

July 28, 1986

THIRD QUARTERLY MINUTES OF NORTH FLORIDA AREA OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUSJuly 12 - 13, 1986 - Tallahassee, FL.

OFFICERS' & DCMS' COMM. MTG., Saturday, July 12, 1986, 4:30 P.M. Chmn., Dick P. , opened with a moment of meditation, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Rec. Secty., Pat Newton, called the roll - Absent - DCM #4, #7, #8, #19, #21. Minutes of last meeting approved as mailed. Treasurer's Report approved as read: Balance on hand 6/30/86 - \$9,975.50; Prudent Reserve, 6/30/86 - \$8,248.93.

Old Business: Revision of North Florida map - to cover Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 14 & 13; and 18, 19, 20, 21, 22. New maps will be available at next quarterly meeting.

New Business: The fourth quarter Assembly, in October, will be our voting assembly for the next two year term, 1987 - 1988. Those standing for offices at this meeting are as follows: Delegate - Jimmy G ; Alternate Delegate - Dick P ; Chairman - Tom D ; Alternate Chairman - Vic M , Dick C , Tom D ; Corresponding Secty. - Phyllis D; Recording Secty. - Pat N ; Treasurer - Elise D . This slate to be presented at the General Assembly, Sunday, July 13, 1986, for any additional names to be added.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS - FILM LIBRARIAN: Vince S - Return Films to: GRAPHIC IMPRESSIONS,

Meeting adjourned 5:30 P.M., with basket passed, and closing with the Lord's Prayer.

OPEN SPEAKER MEETING: Saturday, July 12, 8:30 P.M. Ray H shared his story of experience, strength and hope with us.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Sunday, July 13, 1986, 9:30 A.M.: Chmn., Dick P , opened with moment of meditation, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Recording Secty. called the roll - Absent - DCM #4, 8, 11, 19, 21. There were 82 GSRs present. Minutes approved. Treasurer's Report approved. Committee Reports - see attached pages.

Revised, updated maps of North Florida Area to be available at the October meeting.

DELEGATE'S REPORT: Bob S : reported on the April, 1986 General Service Conference, held in New York City - following are highlights of same: There was a total registration of 45,600 at the 50th International Convention of AA, in Montreal, July, 1985. - 34,428 AA, with 2,071 from overseas. \$319,000.00 netted (The 1980 convention in New Orleans showed a loss of \$264,000.00); Duplicate pictures paid for in Montreal are being sent to those member who ordered them (one of the photographers absconded, creating loss of some pictures); Bob served on the Site Selection Committee for the 1990 Convention - 12 sites were presented - Tampa, Minneapolis, and New York were scratched, and of the remaining 8, three sites are under consideration - Houston, Vancouver, and Seattle. The August Box 4-5-9 will carry the final selection; Poland will print copies of "Living Sober", sponsored by Finland; Japan has \$21,000 for Big Book printing in language; Bob, as delegate for North Florida District 14, received

GEN'L ASSEMBLY, cont'd: eleven(11) questionnaires, but additional copies were made and all 22 Districts received the Big Book Questionnaire about future printing of soft cover editions, one containing first eleven chapters and Dr. Bob's story, and one a pocket size edition. Bob advised that the replies he received and sent back to GSO indicates that North Florida, District 14, will be happy to have both; AA members, and agencies for the visually impaired will be contacted to determine if there is a need to put more literature in large print; A recommendation was made that individual member contributions be increased from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00, and bequests of \$1,000.00 done on a one-time basis and not in perpetuity; Suggestion made that groups have a Literature Coordinator, to ensure that literature, as well as catalog order forms for books and cassettes be available to individual members at meetings; The 1986 membership survey is to be taken in the same manner as the 1983 survey; there was a floor action on an amendment to the 11th Tradition be made - add TV. this will take 75% of entire membership to vote and pass on - this action has been tabled for the time being; Bob gave an excerpt from an article by Jim H , Illinois on "Can a member join several AA Groups?" - based on Jim's own experience of becoming active in service work and having a home group, he feels has contributed to his quality of life in sobriety, and he is glad he did not become a "roving A.A." Reprint of story will be published in the GSO Conference Report in near future; Regarding substance abusers at AA meetings - John N , Trustee Emeritus said 1. don't push the "mad" button; 2. don't push the "panic button"; 3. Focus on Alcoholism; Bob P , in closing talk as GSO Senior Advisor, spoke of concern about the growing rigidity as it appears today - "if we ever falter and fail, it will be because we have too much fear and rigidity and not enough faith and trust" .He also, in closing, referred to one of Bill W 's favorite sayings-"Every group has the right to be wrong" Bill had absolute faith that faults in AA are self-correcting. His final closing remark was that he feels just as Bill W stated to the Miami Convention in his last brief public appearance - Bill's words were "As I look out over this crowd, I know that Alcoholics Anonymous will live a thousand years - if it is God's will." Our delegate advised that the GSO 1986 Conference Report is available to any AA member, cost \$2.00, write to GSO for same. Estimated attendance at the 1990 International Convention is 60,000! Bob Sc..... has been mandated to ask all AA members in N. Fl. to get feeling of their groups on having a Conference Approved booklet on daily meditations, focusing on our recovery program. We are to bring reports back to him at the October quarterly assembly - he must report to GSO by January 1, 1987.

NEW BUSINESS: October quarterly meeting will be voting assembly for the next two year term, 1987-1988. Slate of officers standing at this time: Delegate-Jimmy G ; Alternate-Dick P ; Chairman-Tom D ; Alternate - Dick C , Vic M , Tom D ; Recording Secty.-Pat N ; Corres. Secty.-Phyllis D ; Treasurer-Elise D . Additional names from floor may be presented at October Assembly.

REMINDER TO ALL DCMS AND GSRS: Elect your new DCMS and GSRS before the October Assembly and bring them with you. Also, read the section in Service Manual ~~on~~ voting procedure - remember only outgoing N. Fl. Area members are qualified to vote.

REMINDER FROM RECORDING SECTY.-PAT N : MAIL ALL GROUP CHANGES, DISTRICT CHANGES, AND NEW GROUP FORMS DIRECTLY TO HER - SHE WILL FORWARD TO NEW YORK. (This expedites and makes for better accuracy in keeping of our records.) Pat N

Chairman, Dick P , read "Suggested Introductory Welcome Remarks at Open A.A. Meetings" - see reprint of same on last page of these minutes.

FOURTH QUARTERLY MEETING, October 11-12, 1986, Howard Johnson Hotel, 803 Lee Road (I-4 & Lee), Orlando, FL., 32810. Room Rates - Single-\$38.00; Double-\$44.00.

Assembly adjourned 11:15 A.M., basket passed, and closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Phyllis

Phyllis G. D. , Corresponding Secretary

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INSTITUTIONAL(CORRECTION/& PRISON) Bob S , Chmn. Sat., 7/12/86 11:00 A.M.

Attendance - 35. Meeting opened by Bob S , Chmn. in usual manner. Roll called according to District representatives. Bob then asked for comments and questions - following are some replies: The Women's prison at Lowell can order literature through N. Fl. Area; District #5 has donated old Grapevines for institutions; GSO, New York, will mail packages of out-of-date copies of Grapevine, if the District requesting same pays the postage; New Groups can get beginner's kit, helping them start a group.

Re Outside Sponsors: Sumter at Bushnell needs outside AAs to bring meetings in; All correctional institutions need more support - except Brevard County, which gets a lot of support from the AA groups; Van A. from Dist. 15, commented how Districts 12 and 15 cooperate throughout the county on visiting inst. facilities. There are 12 people in the district with permanent clearance for men and women's prisons - they in turn get one person who gets clearance in twenty-four hours.

Re Inside Sponsors: Owen M , Starke, Fl., District 16, is now inside sponsor at Florida State Prison (main unit). Fl. State Prison is the most difficult place to get clearance - 1. Rigid security clearance - must fill out citizen volunteer form' 2. There are two (2) presently cleared for main unit (this is the first in ten years); 3. Ex-felons (of any kind) will not get clearance. Everyone can get citizen volunteer form from any inside or outside sponsor.

Have a good relationship with the Superintendent, and you "have it made". If you really are willing to "carry the message", then we should be willing to go through the clearance procedures and orientation.

District #20 reported they are trying to get the district out to meetings at correctional facilities - district has just started to show interest.

Any questions about clearance - Check with the Superintendent. All information given for clearance is strictly confidential with prison authorities.

District 13 is setting up a panel committee of prisoners to go into the high schools and answer questions and have discussion.

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

INSTITUTIONAL(Trtmt.Ctrs.& Hospitals) Madeleine C , Chmn. Sat., 7/12/86 3:00 P.M.

Attendance - 40. Meeting opened in usual manner. Roll call; distribution of copies of Guideline Report for conducting meetings in treatment facilities.

Madeleine read excerpt from Box 4-5-9, and Conference Report, regarding changes that GSO will implement in the treatment facilities materials. Topics of concern, which were addressed at New York Conference covered 1.-The non-alcoholic drug addict attending closed AA meetings; 2.-An AA member who is on staff (as a professional) at treatment centers -"2 Hatters".

There was lengthy discussion regarding these matters during this meeting, and the input was enlightening. Dick F asked if New York has actually come out with guidelines pertaining to these matters. Madeleine advised they are supposed to be in future articles in 4-5-9.

Dick also spoke of preserving the Traditions.

Ken B , Dist. #5, explained a program at 12 Oaks' Treatment Center -"AA Etiquette" - in which patients are appraised of the principles and basics of AA; the separation of AA and treatment centers; and a general basic introduction to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) was discussed, as was "pot" and "coke". Suggestions were made as to the transition of patients from AA to NA. Input was given on the cooperation of NA and AA. Temporary sponsorship was briefly discussed. A member of the audience addressed the Court and DUI programs. Madeleine explained what they do in Brevard County - they have a "Counter Attack Brevard" which covers the DUI program in the county, regarding treatment in general and more importantly - AA meetings.

Madeleine reminded us that the staff and patients look at us as representing AA, and that we should "act, dress, and speak" accordingly.

Meeting closed in usual manner, with basket passed, and saying the Lord's Prayer. Madeleine reminded us to attend the Orlando Assembly in October.

Meeting opened in usual manner. Tom brought up the topic of keeping the membership well informed. He specifically mentioned the importance of this in conjunction with upcoming election of our "trusted servants" at the next quarterly meeting in October.

Tom discussed the use of newsletters and personal visitation by DCM to the groups - this is a method of getting interest in service work started. Danny, Dist. #13, stated that one of the responsibilities of the GSRs is to keep their groups informed and to seek feedback.. Dotty C , Dist. #1, said she personally took the information from the Assembly to her groups, and used the film strip "Circle of Love". She also said that apathy was discouraging. Danny pointed out that Dist. #13 was planning a "Unity Dinner", with an AA and an Alanon as speakers, to explain the purpose of service in AA. Tom C., Dist. #10, said you would be getting a spectacular response if you were able to get 30% involved, and that 10% was the average.

Bob H., Dist. #5, said that if GSRs were not fulfilling their responsibilities, they should be replaced. Denita K, Dist. #20, explained they have used social activities-fish fries, picnics, etc., to get members involved. Bill C., DCM Dist. #17, reported that they have been concentrating a lot of effort in revitalizing their CPC and PI programs - using speakers' bureau, school programs, public service spots on local TV, and newsletters. He also mentioned that you could buy all the TV spots (6) on one (1) reel at a cost saving and then let the TV station splice it into separate spots.

Sherry, DCM Dist. #14, asked if it was a violation of Traditions to "advertise" meetings in newspaper. It was explained that this was in the nature of information, not promotion.

Madeleine C., DCM Dist. #15, stated that her newspaper published notification of meetings and telephone numbers in self-help columns.

Larry B., Dist. #1, mentioned that schools are mandated by the legislature to offer instruction about substance abuse, and that all the middle schools and senior high schools are eager to get qualified speakers.

Bill pointed out that it is advisable to have one person maintaining contact with the newspaper to avoid confusion.

Tom D stated that the majority of answers to each Area's specific PI problems are found in the PI Manual, and that the most important qualification for doing any job in AA, including PI, was not experience, but willingness.

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

Acting Secretary - Larry B

Meeting opened in usual manner. Theme of Friday night's Early Bird Meeting - "Pass It On" - re enthusiasm for service work and getting new blood into assemblies, was shared.

CPC news coming in from N. Fl. Districts was reported as "sparse" Your CPC chairman had to get on the phone and call around the State to drum up interesting happenings. Another CPC CONNECTIONS newsletter was available.

It was mentioned that the Harris Corporation had given us the professionally done Video on EAP (Employee Assistance Program) and the AA tie-in, too. This film will now be available to any group that would like to use it in connection with CPC activities.

Two people spoke on CPC work in their area. Someone very new to the job, Phyllis B from St. Augustine, Dist. #6, and an old hand at AA work, Warren C , DCM Dist. #1, Jax. They shared past accomplishments, tentative plans, and future hopes.

We next divided into groups of five (5) and had a work-shop on getting going in CPC outreach. The name of a professional group, i.e., Clergy, Educators, Judicial, etc., was given to each group. Paper and marking pens were given out - they were to brainstorm ideas and have one person list them. After 15 minutes, a spokesperson for each grp. came to the front and reported what they had come up with. It was a great success - the feed back was very positive. The room was just buzzing with enthusiasm during that sequence and everybody was working together. Everyone contributed something. The information gained will be compiled and put into the next newsletter to be distributed at the quarterly meeting in Orlando.

CPC, cont'd: My sincere thanks to Judy from Dist. #5, Tallahassee, who not only participated in the work shop, but took five (5) pages of notes for me. Bob from Tallahassee also offered to pass the basket. Two items I might have forgotten. This was a very well run Assembly, and I think District #5 deserves a big "Attaboy!".

Closing thought - Partial involvement doesn't bring joy - total commitment does!

Also note - a portion of the Flagler/Volusia Intergroup Newsletter regarding the how and why of AAs' Traditions, was read. Also, a portion of the Central Florida Intergrouper, regarding Alanons' outreach to the professional community, was read.

Let's not forget when we are citing AA as a community resource, that AA has companion groups in Al-Anons, Al-A-Teen, and Adult Children of Alcoholics - all of whom are doing a dynamite job as a helping resource to the community, also.

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

GRAPEVINE

Tom D _____, Chmn.

Sat., 7/12/86

1:30 P.M.

Attendance - 14. Meeting opened in usual manner. Tom welcomed everyone, and announced tapes for sale and free Grapevine issues. As of May, 1986 the number of Grapevine Representatives for N. Florida was 104. Same for June, 1986. The General Service Advisory Actions in re Grapevine: 1. Trial tapes in Spanish and French; 2. Advisory Action #17 states the the Grapevine is AA approved; Draft of book of Bill Wilson's Grapevine writings in the works.

There was discussion of historical charts of GV. At a cost of \$180,000.00 to print a GV issue, there was a loss of \$40,000.00 in 1985. There is prediction of profits in 1986. The USA subscriptions have increased by 43,015.

Note: GV has published a one-page article on "Fellowship in the first thirty (30) years". Speaker at this meeting, Curtis McT., Dist. #8, discussed the article, page 26, "The Slogan Slingers". The GV is helpful in groups and with individuals. Exhort to get involved with reading and subscribing to GV.

A possible reason for loss in profits for 1985 - the loss in mailing costs and also a new computer system.

Discussion of "About AA" and various pamphlets, also the June/July 4-5-9 at this meeting; - Peter M. stated the need for use of GV in groups, and the need to increase circulation of GV among AA members; Louise S., Dist. #3, related that some groups in Jacksonville have Grapevine Meetings - these are very popular, and are growing; Dick P. encouraged those at this meeting to try submitting writings to the Grapevine; Louise S. also suggested that we make treatment programs aware the the Grapevine is approved (conference) AA literature, in case they presently only allow approved literature; Fred McD., DCM #13, said that some groups in his district give subscriptions of GV to new AAs after 30 days of sobriety, and groups are also using the Grapevine issues on 12 Step Calls.

If you submit an article to the Grapevine, use legal size paper, double-spaced.

Ann D., of Jacksonville, requests suggestions for what GV representatives can do in their areas - 1. announce in groups what is coming up in next issue of GV from the preview letter; 2. Set up a literature rack and refer to it in group meetings.

Volume II of "The Best of Grapevine" due out in October.

There was discussion of literature for the State Convention - Tom advised that almost the entire special price package from GSO has already been sold at this quarterly meeting. Approval has been given to purchase additional special package material.

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

DISABILITIES

Tom C _____, Chmn.

Sat., 7/12/86

3:00 P.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner, with a small, but lively group of about 20 present. Disabilities cover smoke, not driving, wheel chairs, hearing, and others. And, as Tom put it - to all those presently able-bodied people - "we'll get you sooner or later!"

Show handicapped facility key symbol-HF-on When & Wheres' of meeting places, to indicate both wheel chairs and non smoking - also, have separate area in meeting room, or another room, to be designated "Non-Smoking". Use of candles, or vinegar or oil of cloves on cotton can reduce smoke. Have an intermission for smokers.

DISABILITIES, cont'd: For the members with hearing disabilities, - use microphone when possible; tell speaker to keep hands away from mouth; have deaf signers present if possible; place members in a circle (Arthur's Round Table) for meeting for eye to eye contact, also it is friendlier, able to hear better, and can see everyone.

"Drugs & Other Medications - this revised this year from older pamphlet. We learned that one physician had given his patient, newly sober, on of these pamphlets, in case anyone in AA challenged him taking this proper medication as prescribed by his doctor.

Volunteers, or paid personnel, to serve as baby sitters for children of "alkies" - try through group or an Intergroup Office, so that younger parent or parents may more easily get to all meetings.

Further discussion would be of interest in AAs working with the mentally retarded.

Tom C is on the Board of Directors for the Center for Independent Living, in Orlando. He said the main thing is not the problem of people accepting the disabled, but rather that "the disabled accepted the disability and him or herself".

Meeting closed with "MAKE NEGATIVES INTO POSITIVES!". Meeting adjourned, basket passed, and closing with the Lord's Prayer. Minutes by acting secretary, Dottie C

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Judy P

, Chmn. Sat., 7/12/86

3:00 P.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner. There was free ranging discussion of issues and problems.

1. The experience of one treasurer suggests that groups may learn they have to have rules for deposits/carrying money/picking up money. The Service Manual has suggestions. Some groups recognize that occasional thefts and losses to occur; 2. The amount in prudent reserve varies, but is usually a minimum of two (2) months (if possible). But each group is autonomous;

3. We were reminded that many areas and groups do not support their DCM or GSRs with funds to help defray expenses to attend Assemblies, or to travel. We are reminded that local group needs do come first. Pamphlet "The AA Group" has guidelines. Suggested-a group set aside \$1.00 per meeting to contribute toward DCM's expenses; 4. Can might be used for other donations at a meeting; GSO provides birthday envelopes for those celebrating sobriety, with \$1.00 contribution for each year; Gratitude collection taken in November; Yearly Gratitude donation of one cent (\$.01) per day, or \$3.65 per person to go to GSO.

We all agreed to experiencing group collections at a meeting will be 50% of total present (if that high a percentage, even) To increase collections, we need to increase contributing members - or educate AAs to idea that contribution should be made at each meeting attended, not just their home group - even pennies, nickels, dimes can help swell the coffers.

N. Fl. Area Assembly has not set a specific prudent reserve fund. The Treasurer puts any extra monies into this account. The matter will be discussed at assembly business meeting. Meeting adjourned, with basket passed, and closing with Lord's Prayer. Act'g. Sect'y.

Millicent S

INTERGROUPS

Mickey C

, Chmn. Sat., 7/12/86

1:30 P.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner. Large attendance. Wide range of issues discussed about starting and maintaining an Intergroup structure. 1. We reviewed where copies of constitutions and by-laws could be obtained. It is recommended that Intergroups incorporate; 2. All groups in the covered geographic area are considered members, whether they contribute or participate; Bringing Together is the focus; The Intergroup often unites several districts; 3. Guidelines from GSO, and pamphlets on Intergroups and on District responsibilities are available. Intergroups often handle schedule publications, literature sales, public information/GPC, institutional assignments; 4. Intergroups do not concern themselves with financial needs of the districts. Remember, though, local needs of a group come first, with usually 60% going to Intergroup. But we need for groups to make some percentage contribution to their district or districts and to the expense of their DCM/DCMs; 5. Need to communicate with district/districts, to coordinate activities. Suggested - schedule monthly meetings back to back; 6. Groups often elect the same person as district and intergroup representative - GSO discourages this. Rotation of "willing trusted servants" must be kept in mind; 7. Experience shows that an Intergroup should not have an office in a Clubhouse - difficulty in keeping two separate; 8. When size of a district suggests an Intergroup - go for it! We learn from our mistakes. It's okay to try, to fail, and to try again.; 9. 2-6 months expenses is an appropriate "prudent reserve". Meeting adjourned, basket passed, and closing with Lord's Prayer. Act'g. Sect'y.-Millicent S.

Meeting opened in usual manner. Large, well attended meeting. Discussion on Apathy and on Motivation.

Rosemary: We get bored with AA from time to time - that is when we have to attend meetings and give service. She started helping a new group at prison.

Jim: Look at myself - share your feelings with the group.

Denita: Change meetings to give some variety.

Joe: Same six names/ same silence, when work is to be done. Get speakers for group by going to other meetings. Go round the room at meeting and have everyone speak.

Danny: Tell people of the responsibility to the chair. Make sure chairmen are selected in advance.

Louise: Started new meeting in our group. Fourth Step Study Group (2 nites a week). There is a 12 and 12 Meeting; a Grapevine Meeting; Men's Meeting; Women's Meeting. Step meetings with outside chairmen. Some closed, some open discussion meetings.

Ed: Call group conscience meeting - pretty sad when no one will give others rides.

On Group Inventory: Rosemary: Sometimes must stand back and threaten to drop reins to get help.

Dan: What is it?

Paul: Group didn't want to do. Boredom is often not with the meeting, but with the people. Go to other groups for meetings

Rod: What is it?

Jim: Look at what the group is doing. Beginners, detox, carrying the message.

Bill: When bored - take a look at me.

Ed: See GSO pamphlets on "The Group".

Jennie: On getting out-of-town speakers. GSRs have lists of members who are willing to speak. Sometimes, have two speakers - one older, and a new one.

Ask people to speak. Van shared that he wouldn't speak, and the first time finally it was a short sharing, but it helped for future speaking.

Roy: Says "I owe it to AA".

Kathy: Have two speakers, and require others to qualify themselves.

Brad: Related that 32 years ago, at the end of three (3) months, you were given an hour to speak. That was the meeting!

Becky: New group in Eustis (women's group) - short of funds.

Ann: Check with library for literature.

Denita: Tell your members of the financial needs of the group.

Lynn: Should be self-supporting. We need books to get sober. So buy them. Only donate to prisons or needy. Whatever needs doing, we need to do ourselves.

Dave: Have a book raffle.

Judy: Start people speaking right away.

Meeting adjourned, basket passed, closing with the Lord's Prayer. Act'g. Sect'y. - Judy Peterson

SHARING SESSION

Millicent S

, Chmn.

Sun., 7/13/86

8:30 A.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner. Varied topics discussed. 1. Grapevine tapes to be in French and Spanish, is now conference approved; cassettes of meetings are now available. Back issues of Grapevine are available - \$4.71 for 100. 2. Does anyone have smoke/non-smoke ideas? Leave one window open; exhaust fan above dropped ceiling works well; oil of cloves or vinegar in a dish helps individuals; 3. Warren reported that the CPC group session, Saturday, was an opportunity to meet individually and yet all shared. Brainstorming worked well. It does not violate humbleness (humility) to volunteer for service. 4. Corrections/jails - spent years in biking/ clubs, and people in prisons. Learned a lot, yesterday, about how we can bring program inside prisons. I have not done so before. It helped me to make personal decision to get involved. 5. Suggestion made - each district has people working with prisons. Prisons need literature. Clear out the bottom of our group's "boxes" once or twice a year, district wide, and pass on the literature found there. 6. Learned how many are in prison for alcohol-related behaviour. Churches are showing more support and love in prisons than AAs. I think I found a place in service for myself.; 7. Conclusion - AA is a miracle/ Life is beautiful now/Service begets service/ Perform willingly.

Meeting adjourned, basket passed, closing with Lord's Prayer. Act'g. Sect'y. - Judy P

SUGGESTED INTRODUCTORY/WELCOME REMARKS AT OPEN A.A. MEETINGS

We welcome those attending their first meeting here and we would like to read a brief statement of policy. As we know, many people are coming to A.A. today with a dual addiction, to alcohol and other drugs. These newcomers are truly welcome here as members of our fellowship, provided their primary addiction is to alcohol, something they alone can honestly determine.

We ask only that when discussing their problems, they confine themselves to those related to their alcoholism.

We also welcome those people whose primary addiction is other than alcohol. We are certainly sympathetic to your problem, but we ask you not to participate in our discussions lest our A.A. meeting be diverted from our primary purpose.

We also suggest you make contact, if you have not already done so, with other anonymous organizations. Our local Central Office has phone numbers for many of these.

In any case, we sincerely hope what you learn here may be helpful to you in your recovery.

Finally, it is well for all of us to remember at all times the words of Bill W., one of the co-founders of A.A.: "Sobriety — freedom from alcohol — is the sole purpose of any Alcoholics Anonymous Group."



NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THIRD QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY

TALLAHASSEE HILTON, JULY 12-13, 1986

Period Covered; April 1 - June 30, 1986

GROUPS DONATING DURING CURRENT QUARTER (April 1-June 30)

DIST.	GROUP	AMOUNT	
I.	ARLINGTON (1)	126.89	
	BEACHEST UNITY	75.00	
	BROWN BAGGERS (2)	23.70	
	CENTRAL	25.00	
	LIFE LINE (3)	30.00	
	LIFE'S A BEACH	10.00	
	PALM BAY	10.00	
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	II.	HELPING HANDS	25.00
		TOGETHER	3.00
III.	CONTENTMENT	10.00	
	HAPPY HOUR	40.00	
	LAKE SHORE	10.00	
	LA PAZ (3)	25.00	
	TIMQUANA LADIES(3)	87.16	
IV.	FERNANDINA BEACH	30.00	
	MISSING LINK	10.00	
	RIVERSIDE (3)	45.00	
	RIVERVIEW STUDY	15.00	
	SAINTS & SINNERS	1.07	
V.	MEN'S FAITH	10.50	
	NORTHSIDE /LESS	22.30	
	SERENITY SMOKE-	15.00	
VI.	BIG BASS	25.00	
	NIGHT OWL	30.00	
	OLDEST CITY	10.00	
	OYSTER CREEK (3)	23.59	
	SERENITY STEP DISC	10.00	
VII.	CLERMONT	15.00	
	NINE TWENTY FIVE	50.00	
	STEPPING STONES(2)	15.34	
	TAVARES 12&10	30.00	
	TRANSITION	30.00	
	YOU ARE NOT ALONE	10.00	
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VIII.	BRIGHTER DAYS		
	BREAKFAST CLUB	40.00	
	OCEAN HOLIDAY	4.00	
	ROAD TO RECOVERY(3)	45.00	
	SAT NIGHT ALIVE	9.00	
	WAY OF LIFE (2)	19.00	
	WINNERS WAY	74.17	
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	IX.	LIVE & LET LIVE	5.00
		PINECASTLE FRIENDSHIP (3)	21.00
PINE HILLS GRACE		70.00	
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XX.	ALOMA	20.00	
	*APOPKA STEP	10.90	
	OPEN DOOR	10.00	
	STEPS TO RECOVERY	10.00	
	TANGLEWOOD(3)	30.00	
	WOMEN'S GRATITUDE	10.00	
	YOUNG & FREE	25.00	
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	XI.	EAST ORANGE	10.00
		HOSPITALITY	15.00
MARVIN R.		13.00	
SHARING & CARING		6.50	
TODAY'S WOMEN(2)		25.00	

DIST.	GROUP	AMOUNT
XII.	BAREFOOT BAY	10.00
	EARLY BIRDS	10.00
	EAU GALLIE	
	NEW HOPE	20.00
	PATRICK	15.00
	SANDPIPER (2)	60.00
	SERENITY (2)	85.00
	SIX HUNDRED FIVE(605)	20.00
	TURNING POINT	5.00
	WOMEN'S BEACHSIDE	25.00
XIII.	CRYSTAL RIVER (3)	30.00
	WAHOO HISTORIC SITE	20.00
XIV.	BRONSON	10.00
	DOWNTOWN	25.00
	FREE TO BE	15.00
	SMOKE LESS	50.00
	STEP STUDY (2)	10.00
	WED.WOMEN'S DISCUS.	10.00
	WOMEN'S SERENITY SEEKERS	5.00
	WOMEN'S STEP STUDY	4.80
XV.	GATEWAY	25.00
	PRIMARY PURPOSE	20.00
XVI.	---	
XVII.	LUNCH BUNCH	15.00
	OCALA GRACE	27.91
	SERENITY HOUSE	18.91
	WOMEN'S ALCOHOL (2)	2.48
XVIII.	ABBOT SOBER LIVING	10.00
	ACORN	70.00
	CASSELBERRY	25.00
	CLEAN AIR	20.00
	LONGWOOD	25.00
XIX.	SANFORD (1201)	25.00
	SANFORD WOMEN (2)	10.00
	DIST.XVIII GSRs	3.00
XX.	A BETTER WAY	10.00
	BOULEVARD	40.00
	DELTONA-DEBARY	10.00
XXI.	BEACHSIDE OF NEW SMYRNA	20.00
	HELPING HAND (2)	13.50
	HIGH NOON (3)	165.00
	NEW SMYRNA BEACH	12.00
	PORT ORANGE	5.00
XXII.	BIG BOOK STUDY (3)	18.63
	ORMOND BY THE SEA(3)	15.00
	PRIMARY PURPOSE	10.00
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SUMMARY DONATIONS BY DISTRICTS		

GROUP	MISCELLANEOUS	TOTAL	ASSEMBLY		OPERATIONAL		TOTAL		CUMULATIVE
			DELETS	GATE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	PERIOD	TOTAL	
31-1985									8,150.18
2,588.76	702.22	3,290.98	400.00	373.16	642.86	1,416.32	1,874.66	10,024.84	
2,577.93	815.90	3,393.83	700.00	825.07	1,234.10	684.00	(- 49.34)	9,975.50	
5,166.69	1,518.12	6,684.81	1,100.00	1,198.53	1,876.96	684.00	4,859.49	9,975.50	
3/31 Misc. Col. include memorial sum of \$10.00, \$13.30 from Alkathon Dist. XX, and \$105.60 Interest on Check.Acct /31 Misc. Col. include \$121.49 Interest. EXPENDITURES \$510.21 (Operational, Com.) and \$600.00 (Inst.) are for purchase of Grapevine Display for resale at Convention and \$600.00 to defray expenses of Institutional inmates at the Convention. (\$84.00 under Institutions refers to Institutions: Treatment). Other Committee expenses included under SECS/TREAS/Committee.									

III. CONTENTMENT	10.00
HAPPY HOUR	40.00
LAKE SHORE	10.00
LA PAZ (3)	25.00
TIMAQUANA LADIES(3)	87.16
IV. FERNANDINA BEACH	30.00
MISSING LINK	10.00
W STUDY	45.00
W STUDY	15.00
SAINTS & SINNERS	1.07
V. MEN'S FAITH	10.50
NORTHSIDE /LESS	22.30
SERENITY SMOKE-	15.00
VI. BIG BASS	25.00
NIGHT OWL	30.00
OLDEST CITY	10.00
OYSTER CREEK (3)	23.59
SERENITY STEP DISC	10.00
VII. CLERMONT	15.00
NINE TWENTY FIVE	50.00
STEPPING STONES(2)	15.34
TAVARES 12&12	30.00
TRANSITION	30.00
YOU ARE NOT ALONE	10.00
VIII. BRIGHTER DAYS	
BREAKFAST CLUB	40.00
OCEAN HOLIDAY	4.00
ROAD TO RECOVERY(3)	45.00
SAT NIGHT ALIVE	9.00
WAY OF LIFE (2)	19.00
WINNERS WAY	74.17
IX. LIVE & LET LIVE	5.00
PINECASTLE FRIENDSHIP (3)	21.00
PINE HILLS GRACE	70.00
X. ALOMA	20.00
*APOPKA STEP	10.90
OPEN DOOR	10.00
STEPS TO RECOVERY	10.00
TANGLEWOOD(3)	30.00
WOMEN'S GRATITUDE	10.00
YOUNG & FREE	25.00
XI. EAST ORANGE	10.00
HOSPITALITY	15.00
MARVIN R.	13.00
SHARING & CARING	6.50
TODAY'S WOMEN(2)	25.00
WINTER PARK (3)	105.00
Q.P. MEN	13.50
W.P. STEP	8.00
WOODLAKE VILLAS	10.00

DIST	A	B	C	AMOUNT
5.	17	3	3	47.80
6.	17	5	7	98.59
7.	15	6	7	150.34
8.	21	6	9	191.25
9.	14	3	5	96.00
10.	13	7	9	115.90
11.	21	9	12	206.00
12.	21	10	12	274.00
13.	24	2	4	50.00

WOMEN'S BEACHSIDE	25.00
XIII. CRYSTAL RIVER (3)	30.00
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1. 26	7	13	\$300.59
2. 14	2	2	28.00
3. 14	5	8	172.16
4. 19	5	7	101.07
14. 28	8	9	129.80
15. 13	2	2	45.00
16. 16			
17. 9	4	5	64.30
18. 20	7	8	188.00
19. 19	3	3	60.00
20. 9	5	8	215.50
21. 11	3	7	43.63
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PERIOD	GROUP	MISCELLANEOUS	TOTAL	GSCONF./DELE*	ASSEMBLY HOTEL/ HOST COM.	OPERATIONAL SECS/TREA/ --INSTI* COMMITTEE TUTIONS	TOTAL EXPENDITURES
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6/30/86	2,577.93	815.90	3,393.83	700.00	825.07	1,234.10	3,443.17
	5,166.69	1,518.12	6,684.81	1,100.00	1,198.53	1,876.96	4,859.49
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	expenses included under SECS/TREAS/Committee.						
PRUDENT RESERVE							
12/31/85							7,995.90
3/31/86							8,125.88
6/30/86							8,248.93
<i>Elise</i> Treasurer							
ELISE D.							

A = No. registered groups; B = No. groups contributing C = NO. donations
 OUT OF 367 REGISTERED GROUPS 102 groups made 140 donations.