



NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

January 29, 1984

FIRST QUARTERLY MINUTES OF THE NORTH FLORIDA AREA OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
JANUARY 14 - 15, 1984 - - HOMOSASSA SPRINGS, FL.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The second quarterly meeting, April 7 - 8, 1984 will be held at the
Marineland's Quality Inn, Rte. A-1-A, 18 miles south of St. Augustine.
RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY MARCH 15, 1984
Rates - Single \$38.00; Double \$40.00; Triple \$45.00. Children under
sixteen (16) free..
Toll-free number for reservations 1-800/228-5151
Mailing address: Marineland's Quality Inn, Rte. 1 Box 122,
St. Augustine, FL., 32084

The Agenda Flyers will be mailed out before March 1st, with the hotel reservation cards.
REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY MARCH 15, 1984.

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

Phyllis D was introduced as the Corresponding Secretary for 1984.

ROLL CALL: Pat Ne, Recording Secretary, called the roll; absent were DCMS' #3 and #7.
District #14 will be represented by Amit P for 1984, succeeding Rex A
Intergroups Dist. 12, 9, 7, 8, and Jax. all present.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as mailed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Elise D, Treasurer, stated the balance on hand January 1, 1984 was
\$2,014.00; prudent reserve - savings balance 12/31/83 was \$6,335.21. See attached report
and letter from the Treasurer to all North Florida Area A.A. members.

Chairman Jimmy G. introduced Bob Sc as the N. Fl. Delegate to New York, for 1984.
All DCMS' were advised by letter of the fact that Evelyn S had to resign as Delegate,
due to reasons of health. The meeting was opened for discussion as to the procedure to
follow in selecting an Alternate Delegate for 1984. Recommendation was made and approved
that this body propose to the General Assembly to recommend that Jimmy G be named
"Alternate Designate".

District #1 DCM Bob H asked that consideration be given to setting a registration fee
for each quarterly meeting in lieu of passing the basket for contributions (the Saturday
night Speaker meeting excepted). After brief discussion, it was approved that the Chairman
will bring the matter before the Assembly and ask that all the Group Representatives take
it back to their groups as a "group conscience" action, to be acted upon at the next quart-
erly meeting in April.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Motion made and seconded that reports be given only at the General Assembly,
except when special matters must be presented to this body. To avoid repetition and save on
time, this was deemed to be expedient.

Institutional Chairman, Bob Sc requested that consideration be given to setting up a film
library for institutions in the North Florida Area. Motion made and seconded to table this
until next quarterly meeting. Bob is to present a detailed plan at that time in re where
located, where funds will come from, and who will operate it?

OFFICERS' & DCMS' COMM. MTG., cont'd: Reminder of next meeting, April 7 - 8, 1984, at St. Augustine-Palatka, FL. Visitor from South Fla., Woody W. was present. Basket was passed. There being no further business, meeting adjourned, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

SPEAKER MEETING: Stan S. , Chairman opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer. Ted Gardinier read "How it Works", and Charles J. read the Traditions. Rex A. was our speaker, sharing his strength, hope, and experience with us. Since the meeting room was small, and there were over 100 present, we were asked to refrain from smoking. Several complimentary comments were made about listening to a speaker in a "free from smoke" room. Rex says he has learned to say "God Bless" instead of "g--d--n" for the ones he doesn't like. After losing himself in the bottle for many years, he has found happiness, peace of mind, and contentment, one day at a time, soberly in this program of Alcoholics Anonymous. For him the first three steps help him to stay sober; the next three help him to live with his fellowman; the third three helps him to live with himself; and the last three enable him to live with God.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Jimmy G. opened the meeting with a moment of meditation followed by the Serenity Prayer. Recording Secty., Pat N. , called the roll. All officers and district committee members present. Corresponding Secty., Phyllis D. , for 1984, was introduced.

The minutes were approved as mailed.

Treasurer's Report given by Elise D. , Treas., and approved as read. (See attached).

Delegate, Evelyn S. reported that it was necessary for her to resign, due to health and on doctor's orders. She thanked each and everyone for her experience as Delegate, and stated the the cooperation of all was beautiful. We wish her a complete recovery healthwise - and she can do it a day at a time, with patience, we know.

Alternate Delegate, Bob S. , told us that he has been in communication with New York, following Evelyn's letter of resignation to Bob P. , Mgr., GSO, New York. Our Bob S. says that "officially" from New York, he will be recognized as the Alternate Delegate from North Florida for the year, 1984. In our Assembly he is the Delegate, and as such, there should be someone "in the wings", so to speak. His suggestion was that it is appropriate for North Florida to have an Alternate Delegate Designate - that it is expedient to have someone standing by. His recommendation was that the Area Chairman of the North Florida Assembly should also serve as the Alternate Delegate Designate. Bob concluded by saying that he is privileged to represent us in New York in April, 1984.

Discussion followed. It was pointed out that we will be having elections at the October, 1984 meeting, for the new officers for the next two year term 1985 - 1986. Approval of an Alternate Delegate Designate for the remainder of the year was shown.

Motion made and seconded that Chairman, Jimmy G. , serve as Alternate Delegate Designate to New York, and that all present offices of N. Fl. Area Assembly stay as they are now. Majority approval by show of hands was given.

Dick P. , Alt. Chmn., asked if there were written Guidelines - Evelyn said she had talked to Bob P. - he advised that as stated in Tradition 4, it is up to the group conscience.

An anonymous note was given the Chairman, thanking the Assembly for not smoking.

Earl M. , who just had an eighty-second birthday, missed being with us, and sent the message that he loves us all.

The meeting was opened in the usual manner with approximately 20 persons in attendance. The Chairperson, M. R. J. , reported his records reflect, for the N. Fla. Area:

- An increase of 25% in District GVRs 3 to 4.
- An increase of 20% in Group GVRs 25 to 30.

M. R. further reported the Grapevine Editor, Retha G. , appears pleased with a 10% growth in GVRs, world-wide, up 769 - 8,272 from 7,503. Her figures reflect the State of Florida has acquired 112 additional GVRs in the past year, a 40% increase - 395 from 283.

M. R. stated he was certain the North Florida Area has more than 34 GVRs, but he has no record of them. All persons who know of a GVR was asked to arrange to get that person's identity to M. R., so our records will be accurate. Groups and Districts without GVRs are urged to appoint, elect, or otherwise acquire one. Please notify M. R. J. at

It was noted that the February issue, 1984, contains two (2) articles from the N.Fl. Area. One article was by L.C. of Apopka; the other was by one of our former Grapevine Committee Chairpersons, Katie D. of Jacksonville.

It was pointed out we all have an opportunity to be published..A good discussion of guidelines for the Grapevine was led by Katie D. and by T. C. of Orlando. T. C. provided a page of guidelines which were copied and made available to the Assembly.

All present were reminded of items available through the Grapevine, in particular the new Grapevine tape, and Calendars.

M.R. expressed his appreciation to all present. Meeting adjourned with basket passed, and closing with the Lord's Prayer.

We are grateful to Bettie W. , The Group, Jacksonville, for taking notes.

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The purpose for having a Public Information Committee was stated: 1. To inform the general public; 2. By informing the "third person" whose work is involved with the active alcoholic; 3. Keeping the fellowship informed.

The following districts reported: 5th- Tom D. : Getting tremendous response from TV and Radio, while still keeping up already established activities. They are on all six (6) TV stations and 19 out of 21 radio stations. They have also been invited to do a half-hour program which is now on the drawing board. Their method - take the spots with you and ask for the program director. 3rd- Bob S. told about a Saturday 8:00 A.M. morning breakfast which Jacksonville Intergroup holds once a month. The restaurant closed to the general public during the breakfast meeting, when they have about 120 people present. This is a good opportunity to get the professional community involved by inviting them on a one-on-one basis. Once there, they learn about AA. Also, potential AA members, who are nervous about their anonymity, are more relaxed about attending, because it's early on Saturday, and the restaurant is closed to the public. Paul-Central Fl. Intergroup, Orlando, said that the school board was now printing on pay check stubs "If you have a drinking problem, call - - - - . The phone number is for the employee relations/employee assistance division. It also says they would rather help you than lose you. This is printed on 7,000 pay check stubs every pay day.

GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE WORKSHOP DICK P , CHAIRMAN 3:10 P.M. 1/14/84

Meeting opened with Serenity prayer. 75 present. \$50.00 contributions.
Discussion on responsibilities of general service representative. The Third Legacy is Service - AA "Legacy of Service" read. Why is service work important. Refer to "12 Concepts of AA". Review of Service Structure, using flow chart, was made. Refer to Page 20 of Manuel - diagram of flow chart.

Comments on Importance of Service Work: Margaret Y. - meeting new people, more to AA than just the meeting, keeps AA alive and healthy for those who come after; Bill Camlin - get volunteers, explain what job entails, service work enhances Sobriety, makes for a better member; Bill D. - service work is treatment for ego. I love it - my ego hates it; Tom L. - is AA meeting where we discuss the challenges of groups, becoming a GSR kept him sober.

Ways GSR can help group become interested in hearing report on quarterly meetings: Give report over period of two or three meetings; Make group aware they are paying for GSR to go to quarterly meetings, and should hear the report to get a return on their investment.. Meeting closed with basket passed, and the Lord's Prayer.

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GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING LOIS ANNE O , CHMN. 4:30 P.M. 1/14/84

Meeting opened with Serenity prayer. Acting Secretary, Ann M.
Many topics covered in informative and interesting meeting. 1. How, When, Where and Why of "group conscience meetings". Suggestions included: as often as needed, once a year, every three months, and, as a last resort, consult the literature.

How is interest cultivated in GSR work? take an alternate to quarterly meetings for grooming to become a GSR; Rotation of offices important - elect new GSR every two years.

Home group affiliation important, but a member may be active in more than one group.

Development of Intergroups - the frustration of a slow start was worth the effort-and patience was the key word.

GSRs and DCMS are responsible for dissemination of information to their groups. DCMS should get around to all groups in their District.

Smokeless meetings - suggestion that request should be made to have a smokeless section at meetings to encourage people with breathing difficulties to participate more freely.

Meeting closed with basket pass, and the Lord's Prayer.

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SHARING SESSION. CHARLES J , CHMN. SUN. 8:30 A.M. 1/15/84

Meeting opened with Serenity prayer. Acting Secretary, Betty B. Approx. 45 present.
Topic: High Cost of Low Living: Each one present contributed to the discussion. Hi-Lites were: Mostly monetary loss by business man; A housewife had denial, now has awareness; Man and wife drank together, almost damaged each other beyond repair. Her cost was in personal relationships - his required extensive medical aid - now, with the help of AA are able to have a full life; Along with alcoholism, there were grave emotional and mental problems; A working man, as a number one enemy of the drinking class, hid money and couldn't find it; Woman lost physical health; One was amazed that neighbors were happy she was in A.A.-didn't think anyone knew she drank; Loss of self-esteem and monetary; Lost love and self-respect, and for twenty years her children never saw a sober mother - the person she hated most was herself, and tried suicide three times, but acquired through the program the love and respect of the children, and much more; For another woman death of soul, plus a good psychiatrist, got her to AA - has found a reason to live in AA and spirituality; Children lost and thousands of dollars spent and sending wife home to mother; One didn't want to die, came to AA to save his life;

Summation of High Cost of Low Living would seem to be lost soul, self respect, children's love and respect, marriage failures, insanity. Benefits from program - sobriety and able to face life on life's terms, and find a Higher Power.



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TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE FIRST QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY FOR 1984 - SHERATON INN, HOMOSASSA SPRINGS, FLORIDA JANUARY 14 AND 15, 1984. REPORT COVERS PERIOD IN DETAIL OF OCTOBER 11 - DECEMBER 31, 1983. SUMMARY OF YEAR 1983.

PERIOD ENDING 1983	I N C O M E			GSCONF., DELEGATE ALT. DEL.	ASSEMBLY: HOTEL, ETC.	OPERA-TIONS	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	B A L A N C E S	
	GROUP 1/ CONTRIBUTIONS	MISCEL. CONTRIBUTIONS	TOTAL RECEIPTS					PERIOD BAL. ON HAND	CUMULATIVE
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	643.15	464.57	1,857.72	477.00	3,296.96
OCT. 10	1,473.47	365.63	1,839.10	350.00	1,452.50	593.55	2,396.05	- 556.95	2,740.01
DEC. 31	1,612.55	1,721.16 *	3,333.71	36.43	1,306.00**	648.98***	1,991.41	1,342.30	4,082.31
	\$7,114.20	\$2,833.03	\$10,007.23	\$1,686.43	\$3,978.23	\$2,274.26	\$7,938.92	\$2,068.31	\$4,082.31
BAL. ON HAND JAN. 1, 1983	2,014.00								

NOTES: 1/ Group Contributions include donations made by District GSR's or District as whole. *Includes \$1,300 seed money reported in 1982 for use by the Southeastern Conf. Committee, plus donation of \$85.10 from Conference Committee. ** Includes \$1,000.00 transferred to Savings. *** Includes \$269.86 spent for literature for distribution to three institutions. (Correctional).

PRUDENT RESERVE-SAVINGS :			GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS DURING PERIOD OCTOBER 10-DECEMBER 31.					
12.31.82	\$5,051.92	:						
3.31.83	5,117.74	:	IV AFTER FIVE	\$ 12.75	VIII ORMOND BY THE SEA	\$ 2.00	XI BAR NONE	4.00
6.30.83	5,185.16	:	14 BALDWIN (2)	24.00	(CONT) ROAD TO RECOVERY (3)	55.00	20 SHARING & CARING	5.00
9.30.83	5,254.23	:	grs DIST IV	3.15	STORMY SEAS	10.00	grs TODAY'S WOMEN	10.00
10.17.83	6,254.23	:	SAINTS & SINNERS	9.28	T.G.I.F.	10.00	WINTER PARK (2)	70.00
12.31.83	6,335.21	:	V Killian NORTHSIDE	\$30.00	THE BRIDGE	10.00	WOODLAKE VILLAS	4.72
			19 grSOUTHSIDE	\$35.00	WAY OF LIFE (3)	52.55	XII NEW HOPE	5.00
			VI SWITZERLAND	\$ 12.00	WINNER'S WAY	68.01	22 SANDPIPER (2)	40.00
DIST I ARLINGTON	2.50		17 gr TRINITY (2)	20.00	IX CENTRAL ORLANDO	25.00	SERENITY	30.00
15 Grs. BROWN BAGGERS	10.00		VII HIG BASS	35.00	13 FRIENDSHIP (3)	30.00	XIII (18) LECANTO	20.00
CENTRAL	30.00		16 grCLERMONT	4.00	X ALTAMONTE AA	20.00	XIV (17) DOWNTOWN	25.00
GOOD LIFE	300.00		VIII BIG BOOK STUDY (2)	25.00	25 CASSELBERRY	15.00	XV (10)	-0-
SAN MAN	50.00		51 BOULEVARD	10.00	grs LIVE & LET LIVE	4.14	XVI LIVE OAK	20.00
STRENGTH & HOPE	30.00		gr BRIGHTER DAYS		MAITLAND TUES NITE		(8gr SERENITY	10.00
LIFE LINE (2)	10.00		BREAKFAST (2)	20.00	SERENITY	19.00	XVII SERENITY (2)	40.00
II (8gr) HELPING HAND	20.00		CAIM SEAS	25.00	OVIEDO	5.00	14 gr	
III HAPPY HOUR	40.00		HAPPY WANDERERS	17.50	TANGLEWOOD (2)	34.05	During this quarter 55	
18 ORTEGA	25.00*		NEW MYRNA BEACH (2)	80.00	WEKIVA	10.00	groups (and one District)	
grs. TAMAQUANA LADIES	40.00		OCEAN HOLIDAY (2)	15.00	YOUNG & FREE (3)	23.90	out of 304 registered groups	
							made 78 contributions, total-	
							ing \$1,612.55.	

*ORTEGA TOTAL 4 GTRS '83 100.00 / 1984

THIS REPORT WILL ALSO BE MAILED OUT WITH THE MINUTES. FOLLOWING LATER WILL BE A SUMMARY OF THE DONATIONS MADE BY THE GROUPS DURING THE YEAR 1983. ALSO, OUR ONE "BEGGING" LETTER WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AROUND THE FIRST OF FEBRUARY OR NOT TOO LONG THEREAFTER. FUTURE DONATIONS MAY BE MADE BY SENDING CHECK, MONEY OR MONEY ORDER TO YOUR TREASURER, ELISE R. DE...

THANK YOU.