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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."

PLEASE turn in yellow papers, by the 15th of every month ONLINE (Save gas and \$\$\$)
To: editor@aadaytona.org (all small letters) Thank You Editor and Intergroup.

Heard it through the Grapevine:

"I was the Problem"

There has never been any doubt in my mind that I 'am an alcoholic since I found out about Alcoholism. I think I could best describe myself in the early years by looking at the First Step and just taking the last half of it. I think that from the time I was born my life was unmanageable. I didn't know why and I didn't know that it was. I had a problem from the very beginning and the problem was myself. And that's the reason I think this program works for me, because it helps to remove "I"-I was the problem-and the practice of the AA program helps me to change myself so that I am no longer a difficulty to myself.

When I first came to AA I was told I became an alcoholic, but rather I should accept my alcoholism as a fact and begin to do something about it. I was terrified of what I would find in AA but when I got here I

"came home." Feeling of comfort in myself and others around me. Not uptight or confused.

When I walked into AA I felt that feeling of friendship and fellowship with warmth among the members that were there before me. All the things that we come to know as part of the AA group. I sort of fell in love with AA right from the very beginning and I have felt that way ever since. I learned overall that my problem exists between my two ears. "My BEST thinking is what kept me drinking for so many years". The First step is the only step we have do 100% - daily.

Thank You, Jeffrey W Editor

- ***Heard It Highlights: January 2018 New Year**
- ***On the Cover: Heard It through the Grapevine: Editor Shares-Jeffrey W.**
- ***Feature Inside: *January Anniversaries 2018***
- ***Archives Report: Inside by Carolyn C. and Jim B.**
- ***Calendar of Events: Back page and Flyers**
- * **New Meetings need Support inside:**

Total Years of
Sobriety Reported in
January of 2018:
YEARS
1,786

DISTRICT NEWS
Monthly District Meetings:

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

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

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

District 21: 2nd Tuesday - 6:30pm, St. James Episcopal Church, 38 S. Halifax Drive, Ormond Beach

District 32: 1st 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!**

Donations can also be sent to:

GSO Contributions:
General Service Office
P.O. Box 459
New York, NY 10163

AREA Contributions:
NFAC, Area 14,
5703 Red Bug Lake Rd.,
Unit 241
Winter Springs, FL 32708

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

**OVERHEARD IN THE
VOLUSIA COUNTY ROOMS**

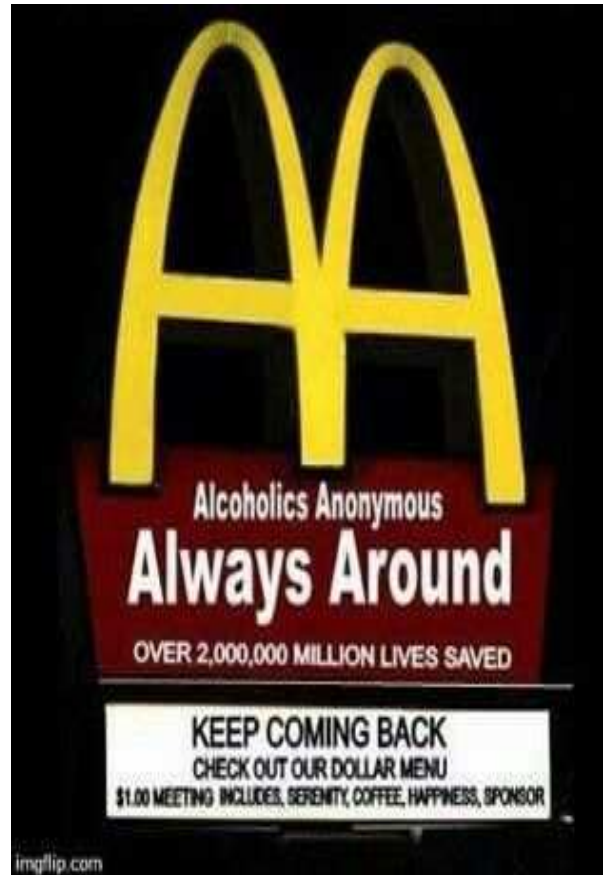
There Are Alca-thon's for Volusia County meetings 24/7 for the New Year's Day At: Almous Club – Rebo's- Easy Does It- Yanna

WORK THE STEPS

THINK INTERGROUP for your Shopping/Store at: Coastal Centre Suite 107-1635 Ridgewood Avenue, South Daytona, FL 32119. AA Conference- Approved Literature and books and medallions available. Cash or Check only (paper NOT plastic).386-756-2930.

Volusia County AA News:

For the most up-to-date meeting information, please visit:
<http://www.aadaytona.org/meetings.html>



Step One

“We admitted we were powerless over alcohol -that our lives had become unmanageable”.

Tradition One

“Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity”.

Concept I

“Final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.”

Questions to Ponder

- **Are we clear** about learning: about the long form of the traditions and the principles behind each one?

INTERGROUP NEWS and MEETINGS SCHEDULE

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

Steering Committee Meetings - 6:30pm, 2nd Thursday each month at the Intergroup Office



12 Groups represented at the Intergroup Representative's November 2017 Meeting:
Road To Recovery-DB

Aloha-DB/ NSB group
Deland BB Study

Wednesday Women's

New Dawn/Way of Life
Back to Basics Deland

Young At Heart
Friday Night Men's-
(Edgewater)

Women's New
Beginnings

Women's Book Study

The Volusia County Intergroup Office will be closed on:

Monday, January 1st, 2018 in Observance for New Year's Day



VACANT SERVICE POSITIONS

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

- Front Desk Volunteers Mon-Sat
- If you have the time and willingness, please consider volunteering some of your time! Great place to learn more about the program for sponsee's. Even if only one day out of the week. Be a part of...



Special Thanks to the following Home Groups for their contributions in November 2017:
Westminster by the Sea

Sunday Morning Sober
Lest We Forget
Road to Recovery-DB
Back to Basics-Deland
Basic Text
Good Day Group
Deltona/DeBary group

New Beginnings/Deland

Lifesavers

Sisters in Sobriety

November 2017 Committees, Coordinators, & Volusia County Intergroup Updates

Office Coordinator's Report: There were a total of 47 calls and 164 visits to Volusia County Intergroup for November 2017, and there were 1,043 visits to our website.

Archives Report: Inside Newsletter Report 'Archives Story'- Jim B.

High 'n Dry Report: Editor -Newsletter formatted and assembled together. Anniversaries added for January 2018. New Meetings added. Story Front page- Thank You for letting me serve, Jeffrey W. Editor

Phone Army Coordinator: There were NO calls in November.

New Meetings in Volusia County Now Active:

LIFESAVERS (moved from Edgewater) to: AND **Candle-light Meetings**
Grace Community Church **Easy Does It Club- Ormond Bch**
1100 Josephine/10th (across from High School) **Fridays/Saturdays 10:00 PM**
M-F 12☺ Noon- New Smyrna Beach, FL **Open Discussion**

YELLOW Anniversary Papers are to be E-Mailed to: editor@adaytona.org Save \$\$\$,
Time and Gasoline and get on a computer and take 2 mins for another member birthday.

Volusia County

Intergroup hosts the

Old Timers Dinner

February 10, 2018

Daytona Christian Church

1135 6th St.- Daytona Beach, FL

32117- From 5:00 pm-9:00 pm

Tickets: \$10.00 per person

Asking groups to get a cooked
"Turkey" donated /delivered

By 12 Pm NOON time day of.
50/50 raffle, 2 speakers, rafl basket
Please bring a dessert to share.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**District 21 and
Ormond Beach Group**

Presents

Big Book Comes Alive

In the spirit of Joe & Charlie

Presented by

Brian H & Pat R

January 5, 6, 7, 2018

\$20.00 pre-registration

\$30.00 at the door (if available)

St. James Episcopal Church

33 S. Halifax Drive

Ormond Beach, FL 32176

Contacts:

Bambi H (386)-295-4782 or

Diane L (386)-316-6953

Website: www.bigbookseminar.com

See flyers for more details

Seating is limited to First 100

**District 8 Presents
Workshop on
"Working with the wet
drunk" featuring.... Past
Delegate Panel 45
Dan E.**

**Back to Basics-Everyone is
Welcomed.**

Sunday- January 21, 2018

1:00 pm-3:00pm

Almous Club

569 Foote Ct

Daytona Beach, FL 32114

**Please bring your favorite Snack to share
Refreshments will be served.**

**District 21 Presents
Service Sponsorship**

Workshop

Almous Club

569 Foote Ct

Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Saturday-January 20th, 2018

2:00 P.M.

Local Panel of Speakers

50/50 Raffle- Everyone is Welcomed

Please bring a dessert to share

Archives story for January 2018 High and Dry

If you are interested in more about this and other accounts of our history, read Alcoholics Anonymous comes of age: a brief history of A.A. (page references below are from this book.)

In archives, I found a clipping of Time magazine's article on February 19, 1940. The article is about the Rockefeller dinner "last week" (February 8, 1940; pg. 182). On pg. 185 stated no reporters came to the dinner but afterwards Mr. Rockefeller's consultants drafted a statement to the press. Note: John D. Rockefeller frequently mentioned is Jr. as Sr. died in 1937.

Here are some items I gleaned from the article. I think it is interesting to learn what the public read about the event. In brackets and italics are my thoughts interrupting the quotes. And "... " is my cutting out portions of the article.

The February 19, 1940, Time article starts with "Last week one of the best-known teetotalers in the U.S., John D. Rockefeller, had 60 people to dinner" [On pg. 182, the number is 75 attended of the 400 invited to attend. Maybe this includes A.A. members. No mention in the Time article that John D. Rockefeller was ill and did not attend. His son Nelson Rockefeller attended. Pg. 183]... "Alcoholics Anonymous, a widespread, publicly-shy group of one time guzzlers who have now cured themselves" [*"recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body."*].

The article continues... "Psychiatrists now generally consider alcoholism a disease," [*I found it of interest that it was "generally considered a disease in 1940."*] ... "Psychiatrists try to help them by discovering the hidden reason for drinking and showing how it can be removed" [*For some that might work, but I think the spiritual solution worked for me when no human power (including psychiatrist) could.*] ... "They do their missionary" [*interesting word choice*] work on their own time, as an avocation."

"John D. Rockefeller two years ago ... helped to publish a book, Alcoholics Anonymous (Works Publishing Co.; \$3.50)" [*Using inflation calculator the \$3.50 in 1939-1940 would be about \$62 in 2017 currency. Pg. 185, 400 books of Alcoholics Anonymous were sold to John D. Rockefeller for the discount price of one dollar each. Later, it was noted (pg. 186), that Mr. Rockefeller sent a letter to all attendees stating that he was giving a \$1,000 and in all probability was hinting they might contribute if they wished. Other donations ranged \$10-300 and totaled about \$2,000.*].

Article ends with "Professional opinion on the usefulness of Alcoholic Anonymous is divided ... the group is making a mistake in not leaning more heavily on medical guidance. Others feel it gives something that psychiatry does not, should be encouraged to the fullest extent."

Archives, Jim B.