have been updated and returned to New York. He asked that registrations for all new group and district GVR;s be sent to him at 1633 Ferris Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803 and he will record and immediately forward to New York.

The number of GVR's in Florida has reached 312. The anticipated paid circulation of the Grapevine for June is 123,000 - an improvement. More improvement is needed - it is our individual opportunity! The "New Comers" campaign is doing well. Tom D., a District GVR of several years standing, shared his experiences. John O., a new District GVR, gave his views of the job. Barbara B. recapped the pamphlet, "Portable A.A. Meeting" Her report was extremely interesting since her experience parraled that of an A. A. cited in the pamphlet - the Grapevine was a constant reminder to them as they struggled to "get A.A.".

Ellen T. suggested gift subscriptions be sent to Medical Doctors homes - stating it provides a quick understanding of A.A.

Group and District GVR's will be added to our area roster.

Meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Betty W , Acting Secretary

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Remember, our next Assembly is October 15 & 16 in Silver Springs - Holiday Inn.

Please note for future reference:

PUBLIC INFORMATION CHAIRMAN
Duane "Mitch" M

INSTITUTIONAL CHARIMAN
Bob S

GRAPEVINE CHAIRMAN
M. R. J.

DISABILITY CHAIRMAN
Tom C.

TREASURER
Elsie D

SECRETARY
Pat N.

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

Any name/address change

SECRETARY
Madeleine C.



JULY 16 & 17, 1983. HOWARD JOHNSON'S MOTOR LODGE, 603 LEE ROAD
(I-4 & LEE ROAD) ORLANDO, FLORIDA 32810

Treasurer: Elise R. De

TREASURER'S REPORT

1983	I N C O M E			E X P E N S E S				B A L A N C E S	
PERIOD	GROUP	MISCELLANEOUS	TOTAL	DELEGATE/	ASSEMBLY	OPERAT-	TOTAL	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
ENDING	CONTRIBUTIONS			GS CONF.	(HOTEL,HOST)	IONAL		BALANCES	BALANCES
DECEMBER 31, 1982				BALANCE ON HAND					\$ 2,011.00
MARCH 31	\$ 2,087.19	\$ 412.51	\$ 2,499.70	\$ 600.00	\$ 526.58	\$ 567.16	\$ 1,693.74	\$ 805.96	2,819.96
JULY 10	1,940.99	393.73	2,334.72	700.00	693.15	464.57	1,857.72	477.00	3,296.96
	\$ 4,028.18	\$ 806.24	\$ 4,834.42	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,219.73	\$ 1,031.73	\$ 3,556.46	\$ 1,282.96	\$ 3,296.96

NOTE: Current line above for March 31 reflects certain corrections, i.e., shift of \$20 from Misc. to Group for Yulee Group not reported last quarter; reported here but reflects in March 31 figures. An additional 90 Cents is also credited to Group contributions in first line, credited to Sharing & Caring Group in District XI.

PRUDENT RESERVE: 12/31/82	\$5,051.92	MARCH 31, 1983	\$5,117.74	JUNE 30, 1983	\$5,185.16
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DIST.		DIST.		DIST.		S U M M A R Y	
1.	GSR'S \$ 30.00	7.	BIG BASS \$ 35.00	10.	TUES NIGHT SERENITY 46.00	1.	7(13)19 326.50
	ARLINGTON (3) 91.50		CLERMONT (2) 15.00		YOUNG & FREE (2) 10.90	2.	1(7) 2 30.00
	BEACHES UNITY (2) 50.00		EUSTIS CROSSROADS 10.00	11.	Atlantic DRY DOCK 40.00	3.	5(17) 5 105.00
	BETTER DAYS 50.00		LEESBURG 100.00		LIVE & LET LIVE 15.00	4.	5(14) 8 78.67
	BROWN BAGGERS (4) 30.00		NINE TWENTY FIVE 25.00		TODAY'S WOMEN 10.00	5.	2(19) 2 30.00
	CENTRAL (3) 30.00	8.	BIG BOOK STUDY (4) 40.00		WINTER PARK (4) 175.00	6.	1(13) 5 70.00
	LIFE LINE (4) 20.00		BOULEVARD (2) 20.00		WOODLAKE VILLA 18.00	7.	5(14) 7 185.00
	MANDARIN 25.00		BRIGHTER DAYS 20.68	12.	EAU GALLEE 40.00	8.	14(48)27 384.25
2.	HELPING HAND (2) 30.00		DELAND 25.00		SANDPIPER (2) 40.00	9.	1(11) 3 54.00
3.	HAPPY HOUR 50.00		HAPPY WANDERERS 7.50		SERENITY 23.50	10.	5(25) 7 161.07
	JACKSONVILLE MEN 15.00		NEW SMYRNA BEACH 25.00	13(2)	INVERNESS LUNCH BUNCH 20.00	11.	5(17) 3 45.00
	NASAP-CECIL FIELD 10.00		OCEAN HOLIDAY (3) 28.00	14.	BRONSON 15.00	12.	3(19) 4 103.50
	ORTEGA 25.00		ORMOND BY THE SEA(3) 9.00		DOWNTOWN 25.00	13.	1(16) 2 20.00
	TIMAQUANA 5.00		PRIMARY PURPOSE 10.00		TUES NIGHT STEP 5.00	14.	3(17) 3 45.00
4.	BALDWIN (2) 21.00		ROAD TO RECOVERY(3) 30.00	15 & 16	00000	15.	-(10) - -0-
	GRATEFUL (MacLinny) 16.00		STORMY SEAS 10.00	17.	OCAIA 50.00	16.	-(6) - -0-
	O'NEIL BIG BOOK 10.00		THREE LEGACIES 40.00		SERENITY HOUSE 40.00	17.	2(13) 3 90.00
	RIVERSIDE 25.00		WAY OF LIFE (3) 59.19	***** During this quarter			
	SAINTS & SINNERS 6.67	9.	FRIENDSHIP (3) 54.00	50 groups out of 279 registered groups made 106			
	YULEE(See note above) 20.00	10.	ALTAMONTE SPRINGS 10.00	contributions totalling \$1,940.99. In District			
5.	NITE OWL 20.00		CASSELBERRY 15.00	1, the GSR'S made one contribution. Their contribu-			
	YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING SOBER 10.00		TANGLEWOOD 79.17	tion is included in contribution count and total			
6.	TRINITY (5) 70.00			Amount (not included in number of groups).			

PREPARED JULY 11, 1983

Respectfully Submitted
Elise R. De