

1635 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Suite 107, South Daytona, FL 32119 - (386) 756-2930 - Fax (386) 756-3573
Volusia County Intergroup Website: aadaytona.org



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."

Heard It Through the Grapevine- "I Stole the Wallet"

When I was growing up I had a favorite uncle whom I've come to believe was an alcoholic, just like me. I was always excited to be around this uncle. He drank and seemed to have a lot of fun. At one time, he was a deputy sheriff, and so he knew everyone from one end of the county to the other. The first time I drank was with him, and the first time I got really drunk was with him-at the ripe old age of 11.

I was 18 years old when I was drunk one Sunday night and broke, so I drove up to his place to see if I could borrow some money. I found both him and a man who was living with him passed out. I stole the wallet of the man living with him and left the house unnoticed.

The man blamed my uncle for stealing his money. The sheriff was called in. My uncle had worked for him and had drunk himself out of that job. It was very embarrassing and shameful for my uncle to go through that. Eventually, it blew over.

I left for the Marine Corps and tried to forget about the incident, but every now and then when I was back home I would think about it when I ran into my uncle. I felt a lot of guilt and shame when it came up in my thoughts, and I drank to make it go away. It was like a monkey on my back.

When I sobered up and was in treatment, this came up in my Fourth and Fifth steps, so obviously it was on my Eighth step list. It was meant to clear up the wreckage of my past so I didn't have to have it haunt me for the rest of my life.

My uncle, although a fun-loving man, had a very volatile temper. I was scared, to say the least, but I knew I had to make that amends. I met with him on a Saturday morning in his garage and brought up the incident. He remembered it as though it were yesterday. I told him that I was the one that stole the money.(Continued in Heard it Through the Grapevine, your Editor's Corner Inside page)

Highlights in this September 2018 issue:

- *On the Cover: Ninth Step
- *Feature Inside: Silver Society-Look back at older High and Dry Issues
- *Heard It Through The Grapevine: Editor's Pick "I Stole the Wallet"
- *From The Archives: "Manuscript Litigation" Part TWO
- *Calendar of Events & More: Service Event District 8/District 32-Usual Suspects

Total Years of Sobriety
Reported in Sept 2018:
1,615

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



14 Groups represented at the Intergroup Representative's AUGUST 2018 Meeting:
Deland Big Book

- RIVERBRIDGE
- Friday Night Men's
- Happy Hour
- 5:30 Group- ALOHA
- DBYPG
- Hour of Power
- Precisely How
- ROAD TO RECOVERY-DB
- Love and Service
- Wednesday Women's-DB
- Wednesday Women's-PO

The Volusia County
Intergroup Office
Wants YOU



**VACANT SERVICE
POSITIONS**

Please contact the Volusia County Intergroup for more information about these vacant A.A. service positions: Steering Committee is in the process of having a voting session on board members positions. If you are interested on becoming a member please speak to our new Office Coordinator Margaret K. **ANYONE WISHING TO DONATE THEIR OLD GRAPEVINES, Bring to Intergroup Office. Prisons and jails need them.**
Thank YOU.....



Special Thanks to the following Home Groups for their contributions in 8/15-9/14

2018: \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
\$
\$\$\$\$\$

- Back to basics
- Women's Book Study
- Attitude Adjustment
- High Noon
- Sunrise Group
- Wednesday's Women
- Sunday Morning Sober
- Women's New Beginning
- Sand & Sea
- Just for Today- Miracle Group
- Lest We Forget
- New Dawn
- Brighter Days

5 Anonymous Groups that DID NOT LEAVE THEIR GROUP NAMES when donating. INTERGROUP APPRECIATES ALL of the Donations
\$
\$
\$

AUGUST 2018 Committees, Coordinators, & Volusia County Intergroup Updates

Office Coordinator's Report: There were a total of 84 calls and 214 visits to Volusia County Intergroup for JULY 2018, and there were 4,524 visits to our website. 2,327 were Users on internet site. Website page viewers were 11,271 that looked at webpage. Keep up the good work.

Archives Report: August 2018 See inside page for Archives report. Looking for another transcriptionist to help out in Archives also. Respectfully submitted, Carolyn C.

High 'n Dry Report: New Editor E-mail Address: VCIEditor@gmail.com ARTWORK & POETRY from Volusia County AA Members submitting Artwork-Poetry. Heard It Through the Grapevine-Editor's Story front page and inside newsletter. Thank You for letting me serve-Jeffrey W.

Phone Army/12 Step Coordinator: AAs are needed for the phone army/12 step coordinator calls in the following area's **Deltona, Deland, New Smyrna, Ponce Inlet, and Orange City areas.** Received 73 phone calls, and gave 6 rides, along with 4 hospital visits. Please speak with 12 step coordinator-Ed. Thank You, **Ed D.**

From the Archives

This document “Manuscript Litigation” packet included a number of Areas protesting the litigation including Area 1 (NW Florida and Alabama), Area 59 (Eastern Pennsylvania), and area 65 (North East Texas).

PART TWO

- Later the lawsuit was dropped and someone purchased the manuscript in auction. New owner stated in an AP interview which used his name to “fight the stigma associated with alcoholism and addiction.” “The only way we stay sober is to give it away”.
- On a personal note: I guess the timeline really ended in 1978 when Lois gave it away. Archives does not buy items of history but receives gifts (sample deed of gift is in the Archives Workbook available at AA.org (see pages 25-26). While using something like “Don’t Throw Me Away I Belong to A.A.” can help relatives know your intention. Apparently Barry L.’s relatives didn’t know or didn’t follow his intentions to return the manuscript to A.A. archives. So, if you have something you wish to pass on, maybe give it away while you can see the joy in the face of a sponsee or sponsor. If historical, then give to your intergroup archives, district/area archives, or GSO archives.
- Archives workbook quote: “We are trying to build up extensive records which will be of value to a future historian...“It is highly important that the factual material be placed in our files in such a way that there can be no substantial distortion...“We want to keep enlarging on this idea for the sake of the full length history to come...” — Bill W., 1957

Besides retaining history some archives displays remind us of our simple beginning and the miracle of how we grew. Volusia county intergroup archives has a coffee pot similar to those found at the first A.A. meetings. I enjoy the reminder of early A.A.’s sitting and drinking coffee like I do at meetings and like I did once in the kitchen of Dr. Bob’s house in Akron.

Archives report-August 2018

We have received a donation from Rick N of New Smyrna Beach is an article “The 20th Century tries New Solutions to an Age Old Problem”-1982 Reader’s Digest. It discusses the history of alcoholism dating back to Egyptian times. Also, part of the document is a commemorative envelope postmarked August 19, 1981. On the envelope is a message from an ancient papyrus “Do not indulge yourself in drinking beer lest you utter evil speech” written in Hieroglyphics. We now have a new volunteer for Archives-named: Sue M. Helping out with transcriptions and Oldtimer interviews.

Also, we have received a donation from Kathleen B of New Smyrna Beach. A 3x4 small booklet published by the Grapevine. It consists of having the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, AA History, Serenity prayer, “I ‘AM Responsible”. Kathleen also donated a Where and When dated 1976 from Greater Miami Archives. Which I will be delivering to the Miami Archives when attending the Florida State Convention in August 2018.

Respectfully Submitted, Carolyn C

*****Your contributions help to make Twelve Step activities 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

Group	Yrs	Date	Group	Yrs	Date	Group	Yrs	Date
Aloha			Friday Sobriety			New Dawn Con't		
Beth O	1	9/5/2017	Bob B	13	9/7/2005	Lee B	27	9/15/1991
Sydney L	32	9/3/1986	Dan P	4	9/29/2014	Nanette L	29	9/28/1989
Attitude Adjustment			Grateful Group			Dan M		
Timmy R	15	9/10/2003	Sal	19	9/1/1999	Ormond Beach Group		
Jim F	12	9/2/2006	Butch B	30	9/24/1988	Jim S	25	9/3/1993
Back to Basics-Deland			Alex	1	9/7/2017	Pam R	6	9/24/2012
Karen L	6	9/21/2012	Good Day Group			Bub C	1	9/1/2017
Beachside (NSB)			Herman W	1	9/1/2017	Pass It On		
George D	23	9/25/1995	Marco M	1	9/15/2017	Steve O	36	9/16/1981
Sharon M	6	9/28/2012	Kristen C	1	9/23/2017	Jim A	28	9/25/1989
Carol G	1	9/4/2017	Had Enough			May N	26	9/12/1991
Central Fact			Jan T	37	9/3/1981	John F	17	9/6/2000
Brent M	1	9/28/2017	Cathy St	22	9/16/1996	Cheri H	16	9/17/2002
Choice is Yours			Happy Hour-DB			Peace Of Mind-(NSB)		
Kevin C	13	9/17/2005	Birdie V	1	9/8/2017	Paul C	3	9/5/2015
Deland Big Book			June L	1	9/12/2017	Lynne	5	9/15/2013
Austin S	7	9/11/2011	Miah	1	9/18/2017	Nannette	5	9/11/2013
Bob K	15	9/13/2003	Rudolph	1	9/19/2017	Charlie J	13	9/18/2005
Early Ducks			Richard S	1	9/20/2017	Steve H	30	9/7/1988
Jerry B	8	9/1/2010	Jon H	1	9/26/2017	Precisely How		
Jim E	6	9/3/2012	John S	1	9/27/2017	Jacqueline	1	9/4/2017
Ron D	27	9/4/1991	Hughie B	2	9/13/2016	Mark R	1	9/1/2017
John B	1	9/11/2017	Alvis	9	9/3/2009	Wade B	1	9/7/2017
Cathy St	22	9/16/1996	Roy	11	9/11/2007	Primary Purpose		
Scott S	1	9/22/2017	Pam L	16	9/29/2002	Randie Z	25	9/26/1993
Tank B	34	9/18/1984	Mykey P	20	9/28/1998	Riverbridge		
Kevin R	6	9/24/2012	Lawrence	26	9/24/1992	Jim B	25	9/24/1993
Pam R	6	9/24/2012	Frank P	31	9/4/1987	Road To Recovery-(DB)		
Four Townes			Joe F	32	9/15/1986	Michael R	8	9/7/2010
Michael C	3	9/30/2015	Lifesavers-(NSB)			Road To Recovery-Osteen		
Katie M	25	9/18/1993	Jeana M	10	9/1/2008	John B	42	9/10/1976
Richie D	35	9/2/1983	Velma R	36	9/13/1982	Sand N Sea(Easy Does It)		
John B	42	9/10/1976	Miracle group (Easy Does It)			John B	1	9/11/2017
Free To Be			Gary	35	9/8/1983	Christy J	1	9/11/2017
Andrea J	1	9/4/2017	Karen C	5	9/21/2013	Saturday Step-(Org City)		
Dave R	1	9/23/2017	Betty	25	9/24/1993	Myra J	4	9/19/2014
Friday Noon Men's			New Dawn			Dotty B	30	9/7/1988
Jim S	25	9/3/1993	Phyllis N	6	9/8/2012	Richie D	35	9/2/1983
Terry T	40	9/8/1978	Cindy L	11	9/12/2007	Michael C	3	9/30/2015
Dave C	42	9/3/1976	Blair	15	9/28/2003	Tania	5	9/27/2013

“Silver Society”-Past High and Dry Issues

Look back in time at former High and Dry issues: Many members enjoy this.

September 2016

First Year Miracle

About two weeks before my first A.A. anniversary, I found myself sitting alone with my thoughts in a hotel room in Charlotte, NC. Even today, I still get a vicarious pleasure knowing that hindsight isn't always 20/20. My understanding of events comes after the event occurs, and sometimes, better understanding comes far after that.

On the evening of September 10, 2001, I had gotten myself into an argument with the guy I was dating. I remember hobbling down to the hotel lobby, and in full view of passersby, I sat in a fetal position crying to my sponsor on the phone. All of the sudden, one of those passersby pitifully glanced at me and stated, “It looks like you need a strong margarita!” In that moment, I knew that I had made a big mistake. With stern politeness, the voice on the other end of the phone asked, “How did you get to Charlotte, NC?” My simple response was, “I took a plane!!” My sponsor's simple response was, “Then I suggest that you take a plane home.”

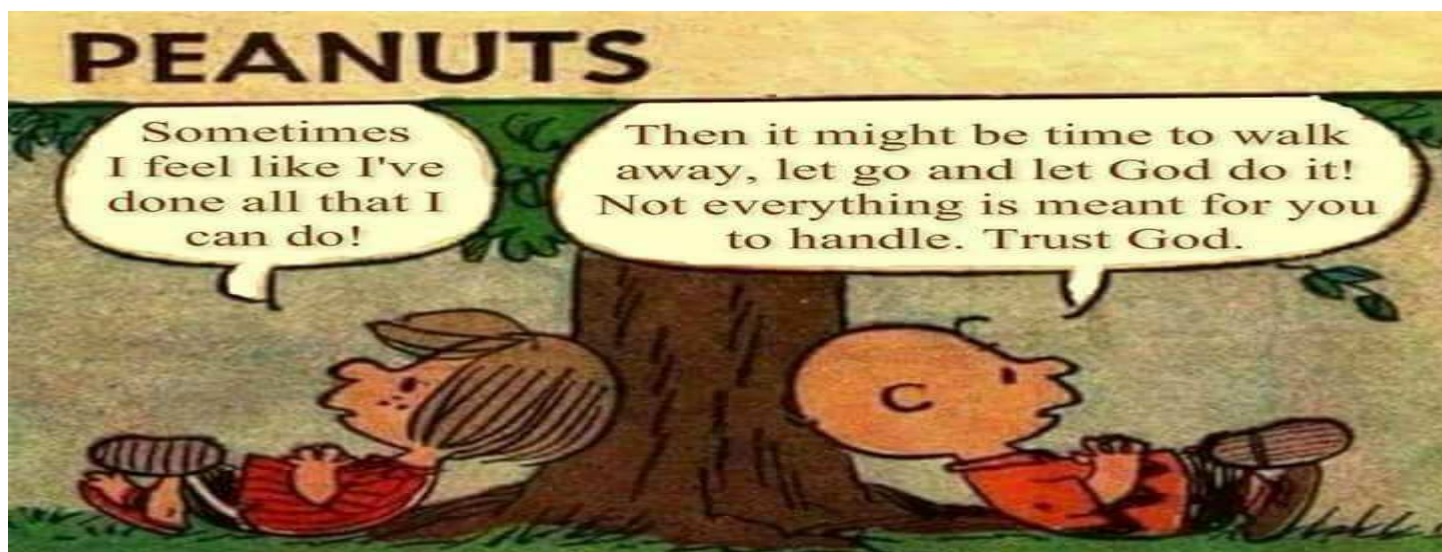
I took my sponsor's suggestion and booked myself on a 7:00am flight out of North Carolina the next morning. I called my mother from the Charlotte airport on September 11th and advised her that I was returning to Orlando to, once again, move my things and start a different chapter. Although I was crying my eyes out in the airport nine short days before my 1 year A.A. anniversary, I thought that maybe there was a lesson to be learned from all of this. At the time, I had no idea of the enormity of the lesson.

When I touched down in Orlando on September 11, 2001 and met up with my ride home, I was babbling on about all of my problems and how I was about to change my life. The person who picked me up looked at me and said, “Do you have any idea what's happening in this world right now?” It was revealed to me that one plane crashed into the World Trade Center, and as we got into the car, a second plane hit. Who would have thought that I'd be newly sober during one of the greatest tragedies in US history and somehow manage to make it through without picking up a drink? Who would have thought that one day my babble and my stuff would simply become just that? I wrote down these thoughts a year ago while I sat on the beach in my favorite island of Aruba. I stared at the beautiful white sand and crystal blue waters in gratitude.

Today, as I am approaching my 16 year A.A. anniversary, I would not trade one minute of this journey. I am forever grateful for those who have walked before me and gave me a message of hope. I say, “Thank you God with a debt of gratitude that is beyond words.” –Anonymous

Comics-Funnies Section:

OLD GRAPEVINES can be donated to Intergroup for jail-prisoners.





HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE

Your Editor's Corner

Con't of "I Stole the Wallet"

Believe me, I was extremely uncomfortable. It was very awkward for both of us. I was, you could say, the apple of his eye and we had done many things together, so it took him for a loop. I asked, my uncle for forgiveness and told him I was very sorry for the misery I had caused him.

He looked me right in the eye and said "John, what's between us is between us, and that's the end of it." When I walked out of the garage I was a free man, released of the bondage of self. This gave me faith that I was on the right path and that this AA business worked.

Years later this same uncle was in an assisted care home. He needed help with his affairs but was strongly rejecting help, even from a very close brother, another uncle of mine. This other uncle asked to help him. I met with the first uncle and told him we loved him and wanted to help him, but we needed his help to go through the power of attorney hearing. With much skepticism on the part of the court administrator and others, the next day we had the proceeding. I prayed for the strength to go through with this and was prepared for the worst, but everything went without a hitch and people walked out of the room shaking their heads.

I put my arms around my uncle and just cried. I know that when I made that amends to him years before he knew I wouldn't lie to him. Six months later he passed away. The other Uncle took over his estate.

In Love and Service,
Jeffrey W. Editor

Editor has a New E-mail Address: **VCIGeditor@gmail.com**

Editor E-mail at aadaytona.org is no longer available. My account got attacked. Please send any ANNIVERSARIES TO: new E-mail PLEASE.

Please send in **Anniversaries by the 15th of each month prior. Send to new E-mail address.**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH-The Editor.

7/15-8/14 2018 Volusia County Intergroup Donations	
Group & District Donations: \$1,715.00	In Memory of: \$50.00
Anniversaries Donations: \$43.00	THANK YOU
from	
Anonymous Donations: \$ 5.00	INTERGROUP
7 th Tradition Donations: \$ 33.00	

Old or used Grapevines can be donated to the Intergroup Office. Prisons and Jails need them. Please donate today. Coming next month a new program for editor to work with so there May be some changes to the way the newsletter Looks. Editor

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!**

Volusia County AA Members-ARTISTS-Poetry
Anonymous Artist Name Always

SEPTEMBER 2018

ARTWORK/POETRY

**New E-mail Address of:
VCIGeditor@gmail.com**

Anonymous Member



Do Something GOOD for...

Someone else today....

Step Outside Yourself...

NEW TO THE MEETING LIST

Alcoholics and GOD group

English speaking group Time: 7:00 pm
Jane Murray Hall-Wednesday Nights
First Congregational Church-
201 W. University Ave,-Orange City,FL
32763 Open Discussion.

Sisters In Sobriety-201 W University
Ave, Orange City, FL has a time change-
Women's, TT, HA, NS, Open Discussion.
Now at 6:45 PM

The Gatehouse

Mike Fine Hall, US1 and Arlington
Daytona Beach, Florida
Thursday 8PM Open Step

STEPS FOR LIFE- CLUB YANA

8:00 pm- Beginner's Meeting

Working on a Day to have it.

Step Nine

Made direct amends to such people
whenever possible, except when to do so
would injure them or others.

Tradition Nine

Alcoholics Anonymous, as such, ought
never be organized; but we may create
service boards or committees directly
responsible to those they serve..

Concept IX

Good service leadership at all levels is
indispensable for our future functioning
and safety. Primary world service
leadership, once exercised by the founders,
must necessarily be assumed by the
trustees.

FILL IN THE BLANKS

- Are we familiar with: Half measures
availed us _____???
- The 12 principles of the A.A. program
help us, understand the _____??

**Get a sponsor to help guide you and to
answer any of your questions you may
have about A.A. or the big book or these
answers for fill in the blanks????...**

**VOLUSIA COUNTY A.A.
Sept./Oct. 2018 EVENTS
ALL ARE WELCOMED...**



**The Usual Suspects
Presents...**
POLLY D. JACKSONVILLE, FL SANDUSKY, OH KENT C.
SLOW DOWN... PLUG IN!
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018
6:30 PM - 9 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018
9 AM - 5 PM
Grace Lutheran Church
338 Ocean Shore Blvd. Ormond Beach, FL 32176
ALCOHOL (At the corner of A1A and Neptune)
Refreshments and Light snacks Will Be Provided
Lunch Break On Saturday
Best Western Castillo Del Sol
205 S Atlantic Ave
Ormond Beach, FL 32176
(386) 672-6711
Everyone Is Welcome!
50/50 RAFFLE

**Friday Sept 14th-Saturday 15th
Grace Lutheran Church-
Ormond Beach, FL 32176
FREE EVENT**



© Can Stock Photo

District 8 presents

SERVICE FUNSHOP

Almous Club-569 Foote Ct., D Bch, FL

Sunday- September 16, 2018

1:00- 3:00 pm Snacks served at 12:30pm

Bring a Snack to Share

Come see how much fun Service can
Be and how rewarding the benefits are.

Learn how to take a meeting to a
Treatment centers, Detox or
Correctional Facilities, See flyer...



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**Volusia County Intergroup
Pasta Dinner
October 6th, 2018
Doors Open at 5:00 PM
Dinner at 6:00 PM**

**Daytona Christian Church
1135 6th St.,
Daytona Beach, FL 32117**

Speakers- Raffles- Archives

Tickets are \$10

PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE

Tickets are almost gone (300)

Info call

386-316-3912

District 21

Whoopie Party
Oct 22 or 27th, 2018

Location/date to be
Determined later.

Looking forward to
Seeing you for
Halloween.

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