



# NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

October 30, 1984

## FOURTH QUARTERLY MINUTES OF NORTH FLORIDA AREA OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

October 6 - 7, 1984 - Orlando, FL.

OFFICERS' & DCMS' COMMITTEE MEETING: Chairman, Jimmy G , opened with a moment of meditation, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Recording Secretary, Pat N , called the roll: Absent - DCMS 3, 4, and 14.

Minutes of last meeting approved as mailed.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as read. Balance on hand 9/30/84 - \$6,419.75.

Application for tax exemption certificate number is still pending.

Reports made re redistricting of District 8 and District 10. District 8 has set up one area designated as District 8 West with an alternate DCM. All the areas within District 8 will be under District 8 DCM. District 10 has been split in two (2) areas at the present time, and will have two (2) DCMS.

Report was made by the Film Library Committee. Motion was made and seconded that the Institutional Committee be provided with the sum of \$2,500.00 for purchase of equipment and maintenance of films, plus an additional sum of \$500.00 as a contingency fund to be used at a later date, if needed.

The names of Sam D , past delegate and Lou M , past delegate will be forwarded to GSO, New York - Sam D for Trustee-at-Large/U.S.; Lou M for Southeast Regional Trustee; These are both 4-year terms. Election from the slate of candidates/nominees for these two offices will be held at the General Service Conference in April, 1985.

Two names added to the slate of officers who will be standing tomorrow for election of the two year term 1985 - 1986: Porter B , District 15 and Owen M , District 16, will stand for Area Chairman.

The first quarterly meeting for 1985 will be held January 12 - 13, 1985 in Titusville, at the Holiday Inn.

Meeting adjourned, with basket passed, and closing with the Lord's Prayer.

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OPEN SPEAKER MEETING, Saturday, Oct. 6, 1984, 8:30 P.M. chaired by Mary Ann K .

Curtis M , as the speaker, gave a good message as the alcoholic who went out and drank again, and after 26 months had his last drink, and has found contentment in sobriety for ten years. He closed by saying there are no fears today - that he learned to listen and to get order in life through this program.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Sunday, October 7, 1984, 9:30 A.M. meeting opened by Jimmy G , Chmn., calling for a moment of meditation, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Recording Secretary, Pat Newton, called the roll. Absent DCMS 3, 4, and 13. Minutes approved as mailed.

Treasurer's Report approved as read.

Gen'l. Assembly, cont'd: Old Business: Refer to Officers' & DCMS' Committee Meeting, on Saturday, 10/6/84, on Page 1, re money for Film Library, and names of two nominees to be sent to New York. The General Assembly approved both actions.

Committee Reports were made before the General Assembly. See attached pages.

The slate of officers standing for election at this meeting, for the two year term 1985 - 1986, were as follows:

Delegate	Robert S
" "	Dick P.
Alternate Delegate	Jimmy G
Area Chairman	Dick P.
" "	Mitch M.
" "	Porter B.
" "	Owen M.
Alternate Area Chairman	Mitch M.
Corresponding Secretary	Phyllis D.
Recording Secretary	Pat N
Treasurer	Elise D.

There were ninety-one (91) members present, who were eligible to vote.

Delegate nominated by ballot	Robert S
Alternate Delegate, unopposed	Jimmy G
Area Chairman nominated by hat following four ballots	Dick P.
Alternate Area Chairman, unopposed	Mitch M
Corresponding Secretary unopposed	Phyllis D
Recording Secretary unopposed	Pat N
Treasurer, unopposed	Elise D

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A round of applause was given Districts 9, 10, and 11, host for this election meeting.

REMINDER TO ALL DCMS': Turn in your District Roster for 1985 - 1986 to Recording Secretary Pat N , 1401 Canberra Ave., Orlando, FL., 32806, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Assembly adjourned 11:30 A.M. - basket passed and closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Phyllis G. D  
Corresponding Secretary

Meeting opened with moment of meditation, followed by Serenity Prayer. Basket was passed. Attendance - approximately 65; Contributions - \$54.00.

Three AA members from the Daytona Work Release Center were introduced by Karla - Kenny; Steve; and Ollie. Kenny stated he learned a lot while in institution, about alcohol; Steve says he will continue with the A.A. program when he gets out; Ollie became an alcoholic after he got to prison ( crime was not alcohol related). His sobriety date is October, 1981. He has spent twelve (12) years in prison. His closing comment - "If you work with the program, the program will work for you". It was stated that inmates can get anything they want in the way of all drugs (alcohol and others) while in prison.

George T reported on his and Bob's meeting with the Deputy Undersecretary of the Dept. of Corrections in Tallahassee, in late August. They had a three hour conference - the Dept. is very interested and gives A.A. a big priority. They recognize that the majority of alcoholics are usually back six months after being released. They feel it is very important that Alcoholics Anonymous bring in meetings to the institutions. The Institutional Committee is preparing guidelines for Inside Sponsors (these people are from the institutional staffs and are not, usually, alcoholics), and expect to present them to the Department of Corrections in about a month.

The two most important areas in the guidelines will be: 1 - Clearance for Outside Sponsors to be handled through Tallahassee, instead of each individual institution; 2 - The running of a meeting to be of uniform procedure in all institutions.

All AA members involved in carrying the message to the prison facilities are urged to get to know the superintendent of the facility - they are willing to cooperate in all ways.

Cards will be sent to DCMS and/or DICMS requesting Group names and Outside Sponsor names in each district of N. FL; Also suggestions for setting up guidelines re Inside Sponsors and uniform meeting formats; The same request will be made of institutions.

The Film Library made report on current status of the Committee - they feel films are very important and give insight into "alcoholism" - not just staying sober. Thirteen film have been donated to date, as follows: ALCOHOL, OUR #1 DRUG (11 min.); THE MOUNTAIN; SO LONG, PAL; AT THE TURNING POINT; FATHER MARTIN "GUIDELINES"; ALCOHOL, DRUGS, OR ALTERNATIVES; ALCOHOL, DRUG OF CHOICE; "ONE DAY AT A TIME"; HOLLYWOOD & VINE; UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUI); LIVING SOBER; 99 BOTTLES OF BEER; FATHER MARTIN "CHALK TALK" 1 & 2. There will also be additional films available from Tallahassee HRS. All films will be available to AA groups, as well as institutions. They will be mailed C.O.D. to a group - they must be returned prepaid insured. Contact Lee T , 2834 Goldenrod Circle East, Jacksonville, FL., 32216 - phone 904/641-6188. Films may also be leased from GSO, New York, and purchased from Hazelton.

The monies voted for the Film Library will cover a projector, splicer, mailers, rewinds, and operational maintenance. It was noted that most County Public Libraries have projectors they will loan. Individual A.A. members also may contribute funds to the Library (N.Fl. Film)

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

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DISABILITIES MEETING

Tom C , Chairman

Saturday, 10/6/84 2:30 P.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner. Basket was passed. Tom C reported that it was a small, but lively, meeting. He shared the pitfalls of the disabilities meetings and how far they've come. He talked about his elation over the interests and concerns of the disabled alcoholic. It was brought up that future meeting schedules should include notations regarding wheelchair access.

Pros and cons on smoking in meetings were discussed - many ideas put forth, but it was felt that there is no perfect solution which will satisfy everyone.

Meeting adjourned, with the Lord's Prayer.

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SECRETARY/TREASURER MEETING                      Norris J                      , Chairman                      Saturday, 10/6/84 2:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order in usual manner. Basket Passed. There was discussion on reviewing duties of secretaries and/or treasurers. It was summed up in general by the comment that newcomers to service work visit other meetings and get feedback on how various jobs are handled.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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GRAPEVINE MEETING                      M. R. J                      , Chairman                      Saturday, 10/6/84 1:00 P.M.

Meeting called to order in usual manner. Basket passed. Twenty-two present. The display board was reviewed, and those present were urged to pick up leaflets, forms, etc., that they could use. Back issues of the GRAPEVINE were made available gratis. A good discussion was held regarding ways to increase the use of the Grapevine; a.- give a subscription for 6 month or 1 year anniversaries; b.-give a subscription as a raffle prize; c.-give a subscription to libraries, family physicians, etc.,; d.-buy back issues and give to persons in treatment, correctional facilities, etc.,.

M.R. pointed out we now have seven (7) N.F.L. District GVRs, and fifty (50) Group GVRs. In December, 1982, Florida had two hundred sixty-seven (267) GVRs, and as of September, 1984, the state of Florida has four hundred and nine (409) GVRs. It was suggested that GVRs encourage members of their Groups to write articles for this Grapevine - this is a fine way of "sharing our experience, strength, and hope."

M.R. expressed appreciation for the cooperation and support he has received, and urged continued support for the incoming chairperson as a means of increasing use of the Grapevine. He also expressed his appreciation to Betty Whittaker for her fine services in maintaining notes of these meetings the last two (2) years.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING                      Mitch M                      , Chairman                      Saturday, 10/6/84 2:30 P.M.

Meeting opened in the usual manner, with moment of meditation, followed by Serenity Prayer. Approximately 75 members were present.

Mitch said that the N. Fl. Area is a large one, with different types of communities and populations, but that we shared many common problems, and that the Assembly afforded the opportunity to share our solutions. Public Information is an extension of sharing our sobriety by getting information to the general public, which we do while operating with<sup>in</sup> the Traditions, especially the 6th and 10th. Also, we should not be so anonymous that no one knows about us - and, just as in the early days of AA, non-alcoholics are our friends.

In the 5th District Tom and Larry have the goal of an effective CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) Committee in 1985. At the moment, they are giving talks at Florida State University at the invitation of the Criminology Dept., and they have recently bought two (2) films from GSO, New York.

Bob W. of the 8th District reported that most of their 56 Groups had volunteers to speak at meetings other than AA. They were taking special care to help everyone stay within the Traditions and Guidelines, and recommended precautions against appearing to be a spokesperson for AA. Bob suggested that we thoroughly familiarize ourselves with the AA Pamphlets and the PI Information Kit on anonymity and speaking at meetings other than AA.

In the 12th District, one out of every five members of AA is involved in CPC work. Russ D. reported that EAPs and Rehab. Committees were working together. Charron V. made the point that we are not in competition.

In Orlando, there are still messages appearing on all teachers' checks, with a number to call if you have a drinking problem.

Warren C. of Jacksonville reported that PI was starting to take hold there with many areas showing fresh interest, and two feature articles are coming up in the newspaper.

P.I. INFORMATION MEETING, cont'd: Mitch said that perhaps the time was coming to institute a CPC Committee at the Area level, to be on an equal level with the current PI Committee.

General Information re PI: Either the PI Kit or the CPC Kits are free from GSO, New York, if you have newly formed committees. Simply notify GSO, and make your request with the name and address of the new committee chairperson. Additional Kits are approximately \$7.50 each. Regarding TV Spot Announcements about AA or alcoholism - they are also available from GSO. Write them (or call).

Mitch closed the meeting with a quote from the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" - "Although no member shall ever reveal another's membership, the co-founders and many others have warned over the years that if AA is maintained as an underground movement or secret society, AA might well die."

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

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GENERAL SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES' MEETING      Paul B., Chairman      Saturday, 10/6/84 4:00 P.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner. Basket was passed. There were 140 present. Theme for discussion was "Solutions to Problems". The chairman expressed his opinion that the GSR is the highest member in a group. Acting as a liason person between the group and N. Fl. Area and also GSO, New York, it is the responsibility of the GSR to report to the home group. Several members commented that groups are really not interested in hearing what went on outside of their own groups. Several solutions were given - 1. GSR has to take initiative and make people stop and listen. There has to be a way to get the message across. You won't get to everyone, but some will listen; 2. In New Smyrna, time for GSR to report is at announcement time - this has become a regular routine (do these things at beginning of meeting, including passing the basket); 3. Educate the group that they need this information; 4. From Casselberry - there is a difference between a meeting and a group- have monthly business mtgs.-if people are interested, they will come. Many groups find this is effective. Others feel that the AA group needs to be aware that service is a responsibility, and all members should be aware of what is going on in service work; 5. One member stated that since his group helps in his expenses for quarterly meetings, he doesn't feel he can "ram" his report down their throats. Instead, he chairs the meeting, and instead of asking for topics, introduces subject on the Triangle, and immediately slips in something on "Service"; 6. Consistency pays off - work reports in on a regular basis and they will become habit with everyone.

Paul gave this conclusion: Since each group is autonomous, and therefore unique in regard to its own problems, the solutions to group problems, as exemplified at this meeting, are determined, with Providential Guidance, by the local group conscience.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

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GENERAL SERVICE SHARING SESSION      Bill Da....., Chairman      Sunday, 10/7/84 8:00 A.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner. Basket was passed. Discussion on "How to Get Things Done" was shared, as follows: Jim J. shared on his Attitude of Gratitude towards AA; Charlie from Tanglewood shared on his feeling of GSRs - talked about getting involved and taking responsibility; Dick talked about service work and how it helped him regain a positive attitude about himself and others; Sharon talked of starting her service work early in her sobriety; Warren talked about grabbing newcomers "before they knew what they were doing" - in other words, making the newcomers feel a part of the group by getting them involved; Vic Mc. talked about a group in Mexico, and how, through AA, he saw the program in action in a foreign country, and that even in a strange language, it is still "good ole AA"; Bill, Ocala, talked of importance of sharing what we have learned in our GSR meetings; Grace, Daytona, spoke on service work being more important to her than meetings; Floyd, St. Augustine, stressed how good service work makes him feel; Elise, Sanford, introduced the new Sanford GSR, Grace G. She also talked about her service work in the beginning; Howard talked about the diversity of the groups as a whole; Bobbie talked about taking the message back to our groups, and Dick spoke again on the importance of our responsibility to do this.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

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# NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

TREASURER'S REPORT  
to the FOURTH QUARTERLY GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the North Florida General Service Conference Area  
Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, I-4 & Lee Road, Orlando, Fl. OCTOBER 6 & 7, 1984

PERIOD ENDING	RECEIPTS: INCOME			EXPENDITURES: EXPENSES				BALANCES	
	GROUP DONATIONS	MISCEL-LANEUS COLLECT.	TOTAL RECEIPTS	CONF/DEL. ALT. DEL	ASSEMBLY: HOST COM. HOTEL(COF.)	OPERATIONAL* EXPENSES	TOTAL EXPENSES	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
	12.31.83								
3.31.84	\$2,314.66	\$ 457.83	\$2,772.49	\$ 650.00	\$ 763/10	\$ 537.03	\$; .950.13	\$ 822.36	4,992.67
7.28.84	2,516.42	487.03	3,003.45	700.00	424.07	590.42	1,714.49	1,288.96	6,171.63
9.30.84	1,544.99	374.96	1,919.95	--0--	1,203.69	468.14	1,671.83	248.12	6,419.75
	<u>\$6,376.07</u>	<u>\$1,219.82</u>	<u>\$7,695.89</u>	<u>\$1,350.00</u>	<u>\$2,390.86</u>	<u>\$1,595.59</u>	<u>\$5,336.45</u>	<u>\$2,359.44</u>	<u>6,419.75</u>

\*Includes in first quarter \$81.55 and in third quarter \$17.58 paid for literature for Institutions.

GROUP DONATIONS		
DIST. NO.	GROUP	AMOUNT
I.	BROWN BAGGERS (2)	\$ 20.00
	CENTRAL (2)	20.00
	GOOD LIFE	121.00
	LIFE LINE (2)	15.00
	SAN MAN	15.00
	YOUNG PEOPLE	8.00
II.	HELPING HAND	20.00
III.	EUREKA (2)	50.00
	HAPPY HOUR, THE	10.00
	ORANGE PARK MEN	25.00
IV.	BALDWIN	12.00
	FERNANDINA BEACH	25.00
	RIVERSIDE	25.00
	SAINTS & SINNERS	4.94
I - IV	GROUP & DIST. UNIDENT.	50.00
V.	NIGHT OWL	80.00
	NORTHSIDE KILLEAN	25.00
VI.	BIG BASS	35.00
	SWITZERLAND	13.00
	TRINITY (3)	30.00
VII.	LEESBURG TRANSITION	25.00
VIII.	BIG BOOK STUDY (2)	\$ 7.68
	BOULEVARD	10.00
	BRIDGE, THE	5.00
	DAYTONA BEACH 12 STEP	25.00
	DELAND	25.00
	DELTONA-DEBARY	10.00
	HELPING HAND	30.00
	K.I.S.S.	2.00
	NEW SMYRNA	40.00
	OCEAN HOLIDAY	3.00
	ORMOND-BY-THE-SEA	3.00
	PRIMARY PURPOSE	10.00
	ROAD TO RECOVERY (2)	30.00
	WAY OF LIFE (2)	61.20
IX.	FRIENDSHIP (2)	20.00
X.	AA OF ALTAMONTE	20.00
	BORN TO WIN	15.00
	CASSELBERRY	15.00
	LIVE & LET LIVE (2)	50.00
	SANFORD WOMEN	2.00
	TANGLEWOOD (3)	36.37
XI.	DRY DOCK #24	\$ 50.00
	MARVIN R.	25.00
	TURNING POINT (2)	112.50
	WINTER PARK (2)	70.00
XII.	EAU GALLIE	40.00
	5TH TRADITION	10.00
	SANDPIPER	30.00
	SERENITY	33.30
XIII.	CRYSTAL RIVER	10.00
	LECANTO	25.00
	WAHOO HISTORIC SITE	10.00
XIV.	DOWNTOWN	50.00
XV.	.....	.....
XVI.	.....	.....
XVII.	CAME TO BELIEVE (2)	30.00

During this period 55 groups out 330 registered groups made 71 donations. Sorry we could not identify one group other than that it was located in the Jacksonville area. Received no reply to inquiry.

By Districts the following was contributed this period: 1.-\$199.00; 2.- \$20.00; 3.-\$85.00; 4.-\$66.94; (Unknown: \$50.00); 5.-\$105.00; 6.-\$78.00; 7.-\$25.00; 8.-\$261.88; 9.-\$20.00; 10.-\$138.37; 11.-\$257.50; 12.-\$113.30; 13.-\$45.00; 14.-\$50.00; 15.-\$-0-; 16.-\$-0-; 17.-\$30.00.

PRUDENT RESERVE (Southeast Bank, N.A., Sanford Banking Center: Security Plus Fund)

12.31.83: \$6,335.21  
3.31.84 6,404.99  
7.31.84 6,647.69  
9.30.84 6,698.91

Respectfully Submitted;  
ELISE R. DI..., Treasurer

RECEIVED FROM DISTRICTS  
 DISTRICT NO. AMOUNT  
 I. BROWN BAGGERS (2) \$ 20.00  
 II. HELPING HAND 20.00  
 III. EUREKA (2) 50.00  
 IV. BALDWIN 12.00  
 V. NIGHT OWL 80.00  
 VI. BIG BASS 35.00  
 VII. LEESBURG TRANSITION 25.00  
 VIII. BIG BOOK STUDY (2) 7.68  
 IX. FRIENDSHIP (2) 20.00  
 X. AA OF ALTAMONTE 20.00  
 XI. DRY DOCK #24 50.00  
 XII. EAU GALLIE 40.00  
 XIII. CRYSTAL RIVER 10.00  
 XIV. DOWNTOWN 50.00  
 XVII. CAME TO BELIEVE (2) 30.00  
 TOTAL \$ 641.95