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#### A.A.'s Responsibility Statement

*"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."*



### *Change is the Only Constant in Life/The Only Constant is Change* -Heraclitus

**Q. Who wrote AA's Preamble? And when was the word "honest" dropped from it (i.e. "honest desire to stop drinking"), and why?**

**A.** The **Preamble** first appeared in the **Grapevine in June 1947**, and was written by Tom Y., the Grapevine Editor serving at that time. Its intent was to inform the public as to **what A.A. is** and **what it is not**. Shortly thereafter, the Preamble began appearing in each monthly issue of the Grapevine, and later on in much of our A.A. Conference-approved literature. In 1992 the Grapevine published a short history of the Preamble.

In the **1947** version of the Preamble, it contained the wording, *"...an honest desire to stop drinking..."* as printed in the foreword to the **first edition** of the Big Book. However, since the adoption of the short form of the Traditions in **1950**, the **Third Tradition has always read**, *"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking"* and this form was used by Bill in writing the book, *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*.

In 1958 the expression "**honest desire**" was discussed at great length at the General Service Conference. It was felt that it was **impossible to determine what constitutes an "honest" desire to stop drinking**, thus the word was dropped. The "**new**" version of the Preamble, without the word "honest," first appeared in the September **1958** issue of the Grapevine.

There have been other versions of the Preamble, written by AA members for their local groups' use, which were then circulated around AA; for example: the "Texas Preamble," the "Wilmington Preamble," etc. Many AA members find these interesting, but they have never been adopted by the Fellowship **as a whole**.  
-[http://www.aa.org/pages/en\\_US/frequently-asked-questions-about-aa-history#ocho](http://www.aa.org/pages/en_US/frequently-asked-questions-about-aa-history#ocho)

#### **Highlights** in this **March 2017** issue:

- \***On the Cover:** *Something WE Can Rely On*
- \***Feature Inside:** *Concept III/Discussion Topics*
- \***Heard It Through The Grapevine:** *Trusting Decisions*
- \***From The Archives:** *Counting Fingers*
- \***Calendar of Events & More:** 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Unity Under the Stars" Campout, Picnics & Parties on Parade! & the Florida State Convention

Total Years of  
Sobriety  
Reported in  
March 2017:  
2,904

## INTERGROUP NEWS and MEETINGS SCHEDULE

**Intergroup Representative's Meetings** - 6:30pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month at the Central Baptist Church, 142 Fairview Ave (just north of International Speedway Blvd off US 1)

**Intergroup Steering Committee Meetings** - 6:30pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month at the Intergroup Office



**17 Groups represented at the Intergroup Representative's February 2017 Meeting:**

5:30 GROUP  
BLVD. GROUP  
DELAND BACK TO BASICS  
DELAND BIG BOOK  
FOUR TOWNES  
HOUR OF POWER  
LEST WE FORGET  
LIFESAVERS  
LOVE & SERVICE  
NEW SMYRNA BEACH  
ORMOND BEACH GROUP  
PIECE OF MIND  
PRECISELY HOW  
ROAD TO RECOVERY  
STEPS FOR LIFE  
SUNRISE GROUP – DELAND  
WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

**The Volusia County Intergroup Office will be closed on:**

**Memorial Day -  
Monday, May 29, 2017**

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR GROUP'S **MEETING LISTS TO REFLECT:**  
The Thursday Night Men's Meeting (DB, DBS, S. Daytona) should be listed as follows:  
Thursday evenings, Closed, BB, M  
Many apologies to this Home Group for the error on the mtg. lists



**VACANT SERVICE POSITIONS**  
Please contact the Volusia County Intergroup for more information about these vacant A.A. service positions:

- **Special Events Coordinator**
- **Phone Army Coordinator/12 Step Volunteers**



**Special Thanks to the following Home Groups & Districts for their contributions in January 2016:**

Back to Basics DeLand  
Beachside NSB  
Brighter Days  
DeLand BB Group  
Donut Group  
Early Ducks  
Friday Night Men's Edgewater  
Friday Sobriety  
Good Day Group  
Grateful Group  
Had Enough  
Hour of Power  
Lest We forget  
Lifesavers Group  
New Beginnings DeLand  
New Dawn  
Open To Change  
Saturday Morning Step  
Sunday Morning Sober  
Sunrise Group Holly Hill  
Women's Book Study  
Women's New Beginnings

### February 2017 Committees, Coordinators, & Volusia County Intergroup Updates

**Office Coordinator's Report:** There was a total of 88 calls and 202 visits to the Volusia County Intergroup for January 2017. Also, there were 1,200 visits to our web site. Dallas Ward, the accountant who is helping organize our books and financial reporting (in addition to doing year-end taxes and W-2s for VCIG) continues to be a valuable asset.

**Archives Report:** The presentation of the Timeline of the growth of A.A. was very well received at the North Florida Area Conference Archives Workshop. It was repeated at the New Smyrna Beach Group speaker meetings at the end of January and again was met with interest and appreciation by the audience. Jim B. is going to take a display of our archives to the Florida State Archives Conference in Winter Park in February. Thank you Jim! –Carolyn C.

**Hi 'n Dry Report:** There were several updates and events shared last month. Special thanks to Benney B., Bert D., Michael D., & Rich C. for their inspiration & to Carolyn for reminding me to pray. The Editor is always looking for your experience, strength & hope to share with our A.A. Community. If you have something to share, please email the Editor.

**Phone Army Coordinator:** There were no calls in January.

**12 Step Coordinator Report:** Continuing to find 12 Step volunteers.

# From the Archives

In the process of going through the old Hi 'n Dry issues to list the formation dates and changes in groups in the area, we ran across some interesting articles that have been published in past issues. This is a little gem that really caught my attention. From the Hi 'n Dry published April 2003. - Carolyn C., Archivist

## THE FIVE FINGER PRAYER

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So, begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes your little finger, the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. Your pinky should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

**Help Volusia County Intergroup carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic. Donate a dollar for every year of your sobriety on your anniversary, donate in memory of, or make it anonymous!**

### JANUARY 2017

**Group & District Donations: \$2,966.60 (WOW!)**

**Anonymous Donations: \$162.00**

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition: \$22.00**

#### **Anniversary Donations:**

**J.C. \$46.00/46 years of sobriety**

**Anonymous \$20.00/20 years of sobriety**



#### **In Memory Of Donations:**

**Stephen R. \$25.00**

**Denney Walker \$30.00**

***\*\*Your contributions help to make Twelve Step activity possible. We appreciate your support!\*\****

**GSO Contributions:**  
General Services Office  
Grand Central Station,  
P.O. Box 459  
New York, NY 10163

**Area Contributions:**  
NFAC, Area 14  
5703 Red Bug Lake Road  
Unit 241  
Winter Springs FL 32708

**Intergroup Contributions:**  
Volusia County Intergroup  
Coastal Centre  
1635 S. Ridgewood Suite 107  
South Daytona, FL 32119

# **A Local A.A. Member Offers an Observation & Meaningful Insight**

## **Volusia County Intergroup in 2017: Updates**

While visiting the Volusia County Intergroup office to pick up cards and medallions, a call came in. I overheard the desk volunteer say, “I can try to find someone to speak with you, but I can’t guarantee that I can find someone, and I doubt if they can take you to a meeting.” I thought, “What’s going on?” “Whatever happened to, “Whenever anyone, anywhere reaches out....?””

### **Intergroup in 2017 is not the same as Intergroup from years ago. What’s different?**

**LEGAL RESTRICTIONS:** The threat of law suits has severely restricted access to detox centers and hospitals by Intergroup volunteers. In the past, it was possible for Intergroup volunteers to take alcoholics seeking treatment directly to detox centers and hospitals. Now, if altercations or injuries occur while 12 step volunteers are transporting the person, Intergroup may be held liable. Also, transporting alcoholics to detox without notification causes unwelcome interference to some facilities admissions processes.

**AVAILABILITY:** Finding 12 step volunteers willing to initiate transportation has become increasingly difficult. This is especially the case as it has become practice to have at least two A.A. members accompany the person seeking treatment. While a number of 12 “steppers” may be on the Intergroup rolls, in reality, few are actually available when called. This requires our desk volunteers to call many numbers with few, if any, positive responses. [There was an effort last year to have 12 steppers notified by cell phone text, and unfortunately, that effort was unsuccessful. Maybe it was too easy to simply not reply to the text call for help?]

**CHANGE IN STATUS:** Some prisons and other institutions, including the government, have classified A.A. as a “religious” institution and insist that alternate programs must be made available along with A.A. meetings.

**GROWTH IN TECHNOLOGY:** In the past two years, the number of “hits” to the Volusia County website has grown by 46%. Based on the decrease in direct calls to Intergroup desk volunteers, it seems that most questions have been answered by visitors connecting directly to the website for information on meetings, directions to a meeting, and upcoming events. The significantly reduced number of calls directly to after-hours volunteers, with the cost of “pass it on” telephone service, brings the cost of each after-hours phone call received to \$150 per call. Many other Intergroup offices have shifted to an answering machines which refers the caller to their website. Desk volunteers then return the calls when they arrive in the office the following morning. Larger cities within Florida have been able to justify the additional cost with a much higher frequency of calls received in the evening hours. While no one active in Intergroup service work wants to see anyone who reaches out for help not answered as quickly as possible, the fact is that group donations to Intergroup frequently fail to cover the monthly costs of service.

-Rich C., Volusia County Steering Committee Treasurer

**“In God's economy, nothing is wasted. Through failure, we learn a lesson in humility which is probably needed, painful though it is.” –Bill W.**

**“It must never be forgotten that the purpose of Alcoholics Anonymous is to sober up alcoholics. There is no religious or spiritual requirement for membership. No demands are made on anyone. An experience is offered which members may accept or reject. That is up to them.” – Bill W.**



## HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

Your Editor's Corner

### ***Breaking Free of the Problem Mutual Trust is Key!***

Chapter 2 of the *Big Book*, is titled: *There Is A Solution*. "WE of ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, know thousands of men and women who were once just as hopeless as Bill. Nearly all have recovered. **They have solved the drink problem.**" (A.A. p. 17)

Similarly, WE in A.A. have problems and situations that arise and require solutions. The 2017 Intergroup Update article outlines changes to Intergroup functions. In our cover story this month, the presented Q & A reveals a change of direction in wording (excluding the word honest) from 1947 to 1950. Were these, and **are these, problems and situations** that require solutions for our continued growth as a fellowship? If so, how do we move forward **out of problems and situations and into solutions?**

Bill W. states, "**Our entire A.A. program rests squarely upon the principle of mutual trust. We trust God, we trust A.A., and we trust each other.**" Concept III! Moreover, as ex-problem drinkers, we know through hard won experience, that conditions change. We are the living "*show window of results*" that *there is a solution*.

(A.A. Fourth Edition Outside Cover)

**We made a decision**, and in order for progress to be possible, every problem and every situation **must be met with a decision**. Although the end result of any decision may be a lesson in humility, **we do move forward trusting God, A.A. and each other.**

*Nothing Changes if Nothing Changes*

In fellowship,  
The Editor

## PROFUNDITY PROFOUND

**Heard in a church basement  
in Delaware in 1966:**

"When I paid \$100.00 an hour,  
they called it "*diagnosed  
depression and anxiety.*"

I came into this church basement  
and you called it **self-pity** and  
**fear**, and you didn't send me a bill  
or charge me a penny!"  
Overheard & shared by: Bert D.

## RENTAL SPACE

"I **can't stop** thoughts from  
invading my brain! I **can stop**  
them and kick them out."  
Overheard & shared by: Benney B.

## STOP OR GO?

"I just **couldn't stay stopped**,  
and then all the sudden,  
**I just stayed stopped!**"  
Overheard & shared by: Jim S.



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***Thank you for your patronage, suggestions and support.***

***Please make plans to visit soon and ask your desk volunteer for more information.***

This newsletter communicates the thoughts and feelings of its editor and contributors and reflects 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. The editor welcomes your contributions, comments, suggestions and feedback. If you are interested in working on the High 'n Dry, please contact the editor to get involved.

Years	Date	Years	Date	Years	Date	Years	Date
<b>5:30 GROUP</b>		<b>FREE TO BE</b>		<b>MIRACLE GROUP</b>		<b>SUNRISE GROUP - DELAND</b>	
Bill C	32 03/27/85	Marti S	15 03/17/02	Mabry	26 03/08/91	Tanya R	19 03/01/98
Lynne K	27 03/17/90	Clay S	11 03/26/06	Mike C	10 03/07/07	David H	8 03/09/09
Greg S	5 03/23/12	Dan U	3 03/18/14	<b>NEW DAWN</b>		Bernard C	7 03/02/10
Andrea D	4 03/18/13	<b>FRIDAY NIGHT MEN'S</b>		Michigan Mike	34 03/15/82	<b>SUNRISE GROUP-HH</b>	
Faith W	3 03/14/14	Gary D. "Thumper"	12 03/02/05	Koralee S	30 03/25/86	Mark K	26 03/12/91
Bob D	2 03/01/15	<b>FRIDAY NOON MEN'S</b>		Gary T	29 03/29/87	<b>THURSDAY NITE MEN'S</b>	
Betty V	2 03/17/15	Bert D	51 03/21/66	Lee B	25 03/15/91	Bert D	51 03/21/66
Lori P	2 03/17/15	Gus B	36 03/14/81	Tony S	24 03/17/92	Gus B	36 03/14/81
Mark H	1 03/14/16	Jim O	35 03/14/82	Donita S	6 03/20/10	Mark K	26 03/12/91
Lyn D	1 03/22/16	<b>FRIDAY SOBRIETY</b>		Stephanie W	4 03/05/12	Mark S	18 03/03/99
<b>ALOHA</b>		Vic C	33 03/04/84	Don M.	4 03/10/12	Raven	1 03/14/16
Ed S	50 03/17/67	<b>GOOD DAY GROUP</b>		Russell G	1 03/27/15	<b>TOMOKA GROUP</b>	
Michael D	31 03/18/86	Tom K	40 03/17/77	<b>NEW SMYRNA BEACH GROUP</b>		Richard Q	38 03/30/79
<b>ANY LENGTHS - DT</b>		Rachel O	8 03/25/08	Bob K	42 03/26/75	<b>WAY OF LIFE</b>	
Jim N	31 03/01/86	Michael B	1 03/17/16	Debbie M	32 03/10/85	Bert D	51 03/21/66
Dan O	11 03/19/06	Sean B	1 03/19/16	Bruce J	28 03/17/89	Tom K	40 03/17/77
<b>BEACHSIDE - NSB</b>		Brett M	1 03/21/16	<b>ORMOND BEACH GROUP</b>		Mary Lou	39 03/17/78
Jane L.	11 03/13/06	Ricky M	1 03/27/16	Webb	12 03/26/05	Harold P	20 03/31/97
<b>CAME TO BELIEVE</b>		<b>GRATEFUL GROUP</b>		<b>PASS IT ON</b>		Jim M	15 03/23/02
Mark K.	20 03/03/97	Dora M	39 03/23/78	Buddy B	20 03/27/97	Shelly M	13 03/01/04
Chris C	7 03/02/10	Phyllis F	32 03/14/85	Kelly B	5 03/21/12	Brian L	5 03/09/12
Nancy O	4 03/16/13	Cindi M	4 03/15/13	<b>PEACE OF MIND</b>		Heather B	4 03/14/13
Kim B	1 03/25/16	Jessica	2 03/19/15	Dee Z	26 03/13/91	Kristin J	3 03/04/14
<b>CHOICE IS YOURS</b>		<b>HAPPY HOUR - DB</b>		Tony S	25 03/17/92	Talisa B	3 03/25/14
Lois C	51 03/30/66	Tom K	40 03/17/77	Cris W	21 03/16/96	Russell W	2 03/02/15
Dave B	40 03/21/77	Kathe F	34 03/11/83	Laurie K	19 03/08/98	Mike M	1 03/01/16
Dug from Boston	33 03/23/84	Benny	28 03/10/89	Hank B	18 03/03/99	Nick V	1 03/26/16
Robbie R	20 03/04/97	<b>HAPPY HOUR - DB</b>		Shawn C	17 03/24/90	<b>WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S</b>	
Mike C	10 03/07/07	Pascale	8 03/31/09	Stan	15 03/15/02	Sandy S	34 03/20/83
John M	3 03/06/14	Dawg	4 03/03/13	Kathleen W	8 03/25/09	Eileen S	33 03/06/84
Ed C	1 03/01/16	Chris	3 03/28/14	Jim M	6 03/10/11	Bonnie V	30 03/29/87
<b>DELTONA MEN'S GROUP</b>		Russell W	2 03/02/15	Brian V	4 03/20/13	Marti S	15 03/17/02
Bob M	36 03/28/81	<b>HIGH NOON</b>		<b>PRECISELY HOW</b>		Carolyn M	13 03/01/04
Don F	30 03/24/87	Charlie B	31 03/04/86	Chad M	11 03/09/06	Pat K	2 03/15/15
Russ B	3 03/11/14	Susan O	3 03/28/14	Ashley G	1 03/18/16	Ana C	2 03/29/15
Jason H	1 03/26/16	<b>HOUR OF POWER</b>		<b>RIVERBRIDGE GROUP</b>		<b>WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY</b>	
<b>DONUT GROUP</b>		Tony S	25 03/17/92	De-Mo	33 03/21/84	Lynn	16 03/21/01
Kathe F	35 03/11/82	Chris W	21 03/16/96	Gordon R	28 03/30/89	Tonya W	16 03/24/01
Shawn C	27 03/24/90	Lori P	6 03/14/11	Dick E	16 03/13/01	Kathy G	11 03/20/06
C J	11 03/21/06	<b>HOW IT WORKS</b>		Nancy O'B	4 03/16/13	Mary B	2 03/15/15
Russell W	2 03/02/15	Tracy W	15 03/14/02	Allen W	3 03/12/14	<b>WOMEN'S NEW BEGINNINGS</b>	
<b>EARLY DUCKS</b>		Boudie E	14 03/06/03	Dorene R	1 03/04/16	Joan R	3 03/23/14
Don S	34 03/01/83	Joey C	11 03/19/06	<b>ROAD TO RECOVERY - DAYTONA</b>		<b>WOMENS WEEKEND GROUP</b>	
Ken P	31 03/27/86	Jim B	10 03/03/07	Tom D	42 03/19/75	Jordan	2 03/14/15
Maria S.	29 03/13/88	Travis	9 03/17/08	<b>SAND AND SEA</b>		Lisa	2 03/21/15
Francis F	15 03/18/12	Michael	9 03/13/08	Gary T	30 03/29/87	<b>YOUNG AT HEART</b>	
Jim B	10 03/03/07	Stephen	4 03/11/13	Sue M	2 03/27/15	J D	27 03/04/90
Fred P	12 03/25/05	Ron	3 03/07/14	Dan T	1 03/02/16	Wilfred P	20 03/11/97
<b>FOUR TOWNES GROUP</b>		<b>INSANE TODAY</b>		<b>SATURDAY MORNING STEP</b>		Scott B	19 03/10/98
John C	30 03/22/87	Mike Z	25 03/03/92	Brenda F	7 03/19/10	Stan K	16 03/15/01
Mike B	17 03/15/00	Suzu R	4 03/26/13	David D	2 03/18/15	Carolyn N	13 03/26/04
David D	2 03/18/15	Loren S	1 03/08/16	<b>SUNRISE GROUP</b>		Jimmy L	7 03/22/10
<b>FREE TO BE</b>		Joe R	1 03/03/17	Marshall H.	13 03/05/04	Glen L	6 03/10/11
Bert D	51 03/21/66	<b>LEST WE FORGET</b>					
Pat I	31 03/10/86	Stephani W	5 03/05/12				
Charley I	30 03/27/87	<b>LIFESAVERS</b>					
		Cynthia H	21 03/17/96				



## DISTRICT NEWS

### **Monthly District Meetings:**

**District 8:** Last Monday – 7:15pm, Almous Club, 569 Foote Court, Daytona Beach

**District 19:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday - 6:30pm, First Cong. Church (Fellowship Hall), 201 W. University, Orange City

**District 20:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - 7:00pm, United Church of Christ, 203 Washington St., New Smyrna Beach

**District 21:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday - 6:30pm, First United Methodist Church, 336 S. Halifax, Ormond Beach

**District 32:** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday - 6:00pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 338 Ocean Shore Blvd., Ormond Beach

**Want to know what's happening in your District?  
All A.A. members are welcome to attend their  
District meetings listed above & get involved!**

### **Did you know that Volusia County Intergroup keeps an events calendar?**

Before you “set a date” why not check the events calendar to see when events are taking place in your area.

#### **Coming Soon ...**

**A districts' sponsored workshop & the Volusia County Intergroup Annual Pasta Dinner & Young at Heart's 23<sup>rd</sup> Group Anniversary, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm!**

**August 2015**



**"I seem to be powerless over my coffee intake. Can coffee be a Higher Power?"**

**-Anonymous**

-<http://www.aagrapevine.org/cartoon-winners>

## OUT OF THE MEETING LIST

### **GROUP CHANGES/UPDATES:**

- **The Big Book Study Group** that meets on **Monday & Thursday** evenings at **8:00pm** at **Church of Christ**, 1725 Ridgewood in **Holly Hill**, is in **need of support!** This group hosts an open discussion **Big Book meeting** on Monday evenings and a closed **Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions meeting** on Thursday evenings. **The group appreciates your attendance and support!**
- **Men's Easier Softer Way MENS' MEETING!**

This **closed mens' step study** meeting meets at **6:30pm** on **Sunday** evenings at **Central Baptist Church** before the 8:00pm Love & Service meeting.

**Do your group's meeting lists reflect all of the meetings that Volusia County has to offer? For the most up-to-date meeting information, please visit: <http://www.aadaytona.org/meetings.htm>**

### **Grapevine Quote**

February 16, 2017

"If I want to be a leader, I have to do more than just find out in which direction the mob is moving and then get out in front of it . . . Leadership involves significant sacrifice of personal goals and ambitions. A person really needs to have Tradition Two at the center . . . Personal pettiness just has no place in leadership."

*"I Wish You Well", Humboldt  
Suskatchewan, February 1996,  
AA Grapevine*

### **Step Three**

"Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him."

### **Tradition Three**

"The only requirement for A.A. membership is a desire to stop drinking."

### **Concept III**

"To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. —the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional "'Right of Decision'."

### **Great Questions to Ponder:**

- **Do we understand** what is meant by the "Right of Decision"?
- Do we grant it at **all levels** of service **or do we "instruct"?**
- **Do we trust our trusted servants** — G.S.R., D.C.M., area delegate, the Conference itself?

- [http://www.aa.org/assets/en\\_US/smf-91\\_en.pdf](http://www.aa.org/assets/en_US/smf-91_en.pdf)

**VOLUSIA COUNTY A.A.  
March 2017 EVENTS**



**FIRST ANNUAL  
"UNITY UNDER THE STARS" CAMPOUT  
Friday, March 17 –  
Sunday, March 19, 2017**

District 19 is excited to present this event at **River Forest Group Site** located on the beautiful **St. Johns River, 45700 River Forest Blvd, DeLand, FL.**

The campout will feature:

- Friday night welcome dinner
- Speaker meetings
- Campfire meetings
- Morning meditations
- Kayaking/hiking/games/raffles
- Music Jam/Drum Circle & much, much more!

Pre-registration is \$20/adult, \$5 children 12 and under, Cost to attend the week of the event is \$25.

Your registration donation includes site fees for Friday & Saturday night & ALL activities. Two dinners, Saturday morning brunch & coffee, tea & lemonade are also included!

It's not too late to email **Debbie H. at [unityunderthestars@gmail.com](mailto:unityunderthestars@gmail.com)** or visit the Volusia County Intergroup website for contact information & registration details!



**St. Patrick's Day Dance  
Friday, March 17, 2017**

District 8 is presenting a St. Patrick's Day Dance from **9:00pm to Midnight** at the **Almous Club**, 569 Foote Court, Daytona Beach, FL 32114.

Snacks will be provided and there will be a D.J., 50/50 Raffle, & Door Prizes!! Tickets are \$3.00.

Please see your **GSR, IGR** or contact the **Volusia County Intergroup** to get your tickets now!

**Eatin' Meetin'  
Saturday, March 25, 2017**

Join **The Tomoka Group** at its monthly "Eating Meeting!" Food & Fellowship at **7:00pm**, A.A. Speaker at **8:00pm**. Covered dishes are welcome! Christ Presbyterian Church, 1035 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach, FL 32174. **Come fellowship with us!**

For event information, please contact the **Volusia County Intergroup Office** at (386) 756-2930 or speak with a representative!

**...MORE MARCH EVENTS!...**

**SPRING PICNIC**

**Saturday, March 25, 2017**

District 20 is hosting its **Annual Spring Picnic** from **11:00am – 4:00pm** at **Pettis Park**, 800 Mary Drive, New Smyrna Beach.

The picnic will feature **hot dogs and hamburgers, 50/50 Raffle, Door Prizes, & A.A. Speaker, Casey B.** will share his experience, strength & hope around **1:00p.m.** There is a **playground** right next to the pavilion, so **bring your children.** If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Volusia County Intergroup for detailed information!



**SPRING DANCE**

**Sunday, March 26, 2017**

The **Endless Summer Group** is hosting a **Family, Fellowship & Fun Dance** from **3:00pm – 6:00pm** at **Central Baptist Church**, 152 Fairview Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32114.

Please bring Snacks or a Potluck item to share. Tickets are \$5.00 & proceeds will be donated to G.S.O and Volusia County Intergroup.

Please contact **Volusia County Intergroup** for ticket information or to volunteer for this **A.A. Fun-filled Event!**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**NEXT AREA 14 ASSEMBLY**

**April 7 – 9, 2017**

**NFAC ASSEMBLY INFORMATION - Panel 67**

Wyndham Garden Gainesville  
2900 SW 13 Street  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
Phone: (352) 377-4000  
HOTEL BOOKING:

To book a room you need to call hotel with code NFAC

**61<sup>st</sup> FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION**

**July 27 – 30, 2017**

**L♥VE IN ACTION** convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville Riverfront. Stay tuned for more detailed information or visit

<http://www.aanorthflorida.org/events/2017-07StateConvention.pdf> to **register now!**