



NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

September 21, 1983

TO: ALL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS & GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES

The fourth quarterly assembly of the North Florida Area of Alcoholic Anonymous will be held the weekend of October 15-16, 1983 at:

HOLIDAY INN OF SILVER SPRINGS
State Highway 40 - 1 mile east of Ocala
Phone (904) 236-2575

Room Rates: Single \$29 Double \$34 Reservations must be made by October 1

***Please note time changes for Saturday's agenda and DCM Workshop.....

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 12:30 p.m. INSTITUTIONAL MEETING Bob S, Chairman
GRAPEVINE MEETING M. R. J, Chairman
1:50 p.m. PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING Mitch M, Chairman
DISABILITIES MEETING Tom C, Chairman
SECRETARY/TREASURERS MEETING Helen G., Chairwoman
3:10 p.m. DCM WORKSHOP Tom L, Chairman
4:30 p.m. GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES Jerry H., Chairman
COMMITTEE OFFICERS' MEETING Jimmy G, Chairman
8:30 p.m. OPEN SPEAKERS MEETING Bill C, Chairman
Speaker - Ruth K., Ocala

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

- 8:30 a.m. GENERAL SERVICE SHARING SESSION Bill C., Chairman
10:30 a.m. GENERAL ASSEMBLY Jimmy G, Area Chairman
Chairman will give brief summary of Committee Officers'/DCM meeting held Saturday.....
Roll Call; Secretary & Treasurers' Reports...
Reports from Institutional, Grapevine, Public Information, Disabilities & DCM Workshop.....
Report by Evelyn S: - Delegate.....

Hospitality Room
Host District #17

Al-Anon Hospitality & Meetings

Pat

GRAPEVINE MEETING (continued)

There are posters available for loan for three months (from assembly to assembly) and signs for GV promotion. The offers of the posters and signs were accepted.

The GvR should urge AA members to submit articles to the GV. Regarding stories, Tom C. informed us they should be 1-5 pages, typewritten, double spaced with wide margins. Don't be too wordy. For more detailed guidelines, write to the Grapevine editor. If your article is going to be published, they don't tell you which issue but you will receive an advanced copy. The GV is also interested in fillers, jokes and anecdotes as well.

A question was raised of ordering the Grapevine in bulk. The newcomer to the area stated they were not available from the groups she attends but would be willing to make them available. Order forms were given - M.R. was ecstatic!! It was noted that there are no hard or fast rules in group ordering because groups are autonomous, but generally one should get the money from the treasurer first and decide the number to order by time and experience.

There was a discussion of receiving your subscription after ordering. There seems to be a longer wait if placed as part of the service at a treatment center. M.R. stated it should be 2 to 2½ months or it was a computer problem. Anyone having a problem should write to the Grapevine. There had been many problems in subscriptions until they switched from an outside fulfillment house to an in-house operation and now it is gradually improving. M.R. has a letter from Retha G. of GSO to this effect. Retha also stated that circulation was 122,500 at the end of August. M.R. added the number of GvR's in Florida has increased from 243 in August 1982 to 310 in August 1983.

On a final note, Gloria C. paid tribute to her Group GvR who uses her familiarity with the Grapevine over the years to refer people with questions or problems on particular subjects to specific issues which can be of help to them.

M. R. J. , Chairman

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING Mitch M. , Chairman 10-15-83 1:50 p.m.

Mitch opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer with 65 in attendance.

Tom Duffy, DCM, District #5 commented on the total commitment they have made in "carrying the message" - 17,400 pamphlets distributed; all TV and radio stations have spot announcements, 3,000 stickers ordered and for the first time they have broken the ice in Florida State University. Over \$400. worth of materials along with pamphlet racks are now installed at the University. This information is brought out not as a "can you top this" but simply to remind us all of each group's primary purpose - to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers, i.e., Tradition Five.

Districts #5 and #16 reported they have started newsletters.

Fourteen out of seventeen districts now participate in providing speakers in schools (elementary through college).

Orlando area provides three speakers weekly at the Naval Training Center Alcohol program. Also, there are spot announcements on Channels 2, 6, 9 and 35.

Districts #5, #8 and #12 have stickers with telephone numbers for individuals with a drinking problem to call.

Hernando County has an alcohol/drug liaison officer as a contact between AA and schools. Paul, Orlando, suggested a contact be made with school board or health curriculum heads to be included on approved organizations for speaking in schools.

Mitch recommended that seminars or workshops present an information program on AA to members of the professional community and others that have contact with alcoholics.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Mitch M. , Chairman

DISABILITIES MEETING

Tom C. , Chairman

10-15-83 1:50 p.m.

Tom opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Tom suggested using Mr. Microphone at meetings for people who are hard of hearing.

Smokers - suggest smoking one less cigarette in consideration of those who are bothered by smoke.

Hearing Impaired - suggest speakers keep their hands away from their mouth so that everyone can hear.

Transportation - Ask - take courage and come out of your shell--get phone numbers. Oldtimers can volunteer to help those who can't or don't drive.

Mental Problems - Tom suggested we accept those people with mental problems--it's just a disability that is not visible. It was also suggested Tom include this in his article for the Grapevine.

Tapes - Tom told of the tapes available at the Orlando/Winter Park Intergroup Office and at the Daytona Handicap Library.

Tom needs help in filling out his order blanks for making decisions on what to order and place in the Handicapped Center-Independent Living Center. It was suggested PIO get involved.

There is also a need to wake up the physically handicapped to the fact that they have alcoholic problems and don't know it. How does this 'information' get to them in AA???

Tom C. , Chairman

SECRETARY/TREASURERS' MEETING

Lois Ann, Chairman

10-15-83 1:50 p.m.

Lois Ann C. volunteered to chair the meeting which was opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Lois asked for questions or problems groups were having.

Carole, Brevard, stated they had changed treasurers three times and also were \$400. short or unaccounted by no records. Comments were as follows:

Lois stated their group had this problem and they just started 'anew'.

Bob W. suggested two people become involved.

Hank suggested a monthly treasurer's report.

Grace recommended a co-treasurer with monthly reports.

Leo, Jacksonville, reported they had a secretary and activities director with a checking account requiring two signatures--a good check on money matters.

Susan questioned having 'someone' take over the treasurer's job--recommended this be an elected position.

Flo suggested the treasurer's job be for one year - the importance of rotation.

Also discussed was the distribution of monies disbursed with the following comments:

R.D., St. Augustine, recommended a prudent reserve for one month and disburse contributions monthly.

Bee suggested keeping a prudent reserve and give on the 60-30-10 plan.

Leo stated his group reimburses their GSR for the District meetings.

Elise suggested that groups should allot money for local DCM's expenses.

Lois stated their group started reimbursing their DCM for expenses and many other groups contribute. It was also mentioned that money allotted to a GSR or DCM can be anonymously returned to the group if not needed or wanted. However, groups need to establish the procedure of reimbursement for service work so that all who want to participate can do so.

Flo talked about the 50-30-10-10 plan which reimburses first the local intergroup, GSO, North Florida and the District Committeeman.

Elise commented a lot depended on the district but the stronger the district the stronger the groups.

Lois also suggested each group use the Service Manual--easy does it and let it grow!!

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Bee P. , Acting Secretary

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Evelyn S. thanked Bill from District #17 and his committee for a beautiful weekend in Silver Springs! She also thanked Bob S., Alternate Delegate and Mitch M. for their help during her illness.

Evelyn stressed the importance of reading Box 459 stating it was very informative and commented on the value of the posters we are able to send for showing the service structure which would be excellent tools for use at monthly meetings. In order to arouse interest, Evelyn suggested District Committee Members could get together--order posters and have an open meeting with a "little food"!

In the last six months of 1983 there was 9% more in group contributions than at the same time last year; 57% contributed and 43% did not. It was suggested that GSR's in their groups emphasize the importance of giving to the North Florida Area and to New York, which will eventually cut down on the price of literature and help new people.

Evelyn told us she had received a letter from Betty L , GSO Conference Coordinator, who has now retired and who thanked us for our cooperation.

Since 1972 the North Florida Area has seen great improvement in growth, interest and cooperation. In 1972 there were 25 members attending a one day assembly to over 200 attending a service weekend in January 1983.

The temporary sponsorship program is gaining momentum. More groups are convinced that bridging the gap for newcomers back on the street is a vital support system.

We have made excellent progress in schools giving talks to students, working with counselors and teachers in a preventive educational program.

Our primary concern is for continuing communication to generate interest on all levels of the service structure. Evelyn said "everyone in a group will get interested if you are enthusiastic and make it interesting".

Our next Assembly in January will be held at the Sheraton Motel, Homosassa Springs, Florida on U.S. 19 with District #13 being our host. Dates to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorna E. C , Secretary

Please note for future reference:

PUBLIC INFORMATION CHAIRMAN
Duane "Mitch" M

INSTITUTIONAL CHAIRMAN
Bob S

GRAPEVINE CHAIRMAN
M.R. J

DISABILITY CHAIRMAN
Tom C

TREASURER
Elise D

SECRETARY
Pat N

*Please include Dist.#
with donations to North
Florida Assembly.

*Any name/address
change.



REPORT OF THE TREASURER TO THE FOURTH QUARTERLY
ASSEMBLY MEETING AT HOLIDAY INN, SILVER SPRINGS,
FLORIDA OCTOBER 15 and 16, 1983

NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

INCOME	PERIOD ENDING			TOTAL	NOTES
	Oct. 10, 83	July 10	March 31		
Group Contributions	\$1,473.47	\$1,940.00	\$2,087.19	\$5,501.65	*Committee expenses, which this term includes \$175.52 spent for literature for three institutions. \$401.00 for Secretaries/Treasurer postage, printing, etc.; \$17 miscellaneous.
Misc. Collections	365.63	393.73	412.51	1,171.87	
TOTAL	\$1,839.10	\$2,334.72	\$2,499.70	\$6,673.52	
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EXPENSES					
Conf./Delegate	\$ 350.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 600.00	\$1,650.00	Dec. 31, 82
Assembly	1,452.50	693.15	526.58	2,672.23	
Hotel	1,449.00				
Host Committee	3.50				
Operational	593.55*	464.57	567.16	1,625.28	
TOTAL	\$2,396.05	\$1,857.72	\$1,693.74	\$5,947.51	
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BALANCES					
Period	\$ 556.95	\$ 477.00	\$ 805.96	\$ 726.51	
Cumulative	2,740.01	3,296.96	\$2,819.96		\$2,014.00
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GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS					
DIST	GROUP	DIST.	GROUP	SUMMARY B	DIST. NO. GR CON*
1.	Arlington (3) \$ 28.00	8.	Doltona-DeBary \$ 8.00	TRIBUTING, TIMES, AMOUNT, ET	
	Beaches Unity 25.00		New Hope 25.00	1. 7 out of 13: 14 \$185.19	
	Brown Baggers (3) 30.00		Ocean Holiday (3) 24.00	2. 1(7) 1 61.00	
	Central 10.00		Ormond-by-the-Sea 4.00	3. 5(17) 5 70.00	
	Life Line (3) 17.19		Port Orange (2) 20.00	4. 5(15) 7 71.00	
	Mandarin (2) 50.00		Primary Purpose 10.00	5. 4(19) 4 100.00	
	T H E Group 25.00		Road to Recovery(3) 30.00	6. 2(15) 2 25.00	
2.	Caboose 61.00		Stormy Seas 10.00	7. 3(16) 3 85.00	
3.	Lakeshore 10.00		Three Legacies 31.00	8. 17(50) 28 390.15	
	MAS Cecil Field 10.00		Way of Life (3) 58.81	9. 1(13) 3 38.00	
	Orange Park Men 20.00		Winners Way 37.84	10. 5(26) 9 87.58	
	Ortega 25.00	9.	Friendship (3) 38.00	11. 5(17) 8 205.50	
	Timaquana 5.00	10.	Casselberry (2) 30.00	12. 4(19) 4 90.00	
4.	After Five 15.00		Fairbanks 15.00	13. 0(16) 0 ---	
	Baldwin 18.00		Live & Let Live(2) 7.20	14. 3(17) 3 55.00	
	Fernandina Beach 10.00		Sanford Big Book 15.00	16. 1(8) 1 10.00	
	Fernandina Beach Cottage 3.60		Young & Free (3) 20.30	17. 0(14) 0 ----	
	Saints & Sinners(3) 26.45	11.	Atlantic Dry Dock(2) 65.00	During this period 63 out of 292 registered groups contributed 92 donations to a total of \$1,473.47.	
5.	Capital Circle 20.00		Marvin R. 12.50	*****	
	Nite Owl 40.00		Sharing & Caring 5.00	PRUDENT RESERVE: SAVINGS	
	St. Augustine Road 10.00		Winter Park (3) 105.00	12:31:82 \$5,051.92	
	Southside of Tallah. 30.00		Woodlake Villa 18.00	3:31:83 5,117.74	
6.	Palatka 15.00	12.	Canova Beach 10.00	6:30:83 5,185.16	
	Trinity 10.00		Eau Gallie 50.00	9:30:83	
7.	Big Bass 35.00		Sandpiper 20.00	10:11:83 5,254.23	
	Leesburg Transition 25.00	14.	Downtown 25.00		
	Tavares 12 & 12 25.00		QuarterwayVA Hosp 25.00		
8.	Big Book Study(2) 16.50		Tues Nite Step Study 5.00		
	Boulevard (2) 20.00	16.	Serenity 10.00		
	"Bridge, the" 10.00	*8.	T.G.I.F. Bunnell 10.00		
Brighter Days Breakfast	50.00		(omitted from above)		
Deland	25.00				

PREPARED OCTOBER 11, 1983.

MANY THANKS