



NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

April 16, 1989

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING OF NORTH FLORIDA AREA CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

March 31, April 1 and 2, 1989 - Ocala, Florida

DCM/OFFICERS MTG., 04/01/89, 3:30 P.M.: Tom D , Chairman, opened the meeting in the usual manner. Roll Call-Absent Districts 2, 5, and 23. Minutes of the first quarterly meeting of the North Florida Area Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous approved as mailed.

Treasurer's Report-Joan E , Treasurer, provided the following report. Beginning balance \$5,172.48; gross income \$6,057.07; expenses \$8,121.97; ending balance (\$2,064.90). Transfer from prudent reserve \$3,500.00. Prudent reserve balance \$4,574.18. Ending cash balance 03/31/89, after transfer from prudent reserve \$6,662.60. Total \$11,236.78. She noted that under Delegate's Expenses, this category included the current delegate, alternate delegate and past delegate expenses. Coffee at Melbourne was \$10 per gallon; coffee at Ocala \$7.75 per gallon. Coffee prices at future assemblies may go as high as \$13 a gallon. The \$1,260.95 earmarked for the film library was included in the transfer of funds between Elise and Joan. There was no separate account set aside for this purpose. Group donation checks should be made payable to: NORTH FLORIDA AREA CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS and mailed to: Joan E , Treasurer, 7924 Southwest 90th Lane, Gainesville, Florida 32608. Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

Tom D said that some groups and districts have not been contributing to the area conference because of our "reckless spending". Jimmy G , Delegate, then provided some background information on how the area fellowship feels about our financial situation. He said that, "some districts have held back contributions when the prudent reserve was very high. Some people felt that we were spending too much. Seeing that we are losing money every quarter, we will have to cut back. We have gotten bigger and bigger and have tried to add 'attractions' in order to encourage people to attend the area meetings. We will have to make some changes if we are to take care of the business of the area." He talked about cutting out the Friday night meeting and 8:00 a.m. breakfast on Saturday morning. "We don't have enough money to keep going with the same agenda. We have seven standing committees; Accessibilities, Archives, CPC, Correctional, Treatment Facilities, Public Information and Grapevine. Our work can be taken care of on Saturday afternoon, with the general assembly on Sunday morning." He said that as growth continues, it may be necessary to have a central location or have only the DCM's and Officers meet together and the GSR's will have to have their own district meetings. He said that Georgia starts at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday and works until 11:00 p.m. Saturday on area business. We could also cut out of town speaker expenses. He said that we move around to different areas in North Florida so that we can get to know the people and that we should utilize local resources as speakers for area conference meetings. He noted that we have never had a Regional Forum in the North Florida area. With approval from the North Florida Area Conference of A.A., Jimmy will submit a bid for a Jacksonville area Regional Forum in 1992 to GSO.

Fred M , Alternate Chairman, said that there was no doubt that we have to "tighten our belts in certain areas". He cautioned against over reaction to our current financial situation.

Tom D noted that we should "get back to basics with our assembly meetings". He said that the officers met this morning and came up with a few suggestions for cutting expenses, which include but are not limited to: 1. Eliminate the Friday night meeting and have the host committee arrange to meet people coming in on Friday night and take them to a meeting. 2. Start the assembly at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, through 11:00 p.m. on Saturday and concluding after the general assembly meeting on Sunday. 3. Eliminate out of town speakers.

Dan S. strongly felt that we should not alter our current agenda, but rather, eliminate redundant mailings, have a standing committee negotiate hotel accommodations and beverage costs, rather than each host committee, use NFACAA speakers only and try to increase group contributions immediately. He suggested using the same procedure as GSO did to make groups aware of the Seventh Tradition of self-support. This same Tradition applies to the area conference.

Corliss G. said that we are just trying to use our time and money more efficiently in eliminating the Friday night meeting.

Bob suggested charging a \$5 or \$10 registration fee.

Dan E. made a note about the first quarterly contributions from District 17 to the area conference. These contributions totalled \$368.46. More than any other district of the same size and number of groups. He felt that the fellowship generated at the area conference meetings was an essential part of an alcoholic's recovery. He asked the other DCM's present what they were doing about self-support. He said that we have to get back to the basic unit; what its all about. Communication is our problem; not money.

Bill B. made the following motion, "Eliminate the area conference's liability for Friday night and start the meetings at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, working through 11:00 p.m. Saturday, with the General Assembly meeting on Sunday morning." After being asked by Phyllis G. if this motion would encompass the upcoming area conference meeting in Jacksonville, Bill amended the above motion, prior to a second, as follows, "Eliminate the area conference's liability for Friday night and start the meetings at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, working through 11:00 p.m. Saturday, with the General Assembly meeting on Sunday morning; to be effective at the third quarterly meeting of the area conference in July, in Jacksonville, if the host committee can re-negotiate the sales contract." There was mention made by the outgoing DCM for Daytona Beach that the October, 1989 area conference meeting had already been set, but maybe it can be changed. This was the sentiment expressed by several host committees who have already committed to a hotel for upcoming area conference meetings.

A vote was taken of those DCM's present as to the motion as stated in the paragraph above (Page 1), with the following results: 17 in favor; 15 opposed. This motion will be presented for discussion and vote at the General Assembly meeting, Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m., April 2, 1989.

There was a great deal of feeling that we need to get more financial support from the groups. Burt S. said that "we should leave the next area conference agenda for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and get together with the next two host committees to see what effect a one night reduction will have on the assemblies (i.e., room rates, coffee, etc.) planned for Daytona Beach, Gainesville and St. Augustine and vote on it at that time."

It was suggested by several present that hotel contracts are very inflexible and should not be experimented with. Down the line, these hotels will not want to host any A.A. conference, if we say one thing and do another and do not follow through with the original commitment that was made. We need to get back to A.A. principals.

OPEN SPEAKERS MTG., 04/01/89, 8:30 P.M.: John S , Northeast Regional Trustee, shared his experience, strength and hope of recovery in A.A. and how service work has been an essential part of his program of recovery. The meeting was attended by approximately 450 people.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 04/02/89, 9:00 A.M.: Tom D , Chrmn., opened the meeting with a moment of silent meditation, followed with the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call-Absent, Districts 2, 5, 8, 10, 25 & 27.

Minutes of the first quarterly meeting approved as mailed.

Treasurer's Report - Report presented in the form of income and expenses for the period ending 03/31/89. Group contributions \$3,352.12. Note: Delegate's expenses included current delegate, current alternate delegate and past delegate. Beginning balance \$5,172.48; gross income \$6,057.07; expenses \$8,121.97; ending balance (\$2,064.90) - transfer from prudent reserve \$3,500.00. Cash balance as of 03/31/89 \$6,662.60; prudent reserve \$4,574.18 (includes interest). Joan E. asked all North Florida area groups to PLEASE include their group name, district number, city and group name when sending contributions to her. She noted that the film library amount identified on the 12/31/88 Treasurer's Report in the amount of \$1,260.95 was included in the checking account cash transfer made at the end of the last Treasurer's term of office and that there is no separate 'escrow account' for this purpose.

Delegate's Report - Jimmy G said that he was very busy these past three months trying to get to know the people in the area. He will be happy to come and visit the districts to report on the Conference in New York or give a talk on any other subject that relates to the fellowship that he is able to address. He mentioned that he attended the Delegate's Meeting in Atlanta, February, 1989. Being Delegate is a pretty big job. The people in Atlanta really made him feel comfortable. He said it was just a "bunch of drunks that are trying to stay sober and service work helps. They gave me insight into what will happen in New York." There was a lot of material to read in preparation for the Conference, April 22, 1989. Jimmy will be on the Finance Committee. He said that New York had requested that he give a two minute report on the progress and problems of our area (14). "Growth is both our progress and problem. We are getting bigger." GSO had suggested that Jimmy read A.A. Comes of Age and Language of the Heart. Bill W. said that "our own success will be our biggest challenge." Jimmy said that he had heard that A.A. is second only in growth as an organization, with Christianity being first. He realized when he first came to an assembly that "A.A. is bigger than the Central Group in Jacksonville." He understands more the longer he stays sober. He said that he has heard a lot of complaints and problems over the past three months as to our financial condition and he asked that everyone remember that it is the people sitting out in the audience who will make the decisions. They are the "real people in charge", not the people sitting on the podium (referring to the officers). The DCM's and GSR's are "running the show". The answer will have to come from the groups. We will have to solve the problem together. He said that there was no way to argue the point that we are growing. It is our responsibility to get the message out to all groups, big or small. Are we just getting more people involved or are we getting more groups involved. Some groups cannot afford to come to the assemblies; especially smaller groups. For years we have gone back to the groups telling them that we needed their financial support in order to conduct our business. Jimmy asked the question, "Do we really need to be this big?" He went on to say, "I hope I know what the answers are; I hope I know how you feel. I am willing to sit down and talk to you and discuss any problems you might have. I hope that I will be able to take care of this job. It is an honor to serve. I never really wanted to be Delegate. I did not feel, at one point, that I was qualified or capable to be Delegate. I hope that I am here for the right reasons. I hope that I am able to do what you want me to do." Jimmy made a few comments about the Concepts Meeting. He said that we needed to understand the things that we are doing. He said that John S mentioned that the Concepts are hard to understand and that the understanding of them takes study and time. He said that although we have to make some changes, nothing will be written in stone. Tom D. wished Jimmy, on behalf of the Assembly, good luck in New York at the Conference.

Trustee's Report - John S , Northeast Regional Trustee. His first comments were about Jimmy G. not having "any problems in New York. The committee system really works." He said that there are 21 trustees; 7 non-alcoholics/Class A and 14 alcoholics/Class B. There are 8 regional trustees; two trustees at large - 1 from the U.S. and 1 from Canada. John felt that we needed more regional trustees. He has 18 areas in his region; in comparison to some others, it is small, but the New Jersey area alone is large as far as its alcoholic population is concerned. "Hopefully, someday, we will have more trustees from the regional areas of the country. None of us would be here though, if we didn't love service work." He said that he encourages group G.S.R.'s to write to New York, but if they do, they should send a copy of their correspondence to the area Delegate (Jimmy G.), so that the Delegate is kept informed of any problems or solutions. He noted the importance of keeping the lines of communication open. John serves on the following committees: CPC, PI, the International Committee and Treatment Facilities. He said that the Treatment Facilities committee will present to the April Conference, a 15-18 minute video tape for both A.A. members and staff and patients of treatment facilities addressing specific issues pertinent to this subject. Conference approval will be required; a three minute presentation of part of the video tape will be made at the Conference. John thanked everyone

for inviting him to the assembly. He said that he would be happy to answer any questions; if we have any questions that he can't answer, he will go to any length to get the answer.

Tom D. thanked Dan E. and District 17 for a great assembly weekend. THANKS DISTRICT 17!
Basket passed.

Bob T., Chairman, Corrections Committee, asked the general assembly for support of 10 registrations for prisoners to attend the Florida State Convention in Hollywood, Florida. The cost would be \$950.00 to the area conference. We will share half the cost with the South Florida area conference, as in years past. Tom D. said that he wasn't sure if our finances would allow such an expenditure at this time. The following motion was made, seconded and carried (with one opposing vote) as follows, "That if, based on the treasury's condition, that the area conference approve this funding of \$950 for 10 prisoners to attend the State Convention in July." Bob will get with Joan in the next month to ascertain the status of our treasury and its cash balance. The money will have to be sent within the next month.

Judy P., Corresponding Secretary, suggested that the roster be distributed once per year, rather than every quarter. There being no opposition to this suggestion, the roster will now only be distributed once per year in July. She went on to say that there is a lot of things that the DCM's could be doing to help in communicating with the fellowship. They are in a position to make distribution of literature, minutes, announcements and Seventh Tradition solicitations to their GSR's. This is especially true for those members that want to be on the elective mailing list. Judy P. said that she is responsible for sending to New York, the list of all new DCM's for the next two years (1989/1990). For new group information or changes in GSR status for groups, the DCM is responsible for forwarding to Judy P. a change order. She will then make the appropriate changes to the area conference roster and forward the new group information and/or changes to New York. Or, in the alternative, the DCM may send the change order to both Judy P. and New York, noting on Judy's copy that New York has already received the information.

Tom D. said that the North Florida area conference is experiencing financial problems and that some groups are withholding contributions. He said that the next assembly will be in Jacksonville JULY 8, 9 & 10, 1989 at the Marriott Hotel. However, considering the financial problems we are having, it may only be July 9 & 10, '89. Tom said that Bill B. had made a motion at the DCM meeting on Saturday afternoon, which motion follows here below, which will be the topic of discussion and vote at this morning's general assembly meeting. "Eliminate the area conference's liability for Friday night and start the meetings at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, working through 11:00 p.m. Saturday, with the General Assembly meeting on Sunday morning." After being asked by Phyllis G. if this motion would encompass the upcoming area conference meeting in Jacksonville, Bill amended the above motion, prior to a second, as follows, "Eliminate the area conference's liability for Friday night and start the meetings at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, working through 11:00 p.m. Saturday, with the General Assembly meeting on Sunday morning; to be effective at the third quarterly meeting of the area conference in July, in Jacksonville, if the host committee can re-negotiate the sales contract." Tom went on to say that the GSR's and DCM's are in charge of the purse strings. The officers are just trusted servants. Eliminating Friday night will save on coffee and we will not have to pay the additional cost of the meeting room. The major costs would include a one night hotel stay. Tom D. opened the floor for discussion and the following comments were made. Most are included here, either in whole or part. To avoid redundancy, not all comments are repeated more than once.

Fred M., Alternate Chairman, noted that the coffee cost at Melbourne was \$3,746 and that the collections were \$1,052. This means that each person averaged \$.35 to \$.36 per collection, per meeting.

A registration fee be charged of any where from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Have each GSR and DCM attending provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope and have the minutes mailed to those people that were interested in receiving them.

Issue a challenge to DCM's, along with active GSR's, to go around to non-participating groups in their District and let them know what we are doing and why we are doing it. Inform them about the Seventh Tradition of Self-Support through our own contributions. And, reminding groups, that this is part of the program - recovery, unity and service.

Continue with the current agenda and revisit the issue in Jacksonville in July, 1989.

There was concern voiced by several regarding those host districts that had already negotiated a three-day deal with hotels for future assemblies. What would cutting out Friday night mean to their negotiations and how would our backing out on a three-day package at hotels affect the reputation of A.A. as a whole?

Start a collection plate for coffee.

Have coffee in a central location only.

Use 8 oz. styrofoam cups for coffee.

Have GSR's who can afford it, pay their own way to the area conference meetings, and have the group donate their expense money to the area conference.

"Don't be discouraged by finances. Go back to the groups and tell them we need money. Go by the Traditions."

"Attract people to the assembly, rather than promote. Use basic, old principles."

"Maybe we should take up more money, instead of cutting back."

Keep it simple.

Nothing is free; except there are no dues or fees for A.A. membership, but always remembering that we are self-supporting through our own contributions.

Don't cut our own throats.

Many noted that the motion only alleviates the financial liability of the area conference. The district host committee could still have the Friday night agenda at their own cost.

Eliminate out of town speakers. and/or Eliminate out of town speakers for a one year period only.

Eliminate duplicative printing and postage costs.

Sell North Florida Area Conference Quarterly Assembly Meeting coffee cups for \$2.00.

Have the officers pay their own way, instead of taking the money from the area treasury. Joan E. noted that it is, however,

the ultimate responsibility of the area conference to pay for the Delegate's expenses.

"We need to take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves."

"We are experiencing panic and fear about our financial situation. Our first reaction is an overreaction. There are lessons to be learned from what we are doing here. Let's learn from this experience."

Some felt that we could conduct our business from 11:00 a.m. Saturday morning through 11:00 p.m. Saturday evening, with the General Assembly meeting Sunday morning.

Some felt that we could not financially keep up with our current agenda schedule without having to "beg the groups for more money."

"What is the business of the area assembly? The issue is that we are required to carry the message to the alcoholic who is still suffering. Service work is enthusiasm manifesting itself in fellowship. Coffee is not the issue here. Money is not the issue here. It is the self-ego of a few who will diminish the fellowship of service work for all that we have tried so hard to encourage."

John Sl noted that we should support our officers. "What would we do without them?" He also wondered how many GSR's stayed home this weekend, because they could not afford to come? "Isn't that the question that is facing us today? How are these groups getting the message of service from the area conference? Don't they deserve a part in this discussion? Some are not financially able to support the area conference; their groups are small and their contributions limited, especially in rural areas. Shouldn't they be our first consideration?"

Form a committee to work up a budget for the area conference.

Form a committee to negotiate the hotel arrangements for each area conference meeting, thereby relieving this responsibility from the district host committee.

Jimmy G. made a motion, which was seconded and carried by majority vote as follows, "See what the planning is in Jacksonville with the hotel and table the original motion of altering the Friday, Saturday, Sunday agenda until the area conference meeting in July in Jacksonville."

Assembly adjourned 11:55 a.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry A. S., Recording Secretary

CONCEPTS WORKSHOP, 04/01/89, 8:30 A.M.: Attendance 92. Jimmy G., Delegate, Chairperson opened the meeting with a discussion on the importance of the Concepts. The pamphlet, The Twelve Concepts Illustrated was distributed to those present. Jimmy said that we all need to know more about the Concepts; how they are the foundation of all of the principals of Alcoholics Anonymous. Bob S., past Delegate, discussed the six warranties as they are included in Concept XII. (The Six Warranties were included in their entirety in the minutes of the first quarterly assembly meeting/Melbourne and may also be found in the Service Manual on Pages 63-75.) Bob said that the six warranties constitute the Conference Charter. The Charter can only be changed with a written vote of 3/4's of the entire membership of A.A. He said that this would cost a great deal of money to obtain a written vote of 3/4's of the fellowship. In his discussion concerning the warranties, Bob said that the groups are really responsible as to how the money is spent; they "control the purse strings". A prudent reserve is necessary for the on-going operation of the General Service Office/Board to help the still suffering alcoholic. The only ultimate authority in A.A. is God as we understand Him. Bob said, "we have nothing to fear about what goes on in New York. There are safeguards for the groups. When we meet in a Conference, we report the basic representation of the entire fellowship. We have the freedom to serve."

John Sl, Northeast Regional Trustee, was introduced by Jimmy. John said that when he was first elected as Delegate in 1983, he "thought the Concepts were only for the Conference, but I now know that the Concepts are for everybody." You have to work the steps and traditions in order to recover from alcoholism. This also includes understanding the Concepts as well. Any problem encountered in the fellowship can be solved through the Concepts. John said that A.A. is working in Russia today. Some of the group's money goes for literature translation. He said that as set forth in Concept VIII, that the Trustees are the oversight of the fellowship, i.e., its custodians. The Concepts are for every group and for every member. There was discussion concerning our tradition of anonymity at the level of press, radio and film. There is always the question about why "television" was never added. The answer goes back to the necessity of having a written vote and approval of 3/4's of the membership before a change is made. It was emphasized that cooperation is the key in keeping our Traditions and principals of recovery. Phyllis G. said that it was important to get the 'correct' information out to all members of A.A. about anonymity. There is a need for education within A.A. on service work. Jimmy G. said that there is a lot more going on in service work than he ever imagined. He said the GSR is the most important job in A.A. Meeting closed with the passing of the basket and the Lord's Prayer.

GRAPEVINE WORKSHOP, 04/01/89, 9:30 A.M.: Ken R., Chairman. Attendance: 25. Discussed how people can use the Grapevine. It was also noted that you should save the Grapevine and put them in a Grapevine binder. Binders available through NY. Ken said that the Grapevine has helped him stay sober, because it is easy to read and can be handled easily. Also, it is indexed for easy reference.

A topic was discussed as to how a person can become a representative. A card is submitted by the interested party to NY and that person is put on a mailing list. They will receive the Grapevine newsletter that is printed four times a year. Usually a Grapevine meeting is held once a month in the District. There are also meeting topics listed in the Grapevine for discussion at

closed meetings. A Grapevine Workbook is available at a cost of \$7.00 from New York. The Workbook was displayed at the meeting.

Language of the Heart sales continue to be strong.

In June, 1989, the Grapevine will celebrate its 45th anniversary. They will have an expanded issue of the Grapevine; to 64 pages. Ken said that there is a host of material that is available free of charge from the Grapevine for those groups who cannot afford to purchase it. There were several groups interested in receiving this free material. The supply of 'old' Grapevine's has been depleted because of the overwhelming interest. In September, 1989, there will be a special edition of the Grapevine focusing on articles submitted by young people in A.A. New York continues to need articles relative this subject. If you have something you would like to share, send your manuscript to the A.A. Grapevine in New York. Please note, however, that it will not be returned and they are under no obligation to use your manuscript.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES WORKSHOP, 04/01/89, 9:30 A.M.: Bob T , Chairman, Attendance: 62. Bernie, Alternate Chairman, opened the meeting by introducing Dennis from Tomoka. He, among other things, discussed the importance of outside sponsorship and contact. Denial is a big problem, especially when inmates first come into jail. There is a meeting that is held every third Thursday @ 7:30 p.m. of each month to discuss orientation for A.A. prison work. There was also discussion concerning the importance of educating school age children. The need for organization of funds, literature for inmates and access to a 12 step list of names for people newly released. Debbie, Corrections Chairperson, Districts 19, 20 & 21 brought up the importance of access to literature for people to use and distribute in facilities and a workshop to acquaint the public (possible volunteers) with what A.A. work in prison is all about. She suggested that encouragement by sponsors get people involved. Bernie touched on the importance of a work release center contact and its effect on sobriety as a last stop before a person is free to the street. It is important to remain in A.A. after release. Bernie also brought out the usefulness of the Corrections literature fund. George L., state-wide troubleshooter and prison liaison with A.A. spoke at the meeting. He was the first ex-con to be hired by the State. Coordinates the program that sends prisoners to the State Convention. He has been a great help to our area's conference committee on Corrections. George noted the importance of all service work and the overall effect A.A. has in the prison system as far as future group members. The 12th step challenge also includes prison work. As a final piece of business, the GSR's are asked to take a vote for sponsorship in their groups.

PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHOP, 04/01/89, 9:30 A.M.: George C , Chairman. What is P.I.? To carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers; inform the public; reach a third person. What District 9 has done--gone to Lake Mary High School and gave a three hour presentation on what A.A. is all about and how you can get help. People want to know how we are self-supporting. District 6--just began P.I. Been in malls passing out literature. District 24--P.I. Committee two years old; radio spots and booths. District 5--mailing letters to schools; doing TV spots. (Ray)--24 hour a day hotline; cards in hospitals and doctor's offices; treatment center meeting. District 13--A.A. meeting at school (7 children requested a meeting); free meeting advertisement in the newspaper. Miami--very active in Jefferson Junior High School and junior college; wellness center and Alanon and Alateen.

There are pamphlets and bulletins available on just about every topic or an answer to a question you might have. The Preamble of A.A. was put together by the first editor of the Grapevine. 1958-The Third Tradition ("The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.") does not say "honest desire". They dropped it because it might confuse the newcomer. Primary Purpose - what is it? Singleness of purpose and primary purpose are the same as per Bill W. Singleness of purpose is to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic. Original Traditions came about as a result of discussions, troubles, etc. How many are pure alcoholics, atheists or dually addicted? The purpose of Tradition Three -- Do you think you are different? Regardless of any other condition, if you have a problem with alcohol then you are welcome at A.A. We are more like each other than different. 1952--first conference on primary purpose; 1988--conference on singleness of purpose; key to unity; outcome of Tradition One; deals with all 12 Traditions, not just 1, 3 and 5. All the Traditions are affected by primary purpose. Get your FREE Traditions Checklist from the Grapevine.

INTERGROUP WORKSHOP, 04/01/89, 10:45 A.M.: Mark I. and Frank H , Co-Chairman. Attendance: 45. Discussed how intergroup was started and how it keeps going. GSR's need to explain to their groups the 60/30/10 process. Some Intergroups could not survive on this donation plan. They use activities to increase their treasury. Keep groups going first. Intergroup is a clearing house of information; groups are responsible to keep Intergroup going. The purpose of Intergroup is to help carry the message. In response to a question regarding the number of intergroups in Florida, it was suggested that you look in the directory for this information. Also, for starting new groups, refer to the GSO pamphlet, "The Group". Also, if you are planning to start an Intergroup, GSO has a bulletin about Intergroups. Read it! It was suggested that intergroup office workers not give 'advice' on 12 step calls; qualify your volunteers that serve in the intergroup office. Rotate volunteers; have fresh people so that volunteers don't get burned out. You need volunteers who are enthusiastic and dedicated to service. Live within your means; keep it simple!

There was a great deal of discussion concerning A.A. and non-A.A. approved literature. Suggestions were -- having the groups decide what kind of literature the Intergroup Office will carry; separate A.A. and non-A.A. approved literature; take a vote on every piece of non-A.A. approved literature (i.e., chips, Hazelton, etc.); charge more for non-A.A. approved literature; make a profit on medallions, 24 hour a day book, etc.; have a committee to review literature for sale; have literature that only refers to alcohol. It was noted that if you mark-up literature, you must charge sales tax. Closed with the thought that Bill W. said "do all the inspirational reading you can."

COOPERATION W/ PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY WORKSHOP, 04/01/89, 10:45 A.M.: Dan S , Chairperson. Attendance: 65. First of all, special thanks to District 17 and Irene G. for this excellent area conference and for taking the notes of the C.P.C. meeting, respectively.

After the normal opening ceremonies, the C.P.C. session was kicked off by a statement of purpose (to carry the message to the

alcoholic who still suffers through the third party professional), distribution of a current roster of activists, an outline of a panel presentation, the C.P.C. Newsletter "Connections" and two workbooks.

Anita from Jacksonville gave a synopsis of the C.P.C. activity at the Orange County Civic Center, March 11-14, 1989, at which we manned a booth, talked to the conventioners and gave away some literature to professional educators. Tom D. [redacted], Jimmy G. [redacted], Anita, Bobbe L. and a host of Orlando locals, P.I.'s and C.P.C.er's including Art P. helped out and made our first "trade show" a success.

A mock panel presentation was given by Al, Joe and Susan to a mock audience of probation officers which was followed by some mock questions, which, however, received real answers (we think). Please note that Alanon and Intergroup functions were both mentioned during the presentation in an effort to give a full slate of data to the professionals.

Next time we intend to hold our Workshop on "First C.P.C. Contacts" and "how to get invited to professional's meetings."

In the closing ceremonies, a new local activist was enlisted, Jennifer W., District 14. Anita reminded us that C.P.C. action can be as simple as leaving a Grapevine in your doctor's waiting room or talking one-on-one to your clergyman.

From the 65 warm bodies in attendance, the requisite \$36 was collected, the Our Father recited and we adjourned. Dan S. C.P.C. Chairman,

TREATMENT FACILITIES WORKSHOP, 04/01/89, 10:45 A.M.: Beverly F. [redacted], Chairperson. Attendance: 49. Discussion centered on the history of meetings in hospitals and treatment facilities. Shared the treatment facilities workbook with the group. We covered information found in the workbook on the common questions and problems brought up in previous assemblies. Went over non-alcoholic addicts attendance at meetings, the need to educate the staff about A.A. and what we do and do not do in recovery of alcoholism. Gave some suggestions on handling the influx of patients into local A.A. groups. Emphasized working within the Traditions in a treatment facility. Suggested helping the facility or members start their own programs (O.A., N.A., etc.) if needed.

Remember love and kindness work in dealing with the staff at facilities. The responsibility to inform the treatment facilities staff and clients about A.A. is ours and all the information needed is either in the workbook or pamphlets from G.S.O. Some suggestions on going into a treatment facility include, but are not limited to, 1) get clearance; 2) remember we are guests in the facility and self-supporting; 3) have a strong chairperson that can, in a loving way, keep topic on recovery of alcoholism; 4) have list of N.A. meetings for the non-alcoholic addict; 5) appearance-clean and respectful for attraction.

TRADITIONS WORKSHOP, 04/01/89, 1:00 P.M.: Corliss G. [redacted], Chairperson. Attendance: 75. A skit on the Traditions was presented by District 14. The skit showed a group that was in a lot of trouble doing all the wrong things for all the right reasons. The skit illustrated how the Traditions can work to solve group problems. Corliss said that all the "actors" had a lot of fun doing the skit and worked very hard at it. Tom D., on behalf of the area conference, thanked Corliss and District 14 for their presentation and the tremendous effort that went into the skit, for our benefit. Following the skit, there was a discussion of Tradition Two.

DCM WORKSHOP, 04/01/89, 2:15 P.M.: Fred M. [redacted], Chairperson. Attendance: 71. Fred opened the meeting with a quote from the writings of Bill W. George C., P.I. Chairman, asked each D.C.M. to give him the name of their District P.I. representative. Fred J., DCM, District 12, brought up the topic of receiving a picture of a supposed A.A. member and flyer saying that this person was wanted by the F.B.I. at the Intergroup Office in Brevard County from a District in Hot Springs, Arkansas; that an A.A. member saw the flyer and picture in the Brevard County Intergroup Office and felt that it was a violation of this person's anonymity to be portrayed in such a fashion. It was noted that this person was a con artist who preyed on A.A. members in trying to sell non-existing stock deals, etc. Phyllis G. suggested that Fred J. write back to Hot Springs, Arkansas and ask them to contact the General Service Office to get feedback on how to handle this situation and stop sending out flyers to each group. There were several who felt that this "rip-off artist" was hurting A.A. as a whole and, therefore, not keeping with the traditions. Paul said that we should be concentrating on carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic; that this matter isn't any of our business. We must be careful to not be side-tracked from our primary purpose. Fred McD. said that the D.C.M. Workshop is a sounding board for the group conscience. He explained our current financial situation and the expenses incurred (coffee and tea) at the last assembly in Melbourne. Fred said that the collections from the workshop and meetings at Melbourne only totalled \$1,052.60, but the coffee and tea expense amounted to \$3,746.80. A discussion followed regarding the elimination of Friday night from the area conference agenda, with the following comments being made:

PLEASE NOTE: All comments are not repeated here verbatim, except where they have not been mentioned before. Please see the minutes from the General Assembly Meeting (Pages 2,3,4 & 5), as well as the minutes of the DCM/Officer's Meeting (Pages 1 & 2) for a complete list of all comments and suggestions.

We need someone who knows how to bargain with the hotels and keep the cost of coffee expense to a minimum.

Grave concern was expressed by the D.C.M. from District 14 regarding the amount of money that is being spent by the area conference, when only a few years ago, there was a tremendous prudent reserve, but no accounting of the expenditures. Her District's groups stopped sending money to the area conference for this reason.

"Nothing happens overnight; we didn't get sober overnight and we won't fix this overnight either."

Establish a central committee that will negotiate with the hotels for the best possible deal.

Don't make so many copies of the area conference quarterly meeting minutes or the treasurer's report for distribution at the following area assembly meeting. Cut down on the number of rosters printed and the number of times it is distributed. Have the DCM's distribute to their people, copies of the meeting minutes or distribute copies of the meeting minutes to those who chose to be on the 'elective mailing list'.

We need to let the groups know how we spend our money. "A.A. is not a social affair."

Reduce the number of locations where coffee is available and not have it in each room.

Several suggested a central location for the area conference quarterly meetings, where we know what our expenses will be each time. Fred J. said that this is something we really need to look at, considering the rate of inflation.

Cut out Sunday and leave Friday night intact. Since Saturday will be so intensive, it will be necessary to have one day of rest. Do not eliminate Friday night or try to consolidate all of our service activities into one long day, because we still need to keep in mind, "Easy Does It".

We need to let people know about self-support through our own contributions and North Florida should let groups know what our current financial situation is.

Keep It Simple and incorporate as many of the cost-saving suggestions as possible, without eliminating the Friday night portion of the area conference meeting.

Have quarterly assemblies every six months, instead of every three months.

Have only three quarterly assemblies a year, instead of four.

ACCESSIBILITIES WORKSHOP, 04/01/89, 2:15 P.M.: Tom C. , Chairperson. Attendance: 14. One out of two persons are disabled in some way. What is accessibilities? This covers anything, such as access for handicap fellow A.A.'s (i.e., sight, hearing, walking, wheelchairs, speech, etc.) Solutions--sound system, wheelchair ramps, rest rooms equipped for wheelchair access, interpreters, etc.

Topic--Aids victims in A.A.; how do we treat them? Educate yourself about the disease. Archie Bunker said, with finger pointed, "there's a little bit of me in all of you." Aids - you gotta really work hard at getting it. Respect your fears; make A.A. germ safe, such as foam cups, sterilize rooms and dishes, etc. Maybe we are scared of ourselves. Treat Aids victims like anyone else, with love, support and respect. Like the rest of us diseased folks, practice your traditions. Live and let live. Make it convenient for any handicapped person to get information from N.Y. about some solutions on Aids victims. Everybody has a disability; some are more noticeable than others.

ARCHIVES WORKSHOP, 04/01/89, 2:15 P.M.: Hank J. , Chairperson. Attendance: 45. Meeting to order in usual manner. Chairman briefly outlined the purpose of Archives and described the progress the committee has made thus far, this being the eighth assembly and meeting since the Archives Committee was established in the North Florida area. The chairman outlined the organizational structure of the committee and its breakdown into six zones for organizational purposes.

The Chairman outlined and advised that emphasis had been placed on the zonal concept with little actual hands on effort on the records presently on hand and ready for evaluation and cataloging. The Chairman advised that after deliberation by the Archive Committee that the committee would reapproach the accumulation of records and would meet at the next several assemblies in round table, hand to hand, hands on work with assembly records. Volunteers for the committee were received from four members among the 60 + members in attendance. The meetings will be held concurrently with other committee meetings. Any member wishing and willing to work hands on is to be invited by special note on the assembly agenda. As soon as circumstances permit, the Archives Committee will resume its training/educational programs under the zonal concept and using Zone sub-chairman to research and accumulate archive materials for retention amongst Area Archives.

Joe H. of Central Florida Intergroups made a short presentation on the principals of Archives and the rewarding experiences to be gained by working with these historical records.

GSR WORKSHOP, 04/01/89, 3:30 P.M.: Bill B. , Chairperson. Attendance: 120. Bill noted that Tom D. , Alternate Delegate, was sent into the GSR meeting, as a sacrificial lamb, to talk about money. PLEASE NOTE: All the comments and suggestions made concerning the finances of the North Florida Area Conference, how to control them and what to do to increase the treasury are all included in other portions of these minutes and are not repeated here for the sake of brevity.

GSR's need to discuss money! with their groups. The GSR's also discussed singleness of purpose and open and closed meetings. It was noted that we need open meetings to bring in newcomers. Have a closed meeting when one is needed. Let group conscience decide on open or closed meetings. We come to get; we stay to give. If you don't believe in what your group is doing; change groups. Open discussion meetings allow families a chance to learn about A.A. A.A. shouldn't dilute meetings with Alanon, etc. Emphasize anonymity.

REMINDERS:

1. Mark contributions to North Florida as follows: North Florida Area Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous & show your group service number, group name and the district you are in.
2. For the host committee, please arrange to have minute takers at each of the committee meetings and workshops of the quarterly area assembly meetings.
3. For all Intergroups and North Florida area Districts 1-28, please mail a copy of your meeting minutes and/or newsletters to the Recording Secretary, Sherry A. S. on a regular basis.
4. IMPORTANT - For all roster changes (new GSR's, etc.) mail to: Judy P. , Corresponding Secretary,

NEXT THIRD QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY MEETING

July 8, 9 and 10, 1989 - Jacksonville, Florida. To be held at the Marriott Hotel, Baymeadows with room rates @ \$45.00 single or double, plus 10 1/2% tax. Further details regarding the agenda and hotel reservations to follow. Please note that there will be no change in the area conference meeting agenda for the third quarter.

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04/16/89

N. FLA AREA CONFERENCE OF AA
INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR THE 3 MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 1989

	--- YEAR TO DATE ---	ACTUAL PERCENT	
	CHECKING ACCOUNT		PRUDENT RESERVE FUND
BEGINNING CASH-TRANSFER FROM ELICE	\$5,172.48		\$7,997.21 (2)
INCOME			
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	3,352.12	55.3	
ASSEMBLY COLLECTIONS	1,052.28	17.4	
GRAPEVINE SALES	559.44	9.2	
DELEGATE BREAKFAST SALES	697.00	11.5	
** INTEREST INCOME	96.23	1.6	**Interest Incl in Opr. Capital
SALES OF EQUIPMENT	300.00	5.0	
* TOTAL INCOME	6,057.07	100.0	
* GROSS INCOME	6,057.07	100.0	
OPERATING EXPENSES			
DELEGATE EXPENSES			
REGISTRATION/GEN SERVICE	400.00	6.6	
TRAVEL/LODGING/MEALS	740.00	12.2	
* TOTAL DELEGATE EXPENSES	1,140.00	18.8	
AREA OFFICER EXPENSES			
COPIES & DUPLICATION	382.55	6.3	
POSTAGE	140.75	2.3	
SUPPLIES	86.31	1.4	
TELEPHONE	5.16	0.1	
TRAVEL/LODGING/MEALS	434.11	7.2	
LITERATURE	68.18	1.1	
* TOTAL AREA OFFICER EXPENS	1,117.06	18.4	
AREA COMMITTEE EXPENSES			
POSTAGE	28.00	0.5	
TRAVEL/LODGING/MEALS	300.00	5.0	
LITERATURE	978.68	16.2	
* TOTAL AREA COMMITTEE EXPE	1,306.68	21.6	
ASSEMBLY HOST EXPENSES			
COPIES & DUPLICATION	35.20	0.6	
COFFEE & TEA COST	3,746.80	61.9	
POSTAGE	3.25	0.1	
TELEPHONE	32.76	0.5	
DELEGATE BREAKFAST COST	672.00	11.1	
ASSEMBLY SPEAKER EXPENSE	68.22	1.1	
* TOTAL ASSEMBLY HOST EXPEN	4,558.23	75.3	
* TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	8,121.97	134.1	(1) (\$3,500.00) Trsf to ck
* INCOME<LOSS>AFTER EXPENSE	2,064.90	34.1	4,574.18
ENDING CASH:			
TRSF FROM PRUDENT RESERVE	\$3,500.00		
CASH BALANCE 3/31/89	\$6,562.60		\$4,574.18** (Includes Interest)

- NOTES:**
- (1) A transfer of funds from the Prudent Reserve Account was made on 3/31/89. Based on the First Quarterly Assembly Expenses, a minimum of \$6500.00 is needed to cover Assembly Host and Reimbursed Expenses. Our expenses for January Assembly were \$7,804.26.
 - (2) Included in this transfer amount are funds previously "earmarked" for the Film Library. per Elice Dean's Report: \$1260.95.
- PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE: NORTH FLORIDA AREA CONFERENCE OF AA.
MAIL TO: Joan E

<u>DISTRICT #1</u>	
Arlington of AA	\$ 13.21
Switzerland	25.00
Arlington Friends	30.00
Central Group	112.50
Mandarin Group	25.00
Amethyst Group	11.00
Never too Young	<u>3.00</u>
	\$219.71

<u>DISTRICT #3</u>	
Westside Club	\$ 50.00
Middleburg Group	<u>10.00</u>
	\$60.00

<u>DISTRICT #5</u>	
Serenity Smokeless	\$ 8.00
Came to Believe	20.00
Perry Winners	10.00
Central Group	<u>60.00</u>
	\$ 98.00

<u>DISTRICT #7</u>	
Bellview Group	12.00
One Day At A Time	22.12
Happy Hour	12.50
You'r Not Alone	16.00
Triangle of Mt Dora	<u>10.00</u>
	\$ 72.62

<u>DISTRICT #9</u>	
Take It Easy	\$ 20.00
Friendship	10.00
Pine Hills Grace	50.00
Single Purpose Group	<u>42.00</u>
	\$122.00

<u>DISTRICT #11</u>	
Turning Point	\$ 25.00

<u>DISTRICT #13</u>	
Way of Life	\$ 15.00

<u>DISTRICT #14</u>	
Tuesday Night Step Study	\$ 6.98
Womens Step Study	20.00
J and G Group	<u>25.00</u>
	\$ 51.98

<u>DISTRICT #18</u>	
Solutions Group	\$ 10.00
Good Morning Group	5.00
Brown Baggers	5.00
AA of Altamonte	10.00
Happy Hour	21.00
Back to Basics	29.50
Clean Air Group	20.00
Single Purpose	45.00
Sandford Womens	5.00
The 24 Hour Grp	<u>5.00</u>
	\$155.50

<u>DISTRICT #20</u>	
New Smyrna Beach	\$ 20.00
Helping Hands	46.20
High Noon	90.00
Port Orange Grp	<u>45.00</u>
	\$201.10

<u>DISTRICT #22</u>	
Bunnell Group	\$ 10.00
Sandpipers	66.50
Stormy Seas	18.00
T.G.I.F.	12.00
Living Sober	7.00
Happy Wanderers	<u>10.00</u>
	\$123.50

<u>DISTRICT #23</u>	
Turning Point	\$ 15.00
Womens Group	20.00
Conscious Contact	29.40
Patrick Group	<u>24.00</u>
	\$ 88.40

<u>DISTRICT #28</u>	
AA of Inverness	\$ 40.00
Crystal River	42.77
Lunch Bunch	<u>45.00</u>
	\$127.77

<u>DISTRICT #4</u>	
Emanon Group	\$ 22.50
Sunshine	15.20
Caboose	8.30
East Orange	10.00
Fernandina Beach	21.90
Alexis Group	15.00
Jax Northside	15.00
Helping Hands	<u>20.00</u>
	\$127.90

<u>DISTRICT #4</u>	
Fernandina Grp	\$ 31.55
Downtown Group	<u>22.75</u>
	\$ 54.30

<u>DISTRICT #6</u>	
Night Owl Group	\$ 30.00
Shamrock Group	<u>20.00</u>
	\$ 50.00

<u>DISTRICT #8</u>	
*Way of Life	\$ 50.10
Road to Recover	45.00
Ocean Side Grp	80.00
Ocean Holiday	19.90
Brighter Days	<u>45.00</u>
	\$240.00

<u>DISTRICT #10</u>	
Brown Baggers	\$ 10.00
Sobriety Beyon	10.00
Winter Park Grp	15.29
Union Park	13.00
Alco-An Clubs	<u>200.00</u>
	\$248.29

<u>DISTRICT #12</u>	
Serenity Group	\$ 50.00
New Hope Group	20.00
Young Peoples	10.00
Eau Gallie	<u>50.00</u>
	\$130.00

<u>DISTRICT #15</u>	
Primary Purpose	\$ 50.00
Titusville Big Bk	10.00
Gateway Group	<u>25.00</u>
	\$ 85.00

<u>DISTRICT #17</u>	
Serenity Grp	\$ 34.12
Happy Hour	29.74
Winners Circle	111.29
Young People	120.81
Lunch Buch	25.00
Eye Opener	35.00
We Give Thanks	7.00
The Grace Group	<u>5.50</u>
	\$368.46

<u>DISTRICT #19</u>	
Sharing Group	\$ 7.90
Noon Group	15.00
Blue Bottom	50.00
Boulevard Group	20.22
Four Towns	16.00
Open Doors	<u>44.58</u>
	\$153.70

<u>DISTRICT #21</u>	
KISS	\$ 8.00
Primary Purpose	10.00
Aloha Group	30.00
Seaside 12 and 12	2.92
Holly Hill	10.41
O.B.Grp of AA	15.00
Seabreeze	15.00
Ormond by the Sea	7.50
Big Book of Holly	<u>21.56</u>
	\$120.39

<u>DISTRICT #24</u>	
Azalea City	\$ 24.00

<u>DISTRICT #25</u>	
Way of Life	\$ 45.00
Beaches Unity	75.00
PV-PV Group	25.00
Palm Study	10.00
Women Enjoy Sober	<u>10.00</u>
	\$165.00



NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

TO: ALL DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND
GENERAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES

The Third Quarterly Assembly of the North Florida Area Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held the weekend of July 7, 8, and 9, 1989 at the JACKSONVILLE MARRIOTT HOTEL, 4670 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville, FL 32216, phone 904/739-5800

Reservation deadline - June 26, 1989. Room Rates - \$45.00 plus 10 1/2% tax

This is a summary agenda showing only starting and ending times. A full agenda with meeting room locations, times and chairpeople will be available at the Assembly when you arrive.

Friday, July 7th

5:00 PM - 11:00 PM Hospitality and Registration for Early Birds
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM Open Discussion Meeting for Early Birds

Saturday, July 8th

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Early Bird Breakfast Buffet - \$8.00 (Optional)
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Concepts Workshop (also Optional)
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Various workshop meetings to be scheduled

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Various workshop meetings to be scheduled
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM D.C.M./Officer's Meeting/G.S.R. Workshop

4:30 PM - 8:00 PM Dinner - on your own

8:00 PM - 9:30 PM Open Speaker Meeting
9:30 PM - 11:00 PM Nite Owl Meeting

Sunday, July 9th

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Sharing Session
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM General Assembly Meeting (Tom D)

Al-Anon Meeting, Saturday at 2:30

*See you there
Judy B*

North Florida Area
Assembly of A.A.

JACKSONVILLE **Marriott.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Time: _____

Departure Date: _____ Time: _____

Room Rates: Single _____ Double _____ Triple _____ Quad _____

Check One One Bedroom Suite _____ VIP Suite _____

Tax is ^{10 1/2%} (Subject to change)

If double room, name of sharing person? _____

Guaranteed for late arrival Not guaranteed (Room will be held until 6 p.m. ET)

If guaranteed, credit card number _____ Expiration date: _____

First nights deposit (check or money order)

Check in time is 3 p.m. Check out time is 10:00 a.m. (7:00 a.m. for late arrival)

