

DISTRICT 20



"There's Good Times Aplenty in District 20!"

December 16, 2015

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

AA Member

Reading of the "Long Form" of the Twelfth Tradition of the Month - Pete C. I.

In Attendance: II.

Andy

Burning Desire NIG Office Mgr/PI/CPC Bill S. Three Legacies Alt. GSR CJ Three Legacies Web Gary G. Free2B **GSR** Gary W. Three Legacies AA Member Joey Living Sober Chairperson John **Living Sober** Alt. GSR John F. PPG DCM - South Naples Kathryn G. Naples Group Secty/Grapevine Mary B. Living Sober GSR/Treatments Mike B. Three Legacies **GSR** - Archives Pete

GSR Roy SaraJane 0. **GSR**

Alt. Chair K. Steve T. **GSR** Tucker

P.

Naples Group

Three Legacies

PPG PPG

Happy Hour - Bonita

New General Service Representatives - Tucker T., Happy Hour-Bonita, Pete C., 3 Legacies III.

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- IV. New Committee Chairs None
- V. Visiting Past District or Area Officers, Visiting Delegates, or Trustees Jerry E., Past District Chair

VI. Officer Reports

- A. Chairperson John F., No Report
- B. Alternate Chairperson Steve K, No Report
- C. Registrar Michele B., No Report
- D. Secretary Mary B., Minutes Sent by email and are located on the District 20 Website. No changes. Motion to approve the minutes, seconded and passed unanimously.
- E. Treasurer Holly M., Treasurer Report Attached. Motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded and passed unanimously.

VII. Committee Reports

- 1. District 20 Archives Report-Pete C., No Report
- 2. Corrections: Tim S., No Report
- 3. Current Practices Opportunity No Report
- 4. Finance Opportunity No Report
- 5. Grapevine Mary B. Report Attached
- 6. Literature Guy R. No Report
- 7. PI/CPC Bill S., Report Attached
- 8. Special Needs Bill M. No Report
- 9. Treatment Mike B. Report Attached
- 10. Website Gary G., No Report looking for volunteers for the committee.

VIII. District Committee Member Reports

- A. Bonita Springs/North Naples/Golden Gate Jerry E. Report Attached
- B. 24-Hour Club Opportunity

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- C. Central Naples Ronnie P. No Report
- D. East Naples/ South Naples Kathryn G. Report Attached
- IX. GSR Reports No Reports
- X. Summary of Motions: Motion to offer Crossroads Community Church room usage for 2015 \$300. Motion seconded and passed unanimously. Check given to Pastor after the meeting.

XI. Old Business -

- XII. New Business Discussion of Motions for January Quarterly in Sarasota. All voted to pass. Agenda and Motions attached.
- XIII. Good and Welfare: Sara Jane will be leaving the area in early January. We will miss her and we thank her for her service in the past. Good Luck, Sara Jane!
- XIV. Announcements: Ice Cream Social on Saturday January 2, 2016 from 1:30 to 6:30 at The Serenity Club flyer attached. Bowling for Big Books on the last Saturday of June. More information will be coming. New Meeting at 3 Legacies: Newcomers on Monday night at 6:30 PM before the regular 3 Legacies Meeting.
- XV. Close with the Responsibility Pledge and the Lord's Prayer @ __8:10 PM_

These minutes are respectfully submitted in love and service.

Mary B. Secretary District 20 239-777-8066

District 20 Treasurer Report December 2015

Transactions		Beginning Balance
		\$3,851.93
Contributions		23,031.33
Bonita Happy Hour	\$58.97	
Pay it Forward	\$90.00	
Naples Group	\$150.00	
Free 2 Be Group	\$19.16	
Where Are We	\$50.00	
Primary Purpose Group	\$100.00	
Easy Does It	\$100.00	
Bonita Springs Womens Step	\$120.00	
3rd Tradition Group	\$20.00	
Naples Intergroup	\$120.00	P
Common Solutions	\$50.00	
Total	\$878.13	
Expenses		
Check 1140 (John F. Cleared	(\$117.66)	
after last months report)		
Total	(\$117.66)	
Net Income	\$760.47	Ending Balance
		\$4,612.40

Dec. 16, 2015

Hello Everyone,

My name is Mary and I'm an alcoholic, currently serving as the Grapevine Chair for District 20.

Our District 20 Committee met on December 15. There were 6 members in attendance. Our treasurer reported \$32.18 in our account.

The "Subscription Challenge" is still continuing. There is a spreadsheet available at www.aagrapevine.org which shows how all of the States, Provinces and Territories are doing. At this time (through November), Florida has added 908 new subscriptions for The Grapevine and 143 new La Vina subscriptions. In GV subscriptions we are 2nd behind California which has 1857. For LaVina, we are 4th behind California – 1628, Texas – 871, Arizona – 219 & Virginia – 218.

We gave away a subscription to The Grapevine as a door prize at The Corrections Picnic and at the Gratitude Dinner – both in November. The Corrections Committee paid for their subscription "give away" but our committee offered the subscription for The Gratitude Dinner.

We are going to participate in the Ice Cream Social on Saturday, January 2nd at The Serenity Club. We will have the "Guess The Grapes" game to raise money for more subscription prizes for future events. Hope to see you all there!

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve. I may be reached at 239-777-8066 or at the Grapevine email: Grapevine@district20@yahoo.com or Grapevine@district20aa.org. Please encourage your groups to send a representative to our monthly meeting and become a part of this enthusiastic committee.

The Grapevine Committee meeting is on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM at the 24 Hour Club in the Quiet Room. Our next meeting is January 19th. All are welcome.

In love and service, Mary B. Report of Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee, December 16, 2015

We still need volunteers. The creation of mailing lists for the Naples Professional communities continues.

We have not received any requests from the Public for AA information.

Nursing Homes have been added to our list for outreach.

In love and service, Bill S



TREATMENT FACILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

treatment@district20aa.org

AGENDA-DECEMBER

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JOHN G. AND ALL E. BRIDGING THE GAP NAPLES 413-777-2065

Ft Myers Intergroup 12734 Kenw ood In Suite 72 239-275-5111

Bridging the Gap Ft Myers Thomas 244-7467 Tammy 745-9333

I. Open the meeting with The Serenity Prayer and the Declaration of Unity;

"This we owe to AA's future: to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on AA unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come."

II. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT- MIKE B

No report from district 20. Sent an email blast to local homegroups to initiate Spirit of Rotation for the new year. The Golden Gate group has offered to help where needed. Mike will meet with Dana and Cheryl from DLC to discuss possible improvements for the new year.

III. TREASURE'S REPORT: CHASEB.

\$2956.96 current balance as of November 20th. The bank statement has not yet shown a transaction for Grapevine purchases or Big Book purchases. Elena purchased Big Books and racks for pamphlets, receipts were turned in to Chase and Chase wrote a check to reimburse her.

IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT- Updated contact information for Jordan.

V. COORDINATOR'S REPORT AND BRIDGING THE GAP

Jordan M- Willoughs Jordan will be receiving racks and Big Books to take to Visions. Discussed finding a contact person for Visions to replace Ducky. Currently the 1° Thursday is The Southwest 239 Bid for FCYPAA. Jordan to oversee the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. Sunlight of the Spirit 3nd Thursday of the month.

TO M- Hazelden Rotation schedule is 4 months for the Saturday 1:00 meeting at Hazelden. Jan-April will be the New Dawn group. May-August will be Living Sober group and September-December will be Three Legacies group.

KEVIN-DLC- 7:00 MON-FRI

Sunday- New Dawn Group

Monday- TBD

Tuesday- Brown Bag (1st and 2nd) Came to Believe group (3nd,4th,5th)

Wednesday- (NA)

Thursday- 3 Legacies Group

Friday- Sunlight of the Spirit

Saturday-Southwest 239 Bid for FCYPAA (1st and 3rd) Golden Gate Group (2rd and 4th, 5th)

MICHAEL-NCH- The hostpital is happy. Will be receiving a case of Big Books from Elena, as they generally go through about 1 case per month. There is a need for Big Books in Spanish, as well as Bridging the Gap cards.

TOM-WILLOUGHS- Needs literature to restock the rack. Also needs someone to chair December 27th, George to fiufill that commitment. Schedule is as follows-7:30 pm Monday-Rick & Ken (Primary Purpose Group)

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Thursday- Living Sober Group Sunday- Tom & Tara

BRIDGING THE GAP- 2 calls received, both female, both bridged.

LITERATURE FLENA 2 cases of Big Books, both now spoken for. She has one extra rack and pamphlets. Motion to bring Grapevines into John at Hazel's Cup Coffee Shop.

Bowling for Big Books Committee-Jerry-Don at Woodside lanes quoted breakfast for \$30 a head. 1 Big Book per person, 8 lanes to be reserved. \$30 for admittance, breakfast, 3 games and shoe rental. Scheduled for the last Sunday in June 9:00.

- VI. Old Business:
- VII. New Business:

Good & Welfare: Birthdays/Anniversaries/Announcements.

Close with the Responsibility Pledge
"I am Responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help,
I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

And The Lord's Prayer

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DCM Report for Sub-district D; December 15, 2015

District 20 Trusted Servants,

Thank-you for allowing me to serve as your DCM for Sub-district D.

This month I was fortunate to attend the Common Solutions Anniversary Dinner. It was sold-out with 200 guests, excellent food and wonderful Speakers. Also, I attended the Primary Purpose Group White Elephant Holiday Party. The funniest moment was when Kevin (who has a shaved skull) unwrapped his present of a hair dryer. My goals as DCM for 2015 were:

- 1. Attend the Quarterlies—I did
- 2. Visit all the meetings and get updated info---I did
- 3. Hold monthly meetings for GSR's---Sara Jane and I met regularly
- 4. Find a replacement for this DCM position---there are 2 people interested

My goals for 2016 are:

- 1. Attend the Quarterlies
- 2. Hold monthly GSR meetings---focus on the Traditions
- 3. Visit as many clubs and meetings as possible
- 4. Find a replacement for this DCM position for next year

Of course the most wonderful news of the month is that the New Attitudes Club has found a new home. The address is 4133 Tamiami Trail East. Lakewood Drive and the East Trail, North side of 41 behind the Speedway gas station, across from Sugden Park entrance.

When you get your 2016 calendars please reserve the dates to attend the 60th Florida State Convention; August 3-7 at the Palm Harbor Innisbrook Golf and Spa Resort. If we register now our names will be put in a drawing to be held on January 5 for 4 free room nights.

In closing wishing you all a very fine Christmas and fabulous 2016.

In Love & Service, Kathryn: 239-455-5436

SUBDISTRICT A DCM REPORT 121615

Good evening, my name is Jerry E., I'm an alcoholic, currently serving as the District Committee Member (DCM) for Subdistrict A. I am very pleased to introduce you to Subdistrict A's new Alternate Committee Member (ACM) Mekensi Y. from Bonita Springs. Mekensi is a welcome addition to the team! As a young, female member from the northern-most part of District 20, she will be able to represent many of those meetings that are difficult or impossible for me to attend. Thank you, Mekensi, for stepping up to serve in Subdistrict A. This morning I sent Bill S. some additional updates to the Intergroup "Where and When" meeting schedule, including the announcement of the Three Legacies Group's Newcomers (as opposed to Beginners) Meeting which will be held Monday nights at 6:30 p.m., starting in January, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Davis Boulevard. The meeting will run for 45 minutes each week, in a separate room, prior to the regularly scheduled speaker meeting with which we are all familiar. Speaking of Three Legacies, that group has been doing a fine job supporting the Start Where You Are Group meeting (which Steve E. started on Sunday nights in Immokalee) during the month of December. Subdistrict A will kick off the New Year with an Olde Fashioned Ice Cream Social & workshops on Saturday, January 2, from 1:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at The Serenity Club. Featured workshop presenters will include Past District 20 and Naples Intergroup Chairman Ralph W., Past Delegate Don P., Past Delegate Leo M. and some bum from Golden Gate. Workshop topics and other relevant information are available on the flyer and posted on Intergroup and District websites. Tickets are \$5 for two people (second person gets in FREE!) to encourage folks to bring newcomers or sponsees to the event. Please see one of our ticket agents or call me at 776-6767. As an added bonus, the Area 15 Chair, Shirley P., will attend the event to give a report and to do a brief Q&A session. Then, at 8:30 p.m., Shirley and her husband Rafael will both speak at the New Saturday Nite Live meeting. I will be traveling outside of Florida and unable to attend the next Area Assembly at the Sarasota Hyatt, the second weekend of January. Fortunately, our new ACM, Mekensi, will be attending the quarterly and representing Subdistrict A. Thanks Mekensi for helping out! I am grateful to all of you for the opportunity to fulfill the duties of this position. In Love and Service, Jerry E.



South Florida Area 15 2015 General Service Committee 2016 South Florida, Bahamas, U.S. Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, Antigua, St. Maarten, & Cayman Islands

1st Quarterly Business Meeting January 10th, 2016 Hyatt Regency Sarasota - Hosted by District 5 This is a Closed business meeting open to members only Motions Due Tuesday, February 9th by 9:00pm

Listening devices for Spanish and hearing impaired available

DELEGATE Graham G. P.O. Box 561715 Miami, FL 33256-1715 Delegate@area15aa.org	1.Open with a Moment of Silence followed by the Serenity Prayer Preamble Reading of the 12 Traditions Reading of the 12 Concepts	CI. I - D
ALTERNATE DELEGATE Annie C. P.O. Box 650699 Vero Beach, FL 32965-0699 Altdelegate@area15aa.org	 Chairperson's Remarks: Registrar: Roll Call: Recording Secretary: Treasurer's Report: Finance Committee Report: 	Shirley P. Cary W. Tom W. Dutch V. N. Jack B.
CHAIRPERSON Shirley P. P.O. Box 206 Bradenton, FL 34206-0206 Chair@area15aa.org	7. District Reports: Reports are limited to three (3) minutes 8. Delegate's Report: 9 Alternate Delegate's Report: 10. Quarterly Coordinator: 11. Grapevine/La Viña Committee:	Graham G. Annie C. Lisa D.
TREASURER Dutch V .N.	A. Chairperson: B. Secretary/Treasurer:	Peter D. Mina D.
P.O. Box 690275 Vero Beach, FL 32969-0275 Treasurer@area15aa.org	12 Corrections Committee: A. Chairperson: B. Secretary/Treasurer:	Rhonda L. Gracie M.
REGISTRAR Cary W. P.O. Box 56	13. Treatment Committee: A. Chairperson: B. Secretary/Treasurer:	Ricardo M. Mario P.
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RECORDING SECRETARY Tom W. P.O. Box 8511 Delray Beach, FL 33482-851 Secretary@area15aa.org	15. PI /CPC Committee: A. Chairperson: B. Secretary/Treasurer: 16. Intergroup/Central Office: 17. Current Practices Committee:	Michael W. Tom M. Tony F. Kathy G. Don F.
	18. Special Needs Committee: A. Chairperson: B. Secretary/Treasurer: 19. Literature Committee:	Sig S. Lisa H.
	A. Chairperson:	Karen A.

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B. Alt. Chair/Secretary/Treasurer:	James S.
20. Web Site Committee: A. Chairperson:	Maggie M.C.
B. Secretary/Treasurer:	Casey K.
21. Spanish Linguistic Committee: A. Chairperson: B. Secretary/Treasurer: 22. Area 15 State Convention Committee:	Rafael P. Juan O. Annie C.
23. Remote Communities:	immo o.
A. Chairperson: B. Secretary/Treasurer:	Bill D'A. Kim K.
24. Old Business:	
25. New Business: Quarterly Bidding 2016 - 2018	

Motion A: That an ad-hoc committee be created to conduct a feasibility study on the necessity, means and possible implementation of an Area-wide 24 hour Hotline. Committee and its chairperson to be appointed by the Area Chair of at least 3 Area members; non-funded; will meet on Saturday mornings at 9 am at each Quarterly; will report at each Assembly; and will be seated for 1 year unless findings are completed sooner. Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Rainbow Group, Venice by Jan K., District 5 Chair

Background:

There is a scarcity of 24-hour A.A. hotlines, answered live by recovering alcoholics in Florida. The heritage and success of A.A. is one alcoholic identifying with another. The person in need is just as likely to use a Hotline as to search the Internet for help. Most still suffering alcoholics and their families, as well as A.A. members in crisis, seem to hit bottom between 11 pm and 3 am, not 9 to 5. There are at least 4 Area or Statewide 24 hour hotlines: Connecticut, Montana, Nebraska and Minnesota. Our Intergroup reports that they receive many phone calls from all over the state, and beyond, during off hours and they do their best to help. We believe that there is a strong need for this 12^{th} step outreach.

Motion B: That District Officers (Recording Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer) and District Committee Chairs, that are given a stipend from their district, be able to participate in the Third Legacy Procedure for elected positions at Area 15 during the even year October voting assemblies. Respectfully submitted by Laurie P, District 7, DCM sub district L

Background: District Officers and District Committee Chairs attend Area 15 Assemblies, where they are able to voice their opinion and vote in their respective Committees. However, when it comes to elected positions, they have no voice or vote.

Concept IV: states "We ought to maintain at all responsible levels a traditional 'Right of Participation'. Another good reason for 'participation,'.... is our spiritual needs."

Concept IX: "Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety."

Concept XII, Warranty 3: states "As individuals and as groups, we shall be entitled to voting rights and reasonable proportion to their several responsibilities." Therefore, the District Officers and District Committee Chairs ought to be allowed the traditional "Right of Participation" for elected positions.

Motion C: Area 15 take its inventory bi-annually during the July Area Assembly of odd years, with the exception of the first inventory. The first inventory will take place beginning in July 2016. An additional 1hour session can be added in place of the What's on Your Mind session if needed at the October 2016 quarterly. The first inventory will take place from 4:00pm-6:00pm temporarily replacing both the Service Manual Workshop & What's on Your Mind sessions.

o All members of Area 15 are eligible to participate.

o The first inventory will be chaired by our Delegate's invited guest. The Area Recording Secretary will serve as secretary.

o Inventory questions are to be submitted to the Area Chair within 30-days after the previous

assembly's Sunday business meeting, just like motions.

 An Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee will be appointed by the Area 15 Chair to review & consolidate questions that are redundant and/or beyond the scope of Area 15. The committee will consist of 3 District Chairs selected by the Area 15 Chair and will be seated & in session only during the time frame of the 30-day time limit of when motions are due and during each inventory cycle. The Ad-Hoc committee will meet via email and not have a financial implication to Area 15.

o Inventory questions that have gone through the Ad-Hoc Committee's review/consolidation will be posted on the Area 15 Website Home Page under the Quick Links section and mailed with the

previous quarters minutes.

o After the questions have been answered during the above scheduled sessions, they will be added to the Area 15 minutes under a special section titled: 2016 Area 15 Inventory Report, where the summary as well as any recommendations/suggestions may also be included. Additional printing/postage cost not to exceed \$150.

Respectfully submitted, Steve W. Chairman District 6 and Kevin D. Chairman District 8

Background: The topic of Area 15 taking its inventory has been discussed repeatedly. An inventory has never been taken. As stated in the A.A. Group Pamphlet's section: A.A. Group Inventory, we ought to continuously "evaluate how well [we] are fulfilling [our] primary purpose." Sample questions are:

O Is the Area doing enough to help DCMs encourage non-participating groups to become

active in the Service Structure?

How effective are we in communicating with the GSRs, DCMs, other Area Standing Committees on collaborating ideas and hosting workshops to carry the message?

- Are we training all of our newly elected trusted servants at election time or just rotating out? Do we keep in touch with the newly elected person during their first months of service?
- o Are you happy with the set-up and format of our Area Assemblies? If not, what would you suggest we change or eliminate?

26. Adjourn: Area Business Meeting

An Oldo-Fashioned

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday January 2, 2016, 1:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

District 20 / Subdistrict A

12435 Collier Blvd., Ste. 107



\$5.00 Suggested Donation

(Bring a Friend or a Sponsee -Second person admitted FREE)



Workshops on how we can "join in brotherly and harmonious action."

TIME	TOPIC	<u>PRESENTER</u>
1:30-2:15 p.m.	Create the Fellowship you Crave	! Ralph W.
2:30-3:15 p.m.	Sponsorship	Jerry E.
3:15-3:45 p.m.	BREAK * *	* Ice Cream Social * * *
3:45-4:30 p.m.	The Home Group	Don P.
4:45-5:30 p.m.	Our Spiritual Principles	Leo M.
5:45-6:30 p.m.	Area 15 Chairperson's Report	Shirley P.

8:30 p.m. A.A. Speaker Meeting Featuring
Rafael & Shirley P.
(Bradenton, Florida)