



TRUSTED SERVANTS

Intergroup

Chairman—Don W—Northside
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Secretary—Craig F—Living Sober
Treasurer—Greg S—Home Group
Literature—Pat C—Crawfordville
Website—Rob K—Pathfinders
Activities—Matt—Lake Jackson
Membership—Vacant
Newsletter—Larry H—Central

District 5

DCM—Kathy Lynn S—Pathfinders
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Secretary—Earl W—Living Sober
Treasurer—Matt N—Central

Standing Committees

Public Info—Jeff D—Central
CPC—Kevin K—Central
Treatment—Rachel S—Central
Corrections—Mike L—Lloyd
Grapevine—Tracy T—HappyHour
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The Message

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

INTERGROUP 5, INC. DECEMBER, 2005 TALLAHASSEE, FL

DISTRICT 5 AA ARCHIVE REPORT

11-16-2005

It has been a fairly slow month in the archives area. I have been steadily duplicating speaker tapes of local and regional personalities from some members' personal collections. I have some access to more speaker tapes and will continue to copy additional tapes for both the archives collection and for a lending library. I am checking into what equipment is necessary to convert some of these audio cassettes to digital format so they can be pressed to CD. So far, indications are that it is a fairly costly endeavor. More on that as I gather information.

Among some recent acquisitions are several interesting speaker tapes including Dr. Bob's final speech, Bill's final speech, a tape of Bill D. (AA #3) and one of Jim B. (coined the phrase 'God as we understand him')

The district archives were displayed at Central group's picnic celebration of forty years of meetings at 909 Gadsden St on October 30. Feedback and comments were generally positive thanks to Jennifer W. for her contribution of excellent display board work detailing Central group's history and early AA in Tallahassee. I have been asked to bring the archives to both the gratitude dinner and holiday party so come on out, support our District and Intergroup, enjoy great fellowship, speakers and food. Stop the archives display and check out our growing collection of materials. Comments, criticisms and feedback are welcome.

As stated before, contributions, loans and assistance in organizing, researching, inventorying and duplicating archive materials are always welcome – see contact info below. It is the continued purpose of this committee to collect, preserve and present to members of our fellowship documentation of the history, milestones, recordings, photographs and 'artifactual' items concerning the evolution of AA in the Tallahassee/District 5 region. By collecting and preserving historic information, we can ensure that the message of AA is not diluted and that fact can be separated from myth.

Contact information: Rob K. @ 562-3437 or 228-3868 or email district5archives@comcast.net.

In grateful service,
Rob K

District 5 News

DCM Report – November 16, 2005

In the past month, I have visited the following groups:

- Central Group
- Crawfordville Group
- Downtown Group
- East Point Meeting
- Grateful Group (Detox Center)
- Havana Sobriety Group
- Home Group
- Hope Group (Hosford – final meeting)
- New Hope Group (Lloyd)
- Madison Group
- Monticello Serenity Group
- Mustard Seed Group
- Night Owl Group
- Northside Group
- Perry's Winners
- Powder-No-Puff Women's Group
- Quincy Group
- Sober Shores (Alligator Point)
- Willing Group

Let me know if you want to join me in visiting the groups in District 5.

We can have a meeting on the way to our destination, attend the group meeting, and have another meeting on the way home.

I know I will enjoy your company!

Other Activities

Over the last month, I have concentrated on making sure that groups have received a copy of the 55th Annual Meeting of The General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous Report. The conference was held in April 2005 and the reports were made available at the October Area assembly. In addition, via e-mail and visits to groups, I have been providing information to GSRs regarding the Area inventory, which will be held at the January 2005 assembly. If GSRs were not able to send in their responses by Tuesday, November 15, 2005, there is still time to participate. The inventory questionnaire is located on the Area website. I am providing copies at the November 16, 2005 district meeting, along with contact information for the Area Inventory ad hoc committee chair, Corliss G. Thank you for the opportunity to serve,
Kathy S.
(850)322-5173

A special thanks to Gale P. from the Powder-No-Puff Women's Group for serving as the 2006 Gratitude Dinner and Speaker Meeting Committee Chair and to those present for their attendance and participation! At the November 19th event, A.A. members donated \$121.61 to the "Pink Can." These funds will be used to purchase General Service Conference-approved literature to those confined behind the walls of a prison or jail. In addition, net proceeds in the amount of \$589.97 will be sent to the North Florida Area.

TRADITION TWELVE Q&As

Q: What is the spiritual substance of anonymity?

A: The A.A. Traditions ask us to give up our personal desires for our general welfare; therefore, sacrifice is the spiritual substance of anonymity.

Q: At what level should we practice 100 percent anonymity?

A: Press, radio, films, and television.

Q: What is the greatest safeguard of Alcoholics Anonymous?

A: Humility, expressed by anonymity.

Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, page 184-187

Intergroup 5 News

2 November 2005
Intergroup 5 Minutes

Groups Represented: Home Group, Lake Jackson, Living Sober, Lloyd New Hope, Northside, Pathfinders [There were 8 people present, representing 6 groups].

There is no *Message* for November, as Larry was called out of town.

Secretary's Report: Under **New Business** in the October 2005 minutes the figure "\$1816" should read "\$1116." Motion to accept as amended; so moved.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted.

Web Report: None.

Activities Report: Matt and the volunteer committee for the Holiday Party have decided to hold a raffle, but not a 50/50 (it is too much like gambling). The DJ is not finalized—either Jamie or Terry. The Caterer is pending. Ask your groups to submit items for the raffle. Get the fliers for the party out. Report Accepted.

Old business: Mike L. reports, from Area Assembly, that the Area Treasurer has resigned and has been replaced by Matt (new to the area, 6 years of sobriety, a CPA); now all committees are chaired. Mike L. will go to a Probation/Parole meeting on Friday as a representative of AA; he will take literature and answer any questions from P and P officers.

Mike L. explained that we are working with the chaplain at the Taylor County Correctional Institute to begin a meeting there, possibly to be started by the end of the year.

Corrections Committee meeting is held at 2:00 pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 909 Gadsden St.

New Business: Ron L. mentions that at the last District meeting, there was talk of putting literature out at facilities (such as detox, institutions, medical offices, and jails). It was also suggested that Intergroup consider making contributions of soft cover materials if the balance in the IG treasury increases. Also, individual groups could contribute funds designated for corrections literature.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Pink Cloud-----" Is thinking you have all the benefits of the program without working for them."

Diz T. at Living Sober group

October, 2005 Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Checking:

Beginning 9/30/2005 Balance \$3,084.63

Contributions:

Central Group	300.00
IG5 meeting	11.00
Lake Jackson	50.00
Northside	166.25
Total Contributions	527.25
Less:	

Disbursements:

Rent*	286.50
Answering service	136.24
Office coordinator travel & related exp	220.00
Telephone	42.86
Total Expense Disbursements	685.60
Transfer to prudent reserve	1,116.00
Total Disbursements	1,801.60
Ending 10/31/2005 Balance	\$1,810.28

Prudent Reserve Savings:

Beginning 9/30/2005 Balance	\$735.47
Transfer from checking acct	1,116.00
Reimbursement from Literature Fund	150.00
Ending 10/31/2005 Balance	2,001.47
(now 3 months ops)	

Literature Fund

Beginning 9/30/2005 Balance	\$1,937.85
add:	
Literature sales	94.26
Sales Tax collected	7.04
Total	101.30
less:	
Reimbursement of General Fund	150.00
Prudent Reserve	
Money Order Charge	0.50
Total	150.50
Ending 10/31/2005 Balance	\$1,888.65
Total accrued sales tax liability	
(paid at year end)	(207.16)

*Rent includes \$50 annual for IG5 meeting space

On Thanksgiving day, a man named Bill Taylor called the Intergroup office and the answering service put him in touch with one of the old timers in the fellowship. The man claimed that his wife was just killed, he was at the Regional Hospital, he had 25 years and was wanting to drink. The old-timer was driving out of town for Thanksgiving but he gave the caller the name of a member that lived close to the hospital. The member went to visit with the man, he claim such a sob story that the member put him up in a hotel, gave him some money to eat on as he told the member that his buddy was a truck driver and had left him there until he would return later. The member followed up by trying to take the man to a meeting, he refused, he later went to the hospital claiming he was hurt by the wreck that killed his wife, The member left to spend thanksgiving with his family and some friends and when he later went to the motel, the man had vanished. We believe that was a hoax, so 12 stepper Be careful..

Events and Happenings

Current Events

Dec 10—Party at Jackson Masonic Lodge
December 21—District 5 monthly meeting, Faith Presbyterian Church, Meridian and John Knox Road, 7:00 pm.
January 4—IG 5, Inc. monthly meeting, Faith Presbyterian Church, Meridian and John Knox Road, 7:00 pm.
Dec 10—Corrections/Treatment, 909 N Gadsden 2:00PM
January 6-8—Next Area Assembly:
 Location: Paramount Resort & Conference Center, 2900 SW 13th St. Gainesville, FL 32608. (352) 377-4000 or 877-992-9229 When making reservations, be sure to say you want a room in the “North Florida Area block.” (\$64/night, register at least one month in advance!)
Overflow hotels:
 Comfort Inn, 2435 SW 13th Street 352-373-6500
 Econolodge, 2649 SW 13th Street 352-373-7816
 Super 8, 2000 SW 13th Street 352-373-3654

The *Open Door Speakers Group* meets on Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Tallahassee Heights Methodist Church (the “Pumpkin Church”) located at the corner of Capital Circle NE and Mahan Drive
This meeting is an open, non-smoking speaker meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. The Fellowship Hall meeting room is wheelchair accessible.

DECEMBER 3RD TRACY T.

**ONE OF YOUNG PEOPLE
 OF TALLAHASSEE**

DECEMBER 10TH DOTTIE LOU W.

**FROM ST. SIMONS ISLAND AND 20
 YEARS SOBER**

DECEMBER 17TH JIM MCM.

**AN AUTHOR, WRITER OF
 SPIRITUAL MATERIAL**

DECEMBER 24TH JIM O’N.

**A FORMER MARINE WITH
 26 YEARS SOBRIETY**

DECEMBER 31ST DIANE V.

**SPEAKING FOR THE
 12TH STRAIGHT YEAR**

September Phone Report

(45 Calls Received by Volunteers)



- 0—12th Step
- 3—Al-anon
- 10—AA Info
- 21—Meeting Information
- 6—Agency Info
- 5—Miscellaneous

We need more Volunteers!
 Please call Larry H 567-8407

Happy A.A. Anniversary November 2005

Rowena D. 28 Years
 Tony M. 5 Years

September 2005

Central Group

Dayton 1, Mike L. 2, Marcella C. 4, Kevin K. 12,
 Chris T. 20, Chris A. 22, Louisiana Lisa 23 Bob I. 24

Living Sober & Happy Hour

Paul J. - 1 year
 Rob W. - 1 year
 Trae W. - 1 year
 Jeff K. - 3 years
 Katie P. - 5 years
 NY Tom - 6 years



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

CELEBRATE!!!!

My mother in law had a great point of view
 that I hope I will be able to adopt as my own.

**“Attitude
 Is
 Everything”**