

**MINUTES OF
FOURTH QUARTERLY MEETING OF
NORTH FLORIDA AREA CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS
OCTOBER 13-14, 1990 – OCALA, FLORIDA**

**DCM/OFFICERS MEETING
October 13, 1990 – 4:00 p.m.:**

Attendance: 78

Tom D. , Chairperson called the meeting to order with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call. Absent: DCMs from Districts 2 and 10.

Judy P. , Corresponding Secretary, distributed Group Information Forms to DCM's. There are 32 additional groups included in our package from New York, which remain unidentified and are not listed on our roster for the North Florida Area Conference. Group Information Forms should be mailed to Judy Petersen by the DCM's prior to January 1, 1991 or returned at the January 12- 13, 1991 Melbourne North Florida Area Conference first quarterly meeting.

The minutes of the third quarterly meeting of the North Florida Area Conference were approved as mailed, with four minor corrections. See General Assembly Meeting minutes, page 2, for details of the corrections.

Treasurer's Report. Joan E. noted that we have several groups who are continuing to send their group contributions to Elise D. Please send all group contributions for the area to Joan E. , Treasurer, e,
[Note: Starting in January, mail checks to Ken

R. , Treasurer,

] Make certain that you include your group name, group number, district number, and location. This will make the Treasurer's job much easier, in that all contributions will be appropriately credited to that specific group/district. Total income: \$6,724.89. Total expenses: \$3,539.08. Total income after expenses: \$3,215.81. Checking account ending balance: \$4,879.42. Prudent reserve ending balance: \$21,566.50. There were no complimentary rooms in Tallahassee. The coffee collections from Tallahassee totalled \$108.27. This quarter, we had 143 groups contributing to the North Florida Area Conference.

Proposed budget - two (2) each computers at a total of \$3,600 including printers and one (1) each video cassette player at a total of \$200. Joan suggested that Jacqueline Martin's expenses as the Southeast Regional Trustee be paid for by the area, so that she can come to the area conference and give her report. This is a standard practice to be done every two years. There was a general consensus that this expenditure be approved as presented. Ms. Martin will present her conference report at the first quarterly meeting in Melbourne, Florida held on January 12-13, 1991. Judy P. said that printing expenses may increase with the rotation of officers. Joan noted that the money in the Prudent Reserve will be used for the bonding of the treasurer, computer purchases, VCR cassette player, and committee expenses.

Regional Forum. Tom D. suggested that the Delegate-elect and the Chairperson-elect expenses be paid to the forum to be held in Shreveport, Louisiana in December, 1990. It would cost approximately \$960 for two (2) people to attend, which would include air travel, hotel accommodations, and meals. This will be recommended to the general assembly for a vote on Sunday, October 14, 1990.

Delegate's Report. Jimmy G. had district computer printouts for the DCM's of groups and how much they contributed to date. Also, he had available, the final conference report of the 40th General Service Conference. All DCM's were asked to pick-up copies for their respective groups.

Jimmy spoke a few minutes on the proposed budget and its necessity to the North Florida Area Conference. He said that in the past, we have had no budget. For the next two years the committee chairpersons need to take a close look at their expenses and work on an individual budget for each committee.

He said that Tom D. had mentioned the Regional Forum and Jimmy encouraged all the districts to help cover expenses for their DCM's and that the groups should help defray the expenses of their GSR's. It is a good experience for any member of Alcoholics Anonymous, and especially for those in service work.

Jimmy said that the Southeast Conference will be held in Orlando, Florida in 1993. He also said that Orlando will host the State Convention in the same year. GSO is moving to a new location on Riverside Drive in New York. The new place will cost approximately \$11.00 per square foot. GSO will save money on this move in the latter part of 1991. The current lease will run out the first of '91 and they will try to get a few months extension.

The new video out from GSO in New York was shown at the Treatment Facilities Committee Meeting. It tells what A.A. is all about. The video will again be shown this evening after the speaker's meeting.

The Daily Reflections Book, written by A.A. members for A.A. members is now available to the groups. Jimmy has received his copy and he said, "it looked great!" Irene G. , DCM-District 28, mentioned that the Districts and the Area be given the information first, instead of the Intergroups. It was noted that the Central Florida Intergroup in Orlando already had a supply of the books. She said they also had information on the International Convention in Seattle prior to the groups receiving any information. She suggested that all information should be passed to the DCM's by the Delegate and then to the groups. Jimmy said that the intergroups got the Daily Reflections Book ordering information prior to the groups, because they usually stock literature for their respective areas.

Jimmy stated that this morning there was a meeting held with the Chairman regarding intergroups, and the subject of creating

a standing committee for Intergroups was also discussed this afternoon during a regular meeting of the same. Howard S. was tentatively elected as the Chairperson of this standing committee, with approval pending by the general assembly on October 14, 1990 during the regularly scheduled meeting. There was discussion regarding intergroups accepting outside contributions. Jimmy said that by appointing a standing committee, with a chairperson, problems such as this will be alleviated. A motion was made, seconded, and carried by majority vote that we recommend to the general assembly that a standing committee, with an appointed chairman for intergroups be made an official part of the North Florida Area Conference.

DCM-District 1, Bill B , asked for a general consensus on the splitting of District 1, creating a new district, District 30. Tom D said that all groups had been polled and a split of this particular district was inevitable. A vote by the general assembly for approval of this district split will be on the agenda for the Sunday morning general assembly meeting.

A change in the agenda for the Sunday morning general assembly meeting, due to the elections, and was suggested as follows: Roll Call, approval of the minutes, Treasurer's Report, Delegate's Report, elections, committee reports, old business, new business, and adjournment. The motion was made, seconded, and carried by majority vote.

It was noted that some districts are not receiving their minutes and flyer in a timely fashion. Bulk mailing may contribute to some delays in the handling of our mail. Judy P suggested that the Recording Secretary send out the minutes and the Corresponding Secretary send out the flyer. This would be effective with the minutes of the fourth quarterly meeting (October 13-14, 1990-Ocala, Florida). The Corresponding Secretary will provide the Recording Secretary with a set of labels for mailing. Each mailing of the minutes will cost approximately \$.30 to \$.35 per set for a total of approximately 558. There will also be additional costs for printing, as this will be two separate mailings, and not one, as has been the practice in the past. Joan E suggested that in order to expedite mailing of the flyer, which includes the agenda and registration information for the next quarterly meeting, that the prior assembly approve the next quarterly meeting agenda. It was also suggested that the flyer and registration information be sent four to six weeks prior to the next scheduled assembly. This will give groups and DCM's plenty of time to register for their hotel accommodations, etc.

The following people have expressed an interest in standing for the officer position to be elected at the general assembly meeting, Sunday, October 14, 1990:

- Treasurer: Ken R , Corrine F , (Corliss G withdrew)
- Recording Secretary: Claire N , Irene Gi
- Corresponding Secretary: Fred W , (Judy P withdrew)
- Alternate Chairman: Bob V , Sherry B , Dan E
- Alternate Delegate: George C , Tom D
- Chairman: Corliss G , D. C. S , Fred Mc , Bill B
- Delegate: Tom D

The DCM/Officers Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m., with the Lord's Prayer.

SPEAKERS MEETING October 13, 1990 — 8:30 p.m.

Hermina D of Anthony, Florida shared her experience, strength, and hope with an audience of approximately 281 persons. Thank you! Hermina, for your personal reflections and inspiration on your recovery and life with sobriety.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING October 14, 1990 — 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Tom D , who welcomed everyone to the fourth quarterly meeting of 1990 of the North Florida Area Conference. He thanked District 17 for hosting this great! assembly. THANK YOU! DISTRICT 17. Tom then opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed with the Serenity Prayer.

Roll Call: Absent: DCM's, District 2 and 10. Following is a list of GSR's present for each district represented in the North Florida Area:

District	GSRs	District	GSRs	District	GSRs
1	6	11	8	21	5
2	0	12	12	22	0
3	5	13	6	23	2
4	1	14	10	24	6
5	8	15	5	25	6
6	4	16	1	26	1
7	2	17	10	27	0
8	1	18	10	28	3
9	12	19	7	29	1
10	4	20	8		

Totals: 27 DCMs; 144 GSRs

The minutes of the third quarterly meeting of the North Florida Area Conference were approved as mailed, with the following four corrections:

- Corliss G , standing for Treasurer, was mistakenly identified as previously Alternate Delegate for Georgia. She was not Alternate Delegate for Georgia, but was the Area Chairperson for the Atlanta DCM's.
- Fred W : was mistakenly identified as Chairperson of this year's State Convention held in Daytona Beach, Florida. He was not Chairperson for the convention, but was Program Chairperson.
- DCM District 20, Robert R ' name was incorrectly spelled.
- Ken R , standing for Treasurer, was mistakenly identified as majoring in business and accounting. He did not major in business and accounting, but minored in those subjects. He majored in English. Also, a correction is to be made that he is not currently a financial writer, but had done that kind of work in the past.

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Other contributions: \$250 FCYPAA; \$247.89 District 5; \$181.25 District 15- Grapevine sales during service workshop. Special projects: \$400 convention expense for Florida inmates to attend (Corrections Committee). The proposed budget is just a beginning budget for 1990. The fidelity bond for the Treasurer has increased to \$200. Joan noted that many officers and committee chairpersons paid their own expenses to attend the area conference meetings, due to an enormous deficit. Just recently, we removed the "as needed" clause from the reimbursement for committee chairpersons and officers motion. This may increase the reimbursed personal expenses for these people to attend the quarterly meetings. Two computers are to be purchased for approximately \$3,800 which includes the printers. A video cassette player at approximately \$200 is also included in the proposed budget.

Joan wanted to personally thank her husband, Jerry E., for all his help in assisting Joan during her tenure as Treasurer. He has served with humility and unrecognized thanks. She also thanked District 17 for doing such a fine job in collecting the money from the meetings and workshops and Ken R. and Corrinne F. for their willingness to serve as Treasurer for the upcoming two year term.

Regional Forum, Shreveport, Louisiana - December, 1990. Jimmy G. encouraged all the districts to help cover expenses for their DCM's and that the groups should help defray the expenses of their GSR's. It is a good experience for any member of Alcoholics Anonymous, and especially for those in service work. Tom D. asked for a motion, which was made, seconded, and carried by majority vote, to send the Delegate-elect and the Chairman-elect to the Regional Forum, with expenses to be paid by the North Florida Area Conference in the approximate amount of \$960.00.

Delegate's Report - Jimmy G. Jimmy gave a report on the Intergroup Seminar he attended in September, 1990 in Newark, New Jersey. Intergroup communication problems were the major topic of discussion. These problems have been experienced for years. The question which remained was, "Where do Intergroups fit into the service structure?" There was discussion on forming a committee on intergroups at GSO. This is a backwards approach to the problem. A lot of the areas are forming a standing committee for intergroups at the area conference level. Jimmy G. recommended that the North Florida Area Conference approve and support an additional standing committee with a voting chairperson for Intergroups at the area conference level.

The Southeast Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous to be held in Orlando in 1993. Having this conference in the North Florida area will assist us in establishing better communications between the South Florida area and the North Florida area, as it was the South Florida Delegate, Frances C., who made the bid for Orlando to host the 1993 Southeast Conference. Nick G. will be the Chairman of the Southeast Conference to be held at the Twin Towers. Coffee has been negotiated at

\$12.00 per gallon. The bid for the Twin Towers site will be brought to the new committee on conventions established in Daytona Beach at the last State Convention. Speaker from New York, Southeast Trustee. Past delegate and past chairman of the Southeast Conference will serve on the committee.

Treatment facilities video now available from GSO in New York. Jimmy encouraged those that work with newcomers to try to show the film as often as possible.

The new Daily Reflections Book, written by A.A. members for A.A. members, is now available for ordering through A.A. World Services, Inc., New York at an individual cost of \$5.25 per book; quantity order discounts apply.

GSO will be moving to Riverside Avenue in New York. They have been looking around for a place for the last couple of years. The current lease will expire in April, 1991 at their present location and they plan to ask for an approximate four month extension, so they should be moving the latter part of 1991. They will be spending some money on this move, including renovations to the new office space.

Jimmy thanked everyone for allowing him to serve as Delegate for the past two years. He realizes that the Delegate is looked upon as being "somebody", but he has found out that the Delegate is not the most desirable job, but being 'past delegate' is. Thank you, North Florida Area Conference!

Pat R. announced the 27th Annual National Women's Conference to be held in Orlando, Florida, February 14-17, 1991. They are expecting approximately 2,000 women from across the country. They need 400 women to help staff it. Flyers available with contact names and phone numbers. Pat asked all women of the North Florida Area Conference to please join them for a successful conference.

Elections. Standing for the office of Recording Secretary, Irene G., DCM-District 28, who provided her qualifications as follows: Sobriety date: July 20, 1962. She was first a 'cake lady', then intergroup delegate, GSR, institutions committee chair, CPC-District 13, Alternate DCM-District 13, and then DCM-District 28 (formerly District 13). Irene also worked extensively in the area of intergroups in her home state, prior to coming to Florida. She has worked on a quarterly paper in the past and wrote news articles.

Standing for the office of Chairman, Corliss G. She was going to stand as Treasurer, but withdrew her name and would like to stand for the office of Chairman. She has been a GSR in Atlanta, DCM, Chairperson, Atlanta DCM's, Alternate DCM-District 14, and DCM-District 14. Corliss has been sober for 20 years.

Standing for the office of Corresponding Secretary, Fred W. Sobriety date: August 20, 1979. Worked in general service six months after coming into the program; active in general service for the past ten years as Alternate GSR, GSR, Alternate DCM, DCM, South Florida area Institutions Chairman, and South Florida area Treatment Facilities Chairman.

The voting and election procedures were reviewed. Past delegates will count each colored ballot and post the results on the blackboard in the front of the room. It was decided by majority consensus that if a person was not elected to a position for which they had originally stood, they could pass to another office and stand for that position. The voting order would be

Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary.

The results of the North Florida Area Conference elections were as follows:

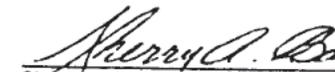
- Delegate: Tom D
- Alternate Delegate: George C
- Chairperson: Fred M
- Alternate Chairperson: Dan E
- Treasurer: Ken R
- Recording Secretary: Claire N
- Corresponding Secretary: Fred W

[See resource page, Page 12, for addresses and phone numbers of the current and new officers.]

A motion was made, seconded, and carried by majority vote in approving the splitting of District 1, into District 1 and District 30.

The fourth quarterly meeting of the North Florida Area Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous adjourned at 1:20 p.m., Sunday, October 14, 1990, with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


Sherry A. B., Recording Secretary
North Florida Area Conference of
Alcoholics Anonymous

GSR WORKSHOP October 13, 1990

Chairman: Nancy P.

Attendance: 130

Nancy began by saying that as a new GSR she felt she had floundered a lot in the beginning. She thought this would be a good opportunity to share experiences with others to help them. She asked Dickie and John to give the group their list of what would create better GSRs.

Dickie said that he had learned a lot at Area Assemblies. He had also learned that a good GSR must learn to listen and to communicate. He shared that business meetings, Area Assemblies and District meetings were all good places to learn. He recommended the pamphlet *Twelve Concepts of World Service*.

John said it was his second time as GSR. He likes it because it is where the action is. A GSR is responsible to keep the group informed as to what is happening at the area and district levels and to carry the group conscience to these levels. He found the 12 concepts pamphlet very helpful also. John specified several other printed materials that were sent to him and which he found to be informative and beneficial tools for a GSR.

Nancy suggested that it would be very useful to compile a list of service sponsors which would be available through Intergroup. These persons could be contacted by new GSRs for help, suggestions, information, etc. It was also commented on that District

people are a good source of information, especially on the traditions.

A problem was brought up with GSRs having difficulty bringing back information and conclusions to their groups; sometimes they don't want to listen or want to do it their own way. This problem was addressed two ways: one, what might GSRs do about rifts, and two, how might GSRs better communicate the information they bring back to the groups.

On the first point, the GSRs function is to give information, not to change the group. Also, if a Steering Committee is formed to discuss the problems and how to present them first and then presented to the group, it may go a lot smoother. A most interesting point made was that rifts might be looked at in a positive light. They are a way of getting more groups and of growing. Leading the group in a group conscience inventory at least once a year is also a GSRs responsibility, but they must remember to only lead them and not take their inventory. If problems cannot be solved at a business meeting, perhaps take them to a group meeting. But if a vote is taken and a few do not agree with the outcome, those few need to remember that this program includes sometimes doing things we don't want to do.

As to getting our information back to the groups, it helps to try not to be too serious. [Rule 62, see Tradition 4 in the 12 & 12.] Try to convey some of the joy and fun that you experienced at the Assembly or meeting. If you cannot get anyone to attend your business meetings, tell the group that you will be voting and that the meeting has been changed to smoking or make it fun with food by having a covered dish.

A GSR must sometimes faithfully communicate information from the group which is not his or her personal opinion. The group should be willing to listen to what he brings back. Also, the members who do not come to the business meetings are saying, by their absence, that those who do attend may decide for them. If they are resentful of the decisions made, that is their problem.

A letter was shared which one group wrote to the local treatment center that was sending newcomers and drug addicts to closed meetings. Our singleness of purpose was very well expressed in this letter and copies are available if anyone would like to have one.

TRADITIONS WORKSHOP October 13, 1990

Chairman: George C

Attendance: 75

George noted he had been conducting the Traditions Workshop for two years and that he would be rotating out. He introduced D.C. S, Bob V and Jim C, who would be doing the workshop with him.

The focus was on traditions 11 and 12. D.C. began with 11 and broke this down into two parts: 1) our public relations policy of attraction rather than promotion and 2) anonymity.

Public relations is communication. We need to be attractive to those who are still suffering from alcoholism, but we can't attract them if they don't know we exist. Revealing membership at a personal level is our own option, however the line is drawn at the level of press, radio and film. Promotion is necessary within

AA for functions, etc, but as far as outside our organization, literature without names or pictures will suffice.

Anonymity expresses and reinforces our humility. Two definitions of humility were given: 1) humility is the embarrassment we feel when we tell others how great we are and 2) I'm no better than anyone else, but I'm no worse either. Our anonymity allows us to be free to do 12 step work.

Bob said traditions 11 and 12 work to keep our egos in check. We have to give up our ambition for personal recognition. Anonymity is a form of discipline; we are responsible to the group. It is the message, not the messenger, that is important. We may be resuming our attempts at personal prestige through AA without realizing it. We must remember our mistakes, or we are bound to repeat them. The substance of principles before personalities is sacrifice, putting our common good before personal desires.

John said with statistics showing that our children will very often become alcoholics or marry them, we need to preserve AA for our kids. Our traditions are 12 points to assure our future.

GRAPEVINE WORKSHOP October 13, 1990

Chairman: Ken R

Attendance: 24

Ken asked for a successor because the Grapevine Chairman is a rotating position. Ken feels this position has been the most rewarding one of all the service work he has done. Ken started as Alternate rep which fits in with the first concept he holds to — start off slowly and move along slowly. The second is always humility first. A commitment to be of service and to help other alcoholics is a way of overcoming self-centered fear.

There are over 6,000 Grapevine representatives in the U.S. and Canada; more than 60 are in North Florida. That number is a 60% increase. The job of Grapevine rep was first mentioned in AA literature in 1953 and is one of the original standing committees of AA service.

A GVR digs into his own initiative and shares. That is the 11th step, as Ken sees it, dig in for guidance and share.

The November Grapevine, previously called the gratitude issue, is now a special Classic edition and has articles from AA history. A large part of our gratitude is for the wisdom of the past. Many issues we face today are problems AA has dealt with before and the solutions are pertinent.

In 1991 the Grapevine will do a service issue and their editorial staff needs input for that. They want articles sharing the experience, strength and hope from those making coffee through to DCM and further.

Ken had copies of the new Grapevine Representative handbook. The handbook captures the Grapevine feeling and provides concrete advice for fielding questions. Cynthia L. in New York is another resource. She is the GVR coordinator and works with the circulation and editorial departments.

The Grapevine is a mirror of the AA fellowship and Ken says if you pick it up when you are lonely or troubled you will find that you can live one paragraph at a time.

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING October 13, 1990

Chairman: Dan S

Attendance: 80

The first part of the meeting was taken up discussing the new recommended procedure for picking committee chairmen and alternates. The committees themselves were to pick their leaders; these recommendations would then be passed to the Area Chairman for his approval/appointment.

Volunteers were solicited for committee chairman and alternate and were given an opportunity to address the meeting with their qualifications. The results: CPC Chairman recommendation: Anita or Pat; Alt. Chairman recommendation: Pat or Bert. An interesting note: At first Anita said she did not feel ready yet to step up from Alternate to the Chairmanship. One astute AAer noted that we never feel quite ready, we probably did not feel that way when we came into AA, and yet somehow we are given the strength to do what we must do. The meeting members showed Anita that they had confidence in her doing the job.

The last 20 minutes of the workshop was spent reporting on activities in the various districts. Anita shared that drug intervention programs and Wellness Teams (i.e., Employee Assistance Programs) through the schools was a good way to get your foot in the door. One chairman had been able to get together with school counselors and teachers. The Council for the Aging has also provided contacts.

We are making inroads stressing our singleness of purpose to professional contacts.

PUBLIC INFORMATION WORKSHOP October 13, 1990

Chairman: George C

Attendance: 20

The primary purpose of the P.I. committee is communication and education through print, radio and TV to those still suffering and to communicate with and educate the alcoholics within the fellowship. George covered Concept 9 because the suggestions are useful for elections and stressed the importance of elected delegates. Seek out the best for office and trust them to serve. Find someone who can put principles into action. Good leaders are good sponsors and lead by personal example.

George noted that he will be rotating out as PI chairman and recommended that the Alternate Chairman, John C. , be selected as the next Chairman of the PI committee. Those in attendance approved of this choice.

John spoke on politics in AA. He said trying to sell anything to anyone is politics. A politician demonstrates the art of compromise. The election process works through politics. People present ideas and those ideas are discussed. Don't buy into the politics, such as gossip, that you don't like. Don't pass it along. John asserted that politics is healthy, controversy is important, and that is sobriety we have the ability to respect others' viewpoints. He suggested a 10th step inventory examining what am I doing to further AA. When choosing officers representing the 500 groups in the North Florida Area, John recommended using a little heart, some gut and a lot of brain.

D.C. S , past chairman of the PI committee, spoke on leadership by example, not mandate. A leader personally puts plans and principles into action and the rest of us want to follow. A leader dreams up those plans, but also possesses the willingness to take ideas from anyone, giving credit where due. Thick skin is a must – a leader never passes the buck. Ability to compromise when a compromise can improve the situation is called for in a leader. Vision is required, a view of our near and distant future, seeing what others cannot see. Enthusiasm and willingness to learn can outweigh knowledge as desirable characteristics in a leader. D.C. said look for someone who is bubbling over. D.C. challenges us to find the best talent and land it in the spot it will do the most good. He emphasized the importance of strong DCM and GSR representatives to keep momentum going. A weak leader can dissipate growth and it is a difficult task to turn around a downward spiral. That is why John C sees dedication to continuity as an all important concern.

Ellen T., who has held many positions in 32 years in AA, observed that a leader has to suffer.

TREATMENT FACILITIES October 13, 1990

Chairman: Bob V;

Attendance: 50

The object of this program is to get the people coming out of treatment centers into AA, so it is important to introduce them to AA people with quality sobriety. We need to bridge the gap when they come out of treatment and keep them coming to AA. 50% of those who come to their first AA meeting don't last 30 days in the program.

The new video, Hope - Alcoholics Anonymous, has been out for only a month and was developed and targeted for treatment facilities. Jimmy G said the Treatment Facility Committee asked for a video that would help to explain what AA is and what AA is not. The video was shown at the meeting. It can be ordered through your Intergroup or directly from New York. Cost is \$15.

Some of the thoughts expressed in the video were: that AA's only reason is to help the alcoholic to recover, not only to help you to stop drinking, but also your other problems will be welcomed...the first few weeks out of treatment will be the hardest, starting back into a regular life...the first AA contacts you make are not people you must make any commitment to, they are there to serve...after the novelty wears off, you need to find a home group so they can get to know you, they may often spot your difficulties before you do and help you with them...sponsors are people who, when you look at them, you see they have something

and you want it...at first, just not drinking is enough, then you want more.

The contact friend program in the various areas need volunteers. The program works like this: A week to ten days before a person is released, go and meet him/her, perhaps a couple of times. Then the day they get out, get them to a meeting THAT DAY! Stay close to them for about 9 days. This used to be called a temporary sponsor, but this implied authority. Treatment centers give them knowledge but we need to show them how to apply it.

The corrections committee can work right along with the Treatment Facilities Committee; a new full custody treatment center is being built. We often mistakenly assume people who have been released from a treatment center have been "fixed". Also, we need to wean these people gradually from the treatment center to an AA way of life.

INTERGROUP WORKSHOP October 13, 1990

Chairman: Frank H. and Jimmy G

Attendance: 100

Frank had 50 handouts on what Intergroup is and does. Intergroup performs the same functions the groups do, but often at a level the groups cannot. Intergroup also provides cohesion between the groups. It is often rough to keep it together once an Intergroup is formed, but we are, after all, alcoholics. The guidelines which have been provided for Intergroups are excellent and will help to solve many problems. As Intergroup is often the first service work newcomers get involved with, it is important that the AA way of life be represented here.

Jimmy G , NFA Delegate, then shared about the Intergroup seminar he attended. Jimmy said that Intergroups had been encouraged to come to Area Assemblies in order to share solutions to their problems but not as voting members. Some expressed that they did not see much reason to come if they had no vote. He asked for feedback from the attendees to determine possible responses to this. The Intergroups in our area currently number 12 in comparison to approximately 500 total votes. Many felt that Intergroup should meet, but the vote was unnecessary. A "straw vote" was taken and the outcome was to suggest an Intergroup Committee allowing them one vote as a Chairman.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE October 13, 1990

Chairman: Hank J.

Attendance: 20

The meeting featured a return to the theater-type meeting. The chairman briefed attendees on progress in establishing NFA archives since the committee was formed in 1986. We discussed where we were then, what has been accomplished and plans for the future. These plans include but are not limited to the establishment of guidelines for Archives at Group, District/Intergroup levels and the printing of these and other archive aids. The Archives Committee will maintain NFA records and memorabilia, will hold workshops at quarterly assemblies and will make ap-

propriate presentations to provide advice, guidance, counsel and direction, etc.

Chairman J. chaired a brief business meeting with his working committee. He announced his resignation as Chairman and stated the need for an orderly rotation of the chairmanship. After extensive discussion, the Archives committee strongly recommends to the NFA chairman that Marie B. (Jax) be appointed Archives Chairman and Wanda A. (Melbourne) be the alternate. The vote was unanimous and was strongly endorsed by out-going Chairman Hank J. Hank will continue to serve on the committee.

GSR MEETING October 13, 1990

Chairman: Dick P

Attendance: 100

Dick asked for a show of hands of the new GSRs - the most important job in AA. He suggested that it was very important to know the traditions because GSRs represent them for their groups. There are several pamphlets which will assist GSRs in studying the traditions. Also, the Service Manual defines the GSRs job as being a link from the group to AA as a whole. The GSR reports to the group on all North Florida Area assemblies, conferences, District meetings, etc. and also represents the group conscience at these gatherings. The GSR can take the opportunity to report back to the group at a group conscience meeting, during announcements at a regular meeting, or snuck in at other times.

Phyllis D. shared her experience as a GSR and her service work. During the question period it was suggested that it is important for the sponsor to stress service.

ACCESSIBILITIES October 13, 1990

Chairman: Barbara G.

Attendance: 19

Discussed smoking and non-smoking meetings -- a big problem apparently. Too much discussion to relate in this small space. Should make NS and S meetings as soon as possible to solve grievances.

Everyone in agreement that groups should provide access for the handicapped. Attempts should be made to set up deaf meetings in your area. Nurseries for children can be provided, if mothers would alternate responsibility for watching them.

CORRECTIONS WORKSHOP October 13, 1990

Chairman: Bob T.

Attendance: 50

Suggested guidelines for Corrections Chairman are 3 years service as inside volunteer and 2 years as Alternate Chairman. Suggest guidelines for Alternate Chairman are 2 years service as an inside volunteer.

Bernie, current Alternate, presented himself as candidate for Chairman and summarized his experience and many qualifications, his goals and his detailed vision for the committee's future. That lonely feeling of those doing inside service, the wondering about others doing the same kind of work will become a thing of the past as communication throughout the district improves on many levels in the future Bernie sees. He said those who work in institutions are unique in that theirs is a long-term commitment.

Bob, current Chairman, put forth his name to again be Chairman.

There was discussion of the new election procedures which do not generally seem to be completely understood and totally clear. The current Chairman can present names or the group can elect candidates. It was said all candidates for chairman were canvassed and agreed to confirm who this committee recommends for offices. Those able to participate in the vote are only people who have been running a meeting on the inside of a correctional institution. The spirit of rotation embodied in the election was brought up several times.

The committee voted to recommend Bernie as Corrections Committee Chairman and Joe F. as the Alternate.

George expressed his gratitude for the rewards of working with inmates and read a letter from one who said: "I love the sobriety you bring with you."

There was controversy on AA as opposed to substance abuse meetings. All inside meetings are open meetings. Kim said it's hard to have expectations because someone else makes the rules.

ANONYMITY REMINDER

Last names are used in the minutes. Readers are reminded of our anonymity traditions. Do not disclose last names outside of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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

	09/30/90	%	06/30/90	%	03/31/90	%	YR-TO-DAT	%
BEGINNING CASH	4911.05							
INCOME								
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	4586.9	68.2%	4609.34	74.1%	5094.54	67.8%	14290.78	69.8%
ASSEMBLY COLLECTIONS	736.08	10.9%	970.75	15.6%	1165.13	15.5%	2871.96	14.0%
GRAPEVINE SALES	431.97	6.4%	381.69	6.1%	526.85	7.0%	1340.51	6.6%
TAPE SALES		0.0%		0.0%	200.00	2.7%	200.00	1.0%
INTEREST INCOME Checking	73.36	1.1%	48.43	0.8%	73.44	1.0%	195.23	1.0%
INTEREST INCOME Savings	247.44	3.7%	241.01	3.9%	191.89	2.6%	680.34	3.3%
"OTHER" CONTRIBUTIONS	679.14	10.1%		0.0%	267.00	3.6%	946.14	4.6%
Less Refunds					-5.00	-0.1%	-5.00	0.0%
Less Bank Service Chgs	-30.00	-0.0%	-30.00	-0.0%		0.0%	-60.00	-0.3%
TOTAL INCOME	6724.89	100.0%	6221.22	100.0%	7513.85	100.0%	20459.96	100.0%
OPERATING EXPENSES								
DELEGATE & ALT EXPENSES								
REGISTRATION/GEN SERVICE		0.0%		0.0%	1600.00	21.3%	1600.00	7.8%
REIMBURSED PERSONAL EXP	851.25	12.7%	1787.00	28.7%	485.00	6.5%	3123.25	15.3%
TOTAL DELEGATE EXPENSES	851.25	12.7%	1787.00	28.7%	2085.00	27.7%	4723.25	23.1%
AREA OFFICER EXPENSES								
DUPLICATION & SUPPLIES	315.73	4.7%	69.60	1.1%	495.40	6.6%	880.73	4.3%
POSTAGE & TELEPHONE	35.25	0.5%	165.18	2.7%	83.63	1.1%	284.06	1.4%
REIMBURSED PERSONAL EXP	126.23	1.9%	231.36	3.7%	91.00	1.2%	448.59	2.2%
TOTAL OFFICER EXPENSES	477.21	7.1%	466.14	7.5%	670.03	8.9%	1613.38	7.9%
AREA COMMITTEE EXPENSES								
POSTAGE & TELEPHONE	10.50	0.2%	22.50	0.4%		0.0%	33.00	0.2%
REIMBURSED PERSONAL EXP	516.24	7.7%	242.36	3.9%	214.00	2.8%	972.60	4.8%
LITERATURE	9.00	0.1%	705.20	11.3%	416.60	5.5%	1130.80	5.5%
SPECIAL PROJECTS	400.00	5.9%	75.00	1.2%		0.0%	475.00	2.3%
TOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENSES	935.74	13.9%	1045.06	16.8%	630.60	8.4%	2611.40	12.8%
ASSEMBLY MOST EXPENSES								
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES		0.0%	38.83	0.6%	43.57	0.6%	82.40	0.4%
COFFEE & TEA COST	1244.88	18.5%	1633.28	26.3%	1359.60	18.1%	4237.76	20.7%
CONF ROOM RENT		0.0%	300.00	4.8%		0.0%	300.00	1.5%
HOTEL DEPOSITS		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	0.00	0.0%
TOTAL MOST EXPENSES	1244.88	18.5%	1972.11	31.7%	1403.17	18.7%	4620.16	22.6%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	3509.08	52.2%	5270.31	84.7%	4788.8	63.7%	13568.19	66.3%
INCOME(LOSS)AFTER EXPENSES	3215.81	47.8%	950.91	15.3%	2725.05	36.3%	6891.77	33.7%
BEGINNING CASH (Checking)								
Add Income			6754.89				247.44	
Less Interest(savings)			-247.44				3000.00	
Subtotal			11418.50				21566.50	
Less Operating Expenses			-3539.08				-3000.00	
Less Traf to Savings			-3000.00					
ENDING CASH (Checking)			4879.42					
BEGINNING CASH (Savings)								
Add Interest Income							247.44	
Add Traf from Checking							3000.00	
ENDING CASH(Savings)							21566.50	

OTHER INFORMATION

1. Comp Rooms-Fall.
0-Fri.Night
0-Sat.Night
2. Number of Groups Participated: 143
(500 registered)
3. Coffee Collections included in Assembly Collections-\$108.27
4. "Other" Contributions
a) FCYPA - \$250.00
b) District #5 - \$247.89
c) District #15- \$181.25
(Grapevine Sales)
5. Special Projects:
\$400.00 Convention Expense - Fla Inmate
6. ACCOUNT BALANCES:
Checking: \$4879.42

Prudent Reserve:
\$21566.50

SUBMITTED BY:
Jean E. [Signature]
Jean E. Treasurer
NORTH FLA AREA
CONFERENCE OF AA

MAIL TO:
Jean E

Gainesville, FL
32608

****PLEASE NOTE: GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS
REDUCED BY AMOUNT OF NSF CHECK CHARGES****

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DISTRICT #1	Third Qtr	YR-TO-DATE	DISTRICT #10	Third Qtr	Yr-to-Date	DISTRICT #18	Third Qtr	YR-TO-DAT
*****			*****			*****		
✓Arlington of AA	122.77	232.77	Apopka Step Stdy	10.00	30.90	Clean Air Grp		40.00
Switzerland	12.00	37.00	Sobriety & Beyond		40.00	Good Morning Grp		0.00
✓Amethyst Grp	55.00	115.00	Winter Park Men's		50.00	Wekiva	30.00	60.00
✓Arlington Friends	32.10	100.09	Marvin R.		13.00	AA of Altamonte		55.00
✓Never too Young		0.00	Alco-An Club		0.00	Happy Hour		80.00
✓Central Group	112.50	337.50	Aloma		0.00	Back to Basics	47.44	126.44
✓Mandarin Group	34.01	94.01	Living Sober	15.00	40.00	Sanford Womens		25.00
✓Beach Blvd Group	15.00	45.00	Why Me Group		20.00	The 24 Hour Grp	10.00	35.00
✓Deerwood		0.00	Single Purpose Grp	3.54	25.22	Mon Big Book-Womens		0.00
✓Lakeside		0.00	Solutions Grp	53.79	73.79	1792 Group		10.00
✓Reborn	5.00	10.00	Winter Park Grp	105.00	225.00	10 A.M. Group		0.00
*****	388.38	971.37	Freedom Group	20.00	30.00	Sanford Group	100.00	200.00
DISTRICT #2			New Hope	11.00	11.00	Sober Won	49.07	94.27
*****			Winter Park Womens	13.00	13.00	Longwood		0.00
✓Emanon group		15.00	*****	231.33	571.91	Acorn group	15.00	45.00
✓Sunrise	16.10	47.30	DISTRICT #11	*****	*****	Geneva		20.00
✓Caboose	9.30	31.15	*****			Sanford Big Book		10.00
✓Eastside		0.00	Discovery Beg.		10.00	Born to Win		25.24
✓Alexis Group		0.00	Today's Women		0.00	*****	*****	*****
✓Helping Hands	20.00	60.00	Turning Point		50.00	DISTRICT #19	251.51	825.95
✓Jax Northside		0.00	Tues Mens Grp		0.00	*****		
N.E.Fla Intergroup		0.00	Free to Be	120.58	120.58	Boulevard Group	33.28	90.06
*****	45.40	153.45	Brown Baggers	10.00	40.37	Noon Group		0.00
DISTRICT #3			Bar None		0.00	Four Townes		30.00
*****			Hospital Grp		25.00	Open Doors		66.60
✓Ortega Group		0.00	Dry Dock #24	100.00	225.00	West Volusia	25.00	50.00
✓Cassat Winners	60.00	140.00	Union Park-Eastsid	15.00	25.00	Deland Group	45.00	55.00
✓Westside Group	50.00	150.00	Remember When		30.00	Fountain of Youth	15.00	45.00
✓Middleburg Group	5.00	10.00	*****	245.58	525.95	Grateful group	25.00	75.00
Eureka		0.00	DISTRICT #12	*****	*****	Victory Group		62.95
Step Sisters		0.00	*****			New Freedom Group		85.00
✓Timuquana Group		0.00	Serenity Grp	50.00	150.00	Pass It On		45.00
✓Timuquana Ladies	10.45	43.95	Early Birds	50.00	100.00	DISTRICT 19		25.00
✓Orange Park Group	15.00	15.00	Snug Harbor		0.00	Better Way	20.00	60.00
Happy Hour		25.00	New Hope Grp	20.00	30.00	*****	*****	*****
*****	140.45	378.95	Young Peoples	25.00	45.00	DISTRICT #20	163.28	689.61
DISTRICT #4			Eau Gallie	100.00	160.00	*****		
*****			Happy Hour		38.28	New Smyrna Beach	40.00	85.00
✓Fernandina Group		34.62	Barefoot Bay		15.00	Helping Hands		20.00
Downtown Grp		0.00	Melbourne Grp		0.00	High Noon	46.00	134.00
✓Fernandina Beach	104.83	292.66	Lunch Bunch	30.00	55.00	Port Orange Grp	10.00	60.00
✓Helping Hands		0.00	11th Step Group		50.00	Happy Hour Grp	14.00	42.00
*****	104.83	327.28	Soup Line	25.00	80.00	Thur Beachside	9.53	94.36
DISTRICT #5			7:15 Group	20.00	20.00	Fifth Tradition		54.00
*****			LAMBDA	10.00	20.00	*****	*****	*****
Open Door	21.75	21.75	Individual Contr	17.50	17.50	DISTRICT #21	119.53	489.36
Fireside		0.57	*****	347.50	780.78	*****		
✓Serenity Smokeless		0.00	DISTRICT #13	*****	*****	KISS	4.00	14.00
✓Came to Believe	14.00	34.00	*****			Primary Purpose		0.00
Women on Wagon		10.00	Umbrella Grp		0.00	Three Legacies Grp	70.00	207.50
✓Perry Winners		19.50	Ask It Basket	30.00	60.00	Aloha Group		0.00
✓Panacea		0.00	Aripeka Big Book		13.00	Seaside 12 & 12		5.40
✓Tues Night Womens	10.00	30.00	Hernando Cty		30.00	Holly Hill		13.77
Northside	48.60	132.98	Tranquility Grp	50.00	50.00	O.B. Grp of AA	15.00	45.00
✓Central Group		100.00	*****	80.00	153.00	Seabreeze	14.00	14.00
✓Lloyd New Hope		75.00	*****			Ormond by the Sea	5.00	20.00
✓Carabelle		0.00	DISTRICT #14			Big Book of Holly H.	28.00	81.90
✓Powder-no-Puff		30.00	*****			DISTRICT #21		0.00
Open Door		15.00	*****			Oceanside Group		91.81
INTERGROUP		44.70	*****			Any Lengths	75.00	190.38
Capital City		90.00	*****			Live & Let Live	2.50	7.00
Living Sober	36.50	45.70	*****			Turning Point	5.00	5.00
Southside		60.00	*****			*****	*****	*****
✓Quincy Grp		80.00	*****			218.50	695.76	
✓Men's Faith Grp	10.00	10.00	*****					
✓Crawford		20.00	*****					
✓Live & Let Live		7.00	*****					
✓Happy Hour	13.00	13.00	*****					
✓Havana Group	5.00	5.00	*****					
DISTRICT #5	247.89	247.89	*****					
*****	406.74	1092.09	*****					

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NFA CONFERENCE BUDGET-1990

INCOME	
Group Contributions	19000.00
Assembly Collections	4500.00
Grapevine Sales	2000.00
Interest Income-Checking	216.00
Interest Income-Savings	960.00

TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME	26676.00
EXPENSES	
GSO Conference (incl addtl \$1000)	1600.00
Delegate Reimbursed Expenses	3000.00
Alternate Delegate Reimburs Exp	340.00
Printing/Supplies	1145.00
Fidelity Bond Insurance	100.00
Postage	426.00
Officer Reimbursed Expenses	1700.00
Telephone	120.00
Special Committee Projects	1475.00
Literature	1800.00
Comm Chairperson Reimburs Exp	2380.00
Assembly Cost-Supplies	160.00
Assembly Cost-Hotel	5800.00

TOTAL PROJECTED OPERATING EXPENSES	20046.00

PROJECTED INCOME AFTER EXPENSES	6630.00

Projected Other Expenses:	
Purchase two(2) Computers	3600.00
Purchase VCR	200.00
Regional Forum Travel Expenses	?
GSO Trustee Travel Expenses	?

Notes:

- 1) Reimbursed Expenses estimated @\$85.00/quarter/person.
- 2) Special Projects: i) \$500 each PI and CPC Committees
ii) \$400 Correction Committee
iii) \$75 all other Committees
- 3) Regional Forum Expenses every 2 yrs
(Expenses to be determined by Assembly Vote)
- 4) GSO Trustee Assembly Travel Expense Reimbursement every 2 yrs
(Expense to be determined)

ADVANCE ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE & HOTEL REGISTRATION

The First Quarterly Assembly of the new term of the North Florida Area Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous will held the weekend of January 12-13, 1991 at the Melbourne Airport Hilton at Rialto Place, 200 Rialto Place, Melbourne, FL 32901. The phone number is 407/768-0200. In Florida call toll free, 1-800-237-6637. Be sure to mention that the reservation is for the North Florida Area Assembly. Registration deadline is December 28, 1990. Room Rate is \$50 plus 9% tax for 1-4 people.

The following summary agenda shows only starting and ending times. A complete agenda with room assignments and chairmen will be available at the assembly.

Friday, January 11

- 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Registration and Hospitality open
 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Speakers meeting. New officers will share.

Saturday, January 12

- 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Hospitality Open
 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Registration open
 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. "How to Conduct a Business Meeting" Seminar
 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Traditions Workshop
 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. P.I., Intergroup, Accessibilities
 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch on your own
 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. C.P.C., Grapevine, Corrections
 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Treatment, Archives, DCM Training
 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. GSR Training, DCM/Officers Meeting
 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner on your own
 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Speaker, Jacqueline M., Louisville KY, SE Regional Trustee
 10:00 p.m. – ? Nite Owl Discussion Meeting

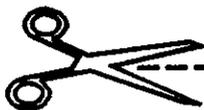
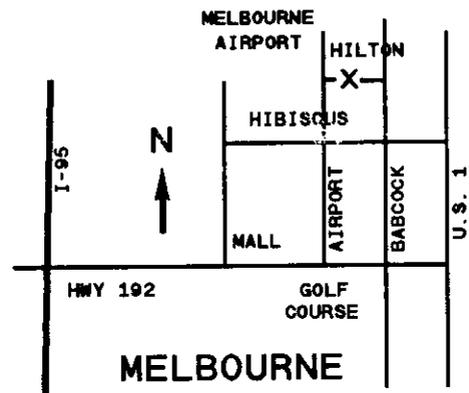
Sunday, January 13

- 9:00 a.m. – ? NFACAA Business Meeting

Note the special events...

- The new officers will speak at the Friday night Early Bird Meeting
- Early Saturday is a How to Conduct a Business Meeting seminar. A benefit to participants at the group, district or area level.
- Special how-to Training sessions for both GSRs and DCMs
- Jacqueline M., Louisville, KY, our Southeast Regional Trustee will be the speaker on Saturday night

How to get there...



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NORTH FLORIDA AREA ASSEMBLY ** ROOM RATE: \$50 (+ 9% TAX)

Please make reservation for: _____

Print Name

of Rooms: _____ # of People: _____ Address _____

Arrival Date: _____ Room Type: _____ City, State, Zip _____

Departure Date: _____ Phone Number _____

All reservations must be guaranteed for late arrival.
 Please supply us with the following information.
 Circle one: Am. Ex., MC (Bank I.D. # Required),
 VISA, Diners, Carte Blanche

Confirmation Requested: Yes No
 Check In Time: 3 p.m. Check Out: Noon

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Requested Bed Type: _____
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