

GOLD COAST AREA MINUTES

FROM [March 13, 2005](#)

***NOTE* ANY NEW GSR SHOULD BE PRESENT AT ASC BY 1:00 PM FOR ORIENTATION, BY POLICY CHAIR.**

ALL SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS MUST MEET AT 1:30 PM!

PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDERS PRIOR TO ASC BY CALLING **GLEND A (561) 416-9927**
PLEASE LEAVE NAME OF GROUP, YOUR NAME & PHONE NUMBER. IF NOT AT HOME,
LEAVE ORDER ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE!

OLD BUSINESS FROM [FEB.](#) (PAGES 7)
NEW BUSINESS (PAGE 7)

NOMINATIONS STILL NEEDED

ASC NOMINATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

ARTS & GRAPHICS	2 YEARS CLEAN
ASC SECRETARY	2 YEARS CLEAN
LITERATURE CHAIR	2 YEARS CLEAN

GCCNA XV NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

ASST. HOTEL LIASON	3 YEARS CLEAN
SECRETARY	2 YEARS CLEAN

NEXT ASC WILL BE ON SUNDAY, [April, 10th, 2005](#), at 2:00 PM,
**North Lauderdale City Hall Annex Bldg. 701 SW 71st Ave. (corner of Forest Blvd.
and Rock Island Rd.)**

SUPPORT YOUR AREA!!!
GET INVOLVED!!!

(I do apologize for the delay due to technical problems.)

ASC SERVICE MEETING – AGENDA

1. OPEN MEETING WITH THE SERENITY PRAYER
2. READ TRADITIONS, READ CONCEPTS, DEFINITION OF AN ASC, GSR AND ALTERNATE GSR'S QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
3. PASS BASKET
4. OPEN FORUM
5. ROLL CALL
6. ESTABLISH QUORUM
7. MOVE TO ACCEPT LAST MONTH'S MINUTES
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. A) ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS (IF NECESSARY)
B) NOMINATIONS
10. RCM REPORT
11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
 - ___ACTIVITIES
 - ___ARTS & GRAPHICS
 - ___CONVENTION
 - ___HELPLINE
 - ___H & I
 - ___LITERATURE
 - ___LITERATURE DISTRIBUTION
 - ___NEWSLETTER
 - ___POLICY
 - ___PUBLIC INFORMATION
12. RE-ESTABLISH QUORUM
13. A) TREASURERS REPORT
B) MOVE TO ACCEPT TREASURER'S REPORT
14. NEW BUSINESS
15. REVIEW THE BUSINESS OF THE DAY
16. ESTABLISH NEXT MEETING TIME AND PLACE
17. FINAL ROLL CALL
18. MEETING CLOSES WITH THIRD STEP PRAYER

MEETING OPENED AT 2:00PM WITH THE SERENITY PRAYER

The 12 Traditions was read by [David L.](#) The 12 Concepts was read by [Carol L.](#) Definition of an ASC was read by [Scott M.](#) GSR and Alternate GSR's duties and responsibilities was read by [Mike B.](#) The basket was passed in accordance with our 7th tradition.

OPEN FORUM

I am an addict, named Robert H. I am the new GSR for Recovery in the Fields.

I am an addict, named Nadine B. I am the new GSR for Getting In Touch.

I am an addict, Carol. 123 Recovery-Monday night meeting that meets 9pm-10pm at the Peer Center is in desperate need of support. Meeting will have to fold at next business meeting unless it gets some support.

My name is Dan, and I am an addict. I have recently been elected GCCNA Auction Chair. I am accepting any/ALL donations of NA memorabilia (t-shirts, coffee mugs, etc.) to be auctioned at our Area's Convention in May. Please call Dan @ 561-929-3647 for donation.

Journey for Discovery will be meeting at Cypress Hall (1300 Coral Springs Drive) on Sat. April 30, 2005, 10:30am-12:00pm.

As a member of this H & I sub-committee, I feel there is a grave concern within the committee regarding our Chair member. Reason being, this Chair shows lack and regard to our committee as a whole. He does not have knowledge or show any attempt to have knowledge of policy or the responsibilities as far as the Twelve Traditions or Concepts of Narcotics Anonymous. Respectfully submitted, In loving service, Bruce D.

My name is Rolando, GSR for the group Hispanos Unidos. We have had to close the meeting on Fridays for lack of attendance. For the last 3 months we have been paying (2 members) \$40 rent. Unfortunately, we are not able to keep the meeting anymore. We hope to re-open the meeting in the future. We would like to find out if the 7th traditions allow a group to receive contributions from the Area in order to pay expenses for a limited time? If so, how can we proceed to request such a help? In addition, we need support for the Tuesday meeting. Remember, we are the only Spanish group in Broward or Fort Lauderdale.

ROLLCALL

<u>ASC ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>PHONE #:</u>	<u>BEGINNING</u>	<u>END</u>
ASC Chair— Mike B.	954-454-7923	YES	YES
ASC V. Chair— Carl R.	954-294-5597	YES	YES
ASC Secretary— OPEN		NO	NO
ASC Asst. Sec. lost_touch050703-goldcoastasc@yahoo.com		YES	YES
ASC Treasurer — George M.	305-726-3841	NO	NO
ASC Asst. Treasurer—OPEN		NO	NO
RCM --- Steve H.	954-467-1052	YES	YES
RCM Alt.—Carol L.	754-581-2975	YES	YES
Activities —Lisa B.	754-422-3233	YES	YES
Arts & Graphics -OPEN.		NO	NO
Convention—Renee Y.	754-204-6884	NO	YES
Helpline —Karyl K.	954-668-8483	YES	YES
H & I — Joel V.	754-366-6492	YES	YES
Literature— OPEN		NO	NO
Lit. Distribution —Glenda G.	561-416-9927	YES	YES
Newsletter—Lenny	954-917-2943	YES	YES
Policy — Lisa M.	954-258-0423	YES	YES
Public Information—Bruce D.	754-367-6028	YES	YES

ASC GROUP ROLLCALL:

Groups not present at ASC:

123 RECOVERY, CHOICES IN RECOVERY, FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND, G.O.D., JUST FOR TODAY, LAS OLAS SUNDAY NITE, LETTING GO GROUP, MORE WILL BE REVEALED, NEW BEGINNINGS, NEW FREEDOM GROUP, NOONTIME RECOVERY, NO PAIN NO GAIN, RAINBOW GROUP, ROOM FOR CHANGE, SANITY AT SIX, SEVENTH HEAVEN, WHY NOT TONITE

Groups not present for the last two ASC meetings.

123 RECOVERY, FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND, G.O.D., MORE WILL BE REVEALED, SEVENTH HEAVEN, WHY NOT TONITE,

Groups taken off Rollcall for missing three ASC's in a row:

NONE

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Groups present: 23 OF 42 GROUPS.

MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES //PM RECOVERY// SECOND//WHEN @ THE END OF THE ROAD

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

RCM: Steve H. 954-467-1052

Before I give my report, I just like to thank GCCNA for helping us out with Regional Weekend that will be help April 15-17 in the Gold Coast Area. Region went very well. Let me start talking about the "Florida Service Symposium", a trusted servants training conference, sponsored by the Florida Region. We have flyers if anyone wants to participate (3/18-3/20).

There will be no SFRCNA Convention in 2005. If there are no BOD, there's a possibility there will be no convention in 2006.

Ad-hoc committee on downsizing:

It is the findings of the committee that the services we are providing should be restructured. Using a standing committee system combined with a workgroup-based system was the result of our discussions. The standing committee that would stay not change would be Hospitals & Institutions. Two committees that we felt should be combined were Public Information and Helpline. The Activities committee would be changed to a coordinator position. It was felt that the Literature committee should be changed to an as needed workgroup. Newsletter would be eliminated.

In loving service, Steve H.

Activities: Lisa B. 754-422-3233

We are preparing for Rockin' Recovery. Also, we will be discussing Zonal Forum at our next meeting. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the Peer Center.

In loving service, Lisa B.

Read by Vice Chair (Greg H.):

Attended Regional Representing Gold Coast Activities. Gave regional Activities Chair info on Rockin' Recovery for Regional Calendar. Regional Activities Chair wants to know if we should make Regional Activities a coordinator/liason position and not a subcommittee due to lack of support. Attended Lit. Dist. Subcommittee meeting. Attended workshop in reference to changing personal stories in basic text. Only 7 people attended. It is important for individual addicts to get involved because you can make a difference in the next Basic Text-the 6th edition. The RSC Chair asked if I would get involved with Region. I had to decline due to Area commitments.

In loving service, Greg H.

Convention: Renee Y. 754-204-6884

All is well with our planning. We had a great turn out at the Softball Tournament with a profit of \$650.00. I apologize for all the flyers this month; however, we are approaching the home stretch, please have your secretaries announce them. The hotel room representatives and the convention registration numbers are down, please announce in your meetings. We have secured a Banquet and Serenity Patrol Chairperson, and at the same time we lost our Arts & Graphics Chair. Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2005 at the Peer Center. Beginning in April, we will meet every Monday until the convention. Hopefully we will meet at the Hotel, but the next 2 meetings will be held at the Peer Center.

In loving service, Renee Y.

H & I: Joel V. 754-366-6492

We currently have 38 meetings covered. We currently have 22 chair and co-chair positions open. We need to have people for our jail commitments. People are currently in the process of being cleared to obtain jail commitments, but we always need more people to fill these commitments.

Our monthly meeting was shaky due to my inability to follow our policy. The last few months I've thought maybe I'm not the recovering addict for this position. Particularly this month, I truly felt alone with my duties as Chair. My Vice Chair was unable to get to the meeting due to work, and he is a great crowd diffuser and helps keep me on track with reading policy as we go along. We had two people stand up for BARC Detox Saturday morning 10am. We voted and we moved on. Someone brought it to my attention that policy wasn't followed and that 1 person had paneled 3 times and the other didn't. The problem was

that we had already moved on to new business and the group voted, not me. Several people were speaking out at the same time and my co-chair wasn't present to help me. So, I got a little personal and loud. At no time did I swear or insult anyone. We had people in front and behind giving opinions at the same time, while people were also getting literature and telling me they had to leave. Policy was quoted out again and read aloud to clear any confusion. The group voted to null and void any voted in people that had not yet paneled 3 times in order to be a chair or a co-chair.

Last, but not least, I screwed up and let my feelings get in the way of what was talked about at Region and people the group took it the wrong way. I tried to explain that the home groups have a say in all areas of policy, but my point was clouded by people who were very angry with me.

I would like to apologize to this area and had hoped to be a better servant to you and my fellow recovering addicts. I do plan on speaking with my sponsor and search my inside to see if it is time to go.
In loving service, Joel V.

Gratitude In Action Banquet
See attached

Helpline: Karyl K. 954-668-8483
Everything at Helpline is going very well. Yes, we are always in need of support. Clean time requirement to take a shift is 6 months. We meet this Thursday, March 17th @ 8pm @ the Peer Center.
In loving service, Karyl K.

Newsletter: Lenny T. 954-917-2943 lentatt@aol.com
March-April Bottom Line is out. Thanks to those who contributed. Please get Anniversaries or Announcements in ASAP for May-June.
I love this job, Lenny T.

Policy: Lisa M. 954-258-0423, metzbride@aol.com
We met @ 12:30. No new GSR's showed up @ 1:00, therefore we didn't have a new GSR orientation. We discussed H & I broke policy by having an out of area speaker. HI12-#11: Speakers must come from Florida or S. Florida areas. It's been told to me that the ad-hoc committee waived policy. We don't fault them for this at all, but the responsibility would fall on the Chair of H & I.

We have copies of the new updates in case you didn't get them last month. We had several H & I members come to our meeting to complain how the H & I meeting is being run. We are letting the area be aware so that the next right procedure can be followed.
In loving service, Lisa M.

Public Information: Bruce D. 754-367-6028
See attached

Literature Distribution: Glenda G. 561-416-9927

Monthly Cost Breakdown			
<i>Literature disbursements through area</i>		DATE:	2/13/05
ASC Sales from groups			\$ 3,527.00
Hospitals & Institutions			\$ 937.01
TOTAL LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED			\$ 4,464.01

All is well with Lit. Dist. Sub-committee. Region shorted us one box of Basic Text this month which we will address with them & adjust statement with Treasurer. No other issues or problems. Thanks for you support.
In loving service, Glenda G.

RE-ESTABLISH QUORUM: Groups present: 24 OF 42 GROUPS.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion # 1

MOTION CARRIED (FORMALITY)

Maker of Motion: ASC ASST. SEC. // SECOND FIVE THIRTY GROUP

MOTION TO READ: TO HAVE AREA 3/13/05, SAME TIME, SAME PLACE.

INTENT: TO HAVE AREA INFORMED OF NEXT ASC.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion # 1

MOTION CARRIED (FORMALITY)

Maker of Motion: ASC ASST. SEC. // SECOND FIVE THIRTY GROUP

MOTION TO READ: TO HAVE AREA 4/10/05, SAME TIME, SAME PLACE.

INTENT: TO HAVE AREA INFORMED OF NEXT ASC.

Motion # 2

REFERRED TO GROUPS POLICY CHANGE

Maker of Motion: POLICY // SECOND HELPLINE

MOTION TO READ: TO ADD TO NL-3, #16: ALL SUBMISSIONS TO NEWSLETTER HAVE AUTHOR OR POINT OF ORIGIN.

INTENT: TO TAKE BURDEN OFF OF NEWSLETTER CHAIR.

CARRIED _____ DEFEATED _____ ABSTAIN _____

ASC NOMINATION PLEASE VOTE

ASC ASSISTANT TREASURER

I'm an addict, Nadine. I celebrated 10 years clean Christmas Eve. I've been GSR of my home group. I was chair of H & I banquet and GCCNA Secretary for 2 years. I have a job, a savings & checking account, and I have never misappropriated funds in Narcotics Anonymous. I also have a working knowledge of the 12 steps and 12 traditions and practice these principles in all my affairs.

FOR _____ AGAINST _____ ABSTAIN _____

AREA CLOSED AT 4: OOPM WITH THE SERENITY PRAYER

GOLD COAST AREA PUBLIC INFORMATION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT (March 2005)

Greetings from the Public Information subcommittee:

All is going well in PI. We had a very successful day at the Sistrunk Festival on February 26. Our booth was well-received by other participants at the Festival, and we disseminated a great deal of NA literature. Many agencies, including the Ft. Lauderdale Police Department and Broward County Health Services, agreed to put up our posters in a public area of their offices. A large number of recovering addicts turned out to help us man the table. Many thanks to all who participated.

Last month, Public Information received a check to purchase a shelter. We were not sure at the time whether we would need it for the Sistrunk Festival or not, and needed to have funds available for an immediate purchase if necessary. As it turned out, the festival's organizers provided one, so we did not need it for that event. However, since we intend to participate in other events which will require that we have our own shelter, and because we will make the shelter available for use by other subcommittees, we are currently pricing shelters and will purchase one this month, as soon as we find the best deal for our money.

We are still in the planning stages for our learning workshops, and will report further on this at the next area service meeting.

Public Information has received third-party requests from two facilities which are interested in having H&I meetings brought into their facilities. I will be contacting both facilities to arrange for a public information presentation.

We are beginning a mail campaign, and will be sending letters to public agencies, offering to come in and do a public information presentation.

Our website has undergone many changes in the past month. Toni, our website coordinator, has now taken full responsibility for maintaining the website. Therefore, all requested changes should be emailed directly to Toni by clicking on the envelope link on the website. The area activities calendar and the regional calendar have been brought completely up-to-date, and Toni now makes corrections immediately upon request, and adds activities to the calendars as soon as she receives the information. This way, our website remains as current as possible, and we do not pay the hosting service to make changes.

Toni has added links to our "Recovery Links" page on the website—to South Florida Region, Mid Coast Area, and South Broward Area. More links to other areas within our region will follow once those areas have working websites.

We voted to add a Spanish-language page to the website. This page will be composed of information contained on other areas of the website, condensed and translated into Spanish for Spanish-speaking addicts. It will also contain a list of all Spanish-speaking meetings in the Palm Coast, Mid Coast, Gold Coast, Miami-Dade, and South Broward Areas. Once the project is completed and uploaded, an addict will be able to click on a link in the index, which will say, “en español,” to access the information in Spanish. This project should be completed before next area.

We have also discussed and agreed to add a similar page in Creole, but this project is on hold until we find a Creole-speaking addict to assist in the translation. We would appreciate any assistance anyone can provide in locating such a person.

Neither of these projects will add to the cost of the website, since the hosting service will do none of the work involved—there will be no cost to area.

Please direct any questions concerning the website to Toni.

The next Public Information Subcommittee meeting will take place on Saturday, April 9, 2005, at the Peer Center, 4545 Powerline Rd., Ft. Lauderdale, Rm. E, at 2pm.

With no other business to report, I remain

**In Loving Service,
Bruce D.**

H & I Gratitude in Action XVI Report

BREAKDOWN OF MERCHANDISE:

T-SHIRTS:	\$ 300.00
MUGS:	\$ 465.00
BANNER:	\$ 85.00
MERCHANDISE SET UP FEE:	\$ 37.00
MERCHANDISE TAX:	<u>\$ 53.22</u>
	\$ 940.22

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

MERCHANDISE:	\$ 940.22
DJ:	\$ 200.00
LITERATURE:	\$ 342.20
MORTON ACTIVITY CENTER:	\$ 740.00 *
	<i>(* \$100 deposit to be refunded)</i>
DECORATIONS:	\$ 315.75
COSTCO (drinks, plates, plastic, etc.):	\$ 145.93
FOOD:	\$ 1035.00
STERNO DEPOSIT:	\$ 50.00
	<i>(\$50 to be refunded)</i>
PROGRAMS:	\$ 20.12
TICKETS:	\$ 20.13
FLYERS:	<u>\$ 17.06</u>
Total:	\$ 3,826.41

INCOME:

TICKET SALES	
27 @ \$10 each (Institution Discount to Challenges Treatment Center)	\$ 270.00
136 @ \$15 each	<u>\$ 2,040.00</u>
Total: 163 tickets sold	\$ 2,310.00
Raffle	\$ 247.00
7 th Tradition Basket	\$ 101.00
7 th Tradition Dance	\$ 138.96
Sodas	\$ 179.00
Merchandise	<u>\$ 418.00</u>

INCOME FROM EVENT: \$ 3,393.96

Refunds to be deposited to Area	\$ 150.00*
Items to be purchased by Activities Subcommittee	\$ 29.03
<i>(24-pack soda at \$6.15 x 3 = \$18.45)</i>	
<i>(1 sealed Folgers coffee container= \$5.99)</i>	
<i>(1 35 pack of water = \$4.59)</i>	

TOTAL TO BE DEPOSITED 4/7/05 AREA	\$ 150.00
PURCHASED BY ACTIVITIES SUBCOMMITTEE	\$ 29.03

TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 4,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 3,826.41
TOTAL EVENT INCOME:	<u>\$ 3,572.99</u>
LOSS:	\$ 253.42

Explanation of Loss:

- Low merchandise sales—"lot of merchandise is left over"
- Total discount to treatment center was \$135.00

Excerpt from S. Florida Regional Minutes

Areas - please take note:

ELECTIONS (and/or nominations needed)

Current Open Positions:

Vice-Chair

NEWSLETTER

MAL 1,2,3

BOD (9 open positions)

Nominations for next year due June, 2005 in South Dade

Motions:

Motion 07-02-05 shall go back to Areas as amended.

Maker of the Motion: Admin, 2nd: Sunset

Motion to read: To add to the South Florida Regional Policy, page 5, Section (II),

New Line number

(9) Hurricane Contingency Plans

(9a) If a hurricane warning has been issued for an area where an RSC weekend has been scheduled, the following must take place.

- 1. RCM or Hotel Liaison must contact the Vice Chair or Chair of the South Florida Region to update them on the current situation.**
- 2. Chair will instruct the RCM or Hotel Liaison to contact the hotel about the Act of God Clause if a hurricane will strike the area or an evacuation is ordered.**
- 3. At the earliest time possible the RCM or Hotel Liaison will inform the Chair of an evacuation and then the Chair will cancel the RSC weekend.**
- 4. Chair will call the Secretary and he or she will contact the RCMs in the Region and the Area Chairs and inform them of the cancellation.**
- 5. Chair will instruct the Helpline Chair to place a message on the Regional Helpline Number (in a mail box) to further inform the fellowship of the cancellation.**
- 6. If a new date can be set, Admin will then make a decision if the RSC can meet. If not, the Admin Committee may meet for the purpose of paying bills. The location will be announced to the RCMs and the Area Chairs at least two weeks prior to the meeting.**
- 7. If an Area has been hit by a hurricane, the Chair of Vice Chair will contact the RCM and the Area Chair to see if the South Florida Region can be of any assistance.**
- 8. The Chair or Vice Chair will then direct the Helpline Chair to add an additional mailbox on the Regional Helpline number for contact information during the Area's emergency. It will be the RSC Chair's discretion to list what type of information on the mailbox, i.e., meeting location, ASC location, or other contact information.**

Intent: Procedure for emergencies.

Vote: This is an addition to our existing policy and therefore goes back to Areas for vote.

Motion 08-02-05

Maker of the Motion: Admin, 2nd:

Motion to read: To replace RSC Guidelines page 16, D Meetings, #5 Format for meetings

Old:

Opening Prayer

12 Concepts

Roll Call and introductions

Reports by Members - reports must be submitted if member is chairing an ad-hoc or is given an assignment from the last Administrative meeting and reporting back on an issue

Old Business

Revisit unfinished/ Tabled issues/ motions from last Administrative Meeting

Entertain Direction/ motions resulting from reports or assignments

New Business

Policy Motions

Other committed motions

Issue for discussions

Finances

RSC planning

Ad Hoc/ assignments to Administrative members

Closing

New:

Administrative Committee Meeting

(Date inserted)

- 1) Opening prayer
- 2) 12 Traditions
- 3) 12 Concepts
- 4) Roll call
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice Chair
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. RD
 - e. AD
 - f. MAL 1
 - g. MAL 2
 - h. MAL 3
 - i. secretary
- 5) Ad-hoc committee reports, if necessary
- 6) Old Business
- 7) New Business - should include any money motions that will be presented on Sunday and any reports by Admin members
- 8) Plans for next RSC

9) Closing prayer

Intent: To have an easy to understand Administrative Committee Agenda.

Vote: This is a change to our existing policy and therefore goes back to Areas for vote.

Motion 09-02-05

Maker of the Motion: Admin, 2nd by Mid Coast

Motion to read: To add to SFR Policy page 15,

c) Qualifications,

2) Regional Delegate and Alternate Delegate,

an additional letter G) co-signers on the Regional Bank Account.

Intent: Continuity, 2 signatures are required, the RD and AD terms are three years each and this way we would have the signers on the account.

Vote: This is an addition to our existing policy and therefore goes back to Areas for vote.

Thank you.