

NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

AA
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

October 27, 1986

FOURTH QUARTERLY MINUTES OF NORTH FLORIDA AREA OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

October 11 - 12, 1986 - Orlando, FL.

OFFICERS' & DCMS' COMM. MTG., Saturday, Oct. 11, 1986, 4:30 P.M. Chmn., Dick P [REDACTED], opened with a moment of meditation, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Sect'y, Pat N [REDACTED], called the roll - Absent-DCM #8, DCM #9. The Print-Outs for updating the 1987 Directory, together with GSO six month group financial statements, were handed out to the DCMS at this time. DEADLINE DATE FOR RETURNING PRINT-OUTS TO PAT IS NOVEMBER 15, 1986: Mail to Pat N [REDACTED], Orlando, FL., 32806. This information is also needed to update our 1987-88 North Fl. Roster.

Minutes of last meeting approved as mailed. Treasurer's Report approved as read: Balance on hand, 9/30/86 - \$9,974.35; Prudent Reserve, 9/30/86 - \$8,358.06. There was discussion concerning the monies that are at present in the North Florida Area treasury, - i.e. the operating fund balance and the prudent reserve balance. The Districts are to present suggestions at the January meeting regarding any changes relative to the disbursements of funds.

Revision of the map is still in process. District 12 will be split into two districts - with the creating of a new district #23. District 6 is at present considering a method by which they will effect a split within the district, itself.

Dick P [REDACTED] read a memorandum from Hank J [REDACTED] pursuant to the establishment of Archives for the N. Fl. Area Assembly. Hank was unable to be present at this meeting, and hopes to meet with past and present Delegates and Chairmen sometime during the January meeting, at which time he will have an inventory of all records now in his custody, so that an Archives Committee can be established.

Dick P [REDACTED] also referred to an inquiry he received from GSO, together with his reply concerning contact sponsorship programs for prospective newcomers in the N.Fl. Area - Six area chairmen sent reports direct to Maureen C [REDACTED], GSO on this subject. See closing of General Assembly Minutes for details on the January meeting in Titusville.

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

OPEN SPEAKER MEETING, Saturday, Oct. 11, 1986, 8:30 P.M. The speaker, Roger C [REDACTED] shared with us his experiences, strengths, and hopes, and what the program of sobriety one day at a time has come to mean for him.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Sunday, Oct. 12, 1986, 9:30 A.M. Chmn., Dick P [REDACTED], opened the meeting with a moment of meditation, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Roll call taken - present were 20 DCMS, 125 GSRs and 6 Intergroup Reps., for a total Assembly count of 151. Minutes were approved as mailed. Treasurer's Report approved as read. The chairman introduced the South Florida delegate, Josh H [REDACTED].

Committee Reports given - see attached pages.

The new officers for the 1987 - 1988 term were elected, and are as follows:

DELEGATE: RICHARD B. P [REDACTED] (DICK)
[REDACTED]
Jacksonville, FL., 32216
[REDACTED]

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: BOBBE I [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Winter Park, FL., 32792
[REDACTED]

CHAIRMAN: TOM D [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Monticello, FL., 32344
[REDACTED]

ALTERNATE CHAIRMAN: ROBERT L. D [REDACTED] (TOM)
[REDACTED]
Orlando, FL., 32810
[REDACTED]

RECORDING SECRETARY: PHYLLIS D [REDACTED]
(MINUTES)
[REDACTED]
Jacksonville, FL., 32210
[REDACTED]

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: PAT N [REDACTED]
(ROSTER)
[REDACTED]
Orlando, FL., 32806
[REDACTED]

TREASURER: ELISE D [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Sanford, FL., 32771
[REDACTED]

Delegate, Bob S [REDACTED], reminded the Assembly to bring back to him at the January meeting, group feeling on having a Conference Approved booklet on Daily Meditations, focusing on our recovery program. He also reported that the soft cover Big Book is being printed, and will be available in November - 80% of membership responded "Yes" to having this.

REMINDER TO ALL DCMS - RETURN PRINT OUT INFORMATION TO PAT N [REDACTED] BY NOVEMBER 15, 1986!

FIRST QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY, will be held on January 9-10-11, 1987, at the Holiday Inn, Titusville, All Rooms - \$35.00 plus tax.

Assembly adjourned 12:15 Noon, with basket passed, and closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis D [REDACTED]
Phyllis G. D [REDACTED], Recording Secretary

INSTITUTIONAL (CORR/PRISON) Bob S [REDACTED], Chmn. Sat., 10/11/86 3:00 P.M.

Meeting opened with moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. The problem of jailhouse religion interfering with AA program was discussed. It was pointed out that there is a time and place for each. People come to AA for sobriety and not religion. One way to handle problem is to take inmates to outside AA meetings; Be selective in whom you take, and be patient with the process involved. When meetings get too large, suggestion was made to take them to the individual pods (?). On the question as to how best to list meetings for work release and correctional facilities, the suggestion was made to list the facility along with meeting and a number for clearance. Meeting closed with basket passed, and closing with the Lord's Prayer.

INSTITUTIONAL (HOSP./TREAT.) Madeilene C [REDACTED], Chmn. Sat., 10/11/86 11:00 A.M.

Meeting opened with moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Present-65. Announcement made about the Southeast Regional Forum in Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 5-6-7, 1986. North Florida Chairman, Madeleine C [REDACTED], has been asked by GSO to participate on what is being done in North Florida in carrying the message to hospitals and treatment centers. Those present received copies of Guidelines for Treatment Facilities, and the Final Report from the Conference in New York.

INSTIT.(HOSP./TREAT.) cont'd: The following problems were discussed - 1. Treatment facilities getting too AA oriented- there is a lot of positive input as far as a facility gearing towards an AA oriented program, inasmuch as it directs or influences the clients to go to AA: A facility giving the impression they are AA affiliated - while it is O.K. to influence these clients, these facilities should not give the impression that they are affiliated with AA or are a part of AA. Group members should discuss this with staff. Traditions are being blatantly broken.; 2 - Clients coming from treatment "fired up" and having all the answers - let them cool down until they ask for help; 3 - Clients coming from treatment, but are not alcoholics - let them attend open meetings, and also direct them to Narcotics Anonymous.
Districts 17 and 12 gave brief reports on what is being done in their areas.
Madeleine will be a moderator of Treatment Facility Workshop at the Southeast Regional Forum. A request from the group was made concerning treatment facilities for adolescents-what information is available?
Meeting closed, with basket passed, and closing with the Lord's Prayer.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Tom D [REDACTED], Chmn.

Sat., 10/11/86

3:00 P.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner. Chairman emphasized we must always start with a review of the Traditions. It was pointed out we must remember the "third parties" when we pass on information about AA - 1. Treatment center personnel; 2. Sometimes ignorant fellowship of AA; 3. General Public.
District 5 has been using Tradition meetings; have been speaking at outside groups, and feel that we need to revitalize public service announcements.
There was discussion and sharing on "Speaking to Outside Groups". One member related she focuses on speaking on what she is comfortable talking about. Focus on how alcohol affects the alcoholics and non-alcoholics alike - i.e. medical affects are the same-blood alcohol level is the same, etc. Advise that "drunk driving" is a misnomer - .10 is illegal, drunk or not, and indicates 4 times more accidents. Emphasize how long the level lasts - can be legally drunk the next day - and that affects employees driving company vehicles. Relate to your audience as employers, friends and relatives. Experience is based on speaking to civic clubs. When speaking to school classes or DUI school, tell your story. Comment was made that more young people are needed in some areas to cover the school groups who want speakers. A good suggestion is that many young people can relate to us if we share that our parents are/were alcoholics. Remember, share your experience, strength and hope. It was also suggested that we speak with school counselors, principals, etc.
One District sent PI letters to the schools - no response, but the letter writers' stayed sober.
Tom reminded us that many AA speakers fail to share their experiences with service work. We need to pass on that "joy". He believes service is important to his sobriety, and particularly so these last two years as PI chairman.
Meeting adjourned, with basket passed, and closing with the Lord's Prayer.

Acting Secretary, Judy F [REDACTED]

CPC(COOPERATION/PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY)

Bobbe L [REDACTED], Chmn.

Sat., 10/11/86

1:30 P.M.

Attendance - 85. Chmn. opened meeting in usual manner. Bobbe shared about her visit to GSO, and attending a meeting in progress, with an International flavor-i.e. members from Germany, Portugal and Iceland were there. Betty L [REDACTED] is CPC representative at GSO, and the current focus is on carrying the message to Native Americans, currently Navajo Indians.
Bobbe also related that following a recent guest appearance by she and her son on a local radio talk show about alcoholism, the show's producer invited AA to send in some Public Service Announcements for airing. These are a good way to carry the message.
The Episcopal Diocese has allocated 20-30,000 dollars to get information on the disease Alcoholism to all the parishes in the Central Florida Area.
Our area newsletter, The CPC Connection, is growing!-three pages this time. Also, another CPC workshop was held at this meeting, with great success. It has been decided to have a Golden Alky award to be given at each assembly to a person or group with the most creative CPC idea.

CPC, cont'd: This assembly's award went to the Fire House poster. Before closing, the audience was reminded of the video donated by the Harris Corp., which is available for loan. They were also reminded that the recent State Convention's "Pass It On Revue" was available on video, and makes a nice presentation of the steps in a humorous manner. People doing CPC service work were encouraged to put the new information, gleaned from the Workshop Topics, to use between now and the next conference in January.
Meeting adjourned, with basket passed, and closing with the Lord's Prayer.

GRAPEVINE Tom D [redacted], Chmn. Sat., 10/10/86 11:00 A.M.

Attendance-30 present. Meeting opened in usual manner. Tom referred to the Southeast Regional Form in Alabama in December - said this was a chance to meeting people from GSO and asking them any questions. Computers at Grapevine office in - send in your subscription, and start receiving copy in 4-6 weeks. Grapevine Workbook is now out. Free to District Chairman, or you can order individually for \$7.50. Additional writings from Bill W. - "In All Our Affairs" is still in the works. A list of all Grapevine Chairmen is available. Tom reported that over \$400.00 taken at the State Convention on Grapevine materials.
 Ideas to promote the Grapevine: 1.-Buy someone else one; 2.-Raffle off subscriptions at meetings; 3.-Going to meetings and making sales pitch; 4.-Have coming attractions printed in Intergroup Newsletter; 5.-Put subscription blanks in newcomer's packet; 6.-Use topics from GVR for meeting discussions; 7.-Leave GVR in doctors' and dentists' offices-first checking and receiving permission from doctor or dentist; 8.-Use old copies for newcomers, when doing 12-Step work. They may be more receptive to smaller booklet than the Big Book, at first - 100 back issues can be ordered from GSO for postage - cost only \$4.60.
 Announcement made that Dick C [redacted] from Dist. 12 has been appointed the new Grapevine Chairman for the 1987-88 term. Meeting adjourned with basket passed, and closing with Lord's Prayer.
 Acting Secretary, Barbara B [redacted]

DISABILITIES Tom C [redacted], Chmn. Sat., 10/11/86 1:30 P.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner. Definition given for disability: Anything that interferes with your being comfortable at an AA meeting - i.e. smoking/non-smoking, hearing difficulty, no transportation, etc. The subject, NOT Playing Doctor, was discussed - it is not our place to interfere with AA members who are taking prescription drugs. We're in the business of helping people to stay stopped from drinking alcohol. For non-smokers, start additional meetings, and announce they are non-smoking - and see that the non-smokers support meeting. For people in nursing homes, etc., giving or sending them a copy of the Grapevine is a good introduction, if they are unreceptive to sobriety one day at a time. For people addicted to drugs other than alcohol, suggest open meetings, and also contacting Narcotics Anonymous.
Meeting adjourned, with basket passed, and closing with the Lord's Prayer.

SECRETARY/TREASURER Max B., Chmn. Sat., 10/11/86 1:30 P.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner. Duties of secretaries and treasurers were discussed, following the outline in the AA Group pamphlet. Group discussed 60-30-10 or contributions in general. Most agreed that groups should try to give what they can, and also work on increasing amounts given. Most also agreed we should follow traditions and contribute, even though we personally might feel that some offices have too much money.
Meeting adjourned, with basket passed, and closing with the Lord's Prayer.

INTERGROUP MEETING Acting Chmn., Basia H [redacted] Sat., 10/11/86 3:00 P.M.

Meeting opened in usual manner, with Basia chairing in Jean B.'s absence. Discussion centered around AA unity, as related to the purpose and function of an Intergroup. Recognizing that not all districts have a central office from which to operate, we used a hand-out of the Central Florida Intergroup Services "Statement of Purpose" as a reference and starting point.

INTERGROUP MEETING, cont'd: Basia pointed out that a paid secretary is assisted by an all-volunteer force, to perform the functions at the Winter Park office, as stated in the AA Service Manual and the Intergroup Guidelines from GSO (these and pamphlets on Intergroups are available from GSO).

Two persons answer the telephones in each of three (3) shifts from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. About 35% of the groups participate, both in donating time at, and contributing funds to, the Intergroup Central Office. This was pretty much true in the districts represented at this assembly meeting. Nonetheless, service is to provide unity among all groups. It was noted that Ocala Central Office has been open only six (6) weeks and the Fourth Tradition has been reviewed by all groups. The emphasis was placed on how each group "affects other groups and AA as a whole", by how much or how little time and money we contribute to service work.

We, as individuals, often talk about our gratitude for what AA has done for us; we can show that gratitude by getting into action.

We were reminded to read the AA Service Manual. Also, endeavor to have at least one Step Meeting and one Traditions Meeting available in listing of meetings in our districts.

One district noted that our old friend (?)-"lack of communication"- has been solved in that district by having a member of Intergroup visit all meetings to explain the Intergroup functions and its purpose, using the "we need you" philosophy of AA.

Your District Newsletter is also an excellent vehicle to "Pass It On" -"It" being the message to help the alcoholic.

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

Acting Secretary, Phyllis A. [REDACTED]

GSR WORKSHOP

Bill R. [REDACTED], Chmn.

Sat., 10/11/86

4:30 P.M.

Meeting opened in the usual manner. The election process was reviewed, to familiarize the general service representatives in preparation for the Sunday Assembly, at which time the North Florida Area Assembly will elect its officers for the next two year term, 1987 - 1988. The offices to be voted upon were also reviewed.

There was discussion on group inventories-are they being properly done? Consensus of opinion was - yes. Reference and reading of "Suggested Introductory/welcome Remarks at Open AA Meetings" was followed by discussion of same, and the general feeling was that, while groups may split over this issue-i.e. to approve or disapprove same, such controversy indicates a healthy attitude.

Question was asked as to qualifications required for chairing group meeting? Refer to AA GROUP pamphlet.

Question raised on how often should the Traditions be read at meetings? While they should be read at each meeting, the following suggestions were given: 1.-Remember that most meetings in our area run for one hour - therefore, call early on those who must leave early; 2.-Announce that it is alright to leave early, in case the meeting runs a bit over one hour; 3.- The 12th Tradition is so important that we need to ever be reminded of "principles before personalities"; 4.-While AA meetings vary in format quite widely, yet people continue to get sober.

There was discussion on how do you start discussing Traditions on a regular basis? 1.-Try a five minute opening discussion; 2.-Remember that we do not like change, so introduction of Traditions as a topic may take quite awhile.

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

Acting Secretary, Judy P. [REDACTED]

POST REMINDERS: NOVEMBER 15, 1986 DEADLINE to return to Pat N. [REDACTED] the Print Out Forms updated for both the N.Fl. Roster and the 1987 Directory.

First Quarterly Assembly, January 9-10-11, 1987, Holiday Inn, Titusville, All Rooms \$35.00 plus tax.



- 6 - NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

REPORT BY TREASURER AT FOURTH QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY
HOWARD JOHNSON MOTOR LODGE, ORLANDO, FL OCTOBER 11-12, 1986
PERIOD COVERED: JULY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1986

DONATIONS BY DISTRICTS & GROUPS July 1-September 30, 1986

DIST.	GROUP	AMOUNT	DIST.	GROUP	AMOUNT		
1.	ARLINGTON (2)	\$ 54.30	14.	DOWNTOWN	\$ 25.00		
	ARLINGTON FRIENDS	30.00		QUARTERWAY	25.00		
	BEACHES UNITY	75.00		WILLISTON WINNERS	3.60		
	BROWN BAGGERS	9.00		WOMEN'S SERENITY			
	CENTRAL (3)	75.00		SEEKERS	5.00		
	life line (2)	20.00		WOMEN'S STEP STUDY	2.00		
	MANDARIN	25.00	15.	---	---		
	SWITZERLAND	10.00	16.	LIVE OAK	10.00		
2.	HELPING HANDS	25.00		SERENITY	10.00		
	SUNRISE	25.00		TWELVE STEP	10.00		
3.	HAPPY HOUR	30.00	17.	OCALA	21.50		
	LA PAZ (3)	25.00		OCALA GRACE	30.00		
	ORTEGA	25.00		SERENITY	34.21		
	TIMAUQUANA LADIES	36.95		WINNERS' CIRCLE(4)	119.49		
4.	FERNANDINA BCH	50.00		WE GIVE THANKS	7.00		
	MISSING LINK	40.00		WOMEN'S ALCOHOL	1.00		
	RIVERSIDE (2)	30.00	18.	BORN TO WIN	20.00		
	RIVERVIEW STUDY	15.00		CASSELBERRY	30.00		
5.	CENTRAL	30.00		LONGWOOD	15.00		
	CRAWFORDVILLE	40.00		SANFORD BIG BOOK	10.00		
	MEN'S FAITH	20.00		SANFORD WOMEN	5.00		
	NORTHSIDE	73.83	(2)	TWENTY FOUR HOUR	12.00		
	southside	30.00		GOLDENROD	1.00		
	TUES. NIGHT WOMEN	40.00	19.	DELTONA ENTERPRISES	5.00		
6.	BIG BASS	25.00	20.	HELPING HAND	15.00		
	OLDEST CITY (3)	30.00		NEW SMYRNA BCH	12.00		
	OYSTER CREEK (3)	11.73		PORT ORANGE (2)	10.00		
	PALATKA	25.00	21.	BIG BOOK STUDY(3)	18.03		
	ST. JOHN'S RIVER	50.00		ORMOND-BY-THE-SEA(3)	15.00		
	SERENITY STEP DIS	10.00		PRIMARY PURPOSE	10.00		
7.	STEPPING STONES	10.00	SUMMARY DONATIONS BY DISTRICTS				
	TRANSITION	25.00	DIST.	A	B	C	AMOUNT
	TWELVE & TWELVE	20.00	1.	26	8	12	\$198.80
8.	OCEAN HOLIDAY	5.00	2.	14	2	2	50.00
	ROAD TO RECOVERY(2)	30.00	3.	15	4	6	116.95
	SAT NITE ALIVE	11.00	4.	19	4	5	135.00
	WAY OF LIFE (3)	31.57	5.	17	6*	6	233.83
	winners way	80.43	6.	17	6	10	151.73
9.	PINECASTLE FRIEND	-	7.	15	3	3	55.00
	SHIP (2)	23.00	8.	21	5	8	158.00
	PINE HILLS GRACE	37.94	9.	14	2	3	60.94
10.	ALOMA	10.00	10.	11	3	4	71.60
	APOPKA STEP	15.80	11.	22	9	10	293.50
	TANGLEWOOD (2)	45.80	12.	20	8	9	167.50
11.	BAR NONE	30.00	13.	24	2	5	62.00
	BROWN BAGGERS	40.00	14.	29	5	5	60.60
	DRY DOCK #24	40.00	15.	13	-	-	---
	NU START	40.00	16.	6	3	3	30.00
	SHARING & CARING	6.50	17.	19	6	9	213.20
	TODAY'S WOMEN	10.00	18.	21	7	8	93.00
	WINTER PARK (2)	105.00	19.	19	1	1	5.00
	WINTER PARK MEN	12.00	20.	8	3	4	37.00
	WINTER PARK STEP	10.00	21.	11	3	7	43.03
12.	BAREFOOT BAY	10.00	22.	6	-	-	---
	BEACHCOMBERS	12.00		367	89	120	\$2336.68
	EARLY BIRDS	60.00	* One group listed here is unregistered with GSO.				
	NEW HOPE	20.00	A = No. Registered Groups				
	NORTH PATRICK	10.00	B = No. Groups Donating				
	sandpiper	30.00	C = No. Donations				
	TURNING POINT(2)	10.00	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED				
	WOMEN'S BEACHSIDE	15.00	Elise D. [REDACTED], Treasurer				
13.	CRYSTAL RIVER (3)	30.00	[REDACTED]				
	LECANTO (2)	32.00	Sanford, FL 32771				

PRUDENT RESERVE-	
DECEMBER 31, 1985	7995.90
MARCH 31, 1986	8125.88
JUNE 30, 1986	8248.93
SEPTEMBER	8358.06

Interest this year to date: \$362.16

PERIOD ENDING	GROUP DONATIONS	MISCELL. COLLECT.	RECEIPTS	DATE EX.	HOST COM. COMMITTEES	OPERATIONAL EXP.	ASSEMBLY	OPERATIONAL EXP.	TOTAL
12.31.85	\$8904.14	\$1913.87	\$10818.35	400.00	\$1052.01	\$2722.23	\$1546.91	\$116.32	\$1432.37
3.31.86	2588.76	702.22	3290.98	700.00	825.07	1234.10	684.00	3443.17	10024.81
6.30.86	2577.93	815.90	3393.83	700.00	1253.30	52.50	3246.62	(-1.15)	9974.35
9.30.86	2336.68	908.79	3245.47	---	1940.82	736.50	3106.11	1824.17	9974.35
TOTAL	\$1503.31	\$2126.91	\$9330.28	\$1100.00	3139.35	3130.36	736.50	8106.11	

MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTIONS: 3/31 Includes \$10.00 memorial fund; \$13.10 from Alkathon Dist. XX; \$105.60 Int. on Checking Acct.
6/30 Interest \$121.49; 9/30 Interest \$112.57, \$228.25 Grapevine Display sales.
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES: 6/30-\$510.21 for GV. Display to be sold at Convention 9/30 \$516.00 additional GV Display for sale at Convention. INSTITUTIONS: 6/30 \$84.00 and (9/30) \$52.50 for Institutions: Treatment Centers Committee.
INSTITUTIONS 6/30 \$600 to S. Fla. to pay expenses of Correctional Institutions to attend Convention.