

**July, 2019**

**Business Meeting, District 5, South Florida Area 15, General Service Committee**  
Arcadia, Boca Grande, Englewood, Ft. Ogden, Nokomis, North Port, Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Venice

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Rusty V. 863.558.1458  
Bill S. 941.276.1561

**Chairperson:** Diane P. (h) 941.426.7265 or (cell) 941.284.3216  
(Diane is also DCM for North Port)

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font and submit word or page docs rather than .pdfs for ease of insertion. THANK YOU!  
We request that you type your reports and READ them at the meeting to keep the meeting brief and  
informative. Fliers are included at the end of the Minutes.

**NEXT MEETING has a NEW TIME: Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 for GSR sharing, with the  
business meeting beginning at 7:00.**

**Community United Church of Christ, 3450 Biscayne Drive, North Port  
on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (the 3rd Tuesday)**

**OPENING:** Chairperson Diane called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, directly after pot-luck dinner.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, after which our Area 15  
Delegate, Shirley P., reported on the 2019 General Service Conference.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Diane P.**

SHORT CHAIR REPORT FOR JULY 2019. This last 4 weeks have left me with more questions than  
answers. Am doing due diligence to clarify information. Sometimes the wheels turn slowly, sometimes  
quickly. Thank you for your patience!!

1. What is the relationship between District 5 and Intergroup? Can we share a website without  
breaking tradition?
2. I asked if other Districts have events such as Dinners at the July Quarterly meeting of District  
Chairs and about ten hands shot up! ???
3. Last month, I handled the passing of our 2 latest motions totally deviating from protocol. That won't  
happen again. My apologies.

The Highlight of July was Shirley and her wonderful Delegates Report!! Everybody did a great job  
and it really was inspiring and FUN!! More info will be distributed this coming District Meeting as we  
try to step forward with suggestions that have been made by our Groups, GSRs and Committees.

Love& Service, Diane P.

**Alternate Chair/DCM REPORT: Jen N.**

The DCMs met this month to attend to details for the Delegate/Pot Luck dinner held July 16th. Extra supplies from the Service Fair were available to save on the budget. Plans for the next several months are as follows:

In August, we will address any remaining ask-a-basket questions and any new ones which you may have. George W will be our "attending" GSR and in addition, we will be discussing any related questions about our Delegate conference report.

In September Mark W from Current Practices will talk about writing and making a motion.

In October we will have a Literature Presentation.. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated Chairperson and committee participants, which our district has sorely needed, Thank you Anne H and the Literature committee.

Finally, after this July area quarterly, we DCMs felt that more and better communication could be achieved with the GSR body, by sharing together part of that time allotted for individual sessions. A motion to that effect is attached and has been presented to the Area Chairperson. We will see!

Yours in Love and Service,

Jeny N  
DCM Coordinator/Alt Chairperson

**Individual DCM Reports:**

None submitted that the secretary could access

**RECORDING SECRETARY: Renee P**

Our District 5 Business meeting was very well attended last month where we heard a lively, and informative Report from panel 69. Thank you, Shirley P. For all you do.

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT: Tim R.**

In the last month I attended the Area 15 Quarterly Assembly in Tampa. The Registrar / Recording Secretary workshop was very informative. New dates were identified for the implementation of the new ERP system and Data base (August 5th) there will be a black out period starting July 19th for new entries or changes to the DB and July 26th for any operations ie. Sales of books, Grapevine ect till August 5th.

There is an effort by GSO to update or attempt to confirm the accuracy of information in the DB. I will be providing information to the DCM's so that they can verify and update this information.

For you information District 5 has a total of 161 Groups with 2160 members listed in the DB, 80 Grps / 1225 members are listed as Active, 51 Grps / 660 members listed as Unknown and 30 Grps / 275 members are listed as Inactive.

If there is some way that I can be of help to your committee by providing information from our DB please do not hesitate to ask. I am most happy to help.

If you are standing for a new service position or are stepping down from a service position, please fill out the District and Group Change Form provided on the table in the back of the room. Please let me know before you leave tonight so that you may be properly registered and if you're new, receive support from G.S.O. as well as from our district members.

If your name is not on the attendance list in the back of the room, please fill out the new attendees 'sign-in sheet.

Also, in the back of the room are forms to register a new group titled Alcoholic Anonymous New Group Form. If there is a change to your group's meeting information such as the time or place or where it meets, contact me by phone or text at (281-761-5239) or by email at registrar@aadistrict5.org.

Grateful to serve

Tim R.

Registrar, District 5

## Monthly District 5 Committee Meeting Schedule

Scheduled meeting time and locations - check with Committee chairs for any changes to times or dates

Committee	Day of Week	Time	Location
Accessibility	4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Month	5:30 – 6:30PM	INTERGROUP
Archives	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Month	5:00 – 6:00PM	Storage Unit in PC
Corrections	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Month	10:00 – 11:00AM	INTERGROUP
DCM	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of Month	7:00 – 8:00PM	INTERGROUP
District Finance	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Month	7:00 – 8:00PM	INTERGROUP
Dist. Service Manual	Last Sunday of Month	3:00 – 4:00 PM	INTERGROUP
Literature	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month	6:45 – 7:45PM	Easy Does It Club
PI/CPC	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of Month	6:00 – 7:00PM	INTERGROUP
Treatment	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Month	6:30 – 7:30PM	Easy Does It Club

Committee	Committee Chair	Phone #	Email
Accessibility	Sarah N.	941-276-8490	snewfield56@gmail.com
Archives	Tony T.	941-916-0966	tonytoth229@gmail.com
Bridging the Gap	Jessica M.	978-491-7403	soberlady77@gmail.com
Corrections	JJ A.	301-481-1327	jarms1045@gmail.com
DCM	Jennifer N.	941-661-1074	jleighton1323@gmail.com
District Finance	Mary O.	941-223-8765	molderich@hotmail.com

Literature	Anne H.	941-286-0793	anneh1022@gmail.com
PI/CPC	Jessica W.	941-800-6935	jessicakinnison@yahoo.com
Treatment	Jason S.	941-875-0474	jsmithelectric44@gmail.com

### **TREASURER'S REPORT: Jane G.**

(The Recording Secretary was not able to "open" the Treasurer's Report )

Jane G.  
District 5 Treasurer  
Email: treasurer@aadistrict5.org  
941-218-7095

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **DCMs Individual Reports:**

#### **FINANCE: Mary O.**

No Report

#### **AD/HOC: Rusty for Tom M.**

No Report.

#### **WEBSITE: Tania D.**

No Report

#### **TREATMENT: Jason S.**

I'm Jason and I am the treatment chair for district 5. We held our committee meeting last Thursday the 13th and there was one person in attendance. I attended the quarterly in Tampa and the treatment meeting on Saturday morning. Nine other treatment chair people were in attendance out of the twenty districts. I always get great conversations with other chair people that have good ideas on how to better their committee. Besides that all the meetings are running well and all the slots are full. There was one bridge this past month and our committee meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month at 6:45 at the easy does it club. All are welcome.

#### **CORRECTIONS: JJ A.**

Minutes of 13/July/2019 Meeting: 10:00-11:30

Attendees: Jay B., Bob C., Betty M., Jessica K., Les H.; Stan R., Bob M.

#### **AGENDA**

Jay B. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Minutes & budget were reviewed/discussed, and accepted by acclamation. A brief discussion followed about whether to renew LaVina for 2 or 3 years. Les H. motioned to renew for 2 years and a second was followed by group majority voting for the 2-year renewal. This will be handled by the Chair, JJ A., when he returns from out of town.

## OLD BUSINESS

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## NEW BUSINESS

- August Schedule of meeting coverages were assigned.  
Motion to adjourn the meeting, followed by...

A 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob C. Secretary/Treasurer

### Corrections Committee Annual Budget: 2019

District 5 Area 15, South Florida

Month of Disbursement	Amount	YTD/% of Budget	Quarterly%	Budget
Remaining				
January '19	TBD	Await receipts		
3,000.00				
February '19	52.00	52.00 = 1.7%		2,948.00
March '19	125.92*	177.92 = 5.9%%	1stQ: 06% (19.1% under)	2,822.08*
April '19	NO EXPENSE/RECEIPTS			
2,822.08				
May '19	294.46	472.38 = 15.7%		
2527.62				
June '19	155.47	627.85 = 20.9%	2ndQ: 21% (29% under)	2372.15
July '19	71.33	699.18 = 23.3%		
2300.82				

### **LITERATURE: Anne H.**

Secretary could not access the Report.

### **ACCESSIBILITY: Sarah N.**

Hi – my name is Sarah, my home group is the I Am Responsible Group (North Port), and my sobriety date is December 1, 1991.

The Accessibilities Committee of District 5 is Alive! with a variety of actions including:

- We continue to distribute throughout our District (via GSRs, DCMs, The Lifeline , District and Intergroup's webpages and AC committee members sharing at meetings) our Quarterly Needs and News publication keeping our area AA members abreast of service opportunities, as well as upcoming events involving those AA members with accessibility issues.
- Our chair of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Outreach Committee, Mary P, continues to make contact within that community. By offering ASL Interpreters at our larger social events (Gratitude Dinner, Old Timer's Dinner, Founders' Day), we're opening the door to a group of folk that heretofore had not been recognized for their communication needs.
  - o Five deaf attendees were present at District 5 Founders' Day Dinner and Dance; a reserved table up front provided the group with an unobstructed view of the ASL Interpreter.

o A deaf “friend of a friend” was invited earlier in the year to attend District events because of the Interpreter; he showed up and “heard” the message recovery and hope. Today marks his 30th day in sobriety - this is working!

- We redesigned the “ASL Interpreters Needed” flyer and have begun distributing it.
- We await a decision from Intergroup as to whether they will share in the ongoing annual cost of ASL interpreters being use at Intergroup sponsored events.
- We continue to discover one of our greatest tasks is the build-up of awareness in our District, educating our membership of the hidden population within our midst who suffer from isolation, as well as accessibility barriers (physical and otherwise). Quite by accident, we’ve tapped an emotional connection that prods action, and generates additional conversation reaching out to more AA members, and so it goes. We are excited about this latest stage in our development as we believe the heart to heart connection is the cord that binds us together, and prompts us into action.

If you know of someone in need of the Accessibilities Committee’s services, please contact Bill S at 941.276.1561, or email him at n9ws@comcast.net.

Our committee meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at the Intergroup Office in North Port. Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 24th. All are welcome!

In love and service,  
Sarah N.  
Accessibility Chair, District 5

**PI/CPC: Jessica W.**  
**No report**

**INTERGROUP LIAISON: Margaret**  
**No Report**

**GRAPEVINE: Richard M.**  
**No report**

**CURRENT PRACTICES: Mark C.**  
The Book of Motions and the Book of Current Practices are both current and up-to-date.  
Love and Service, Mark C.

**ARCHIVES: Tony T.**

I attended the July quarterly which was great! We received news that the home video of our Co-Founders was voted yes at the conference to be added to the video Markings on the Journey! We were all very pleased, as all of us wanted this. Back at home we attended the Founders day celebration at the First Alliance church and set up many pictures of our beginnings, some large renderings of The Big Book Editions and other books and articles about our founders. Many folks stopped by and it was enjoyed by all. Our Delegate Shirley presented an informative and fun program about the NY conference the Pot Luck dinner provided time to socialize. We are active and alive in District Five!

Your Trusted Servant

Tony T.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Open Positions:** DCMs and ACMs

**DCM Qualifications:** 4 years continuous sobriety; 2 years' service as a GSR (in any District); possess a working knowledge of the AA Traditions and Concepts; ability to visit assigned groups and keep those groups GSRs informed in all General Service Activities; ability to attend all District Meetings and Area Assemblies; perform duties as suggested in the current edition of the AA Service Manual.

**ACM Qualifications:** same as DCM, but 3 years current and continuous sobriety.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **\*\*\*\*\* Motion**

Alter the current DCM and GSR Sharing schedule at the Area 15 quarterly assembly for an experimental 1 year cycle to the following:

That the GSRs and DCMs shall meet separately for the first 50 minutes of the allotted sharing time on Saturday from 2 p.m. To 2:50 p.m., then break for a 10 minute period to either A) Open the partition separating the meeting rooms, or B) reconvene in the room of greater size to continue the last 50 minutes of the sharing sessions together from 3 p.m. To 3:50 p.m. The panels for each of the 50-minute segment of the sharing sessions shall be a minimum of two and a maximum of four panelists. The combined GSR/DCM sharing panel shall include at least one GSR and one DCM from the 2 p.m. Separate sharing sessions.

Background: In the separate sessions these two groups of trusted servants air their questions and concerns which affect them as either GSRs or DCMs. During the separate sessions, ideas arise and topics are established which would lend themselves to more discussion, and that would benefit both groups. The panel would facilitate the combined group to address the topics directly with one another in a unified discussion. A motion to make the change perpetual could be made to replace motion 141 of the Area 15 Book of Current Practices which establishes a GSR Sharing Session only.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer (Jeny) N.

DCM

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

In June, Ron had posed the question: Can Intergroup share the cost of ASL interpreters at events they sponsor and receive proceeds from?

Discussion tabled until next meeting when we learn results of Intergroup's Meeting and discussion.

### **Volunteers:**

Coffee: Cookies:

Set-up: Greeter:

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm and ended with the Responsibility Statement and Lord's Prayer.

**AGENDA OUTLINE FOR DISTRICT 5 MEETING – July**

OPEN: 8PM SERENITY PRAYER: \_\_\_\_\_; GSR PREAMBLE: \_\_\_\_\_

TRADITION OF THE MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_ (long form) WELCOME & ROLL CALL:

NEW GSRs: (Name, Group, Town)

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NEW AGSRs \_\_\_\_\_

ALL GSRs: \_\_\_\_\_ ALL AGSRs: \_\_\_\_\_

DCMs: \_\_\_\_\_ ACMs: \_\_\_\_\_ Officers: \_\_\_\_\_ Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

GSR REPORTS: (name, group, report)

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE CHAIR/DCM REPORT: \_\_\_\_\_



RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: \_\_\_\_\_

TREASURER'S REPORT: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: \_\_\_\_\_

Ad-Hoc/Qtly. Coord.: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Treatment: \_\_\_\_\_

PI/CPC: \_\_\_\_\_

Literature: \_\_\_\_\_

Intergroup Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_

Grapevine: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Practices: \_\_\_\_\_

Corrections: \_\_\_\_\_

Archives: \_\_\_\_\_

Accessibility: \_\_\_\_\_

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OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

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Open positions: DCMs and ACMs

VOLUNTEERS:

COFFEE:

COOKIE COMMITTEE:

SET UP: GREETER: Adjourn time: \_\_\_\_\_

Close with Responsibility Statement and the Lord's Prayer

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"Needs and News A-3" – a quarterly newsletter provided by

## The Accessibilities Committee of District 5

Do you know of someone who is in need of a ride to a meeting because of a disabling condition? Perhaps a friend has suffered a fall, or is recovering from surgery and would welcome a group of AA's in to their home for a meeting. If so, contact the Accessibilities Committee - because that's why we're here - to make AA available to all alcoholics. New volunteers are always welcome, and appreciated. If interested, contact Bill S at 941.276.1561, or email him at n9ws@comcast.net.

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In addition, we are gearing up our efforts to bring meetings into nursing homes and rehab centers.

We welcome your participation!

Contact Lori E at 941.799.1007 to volunteer in this specific outreach effort.

We serve AA's who are:

- Physically disabled \* Deaf & hard of hearing \* Blind & visually impaired
- Learning or reading impaired \* Seniors and homebound
- \* English Language Learners (ELLs)

Informative Websites:

<https://aa-intergroup.org/directory.php> (Online Intergroup)

[https://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/accessibilities-committees](https://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/accessibilities-committees) (Access Alcoholics Anonymous, the Big Book, and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions on .pdf, A.S.L. and in audio formats.)

Plus much more!

We meet the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Intergroup office at 5:30

All are welcome!

**ASL Interpreters Needed**

**Do you know sign language and a member of AA?**

**Do you know someone who can interpret sign language and may be looking for volunteer work?**

**The Accessibilities Committee of District 5 is looking for American Sign Language interpreters to volunteer their services for the hearing impaired during AA meetings.**

**If you are interested in service work, or know someone who is and may be able to help please contact Bill S at [n9ws@comcast.net](mailto:n9ws@comcast.net) or Mary P at [mrypwr62@yahoo.com](mailto:mrypwr62@yahoo.com)**