



DISTRICT 20



“There’s Good Times Aplenty in District 20!”

January 29, 2014

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7:00 pm – Open Meeting with the Serenity Prayer and the Declaration of Unity

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I. Reading of the “Long Form” of the Twelve Traditions – Mary B.

II. In Attendance: Joe P.- Brown Bag, Ralph W.- Naples Group, Allan B.- Morning Reflections, Kathryn- 24 Hour Club, Karen B.- Brown Bag, Polly W.- Naples Group, Faye R.- Girlfriends, Sonia S.- New Dawn, Sara O.- Primary Purpose Group, William C.- Young Steppers, Bill S.- Burning Desire, Chris C.- Common Solutions, Mary B.- WSW, Janet B.- Survivors, Georgia- Primary Purpose, Amy S., Tom S., Maureen B.- Primary Purpose, Heather O.- Women’s Step, Gary G.- Golden Gate Group, Spiro K., Ken F.- Sunlight of the Spirit, Charles E.- Three Legacies, John F.- Living Sober, Jerry E.- Living Sober, Guy R.- Living Sober, Michele B.- Living Sober, Mike O.- Living Sober, Brandon M.- Naples Young People, Andrea K.

III. New General Service Representatives –

Chris- GSR for Common Solutions
Bill- Alt. GSR for Burning Desire Group
Will- GSR for Young Steppers

IV. New Committee Chairs

V. Visiting Past District or Area Officers, Visiting Delegates, or Trustees – None

VI. Officer Reports

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A. Chairperson – Ralph W. –
No Report

B. Alternate Chairperson – John F. –
No Report

C. Registrar – Michelle B. –

Good evening, my name is Michele and I am an alcoholic, happy to serve as your district 20 Registrar. I attended the January Assembly in Ft. Lauderdale and the Area Registrar Dutch had set up a special workshop for registration only to teach us how to use the new Azure database. Our new grapevine chair Mary B. was the first to be entered in the database for our district using the new Azure system. For those who may be asking what does the “new” mean? Well, the old system did not allow the district registrars to edit any information in to the system directly, we were allowed to view only what the area registrar had entered and we were able to run some reports. Since the quarterly I have been able to verify all the information I received from District 20 DCM’s and I want to thank you all again for your service. I know it was hard work to track down who the new gsr and or alternate gsr are as of 2013 year and here we are again, perhaps I need to enter the new 2014 gsr’s and their alternates as well. I have change forms for you to complete please see me after the meeting. For those of you are new gsr’s I have a form for you to complete please me after the meeting so I do not distract everyone as I think I did last month...my apologies. I also have the new AA service manual and gsr pamphlets here for you as well. I will be attending the July assembly as we are having another workshop for the registrar on how we have been finding the new system and what is the problem...There is currently a 17 page manual that was emailed to me and it is all screen shots and has 10 steps to add a gsr...it is not that difficult and as lengthly to add one so I am putting my notes in the margins of the manual and will bring the Feb. district meeting for review as I do not think I am allowed to make changes without you all know what they are???? Correct??

Thank you all for your hard work and toleration my gift of gab!!!
Your Trusted Servant
Michele B.
District 20 Registrar

D. Secretary – Becky W. –
No Report

E. Treasurer – Andrea K. -
No report emailed

I. Committee Reports

1. District 20 Archives Report- archives@district20aa.org

Corrections – Polly W. – 239.248.9680 – pollylouise@comcast.net
I’m Polly, and I’m an alcoholic.

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Earlier this month I attended the Area 15 quarterly assembly, in Fort Lauderdale. The area had no motions on the agenda that had anything to do with Corrections. At our corrections workshop about 2/3 of the 20 districts were represented. After listening to the reports from the other districts, I am feeling especially grateful for the awesome relationship District 20 AA has with the Collier County Sheriff's Dept.

At our Corrections business meeting on Monday we welcomed Officer Katina Bouza. Katina is our contact person at the CCSO, and she is leading a charge of changes that focus on inmates' positive behavior. She shared with us some of these changes. Really they don't affect us AAs carrying our message inside the jail. Katina was able to clear up any rumblings of negativity that members may have displayed – sharing the “big picture” with us and putting everything in a little better perspective. It was an incredibly positive, productive meeting!

Our Literature Chair, Tim S., purchased more literature for the inmates at Collier County Jail. At the end of December, the following books were delivered to the jail by Tim.

- 40 Daily Reflections
- 40 Big Books

The total for this order was \$674.

The Corrections Committee is completely self-supporting. We do not receive a “budget” from District. That said, the committee appreciates all group donations. 100% of all group donations are used to purchase AA literature for the inmates at the Collier County jail. Thank you to the Brown Bag, New Dawn, Living Sober, and Came to Believe.

Finally, we “officers” on the Corrections Committee are starting our second year of our two-year commitment. Therefore there is not a need for an election. However, our alternate chair had to step down from his position a few months ago. The Alternate Chair's main concern is the organization of our annual fund raising picnic in November. At our February 3rd Corrections Committee business meeting we will discuss the vacant alternate Chair position. As of now, I think that Tim S. is willing to take on the responsibility of the organizing of the picnic.

Please take back to your this one important messages:

- We are in need of women to take meetings into the jail. Please contact any member of the committee if you are interested. You can download an application from aanaples.org

In love and service,
Polly W.

a. Grapevine – Mary B. – grapevinechair@district20aa.org

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Hello Everyone,

My name is Mary B. and I'm an alcoholic, currently serving as the Grapevine Chair for District 20. I had the grape pleasure of attending the Area 15 Quarterly in Ft. Lauderdale this month and attended the Grapevine Meeting and workshop. It was a grape experience. I met many fellow Grapevine Chairs and established contact information for many of them. The meeting provided me with ideas about how to get the word out to all of the members of AA in our community and how important our "Meeting in Print" is to so many of us. The Grapevine is not only the monthly publication, but there are numerous books that may be purchased at aagrapevine.org too.

Being a bit of a computer geek, I love the digital version of The Grapevine. I receive a Quote of the Day everyday first thing in the morning which reminds me of the vast history of the Grapevine. I also receive a digital version of the Grapevine each month and get the stories on my computer. I can also get them on my iPhone which is a great feature too.

One of the fundraising activities that was suggested at the meeting was to have a "Raffle" for a subscription to The Grapevine during "Birthday" celebrations at your groups. The sale of the tickets should cover the cost of the subscription and add a little to our funds. I would like to offer my services to come to your Groups' Birthday Celebrations and try to establish a way of getting the message out to our AA Community about The Grapevine. Another way to get the word out about the Grapevine is to give a subscription away at AA events such as the Gratitude Dinner, Corrections Picnic and other events around our area. During our Area Meeting we were asked to "pick a number" and at the end of the meeting my number was chosen so I won a "Language of the Heart" book to begin my display.

Additionally, I would like to build a display to have for AA events around our District. My understanding is that there may be a display that Gary S. may have so that I wouldn't need to reinvent the wheel. I emailed Gary and asked him about the display, but was unsuccessful. I'm hoping someone might be able to reach him and ask him about it. The display at the quarterly in Ft. Lauderdale was awesome and I took pictures of it to help me visualize one for us.

Thank you for allowing me this "GRAPE" opportunity to serve. I may be reached at 239-777-8066 or at the Grapevine email: GrapevineDistrict20@yahoo.com. I would love to come to your events and offer my services to you in order for The Grapevine to flourish in our District. The Grapevine Committee meeting is on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6PM at the Intergroup Meeting Room. At our first meeting on January 16th, there were 5 in attendance – 2 GV Reps and their "drivers". We are concentrating on selling subscriptions at this point (I've sold 7 so far this month) and more shall be revealed as we trudge the road to Happy Destiny.

In "grapeful" love and service,

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Mary B.

- b. PI/CPC – Brian D. – picpc@district20aa.org

I have been handing out meeting lists and literature to the Social workers at NNH and have had a good response to twelve step request referrals, thank you Jerry. I will be explaining my territory to the downtown hospital where I will continue to enlighten some professionals in our disease and AA help in our community. May you all be healthy, love and peace, Brian.

- c. Remote Communities –

- d. Special Needs – Steve K. – 239.430.9110 specialneeds@district20aa.org
No Report

- g. Treatment – Angel T. – treatment@district20aa.org – 305-304-6343
No Report

- h. Website –
No Report

II. Naples Area Intergroup Liaison’s Report – Allan B. – 239.248.4172 abrat326@yahoo.com -
REPORT OF DISTRICT 20/INTERGROUP LIASION

September 25, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of Naples Area Intergroup was opened by Chair Lisa P. at 7 PM on September 4, 2013. 19 groups were represented.

Treasurer Stacey W reported:

Total Income	\$5358.70
Total Expenses	(\$4327.32)
Net	\$1031.38

Checking Acct Bal	\$2365.03
Prudent Reserve	\$19506.44

Corrections, Archives, Treatment, and Special Needs committees delivered reports.

Office manager Bill S reported 105 calls to the AA phone, 2 of which were 12th step calls. The Courier was distributed using the email list. If you did not receive the Courier, send an email to naplesintergroup@yahoo.com and put “Courier” in the subject line.

Webmasters Mary B and Steve E reported 2704 visits to the website, 49.7% of which were new. They also reported they are considering putting a survey on the site to determine how users like the site. Please visit the site at www.aanaples.org. The next committee meeting will be Sept. 29 at 1:30 PM AT the Intergroup Office

Terri L reported that Gratitude Dinner plans are complete. Dinner will be at St. John’s on Nov 23rd at 6:30 PM Speaker is Patti O. from Laguna Beach, CA.

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Mary B distributed Gratitude Dinner Tickets. This year individual tables may be reserved by purchasing all seats at the table. CoChair requested groups to volunteer for set up and clean up. She also requested donations to cover miscellaneous expenses.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully Submitted,

Allan Bratton

XI. District Committee Member Reports

- A. Bonita Springs – *Opportunity!*
- B. North Naples – *Opportunity!*
- C. 24-Hour Club – Kathryn – 455-5436 – kathryngaertner@aol.com

January 29, 2014
Dear District 20,

Thank-you for allowing me to serve as your 24 Hour Club DCM.

I have been able to attend several different meetings and 2 business meetings in the past 6 weeks.

We are not a Glum Lot Group held their annual business meeting on Friday January 17, 2014. Some new officers were elected and most of the discussion revolved around additional space needed---the back couch room---for seasonal increase in attendance.

The Survivors Group held their business meeting on 1/21/14. Their meeting is doing well and they voted to allocate funds to Intergroup.

Events:

Christmas Dinner and a Speaker meeting was wonderful and had full attendance.
New Year's Eve Disco Party sponsored by the Naples Young People's Group was very well attended and a grand party.

The 24 hour club is currently holding its annual membership campaign. On 1/23/14 they held their annual report and dinner and election of officers. The 24 Hour Club has a 7 member board. It has annual operating costs of \$125,000. It provides thousands of AA meetings throughout the year. Currently they have 250 dues paying members at \$150.00.

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In Love & Service,
Kathryn
239-455-5436

D. Golden Gate – Jerry E.

No Report

E. Central Naples - *Opportunity!*

F. East Naples –

No Report

G. South Naples -

XII. GSR Reports –

No Report

XIII. Summary of Motions –

XIV. Old Business – None

Giving GSR's equal right at the tables at area assembly- so far, no response from Annie

XV. New Business –

Andrea would like to rotate out of Treasurer position, seeking new trusted servant. Please email treasurer@district20aa.org or chair@district20aa.org if you are interested. 2 years continuous sobriety required.

XVI. Good and Welfare

Anniversaries:

Mike O- 7 years

Bill- 12 years

Guy- 1 year

Maureen B.- 21 years

Allan B.- 24 years

XVII. Announcements:

Naples Group 60th Anniversary at 8pm on 2/27

XVIII. Close with the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer @ 8:00

These minutes are respectfully submitted in love and service.

Becky W.
Secretary District 20
239.200.2214

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