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"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."

A.A.'s 'Big Book' celebrates 70 years

By Jim Carney, excerpt from Beacon Journal article

Gail L.'s hands rest on the old red book on a table in front of her. The book, she tells you, saved her life and gave her "a life worth saving." It is "God's story of his love for the alcoholic," she says.

Seven decades ago this month, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, also called the *Big Book*, was published. For 70 years it has helped millions of people worldwide support each other while protecting their identity — thus the avoidance of last names. Sometime this year, it is expected that the 30 millionth copy will be sold. And as Gail, archivist at the Akron Alcoholics Anonymous office, sits over a first edition of the book known and cherished by recovering people since its publication in April 1939, she talks of the power of its words. "It is a design for living that really works," said Gail, 60, sober for 31 years and archivist in Akron since 1983.

Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in Akron on June 10, 1935. Next year will be the organization's 75th anniversary. Every year in June, Akron hosts Founders Day and more than 12,000 people from around the world converge to remember the founding of the A.A. movement. Founders Day events this year are June 12-14.

While A.A. does not keep formal membership lists, the group estimates there are nearly 2 million members worldwide who gather in nearly 115,000 groups, including about 1.2 million members in the United States who meet in nearly 54,000 groups.

The first-edition book, one of 4,800 first printings, is kept in a safe at A.A.'s office at 775 N. Main St. The rare copy was signed June 10, 1948, by A.A. co-founders Dr. Robert Smith of Akron and New York stockbroker Bill Wilson. An Akron member donated the book. Also kept in the safe is Dr. Bob's copy of the manuscript.

The book has been printed in 58 languages, according to a spokeswoman at the A.A. General Services offices in New York City.

Gail said the book is really a history text. She said Wilson wrote most of the first 164 pages, which are still in the most current edition. Included on those pages are the 12 steps that have become the basis of the A.A. program. Following the first 164 pages are individual stories, three-fifths of them Akron people who told of their "strength, experience and hope" and their recovery to sobriety through A.A., she said.

Gail said that when the book was written, the Akron A.A. community pushed to call it *The Way Out* and the New York group thought it should be called simply *Alcoholics Anonymous*. The New York group won that argument.

Intergroup News

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: 729 visitors in April • Volunteers 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 7:30 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, May 2009: (9) • Back to Basics-Del • Brighter Days • Friday Night Men’s • Lifesavers • Lunch Bunch • New Smyrna Beach • Pass It On • Wednesday Women’s • Young At Heart **Was your Group represented?**

♦ **District representation:** Districts 8(2), 19(2), 20(4), 21(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: Kathy M. \$22. for 22 years!

Anonymous Donations: \$500.

In Memory of: We appreciate your support.

Meeting Information:

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

Young at Heart: New time • 6:30pm Saturday & Sunday at Club Yana

New Meetings:

Never Had It So Good 8:00am M-W-F at Club Yana, Howes St., Port Orange

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

For Sale at Intergroup: Big Books, Compact disks published by Grapevine, non-conference approved books. Also, AA pamphlets in Braille and many other items are available.

From The Archives
Local Event Flyers - Part 2 of 2
(Continued from May HnD)

We have a lot of District 20 material due to the diligence of David and Rosemary L who were Archivists for District 20 and then donated their material to Intergroup.

The District 20 Picnic flyer in 1992 has this note on it. "Did you know that this event started as the Anniversary Celebration of when AA first came to NSB in July of 1947?"

The first spaghetti dinner (now "pasta" dinner) was sponsored by the Port Orange Groups and proceeds benefited Intergroup. It was in March 1995 at Epiphany Catholic Church and the donation at the door was \$2.00. As I recall, spaghetti and meatballs were served.

The mystery flyer! No date and no hints to discover the date. Once upon a time, many years ago there was a July 4th picnic at the home of Gary and Sally F. in Deland, near Kepler Road. "Let's Get Together on the 4th to Celebrate Our Freedom from Tyranny, Oppression, Alcohol and Hemorrhoids." Does anybody remember the year that this happened? Please notify editor@aadaytona.org If you remember this event. Thank you.

These are the earliest flyers. As the years have passed we have collected many more. A look through the book reminds us of the many memories we share of the events that make up our AA social history.

Carolyn C. Archives committee

Words of Wisdom

"It may seem incredible that these men are to become happy, respected, and useful once more. How can they rise out of such misery, bad repute and hopelessness? The practical answer is that since these things have happened among us, they can happen with you. Should you wish them above all else, and be willing to make use of our experience, we are sure they will come."

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 4th Edition, A Vision For You, pg. 153-

"Bumper Sticker" Sobriety

AA is no success story in the ordinary sense of the word. It is a story of suffering transmuted, under grace, into spiritual progress." Bill W.

"Because of our kinship in suffering, our channels of contact have always been charged with the language of the heart." Bill W.

Experience, **S**trength, and **H**ope

Bill W., Dr. Bob, and God

Poem by Aubrey H (dec.)

Two men sipped coffee as they shared
Their common problems, pains and bared
Those common feelings, failings, woe
Brought on by one destructive foe,
This foe had trapped them, bright and strong,
With promise of much mirth and song.
But in the end had thrown them down
To ridicule and bad renown.
At last they saw the lie that led
Them down with ever larger dread
But were unable to desist
Too weak and helpless to resist.
And all who loved them shook their head
And those who didn't laughed and said
Some unkind cutting bitter thing
That only more disgrace would bring.
Their failures came on different days
In different towns, in different ways
But a common thread ran through it all
A stumbling block called alcohol.
One spoke a saving message strong
That a sober friend had passed along
That if "you trust God and help another
One day at a time, then you'll stay sober."
and so these sinking ones took hope
And daily to others their message spoke
As days grew into months this plan
Sobered up man after man.
In just two years one hundred stood
Sober and grateful for their new manhood.
And those went out and brought more in
And thus did A.A. first begin.

PI/CPC Service is a commitment to Carry the Message to Others

Hi it's me Bambi. It's been 6 months since I was appointed pi-cpc chair for Volusia County and we are rolling right along in our efforts. We have accomplished getting literature in all courthouses, police depts., libraries, some Dr's offices and a few hospitals too. We are currently working to get literature into all schools and colleges in the county. If you work somewhere that you know our literature is needed; please let me know so we can offer the information to the public. I know old grapevines are great for the Dr's office lobby. Next is the biggie. By the end of the year we hope to have small notes in every hotel/motel lobby on the beachside that say; "If you want to DRINK that's your CONCERN-if you want to QUIT that's our CONCERN" call AA 386-756-2930 or visit our website at www.aadaytona.org. So if you are interested in doing a little "beach work" this summer; please call intergroup and I will contact you; or I can be reached by email at: dist32picpc@hotmail.com Our greatest need is for you to continue volunteering to answer our intergroup hotline phone and work in the office so when the sick and suffering call or reach out, we are there for them.

Treatment Center Coordinator Announces Grapevine Success

All of our treatment centers are now receiving the Grapevine. Thanks to the four groups sponsoring these centers. District 8 is sponsoring two of the centers. There are also three anonymous sponsors going to three different centers. Two donations to centers were given; one in memory of Reverend Hal M. and one in memory of Steven H. Let's keep giving. Maybe in the next few months we can have two or more Grapevines going into our treatment centers.

Thanks for all your help! Norma H. - Treatment Center Coordinator

Desk Volunteers Needed: We need Desk Volunteers for Tuesday, Thursday &/or Friday mornings 9AM to 1PM and third and fifth Saturdays of the month from 9am to 1pm.

Thanks to all office volunteers who do their share in making 12-Step work possible.

Phone Army: We need volunteers for Sat 10pm to Sun 9am desperately!. Call Intergroup to serve.

Finance Committee volunteers needed. Contact Intergroup for information.

Intergroup Office Update for April: There were 251 calls and 223 visits to Intergroup. Nine calls for help and all but two were followed up by 12th Steppers. One woman called for help and was followed up by 12 Stepper. One man called drunk and a 12th Stepper told him to sleep it off and would call him back in morning. One man was taken to Palatka Detox and another man was taken to a meeting by 12th Steppers. A Spanish speaking woman called for help for a friend and a Spanish speaking 12th Stepper got her in touch with the Spanish Hotline

Hotline callers tracking: 17% got number from AA Wesites, 13% yellowpages, 13% 411, 13% friend, 7% white pages, 7% had it, 6% meeting schedule, 6% web search, 3% Phamphets, Detox, CORS Deland.

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

June 2009 Anniversaries								
Years		Date	Years		Date	Years		
5:30 GROUP			LAST CALL GROUP			ROAD TO RECOVERY - DAYTONA		
Jack H.	17	06/10/92	Janine B.	9	16/27/00	Bob W.	33	06/07/76
Connie B.	17	06/17/92	Arlene D.	4	06/27/05	ROAD TO RECOVERY - DELTONA		
Bruce O.	8	06/04/01	LEST WE FORGET GROUP			Caroline G.	5	06/16/04
Mike W.	6	06/20/03	Randy C.	15	06/06/94	Eric L.	2	06/10/07
Chris S.	4	06/18/05	Deny W.	1	06/03/08	SATURDAY NIGHT BEGINNERS		
Phil M.	3	06/03/06	James W.	1	06/07/08	Jim D.	28	06/01/81
Eddie M.	3	06/09/06	LIFESAVERS			SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE		
Jim W.	2	06/10/07	Earl B.	37	06/16/72	Erika T.	5	06/14/04
ANY LENGTHS- DELTONA			Kathleen B.	33	06/26/76	SHORT TIMERS		
Romilie C.	31	06/25/78	Shannon A.	26	06/02/83	Patrick B.	11	06/02/98
ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS			Betty L.	26	06/16/83	Timmy M.	4	06/14/05
Sharon S.	2	06/01/07	Doug P.	16	06/11/93	SOBRIETY AND BEYOND		
BACK TO BASICS - DEL			Wayne D.	2	06/01/07	Tom Mc.	2	06/14/07
Marlene L.	29	06/15/80	LINE BY LINE BB STUDY			SOBRIETY FIRST		
Janef S.	7	06/20/02	Mary M.	3	06/06/06	Chris C.	21	06/05/88
Bob B.	6	06/30/03	Sharon W.	2	06/01/07	Carolyn O.	10	06/10/99
BOULEVARD GROUP			MEN'S GROUP - DELTONA			Vinny O.	9	06/07/00
Andrew F.	3	06/27/06	Scott M.	3	06/16/06	STEPS FOR LIFE		
DONUT GROUP			NEW DAWN			Amy B.	3	06/10/06
Joe M.	1	06/21/08	Kathleen	33	06/26/76	SUNRISE GROUP - DAYTONA		
ENTERPRISE GROUP - DELTONA			Ross R.	24	06/29/85	Trish	20	06/12/89
Bob D.	1	06/06/08	Mike D.	10	06/21/99	Al S.	18	06/22/91
FOUR TOWNES NOON			Warren F.	10	06/27/99	Jack K.	17	06/23/92
Tom K.	40	06/26/69	Helen A.	7	06/28/02	Nancy M.	15	06/01/94
Lois E.	23	06/11/86	Rick F.	3	06/15/06	Chara F.	6	06/15/03
Trish T.	23	06/18/86	Barbara	1	06/12/08	SUNRISE GROUP - DELAND		
Richard B.	17	06/15/92	NEW SMYRNA BEACH GROUP			Randy B.	22	06/15/87
Mark	9	06/05/00	Ann H.	25	06/06/84	Don S.	1	06/07/08
Sam V.	4	06/10/05	Don R.	23	06/11/86	TOMOKA GROUP		
David C.	3	06/10/06	John C.	8	06/09/01	Jennifer L.	1	06/06/08
Cecil C.	3	06/10/06	Joanna M.	5	06/18/04	TURNING POINT		
Jeanne B.	2	06/02/07	ORMOND BEACH GROUP			Ken S.	18	06/19/91
Josh A.	2	06/04/07	Mike E.	41	06/01/68	TURN THE PAGE		
Bob D.	1	06/06/08	Annette Z.	28	06/02/81	Kim S.	22	06/23/87
FRIDAY SOBRIETY			Jim H.	10	06/20/99	WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S		
Phil R.	24	06/17/85	PASS IT ON			Eleanor S.	26	06/03/83
FRIDAY NOON MEN'S DISCUSSION			Stephanie N.	22	06/12/87	Mary Ann B.	24	06/19/85
Wes R.	34	06/15/75	PEACE OF MIND			WESTMINSTER BY-THE-SEA		
John R.	26	06/13/83	Barbara L.	33	06/28/76	George N.	34	06/23/75
Bob K.	2	06/29/07	Joanna M.	5	06/18/04	Roger S.	21	06/27/88
GRATEFUL GROUP			Gayle R.	3	06/04/06	WOMEN'S NEW BEGINNINGS		
Frank P.	53	06/04/56	Stacey M-B.	1	06/30/08	Pat C.	8	06/20/01
Gus M.	33	06/17/76	PRIMARY PURPOSE			WOMEN'S WEEKEND GROUP		
Sherri L.	18	06/10/91	Nancy M.	15	06/01/94	Marie S.	9	06/03/00
HIGH NOON			RIVERBRIDGE			Jean B.	2	06/02/07
Paula G.	21	06/28/88	Mick	26	06/20/83			

APRIL 2009 CONTRIBUTIONS

GROUP	C *	APR	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	0.00
As Bill Sees It	DLSP	19	0.00
Attitude Adjustment		21	0.00
Back to Basics DeL		19	25.00
Back to Basics PaC			0.00
Basic Text		21	400.00
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	125.00
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	150.00
Friday Sobriety		8	0.00
Friday Women's Step			0.00
Good Orderly Direction		19	0.00
Grace Group			0.00
Grateful Group		19	25.00
Had Enough		32	0.00
Happy Destiny	YAN	20	0.00
Happy Hour DB	ALM	8	0.00
Happy Hour NSB		20	0.00
Heart to Heart		20	0.00
High Noon		20	0.00
High Nooners	SD	8	45.00
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	0.00

GROUP	C *	DIST	APR	YTD
Living Sober DB	SD	8		0.00
Living Sober PO	YAN	20		0.00
Love and Service		8	100.00	200.00
Lunch Bunch	SD	8	55.00	238.98
Main Street Irregulars	CAYA	8	10.00	0.00
Miracle Group	EZY	32		71.54
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	495.99	1,033.34
New Hope Group		8	50.00	50.00
New Smyrna Beach Group		20		0.00
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	33.87
Ormond Beach Group		21	50.00	150.00
Pass it On	VcE	19	141.83	219.25
Peace of Mind		20	460.00	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	186.30	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	20.00
Sobriety First		19		0.00
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	84.00
The Weekly Reprieve,Lk Helen				0.00
Three Legacies		21		10.00
Thursday Night Men's		8		80.00
Tomoka Group		21		0.00
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		0.00
Wednesday Night Speaker		20		0.00
Wednesday Women's		21	240.00	240.00
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
Young People's New Deal		20		0.00
TOTAL			2,337.88	\$5,909.09
Anniversary Club			32.00	69.00
Anonymous Contributions			818.00	2,866.00
Copier Contributions			6.56	27.17
Hi 'n Dry Mailings			12.00	60.00
In Memory of Donations			20.00	293.00
IGR meeting 7th tradition			20.00	74.00
Refunds and Book Sales			0.00	0.00
Grand Totals			3,246.44	\$9,298.26

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

June 2009 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 District 32 Meeting 7:30 PM	3	4	5	6 Founder's Day Dinner 5pm - 10pm (Details Below)
7	8 District 21 Meeting 6:00 PM	9	10	11 Intergroup Steering Committee 6:30 PM	12	13
14 District 20 Meeting 7:30 PM	15	16 District 19 Meeting 7:00 PM	17	18 IGR Meeting 6:30 PM	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

SOLD OUT! District 32: Founder's Day Dinner • If you bought tickets and cannot attend, please call Dist 32 to return your tickets. If you need tickets, call Dist 32 to see if tickets have become available. 386-295-4782. • Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church • 105 Amsden Rd, Ormond Beach, 1 mile North of Granada Blvd at the corner of Halifax and Amsden • Please bring a desert to share.

The 2010 International Convention will celebrate A.A.'s 75th Anniversary, July 1-4, in San Antonio, Texas. More information available on G.S.O.'s Web site, www.aa.org

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