

NEXT MEETING: Sunday 03-08-15 at 10:00 AM at Veterans Park Fire station

SUNSET COAST AREA OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
AREA SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Sunday 2-08-14 Veterans Park Firehouse
1885 Veterans Park Drive

ADMINISTRATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE:

CHAIR(AC)	RENE K.	PRESENT
VICE CHAIR (VC)	CHRISSEY	PRESENT
SECRETARY (SEC)	BILL S.	PRESENT
ALT. SECRETARY	open	open
TREASURER	open	open
ALT. TREASURER	DANIEL O.	PRESENT
RCM	MELISSA T.	PRESENT
ALT. RCM	open	open

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS

ACTIVITIES (ACT)	Heather T.	PRESENT
H&I	CRAIG B.	PRESENT
LIT. DISTRIBUTION (LDC)	ANGIE H.	ABSENT
PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR)	JIM D.	PRESENT

GROUPS/VOTING:

EYE OF THE HURRICANE (EH)	DAVE G. (GSR)	*PRESENT
FULL THROTTLE (FT)	DAVID B. (GSR)	*Absent Rpt Sent
GET NAKED (GN)	ADRIAN S. (GSR)	*PRESENT
LAST CHANCE (LC)	HEATHER T. (GSR)	*PRESENT
LIVING CLEAN	TOM S. (GSR)	*PRESENT
MY NEW HOME GROUP (MNHG)	TODD A. (GSR)	*ABSENT
NEW FOUND FREEDOM	DAVID M. (GSR)	*ABSENT rpt sent
NOONERS (N)	JULIA W. (GSR)	*ABSENT rpt sent
SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE	SAMMY V. (GSR)	*PRESENT
STEP OUT OF FEAR (SOF)	TOM S. (GSR)	*PRESENT
STEP UP NOT OUT (SUNO)	KEITH B. (REP)	*ABSENT
SUNSET GROUP (SG)	KEVIN K. (GSR)	*PRESENT
WE'RE STILL HERE (WSH)	TAMMY D. (GSR)	*PRESENT
WE DO RECOVER (WDR)	ZACH M. (GSR)	*ABSENT
YOU ARE NOT ALONE (YNA)	KEELY L. (GSR)	*PRESENT

GROUPS/NON-VOTING

ALIVE AND FREE (AF)	PAUL (REP)	*ABSENT-RPT SENT
ISLAND IN THE STORM (IS)	MICHAEL O. (GSR)	*ABSENT-RPT SENT
PRIMARY PURPOSE	BRIANNA (GSR)	*PRESENT
RECOVERY BY THE BOOK (RBB)	SUZIE V. (GSR)	*ABSENT

****Please note, abbreviations listed in parentheses after positions/groups are used in the minutes to facilitate note-taking for ASC secretary. Also, HG means Home Group, GC means Group Conscience. NB means New Business, OB is Old Business. TLC stands for the Last Connection, Inc which is not affiliated with NA**

The meeting opened at 10:00AM with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and the reading of the 12 traditions, reading of the 12 concepts, reading of the concept of the month and the ASC Statement, established Quorum. Minutes were accepted from last month.

ADMIN REPORT:

There are presently several open positions on the Area Service Committee. GSRs are asked to remind their home groups that we're looking to fill the openings for Treasurer and Alt Secretary. In other news, Heather T., who has regularly fulfilled service on the Activities Committee, has been designated as Sub-Committee Chair for Activities (Pro Tempore) in accordance with policies and authority granted to Area Chair.

Meanwhile, NA's Velenia T. has been nominated for the ALT. RCM role. Velenia has served in a variety of roles for her home group as well as the Area, has been clean for 10 years, has a sponsor, works steps, and indicates willingness to serve. Please take this nomination back to your home groups for voting.

RCM REPORT

Melissa T.

(See News from NA World)

Get Ready for Brazil!!

We understand that many of you are anxious to get specific information about the upcoming convention at the Rio Centro Convention Center, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 11–14 June 2015. We are finally ready to go on sale at <http://www.na.org/wcna>! The two things that have delayed us are availability of hotel rooms and challenges with financial processing. Brazil operates with a controlled currency, and setting up the process to register directly in Brazilian Reals is taking longer than we've been promised. We have decided to go on sale now, with registrations available in US Dollars, and hotels available in Brazilian Reals. Brazilians with an international credit card can normally register, just like any other previous convention. The registration site to process Brazilian Reals is expected to be available in a few days. To receive notification about this or any other convention news, please subscribe to convention updates: www.na.org/subscribe. There is no "penalty" for waiting to register at this point. We will be constantly working on adding different types of hotel properties, local tours, pre- and post-convention trips, etc. to our hotel links site. Please continue to check the site from the link on the convention page www.na.org/wcna for the latest additions. We are expecting a great convention, and there is a lot of local excitement building about this upcoming recovery celebration. This will only be the second bilingual world convention, and although the travel can be a bit complex, we expect a unique convention experience that will make it more than worth the effort. There are several things about making arrangements for this convention that will be very different from previous conventions.

Visas

As a reminder, citizens from the USA as well as other countries require a visa to enter Brazil. The tourist visa process is very simple, but there is no mail-in process with the Brazilian embassy. You either have to use a visa service, which are generally located in most cities, or walk into a Brazilian Consulate. Part of the service provided by these service companies is the flight itinerary for visa purposes. For a complete list of countries requiring visas and their requirements please visit: [http://sistemas.mre.gov.br/kitweb/datafiles/NovaYork/en-us/file/qgrv-simples-ing-26_03_2014\(1\).pdf](http://sistemas.mre.gov.br/kitweb/datafiles/NovaYork/en-us/file/qgrv-simples-ing-26_03_2014(1).pdf)

Hotels

In an effort to provide a financially diverse range of options, we have hotels that are within a 30km circle of the Rio Centro Convention center. Price is often an indicator of the general quality of hotel properties. Lower cost accommodations may involve shared sleeping and bathroom facilities.

We are offering limited, scheduled bussing between the hotels and Rio Centro exclusively for members staying in our hotel properties. The hotels will distribute armbands that will be required to use the buses. Local taxis are always available with shared rides between 3 to 4 people running approximately \$5-8/person when the

buses are not running. Often members who are planning to attend the convention will make multiple hotel reservations until they work out all of their attendance details. That was possible in the past, but the deposit and pre-payment requirements in Brazil are very strict. Reservations can be made and then cancelled, but there is a limited timeframe that those changes will be allowed, and the timeframes will be strictly adhered to. Please read that section of the information carefully when you receive it.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL HOTEL RESERVATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE 100% PREPAID PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN BRAZIL.

Activities

The event will be centered at the Rio Centro Convention Center. Meetings will begin at different times on different days of the convention. The convention meetings will not begin until at least Thursday 11 June with the main meeting scheduled for 7pm. We have arranged for people to be able to use Wednesday 10 June and part of Thursday 11 June to participate in either structured sightseeing or visiting Rio on their own. Information about these excursions will be added to our site as this becomes available and we will notify you when that happens. The local fellowship and meetings are planning to welcome you in a variety of ways. The convention days will end with a major activity at Rio Centro each night —Thursday a fantastic DJ dance, Friday will be live music, and Saturday a Samba Festival embodying the electrifying rhythms of live Samba.

Unity Day

The Unity day meeting will be the Sunday main meeting, which will also be the closing of the convention on Sunday afternoon. This will be a later close than a typical North American convention.

Traditions Book Project

We want to thank all who have taken the time to review and discuss the draft materials for the Traditions Book Project. We have received well over a hundred pieces of input from members, groups, and workshops throughout the US and from at least six other countries.

We are postponing the next review and input period for the Traditions Project to 1 March to 31 May 2015. Drafts of the review material will be available from a link on the project page: www.na.org/traditions. This will give the workgroup time to read and discuss the input received on Tradition One to see if there are changes to be made to Traditions Two through Six before we send them out for R&I. Our hope is that each set of R&I drafts will better reflect the fellowship's hopes for this new piece of literature.

As a result, the updated schedule for review and input is as follows:

R&I Batch 2	Traditions Two through Six	1 March through 31 May
R&I Batch 3	Traditions Seven through Twelve	1 June through 31 August

Those planning local R&I workshops in your communities may wish to spend the month of February gathering any additional front-end input for Traditions Seven through Twelve—the deadline for that input is the end of March. It might be helpful to keep in mind that the schedule provides about twelve weeks per batch. With five traditions in batch 2 and six traditions in batch 3, this means scheduling a workshop every other week if you do one tradition at a time, or once a month if you do two traditions at a time. Planning out your schedule in advance and asking members to read the material prior to coming for the workshop can help you be more efficient in discussing the material and gathering input to send in. And, as always, don't wait until you've

gathered all the input—send us what you have as you gather it! The sooner we get it, the more time the workgroup will have to go over your input.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

ACTIVITIES:

Heather T.

Activity committee met in January and among items discussed was starting a new space to meet, in this case, New Paradigm Counseling Center (235 Airport-Pullen Road) at 7:30 on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Among upcoming activities being planned is a **kickball tournament** between Sunset Coast & Gulf Coast Areas, March 15th, from 9am to 2pm, at Veteran's Park Pavilion. There will be food, guest speaker and tickets are \$5.00. In other events, the **H&I Gratitude Dinner** is scheduled for April 11, 6 to 9pm. The facility is asking for \$160 (same price as last year). This will be a spaghetti cookoff. Two speakers from Gulf Coast Area will share their experience and involvement with H & I. Activities would like to have an H&I Booth, with information, in addition to literature for this event. Also, committee is asking for \$250 to help cover costs. **Beach Unity Day** is scheduled for June 7th. Discussions are continuing as to whether or not to keep that event at Wiggins Beach or maybe move to Lover's Key. Stay tuned for more details as these activities are coordinated.

HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS:

Craig B.

H & I continues to meet on the first Sunday of each month Learning Day was a huge success. We had approx 63 people show up. After all expenses we have \$223 to give back to area. All meetings we currently have are being covered. Willoughs no longer makes the H&I meetings mandatory. Concern about NA IP's and meeting lists has been taken care of. There is literature available in the NA rack.

Men's Jail	7:00pm Friday	Panel Leader: Charlie Co-Panel: OPEN
Women's Jail	8:00pm Monday	Panel Leader: Michele B. Co-Panel: Carla
Women's Jail	7:00pm Saturday	Panel Leader: Becky S. Co-Panel: Angie
Detox at DLC	7:00pm Wednesday	Panel Leader: Clint Co-Panel: Anna
	7:00pm Saturday	Panel Leader: Paul Co-Panel: OPEN
Willough	7:00pm Wednesday	Panel Leader: Bill A. Co-Panel: Heather
	7:00pm Saturday	Panel Leader: Rick C. Co-Panel: OPEN
Hazelden	7:00pm Tuesday	Panel Leader: Domenick Co-Panel: Katie L.
	7:00pm Saturday	Panel Leader: Craig Co-Panel: Dan T.
Detox at NCH	4:00pm Saturday, Sunday, Monday	Panel/Co-Panel Leader: Donny S./Open (Sat) Daniel/Ashley (Mon)

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Jim D.

Lots going on in the PR world of the Sunset Coast area this month! Our new meeting lists have arrived! There was a correction after they were printed...LOL. The Monday night "We're Still Here" meeting is in Room 221, not 211, as indicated on the meeting lists.

A concerned member forwarded me a photo of our NA literature rack at the Willough of Naples with AA literature in it. I called the Willough and spoke to Robert who is in charge of client services. A member of AA dropped off their literature and one of the clerical staff at the Willough inadvertently placed the literature in our rack. There was a discussion about our relationship with AA being one of cooperation, not affiliation and

that by having their literature in our rack might confuse their clients that the fellowships are affiliated. I was assured that the AA literature would be taken out of our rack. The conversation then moved to a discussion about NA literature in their facility. I explained that our Area's budget is funded by it's members donations and that we service several facilities in the area. I also stated that we would love to be able to provide unlimited literature, but that was unrealistic due to budget constraints. I gave him the Florida Regional website and the NA World Services website to order his own literature. I also provided him with our own website to print off meeting lists.

Robert and I had further discussion about the days and times that we meet in the Willough, and he stated that we are "a hit and a miss". He listed dates that we were there in November and it looked like we missed the week before Thanksgiving. However, he stated that he stopped keeping track after November 29th. He then stated that he left a message for Craig and Jim D. and no one returned his call. I stated that I WAS Jim D. and we HAD spoke the day after he left the message for me. He had no recollection of the conversation. We reviewed the days and times and they differ than what is listed in the H & I report. His understanding is that we are there on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7:30, not 7:00. On a more positive note, a member had forwarded me a picture of our website/mobile app poster hanging in the probation office.

LITERATURE:

Angie H. ABSENT

TREASURER

Alt. Treasurer Daniel O. Report To Be Submitted

GROUPS/VOTING REPORTS:

Eye of the Hurricane

GSR: Dave G.

Eye of the Hurricane meets Sundays at 7pm, as well as Mondays & Tuesdays at 8:30pm, at The Last Connection in Naples. GSR reports attendance at all meetings has been steadily increasing. Sunday meetings have spiritual principles discussion and Basic Text, and The 12 Steps are discussed Mondays and Tuesdays. A number of members are celebrating clean time anniversaries, including: Valena T., 10 years; Katie L., 18months; and Jersey Joe, two years! Due to "copious amount of cakes being purchased," group is unable to donate to Area this month.

Full Throttle Recovery

GSR: David B.

This NA group meets every Saturday, 11:30 to 12:30, at the Everglades City Community Center, as well as Marco Island every Sunday, 11:00am to 12:00pm, at Mackle Park. Meetings follow the Just For Today format. Average attendance in Everglades City is small, typically attracting only two to three people, but the Marco Island meeting is attended by eight to ten people. GSR reports all is going well.

Get Naked

GSR: Adrian S.

Get Naked Group meetings are held on Tuesdays, 7:30pm-8:30pm, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church located on 1225 Piper Blvd. in Naples (NO SMOKING ON PREMISES). GSR indicates "Grab-bag" meeting format has proven popular with attendees which often numbers as much as 20 people. The 2-minute time limit for

sharing also allows everyone to share on recovery related subjects involving experience, strength and hope. Member Kenny from The Brooks is celebrating 17 years clean.

Last Chance

GSR: Heather T.

Last Chance continues meets by candle-light on Fridays, 8:30p.m., at the United Methodist Church (388 1st Ave. South) in Naples. On average, ten people attend this meeting that follows the Just-For-Today format. This month, Mike T. celebrates 21 years of being clean, and Tommy D. celebrates 14 years! Following paying of rent and purchase of supplies, group is unable to donate to Area this month.

Living Clean

GSR: Tom S. REP: Stephen B.

Living Clean meets on Fridays, 6:30pm, at the River Park Community Center. During the meeting, participants typically read from "Living Clean: The Journey Continues," but one week of the month is reserved for speakers celebrating clean time. All is reportedly well and group has an average attendance of 15 to 20 people. Group will celebrate a two year anniversary in April and plans are being made to host a special event. More will be revealed soon.

My New Home Group

GSR: Todd A.

This NA literature reading and open discussion format meeting takes place on Mondays, 5:30pm, at The Last Connection in Naples (2740 Bayshore Drive).

New Found Freedom

GSR: David M.

This group meets at TLC in Naples, Wednesdays from 8:30pm to 9:30pm. Meeting attendance has been strong for a newer meeting, averaging 15-20 people. NFF is seeking Home Group members, and has positions available for those who wish to serve. After paying rent, Group is presently unable to donate to Area..

Nooners

GSR: Julia W.

Nooners meet seven days a week, 12:00pm, at TLC in Naples. The Nooners is a meeting that many newcomers, addicts currently in treatment or in drug court, currently attend. These are the most important people in our meetings! Nooners could really benefit from the experience, strength, and hope of our members with recovery. Nooners still draws regular attendance of 20-25 people per meeting. Member Cindy S. celebrated one year February 21. Nooners donated \$264.45 to ASC this month.

Saturday Nite Live

GSR: Sammy V

Saturday Nite Live is an NA speaker meeting that is held on Saturday nights, 8:30 pm, inside "The Last Connection Club House" in Naples. Group has adopted the format of monthly themes/topics on which featured speakers share their unique experiences, strengths and hopes. With the theme/topic for the month of January "History of NA" being so well received, SNL decided to continue it through the month of February. On any given Saturday night, attendance can range from 10 to more than 30 people. SNL is proud to announce the home-group is growing with new members. These new members have also stepped up and committed to service. GSR says It makes his heart smile to witness the enthusiasm of these new members and their dedication to making SNL an awesome group. By virtue of NA protocols, Saturday Nite Live is now recognized as a voting group within the Sunset Coast Area of NA.

Step Out of Fear/Here & Now

GSR: Meredith & Charlene

Here & Now meets at 8pm, Wednesday, at Community Congregational Church (15300 Tamiami Trail N.) in Naples. Step Out of Fear (a 12-Step discussion group) meets on Thursday, 8pm, at St. John's the Evangelist Church on 111th Street in North Naples. GSR reports all is well, and support has been good as some 30 people are attending regularly. After paying for rent and supplies, group is "flowing" \$107.

Step Up Not Out

GSR: Keith B

Group meets at St. Matt's on Mondays, 8pm, and Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat at 7pm, with an average attendance of some 30 people. (SEE OPEN FORUM FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THIS MEETING)

Sunset Group

GSR: Kevin K.

Group meets on Mondays, from 8pm to 9pm, at the Isle of Capri Community Center in Naples. Attendance has grown with the inclusion of small dinner and guest speaker meetings that take place on the third Monday of each month. Recent meetings have attracted 12 to 15 people. GSR indicates group is planning a dinner meeting with out-of-town Speaker for the second Monday in May, stay tuned for more details. Sunset Group donated \$22 to Area.

We Do Recover_ABSENT

GSR: Zach M.

Group meets on Thursday nights (6:45pm) at the Golden Gate Community Center (skate park room #2). As group is struggling support, NA members are encouraged to attend this meeting as time and opportunity allow.

We're Still Here

GSR: Tammy D.

The "We Are Still Here" group meets on Tuesday nights from 7-8 pm at the administrative office of Summit Church in Estero Park Commons, Friday nights from 7-8 pm at the First United Methodist Church on Shriver Avenue in Bonita Springs and our new meeting on Monday nights from 8-9pm in Howard Hall, room 221 on the campus of FGCU. We are pleased to report that our meeting at FGCU was a success. Several young adults attended and were enthusiastic about having a meeting on campus. Our attendance remains strong at the other two meetings. Two of our home group members are celebrating anniversaries this month: Charmayne with 2 years and Bill S. with 3 years. We have purchased literature to support our growing home groups and have a donation \$25.00 to area this month.

You Are Not Alone

GSR: Keely L.

YANA meets 7-nights-a-week, 10:30pm, at New Attitudes Club off Bayshore in Naples. Meetings follow a rotating format, though Monday nights now follow the Just-For-Today format.

GROUPS/NON-VOTING REPORTS

Alive & Free

REP:

This Group meets on Sundays, at 10am, at Lowdermilk Park's South Gazebo in Naples.

Island in the Storm

GSR: Michael O.

Group meets on Saturday nights at The Last Connection in Naples. All is reportedly well and Group donated \$40 to Area.

Primary Purpose

GSR: Briana D.

Primary Purpose meets on Thursdays, from 7 to 8pm, at the alternative clubhouse on Westview Drive in Naples. The attendance ranges from 15 to 17 addicts. Group follows the Just-For-Today meeting format, which includes reading the corresponding page out of the Basic Text. This is a new group which has moved to become recognized as a non-voting group at Area. After paying of rent and purchase of keytags, group donated \$40 to Area.

Recovery by the Book

REP: Suzy V.

This group meets on Monday nights, 7:00pm, at St. Monica's Church in Naples, attracting an average of 14 people.

Saturday Nite Live

GSR: Sammy V

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OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OPEN FORUM

During Open Forum, an issue was raised relative to meeting taking place at St. Matthew's House, particularly that involving the meeting known as Step Up Not Out. It was learned that individuals without NA affiliation were often chairing these meeting, and concern was expressed that attendees may not be hearing an effective message of recovery in such situations. Several NA Members volunteered to find out how this could have occurred... and agreed to help support this struggling NA Group. While this discussion took place during the February Area Meeting, in the days that followed, changes prompted the release of the message that now follows: **Effective Saturday February 15th, The Step Up-Not Out group, which meets 5 days per week at St Mathews House at 2001 Airport Pulling Road is folding all of its meetings EXCEPT for Saturday night at 7pm. The Saturday night meeting is now a non-smoking meeting. There will be more changes coming in the future, a possible name change and format change are in the works. Please announce this information at your home group and other meeting that you may attend, either cross off the incorrect listings or print new meeting lists from the copy I have attached.**