

**DISTRICT 28 Monthly Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2011**

Officers/Chairs Present at Meeting:

DCM - Pat H.
Alt DCM - Paula D.
Treasurer - Char S.
Secretary - Steve N
Men's Corrections –Walter R.
Women's corrections - Paige B.
CPC/PI -
Literature –
Treatment - Willye M.
NCI Liaison – Beverly H
Grapevine - Debra S.

GSR/Alt GSR and Visitors in Attendance

ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT GROUP - Ernie P., GSR
BIG BOOK ___164 STUDY GROUP - John W., GSR
CRYSTAL RIVER GROUP - Sandy H., GSR; DENIS S. Visitor
DUNNELLON NEW BEGINNINGS B.B. - Debra S., GSR
HOLDER WAY OF LIFE - Don G. , GSR; Martha G. Visitor
HIGH NOON GROUP - Paul B., GSR
INVERNESS FRIDAY NIGHT - Beverly H, GSR.
INVERNESS WEDNESDAY NIGHT - John R., GSR
KEEP IN STEP GROUP - d'Adjoa N., GSR; Mary S. Alt GSR
LAST CHANCE GROUP - Paige B., GSR
MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S STEP - Rafael T., GSR
PRIMARY PURPOSE BIG BOOK STUDY - Ernie O., GSR; Sherry D. and Jason D., Visitors
RAINBOW GROUP - Steven N., GSR
RESENTMENT GROUP - Willye M., GSR; Alex H. Alt GSR
WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Genet R., GSR
WON REBOS - Bruce P., GSR

Welcome by DCM

Pat H.. welcomed group and called meeting to order at 6:00 PM
Serenity Prayer
Declaration of Unity
Responsibility Statement
Recognition of New GSR's - RESENTMENT GROUP - Alex H. Alt GSR

Secretary: Roll Call and Report:

Roll call - groups were represented.
Minutes of November meeting. Moved to accept, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report - Char S.

Moved, seconded and passed to accept December Reports.
See Attached Reports

7th Tradition Basket Passed

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Men's Corrections –Walter R.

We currently now have 12 committee members. George M. has moved from FL to Tenn. so we have lost one of our members. We sent him a big THANK YOU for his many years of service to the District 28 Corrections Committee. This is the report for the month of December 2011. Wed. Nov. 30th (CCA Cancelled) Dec. Wed. 7th (22 Inmates Attended) Wed. 14th (24 Inmates Attended) During the December meetings, (5), Five books: Donated Grapevines, Where & When's & other AA pamphlets were taken by the inmates for the month of December. If any one is interested in becoming a corrections committee member and is able to attend the meetings inside the jail then please call me @352-489-2238 or 352- 895-6422 or email me @ walter@citruspainting.com for information.

Women's corrections - Paige B.

At long last, four volunteer applications were approved this month. One speaker meeting was facilitated on December 14 by Sue Ann. It was well attended with much participation. Ruth and Roseanne are slated to carry the message on December 28...an annual tradition. Thank you ladies! A CCA volunteer orientation/appreciation dinner is tentatively planned for January 19, 2012. Many women have expressed a desire to serve on the Corrections Committee by carrying the message to incarcerated women. Given the long approval process and somewhat limited number of speaking slots, other forms of service will be sought and developed in the coming year. The possibilities of creating a pool of pen-pals and women available to take newly released women to a meeting were raised.

With much gratitude for allowing me to serve and particularly for the women willing to carry the message...I wish you all very happy holidays!

CPC/PI - John W for Janet B.

I visited the following sites with meeting schedules: Children's Visitation Center. Share Club, Lakes Region Library, and the Emergency Room at Citrus Memorial Hospital where we have been sharing a rack with NA. In November I noticed the rack was completely full of NA literature and AA schedules had disappeared. I put some in anyway hoping to pick up a pamphlet folder later. When I went back this month a clea4r double holder rack was on the table without meeting schedules and a few Grapevine issues. Many thanks to our CMH angel. At the following locations I left off schedules as well as our "Ordered to AA" pamphlet and the insert "AA at a Glance:" Marion Sheriff's Office, State Probation and Parole Court Alternative Program and the literature rack in the county courthouse.

Literature – No Report

Treatment - Willye M.

Thank you first off for the honor and privilege to serve. I have been in continual well invited contact with the Centers here in Lecanto, and the in house youth program there. We are working on meetings of AA and their youth. Between John, Grace Smith, who heads the program up and myself, we can bring AA and the message to in house, which ranges from 13 to 17 years of age. Also i have spoken to David who is very active in ICYPAW and YPG groups and he is willing to chair the meeting in Lecanto. He is strong in AA program and because of his age much more relatable and feeling they will hear the message more willing from another youth then an older man or woman. I also took my time to print up a resource folder for treatment centers , not only surrounding areas; but for the state of Florida, also; since we have one treatment detox in our area with but one bed for detox, to our knowledge. I took some time and made connections with our surrounding treatment and detox units. Along our border, in Leesburg was Life Stream, which also has adolescent abuse residential and an adult unit. They were so happy that someone from alcoholics anonymous took some time to stop by and reach out with a hello. I let them know I was not part of their district area AA. They did not care. They were thrilled and showed me around the whole facility (Life Stream off Tally Road). Very nice, I might

add. I hope to serve you better every day and look forward to January meeting. In thanks , and gratitude in serving, William R. Mieras III (Willye).

Grapevine – Grapevine Report by Paula D.

At the upcoming January 2012 Assembly, the Literature and Grapevine workshops will be combined. We have put together a fun quiz to start off the workshop that asks the questions: Is this Grapevine or General Service Office literature?

We will have the new 2012 Grapevine wall and pocket calendars and the two new books available in the Grapevine room that will be open all day Saturday of the assembly.

Subscription and general Grapevine information is available online as well as at the NCI store.

NCI Liaison – Beverly H

HOTLINE:- Kurt W. and Steve K. reported a total of 63 calls for the month divided as follows:- AA 44, NA 1, Detox 4, Alanon 4, Missed 6, Other 4.

WEBMASTER:- Dave B. reported that the website had received 187,000 hits for the year or roughly 500 hits per day.

CHAIRMAN OF THE ALKATHONS:- Greg H. said that all preparations had been made for the Christmas and New Year's Alkathons at Holder. He said that there were still a few slots open for speakers and he urged groups to take these commitments. Sandy H. said that the Serenity Club in Crystal River will provide dinner at 6:30 on December 24th followed by an Alkathon.

NEW TRUSTEES:- An election was held for the two vacant trustee positions. Steve N. and Paul B. were elected. Everyone was grateful to Debra S. and Debbie N. for allowing themselves to be nominated.

Martha G. and Darral M. will continue to serve as trustees also.

NEW VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:- The officers appointed Butch L. as the new volunteer coordinator for the bookstore.

Alt DCM Report - Paula D.

It is my privilege and pleasure to serve as your Alt . DCM

District

Where and When's

Earlier this month I was going to order the new Where and When's, fortunately before I did, our literature chair was able to find a stash of them at the NCI store. I will be sending out the order Monday, January 2nd . If there are any changes that need to be made, please let me know.

Area Assembly - January 2012 Assembly

Room Reservations

The cut off time to be eligible for the block room rate is 30 days before each assembly. You can make reservations online for the rest of the year and for January 2012. The dates for the upcoming Assembly are January 14 – 15, 2012.

We have 2 rooms reserved for GSR's of groups that do not have funds to send its GSR to assembly, please let me know if you will be needing one of these rooms. I will need to cancel these rooms by January 9th unless I hear from you that you need one.

Thank you for allowing me to serve. Paula D.

DCM Report - Pat H. -

First a reminder that the first Area Assembly for Area 14 is going to be January 14-15, 2012. I hope to see many of you there. We will be voting for the Treasurer position. Connie D. has been filling in as the interim treasurer. Connie is a member of our District. There are all kinds of opportunities at the Area level, if you are interested. GET INVOLVED.

We have had a busy year and were able to present two workshops. I thank each and every one of you for your help. The District exists because and for you. We now need to start thinking about what we will do in 2012. Put on your "Thinking caps".

We have finally filled all the Committee Chair positions; with the exception of the Grapevine. I've asked Santa to give me a Grapevine chair for Christmas.
Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.
YIS, Pat H. DCM, District 28

Old Business -

Approval of Proposed Budget - It was moved seconded and unanimously voted to approve the proposed 2012 budget. (see attached)

It was moved seconded and passed to raise treatment funds to \$50.00.

New Business - No new business.

Announcements

Paula D. urged that as many GSR's as possible attend the Area Assembly January 14-16. Debra S. pointed out that the room rate is great at \$91.48 per night and up to four people could stay in the room.

Alkathons at Holder 6 PM to 1 AM Christmas and New Years Eve.

One December 24th a Christmas buffet open to all AA members will be held at Willye's house.

The Serenity club will hold a free gratitude dinner at 6:30 pm on the 24th followed by an alkathon.

Concepts/ Tradition

Tradition Twelve - Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

Why is it good idea for me to place the common welfare of all AA members before individual welfare? What would happen to me if AA as a whole disappeared?

When I do not trust AA's current servants, who do I wish had the authority to straighten them out?

In my opinions of and remarks about other AAs, am I implying membership requirements other than a desire to stay sober?

Do I ever try to get a certain AA group to conform to my standards, not its own?

Have I a personal responsibility in helping an AA group fulfill its primary purpose? What is my part?

Does my personal behavior reflect the Sixth Tradition-or belie it?

Do I do all I can do to support AA financially? When is the last time I anonymously gave away a Grapevine subscription?

Do I complain about certain AAs' behavior-especially if they are paid to work for AA? Who made me so smart?

Do I fulfill all AA responsibilities in such a way as to please privately even my own conscience? Really?

Do my utterances always reflect the Tenth Tradition, or do I give AA critics real ammunition?

Should I keep my AA membership a secret, or reveal it in private conversation when that may help another alcoholic (and therefore me)? Is my brand of AA so attractive that other drunks want it?

What is the real importance of me among more than a million AAs?

Concept XII: The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to Public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

- How do we guard against becoming a “seat of perilous wealth or power?”
- How do we practice prudent use of our Seventh Tradition contributions and literature revenue?
- Do we insure the spiritual liberties of all A.A. members by not placing any member in the position of absolute authority over others?
- Do we try to reach important decisions by thorough discussion, vote and, where possible, substantial unanimity?
- As guardians of A.A.’s traditions are we ever justified in being personally punitive?
- Are we careful to avoid public controversy?
- Do we always try to treat each other with mutual respect and love?

Closing---Lord's Prayer - 6:38 PM