**GENERAL SERVICE DISTRICT 7**

South FloridaArea 15

 Panel 74, 2025 & Panel 75, 2026

***February 23, 2025***

*Business Meeting Minutes*

The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer at 2:05 pm

Michelle read AA’s 12 Traditions, Steven read Concept I, Bree read from the Service Manual

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW GSRS AND DCMS:**

New GSRs: (5) Keith F. (Brady Bunch), Carrie (Brown Baggers), Manny M. (San Carlos Group), Arlene (Sober on the Shores), Bob (ABC Beginners Gateway), Joe K. (River Reflections); New Alt GSRs: (1) Michelle C. (Dragonfly Group)
New DCMs: None; New Alt DCMs: (1) Gary

**(28) MEMBERS ATTENDING & (24) GROUPS REPRESENTED:**

2 of 5 Officers, 8 of 13 Committee Chairs or Alt, 3 DCMs or Alts, 13 GSRs or Alt GSRs, 1 Visitor

**ABC Beginners:** Bob S. (GSR); **Attitude Adjustment**: Lisa M. (Hospitality); **Back 2 Basics:** Laura M. (DCM), Vicki A (GSR); **Brady Bunch**: Keith F. (GSR); **Brown Baggers:** Carrie W. (GSR); **Buckingham**: Steven M. (DCM); **Cape Reflections:** David O. (GSR); **Clean Slate**: Tawny S. (Finance Chair); **Courage to Change**: Linda S. (Corrections); **Dragonfly**: Michele C. (Alt-GSR); **Friday Book Investigation (FBI):** Bill P. (GSR); **Fort Myers Group**: Living Sober ABSI: Gary S. (GSR); **Lehigh Nooner’s:** Greg Mo. (Chair); **Meat & Potatoes**: Kelly LeC. (Treasurer); **Plan of Recovery:** Jeff B. (DCM); **Recovery Rocks:** Eric S. (GSR); **River Reflection**: Bob L. (Accessibility), Joe K. (GSR); **San Carlos Park Group**: Manny M. (GSR), Nick S. (Website); **Saturday Night Women’s Group**: Bree H. (Current Practices); **Sober on the Shore**: Marlene E. (Alt GSR); Speakeasy: Kyle C. (Treatment Chair); **Stepping with the Big Book**: Mary N. (Alt Literature Chair); **Steps to Awakening**: Jo S. (GSR); **SWBR/SOP:** Kevin R. (Visitor); **Women in Sober Exploration (WISE**): Peg S. (GSR)

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**DCMs**: Sub-Districts:

**B** - South Cape Coral Greg Mu.

**K** - North Fort Myers Jeff B.

**N** - Spanish Language Manolo N.

**X** - SW Fort Myers Laura M.

**S** - NE Lee, Labelle & Clewiston Steve M.

**OPEN SUB-DISTRICTS AVAILABLE**

**A** - Bonita Springs **G** - Fort Myers Beach **Q** - North Cape Coral

**C** - Fort Myers **L** - Lehigh Acres **U** - Jaycee Park (inactive)

**D** - Southeast Fort Myers **M** - Sanibel **W** - AWOL

**E/F**- YANA **O** - Pine Island

**OFFICERS’ REPORTS:**

**Chairperson** – Present; verbal report.

Hello, all! My name is Greg M., Chair for District 7. Our newly elected Alt. Chair is unable to attend today as he is still recovering from surgery, and likely will be for some months to come – please continue to keep the other Greg M. in your thoughts.

I met briefly with our Outreach committee for a final look at the pamphlet, and at a couple of databases of group and meeting information, from both Intergroup and our service structure, to help identify groups and meetings that we might want to reach out to.

There’s a lot of new information to impart, so bear with me. Due to the passing of two previous GCS motions regarding new pamphlet creation, the GSO is looking for two ACMs (appointed Committee members) willing to help with these two pamphlets – one for the Asian American alcoholic, and one for the transgender community. If you have at least 5 years sober, and experience in carrying the message to either of those groups, please see me, or go to [aa.org](http://aa.org/), inside A.A., what’s new for more information. And at the Area level, they are in need of folks to serve on the Technology committee, and the Area Outreach committee is still looking for past/present DCMs to serve on their virtual committee.

As we are not hosting a Quarterly this year – even though one will be held within our district – we will instead be holding a Carry the Message Day sometime this fall, per our Current Practice; if you would like to be involved in that, we will look at forming that committee likely March or April. Please see me if you have an interest in any of these roles.

The service manual reading, regarding the Right of Participation, was very apropo, and in the spirit of that, at the April Assembly, our Delegate, Lisa D. will ask us for a sense of the body on a number of GSC Agenda items – she will be reviewing those in virtual meetings in March, which will be recorded, so please visit our Delegates corner on the Area webpage for more information. **At our March District meeting, during the GSR session prior**, I will be going over some of those as well, and asking for your input, so I can vote your conscience at the Assembly – **PLEASE attend that earlier meeting at 1:00** if you are able.

I am looking forward to learning more about my role, working with our slate of Officers, Chairs and DCMs, and helping in whatever way I can to help continue Carrying our life-changing message! In Love and Service, Greg Mo

**Alt. Chair** – Not Present, no report.

**Secretary** – Not Present, minutes provided.

**Registrar** – Not Present, no report.

**Treasurer** – Present

Hi everyone, my name is Kelly and I'm an alcoholic. My home group is Meat and Potatoes Wednesday nights in Cape Coral. I've been sober since April 1997.

The treasures report is available. There were several charges for various committees. Way to jump in and be active.

There were also several groups that gave contributions. We appreciate the support very much.

There are a few treasures that have sent the contributions but I'm unable to deposit it because the pay to is not acceptable to the bank. The groups are:

Big book steppers Bonita

Daily Reprieve

Port LaBelle

Clean Slate

1935 Step Group

I tried to get ahold of the treasures and had much success. I'm so grateful for all who assisted me in that endeavor. A new form of Fellowship has been discovered.

Does anyone have any questions?  I'm so grateful to serve! Kelly

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Accessibilities** – Present, verbal report.

**Archives** – Not Present, no report. Attending Archives Convention.

**Corrections** – Present

Hello everyone, my name is Linda Steward. I am an Alcoholic grateful to be in recovery and of service. My sobriety date is 6/9/1993. My home group is the Courage to Change Women meeting, we meet Tuesday’s at 6:00 pm.

I am excited about the growth of our corrections Committee. We have added 4 new members and 3 awaiting orientation.

Our current budget is $2,750.00 annually, our current balance is $1325.30.

District 7 serves 3 facilities, 1 in Lee County, 1 in Hendry County and 1 in Glades County. We are actively recruiting for all facilities. We especially need someone for Moore Haven Correctional Facility, the 1 member is back for the winter and are taking the meeting twice a week (+8 monthly). We still need willing volunteers for the summer months. We filled the Liaison position.

We currently have 27 active members, 18 going to jails, totaling 30+ meetings per month in our 3 counties.

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| Lee County – currently has 18 members going to the jail Monday – Thursday. We have 3 waiting for orientation (Jesse & Vicki) and 2 waiting for approval. | Offering a total of 30+ meetings per month.  |
| Glades County (Moore Haven)– currently has 1 men members going to Moore Haven prison (snowbird) | We are currently holding 4+ meetings weekly. Looking for willing members to step up |
| Hendry County (LaBelle) – currently has 4 women members going to the jail. We have no men going in currently. | Offering 4 meetings per month.Looking for willing members to step up |

LCSO – currently 2 member waiting orientation.

Submitted paperwork to Keith and a check request to Kelly L for $35.00, annual rent to YANA.

Our open positions are:

- Male coordinator

- Hendry County Liaison and male volunteer needed

- Literature Chair (Linda S. temporary)

If anyone is interested in this vital service work, please contact me.
In Service, Linda S.

**Current** Practices – Present

My name is Bree and I am an alcoholic. My sobriety date is December 2, 1988. My home group is the Saturday Night Women’s Group.

With regard to my goal to make the District 7 Current Practice committee an entity greater than one person, I am happy to report that Laura M., DCM for Sub-District X has volunteered. We will begin to review and modify our current documents, the Service Guidelines and the Legacy of Service, as well as our historical document – the Book of Motions. We would love to have a few more folks to join us, especially DCMs or GSRs. If you are interested, please let me know.

Our next quarterly assembly will be held in Boca Raton April 4-6, 2025. The Area secretary has distributed the minutes from January and the Agenda for April via email. They are also on the Area 15 website – area15aa.org. I received minutes from the Quarterly Coordinator’s February meeting on February 15th. At that time there were 29 people on the waitlist. They have 20 rooms blocked at an overflow hotel nearby. If you do not have a reservation and would like to get one, please contact the committee via email at hotelinfo@area15aa.org.

I participated as a co-chair of the Area’s ad hoc committee to research the possibility of requesting a new delegate area. We had some very lively conversations and there was significant evidence of passion with respect to this topic, mostly for, but with much concern that the Area still hasn’t addressed concerns expressed from 2002. One thing is abundantly clear at this point, the committee has a lot of work ahead of it. The committee’s 1st significant responsibility is to present a recommendation of proposed boundaries at the July 2025 assembly. Our next meeting is tomorrow night.

Yours in love and service, Bree H.

**Finance –** Present

Minutes District 7 Finance Committee Sunday February 23, 2025, Open meeting 1:30pm; Adjourned 2pm

* Members:

Greg M, District Chair PRESENT Kelli L, Treasurer

Bill, At-large PRESENT Tawny S, Committee Chair PRESENT

Bree H, Current Practices PRESENT Joann, At-large ABSENT, conflicting event

* The committee met today for a special session to discuss a sizeable contribution from a member of the community. The outcome of the discussion: Kelli has reached out to the Attorney’s Office several times, without success. Questions remain regarding the origination and validity of the donation. Greg will travel to the Attorney’s office in Sanibel and 1) verify the legitimacy of the donation; 2) if legitimate, ask them to re-write the check to the correct payor (i.e., General Service District 7); and 3) report back on the outcome.
* Per last month’s emergency motion (2-25) details about the purchase of the laptop and software assigned to the Treasurer were provided by the District Chair as follows:

Lenovo V 15 Laptop 15.6”, AMD Ryzen 5 5500U Hexa-core Processor, 16GB RAM, 512 GB SSD, HDMI, RJ45, Numeric Keypad, WiFi, Windows 11 Pro.

Amazon Order # 114-5881001-6190613 purchased 1-26-25 $489.00 + Tax $31.79, Total: $**520.79**

Quicken Software, 1 year subscription purchased 2-14-25 @ $**71.88**

\*This amount is below the cap of $750 and was pulled from 2024 budget excess.

* Amendments to the Budget were discussed as follows:

Corrections Committee was decreased in error and will be reverted to the former amount of $2750.00

Rental Storage Unit cost was discussed as “hidden costs and increases” amount to more than expected. A search for storage options will ensue. Current invoice is paid for the quarter.

These amendments will be presented as motions next month and voted on by the body (3-25).

* Group contributions continue to be made out to the wrong PAYEE and need to be returned to respective treasurers. This is an ongoing and time-consuming problem.
* Finance Committee blurb is missing from the webpage. Tawny spoke with Nick, chair of website, and will proffer a description.

Submitted in Love and Service, Tawny S., Finance Committee Chair

Home Group: Clean Slate Sobriety Date: 8-20-1984

**Grapevine** – Not Present; No Report.

**Hospitality** – Present
Sobriety Date: July 28, 2005; Home Group: Attitude Adjustment, Fri. 5:30pm, YANA
Starting Balance Jan 2025: $115, Expenses: $28, Balance: $87.00, Donations: $33, New Balance $120.00. We currently have 14 packets in English on hand, and 8 Spanish. Gave out 3 English packets.

**Intergroup Liaison** –Not Present

Mo, Alcoholic. Sobriety date 4/8/13. Home Group – Sisters in Sobriety, Tues, 5:30 St. Hilary’s Church.

If a committee needs more than 10 of a certain book or 20 of a certain pamphlet Stephanie would appreciate knowing 2 weeks in advance. This will allow her to keep better track of inventory on hand.

Prices are going up May 1st on service manuals and Committee workbooks, Stephanie suggests that if these are needed, get order in by April1st to avoid the new prices.

Lee County Visitor Chips are available – they were $2 but price has been reduced to $1.

If you are interested in sharing your story at a meeting, Intergroup is keeping a list so that groups can call in and get names. Call Stephanie and put your name on the list.

If your group has not updated their Anniversary list since 2024 you will not be included in the Intergroup Express. Forms are available and if your group has an excel spreadsheet that can be emailed to Stephanie instead of the form.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

**Literature** – Chair Not Present; Alt. Chair gave verbal report.

**Outreach** – Present; verbal report.

**PI/CPC** – Not Present, no report.

**Treatment** – Present, verbal report.

**Website** – Present; verbal report.

**DCM REPORTS:** (17 subdistricts total; 9 vacant)

B - **South Cape Coral** –Not Present, no report.

K - **North Fort Myers** – Present; no report.

N - **Spanish Language** – Not Present

Q - **North Cape Coral** – Present / Not Present (?)

X - **SW Ft. Myers** – Present; verbal report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* Ask Homegroups to review the final Agenda Items and let Delegate Lis know by March 4.
* Ask Homegroups if they want to have a birthday party on June 10th for AA’s 90th Anniversary.

**GOOD AND WELFARE:**

Anniversaries: Mary 35 years, Jo 23 years

Group anniversaries: San Carlos Group 40 years, February 28th PotLuck @ 6:30pm

Announcements: None

Motion to adjourn by Jeff B. seconded by Steve N. Meeting ended at 3.35pm

**The meeting ended with the Responsibility Statement**

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON March 30, 2025**

Fellowship/GSR Sharing at 1:00 P.M.

The Business Meeting will start promptly at 2:00 p.m. and end by 4:00 p.m.

**Please see the Registrar if you would like the minutes mailed to you.**

District website: https://district7area15aa.org