

Bars & Cells

1st Quarter Assembly
Jan, 20, 21, 22, 2006
Pickwick Landing

Fri Night Sharing Session

Chairperson-Mary Ann E-She has been taking a women's meeting into TPW and she is really enjoying it. She previously worked there and it's been a real blessing to be able to go back in and help people. She thanked the committee for the opportunity to be of service.

Alt. Chairperson, Mandy S-She is alternating weeks with Mary Ann on taking the meeting into TPW. She tried to get her mom in the jail with her to a meeting during her recent visit here from Germany. They couldn't get her approved though so she will have to wait until another trip and go through orientation where she can attend meetings inside.

Secretary, Jethro-He just celebrated a five year sobriety birthday and also a two year wedding anniversary. He has been busy updating the sign in book and secretary's book to turn over to the incoming secretary. He has printed new sign in sheets for everyone and copied all publications of Bars & Cells over to disk. He would like to thank the

committee also, for the opportunity to be of service.

Treasurer, Pat P-He is glad to be here and "he respectfully declines." (You had to be there) Pat shared with us that we spend over \$1600.00 a year on literature and that is only counting the minimum that our structure requires us to have present at assemblies and workshops. He said we have three options. We can spend less, dig deeper, or come up with some creative ideas on fund raising since we are on a zero line item budget. The committee has always kicked in when it was necessary and that was evident again by the looks of our 7th Tradition.

Robert shared how he goes to the Shelby Co. Penal Farm every weekend and they love it and he loves it.

Larry shared they had over twenty people in their meeting in the Hamilton Co jail Thursday night and they discussed shame as their topic.

George shared how corrections work has been a cornerstone of his sobriety. Happy Birthday George! This time it really is his birthday.

John A- He shared how his life in AA began when he started helping people in Sevier Co. Jail. He said now that he doesn't hold any titles or positions he is really looking forward to getting involved again in corrections work.

Sandy R said she had taken the last couple of years off so she could have some time for herself and then she received a phone call from a former inmate right before Christmas that reminded her of the joy of serving. She

shared that there is a real satisfaction from knowing that you've helped someone else and helped yourself in the process.

Monika-shared she is really involved in corrections work and wished she could get more of her home group involved in corrections.

Reda-that's R.E.D.A. not Rita like the hurricane, shared that it's hard to get women involved in corrections work in her district. She said the Putnam Co jail recently changed their meeting format and they now go directly into the women's pods rather than having a meeting in a meeting room. That means she either does three meetings each week or they run out of time and someone has to get left out. She just had her own 6 year birthday celebration and her son spoke at that event as the child of a recovering alcoholic.

Red has just relocated and she is making plans to attend her first district meeting in that new area soon. She said they are building a new jail twelve miles from where she works and she's looking forward to getting in there to carry the message. She is expecting her first grandchild, a girl, any day now.

Cilla from the Shelbyville group shared that they have generated a lot of interest taking their meetings into the Bedford Co. jail on Wed nights.

Wes shared how they are planning several twelve step retreats soon in the Middle TN area. A twelve step retreat is where you go in and take the inmates through the process of the 12 steps in

one weekend. They have had great response from this format in the past.

Kathy and Donald from the Martin group shared that they take a meeting into the Weakley Co. Jail the first three Sundays of each month. Sometimes they get in and sometimes they don't but they keep on going. Donald just celebrated a four year birthday two weeks ago.

Dale from the Paris Serenity Group shared that they are taking meetings into the men at Henry Co Jail every Monday night. He said they had gotten more punctual about getting them in on time since the Lieutenant put up a sign telling the jailers to get them in on time. He is celebrating a ten year birthday this weekend.

Punk shared that he recently spoke at MTSU to students about alcoholism and he introduced the incoming corrections chair for Dist. 12. Ashton. He said in the years he had been in AA that this work had been the most rewarding. He said he agreed to take the position when Punk told him he would help him when he needed it.

Guy shared that Memphis has started a new prerelease contact program there. There are flyers available at the registration desk for that information. He is working a lot with juveniles and is about to get a new meeting in to a facility in Memphis.

We had several people Friday night who were there for their first assembly.

Our 7th Tradition Friday night was 166.21



Sat. Morning

Business Meeting.

*We opened with the Serenity Prayer
We read the CFC Purpose and 12
Traditions of AA.*

*We began the business meeting by
accepting the Bars and Cells as our
minutes and
We approved our treasurers report.*

*We next moved to our elections. Our
new trusted servants are as follows:*

*Chairperson-Mandy S.
Alternate Chairperson-Jeff B (Jethro)
Secretary-Reda S.
Treasurer-Mary Ann E*

*Budget and Finance liason-Donald M
Archivist went to Wes*

*We also elected new literature
coordinators
Guy-Shelby County*

*Dale W-Northwest TN
Sam D-Southwest TN
George-Middle East.....TN that is
Larry C-Southeast
Wes and Mike will handle lower Middle
TN
Ed and Maria will take Upper Middle
TN*

*We had no old business or new
business and the committee adjourned
with the Lords Prayer.*

*Below you will find our new trusted
servants contact information.
EMAIL FROM THE CORRECTIONS
MAIN PAGE TO PRESERVE
ANONYMITY*

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*Respectfully submitted,
"One more time"*

Jethro

See ya in Gatlinburg!!!!

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