



NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

July 31, 1989

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE NORTH FLORIDA AREA CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

JULY 7, 8 AND 9, 1989 - JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

DCM/OFFICER'S MEETING., 07/08/89, 3:15 P.M.:

Tom D , Chairman, opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call - Absent Districts 4, 5, and 7.

Minutes of the second 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 \$6,622.60. Income \$7,666.86. Expenses \$6,507.84. Income (loss) after expenses \$1,159.02. Ending Checking Account Balance \$6,727.54. Prudent Reserve \$5,628.20. Total all cash reserves \$12,355.74. All figures listed as of the period ending 06/30/89. Joan E. said that GSO has recommended a minimum prudent reserve of six month's operating expenses. We are attempting to replenish our prudent reserve to \$9,000.00 for the North Florida area. Tom D., Chairman, mentioned that we are a few dollars short of our goal in our prudent reserve, but are encouraged by the increase in group contributions. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented. *See the Treasurer's Report, attached, for other financial details concerning the area's financial situation.*

GSO Print-outs. Jimmy G , Delegate mentioned the print-outs showing group contributions to GSO that the DCM's had received during this meeting. Jimmy will be receiving these print-outs each quarter and they will be distributed to the respective DCM's. He noted and many DCM's observed, that the information on the print-outs is not all together correct. Some are missing groups, some have groups added that don't belong in their District, etc. DCM's should review the print-outs and make necessary corrections. Also, DCM's can utilize these print-outs to "pump up their groups" to increase contributions to New York.

Jimmy G. said that there was a lot of talk in New York at the General Service Conference about DCM's; that they need to be in contact more with their groups in establishing district meetings, group contacts, service workshops, etc. As A.A. grows, the District will have to do more of the work in education and communication with the groups. Pretty soon we will be too big to hold assemblies as we currently know them. As a DCM, it is suggested that you go to each group in your district and let them know who you are and what is going on in service work.

A.A. and treatment facilities was also discussed. There are so many new people in A.A. who have sobered up in treatment centers. We need to stress the home group. Jimmy G. said that the following themes are being considered for the 1990 General Service Conference: the home group - where love and service begin; the home group - our link to the fellowship; the home group - our responsibility and line to AA's future. The importance of home groups in recovery, unity and service; making a commitment to the home group. Jimmy said that we need to make a commitment to do our part. He mentioned that GSO is not self-supporting at

the present time. Yes, we're working on meeting the challenge of the Seventh Tradition of self-support, but the goal has not yet been reached. If every A.A. member gave \$2.00 a year to GSO, then GSO would be self-supporting "through our own contributions". However, the North Florida area per capita contributions to GSO are above average. Our problem is not with what goes on in the treatment centers, it is when the drunks walk through the doors of A.A. This is where the importance of the home group comes in. That is why there will be such an effort to bring this topic up for discussion at the General Service Conference in 1990. Jimmy G. said that "A.A. is alive and well." He said that he would provide highlights of his attendance at the Conference in New York tomorrow morning at the general assembly meeting. He suggested that after the DCM's and GSR's have received their conference report and have had an opportunity to review it, he would be available to answer any of their questions or discuss with them specific issues of interest or concern.

Tom D. , Chairman, announced that the assemblies have been scheduled through July, 1990. October, 1990 is still open, as Crystal River has cancelled their bid. The October, 1990 assembly meeting will be an 'election' assembly. Therefore, hotel accommodations and meeting room size must be able to accommodate the larger crowd expected at an election assembly.

Tom D. announced that he had appointed Tom D. , Alternate Delegate, to get a committee together to do research and come up with recommendations on a central meeting location. Tom D. will make a report to the assembly in the future regarding this topic.

Minutes of the quarterly assembly meetings will now be printed in 12 pitch type, instead of the 16.6 pitch used for the second quarterly meeting minutes from Ocala, Florida. Many persons expressed difficulty in reading the very lengthy document in such very small print.

Agenda Addendum - Tom D. discussed the agenda addendum that he had passed out earlier in the day at the DCM Workshop. Basically, the agenda would be amended as follows: eliminate the breakfast on Saturday morning, along with the meeting that was scheduled immediately following; eliminate coffee expense for Friday night, as it will be assumed by the host committee if a meeting, hospitality room, etc. is scheduled; START THE ASSEMBLY MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS AT 11:00 A.M. ON SATURDAY MORNING. The assembly would run through the speaker's meeting Saturday evening, concluding at either 9:30 p.m. or 10:00 p.m. At that time, the host committee could schedule a discussion meeting, Concepts Meeting, Traditions Meeting, etc. A sharing session could be scheduled on Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. at the discretion of the host committee. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD CONVENE ON SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:00 A.M. AND CONCLUDE AT 12:00 NOON.

See the minutes from the DCM Workshop for further details and discussion regarding this topic.

Dan S. discussed the third concept as it relates to the authority of the officers to make the decision to amend the agenda. He did not feel that it was appropriate for them to make such a change without the consent of a majority of the DCM's or GSR's. Lou M., past delegate, addressed Dan's comments.

Van suggested that a self-support letter be sent to every group. He felt that the need would be answered by the groups, if we would just let them know what is happening. Better communication between the DCM's and their GSR's was mentioned by Dan E., DCM Ocala. He felt that we should have more information to present to the GSR's. Sherry S. mentioned that a budget for the North Florida Area Conference is being developed by our Treasurer, Joan E., along with input from the other officers and committee chairpersons; said budget should be

ready for presentation to the general assembly by January, 1990. Dick P., past delegate, asked whether our current financial condition really warranted these measures. He cautioned against "throwing the baby out with the bath water" in relation to the Concepts Meeting at 8:30 a.m. being cancelled. Tom D., Chairman, pointed out that the Concepts Meeting was not cancelled, but could be scheduled by the host committee after the Saturday night speaker's meeting. Joan E. made a motion, which was seconded and carried by majority vote, that "the assembly help defray the Friday night expenses for the fourth quarterly meeting only, to be held in Daytona Beach."

There was a discussion concerning a convention committee within the North Florida area to work with the convention planners, in order to host future conventions in the North Florida area. Since we are able to handle such a number of people and have the facilities available in both Jacksonville and Orlando, there is no reason why we shouldn't participate. The North Florida Area Conference would lend their support to such an effort; it does not necessarily mean that we would have to pledge any financial support.

Great Grapevine Display! Thanks Ken R. and others who've participated. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. Lord's Prayer.

OPEN SPEAKER'S MEETING; 07/08/89, 8:00 p.m.:

Jimmy G , North Florida Area Delegate (our delegate!), shared his feelings, experience, strength and hope of recovery in A.A. with us. The meeting was attended by approximately 200 people.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING; 07/09/89, 9:00 a.m.:

Attendance: 155.

Tom D , Chairman, opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed with the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call - Absent District 7. By Districts, the number of GSR's in attendance (not including their respective DCM) was taken as follows:

District 1 - 4 GSR's. District 2 - 2 GSR's. District 3 - 4 GSR's. District 4 - (at the time of roll call, no GSR's were present from District 4). District 5 - 5 GSR's. District 6 - 5 GSR's. District 7 - (at the time of roll call, no GSR's were present from District 7). District 8 - (at the time of roll call, no GSR's were present from District 8). District 9 - 5 GSR's. District 10 - 4 GSR's. District 11 - 5 GSR's. District 12 - 11 GSR's. District 13 - 4 GSR's. District 14 - 8 GSR's. District 15 - 5 GSR's. District 16 - 1 GSR. District 17 - 3 GSR's. District 18 - 5 GSR's. District 19 - 6 GSR's. District 20 - 8 GSR's. District 21 - 1 GSR. District 22 (at the time of roll call, no GSR's were present from District 22). District 23 - 1 GSR. District 24 - 4 GSR's. District 25 - 2 GSR's. District 26 - (at the time of roll call, no GSR's were present from District 26). District 27 - 1 GSR. District 28 - 3 GSR's.

The minutes of the second quarterly meeting of the North Florida Area Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous were approved as mailed, with one exception as noted.

*Note Page 4, fifth paragraph, "Jimmy G. made a motion, which was seconded and carried by majority vote...". It was pointed out that this was not a motion made by Jimmy G , but rather it was a suggestion from Jimmy in order for us to conclude a lengthy discussion. The Recording Secretary apologizes for this error in transcription. The minutes stand corrected.

Treasurer's Report. Joan E , Treasurer, presented the attached report (as of 06/30/89 Checking - \$6,727.54; Prudent Reserve - \$5,628.20) to the general assembly and it was accepted. The custodian of the film library is the North

Florida Area Conference Corrections Committee. They are attempting to have the film strips converted to video. Joan pointed out that group contributions (by number of groups participating) have increased significantly. She encouraged DCM's to pick up a copy of "Supporting the A.A. Support System" pamphlet for use in their districts. Tom D made the statement that it was all a matter of communication. It was also noted by several present, including the Treasurer, that groups contributing have increased by approximately 23% in the third quarter. Keep up the good work!

Rick R. of Orange Park asked the North Florida Area Conference for a letter of support to be included in their bid package to be addressed to Young People in A.A. Convention/Conference Committee in order for the Jacksonville area to host a convention/conference. A motion was made, seconded and carried by majority vote that the Recording Secretary prepare the necessary letter and forward it to Rick R. On behalf of the entire North Florida Area Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous we thank the Young People in A.A. Convention for their donation to our treasury in the amount of \$200.00. THANK YOU!

Delegate's Report.

Jimmy G, Delegate, provided the following report from the 39th General Service Conference "Anonymity - Living Our Traditions".

Jimmy said that the Southeast Region asked him whether money should be appropriated to help the North Florida Area Conference support assembly expenses. GSO also offered to provide assistance as far as literature was concerned. Jimmy thanked both entities for their support of our situation, but expressed his belief that we could work out our financial problems within the area service structure. Jimmy pointed out that DCM's and GSR's are suppose to be taking care of the business of their groups at an assembly meeting, just like the Delegate is suppose to take care of the business of his/her area at a General Service Conference. Jimmy mentioned that he served on the Finance Committee. There was discussion concerning why we need a prudent reserve. GSO has suggested a minimum of six month's operating expenses be kept in reserve. Jimmy said that he toured GSO. He said that they have a new computer. Archives was the most interesting part to him. Jimmy said that he got to look at Bill W.'s Big Book. He also had an opportunity to look at newspaper clippings dating to 1939.

Election of rotating trustees - Jackie M, Louisville, KY new Southeast Region Trustee; Jan W, Greenville, Michigan new East Central Region Trustee; John Q of New Jersey new Trustee-at-Large. John Nelson C, M.D. of Las Vegas, Nevada will replace Class A (non-alcoholic) trustee William E. F, M.D. Jimmy said that he spent some time with a few of the non-alcoholic trustees and that they seem to care more about our program than we do. The non-alcoholic trustees participate a great deal in the service structure and have been of tremendous support and benefit to the A.A. fellowship as a whole. He said, "they're just great!" Jimmy noted that we do make mistakes, so we must be doing something right.

Jimmy said that there has been increased A.A. communication with the U.S.S.R. Translation of the Big Book into Russian was discussed. We now have one official A.A. meeting in Moscow, which is included in the international directory.

The full conference report will be printed and distributed by GSO. After review by GSR's and DCM's, Jimmy G. said he would be glad to explain any areas or answer any questions.

Treatment Facilities - a new fifteen minute film will be produced for A.A. members carrying the message into treatment facilities and be presented to the 1990 Conference. Jimmy said that this will be a real help to us as far as education is concerned.

The following themes are being considered for the 1990 General Service Conference - the home group - where love and service begin; the home group - our link to the fellowship; the home group - our responsibility and line to AA's future. Jimmy said that "sometime the dollar is not nearly as important as the body".

Cooperation With the Professional Community - the importance of carrying the message to minorities through minority professionals and minority media be through future consideration by the General Service Conference. That consideration be given for a video to inform both professionals and A.A. members how our friends historically have helped the Fellowship and how we can cooperate within the framework of our purpose, experience and traditions. Jimmy pointed out again how a video on this subject will help us in our goal of communication and education within the fellowship as a whole and with the professional working with alcoholics.

Finance - three (3) part print-outs be provided to the Delegate each quarter for distribution to DCM's; to encourage the Seventh Tradition of self-support and to further encourage DCM's to be in touch with the groups in their District. GSO hopes that the print-outs will also help the Delegate be in touch with each DCM more regularly. Besides the contribution statements for each District, the Delegate is encouraged to distribute the pamphlet on Self-Support, which reflects the individual's commitment to each group, district, intergroup, area and GSO.

The area contribution for the Delegate's expenses to the Conference be increased to \$600.00. In the past, we have only sent \$400.00. The Delegate's current expenses to the General Service Conference are approximately \$2,200. Jimmy pointed out that most of the Delegates made a yearly contribution from their area to GSO over and above their expenses to the Conference. He said the South Florida Delegate had a check for GSO in the amount of \$10,000.

There will be no change in the current literature pricing policy. The cost of the books are the same, whether you buy one book or a bulk order. The groups save money in the cost of shipping.

Grapevine - It was recommended that the Grapevine develop an on-going A.A. history section, drawing on archival material, including area and regional histories. The Conference recognized the need for a price increase in the magazine subscription in the near future. It was emphasized that the Grapevine is supported by subscription income and does not accept group contributions to cover operating expenses.

International Convention - that due to the International Convention to be held in the first weekend in July, 1990, Seattle, Washington, that state, provincial and regional convention committees be alerted to the possible effect on attendance at local conventions held between May 11 and August 24, 1990. The Conference also approved permission for TV cameras to film the Flag Ceremony from afar in the Kingdome Stadium, if appropriate precautions are taken to protect the anonymity of those in attendance. The Registration Form for the 1990 International Convention will include a statement on travel option discounts. Jimmy mentioned that even though we may take a discount with a particular airline, serving a large group (the A.A. fellowship), that this is not considered affiliation.

Literature - that work continue on a definitive book on A.A. History, from 1955, focusing on major events and developments. That a complete manuscript of Daily Reflections be prepared for review by the 1990 Conference. That the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" be thoroughly revised to address the many issues and concerns related to A.A. groups such as: The difference between a group and a meeting, Meeting formats, How to obtain a group conscience, The duties of trusted servants and their alternates. That the manuscript for a pamphlet for gay and lesbian alcoholics be approved and the title be "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic". That the book Alcoholics Anonymous be made available in large print.

Public Information - that ten (10) English public service announcements be produced, with the tag line changed to Alcoholics Anonymous phone or check your newspaper. That a service piece be prepared for taped A.A. talks and added to the A.A. Guidelines on Conventions and Conferences. Jimmy emphasized the importance of being careful about our anonymity. The P.I. Committee recommended that talks by A.A. members be given in person rather than videotaped, in view of the temptation for videotaping to place personalities before principles and also that A.A. members who are requested to videotape talks and meetings preserve anonymity at the level of press, radio, film and videotapes, realizing that anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all of our Traditions.

Report and Charter - that in order to economize financially the Eastern and Western U.S. directories be combined and that the listing of clubs be deleted from the A.A. directories. Jimmy pointed out that GSO spends \$100,000 printing and distributing the A.A. directories. It was recommended by floor action that an ad hoc committee of Panel 39 delegates and GSO employees study the problems of group registration and the A.A. directories. Jimmy mentioned that there will be a study conducted of the feasibility of utilizing an 800 number for group information for use in the U.S. and Canada.

Florida State Convention - Hollywood, Florida. July 26 - 30, 1989.

Tom D , Alternate Delegate, talked briefly on the dedication of the officers and their commitment to service work, before introducing Howard, who presented Tom D , our Chairman, with his 15 year medallion.

Agenda Addendum.

Tom D , Chairman, said that the officers held a meeting on June 16, 1989 in Gainesville, Florida regarding the current financial situation of the North Florida area. He said that they agreed to accept the assembly schedule, where we would start the regular business of the assembly on:

Saturday at 11:00 a.m., with the D.C.M. Workshop and two (2) other meetings; 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., lunch; 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. three (3) meetings/workshops scheduled; 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. three (3) meetings/workshops scheduled; 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. D.C.M./Officers Meeting, GSR Meeting and possibly one (1) other meeting scheduled; 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. dinner; 8:30 p.m. or 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. or 10:00 p.m. speaker's meeting; 9:45 p.m. or 10:15 p.m. a meeting, dance, etc. depending on the wishes of the host committee.

Sunday, the general assembly meeting would convene at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 12:00 noon. A sharing session from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. could be scheduled by the host committee if they so desired.

As noted, the North Florida Area Conference would be not be responsible for any expenses incurred for a Friday night agenda. These expenses would be the responsibility of the host committee. It is hereby noted, however, that a motion was approved in the DCM/Officers Meeting held on July 8, 1989 that the "North Florida Area Conference would assist the Daytona Beach host committee in defraying the expenses on Friday night for the fourth quarter assembly meeting." This action was taken due to the fact that Daytona Beach is the first host assembly location to be affected by the officer's action of June 16, 1989. It was noted by the Chairman, Tom D., that the host committee for the January, 1990 assembly, District 14, have negotiated coffee prices as follows: \$16.00 per gallon, under 200 gallons or \$11.00 per gallon, over 200 gallons. Drink lots of coffee in Gainesville in January!; at least over 200 gallons. The first order of business by the assembly on this action - Agenda Addendum - was to defeat the motion made in Ocala at the second quarter general assembly meeting, April 2, 1989, which is re-stated here for the record,

"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."

This motion, as re-stated above, was defeated by majority vote of the general assembly.

A motion was made, seconded and carried by majority vote to accept the Agenda Addendum as presented above. Meetings would begin on Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m., with the general assembly meeting to be held on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

It was mentioned and thoroughly endorsed by those present that the D.C.M.'s take time during the D.C.M. Workshop and the G.S.R. meeting in the afternoon on Saturday, to discuss with their respective G.S.R.'s the D.C.M. Workshop meeting topics, in order that the G.S.R.'s be more thoroughly informed as to the nature of the business to be conducted during the general assembly on Sunday morning. Tom D. said that Beth G., Alternate Recording Secretary, will be responsible for submitting our quarterly meeting information (dates & location) to the Grapevine and Box 459 to be included in their Calendar of Events section.

Several problems with the current roster were discussed by D.C.M.'s present. Judy P. [REDACTED], Corresponding Secretary, is responsible for the roster. She will personally make changes to the roster. D.C.M.'s are responsible in seeing that they contact Judy P. with any changes.

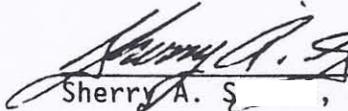
Ocala, Florida will be the host for the October, 1990 area assembly 'election' meeting. It will be held at the same location as our April, 1989 meeting, but the general accommodations (rooms and meeting rooms) will be enlarged. The meeting room will be able to hold up to 1,000 people total. Thanks Dan E. and District 17.

Tom D. said that at the fourth quarter assembly meeting to be held in Daytona Beach, Florida at the Hilton Beachside on October 13, 14 and 15, 1989, BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR 1991.

Dan S., host committee for Daytona Beach quarterly assembly meeting noted that there will be a full, regular Friday night agenda for those coming early to the assembly.

Assembly adjourned 11:45 a.m. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


Sherry A. S., Recording Secretary

CONCEPTS MEETING; 07/08/89, 8:30 a.m.:

Attendance: 57. Jimmy G , Chairperson.

Jimmy G , Delegate, talked mainly about the importance of the A.A. Service Manual, in which the Concepts and Warranties are included. He mentioned that he did not have a set agenda for this meeting. He suggested that everyone who is involved in service work read the service manual for a better understanding of their respective service jobs. Jimmy said that when he was in New York for the General Service Conference in April, 1989, that he talked to about 35 area delegates and trustees about the problems we were experiencing in the North Florida area. The majority of these problems come from growth. Jimmy said that in 1973, the government appropriated funds for treatment centers and that in 1974, people began coming in A.A. faster than they ever have before. He said we need to know why we have these assembly meetings. What is the purpose of our being here? The Delegate is suppose to be especially concerned about groups that cannot participate, what the committees are doing and the problems and their solutions for the area A.A. fellowship as a whole.

Jimmy discussed our financial problems. He said that he thought more money was not the answer; it is the management of our money which is the central issue. He asked, "are we successful or are we just big?" This assembly has got to make some changes. The Delegate is not going to tell the assembly what it needs to do, the GSR's will have to make that decision. He said that the officers are responsible to see that the assembly keeps going and that they conduct the necessary business of the North Florida area. He said that our primary purpose is to help carry the message and to follow the dictates of the North Florida Area Conference Charter. He said that the assembly should only be concerned with the business of the seven standing committees; we are here to fund and serve these committees. He said that we all need to look at our motives.

Communication is another one of our problems. We get going in one direction and it is so very difficult for us to digress from that direction. He said that the officers have decided that for the next two assemblies we will cut back to a two day agenda. He felt that if this change was not made, we would not be able to host assemblies in the future and could possibly have less assemblies per year. He said that South Florida only has assemblies for their D.C.M.'s and that the G.S.R.'s meet once every two years to elect new officers. Georgia has a central location for their assembly meetings. This could be another consideration. Jimmy felt that we will have to go more and more towards taking care of business at the District level. The Concepts should be taken care of (taught and learned) at the District level. Traditions should also be studied at the District level. This is the trend. We are now at two million members. What are we going to do five years from now? We can realistically continue with four assemblies a year, if we manage our monies effectively by cutting back. Jimmy said that you learn to stay sober in your home group, not by going to conventions. Assemblies are not for fun and frivolity. Again, we have to check our motives for being here. We need to work together for success. It is up to

us to deal with our own problems. GSO is not going to do anything about our problems. The groups run A.A. by electing officers and the GSR's. The GSR's elect a DCM and the officers of the North Florida area. Jimmy said that it is time to take a serious look at what we are doing. It is time to take some personal reflection on our motives for being here. We need to decide ourselves what the purpose of the assembly is and what we are doing. He said that 10 percent of the people in the fellowship are involved in service work; the other 90 percent are just "along for the ride". He said that there are three kinds of people, people that do things; people that criticize the people that are doing things and people that don't know that anything is going on. Jimmy expressed concern about the assemblies not being available to GSR's, DCM's and others because of constraints on time and money. Phyllis D., Jacksonville, briefly talked about the Warranties in relation to self support and service work. It is still important to make our contributions. This includes money. She felt that it was so very important to keep the lines of communication open and to educate the "younger" ones as a greater enrichment to our lives. Jimmy G. said that there was a Big Book Workshop Questionnaire for Regional, Area, District and Group Meetings available in the hospitality room. He asked that all members participate in completing the questionnaire and returning it to him at: _____

TREATMENT FACILITIES; 07/08/89; 9:30 a.m.:

Attendance: 62. Rocky, Acting Committee Chairperson.

Discussion on the history of A.A. in 1939 and the treatment facilities workbook. We related on committees; Brevard County having two (2) committees treatment and corrections working hand in hand with area groups, PI, CPC and Intergroup. Meetings once a month to bring area groups together and share ideas and solve problems. Idea of institutional literature donation boxes to go along with individual group conscience to provide literature for facilities. Intergroups help in this area by allocating committees with funds for purchasing literature. Our primary purpose for carrying the message is to stay sober, deflate our ego's, meaning of humble trusted servant, regardless of prospect's motives or intentions. A.A. contacts bridging the gap between these controlled environments and A.A. From discovery of the problem through the journey of our recovery.

Discussion on working with staff of treatment facilities with H.A.L.T. - Honesty, Acceptance, Love and Tolerance. The client's opinion of A.A. as a whole may rest upon the appearance, language and overall individual message of the A.A. person.

Carl touched on his experience of coming into the A.A. fellowship through a V.A. Hospital; his working with the center at the hospital. His gratitude spoke. There was discussion on sponsorship, involving newcomers in service, groups and committee conscience on qualifications for newcomers. There was emphasis placed on "sponsors involving pigeons and pigeons involving sponsors - commitments."

ACCESSIBILITIES MEETING; 07/08/89, 9:30 a.m.

Tom C _____, Committee Chairperson.

LAM - If you have any members in your area that are home bound or cannot get to meetings; it is a meeting in print. Write to GSO for further details. The Grapevine is also available for persons who cannot get to meetings.

Many books are on tape (i.e. the Big Book, 12 & 12, AA Comes of Age). You can obtain these from GSO.

For blind or disabled persons, they have talking books. The talking books are free. Write GSO for further details. The Big Book is available in braille for \$7.00.

Interpreters - alcoholic or not are acceptable at all meetings. They are doing it so fast, their memory of what is said is next to nil.

Tom commented that in all the years he has been attending assembly meeting, he hasn't seen such total chaos as 1989. He said that we should support our officers, since we were the one's responsible for electing them.

PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHOP; 07/08/89, 10:30 a.m.

Attendance: 50 George C _____, Committee Chairperson.

Introduction: Welcome. How many for their first conference?

*Short bio - purpose of PI & CPC. Length of sobriety, importance of. If no one knows how long you have been sober, then how can we show success of A.A. Stand 0-5, 5-10, 10-15, 20-30, 30----

*PI Handout.

*Theme of Conference: Anonymity - Living Our Tradition. Tradition 11 and 12.

*Introduce John C _____ - Anonymity.

*Introduce Bob V _____ - Tradition 12.

*Results of 39th Conference - handout.

*Anonymity questionnaire.

*Big Book questionnaire.

*Question and Answer period.

*Forms of communication - literature, books, pamphlets, Grapevine. Box 459, workbooks, guidelines, bulletins (read paragraph on PI). Conference reports, films, public service announcements for radio and TV (have catalog ready).

*Handouts - Understanding Anonymity, Anonymity Card, Box 459, Supporting A.A.

"We are here to help you -- if any assistance is needed, feel free to contact us. It does not have to be in the PI area, any type of workshop, we will help."

INTERGROUP MEETING; 07/08/89, 10:30 a.m.

Attendance: 35 Sheila H _____, Chairperson.

Jacksonville Intergroup.

- Temporary sponsor program - treatment facilities have captain's list to give to commenced patient. Two (2) week program. DR. M.D. @ University Hospital - pink card.

- CPC/PI Goal - meeting/panel temporary sponsor.

Open to Floor:

- Archives in Jacksonville growing.

- Temporary Sponsor 1. Volunteer commits two (2) weeks to newcomer; 12 step alternative. 2. Out of town contacts for people who receive treatment out of town. Out of town captains. Letters to out of town facilities except Jacksonville - give name to Sheila.

- Temporary Sponsor. 1. Explain A.A. to treatment facilities. 2. Canvass A.A. community for contacts. 3. Patient calls captain. 4. Captain contacts volunteer. 5. Volunteers contact patient on first day out. 6. Two weeks of meetings and contacts. Help find sponsor.

- Has this been utilized? Not our obligation. - What contact with facilities? CPC, PI = facilities, Mayor (In August); we are available. Out of town - contact intergroup or consult directory. Responsibility of patient - make that call; some facilities mandate temporary sponsorship. Carry the message, not the drunk. Intergroup visits received well at facilities. Office get calls from

out of town - refer to Sheila H. PI (Ocala) takes message to treatment facilities. Intergroup should support PI going in themselves. Response - PI, CPC, Temporary Sponsors under intergroup. We cooperate within intergroup framework. Might not work in small community. A.A. changing with treatment facilities prevalence. Temporary sponsors breaks the ice when taking a newcomer to a meeting. Intergroup should perhaps contact out of town facilities. Fear of overlapping responsibility can be avoided by attendance at regular intergroup meetings and good communication. Temporary sponsors need to use their sponsors. Sponsors versus no sponsor either o.k. Aftercare contact for temporary sponsor. Good for those new in sobriety. Those new in sobriety can be temporary sponsors. Sponsorship important - temporary sponsor is not sponsor. It is a two week introduction to A.A. No rules. Listen and believe; important with or without sponsor. See another get better keeps us fresh. Institutional assignments active.

Intergroup - We have grown through communication. U.S. Postmaster - notices (bulk)/breakfast and business meetings. Where & When's. Salaried - not volunteer; one paid. Answering service when office is closed - paid. Elaine does more than answer the phone. There was discussion on how intergroup - group conscience - intergroup representative - business meeting interrelates. Member at large - PI, CPC, etc. GSR, District separate from intergroup representative. Member at large - no vote. No meeting is closed to any A.A. member. Intergroup representatives active or inactive? Answers in the service manual. Workshop in small community. Out of town speaker. Job description from steering committee.

DCM WORKSHOP; 07/08/89, 10:30 a.m.

Attendance: 71 Fred M _____, Chairperson.

Passed out rosters for all Districts to DCM's and/or Alternates present.

Tom D _____, Conference Chairman, passed out the suggested assembly agenda addendum for discussion. The addendum would change the current agenda to the assembly beginning on Saturday at 11:00 a.m., with the general assembly meeting on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Tom D. said the breakfast would be cancelled. Tom D. commented that we are not trying to cut out Friday night. If anything is scheduled for Friday evening, it will be at the expense of the host committee. Also, on Saturday night, after the speaker's meeting, if the host committee wants to have a meeting, dance, etc. it is up to them. The following discussion ensued concerning the agenda addendum--

Bob B., DCM, District 9 asked about the hotel rates. Would they be the same for Friday night? The answer is yes. Hotel rates will probably start on Thursday and extend through Sunday.

Beth G. said that on Friday night, she thought it was a good idea to go to a local meeting at the various locations throughout the North Florida area.

Bob P., District 8, Daytona Beach felt that the Friday night expense should be shared between the host committee and the NFACAA, since the sharing session is important to him in find out what is happening in other districts.

Jim. Negotiating seems to be the key to the coffee issue. Friday night is important to him for sobriety.

Tom C. said that he had been to past assemblies when nothing was scheduled on Friday evening and that he found fellowship, service with others and coffee no matter whether there was a planned meeting or not.

Carl, DCM, District 16 said that he tries to make every meeting a business meeting. DCM's not only work at the assembly, they can work in their own

District too.

Judy P., Tallahassee said that one of the problems we have in dealing with our current finances is that we focus on the coffee expense. Basically, we are talking about \$3,000 for an assembly for 150 people; \$15 a head for meeting rooms and coffee. We need to look at the broader issues, but still put money in the basket proportionately to the cost of our being there.

Dan S., DCM, District 21 said that he agreed to the elimination of the breakfast. However, he suggested a negotiating committee for the NFACAA to deal with the hotels. Dan said that the Friday night expense for coffee cannot be assumed by the host committee; not in his district anyway. He also suggested that the officers send a letter to each group asking for additional contributions.

Dan E., DCM, District 17 congratulated the officers on their efforts. He said that decisions have to be made. Service people do not need to be glossed over for financial reasons. Service fellowship is what Dan E. was talking about in Ocala as his comments related to the Friday night agenda. Fellowship is not socializing. Coffee is not the issue. If you take the functionality away from service then, of course, it is going to be a failure.

Tom D., Alternate Delegate said that he thought we were wasting too much time talking about something the officers were elected to do.

Corliss G., DCM, District 14 suggested that the Treasurer review any hotel contracts prior to signing by the host committee.

Dan, District 9 suggested splitting the assembly meeting between the north and south areas. He hoped that we wouldn't do away with the Concepts or Traditions Meetings. *Note: the scheduling of these meetings will be up to the host committee.

Burt S., DCM, District 13 talked about the service fellowship on Friday night. He said, "we have to have everybody involved."

Dan said that he likes to express the word SUCCESS in the following manner-
S - sense of direction or goal. U - understanding. C - courage. C - charity; love of service. E - esteem. S - self respect. S - self-responsibility. We are trying to fix something that isn't broke. We need to have our eyes on the goal and have a sense of direction. Tom D., Chairman, said that it might not be broke, it's just a little bent.

Floyd Z., DCM, District 6 - his district will host the area assembly meeting in April, 1990. He has no contract to submit for the Treasurer's review; it was simply a hand-shake deal with the hotel. In expressing his feelings about the Friday night issue, Floyd said, "I need to talk to people about service work. We need to keep space on Friday night to talk to each other to find solutions to our problems and answers to our questions. We need to share our success with each other. We get our rewards from sharing with other people."

Fred J., DCM, District 12 said that our growth is evident. Fred said, "we are too damn cheap in Alcoholics Anonymous." It is the DCM's responsibility to tell the GSR's about the NFACAA as the groups are going to pay for it; one way or the other.

Jackie McG., DCM, District 22 said "keep it simple." She said that the officers are trusted servants and that we should try to understand the concept, 'the right of decision'.

TRADITIONS MEETING; 07/08/89, 1:00 p.m.

Attendance: 80 George C , Chairperson.

Introduction - Traditions Meeting covers all 12 Traditions.

John C presented history of Traditions. All are based on past experiences. R. V talked on Traditions six and eight.

G. C briefly covered Tradition one - unity tradition; also singleness of purpose - Traditions three and five.

CPC WORKSHOP; 07/08/89, 1:00 p.m.

Attendance: 60 Dan S , Chairperson.

Dan spoke about the handbook available. One contact leads to another. Joe Scott spoke about sending out letters to the clergy, ministerial association and probation officers. Monthly meeting should be held on C.P.C. At first letters were sent out. They were found to be not so rewarding. - Picking up the phone and making the phone call was found to be very effective and set-up the meeting right then if possible. You'd be surprised at how uneducated a lot of professionals are about A.A. Probation officers are very receptive to C.P.C. and an excellent place to start. Psychiatrists and psychologists are very hard to speak to. They have a tendency to "know it all". Joint presentations are effective; A.A., Alanon and Alateen. They are the most effective in schools. Lou M. spoke of being committed and following through with a phone call after letters are sent out. - Use your resources, contacts and friends to get your foot in the door. Brevard County has been very successful. - Bring your Higher Power when you go! This is the difference between affiliation and program of attraction. "Be Friends with our Friends" by Bill W. Heighten public awareness. Solicit invitations and offer to provide service. They can accept the invitations if they would like to. - Sometimes it can be hard to differentiate between attraction and/or promotion. Go out with another person. We are here to help the professionals to help their people. Pamphlets are available that come out of G.S.O. for C.P.C. work. (If You Are A Professional, A.A. in Your Community, etc.). - It is important to stay within your A.A. Traditions. - This is twelve step work, helping the alcoholic who still suffers. They're our guidelines. - C.P.C. is manning a booth at the Orlando Medical Convention, July 16-20, with another in September.

Dan apologized for the absence of the C.P.C. Newsletter. - One problem both Joe and Lou spoke of is to be clear when speaking to a professional; that you are not implicating them as needing help. But you are there for their clients.

- After you make first contact and first appearance, one contact may lead to another. C.P.C. people benefit greatly from monthly meetings. - Establish contact and this is possible: give out pamphlets, fact sheet, supply an alcoholic to address them individually, panel presentation to groups, offer to go to an open A.A. meeting. Mailings, phone calls for follow-up, walk-in or set an appointment - all can be effective means to the first contact. - Betty, Dist. 19 rolling fast after three years of perseverance. After telephone answering service, knew who to contact, a lot of calls coming in. Use every source available to get your foot in the door. Personal contact most effective "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again!" - Jennifer W., Dist. 14 C.P.C. established three years. Delivered literature in schools. Called the person at school board who is in charge of all guidance counselors. Wouldn't talk on the phone, but made an appointment to speak in person. It was agreed to have a panel presentation, with faculty members. It is a small committee and they discuss what they can do. Whenever she can get literature and present herself

she can get the message out.

Pat/Crystal River - has own hotline; sent letter to doctors at hospitals offering their hotline assistance. Spoke with teachers; people are confused that Alateen is not for alcoholic teens. Contacts are done in person. Maintain facial contact. Brought literature to social services. They were amazed about the work of A.A. in their area. P.I. can work - C.P.C. and P.I. can work together.

Kathy, Dist. 22 displayed poster schedule, literature and letters sent out stating open and closed meetings and who may attend.

Dan thanked all who shared.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE MEETING; 07/08/89, 1:00 p.m.

Attendance: 10 persons - working committee. Hank J. , Chairperson

The small working committee of ten (10) persons with hands-on in manner examined and evaluated a sampling of various materials which are now a part of Archives. It was agreed that the Chairman would bring balance of materials to the next meeting (in Daytona Beach) at which time committee members would be designated to the various materials - minutes, agendas, reports, etc. to present them in an orderly fashion - for appropriate retention in Archives.

The names of several past Delegates and a number of "Old Timers In A.A." were agreed upon as subjects for oral interviews in the very near future.

The working meeting was most successful and will be continued at the next several quarterly assemblies.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES MEETING; 07/08/89, 2:00 p.m.

Attendance: 32. Bob T. , Chairperson

Bob opened with a discussion. Centers having mandatory meetings - is this in the traditions? Bob stated he'd run up against this and said his solution is to let them know that any person disrupting the meeting would have to be disciplined. Ideas on how to keep chairmen from going movie happy? Change the meeting format to having a rotation on the types of meetings.

Guidelines for correspondence with the prisoners. Bob said he would never give a prisoner his address and phone number; but, would express the importance of attending a meeting their first night out of jail. Bob asked if the people taking meetings into jails would please sign up with him. It was expressed that getting donations out of groups is not necessarily against traditions. We are a guest in the prisons. Literature-it was suggested that a box be set up for donations in groups. Bob said that in his area, it works great.

There was a discussion about taking prisoners to the State Convention. An Orange Park GSR said his group was appalled at the idea; that we were to carry the message, not the alcoholic. That prisoners are working on the steps by working off amends in jail. Bob said they'd been doing it for years.

Moses brought up about closing meetings inside. What other people experienced? Someone talked about the history of how north and south Florida split over the literature problem. As far as getting officers to hold the meetings on a regular basis, someone suggested going to higher up's. Work with whoever it is you've been working with and telling the inmates that the meeting is on alcohol, not drugs.

It was said how those that keep taking the meetings into jails really have a program. It takes "a hell of a lot of dedication to keep going." Just keep going back...

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S MEETING; 07/08/89; 2:00 p.m.

Attendance: 35. Nancy A , Chairperson.

Defined the role of Secretary as minute taker, responsible for correspondence, announce birthdays, intergroup member. In some groups, the secretary is the chairperson. Defined the role of Treasurer as the person who records and reports on all dollars taken in as well as disbursement of funds to cover expenses and appropriate 50-30-10-10 plan. It was pointed out that you need a secretary and a treasurer at the District level. There was a discussion concerning the various methods of splitting the dollars if there is no intergroup. Attendance is down, in general, at both group business meetings and District GSR meetings. It appears to be a complete lack of interest. In order to promote better communication, the use of postcards, letters, minutes of the last meeting, list of those who attended and did not attend (announce and post) be used to encourage greater participation at these very important meetings. Controversy is always a good way to get people involved in the business meeting. Agitate some controversy. The importance of welcoming the newcomer was also discussed, as well as assigning different jobs at the group and District level; show a need; have the District meeting immediately follow the Intergroup meeting; rotation of service; education on the general service structure and the home group; sponsorship; recognize birthdays.

GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE MEETING; 07/08/89; 2:00 p.m.

Attendance: 29. Ken R , Chairperson

Total of \$355.00 literature sales this weekend 07-07 to 07-09-89. There are two spirituality tapes available. We have increased the number of Grapevine representatives (160 reps from 450 groups). District and group Grapevine Representatives are needed. The Grapevine magazine subscription level is down. Binders are available for twelve Grapevine issues; very nice bound binders. They make great gifts. Binders are used beneficially for reference purposes (\$6 per binder), including an index; also beneficial for pigeons, e.g. articles on 'false pride', etc. The Grapevine is not a substitute for meetings, but they can be very handy as tools - 'a meeting in print'. The May issue devoted to the Big Book; June issue/45th anniversary with 64 pages. The June issue is sold individually. July issue - A.A. in prisons (some very insightful articles). The August issue contained an article, "Is A.A. Changing?". Ken read the Grapevine policies about following the Traditions. What The Grapevine will be doing in the years ahead: 1. possibly will have an Archives Section in the back, replacing the grey pages, such as how A.A. began in cities, regions, etc. 2. possible price increase. The Grapevine is self-supporting; currently \$10.00 for each subscription.

Ken displayed the Grapevine workbook. Two future items - October issue will have articles written by young members of A.A. - "Getting Younger in A.A." Also sections on recovery, unity and service. Two audio tapes - Traditions (you can order these with the form in The Grapevine).

Alverna-Dist. 19 GVR from a large district. Made a list of known GVR's in district and invited herself to groups to create interest in The Grapevine. Using Grapevine as a raffle prize. Alverna uses The Grapevine in her profession to educate. Group participation.

Other ideas - open speaker meeting raffle for a Grapevine subscription. It is good to read the issue first so that you can create interest. Great, insightful articles on current problems and solutions.

Anonymity was discussed at the level of press, radio and film. September issue dedicated to anonymity (9 articles).

Group called "I Am Responsible" uses The Grapevine as a learning tool. It uses articles for meeting topics.

Does The Grapevine still send out old articles in large numbers? This practice has been discontinued because all the issues have been given out.

Meeting adjourned in the usual manner at 2:58 p.m.

GSR MEETING; 07/08/89, 3:15 p.m.

Attendance: 90 Judy M , Chairperson.

Judy suggested topic of 'finances' from NFAA flyer. It was asked what was in the flyer with suggested topic of finances. Judy read the flyer to the meeting. It was asked if officers had already made a decision to start assembly on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and end on Sunday at 12:00 noon. It was brought up this was not passed - it was tabled. Also said that officers (DCM's) don't decide; GSR's get to decide. Suggested that GSR's also carry message of what goes on at assemblies in addition to DCM's back to their groups. More suggestions regarding GSR's participation in carrying messages to groups. One GSR had already taken group conscience regarding financing for assemblies, so she could vote Sunday. It was brought up that discussion of and points of motion will be done on Sunday. Asked if committees have been formed that were talked about in flyer. Said committees were DCM's. Asked how many GSR's went back to their groups after Ocala assembly and asked for money for support. Suggested that they should do so more often. Someone asked if it was right to give money to prisoners to get out to go to assemblies? A GSR gave group's opinion that it was ridiculous to drink thousands of gallons of coffee. They felt they did not want to support coffee drinkers. Another GSR brought up coffee expenses to his group. Suggested charging per cup for coffee at assemblies. Suggested it was up to the group and GSR as to what GSR does with money given to him. Not up to assembly. Suggested if GSR can pay his own expenses - take the money from the group, put in personal bank account and write check back to group anonymously. Brought up that hotel is going to charge cost of meeting rooms, etc., if coffee is taken off agenda. An increase in the price will take place due to the lack of coffee. Brought up the suggestion of not bringing in someone from out of town to speak Saturday night is a good idea. Prisoner funding was brought up as a good idea from an ex-prisoner who came into A.A. that way. Suggested keeping it-that the only requirement for membership is desire to stop drinking. Suggestion that Friday nights are not part of the workshops, meetings, etc.-then what is assembly all about. Against Friday night funding. GSR suggested he did not think his group gave him money to go to assembly and drink free coffee and stand around chatting Friday night. GSR against dropping Friday night - should not have to drive in Saturday. Not too expensive to get meeting room for Friday night meeting. Suggestion that groups should follow GSO guidelines on what to do with group's money. Brought up that at DCM Workshop earlier today, talked about keeping Friday night and dropping Saturday morning breakfast. Suggested coffee helped long-distance traveller when they got in. Brought up that if money is not there to pay for everything-then something has to be changed or cut back on. Brought up that personal coffee or food cannot be brought into hotels. If you do you must pay service charges. Example - \$1 per liter of coke brought in; cannot go around hotel costs. Will pay large amount no matter what is charged. Suggestion to change assemblies to three times a year instead of four times a year. Suggestion to have a budget for each

assembly. If so groups would give more support. Suggestion that funds from registration cost from state conventions be set up to help pay assembly costs. Suggestion that Friday fellowship at assembly is an important part of assembly. Asked why DCM's did not go out to groups after Ocala assembly and ask for more money. GSR brought up that she had not heard about any of the proposals on flyer before now.

REMINDERS

- * Attention district host committees - please have minute takers available at each committee meeting and workshop held at the quarterly assembly meetings.
- * Send all roster changes, additions, deletions to:

Judy P [redacted]
Corresponding Secretary
[redacted]

- * Send copies of all District and Intergroup meeting minutes and newsletters to:

Sherry A. S [redacted]
Recording Secretary
[redacted]

- * Your area delegate is:

Jimmy G [redacted]
Delegate
[redacted]

- * Your area chairperson is:

Tom D [redacted]
Chairperson, NFACAA
[redacted]

- * Your area treasurer is:

Joan E [redacted]
Treasurer, NFACAA
[redacted]

Send all group contributions to Joan @ the address above, with checks made payable to NFACAA or North Florida Area Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous, with your group name, district number and group number included on the check.

**NEXT NORTH FLORIDA AREA CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
QUARTERLY MEETING
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HILTON - BEACHSIDE
OCTOBER 13, 14 AND 15, 1989**

C P C C O N N E C T I O N S

Spring/Summer 1989

The North Florida Area CPC'ers and friends have been quite active in responding to requests to GSO from diverse professional associations which have invited an AA presence at their conventions (especially in Orlando, a very popular convention site).

Thrice this year we have manned/womaned booths at such conventions - in March we spent 4 days staffing a booth at a convention of school administrators - in April it was a one day stint at the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association, Inc. (FADA) annual convention opening night "carnival", and - July 16-20 we had a four day commitment with booth, literature and people at the National Medical Association's 94th annual convention. Note that this is an association of black doctors and seems to be a "double win" situation for CPC - not only are we interfacing with medical professionals, but also with a minority group. As you may recall, there is concern at GSO that minorities may be underrepresented in AA and a special request was recently made to CPC'ers to see if we could increase our contacts with professionals who have a high level of minority clientele or with minority professionals themselves.

Two of these CPC assignments were not only received by us from GSO, but were funded by GSO as well. GSO funds a CPC presence at 25 professional conventions annually, the main expenses being "booth and "display transport". The FADA conference was not funded and the North Florida Area Assembly could not afford the booth fees for a whole week so we made our "pitch" on their "free" opening night. This was alot of fun and very well received by the FADA personnel, so it is clear that on our own we can be pretty effective. Thankfully GSO provides literature to us for all such conventions, whether on their list of 25 or not.

Another one is on the near horizon - September 7-9 at the Disney Village Hilton. It is called "Rehab 89". This one is coordinated but not funded by GSO so we do not know yet if we will have a booth or not. All Orlando area CPC'ers who are interested in staffing these exhibits please give me a ring and let me know.

Welcome aboard to Dave L., Virginia R., Lora W., Jennifer W. and Art and Alva P., and thanks for your help so far.

We may have an article in an upcoming Box 459 so keep your eyes peeled. Jax was a neat CPC experience for me and the feedback very positive. Be in touch with your news please and see ya in service.

Dan -

NORTH FLA AREA CONFERENCE OF AA
INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 1990

	06/30/89	%	03/31/89	%	YR-TO-DATE	%	NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
BEGINNING CASH	6622.60		5172.48		5172.48		
INCOME							
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	5083.73	66.3%	3341.38	55.2%	8425.11	61.4%	1. A transfer from checking to the Prudent Reserve was made in the amount of \$1000.00.
ASSEMBLY COLLECTIONS	1283.73	16.7%	1052.28	17.4%	2336.01	17.0%	
GRAPEVINE SALES	511.75	6.7%	559.44	9.2%	1071.19	7.8%	
DELEGATE BREAKFAST SALES	490.00	6.4%	697.00	11.5%	1187.00	8.6%	G.S.O. Accounting Department recommends a 6-month Prudent Reserve.
INTEREST INCOME Checking	43.57	0.6%	21.99	0.4%	65.56	0.5%	
INTEREST INCOME Savings	54.08	0.7%	84.98	1.4%	139.06	1.0%	
F.C.Y.P. AA CONFERENCE	200.00	2.6%			200.00	1.5%	
SALE OF EQUIPMENT	0.00		300.00	5.0%	300.00	2.2%	Based on current expenses, we would require \$14,630. We, however, are diligently reducing expenses; and therefore recommend at a minimum \$9000.
TOTAL INCOME	7666.86	100.0%	6057.07	100.0%	13723.93	100.0%	
OPERATING EXPENSES							
DELEGATE/ALT DELEGATE EXPENSES							
COPIES & DUPLICATION	2.13	0.0%		0.0%	2.13	0.0%	2. A \$200 contribution to the Corrections Committee was made for per diem at the State Convention for inmates. This is less than was initially requested.
REGISTRATION/GEN SERVICE	0.00	0.0%	400.00	6.6%	400.00	2.9%	
TELEPHONE	83.72	1.1%		0.0%	83.72	0.6%	
TRAVEL/LODGING/MEALS	664.70	8.7%	740.00	12.2%	1404.70	10.2%	3. A special \$200 contribution was received by the F.C.Y.P. conference held in Daytona.
TOTAL DELEGATE EXPENSES	750.55	9.8%	1140.00	18.8%	1890.55	13.8%	
AREA OFFICER EXPENSES							
COPIES & DUPLICATION	360.20	4.7%	382.55	6.3%	742.75	5.4%	4. Grapevine literature purchases were limited to approximately one-half of customary orders. There exist an estimated inventory of \$1200.
POSTAGE	283.27	3.7%	140.75	2.3%	424.02	3.1%	
SUPPLIES	1.06	0.0%	86.31	1.4%	87.37	0.6%	
TELEPHONE	0.00	0.0%	5.16	0.1%	5.16	0.0%	
TRAVEL/LODGING/MEALS	121.55	1.6%	434.11	7.2%	555.66	4.0%	
LITERATURE	0.00	0.0%	68.18	1.1%	68.18	0.5%	5. The Correction Facilities Committee has possession of the Film Library. We do not have an inventory of these films at present.
CONTRIBUTIONS(CORRECTIONS COMM)	200.00	2.6%		0.0%	200.00	1.5%	
TOTAL AREA OFFICER EXPENSES	966.08	12.6%	1117.06	18.4%	2083.14	15.2%	
AREA COMMITTEE EXPENSES							
COPIES & DUPLICATION	29.00	0.4%		0.0%	29.00	0.2%	6. A hotel deposit for the January 1990 quarterly assembly was required in the amount of \$250.
POSTAGE	0.00	0.0%	28.00	0.5%	28.00	0.2%	
TRAVEL/LODGING/MEALS	228.05	3.0%	300.00	5.0%	528.05	3.8%	
LITERATURE	270.00	3.5%	978.68	16.2%	1248.68	9.1%	7. Judy Peterson has secured a not-for-profit Bulk Mailing Permit, which will greatly reduce our postage expense. There were two initial charges of \$60 each(\$120) included in this quarter's postage expense.
TOTAL AREA COMMITTEE EXPENSES	527.05	6.9%	1306.68	21.6%	1833.73	13.4%	
ASSEMBLY HOST EXPENSES							
COPIES, DUPLICATION & SUPPLIES	89.84	1.2%	35.20	0.6%	125.04	0.9%	8. We have RECOVERED \$1159 of the 1st-quarter deficit.
COFFEE & TEA COST (TOTAL COSTS = \$3024.00)	1974.00	25.7%	3746.80	61.9%	5720.80	41.7%	
CONF ROOM RENT	1050.00	13.7%		0.0%	1050.00	7.7%	
POSTAGE	9.25	0.1%	3.25	0.1%	12.50	0.1%	
TELEPHONE	79.07	1.0%	32.76	0.5%	111.83	0.8%	
DELEGATE BREAKFAST COST	532.00	6.9%	672.00	11.1%	1204.00	8.8%	
ASSEMBLY SPEAKER EXPENSES	280.00	3.7%	68.22	1.1%	348.22	2.5%	
HOTEL DEPOSITS(Jan.1990 qtrly)	200.00	3.3%		0.0%	250.00	1.8%	
TOTAL ASSEMBLY HOST EXPENSES	4264.16	55.6%	4558.23	75.3%	8822.39	64.3%	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	6507.84	84.9%	8121.97	134.1%	14629.81	106.6%	
INCOME(LOSS)AFTER EXPENSES	1159.02	15.1%	-2064.90	-34.1%	-905.88	-6.6%	
TRANSFER FROM PRUDENT RESERVE	0.00		3500.00		3500.00		
TRANSFER TO PRUDENT RESERVE	-1000.00						
ENDING CASH CHECKING (6/30/89):	6727.54		6662.60		6652.27		
PRUDENT RESERVE ACCOUNT(6/30/89):	5628.20		4574.12		4628.20		
TOTAL CASH-ALL SOURCES	12355.74		11196.72		11280.47		

Submitted by: *Joan E.*
JOAN E. TREASURER

PLEASE MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO:
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MAIL TO:
Joan E. , Treasurer

PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
a. Group Name
b. Group I.D. #
c. District #

100DISTRICT #1

	FIRST QTR	SECONDO QTR		FIRST QTR	SECONDO QTR		FIRST QTR	SECONDO QTR
Arlington of AA	13.21	185.41	DISTRICT #10			DISTRICT #18		
Switzerland	25.00	11.00	*****			*****		
Amethyst Grp	11.00	10.00	Brown Baggers	10.00		Clean Air Grp	20.00	100.00
Arlington Friends	30.00	14.80	Sobriety & beyond	10.00	10.00	Friendship		10.00
Mandarin Group	25.00	.	Winter Park Grp	15.29	60.00	Solutions Grp	10.00	
Never too Young	3.00		Union Park	13.00		Good Morning Grp	5.00	
Central Group	112.50	112.50	Harvin R.		13.00	Brown Baggers	5.00	20.00
Mandarin Group		25.00	Alco-An Club	200.00		AA of Altamonte	10.00	
Beach Blvd Group		15.00	Alone		10.00	Happy Hour	21.00	40.00
*****	*****	*****	Living Sober		25.00	Back to Basics	29.50	98.00
DISTRICT #2	219.71	373.71	Why Me Group		15.00	Single Purpose	45.00	25.98
*****	*****	*****	Single Purpose Grp		5.91	Sanford Womens	5.00	10.00
Emanon group	22.50	22.50	Solutions Grp		10.00	The 24 Hour Grp	5.00	55.00
Sunshine	15.20		Winter Park Group		50.00	Mon Big Book Womens		10.00
Caboose	8.30		*****	*****	*****	1792 Group		9.00
East Orange	10.00		DISTRICT #11	248.29	198.91	10 A.M. Group		10.00
Alexis Group	15.00		*****	*****	*****	Sanford Group		100.00
Helping Hands	20.00		*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Jax Northside	15.00	20.00	Turning Point	25.00	25.00	DISTRICT #19	155.50	487.98
Eastside		15.00	Tues Mens Grp		20.00	*****	*****	*****
Helping Hands		20.00	Free to Be		97.00	Boulevard Group	20.22	17.60
*****	*****	*****	Brown Baggers		5.00	Noon Group	15.00	5.00
DISTRICT #3	106.00	77.50	Bar None		10.00	Four Towns	16.00	9.50
*****	*****	*****	Hospital Grp		25.00	Open Doors	44.58	
Westside Club	50.00	50.00	*****	*****	*****	Deland Group		10.00
Middleburg Group	10.00		DISTRICT #12	25.00	182.00	Fountain of Youth		34.20
Noon Group		49.00	*****	*****	*****	Grateful group		50.00
Step Sisters		10.00	Serenity Grp	50.00	50.00	*****	*****	*****
*****	*****	*****	New Hope Grp	20.00	20.00	DISTRICT #20	95.80	126.30
DISTRICT #4	60.00	109.00	Young Peoples	10.00		*****	*****	*****
*****	*****	*****	Eau Gallie	50.00	90.00	New Smyrna Beach	20.00	35.00
Fernandina Group	31.55	16.74	Happy Hour		23.00	Helping Hands	46.20	14.00
Downtown Grp	22.75		Barefoot Bay		60.00	High Noon	90.00	23.00
Fernandina Beach	21.90	3.36	Melbourne Grp		5.00	Port Orange Grp	45.00	30.00
*****	*****	*****	Lunch Buch		20.00	Happy Hour Grp		31.00
DISTRICT #5	76.20	20.10	11th Step Group		10.00	*****	*****	*****
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	DISTRICT #21	201.20	133.00
Serenity Smokeless	8.00		*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Came to Believe	20.00	15.00	DISTRICT #13	130.00	278.00	KISS	8.00	6.00
Perry Winners	10.00	10.00	*****	*****	*****	Primary Purpose	10.00	
Panacea		10.00	Umbrella Grp		75.00	Three Legacies Grp		150.00
Tues Night Womens		20.00	Big Book Group		10.00	Aloha Group	30.00	10.00
Central Group	60.00		*****	*****	*****	Seaside 12 & 12	2.92	10.00
Lloyd New Hope		100.00	DISTRICT #14	0.00	85.00	Holly Hill	10.41	
Carabelle		25.00	*****	*****	*****	O.B. Grp of AA	15.00	15.00
Powder-no-Puff		11.00	Tues Night Step St	6.98	13.71	Seabreeze	15.00	13.00
*****	*****	*****	Womens Step Study	20.00		Ormond by the Sea	7.50	12.50
DISTRICT #6	98.00	191.00	J & G Group	25.00	35.00	Big Book of Holly H.	21.56	18.10
*****	*****	*****	Hawthorne Grp		25.00	DISTRICT #21		20.00
Night Owl Grp	30.00	30.00	Day-by-Day		60.00	Oceanside Group		35.00
Trinity Group		122.35	Design for Living		20.00	Any Lengths		120.00
Shamrock Grp	20.00	30.00	Lesbian Step Sty		30.00	Brighter Days		15.00
*****	*****	*****	Free to Be		66.00	*****	*****	*****
DISTRICT #7	50.00	182.35	Mon.NonSmokers		75.00	DISTRICT #22	120.39	424.60
*****	*****	*****	Eye Opener Grp		20.00	*****	*****	*****
One Day At A Time	22.12		Downtown Group		60.00	Bunnell Grp	10.00	10.00
Happy Hour	12.50	30.00	Sunday Traditions		25.00	Sandpipers	26.50	
Transition Grp		20.00	*****	*****	*****	Stormy Seas	18.00	5.00
Your Not Alone	16.00		DISTRICT #15	51.98	429.71	T.G.I.F	12.00	
Triangle of Mt Dor	10.00		*****	*****	*****	Living Sober	7.00	12.00
Leesburg AA		20.00	Primary Purpose	50.00		Happy Wanders	10.00	11.00
*****	*****	*****	Titusville Big Boo	10.00	10.00	Nomad Group		5.00
DISTRICT #8	60.62	70.00	Gateway Group	25.00	50.00	*****	*****	*****
*****	*****	*****	Merritt Island		10.00	DISTRICT #23	83.50	43.00
Way of Life	50.10	81.64	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Road to Reovery	45.00	55.00	DISTRICT #16	85.00	70.00	Turning Point	15.00	15.00
Ocean Side Grp	80.00		*****	*****	*****	Womens Grp	20.00	
Ocean Holiday	19.90	15.72	Lake City Group		5.00	Conscious Contact	29.40	13.20
Brighter Days	45.00	15.00	Happy Hour		5.00	Patrick Grp	24.00	43.00
*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	Sandpipers	30.00	45.00
240.00	167.36			0.00	10.00	Soup Line		60.00
						Satellite Beach		100.00
						*****	*****	*****
						118.40	276.20	

DISTRICT #9 ON REVERSE SIDE

DISTRICT #17 ON REVERSE SIDE

DISTRICTS #24,#25,#26,#27,#28 ON REVERSE SIDE

DISTRICT #9

Take It Easy	20.00	15.00
Friendship	10.00	10.00
Pine Hills Grace	50.00	80.00
Single Purpose Grp	42.00	
Holden Park		30.00
Sharing & Caring	7.90	27.08
Blue Bottom Grp	50.20	25.00
Pine Hills Grace		100.00
*****	*****	*****
	180.10	287.08

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:
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DISTRICT #17

Serenity Grp	34.12	27.39
Happy Hour	29.74	
Winners Circle	111.29	
Young People	120.81	118.23
Lunch Bunch	25.00	44.89
Eye Opener	35.00	25.00
We Give Thanks	7.00	
The Grace Group	5.50	
Bellview Group	12.00	12.00
Women Alcoholic Grp		5.18
Happy, Joyous, Free		13.08
*****	*****	*****
	380.46	245.77

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AFTER
 6/30/89
 REPORTED IN 3RD QUARTER

DISTRICT #24

St. Johns River	24.00	41.00
Big Bass Group		50.00
AA		100.00
*****	*****	*****
	24.00	241.00

DISTRICT #25

Beeches Unity	75.00	75.00
PV-PV Group	25.00	25.00
I Am Responsible		7.35
Palm Study	10.00	
Women Enjoy Sobriety	10.00	14.50
Sawgrass Dutch		4.10
*****	*****	*****
	120.00	125.95

DISTRICT #26

Big Book Group		10.00
Panasofkee		25.00
*****	*****	*****
	0.00	35.00

DISTRICT #27

Williston Winners	26.00	
*****	*****	*****
	26.00	0.00

DISTRICT #28

AA of Inv	40.00	50.00
Crystal River	42.77	62.60
Lunch Bunch	45.00	
Way of Life	60.00	50.00
*****	*****	*****
	187.77	162.60



NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY

TO: General Service Representatives, District Committee
Members and Group treasurers

FROM: Joan E [redacted], Treasurer
North Florida Area Conference of AA

DATE: July 31, 1989

SUBJECT: "Meeting the Challenge of the Seventh Tradition"

In 1986 a paper entitled "The Challenge of the Seventh Tradition" was distributed by the A.A.W.S. Board. The response to that challenge brought an increase in contributions to G.S.O. of 37 percent, and group registration increased to 57 percent. Because of such a positive response, literature prices were reduced and a single pricing policy instituted for both members and outside purchasers. Which, of course, meant that AA was finally on its way to being self-supporting through its own contributions.

Unfortunately, the ensuing two years have not produced the anticipated and hoped for growth. Contributions and group registrations have fallen off dramatically. "...this effort of the service structure to strengthen the base of group support of G.S.O has brought into focus the general problem of group participation in support of all levels of service."

The North Florida Area Conference of AA is certainly no exception to the diminished support of our groups. Of approximately 500 registered groups, only 182 groups participated through financial contributions, and a mere 92 G.S.R.s (18%) attended the Assembly. Our contributions to G.S.O. this year was only \$400. The General Service Office expense for each delegate attending the April Conference is \$2,600. Some other groups paid our share.

We are, therefore, urging you to review your group Contribution Plans. Review the pamphlets: "A.A. Tradition - How It Developed", and "Supporting the A.A. Support System". Find creative ways to emphasize the needs of financial participation at all levels of service.

In 1946, Bill W. wrote that the principal and sole support of A.A. should eventually come from "...the voluntary contributions or pledges of A.A. members..." and not excess publishing income. After nearly 55 years, we still have NOT met the CHALLENGE!