



## TRUSTED SERVANTS

### **Intergroup**

Chairman—Don W—Northside  
Co-chairman—Ron L—Northside  
Secretary—Craig F—Living Sober  
Treasurer—Greg S—Home Group  
Literature—Pat C—Crawfordville  
Website—Rob K—Pathfinders  
Activities—Vacant  
Membership—Vacant  
Newsletter—Larry H—Central

### **District 5**

DCM—Kathy Lynn S—Pathfinders  
Alternate DCM—Joe D—Downtown  
Secretary—Earl W—Living Sober  
Treasurer—Lisa F—Downtown

### **Standing Committees**

PI-CPC—Kevin K—Central  
Treatment—Vacant  
Corrections—Vacant  
Grapevine—Tracey T—HappyHour  
Bill S—Accessibilities—Northside  
Archives—Rob K—Pathfinders  
Bridging the Gap—Gail H—  
Powder-No Puff

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# The Message

## A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

INTERGROUP 5, INC. August, 2005 TALLAHASSEE, FL

### *7/13/2005 Letter to the Editor:*

I very much appreciate the inclusion of the proposed current practices in this month's Intergroup newsletter. As I read the included article, however, I had some "great concern" of my own.

You claim that the piece is "presenting the facts" but then call it an "editorial" as well. Webster defines an editorial as "a newspaper or magazine article that gives the opinions of the editors or publishers." So I don't really know if your intention was to present facts or your opinion. Nonetheless, some of the facts are inaccurate.

The motion Kevin K. (the GSR from *your* home group, if I'm correct?) actually made at the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting was "that District 5 form an ad hoc committee, with Tom M. as the chair and the rest of its members to be appointed by the DCM." What you published in *The Message* was wholly inaccurate, as it came from minutes that had not yet been approved by the district. (In fact, your practice of publishing the district's **unapproved** minutes in *The Message* every month is irresponsible, as it is a continuing source of misinformation.

Unapproved minutes are a work product of the body and have no business being published anywhere. I can appreciate your interest in being sure the fellowship is in the loop, but publishing the **approved** minutes is a better way to do that.)

The second inaccuracy is the statement, "Everyone should be opposed to rules established without their input." It may be accurate as a matter of your opinion, but it is not accurate as to how things are done in General Service, according to the literature. Quoting from a document used by AA's General Service Conference, "To the extent possible, important matters to come before the Conference will be handled by the 'Committee system'... Each Committee considers carefully the items before it and presents its recommendations to the Conference as a whole for acceptance or rejection." Which is precisely what the district voted to do (referred the matter to committee), is precisely what we have done (considered carefully the items before us) and will do (present our recommendations to the district). Concept I says that the groups are in charge, but Concept II says that if the groups hope to get anything accomplished they must delegate that authority. I've always found that whatever questions I have about how to conduct myself in AA service have always been answered by the spiritual principles embodied in our literature. Of course, you're entitled to your own opinion, but that does not change the fact that our literature *is* the collective voice of our great fellowship, whether we agree with it or not.

The next misrepresentation has to do with votes. Every group that sends a GSR to the district has one, and only one, vote. Any other voting members from that same group have their vote in a different capacity. I can only assume once again that you are unfamiliar with our service literature. As was discussed during the last district meeting, page S30 of *The A.A. Service Manual* clarifies this as follows, "Many district committees include alternate D.C.M.s, a secretary and/or treasurer, and other officers or service committee chairpersons in addition to the D.C.M and G.S.R.s. Sometimes, these jobs are held by the G.S.R.s already on the committee; sometimes, they call for additional voting members..." You seem to make the implication that there is something sinister going on when the district

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is served by more than one member of a given group. I personally think it's more sad than sinister, that there are many groups in the district that care so little about what goes on in AA as a whole that they don't have anyone to participate in General Service at all, in such a way that other groups, including your home group must pick up the slack. (Incidentally, I assume you've counted Kayce as Accessibilities Chair among the "six votes" from the Downtown Group – she has not held that position for at least six months.)

And to answer the questions:

*Has your group been notified...?* Each group that has participated to any extent in the district's business in recent history has been notified, probably more than once. As for the groups that haven't participated, shame on them. Their authority as an AA group carries with it a commensurate level of responsibility. One of those responsibilities is to elect a GSR that will participate on the group's behalf – I think the *AA Group* pamphlet makes that pretty clear. No GSR, no voice.

*Were you given an opportunity to draft the proposals?* I have made my phone number and email address readily available asking for input. I have received feedback from different folks in the district, and have taken great care to be sure their input was passed along to the ad hoc committee. (No need to mention the committee system again...which makes this a completely moot question.)

*Do you have a copy of the proposals?* Again, those groups that have participated have received the proposals – at least twice.

*Have you had a group meeting...?* I hope that every group has, and that each will have a GSR at the meeting on Sunday to carry their group's vote. Again, that's the responsibility that comes with their authority.

*Are there 31 more yet to be revealed?* No – what has been distributed is exactly what will be presented on Sunday. Additionally, the reason why the items from 6/10 are not included in the 6/26 proposal is because the district has already approved the items sent out on 6/10 – there is no need to approve what has already been approved. Lastly, as the editor of *The Message*, I think it is your responsibility to clear up the confusion your misstatements undoubtedly have caused. I would hope that your personal feelings about this matter do not interfere with that responsibility, and that you would present the facts in the next issue as they are, not as you construe them. In fact, you may feel free to publish this as a letter to the editor.

IL&S,  
Tom M

*7/27/2005 Editor's Response: Tom, I'm sorry you feel that way!*

*It did not seem necessary to define editorial since most everyone knows what that is. The facts I presented were direct quotes from the minutes of District 5. Kevin, Central's GSR, did make the motion to investigate proposals for written guidelines. However he was unaware the 7/17 meeting was to PASS the recommendations. You want me to only print approved minutes. Corrections should be in the following months minutes, so that should cover any mistakes that were reported. Not reporting what is currently happening in District 5 would be irresponsible. There is no way to be completely accurate, but your assertion that the report was "wholly inaccurate" does not present any fact to contradict the minutes of the meeting that were reported. You quoted from The AA Service Manual and stated that you assume I am unfamiliar with it. Truthfully I must admit I have not studied the one to which you referred. Mine is a much earlier edition. My copy states "...important decisions be reached by discussion, vote and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity." It goes on to state this resolution "...all groups shall be suitably notified of any proposal for change and shall be allowed no less than six months for consideration thereof." Offered by Bill W. and adopted at the 20th Anniversary Convention of A.A., in 1955. This resolution was not speaking to district rules but the concept of informing ALL groups should stand the test of time. You frequently refer to the literature if it agrees with you. I have no notice regarding Kayce. Regarding "something sinister" that comes from your previous email when you encouraged those on your list to be sure their alternates come if the GSR also held a second position. This has not always been the "Current Practices" in District 5. When I was a GSR it was one vote per group. True, that was many years ago. Sad it is that so few participate and so little time is spent finding out why. I admit my guilt! Your committee passed the resolutions as you said it would. Perhaps you think I misspoke since it was a "called" District 5 meeting—how many were on your committee? I believe the vote was 9–0. How many groups were represented? How many groups are in District 5? Passed—with 23 days notice. That's efficient! The last major adoption of rules and changes, in District 5 was the 1997 Intergroup 5 Bylaws revision. I was on that committee. When we presented it to the Reps it took a lot of time to get approved, several regular IG5 meetings. No one on the committee had a vote in the approval. If we did maybe it could have been passed in one afternoon....Larry H.—editor*

**The group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before definitive action is taken. The term "informed group conscience" implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before a group votes!**

**From "The AA Group—Where it all begins" —This should apply to districts, too!**

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## Current practices meeting of District 5 July 17, 2005 UNAPPROVED Minutes

**Open:** Opened with the serenity prayer

The declaration of unity was read by Ed V.

Beth read the traditions.

Lisa F. read the 12 concepts.

A roll call was taken and attendees are listed below.

Attendees at meeting:

Earl W. GSR/Secretary Living Sober  
Wade R.

Tom M. chair ad-hoc com. Downtown

Kathy S. DCM Pathfinders

Judy P. Alt GSR Pathfinders

Beth H. Alt GSR Living Sober

Ed V. Happy Hour

Barb T. Treatment chair Central

Gale P. GSR Powder No Puff

Jason S. Alt GSR Downtown

Lisa F. Treasury Downtown

Rob K. Archives Chair Pathfinders

Alan W. GSR Northside

Larry H. Intergroup/msg ed. Central

### **Current practices report:**

Attached is the current practices document.

Tom M. the chairman of the current practices ad hoc committee gave an over view. (The committee was established at the April district meeting.)

Discussion was opened to the floor. Larry H. suggested that there was not enough time to notify all groups and sited the service manual (S97) which suggested 6 months notification for changes.

Lisa F. said that these were not changes but a collection of the current practices.

Ed V. pointed out that there are new some new recommendations coming out of the committee.

Kathy S. read the entire entry from the service manual (S97) which referred to changes in the traditions and not changes in District procedures and therefore S97 did not apply.

Most of the items were accepted without discussion. Item A3. was amended with 'or the dcm' stricken and passed unanimously with a 9-0 vote. Items B1, B4, C4 and C5 were discussed and all retained with votes of 9-0.

The entire document was voted on and passed 9-0.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's prayer....Earl W. (secretary)

Downtown—3 Votes

Pathfinders—3 Votes

Living Sober—2 Votes

Central—1 Vote

## ***How many were on the Ad Hoc Committee?***

***The remaining 27 groups in this district did not have a vote! Was it because they didn't care? They did not know? Or is it because they think District 5 business is not relevant to their sobriety and the welfare of their group? Is there some other reason? Let me know YOUR reason for not attending!***

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July 20, 2005 UNAPPROVED Minutes

## Open:

Opened with the serenity prayer

Rob K. read the declaration of unity.

Earl W. read the traditions.

Ron L. read concept 7.

Each individual in the room introduced themselves.

Attendees:

Gale P.	GSR	Powder No Puff
Earl W.	GSR/Sec.	Living Sober
Kathy S	DCM	Pathfinders
Rob K	GSR/Archives	Pathfinders
Larry H	IG5 Off. Mgr/Msg ed.	Central
Tom M	Ad Hoc comm chair	Downtown
Joe D	ADCM	Downtown
Ron L	IG5 Vice-chair	Northside
Lisa F.	GSR/Trea.	Downtown

## Officers and Standing committees Reports:

**Secretary.** The minutes were read.

**Treasury.** Treasury report was reviewed. Attached document.

**DCM.** Attached document.

**Alternate DCM.** Will bring up voting procedures at the next area meeting.

**PI/Cooperation with the professional community.** No report

**Accessibilities.** On hold.

**Archivist.** Rob K. has talked some old timers and is planning interviews. He has collected about 200 speaker tapes from various sources. He is also on a search for some inexpensive display cases.

**Corrections.** Vacant.

**Grapevine.** No report.

**Intergroup.** Intergroup has voted to assume responsibility of the where and when.

**Treatment.** Vacant.

**Old business.** The ad hoc current practices chair reports all the items passed. Two recommendations came out of committee and were presented for discussion and voted on.

1. That the gratitude dinner and speaker meeting be held each November. Passed 5-0.

2. That the treasurer set up a budget for chairs. Passed 5-0.

Gail H. was elected to Chair The Bridging the Gap committee. She has had previous experience with Bridging the Gap. Passed 5-0.

**New business.** Gale P., the gratitude dinner chair, reports that November 19th, a non football Saturday is available at the Jackson Lodge.

A motion was made to discharge the current practices committee. Passed 5-0

The next district meeting will be Wednesday, August 17.

Closed with the statement of responsibility.

Roy and Bill walk into a tavern at the same time. They step up to the bar and they each order a beer. As they strike up a conversation, they become quite excited:

Roy: Gee, you look familiar. Are you from around here?

Bill: Sure am. Lived here all my life. Grew up over on Barker Street.

Roy: Is that so. I grew up on Barker! What school did you attend?

Bill: I went to North Side Elementary and then Washington High School.

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## DCM Report – July 20, 2005

06/15/05 Wednesday: Ad hoc committee formed (with the first meeting held on 05/22/05) to explore current practices for District 5; Chaired by Tom M., who did an outstanding job and has been another great example of service. (The committee has met almost every Sunday and will present recommendations for approval at a Special District Meeting on Sunday, July 17, 2005.

07/06/05 Wednesday: Visited Lloyd group and spoke with the chairperson who had recently been discussing with another group member about having a GSR. I offered to be of service by being available if they have any questions and will follow up shortly to see if I can attend their next business meeting.

07/10/05 Sunday: Received a letter from the inside sponsor of the Madison Eagles group requesting donations for meeting supplies. Individual members willing to make a donation (coffee, non-dairy creamer, sugar, or 8oz. styrofoam cups) can contact me at (850)322-5173. I plan on making a trip to Madison mid-August. Outside speakers are also needed. I am in the process of getting the paperwork for any male members interested in sharing inside the walls of Madison CI.

07/11/05 Monday: Visited the Monticello Serenity Group. The group recently discussed the need to have a GSR and scheduled a business meeting for Monday, 07/18/05.

07/16/05 Saturday: Visited Perry's Winners; spoke informally with group members before the meeting and offered help in becoming a registered group. One of the members is willing to fill a request for a speaker out at Madison CI.

07/17/05 Sunday: Special district meeting – current practices approved for District 5

07/17/05 Sunday: Regarding the 2003 Florida State Convention in Naples...it was moved at the [Area 15 quarterly business meeting](#) "that Area 15 empower our Area Chairman, as our trusted servant, to use the 2003 Repayment Fund, with his right of decision, to help settle the debt incurred by the 2003 State Convention." Motion passed.

With gratitude,

Kathy S.

## Treasurer's Report

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## Area 14 Assembly Report Friday, July 22, 2005 8:00pm: Discussion Meeting

The following paragraph in Concept III was the basis for the discussion topic, "Trusting the Group Conscience": "Our entire A.A. program rests squarely upon the principle of mutual trust. We trust God, we trust A.A., and we trust each other. Therefore we cannot do less than trust our leaders in service. The "Right of Decision" that we offer them is not only the practical means by which they may act and lead effectively, but it is also the symbol of our implicit confidence." (*Reprinted from The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service, by Bill W., page 16, with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.*) Below are some comments shared regarding the topic, "Trusting the Group Conscience":

- Learn to be at peace with group conscience decisions.
- God is present in business meetings.
- "Let go and let God": God will speak through the group conscience.
- It's frustrating to view something one way and the group conscience decides the other way. Acceptance is the key. However, if we feel that "our way" should be considered, we bring it up again when the opportunity presents itself, striving always for an informed group conscience.
- We learn to trust the group conscience at all levels including our groups and areas. It's about being open-minded.
- Practicing the A.A. principles in our business meetings as well as regular meetings help us to conduct ourselves in the world about us.
- Show up, speak up, and be a part of (the group conscience).
- Listen and learn. Two ears and one mouth. Listen more and talk less.

## Saturday, July 23, 2005

- Brett L., the new GSR for the Nite Owl Group, Don B., the new alternate GSR for The Home Group and I attended the GSR Orientation. We watched a 22-minute video entitled, "Your A.A. General Service Office, the Grapevine, and the General Service Structure." New packets containing helpful literature for new GSRs including *The A.A. Service Manual Combined With Twelve Concepts for World Service*, the G.S.R. pamphlet and Structure and Guidelines of North Florida Area Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous were given to all new GSRs or their alternates.
- As a member of the Finance committee, District 5 DCM devoted most of Saturday morning and afternoon to the preparation of the 2006 proposed budget.
- In the Ask the Officers Forum, it was said that a magazine advertisement was found for the Christian Motorcycle Association stating one of their events would be "hosting A.A. meetings." CMA was contacted directly regarding the advertisement (since outside entities do not "host" A.A. meetings). CMA will correct future advertisements.
- Traditions Workshop - game show setting featuring Traditions 7, 8, and 9. Audience participation included role playing, sharing, and, yes, "Vanna" gave out hugs and prizes!

## Sunday, July 24, 2005

Groups represented: Downtown, Living Sober, Pathfinders, Powder-No Puff, and  
The Home Group

6 eligible voters: 4 GSRs, 1 Alt. GSR and DCM

Also present: Alt. DCM and 1 visitor

### Delegate, Michael S.

- Attended General Service Conference in April 2005.
- Area 14 delegate, Michael S., was selected as delegate chairperson for the 2006 General Service Conference.
- Native Americans along with 90 countries were represented in the opening flag ceremony at the 2005 International Convention in Toronto, Ontario. This included a participant from Croatia, who had no flag to wave, but was obviously enthused to be "a part of."
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sub-Saharan Africa Service Meeting was held in Johannesburg, South Africa, June 2005
- As of April 2005, General Service Office actual contributions are 4% above budgeted contributions.
- New translations: *Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers* now available in Japanese and Swedish; *Pass It On* now available in Swedish.

### Alternate Delegate, Fred H.

- Co-hosted hospitality suite at the 2005 International Conference in Toronto. 4,000 – 5,000 people visited between Thursday and Saturday evening. (No Area funds were used to fund the hospitality room.)

### Area Chair, Tom H.

- 192 voting members in attendance at the Sunday morning business meeting; 128 votes is 2/3 majority (substantial unanimity)
- The Area chair, Tom H., will be glad to speak at district functions.
- Regarding the 2003 Florida State Convention in Naples, it was moved at the Area 15 quarterly business meeting "that Area 15 empower our Area Chairman, as our trusted servant, to use the 2003 Repayment Fund, with his right of decision, to help settle the debt incurred by the 2003 State Convention." Motion passed. The South Florida Area chair contacted an attorney within the fellowship who is working pro bono to help resolve this issue.
- Any individual member, group, or district desiring to contribute toward the 2003 State Convention debt, can send their check payable to South Florida Area 15, P. O. Box 48243, St. Petersburg, Florida 33743.

### Next Area Assembly

- October 14 – 16, 2005: When making reservations, be sure to say you want a room in the "North Florida Area block" with a \$61/night rate.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

No notes available from DCM L Accessibilities, Gregory S., Chair, Archives, Scott L., Chair, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Pauline N., Chair, Corrections, Chaz H., Chair (Alternate Chair gave report), Grapevine / La Viña, John J., Chair, (*CONTINUED p.8*)

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## July 6, 2005 Intergroup 5 Minutes

**Groups Represented:** Capital City Group, Central, Crawfordville, Downtown, Happy Hour, Home Group, Lake Jackson, Living Sober, Northside, Pathfinders, Powder-No-Puff [There were a total of 12 people present, including visitors, representing 11 groups].

**Secretary's report:** Correction-Should read Founder's Day, not Flounder's day.

**Treasurer's report:** Correction- Expenses: Phone service for May 2005-\$82.28, June 2005-\$182.00.

**District Report:** In Message.

**Literature Report:** Every book for sale at IG Office will go up \$1.00 in price as of July 1, except for the hardcover Big Book. There will also be shipping charges on orders less than \$250.00, but Pat assures us that our orders usually exceed this amount.

**Office Report:** In Message.

**Web Report:** Rob K. reports that the Volunteer forms for Bridging the Gap for both Corrections and Treatment and for the proposed Phone Service are to be added to the Website and other suggestions are being bandied about by Web committee, suggestions will be forthcoming.

**Old Business:** The Founder's Day Florida Style Book Table sold \$247.01 at the conference this year (that is almost double last year's total of \$125.00).

**IG Picnic: Motion made:** Reimburse Rob K. the \$10.00 he spent out of pocket over the allotted budget for our guest speaker's hotel room. Motion passes. Picnic a success. 7th tradition basket made \$202.00. Speaker was well received. Many groups pitched in with donations. Thanks to everyone who helped and came out for the fellowship and the food. There are an abundance of left-over Veggie burgers which need to be used. The suggestion is made to contact CASA, as they have a Labor Day BBQ at the end of the summer.

**New Business:** District has made a motion to return the financial responsibility of the *Where and When* to IG (may be found in the July Message-District Minutes-Old Business #2). One reason for this motion, which was tabled indefinitely at the District meeting, is that all of the groups listed on the *Where and When* are not represented at the District level. Money is also a factor. Larry prints the schedules now, but will IG assume the financial responsibility of printing costs in the future? Greg mentions that in accordance with Tradition 6, IG is responsible for printed materials. Ron believes that if IG can afford to provide the *Where and When* for free then we should do so, but other IGs do charge 10 cents a copy or so. **Motion made:** Ron moves to tell District 5 that Intergroup will assume responsibility for publishing the *Where and When*. Motion Passes.

**Mileage Log:** As per the by-laws requirement for compensation to the office manager for travel expenses, the office manager, Larry, will compile a quarterly record and provide it to the treasurer, Greg.

**Update:** the \$500 bequeathed to Intergroup by Isabelle M (see January 2005 minutes) has not been received by IG yet.

*The \$500 bequest was received in July.*

## July, 2005 Treasurer's Report

General Fund	
Beginning 6/27/2005 Balance	\$2,290.52
<u>Contributions:</u>	
Apalachicola Serenity	80.00
Central Group	300.00
Came to Believe	103.57
Downtown	8.09
Flint River	100.00
Happy Hour	42.85
IG5 meeting	14.00
Northside	308.66
Men's Faith	266.10
Miracle Sunday nite	27.70
Southside	14.51
Picnic (additional receipts)	278.03
Anonymous estate bequest	500.00
Total	2,043.51
Less:	
<u>Disbursements:</u>	
Rent	236.50
Answering service	362.38
Telephone	108.55
Office coordinator	220.00
(travel & related exp)	
Office Insurance (annual)	406.40
Supplies & Postage	20.70
Picnic (speaker expense)	99.00
Total	1,453.53
Ending 7/29/2005 Balance	\$2,880.50
<u>Prudent Reserve Savings</u>	
Beginning 6/27/2005 Balance	\$735.29
Interest credited	0.18
Ending 7/29/2005 Balance	735.47
<u>Literature Fund</u>	
Beginning 6/27/2005 Balance	\$1,125.01
add:	
Literature sales	377.24
Sales Tax collected	28.57
Interest credited	6.06
Total	411.87
Ending 7/29/2005 Balance	\$1,536.88
Total accrued sales tax liability	(127.99)
(paid at year end)	

(continued from page 4) Bill: I went to North Side Elementary and then Washington High School.  
 Roy: Same here! This is amazing. I graduated in 1946.  
 Bill: Now that is something. I graduated in '46 too! My home room teacher was Miss Arnold.  
 Roy: Well I'll be. Miss Arnold was my home room teacher, too!!  
 Just then, the phone rang and the bartender answered. It was his wife. "Are there many customers today?", she asked.  
 "Naw", answered the bartender. "The only people here are me and the Johnson twins."

# Events and Happenings

## Current Events

Greater Tallahassee's third Alk-a-non was a sounding success with 97 members attending. Kitty B. served as emcee and brought nine members of AA from Live Oak including two 29 year members and several Tallahasseans knew them from older days. The covered dish dinner is a chance for members to show other talents as no one went away hungry.

Maty Lou M., from Camilla, GA. was the Al-anon speaker and told of her misery of living with an alcoholic and then her 32 years of sobriety and how life has improved with every year. Dan K. from Tallahassee was the AA speaker and told of the family disease while growing up and then his fall into the pits of the disease. He talked about his sponsor Charley D., and his legacy of talking about the steps. Dan started the Newsletter when Intergroup was first formed and served for about eight years. Door prizes, a raffle and the sobriety countdown was the feature event. Next Alk-a-non will be held on October 21 at the Advent Episcopal church on Piedmont RD, and Rita K. from 909 is the chairperson. We need volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help out, call Jim O. at 656-5586

**August 13**—Corrections/Treatment committee, 2:00 pm  
909 N Gadsden St

**August 17**—District 5 monthly meeting, Faith Presbyterian Church, Meridian and John Knox Road, 7:00 pm.

**September 3**—IG 5, Inc. monthly meeting, Faith Presbyterian Church, Meridian and John Knox Road, 7:00 pm.

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### Literature, Jim T., Chair

- Area Literature Committee will help prepare our delegate for Literature Committee business at the 2006 General Service Conference

### Public Information, Al B., Chair

- Public Service Announcements are available from the Area video library. Please send any articles about A.A.'s 70th Anniversary the Area PI chair, Al B., who will send them to Gail, the P. I. Coordinator @ GSO. The General Service Conference (April 2005) voted in favor of removing the phrase "and taking pills" from the P.S. "Teenager."
- New video, "Living in Chaos" should be out in the next few weeks.

### Treatment Facilities, Ed V., Chair

- Reviewed the Treatment Workbook
- Ed is making plans to attend the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bridging The Gap Temporary Contact Workshop Weekend, September 9-11, 2005 in St. Joseph, Missouri. North Florida Area BTG contact list is available. Next Treatment Workshop topic will be "How to get people involved in Treatment Facilities work."

### Webmaster, Glenn W., Chair

- Discussed the creation of a website standing committee
- Requests to have area minutes on the NF Area website as well as officers and standing committee chair position descriptions
- Check out the North Florida Area website at [www.aanorthflorida.org](http://www.aanorthflorida.org)

## SPECIAL REPORTS

## July Phone Report

(80 Calls Received by Volunteers)



- 2—12th Step
- 2—Al-anon
- 14—AA Info
- 48—Meeting Information
- 2—Agency
- 10—Miscellaneous
- 1—Speakers

## Happy A.A. Anniversary June 2005

### Monticello Serenity

Ruth—1, Peter—1, Cliff—2, Charlie—30

### July 2005

### Central Group

Chuck M—1, Irene—1, Peggy—1, Jackie L.—2, Andrea—3, Keithanne—5, Jen W—8, Rita—9, Cathy L—12, Max—16, Celeste—16, Cynie—17, Russel P—18, Marsha T—19, Millicent—20, Ken B—33

### Living Sober & Happy Hour

Lisa —2, Jim D—4, Mike K—5, Mike B—8, Greg B—11, Ed V—12 Gerry M—13, Ken B—33

### Monticello Serenity

Bubba—4, Cary—11

*IF ANYONE ELSE IN DISTRICT 5 MAKES IT FOR A YEAR OR ANY MULTIPLE PLEASE LET ME KNOW!*

## CELEBRATE!!!!

### 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida State Convention, Ann P., Event Chairperson

- 08/03/05 – 08/07/05: Just two weeks away!
- Visit [flstateconvention.com](http://flstateconvention.com) for more information and registration

### HIGHLIGHTS OF BUSINESS CONDUCTED

Dan E., chair of the ad-hoc committee (formed to make recommendations on how to transition into taking responsibility for the State Convention when it geographically occurs in the North Florida Area) presented two operational models for consideration. The recommendations will be printed in the minutes so that GSRs can discuss this with their groups before the October 2005 Assembly. (**Copies will be available at the next district meeting.**) After the recommendation, the NF Area chair moved to discharge the ad-hoc committee; seconded, and passed.

It was moved that the basket be passed to collect funds for the repayment of the 2003 State Convention in Naples. Motion seconded. The South Florida Area treasurer attended the Sunday morning business meeting and, upon request, spoke briefly regarding total funds collected in South Florida. Motion passed. (It was later reported that North Florida Area contributed \$1,429 when the basket was passed.)

From the floor: It was moved that NF Area conduct an Area inventory. Seconded and passed. The NF Area chair then requested that past delegate, Corliss G., form and chair an ad-hoc committee that will recommend an Area inventory procedure.