

July 15, 2025

Monthly 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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Next GSR Sharing / Workshop on August 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM followed by The District 5 General Service Business Meeting at 7 PM
Location: St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church
4200 S. Biscayne Drive, North Port 34287

To All Standing Committee Chairs and Officers:

- All written reports must be typewritten and emailed to secretary@aadistrict5.org before the district meeting or by the Friday after the business meeting.
- The Recording Secretary will copy and paste your report into the minutes. Therefore, for ease of insertion into the minutes **PLEASE DO NOT CREATE YOUR REPORT IN ADOBE (.pdf)**. (You may use any other typewritten format, such as Microsoft Word, Google Docs, Email, etc.)

7 p.m. District 5 Business Meeting:

Opening: District Chairperson, Jean M., opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

GSR Preamble read by Greg

The Long Form of Tradition 7 for August was read by John

Welcome new GSR's and AGSRs: GSRs: _____ of the _____ Group and AGSRs: _____ of the _____ Group

Roll Call, # of: GSRs: 11 Alt GSRs: 1 DCMs: 3 Alt DCMs: _____ Officers: 3

Total # of voting members in attendance: 18 2/3 majority: 12

Total # of people attendance: _____

GSR Announcements for upcoming events (Please bring flyer to distribute to attendees. Email flyer to webchair@aadistrict5.org if you wish to have the event posted on the District 5 website.)

Volunteers to make coffee and bring snacks to the August 19, 2025, GSR Sharing Session / District 5 Business Meeting (to be ready by 5:30 p.m.): Coffee and set up: Richard
Snacks: Deborah

Chairperson's Report – Jean F.

I attended the District Chair meeting at the Area this past weekend. The discussion was all about the Quarterly Coordinators job and what was coming up. Finding facilities that can accommodate the numbers that attend the Area Assemblies is a daunting job. Our numbers are way too many. This would be a major reason to spit our Area. The Ad Hoc Committee was task to complete there resume on splitting the Area with the recommendation to slpit the Area in half and present it to the Area body next July so it can be put on the April 2027 agenda for voting at GSO. The only other motion

that passed was to illuminate any motions on the agenda in April and in October every other year during election weekend. Area Treasurer reported that at the moment our financial condition is rated GOOD, but our expenses have risen 46% since 2022 and if nothing changes by 2027 we will be in a debt. Another reason to split the Area.

By the way, the number for making Reservation at the Boca hotel is 888-888-3780!

I'm passing around sign-up sheets for the upcoming Delegates Report. I will need lots of help with food!

Alternate Chair/DCM Coordinator Report – Stephanie P.

Recording Secretary – Joe R.

Registrar Report – Amy M.

Treasurer's Report – Kevin C.

Thanks to the following groups for their generous support: Psychic Change, Eye-Opener, Thursday Night Step, Under the Trees, Englewood 12 & 12, the Spring into Sobriety Conference, Borderline Big Book, Live & Let Live, On Awakening, and Tuesday Night Step.

This past weekend I attended the South Florida Area 15 General Service Assembly. I attended the Current Practices, District Treasurers, and District Finance Meetings. I also attended What's On Your Mind and both Speaker meetings, as well as the Sunday Business meeting where I issued reimbursement checks to qualified District Service members per Current Practices guidelines.

Some of my take-aways from the weekend were:

- Need to start the budget process for District 5. To quote from My Legacy of Service... "Reminds all standing committees to submit an annual budget to Finance chair by October business meeting each year."
- There is a need to either adhere to Current Practices regarding "excess funds" or change same by motion
- Need for Vision and Foresight as expressed in Concept Nine.

June Profit & Loss

Group Contributions: \$2,005.90

District Basket: \$61.00

Total: \$2066.90

Payments & Expenses

Reimbursements: \$143.15

Storage: \$176.94

Church Rent: \$75.00

Total: \$295.09

Net (+/-): + \$1771.81

Prudent Reserve: \$4,010.41

Checkbook Balance: \$13,057.24

Where to send your contributions

GSB is requesting that contributions be made online if possible. Go to aa.org and follow the instructions.

Otherwise, send check to:

PO Box 2407

James A Farley Station

New York, NY 10116-2407

Area 15

Area 15 Treasurer

2950 W Cypress Creek Rd Fort

Lauderdale, FL 33309

District 5, please make check payable to District 5 Treasurer and include group name & number.

District 5 Treasurer

PO Box 7356

North Port, FL 34290

Love & Service,

Kevin C.

Treasurer@district5.org

Standing Committee Reports

Please limit verbal report to 3 minutes or less. Your written report for the minutes can include additional information.

Ad-hoc Committee Report

Accessibilities – Angela M.

Just letting you know that I am still assisting PICPC as their secretary to keep the momentum going until someone steps up as Committee Chair. There are now 7 committee members and we have a couple of great projects in the works. My time is split between the accessibilities committee and PICPC.

I am proud to look back over the 2nd quarter and see the progress that the Accessibilities committee has made!

1. Accessibilities Committee Formation

We have formed an actual committee with 5 members. The committee has defined the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6pm as our regular meeting date. We are currently meeting at a local Starbucks but one of the members has been tasked with talking to a local pastor about using his church.

I attempted to book our meeting into the local Charlotte County Library however they charge a deposit and hourly fee. (Sarasota County doesn't do this)

We had our first meeting on Wednesday June 9th.

2. District 5 Accessibilities Webpage

When I took the commitment for Accessibilities, I reviewed the district 5 webpage to see if there was an existing committee meeting time/date. After reviewing it, I realized much of the text was outdated and many of the links were no longer effective.

Carol R and I completed the revisions of the Accessibilities Committee Webpage Description. We have included many useful links to literature and videos relevant to the committee's goals. It is now up and running on the District5AA.org website.

3. Homeless to Home/Grassroots Luncheon

Attended H2H luncheon in May from 11:30-1:30 at Plantation Golf Course. This grassroots luncheon is now sponsored by the United Way. Multiple social service agencies including the Venice and North Port police attend this lunch. One agency presents their service. It provides our committee with an excellent opportunity to network with other social service professionals and to keep abreast of upcoming events. In the past, I've made many contacts from this event which led to opportunities to participate in health fairs or present AA's program of recovery.

4. Legacy of Service

I have completed my revision of the Accessibilities Legacy of Service. Much of the LOS was incorporated into the new District 5 Accessibilities Committee description.

5. Twin Rivers Pathways Behavioral Health Services / Monthly Social Services Luncheon

I attended this monthly luncheon hosted by Twin Rivers behavioral health. The director of this program is passionate about AA and has been a great advocate of our services. We were invited to speak to their patients on June 28th, however at the last minute, we were rescheduled due to census issues. The relationship with these facilities provides AA with ongoing opportunities to meet other social service providers in the area and keep abreast of current events. This relationship may fit into GSO's new focus on the Neurodivergent population

6. Senior Outreach Project

Together with Carol R. we have revised the existing Senior Outreach Initiative so that it is focused more broadly on all zoom meeting, rather than just one particular meeting. At the same time our new project assesses the facilities interest in establishing new on-site meetings and introduces seniors to our Meeting Guide App increasing awareness of the availability of Zoom meetings.

The poster and support documents have been revised. The poster is in the print shop now as I write this.

The committee discussed the launch of this project at length at our first meeting on June 9th. We are gathering information on the Assisted Living Facilities in our area in preparation for a targeted launch of the program. The committee spent time troubleshooting potential obstacles and developed solutions for them.

I expect the launch of this project by the end of July 2025.

Archives – Fred G.

Correction Facilities – John A.

Current Practices – Carol R. –

Finance – Tim S.

Grapevine – vacant

Intergroup Liaison – P.J.

Literature – Deb B.

Hello District 5 !

- Attended 1/4ly Literature mtg.
- Lisa delegate gave us all answers of agenda items~
- Donna W . presented a dcm pamphlet for approval / ideas.
- Sponsorship pamphlet workshop runs each Monday in Aug. Details on D5 website; Events
- Next mtg 7/30/25 . Virtual ~ details on D5 calendar. We will begin learning QR codes
- Contact us : for agenda items, dcm pamphlet, our virtual ID and pw.

Literature@aadistrict5.org

~Grateful to serve Deborah B Lit chair

PI/CPC – vacant

Treatment Facilities – Jason S.

Website – Butch

Old Business:

Open Positions. The following positions are open in District 5. The volunteers for these positions would serve through December 31, 2026:

Grapevine Committee Chairperson - Desired qualifications: 2 years continuous sobriety and working knowledge of the AA steps and traditions. **Duties:** Chairs District Grapevine Committee meeting each month. Attends District 5 business meetings and reports on committee activities. Attends Grapevine Committee meeting at Area 15 Quarterly and gives report of meeting at next District 5 business meeting. (Reimbursed by District 5 for 1 night hotel stay at Area 15 Quarterly.)

Does anyone wish to stand for the Grapevine Committee Chairperson position?

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Does anyone wish to stand for the PI/CPC Committee Chairperson position?

DCM positions are open for the following locations: [REDACTED]. **Desired Qualifications:** 4 years continuous sobriety, 2 years' service as a GSR in any district in the U.S. or Canada, working knowledge of the AA traditions and concepts. **Duties:** Attends monthly DCM Committee meeting. Visits assigned groups and keeps those group's GSRs/contacts informed of General Service activities. Makes sure the District 5 Registrar has the correct information for each assigned group. Attends District 5 business meetings. Attends Area 15 Quarterly Assemblies and while there, attends the DCM Sharing Session on Saturday and the business meeting on Sunday. (Reimbursed by District 5 for 1 night hotel stay at Area 15 Quarterly.)

Alternate DCMs are needed for all locations: Arcadia, North Port, Port Charlotte (2), Online Meetings, Punta Gorda, and Venice (2). Qualifications and duties same as DCM. (Only reimbursed by District 5 for 1 night hotel stay at Area 15 Quarterly if attending in place of DCM.)

New Business:

Next Month Reminders:

Adjournment:

The Meeting was closed at _____ p.m. with The Responsibility Statement, followed by The Lord's Prayer.

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