



“I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.”

The Declaration of Independence

Ah!!! Freedom from alcohol! How sweet it is!!! When I remember how life was when I was a prisoner of alcoholism, something rises up inside of me and says, “Never! Never again!!!” Well, the other day I was thinking about how the authors of the Declaration of Independence of July 4, 1776, wanting to settle a serious matter once and for all, put their monumental decision in writing...that declaration changed the course of history. Don't you ever wonder what an AA Declaration of Independence would look like if written in language from 1776?

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for a group of people to band together and to assume the power over alcohol to which the God of their understanding entitles them, a decent respect for the opinions of a spiritual basis requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to sobriety.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that recovered alcoholics are sober one day at a time by the grace of God. That they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable responsibilities, that among these are unity, recovery and service.

We, therefore, the Members of Alcoholics Anonymous, appealing to the Great Reality for rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Agreement of the members of the Fellowship, solemnly Publish and Declare, that these united members are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent; that they are released from all dependence on alcohol, they have full power to live and let live, keep it simple, practice the principles of the 12 Steps and do all other Acts and Things which sober people may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Hearts, and our sacred Honor.

Yes, indeed! For alcoholics, the power of freedom from alcohol is everything! We know how it feels to live in bondage to the bottle. We know what hopelessness, frustration and despair taste like. But now we're sober and we're free! Free to live without obsessing about drinking, free from worry about things done to us, free from a thousand fears, free from the “hideous four horsemen”. Free! Free! Free! We're free because our early AA's changed the course of our history by their declaration. If you don't believe me, read the “foreword to first edition”.....it sounds like a declaration to me!

Anon

Intergroup News

Old Timers Dinner • August 22 • Brannon Center • 105 S. Riverside Dr. • New Smyrna Beach

Service Positions Open at Intergroup: Vice Chairperson, Trustees, Finance Committee members.

Intergroup Representatives Meeting - 6:30 p.m., on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Central Baptist Church, 142 Fairview Avenue (just north of International Speedway Blvd off US 1).

Intergroup Steering Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m., on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Intergroup Office.

Intergroup Website: 740 visitors in May • Volunteer application forms are available in “Service” tab on main page @aadaytona.org

Monthly District Meetings

District 8: Last Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Lakeview Estates, 819 Reed Canal Rd • South Daytona

District 19: 3rd Tuesday 7:00 p.m., First Cong. Church, 201 W. University, Orange City

District 20: 3rd Sunday 7:30 p.m., Rebos Club, 2120 S Ridgewood Ave # 8, Edgewater

District 21: 2nd Monday 6:00 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 336 South Halifax, OB

District 32: 1st Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Ormond Beach Presb. Church, 105 Amsden Rd, OB

District 19: Westside Intergroup Picnic • Saturday September 12th • 11am -3pm

District 8: Location Change: Lakeview Estates Clubhouse • 819 Reed Canal Rd • South Daytona

Groups represented at IGR Meeting, June 2009: (17) • Back to Basics-Del • Big Book Study-HH • Brighter Days • Friday Night Men’s • Friday Noon Men’s Discussion • Last Call • Lest We Forget • Lifesavers • Lunch Bunch • New Dawn • New Smyrna Beach • Pass It On • Primary Purpose • Saturday Matinee • Wednesday Women’s • Women’s New Beginnings • Young At Heart **Was your Group represented?**

♦ District representation: Districts 8(4), 19(2), 20(6), 21(4), 32 (1)

♦ MAL’s present: Districts 8, 19, 20, 21, 32

Celebrate your anniversary with an act of gratitude that will help your Volusia County Intergroup Office continue to carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic. Make a commitment to send a dollar (or whatever amount you wish) on your anniversary for every year of sobriety.

Anniversary Donations: Joe D. 34 Big Ones! • Randy \$15 for 15 years!

Anonymous Donations: \$430. • \$12

In Memory of: We appreciate your support.

Debbie S. passed away June 1st. Debbie attended meetings in Port Orange, Daytona Beach and Edgewater. She had 17 years of sobriety and was a member of the Young at Heart Group. Those of us who knew Debbie will miss her strength and her message. She had gentleness and a soft way of speaking that helped people feel at ease around her. God bless you, Debbie, we will miss you.

Meeting Information:

Deland Blvd Group needs AA women’s support at CORS Treatment Center Meeting Wed’s 8pm, 245 Amelia Ave., Deland.

Choice is Yours: 12:00 pm, Monday - Saturday at Club Yana

Never Too Young Deland: Canceled

New Meetings:

Free to Be-Candlelight • 10:00pm • Lambda Center • 320 Harvey St • Daytona Beach

Location Changes:

Road to Recovery - Deland Now at 179 Carpenter Ave, Osteen (Monday’s 6pm)

Shores 11th Step Group Now at Frank Rendon Park, Tue 8pm on the beach, south of stairs

From The Archives

The following information, obtained from past editions of the “High ’n Dry”, describe the start of AA in Daytona Beach. They were written by Dave W., a member who wrote for the “*From the Archives*” column in years past.

December 1996

According to a 1941 article written by Thomas S. of the Central Group of Jacksonville, he was “sent an inquiry” from George S. of Daytona Beach. When Thomas came to Daytona to meet George, George had gone fishing. Thomas made arrangements with George’s wife Kathleen that the next time George got drunk, she would put him on a train to Jacksonville. In a few weeks, Kathleen called to say that she had put George on the train. Thomas met George and put him in a sanitarium located at Park Street and McDuff Avenue in Jacksonville where George later sobered up. Members from Jacksonville visited George at the sanitarium and he also went to several meetings. George returned to Daytona Beach and started a group in 1942.

August 1997

According to Dr. Bob’s traveling archives, our term “sponsor” originated in the early 1940’s when AA members “twelve-stepped” wet drunks into a Cleveland hospital. The admissions clerk would ask who was responsible or sponsoring the new patient. The AA member would respond, “I am his sponsor.” Thus the term “sponsor” came to be.

September 1997

The first AA contact from Florida was from Daytona Beach. In November 1939, a loner from Daytona wrote to the Alcoholic Foundation in New York. There appears to have been no further contact between this person and AA but this is the first recorded contact for Florida at GSO.

Carolyn C. Archives committee

Words of Wisdom

We perceive that only through utter defeat are we able to take our first steps toward liberation and strength. Our admissions of powerlessness finally turned out to be firm bedrock upon which happy and purposeful lives may be built. *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*, p. 21

Experience, Strength, and Hope

OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE

"Our 12th Step, carrying the message, is the basic service that the A.A. fellowship gives. This is our principal aim and the main reason for our existence. Therefore A.A. is more than a set of principles. It is a society for alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who have not been given the truth may die."- Bill W., "What is the Third Legacy", A.A. Grapevine, July 1955.

"This is why sobriety - freedom from alcohol - through the teaching and practice of A.A.'s Twelve Steps, is the sole purpose of the group. If we don't stick to this cardinal principle, we shall almost certainly collapse. And if we collapse we cannot help anyone."-Bill W., letter, 1966.

"Now there are certain things that A.A. cannot do for anybody, regardless of what our desires or sympathies may be. Our first duty, as a fellowship, is to insure our own survival. Therefore, we have to avoid distractions and multipurpose activity.-Bill W., excerpt, "Problems Other Than Alcohol".

"Sobriety - freedom from alcohol - through the teaching and practice of the Twelve Steps, is the sole purpose of an A.A. group. Groups have repeatedly tried other activities, and they have always failed. It has also been learned that there is no possible way to make nonalcoholic's into A.A. members. We have to confine our membership to alcoholics, and we have to confine our A.A. groups to a single purpose. If we don't stick to these principles, we shall almost surely collapse. And if we collapse, we cannot help anyone.-Bill W., excerpt, "Problems Other Than Alcohol".

These are the words of Bill W., co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. I am sure he would not be happy to know that during a recent meeting of trusted servants when it was suggested that something be put in the local A.A. publication about primary purpose, a heated discussion erupted. Things were said that shocked me coming from a group of people entrusted with the welfare of A.A. Some of the comments were: "Who do we think we are? The A.A. police? Each group is autonomous."

In summary of what Bill W. said, we must carry the message regardless of what our desires and sympathies are to ensure our own survival. Avoid distractions and multipurpose activity- it always fails. We have to confine our A.A. groups to a single purpose or we shall almost surely collapse. If that happens we cannot help anyone. This line of thinking has worked well since the early days of A.A and we should continue doing what Bill W. suggested or risk watching A.A. eventually collapse. For those of you who think A.A. is too big to collapse; remember what happened to the Washingtonians and the Oxford Group.

Anonymous

Committees, Coordinators and Intergroup Updates

PI/CPC (Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community) Report: Seabreeze, Mainland and Spruce Creek High Schools now have stocked literature racks. Other area high schools will be addressed when school is back in session. The Holly Hill Police Dept has requested a literature rack that can be fixed to a wall in the station - Tom M. has volunteered to build it.

Treatment Center Coordinator: Announcing Grapevine Success!!! All of our area treatment centers are now receiving the Grapevine. Thanks for all your help! Norma H. - Treatment Center Coordinator

Desk Volunteers Needed: We need Desk Volunteers to provide backup when a scheduled Volunteer is unavailable.

Office Volunteers: Thanks to all our office volunteers who are helping to make 12-Step work possible.

Phone Army: We need backup volunteers to answer the hotline. Call Intergroup today.

Finance Committee: Volunteers needed. Contact Intergroup for information.



Nothing serious...
...just a little chat with my sponsor
about SERVICE WORK!

Intergroup Office Update for May: Calls to Intergroup: There were 231 calls and 273 visits. Of the calls, 12 were for help and all but two were followed up by 12th Step volunteers. Three men and four women called for rides to meetings and all but two women were followed up by 12th Step Volunteers. Of the two women who called for rides to meetings, there was no record of any 12th Step follow up. One man and two women called to talk and all three were contacted by a 12th Step Volunteer. A blind man called and arrangements were made to help him through the Accessibilities Committee.

Hotline Call Tracking: 21% got the phone number from AA Websites, 17% yellow pages, 14% from 411, 13% white pages; 9% from a friend; 6% meeting schedule, 3% our web site, 3% from our meeting schedule; 3% from Flagler AA Hotline; 3% had it and 16% from other sources including AA Pamphlets, AA Directory, other intergroups, library and halfway houses.

This newsletter communicates the thoughts and feelings of its editor and contributors and reflects current A.A. experience with recovery, unity, and service.

Articles are not intended as statements of A.A. policy. Publication does not imply endorsement by either A.A. or this newsletter. Articles are invited, but the editor reserves the privilege of accepting, rejecting or editing all submissions.

Articles may be submitted in writing through the Volusia County Intergroup office, or via email at: editor@aadaytona.org. Are you interested in working on the High 'n Dry? Contact the editor to get involved.

ATTENTION
READERS OF THE HIGH 'N DRY
Please submit any A.A.-related:

- Articles
- Announcements
- Questions
- Complaints
- Suggestions

We will try to publish and respond where appropriate.

editor@aadaytona.org

July 2009 Anniversaries					
Years	Date	Years	Date	Years	Date
5:30 GROUP		FRIDAY NIGHT MEN'S (Con'd)		PEACE OF MIND (Con'd)	
Jeff H.	18 07/07/91	Chris M.	2 07/16/07	John S.	19 07/17/90
Warren C.	9 07/25/00	Mike M.	1 07/09/08	Doug S.	17 07/21/92
Kenneth F.	4 07/04/05	FRIDAY NOON MEN'S DISCUSSION		Bridget H.	9 07/28/00
Rita W.	2 07/10/07	John G.	38 07/11/71	Nanette N.	8 07/13/01
ADVENTURES IN SOBRIETY		Bill S.	30 07/21/79	John L.	8 07/20/01
Gliden A.	1 07/01/08	Mike S.	23 07/03/86	Becky C.	6 07/18/03
ALOHA		Barry N.	18 07/19/91	PRIMARY PURPOSE	
Bob M.	4 07/16/05	GRATEFUL GROUP		Shelly L	2 07/20/07
ANY LENGTHS - DELTONA		Kathy H.	21 07/27/88	ROAD TO RECOVERY, DAYTONA	
Gloria	12 07/26/97	HEART TO HEART		Bill I.	33 07/04/76
ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS		Dianne T.	21 07/15/88	Ken T.	20 07/05/89
Pete C.	27 07/19/82	HIGH NOON		Yvonne N.	10 07/23/99
Mimi D.	17 07/08/92	Cathy G.	4 07/17/05	Ray B.	2 07/10/07
Marty O.	16 07/19/93	Ivan V.	1 07/20/08	ROAD TO RECOVERY, DELTONA	
Al S.	15 07/25/94	LAST CALL GROUP		Sue	5 07/11/04
BOULEVARD GROUP		Robert B.	3 07/11/06	SATURDAY NIGHT BEGINNERS	
Frank R.	8 07/25/01	Dennis H.	2 07/19/07	Dale B.	22 07/21/87
Alexia B.	6 07/02/03	LEST WE FORGET GROUP		SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE	
Jessica B.	1 07/25/08	Bob M.	18 07/08/91	Nancy B.	18 07/09/91
DELTONA ANY LENGTHS		Don E.	18 07/27/91	Rob Z.	12 07/25/97
Gloria	12 07/26/97	Marilyn C.	15 07/03/94	John H.	5 07/28/04
DELTONA MEN'S GROUP		Joann G.	3 07/20/06	Kenneth	2 07/04/07
Chuck F.	23 07/01/86	LIFESAVERS		SOBRIETY FIRST	
Andy R.	16 07/03/93	Adrian O.	29 07/30/80	Don W.	34 07/25/75
DONUT GROUP		Doug S.	17 07/22/92	Carol L.	5 07/20/04
Mimi	17 07/08/92	Mary F.	1 07/01/08	Sherry R.	1 07/26/08
FOUR TOWNES NOON		NEW DAWN		Doyle R.	1 07/31/08
George C.	22 07/17/87	Dick B.	41 08/10/68	SUNRISE GROUP - DELAND	
Jim C.	9 07/13/00	Bob W.	29 08/18/80	Earnistine T.	33 07/12/76
Mike O.	6 07/05/03	Dick C.	26 08/07/83	Glenn D.	6 07/21/03
Bill G.	5 07/19/04	Steve R.	7 08/22/02	SUNRISE GROUP - HOLLY HILL	
Leslie	4 07/18/05	Rick N.	3 08/08/06	Jim N.	17 07/01/92
Lisa D.	4 07/29/05	Chet O.	3 08/29/06	Carol D.	17 07/02/92
Deanna J.	1 07/03/08	NEW SMYRNA BEACH GROUP		Bob M.	15 07/20/94
Shelly P.	1 07/21/08	Eugene S.	10 07/10/99	Lynn V.	12 07/06/97
FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH		Claire	4 07/03/05	Mickey	2 07/15/07
Sam M.	2 07/21/07	ORMOND BEACH GROUP		TURN THE PAGE	
FRIDAY NIGHT MEN'S		Liz G.	23 07/27/86	Bob M.	16 07/28/93
Wes P.	19 07/07/90	Scott F.	10 07/07/99	Linda F.	9 07/30/00
Bernie T.	18 07/18/91	Harry L.	1 07/20/08	YOUNG AT HEART	
Mike O.	13 07/19/96	PEACE OF MIND		Todd L.	14 07/25/95
Butch	8 07/04/01	Francis H.	22 07/27/87	Jack B.	9 07/06/00
Mike H.	7 07/16/02	Mary Beth T.	20 07/06/89	Lawrence H.	1 07/17/08
Woody A.	3 07/15/06				

"Bumper Sticker" Sobriety

A decision is a risk rooted in the courage to be free.

Every time we make amends, we gain a new freedom.

Freedom from the inside out frees all sorts of other things.

MAY 2009 CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP	C *		MAY	YTD
5:30 Group	RBS	20		87.15
5th Tradition	SD	8		0.00
AA Way of Life	SD	8		0.00
A Believer's Choice		20		0.00
A Vision for You		19		0.00
Adventures in Sobriety		21		25.00
Aloha		21		0.00
Any Lengths (Deltona)		19		100.00
Any Lengths (Ormond)		32	102.00	102.00
As Bill Sees It	DLSP	19		0.00
Attitude Adjustment		21	130.00	130.00
Back to Basics DeL		19	25.00	125.00
Back to Basics PaC				0.00
Basic Text		21	165.00	565.00
Beachside, NSB		20		0.00
Beginner's Big Book Study	RBS	20		0.00
Better Way	VcE	19		0.00
Big Book Study DB	SD	8		0.00
Big Book Study HH		21		0.00
Boulevard Group	VcE	19		0.00
Brighter Days	ALM	8		30.00
By the Sea		32		50.00
Came to Believe OB		32		0.00
Candlelight DB	SD	8		0.00
Candlelight OB	EZY	32		0.00
Choice is Yours	YAN	20		0.00
Circle of Friends	SD	8		0.00
Cool to Be Sober	YAN	20		0.00
Daytona 24-Hour Group	SD	8		0.00
Daytona's Burning Desire		8		0.00
DeLand Group		19		41.60
Deltona Big Book		19		0.00
Deltona Men's		19		50.00
Deltona/Debary Group		19		0.00
Deltona/Enterprise		19		0.00
District 8		8		75.00
District 19		19		0.00
District 20		20		0.00
District 21		21		0.00
District 32		32		0.00
Donut Group	SD	8		0.00
Early Ducks	EZY	32		0.00
Edgewater BB/Step Study		20		0.00
Fortaleza		19		0.00
Fountain of Youth		19		40.00
Four Townes Noon Group		19		145.89
Free to Be, DB	LBD	8		265.73
Free to Be, DL	VcE	19		0.00
Fresh Start	ALM	8		0.00
Friday Night Men's	RBS	20		93.06
Friday Noon Men's Discussion		21	118.00	268.00
Friday Sobriety		8		0.00
Friday Women's Step				0.00
Good Orderly Direction		19	50.00	50.00
Grace Group			10.00	10.00
Grateful Group		19		25.00
Had Enough		32	100.00	100.00
Happy Destiny	YAN	20		0.00
Happy Hour DB	ALM	8	150.00	150.00
Happy Hour NSB		20		0.00
Heart to Heart		20		0.00
High Noon		20	25.00	25.00
High Nooners	SD	8	15.00	60.00
How it Works	EZY	32		0.00
Insane Today	EZY	32		0.00
It's a Burgh Thing		19		0.00
Just Do It BB Study-Debary		19		15.00
Keep it Simple	VcE	19		0.00
Ladies Only	RBS	20		0.00
Last Call	SD	8		0.00
Lest We Forget		21		242.97
Lifesavers		20	100.00	100.00

GROUP	C *	DIST	MAY	YTD
Line-By-Line BB Study		32	20.00	20.00
Living Sober DB	SD	8		0.00
Living Sober PO	YAN	20		0.00
Love and Service		8		200.00
Lunch Bunch	SD	8	48.62	287.60
Main Street Irregulars	CAYA	8		10.00
Miracle Group	EZY	32	48.15	119.69
Morning Reflections	SD	8		0.00
Never Too Young	VcE	19		0.00
New Attitudes	SD	8		0.00
New Beginning	YAN	20		0.00
New Dawn Group		20		1,033.34
New Hope Group		8		50.00
New Smyrna Beach Group		20	232.73	232.73
No Name Meeting				0.00
Noon Group	VcE	19		0.00
Old Time NY AA		32		0.00
Only Alternative	Alm	8		25.00
Open Door	VcE	19		0.00
OB Big Book Step Study		32		33.87
Ormond Beach Group		21	50.00	200.00
Pass it On	VcE	19	24.28	243.53
Peace of Mind		20		460.00
Precisely How	ALM	8		0.00
Primary Purpose		32		53.20
Riverbridge		32		0.00
Road to Recovery S. Daytona		8		40.00
Road to Recovery Deltona		19		0.00
Sand and Sea	EZY	32		0.00
Saturday Matinee	SD	8		80.00
Saturday Morning Step		19		0.00
Saturday Night Alive		8		326.70
Saturday Night Beginners		19		200.00
Saturday Women's Group		19		0.00
Seaside Non-Smoking		20		0.00
Serious About Sobriety		19		0.00
Shores 11th Step		8		0.00
Sisters In Sobriety		19		0.00
Sobriety and Beyond		21		20.00
Sobriety First		19	75.00	75.00
Solutions Group	YAN	20		0.00
Steps for Life		8		91.81
Sunday Morning Sober	YAN	20		0.00
Sunday Night Connection				0.00
Sunrise Group - Holly Hill		21		100.00
Sunrise Group - Deland				84.00
The Weekly Reprieve, Lk Helen				0.00
Three Legacies		21		10.00
Thursday Night Men's		8		80.00
Tomoka Group		21	262.50	262.50
Turn the Page		8		0.00
Turning Point		21		0.00
Una Luz en el Camino, Pierson				0.00
Victory Group		19		0.00
Way of Life	ALM	8		0.00
Wednesday Closed		32	78.50	78.50
Wednesday Night Speaker		20		0.00
Wednesday Women's Group		21	72.00	312.00
Westminster By-the-Sea		20		0.00
Women In Recovery	Alm	8		0.00
Women's New Beginnings		20		100.00
Young at Heart		20	20.00	40.00
Young People's New Deal		20		0.00
TOTAL			1,921.78	\$7,840.87
Anniversary Club			0.00	69.00
Anonymous Contributions			745.00	3,611.00
Copier Contributions			10.55	37.72
Hi 'n Dry Mailings			24.00	84.00
In Memory of Donations			0.00	293.00
IGR meeting 7th tradition			13.00	87.00
Refunds and Book Sales			0.00	0.00
Grand Totals			2,714.33	\$12,022.59

A very special thank you goes out to all of you that have donated to Volusia County Intergroup, Inc.

The Volusia County Intergroup financial sheet is now available at the office. It is also available through your Volusia County Intergroup Representative

July 2009 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Intergroup Office Closed
5	6	7 District 32 Meeting 6:30 PM	8	9 Intergroup Steering Committee 6:30 PM	10	11
12	13 District 21 Meeting 6:00 PM	14	15	16 IGR Meeting 6:30 PM	17 N. Florida Assembly	18 N. Florida Assembly
19 N. Florida Assembly District 20 Meeting 7:30 PM	20	21 District 19 Meeting 7:00 PM	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 District 8 Meeting 6:30 PM	29 Florida State Convention Jacksonville Details Below	30 Florida State Convention Jacksonville Details Below	31 Florida State Convention Jacksonville Details Below	Aug 1-2 Florida State Convention Jacksonville Details Below

North FL Area Assembly: July 17-19, Gainesville, FL.

53rd Florida State Convention July 29th - Aug 2nd, 2009 • Details and flyer at: <http://53.flstateconvention.com/> • Hyatt Regency, 225 East Coastline Dr, Jacksonville, FL, www.jacksonville.hyatt.com

65th Southeastern Conference & Area 1 54th Convention: August 13-16, Mobile, AL.

Old Timers Dinner: Saturday August 22 • Brannon Center • 105 S. Riverside Drive • New Smyrna Beach • Limited Seating • only 350 tickets

The 2010 International Convention: July 1-4, 2010, San Antonio, Texas, www.aa.org

46th International AA Women's Conference: February 11-14, 2010, Orlando, FL, www.internationalwomensconference.org